

# Building Hardware We Are Proud Of

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# Welcome!

- We are here because of new beginnings on hardware

# The Future is Bright

- We are all here to build hardware we're proud of
- Our devices will be connected everywhere
- We have to do security right

# I want to share

- How we have been successful with Blackphone
- Privacy-friendly, security-friendly Android phone
- How this adapts to what you're doing



# Hardware is Hard

- Compared to software
  - Long lead times
  - Capital investment
  - Hard to update and improve

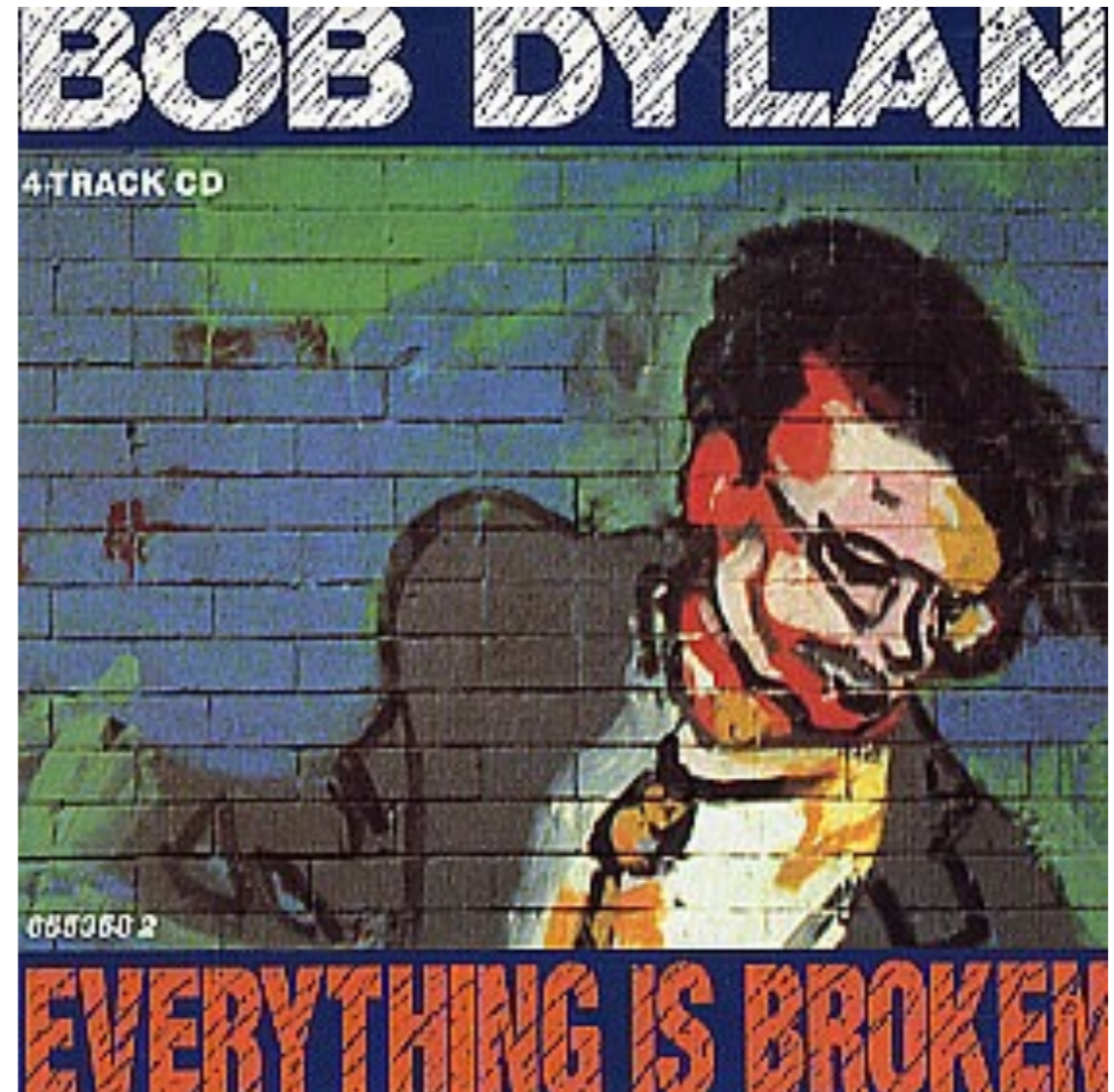
# Software is Easy

- But we still get it so wrong
- Getting better all the time from cloud services

# Hardware is Software

- Many "hardware" devices are just a Linux box
- "IoT" devices are network devices
- The complexity, power of them is amazing

# Everything is Broken





# All Bugs are Security Bugs

# Today's HW Tomorrow's Bugs

- We're *all* shipping software with bugs that...
  - We didn't create
  - We don't know about
- Examples — Heartbleed, Stagefright, NTP, bash, etc.

If Everything is  
Broken...

# Nothing is Broken

If Every Bug is a  
Security Bug...

# No Bugs are Security Bugs

So Just Accept It!

Make your devices  
fixable!



# When We Started

- We decided we have an obligation to our customers
- We're more capable of protecting them than anyone else

# The First Thing We Did

- We started with Over-The-Air Updates

If You Can Fix It...

It Matters Less If It's  
Broken!

# Attitude

- Care about the users
- Just fix the bug. All bugs are security bugs.
- Just update the system.
- Process of development, you have to care

# Obviously...

- Deming was still right
  - It's always cheaper to fix something earlier
- In the wrong hands, this can be a reason to throw things over the wall that aren't done.
- But no one's perfect and humans suck

Back to the point!

# This Isn't Defending a Castle

- It's desert warfare
- Must keep moving, evaluating, testing



# Framework

- Make sure the device can't be bricked
- Make it get OS updates from the net
- Make it application updates from the net
- All this can get re-used to the next device

# Security of OTA

- Network security — Network encryption, certificate pinning, etc.
- Data security — signed packages

# Other Decisions

- Tradeoffs:
  - Security of the device
  - Openness of the device
- If you want to build an unhackable device, people aren't going to be able to hack it!

# Most of all...

- Start with updates
  - It makes your life easier
  - It makes beta, testing, etc. easier
  - It makes everything cheaper

You can fix your  
mistakes

You can fix other  
people's mistakes!

You can deliver new  
features

You make your  
customers happy



You'll make us all  
proud!