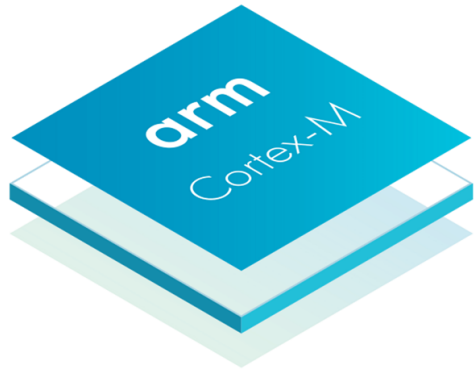


# Secure Internet of Things Project Overview

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# Four Years Ago

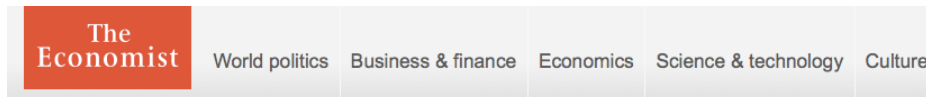


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# Security Disaster



Cyber-security

## The internet of things (to be hacked)

Hooking up gadgets to the web promises huge benefits. But security must not be an afterthought

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## How the Internet of Things Could Kill You

By Fahmida Y. Rashid JULY 18, 2014 7:30 AM - Source: Tom's Guide US | 5 COMMENTS

## Hacking the Fridge: Internet of Things Has Security Vulnerabilities

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## Philips Hue LED smart lights hacked, home blacked out by security researcher

By Sal Cangeloso on August 15, 2013 at 11:45 am | 7 Comments

HP conducted a security analysis of IoT devices<sup>1</sup>  
80% had privacy concerns  
80% had poor passwords  
70% lacked encryption  
60% had vulnerabilities in UI  
60% had insecure updates

<sup>1</sup>[http://fortifyprotect.com/HP\\_IoT\\_Research\\_Study.pdf](http://fortifyprotect.com/HP_IoT_Research_Study.pdf)

# IoT: MGC Architecture



eMbedded  
devices



6lowpan,  
ZigBee,  
ZWave,  
Bluetooth,  
WiFi,  
WirelessHART



Gateways



Cloud

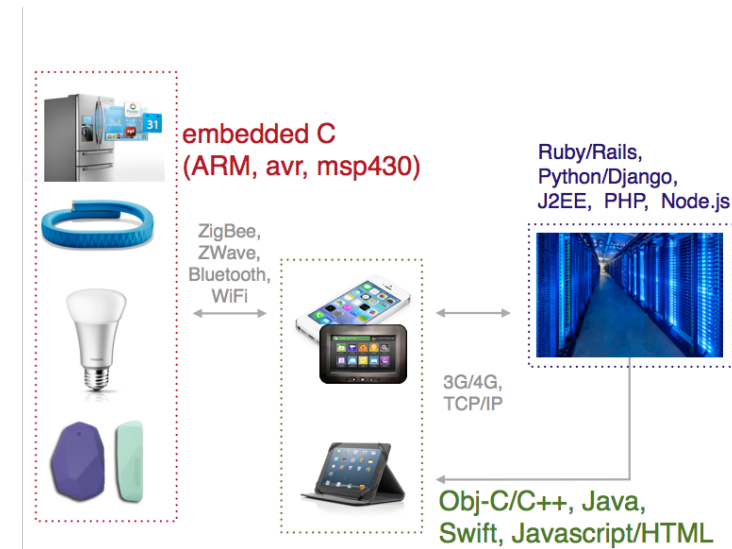


3G/4G,  
TCP/IP

End application

# IoT Security is Hard

- Complex, distributed systems
  - $10^3$ - $10^6$  differences in resources across tiers
  - Many languages, OSes, and networks
  - Specialized hardware
- Just developing applications is hard
- Securing them is even harder
  - Enormous attack surface
  - Reasoning across hardware, software, languages, devices, etc.
  - What are the threats and attack models?
- Valuable data: personal, location, presence
- Rush to development + hard → *avoid, deal later*



**Where Are We Today?**

# Compromises Are Real

NEWS ANALYSIS

## Researchers hack Philips Hue lights via a drone; IoT worm could cause city blackout

Researchers hijack Philips Hue lights with a drone to show how IoT worm could take over smart lights in a city.

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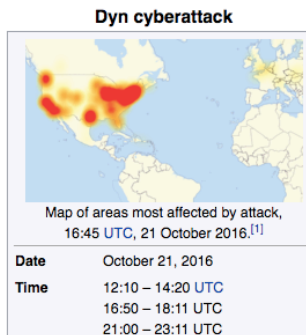
## HACKERS REMOTELY KILL A JEEP ON THE HIGHWAY —WITH ME IN IT

### 2016 Dyn cyberattack

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The **2016 Dyn cyberattack** took place on October 21, 2016, and involved multiple **distributed denial-of-service attacks** (DDoS attacks) targeting systems operated by **Domain Name System** (DNS) provider **Dyn**, which caused major Internet platforms and services to be unavailable to large swathes of users in Europe and North America.<sup>[2][3]</sup> The groups **Anonymous** and **New World Hackers** claimed responsibility for the attack, but scant evidence was provided.<sup>[4]</sup>

As a DNS provider, Dyn provides to end-users the service of mapping an Internet domain name—when, for instance, entered into a **web browser**—to its corresponding **IP address**. The **distributed denial-of-service** (DDoS) attack was accomplished through a large number of DNS lookup requests from tens of millions of IP addresses.<sup>[5]</sup> The activities are believed to have been executed through a **botnet** consisting of a large number of **Internet-connected devices**—such as **printers**, **IP cameras**, **residential gateways** and **baby monitors**—that had been infected with the **Mirai** malware.



### IoT Goes Nuclear: Creating a ZigBee Chain Reaction

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### Remote Exploitation of an Unaltered Passenger Vehicle

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### Understanding the Mirai Botnet

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# At the Edge

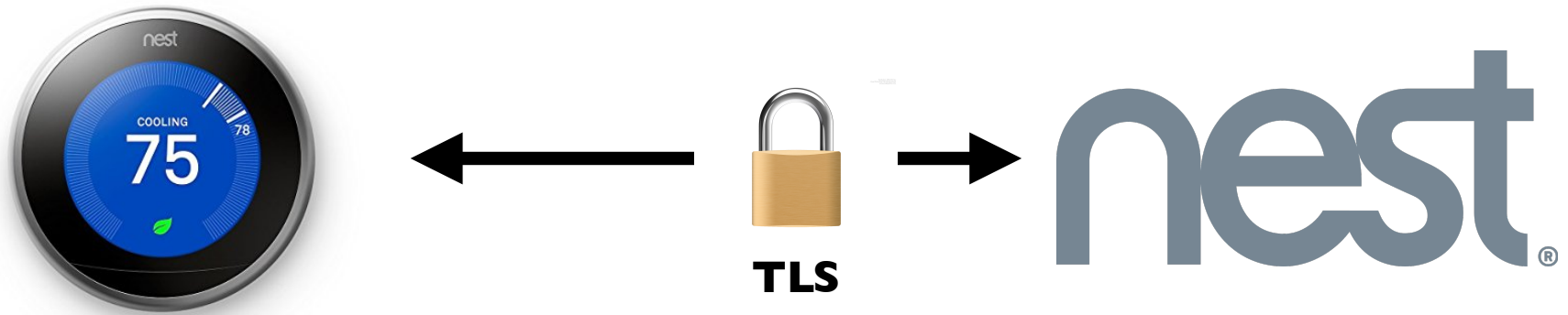
- Embedded devices are the weak link
- Project began with focus on protecting applications and users, but we also need to protect the Internet itself



**Tock Operating System**



# Security Versus Privacy



- Securing IoT devices can raise privacy concerns
- E.g., securing Nest devices makes it difficult for us to monitor and audit them
  - We can't tell what our devices are saying about us

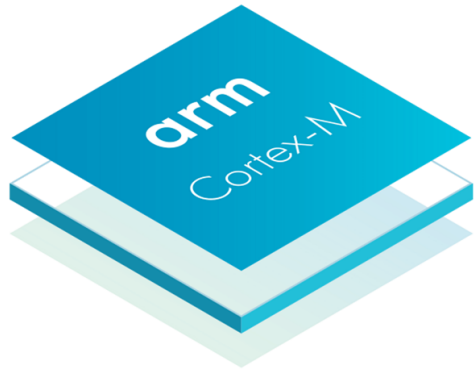
**TLS Rotate-and-Release**

# Security Landscape

- Several breakthroughs transitioned quantum computing from academic question to not impossible
  - 2-qubit silicon gates
  - Google/Martinis simulate hydrogen with 9 bits
  - Intel develops 17-qubit chip
- IoT devices may be deployed for 20 years: need to consider potential reality of quantum attackers

**Post-Quantum Cryptography,  
CESEL accelerator**

# Four Years Ago

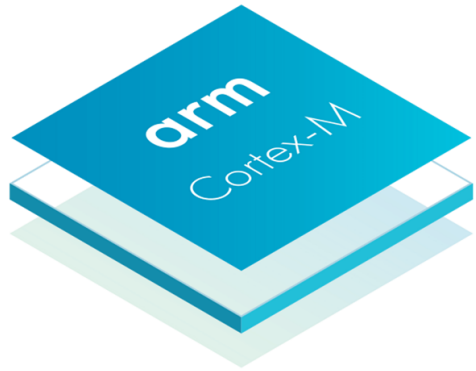


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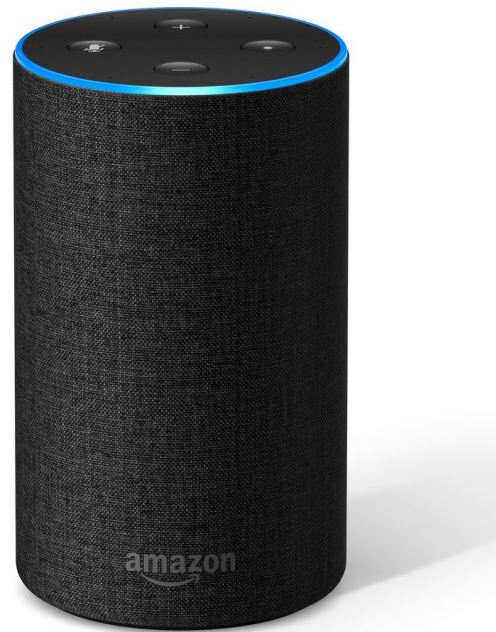


# RISC-V



- Completely open-source architecture, instruction set
- Impressive industrial adoption (modern tools, etc.)
- Opens possibility of entirely new architectural designs for IoT security
  - Memory isolation/protection
  - Tagged memory: enforce software protection in hardware
  - Hardware IFC support?

# Voice-Controlled IoT



# Deep Learning

The Switch

## Can Amazon Echo help solve a murder? Police will soon find out.

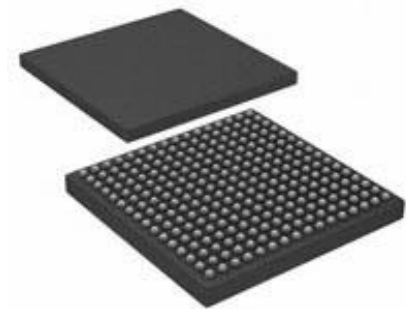
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- Size of learned models requires sending data to cloud for inference, where it is no longer under 5th Amendment protections
- But pushing models to the edge requires orders of magnitude reduction in model size

**NLP model reduction**

# Distributed and Embedded

- Securing embedded devices is made harder by the fact that they are increasingly distributed systems
  - Multiple SoCs on a board (e.g., imix, Signpost)
  - Multiple cores in an SoC (e.g., NXP LPC4367JET256)





# IoT Video

- IoT cameras are an increasingly important device class
  - Mirai botnet
- Video quality remains poor
  - Today, only large corporations can see the Internet
  - Protocol/encoder design



Nest Cam | Break-in culprits caught in act.

152,674 views

571 26 SHARE ...

Large-scale measurement,  
video system design

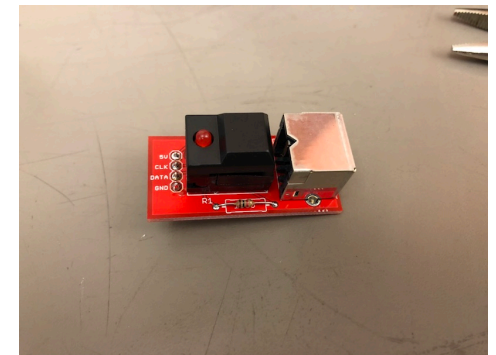
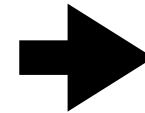
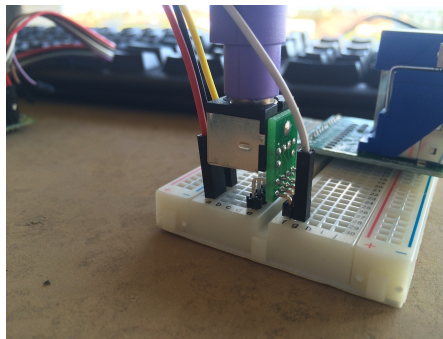
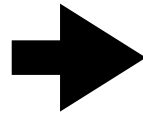
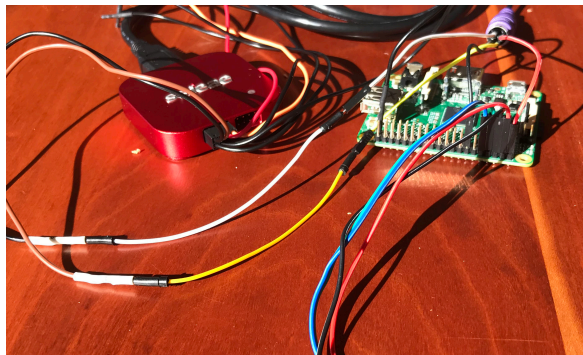
# Secure Data Processing

- Secure data analysis: centralized computations (e.g., cloud) on encrypted data
  - Allows interesting applications
  - Does not leak private information
  - Predicated on narrow computations, lots of research
- Distributed computation
  - Much less computationally intensive, but requires communication
- Enclave-enabled systems
  - Can trust 3rd party systems to secure data

**SGX-based cloud systems**

# Device Design

- Want to make building an IoT application as easy as building a modern web application
- Several years of instructional experience: hardware/software boundary is the hardest part



**Tools for HW/SW debugging,  
tools for EDG**

# Summary

- The hardware landscape has changed
  - Opportunities for new, security-based MCU designs, multi-core
- The security landscape has changed
  - Need to consider drastic changes in cryptography in 20 years
- The data landscape has changed
  - Prevalence of deep learning, training versus interference
- Identified achilles heel in building applications
- Ongoing research on tackling all of these problems

# Rest of Today

- A series of talks by students and faculty on recent research results
- Several breaks (and lunch) to talk in greater depth