

#### Monthly Research 2016.5 Current state of IoT device security

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## **Backgrounds**

- IoT(Internet of Things) is a concept that all devices are connected to the Internet
- There are various IoT devices, these are used in many places
  - office, factory, farm, hospital, home, etc.
  - There are also IoT devices which are controllable by mobile app
- These are convenient, but it has been concerned about threats of cyber security
- In this research, we show some security incidents of IoT devices





#### Security incidents related to IoT(2015 - 2016)

- Alert of attacks on IoT devices National Police Agency(15/Dec/2015)
  - Most targeted service/port is telnet in Linux
  - Exploited IoT devices have become bots
- Anyone is able to look at pictures of 6,000 security cameras on the internet – INTERNET COM(22/Jan/2016)
  - These cameras are using default password or no authentication mode
- Password reuse problem of remote gas management system Tokyo Gas(25/Mar/2016)
  - There is a possible in illegal access by previous residents
  - If attacker abuses this vulnerability they are able to shut off gas valve





#### Security research related to IoT(2014 - 2016)

- LIGHTS OFF! THE DARKNESS OF THE SMART METERS
  - This research was published in the Black Hat EU 2014
  - It was possible to shut off power, because many meters used same encryption key
- IoTPOT: Analysing the Rise of IoT Compromises
  - This research was published in the USENIX WOOT 2015
  - Research of IoT device emulation honeypot and collected malware
- HACKING A PROFESSIONAL DRONE
  - This research was published in the RSA conference 2016 and the Black Hat Asia 2016
  - Vulnerability was found by reverse engineering of mobile app for control drone
  - MITM attack was demonstrated



## **Threats on IoT devices**

- Malware infection
  - BOT
    - There is a risk of abuse in DDoS attacks
  - Ransomware
    - It is not found yet, but there is a potential of appearance
- Physical invasion
  - If smart lock is exploited, thief can intrude into house
- Leak of information
  - invasion of privacy



## **Causes of the threats**

- Malware infection
  - Insecure settings(default password, non authentication)
  - Unencrypted communication(HTTP, FTP, Telnet, etc.)
  - Vulnerability of software(OS, middleware, application)
- Physical invasion
  - Non hardware protection, Exposure of debugging interface
  - Unencrypted firmware
  - Usage of same encryption key
- Leak of private information
  - Operation mistake
  - Lack of understanding about IoT device
  - Reuse of password





#### Countermeasures

- Common measures
  - Update of software to fix vulnerability
- Encryption of communication
  - Using TLS
  - Using security chip(TPM)
- Hardware security
  - Protection of enclosure
  - Disabling debugging interface
- Software obfuscation
  - Obfuscating firmware, library and applications(PC, mobile)





## Considerations

- IoT devices have been targeted on cyber attacks
- Users should recognize security risk on IoT devices
  - There are remote device hijacking, leak of information, invasion of privacy
  - Manage data on IoT devices
  - Back up important data
- Developers should implement security based on guideline
  - Hardware security is also required in addition to the conventional measures



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