

Fu~n of Attacking Firmware

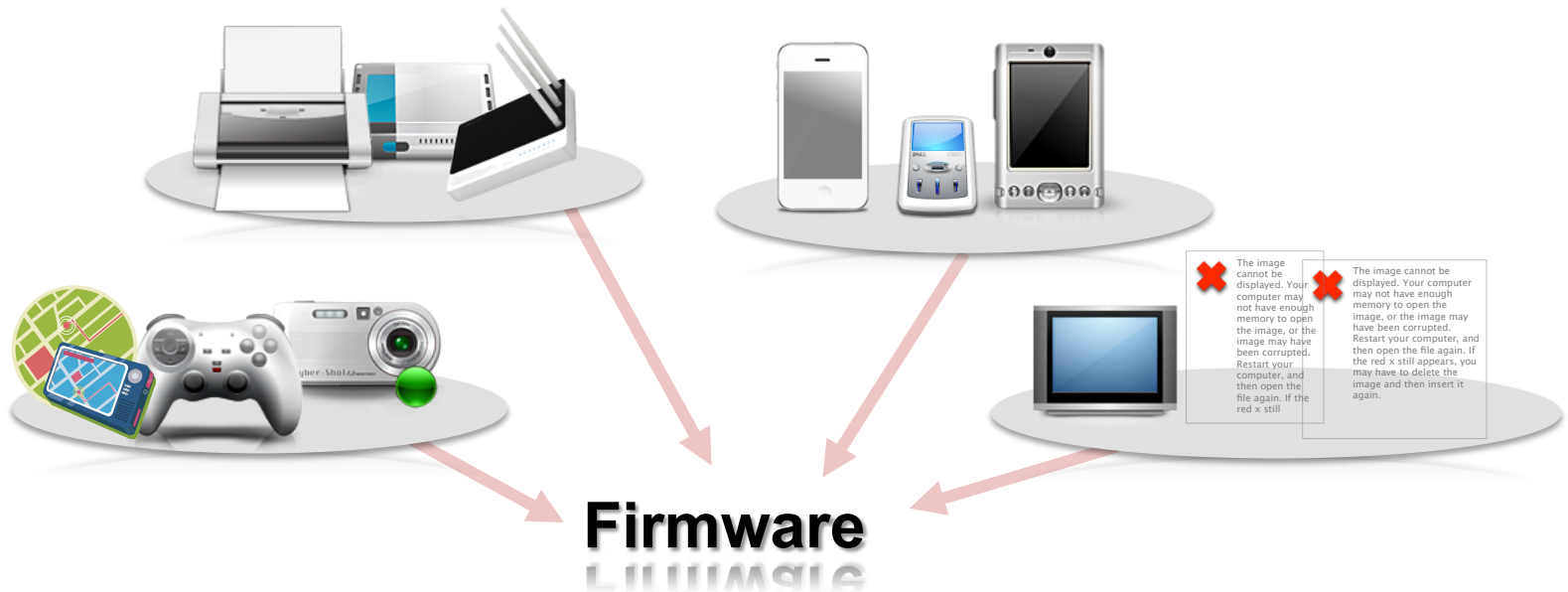
2012 POC

Silverbug

RedHidden



WHAT ..



a small program to control devices
non-volatility memory device
Firmware update : fixing bugs or adding features

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WHY ..

Provide new features
Unlock hidden functionality
Find vulnerabilities
Use for the malicious purpose

2011.01 SONY “PS Jailbreak”

Geohot – release free jailbreak for v3.55 firmware
Bypass SONY’s security check with USB dongle
Execute unsigned code

2011.09 CANON DSLR firmware hacking

Magic Latern – release a custom firmware add-on (modified firmware)
Photo and Video enthusiasts

WHY ..



2009. 10 Samung TV firmware hacking

SamyGo-reverse engineering project for Samsung TV Firmware
Unlocked the ability to use non-Samsung WIFI dongles
Improved playback from USB devices
Implemented NFS and SAMBA for sharing file over the network

2011.11 HP LaserJet Printer Vulnerability

Researchers From Columbia University
Not check digital signatures before installing a firmware update
Accept arbitrarily modified firmware
Erase its existing os and overwrite with a malicious one



WHY ..

2012 SECUINSIDE Wireless Router Hacking

IPTIME G104 - CGI Buffer Overflow Vulnerability
ANYGATE – Execute Command with Non-Authentication

2012 VB2012 ADSL Modem Hacking

Fabio Assolini, Kaspersky
ADSL Router CT-5367 – CSRF, UPNP/SNMP misconfiguration

2012 DEFCON Rooting SOHO Router

Zachary Cutlip, Tactical Network Solutions
Netgear WNDR3700v3 – SQL Injection to MIPS Overflows

Adventures in Router Rootkits

Michael Coppola, VSR
Netgear, Belkin, TRENDnet – Owning the Network

WHY ..



Wireless Router



Firmware Tools



Collection Info.



rpef

Router Post-Exploitation Framework

UWfirmforce

Automated firmware reverse-engineering tool



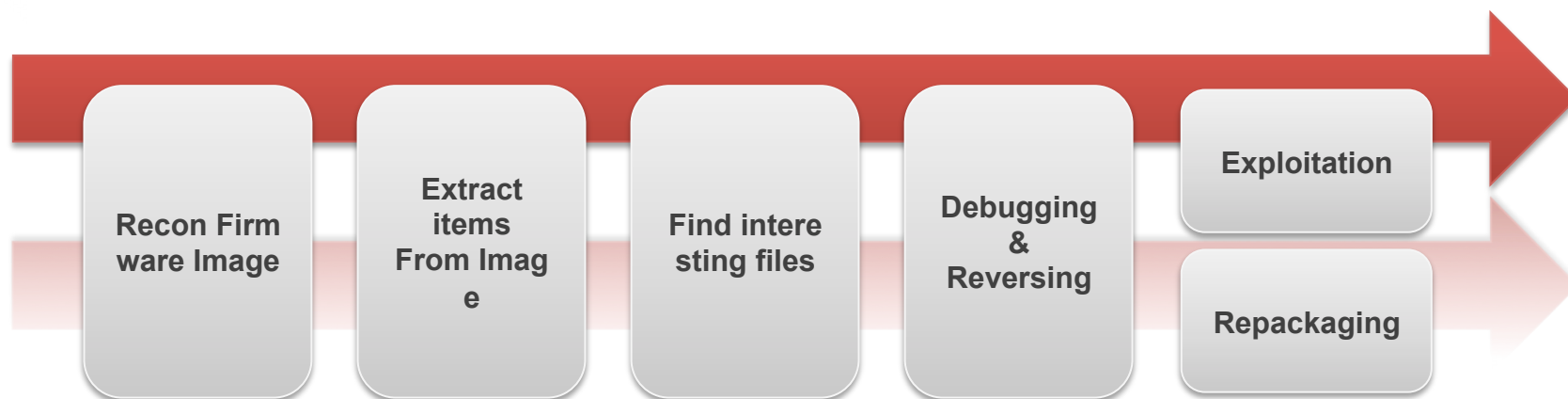
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Embedded Device Hacking



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Firmware Hacking Process



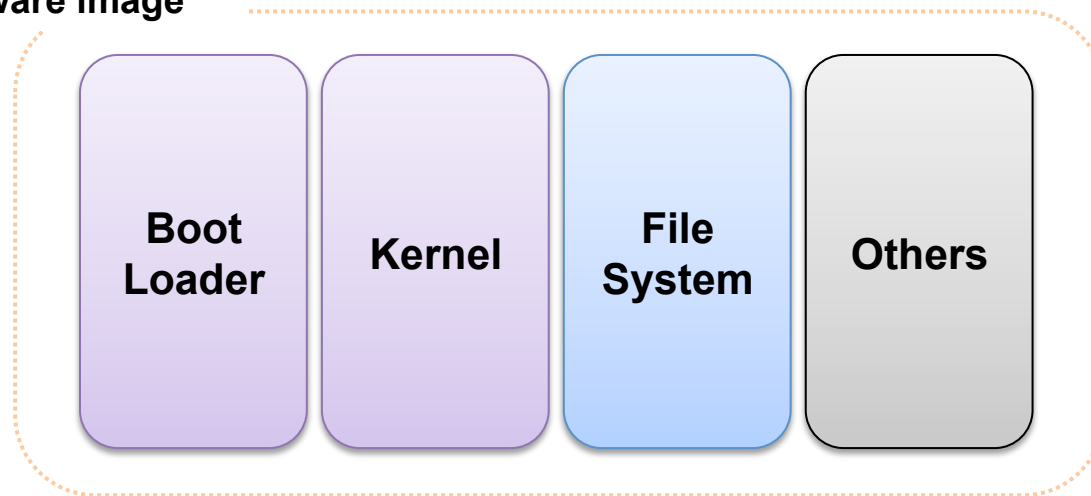
```
myfirm# binwalk, signsrch, offzip, trid  
myfirm# file, strings, hexdump, objdump  
myfirm# dd  
myfirm# firmware_mod_kit .....
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myfirm# IDA, qemu, gdb .....
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myfirm# extract tools, deflate tools.....
```

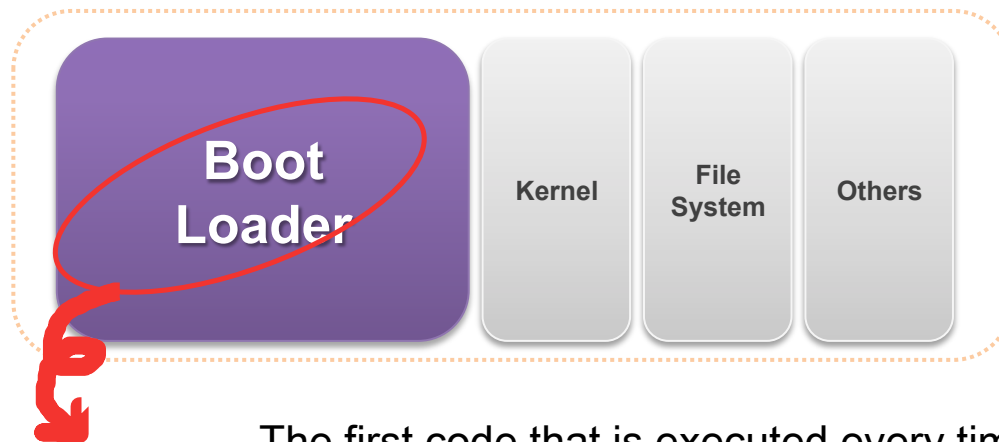
Firmware(Image) Structure

Firmware image



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Firmware(Image) - BootLoader



- The first code that is executed every time a system reset
- Initialize hardware and load the correct image from flash
- Execute the Kernel
- Placed in a part of flash or a separate EEPROM
- For Embedded Devices,
 - *Das U-Boot, RedBoot*
 - *CFE, Adam2, PSPBoot*
 - *NetBoot(DWL7100AP)*
 - *VxWorks' own bootloader(Netgear WGT624)*
 - *ThreadX(D-Link)*

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BootLoader (ex) U-Boot

“Das U-Boot” - Universal Bootloader
PowerPC, ARM, MIPS systems
mostly used to load and boot a kernel image
U-Boot Image = <U-Boot Header> <Kernel Image>

<http://www.denx.de/wiki/U-Boot>

<http://sourceforge.net/project/u-boot>

Image Create : mkimage

```
#define IH_MAGIC      0x27051956    /* Image Magic Number */
#define IH_NMLEN     32            /* Image Name Length */

typedef struct image_header {
    uint32_t    ih_magic;          /* Image Header Magic Number */
    uint32_t    ih_hcrc;          /* Image Header CRC Checksum */
    uint32_t    ih_time;         /* Image Creation Timestamp */
    uint32_t    ih_size;         /* Image Data Size */
    uint32_t    ih_load;         /* Data Load Address */
    uint32_t    ih_ep;          /* Entry Point Address */
    uint32_t    ih_dcrsum;       /* Image Data CRC Checksum */
    uint8_t     ih_os;          /* Operating System */
    uint8_t     ih_arch;        /* CPU architecture */
    uint8_t     ih_type;        /* Image Type */
    uint8_t     ih_comp;        /* Compression Type */
    uint8_t     ih_name[IH_NMLEN]; /* Image Name */
} image_header_t;
```

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Firmware(Image) - Filesystem



Use flash memory as storage media

Size and bootup time are very important

Used with the enhanced compression, or the ability to execute file directly from flash

For Embedded System,

- *SquashFS, JFFS2*
- *cramFS, ext2*
- *YAFFS2, tmpfs*
- *PFS*

FileSystem - SquashFS

Linux, read only compressed file system.
Use zlib, lzo, xz (LZMA) compression for files, inodes, directories
max filesystem size : 2^{64}

packing/unpacking tool :

- squashfs-tools (mksquashfs, unsquashfs)
- Re7zip

- E-Pack Decompressor

- <https://github.com/vasi/squash.rb/blob/master/squash.rb>
- <https://github.com/matteomattei/PySquashfsImage>

HOW ..

FileSystem - cramFS

Linux, cram a file system onto a small ROM

Read-only file system

Designed to be simple and small, and to compress things well

Data stored in compress format – Zlib

Meta data is not compressed

Max file system size : 2^{16} (256MB)

cramFS = <superbloc><directory_structure><data>

Packing/unpacking tool :

- cramfs tools : mkcramfs
- E-Pack Decompressor
- Fsck.cramfs, mkfs.cramfs

File System – JFFS2

Linux, the journaling Flash file system v2, a log-based file system

Read/Write File system

Add compression to JFFS

Compress algorithm : zlib, runbin, rtime

Designed for use on NOR and NAND flash devices

Packing/unpacking tool :

- mkfs.jffs2
- E-Pack Decompressor
 - mtd-mods(projects)

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Archive Format

Gzip(Zlib)

GNU Zip, primary compression format used by Unix-based system

Compression Algorithm : DEFLATE

Format = <Gzip header ><Deflate compressed Blocks><GZIP Footer>

Header : 10byte – magic number, version, timestamp

Footer : 8byte – CRC Checksum, uncompressed data length

Magic Signature : \x1F\x8B

uncompress : gzip -d <.gz file>

LZMA

Lempel-Ziv-Markov chain algorithm

Compression Algorithm : dictionary compression scheme(LZ77 variant)

Magic Signature : \x5D\x00\x00\x80

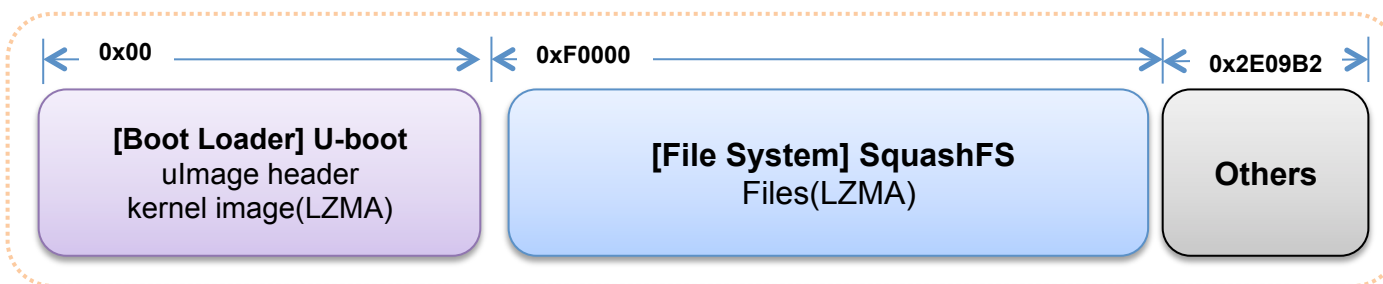
Uncompress : lzma -d <.lzma file>

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Firmware Hacking (Demo)



Target : IPTIME N8004
Firmware Version : 7.72 (n8004_kr_7.72.bin)
Vulnerability : Get Administrator Password (partial apply the patch)



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Recon the firmware image

```
RedHidden's AirForce:myfirm redhidden$ binwalk n8004_kr_7_72.bin
```

DECIMAL	HEX	DESCRIPTION
0	0x0	uImage header, header size: 64 bytes, header CRC: 0x4FDA64DA, created: Fri Jul 22 11:47:59 2011, image size: 3018688 bytes, Data Address: 0x80000000, Entry Point: 0x802AD000, data CRC: 0xBD061521, OS: Linux, CPU: MIPS, image type: OS Kernel Image, compression type: lzma, image name: n8004
64	0x40	LZMA compressed data, properties: 0x5D, dictionary size: 33554432 bytes, uncompressed size: 2929080 bytes
983040	0xF0000	Squashfs filesystem, little endian, non-standard signature, version 3.0, size: 2034098 bytes, 412 inodes, blocksize: 65536 bytes, created: Fri Jul 22 11:47:55 2011
983159	0xF0077	LZMA compressed data, properties: 0x5D, dictionary size: 8388608 bytes, uncompressed size: 65536 bytes
1004478	0xF53BE	LZMA compressed data, properties: 0x5D, dictionary size: 8388608 bytes, uncompressed size: 65536 bytes

```
RedHidden's AirForce:myfirm redhidden$ cat n8004_kr_7_72.bin.kernel.str|grep filesystem
```

```
VFS: Mounted root (%s filesystem)%s.
```

```
No filesystem could mount root, tried:
```

```
filesystems
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<3>SQUASHFS error: Major/Minor mismatch, trying to mount newer %d.%d filesystem
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<3>SQUASHFS error: Major/Minor mismatch, Squashfs 2.0 filesystems are unsupported
```

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<3>SQUASHFS error: Major/Minor mismatch, Squashfs 1.0 filesystems are unsupported
```

```
<4>SQUASHFS: Mounting a different endian SQUASHFS filesystem on %s
```

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2 %s %s can't create entry in new filesystem
```

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Split the firmware image apart and then unpack

```
root@ubuntu:/tmp/MyFirm# dd if=n8004_kr_7_72.bin of=n8004_kr_7_72.bin.filesystem skip=983040 bs=1 count=2035712
2035712+0 records in
2035712+0 records out
2035712 bytes (2.0 MB) copied, 7.65252 s, 266 kB/s
root@ubuntu:/tmp/MyFirm# ../unsquashfs n8004_kr_7_72.bin.filesystem

created 191 files
created 45 directories
created 118 symlinks
created 58 devices
created 0 fifos
root@ubuntu:/tmp/MyFirm# ls squashfs-root/
bin  default  dev  etc  home  lib  linuxrc  nbin  plugin  proc  save  sbin  tmp  upgrade-bin  usr  var
```

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Find a bugs and vulnerability

The image shows a screenshot of the ipTIME N8004 web interface. The main content area is titled "설정 백업/복구" (Settings Backup/Restore) and contains several buttons: "설정 파일 백업" (Backup settings file), "파일 선택" (Select file), "설정 파일 복구" (Restore settings file), and "설정 파일 복구" (Restore settings file). A red circle highlights the "설정 파일 복구" button. To the left, there is a login form with fields for "이름:" (Name) and "암호:" (Password), and a checkbox for "나의 키체인에 이 암호" (Save this password in my keychain). A terminal window is overlaid on the interface, displaying system information for a root user on a localhost. A red circle highlights the "Auth" lines at the bottom of the terminal output. In the bottom right corner, a JavaScript console snippet is visible, showing a function call to "ApplyBack(...)" with a red circle around the "href" parameter value "/config.cfg".

```
User root
Group root
ServerAdmin root@localhost
VirtualHost
DocumentRoot /home/httpd
UserDir public_html
DirectoryIndex index.html
KeepAliveMax 100
KeepAliveTimeout 10
MimeTypes /etc/mime.types
DefaultType text/plain
AddType application/x-httpd-cgi cgi
AddType text/html html
ScriptAlias /cgi-bin/ /bin/
ScriptAlias /testbin/ /tmp/
ScriptAlias /nd-bin/ /ndbin/
ScriptAlias /login/ /bin/login/
ScriptAlias /ddns/ /bin/ddns/
ServerName localhost
SinglePostLimit 2097152
Auth /cgi-bin /etc/httpd.passwd
Auth /main /etc/httpd.passwd
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```
ript language="JavaScript">
ction ApplyBack(...)
f.location.href="/config.cfg";
ript>
```

HOW ..

Find a bugs and vulnerability

파일 다운로드

이 파일을 저장하거나 이 파일을 열 프로그램을 온라인으로 찾으시겠습니까?

이름: cfg
유형: 알 수 없는 파일 형식, 5.29KB
시작:

찾기(F) 저장(S) 취소

다음 정보 없이 오는 중:
cfg

남은 시간:
다운로드 위치:
연속 속도:
 다운로드가 완료되면 자동으로 열기

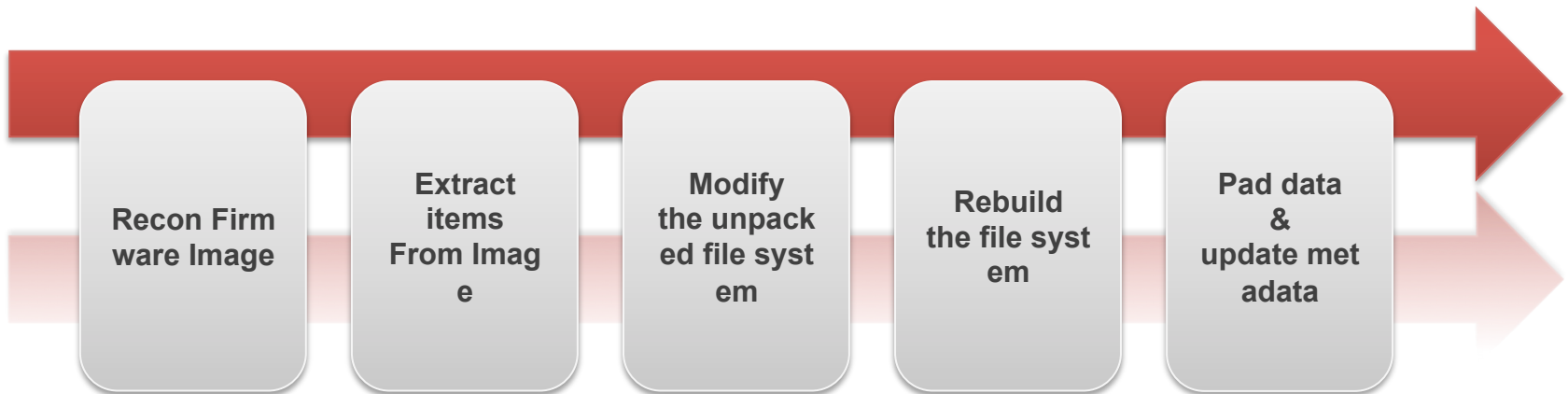
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redhidden@AirForce:~/myfirm$ tar -zxvf config1
x etc/RT3890AP.dat
x etc/RT3883AP.dat
x etc/app_virtual.set
x etc/defaultip
x etc/fvsched.set
x etc/fvsched_netfilter.set
x etc/group
x etc/...
x etc/httpd.passwd
x etc/iconfig.cfg
x etc/igmp...
x ...
```

```
dhcpcd_opt=864000,30,200,
dhcpcd_configfile=/etc/udhcpd.conf
dhcpcd_lease_file=/etc/udhcpd.leases
dhcpcd_static_lease_file=/etc/udhcpd.static
org_hwaddr.eth2.2=
nat_passthrough=0
atf_lag=0
dns.eth2.2.dynamic=
proxydns=
accesslist+conf=stop,0,stop,0
wireless_ifmode+ra10=ra10,0
wireless_ifmode+ra0=ra0,0
login=admin
password=
..._local_gateway=0
apcp_primary_mac=
```

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Firmware Repackaging Process



Conclusion



**As the use of smart and portable devices increase,
it's very easy for us to meet various firmware.**

Devices are smart, but not secure.

By firmware hacking research, you can do the following things :

Even though there is no known information,
you can get the "DIY devices" that correspond to the purpose what you want.
You can find the potential security threat in the firmware.

let's start challenging from the firmware located around you.