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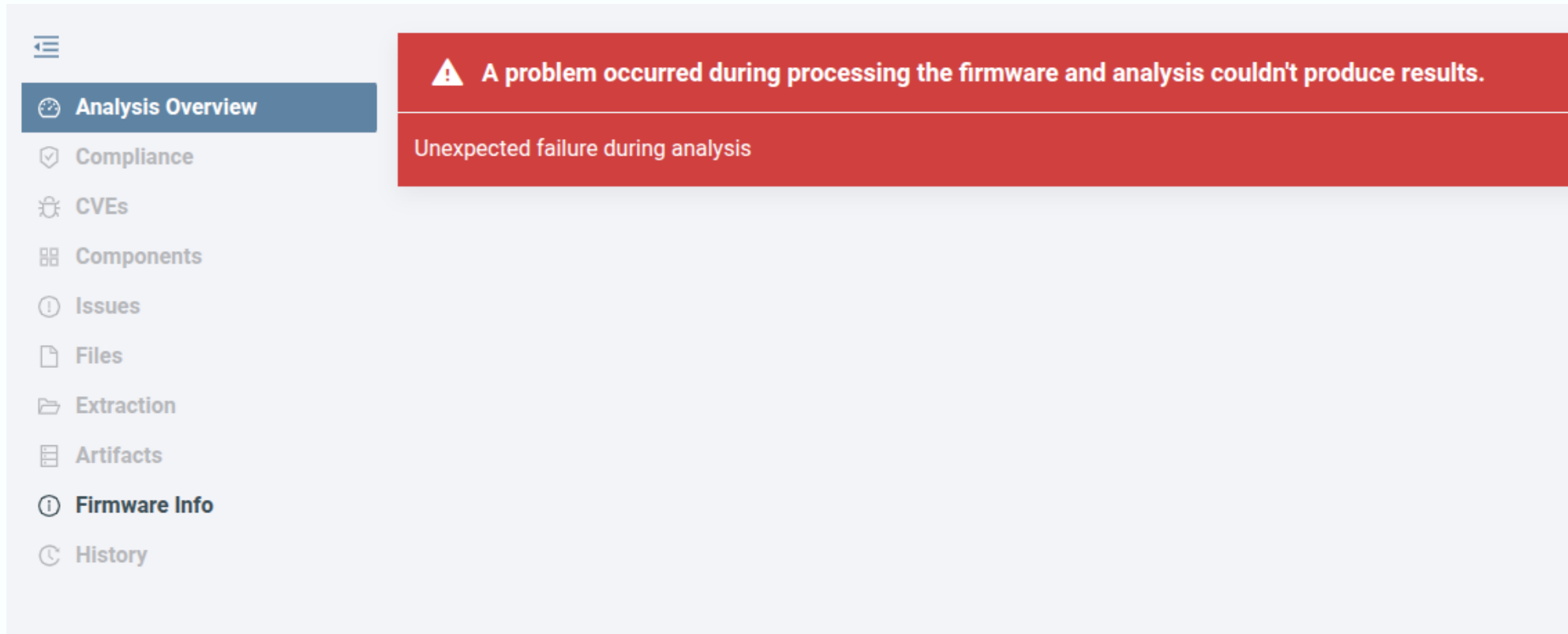
ADVENTURES IN FIRMWARE ENCRYPTION REVERSING

HI !

- OSS maintainer (unblob, jefferson, ubi-reader, sasquatch, arpy)
- Reverse engineer working in R&D on a vast array of embedded firmware (Linux, Android, QNX, VxWorks, FreeRTOS, Zephyr, eCOS, ...)
- Trying to apply/develop modern techniques and tooling to analyze those firmware
- @qkaiser everywhere



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dhboot min bin 0-413291

dhboot min bin 0-413291

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firmware 0-393216

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romfs x squashfs img 0-1427704

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Component name	Version	Files affected	CPE	Licenses	Tags	Detail
BOOTLOADER (1)						
u-boot	2010.06	1	denx:u-boot	GPL-2.0-only	Bootloader	Go to files

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AGENDA

- TARGET A – BOOTLOADER
- TARGET B – BOOTLOADER
- TARGET C – LINUX KERNEL DRIVER
- TARGET D – LINUX KERNEL CUSTOM FS
- TARGET E – UPDATE BINARY

BOOTLOADER - PRINTER MANUFACTURER



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2ND_03N0_cert.pem	2XC_AI_SPR_cert.pem	2XC_CTRL_STDAPP_WPG_cert.pem	DL_03TC.2XC	DL_OPT.2XC	S3TF_9900.001.017.bin
2ND_03N0_sign.bin	2XC_AI_SPR_sign.bin	2XC_CTRL_STDAPP_WPG_sign.bin	DL_03TF.2XC	DL_PKG_CTRL.2XC	S3V3_9500.001.005.bin
2ND_03ND_cert.pem	2XC_CTRL_EXSP_cert.pem	2XC_CTRL_VINF_cert.pem	DL_03V3.2XC	DL_SPNL.2XC	S3V4_9000.001.010.bin
2ND_03ND_sign.bin	2XC_CTRL_EXSP_sign.bin	2XC_CTRL_VINF_sign.bin	DL_03V4.2XC	ES_SKIP.ON	S3V8_9200.004.001.bin
2ND_03RD_cert.pem	2XC_CTRL_PLP_cert.pem	2XC_ENGN_cert.pem	DL_03V8.2XC	exsp_main.bin	S3V9_9200.002.101.bin
2ND_03RD_sign.bin	2XC_CTRL_PLP_sign.bin	2XC_ENGN_sign.bin	DL_03V9.2XC	fax_apl.bin	S3V9_9C00.001.001.bin
2ND_03RF_cert.pem	2XC_CTRL_STDAPP_AUTH_cert.pem	2XC_M2XC_cert.pem	DL_05MR.2XC	fax_booth.bin	S5MR_9D00.001.010.bin
2ND_03RF_sign.bin	2XC_CTRL_STDAPP_AUTH_sign.bin	2XC_M2XC_sign.bin	DL_AI_EHW.2XC	FW_package.xml	S5MR_9D00.001.010.bin_extract
2ND_03RL_cert.pem	2XC_CTRL_STDAPP_BOX_cert.pem	2XC_M3V9_cert.pem	DL_AI_SPR.2XC	handwriting.zip	spnl_mainimage.bin
2ND_03RL_sign.bin	2XC_CTRL_STDAPP_BOX_sign.bin	2XC_M3V9_sign.bin	DL_CTRL_EXSP.2XC	handwriting.zip_extract	stdapp_auth.bin
2ND_03RW_cert.pem	2XC_CTRL_STDAPP_CMN_cert.pem	2XC_OCR_cert.pem	DL_CTRL_PLP.2XC	ocr_data.zip	stdapp_box.bin
2ND_03RW_sign.bin	2XC_CTRL_STDAPP_CMN_sign.bin	2XC_OCR_sign.bin	DL_CTRL_STDAPP_AUTH.2XC	ocr_data.zip_extract	stdapp_cmh.bin
2RH_03NK_cert.pem	2XC_CTRL_STDAPP_CPY_cert.pem	2XC_OPT_cert.pem	DL_CTRL_STDAPP_BOX.2XC	optlangimage.zip	stdapp_cpy.bin
2RH_03NK_sign.bin	2XC_CTRL_STDAPP_CPY_sign.bin	2XC_OPT_sign.bin	DL_CTRL_STDAPP_CMN.2XC	optlangimage.zip_extract	stdapp_eprt.bin
2TJ_03SP_cert.pem	2XC_CTRL_STDAPP_EPRT_cert.pem	2XC_SPNL_cert.pem	DL_CTRL_STDAPP_CPY.2XC	plp_atf.bin	stdapp_fax.bin
2TJ_03SP_sign.bin	2XC_CTRL_STDAPP_EPRT_sign.bin	2XC_SPNL_sign.bin	DL_CTRL_STDAPP_EPRT.2XC	plp_dtb.bin	stdapp_home.bin
2XC_03TC_cert.pem	2XC_CTRL_STDAPP_FAX_cert.pem	2xc.verinfo	DL_CTRL_STDAPP_FAX.2XC	plp_dtb-recov.bin	stdapp_mnt.bin
2XC_03TC_sign.bin	2XC_CTRL_STDAPP_FAX_sign.bin	3R2_FAX_cert.pem	DL_CTRL_STDAPP_HOME.2XC	plp_logo.bin	stdapp_pcs.bin
2XC_03TF_cert.pem	2XC_CTRL_STDAPP_HOME_cert.pem	3R2_FAX_sign.bin	DL_CTRL_STDAPP_MNT.2XC	plp_main.bin	stdapp_prt.bin
2XC_03TF_sign.bin	2XC_CTRL_STDAPP_HOME_sign.bin	COLOR_TABLE	DL_CTRL_STDAPP_PCS.2XC	plp_rootfs.bin	stdapp_sco.bin
2XC_03V3_cert.pem	2XC_CTRL_STDAPP_MNT_cert.pem	COLOR_TABLE_COPY	DL_CTRL_STDAPP_PRT.2XC	plp_smb.bin	stdapp_snd.bin
2XC_03V3_sign.bin	2XC_CTRL_STDAPP_MNT_sign.bin	COLOR_TABLE_COPY_extract	DL_CTRL_STDAPP_SCO.2XC	plp_vaultip.bin	stdapp_sst.bin
2XC_03V4_cert.pem	2XC_CTRL_STDAPP_PCS_cert.pem	COLOR_TABLE_extract	DL_CTRL_STDAPP_SND.2XC	S2XC_1000.003.101.bin	stdapp_wpg.bin
2XC_03V4_sign.bin	2XC_CTRL_STDAPP_PCS_sign.bin	DF_03N0.bin	DL_CTRL_STDAPP_SST.2XC	S2XC_1400.001.101.bin	super_resolution.zip
2XC_03V8_cert.pem	2XC_CTRL_STDAPP_PRT_cert.pem	DL_03N0.2ND	DL_CTRL_STDAPP_WPG.2XC	S3ND_9700.007.002.bin	super_resolution.zip_extract
2XC_03V8_sign.bin	2XC_CTRL_STDAPP_PRT_sign.bin	DL_03ND.2ND	DL_CTRL_VINF.2XC	S3NK_9A00.006.001.bin	u-boot.bin
2XC_03V9_cert.pem	2XC_CTRL_STDAPP_SCO_cert.pem	DL_03NK.2RH	DL_ENGN.2XC	S3RD_9200.005.001.bin	u-boot.srec
2XC_03V9_sign.bin	2XC_CTRL_STDAPP_SCO_sign.bin	DL_03RD.2ND	DL_FAX.3R2	S3RF_9A00.002.001.bin	u-boot.srec_extract
2XC_05MR_cert.pem	2XC_CTRL_STDAPP_SND_cert.pem	DL_03RF.2ND	DL_M2XC.2XC	S3RL_9000.001.008.bin	uImage
2XC_05MR_sign.bin	2XC_CTRL_STDAPP_SND_sign.bin	DL_03RL.2ND	DL_M3V9.2XC	S3RW_9200.006.002.bin	uImage-recov
2XC_AI_EHW_cert.pem	2XC_CTRL_STDAPP_SST_cert.pem	DL_03RW.2ND	DL_NWDL.2XC	S3SP_9700.005.001.bin	
2XC_AI_EHW_sign.bin	2XC_CTRL_STDAPP_SST_sign.bin	DL_03SP.2TJ	DL_OCR.2XC	S3TC_9500.002.301.bin	

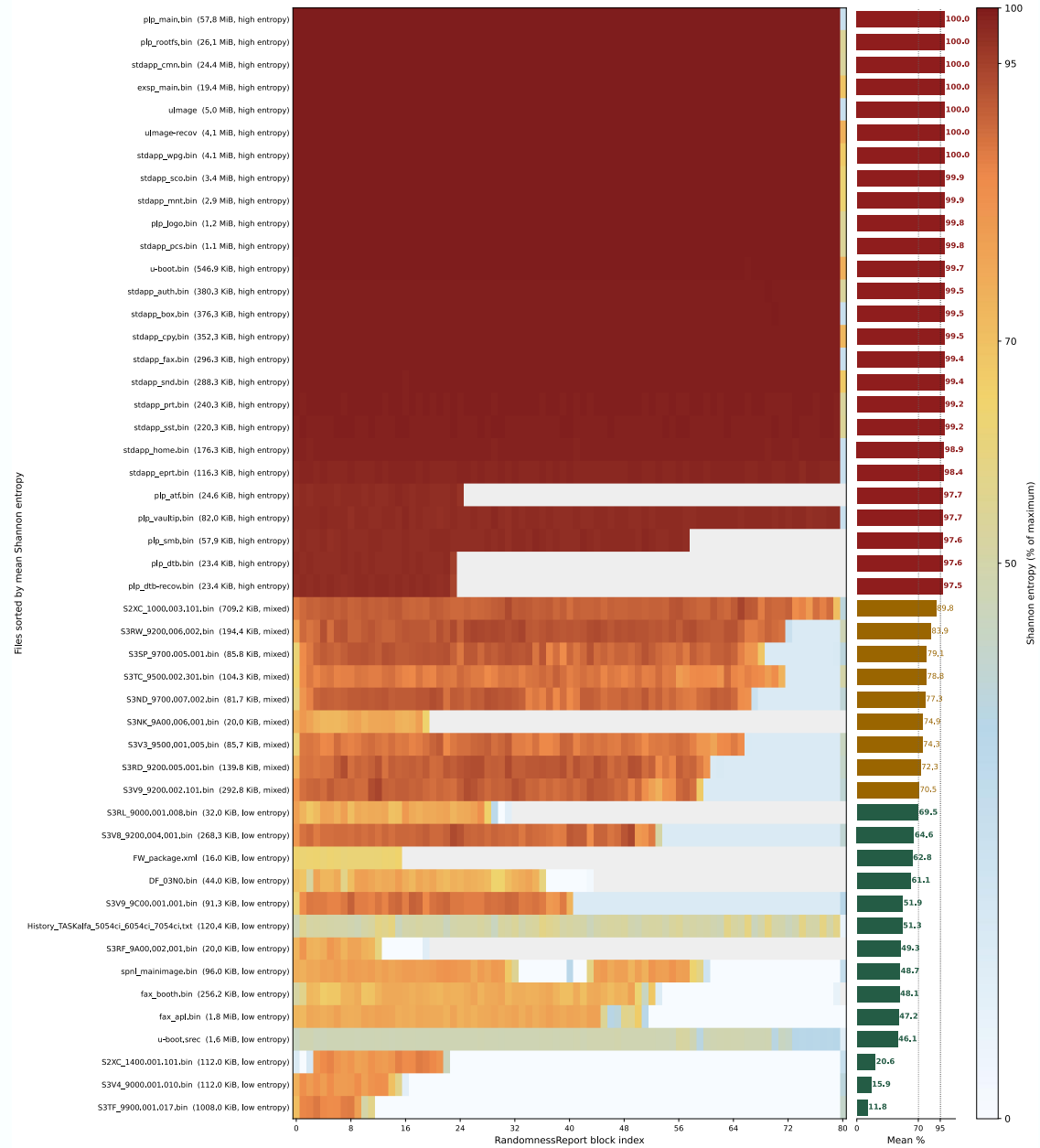
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```

00000000 45 43 50 54 19 f2 6f 07 e6 6d 39 ff 9c f5 b8 07 |ECPT...o...m9.....|
00000010 3f 3e f8 26 9d f4 95 be cc 4e 80 0e 23 a7 f5 64 |?>.&.....N..#...d|
00000020 dd 20 2d 01 4d 51 da 32 d3 bc 88 06 ed e4 2f 01 |. -.MQ.2...../..|
00000030 86 4a e5 f7 55 72 bc d5 f9 a3 56 d6 f8 e1 dd 88 |.J..Ur....V.....|
00000040 c1 5d 4b 62 6a 53 57 25 f7 41 01 58 4e 9b e1 fe |.]KbjSW%.A.XN...|
00000050 e1 b5 d6 20 dd 4e c8 f7 b5 3c 05 c1 3f 58 69 e7 |... .N...<...?Xi..|
00000060 2d ab 6a 24 b5 89 9f f2 72 bb b4 07 99 9b 29 83 |- .j$....r.....).|
00000070 9d 98 09 07 a2 1f 4f d0 2f 14 42 b4 96 63 46 3f |.....0./..B...cF?|
00000080 ce 38 d1 d3 13 f9 0a 89 94 2b c4 a3 6c b5 03 b6 |.8.....+...l...|
00000090 d8 ad bd ed 78 6c 92 60 fc bb 68 12 24 e0 07 47 |....xl.`..h.$..G|
000000a0 03 66 2a 94 d8 c6 0c ab 7e 88 bd 80 b8 fe a7 cb |.f*.....~.....|
000000b0 e4 05 8f 29 70 b6 83 1c 30 56 29 7a a2 b3 b0 6a |...)p...0V)z...j|
000000c0 8c 23 46 9c 1f aa 67 04 63 4a 20 0d e0 c2 03 e1 |.#F...g.cJ .....|
000000d0 22 7d 1b b4 ff 41 6a 99 46 32 43 d2 de 34 d6 ae |"}...Aj.F2C..4..|
000000e0 f7 5b e7 4a 6a 6b a5 00 31 98 13 88 82 f8 93 c3 |.[.Jjk..1.....|
000000f0 71 71 58 b2 01 c9 cb 7f 55 70 39 6d 08 e4 21 e0 |qqX.....Up9m...!.|
00000100 4e 67 ee c8 bc 20 7c 66 34 92 c3 eb 8d f2 4b af |Ng... |f4.....K.|

```

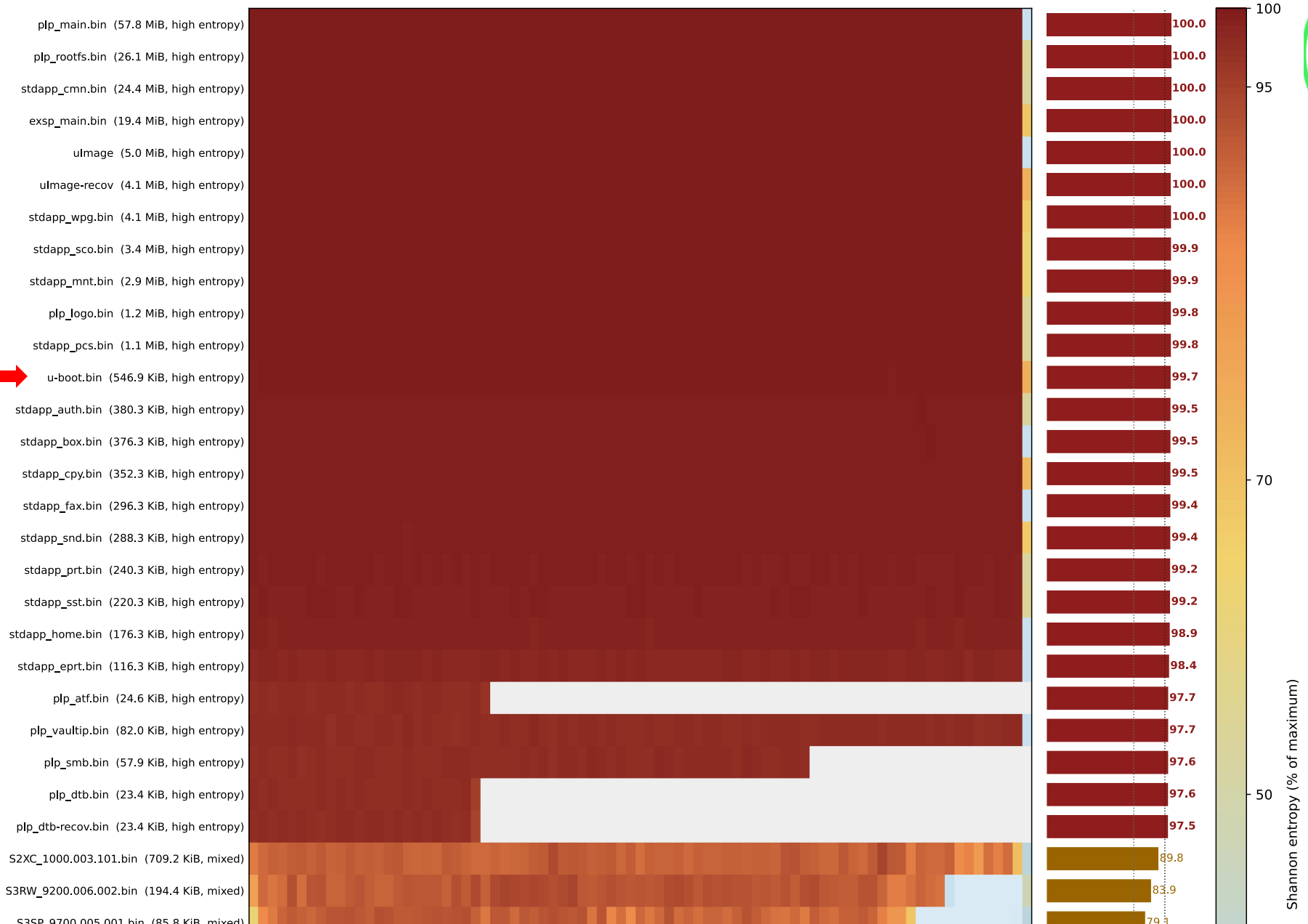
Firmware entropy distribution by extracted file



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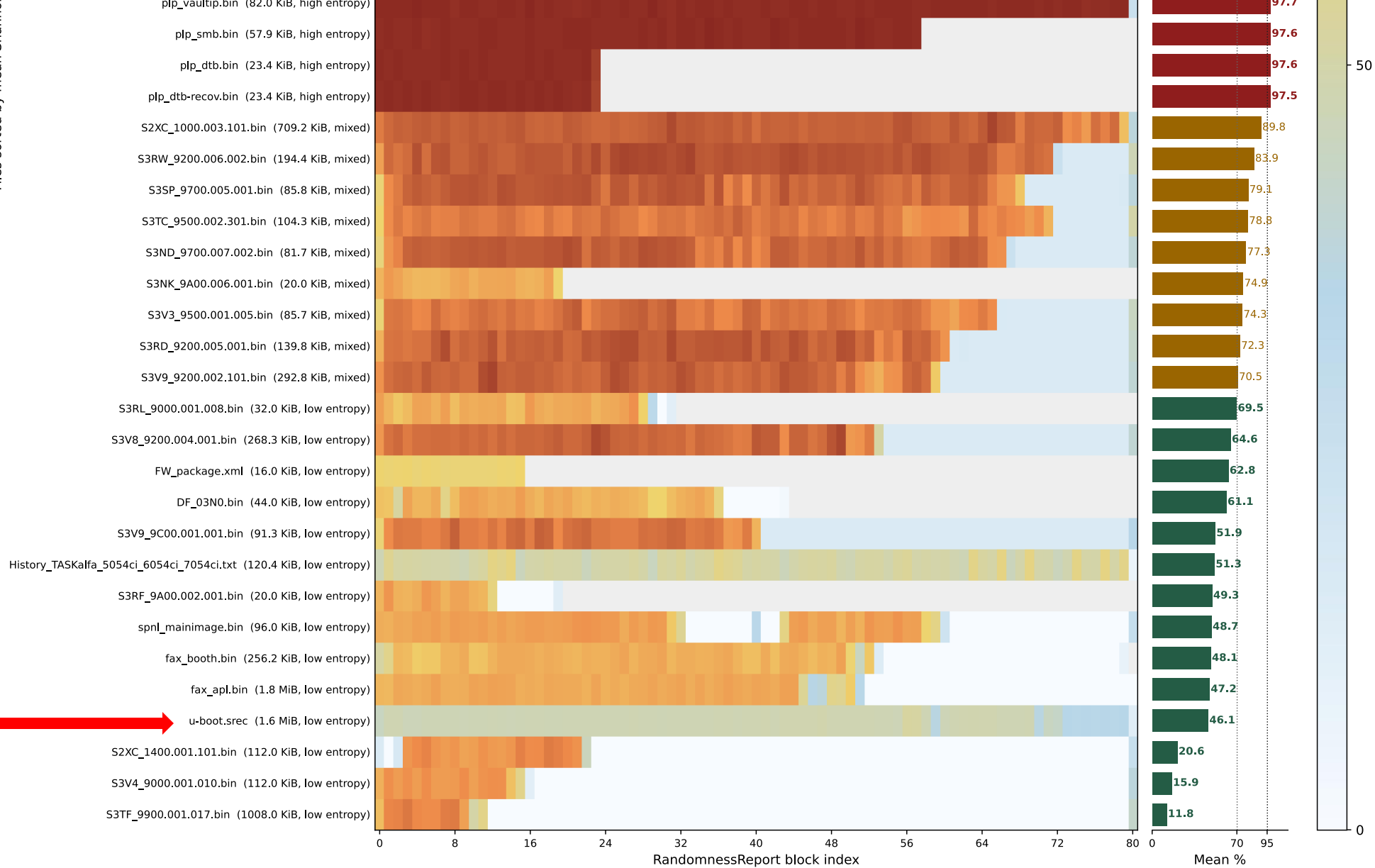
Files sorted by mean Shannon entropy

Firmware entropy distribution by extracted file



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Files sorted by mean Shannon



Shannon entropy (% of max)



Guide: >=95% is compressed/encrypted-like; 70-95% is mixed; <70% is plaintext/structured-like.



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- u-boot.srec - Motorola S-Record
- Convert to raw binary with **srec_cat** ("srec_cat u-boot.srec -Output u-boot.plain.bin -Binary")
- Get the load address (0x0)
- Get the architecture (AArch64 little-endian)
- Load into Ghidra and:
 - Search for "TPCE" (ECPT)
 - Search for "decrypt"
 - Use FindCrypt Fto find AES S-Box

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```
Decompile: FUN_020891d0 - (u-boot.bin)
1
2 int FUN_020891d0(long param_1,undefined8 param_2,undefined8 param_3)
3
4 {
5     int iVar1;
6
7     iVar1 = FUN_0208ddcc(param_2);
8     if (iVar1 != 0) {
9         iVar1 = FUN_0208de00(param_2,* (undefined4 *) (param_1 + 0x28),param_2,param_3);
10        if (iVar1 == 0) {
11            FUN_020d7f74(s_Decrypt_success._020e6fab);
12            iVar1 = 0;
13        }
14        else {
15            iVar1 = 3;
16            FUN_020d7f74(s_%s(%d)_Decrypt_error_%s_020e6f92,s_decrypt_firmware_020dd9b0,0x2e5,
17                        *(undefined8 *) (param_1 + 0x20));
18        }
19    }
20    return iVar1;
21 }
22
```

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```
C:\> Decompile: do_decrypt - (u-boot.bin)
1
2 int do_decrypt(char *param_1,int param_2,undefined8 param_3,undefined8 param_4)
3
4 {
5     int iVar1;
6
7     iVar1 = is_ECPT(param_1);
8     if (iVar1 != 0) {
9         iVar1 = FUN_0208dd08(&DAT_020e3b28,0x20,&DAT_020e3b18,0x10,param_1 + 4,param_2 + -4,param_3,
10                             param_4);
11         return iVar1;
12     }
13     return -1;
14 }
15
```

BOOTLOADER - PRINTER MANUFACTURER



```
Decompile: do_decrypt - (u-boot.bin)
1
2 int do_decrypt(char *buffer,int param_2,undefined8 param_3,undefined8 param_4)
3
4 {
5     int iVar1;
6
7     iVar1 = is_ECPT(buffer);
8     if (iVar1 != 0) {
9         iVar1 = aes_cbc_256(AES_KEY,0x20,AES_IV,0x10,buffer + 4,param_2 + -4,param_3,param_4);
10        return iVar1;
11    }
12    return -1;
13}
14
```

BOOTLOADER - PRINTER MANUFACTURER

- Manufacturers do make mistakes
- Always make sur you look at every artifact



BOOTLOADER - DAHUA



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- Initial coverage by at Offzone Moscow 2022
- Talk and slides in Russian - [*insert take on language barriers still creating islands of security research in 2026*]



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23:58 **Quentin** You may want to activate close caption translation for this one, but I think all the answers are there <https://youtu.be/01uPmePiNOA>

YouTube

Юрий Васин IP камера Dahua. Как посмотреть, где почесать ▾



23:58 **Arun Magesh** damn. russian. i think i have caption feature.

23:59 **Quentin** The reduction from SHA256 hash to 16 bytes, the different slots for different files, the final key calculation. It looks really close to what we got.

YouTube can auto-translate to english, with some funny mistakes from time to time

BOOTLOADER - DAHUA

```
quentin@onekey:~ $ ls -alh
total 31M
drwxrwxr-x 2 quentin quentin 4,0K jun 22 14:47 .
drwxrwxr-x 3 quentin quentin 4,0K jun 22 11:50 ..
-rw-r--r-- 1 quentin quentin 8,5K aug 7 2024 check.img
-rw-r--r-- 1 quentin quentin 307K aug 7 2024 dhboot.bin.img
-rw-r--r-- 1 quentin quentin 7,6K aug 7 2024 hwid
-rwxr-xr-x 1 quentin quentin 322 aug 7 2024 Install
-rw-r--r-- 1 quentin quentin 2,5M aug 7 2024 kernel.img
-rw-r--r-- 1 quentin quentin 8,5K aug 7 2024 partition-x.cramfs.img
-rw-r--r-- 1 quentin quentin 21M aug 7 2024 romfs-x.squashfs.img
-rw-r--r-- 1 quentin quentin 128 aug 7 2024 sign.img
-rw-r--r-- 1 quentin quentin 7,8M aug 7 2024 web-x.squashfs.img
```

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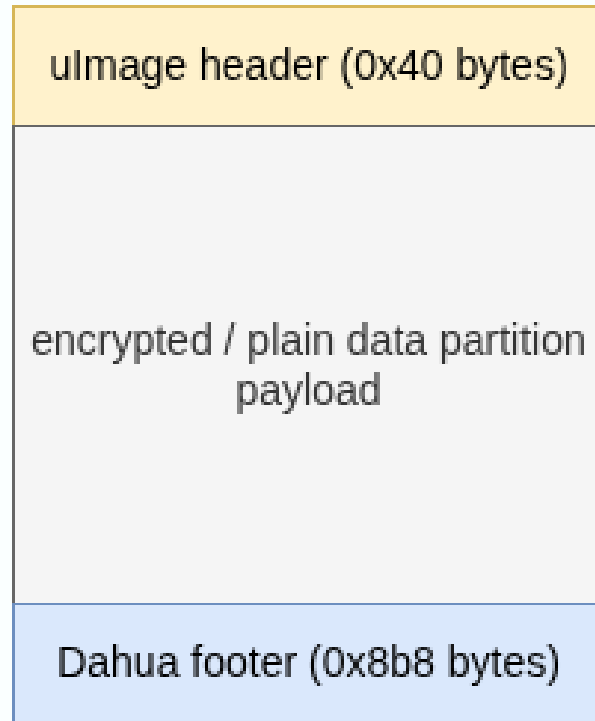
The logo consists of a green circle with a double border. Inside the circle, the word "ONEKEY" is written in a green, sans-serif, uppercase font. To the right of the logo, there are two vertical green lines of different lengths, one above the other.

```
quentin@onekey:~ $ file *
```

```
check.img:                u-boot legacy uImage, check, Linux/ARM, Firmware Image (Not compressed)
dhboot.bin.img:           u-boot legacy uImage, boot, Linux/ARM, Firmware Image (Not compressed)
hwid:                     JSON data
Install:                  JSON data
kernel.img:               u-boot legacy uImage, kernel, Linux/ARM, Firmware Image (Not compressed)
partition-x.cramfs.img:   u-boot legacy uImage, partition, Linux/ARM, Standalone Program (gzip)
romfs-x.squashfs.img:     u-boot legacy uImage, romfs, Linux/ARM, Standalone Program (gzip)
sign.img:                 data
web-x.squashfs.img:       u-boot legacy uImage, web, Linux/ARM, Standalone Program (gzip)
```

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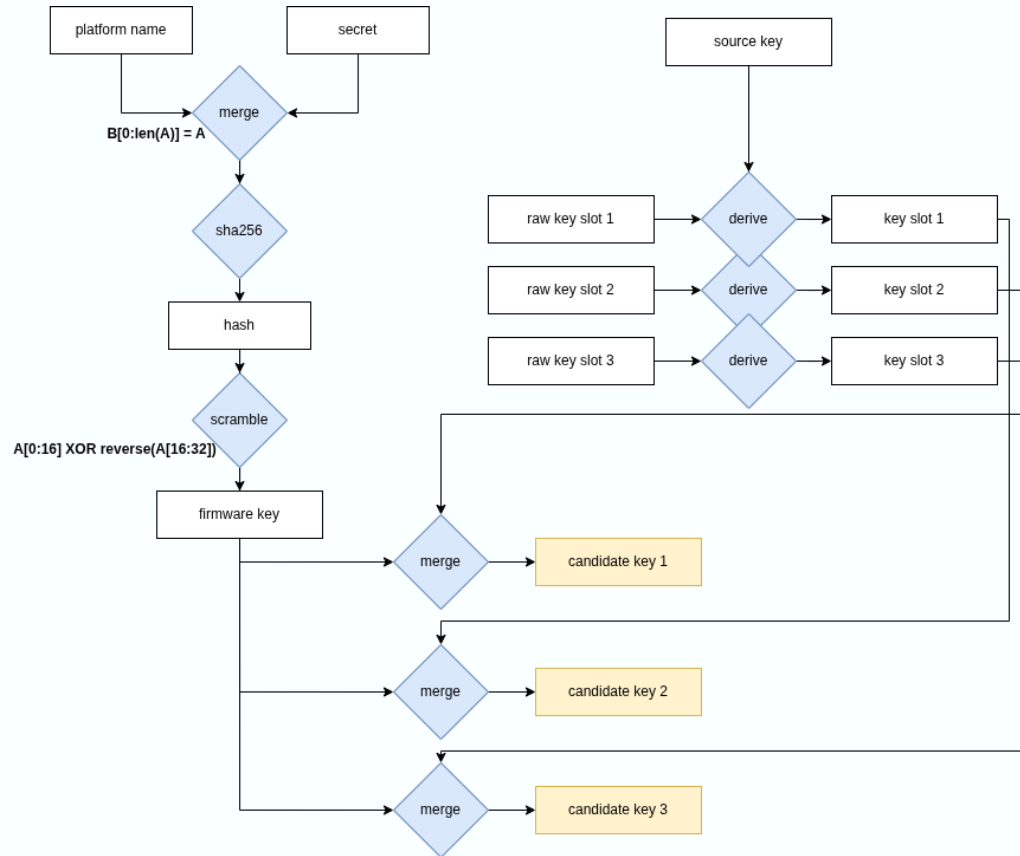
```
typedef struct secuity_footer {  
    char magic[16];           // "SecuityImgMagic\0"  
    char footer_version[8];  
    uint32_t ih_magic;  
    uint32_t ih_hcrc;  
    uint32_t ih_time;  
    uint32_t file_size;  
    uint32_t ram_start_offset;  
    uint32_t ram_end_offset;  
    uint32_t ih_dcrc;  
    uint8_t  ih_os;  
    uint8_t  ih_arch;  
    uint8_t  ih_type;  
    uint8_t  ih_comp;  
    char     ih_name[32];  
} secuity_footer_t;
```

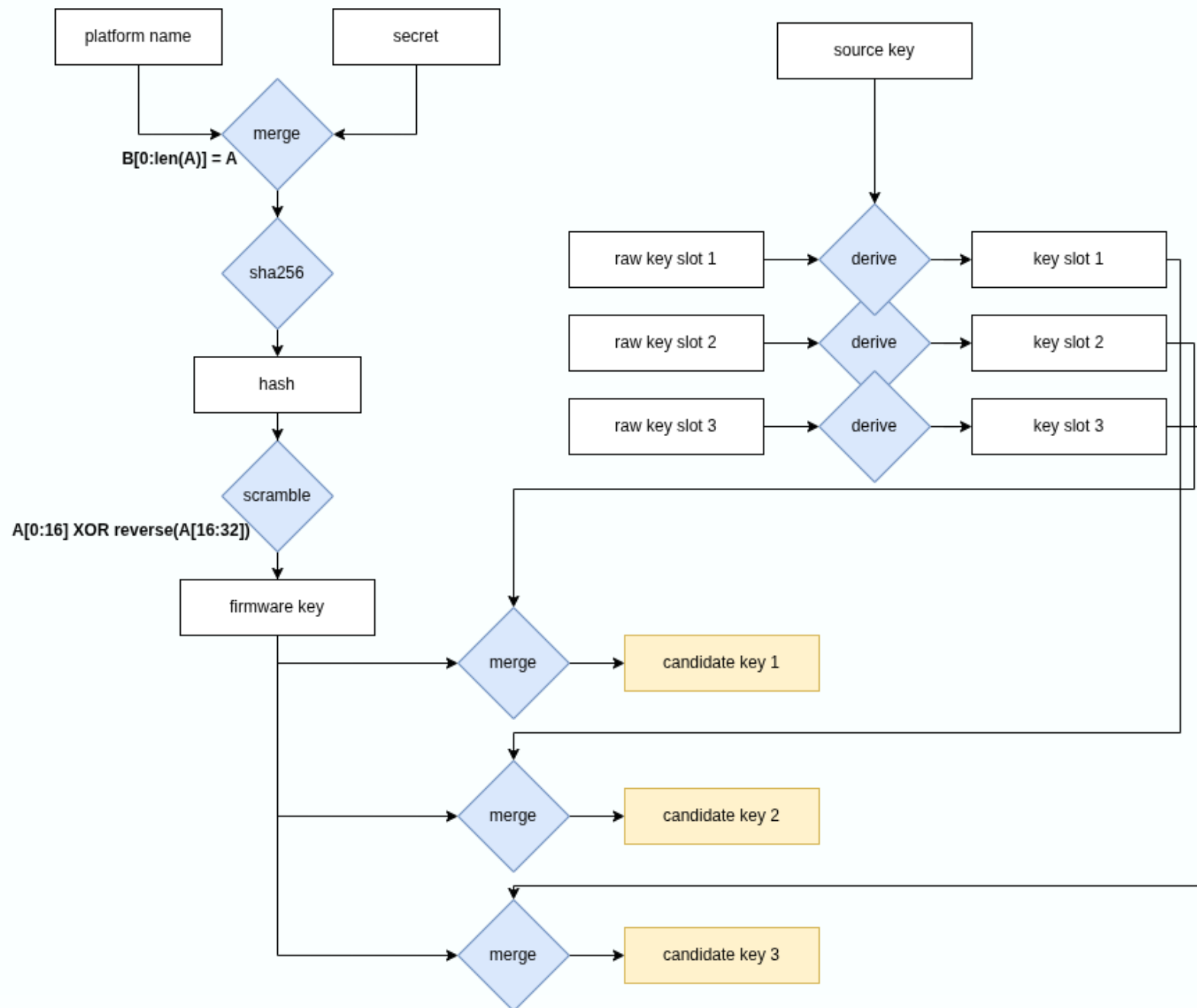


BOOTLOADER - DAHUA

- Encryption is AES-CBC-128, hard part is **key reconstruction**
- Firmware decryption stays the same, but:
- They change which key slot is used for kernel or filesystem over time
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 - All blocks
 - Even blocks
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BOOTLOADER - DAHUA – DECRYPTION SCHEDULES







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BOOTLOADER - DAHUA – DECRYPTION SCHEDULES

Kernel Decryption Schedule

sector index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
operation	AES	copy	AES	copy	AES	copy	AES
IV index	0		1		2		3

Filesystem Decryption Schedule (Legacy)

sector index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
operation	AES	AES	AES	AES	AES	AES	AES
IV index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6

Filesystem Decryption Schedule (Current)

sector index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
operation	AES	copy	copy	AES	copy	copy	AES
IV index	0			1			2

ENCRYPTED RAMDISK - ALCATEL-LUCENT



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Number of file system objects: 142

Expand all Collapse all Export file list... Normal

Path	Category	Size	
> images	folder		
> lib	folder		
> mnt	folder		
> proc	folder		
> sbin	folder		
> sys	folder		
> tmp	folder		
> usb	folder		
> usr	folder		
> var	folder		
app_output.bin.enc	FILE: BINARY: CRYPTOGRAPHIC: OPENSSL: ENCRYPTED	90 B	Download
app_ramdisk.gz.enc	FILE: BINARY: CRYPTOGRAPHIC: OPENSSL: ENCRYPTED	136 MiB	Download
init	FILE: TEXT	13 B	Download
gzip.uncompressed	FILE: BINARY: ARCHIVE: CPIO	144 MiB	Download
decompiled.dts	FILE: TEXT: BOOTLOADER: FIT	396 MiB	Download

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Firmware

Alcatel Lucent Enterprise-AOS-8.9.107.R02_GA_Release

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No component selected

Enter Fullscreen Mode

Search in: file content

Search mode: contains

Case sensitive

app_output.bin.enc

Search

Number of file system objects: 5

Expand all

Collapse all

Export file list...

Normal

Path	Match	Category	Size
firmware.bin_extract		Root	
ramdisk@1_extract			
gzip.uncompressed_extract			
bin			
boot_setup			

/bin/busybox cat
app_output.bin.enc | openssl
base64 -d 2> /dev/null | openssl
enc -d -aes-256-cbc -md md5 -
out /tmp/app_output.bin -k
'/bin/busybox cat /proc/rd_key |
/bin/openssl base64' &>
/dev/null

/bin/busybox cat
app_output.bin.enc |...

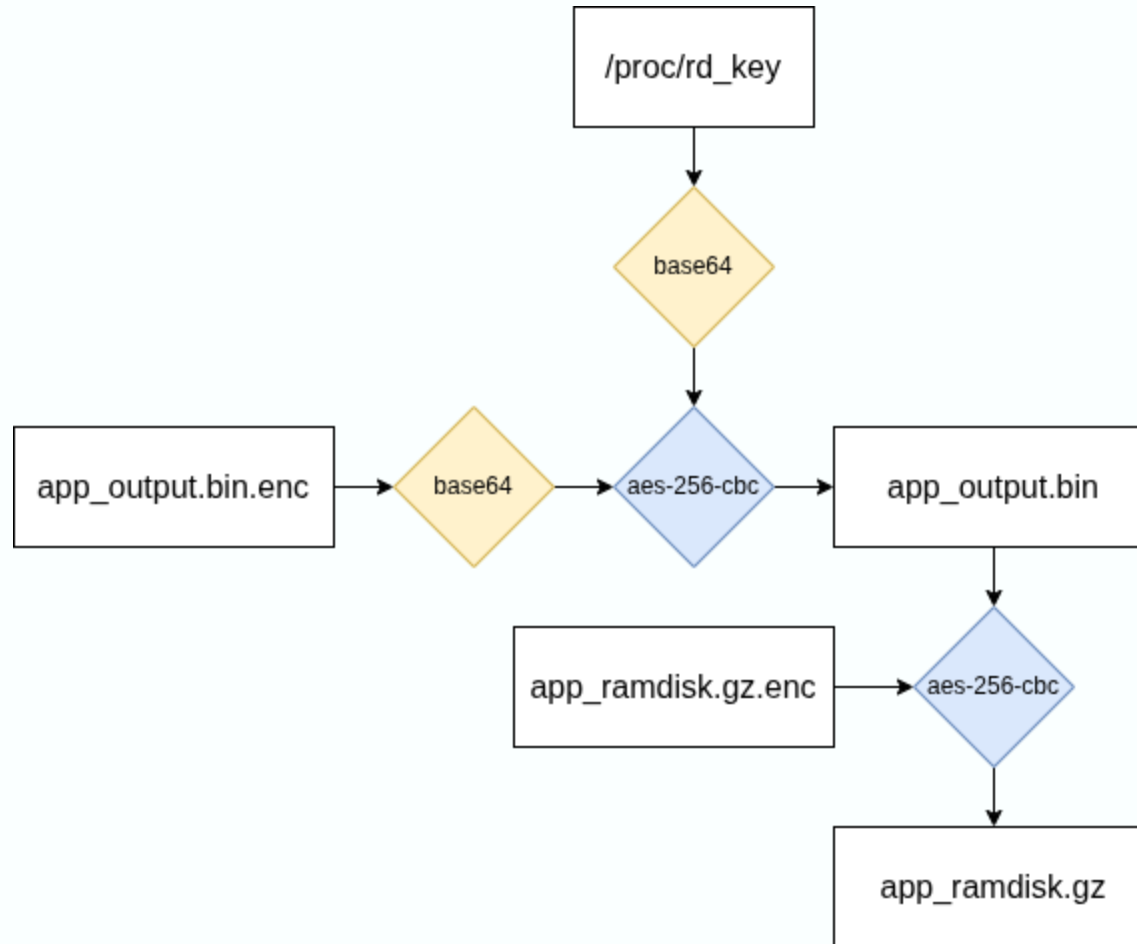
FILE: BINARY: APPLICATION: ELF: DYN4.83 kiB

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- Let's look at boot_setup !

```
1  /bin/busybox cat app_output.bin.enc | \  
2  | openssl base64 -d 2> /dev/null | \  
3  | openssl enc -d -aes-256-cbc -md md5 -out /tmp/app_output.bin \  
4  | -k ` /bin/busybox cat /proc/rd_key | /bin/openssl base64 ` &> /dev/null  
5  
6  /bin/openssl enc -aes-256-cbc -d -md md5 \  
7  | -in /app_ramdisk.gz.enc \  
8  | -out /app_ramdisk.gz \  
9  | -k ` /bin/busybox cat /tmp/app_output.bin ` &> /dev/null  
10
```

ENCRYPTED RAMDISK - ALCATEL-LUCENT





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```
quentin@onekey:~ $ vmlinux-to-elf kernel@1 kernel.elf
[+] Kernel successfully decompressed in-memory (the offsets that follow will be given relative to the decompressed binary)
[+] Version string: Linux version 4.14.222 (relman@mcgrath) (gcc version 4.8.2 (GCC)) #1 SMP Thu Mar 16 11:35:58 PDT 2023
[+] Gussed architecture: armle successfully in 1.68 seconds
[+] Found kallsyms_token_table at file offset 0x00ba92f0
[+] Found kallsyms_token_index at file offset 0x00ba9620
[+] Found kallsyms_markers at file offset 0x00ba9030
[+] Found kallsyms_names at file offset 0x00b2ba10
[+] Found kallsyms_num_syms at file offset 0x00b2ba00
[i] Negative offsets overall: 0 %
[i] Null addresses overall: 0 %
[+] Found kallsyms_offsets at file offset 0x00b00520
[+] Successfully wrote the new ELF kernel to kernel.elf
```

ENCRYPTED RAMDISK - ALCATEL-LUCENT



Functions - 2 items (of 42337)

Name	Location	Function Signature	Function Size
fpga_rd_key_proc_show	c02a5188	undefined fpga_rd_key_proc...	244
fpga_rd_key_proc_open	c02a5140	undefined fpga_rd_key_proc...	36

Filter: rd_key|

Decompile: fpga_rd_key... x 0101 DAT Defined Data x 0101 DAT Defined Strings x Functions x

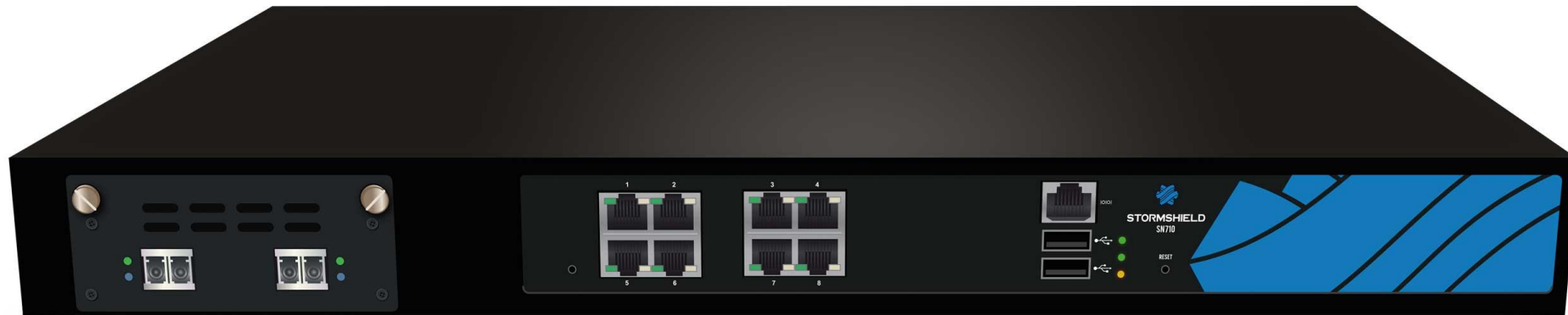
PASS THE SALT - JUNE 2026

ENCRYPTED RAMDISK - ALCATEL-LUCENT

ONEKEY

```
content = [  
    0xffffffff51,  
    0xffffffff55,  
    0xffffffff78,  
    0xffffffff46,  
    0xffffffff58,  
    0xffffffff31,  
    0xffffffff4a,  
    0xffffffff45,  
    0xffffffff58,  
    0xffffffff31,  
    0xffffffff42,  
    0xffffffff42,  
    0xffffffff55,  
    0xffffffff31,  
    0xffffffff4d,  
    0xffffffff4b  
]  
content = [c & 0xff for c in content]  
# [81, 85, 120, 70, 88, 49, 74, 69, 88, 49, 66, 66, 85, 49, 77, 75]  
bytes(content)  
# b'QUxFX1JEX1BBU1MK'  
base64.b64decode(bytes(content))  
# b'ALE_RD_PASS\n'
```

BINARY - STORMSHIELD





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- StormShield is a french manufacturer of firewalls. Like any good firewalls, stormshield runs on FreeBSD.
- Firmware are encrypted, but Stormshield provides virtual machine images. Or at least did provide, I found one on Internet Archive (<https://archive.org/details/MyStormshield>)
- Reversing the decryption has been our secret challenge for internship candidates. A bit sad to release it :)
- Right balance of easy to find information and PITA analysis (aka setting up FreeBSD)



BINARY - STORMSHIELD

- After a quick look around, you quickly realize decryption is performed by a binary named **fwupdate**. This binary calls *fwcrypto_decverif_maj_file* from **libncrypto.so**, some kind of crypto wrapper library developed by Stormshield.
- Within *fwcrypto_upd_init*, an EVP_CIPHER_CTX object is built

BINARY - STORMSHIELD



00114d10

7a de 02

8a 06 75

56 cb 6d ...

00114d10

7a

00114d11

de

00114d12

02

00114d13

8a

00114d14

06

00114d15

75

00114d16

56

00114d17

cb

00114d18

6d

00114d19

fe

00114d1a

93

00114d1b

55

00114d1c

be

00114d1d

7d

00114d1e

8f

00114d1f

53

g_maj_key

undefined...

00114d20

e8 e6 6c

c0 84 c2

e8 49 53 ...

00114d20

[0]

00114d24

[4]

00114d28

[8]

00114d2c

[12]

g_maj_iv

??[16]

00114d30

6d

00114d31

61

00114d32

6a

00114d33

5f

DAT_00114d30

??

6Dh

m

??

61h

a

??

6Ah

j

??

5Fh

-

28

LAB_0010c3d0:

29

*(undefined2 *)((long)__ptr + 0x440) = 1;

30

(undefined () [16])((long)__ptr + 0x430) = ZEXT816(0);

31

return __ptr;

32

}

33

if (param_3 == (char *)0x0) {

34

__ptr_00 = (undefined1 (*) [16])0x0;

35

}

36

else {

37

__ptr_00 = (undefined1 (*) [16])strdup(param_3);

38

*(undefined1 (**) [16])((long)__ptr + 0x458) = __ptr_00;

39

if (__ptr_00 == (undefined1 (*) [16])0x0) {

40

EVP_CIPHER_CTX_free(a);

41

goto LAB_0010c40c;

42

}

43

}

44

__ptr_01 = (undefined1 (*) [16])malloc(0x10);

45

*(undefined1 (**) [16])((long)__ptr + 0x418) = __ptr_01;

46

if (__ptr_01 == (undefined1 (*) [16])0x0) {

47

EVP_CIPHER_CTX_free(a);

48

__ptr_01 = __ptr_00;

49

}

50

else {

51

pauVar2 = (undefined (*) [16])malloc(0x10);

52

*(undefined (**) [16])((long)__ptr + 0x420) = pauVar2;

53

if (pauVar2 != (undefined (*) [16])0x0) {

54

*__ptr_01 = g_maj_key;

55

*pauVar2 = g_maj_iv;

56

goto LAB_0010c3d0;

57

}

58

EVP_CIPHER_CTX_free(a);

59

free(__ptr_00);

60

}

61

}

62

else {

- Dynamic analysis on BSD ? Dtrace

[illegible]



BINARY - STORMSHIELD

```
root@freebsd:~ # dtrace -s test.d -p `pgrep fwupdate` | more
dtrace: script 'test.d' matched 10 probes
CPU      ID                      FUNCTION:NAME
--snip--
  1  72036                      openat:entry fd: fwupd-4.6.9-SNS-amd64-M.maj
  1  71062                      read:entry 21600800795584 32768 0
  1  71062                      read:entry 21600800795584 32768 0
  3  73252                      EVP_aes_128_cbc:entry
  3  73250                      EVP_CipherInit:entry ctx: 1e6af84b9c40
type: 1e6b15e38060
key: 7ade028a067556cb6dfe9355be7d8f53
iv: e8e66cc084c2e84953c99d2efd894d58
  3  73251                      EVP_DecryptUpdate:entry in: 5daa54e40c7a1e30ec5d2c8f000000000
out: 0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000
```



BINARY - STORMSHIELD

```
binwalk -R '\x5d\xaa\x54\xe4' fwupd-4.6.9-SNS-amd64-M.maj
```

DECIMAL	HEXADECIMAL	DESCRIPTION
6556	0x199C	Raw signature (\x5d\xaa\x54\xe4)



BINARY - STORMSHIELD

```
dd if=fwupd-4.6.9-SNS-amd64-M.maj bs=6556 skip=1 |\
openssl enc -d -aes-128-cbc -iv e8e66cc084c2e84953c99d2efd894d58 \
-K 7ade028a067556cb6dfe9355be7d8f53 -nosalt | more
#!/bin/sh
#

FWPATH="/usr/Firewall"
FWBIN="${FWPATH}/sbin"
UPDLOG="${FWPATH}/System/update"
LOGFILE="${FWPATH}/System/update.log"
```

YEALINK

ONEKEY



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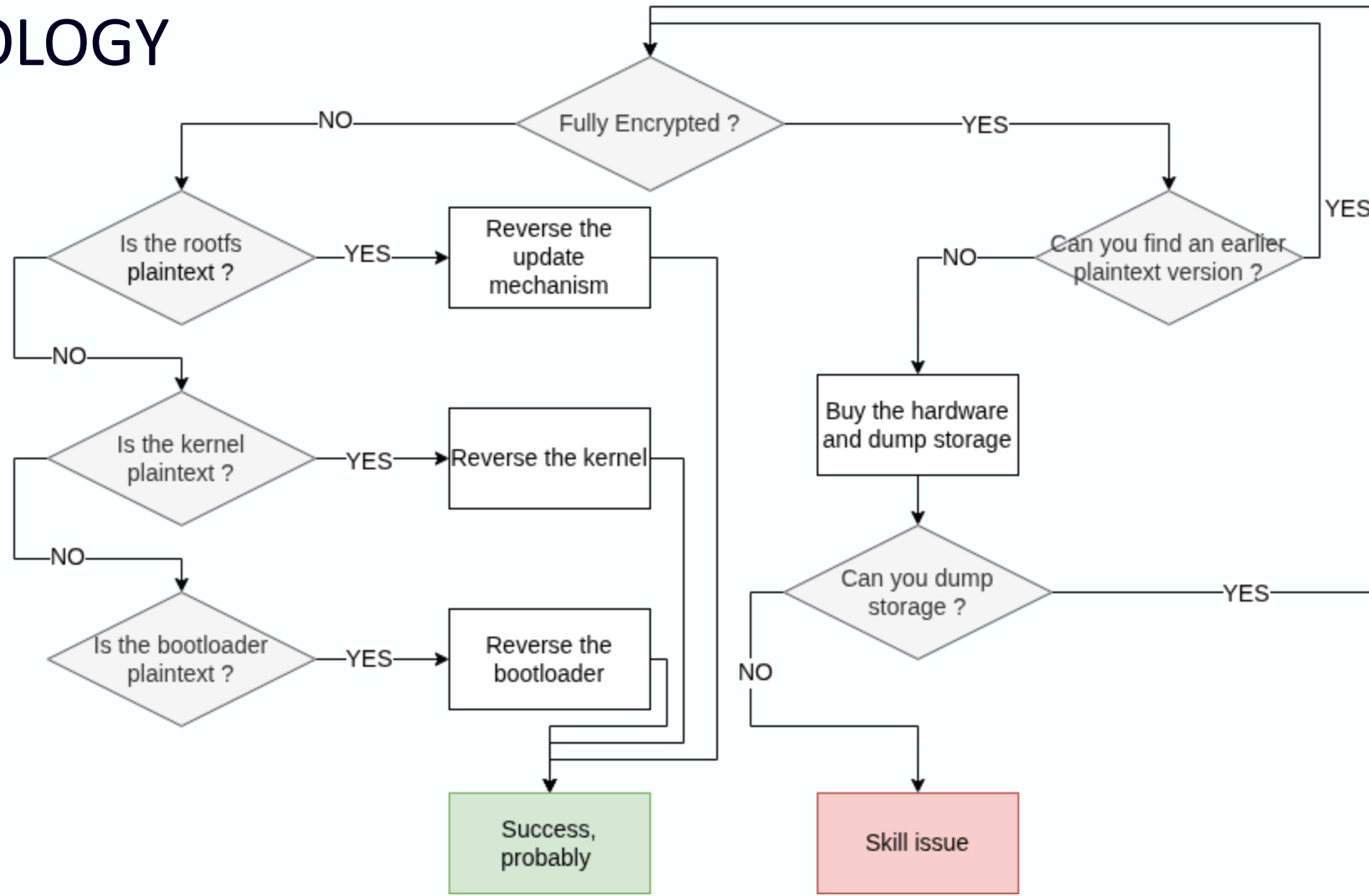
- Initially investigated by Synacktiv in 2019
- Since then, they continued experimenting
 - Different crypto schemes
 - Different file systems formats
 - Sometimes with hardware backed key derivation (but not really TPM)
- We had to keep track of this, and we know we're not the only ones :)
- Transparent decryption by the VFS layer in Linux kernel
- Made to mess with reversers, not protect (customer) data
 - UBIFS implementation only encrypts inode metadata, not content

YEALINK



Product Line	Version	Format
Yealink-T5x	96.86.199.10	Encrypted UBIFS v2 (AES ECB)
Yealink-W60	77.85.199.11	Encrypted with AES-CBC + TPM
Yealink-W70	146.85.199.5	Encrypted UBIFS v2 (AES ECB)
Yealink-W90	130.85.199.8	Encrypted UBIFS v2 (AES ECB)
Yealink-CP860	37.80.199.7	Encrypted YAFFS (cypher3)
Yealink-CP925	148.86.199.1	Encrypted UBIFS v2 (AES ECB)
Yealink-T46G	28.82.199.13	Encrypted YAFFS (cypher3)
Yealink-T48G	35.82.199.12	Encrypted YAFFS (cypher3)
Yealink-T42G	29.82.199.12	Encrypted SQUASHFS (cypher3)
Yealink-T4xS	66.86.199.2	Encrypted YAFFS (cypher3)

METHODOLOGY





ADVICE TO MANUFACTURERS

- Stop spending precious engineering time trying to encrypt and obfuscate.
- With current tooling - including AI frontier model – custom baked encryption can be reversed with little efforts.
- Either do it right, or don't.

ADVICE TO MANUFACTURERS



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I have just uploaded a tool to decrypt FortiOS v8.0.0 images. It works

3. Decrypt `rootfs.gz` (the novel part)

This is the part that is new for version 8.0.0. To figure it out, Claude Code was heavily used to reverse the corresponding decryption logic and get the hardcoded virtual addresses inside the kernel image, taking [RandoriSec's article on FortiGate 7.4.7](#) as a reference. From my experience, AI assisted reversing really shines when analyzing cryptography stuff, which was a classic hardcore task when manual reversing was the only option.

Decrypt and extract FortiOS 8.0.0 firmware images.



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GitHub - hacefresko/forticrack_v8: Decrypt and extract FortiOS 8.0.0 firmware images.

From github.com

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ADVICE TO MANUFACTURERS

- **If a vacuum cleaner (Ecovac) or a loudspeaker (Sonos) can implement encryption with eFuses, so can you !**
- fscrypt / LUKS for encryption
- dmverity for integrity
- eFuses or TPM for key storage / key derivation



ADVICE TO MANUFACTURERS (CAVEAT)

- TPM is hard to get right
 - Lack of parameter encryption leaves it open to hardware sniffing
 - Just using RSA primitives instead of key sealing leaves it open as decryption oracle
 - Not implementing measured boot / attestation means we can talk to the TPM anyway
- Make sure the whole Secure Boot chain is protected.
- Make sure your BL31 is bl4sty-resistant™



WORKSHOP TOMORROW !

- **Hands-on Firmware Extraction, Exploration, and Emulation**
- 2026-07-01 - 14:15–17:00 @ Room LW112

If you signed up: having a Debian derivative virtual machine at hand will speed things **a lot**. Use your hotel network to get your ISOs :)



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