

# A Security Analysis of Residential Gateways leased by a Brazilian Internet Service Provider to Customers

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# Introduction

# Context

- ISPs use to lease residential gateways to customers
- Target audience is customers with no technical expertise
- Out-of-the-box solution that allows customer to access
  - Internet
  - Telephony
  - TV
- Most common transmission mediums to ISPs in Brazil
  - Copper
  - Fiber



# Context

- Security vs Friction
  - Simple Passwords
  - Maximize Interoperability
  - Remote Management
- Problems have been discovered
  - 2020 - 124 NETGEAR devices by multiple vulnerability, 42 won't be patched
  - 2019 - Brazilian ISP exposed by media outlets for using public information as Wi-Fi passwords
  - 2018 - Over 5 thousand residential gateways of Brazilian ISP with exposed Telnet and no authentication
  - 2016 - More than 1 million routers from British and German ISPs found vulnerable to remote code execution
- Devices reach end-of-support while still being used by customers

# Objectives

- Check security aspects of CPEs provided by one Brazilian ISP
  - Security protocols used
  - Settings in place
  - Management interfaces
- Assess the ISP servers that the devices rely on
  - Voice Service
  - Remote Management
- Try replacing the CPE with a commercial residential gateway
- Give recommendations for customers using the devices

# Background in Wireless Networks

# Wireless Networks

- IEEE 802.11
  - Working Group of IEEE LAN/MAN Standards Committee
  - Maintains standards and recommendations for WLAN
  - First standard released in 1997
- Wi-Fi Alliance
  - Certifies interoperability between devices
  - First certification program released in 1999
  - Devices certified may use the Wi-Fi trademark
  - Since 2018, it uses a new designation to refer to IEEE standards

| IEEE 802.11 Amendment | Wi-Fi Generation |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| 802.11b               | Wi-Fi 1          |
| 802.11a               | Wi-Fi 2          |
| 802.11g               | Wi-Fi 3          |
| 802.11n               | Wi-Fi 4          |
| 802.11ac              | Wi-Fi 5          |
| 802.11ax              | Wi-Fi 6          |



# Network Standards

- Open Networks
  - Open System
  - Wi-Fi Enhanced Open
- Protected Networks
  - Wired Equivalent Privacy
  - Wi-Fi Protected Access
  - Wi-Fi Protected Access 2
  - Wi-Fi Protected Access 3
- Network Setup
  - Wi-Fi Protected Setup
  - Wi-Fi Easy Connect



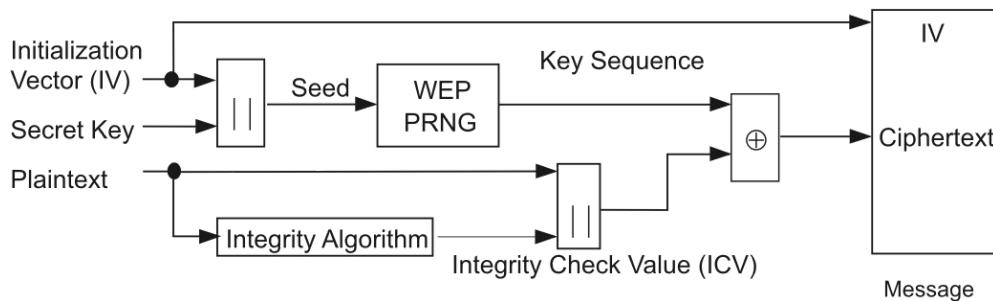
# Open Network Standards

- Open System
  - Effectively, a null authentication algorithm
  - Any client may become authenticated
- Wi-Fi Enhanced Open
  - Similar to Open System
  - Based on the Opportunistic Wireless Encryption standard
  - Encrypts the traffic between the station and the access point



# Protected Network Standards

- **Wired Equivalent Privacy**
  - Establishes a confidential data channel
  - Intended to avoid eavesdropping
  - Relies on a key known by both peers
  - The key should be distributed by an unspecified secure mean
  - It is either 40-bit or 104-bit long



- Main problems
  - Stream ciphers are not secure when seed is reused
  - Entropy is too small, only  $2^{24}$  possible seeds
  - FMS and PTW attacks



# Protected Network Standards

- Wi-Fi Protected Access
  - Based on a draft of the IEEE 802.11i amendment
  - Intermediary solution to mitigate the WEP problems
  - Meant to work with hardware already deployed
  - Uses 8 to 63 ASCII-encoded characters as passphrase instead of 40-bit or 104-bit WEP keys
  - The passphrase is derived to a 256-bit key using PBKDF2

$$DK = PBKDF2(P, S, c, dkLen)$$

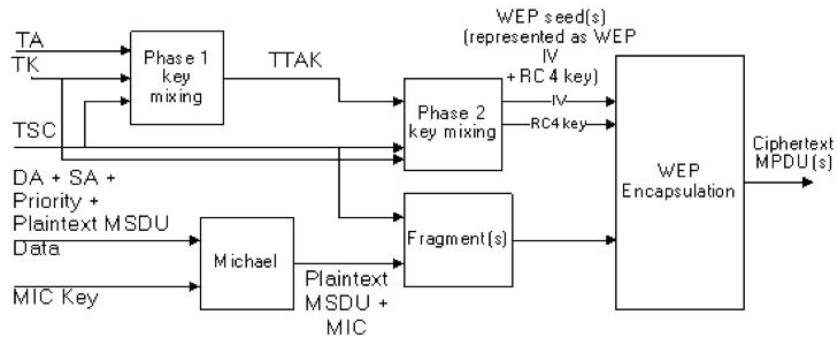
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$$PSK = PBKDF2(P, SSID, 4096, 256/8)$$



# Protected Network Standards

- Wi-Fi Protected Access
  - Introduced the Temporal Key Integrity Protection to enhance the WEP algorithm by encapsulating it

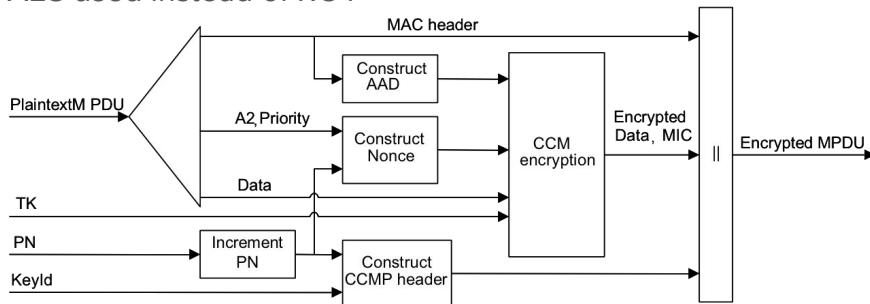


- Main problems
  - Still had to rely on the broken WEP algorithm
  - Computing power constraints limited the protection mechanisms that could be implemented
  - RC4 is biased and can be attacked within an hour when analysing plaintext with the related ciphertext



# Protected Network Standards

- Wi-Fi Protected Access 2
  - Based on the final version of the IEEE 802.11i amendment
  - Counter Mode Cipher Block Chaining Message Authentication Code Protocol was introduced as replacement for TKIP
  - Made to work on new hardware, new computing constraints
  - AES used instead of RC4

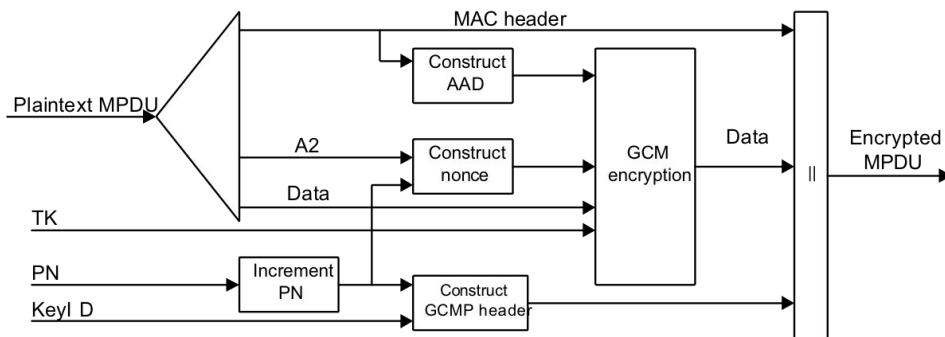


- Main problems
  - Vulnerability on the 4-way Handshake made possible for an attacker to reset the value of PN so that CCMP reuse keys when encrypting data
  - PSK is still vulnerable to offline brute-force attacks



# Protected Network Standards

- Wi-Fi Protected Access 3
  - Simultaneous Authentication of Equals replaced PSK
  - Based on the Dragonfly Key Exchange
  - Relies on discrete logarithm cryptography to prevent offline brute-force attacks
  - The complexity of the passphrase use does not relate anymore to how protected the network is
  - Galois/Counter Mode Protocol was introduced as an upgrade to CCMP
  - It is more efficient and faster than its predecessor
  - Necessary to achieve gigabit speeds on wireless networks



# Protected Network Standards

- Wi-Fi Protected Access 3
  - A transition mode was implemented to maintain interoperability with WPA2 devices
  - Main problems
    - The transition mode makes the network as secure as WPA2 is able to
    - Attackers were able perform downgrade attacks and force users to use WPA2 instead of WPA3
    - An offline brute-force attack on WPA3 networks was discovered by analysing the time spent by SAE when using Brainpool Curves
    - The same attack was also performed by analysing memory access patterns from a user-space application



# Network Setup Standards

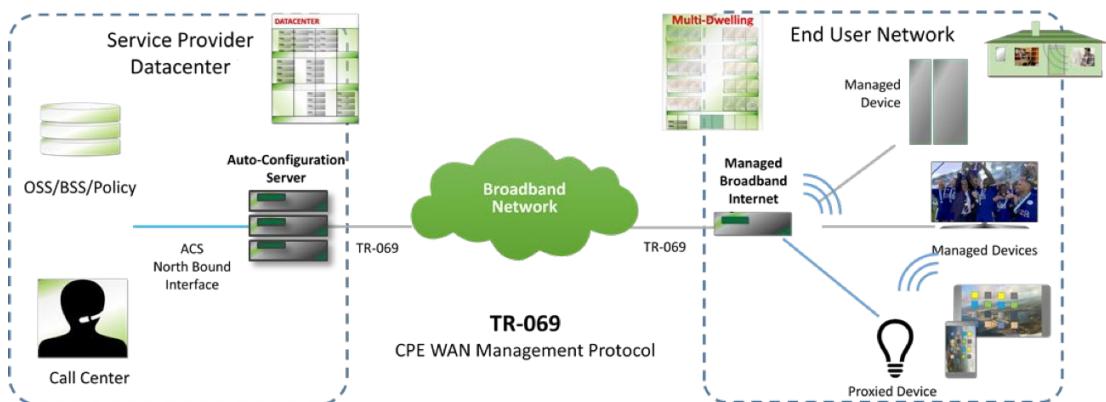
- Wi-Fi Protected Setup
  - Provides alternative authentication methods for Wi-Fi Networks
  - PBC, PIN, and NFC are the most common
  - Station acquires the network passphrase when using it
  - Main problems
    - Reduced PIN strength by accepting a partial key
    - Lack of entropy made possible to brute-force nonces
    - Physical access to the device may pose a threat
- Wi-Fi Easy Connect
  - Successor of WPS
  - Most common methods are QR codes and NFC tags
  - Relies on asymmetric cryptography to establish a secure channel between the peers



# Background in ISP-side Protocols

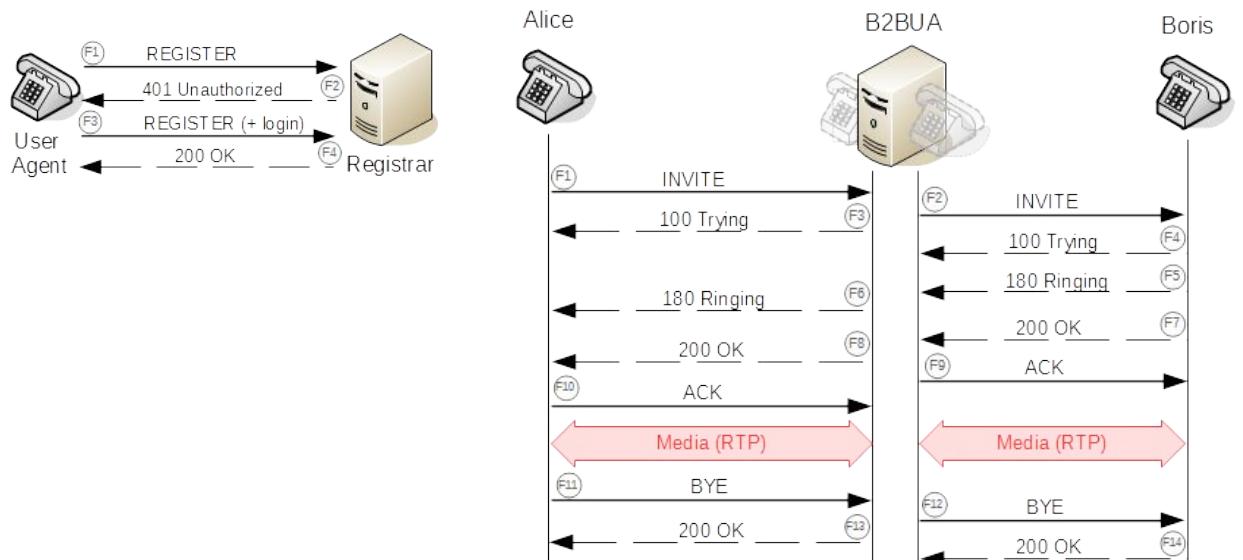
# ISP-side Protocols

- CPE WAN Management Protocol
  - Defined by the Broadband Forum in TR-069
  - Specifies the communication between a CPE and an ACS
  - CPE periodically informs its state to the ACS
  - ACS may request changes in response
  - Via an authenticate route, the ACS may request to the CPE to immediately inform its state to the ACS



# ISP-side Protocols

- Session Initiation Protocol
  - Signaling protocol for real-time communication
  - Able to establish, maintaining, and terminate phone calls
  - May be used over TCP or UDP
  - TLS may encrypt the traffic
  - Human-readable protocol inspired by HTTP



# CPEs and Research Data

# Subjects

- ISP was chosen based on its national relevance
- The possibility of performing experiments on real customer environment was also considered
- The ISP has both copper and fiber offerings
- CPEs differ based on the transmission medium
- Askey and MitraStar are two manufacturers of CPEs for the ISP



# Subjects

- CPEs were chosen based on models provided to real customers and complemented based on the ISP support website
- 8 CPEs analyzed
  - 4 copper-based
    - 2 Askey manufactured
    - 2 MitraStar manufactured
  - 4 fiber-based
    - 2 Askey manufactured
    - 2 MitraStar manufactured
- CPEs were given an identifier from CPE-0 to CPE-7



# Preparation

- Latest firmware was acquired and the devices were updated with it
- CPEs were factory reset
- This was set as the baseline of each device
- A computer was connected via wire to the devices and could be accessed by the 192.168.15.1 IP address



# Operating System

- Half of the CPEs use a 32-bit MIPS version of the Linux Kernel
- The other half could not have their OS identified



```
pedro — ssh support@192.168.15.1 — ssh support@192.168.15.1 — 80x24
support@192.168.15.1
[~] ~ ssh support@192.168.15.1
[support@192.168.15.1's password:
[~] > sh
[~ # uname -a
Linux (none) 2.6.36 #1 SMP Wed Oct 14 20:10:04 CST 2020 mips unknown
[~ # cat /proc/version
Linux version 2.6.36 (asp@RTF8115VW-V6.54.8) (gcc version 4.3.6 (Buildroot 2012.
05) ) #1 SMP Wed Oct 14 20:10:04 CST 2020
[~ #
```

# Wireless Configuration

- `iwlist` and `wash` tools were used to capture the configurations of the Wi-Fi networks
- Copper-based CPEs transmit only on the 2.4 GHz band and use WPA and WPA2 protocols
- Fiber-based CPEs also transmit on the 5 GHz band and only CPE-7 has WPA enabled
- All devices support CCMP and TKIP is also supported on copper-based CPEs and MitraStar devices



# Wireless Configuration

```
pedro — grep --color=auto --exclude-dir={.bzr,CVS,.git,.hg,.svn,.idea,.to...  
grep  
Group Cipher : CCMP  
Pairwise Ciphers (1) : CCMP  
Authentication Suites (1) : PSK  
Cell 13 - Address: 54:2F:8A:6C:BE:98  
    Channel:1  
    Frequency:2.412 GHz (Channel 1)  
    Quality=62/70  Signal level=-48 dBm  
    Encryption key:on  
    ESSID:"VIVO-BE99"  
    Bit Rates:1 Mb/s; 2 Mb/s; 5.5 Mb/s; 11 Mb/s; 6 Mb/s  
              9 Mb/s; 12 Mb/s; 18 Mb/s  
    Bit Rates:24 Mb/s; 36 Mb/s; 48 Mb/s; 54 Mb/s  
    Mode:Master  
    Extra:tsf=00000000e68995a  
    Extra: Last beacon: 1580ms ago  
    IE: WPA Version 1  
        Group Cipher : TKIP  
        Pairwise Ciphers (2) : TKIP CCMP  
        Authentication Suites (1) : PSK  
    IE: IEEE 802.11i/WPA2 Version 1  
        Group Cipher : TKIP  
        Pairwise Ciphers (2) : TKIP CCMP  
        Authentication Suites (1) : PSK
```



# Wireless Configuration

- All devices enable WPS with the PBC method
- Only CPEs 2 and 5 also enable the PIN method



# Allowed Ingress Traffic

- nmap and ping tools were used to check for allowed traffic
- Both LAN and WAN sides were analyzed
- All devices expose the HTTP Management Interface on port 80/tcp at LAN-side
- Except CPE-6, all devices expose a DNS server on port 53/udp at LAN-side
- All devices have port 7547/tcp open to WAN for CWMP



# Allowed Ingress Traffic

- MitraStar copper-based devices have their HTTP and SSH management interfaces exposed to both LAN and WAN
- ICMP traffic is allowed on all devices in both WAN and LAN sides



# Allowed Ingress Traffic

```
pedro ~ pedro@Pedros-MacBook-Pro ~ zsh 80x24
[~] nmap
[~] ~ sudo nmap -Pnp- -sS -sU 192.168.15.1
[~] Password:
[~] Host discovery disabled (-Pn). All addresses will be marked 'up' and scan times
[~] will be slower.
[~] Starting Nmap 7.91 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-04-27 02:25 -03
[~] Nmap scan report for 192.168.15.1
[~] Host is up (0.015s latency).
[~] Not shown: 999 open|filtered ports, 997 closed ports
[~] PORT      STATE     SERVICE
[~] 22/tcp    open      ssh
[~] 23/tcp    filtered  telnet
[~] 80/tcp    open      http
[~] 53/udp   open      domain
[~] MAC Address: 98:7E:CA:44:F8:80 (Inventus Power Eletronica do Brasil Ltda)
[~] Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 5.96 seconds
[~] ~ ping -c 1 192.168.15.1
[~] PING 192.168.15.1 (192.168.15.1): 56 data bytes
[~] 64 bytes from 192.168.15.1: icmp_seq=0 ttl=64 time=0.684 ms
[~] --- 192.168.15.1 ping statistics ---
[~] 1 packets transmitted, 1 packets received, 0.0% packet loss
[~] round-trip min/avg/max/stddev = 0.684/0.684/0.684/0.000 ms
[~] ~
```



# Outgoing Traffic

- CPEs 4 and 7 have `tcpdump` installed and CPE 5 were able to have it introduced via TFTP
- The tool was used to capture the traffic from inside the CPEs
- Copper-based Askey CPEs were only able to show their TCP/IP Translation Table
- Traffic from other CPEs weren't able to be captured and would require specialized hardware



# Outgoing Traffic

- CWMP Traffic
  - Observed on all CPEs
  - Devices make first request with hardcoded credentials
  - ACS requests connection request credentials to be changed
  - Reconfiguration of ACS parameters is also requested
    - <http://acs.telesp.net.br:7015/cwmpWeb/CPEMgt>
    - \${UNIX TIMESTAMP}u
    - \${UNIX TIMESTAMP}p
  - In some devices, this implies in a downgrade from HTTPS to HTTP
  - If applicable, the new ACS asks the CPE to upgrade its firmware
    - <http://201.95.254.33:18273/fileserver/>



# Outgoing Traffic

- SIP Traffic
  - Observed on supported CPEs
  - Transport protocol used is UDP
  - TLS is not being used
  - SIP Outbound Proxy
    - 192.168.80.1:5060
  - SIP Registrar
    - ims3. gvt.net.br
  - VLAN 601
  
- IPTV Traffic
  - Test environments don't have subscription to the TV service
  - VLAN 602

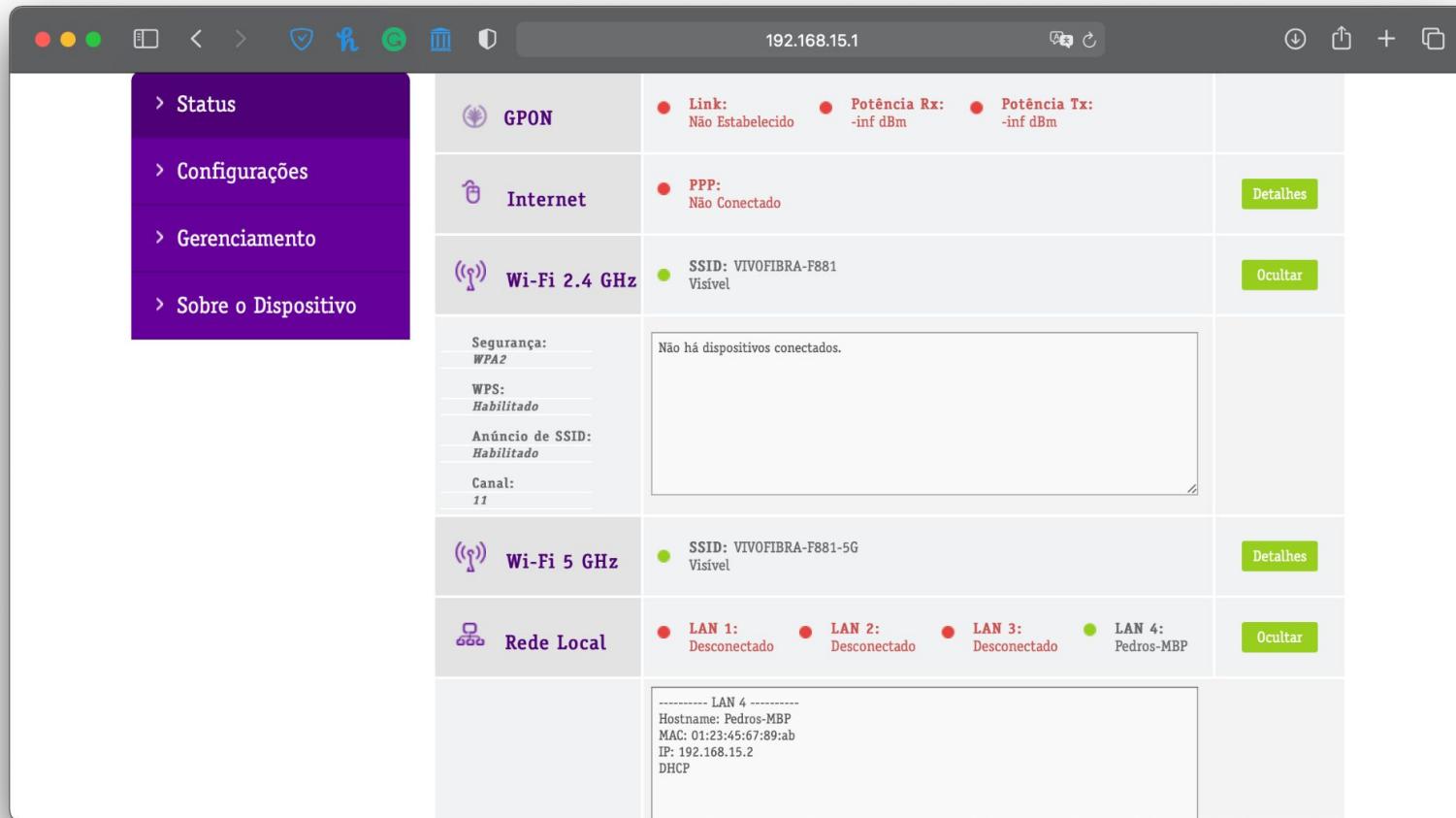


# Anonymously Accessing Management Interfaces

- SSH and Telnet
  - Credentials were prompted on all devices
  - No information exposed
  - Some devices use deprecated encryption algorithms for SSH
- HTTP
  - Pages main and about of the interface don't require authentication
  - Data about the device, its clients, and the configuration is exposed



# Anonymously Accessing Management Interfaces



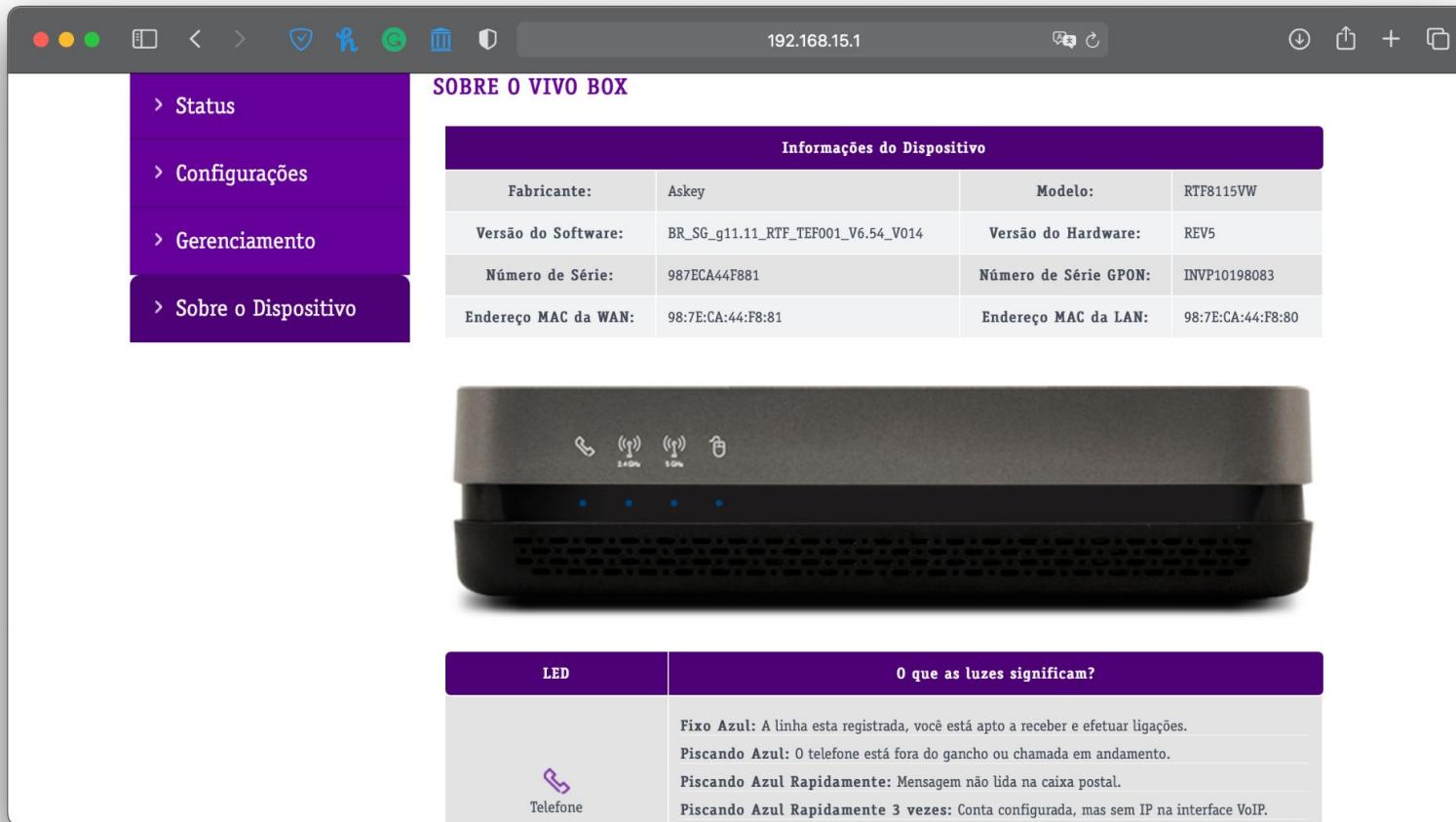
192.168.15.1

- > Status
- > Configurações
- > Gerenciamento
- > Sobre o Dispositivo

|  |   |
|--|---|
|  <b>GPON</b>          | ● Link: Não Estabelecido   ● Potência Rx: -inf dBm   ● Potência Tx: -inf dBm                    |
|  <b>Internet</b>      | ● PPP: Não Conectado  |
|  <b>Wi-Fi 2.4 GHz</b> | ● SSID: VIVOFIBRA-F881 Visível  |
| Segurança:<br><i>WPA2</i>  | Não há dispositivos conectados.   |
| WPS:<br><i>Habilitado</i>  |   |
| Anúncio de SSID:<br><i>Habilitado</i>  |   |
| Canal:<br><i>11</i>  |   |
|  <b>Wi-Fi 5 GHz</b>   | ● SSID: VIVOFIBRA-F881-5G Visível   |
|  <b>Rede Local</b>    | ● LAN 1: Desconectado   ● LAN 2: Desconectado   ● LAN 3: Desconectado   ● LAN 4: Pedros-MBP     |
|  | ----- LAN 4 -----<br>Hostname: Pedros-MBP<br>MAC: 01:23:45:67:89:ab<br>IP: 192.168.15.2<br>DHCP |



# Anonymously Accessing Management Interfaces



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `192.168.15.1`. The interface is in Portuguese and displays the following information:

| Informações do Dispositivo |                                    |                       |                   |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Fabricante:                | Askey                              | Modelo:               | RTF8115VW         |
| Versão do Software:        | BR_SG_g11.11_RTF_TEF001_V6.54_V014 | Versão do Hardware:   | REV5              |
| Número de Série:           | 987ECA44F881                       | Número de Série GPON: | INVP10198083      |
| Endereço MAC da WAN:       | 98:7E:CA:44:F8:81                  | Endereço MAC da LAN:  | 98:7E:CA:44:F8:80 |

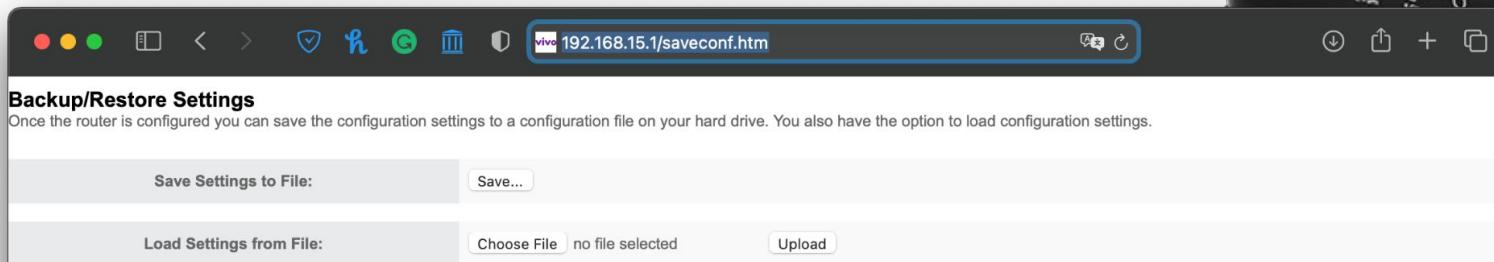
Below the table is a photograph of the physical router, which is dark grey with several ports and a small LED panel.

| LED  | O que as luzes significam?  |
|--|---|
|  | <p>Fixo Azul: A linha está registrada, você está apto a receber e efetuar ligações.</p> <p>Piscando Azul: O telefone está fora do gancho ou chamada em andamento.</p> <p>Piscando Azul Rapidamente: Mensagem não lida na caixa postal.</p> <p>Piscando Azul Rapidamente 3 vezes: Conta configurada, mas sem IP na interface VoIP.</p> |



# Configuration Export

- Login with support user is required
  - <http://192.168.15.1/padrao>
- An unindexed page needs to be accessed on CPEs 0 and 1
  - <http://192.168.15.1/saveconf.htm>



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [192.168.15.1/saveconf.htm](http://192.168.15.1/saveconf.htm) in the address bar. The page title is "Backup/Restore Settings". The content area contains two main sections: "Save Settings to File:" with a "Save..." button, and "Load Settings from File:" with a "Choose File" input field showing "no file selected" and an "Upload" button.



# EPROM Extraction

- All fiber CPEs were able to have the EPROM extracted by reading the block devices with TFTP
  - cat /proc/mtd
  - tftp -l /dev/mtd0 -p 192.168.15.2
  - Timeout in CPE 6
- Copper CPEs from Askey were able to have arbitrary memory addresses read via Telnet
  - show system flashlayout
  - memory show 0xb400000 length 0x800000
- CPEs 2, 3, and 6 had a EPROM programmer attached directly into the chip
  - flashrom -p ch341a\_spi -r bin



# EPROM Extraction



```
[~] ~ ssh support@192.168.15.1
[support@192.168.15.1's password:
[~] > sh
[~] # cat /proc/mtd
dev:      size   erasesize  name
mtd0: 00040000 00020000 "bootloader"
mtd1: 00040000 00020000 "romfile"
mtd2: 0014d6bc 00020000 "kernel"
mtd3: 01450000 00020000 "rootfs"
mtd4: 02d00000 00020000 "tclinux"
mtd5: 0014d60d 00020000 "kernel_slave"
mtd6: 01280000 00020000 "rootfs_slave"
mtd7: 02d00000 00020000 "tclinux_slave"
mtd8: 00040000 00020000 "bootenv0"
mtd9: 00040000 00020000 "bootenv1"
mtd10: 00300000 00020000 "defcfg"
mtd11: 00300000 00020000 "bakcfg"
mtd12: 00300000 00020000 "config"
mtd13: 00200000 00020000 "status"
mtd14: 00f60000 00020000 "unused"
mtd15: 00080000 00020000 "reservearea"
~ #
```

# Configuration Analysis

# Configuration File

- Almost all CPEs export the file in plaintext
- CPEs 3, 5, and 7 encrypt the whole file and CPE 2 encrypts only sensitive values
- CPE 2 encryption has indicatives of being AES
  - `'_encrypted_' + hex('AES\0' + ...)`
- CPEs 3 and 7 could not have the encryption identified by binwalk



# Configuration File

- CPE 5 encryption
  - Plaintext mixed with ciphertext
  - Seamed compressed data
  - Bigger than original file
  - Binary on device was able to decrypt the file
  - Unable to execute binary outside the device as it depended on a character device managed by an unknown kernel module
  - Reverse engineering lead to the encryption algorithm
    - Ghidra
    - Binary Ninja
  - Add or remove 16-byte header and XOR all bytes with 8



# Configuration File

libaspcm.so - Binary Ninja Personal 2.3.2660 Personal

Symbols

```

AspCmSoftResetCfg
AspCmGetDefArea
AspCmSetDefArea
sub_2e98
AspCmGetTefMigRecNum
AspCmGetTefMigRecAt
AspCmGetTefMigInfo
AspCmBackupCfgCopy
AspCmSetModuleState
sub_3a10
AspCmGetModuleInfo
AspCmSetCustomization
AspCmDumpCustomizations
AspCmIsConfigFile
AspCmIsImageFile
AspCmIsMergedImageFile
AspCmFileTypeIsValid
sub_4618
sub_47a8
AspCmEncryptConfigFile
AspCmDecryptConfigFile
AspCmIsSupportedCustomization
sub_5d70

```

Cross References

Filter (3)

Code References {3}

- AspCmEncryptConfigFile {1}
  - 00004e5c jalr \$t9
- AspCmDecryptConfigFile {2}
  - 00005730 jalr \$t9
  - 00005a54 jalr \$t9

Feature Map

```

0000472c else
0000472c     int32_t var_414_1 = 0
00004744 var_418 = (var_418 & 0xff00) s>> 8
0000474c if (var_418 != 0)
00004780     AspIilTrace(2, 0x6028, 0x3f9, 0x6510, var_418, &var_410, 0x1e800) {"aspcm_api.c"} {"e}
000047a0 return var_418

void* sub_47a8(char arg1, void* arg2, void* arg3)

000047b4 void* var_18 = 0x1e800
000047c8 void* $v0_1 = arg2
000047cc if ($v0_1 != 0)
000047d4     $v0_1 = arg3
000047d8 if ($v0_1 != 0)
000047e0     int32_t var_10_1 = 0
000047e4     int32_t var_10_2 = 0
00004830     while (true)
00004830         $v0_1 = var_10_2 u< arg3 ? 1 : 0
00004834         if ($v0_1 == 0)
00004834             break
00004834         *(arg2 + var_10_2) = *(arg2 + var_10_2) ^ arg1
00004824         var_10_2 = var_10_2 + 1
00004848 return $v0_1

int32_t AspCmEncryptConfigFile(char* arg1)

0000487c int32_t var_18
0000487c if (arg1 == 0)
000048a0     AspIilTrace(1, 0x6028, 0x412, 0x6200) {"aspcm_api.c"} {"filename is NULL"}
000048ac     var_18 = 0
000048c0 else if (sx.d(*arg1) == 0)
000048e4     AspIilTrace(1, 0x6028, 0x418, 0x6544) {"aspcm_api.c"} {"filename is empty"}

```

# Wi-Fi

- ESSID generation
  - ISP identifier prefix
  - Last four hexadecimal digits of the BSSID
  - –5G suffix when applicable
- WPA and WPA2 used
  - Complexity of the passwords matter
- Common passphrase derivation techniques
  - Even WPA3 wouldn't be sufficient to solve the problem
  - Benchmark on p3.2xlarge



# Wi-Fi

| CPE Identifier | Passphrase Pattern            | Brute-Force Time |
|----------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| CPE-0          | upper(MAC[2:10] + ESSID[-2:]) | 0s               |
| CPE-1          | upper(MAC[2:10] + ESSID[-2:]) | 0s               |
| CPE-2          | upper(MAC[2:])                | 0s               |
| CPE-3          | [0-9A-Za-z]{10}               | 565871h          |
| CPE-4          | upper(MAC[2:10] + ESSID[-2:]) | 0s               |
| CPE-5          | [0-9A-Za-z]{10}               | 565871h          |
| CPE-6          | lower(MAC[2:10] + ESSID[-2:]) | 0s               |
| CPE-7          | [0-9A-F]{10}                  | 45min            |



# Wi-Fi

- CPE-2 WPS PIN
  - Initial value hardcoded but random
  - Can be disabled or regenerated on HTTP Management Interface
  - Persists between reboots but not between factory resets
- CPE-5 WPS PIN
  - Set by default to 12345670
  - Not visible on the HTTP Management Interface
  - Can only be changed by altering the configuration file



# Wi-Fi

```
pedro — ubuntu@ip-172-31-39-221: ~ — ssh ubuntu@18.209.158.244 —...  
~ — ubuntu@ip-172-31-39-221: ~ — ssh ubuntu@18.209.158.244  
+  
* Device #2: Not a native Intel OpenCL runtime. Expect massive speed loss.  
    You can use --force to override, but do not report related errors.  
nvmlDeviceGetFanSpeed(): Not Supported  
  
OpenCL Platform #1: NVIDIA Corporation  
===== * Device #1: Tesla V100-SXM2-16GB, 4040/16160 MB allocatable, 80MCU  
  
OpenCL Platform #2: The pocl project  
===== * Device #2: pthread-Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5-2686 v4 @ 2.30GHz, skipped.  
  
Benchmark relevant options:  
===== * --opencl-devices=1  
* --optimized-kernel-enable  
  
Hashmode: 2501 - WPA/WPA2 PMK  
  
Speed.Dev.#1.....: 412.0 MH/s (0.12ms)  
  
Started: Tue Apr 27 07:23:59 2021  
Stopped: Tue Apr 27 07:24:08 2021  
ubuntu@ip-172-31-39-221:~$
```



# Management Interfaces

- Two users
  - admin
  - support
- Both users share the same password
  - Always 8-digit long
  - CPEs 0 and 1 - [0-9A-Za-z]
  - CPEs 2, 3, and 5 - [0-9a-z]
  - CPEs 4, 6, and 7 - [0-9a-f]
- HTTP Management Interface enabled by default
- Other management interfaces may be enabled



# PPPoE

- Hardcoded credentials
- Identification based on port connected on ISP-side
- Used only for encryption



The image shows a screenshot of a web-based configuration interface for a networking device. The left sidebar has a purple header with navigation options: Status, Configurações (selected), Internet, Rede Local, Rede Wi-Fi 2.4 GHz, Rede Wi-Fi 5 GHz, Jogos & Aplicativos, Firewall, and Modo da WAN. The main content area has a purple header "INTERNET". Below it, a box titled "Conta de Usuário - PPPoE" contains the text: "Você pode usar o nome de usuário e senha padrões da Vivo:" followed by "Usuário: cliente@cliente" and "Senha: cliente". A note below says: "Caso você use um outro provedor de acesso a internet, informe o usuário e senha da empresa contratada." There are input fields for "Usuário" (containing "cliente@cliente") and "Senha" (containing "cliente"). At the bottom right are "SALVAR" and "CANCELAR" buttons.

# SIP

- Password hashed on captured traffic
- Acquired on configuration files
- 16-character long
- Pattern reduces strength to 8 characters
- $62^8$  possibilities
- Hash can be cracked in 8h4min with expense of \$24.64



# SIP

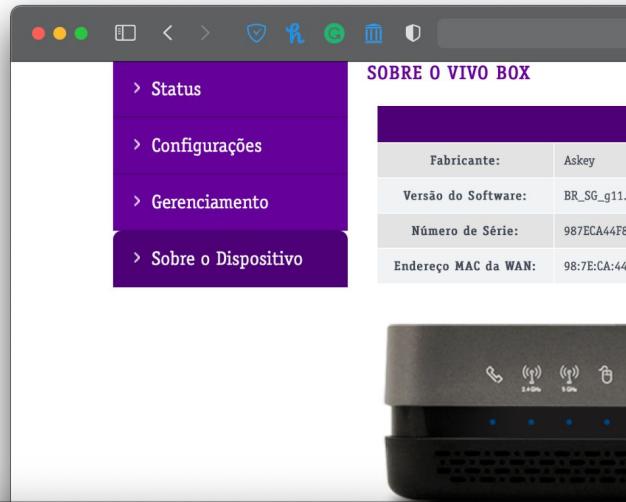
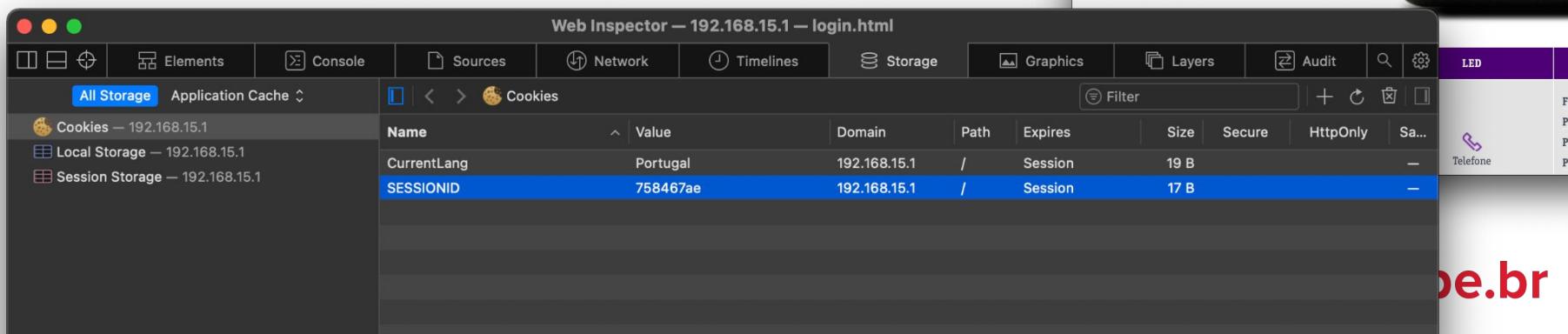
```
pedro — ubuntu@ip-172-31-39-221: ~ — ssh ubuntu@18.209.158.244 —...  
~ — ubuntu@ip-172-31-39-221: ~ — ssh ubuntu@18.209.158.244  
+  
* Device #2: Not a native Intel OpenCL runtime. Expect massive speed loss.  
    You can use --force to override, but do not report related errors.  
nvmlDeviceGetFanSpeed(): Not Supported  
  
OpenCL Platform #1: NVIDIA Corporation  
=====  
* Device #1: Tesla V100-SXM2-16GB, 4040/16160 MB allocatable, 80MCU  
  
OpenCL Platform #2: The pocl project  
=====  
* Device #2: pthread-Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5-2686 v4 @ 2.30GHz, skipped.  
  
Benchmark relevant options:  
=====  
* --opencl-devices=1  
* --optimized-kernel-enable  
  
Hashmode: 11400 - SIP digest authentication (MD5)  
  
Speed.Dev.#1.....: 7532.9 MH/s (44.62ms)  
  
Started: Tue Apr 27 07:21:10 2021  
Stopped: Tue Apr 27 07:21:17 2021  
ubuntu@ip-172-31-39-221:~$
```



# HTTP Management Interface

# Session

- CPEs 0 and 1 maintain it based on the origin IP address
- Other CPEs use HTTP Cookies
- CPEs 4, 6, and 7 use short values
  - Unlikely to be brute-forced
  - Short lived sessions
  - HTTP server too slow

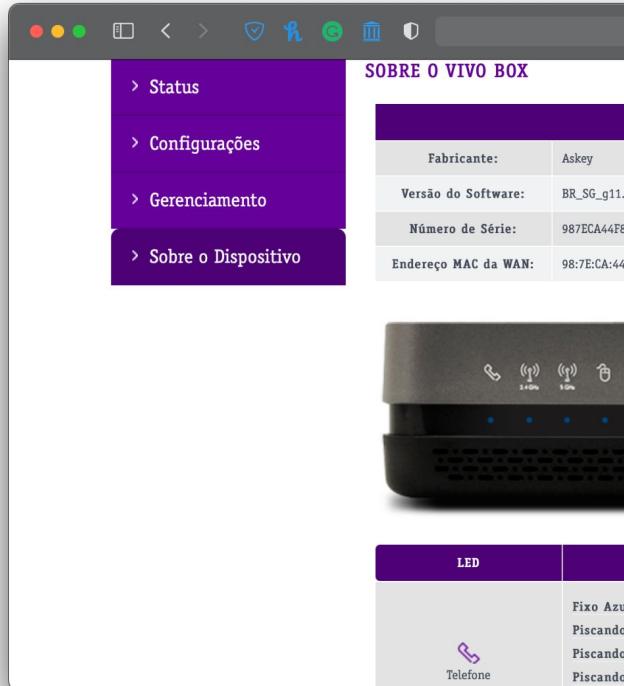



The screenshot shows the 'Web Inspector' tool for the URL `192.168.15.1/login.html`. The 'Storage' tab is selected, showing the 'Cookies' section. The table displays the following data:

| Name        | Value    | Domain       | Path | Expires | Size | Secure | HttpOnly | Sa... |
|-------------|----------|--------------|------|---------|------|--------|----------|-------|
| CurrentLang | Portugal | 192.168.15.1 | /    | Session | 19 B |        |          | -     |
| SESSIONID   | 758467ae | 192.168.15.1 | /    | Session | 17 B |        |          | -     |

# Unauthenticated Routes

- At least main and about pages
- Unindexed pages are known to exist
  - /saveconf.htm was accessed on CPEs 0 and 1
  - Require PADRAO\_WIFI\_ONLY to be set to 0x1
- Firmware images were extracted with binwalk
- CPE-5 don't require authentication on route for configuration import

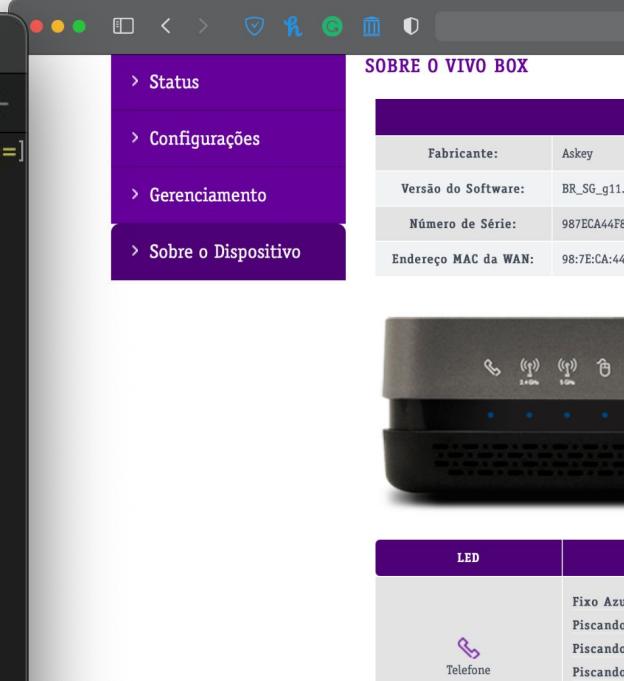


# Unauthenticated Routes

```
RTF8115VW — pedro@Pedros-MacBook-Pro — -zsh — 80x24
./TG/RTF8115VW

[→ RTF8115VW curl -Li 'http://192.168.15.1/upload/cfgupload.asp' -F 'uploadFile=@config_19691231211145.tar'
@config_19691231211145.tar'
HTTP/1.1 302 Moved Temporarily
Date: Thu, 01 Jan 1970 00:03:20 GMT
Server: micro_httpd
Cache-Control: no-cache
ETag: "1cbd-130-704f08"
Content-length: 0
Connection: keep-alive
Keep-Alive: timeout=60, max=1000
X-Frame-Options: sameorigin
X-XSS-Protection: 1
X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff
Location: http://192.168.15.1/success.asp
Content-Type: text/html
Content-Security-Policy: default-src 'self'; frame-ancestors 'self'

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Thu, 01 Jan 1970 00:03:20 GMT
Server: micro_httpd
Cache-Control: no-cache
Content-type: text/html
ETag: "1f36-403-704f08"
Content-length: 1027
```

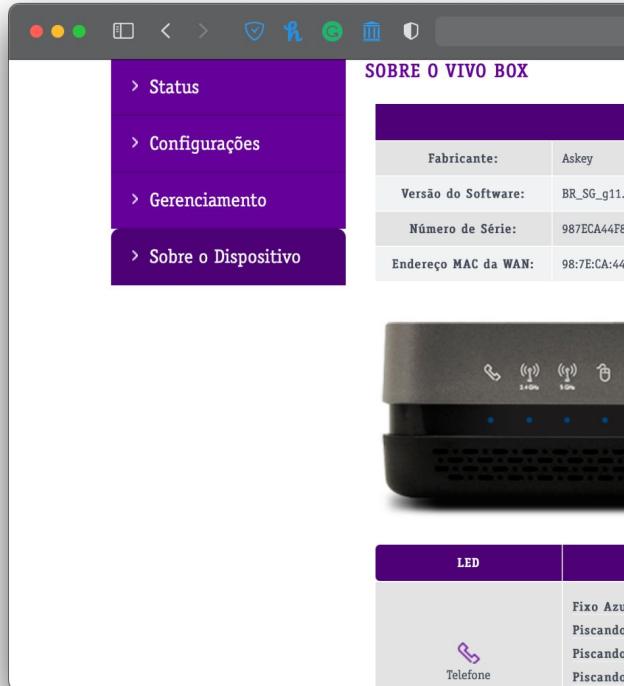


| SOBRE O VIVO BOX     |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Fabricante:          | Askey          |
| Versão do Software:  | BR_SG_g11      |
| Número de Série:     | 987ECA44FE     |
| Endereço MAC da WAN: | 98:7E:CA:44:FE |

| LED       |          |
|-----------|----------|
| Fixo Azul | Piscando |
| Piscando  | Piscando |
| Telefone  | Piscando |

# Symbolic Links

- Vulnerability affected TP-Link devices
  - Malicious flash drive
  - Access via SAMBA
- CPE-5 also found to be vulnerable
- Symbolic link places in the same place as the configuration file to be exported
- Not currently a threat, but can be exploited in the future



# Symbolic Links

```
[→ ~ ssh support@192.168.15.1
support@192.168.15.1's password:
[~ > sh
[~ # ln -s / /var/www/root
[~ # exit
[~ > exit
Connection to 192.168.15.1 closed.
[→ ~ curl 'http://192.168.15.1/root/etc/passwd'
support:$1$OLOpjuR/82afmvBrmTTQm0:0:0::/tmp:/bin/aspsh
admin:$1$OLOpjuR/82afmvBrmTTQm0:0:0::/tmp:/bin/aspsh
[→ ~ ]
```

The screenshot shows the 'SOBRE O VIVO BOX' (About Vivo Box) interface. On the left, a sidebar lists navigation options: Status, Configurações, Gerenciamento, and Sobre o Dispositivo. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Fabricante:** Askey
- Versão do Software:** BR\_SG\_g11
- Número de Série:** 987ECA44FB
- Endereço MAC da WAN:** 98:7E:CA:44:FB

Below this, there's a photograph of the Vivo Box device itself, which is a black rectangular router with multiple ports and a small screen displaying signal strength icons.

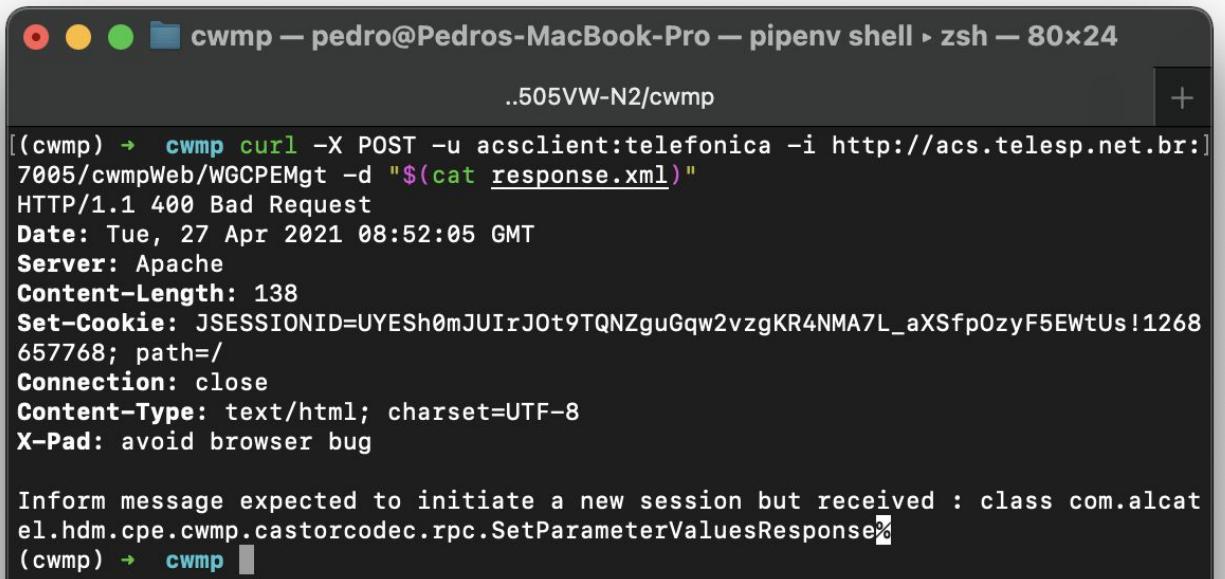
**LED**

| LED      | Fixo Azul | Piscando  |
|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Telefone | Piscando  | Fixo Azul |

# ISP-side Services Analysis

# ACS

- Not accessible via HTTPS
- Nokia Alcatel-Lucent Motive Home Device Manager
  - Java exception thrown on unexpected message
  - <http://acs.telesp.net.br:7005/favicon.ico>



```
..505VW-N2/cwmp
[cwmp] → cwmp curl -X POST -u acsclient:telefonica -i http://acs.telesp.net.br:7005/cwmpWeb/WGCPemgt -d "$(cat response.xml)"
HTTP/1.1 400 Bad Request
Date: Tue, 27 Apr 2021 08:52:05 GMT
Server: Apache
Content-Length: 138
Set-Cookie: JSESSIONID=UYESh0mJUIrJ0t9TQNzguGqw2vzgKR4NMA7L_aXSfp0zyF5EWtUs!1268
657768; path=/
Connection: close
Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8
X-Pad: avoid browser bug

Inform message expected to initiate a new session but received : class com.alcatel.hdm.cpe.cwmp.castorcodec.rpc.SetParameterValuesResponse%
[cwmp] → cwmp
```

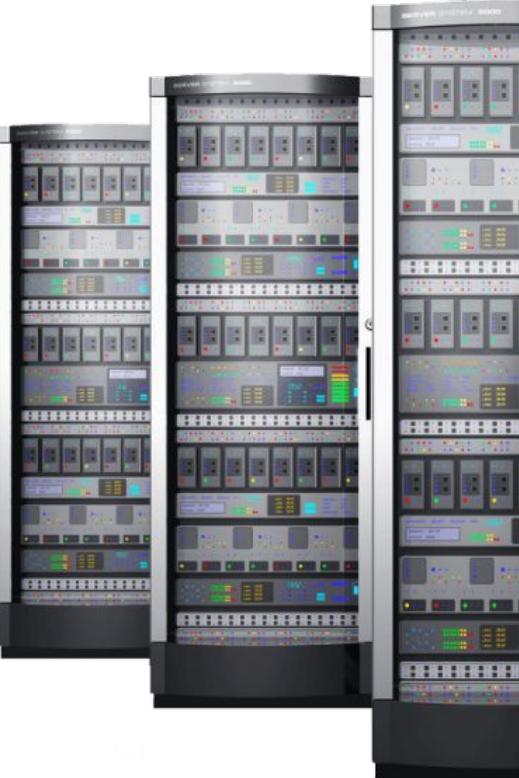
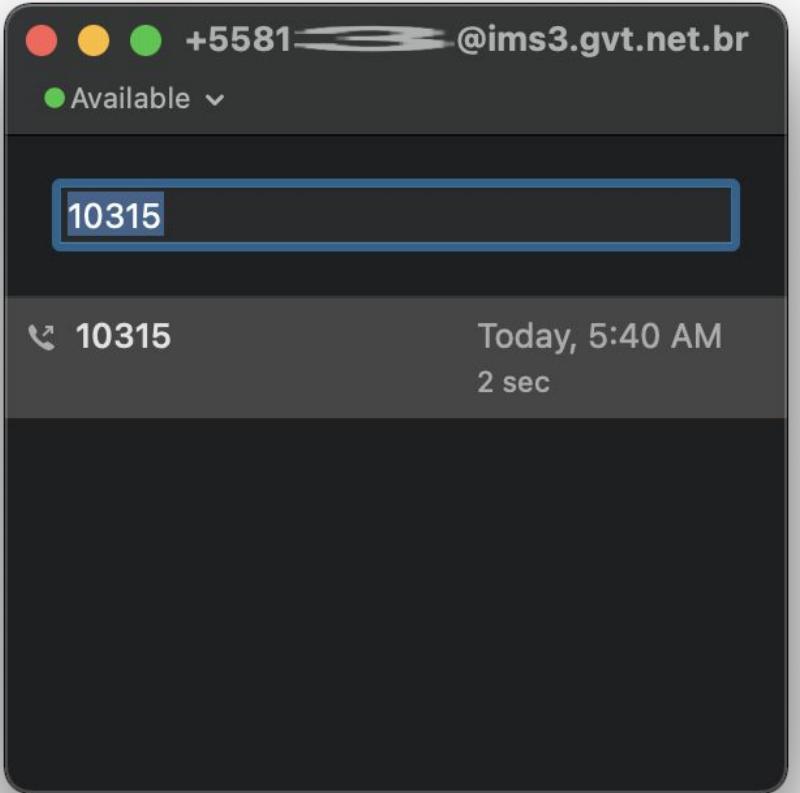


# SIP

- Unencrypted traffic
- Password brute-force is feasible
- Server doesn't check the origin of the session
- One customer is able to authenticate with a phone number of another customer if the credentials are provided
- Enumeration of phone numbers is possible
  - 401 if phone number exists
  - 403 if phone number does not exist
- No rate limit found and can be parallelized



# SIP



# SIP

```
tmp.PvJBLzpLkg — less 401.txt — less 401.txt — 80x24
less
Content-Length: 0

--end msg--
01:08:29.031          pjsua_core.c .RX 587 bytes Response msg 401/REGISTER/cse
q=36543 (rdata0x7f9e73017028) from UDP 192.168.80.1:5060:
SIP/2.0 401 Unauthorized
Via: SIP/2.0/UDP 192.168.1.106:5060;rport=5060;received=192.168.1.106;branch=z9h
G4bKPj0zwVlUDt7CxijG0Zo0ycJI52y0AchgX7m
WWW-Authenticate: Digest realm="ims3.gvt.net.br",nonce="S78h9LETbAkQmFonsOKcwg==",
algorithm=MD5,qop="auth"
To: <sip:+558133333333@ims3.gvt.net.br>;tag=3826498109-315107
From: <sip:+558133333333@ims3.gvt.net.br>;tag=sNIJ4j6v9tqopZIX5ft9irEJ01F.jI.K
Call-ID: OWsPuwyW57GKgPWisicXizUtN3cmjR-a
CSeq: 36543 REGISTER
Allow: PUBLISH,MESSAGE,UPDATE,PRACK,SUBSCRIBE,REFER,INFO,NOTIFY,REGISTER,OPTIONS
,BYE,INVITE,ACK,CANCEL
Content-Length: 0

--end msg--
01:08:29.031          pjsua_core.c ....TX 810 bytes Request msg REGISTER/cseq=
36544 (tdta0x7f9e6281d6a8) to UDP 192.168.80.1:5060:
:
```



# SIP

```

tmp.PvJBLzpLkg — less 403.txt — less 403.txt — 80x24
less

CSeq: 11060 REGISTER
Content-Length: 0

--end msg--
06:42:30.387      pjsua_core.c  ..RX 480 bytes Response msg 403/REGISTER/cs
eq=11060 (rdata0x7f9ca2809028) from UDP 192.168.80.1:5060:
SIP/2.0 403 Forbidden
Via: SIP/2.0/UDP 192.168.1.104:5060;rport=5060;received=192.168.1.104;branch=z9h
G4bKPjAn717HKY6MTNDeSs7SX5fheL34Y-fLsc
To: <sip:+558133333333@ims3.gvt.net.br>;tag=3828505350-2021855473
From: <sip:+558133333333@ims3.gvt.net.br>;tag=cRZDXcX7hcmB7n.fgzyITg-VzDtREDxU
Call-ID: GhvOtr0-DwdxrdedG-p3BwKQrtoc90nR
CSeq: 11060 REGISTER
Allow: PUBLISH,MESSAGE,UPDATE,PRACK,SUBSCRIBE,REFER,INFO,NOTIFY,REGISTER,OPTIONS
,BYE,INVITE,ACK,CANCEL
Content-Length: 0

--end msg--
06:42:30.387      pjsua_acc.c  ....SIP registration failed, status=403 (F
orbidden)
06:42:30.387      pjsua_acc.c  ....Deleting account 0...
:

```



# Substituting the ISP CPE

# Devices

- From TP-Link
- One fiber-compatible
- One copper-compatible

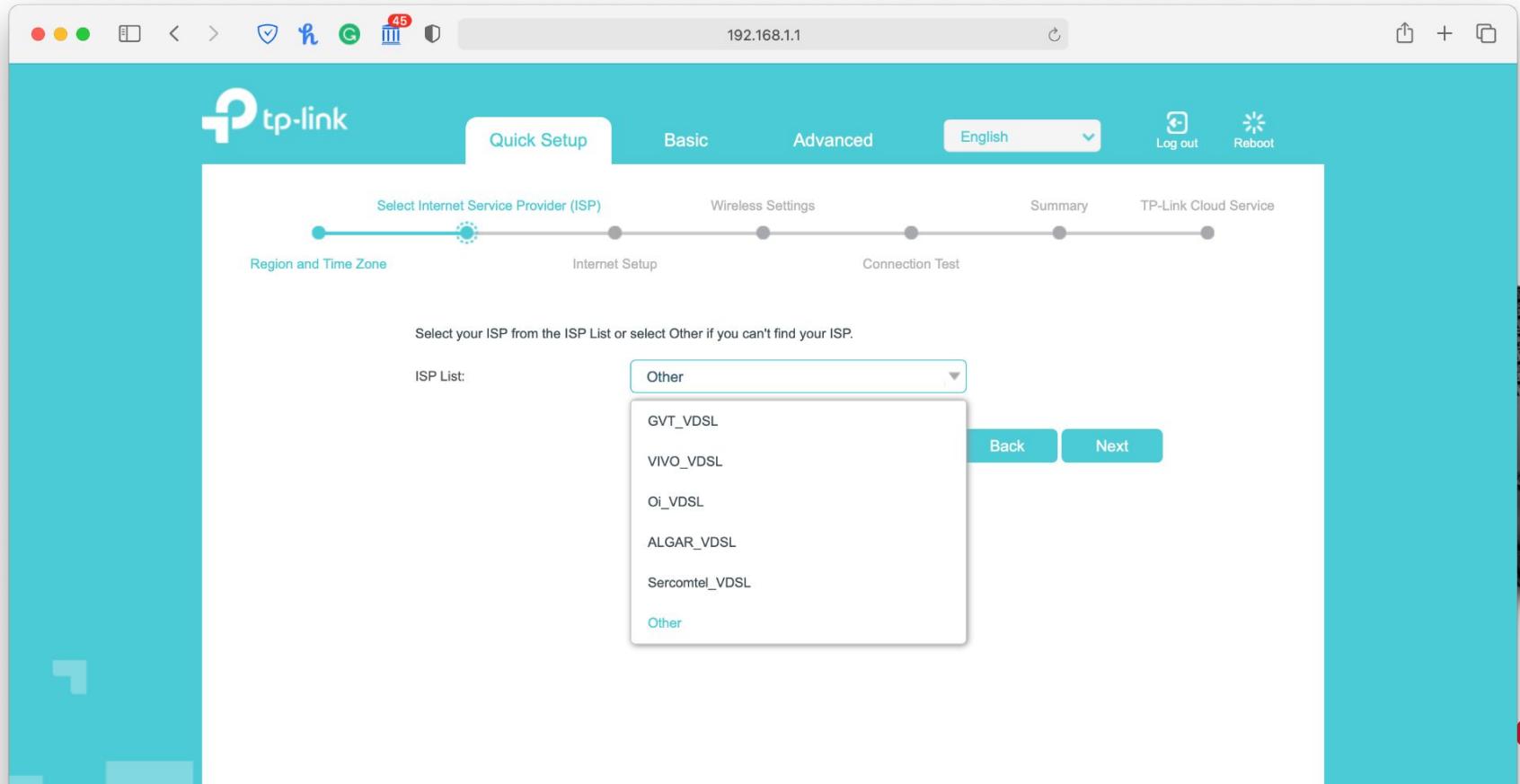


# Internet

- Quick Setup
- Works only when choosing an extinct ISP
- VLAN 600
- PPPoE with default credentials
- IPv6 with SLAAC



# Internet



192.168.1.1

tp-link Quick Setup Basic Advanced English Log out Reboot

Select Internet Service Provider (ISP)

Region and Time Zone Internet Setup Wireless Settings Connection Test Summary TP-Link Cloud Service

Select your ISP from the ISP List or select Other if you can't find your ISP.

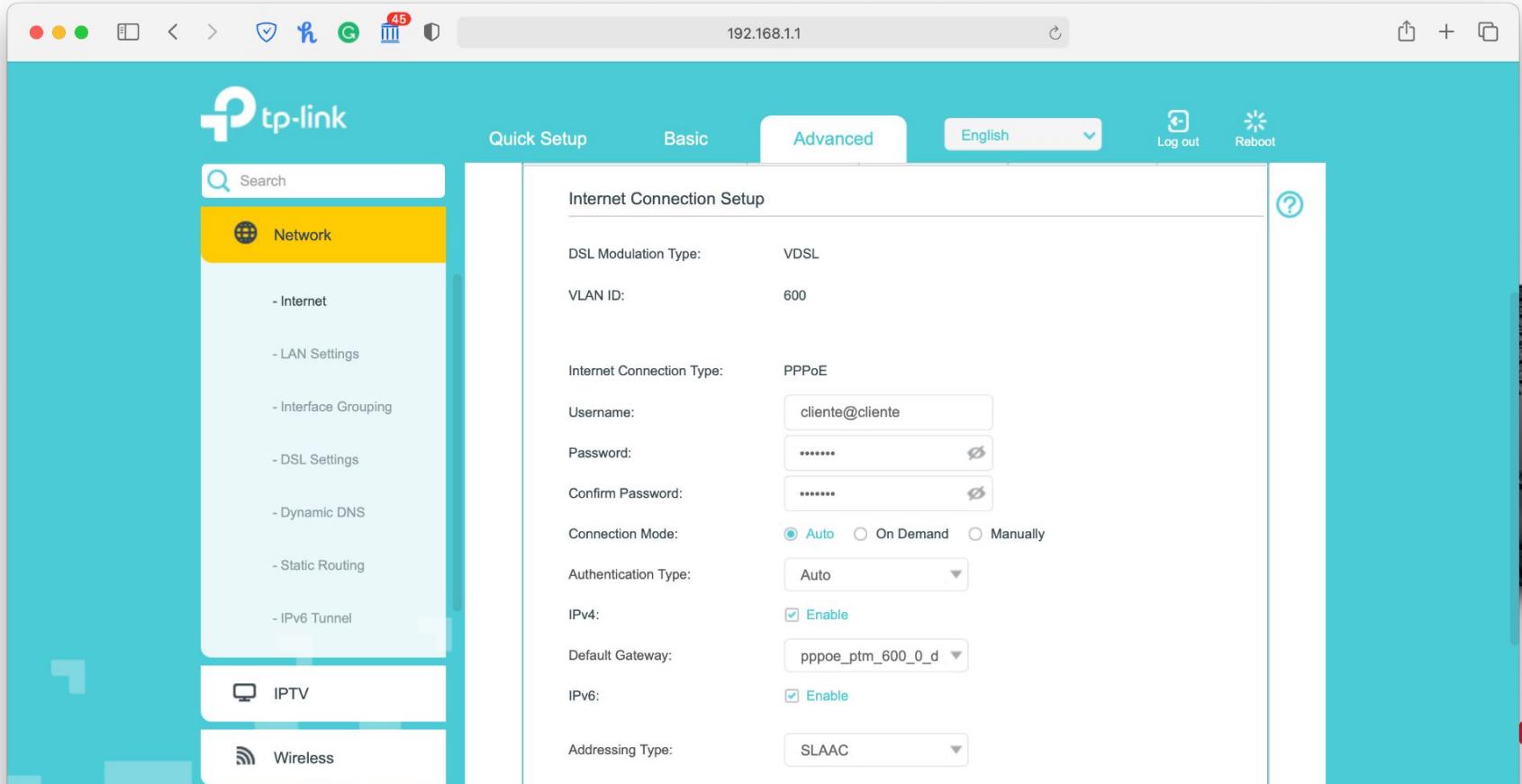
ISP List: Other

- GVT\_VDSL
- VIVO\_VDSL
- OI\_VDSL
- ALGAR\_VDSL
- Sercomtel\_VDSL
- Other

Back Next



# Internet



192.168.1.1

tp-link

Quick Setup Basic Advanced English Log out Reboot

Internet Connection Setup

DSL Modulation Type: VDSL

VLAN ID: 600

Internet Connection Type: PPPoE

Username: cliente@cliente

Password:

Confirm Password:

Connection Mode:  Auto  On Demand  Manually

Authentication Type: Auto

IPv4:  Enable

Default Gateway: pppoe\_ptm\_600\_0\_d

IPv6:  Enable

Addressing Type: SLAAC

Search

- Internet

- LAN Settings

- Interface Grouping

- DSL Settings

- Dynamic DNS

- Static Routing

- IPv6 Tunnel

IPTV

Wireless

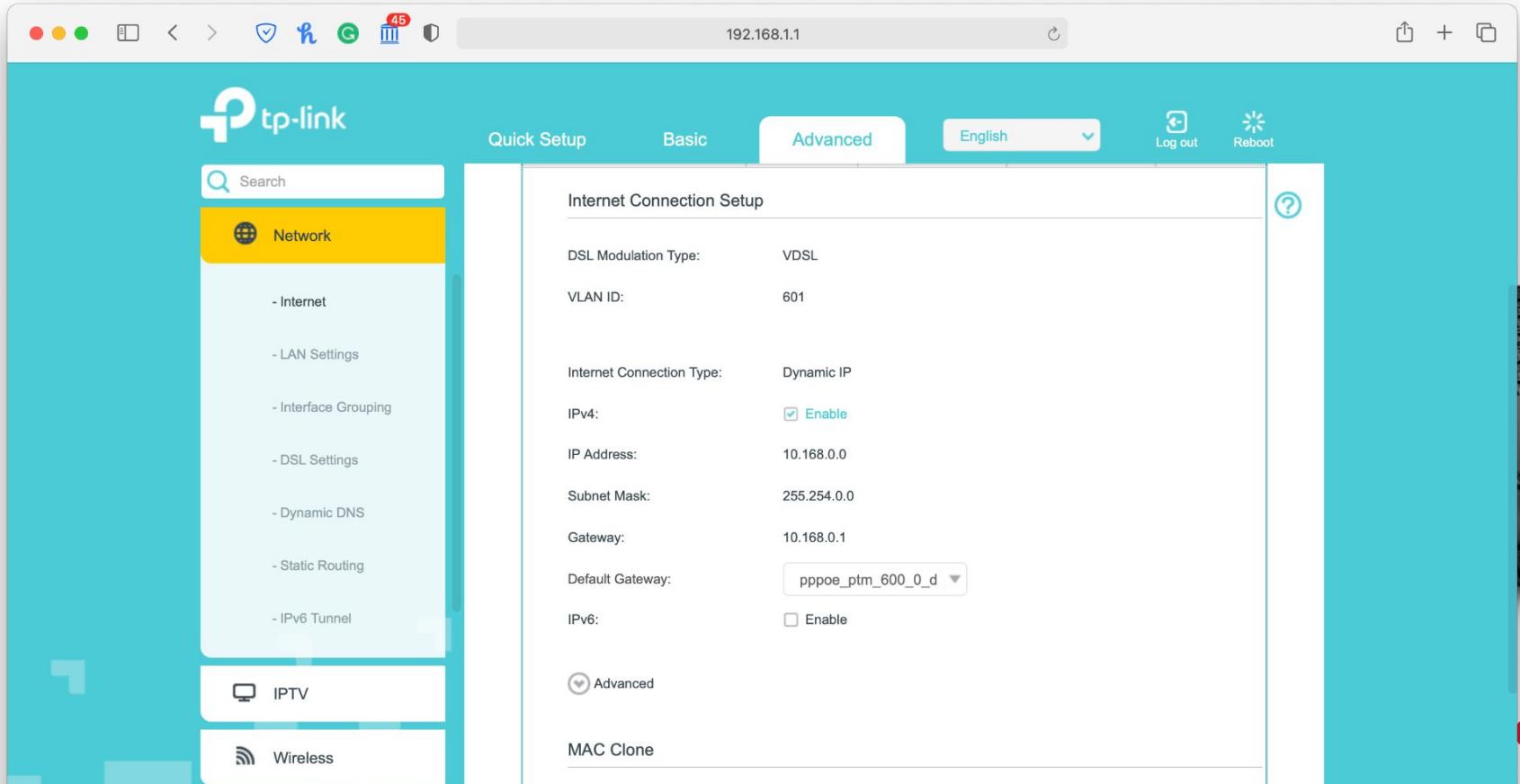


# VoIP

- VLAN 601 with Dynamic IP
- Static route
  - 192.168.80.1
- Configure SIP credentials
  - E.164 formatted phone number
- Unreliable service
- Block keep-alive requests
  - `iptables -I OUTPUT -p udp -j DROP -d 192.168.80.1 -m udp --dport 5060 -m string --hex-string '|0d0a|' --algo bm --from 28 --to 30`
- Not a persistent fix



# VoIP



The screenshot shows the configuration interface of a TP-Link router. The URL in the address bar is 192.168.1.1. The interface is in English. The main menu has tabs for Quick Setup, Basic, and Advanced, with Advanced selected. The sub-menu for Internet Connection Setup shows the following settings:

| Setting                  | Value                                      |
|--------------------------|--|
| DSL Modulation Type      | VDSL                                       |
| VLAN ID                  | 601  |
| Internet Connection Type | Dynamic IP                                 |
| IPv4                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enable |
| IP Address               | 10.168.0.0                                 |
| Subnet Mask              | 255.254.0.0                                |
| Gateway                  | 10.168.0.1                                 |
| Default Gateway          | pppoe_ptm_600_0_d                          |
| IPv6                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Enable            |

Below the main configuration area, there are sections for Advanced and MAC Clone.



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# VoIP

Screenshot of the TP-Link router configuration interface (192.168.1.1) showing the Advanced tab for Default Gateway Settings and Static Routing.

**Default Gateway Settings:**  
Select a WAN interface as the system default gateway.  
Select WAN Interface: pppoe\_ptm\_600\_0\_d

**Static Routing:**

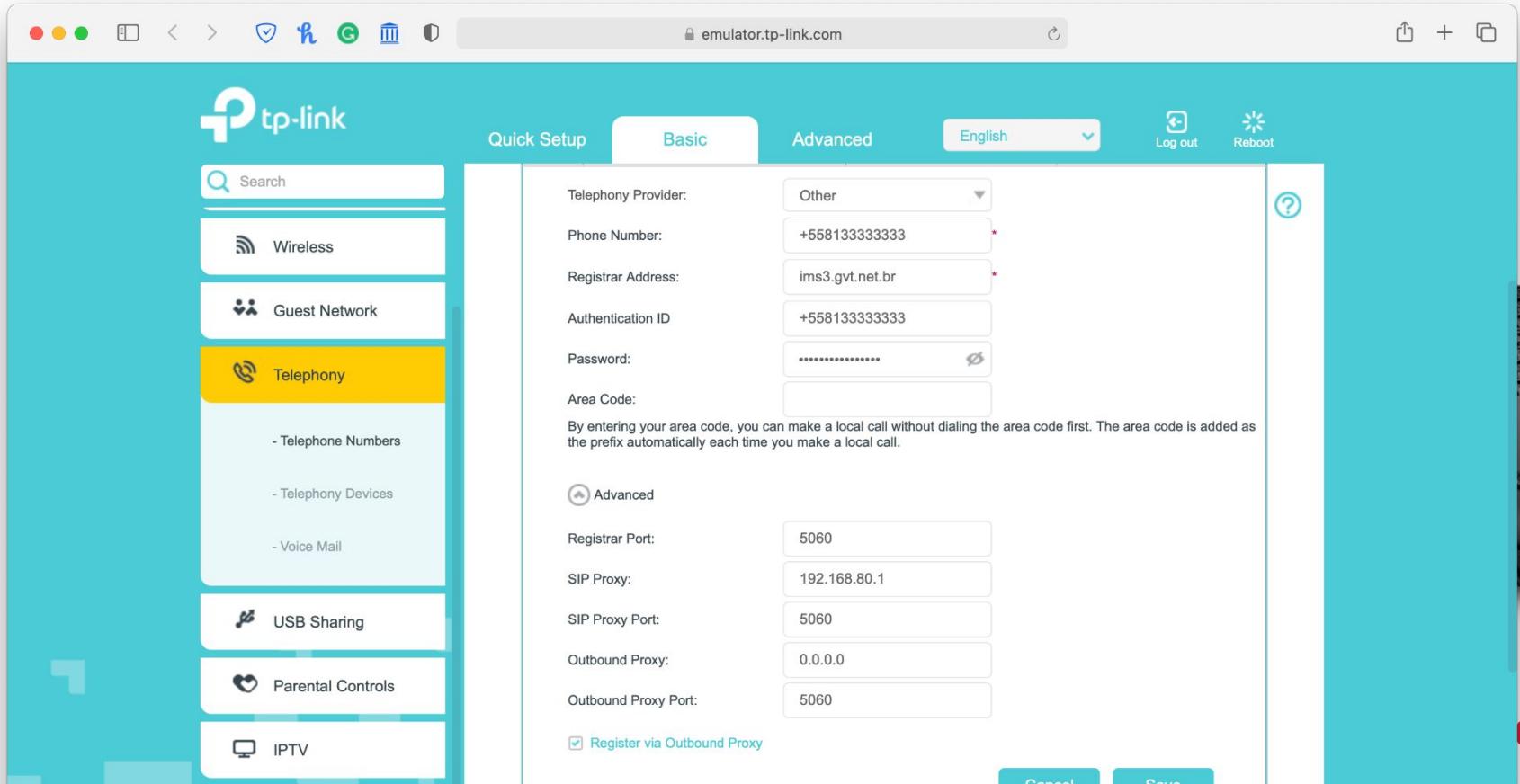
| ID | Network Destination | Subnet Mask     | Gateway    | Status | Modify |
|----|---------------------|-----------------|------------|--------|--------|
| 1  | 192.168.80.1        | 255.255.255.255 | 10.168.0.1 |        |        |

Network Destination: 192 . 168 . 80 . 1  
Subnet Mask: 255 . 255 . 255 . 255  
Gateway: 10 . 168 . 0 . 1  
Interface: ipoe\_ptm\_601\_1\_d

Enable This Entry



# VoIP



The screenshot shows the tp-link router configuration interface with the following details:

**Left Sidebar:**

- Search bar: Search
- Wireless
- Guest Network
- Telephony** (highlighted in yellow)
- Telephone Numbers
- Telephony Devices
- Voice Mail
- USB Sharing
- Parental Controls
- IPTV

**Top Bar:**

- Quick Setup
- Basic** (selected)
- Advanced
- English (dropdown menu)
- Log out
- Reboot

**Right Content Area:**

**Basic Tab Settings:**

- Telephony Provider: Other
- Phone Number: +558133333333
- Registrar Address: ims3.gvt.net.br
- Authentication ID: +558133333333
- Password: (redacted)
- Area Code: (empty field)

**Text Below Area Code:**

By entering your area code, you can make a local call without dialing the area code first. The area code is added as the prefix automatically each time you make a local call.

**Advanced Tab Settings:**

- Registrar Port: 5060
- SIP Proxy: 192.168.80.1
- SIP Proxy Port: 5060
- Outbound Proxy: 0.0.0.0
- Outbound Proxy Port: 5060

**Checkboxes:**

- Register via Outbound Proxy

**Buttons:**

- Cancel
- Save



# IPTV

- VLAN 602 in bridge with LAN port
- Unable to verify, no subscription available



# VoIP



The image shows a screenshot of a web-based configuration interface for a TP-Link router. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with items like Network Map, Internet, Wireless, Guest Network, Telephony, USB Sharing, Parental Controls, IPTV (which is highlighted in yellow), and TP-Link Cloud. The main content area is titled "IPTV" and includes fields for enabling IPTV, selecting DSL Modulation Type (VDSL is selected), entering a VLAN ID (602), setting a Priority (0), choosing a Connection Type (Bridge), and selecting a LAN Port (LAN4 is checked). A "Save" button is located at the bottom right of the form.

emulator.tp-link.com

tp-link

Quick Setup Basic Advanced English Log out Reboot

IPTV

IPTV:  Enable

DSL Modulation Type:  VDSL  ADSL

VLAN ID:  Enable

VLAN ID: 602 (1-4094)

Priority: 0 (0-7)

Connection Type: Bridge

LAN Port:  LAN1  LAN2  LAN3  LAN4

Save

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# Conclusion

# Conclusion

- Wi-Fi standard found vulnerable over time
- Supporting old standards result in security problems
- Conflict between interoperability and security
- Recommendations
  - Use strong passphrases
  - Disable WPS
  - Disable older protocols
  - Update devices regularly, stations and access points

# Conclusion

- CPEs fulfill plug'n'play job
- Frictionless experience with different levels of security
- CPEs 0 and 1 are unupgradable
- HTTP Management Interface exposes too much information
  - Telephone number
  - GPON serial number
  - Devices connected
- Some CPEs have management interfaces exposed to WAN
- Support to old security protocols enabled

# Conclusion

- Wi-Fi passphrases deriving from public data
- WPS enabled with PIN mechanism
  - CPE-5 with hidden default null PIN
- Implementation problems on HTTP Management Interface of CPE-5
  - Unauthenticated configuration import
  - Symbolic links being followed
- CWMP traffic unencrypted
  - HTTPS to HTTP downgrade
- Firmware file server doesn't support HTTPS
- SIP password is weak

# Conclusion

- It is possible to replace the CPEs
- No functionality was lost
- Internet configuration is straightforward
- VoIP configuration is tricky
  - Other devices may provide a better support
  - Not a big problem if the CRG is not rebooted a lot

# Conclusion

- Recommendations
  - Change all default passwords
  - Upgrade devices manually
  - Review the settings in place
  - Especially for CPE-5, changing it for another device is a good idea
  - For other the CPEs, replace the device only if comfortable

