

# So You Think Your Data Is Private?

## The Hackers View Of Privacy Threats



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# Caveats

- Some data presented here is 'Live'
- I have redacted as best I can, please respect any errors or omissions
- I have tried to contact my examples as best I can
- If it's this easy for me, imagine someone determined
- I respond to Render or Brad equally

# Relevant Aside



- [xkcd.com](http://xkcd.com)
- Relevant to growing up digital
- Childhood is never the same between generations

# Who Am I?



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Teach Wireless security and lockpicking



# My World

- My world is unlike anything many of you have seen, It's a frightening place
- 11 Defcons, 5 Shmoocons, 6 HOPE's, 2 SecTor's, 3 Hackcon's, 1 SecVest , 1 CONfidence, a bunch of smaller corporate and regional events and even Westpoint Academy
- Been speaking regularly for ~6 years
- Hacking is a way of life for me, met my wife at a HOPE conference (2004)

# Privacy and Trust

- Privacy is about trust
- People expect they can trust the caretakers of their data
- Policies expect some trust within the users
- Security trusts no one
- Trust is a currency, spend it wisely





# The Problem

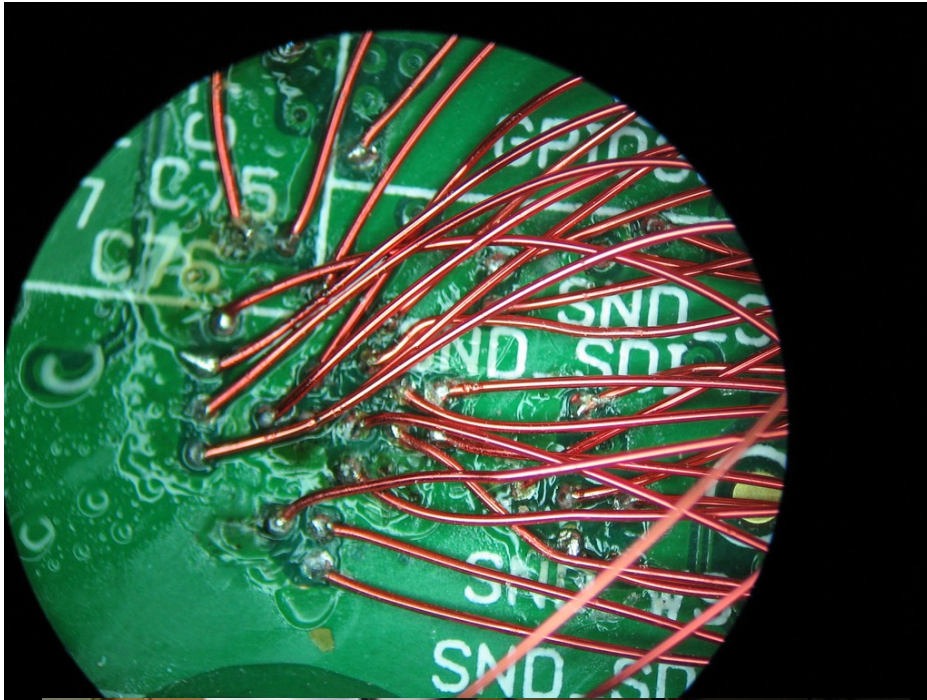
- I deal with many clients where Privacy and Security are required
- So often, the issue is one of technical knowledge
- What you don't know, \*can\* hurt you
- How do you solve a problem if you don't know about it?
- Policy only goes so far

# Attackers

- No longer the 'Bored Teenager'
- Major financial incentives nowadays
- Corporate interest
- TJX / Albert Gonzalez
- China/Aurora
- Infinite time, Infinite resources, Infinite patience



# What Is This



- 0.2mm wires
- Hand soldered to read RAM contents
- FPGA's and custom clock interface
- Any guess what it is?



# Nintendo DSi



# Thinking Security

- Books and classes are great, but have limits
- Defending against the last attack does little to defend against the next
- Thinking like a bad guy does not make you a bad guy, just an informed defender
- Anyone says that 'your secure' is lying, they just haven't found the hole yet
- On the Internet, you are  $< 100\text{ms}$  away from every jerk in the world

# Threats

- Hackers are a useful source of information on the 'up and coming' threats
- We think about this stuff differently, likely to spot non-obvious leaks and threats
- Hackers 2-5 years ahead of the threat curve
- Paying attention to hacker culture can give you a lot of insights to the future
- Hackerspaces: an untapped information resource

# Threat #1: Cordless Phones

- Ubiquitous in most homes
- Headsets nearly standard issue in business
- Great fun for a bored hacker in a park downtown
- Old issue with a new twist



# Threat #1: Cordless Phones

- Older units operate on common frequencies (900Mhz, 1.2Ghz)
- Common wireless scanners can easily listen in on phones, baby monitors, radios, etc
- Just because you make something illegal, doesn't mean it can't happen (Thanks China!)
- Newer phones now digital and encrypted
- All is well, right?



# Threat #1: Cordless Phones

- Digital Enhanced Cordless Telecommunications (DECT)
- Digital, 1.9Ghz, Very flexible standard
- Encryption in the DECT standard
- Encryption not mandatory.....
- Many manufacturers not implementing crypto
- Marketing touts DECT's security, but they aren't using it. No external indications of this

# Proof



“I Picked The Wrong Week To Stop Sniffing  
Glue” - Airplane

- Hackcon, Norway, February 2010
- When I get bored, bad things happen
- Fired up deDECTed and started sniffing
- Not long to find something interesting
- Not long until I got scared...

# Proof

- Caught several unencrypted phone calls in progress, recorded the results
- Unfortunately encrypted to me (Norwegian)
- Had native speaker listen and select a clip without any identifying details
- Realized where I was and the potential gravity of the situation
- Got out of the country successfully!

# Bluetooth

- Discoverable Bluetooth devices can give away information to an attacker
- From Wednesday morning session:
  - Removed for obvious reasons
- Turn off discoverability!

# Wireless Mics

- Wireless Mics are generally unencrypted (unless you pay ALOT!)
- Anyone can listen within a fairly short range
  - 789.900 Mhz
  - 668.050 Mhz
  - 663.025 Mhz
  - 1142.975 Mhz
- Private meetings can suddenly be very public
- Would you go and give a private talk at a radio station?

# Threat #1 Mitigation

- Have a complete understanding of the capabilities of your products
- Just because the standard has the capability, does not mean it is using it, how do you know?
- Keep up to date on latest research and abstracts from conferences, lets you know where to look
- Hold manufacturers to task for explicit information rather than marketing
- Trust, but verify it's doing what it is supposed to!

# Threat #2: Metadata

- Metadata – Data about data, information embedded within electronic files, about the files
- Usernames, modification dates, revision history, network paths, editing markups, etc
- Can reveal more than you intend
- 2003 Downing Street Iraq War dossier
- Photo EXIF Data

# Threat #2: Metadata



ExifTool Version Number : 7.82  
File Name : photo.jpg  
Directory : .  
File Size : 144 kB  
File Modification Date/Time : 2010:06:01  
06:54:19-06:00  
File Type : JPEG  
MIME Type : image/jpeg  
JFIF Version : 1.01  
Exif Byte Order : Big-endian (Motorola,  
MM)  
Make : Apple  
Camera Model Name : iPhone 3GS  
X Resolution : 72  
Y Resolution : 72  
Resolution Unit : inches  
Software : 3.1.3  
Modify Date : 2010:05:04 07:57:34  
Y Cb Cr Positioning : Centered  
Exposure Time : 1/120  
F Number : 2.8  
Exposure Program : Program AE  
ISO : 132  
Exif Version : 0221



# Threat #2: Metadata



Date/Time Original : 2010:05:04  
07:57:34  
Create Date : 2010:05:04 07:57:34  
Shutter Speed Value : 1/120  
Aperture Value : 2.8  
Metering Mode : Average  
Flash : No flash function  
Focal Length : 3.9 mm  
Flashpix Version : 0100  
Color Space : sRGB  
Exif Image Width : 800  
Exif Image Height : 600  
Sensing Method : One-chip color area  
Exposure Mode : Auto  
White Balance : Auto  
Sharpness : Soft  
GPS Latitude Ref : North  
GPS Longitude Ref : West  
GPS Altitude Ref : Above Sea Level  
GPS Time Stamp : 07:57:34.6  
GPS Dilution Of Precision : 3  
GPS Img Direction Ref : Magnetic North  
GPS Img Direction : 354  
Image Width : 800  
Image Height : 600

# Threat #2: Metadata



Encoding Process : Baseline DCT,  
Huffman coding  
Bits Per Sample : 8  
Color Components : 3  
Y Cb Cr Sub Sampling : YCbCr4:2:0 (2 2)  
Aperture : 2.8  
GPS Altitude : 633 m Above Sea  
Level  
GPS Latitude : \*\*\*\*\*  
GPS Longitude : \*\*\*\*\*  
GPS Position : \*\*\*\*\*  
Image Size : 800x600  
Shutter Speed : 1/120  
Focal Length : 3.9 mm  
Light Value : 9.5

# Threat #2: Metadata

- FOCA – Fingerprinting Organizations Collected Archives - <http://www.informatica64.com/foca/>
- Online or download versions
- Uses search engines to locate documents
- Download, extract and organize metadata from entire sites
- What's a good site to search?





**Clean your OpenOffice documents with OOMetaExtractor**

- [-] Documents (562/562)
  - [+] .doc (1)
  - [+] .pdf (526)
- [-] Metadata Summary
  - Users (74)**
  - Folders (1)
  - Printers (0)
  - Software (34)
  - Emails (0)

Attribute	Value
<b>All users found (74) - Times found</b>	
Alec Campbell	3
David Loukidelis	1
OPC, OIPC of Alberta and OIPC of B.C.	1
cindyw	15
Service Alberta	1
Jill Clayton	5
shantelmm	42
Sharon Ashmore	8
LeahannM	54
Marilyn Mun	9
preetia	8
Anima Kotowski	1
jilc	4
OIPC	8
Stephen Greenhalgh	1
Scott	2
cjb	1
Leahann McElveen	1
FrankW	1
maryg	15
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissio...	1
Lisa Wilde	25
Joann Blais	16
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissio...	2
Information and Privacy Commissioner	20
Darlene Quелlette - Uniquely Linked	1
MarilynM	5
David Greer	2
ElizabethD	9
KristineR	7
Sheila Fendall	2
WindowsME	6
Darlene Hampshire	1
Teji Sandhar	1



**SHODAN**, the first computer search engine

- » Search the Internet for servers, routers and more
- » Find computers running certain software (HTTP, FTP, etc.)
- » Filter hosts based on geographic location

- Documents (439/439)
  - .doc (3)
  - .pdf (435)
  - .ppt (1)
- Metadata Summary
  - Users (85)**
  - Folders (1)
  - Printers (0)
  - Software (52)
  - Emails (0)

Attribute	Value
<b>All users found (85) - Times found</b>	
SandyMolter	12
DTHR	4
dstewart04	1
joannead	3
Weight Wise	1
dinacerroni	1
Information Systems	1
GJ	1
Clinical Policy	1
John Labots	3
susanarmstrong	1
Bonnie Bock	1
Human Resources	1
Tobacco Reduction Unit	12
AADAC	2
helenstokes	2
reemabhathi	1
Community Engagement	2
mini maltz	2
debbiekuss	1
AHS Communications	5
agoulard	4
mmueller	22
Emergency Medical Services	1
Clinical Engagement	2
ITS	6
Design/Production - Darlene Antal	3
Office of the Public Guardian	1
AHS EMS	1
AmberleyHubbard	1
Guideline Utilization Resource Unit	20
SamMotyka	1
AHS Board Office	2
robinwilliams	2

# Threat #3: Metadata Mitigation

- Documents can contain more than you think
- Learn about the tools you use, learn which end is sharp
- Many tools available to 'scrub' documents to be made public, depending on format
- Educate users that 'Track changes' can be dangerous and anything typed can be recorded
- Don't release metadata rich documents like .doc files, use .pdf or others instead

# Threat #3: Wireless Networks

- Wireless networks are everywhere
- We all use them, hard to imagine life without them
- Threats that were minimal with wires are amplified with wireless
- Most people don't understand what is actually being sent over the air
- Provided hundreds of hours of entertainment at conferences, hotels, airports, etc

# Passwords

**06/01/10 20:34:56 tcp 192.168.55.133.49197 -> sv15.\*\*\*\*\*server.net.110 (pop3)**  
**USER nishino@\*\*\*\*\*tech.co.jp**  
**PASS tato1330**

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**06/01/10 20:35:01 tcp 192.168.55.133.49195 -> pop.dj9.\*\*\*\*\*.ne.jp.110 (pop3)**  
**USER nishino9@dj9.\*\*\*\*\*.ne.jp**  
**PASS tn3576**

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**06/01/10 20:35:06 tcp 192.168.55.133.49279 -> pop.dj9.\*\*\*\*\*.ne.jp.110 (pop3)**  
**USER nishino9@dj9.\*\*\*\*\*.ne.jp**  
**PASS tn3576**



# Web Surfing

**192.168.55.133 - - [01/Jun/2010:19:35:39 -0600] "GET  
http://www.monex.co.jp/image/top/seminar\_heading\_02.gif HTTP/1.1" - - "  
http://www.monex.co.jp/**

**192.168.55.101 - - [01/Jun/2010:19:37:14 -0600] "GET  
http://www.erasuslim.com/tpl/new7/img/accent-grey-dots-horizontal.gif  
HTTP/1.0" - - "http://www.erasuslim.com/manhaj-dakwah/gerakan-masa-  
depan/"**

# Porn Surfing

**wsip-70-165-253-13.lv.lv.cox.net - - [02/Jun/2010:06:25:49 -0600] "GET  
<http://images.imagefap.com/images/mini/42/144/1441605645.jpg>**

**wsip-70-165-253-13.lv.lv.cox.net - - [02/Jun/2010:06:25:49 -0600] "GET  
<http://images.imagefap.com/images/mini/42/451/451240244.jpg>**

**wsip-70-165-253-13.lv.lv.cox.net - - [02/Jun/2010:06:25:50 -0600] "GET  
<http://images.imagefap.com/images/mini/42/193/1930587975.jpg>**

# Threat #3: Wireless Networks

- Wireless operates on 2.4Ghz/5Ghz
- ISM band, license free
- Encryption available on all units, not necessarily used
- Many situations cant' use encryption (Coffee Shops, Hotels, Conferences)
- Protocols designed for wired not expecting wireless
- Many common protocols offer no protection (pop, smtp, http, etc)

# Treat #3: Wireless Networks

- Open Network - Data is sent in the clear, anyone can 'listen' to anything sent
- WEP – Trivially broken in 60 seconds
- Websites visited, search queries, emails, instant messages, etc
- SSL offers some protection, easily neutralized in the right environment

# Google Wardriving Controversy

- Classic case of over reaction due to lack of technical understanding
- Streetview cars collecting locations of wireless networks for use as alternative geolocation service



# Google Wardriving Controversy

- Header information is unencrypted, sent to broadcast
- Everyone is an intended recipient (Broadcast)
- Combined with GPS coordinates, provides alternative geolocation mechanism
- Many others doing similar (Skyhook)
- Google accidentally collecting 'data' payloads, admitted error to relevant privacy authorities
- Encrypted data still encrypted, only risk comes from open networks

# Google Wardriving Controversy

- Google uses Kismet, open source wireless sniffer, with some additional custom software
- One change in config file to avoid recording data packets
- If your running an open network, you are part of the problem
- Amount of data is minimal and fragmented
- Everyone freaking out at Google for doing this, larger question is, “Who has been listening long before them”?

# Threat #3: Wireless Mitigation

- Force a VPN on any wireless network (encrypted or not)
- Ensure users are aware of dangers
- Prevent users from using Open Access Points
- Be aware that access points broadcast their presence 100 times/sec
- Data (even encrypted) can be captured for later analysis
- Wait till you can use a wire for sensitive stuff



# Threat #4: Hidden Data Storage

- 'Secure' deletion a common policy
- Do you know where all your data is to delete it?
- Photocopiers, cameras, PDA's, etc
- CBS news made a splash recently with Photocopiers
- Most modern copiers contain a hard drive for storage, buffering or other functions

# Threat #4: Hidden Data Storage

- A practical example:
- ENTS neighbor was a copier repair office
- Left after lease was up and left a large number of copiers
- ENTS was given them to strip for parts, incl. Hard drives
- Hard drives were handed to me for forensics practice
- Results were surprising and appropriate to this venue

# Threat #4: Hidden Data Storage

- 8 drives, various sizes
- Using open source tools, proceeded to image and extract any information left on the drive
- None of the drives were in full working order
- All contained some small amount of data, typically web admin pages, images
- 2 contained a wealth of information
- One elementary school, one consulting outfit
- Both were contacted, no word from either

# Drive #1

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- Confidential documents
- Lots of other docs I don't want to show publicly
- Nothing earth shattering, but still not happy



# Drive #2

- Elementary school in Red Deer
- Classroom lessons
- Administrative notes home
- Report cards with Student info
- Lots more I can't show

# Lessons

# Administrative Notes

# Report Cards

# Threat #4: Hidden Data Mitigation

- Be aware of what devices contain, ask questions
- Need to make sure everyone knows issues
- Big sticker on copiers, devices
- Make agreements on leased devices for assuring deletion of data
- As a rule, don't throw out any storage media, ensure it's secure destruction by any means necessary

# Don't Do This!



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## Lot 17 Asstd IDE Hard Drives up to 3.2 GB Internal USED

Item condition: **Used**

Time left: 4d 23h (Jun 13, 2010 17:11:10 EDT)

Bid history: **0 bids**

Starting bid: **US \$0.99**  
Approximately C \$1.05

Your max bid: **US \$**   
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Item number: 320544569593

Item location: Las Vegas, NV,  
United States

Ships to: **Worldwide**

Payments: **PayPal** [See details](#)

# Thoughts

- All these issues are old news in the Hacker community, we've moved on
- Some still seen as 'new' by the public, I could go on for hours
- Mistakes happen, but this is epidemic
- Educational uptake too slow
- There are people out there who can help, find them, use them!
- Never doubt that someone will try anything to get data....



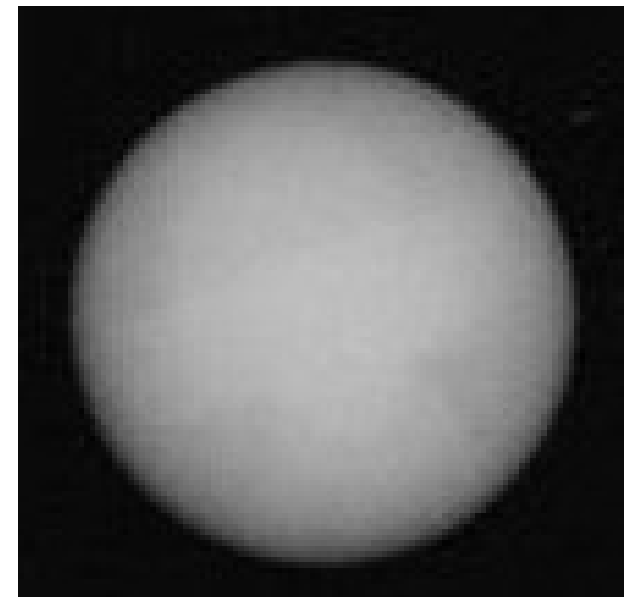
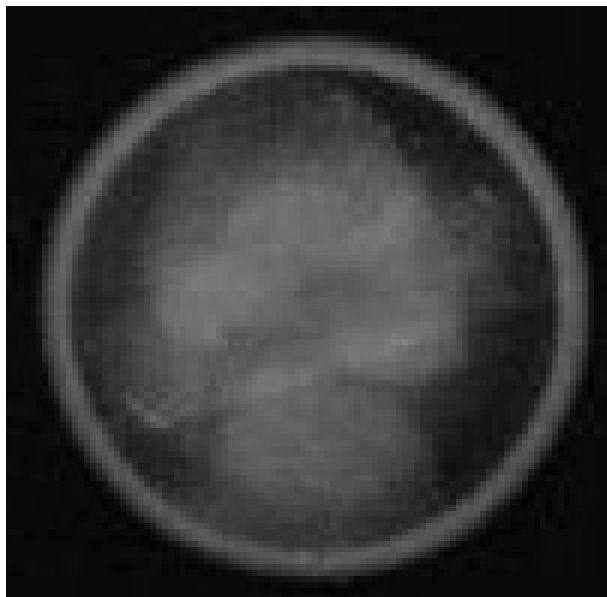


# Parliament Wireless Scan



# Final Thoughts

- Things are not always what they seem
- It takes a special eye to spot the non obvious threat even when it's right in front of you



# Questions?

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