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# IoT Pentesting

## Summary

### Recon

1. all physical input, output, debug ports and components
2. non-physical connection - bluetooth, wifi, zigbee, web/mobile app, network services
  - how:
    - datasheet, FCC database
    - external and internal inspection

### Attack Surface & Methods

1. hardware
  - a. I/O ports, debug ports, storage medium
  - b. debug info, modifying memory, dumping firmware/memory data, accessing shell, privilege escalation ( including physically shorting pins)
2. firmware
  - a. retrieved by
    - i. direct download, dumping, RE to get download URL
    - ii. if encrypted → look for firmware signing key (sent over HTTP, etc)
  - b. hard-code keys, sensitive info, database systems
  - c. vulnerability via fuzzing and RE

- d. (see [OWASP Firmware Security Testing Methodology](#))
- 3. web/mobile app
- 4. network services
  - a. ssh, ftp, http
  - b. message protocols:
    - i. MQTT
      - 1. authentication optional and in clear text
      - 2. check if there is sensitive information, subscribe/send to all topics, clientID misconfig
      - 3. fuzzing
    - ii. CoAP
      - 1. check auth mechanism, DTLS may not be used
      - 2. fuzzing URIs
        - 1. Enumerate resources by GET, check PUT/POST/DELETE
- 5. wireless
  - a. identify protocol, frequency/sample rate/modulation, channel and address
  - b. sniffing and decode
  - c. (bypass auth)
  - d. replay-based attack/ modifying packet data

## Goals

1. credentials, hard-coded keys and sensitive info
2. sending unauthenticated request
3. decrypting network traffic to eavesdrop
4. sabotage/ undermine service availability
5. root access to shell

## Methodologies

### Attack Surface Mapping

1. Look at:

- a. { embedded device
- b. { firmware, software and applications
- c. { radio communications

## Hardware

### Inspection

- { External inspection
- { Internal inspection
  - { Datasheet, FCC database
  - { components used in the device, CPU architecture type, communication protocols used, mobile application details, firmware upgrade process, input/output/debug ports, external media support on devices, etc

### Protocols

- { UART
  - { Identity pins
  - { Connect to Attify Badge (our UART reader device)
  - { Identify Baud rate
  - { Interact
- { I2C, SPI for reading flash/ other storage medium
- { JTAG for debugging and dumping contents in flash

The Interface	Purpose
Serial Interface	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Debug outputs</li> <li>• Shells</li> </ul>
i2c and SPI Interfaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EEPROM data sniffing and injection</li> <li>• Memory Dumping</li> <li>• Debug output</li> <li>• Device management</li> </ul>
JTAG Interface	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Firmware Dumping</li> <li>• Firmware Upgrades</li> <li>• Testing and Debugging the device</li> </ul>

## Methods

- { directly connect to debug ports may provide shell
- { dumping data
- { Shorting NAND pin to gain u-boot root shell, bypassing system shell

## Firmware

- { See <https://scriptingxss.gitbook.io/firmware-security-testing-methodology/>
- { be aware of file system and compression method
- { getting binary
  - { download, dumping, sniffing
    - { Check encrypted?
    - { If yes, check if XOR encrypted with hexdump
    - { if no, extract file system type and contents
- { analyzing file system contents and look for:
  - { Hard-coded credentials.
  - { Backdoor access.
  - { Sensitive URLs.
  - { Access tokens.
  - { API and encryption keys.
  - { Encryption algorithms.
  - { Local pathnames.
  - { Environment details.
  - { Authentication and authorization mechanisms.
- { binary exploitation
  - { firmware diffing with kdiff to find vuln
  - { code execution, backdooring
- { auto scanner: bytesweep, fuzzing with AFL++

## Mobile, Web and Network Services

- { Methods:
  1. { RE with MobSF

- 2. (nmap to look at services open
- Tools:
  - 1. (jadx/ APKTool
  - 2. (radare2/IDA Pro
- Look for:
  - 1. (Hard-coded credentials or sensitive URL
  - 2. (AES Key to decrypt traffic

## Wireless

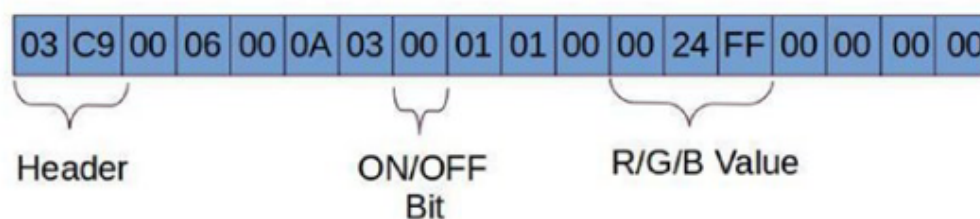
### Radio

- 1. (identify frequency, modulation, data rate, sample rate
- 2. (decode, replay with different values in the command

### Zigbee and BLE

- 1. (identify channel used among 16 channels
- 2. (intercept, replay, modify packets
- 3. (Tool: KillerBee (not well supported), ZigDiddity, BTLEJuice (framework)

Study packet and observe pattern



**Figure 10-47.** BLE packet data structure for a light bulb showing the RGB and ON/OFF values

## Tools List with Price in HKD

- 1. (Multimeter
- 2. (Good screwdriver set
- 3. (AttifyOS

4. BusPirate v3.6/ Attify Badge for UART, SPI, I2C and JTAG \$168/\$345
  - a. <https://item.taobao.com/item.htm?spm=a230r.1.14.11.1e4d5a6fCZxgdE&id=529715134778&ns=1&abbucket=11#detail>
  - b. BusPirate is cheaper but slower in JTAG debugging
5. Wireless
  - a. Radio: RTL-SDR exclude antenna(sniffing only) \$158, LimeSDR \$384
    - i. <https://item.taobao.com/item.htm?spm=a230r.1.14.38.72d13e78UeSmTy&id=622074779967&ns=1&abbucket=11#detail>
    - ii. <https://www.crowdsupply.com/lime-micro/limesdr-mini#products>
  - b. Zigbee:
    - i. Xbee, Xbee shield for Nano arduino \$233
      1. <https://item.taobao.com/item.htm?spm=a230r.1.14.8.55c5526bhTj7cR&id=586663892813&ns=1&abbucket=11#detail>
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    - ii. Attack frameworks:
      1. Zigdiggity
        1. RaspBee module for Raspberry \$318
      2. Killerbee (not well-supported)
        1. APIMote ~\$1700
        2. Zigbee Packet Sniffer CC2531 but only support sniffing
    - iii. Zigbee2MQTT HKD\$248
      1. <https://shop.electrolama.com/collections/usb-rf-sticks/products/zzh-multiprotocol-rf-stick?variant=40387937468577>

c. BLE:

i. BLE dongle nRF52832 \$70 - notice BLE 4.2/5.0

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## Common Vulnerabilities

OWASP Top 10 2018

1. Weak, Guessable, publicly available or Hardcoded Passwords
2. Insecure Network Services - ftp open
3. Insecure Ecosystem Interfaces - web, mobile
4. Lack of Secure Update Mechanism - malicious firmware
5. Use of Insecure or Outdated Components - heartbleed, meltdown...
6. Insufficient Privacy Protection
7. Insecure Data Transfer and Storage - no SSL...
8. Lack of Device Management
9. Insecure Default Settings
10. Lack of Physical Hardening

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4. Hardware List: <https://defcon-nn.ru/0x0B/Hardware%20toolkits%20for%20IoT%20security%20analysis.pdf>
5. MQTT Security: <https://payatu.com/blog/aseem/iot-security---part-10-introduction-to-mqtt-protocol-and-security>