



HomeScan: Scrutinizing Implementations of Smart Home Integrations

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Background

IoT-enhanced smart home is getting popular



1 https://www.statista.com/study/42112/smart-home-report/ 2 https://www.juniperresearch.com/press/press-releases/smart-home-revenues-to-reach-\$100-billion-by-2020



Smart Home Vulnerable to Attacks !





1 http://www.bbc.com/news/technology-37738823

2 http://www.bbc.com/news/av/technology-41641814/krack-wi-fi-security-flaw-explained

Existing Work on Smart Home Security



Security of Smart Home Integration



- Causes of insecurity when integrating a smart home system.
 - 1) Incompatibilities
 - 2) Invalidated assumptions



Incompatibilities in Integration (1)

Wide assortments of technologies and devices manufactured by diverse vendors.





Incompatibilities in Integration (2)

E.g. Smart bulb cannot verify the identity of the control point.





Invalidated Assumptions

Manufactures make assumptions to reduce complexity and cost in building smart home systems.

- ➢ Home Wi-Fi is secure. ★
- \succ Implicit trust on other components in the integrated system.





Our Solution: HomeScan

Extract the abstract specification of application-layer protocols and security-relevant internal behaviours from the implementation, and analysing security of the specification.

Challenges: Partial availability of the implementations.

- Unavailability of source code, and only executables/libraries provided by the vendors available.
- Communication is not clear due to use of cryptographic protocols.



Running Example – Chromecast











Transaction = (sender: CP, receiver: YS, channel: Wi-Fi, Message: {"fsti0e72vuamj9p8b26h5j08ug"}









Whitebox Analysis

Trace Analysis















Flaw Identification





Attack Models and Security Properties



Security Properties	Data Level	Association Level	Access Level
Confidentiality	\checkmark	\checkmark	
Integrity	\checkmark		
Authentication			\checkmark
Authorization			\checkmark



Approach



Generate the System Model



Approach



Flaw Identification



Evaluation: Vulnerabilities

Chromecast	Philips Hue	LIFX		
Mis-response to discovery request: allows a malicious control point to obtain the identity of the TV screen and casting a video to the TV.	Misuse of ZigBee Light Link protocol: allows a malicious hub to hijack the bulb.	Unprotected Wi-Fi hotspot on the bulb: allows a malicious bulb with a fake hotspot to steal the password of the victim's home Wi-Fi.		
Lack of device or user authentication: allows a malicious control point to obtain the identity of a private YouTube video of the victim.	Lack of control to administration commands: results in uncontrolled authentication.			
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Conclusion and Future Work

Conclusion

- Propose hybrid techniques to extract the specification of the smart home integration.
- Analyse the security of the extracted specification using formal verification techniques.
- Applied the approach for three existing smart home systems.
- Found twelve vulnerabilities in them.

Future Work

• Plan to propose new attack models to find vulnerabilities in similar IoT systems.



Thank You 😳

Questions?



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