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# ZIGBEE SMART HOMES

A HACKER'S OPEN HOUSE

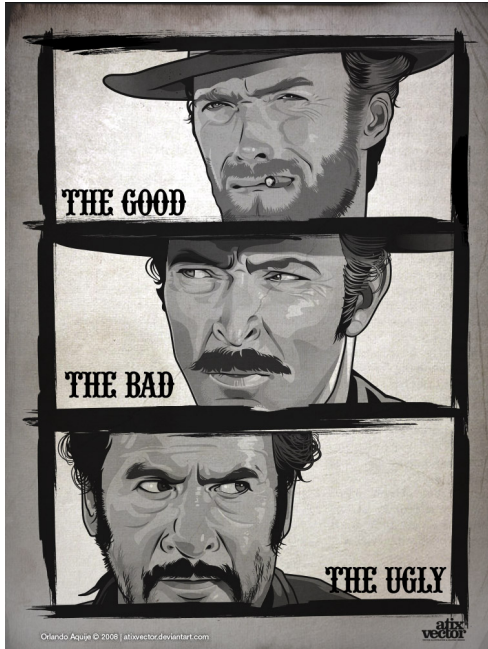
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### ABOUT ME

- Senior IS Auditor @ Cognosec in Vienna
- Penetration Testing, Security Audits & Consulting
- IoT Security Research, Playing with SDR
- Owner of a ZigBee based home automation system :D

## AGENDA

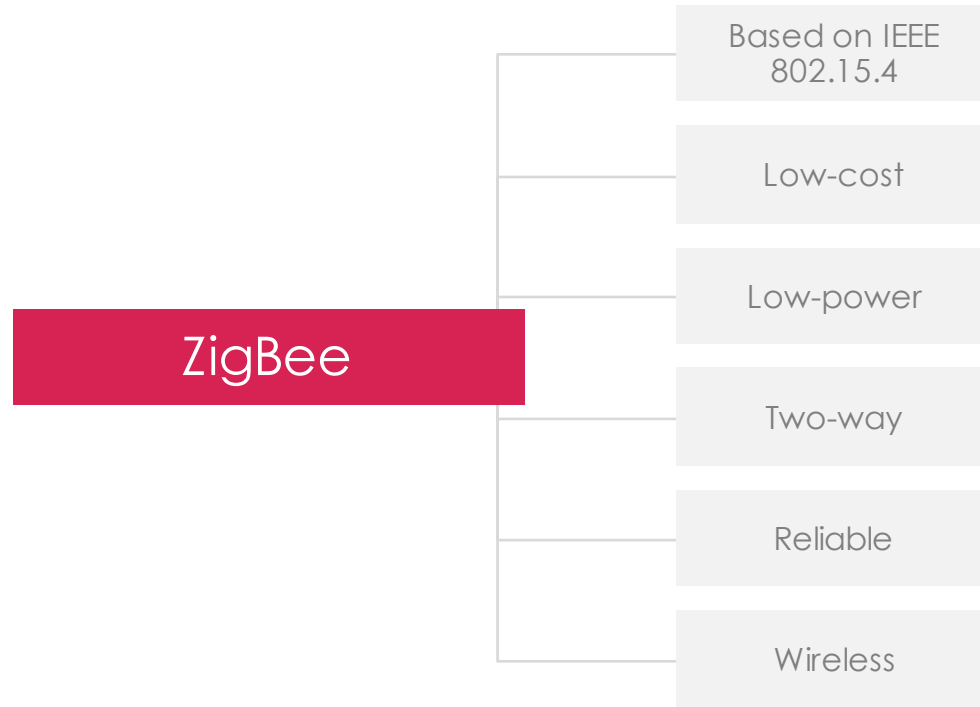
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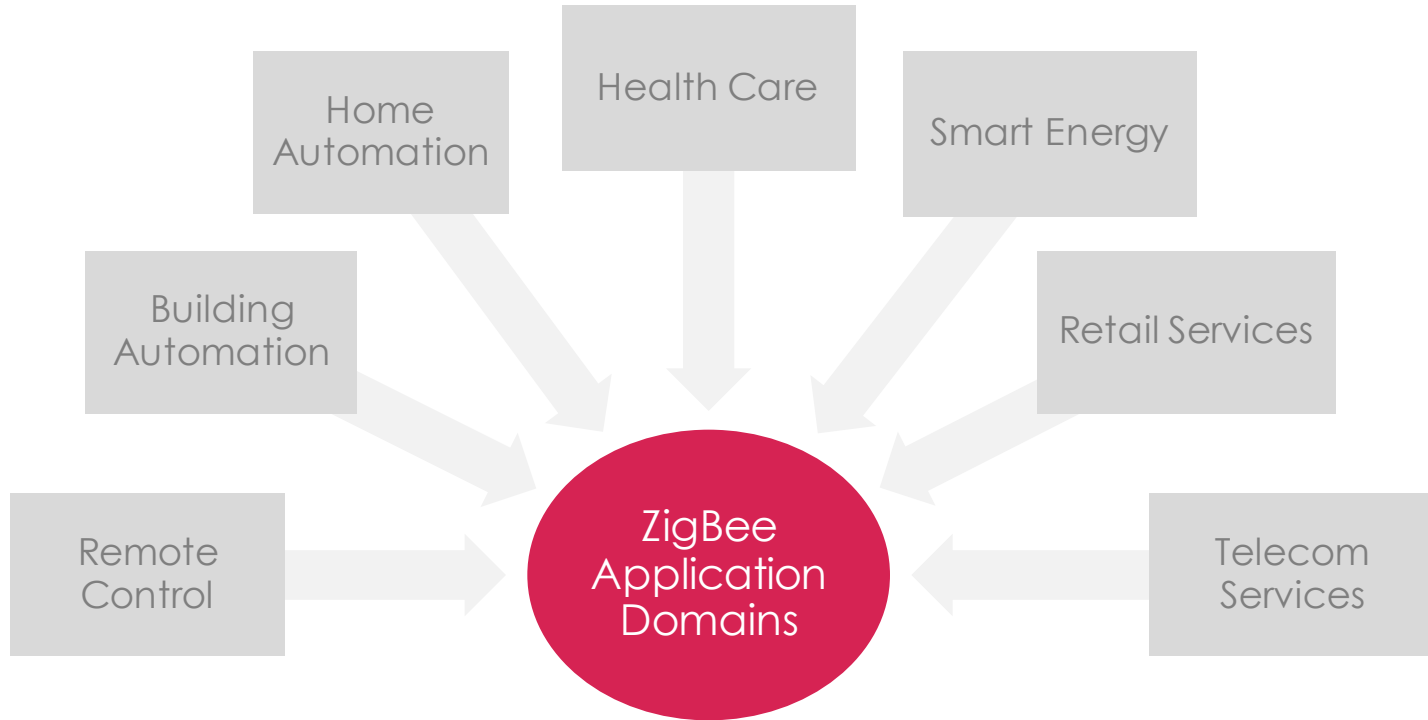


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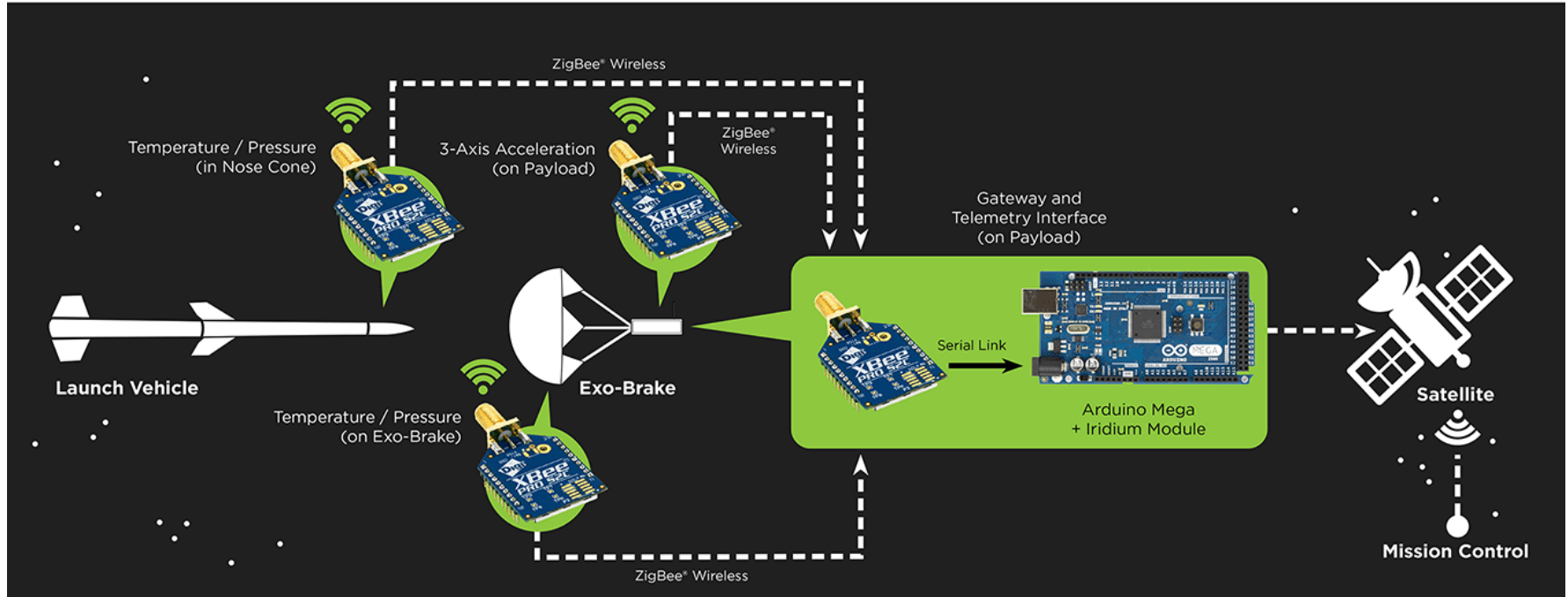
WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT







# SOAREX-8 Wireless Sensor Network Flight Configuration NASA Ames Research Center



<http://www.zigbee.org/zigbee-in-space-xbee-rf-modules-launched-by-nasa/>

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## WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

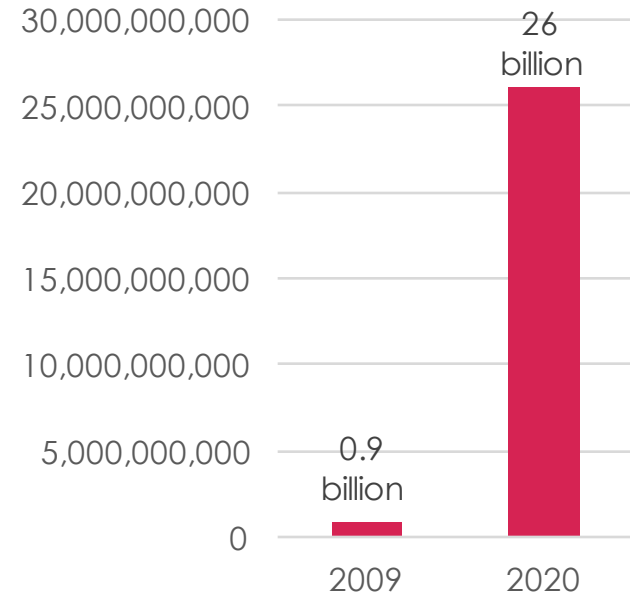
- Trend is wireless connections
- Samsung CEO BK Yoon - “Every Samsung device will be part of IoT till 2019”<sup>3</sup>
- Over 500 smart device per household in 2022<sup>1</sup>

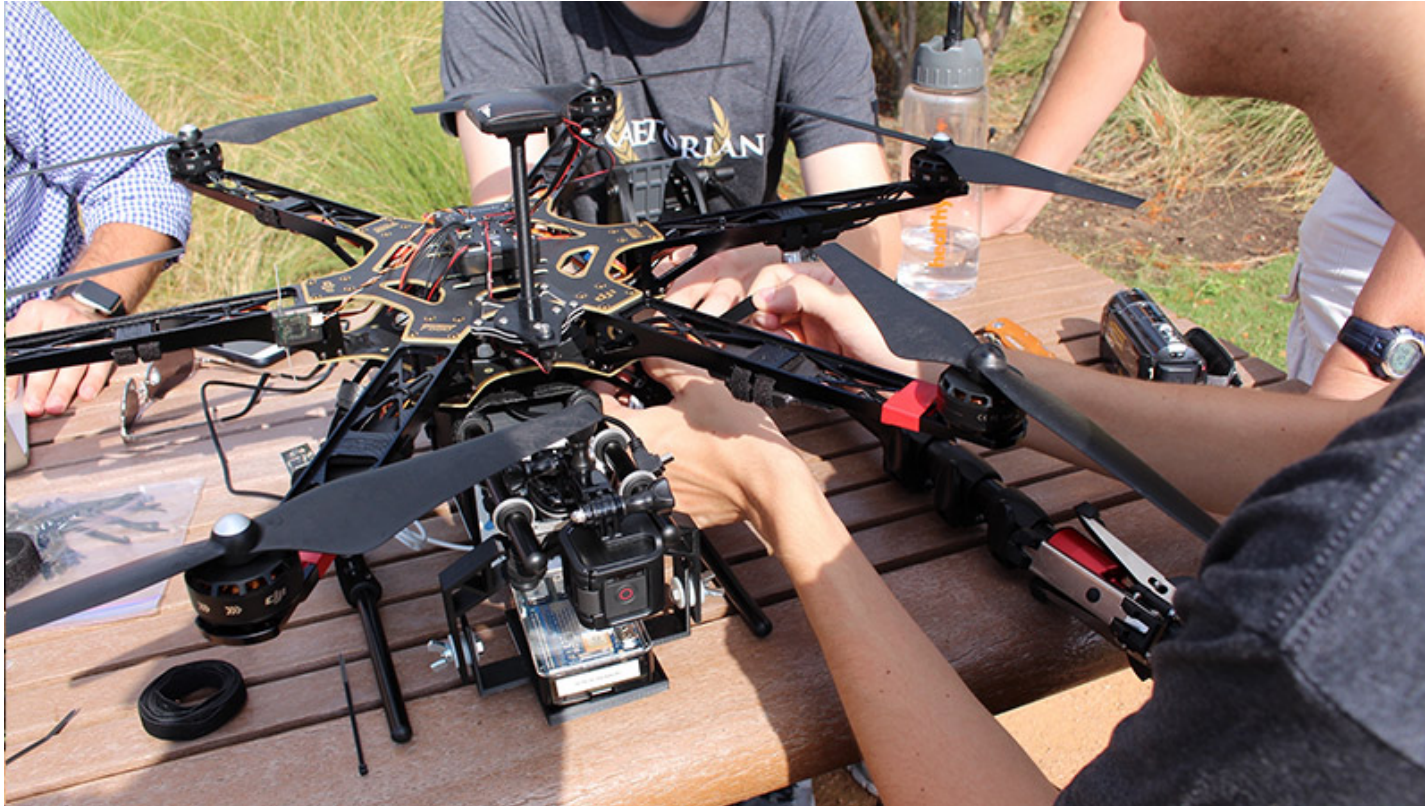
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<sup>3</sup> [http://www.heise.de/newsticker/meldung/CES-Internet-der-Dinge-komfortabel-  
vemetzt-2512856.html](http://www.heise.de/newsticker/meldung/CES-Internet-der-Dinge-komfortabel-<br/>vemetzt-2512856.html)

Number of IoT Devices





<https://www.praetorian.com/iotmap/>

## Project Statistics



### Zone Details

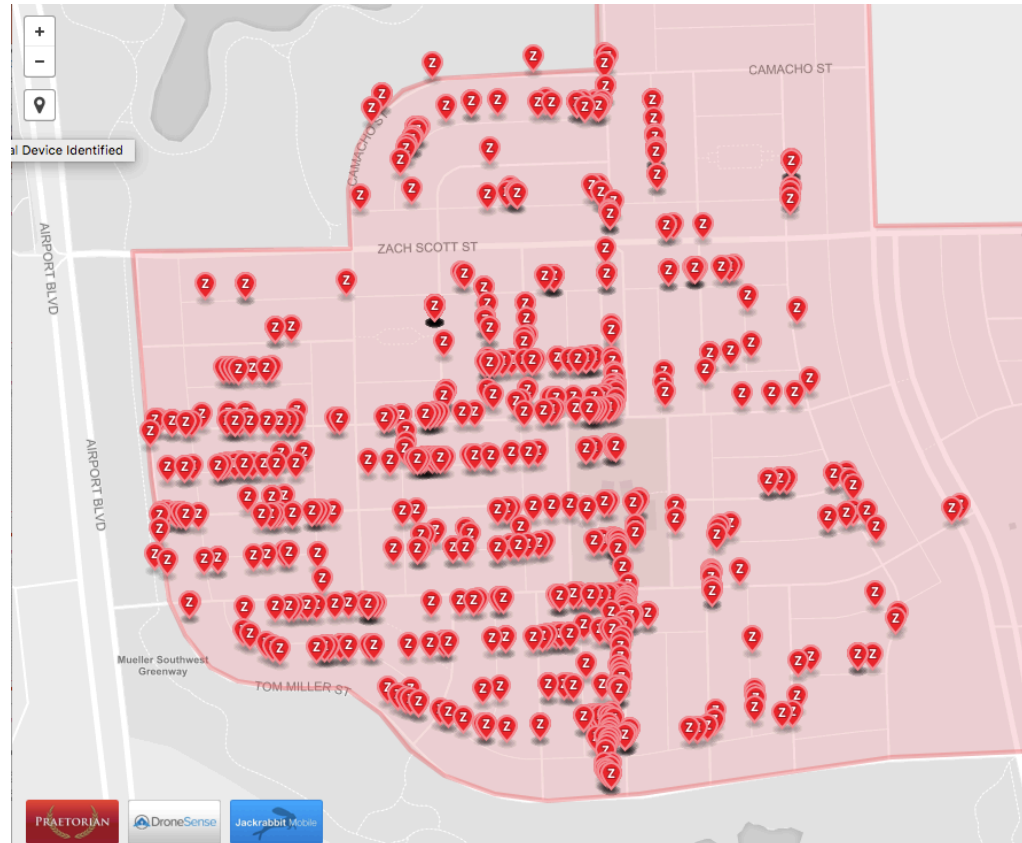
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<b>Commercial Zone</b>	172	179	351	<a href="#">📍 Explore zone</a>
<b>Residential Zone</b>	784	451	1235	<a href="#">📍 Explore zone</a>
<b>Industrial Zone</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	<a href="#">📍 Coming soon</a>



# ZIGBEE SMART HOMES

Manufacturers Identified		956 identified / 1583 discovered	
3com Ltd	1	Agfa Corporation	1
Als & Tec Ltd.	1	Arris Group, Inc.	2
Barrister Info Sys Corp	1	Battelle Memorial Institute	1
Beijing Zhongqing Elegant ...	1	Belkin International Inc.	3
Centralite Systems, Inc.	1	Cipher Systems, Inc.	4
Cm Precision Technology Ltd.	1	Commscope Canada Inc.	1
Control4	23	Corvus Systems Inc.	1
Cyzentech Co., Ltd.	1	David Systems Inc.	3
Eci Telecom - Ngts Ltd.	1	Ember Corporation	86
Experdata	1	Ferranti Computer Sys. Limited	1
Funkwerk Dabendorf Gmbh	2	General Electric Corporation	1
Gunnebo Cash Automation Ab	1	Hitachi Kokusai Electric, Inc.	1
Icontrol Incorporated	3	Intergraph Corporation	2
Ip Datatel, Llc.	3	Iris Corporation Berhad	1
K-Tech Devices Corp.	1	Kaminario Technologies Ltd.	1
Konica Minolta Holdings, Inc.	2	Landis+gyr	15
Madge Ltd.	1	Maxstream, Inc	67
Mextal B.V.	1	Mmb Research Inc.	91
Naztec, Inc.	1	Neokoros Brasil Ltda	1
Nortel Networks	1	Numa Technology, Inc.	2
Osram Gmbh	1	Pa Bastion Cc	1
PC LAN Technologies	5	Perceptron Inc	1
Physical Graph Corporation	3	Pixel Computer Inc.	2
Quirky, Inc.	5	Racal-Milgo Information Sys..	2
Redwood Technologies Ltd	2	Ruckus Wireless	1
Selex Communications	2	Sapura PLC	1
Serverengines LLC	1	Shen Zhen Lite Star ...	1
Siemens Ag	1	Siemens Com Cpe Devices	1
Sony Corporation	433	Stac Corporation.	1
Supervision Solutions LLC	1	Systems Concepts	1
Tsuken Electric Ind. Co.,ltd	1	Turck, Inc.	1
Vine Telecom Co.,ltd.	1	Voyant International	2
Wimedia Alliance	1	Xerox Corporation	6
		Air802 LLC	1
		Banyan Systems Inc.	3
		Beijing Dg Telecommunications ...	1
		California Eastern ...	12
		Cisco Systems, Inc.	2
		Concurrent Computer Corp.	2
		Crow Electronic Engineering	2
		Digatto Asia Pacific Pte Ltd	1
		Eurotherm Gauging Systems	1
		Formosa21 Inc.	1
		General Magic, Inc.	1
		Hub-Tech	1
		Ioimage Ltd.	1
		Japan Image & Network Inc.	1
		Keyeye Communications	1
		Lexmark International, Inc.	1
		Maxxon Systems, Inc.	1
		Multitech Systems, Inc.	1
		Nextio, Inc.	1
		Ordyn Technologies	1
		Paradigm Technology Inc.	1
		Philips Lighting Bv	110
		Planning Research Corp.	1
		Radiance Technologies, Inc.	1
		S.E.R.C.E.L.	1
		Sequent Computer Systems Inc.	2
		Shinheung Precision Co., Ltd.	1
		Solartron Metrology Ltd	1
		Summit Data Communications	1
		Teledyne Technologies ...	1
		Ucontrol, Inc.	3
		Wanzl Metallwarenfabrik Gmbh	3

# ZIGBEE SMART HOMES



## WHY SECURITY?

- **HOME** automation has high privacy requirements
- Huge source of personalized data

**Items of interest will be located, identified, monitored, and remotely controlled through technologies such as radio-frequency identification, sensor networks, tiny embedded servers, and energy harvesters - all connected to the next-generation internet<sup>1</sup>**

-Former CIA Director  
David Petraeus"

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# ZIGBEE SECURITY MEASURES

## ZIGBEE SECURITY MEASURES

### Security Measures

Symmetric  
Encryption

AES-CCM\*  
128bit

Message  
Authentication

Integrity  
Protection

MIC  
0 - 128 bit

Replay  
Protection

Frame Counter  
4 Byte

## OFFICIAL STATEMENT

**"To avoid 'bugs' that an attacker can use to his advantage, it is crucial that security be well implemented and tested. [...] Security services should be implemented and tested by security experts [...]."**

(ZigBee Alliance 2008, p. 494)

## ZIGBEE SECURITY

- One security level per network
- Security based on encryption keys
- Network Key: Used for broadcast communication, Shared among all devices
- Link Key: Used for secure unicast communication, Shared only between two devices

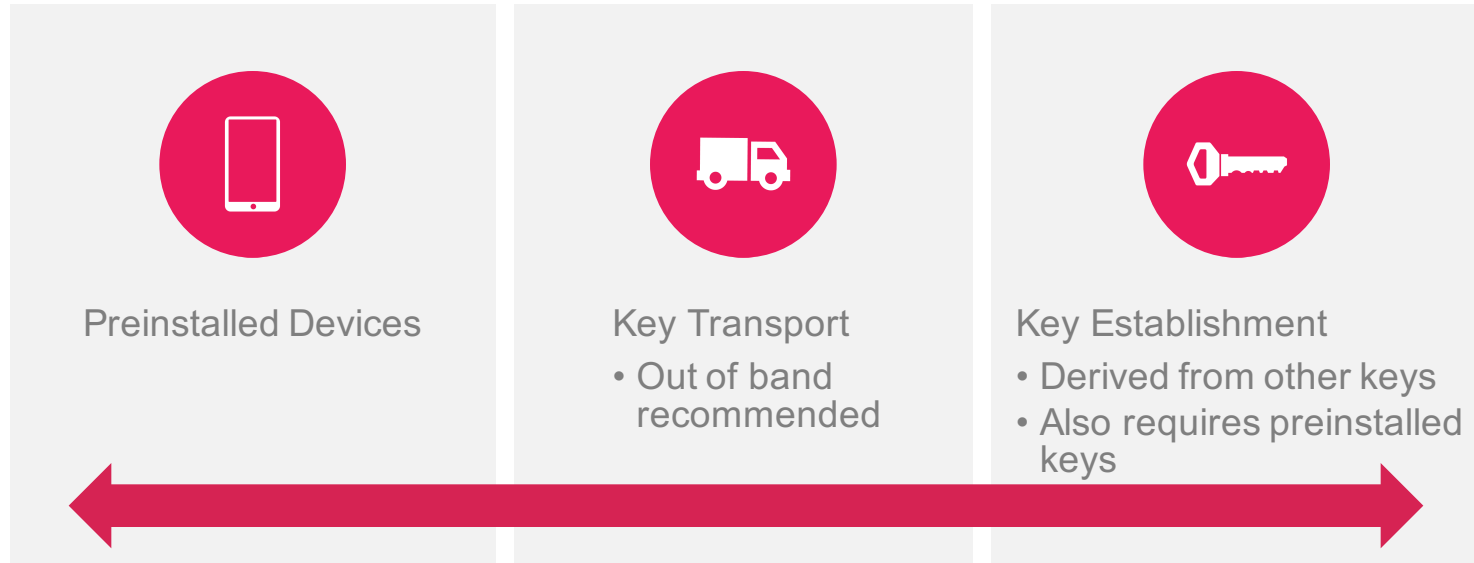


## SECURITY ARCHITECTURE

Trust in the security is ultimately reduces to:

- Trust in the secure **initialization** of keying material
- Trust in the secure **installation** of keying material
- Trust in the secure **processing** of keying material
- Trust in the secure **storage** of keying material

## HOW ARE KEYS EXCHANGED?



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ZIGBEE APPLICATION PROFILES

## APPLICATION PROFILES

Define communication between devices

- Agreements for messages
- Message formats
- Processing actions

Enable applications to

- Send commands
- Request data
- Process commands
- Process requests

Startup Attribute Sets (SAS) provide interoperability and compatibility

## HOME AUTOMATION PROFILE

### Default Trust Center Link Key

- 0x5A 0x69 0x67 0x42 0x65 0x65 0x41 0x6C 0x6C 0x69 0x61 0x6E 0x63  
0x65 0x30 0x39
- ZigBeeAlliance09

### Use Default Link Key Join

- 0x01 (True)
- This flag enables the use of default link key join as a fallback case at startup time.

## LIGHT LINK PROFILE

- Devices in a ZLL shall use ZigBee network layer security.
- “The ZLL security architecture is based on using a fixed secret key, known as the ZLL key, which shall be stored in each ZLL device. All ZLL devices use the ZLL key to encrypt/decrypt the exchanged network key. “
- “It will be distributed only to certified manufacturers and is bound with a safekeeping contract“

## LIGHT LINK PROFILE

rt: @MayaZigBee

#DIY lover #ZLL master key 9F 55 95 F1 02  
57 C8 A4 69 CB F4 2B C9 3F EE 31

#ZigBee #Philips #Hue



**MayaZigBee** @MayaZigBee · Mar 29

Should the #ZLL master key be illegal? Should a #free #DIY #interoperability be illegal (w a light bulb, mind you)? Make sure the key lives!



## LIGHT LINK

nwkAllFresh

- False
- Do not check frame counter

Use insecure join

- True
- Use insecure join as a fallback option.

Trust center link key

- 0x5a 0x69 0x67 0x42 0x65 0x65 0x41 0x6c 0x6c 0x69 0x61 0x6e 0x63  
0x65 0x30 0x39
- Default key for communicating with a trust center

## APPLICATION PROFILES SUMMARY

- HA Profile requires support of known encryption key as fallback
- ZLL Profile uses “secret” key for protecting key exchanges

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ZIGBEE IMPLEMENTATIONS

## REQUEST KEY SERVICE

**"The request-key service provides a secure means for a device to request the active network key, or an end-to-end application master key, from another device"**

(ZigBee Alliance 2008, p. 425)

## ZBOSS

```
/**  
    Remote device asked us for key.  
  
    Application keys are not implemented.  
    Send current network key.  
    Not sure: send unsecured?  
    What is meaning of that command??  
    Maybe, idea is that we can accept "previous" nwk  
    key?  
    Or encrypt by it?  
*/
```

## ZBOSS

```
/*  
    Initiate unsecured key transfer.  
    Not sure it is right, but I really have no  
    ideas about request meaning of key for  
    network key.  
*/
```

## TESTED DEVICES

- Door Lock
- Smart Home System
- Lighting Solutions





## RESULTS

**ALL** tested systems only use the default TC Link Key for securing the initial key exchange

No link keys are used or supported

- Complete compromise after getting network key

No ZigBee security configuration possibilities available

No key rotation applied

- Test period of 14 month

## RESULTS

Device reset often difficult

- Removal of key material not guaranteed
- One device does not support reset at all

Light bulbs do not require physical interaction for pairing

Workarounds like reduced transmission power are used to prevent pairing problems

- Devices have to be in very close proximity for pairing

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# DEMONSTRATION

## SECBEE

ZigBee security testing tool

Target audience

- Security testers
- Developers

Based on scapy-radio,  $\mu$ racoli and killerbee



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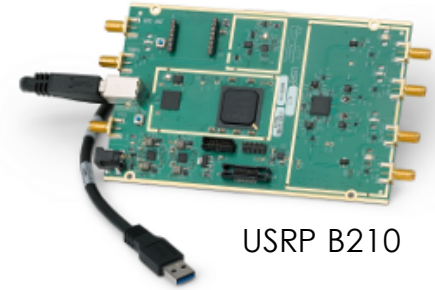


Raspbee

## SECBEE

Provides features for testing of security services as well as weak security configuration and implementation

- Support of encrypted communication
- Command injection
- Scan for weak key transport
- Reset to factory
- Join to network
- Test security services

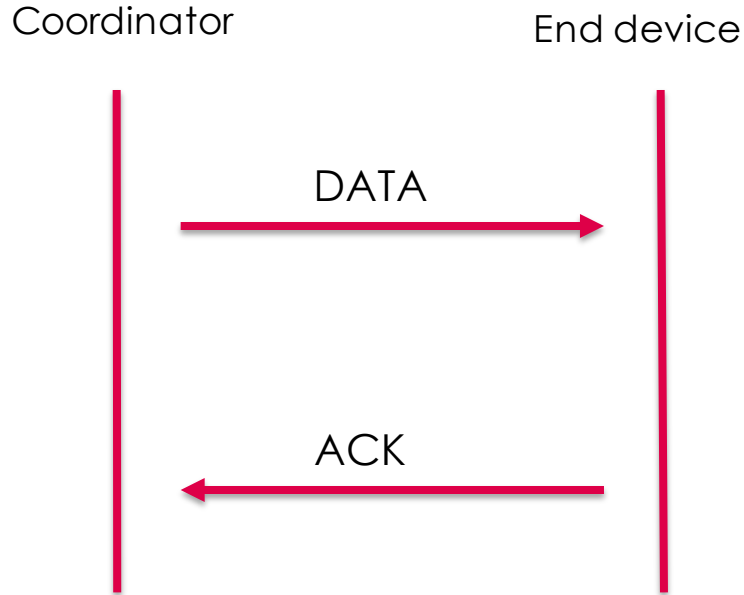


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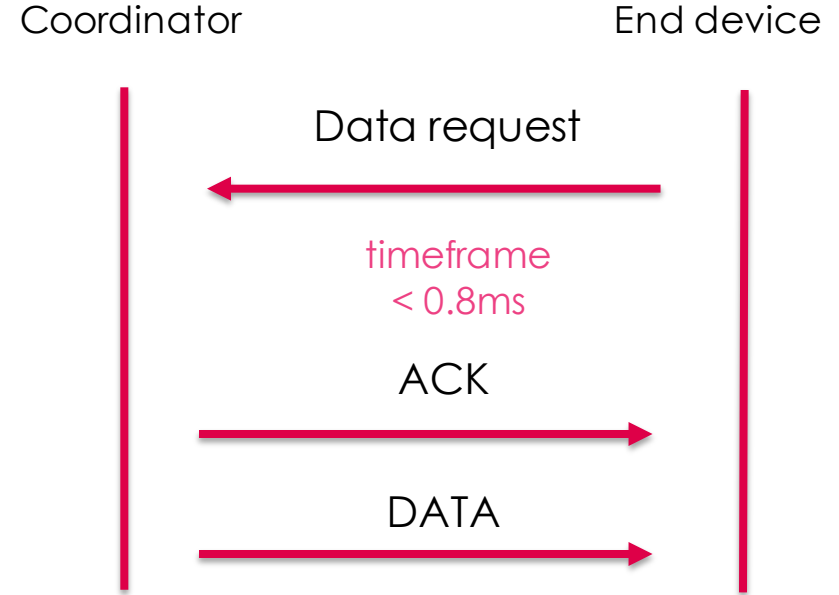


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## DIRECT



## INDIRECT



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# DEMONSTRATION - KEY EXTRACTION

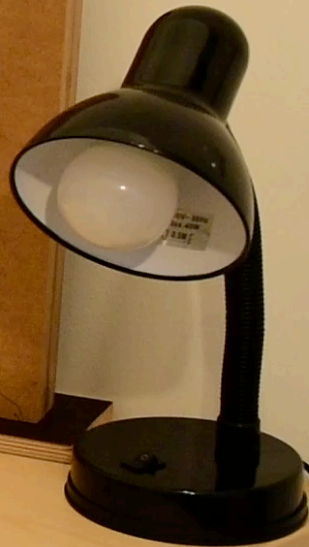
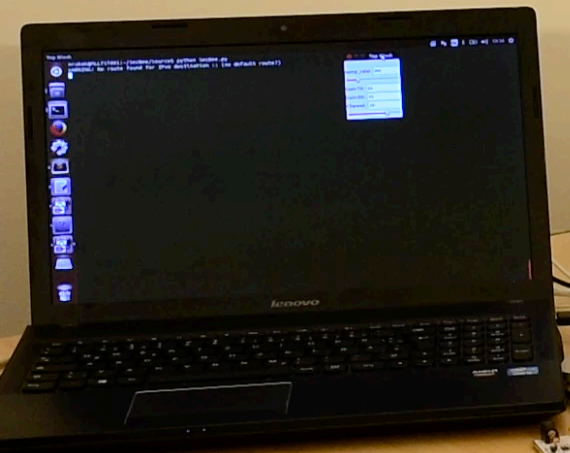
## NETWORK KEY SNIFFING

Fallback key exchange insecure

Most vendors only implement fallback solution

Same security level as plaintext exchange





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VENDOR  
RESPONSE



## NETWORK KEY SNIFFING

So, the

- Timeframe is limited
- Proximity is necessary
- Key extraction works only during pairing

... what would an attacker do?

TYPICAL  
END-USER



## THE SOCIAL ENGINEERS WAY

Jam the communication



Wait for users to re-pair the device

It is not **only** about technology :D

## THE HACKER WAY

Trigger Key Transport



Sniff over the air key exchange

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
400	1911.170083	0xa642	0x0000	IEEE 802.1...	12	Data Request
401	1911.172085			IEEE 802.1...	5	Ack
402	1911.174714	0x0000	0xa642	ZigBee	49	Data, Dst: 0xa642, Src: 0x0000
403	1911.174736			IEEE 802.1...	5	Ack
404	1911.179743	0xa642	0x0000	ZigBee	45	Data, Dst: 0x0000, Src: 0xa642
405	1911.179921			IEEE 802.1...	5	Ack
406	1911.384174	0xa642	0x0000	ZigBee	29	Request, Device: 0xa642
407	1911.385366			IEEE 802.1...	5	Ack
408	1911.421006	0xa642	0x0000	IEEE 802.1...	12	Data Request
409	1911.423036			IEEE 802.1...	5	Ack
410	1911.424106	0x0000	0xa642	ZigBee	39	Response, Address: 0x0000
411	1911.424735			IEEE 802.1...	5	Ack
412	1911.427783	0xa642	0x0000	IEEE 802.1...	12	Data Request
413	1911.428614			IEEE 802.1...	5	Ack
414	1911.432617	0x0000	0xa642	ZigBee	65	Transport Key
415	1911.433505			IEEE 802.1...	5	Ack
416	1911.439942			IEEE 802.1...	5	Ack
417	1911.446022	0xa642	Broadcast	ZigBee ZDP	57	Device Announcement, Device: EmberCor_00:02:c4:62:34

```

▶ Frame 406: 29 bytes on wire (232 bits), 29 bytes captured (232 bits)
▶ IEEE 802.15.4 Data, Dst: 0x0000, Src: 0xa642
▶ ZigBee Network Layer Command, Dst: 0x0000, Src: 0xa642
▼ Frame Control Field: 0x1009, Frame Type: Command, Discover Route: Suppress, Extended Source Command
    .... ..01 = Frame Type: Command (0x0001)
    .... ..00 10.. = Protocol Version: 2
    .... ..00.. .... = Discover Route: Suppress (0x0000)
    .... ..0 .... = Multicast: False
    .... ..0. .... = Security: False
    .... ..0.. .... = Source Route: False
    .... ..0... .... = Destination: False
    .... ..1 .... = Extended Source: True
    
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414	1911.432617	0x0000	0xa642	ZigBee	65	Transport Key
415	1911.433505			IEEE 802.1...	5	Ack

- ▶ Frame 414: 65 bytes on wire (520 bits), 65 bytes captured (520 bits)
- ▶ IEEE 802.15.4 Data, Dst: 0xa642, Src: 0x0000
- ▶ ZigBee Network Layer Data, Dst: 0xa642, Src: 0x0000
- ▶ Frame Control Field: 0x0008, Frame Type: Data, Discover Route: Suppress Data
- ▼ ZigBee Application Support Layer Command
  - ▶ Frame Control Field: Command (0x21)  
Counter: 221
  - ▼ ZigBee Security Header
    - ▶ Security Control Field: 0x10, Key Id: Key-Transport Key  
Frame Counter: 73730  
Message Integrity Code: ad5179a9  
[Key: 5a6967426565416c6c69616e63653039]  
[Key Label: Default TC Link Key]
  - ▼ Command Frame: Transport Key
    - Command Identifier: Transport Key (0x05)
    - Key Type: Standard Network Key (0x01)
    - Key: 144221a817f284c7e6e1f000cd80ff0f
    - Sequence Number: 0
    - Extended Destination: EmberCor\_00:02:c4:62:34 (00:0d:6f:00:02:c4:62:34)
    - Extended Source: Physical\_07:10:c3:00:01 (d0:52:a8:07:10:c3:00:01)



## NETWORK KEY EXTRACTION

 No physical access is required

 No knowledge of the secret key is needed

 Usability overrules security

 Fully compromised system

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DEMONSTRATION

- COMMAND INJECTION

SecBee - Tobias Zillner

SecBee // cognosec

Commands

Source: 0.0.0.0  
Destination: 0.0.0.0

Lock Control

- LOCK Lock
- LOCK Lock

Malware Control

- Send Malware
- Send No Malware

Light Control

- Send On
- Send Off

Information Gathering

- Active Endpoint Request
- Data Request
- Dummy1
- Dummy2
- Dummy3
- Dummy4

Parameters

Frame counter offset: Absolute value

ch\_msh\_seqnumber offset: Absolute value

ch1584\_seqnumber offset: Absolute value

ch\_rndp\_counter offset: Absolute value

ch\_hij\_train\_seq offset: Absolute value

Data Control

- Start sniffing
- Stop sniffing
- Send ACKs
- Stop ACKs
- Dummy1
- Dummy2
- Dummy3
- Dummy4

Source Details

Source	Source Details	Destination Details
0.0.0.0	1 (12345)	1 (12345)
0.0.0.0	1 (12345)	1 (12345)

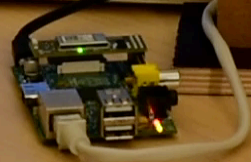
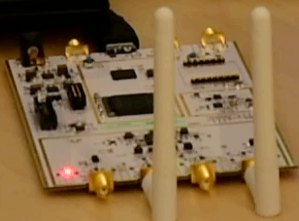
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LOCKED

NO MOTION

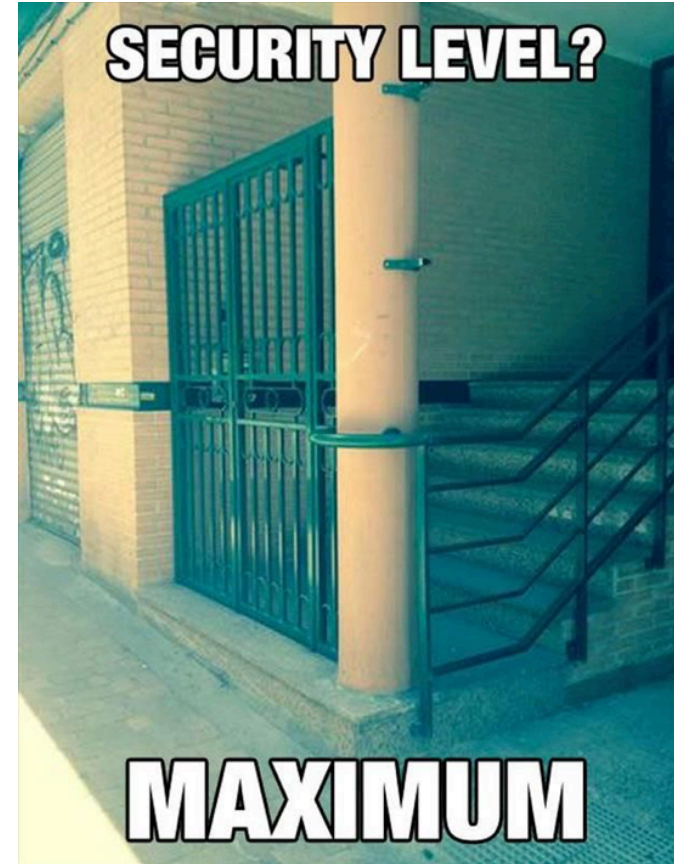
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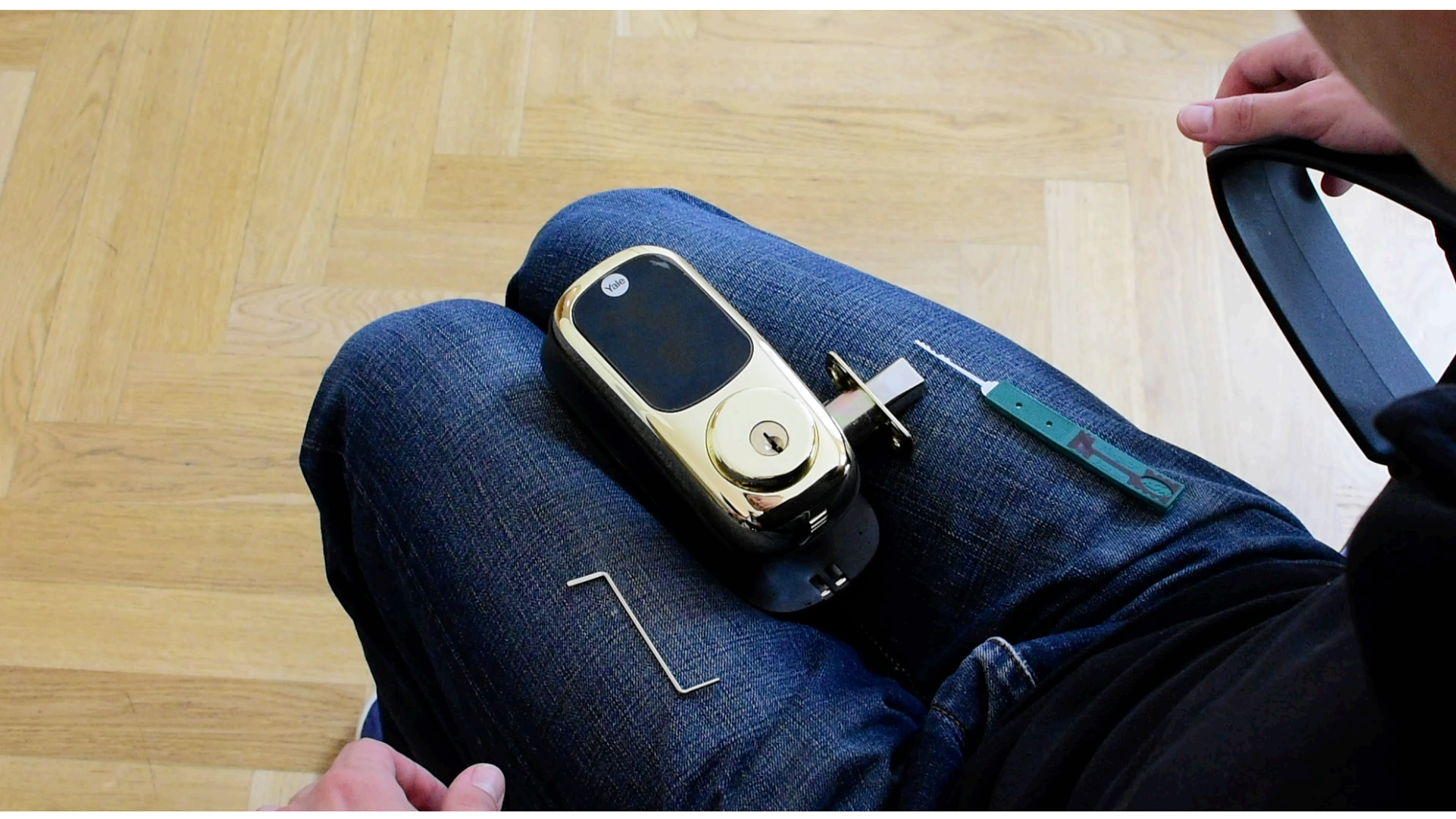
- Security measures provided are good
- Requirements due to interoperability weaken the security level drastically
- Vendors only implement the absolute minimum to be compliant
- Usability overrules security



## DEEPSEC SOUND BYTES

- Proper implementation of security measures is crucial - Compliance is not Security
- Learn from history and do not rely on “Security by Obscurity”
- There is a world beside TCP/IP





# THANK YOU!

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# TIME FOR QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS