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VOIP ATTACKS!

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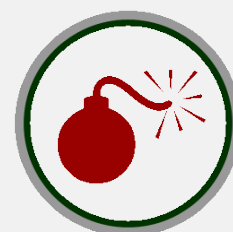
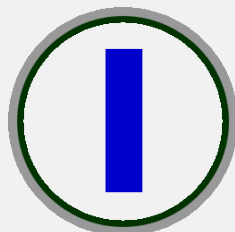
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About this Presentation

- Attacks discussed are either recent or significant
- Making the case that attack tools are available *and* mature
- Divided into three sections:
 - Briefly, VoIP Basics
 - Attacks (Vulns, Attacks, Impact, Tools, Mitigation)
 - Problems with suggested mitigation actions
- I'll be discussing only technical attacks

Legend

- Attack Classes
 - Attack against Availability
 - Attack against Integrity
 - Attack against Confidentiality
- Currently Un-patched
- Example / Demo
- Attack Tool References



Notes on Mitigation

- Often there are no clear-cut “solutions” to any vulnerability or attack
- I will refrain from using the “isolate your VoIP network” cop-out “solution”
- Some mitigation techniques suggested do work; In part three, I’ll only be discussing:
 - Those that don’t work well
 - Those that have significant drawbacks
 - Those that have significant barriers to implementation

VoIP Basics

VoIP for the uninitiated...

Terminology

- **VoIP** - Voice over Internet Protocol
- **Call** - the session aggregate of signaling and media between endpoints
- **Endpoint** - Point where a call terminates
- **Soft-phone** - VoIP phone implemented entirely in software
- **Hard-phone** - VoIP phone with a physical presence, also sometimes referred to as a “handset”
- **PSTN** - Public Switched Telephone Network, or your traditional telephony networks.

Signaling vs. Media

- Separate channels for signaling information vs. media (bearer) data due to abuse
- Adopted from traditional telephony systems
- Some protocols like IAX/IAX2 combine these into a single channel

Protocols & Ports

- Signaling
 - Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) : TCP/UDP 5060,5061
 - Session Description Protocol (SDP) : Encapsulated in SIP
 - Media Gateway Control Protocol (MGCP) : UDP 2427,2727
 - Skinny Client Control Protocol (SCCP/Skinny) : TCP 2000,2001
 - Real-time Transfer Control Protocol (RTCP) : (S)RTP+1
- Media
 - Real-time Transfer Protocol (RTP) : Dynamic
 - Secure Real-time Transfer Protocol (SRTP) : Dynamic
- Hybrid
 - Inter-Asterisk eXchange v.1 (IAX): UDP 5036 (obsolete)
 - Inter-Asterisk eXchange v.2 (IAX2) : UDP 4569

H.323 Protocol Suite & Ports

- Signaling
 - H.245 - Call Parameters - Dynamic TCP
 - H.225.0
 - Q.931 - Call Setup - TCP 1720
 - RAS - UDP 1719
 - Audio Call Control - TCP 1731
 - RTCP - RTP Control - Dynamic UDP
- Media
 - RTP - Audio - Dynamic UDP
 - RTP - Video - Dynamic UDP

Audio Codecs

- DoD CELP - 4.8 Kbps
- GIPS Family - 13.3 Kbps and up
- iLBC - 15 Kbps, 20ms frames / 13.3 Kbps, 30ms frames
- ITU G.711 - 64Kbps (a.k.a. alaw / ulaw)
- ITU G.722 - 48 / 56 / 64 Kbps
- ITU G.723.1 - 5.3 / 6.3 Kbps, 30ms frames
- ITU G.726 - 16 / 24 / 32 / 40 Kbps
- ITU G.728 - 16 Kbps
- ITU G.729 - 8 Kbps, 10ms frames
- LPC10 - 2.5 Kbps
- Speex - 2.15 to 44.2 Kbps, Free Open-Source codec
- <http://www.voip-info.org/wiki-Codecs>

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VOIP ATTACKS!

Generalized Attacks

Flooding

- Vulnerabilities:
 - Most hard-phones have limited or underpowered hardware
 - Protocols provide unauthenticated and unauthorized functions
- Attack:
 - Flood the device with VoIP protocol packets:
 - SIP INVITE, OPTIONS
 - Bogus RTP media packets
 - Flood the device with network protocol packets:
 - TCP SYN
 - ICMP
- Effect:
 - Degraded call quality
 - Device crash, halt, freeze, or respond poorly

Flooding

- Tools:
 - Scapy - General purpose packet tool
 - <http://www.secdev.org/projects/scapy/>
 - InviteFlood - SIP Invite flooder
 - <http://www.hackingexposedvoip.com/tools/inviteflood.tar.gz>
 - IAXFlood - IAX protocol flooder
 - <http://www.hackingexposedvoip.com/tools/iaxflood.tar.gz>
 - UDPFlood - General UDP flooder
 - <http://www.hackingexposedvoip.com/tools/udpflood.tar.gz>
 - RTPFlood - RTP protocol flooder
 - <http://www.hackingexposedvoip.com/tools/rtpflood.tar.gz>
- Mitigation:
 - Protect your core network devices from external access
 - Rate-limit VoIP traffic at points of control

Flood Amplification

- Vulnerabilities:
 - Protocols provide unauthenticated functionality
 - Some protocols use a connectionless transport (UDP)
- Attack:
 - Spoof the source address of your packet as originating from your victim
 - Spread the love around
 - Invoke functionality that responds with more data than the request
- Effect:
 - “Smurf”-like amplification flood

Flood Amplification

- Tools:
 - Scapy - General purpose packet tool
 - <http://www.secdev.org/projects/scapy/>
 - NetSamhain
 - <http://sourceforge.net/projects/netsamhain/>
 - Nemesis
 - <http://www.packetfactory.net/projects/nemesis/>
- Mitigation:
 - Use a connection oriented transport (TCP)
 - Authenticate protocol messages
 - Rate-limit network traffic

Fuzzing

- Vulnerabilities:
 - Protocol stack implementations are immature / poor
- Attack:
 - Send malformed messages to a device's input vectors
- Effect:
 - Many endpoint devices will crash, halt, freeze, respond poorly, or otherwise enter a DoS condition
 - Some core devices may behave similarly
 - Very effective method of identifying software bugs

Fuzzing

- Tools:
 - Sulley Fuzzer
 - <http://www.fuzzing.org>
 - PROTOS Suite - SIP, HTTP, SNMP
 - <http://www.ee.oulu.fi/research/ouspg/protos/>
 - ohrwurm - RTP
 - <http://mazzoo.de/blog/2006/08/25#ohrwurm>
 - Fuzzy Packet - RTP, built-in ARP poisoner
 - http://libresource.inria.fr/projects/VoIP_Security/fuzzypacket
 - Other tools
 - <http://www.threatmind.net/secwiki/FuzzingTools>
- Mitigation:
 - Use open-source soft-phones and hard-phone firmware
 - Demand resilient devices from your device vendor
 - Ask about and review your vendor's QA processes

Attacks Against Signaling

Signaling Manipulation Overview

- **Vulnerabilities:**
 - Protocols are unencrypted and unauthenticated
 - Signaling extends to endpoint device
- **Attacks:**
 - Inject malicious signaling messages into a signaling channel
 - Send new signaling messages to endpoints or services
- **Effects:**
 - Forced call tear-down DoS
 - Media redirection, injection, or call hijacking
 - Registration manipulation DoS / hijack

Forced Call Teardown

- **Vulnerabilities:**
 - Most protocols are unencrypted and do not authenticate all packets
 - The signaling channel can be monitored
- **Attack:**
 - Inject spoofed call tear-down messages into the signaling channel such as:
 - SIP: BYE
 - IAX: HANGUP (Frame type 0x06, Subclass 0x05)
- **Effect:**
 - DoS: A call in progress is forcibly closed.

Forced Call Teardown

- Tools:
 - Teardown - SIP BYE injector
 - <http://www.hackingexposedvoip.com/tools/teardown.tar.gz>
 - sip-kill - Injects valid SIP teardown messages into a session
 - <http://skora.net/uploads/media/sip-kill>
 - sip-proxykill - Similar technique against SIP proxies
 - <http://skora.net/uploads/media/sip-proxykill>
 - IAXHangup
 - <http://website.isecpartners.com/files/IAXHangup.tar.gz>
 - H225RegReject
 - <http://website.isecpartners.com/files/h225regreject.tar.gz>
- Mitigation:
 - Encrypt the signaling channel
 - Authenticate every signaling message

Registration (Call) Hijacking

- Vulnerability:
 - Signaling protocols are unencrypted
- Attack:
 - Observe a legitimate endpoint registration
 - Use observed information and credentials to replace the legitimate registration
 - Observe a call-setup message
- Effect
 - New calls for the endpoint are routed to the malicious device rather than the legitimate device

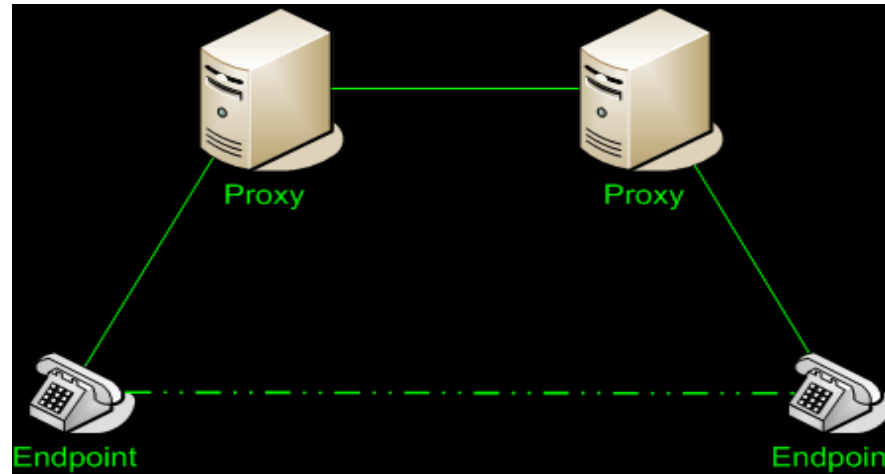
Registration (Call) Hijacking

- Tools
 - Registration Hijacker
 - <http://www.hackingexposedvoip.com/tools/reghijacker.tar.gz>
 - Registration Remover
 - <http://www.hackingexposedvoip.com/tools/eraseregistrations.tar.gz>
 - Registration Adder
 - http://www.hackingexposedvoip.com/tools/add_registrations.tar.gz
 - RedirectPoison
 - http://www.hackingvoip.com/tools/redirectpoison_v1.1.tar.gz
- Mitigation
 - Encrypt signaling traffic

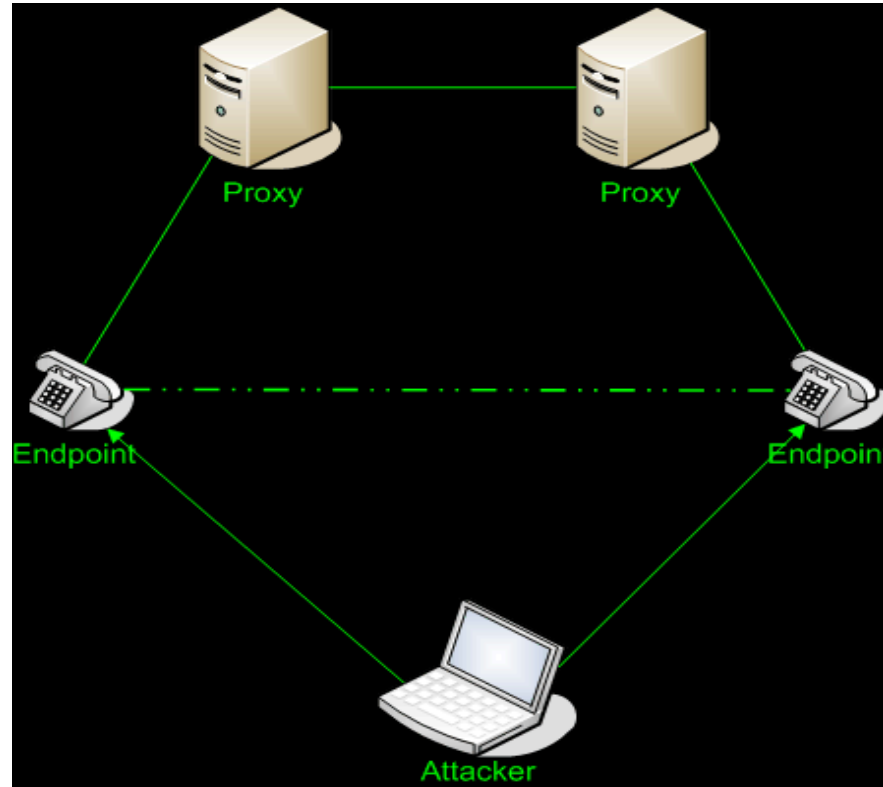
Media Hijacking

- Vulnerabilities:
 - Signaling protocols are unencrypted and unauthenticated
 - Signaling extends to endpoint device
- Attack:
 - Inject malicious signaling messages into a signaling channel
 - Send new signaling messages to endpoints or services
- Effect:
 - Media redirection, duplication, or termination

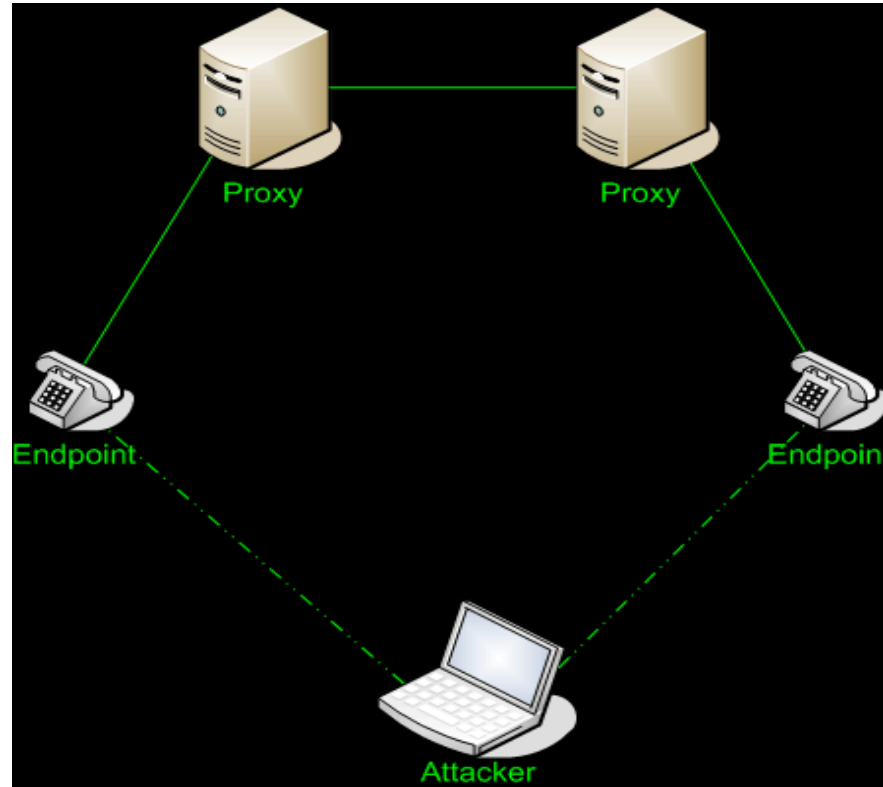
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Media Hijacking Example



Media Hijacking

- Tools:
 - sip-redirect RTP + RTP proxy
 - <http://skora.net/voip/attacks/>
- Mitigation:
 - Encrypt the signaling channel
 - Fix protocols to authenticate ALL signaling messages related to a call

Caller-ID Spoofing

- **Vulnerability:**
 - Protocols are un-authorized and un-verified end-to-end
 - End-point supplied data is not challenged
 - Many automated systems use Caller-ID information to authenticate users
- **Attack:**
 - Initiate a call with falsified Caller-ID information
- **Effect:**
 - An attacker may appear to the called party as someone they are not
 - An attacker may be erroneously authenticated



Caller-ID Spoofing

- Tools:
 - Most soft-phones
 - Asterisk IPBX
 - VoIP to PSTN service providers that honor user-supplied Caller-ID information
 - <http://www.iax.cc/> - IAX/SIP VoIP Service provider
 - <http://www.spoofcard.com/> - Calling-card based
 - <http://www.telespoof.com/> - For “business” use
 - <http://www.fakecaller.com/> - Text to Voice “prank” messages!
- Mitigation:
 - Don’t honor user-supplied Caller-ID information
 - Don’t trust Caller-ID information for user authentication

Caller-ID Name Disclosure

- Vulnerability:
 - Caller-ID Information can be spoofed
 - PSTN switches add name information to Caller-ID
- Attack:
 - Set your Caller-ID to the number you want to identify
 - Call yourself so that the path of your call routes through the PSTN
 - Receive the Caller-ID information which will have the name associated with the number
- Effect:
 - Phone Number to Name Lookup
 - Disclosure of potentially unlisted information

Caller-ID Name Disclosure

- Tools:
 - Asterisk IPBX
 - Most soft-phones
 - VoIP to PSTN service providers that honor user-supplied Caller-ID information
 - <http://www.iax.cc/> - IAX VoIP provider, use Asterisk!
 - <http://www.spoofcard.com/> - Calling-card based
 - <http://www.telespoof.com/> - For “business” use
 - <http://www.fakecaller.com/> - Text to Voice “prank” messages!
 - PSTN Telephone Line w/Caller-ID
- Mitigation:
 - Have the PSTN telephony provider remove the Caller-ID name associated with your number

Eavesdropping the Environment

- **Vulnerabilities:**
 - Signaling extends to the endpoint devices
 - Signaling is neither authenticated nor encrypted
- **Attack:**
 - Send malformed call set-up signaling to a device
- **Effect:**
 - Device silently answer the incoming call
 - Audio from the device's environment may be eavesdropped

Eavesdropping the Environment

- Tools
 - Grandstream GXV-3000 SIP Phone exploit:
 - http://voipsa.org/pipermail/voipsec_voipsa.org/2007-August/002424.html
 - Other undisclosed devices have the same issue
- Mitigation
 - Affected vendors need to patch their protocol stacks
 - Devices with available patches need to be updated

Directory Enumeration

- Vulnerabilities:
 - Protocols provide unauthenticated functionality
 - Protocols respond differently to valid vs. invalid usernames
 - Protocols are unencrypted on the wire
- Attack:
 - Active: Send specially crafted protocol messages which elicit a telling response from the server
 - Passive: Watch network traffic for device registration messages
- Effect:
 - Valid usernames are disclosed
 - Usernames may be used in a more targeted attack such as pass-phrase cracking.

Directory Enumeration Example

- Send this to target SIP device:

```
OPTIONS sip:test@172.16.3.20 SIP/2.0
```

```
Via: SIP/2.0/TCP 172.16.3.33;branch=3afGeVi3c92Lfp
```

```
To: test <sip:test@172.16.3.20>
```

```
Content-Length: 0
```

- Receive:

```
SIP/2.0 404 Not Found
```

Directory Enumeration

- Tools:
 - SIPCrack - Sniffs traffic for valid usernames and then attempts to crack their passwords
 - <http://www.remote-exploit.org/index.php/Sipcrack>
 - enumIAX - Uses IAX REGREQ messages against Asterisk
 - <http://www.tippingpoint.com/security/materials/enumiax-0.4a.tar.gz>
 - SIPSCAN - Uses SIP OPTIONS, INVITE, and REGISTER messages against SIP servers
 - <http://www.hackingexposedvoip.com/tools/sipscan.msi>
- Mitigation:
 - Encrypt signaling to prevent passive enumeration
 - Fix protocols that respond differently to valid vs. invalid username registrations.

Attacks Against the Media

Media Injection

- **Vulnerability**
 - Media channel packets are unauthenticated and unencrypted
- **Attack:**
 - Inject new media into an active media channel
 - Replace media in an active media channel
- **Effect:**
 - Modification of media
 - Replacement of media
 - Deletion of media



Media Injection Example: RTP

- Real-Time Transfer Protocol
- UDP Transport
- Requisites:
 - Able to observe a legitimate RTP session
- Adjust sequence numbers of injected packets so that they will arrive “before” legitimate packet
- Send away!



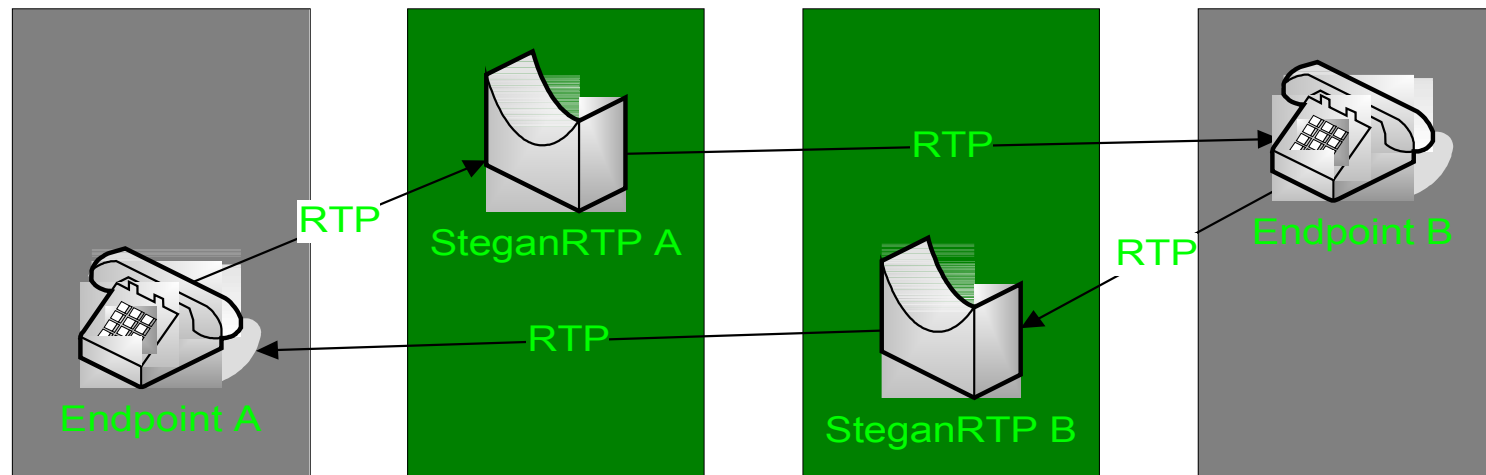
Media Injection

- Tools
 - RTPInsertSound
 - http://www.hackingvoip.com/tools/rtpinsertsound_v3.0.tar.gz
 - RTPMixSound
 - http://www.hackingvoip.com/tools/rtpmixsound_v3.0.tar.gz
 - RTPInject (GUI)
 - <http://website.isescpartners.com/files/RTPInject.tar.gz>
- Mitigation
 - Authenticate or verify received media packets
 - Encrypt the media channel

Covert Communication

- **Vulnerability**
 - Media channel packets are unauthenticated and unencrypted
- **Attack:**
 - Manipulate an active media channel and embed covert communication data
 - Extract covert communication data from an active media channel
- **Effect:**
 - Send covert data using someone else's call media
 - Receive covert data embedded into someone else's call media

MITM Covert Communication





Covert Communication

- Tools
 - SteganRTP
 - <http://sourceforgenet/projects/steganrtp/>
 - Vo²IP
 - No longer available
- Mitigation
 - Authenticate or verify media packets
 - Encrypt the media channel (some protection)

Eavesdropping the Media

- **Vulnerability:**
 - Media protocols are usually un-encrypted on the wire
 - Media traffic can be observed and recorded
- **Attack:**
 - Observe / Record the media packets
 - Reconstruct the payload into an easily playable media file
- **Effect:**
 - Calls are not private!

Eavesdropping Example: RTP

SIP_CALL_RTP_G711.pcap - Wireshark

File Edit View Go Capture Analyze **Statistics** Help

Filter: sip || rtp

No. -	Time	Source	Protocol	Info
1	0.000000	200.57.7.19	SIP/SD	Request
2	0.007889	200.57.7.204	SIP	Status:
3	0.047524	200.57.7.204	SIP	Status:
152	4.056633	200.57.7.204	SIP	Request
153	4.072335	200.57.7.19	SIP	Status:
498	8.477925	200.57.7.204	SIP/SD	Status:
499	8.479371	200.57.7.204	RTP	Payload
500	8.479599	200.57.7.204	RTP	Payload
515	8.517413	200.57.7.204	RTP	Payload
517	8.524137	200.57.7.19	SIP	Request
522	8.529324	200.57.7.19	ad	ad
524	8.537392	200.57.7.204	ad	ad
528	8.549261	200.57.7.19	ad	ad
530	8.565236	200.57.7.204	RTP	Payload

Summary
Protocol Hierarchy
Conversations
Endpoints
IO Graphs
Conversation List
Endpoint List
Service Response Time
ANSI
Fax T38 Analysis...
GSM
H.225...
MTP3
RTP
SCTP
SIP...

Show All Streams
Stream Analysis...

RTP Eavesdropping

Wireshark: RTP Streams

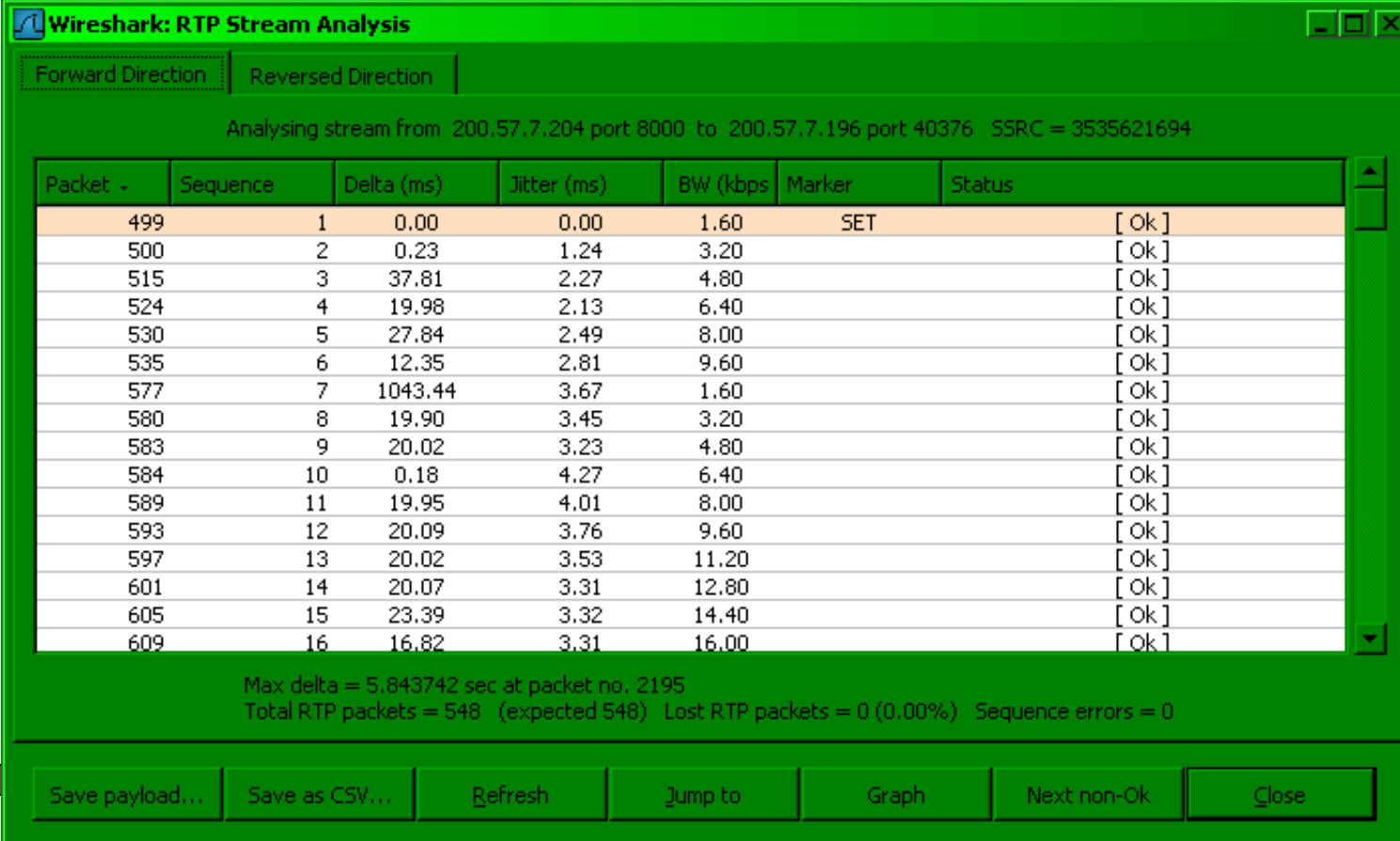
Detected 3 RTP streams. Choose one for forward and reverse direction for analysis

Src IP addr	Src port	Dest IP addr	Dest port	SSRC	Payload	Packets	Lost	Max Delta (ms)	M
200.57.7.204	8000	200.57.7.196	40376	3535621694	ITU-T G.711 PCMA	548	0 (0.0%)	5843.74	
200.57.7.196	40376	200.57.7.204	8000	1492336106	ITU-T G.711 PCMA	891	0 (0.0%)	379.91	
200.57.7.202	30000	200.57.7.196	40362	11837	ITU-T G.711 PCMA	6	0 (0.0%)	30.04	

Select a forward stream with left mouse button
Select a reverse stream with SHIFT + left mouse button

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RTP Eavesdropping



Wireshark: RTP Stream Analysis

Forward Direction | Reversed Direction

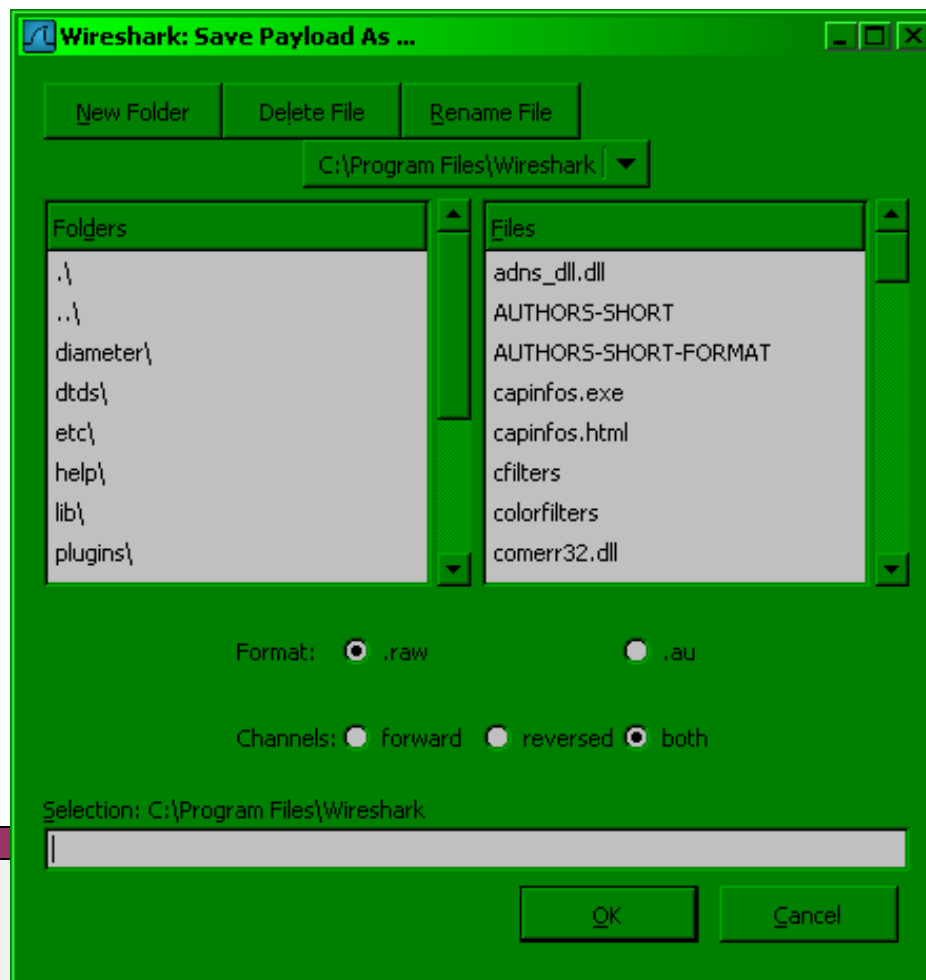
Analysing stream from 200.57.7.204 port 8000 to 200.57.7.196 port 40376 SSRC = 3535621694

Packet -	Sequence	Delta (ms)	Jitter (ms)	BW (kbps)	Marker	Status
499	1	0.00	0.00	1.60	SET	[Ok]
500	2	0.23	1.24	3.20		[Ok]
515	3	37.81	2.27	4.80		[Ok]
524	4	19.98	2.13	6.40		[Ok]
530	5	27.84	2.49	8.00		[Ok]
535	6	12.35	2.81	9.60		[Ok]
577	7	1043.44	3.67	1.60		[Ok]
580	8	19.90	3.45	3.20		[Ok]
583	9	20.02	3.23	4.80		[Ok]
584	10	0.18	4.27	6.40		[Ok]
589	11	19.95	4.01	8.00		[Ok]
593	12	20.09	3.76	9.60		[Ok]
597	13	20.02	3.53	11.20		[Ok]
601	14	20.07	3.31	12.80		[Ok]
605	15	23.39	3.32	14.40		[Ok]
609	16	16.82	3.31	16.00		[Ok]

Max delta = 5.843742 sec at packet no. 2195
Total RTP packets = 548 (expected 548) Lost RTP packets = 0 (0.00%) Sequence errors = 0

Save payload... | Save as CSV... | Refresh | Jump to | Graph | Next non-Ok | Close

RTP Eavesdropping



Eavesdropping the Media

- Tools:
 - Ethereal / Wireshark
 - <http://www.wireshark.org/>
 - Cain & Abel
 - <http://www.oxid.it/cain.html>
 - Vomit - Targets Cisco devices
 - <http://vomit.xtdnet.nl/>
 - Etherpeek VX
 - <http://www.wildpackets.com/products/etherpeek/overview>
- Mitigation:
 - Encrypt the media channel

Attacks Leveraging the Underlying Network

Configuration Disclosure: Infrastructure

- **Vulnerability:**
 - Most hard-phones use FTP or TFTP when booting
 - FTP is an insecure protocol
 - TFTP is an even more insecure protocol
- **Attack:**
 - FTP: Observe the device's login credentials
 - TFTP: Guess or observe filenames
 - Grab the configuration file and firmware from the server
 - Or just reconstruct the firmware / configuration file from observation
- **Effect:**
 - Disclosure of sensitive information such as:
 - Usernames / Passwords
 - Call Server, Gateway, Registration Server, etc.
 - Available VoIP services

Configuration Disclosure: Infrastructure

- Tools:
 - Ethereal / Wireshark
 - <http://www.wireshark.org/>
 - Deductive Reasoning
 - Cisco phones have MAC based filenames:
 - CTLSEP<eth.addr>.tlv
 - SEP<eth.addr>.cnf.xml
 - SIP<eth.addr>.cnf
 - MGC<eth.addr>.cnf
 - Then there's defaults:
 - XMLDefault.cnf.xml
 - SIPDefault.cnf
 - dialplan.xml
 - TFTP-Bruteforce - Brute forces TFTP filenames
 - <http://www.hackingexposedcisco.com/tools/TFTP-bruteforce.tar.gz>
- Mitigation:
 - Don't use TFTP! FTP is better, but still not secure...
 - Use non-default filenames

Attacks Against Endpoint Services

Configuration Disclosure: Device

- Vulnerability:
 - Hard-phones provide management interfaces
 - VXWorks remote debugging and console port open
- Attack:
 - Point a browser at the device on port 80
 - SNMP-walk the device
 - Attach a remote VXWorks debugger
- Effect:
 - Disclosure of sensitive information such as:
 - Usernames / Passwords
 - Call Server, Gateway, Registration Server, etc.
 - Available VoIP services
 - Device internals

Configuration Disclosure: Device

- Tools:
 - Web Browser - Connect to port 80
 - SNMPwalk - retrieve a subtree of management values
 - <http://net-snmp.sourceforge.net/docs/man/snmpwalk.html>
 - VXWorks debugger (GDB)
- Mitigation:
 - Disable device admin ports like HTTP and SNMP
 - Disable remote debugging ports

Web Management Interface XSS

- Vulnerability
 - Devices don't sanitize input / web output
 - Device web management apps display log and message data
- Attack
 - Embed XSS code into a signaling message
 - Send crafted message to target device
 - Wait for user to display logs/message via the device's web interface
- Impact
 - Cross-Site-Scripting code execution
 - Potential traversal of trust boundaries



Web Management Interface XSS

- Tools:
 - Any VoIP device with user-configurable display fields
 - Example:
 - http://voipsa.org/pipermail/voipsec_voipsa.org/2007-October/002452.html
- Mitigation:
 - Don't use device web management interfaces
 - Demand more secure protocol stacks from your device vendors

Vendor-Specific Attacks

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Cisco

Cisco IP Phone Forced Reboot

- **Vulnerability:**
 - SCCP runs on TCP which is vulnerable to reset attacks
 - If a phone's signaling channel is terminated this way the phone performs a full reboot
 - As of firmware 8.0(7.0) (most recent for 7940, 8.3.3 not avail)
 - Public Disclosure: 04/20/2004
 - <http://www.cisco.com/warp/public/707/cisco-sa-20040420-tcp-nonios.shtml>
- **Attack:**
 - Inject a RST packet into the signaling channel
- **Effects:**
 - The IP phone performs a full reboot
 - Service is unavailable while doing so

Cisco IP Phone: Forced Reboot

- Tools:
 - tcpkill - Sniffs network traffic for a TCP session and injects RST packets to forcibly close the connection
- Vendor Response: 04/20/2004
 - <http://www.cisco.com/warp/public/707/cisco-sa-20040420-tcp-nonios.shtml>
 - Summary: Fixed adhering to version 2 of <http://tools.ietf.org/wg/tcpm/draft-ietf-tcpm-tcpsecure/>
 - Result: Attack is slightly harder but not much. Phone still reboots.
- Mitigation:
 - The device should re-establish the session rather than performing a full device reboot.
 - (like when you prompt a RST via an ICMP destination/protocol unreachable (Type 3, Code 2) attack against the CCM (BID:12134))

Vendor-Specific Attacks

FiWin

SS28S Debug Console Hard-coded Credentials

- Vulnerability
 - VxWorks debug console open via Telnet
 - VxWorks credentials hard-coded to user “1” and pass “1”
 - As of firmware 01_02_07 (current as of 10/24/06)
- Public Disclosure: 09/22/06
 - <http://www.osnews.com/story.php/15923/Review-FiWin-SS28S-WiFi-VoIP-SIP-Skype-Phone/>
 - BID: 20154
- Attack
 - Telnet to the phone on port 23
 - Authenticate with username “1”, password “1”
- Effects
 - Device configuration disclosure
 - Authentication credentials disclosure
 - DoS via memory corruption, disk format/corruption

SS28S Debug Console Hard-coded Credentials

- Tools
 - Telnet client
- Vendor Response
 - Notified 09/15/06 by Zachary McGrew, no response.
 - Notified 09/26/06 by myself, no response.
- Mitigation
 - Issue the “td tTelnetd” command within the VXWorks console
 - Update the firmware
 - No updated firmware available
 - Requires proprietary USB cable that you can only get from FiWin
 - They apparently don’t sell it!

Issues With Mitigation

Encrypt the Media Channel

- Many deployed devices don't support SRTP
- Many new devices won't support SRTP yet
- No standard way to negotiate or send keys
- Some methods for keying utilize the unencrypted signaling channel anyway
- ZRTP: DH Key Negotiation within the media channel
- May use IPSec or TLS, but...

Encrypt the Signaling Channel

- There is also no standard way to do this
- Alternatives to encrypting the signaling protocol itself include:
 - IPsec to encrypt at the network layer
 - Not scalable
 - Issues with call set-up times
 - TLS to encrypt at the transport layer
 - Not end-to-end
 - Issues with trust; no global PKI
 - New protocol: DTLS!

Authenticate All Signaling Messages

- Requires that you update/fix the protocols
- The nature of VoIP requires that unknown parties be able to initiate sessions
- Can potentially wrap the protocol in an authenticating transport like IPSec or TLS

Fix the Protocols

- Not an immediate solution
- More time consuming with open / standards based protocols
 - You have to convince a committee there is a problem
 - Deliberation takes time
- May be faster / easier with proprietary protocols
 - But you have to convince the vendor there is a problem

Don't Trust Caller-ID

- Unfortunately, users have been trained to believe that Caller-ID is trustworthy
- Caller-ID *should* be trustworthy
- Will take time to educate users

Use open-source soft-phones / firmware

- Unfortunately, most open-source soft-phones also have poor protocol stacks
 - But at least you can:
 - Audit the code
 - Report problems to the maintainers
- As far as I'm aware, there is no open source firmware for hard-phones
 - Most are vendor-proprietary

Demand Resilient Vendor Devices

- Vendors aren't motivated to improve device security
- Some devices in this area are getting better
- Phones are limited by their hardware

Rate-limit Offensive Traffic

- Low-rate floods still effective! (just differently)
- Low-rate floods look like legitimate traffic
- Media doesn't like latency

Don't use TFTP! (or FTP)

- Most vendor VoIP systems don't provide an alternative

Conclusions

Q&A