



# Outsmarting the Smart City

DISCOVERING AND ATTACKING THE TECHNOLOGY THAT RUNS  
MODERN CITIES

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# What kind of tech makes a city “smart”?

- Industrial Internet of Things
- Urban Automation
- Public Safety / Emergency Management
- Intelligent Transportation Systems
- Metropolitan Area Networks

# Limited citizen privacy and risk management options

- You don't have to buy an Alexa
- You can buy a non-smart TV
- You can buy a feature phone (or forego a cell phone)
- You can buy an ancient car
- Can you move to a city that isn't "smart"?



# V2I, V2V, OBD-III and DSRC



*Connected vehicles communicate with each other, and with city infrastructure, as travel occurs.  
The proposed OBD-III standard raises privacy and due process concerns.*

# Hangzhou “City Brain”



*“In China, people have less concern with privacy, which allows us to move faster”  
- Xian-Sheng Hua, manager of AI at Alibaba at World Summit AI in 2017*

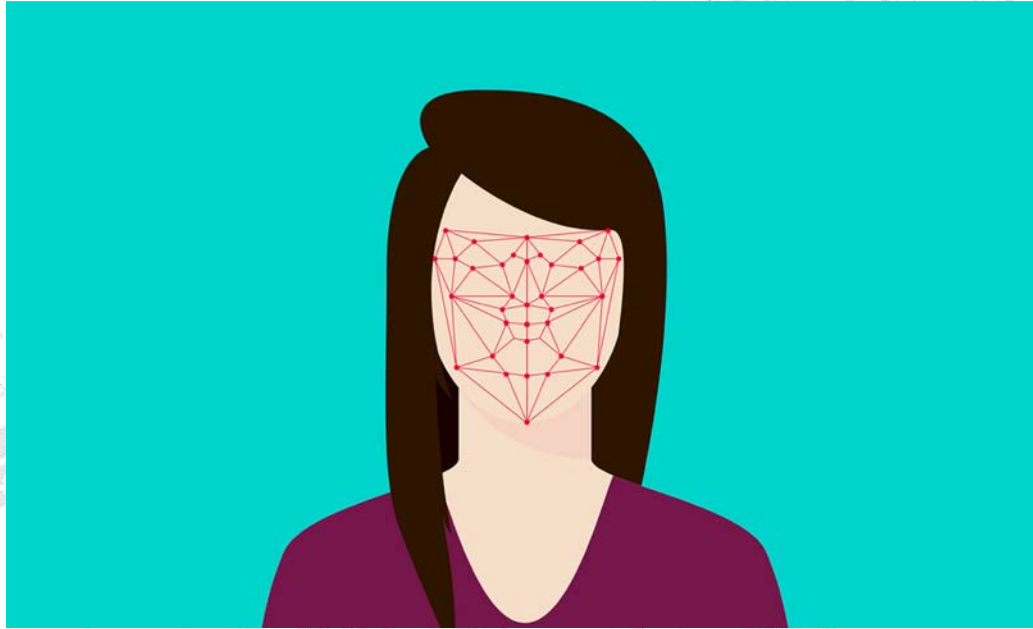


## Smart streetlights with cameras



*GE's Bill Ruh says it's up to each city to set policies around the data collected by the sensors and how it can be used.*

# Facial recognition



*In 2017 the former head of Singapore's civil service Peter Ong said Singapore wants to deploy facial recognition technology to all 110,000 lampposts in the country.*

# Dubai robotic police force



*“By 2030, we will have the first smart police station which won’t require human employees” -  
Brigadier Khalid Nasser Al Razouqi, Dubai Police’s general director of the Smart Services Department*

# Reconnaissance

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# Search Engines

- Customer case studies
- News reports
- Smart City Open Data Initiatives
- Some city contracts are public by law
  - Google: “purchase order” “smart device” site:gov

# Public Systems Are Already Mapped

- IANA (Internet Assigned Numbers Authority) ranges
- Internet infrastructure search engines
  - SHODAN
  - Censys
  - etc

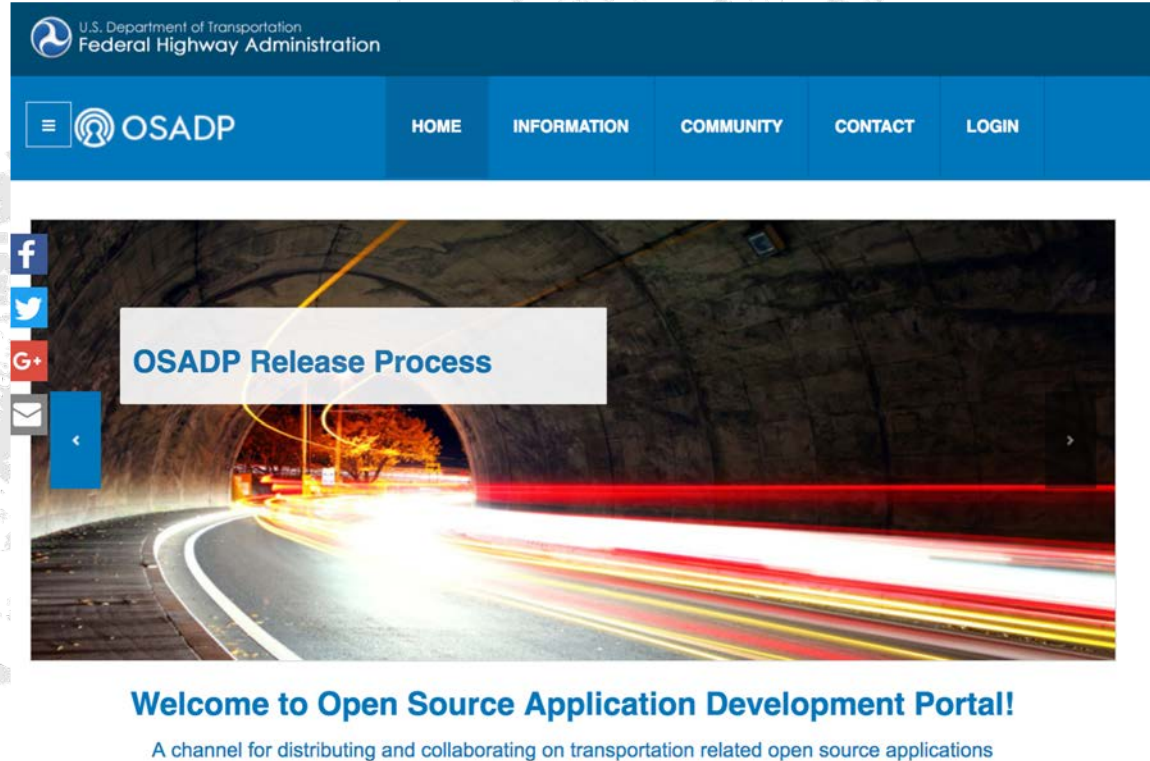


# Physical Recon

- Visual observation
- Wireless recon
  - WiFi
  - Monitor Unlicensed Bands
  - Zigbee
  - LoRaWAN
- Log off and go outside

# Source Code Repositories

- Github
- Bitbucket
- Gitlab
- OSADP



# Case Study: Austin, TX

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# News Reports

**“How Austin brought the human touch to smart city planning”**

*Digital Trends - July 31, 2017*

**“Austin, TX to test autonomous transit shuttles”**

*Smart Cities Dive - June 28, 2018*

**“Austin reinventing itself into a Smart City”**

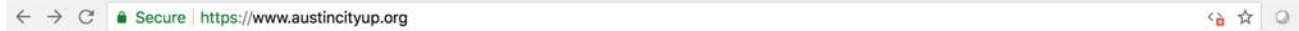
*Austin Business Journal - Jul 30, 2017*

**“Austin is getting its own “smart” street”**

*The Architect's Newspaper - August 23, 2017*

**“How Can Austin Achieve Smart City Status?”**

*KUT - Mar 14, 2017*



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#### UPCOMING AUSTIN CityUP EVENTS

**Special Event:** [Mayor's Blockchain Challenge](#) - July 27-29. This hackathon will explore how blockchain technologies can be used to establish secure digital identities and increase access to services for people experiencing homelessness. City staff will use event

#### MEMBERS-ONLY LUNCH & LEARN EVENTS

Interested in hosting a Lunch & Learn about your company, organization, or smart city project? [Contact us!](#)

# From Internet scan data



Q IPv4 Hosts

393759

[Register](#)  
[Sign In](#)

☰ Results

📍 Map

📄 Metadata

📄 Report

📄 Docs

Quick Filters

For all fields, see [Data Definitions](#)

Autonomous System:

59 CITY-OF-AUSTIN -  
City of Austin,  
Texas, US

5 EGIHOSTING -  
EGIHosting, US

3 FASTIDC  
Zhengzhou Fastidc  
Technology  
Co.,Ltd., CN

1 LEASEWEB-USA-  
SFO-12 - Leaseweb  
USA, Inc., US

1 OVH, FR

Protocol:

45 443/https

44 80/http

5 53/dns

3 22/ssh

2 21/ftp

📄 More

IPv4 Hosts

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📄 162.89.4.142

📍 City of Austin, Texas (393759)

📍 Austin, Texas, United States

⚙️ 53/dns

📄 162.89.4.140 (coadns2.ci.austin.tx.us)

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## From physical recon



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# From Google dorking

85078	ULTIMATE EVIDENCE.COM ANNUAL PAYMENT (85078)	USD	\$693.00
85074	3 YEAR TASER ASSURANCE PLAN AXON FLEX (85074)	USD	\$0.00
85073	3 YEAR TASER ASSURANCE PLAN BODYCAM (85073)	USD	\$0.00
85072	ULTIMATE EVIDENCE.COM LICENSE: 5 YEAR (85072)	USD	\$3,465
85071	ULTIMATE EVIDENCE.COM LICENSE: 3 YEAR (85071)	USD	\$2,079
85070	TASER ASSURANCE PLAN ANNUAL PAYMENT, BODYCAM (85070)	USD	\$214.20
85069	5 YEAR TASER ASSURANCE PLAN , BODYCAM (85069)	USD	\$0.00
85055	AXON FULL SERVICE (85055)	USD	\$15,750
85054	TASER ASSURANCE PLAN AXON FLEX ANNUAL PAYMENT (85054)	USD	\$289.80
85053	5 YEAR TASER ASSURANCE PLAN AXON FLEX (85053)	USD	\$0.00
85052	TASER ASSURANCE PLAN TASERCAM HD ANNUAL PAYMENT (85052)	USD	\$115.25
85051	TASER ASSURANCE PLAN TASERCAM HD (85051)	USD	\$0.00
85035	EVIDENCE.COM STORAGE (85035)	USD	\$0.79
85002	Taser Cleaning Kit (85002)	USD	\$67.11
85000	Alligator Clip (Assembled) (85000)	USD	\$50.37

# Devices and Vulnerabilities

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# Echelon i.LON SmartServer and i.LON 600



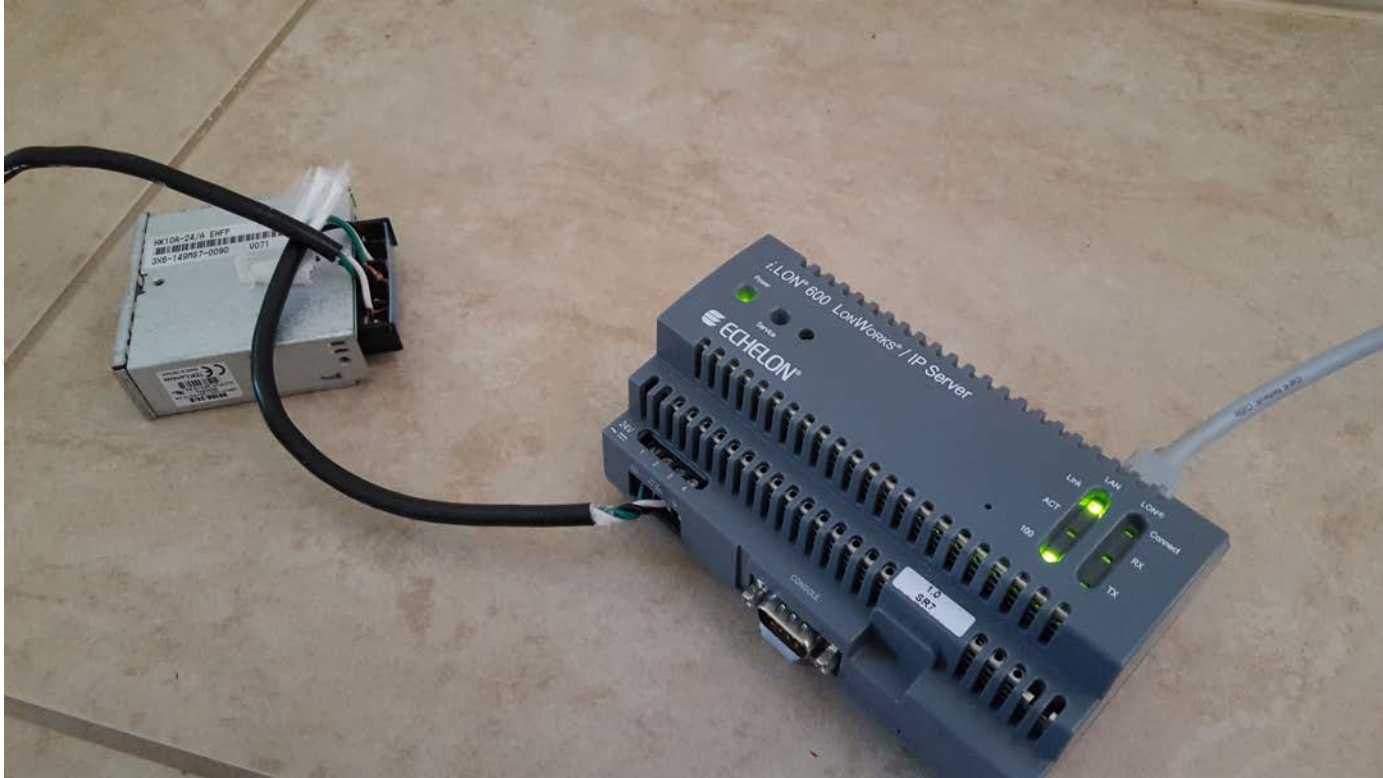


## i.LON: What it does

- IP to ICS gateway
  - LonTalk
  - P-852
  - Modbus RTU
  - Modbus / IP
  - M-Bus
  - SOAP/XML Web services
  - BACnet / IP



Probably not OSHA-approved



# i.LON SmartServer and i.LON 600

Gain access

Default Web credentials

Default FTP credentials

Unauthenticated API calls (SmartServer only)

Plaintext communications

Authentication bypass

Do bad things

Cleartext password file on FTP

Replace binaries via FTP to execute code

Fiddle with ICS gear

Change IP address of i.LON

# Authentication Bypass

## Request

Raw

Headers

Hex

```
GET /forms/Echelon/SetupIP.htm HTTP/1.1
Host: 192.168.1.237
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh;
Intel Mac OS X 10.13; rv:52.0)
Gecko/20100101 Firefox/52.0
Accept:
text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Referer:
http://192.168.1.237/forms/Echelon/Setup
Security.htm
Connection: close
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
```

## Response

Raw

Headers

Hex

```
HTTP/1.1 401 Unauthorized
Connection: close
Server: WindWeb/1.0.3
Date: THU JUN 28 12:28:14 2018
Content-Type: text/html
ETag: "0-0-0"
WWW-Authenticate: Basic
realm="i.LON"

Echelon i.LON Web Server Error
Report:<HR>
<H1>Server Error: 401
Unauthorized</H1>
<P><HR><H2>Access
denied</H2><P><HR>please contact
your vendor for technical support.
```

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Intel Mac OS X 10.13; rv:52.0)
Gecko/20100101 Firefox/52.0
Accept:
text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
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Render

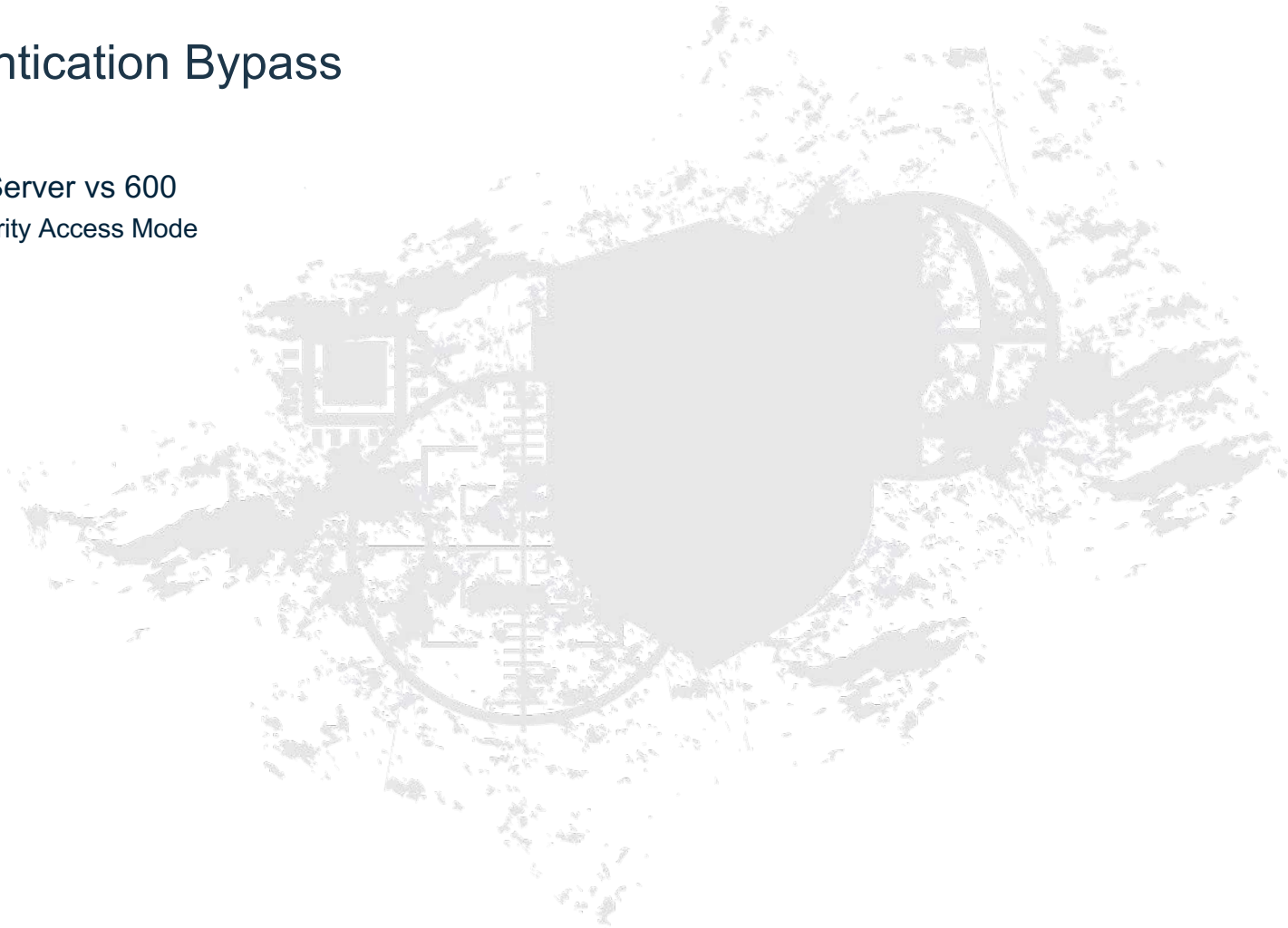
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HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Connection: close
Server: WindWeb/1.0.3
Date: THU JUN 28 12:28:55 2018
Content-Type: text/html
ETag: "9c2-5523-51002696"
WWW-Authenticate: Basic
realm="i.LON"

<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD
HTML 4.01 Transitional//EN">
<html>
<head>
<title>i.LON 600 LonWorks/IP
Server</title>
<meta http-equiv="Content-Type"
content="text/html;
charset=iso-8859-1">

<script type="text/javascript">
```

# Authentication Bypass

- SmartServer vs 600
  - Security Access Mode



# Leaked exploit from August 2015

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Terrible code ahead

We found this exploit ages ago. Never found out if anyone else knew about this. It's a fun little exploit though. You can share it if you want just don't forget to have fun with it.

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# Battelle V2I Hub



## V2I Hub: What it does

- Manages Vehicle to Infrastructure comms
- Modular infrastructure
- Mostly SPaT (signal phase and timing) related

# V2I Hub v2.5.1

Gain access

Hard-coded admin account

Various API key issues

XSS

SQLi in API

Missing authentication

Do bad things

Track vehicles

Send false safety messages

Create traffic

...or just power it down

# Unauthenticated shutdown script

```
<!DOCTYPE HTML>
<html>
  <body>
    <script>
      console.log("Shutting Down!");
    </script>
    <?php
      // Need to add line to sudo with 'sudo visudo' command
      // Cmnd_Alias SHUTDOWN_CMDS = /sbin/halt
      // www-data ALL=(ALL) NOPASSWD: SHUTDOWN_CMDS

      exec('sudo /sbin/halt', $haltoutput);
    ?>
    <script>
      console.log("Shutdown has been called");
    </script>
  </body>
</html>
```

# API Authentication

```
$key = $_GET['key'];  
  
$file = file_get_contents('./apikey.txt', FILE_USE_INCLUDE_PATH);  
$apikey = trim($file);  
  
if(strcmp($key,$apikey)==0)  
{
```

# PHP strcmp() weirdness

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If you rely on strcmp for safe string comparisons, both parameters must be strings, the result is otherwise extremely unpredictable.

For instance you may get an unexpected 0, or return values of NULL, -2, 2, 3 and -3.

```
strcmp("5", 5) => 0
strcmp("15", 0xf) => 0
strcmp(61529519452809720693702583126814, 61529519452809720000000000000000) => 0
strcmp(NULL, false) => 0
strcmp(NULL, "") => 0
strcmp(NULL, 0) => -1
strcmp(false, -1) => -2
strcmp("15", NULL) => 2
strcmp(NULL, "foo") => -3
strcmp("foo", NULL) => 3
strcmp("foo", false) => 3
strcmp("foo", 0) => 1
strcmp("foo", 5) => 1
strcmp("foo", array()) => NULL + PHP Warning
strcmp("foo", new stdClass) => NULL + PHP Warning
strcmp(function(){}, "") => NULL + PHP Warning
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strcmp(function(){}, "") => NULL + PHP Warning
```

## PHP strcmp() weirdness

```
strcmp("foo", array()) => NULL
```

## PHP strcmp() weirdness

```
php > echo 0 == 0;  
1  
php > echo 0 === 0;  
1  
php > echo NULL == 0;  
1  
php > echo NULL === 0;  
php >
```

## PHP strcmp() weirdness

```
php > echo 0 == 0;
```

```
1
```

```
php > echo 0 === 0;
```

```
1
```

```
php > echo NULL == 0;
```

```
1
```

```
php > echo NULL === 0;
```

```
php >
```

## V2I Hub v3.0 SQL Injection

```
bool TmxControl::user_info()
{
    string query = USER_INFO_QUERY;
    if (_opts->count("username") == 0 || (*_opts)["username"].as<string>() == "")
        return false;
    query += " WHERE IVP.user.username = ";
    query += (*_opts)["username"].as<string>();
    query += "'";
}
```

# Libelium Meshlium





# Libelium Meshlium

Gain access

Missing authentication  
Shell command injection

Do bad things

Create false sensor data  
Hide real sensor data

## Pre-auth shell command injection

```
if ($_POST['type']=="downloadUpdate")
{
    exec ("sudo remountrw");
    exec("sudo rm /var/www/ManagerSystem/upload/*");
    exec ("cd /var/www/ManagerSystem/upload && wget ".$_POST['link']);
}
```



# DEMONSTRATION

# Implications



## Surveillance of connected vehicles



# Traffic manipulation





# Sabotage disaster warning systems

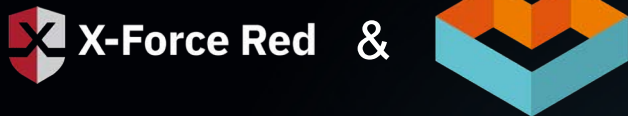


# Sabotage of industrial equipment and gateway








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# QUESTIONS?



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