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BOOST YOUR FIRMWARE SECURITY ANALYSIS WITH AUTOMATION, VISUALIZATION, AND CROSS REFERENCING

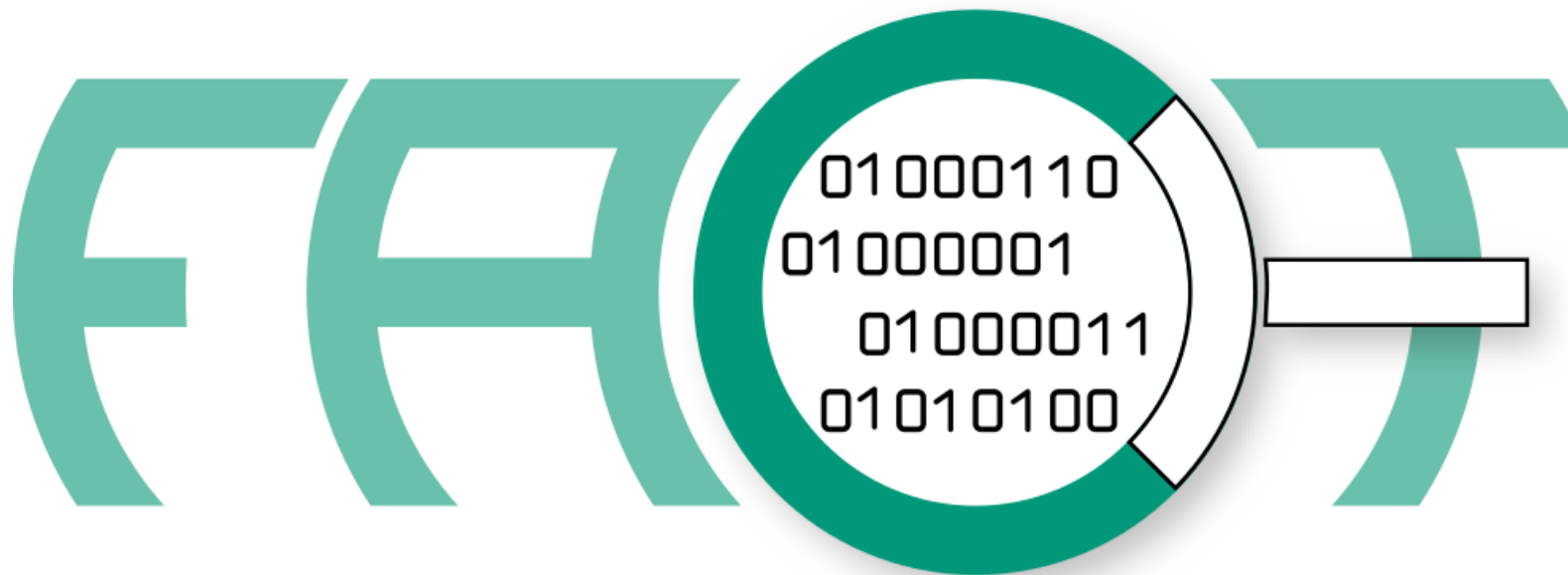
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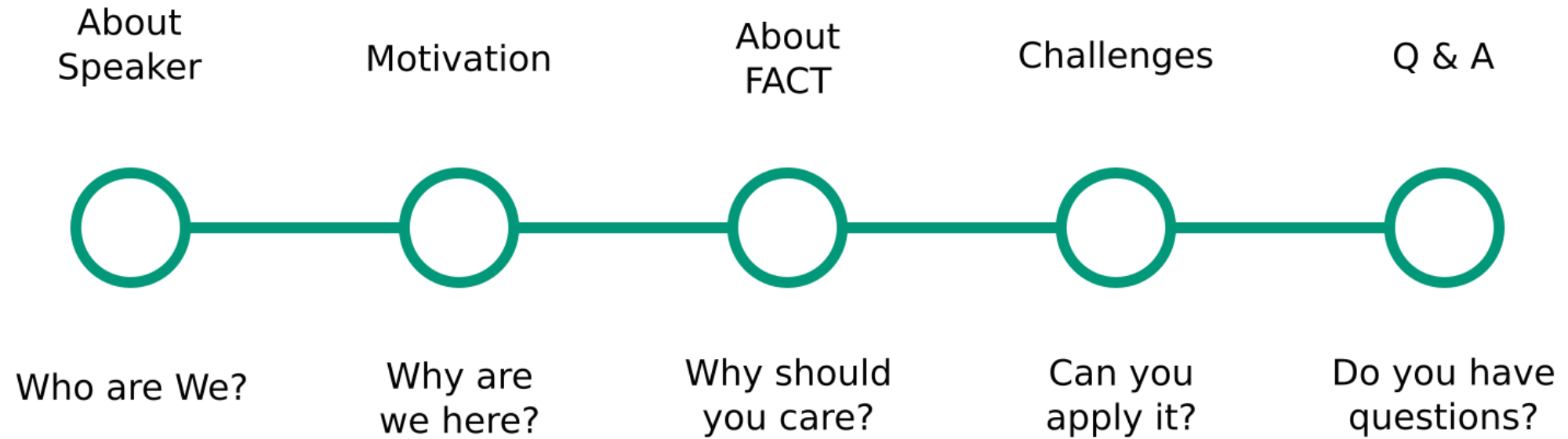
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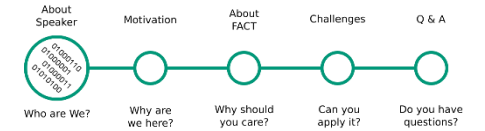
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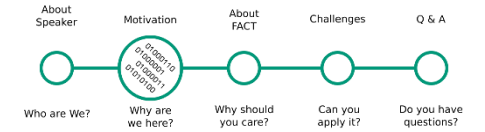
Who are we?

- Currently researchers at Fraunhofer FKIE in Bonn, Germany
 - PW: Graduated 2013 as Dipl.Ing. in Computer Science
 - JvD: Graduated 2016 as M.Sc. in Computer Science
- Started doing hardware related work around 2014
- In 2015 wrote first LOCs for FACT (f.k.a. FAF)
- Relevant publications
 - Xerox Printer Ransomware Whitepaper 2016
 - FACT @ HW.io 2017
- Awesome Embedded and IoT Security List
 - <https://github.com/fkie-cad/awesome-embedded-and-iot-security>



Motivation

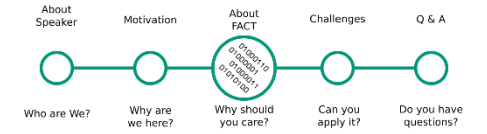
Why are we here?



- Spread the word
 - FACT was open sourced in 2017 after 2 years development
 - Tool presentations at hardwear.io, BlackHat Arsenal, Pass the Salt
 - Currently at ~ 340 Stars on GitHub
 - There is room to grow
- Interact with community to get feedback / improve on use cases
 - Show use and see what's not intuitive
 - Where is improvement needed?

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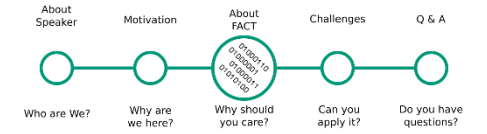


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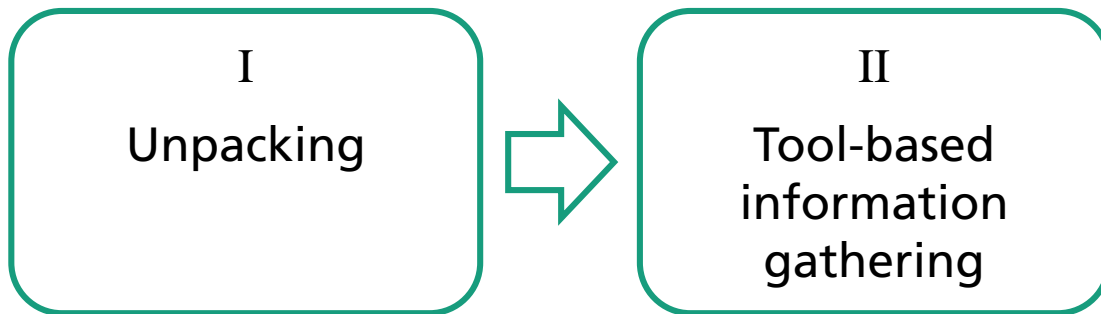


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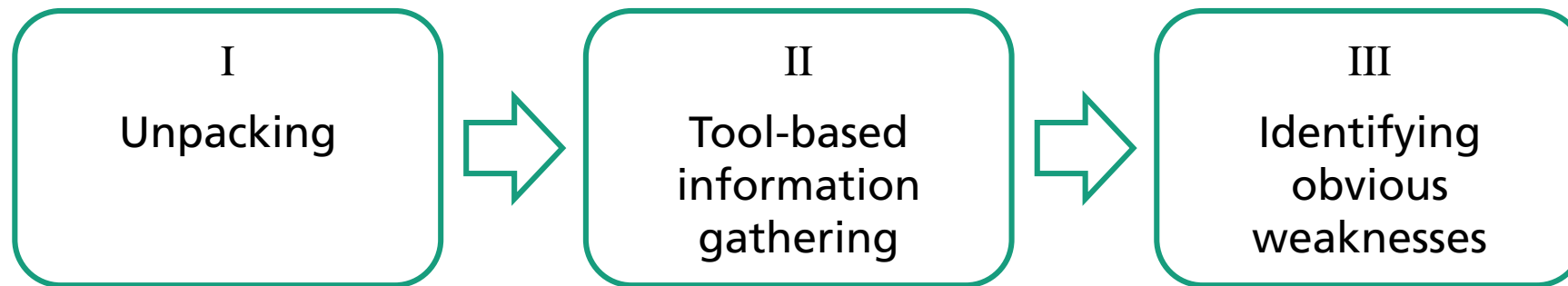


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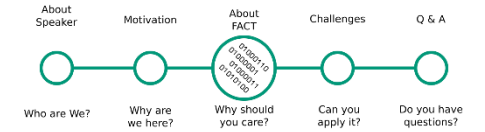


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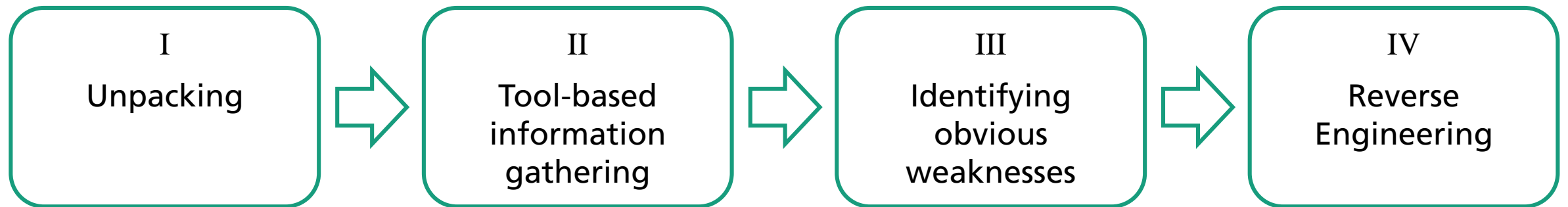


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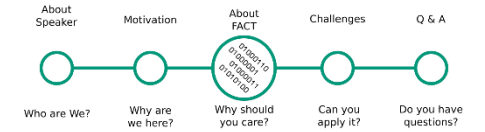


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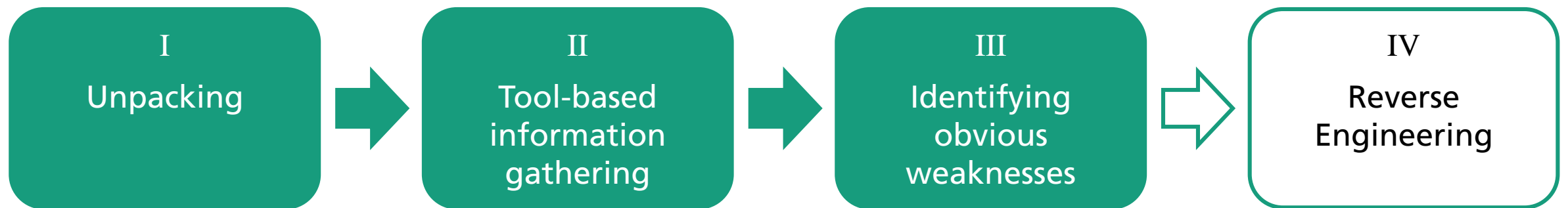


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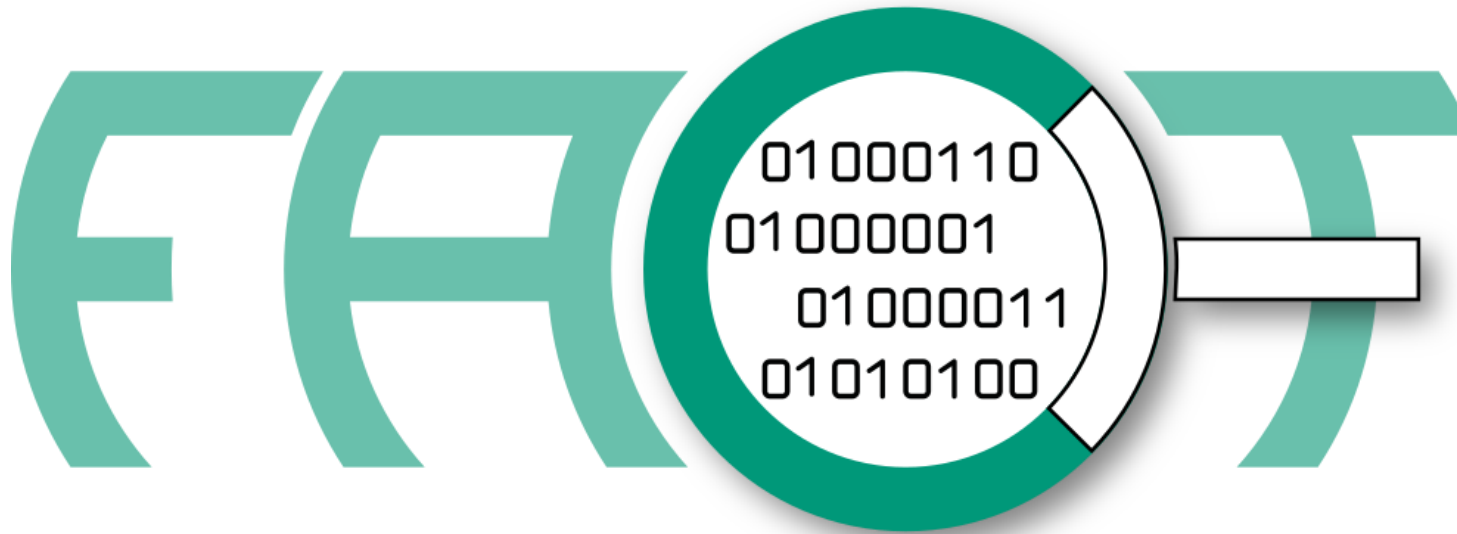
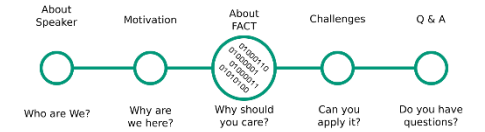


Firmware analysis process with FACT



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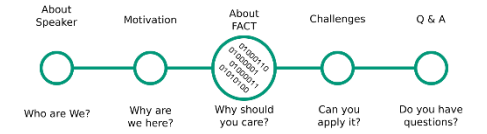
Firmware Analysis and Comparison Tool



https://github.com/fkie-cad/FACT_core

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DEMO

FACT Demo System

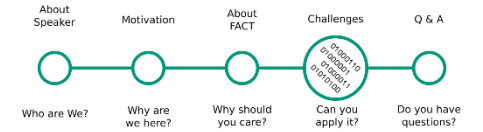
- SSIDs:
 - FACT-A
 - FACT-B
 - FACT-C
- Password: FK13!R0ck5
- FACT-Server: <https://192.168.5.1>



Challenges

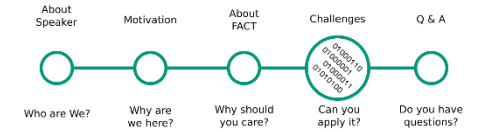
Extraction

- Find firmware image for TP-Link TL-WR810N
- Which kind of files are contained (fs, executable, library, text ..)
- Is the firmware extracted correctly
 - Would it be possible to repack it with standard tools?
- Compare extraction of image for Ubiquity UniFi AP



Challenges

Xerox Case Study



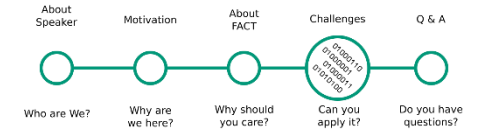
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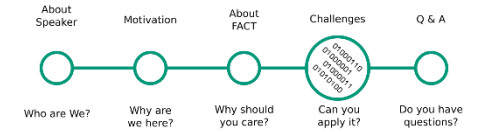
Pattern Matching

- Have a look at dlm_maker executable in "Xerox WorkCentre 5632"
- Write a yara rule identifying dlm_maker executable.
- What other Firmware samples might be affected by the same issue?



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Xerox Case Study (ctnd.)



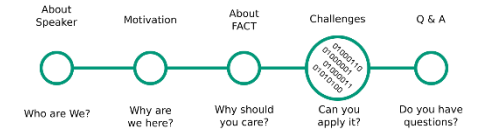
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- 2016: P. Weidenbach: „Pwn Xerox Printers (again...)“ (Xerox Phaser 6700)
 - Few minutes to get the exploit working again after Xerox fixed the issue

Challenges

Firmware Compare 1

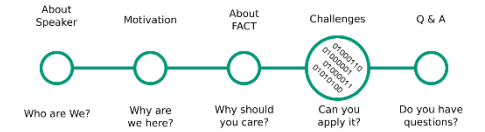
- Compare "Xerox Phaser 6700" firmware versions
- How did Xerox fix the issue?
- What to do to get the exploit working again?



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Firmware Compare 2

- Compare „D-Link DWR-932“ firmware versions 2.02 und 2.03
- Version 2.02 contains an open ssh port with hardcoded password
- Did the vendor fix the issue with the patches in version 2.03?



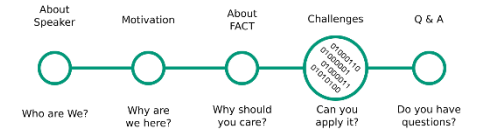
Challenges

Quick reversing

- Firmware “Unknown IOT Device” contains the **unknown.elf**
- On which architecture does it run?
- Find out as much as possible of what it does
 - You can use (e.g.)
 - elf analysis
 - exploit mitigations
 - radare2 integration

radare2 cheat sheet (script tab)

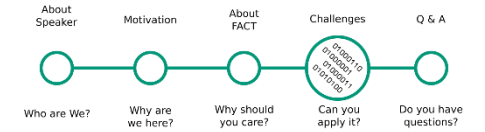
- Run single command by dropping it in place of “?V”
→ `r2.cmd("?V", log);`
 - `s <0x????>` - Go to address
 - `s/ <string>` - Search and jump to string



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Owning

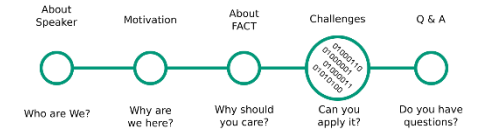
- Analyze firmware version 4.0.42 for Ubiquiti UniFi AP
 - Look for software, configurations, etc.
 - Do you find issues?
- Try using issues to make connection to device
- What can you do now?



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Reproducing Vulnerability

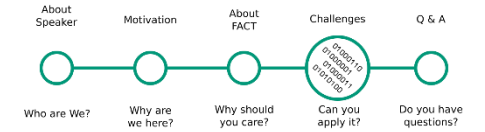
- Search online for CVE-2013-0714
 - What is it about?
 - Can you find affected devices in the database?



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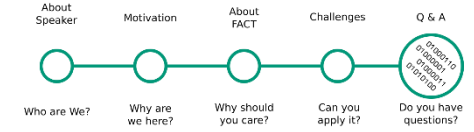
Low level analysis

- Look at Firmware image Jetter JetControl 647
 - What kind of OS do you guess it implements? (UNIX, RTOS, NONE)
 - Can you find included software?
 - Can you identify/guess the OS?



Thanks and Q & A

Do you have questions?



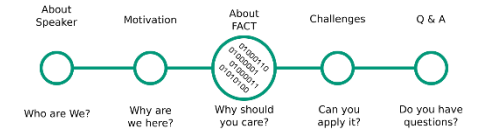
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Thanks for your attention !!

Don't spare the hard hitting questions

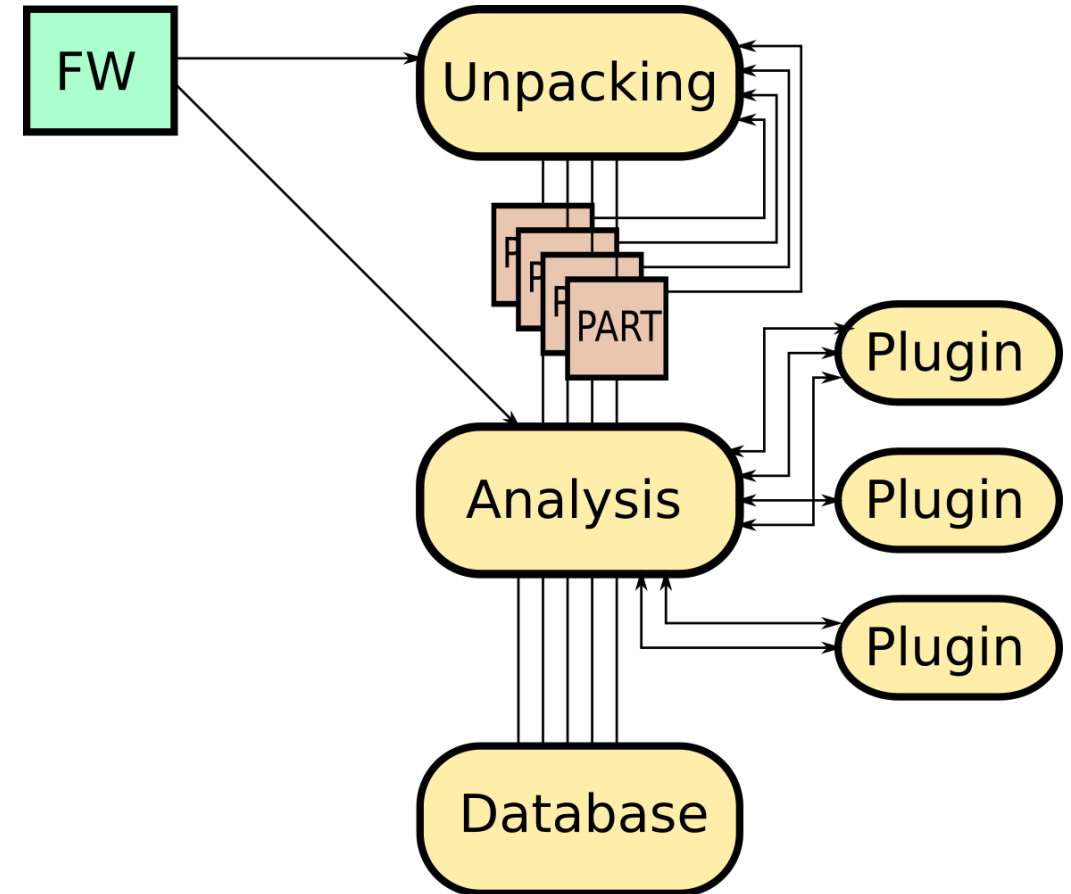
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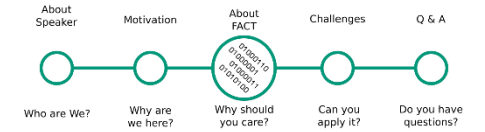
■ FACT architecture

- Multilayered automated extraction
- Purpose-driven analysis scheduling
- Storage for querying, visualization



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Why should you care?



■ Some useful analysis plugins

■ Linux-style FW

- elf analysis (behavior tagging)
- exploit mitigations (nx, canary, relro etc.)
- cwe checker
- source code analysis

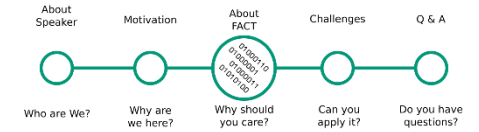
■ Arbitrary FW

- binwalk (yes, that binwalk)
- crypto material
- software components
- (known vulnerabilities)

- base64 decoder
- binwalk
- cpu architecture
- crypto material
- cwe checker
- elf analysis
- exploit mitigations
- file system metadata
- init systems
- ip and uri finder
- known vulnerabilities
- malware scanner
- printable strings
- qemu exec
- software components
- source code analysis
- string evaluator
- tlsh
- users and passwords

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Why should you care?



■ Interfacing

■ Web UI

- (Mostly) intuitive click-and-see interface
- Full functionality exposed
- Use for analysis, monitoring, querying, statistics

■ REST API

- Most functionality exposed
- Use for automation, repetitive tasks, integration

<https://localhost/about>

{ REST }

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Why should you care?

- Input for RE
 - Quick first observations with r2 integration
 - Addresses of potential vulnerabilities
 - Information on behaviour of unknown binaries
 - ...
- Input for future analysis
 - Queryable database containing all analysis results
 - Compare feature for finding commonalities / changes
 - Cross referencing vulnerabilities using yara rules
 - ...

