

# Runtime Security Lab

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### Large IoT Incidents

#### September 21, 2016

> 600 Gbps on Brian Krebs (security researcher) website (Mirai botnet)

- September 30, 2016
   Mirai source code published
- 🔲 October 21, 2016
  - ${}^{\sim}\mathbf{1}\,\mathbf{T}\mathbf{bps}$  on DNS provider Dyn
- November 26, 2016
  - > 900 000 routers of Deutsche Telekom attacked and offline
- 🖬 February, 2018
  - $> 1.35 \, \text{Tbps}$  attack on GitHub



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#### Default usernames and passwords



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Unnecessary ports open

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Updates are not signed



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Software with security vulnerabilities



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Collected information not properly protected



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#### Unnecessary external ports like USB





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## ...they want their bugs back!





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## https://ctf.attacking.systems

Challenges

binary			
Warmup	Math Quirks	Too Many Constraints	Secure PIN
10	30	40	40
License Check	License Check II	JIT Math	
40	50	80	
crypto			
Decoder	Crypto Library	loT Endpoint	Crypto Misus
30	40	50	60
misc			
RTFM	2048	Retro Games	Who wants to be a 50
5	30	50	
formats			
Deep Sea	IrConfig	Alien Noises	Device Updat
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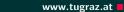
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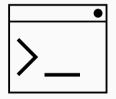
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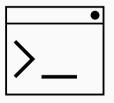
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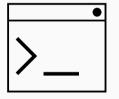
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- For example on Linux/Mac in the shell: netcat hacklets2.attacking.systems 8000

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- Understanding custom formats
- Random and fun hacklets which do not fit into any category (often no programming required)



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- If none available/interested: use a rubber duck!



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- Additionally: Slides from our lecture "Security Aspects in Software Development" https://teaching.iaik.tugraz.at/sase/slides



# A Challenge a Day Keeps the Boredom Away

# **Questions?**