

Poor Man's Panopticon

Mass CCTV Surveillance for the masses



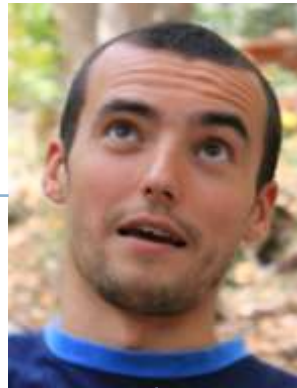
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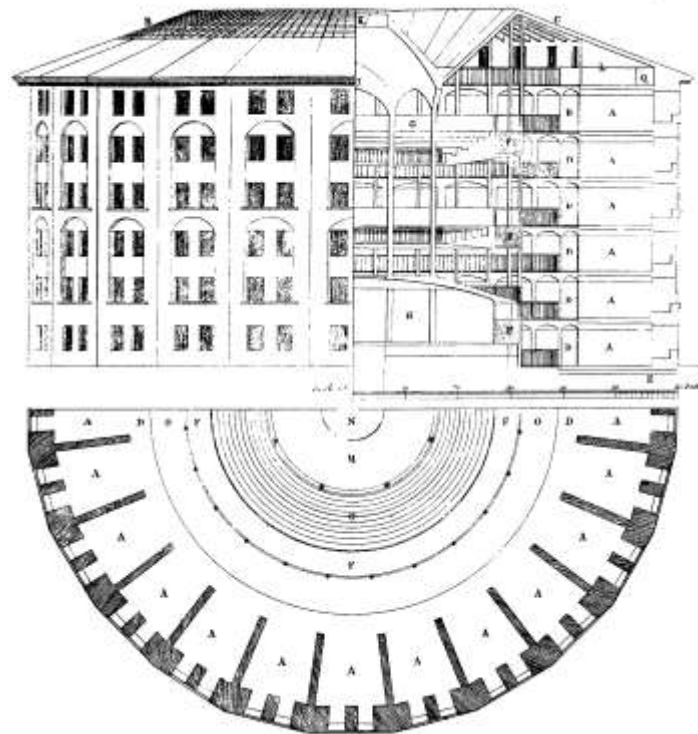
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▪ **tldr;**

- **DO NOT TRY THIS AT HOME!**
- **USE AT YOUR OWN RISK!**

Intro – Panopticon

- The concept of the design is to allow a watchman to observe (-opticon) all (pan-) inmates of an institution without them being able to tell whether they are being watched or not
- Synonym for “Big-Brother”



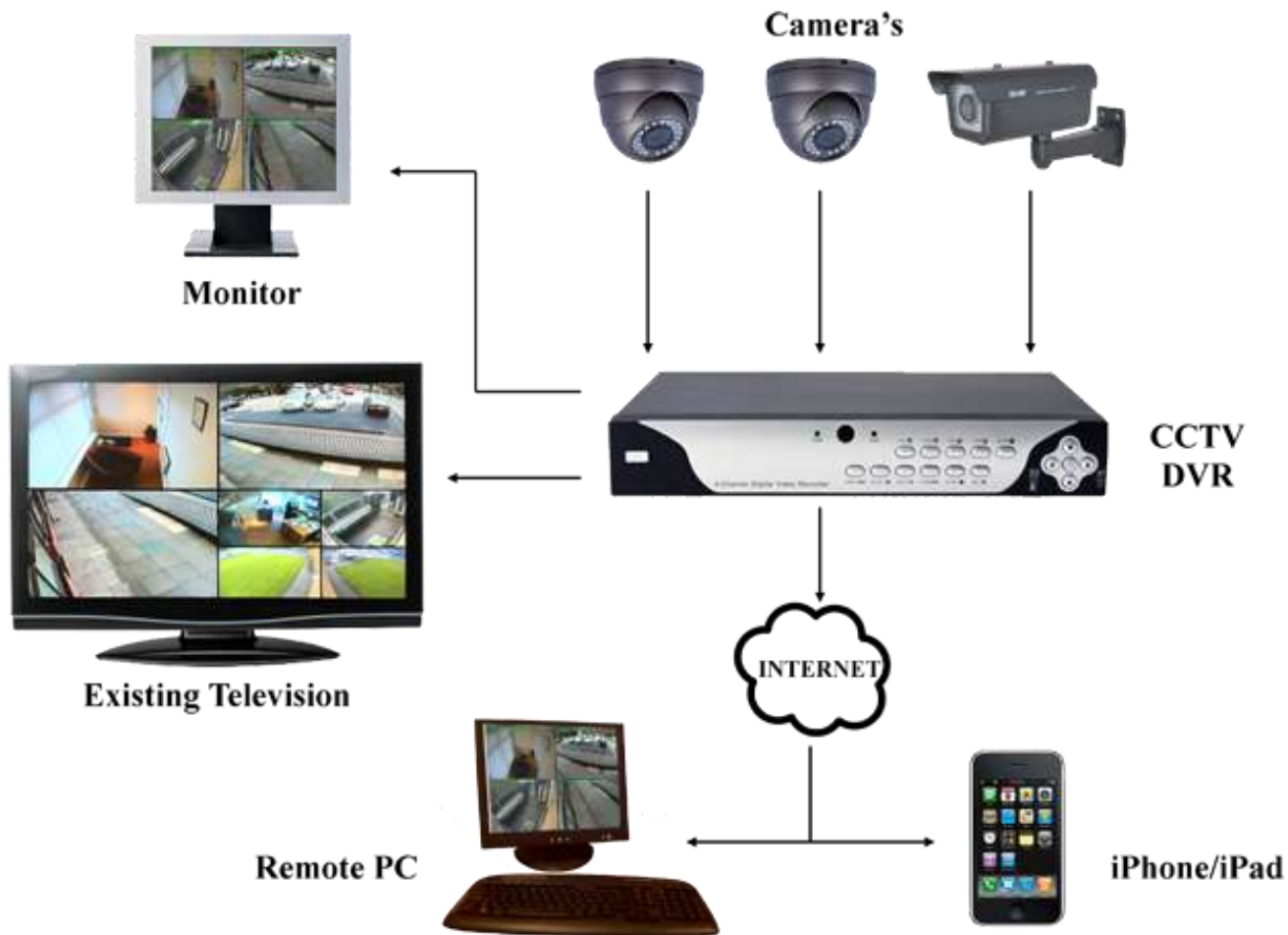
Intro – CCTV

- CCTV as in “Closed Circuit TV”
 - Not as in “CNTV CCTV9 China Central Television”

- Meaning:
 - BNC cameras
 - RF cameras
 - IP cameras
 - DVR/NVR systems
 - And all HW + SW + Analytics + Integration + Interfacing systems

Intro – CCTV

- Simplified schematic of most CCTV systems today:



Timeline – Existing Work

- Early "IP cameras [google dorks](#)"
- [2005 22C3](#) - Hacking CCTV. A private investigation.
- [2007](#) - ProCheckup - Owing Big Brother: Multiple vulnerabilities on Axis 2100 IP cameras
- [2010 BH10DC](#) - Joshua Marpet - Physical Security in a Networked World: Video Analytics, Video Surveillance, and You

Timeline – Existing Work

- [2011](#) - DigitalMunition - Owning a Cop Car
- [2012 DefCon](#) - Robert Portvliet and Brad Antoniewicz - The Safety Dance: Wardriving the Public Safety Band.
- [2013 HITB AMS](#) - Sergey Shekyan and Artem Harutyunyan - To Watch Or To Be Watched. Turning your surveillance camera against you.
- [2013 BH13US](#) - Craig Heffner - Exploiting Surveillance Cameras. Like a Hollywood Hacker.

Timeline – In the recent news

- [28 Oct 2013](#) - "Israeli Road Control System hacked ... seems that the attackers used a malware to hit *the security camera apparatus* in the Carmel Tunnel toll road in Sept. 8 and to gain its control“
- [4 Sep 2013](#) – “FTC settles with Trendnet after '*hundreds*' of home security cameras were hacked... FTC Forcing TRENDnet to Suffer 20 Years of Auditing.”
- How about... *hundreds of thousands*?!

Reality Check

The state of security of CCTV products?

- Few roots of most evils: *"Default credentials, design f@\$k-ups and dumb users"*
- Kafkian-style notes in the [documentation](#)

Remember that the DVR is, in all likelihood, going to be left on 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Keep this in mind when choosing a location for installation.

DEFAULT PASSWORD INFORMATION

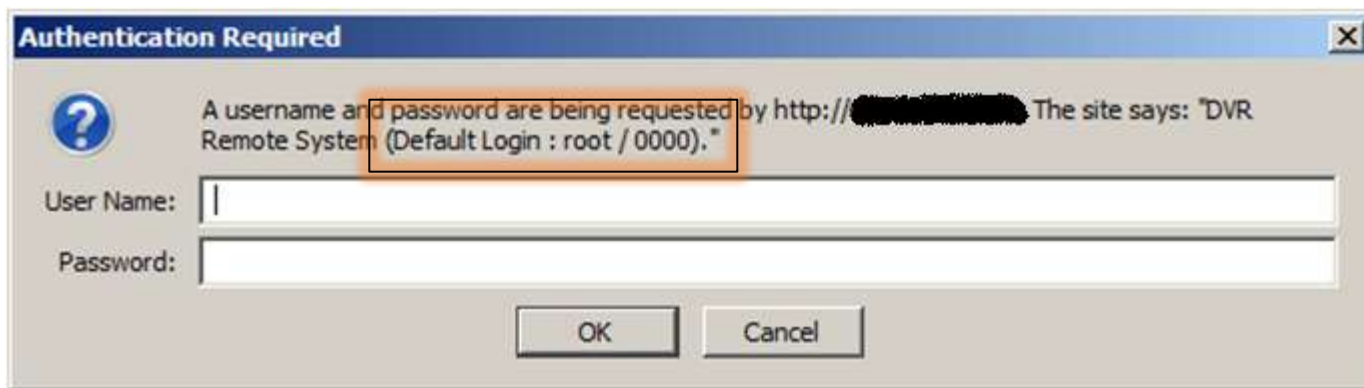
To ensure your privacy, this DVR supports password protection.

There is no "default" password - until you set a password and enable password protection, the DVR will not ask you for one.

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- Insane design and even more insane users
 - Some user leave these on indefinitely...



CCTV Device Population – Search & Results

- Goal:
 - Estimate publicly accessible IPcam/DVR/NVR/CCTV systems
 - So, how much can someone theoretically own?
- Sources:
 - [Shodan](#)
 - [Internet Census 2012](#)
 - (optional) Google dorks
- Results:
 - Statistics and queries should be released soon

CCTV Device Population – Search & Results

- Results – Internet Census 2012 (top matches)

TOTAL	~ 450.000	
Avtech AVN801 network camera	137,066	AvTech
GeoVision GeoHttpServer for webcams	121,907	GeoVision
Netwave IP camera http config	53,813	Foscam
DVR Systems webcam http interface	18,775	?
Netwave webcam http config	15,785	Foscam
Swann DVR8-2600 security camera system httpd	15,458	Swann

CCTV Device Population – Search & Results

- Results – Shodan (top matches, Jun 2013)
 - Today – numbers are ~10-20% up

TOTAL	>> 1,200,000	
q=netwave+camera	332,342	Foscam
q=port%3A80+Avtech	309,801	AvTech
q=GeoHttpServer	278,148	GeoVision
q=Server%3A+alphapd	89,831	?
q=realm%3D"DVR"	87,095	Hunt/Svat/Defender
q=Server%3A+Network+Camera	51,378	Mixed
q=dcslig-httpd	50,547	D-Link

CCTV Device Population – Fun Facts

- Let's map "surveillance" coverage of publicly accessible CCTV device population over a geographical area
 - As if all exposed devices were located in a given area
- Assumptions:
 - between 450k and 1.2M devices, let's take 500k devices
 - each found "device" covers 100 m² (10x10m)
 - stretched assumption, but reasonable on average
 - many DVRs with 2 to 32 cameras each
 - many cameras are good resolution HD
 - all devices cover a continuous flat surface/space

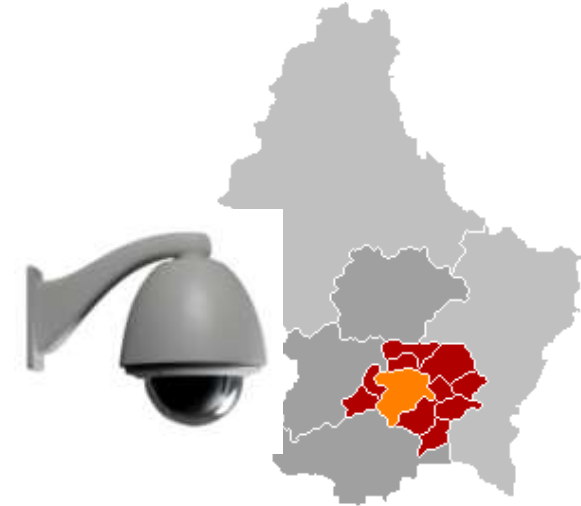
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- Math:

- $500.000 \times 100 \text{ m}^2 =$
 $50.000.000 \text{ m}^2 = 50 \text{ km}^2$

- City of Luxembourg ~ 51.46 km²

- We could survey
- City of Luxembourg entirely (orange spot)



- Monaco ~ 2.02 km²

- If Monaco was covered totally by a 25 floor state-wide building
- We could survey that state-wide building entirely



CCTV Online Live Demo Systems

- What?
 - IPcam/DVR/CCTV systems put intentionally on the internet by the vendor or security/surveillance online shops
- Why?
 - Usual audience – Intended for marketing and sales boost
 - Geek audience – think differently 😊
- How?
 - Google for:
 - "demo dvr", "demo nvr", "cctv demo"
 - "live cctv demo", "live dvr"

CCTV Online Live Demo Systems

- Google dork stopped working? Let's create our own brand new!

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Targets and Motivations

- Attackers by motivation
 - Voyeurs, Stalkers, Criminals, Govt Organizations, Hacktivism Groups
- Targets
 - Persons, Cars, Property
 - Embedded devices
 - PCs of operators (secondary)
 - Other integrated interfaces (see Israeli's road control sys)

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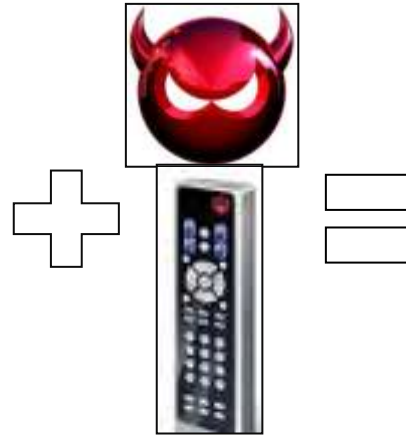
- Money (eg.: blackmailers, bounty hunters for fugitives/missing-persons/stolen-cars)
- Covering a crime (eg.: robbery – tap-in before, DoS during, restore after)
- Uncovering censorship (eg.: hacktivism – checking what is going on for real during demonstrations)
- Botnets of embedded devices

Attacks – Types by Location

- Remote
 - may come as a remote scan & exploit (classical)
- Local (Software)
 - may come as local-network exploit (classical)
 - may come as a physical attack over USB
- Local Physical Proximity
 - may come as a physical attack over infra-red
 - may come as a physical attack over USB
 - may come as a software attack over "visual layer"

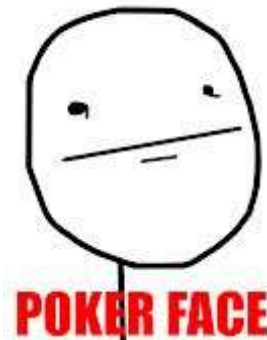
Attacks – Unconventional – Invisible layer

- Infra-red channel – DoS, Command injection



Attacks – Unconventional – Visual layer

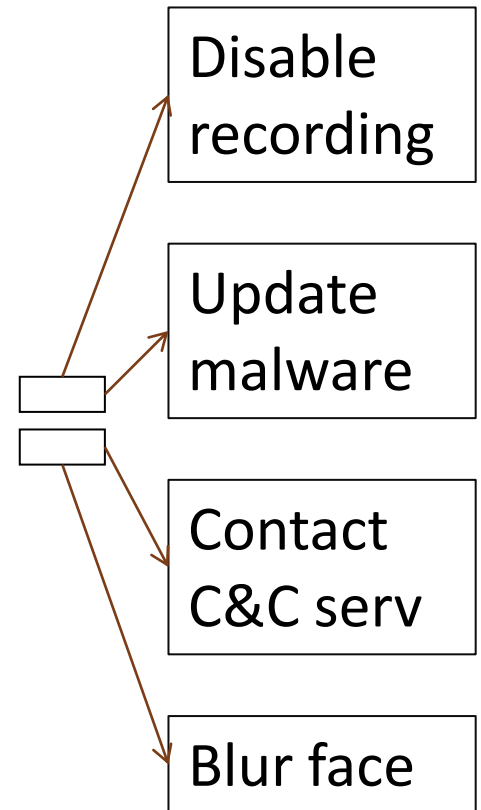
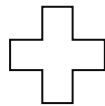
- *Visual layer backdoors (more wicked than Google Glass hack)*
- Visually encoded information
 - QR codes
 - Any other visual (custom) code that can convey info & commands
 - Can be as custom as a



- The trick is to highly-reliable trigger
 - accurate visual mark detection
 - accurate decoding visually-encoded info & commands

Attacks – Unconventional – Visual layer

- Visually encoded information and commands example



Attacks – Unconventional – Visual layer – How?

- *Software* (video I/O kernel modules, streaming application video filters)
 - easy to hard to detect or reverse
- *Hardware* (integrated video/audio codecs and chipsets)
 - hard to impossible to detect or reverse
 - even if I/O to chip is possible
- The range of video imagery pixels to create a “semantic” image is huge
 - hard to trigger, thus detect, "visual information decoding" after all

Attacks – Most Common Vulnerabilities

- Backdoor credentials/access

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Attacks – Most Common Vulnerabilities

- Clear-text credential storage + Insufficient access controls



Attacks – Most Common Vulnerabilities

- Old software (kernel, web-server, interpreter)

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Attacks – Most Common Vulnerabilities

- Denial of Service
 - DoS on CCTV is **critical, not a nuisance**
 - Weakest points seem to be /cgi-bin/*
 - Causing coredump & reboots
 - Short demo
- Rogue/Modified firmware
 - Short demo
- Command-injection
 - Eg: via ping *"127.0.0.1; evil_command_here;"*
- Insufficient access controls on webroot and filesystem

I pwn device(s). Now what?

- Determining geo-location can be
 - Useful, eg. for finding missing persons, stolen car
 - Dangerous, eg. for tracking people
- Getting video stream is really useful, but how?
 - [iSpyConnect](#) – APIs and software
 - Detect camera vendor, grab the API and off you go
- What about faces?
 - Face detection and recognition is easy these days
 - [OpenCV](#) is our friend

I pwn the device. Now what?

- Demo



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Closing thoughts

- Hitachi Hokusai Electric CCTV Camera
 - Can Scan 36 Million Faces/Second

- LG Roboking VR680VMNC equipped with wi-fi and
 - 3 cameras at once to capture the surrounding areas

- What's next?

Summary

- Around 1,000,000 publicly exposed DVRs/IPCAMs/CCTVs
- Demonstrated multiple attacks
- Demonstrated new vulnerabilities
- Introduced novel attack ideas
- DVR/IPCAM/CCTV vendors must secure their systems better

Thank you!
Questions, ideas, corrections?



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