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03/03/2016 6.00	Arunabh Verma, Henry Carter, Patrick Traynor, Philip Marquardt. (sp)iPhone: decoding vibrations from nearby keyboards using mobile phone accelerometers, ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS). 17-OCT-11, Chicago, Illinois, USA. : ,
03/03/2016 7.00	Saurabh Chakradeo, Bradley Reaves, Patrick Traynor, William Enck. MAST: Triage for Market- scale Mobile Malware Analysis, Proceedings of the ACM Conference on Security and Privacy in Wireless and Mobile Networks (WiSec). 17-APR-13, Budapest, Hungary. : ,
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03/03/2016 13.00	Chaitrali Amrutkar,, Kapil Singh,, Arunabh Verma,, Patrick Traynor. VulnerableMe: Measuring Systemic Weaknesses in Mobile Browser Security, International Conference on Information Systems Security (ICISS). 05-DEC-12, . : ,
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1. Abstract

The recent and rapid expansion of cellular capabilities has created tremendous opportunities for new applications and services. From mobile banking and location-based services to the real-time streaming of music and video, cellular networks now provide advanced voice and data services to more than 4.5 billion subscribers around the world. When compared to the approximately one billion users who access the Internet each day through traditional means, cellular networks represent the only communication system available to a significant portion of the world's population and the next significant expansion in high-speed Internet connectivity. As we all grow increasingly reliant on such devices, the risk of security vulnerabilities in the mobile phones and their supporting infrastructure represents not just an inconvenience, but a tangible threat to the safety and security of societies around the world. A significant barrier to basic research in this arena is the absence of available infrastructures to conduct rigorous testing and experimentation. This has resulted in a reduced understanding of the cellular threat landscape as compared to traditional Internet.

We proposed the procurement of a system that enables student researchers and faculty to evaluate threats against these classes of devices, thereby enhancing education and research in this important and rapidly developing area.

2. Equipment

The proposed grant was designed to cover a wide range of devices. We not only requested the purchase of a large number of mobile phones to support mobile application development, but also wireless base stations to create our own small-scale networks, and laptop-, desktop- and server-class machines to allow for writing software and data processing.

Mobile devices ended up being the most beneficial to the widest range of research projects. These systems were used to perform research on mobile malware, TLS and the mobile web, and core network security. Additionally, the mobile devices purchased as part of this grant were used to support our work on the DARPA PROCEED Program (AFRL FA8750-11-2-0211: Characterizing and Implementing Efficient Primitives for Privacy-Preserving Computation). We were also able to allow students working as part of the graduate course “Cellular and Mobile Network Security” to build Android applications as part of their course research projects.

Traditional computing resources (laptops, desktops and servers) were extremely valuable in developing software for these mobile devices. A number of our projects collected extensive amounts of data or required massive computing power (especially those related to DARPA PROCEED). Accordingly, we were able to perform such research duties only because of this infrastructure.

Lastly, we purchased two of the proposed five mobile base stations. Our first unit had dramatically limited functionality, and ended up being useful for only a short lifetime. Students used this device to build a small testbed in support of their class projects. We purchased a second device, from Range Networks, which offered dramatically expanded capabilities. However, because of spectrum limitations in the Atlanta downtown, we opted to purchase a Faraday box to ensure that our experiments did not interfere with legitimate signals in the area. This precaution prevented us from purchasing and deploying the additionally proposed items to create a larger network.

PI Traynor left Georgia Tech for the University of Florida in the Summer of 2014. Georgia Tech refused to allow PI Traynor to transfer the equipment, opting instead to require that all equipment remain there. PI Traynor was told that the equipment would be “surplussed” in spite of it having significant useful life remaining. Because PI Traynor retains adjunct status at Georgia Tech, he has been able to continue using some of the equipment; however, the Chair of the Department of Computer Science will need to be contacted for justification of early equipment expiration and any questions regarding the final budget.

3. Published Papers

This DURIP supported significant research activity, and directly resulted in the following published scientific papers:

Core Network Security

1. A. Bates, K. Butler, M. Sherr, C. Shields, P. Traynor, and D. Wallach, **Accountable Wiretapping -or- I Know They Can Hear You Now**, In Proceedings of the ISOC Network & Distributed System Security Symposium (NDSS), 2012.
2. P. Traynor, **Characterizing the Security Implications of Third-Party EAS Over Cellular Text Messaging Services**, IEEE Transactions on Mobile Computing (TMC), 11(6):983-994, 2012.
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5. B. Reaves, E. Shernan, A. Bates, H. Carter and P. Traynor, **Boxed Out: Blocking Cellular Interconnect Bypass Fraud at the Network Edge** Proceedings of the USENIX Security Symposium (SECURITY), 2015.
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Mobile malware

7. P. Marquardt, A. Verma, H. Carter and P. Traynor, **(sp)iPhone: Decoding Vibrations From Nearby Keyboards Using Mobile Phone Accelerometers**, Proceedings of the ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS), October, 2011.
8. Y. Nadji, J. Giffin and P. Traynor, **Automated Remote Repair for Mobile Malware**, Proceedings of the Annual Computer Security Applications

Conference (ACSAC), December 2011.

9. S. Chakradeo, B. Reaves, P. Traynor and W. Enck, **MAST: Triage for Market-scale Mobile Malware Analysis**, In Proceedings of the ACM Conference on Security and Privacy in Wireless and Mobile Networks (WiSec), 2013. (**best paper**)

Privacy-preserving Computation

10. H. Carter, B. Mood, P. Traynor and K. Butler. **Secure Outsourced Garbled Circuit Evaluation for Mobile Devices**, In Proceedings of the USENIX Security Symposium (SECURITY), 2013.
11. H. Carter, C. Amrutkar, I. Dacosta and P. Traynor, **For Your Phone Only: Custom Protocols for Efficient Secure Function Evaluation on Mobile Devices**, Journal of Security and Communication Networks (SCN), 7(7), p. 1165–1176, 2014.
12. H. Carter, C. Lever, P. Traynor, **Whitewash: Outsourcing Garbled Circuit Generation for Mobile Devices**, Proceedings of the Annual Computer Security Applications Conference (ACSAC), December 2014.
13. H. Carter, B. Mood, P. Traynor, and K. Butler. **Secure Outsourced Garbled Circuit Evaluation for Mobile Devices**. Journal of Computer Security (JCS), To Appear 2016.

TLS and the Mobile Web

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15. C. Amrutkar, P. Traynor and P. van Oorschot, **Measuring SSL Indicators on Mobile Browsers: Extended Life, or End of the Road?**, In Proceedings of the Information Security Conference (ISC), 2012. (**best student paper**)
16. C. Amrutkar, K. Singh, A. Verma and P. Traynor, **VulnerableMe: Measuring Systemic Weaknesses in Mobile Browser Security**, In Proceedings of the International Conference on Information Systems Security (ICISS), 2012.
17. I. Dacosta, S. Chakradeo, M. Ahamad, and P. Traynor. **One-Time Cookies: Preventing Session Hijacking Attacks with Stateless Authentication Tokens**, ACM Transactions on Internet Technology (TOIT), 12(1), 2012.

18. C. Amrutkar and P. Traynor, **Rethinking Permissions for Mobile Web Apps: Barriers and the Road Ahead**, Proceedings of the ACM CCS Workshop on Security and Privacy in Smartphones and Mobile Devices (SPSM), 2012.
19. C. Amrutkar, P. Traynor and P. van Oorschot, **An Empirical Evaluation of Security Indicators in Mobile Web Browsers**, IEEE Transactions on Mobile Computing (TMC), 14(5):889-903, 2015.

4. Conclusions

Cellular systems represent some of the most critical infrastructure in our modern world. Whereas some two billion people use the Internet daily, over six billion subscribers rely on telephony networks as their only access to digital communications. Accordingly, the security of these systems requires heightened attention from our security.

This grant has enabled a wide range of research projects that would not have been possible without this infrastructure. From expensive wireless interfaces and equipment to the back-end processing necessary to compute results over large data produced by our experiments, this funding has helped address critical questions about the reality and spread of mobile malware, the practicality of new techniques to prevent fraud and denial of service in core infrastructure, whether privacy-preserving computation is possible on mobile devices and the state of security in the mobile web.

Moreover, this work allowed for three PhD students (Italo Dacosta, Chaitrali Amrutkar and Henry Carter) the infrastructure they required to successfully complete their dissertation work.