

Privacy

Δευτέρα 27 Απριλίου.

18:00-21:00 στην Αίθουσα Συνεδρίων (Πορτοκαλί Αμφιθέατρο)
του Πανεπιστημίου Πειραιώς, Καραολή & Δημητρίου 80 στον Πειραιά.

*Innovating
for Privacy*



Prof. Christos Xenakis,

System Security Laboratory, Department of Digital Systems

School of Information Communication Technologies

University of Piraeus, Greece

Invited speaker



- **Arjen Kamphuis**

- **Co-founder & Chief Technology Officer of Gendo**

- management consultancy firm specializing in **technological innovation.**

- Holds a degree on **Science & Policy** from **Utrecht University**

- Worked on **IBM** as **computer engineer**

- He is **expert** in **Information Security**

- He is the **co-author** of the book **entitled:**

- “**Information Security for Journalists, Protecting your story, your source and yourself online**”

<http://www.tcij.org/resources/handbooks/infosec>



Arjen's presentation

1. **Privacy and control over information processing within Greece**
2. How **open source software** can help Greece
 - Promote **knowledge and innovation**
 - Develop **new market & business**
 - Create **jobs**
3. Tips on **cryptography and security**

What we are doing for **Innovation** on **Privacy** in **Greece** ???



Research & Development in the Field of Security and Privacy



A few words about us ...

- University of Piraeus, Greece
- School of Information and Communication Technologies
- [Department of Digital Systems](#)
- [System Security Laboratory](#) founded in 2008
- Research Development & Education
 - systems security, network security
 - computer security, forensics
 - risk analysis & management
- MSc course on [“Digital Systems Security”](#) since 2009



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Piraeus



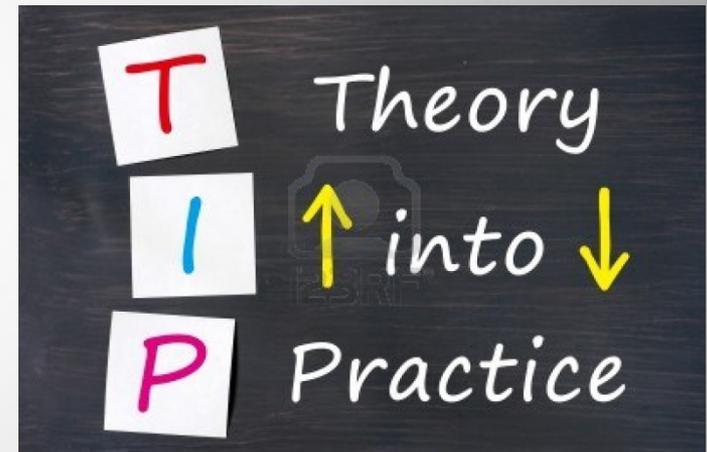
What we do for education

- Undergraduate studies
 - Security Policies and Security Management
 - Information Systems Security
 - Network Security
 - Cryptography
 - Mobile, wireless network security
 - Privacy enhancing technologies
 - Bachelor Thesis



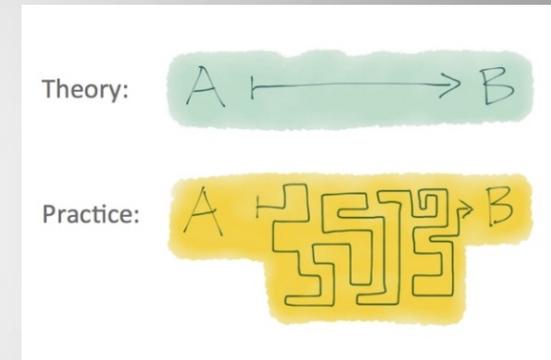
What we do for education

- Postgraduate studies in **Digital Systems Security**
- 1st semester
 - Security Management
 - Applied Cryptography
 - Information Systems Security
 - Network Security
 - Security Assessment and Vulnerability Exploitation



What we do for education

- Postgraduate studies in **Digital Systems Security**
- 2nd semester
 - Mobile Internet Security
 - Privacy Enhancing Technologies
 - Digital Forensics and Web Security
 - Advanced Security Technologies
 - Legal Aspects of Security



What we do for education

- Postgraduate studies in **Digital Systems Security**
- 3rd semester
 - Master Thesis
 - ISO 27001
 - Certified Information Security Manager (CISM)
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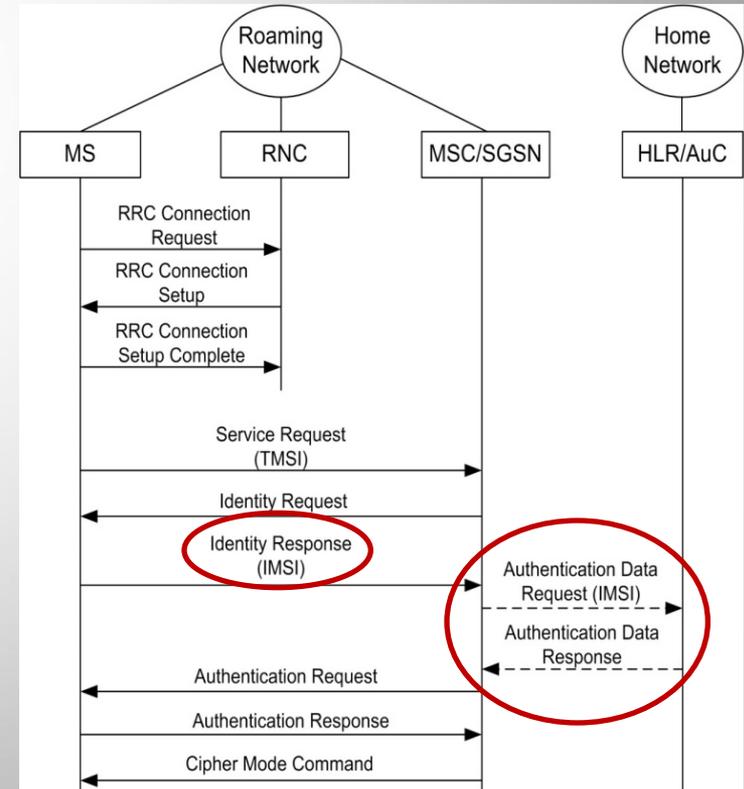
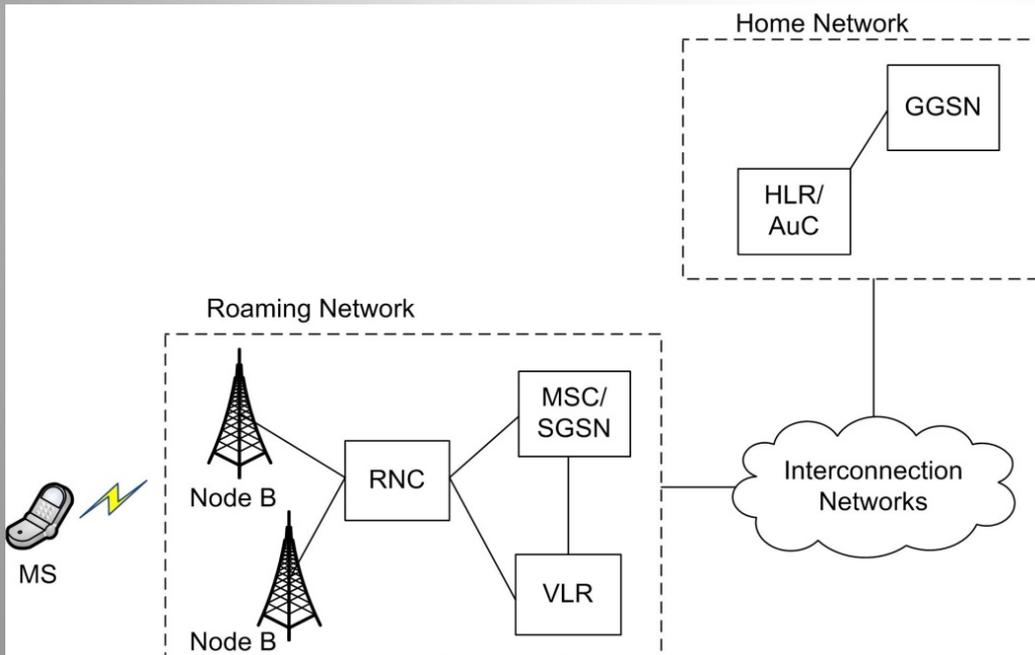


R&D Achievements

- Cellular technology, 2G, 3G, 4G
- Authentication & Biometrics
- Forensics investigations & data remnants
- Web security
- Current projects

An APT in 3G Networks

- We have **discovered** and **proved** the existence of a **0-day vulnerability** by carrying out **actual experiments** in 3G networks
- The **exploitation** may lead to a **DDoS** attack to an **HLR/AuC**

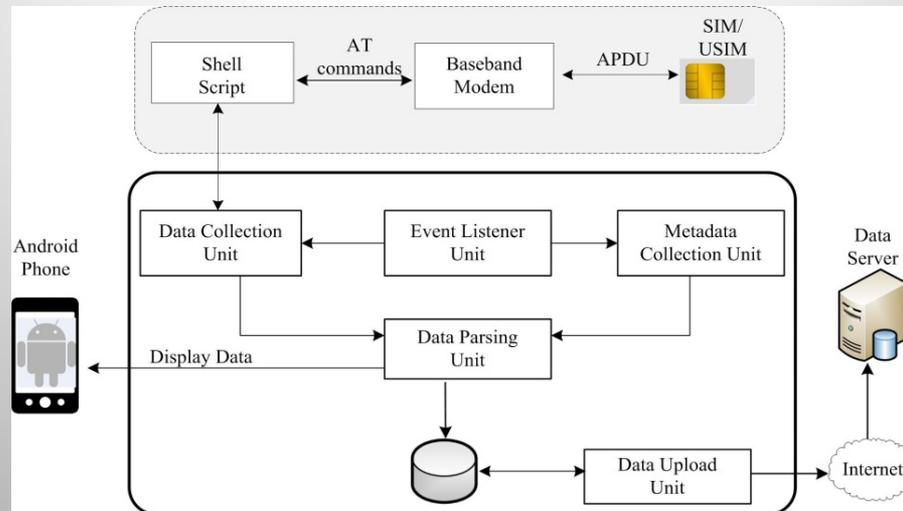


Publication – Press

- Christos Xenakis, Christoforos Ntantogian, **“An advanced persistent threat in 3G networks: Attacking the home network from roaming networks,”** *Computers & Security, Elsevier Science, Vol. 40, Issue 1, pp:84-94, February 2014*
- Jesse Emspak, **How Hackers Could Crash a Cellular Network,** *Tom's Guide, February 18, 2014*
 - <http://news.yahoo.com/hackers-could-crash-cellular-network-183120897.html>
 - <http://www.secnews.gr/archives/75518>
 -
- Bruce Schneier, **DDoSing a Cell Phone Network,** *Schneier on Security, February 26, 2014*
- **New Findings from University of Piraeus in the Area of Security Research,** *www.4-traders.com, March 19, 2014.*

(U)SimMonitor

- We have invented a new type of **mobile malware** for both **Android** and **iPhone** devices, which **attacks** the **baseband modems**.
- It is capable of stealing **security credentials** and **sensitive information** of the **cellular technology** (i.e., permanent and temporary identities, encryption keys, location of users, etc.).



Security evaluation of cellular networks

- Processing the **data acquired** by **(U)SimMonitor** is able to answer to the **following questions**:
 - **What** is the **network technology** that serves **MS**?
 - **How frequently** or under **what usage** and **behavior** conditions the user is **authenticated/re-authenticated**?
 - **How frequently** the employed **encryption keys** change or **what** is the **maximum time of a key usage**?
 - **How frequently** the assigned **temporary identities** change or **what** is the **maximum time** that a **temporary identity is used**?
 - **How frequently** or under **what conditions** the serving network **asks** from **MS** the subscriber's **permanent identity**?

Security evaluation of cellular networks

- We have **evaluated** the **security policy** and **configurations** of the three **major mobile operators** in Greece

Operator	GSM/GPRS	GSM/EDGE	UMTS	HSDPA	UNKNOWN
Vodafone	8.38%	1.35%	78.75%	11.5%	0.02%
Wind	0.17%	27.35%	14.13%	53.72%	4.62%
Cosmote	3.43%	2.49%	86.06%	8.02%	0%

CS domain				
Operator	Static users	Mobile users	Power-off/on	Typical users
Vodafone	0%	4%	4% in 2G 41% in 3G	1 in a day
Wind	0%	41% SIM 55% USIM	55% SIM 0.6% USIM	13 in a day
Cosmote	0%	0.6%	0%	4 in 30 days

PS domain				
Operator	Static users	Mobile users	Power-off/on	Typical users
Vodafone	0%	0%	0% in 2G 10% in 3G	3 in 30 days
Wind	0%	0%	0% in 2G 5% in 3G	2 in 30 days
Cosmote	0%	0%	0% in 2G 10% in 3G	3 in 30 days

CS domain				
Operator	Static users (consecutive requests for AKA)	Mobile users	Power-off/on	Typical users (max-average use time)
Vodafone	16	6.5%	6.5% in 2G 55% in 3G	1798 - 145 (minutes)
Wind	6 SIM 1 USIM	55% SIM 100% USIM	100% SIM 57% USIM	1380 - 77 (minutes)
Cosmote	10 (average)	57%	100%	1680 - 128 (minutes)

PS domain				
Operator	Static users (consecutive requests for AKA)	Mobile users	Power-off/on	Typical users (max-average use time)
Vodafone	1 in 2G 11 in 3G	91%	100% in 2G 16% in 3G	829 - 37 (minutes)
Wind	1 in 2G 11 in 3G	83% in 2G 23% in 3G	100% in 2G 18% in 3G	1238 - 90 (minutes)
Cosmote	1	43% in 2G 92% in 3G	100%	940 - 47 (minutes)

CS domain				
Operator	Static users	Mobile user	Power-off/on	Typical user (max-average use time)
Vodafone	No	100%	100% in 2G 41% in 3G	1513 - 66 (minutes)
Wind	No	41% SIM 55% USIM	55% in SIM 100% in USIM	1780 - 89 (minutes)
Cosmote	240 (minutes)	100%	100%	240 - 39 (minutes)

PS domain				
Operator	Static user	Mobile user	Power-off/on	Typical user (max-average use time)
Vodafone	No	100%	100%	1513 - 66 (minutes)
Wind	No	100%	100%	1610 - 77 (minutes)
Cosmote	240 (minutes)	100%	100%	240 - 34 (minutes)

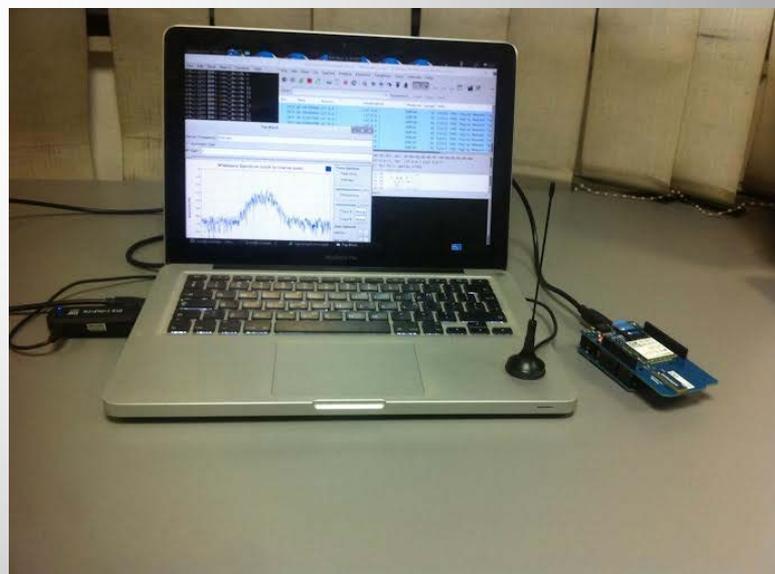


(U)SimMonitor & Security Evaluation

- Christos Xenakis, Christoforos Ntantogian, [“Attacking the Baseband Modem of Mobile Phones to Breach the Users’ Privacy and Network Security,”](#) *In Proc. 7th International Conference on Cyber Conflict (CyCon 2015), 27-29 May 2015 in Tallinn, Estonia.*
- Christos Xenakis, Christoforos Ntantogian, Orestis Panos, [“\(U\)SimMonitor: A Mobile Application for Security Evaluation of Cellular”](#) *Computers & Security, Elsevier Science, March 2015, [submitted]*

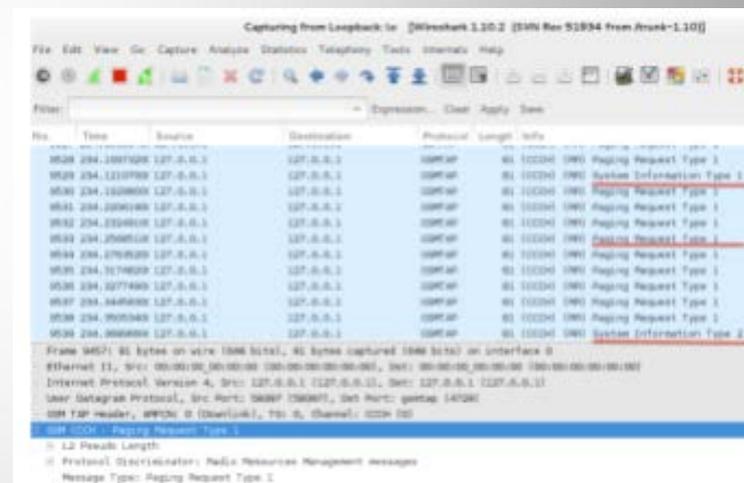
Attacking GSM using commodity Hardware

- We have performed **attacks in GSM** using commodity and **off-the-shelf hardware** as well as **open source software**.
- Testbed (~ \$150)
 - Arduino + GSM shield
 - RTL TV tuner
 - Software Defined Radio/Linux
 - Wireshark



Attacking GSM using commodity Hardware

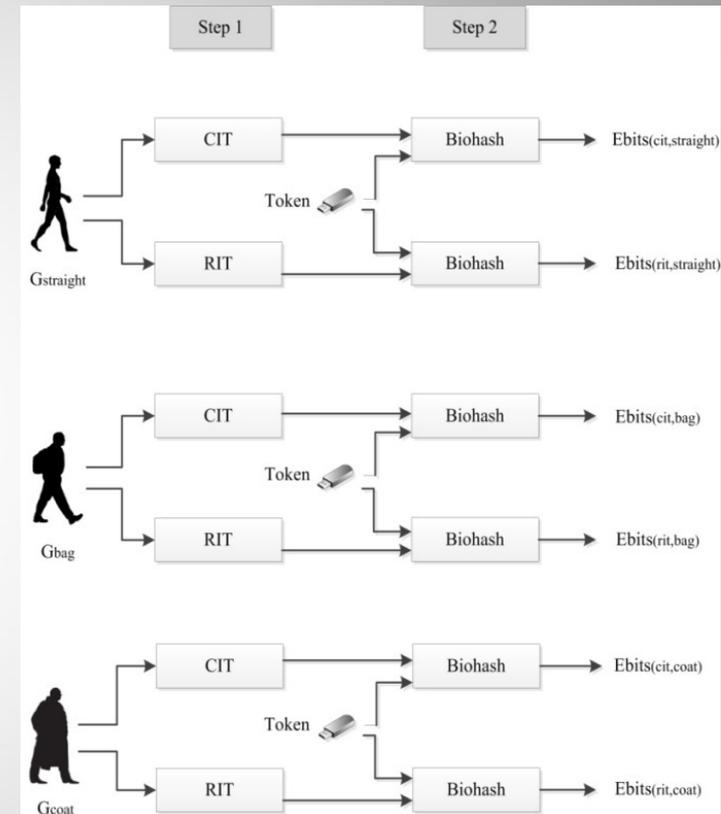
1. We can perform a **stealthy denial of service attack** to any mobile phone.
2. We can **track mobile users** with **granularity** of a **Base Station (BS) coverage area**.
3. We can **sniff the downlink** of the **GSM radio** and **read sensitive data** (e.g., **IMSI identities**)



Christoforos Ntantogian, Grigoris Valtas, Nikos Kapetanakis, Faidon Lalagiannis, Christos Xenakis, [“Attacking GSM Networks as a Script Kiddie Using Commodity Hardware and Software”](#) [submitted for publication], March 2015

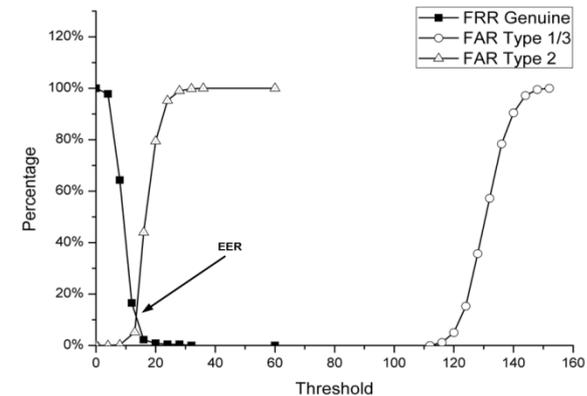
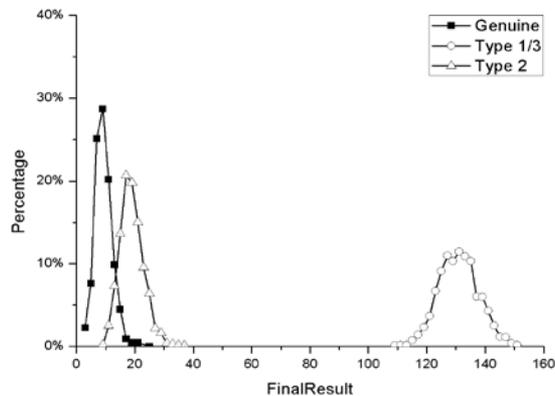
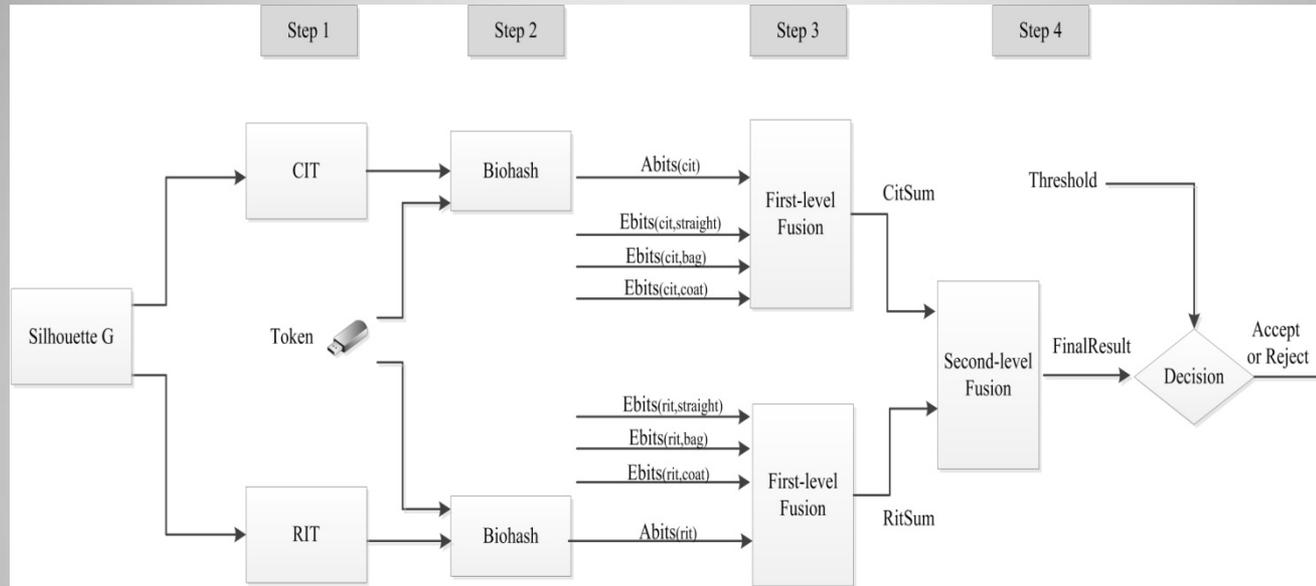
Gaithashing: a two-factor authentication scheme based on gait features

- Interpolates the security features of **Biohash**
- With the **recognition** capabilities of **Gait features**
- It is a **high accuracy** and **secure authentication system**
- It enrolls **three different human silhouettes** types
- it employs **fusion** using **weighted sums**



Christoforos Ntantogian, Stefanos Malliaros, Christos Xenakis, [“Gaithashing: a two-factor authentication scheme based on gait features,”](#) *Computers & Security, Elsevier Science, Vol. 52, Issue 1, pp:17-32, July 2015.*

Gaithashing: a two-factor authentication scheme based on gait features – under revision



Live Android RAM Mobile Forensics

- We have **investigated** whether we can **discover authentication credentials** of mobile applications in the **volatile memory** of mobile devices
 - **13** security critical applications
 - **30** different scenarios
 - **2** sets of experiments → In total, **403 experiments !**
- We have used **open-source, free** forensic tools
 - **LiME** and **Autopsy**



Live Android RAM Mobile Forensics

- The **examined applications** belong to **four (4) categories** which elaborate **sensitive users' data**:
 - i. **mobile banking,**
 - ii. **e-shopping/financial applications,**
 - iii. **password managers,**
 - iv. **encryption/data hiding applications.**

Live RAM Android Mobile Forensics

Dimitris Apostolopoulos, Giannis Marinakis, Christoforos Ntantogian, Christos Xenakis, "[Discovering authentication credentials in volatile memory of Android mobile devices](#)", In *Proc. 12th IFIP Conference on e-Business, e-Services, e-Society (I3E 2013), Athens, Greece, April 2013.*

Christoforos Ntantogian, Dimitris Apostolopoulos, Giannis Marinakis, Christos Xenakis, "[Evaluating the privacy of Android mobile applications under forensic analysis](#)," *Computers & Security, Elsevier Science, Vol. 42, pp:66-76, May 2014*



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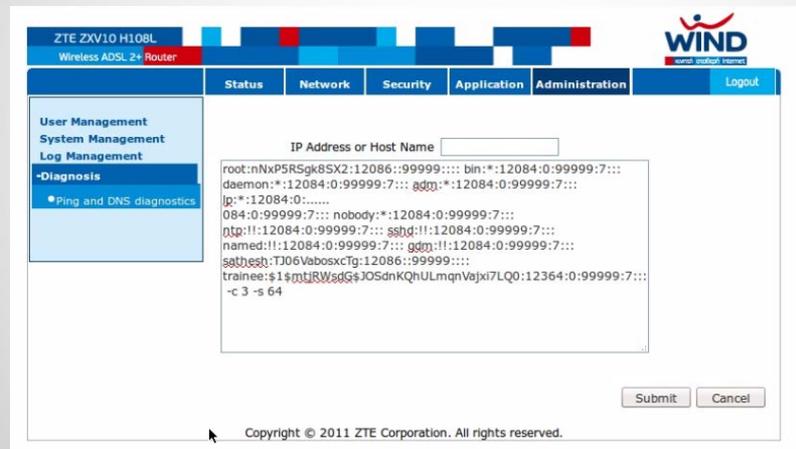
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Scenario	App	Applications												Total	Total per scenario												
		m banking						financial/e-shopping			password managers		encryption/hiding														
		bank1	bank2	bank3	bank4	bank5	bank6	franca1	franca2	franca3	password1	password2	encrypton1			encrypton2											
Scenario 1	s1a	U	P	U	P	U	P	U	P	X	X	U	P	U	P	U	X	-	-	P	-	P	20/22				
	s1b	U	P	U	P	U	P	U	P	X	X	U	P	U	P	U	X	-	-	P	-	P	19/22				
	s1c	U	P	U	P	U	P	U	P	X	X	U	P	U	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18/22				
Scenario 2	s2a	U	P	U	P	U	P	U	P	X	X	U	P	U	P	U	X	-	-	P	-	P	19/22				
	s2b	U	P	U	P	U	P	U	P	X	X	U	P	U	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18/22				
	s2c	U	P	U	P	U	P	U	P	X	X	U	P	U	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14/22				
Scenario 3	s3a	X	X	U	P	U	P	U	P	X	X	U	P	U	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	13/22				
	s3b	X	X	U	P	U	P	U	P	X	X	U	P	U	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	12/22				
	s3c	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	U	P	U	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	7/22				
Scenario 4	s4a	U	P	U	P	U	P	U	P	X	X	U	P	U	P	U	X	-	-	P	-	P	22/22				
	s4b	U	P	U	P	U	P	U	P	X	X	U	P	U	P	U	X	-	-	X	-	-	19/22				
	s4c	U	P	U	P	U	P	U	P	X	X	U	P	U	P	U	X	-	-	X	-	-	19/22				
Scenario 5	s5a	U	P	U	P	U	P	U	P	X	X	U	P	U	P	U	X	-	-	P	-	-	19/22				
	s5b	U	P	U	P	U	P	U	P	X	X	U	P	U	P	U	X	-	-	X	-	-	19/22				
	s5c	U	P	U	P	U	P	U	P	X	X	U	P	U	X	X	X	-	-	X	-	-	11/22				
Scenario 6	s6a	U	P	U	P	U	P	U	P	X	X	U	P	U	P	U	X	-	-	X	-	-	19/22				
	s6b	U	P	U	P	U	P	U	P	X	X	U	P	U	P	U	X	-	-	X	-	-	19/22				
	s6c	U	P	U	P	U	P	U	P	X	X	U	P	U	X	X	X	-	-	X	-	-	10/22				
Scenario 7	s7	U	P	U	P	U	P	U	P	X	X	U	P	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16/22				
	s8a	U	P	U	P	U	P	U	P	X	X	U	P	X	X	U	X	-	-	X	-	-	14/22				
	s8b	U	P	U	P	U	P	U	P	X	X	U	P	X	X	U	X	-	-	X	-	-	13/22				
Scenario 8	s8c	U	P	U	P	U	P	U	P	X	X	U	P	X	X	U	X	-	-	X	-	-	13/22				
	s8d	U	P	U	P	U	P	U	P	X	X	U	P	X	X	X	X	-	-	X	-	-	11/22				
	s9a	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	U	P	X	X	U	X	X	X	X	-	-	X	-	-	5/22				
Scenario 9	s9b	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	U	P	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	X	-	-	3/22				
	s9c	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	U	P	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	X	-	-	3/22				
Scenario 10	s10	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	X	-	-	0/22				
	s11	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	X	-	-	0/22				
Total		22/30	22/30	24/30	24/30	25/30	20/30	21/30	21/30	28/30	28/30	1/30	1/30	24/30	11/30	16/30	13/30	19/30	8/30	-	18/30	-	9/30	-	15/30	-	28/30
Total per category		237/360 - 65%										93/180 - 51%			27/60 - 45%		43/60 - 71%										

Security Evaluation

- We have evaluated the **security of ADSL routers** and identify the **potential of attacks**
- We discovered two **0-day vulnerabilities** in the web management interface of a popular ADSL router



- Anastasios Stasinopoulos, Christoforos Ntantogian, Christos Xenakis, "[The weakest link on the network: exploiting ADSL routers to perform cyber-attacks](#)," In Proc. 13th IEEE International Symposium on Signal Processing and Information Technology (ISSPIT 2013), Athens, Greece, December 2013.

Bypassing XSS Auditor

- We have presented **two identified attacks**, that take advantage of **poorly written PHP code** to **bypass the XSS filter** of WebKit engine named **XSS Auditor** and **perform XSS attacks**.
 1. The **first attack** is called **PHP Array Injection**,
 2. The **second attack** (*a variant of the first one*) is named as **PHP Array-like Injection**.
- We have committed the patches to the **official repository of WebKit** on GitHub.

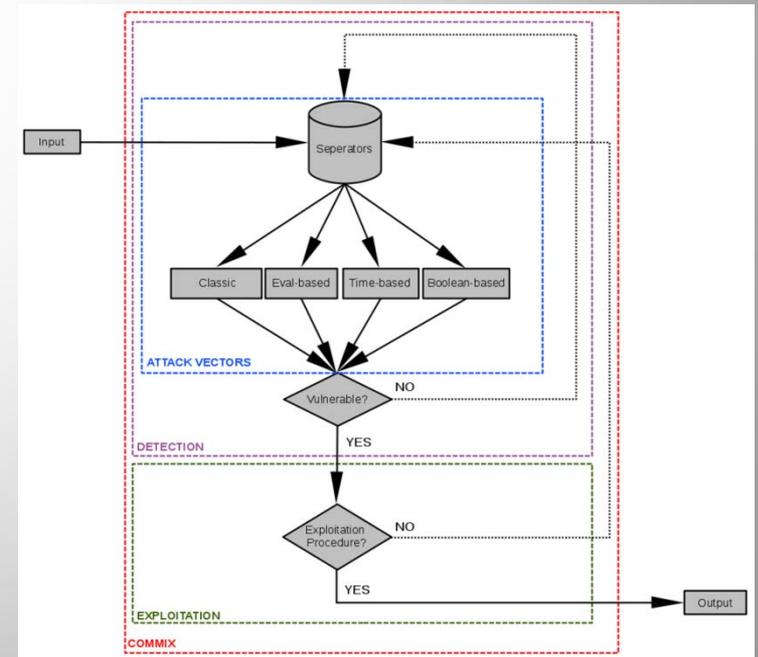


<https://github.com/stasinopoulos/webkit/commit/557d41ba23781cd53dedc4d2e40c5af220e8b966>

Anastasios Stasinopoulos, Christoforos Ntantogian, Christos Xenakis, "[Bypassing XSS Auditor: Taking Advantage of Badly Written PHP Code](#)," In Proc. 14th IEEE International Symposium on Signal Processing and Information Technology (ISSPIT 2014), Noida, India, Dec 2014.

Commix : Detecting and exploiting command injection flaws

- We designed and implemented a **pentesting tool** named **commix** that **detects** whether a **web application** is vulnerable to **command injection attacks**.
 - Developed in Python
 - Released as open source
 - Modular architecture
 - Extensible
 - Automatic exploitation



Commix : Detecting and exploiting command injection flaws

- We have also identified a **new command injection attack** named as **Blind Command Injection (BCI)**
- **Key characteristic of Commix: High detection rate with very low false alarms**
- Using commix we have **evaluated** a set of **open source web applications**
- We have discovered several **0-day** command injection vulnerabilities (blind and classic).

A ROP-based polymorphic engine to bypass AVs

- Return Oriented Programming (ROP) is used to **bypass software security protections** (i.e., DEP security policy)
- We **have identified** that **ROP** can be used for other **(malicious) purposes**
- Specifically, we have identified that ROP can be used also to **generate undetectable executables** that **include a backdoor**



A ROP-based polymorphic engine to bypass AVs

- We have **designed** and **implemented** in **C** programming language a **ROP-based backdoor binder**
- Results: **0/57** AV detection in **Virustotal** using shellcodes of **Metasploit!!**
- **AV** should focus on **behavioral (dynamic) analysis** and **not on signatures!**

Giorgos Poullos, Christoforos Ntantogian, Christos Xenakis, ["ROPInjector: Using Return Oriented Programming for Polymorphism and Antivirus Evasion,"](#) [submitted] Backhat 2015



Current projects

- **Security and Privacy in E-Government Services**, ([SPAGOS](#)), GSRT, National, (2013 – 2015).
- We are involved in
 - Design and development of a **Public key infrastructure** for eGovernment services (EBJCA)
 - Design and development of a **Single Sign On** solution for eGovernment services

<http://research.icbnet.ntua.gr/spagos/home/>



Current projects

- Engaging Users in Preventing and Fighting Cyber Crime, ([UINFC2](http://www.uinfc2.eu)), EU-DGHOME, (2014 – 2016).
- We are involved in
 - **Data analytics** for **child exploitation** material processing
 - **Machine learning algorithms** to facilitate **decisions**

<http://www.uinfc2.eu/wp/en/>



Current projects

- **From Real-world Identities to Privacy-preserving and Attribute-based CREDentials for Device-centric Access Control, ([ReCRED](#)) EU HORIZON 2020, (2015 – 2018)**
 - ReCRED's ultimate goal is to promote the **user's personal mobile device** to the role of a **unified authentication and authorization proxy** towards the **digital world**
 - **Biometric Authentication**
 - **Attribute-based access control**
 - **Trust platform module for secure computation**

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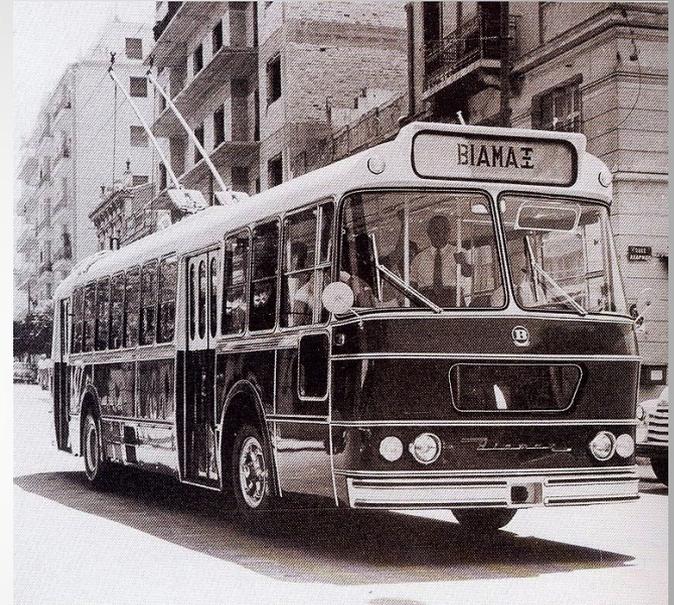
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2	TELEFONICA INVESTIGACION Y DESARROLLO SA	TID	SPAIN
3	VERIZON NEDERLAND B.V.	VERIZON	NETHERLANDS
4	CERTSIGN SRL	CSGN	ROMANIA
5	WEDIA LIMITED (SME)	WEDIA	GREECE
6	EXUS SOFTWARE LTD (SME)	EXUS	UK
7	UPCOM BVBA (SME)	UPCOM	BELGIUM
8	DE PRODUCTIZERS B.V. (SME)	PROD	NETHERLANDS
9	CYPRUS UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY	CUT	CYPRUS
10	UNIVERSIDAD CARLOS III DE MADRID	UC3M	SPAIN
11	CONSORZIO NAZIONALE INTERUNIVERSITARIO PER LE TELECOMUNICAZIONI	CNIT	ITALY
12	STUDIO PROFESSIONALE ASSOCIATO A BAKER & McKENZIE	BAK	ITALY

Greece exports tourism and various agricultural products



Are they enough ??

Cars made in Greece look like these !!



Technology could be exported !



Thank you

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