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Threat models and the tools of the industry → From an attacker's point of view

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Is our threat model up to date?

... actually it's the wrong threat model

- People outside of the cyber realm have traditionally considered the threat to be a dishonest candidate cheating to win
 - Nation-state attacker motivations are harder to predict than that
 - If the motivation is just to cause distrust and chaos, it opens new attack vectors
- Thinking that hackers cannot do wholesale attacks without the Internet is wrong
 - There are many ways to attack the system on a wholesale basis from the Internet *without* real-time Internet connectivity
 - Even computer viruses infecting consumer computers outdate availability of Internet to the consumers
- The tools are cheap and available to all

Some attack surfaces

... and sample tools

- USB
 - Central tabulator computers, voting machines and ePollbooks all have these
 - Also many voting vendors rely on USB devices in their designs
- WiFi
 - Attacker may be able to leverage personal devices present in sensitive locations as the point to leverage access
- Barcodes
 - Barcodes are used in ballots, and ePollbooks can read driving licenses etc



USB is everywhere



USB is everywhere

... and sometimes hiding in a plain sight

- USB is basically integrated into every device you use
 - Computers
 - USB memory sticks
 - Printers
 - (Video)cameras
 - Mobile phones
- In voting technology they're used to :
 - ➤ Store encryption keys
 - Transfer election results from the central tabulator to the reporting system
 - Read and program election information cartridges etc

USB is everywhere

... and it is never 'just a cable or disk'

- USB device are always controlled by a miniature computer
 - A USB memory stick is an active computer, which responds to the computer's requests to read / write data
 - Even your USB charger is an 'intelligent' device which talks with the device to be charged
 - If the programming of the USB device cannot be trusted, nothing the device communicates can be trusted
 - ... but about half of the devices are reprogrammable
 - ... and the computers like to trust them
 - ... and the standard has serious flaws, the issues are not bugs
 - ... and the devices are unidentifiable from each other
- ➤ the serial number is optional and usually non-existent on many of the devices

USB is everywhere

... and it can bring many things to the table

- USB device can be from many classes
 - Storage
 - Printer
 - Display
 - Camera
 - Keyboard
 - Mouse
 - Network adaptor (wireless, Ethernet, Bluetooth, whatever)
- ➤ TV/Radio
- Etc etc etc

USB is everywhere

... and it is flexible

- It can have many identities and described functionalities
 - I am your Disk and Keyboard with Mouse
- It can change its mind any time
 - USB device can register and de-register itself and the services it provides
 - Become a keyboard only 12 hours after been plugged in, and only for 20 seconds
- USB can register to be a display
 - ... and ask to be a mirror display of the primary screen
 - Now it can see everything you see, and either use it for autonomous attacks or send it to the Master
- ... and it has enough horsepower to OCR the content for attack directing

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 - malicious features only after trigger activity observed
- USB device can announce itself to be a network device
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 - ... and then some good old Ethernet spoofing and other fun stuff
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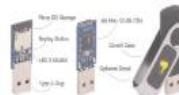
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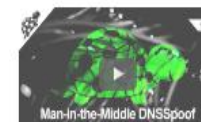
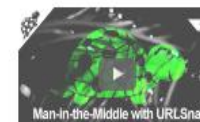
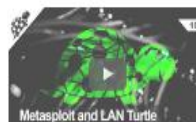
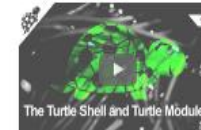
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Bash Bunny



Bash Bunny

About barcodes

... can barcodes assist in a jailbreak?



About barcodes

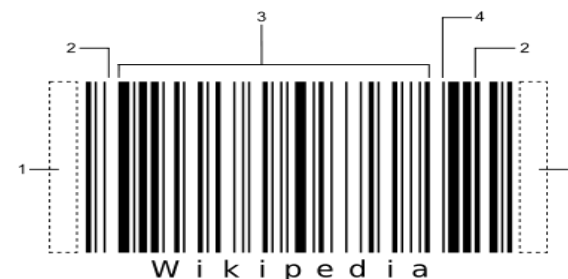
... What is a barcode?

- A barcode is an optical machine-readable representation of data relating to the object to which it is attached;
- Originally barcodes (1D) systematically represented data by varying the widths and spacings of parallel
 - Common misconception : 1D barcodes are safe and limited compared to 2D barcodes



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 - Many barcode scanners are keyboard emulation device
 - Some barcode protocols, like Code 128, supports ASCII control characters
 - Almost every barcode scanner supports Code 128 by default
 - Almost every barcode scanner has its own additional keyboard emulation features
 - Common Hotkeys registered by many programs, like: CTRL+O, CTRL+P can be sent directly
 - ADF (Advanced Data Formatting) makes it possible to also send GUI+ keys and for example “right shift”
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- Very often reading a barcode is the equivalent of letting something unknown be typed with the keyboard!

Crash into the WiFi world

WiFi is everywhere

- WiFi is extremely convenient
- One can set their devices to automatically pair with the office network and other networks frequently visited
 - The devices automatically connect into paired networks
- WiFi is an attack surface almost always
 - If the target system does not have WiFi, the people around the system do have wireless devices which
 - may be useful for the attacker to gain intelligence and/or a beachhead to carry out an attack



Crash into the WiFi world

WiFi management is not secure

- Management frames :
 - Define network SSID, crypto (beacons)
 - Control client access (probe request, response)
- *Not authenticated*
- *Not encrypted*
- New standards seek to address this in the future



Crash into the WiFi world

How does it connect?

- Finding a WiFi network is really easy
- Networks are really noisy (radios are noisy by design)
 - Access point beacon talks all the time, up to 10x a second
 - Even 'hidden' networks make noise when someone talks to it
- No way to really hide



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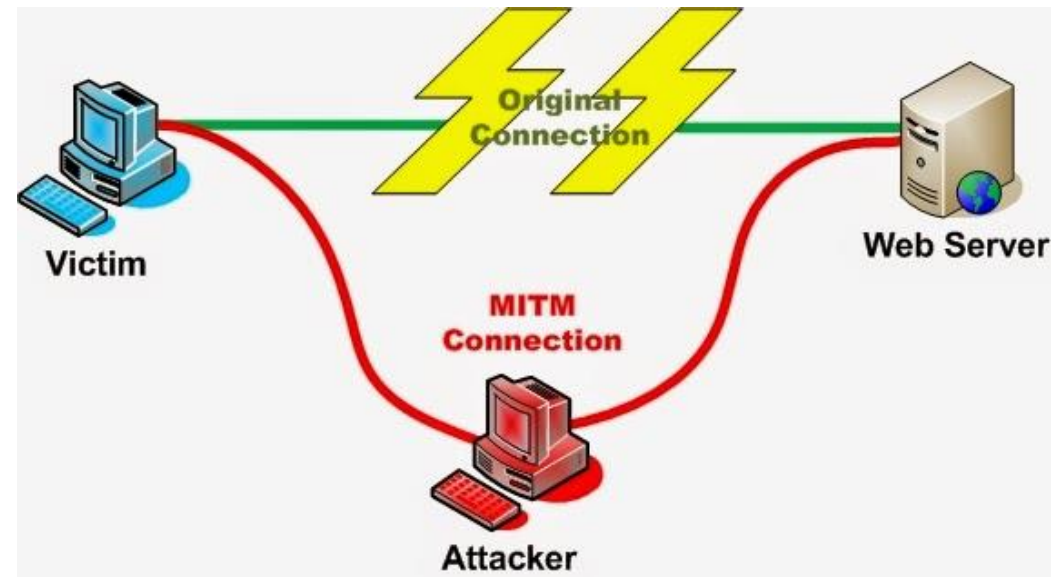
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- Clients constantly look for networks to join
- And often tell us every network they'd like to see (every network they are paired with)
 - Just as easy to find as networks
 - ... and they get very noisy when they cannot find a network to join
- Also they are very trusting, way too trusting
 - If network answers 'I am foo', it must be foo. Right?
 - So if an attacker has a stronger radio than your real Access Point
 - You may not be talking to who you think you're talking to
- EvilAP also called as Evil Twin or Bad Karma
 - Answer ALL probe requests as the ultimate Yes Man
 - Are you "Free Public Wifi"? Sure am.
 - Are you "My Secure Corporate Network"? Yup!

Crash into WiFi world

Disruption can a step on the way

- If one first sets up Evil AP
 - ... and then spoofs real AP asking clients to disconnect
 - ... and then the clients automatically reconnect





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