Level 0x05

Offensive Security Researcher

Topics

- Kevin F
- Offensive Security Life

Kevin Finisterre

- Drone Hacking “OG”
  - Kickstarted drone hacking scene
    - I used a lot of his tools and guides when drone hacking myself
  - https://www.guinnpartners.com/kevin-finisterre-department-13/
  - Firmware decryption tools
  - Communication tools
  - Exposed many DJI abuses / privacy issues
    - Leaked photos
      - It’s hard to find photos of Kevin, cause most of his photos are leaked DJI drone photos
    - User tracking

Life of a Offensive Cyber Engineer

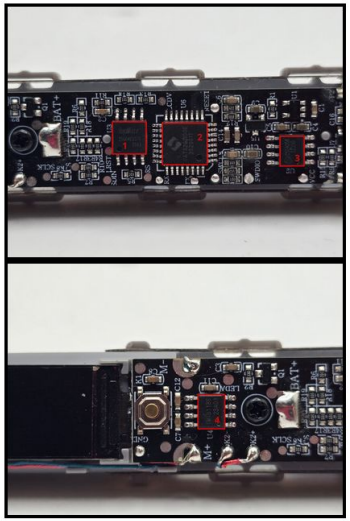
- Offensive Security
  - Trying to hack / break into systems
  - For US government (else usually illegal)
- Targets
  - Adversary militaries or governments
  - Terrorists
  - Could we target US citizens?
- Objectives
  - Intelligence / Data collection
  - 5 Ds: Deny, Degrade, Disrupt, Deceive, or Destroy
  - Persist

Example Case: Drones

- Air, sea, land, they are everywhere
- Commercial, agriculture, military / purpose built
- Hardware
  - Advanced computers
  - RF, Wi-Fi communication
  - Advanced Imagery / Camera
  - GPS / GLONASS positioning
  - Phones / display computers
- Intelligence?
- Threat?
  - Can kill personnel
  - Can destroy equipment
  - Can destroy infrastructure
  - Can surveil forces

Reverse Engineer Hardware

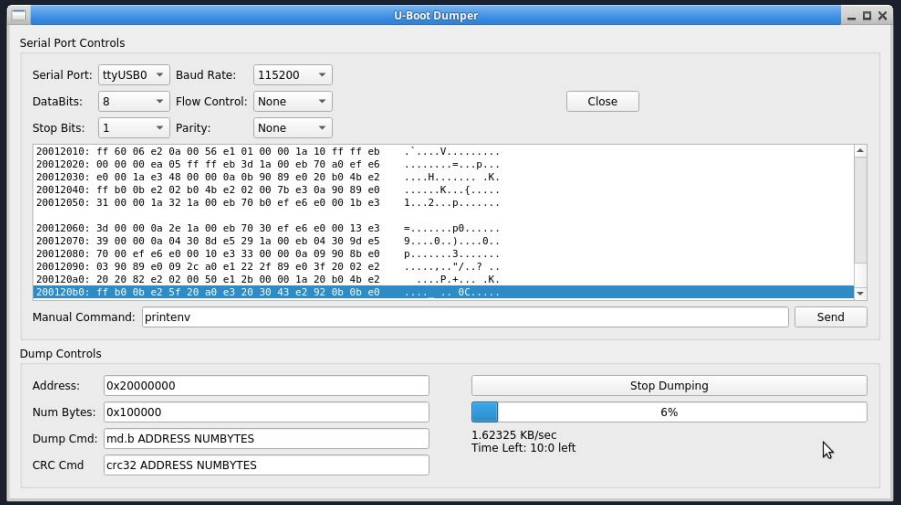
- Identification of hardware
  - Processors / capabilities
  - Memory devices
  - Communication interfaces
- Extract memory
  - So we can reverse engineer software
  - Hidden secrets, password hashes, keys
  - Logs
- Interfaces
  - Capture messages between devices
  - UART - Debug interfaces / console
  - JTAG - talk to CPU
  - RF capabilities
- Research

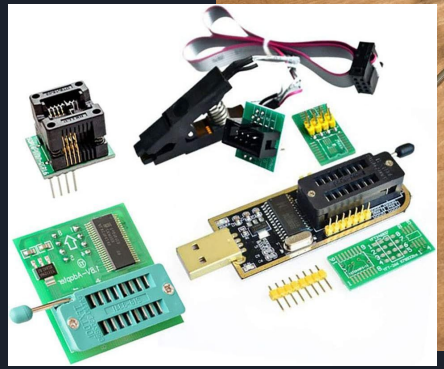


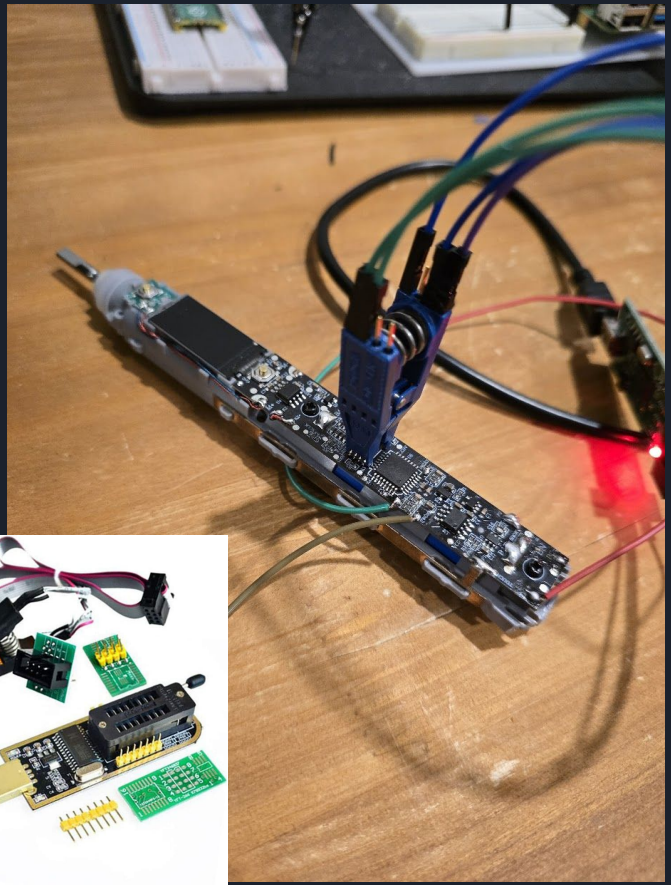
Number	Part Number	Datasheet	Usage
1	BoyaMicro 25Q64ESSIG	Link	SPI Flash, non-volatile storage
2	BAT32G135 MCU	Website Overview, Datasheet	32 bit ARM Cortex M0 MCU
3	CST4056	Link	Standard Linear Li-Ion Battery Charger
4	TMI8118S	Link	Brushed DC Motor Driver

Extracting and Capturing

- Desolder / In-circuit interrogation
- JTAG
- UART

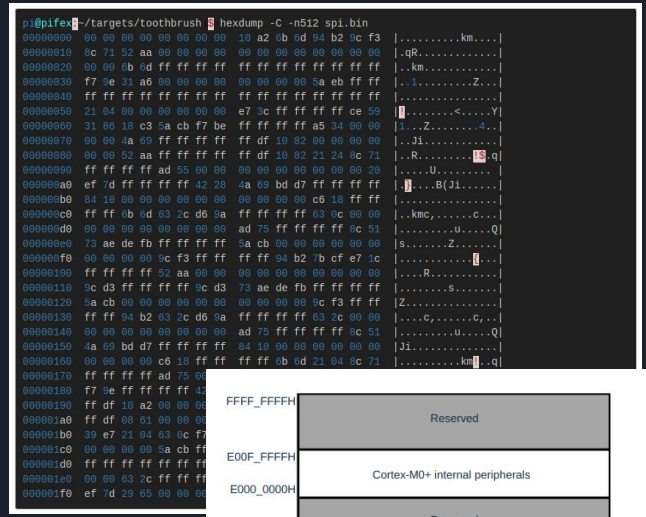






Analyze Memory Contents

- Code
  - Boot code
  - Application code
    - What memory address?
- Data
  - Encrypted?
  - File system?
    - Can I extract files?
    - Logs?
    - Password file?
    - Permissions?



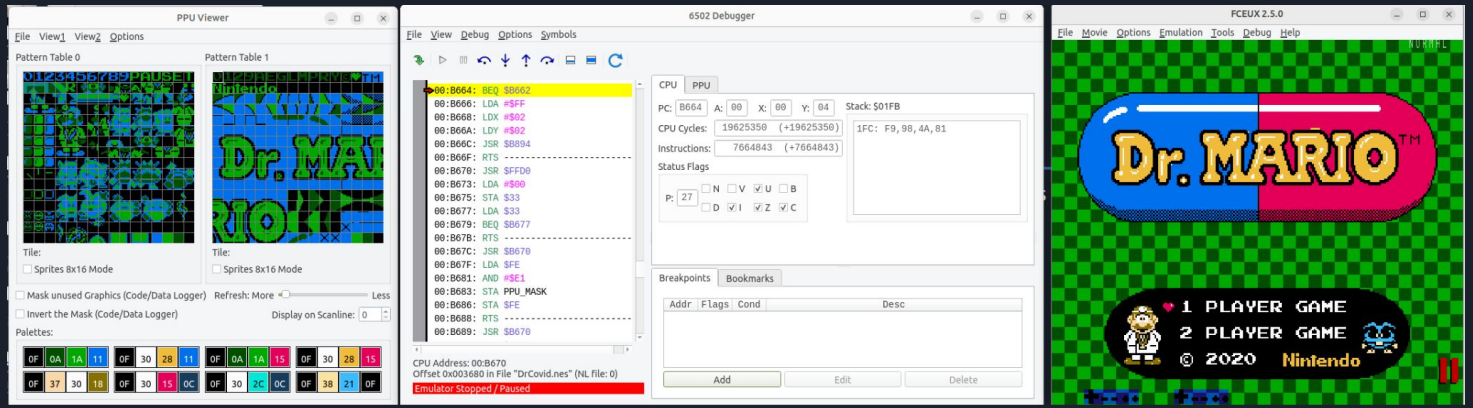
Static Reverse Engineering

- Strings
  - Program output
  - Commands / messages
- Disassemble
  - Binary Ninja / Ghidra / IDA
  - Decompiler
- Understand code
  - Function names
  - Data structures
  - Software flow / modes
- Identify Encryption
- Hidden features?
  - Debug modes?
  - Backdoors?

```
10002e84        set_ram_unknown_region_to_val(0xff);
10002e90        oled_display("V1", 0x74, 0x39, 1);
10002e9c        oled_display("SELF TEST", 0x25, 0xa, 1);
10002ea8        oled_display("BUTTONS:", 1, 0x14, 1);
10002eb4        oled_display("KEYS:", 1, 0x1e, 1);
10002ebe        if ((((uint32_t)g_piano_key_pressed) << 0x1f) < 0)
10002ebc        {
10002ec4            g_pianoKeysPressedStr[0] = '0';
10002ec4        }
10002ecc        if ((((uint32_t)g_piano_key_pressed) << 0x1e) < 0)
10002eca        {
10002ed2            g_pianoKeysPressedStr[1] = '1';
10002ed2        }
10002eda        if ((((uint32_t)g_piano_key_pressed) << 0x1d) < 0)
10002ed8        {
10002ee0            g_pianoKeysPressedStr[2] = '2';
10002ee0        }
10002ee8        if ((((uint32_t)g_piano_key_pressed) << 0x1c) < 0)
10002ee6        {
10002eee            g_pianoKeysPressedStr[3] = '3';
10002eee        }
10002ef6        if ((((uint32_t)g_piano_key_pressed) << 0x1b) < 0)
10002ef4        {
10002efc            g_pianoKeysPressedStr[4] = '4';
10002efc        }
10002f04        if ((((uint32_t)g_piano_key_pressed) << 0x1a) < 0)
10002f02        {
10002f0a            g_pianoKeysPressedStr[5] = '5';
10002f0a        }
10002f12        if ((((uint32_t)g_piano_key_pressed) << 0x19) < 0)
10002f10        {
10002f18            g_pianoKeysPressedStr[6] = '6';
10002f18        }
```

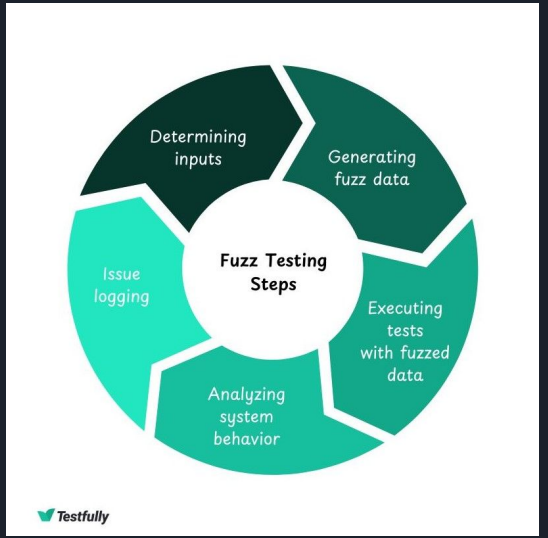
Dynamic Reverse Engineering

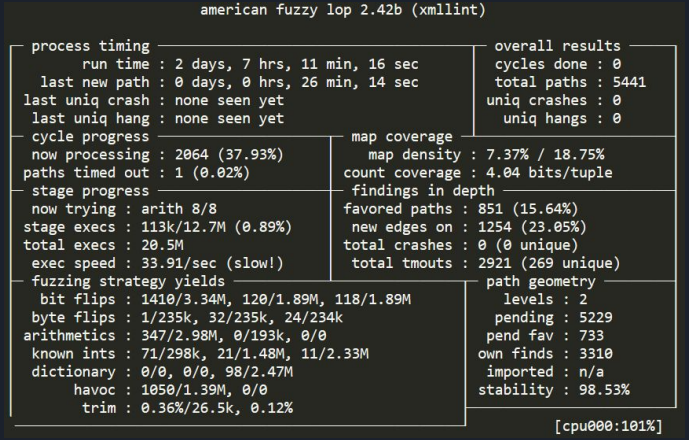
- Debug / see code as it runs
  - Can sometimes debug on target hardware
- Emulation
  - Write software to simulate how hardware runs software
  - Write tools to analyze software as it runs
    - Tile viewers, OS introspection



Bug finding / Fuzzing

- Static research / using your brain
- Research existing bug databases
- Fuzzing - feed program corrupt data and cause it to crash
  - Corpus: files / messages to corrupt
  - Corruption
    - Random data
    - AI driven corruption
  - Crash Triage
    - Capture crash data (inputs and outputs)
    - Repeatable?
    - What went wrong
  - Where do we do this?
    - Target hardware
    - Emulators





Exploitation and Development

- Implant: Convert your exploit into our code running on target
- Persistence: can we stay running on hardware after reset
- Communication: command and control of implant
- Effects:
  - Move onto network
  - Collect data
  - 5 D's
- Packaging: how does a soldier or operator use?
  - Hardware / Smartphone app?
  - USB drive / Rubber ducky
  - Transmit via wireless

METASPLOIT MODULES

Metasploit provides you with modules for:

- **Exploits:** Tool used to take advantage of system weaknesses
- **Payloads:** Sets of malicious code
- **Auxiliary functions:** Supplementary tools and commands
- **Encoders:** Used to convert code or information
- **Listeners:** Malicious software that hides in order to gain access
- **Shellcode:** Code that is programmed to activate once inside the target
- **Post-exploitation code:** Helps test deeper penetration once inside
- **Nops:** An instruction to keep the payload from crashing

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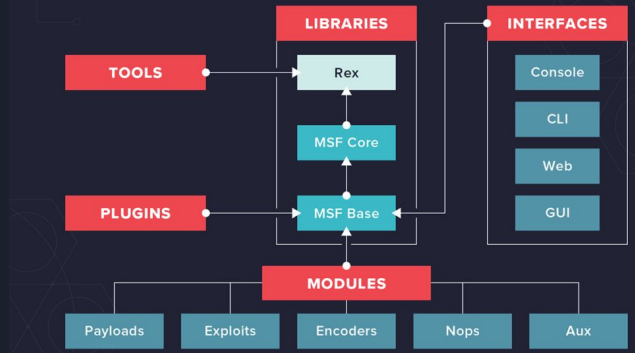

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