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systems

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Agenda

- Hacking the Matrix
- GSM 3G Basics
- GPRS backbone hacks
- Anonymous HTTP via WAP
- Siemens S55 Vulnerabilities
- Phenoelit's usual Cisco 0day vulnerability and exploit



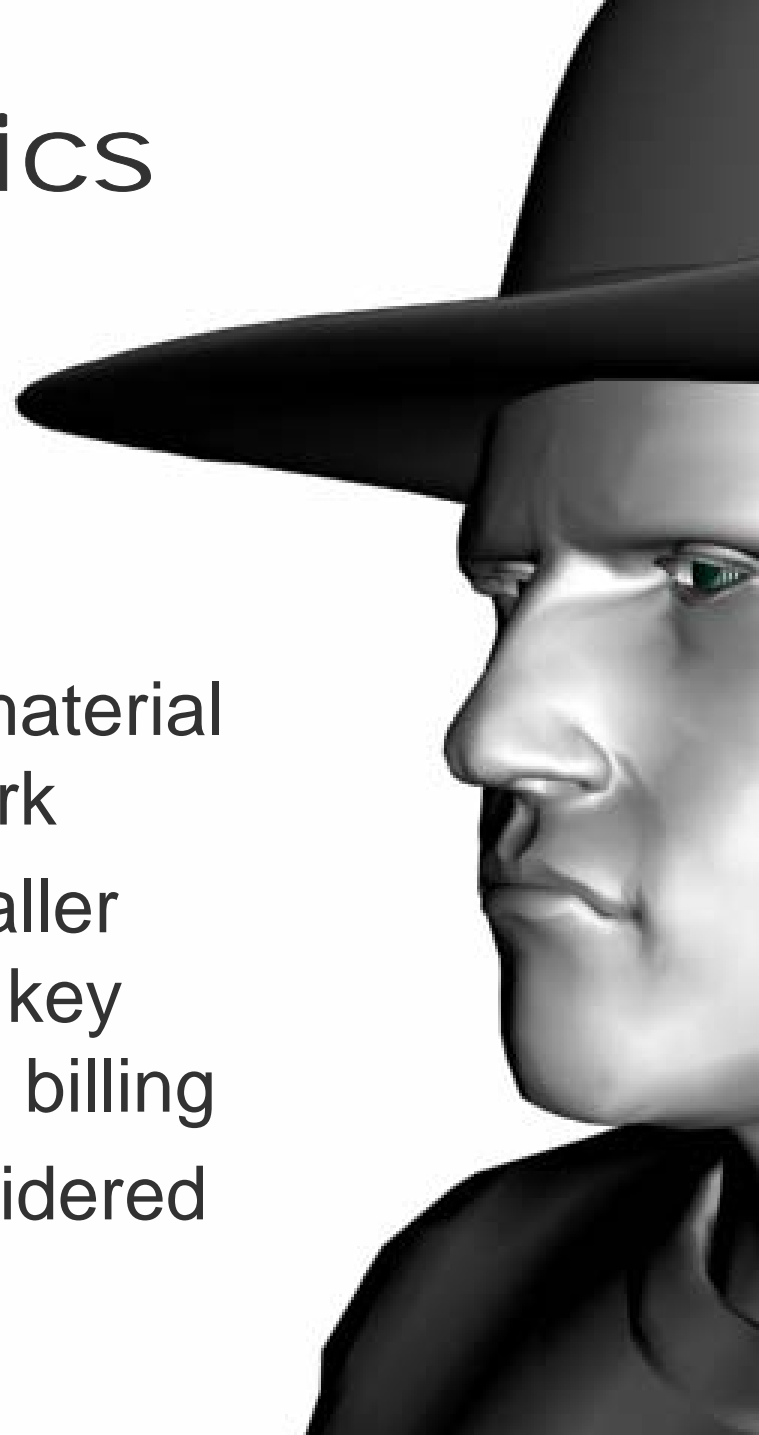
Hacking the MATRIX

- Enterasys Matrix E1
- Vulnerabilities in the Matrix:
 - SSH can only fork 10 times
 - unfinished connections stay open
 - TCP ISN 64k rule on switch ports
 - OSPF neighbors added to neighbor list in state HELO
 - HTTP Server negative content-length integer bug



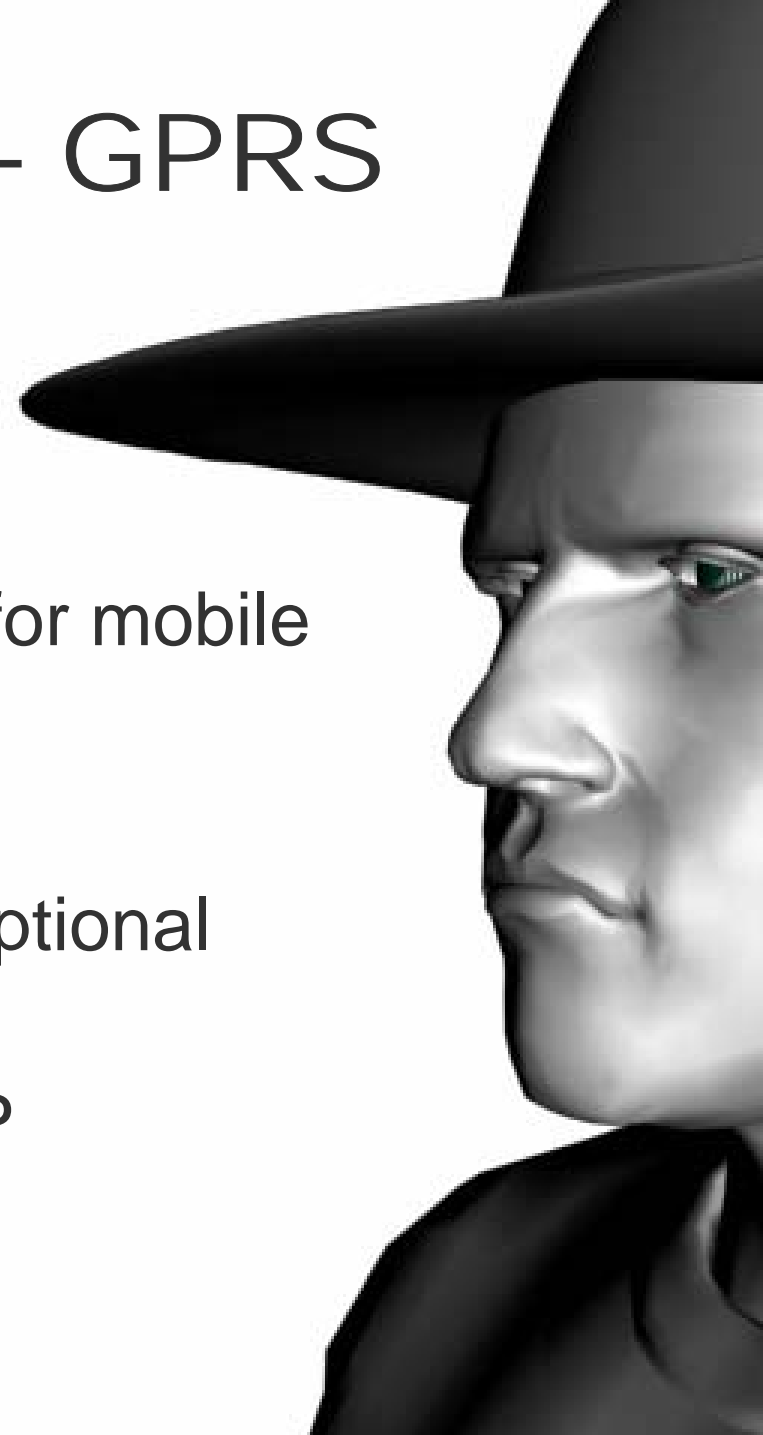
GSM Basics

- **G**lobal **S**ystem for *M*obile communications – Mobile Phone Network
- Authentication based on key material on SIM card and on the network
- GSM core network relies on caller identification via MSISDN and key material for authentication and billing
- Caller spoofing generally considered hard to do



GSM Basics – GPRS

- General Packet Radio Service
- Packet oriented data transfer for mobile devices
- Backbone build using TCP/IP
- Authentication via GSM and optional PPP (CHAP,PAP)
- Network access, routes and IP addressing depending on Access Point Name (APN)



GPRS Components

HLR
Home Location Register

WAP GW

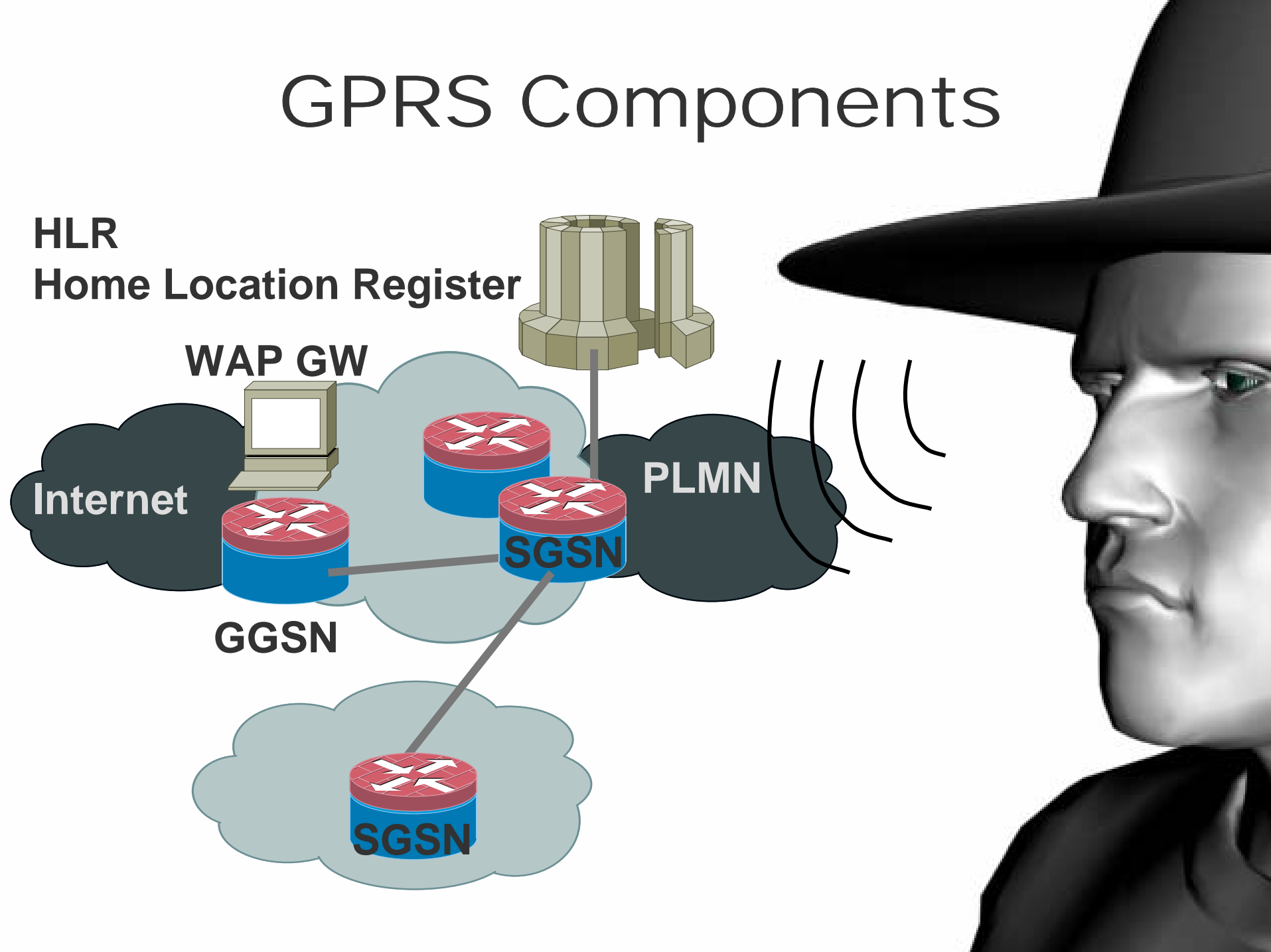
Internet

GGSN

PLMN

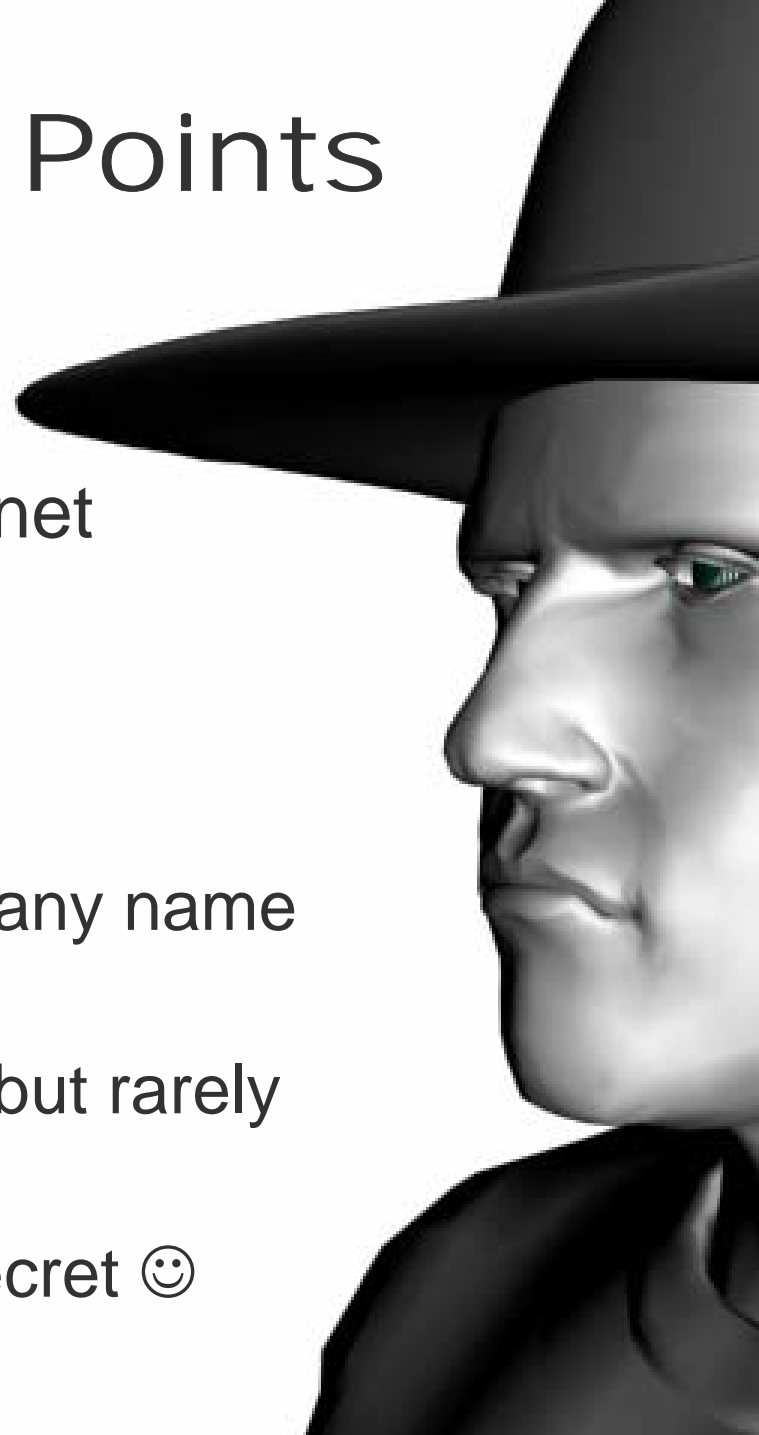
SGSN

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GPRS Attack Points

- The GGSN is just another TCP/IP device facing the Internet
 - @stake: Nokia GPRS 1 IPSO DoS with TCP Option 0xFF
- APN guessing (WarAPNing?)
 - APNs often selected by company name for mobile VPNs
 - APN filtering in HLR possible but rarely implemented
 - APNs are not considered a secret 😊



Backbone hacks: GTP

- GPRS Tunneling Protocol (ETSI TS 129 060)
- Transports user protocols in the GPRS backbone
- Controls inter-network roaming
- Control channel and user data channel
- xGSN has to support all old protocol versions from 0 on



What's so cool?

- Fully UDP based protocol
- No authentication
- Full control over all GPRS nodes
- Creation, update or deletion of user contexts and tunnels
- Rerouting, redirection and relocation control
- Context billing configuration
- „Invitation“ of mobile users to APNs
- Forced roaming of users



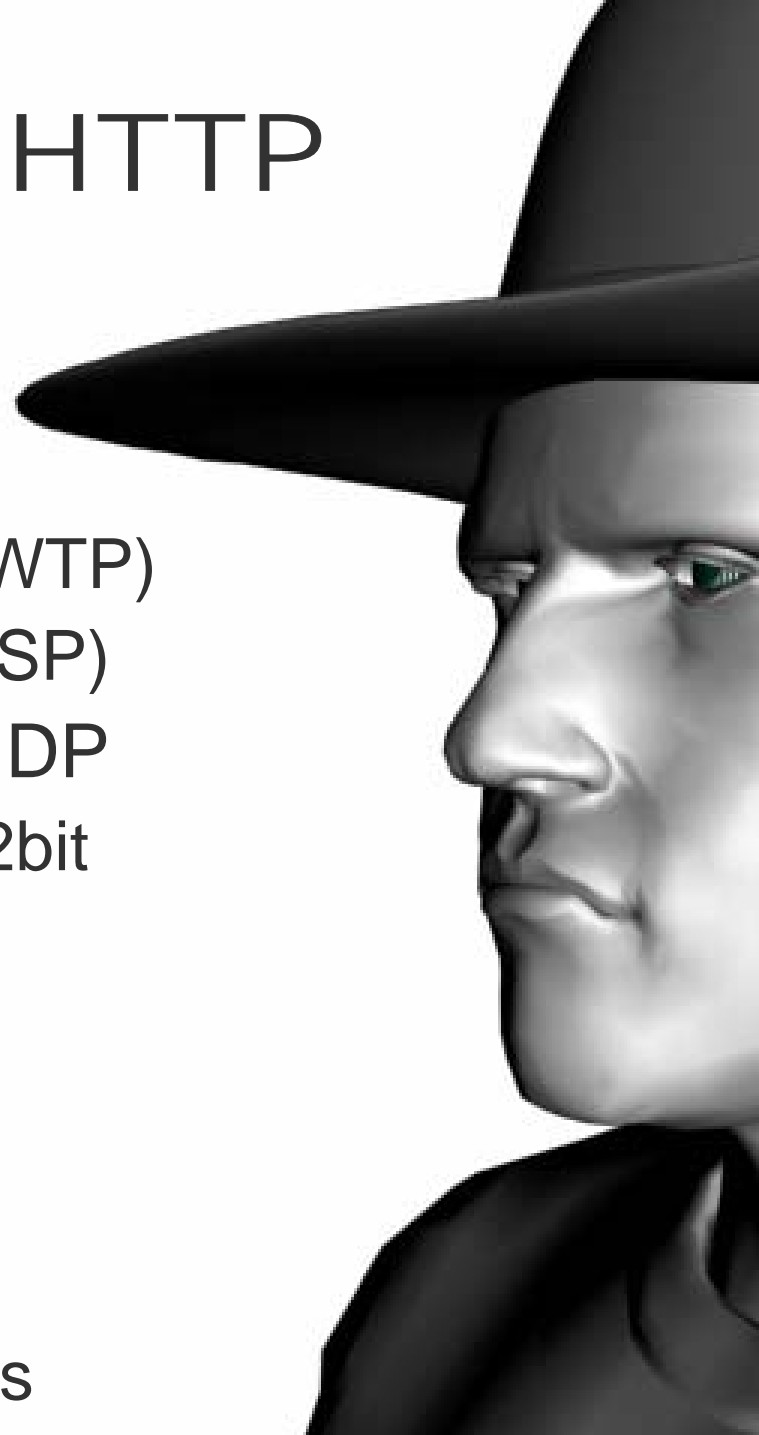
What's so cool?

ETSI TS 129 060 / Section 12:
No security is provided in GTP to
protect the communication
between different GPRS
networks. [...] A security
mechanism that may be
considered is for example IP
Security.



Anonymous HTTP

- Wireless Application Protocol uses
 - Wireless Transport Protocol (WTP)
 - Wireless Session Protocol (WSP)
- WSP uses connections over UDP
 - Not easily spoofable due to 32bit session IDs
- WSP supports connectionless transactions
 - No acknowledge messages
 - Single UDP packet transfer
 - Full HTTP Request capabilities



Anonymous HTTP [2]

1. GPRS WAP APN or open WAP Gateway
2. Send HTTP request to WAP Gateway using someone else's IP address
3. Destination UDP port 9200
4. Enjoy

Note: Victim IP addresses can be collected by running a WAP site using HTTP header field „X-Forwarded-For“.



Siemens S55 - Bluetooth

- Pairing to death
 - Every connection creates a dialog
 - Connection structures not cleared
 - Bluetooth connection exhaustion
 - All you need is l2ping
- The Big Inbox
 - S55 accepts any file sent to it
 - Sending 2100 files is possible
 - Deleting 2100 files is not



Siemens S55 - Java

- NULL Pointer Exceptions
 - Generally crash JVM (white screen of death)
- JAD file parsing
 - Missing „MIDlet-Name“ and „MIDlet-1“ tags crash JVM
 - Overlong „MIDlet-Name“ leads to buffer overflow in filesystem



Siemens S55 - Java

MIDlet-Name: Test

File name:

/Java/jam/\${MIDlet-Name}/thing.jar

→ /Java/jam/Test/thing.jar

MIDlet-Name: AAA...AAA

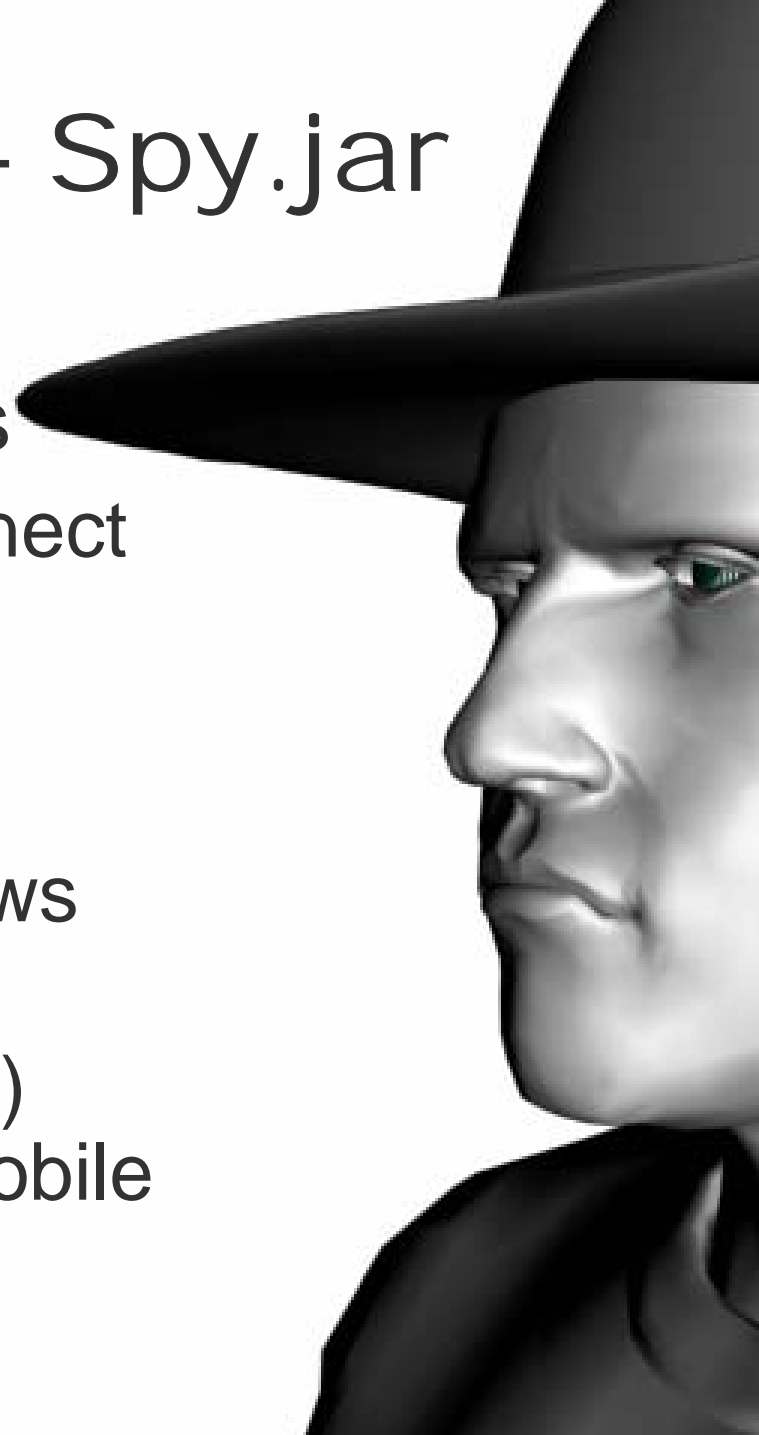
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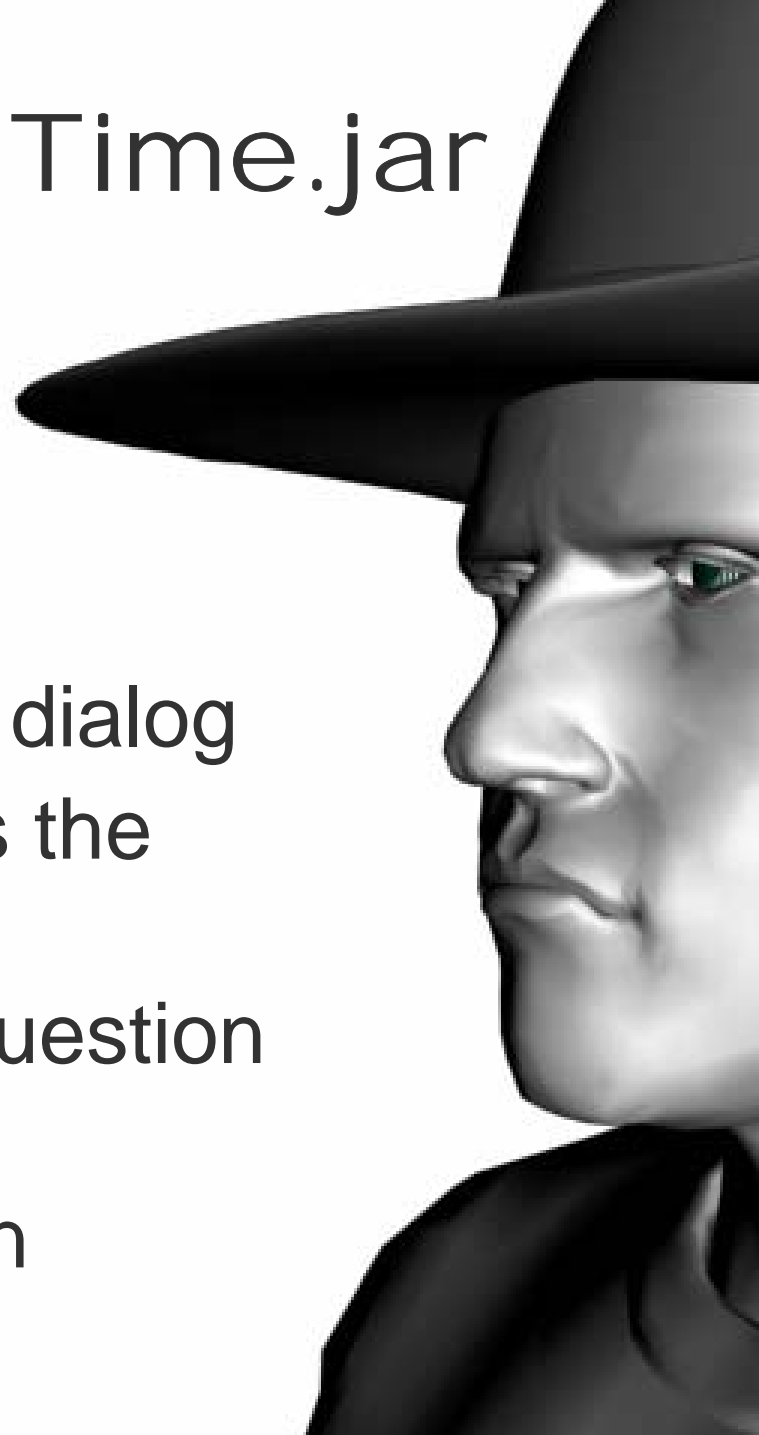
Siemens S55 - Spy.jar

- Outgoing WAP connections
 - Java Applications can connect to WAP sites without user permission
 - `Com.siemens.mp.gsm.PhoneBook.getMdn()` allows access to missed call list
 - `System.getProperty(„IMEI“)` returns the International Mobile Equipment Identity



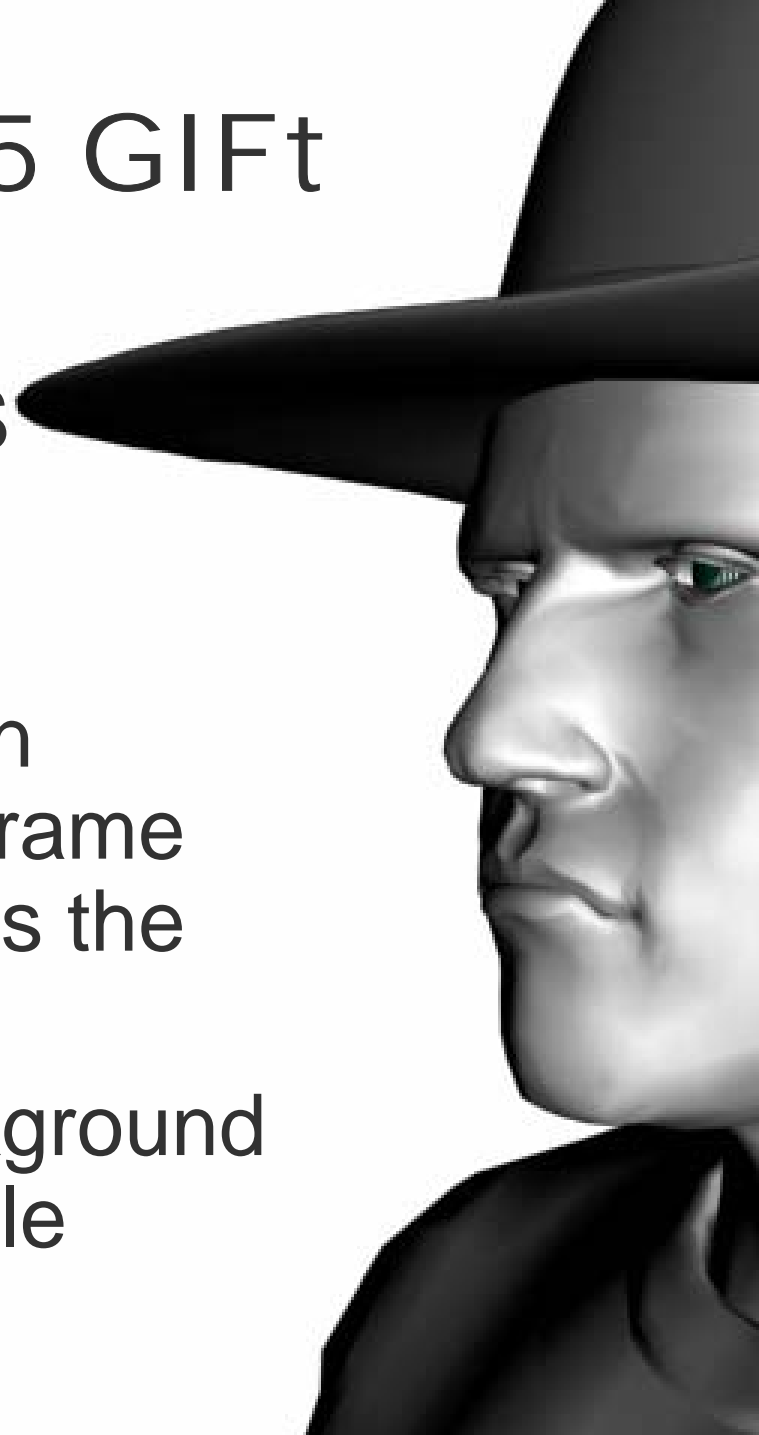
Siemens S55 - Time.jar

- Sending SMS or placing calls via Java applications requires user permission
- Permission is obtained via dialog
- Filling the screen obscures the dialog
- User answers a different question
- Outgoing call triggered but terminates Java application



Siemens S55 GIFt

- S55 supports GIF for MMS
- GIF file format has a Virtual Screen section
- Changing the virtual screen offset for a picture or one frame in an animated GIF crashes the device
- Placing such a pic as background renders the device unusable

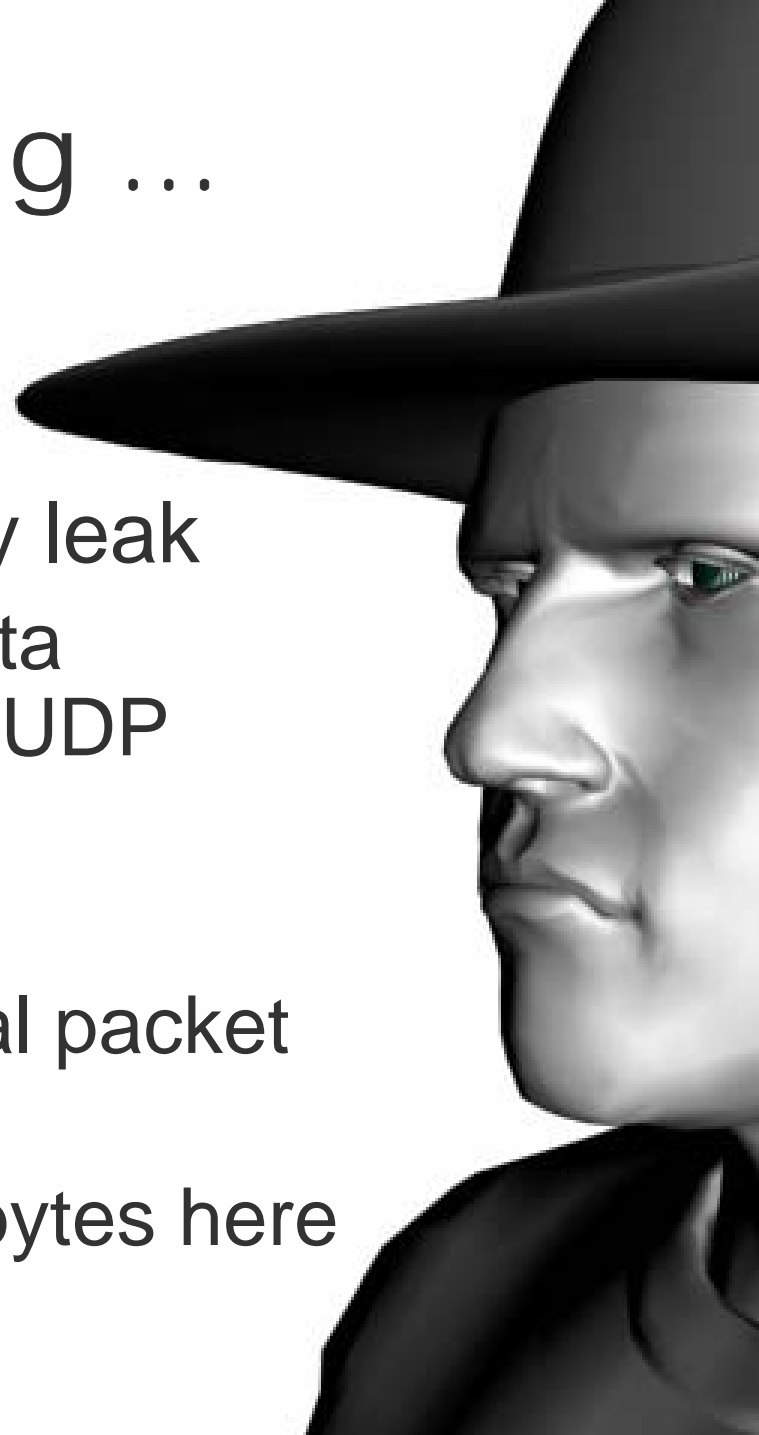


And
Now
For
Something
Completely
Different



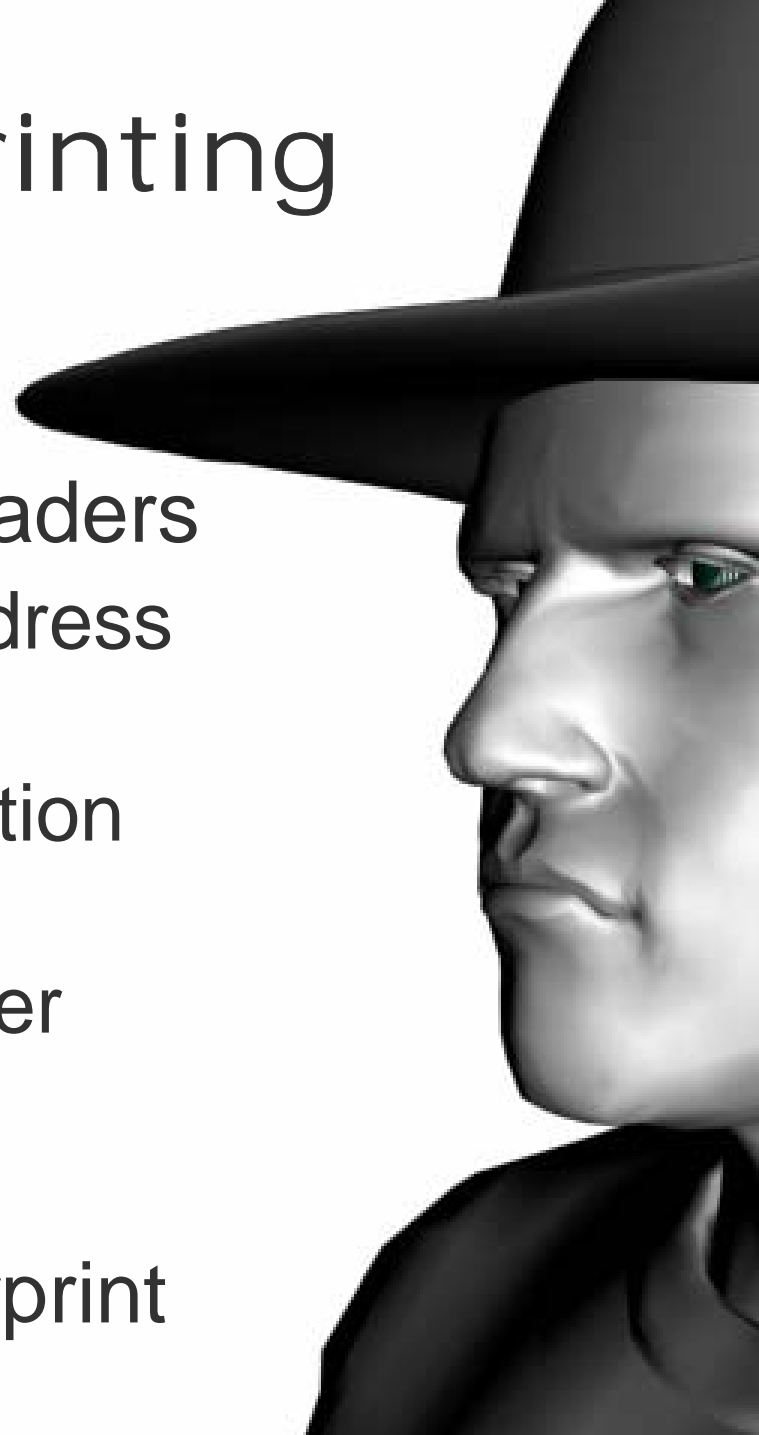
A small bug ...

- Cisco IOS 11.x and below
- UDP Echo service memory leak
 - Device sends as much data back to the sender as the UDP length field said it got
 - Leaks IO memory blocks
 - IO memory contains actual packet data – and not just ours
 - We are talking about 19kbytes here



IOS Fingerprinting

- Leaked IO memory contains memory block headers
 - Block headers contain address of who allocated the block
 - Address of allocating function changes per image
 - Address range changes per platform
- Result:
Reliable remote IOS fingerprint



IOS Fingerprinting [2]

In detail:

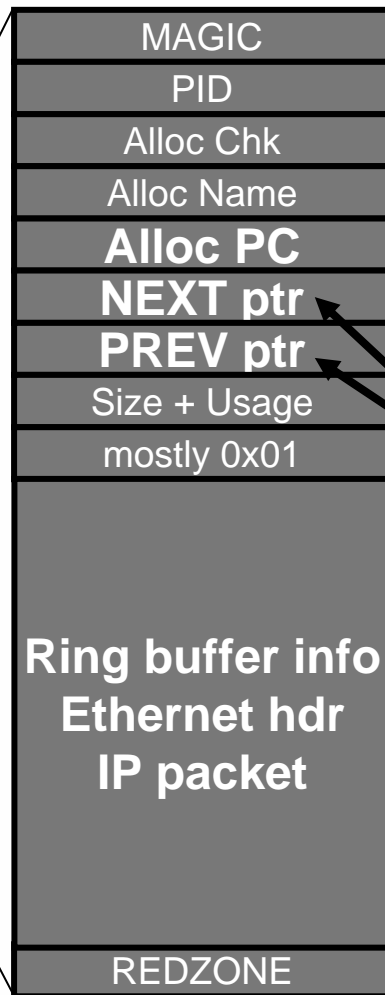
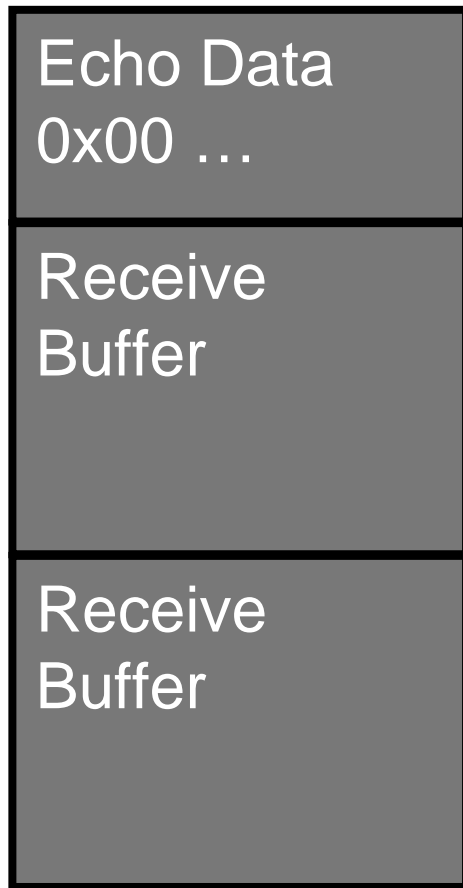
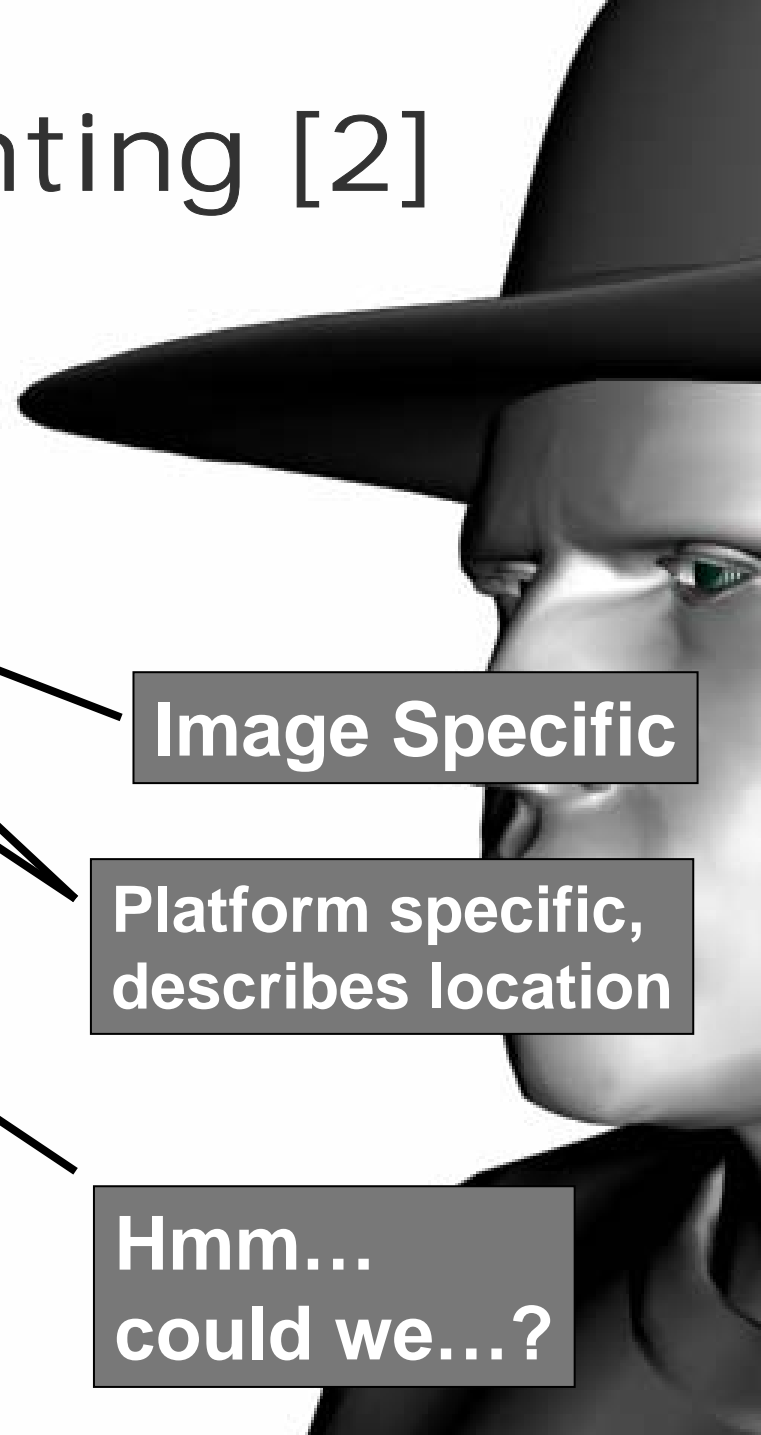


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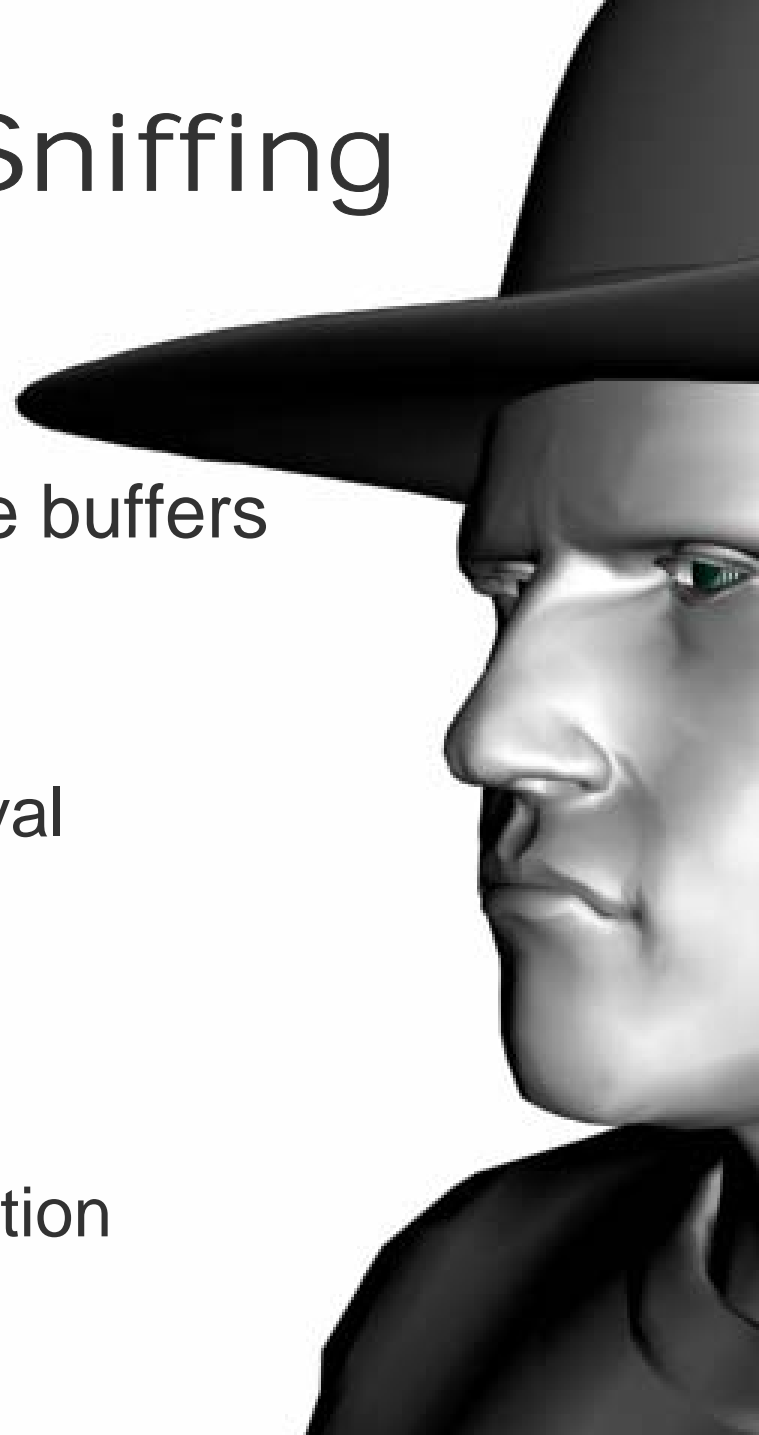
Platform specific,
describes location

Hmm...
could we...?



Remote IOS Sniffing

- Leaked IO memory contains packets in the receive buffers (RX ring ds elements)
- Phenoelit IOSniff
 - Repeated memory leak retrieval
 - Memory block identification
 - Packet offset identification
 - Packet decoding
 - Caching and duplicate prevention



Remote IOS Sniffing

```
[0x00E0B42C]: 00:60:47:4F:5E:72 -> 01:00:0C:CC:CC:CC
```

```
pure Ethernet stuff
```

```
.... ....+....radio.b.phenoelit.de.....Ether  
net0.....Cisco Internetwork Operating System Software  
.IOS (tm) 1600 Software (C1600-Y-L), Version 11.3(11b), REL  
EASE SOFTWARE (fc1).Copyright (c) 1986-2001 by cisco Systems  
, Inc..Compiled Fri 02-Mar-01 17:12 by cmong...cisco 1603..
```

```
---
```

```
[0x00E0CF2C]: 00:A0:24:2B:BE:BB -> 00:00:0C:4A:9C:C2
```

```
192.168.1.3 -> 192.168.1.16 43 bytes [TTL 63] DF (payload 23)
```

```
[TCP] 1035 -> 23 (783944042/983338029) ACK PSH win 32120
```

```
(payload 3)
```

```
en.
```

```
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```

```
[0x00E112AC]: 00:A0:24:2B:BE:BB -> 00:00:0C:4A:9C:C2
```

```
192.168.1.3 -> 192.168.1.16 46 bytes [TTL 63] DF (payload 26)
```

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[TCP] 1035 -> 23 (783944045/983338043) ACK PSH win 32120
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```
(payload 6)
```

```
s3cr3t.
```

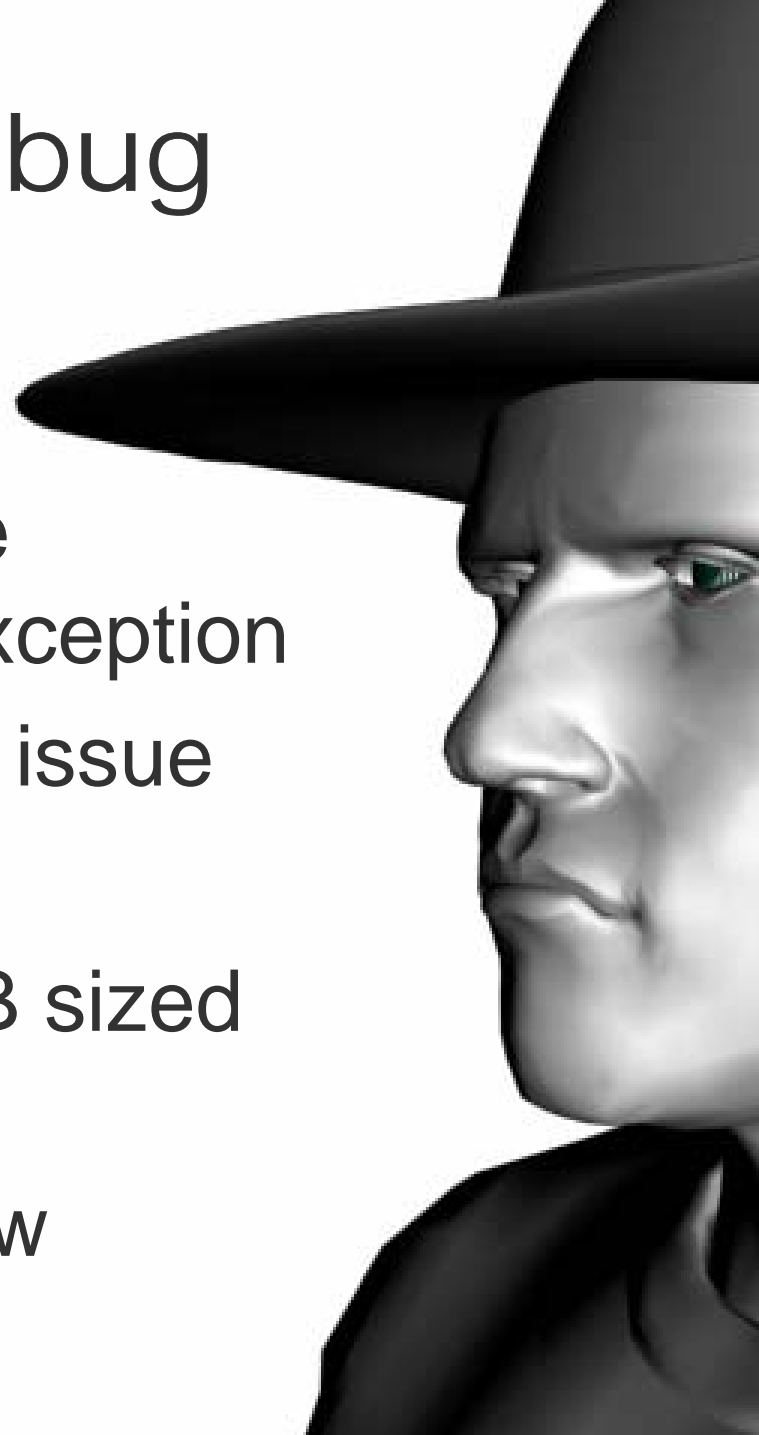
```
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```
[0x00E1196C]: 00:00:0C:4A:9C:C2 -> 00:01:03:8C:9B:44
```

```
[ARP] Reply for 192.168.1.100 from 192.168.1.16 (MAC:  
00:01:03:8C:9B:44)
```

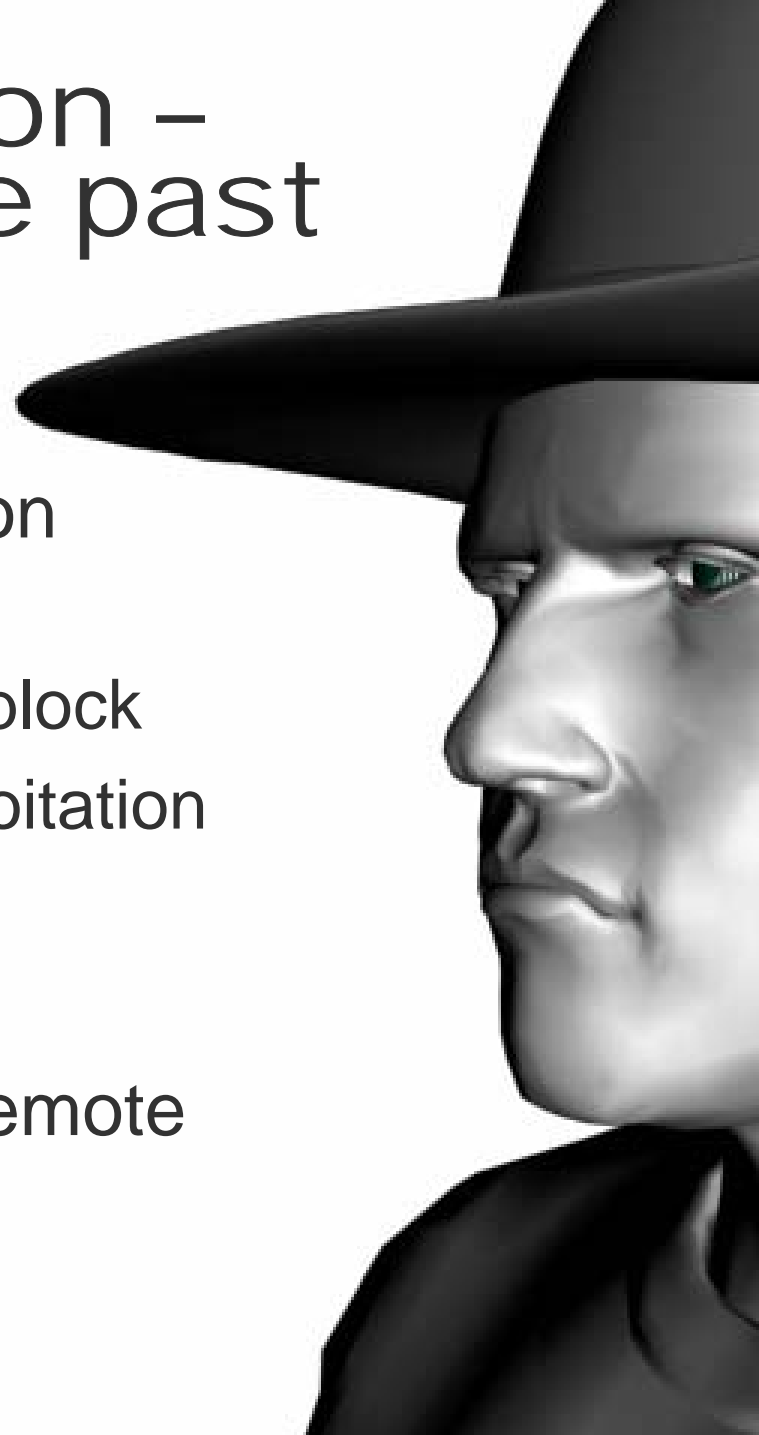

IOS HTTP bug

- Almost all embedded HTTP implementations are vulnerable – Cisco is no exception
- Integer or counting related issue
- IOS 11.x – 12.x
- Requires sending of a 2GB sized URL to the device
- Stack based buffer overflow



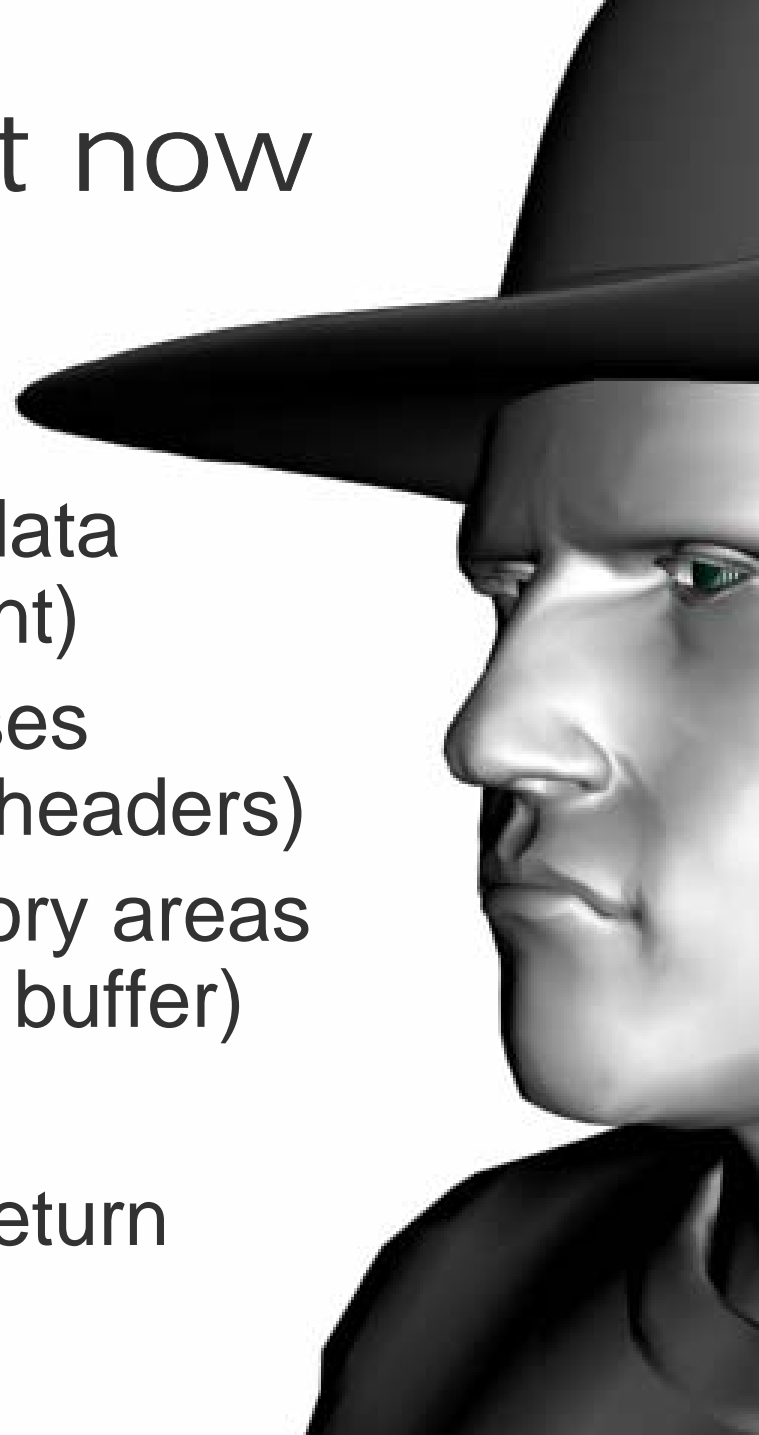
Exploitation - issues in the past

- For heap overflows, we need several image and configuration depend addresses
 - PREV pointer in the memory block
 - Size value in IO memory exploitation
 - Stack location
 - Own code location
- Requirements made reliable remote exploitation hard / impossible



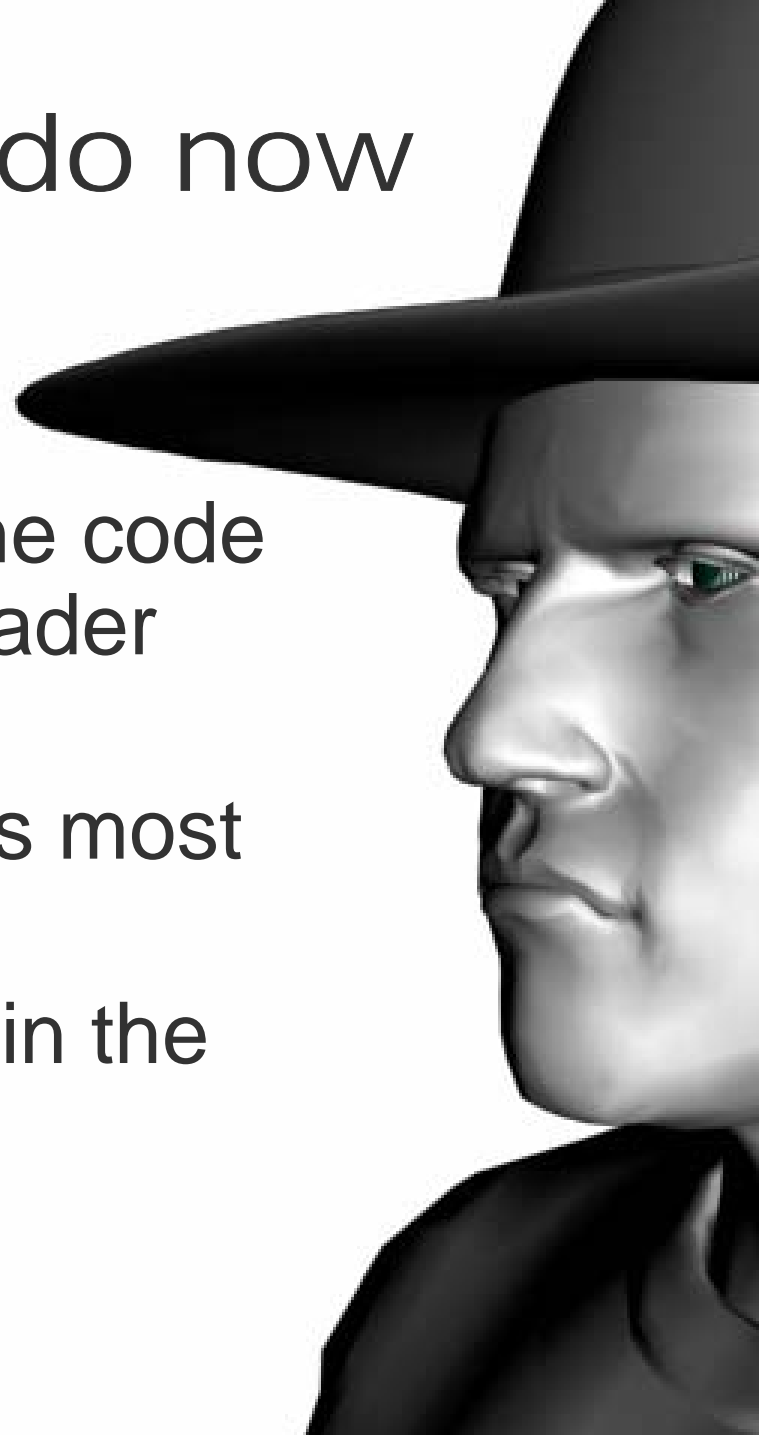
What we got now

- UDP Echo memory leak
 - Attacker provided binary data (the delivered Echo content)
 - Live IOS memory addresses (leaked IO memory block headers)
 - Ability to fill multiple memory areas with our binary data (Ring buffer)
- HTTP Overflow
 - Direct frame pointer and return address overwrite



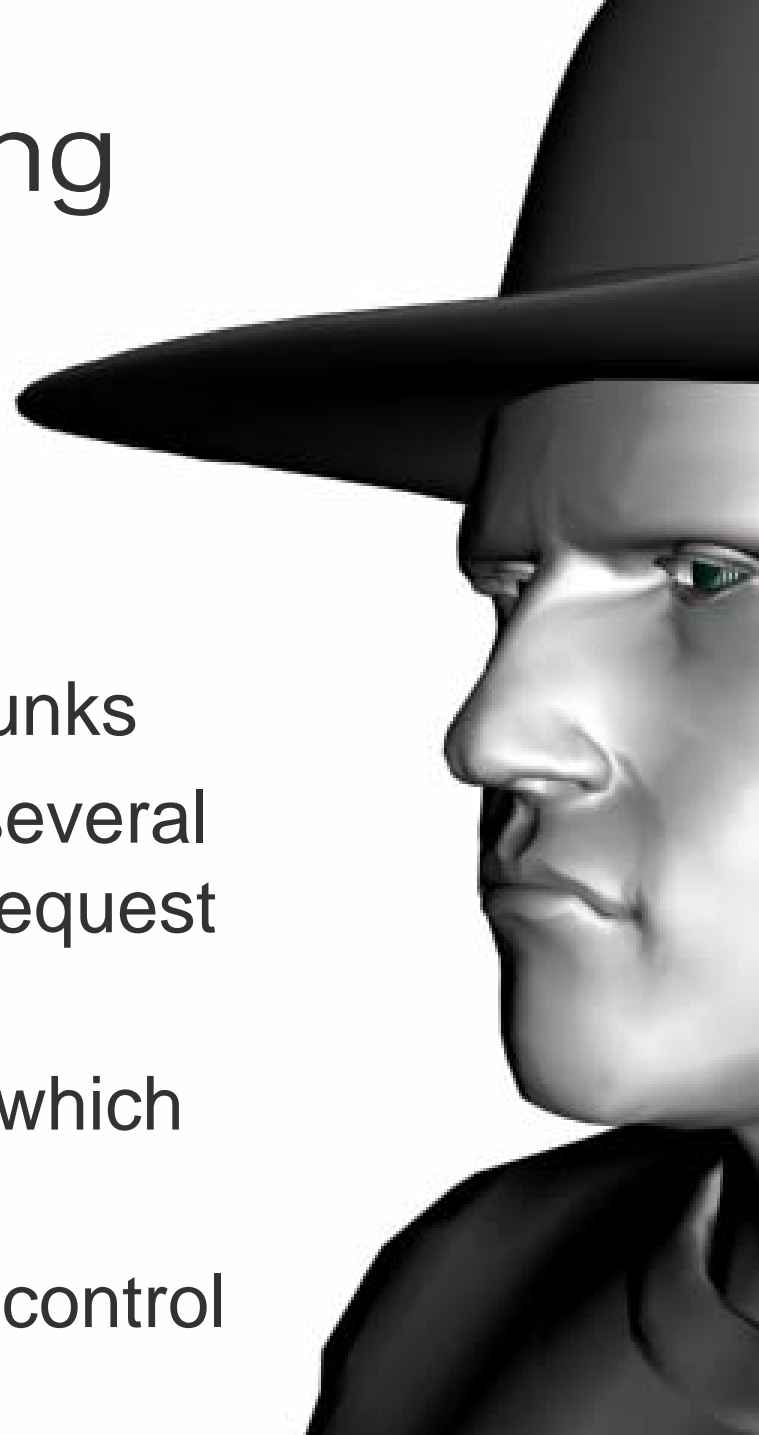
What we can do now

- Send full binary shell code
- Calculate the address of the code using IO memory block header information
- Select the shell code that is most likely not modified
- Directly redirect execution in the provided shell code
- Own the box



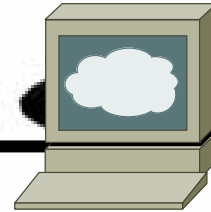
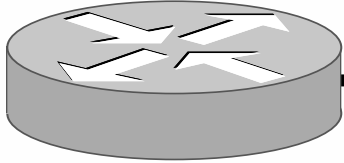
Combining

1. Send the maximum URL length allowed by IOS
2. Send 2GB of additional URL elements in correct sized chunks
3. Perform UDP memory leak several times with shell code in the request packet
4. Make intelligent decision on which address to use
5. Complete overflow and gain control



Again, in color

Owned



← HTTP Connect + legal size URL

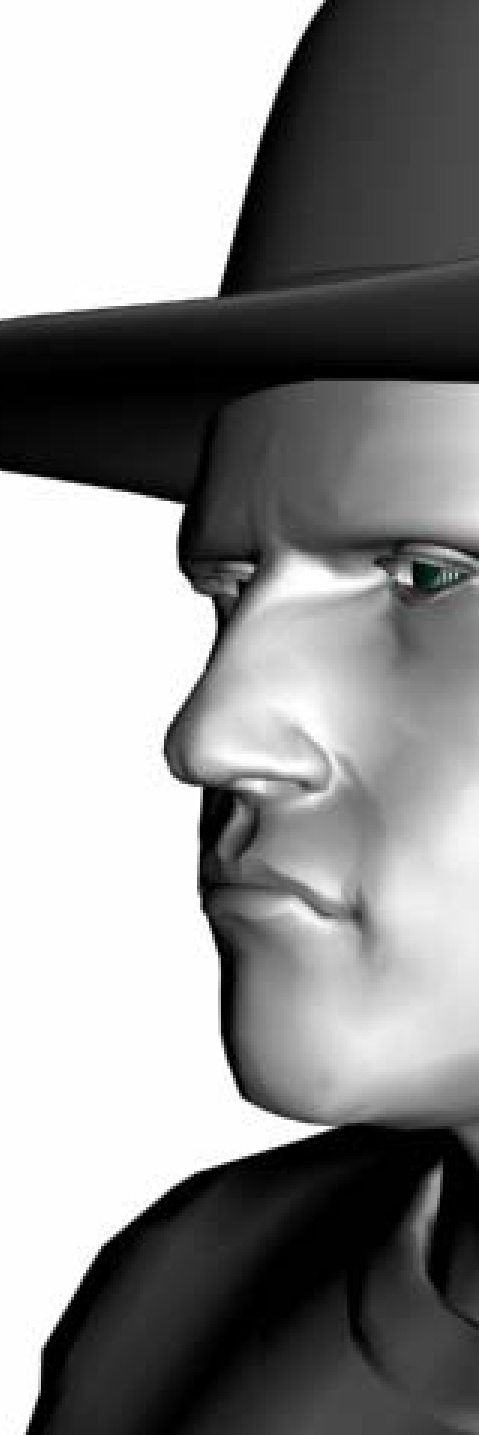
← 2GB of /AAAAAA/AAA.../

← Shell code to UDP Echo

Repeat
until
happy

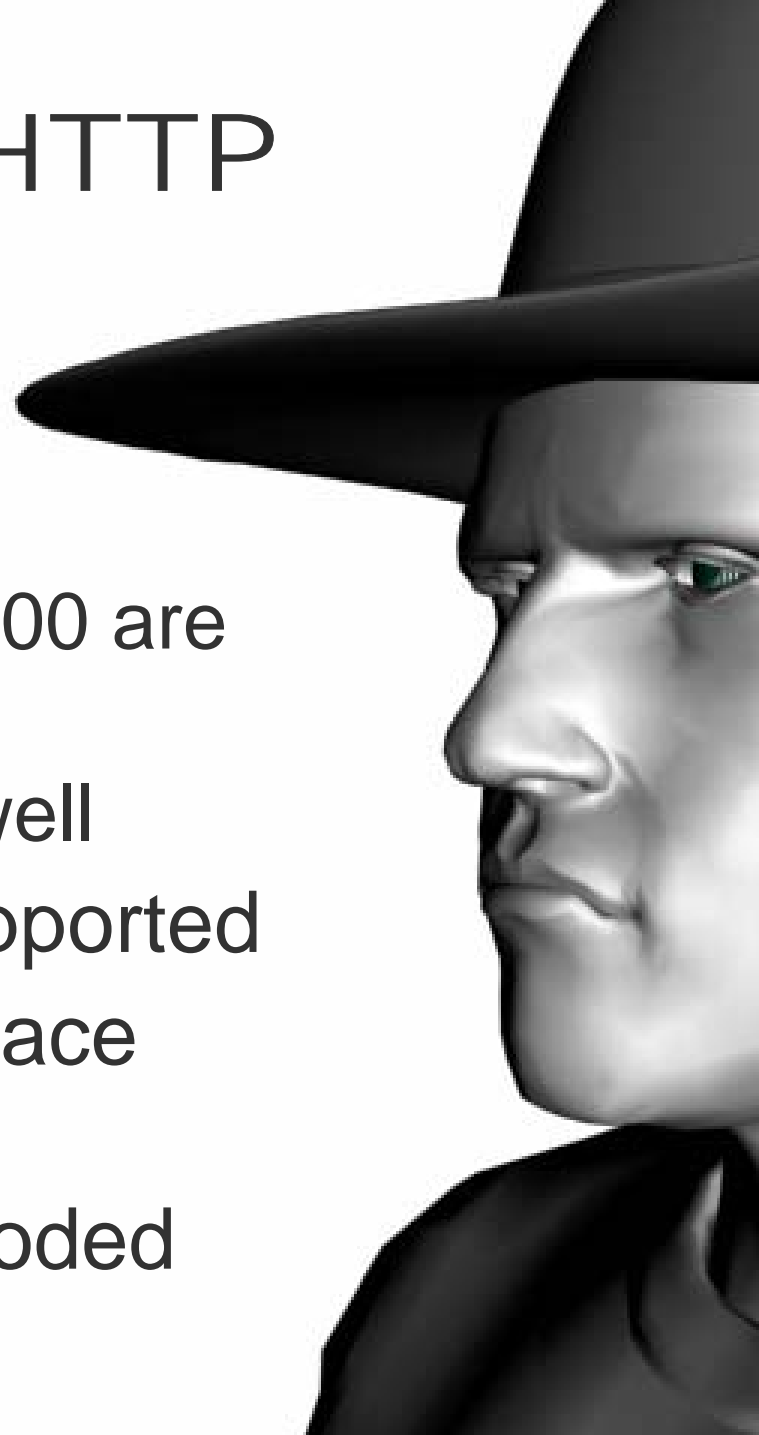
→ Leaked memory back

← Complete HTTP overflow



Binary via HTTP

- Cisco's HTTP doesn't like all characters
 - Slash , 0x0a, 0x0d and 0x00 are obviously bad for HTTP
 - Some others are bad as well
- HTTP encoding (%XY) supported
- Decoding seems to take place in the exact same buffer
- Return address HTTP encoded



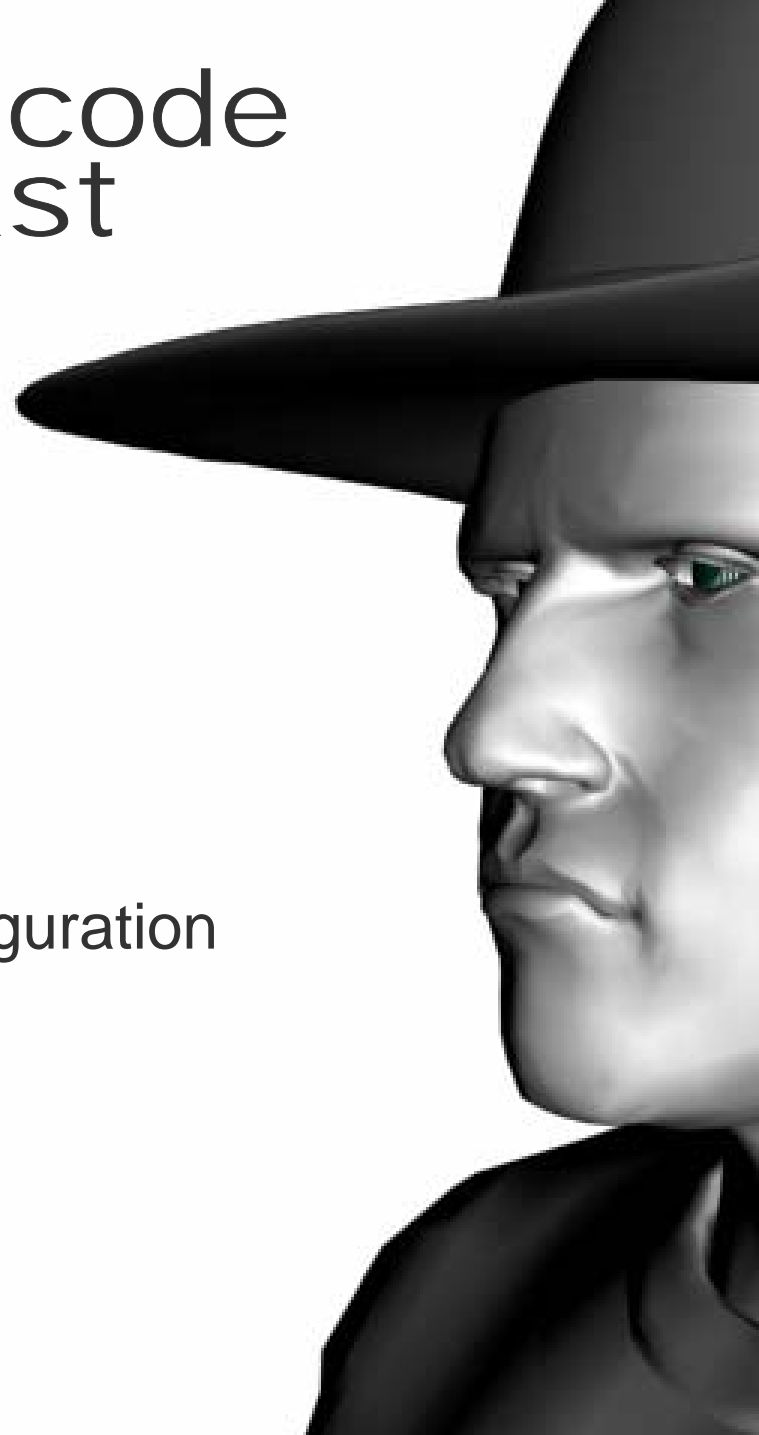
Return address selection

- Several address selection strategies tested
 - Last address obtained (about 50% success)
 - Randomly selected address (about 50%-60% success)
 - Highest memory location (about 0%-10% success)
 - Lowest memory location (about 90% success)
 - Most frequently seen address (about 30%-40% success)



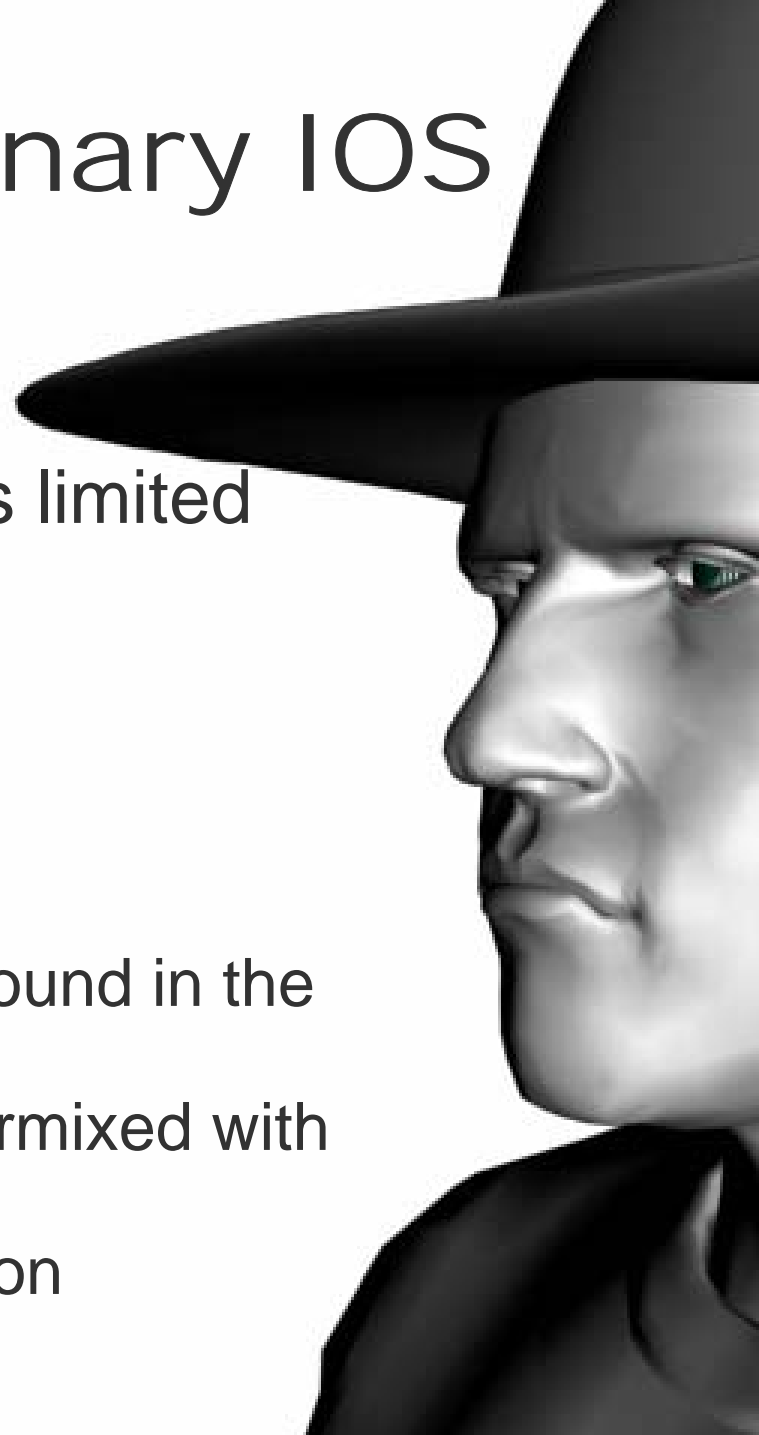
Cisco shell code in the past

- Complete configuration replacement in NVRAM and requires reboot
- Required knowledge
 - Attacked interface
 - IP address
 - Basic routing information
- Loses information of original configuration
 - Passwords and keys
 - Other routing information
 - Access lists
 - Logging information



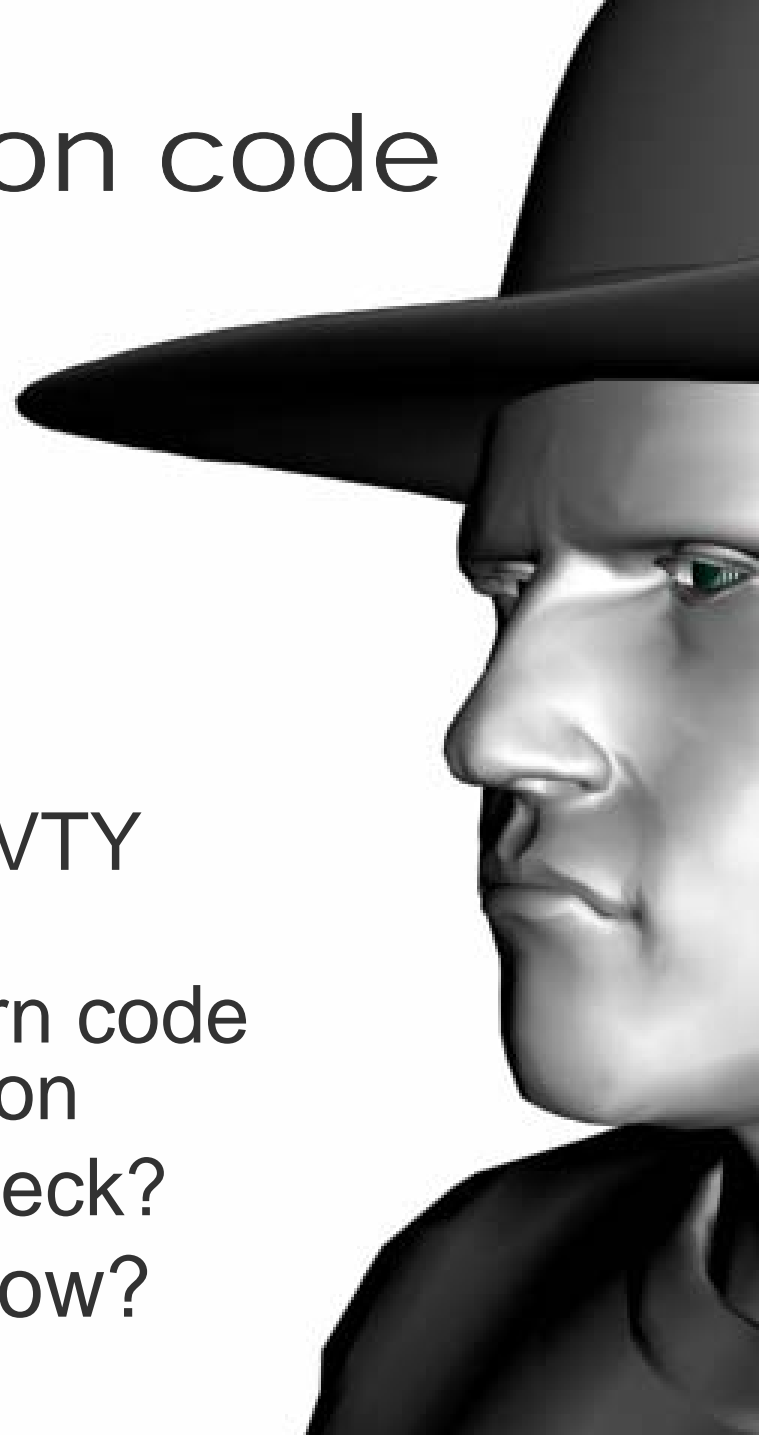
Researching binary IOS

- Cisco supports serial gdb
- ROM Monitor (rommon) allows limited debugging
 - Breakpoints
 - Watchpoints
 - Disassembly
- Code identification simple
 - Related debug strings can be found in the code
 - Data and text segment are intermixed with each other
 - Strings stored before the function



Next generation code

- Runtime IOS patching – things of interest:
 - Disable IOS text segment checksum function
 - Patch out authentication requirement for incoming VTY connections
 - Patch out verification return code from “enable mode” function
 - ACLs or BGP neighbor check?
- Keep IOS running ... but how?



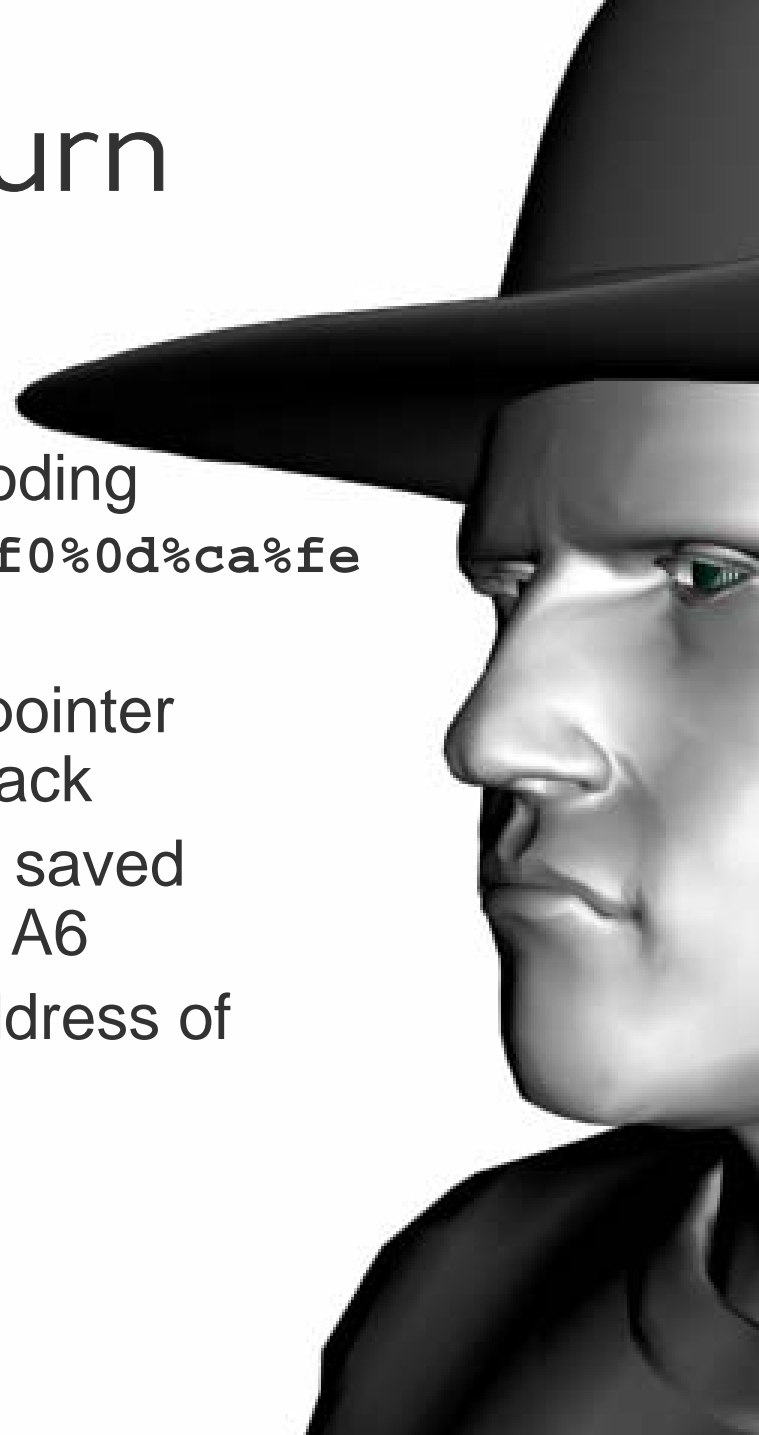
Clean return

- Overflow destroys significant amounts of stack due to HTTP encoding
 - 24 bytes encoded: `%fe%fe%ba%be%f0%0d%ca%fe`
 - 8 bytes decoded
- Motorola call structure uses frame pointer in A6 and saved stack pointer on stack
- Moving the stack pointer before the saved SP of any function restores SP and A6
- Search stack “upward” for return address of desired function

```
SP = <current> - 4
```

```
unlk a6
```

```
rts
```



Clean return code

IOS 11.3(11b) HTTP overflow find-return code

```
    move.l    a7,a2
findret:
    addq.l   #0x01,a7
    cmp.l    #0x0219fcc0,(a7)
    bne      findret
    move.l   a7,(a2)
    sub.l    #0x00000004,(a2)
    move.l   (a2),a6
    clr.l    d0
    movem.l  -4(a6),a2
    unlk     a6
    rts
```



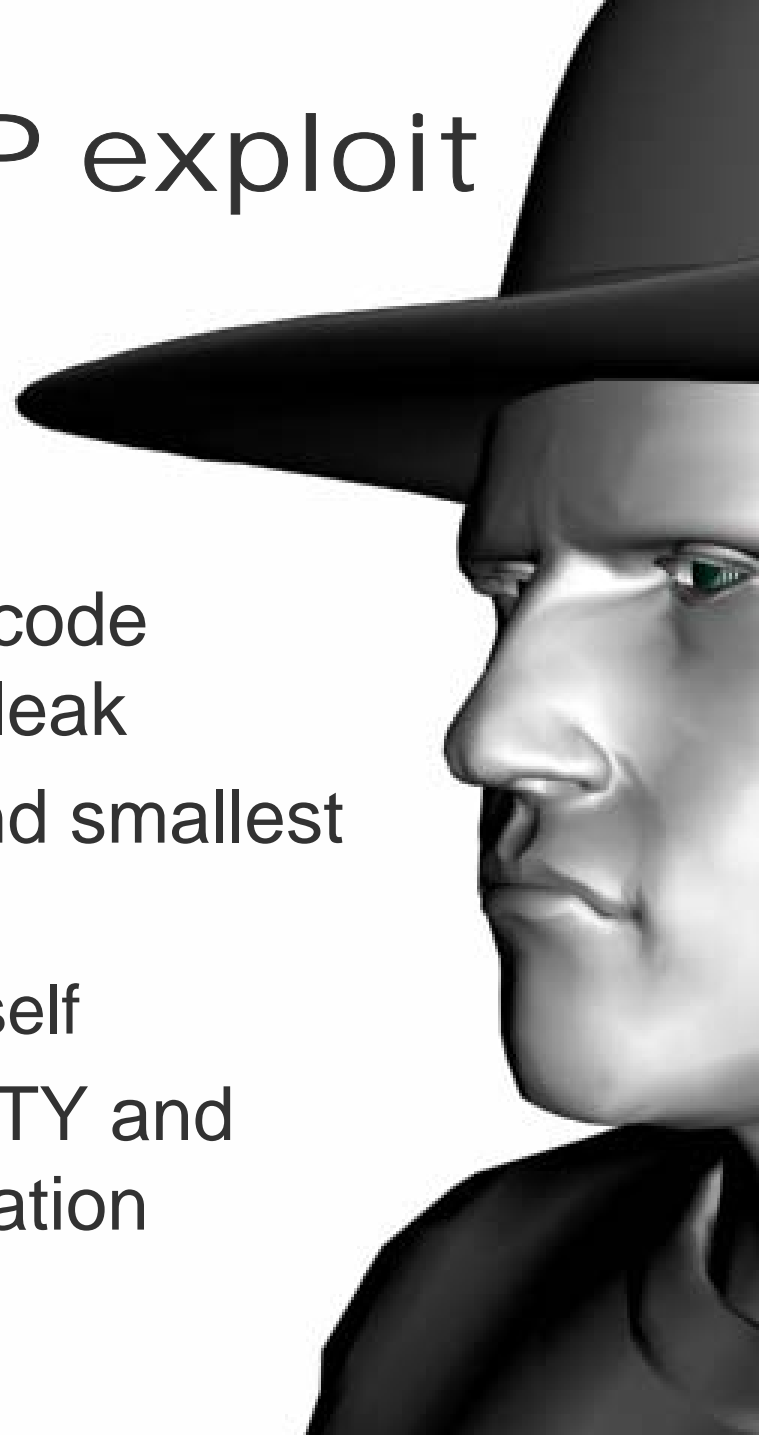
Runtime IOS patching

- Advantages
 - Router stays online
 - Configuration preserved
 - Backdoor in IOS runtime code
- Disadvantages
 - Depending on image
 - Large target list required (code addresses per image)
 - Annoying “checksum error” message on console 😊



Phenoelit HTTP exploit

- Reliable remote IOS exploitation
- Address calculation and shell code placement via UDP Echo info leak
- Address selection using second smallest address
 - first used for HTTP transfer itself
- Runtime IOS patch disables VTY and enable mode password verification



Phenoelit HTTP exploit

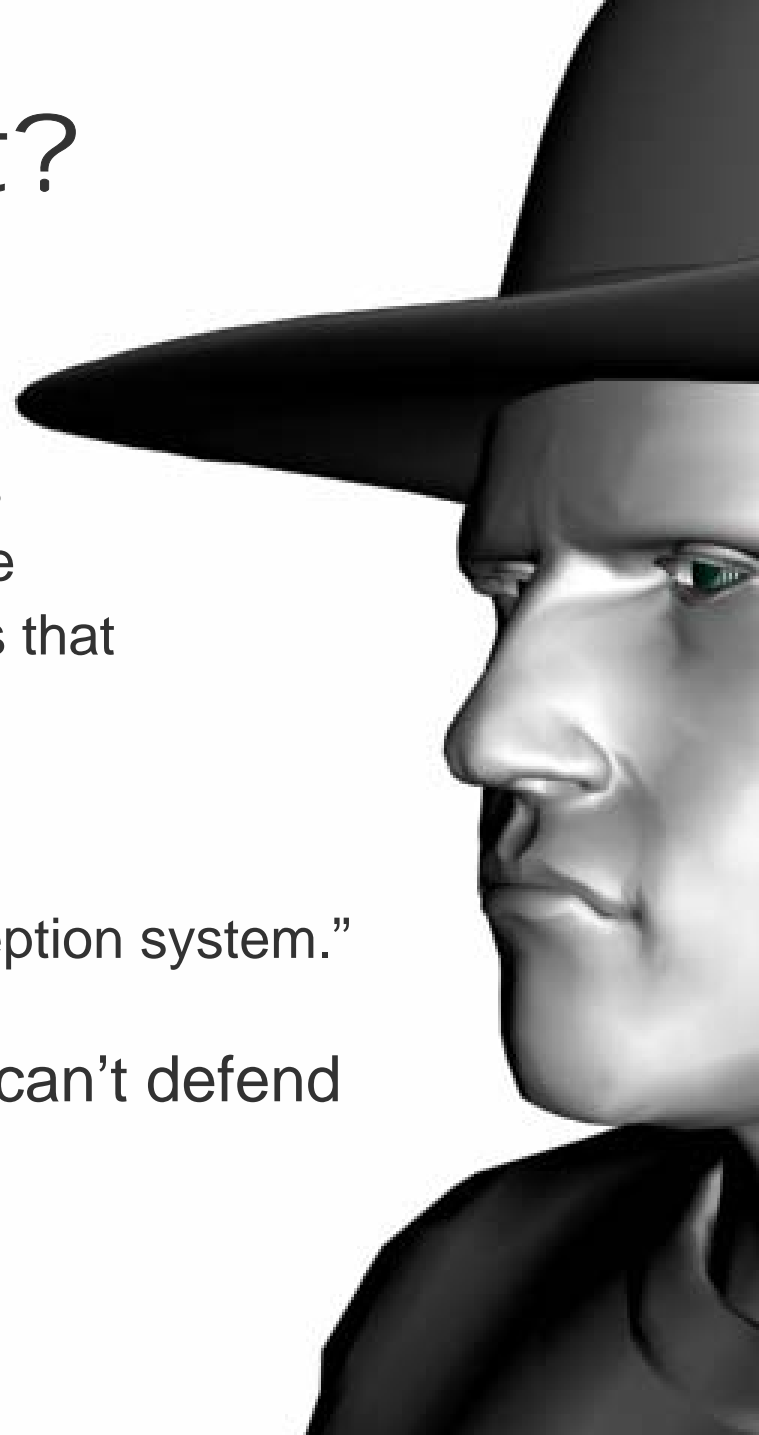
```
Trying...  
Connected to c1600.mgmt.nsa.gov.  
Escape character is '^]'.  
  
radio>en  
Password:  
Password:  
Password:  
% Bad secrets
```

```
radio#sh ru  
Building configuration...
```



So what?

- Didn't we mention, that ...
 - ... you shouldn't run unneeded services
 - ... you should protect your infrastructure
 - ... you should not copy data into buffers that are not large enough to hold it
- IOS moves "forward"
- Legal interception is build into IOS
 - "My other computer is your legal interception system."
 - Hey Jaya, it's no longer a joke.
- If your infrastructure is owned, you can't defend your systems.
- Other people exploit IOS as well – only we do it in public.



So what?

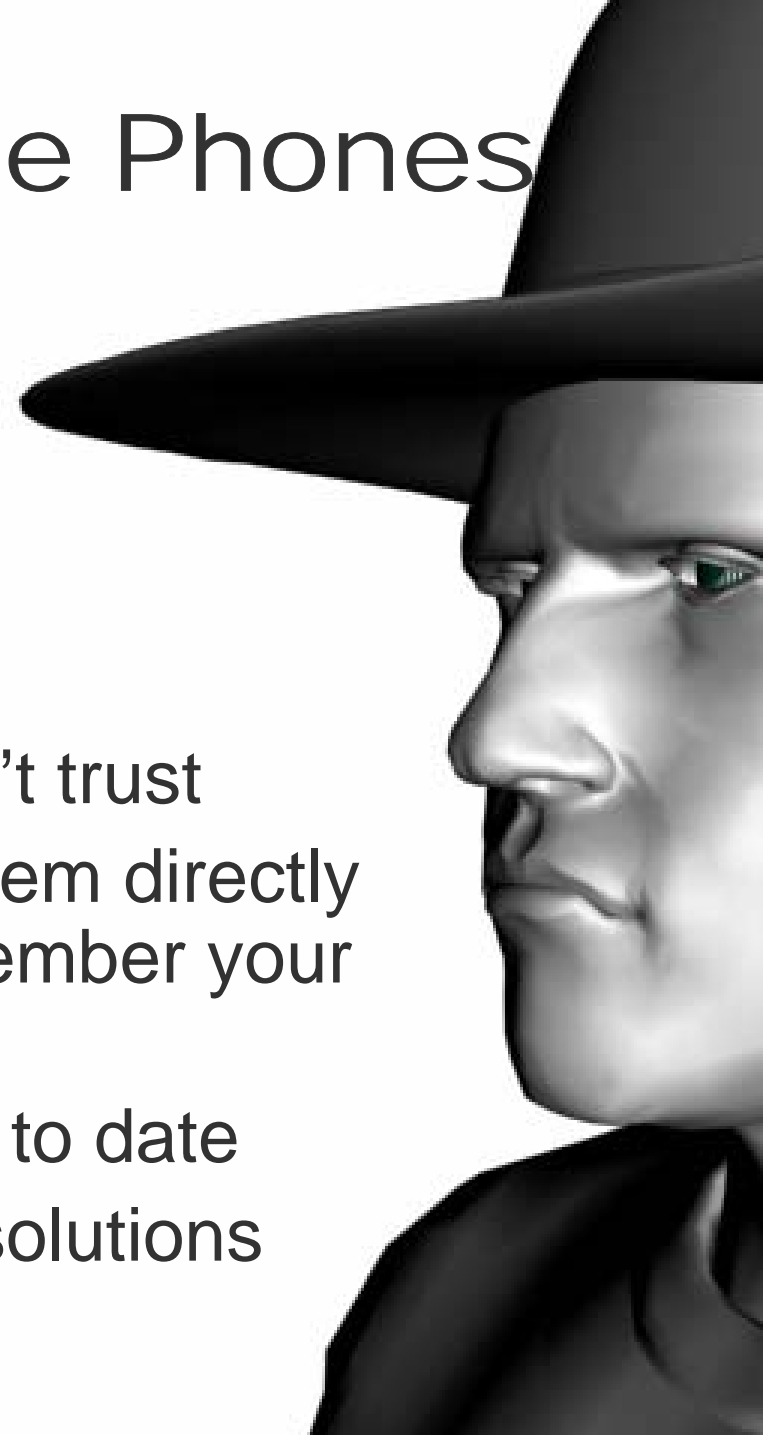
"Body of Secrets", James Bamford:
By looking for vulnerabilities in Cisco Routers, the NSA can find and capture a lot of electronic messages.

NSA Director Terry Thompson:
"But today, I really need someone who knows Cisco routers inside-out and helps me understand how they are used in target networks."



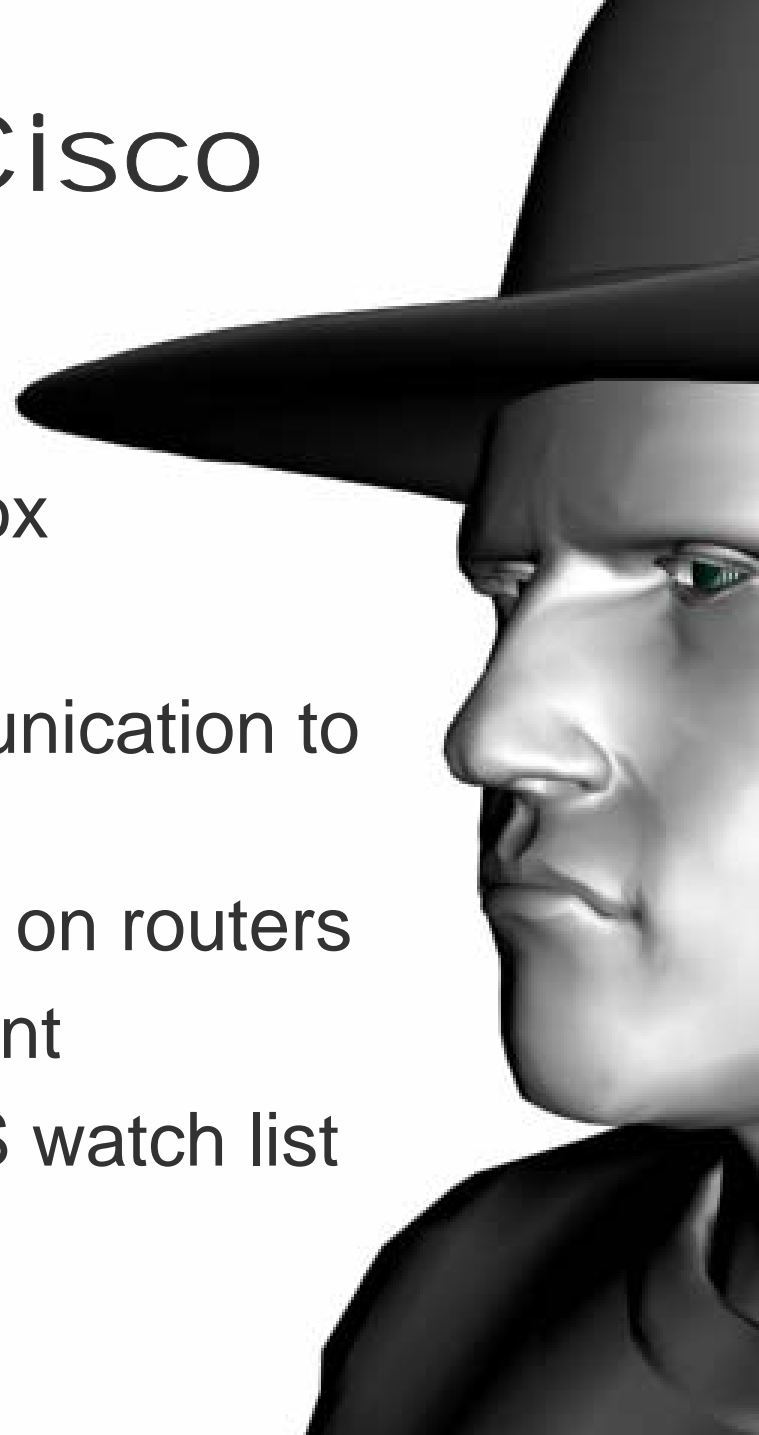
Defense - Mobile Phones

- Turn off unneeded interfaces on your phone
 - Bluetooth
 - IRDA
- Do not run Java code you don't trust
- When receiving files, delete them directly instead of opening them (remember your Outlook)
- Keep your Phone firmware up to date
- Don't use GPRS based VPN solutions



Defense - Cisco

- Do not trust devices, just because they are in a black box
- Keep your IOS up to date
- If possible, block direct communication to your infrastructure devices
- Do not run unneeded services on routers
- Prefer out-of-band management
- Include your router in your IDS watch list



Thanks and Greetings

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- Halvar
- Gaus at Cisco
- All the people being at ph-neutral
- You, the Black Hat audience

