

Week 13: Lecture A

Side Channels & Hardware Security

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

Announcements

- **Project 3** grades are now available on **Canvas**
- **Statistics:**
 - Average score: **97%**
 - Last year's avg: **90%**
- **Fantastic job!**
- **Regrades coming soon!**



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- **Project 4: NetSec** released
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Before you start, review the [course syllabus](#) for the Lateness, Collaboration, and Ethical Use policies.

You may optionally work alone, or in teams of **at most two** and submit **one project per team**. If you have difficulties forming a team, post on **Piazza's Search for Teammates** forum. Note that the final exam will cover project material, so you and your partner should collaborate on each part.

The code and other answers your group submits must be entirely your own work, and you are bound by the University's Student Code. You may consult with other students about the conceptualization of the project and the meaning of the questions, but you may not look at any part of someone else's solution or collaborate with anyone outside your group. You may consult published references, provided that you appropriately cite them (e.g., in your code comments). **Don't risk your grade and degree by cheating!**

Complete your work in the **CS 4440 VM**—we will use this same environment for grading. You may not use any **external dependencies**. Use only default Python 3 libraries and/or modules we provide you.

Project 4 Progress

Working on Part 1



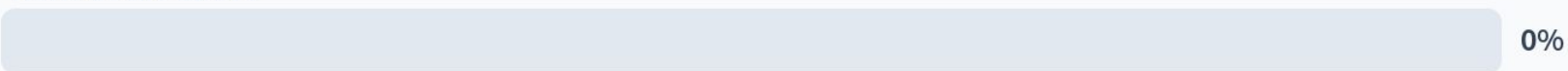
Finished Part 1, working on Part 2



Finished both Part 1 and Part 2



None of the above



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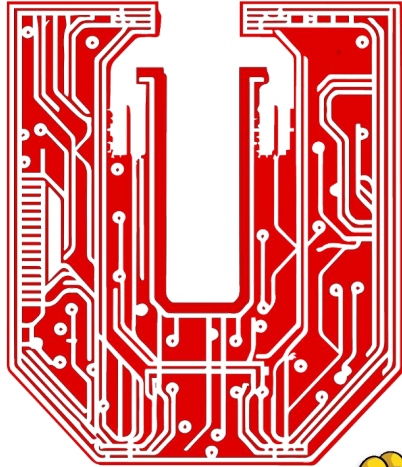


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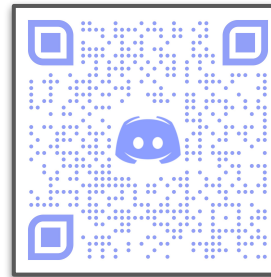
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- **Practice Exam** will be released this Thursday
 - See **Assignments** page on the CS 4440 website
- **Final lecture** will serve as a **review session**
 - Practice Exam solutions discussed **in-class only**—don't skip!



Announcements



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See Discord for
meeting info!

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Questions?



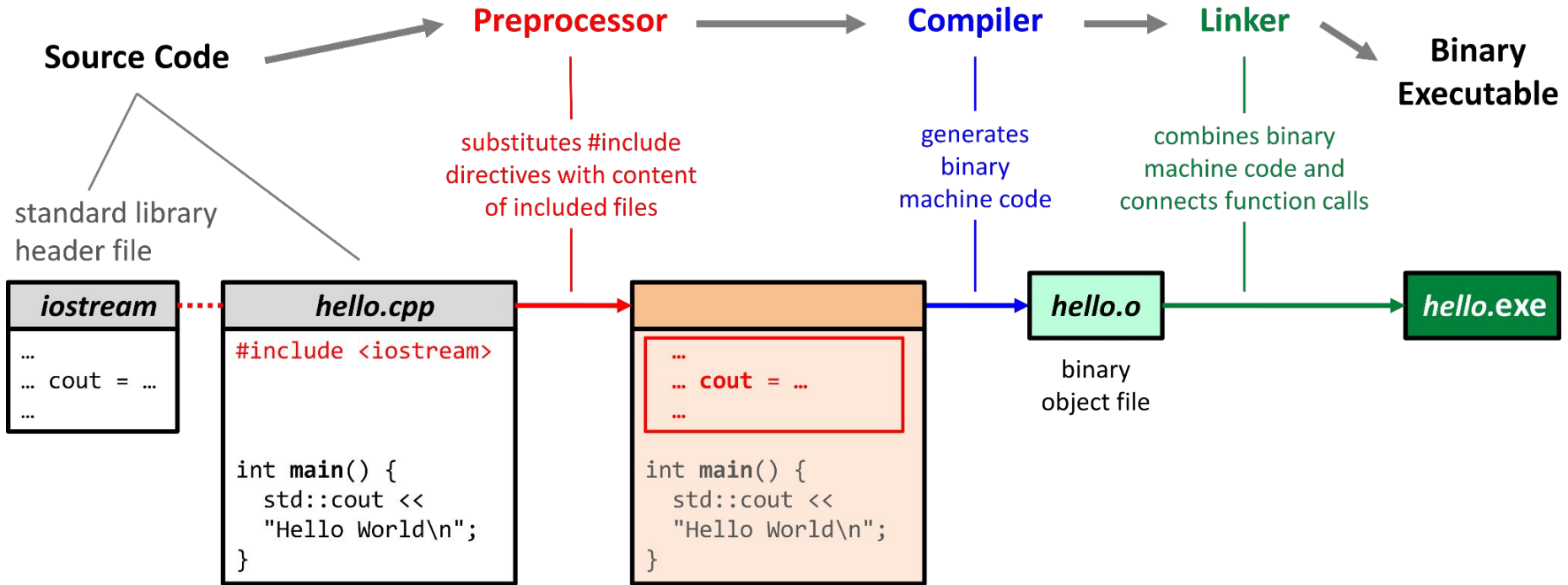
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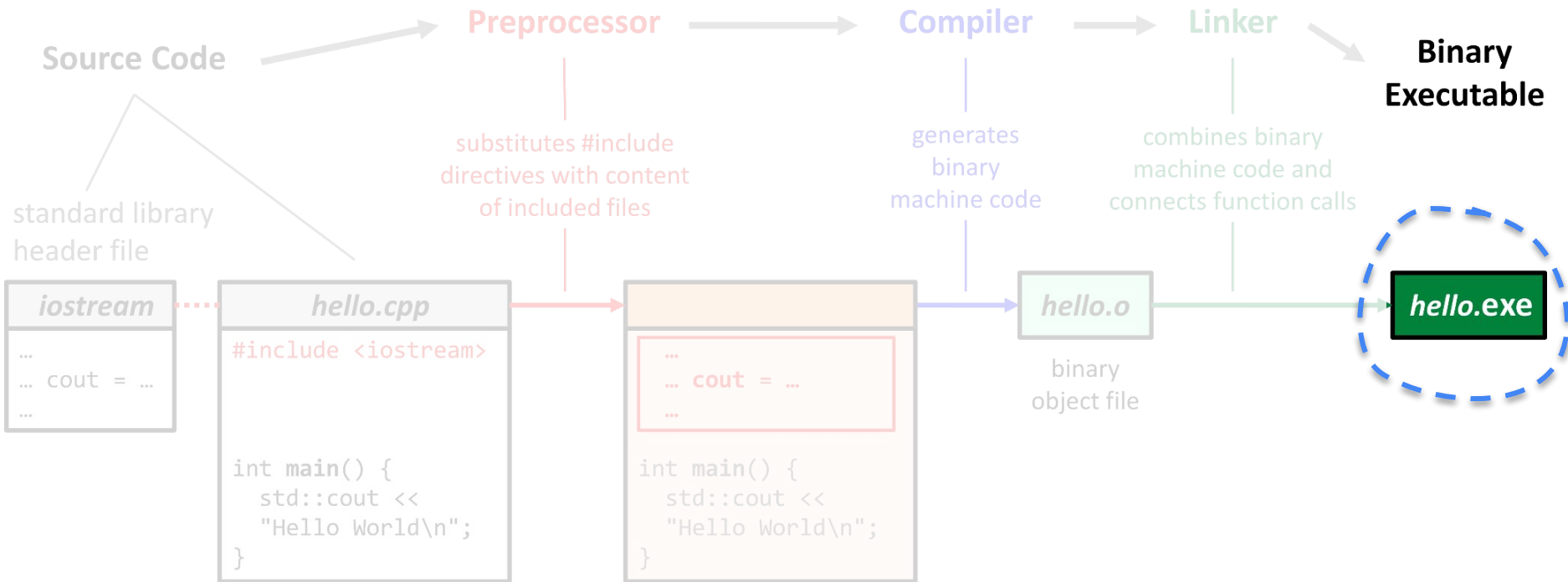
Last time on CS 4440...

Binary Reverse Engineering
Instruction Recovery
Control Flow Analysis
Structure Recovery
RE Challenges

Recap: the Compilation Process



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Closed-source Software

- It's everywhere!



macOS



NETGEAR®

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Commercialized applications and libraries



Freely-distributed **proprietary software**



Legacy software whose source code is lost

ORACLE
Solaris

PlayStation.

NETGEAR®

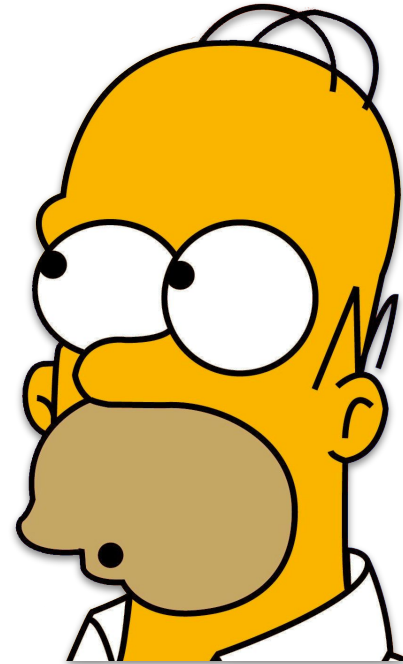
Reverse Engineering (RE)

- **What is RE?**

“A process or method through which one attempts to **understand** through deductive reasoning how a previously made **device**, **process**, **system**, or piece of **software** accomplishes a task with **very little (if any) insight** into exactly how it does so.”

Three Pillars of RE

1. ???



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1. Instruction Recovery



Pillar #1: Instruction Recovery

- **Goal: ???**

Pillar #1: Instruction Recovery

- **Goal:** translate bytes into **logical instructions**
 - Called instruction **decoding**
 - Analogous to what CPU does
 - General output: **disassembly**

Instruction stream

```
B8 22 11 00 FF 01 CA 31 F6 53 8B 5C 24
04 8D 34 48 39 C3 72 EB C3
```

Read bytes from input executable

Machine code bytes

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Group bytes

Assembly language statements

```
foo:
movl $0xFF001122, %eax
addl %ecx, %edx
xorl %esi, %esi
pushl %ebx
movl 4(%esp), %ebx
leal (%eax,%ecx,2), %esi
cmpl %eax, %ebx
jnae foo
retl
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Decode instructions

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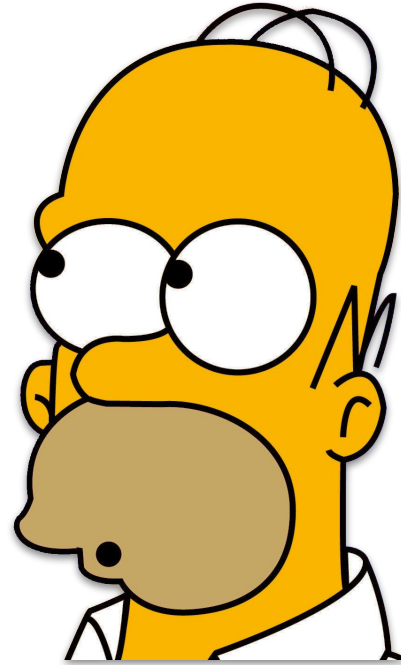
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- Call at function's end

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jmp &foo; call?
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Expressed as **jumps**, not calls

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3. Program Structure Recovery

- Identify program basic blocks
- Higher-level constructs (e.g., loops)



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 - Location of a tail call
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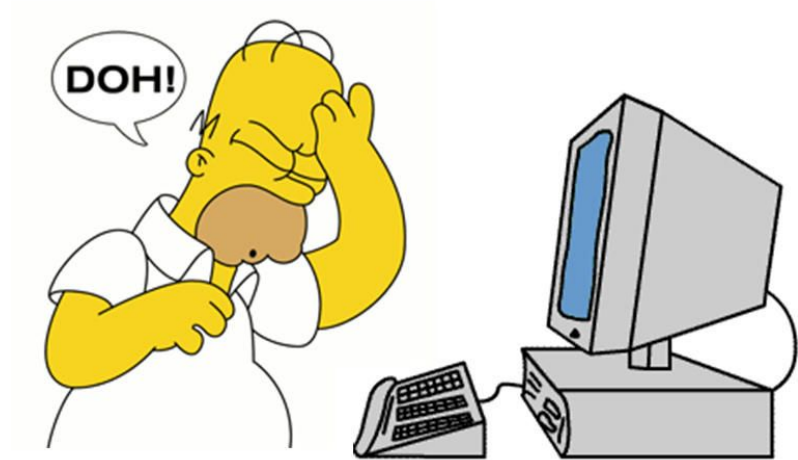
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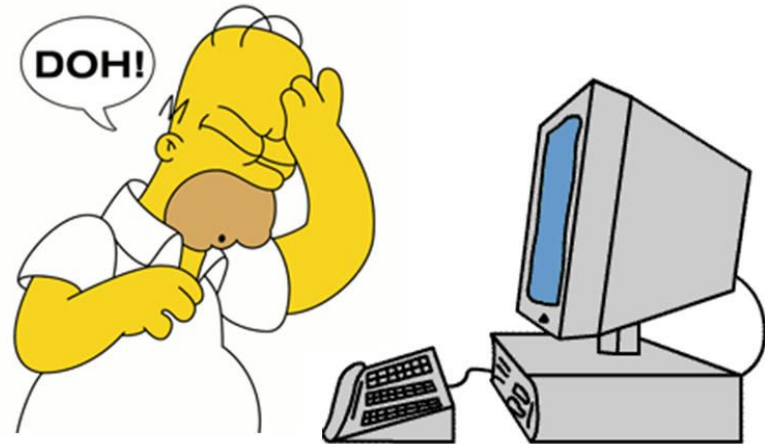
Challenges to RE

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Challenges to RE

- **Compiler Crazyiness**
 - Data-in-code
 - Optimizations
- **Haphazard Heuristics**
 - Weird/esoteric patterns
 - E.g., all jump table variants
- **Obtuse Obfuscations**
 - Control-flow flattening
 - Opaque predicates



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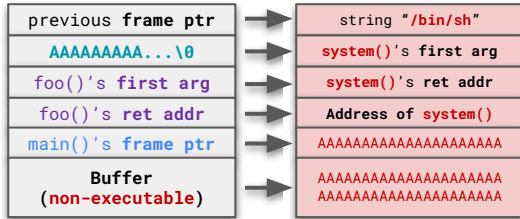


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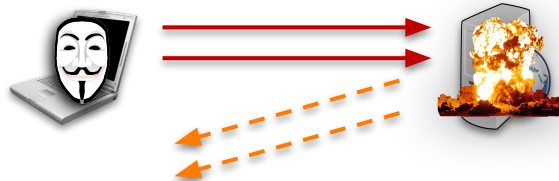
Side Channels
Hardware Security
Hardware Supply Chain Attacks

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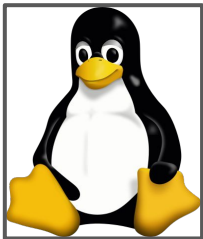
Buffer Overflows



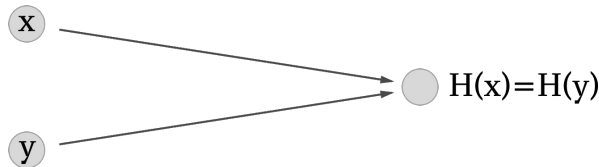
SYN Flooding

```
Hypertext Transfer Protocol
GET /libs/qimessaging/1.0/qimessaging.js?v=1.2.0 HTTP/1.1\r\n
Host: 10.0.0.6\r\n
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:52.0) Gecko/20100101
Accept: */*\r\n
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5\r\n
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate\r\n
Referer: http://10.0.0.6/\r\n
Connection: keep-alive\r\n
Authorization: Basic bmFvOmNhcmlVzc2VzLTlwMDE=\r\n
Credentials: nao: [REDACTED]\r\n
```

Sniffing Unencrypted Data



ECB Diffusion Analysis



Hash Collisions

```
http://cs4440.eng.utah.edu/project3/search?q=%3Cscript%3E...
```

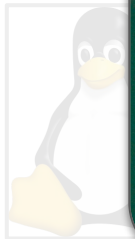
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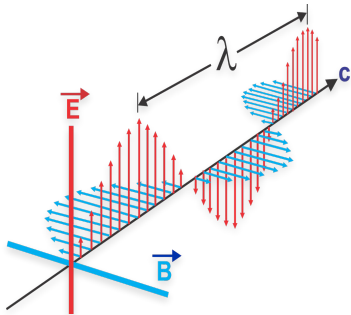
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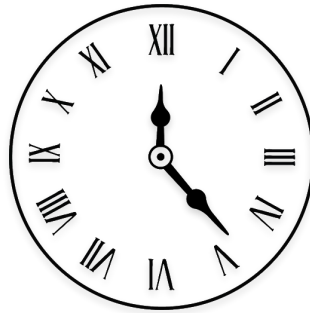
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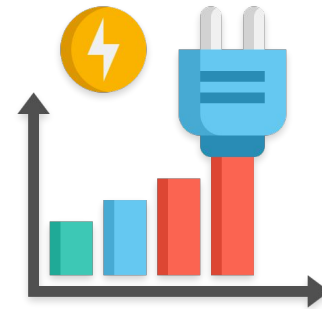
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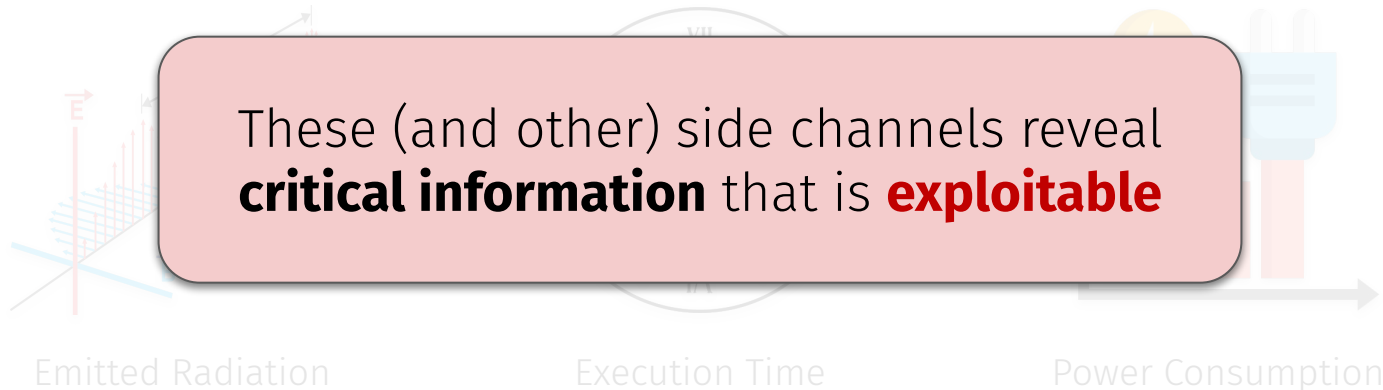
Execution Time



Power Consumption

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Optical and Acoustic Side Channels

Stealing Passwords



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How did we know the passcode is **000000**?

We can **directly see him** press those **exact keys**

▶ WILD, WILD "WEST" WING

KANYE WEST RIDICULED FOR 000000 PASSCODE

MSNBC

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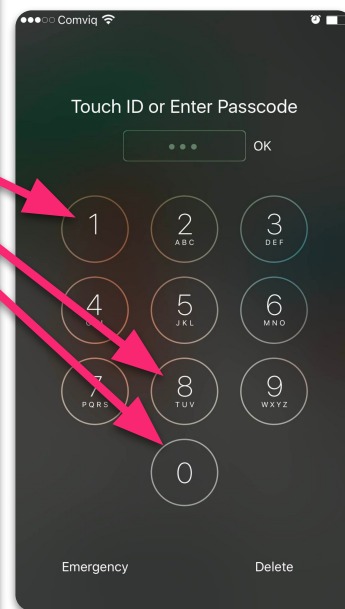
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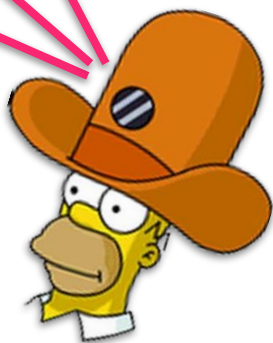
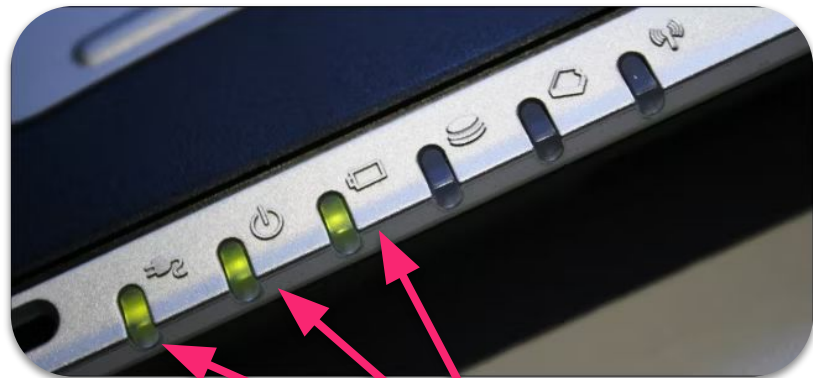


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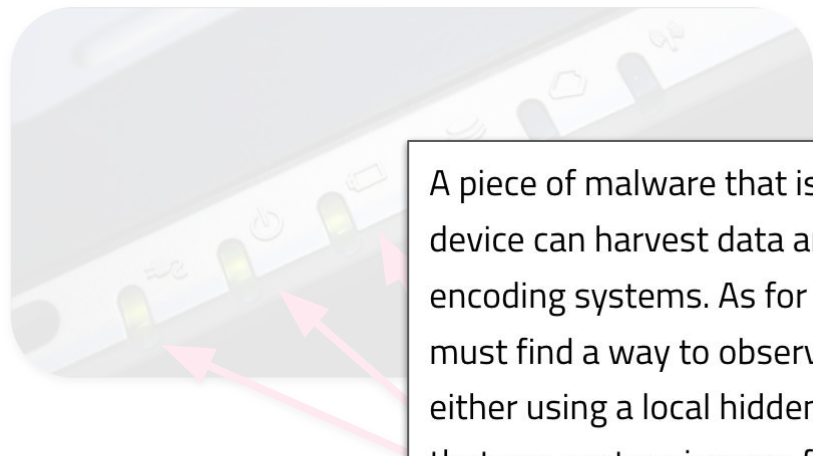
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 - Model refinement:
 - Consider microphone
 - Remove ambient noise
 - Use model to infer entered data
 - Passwords
 - Usernames
 - Phone numbers



Questions?



Timing Side Channels

Password Checking

- **Password verification**—how would you implement this?

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bool checkPW(char *testPW, char *realPW, int len) {  
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Does this password
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Does this password-checking code reveal a security flaw?

No—an attacker could only brute-force guess!

0%

Yes—the design is vulnerable (e.g., buffer overflow).

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None of the above

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- **True** on iterations **1-4**
- **False** on **fifth** iteration

More code executed
for a **correct** symbol!

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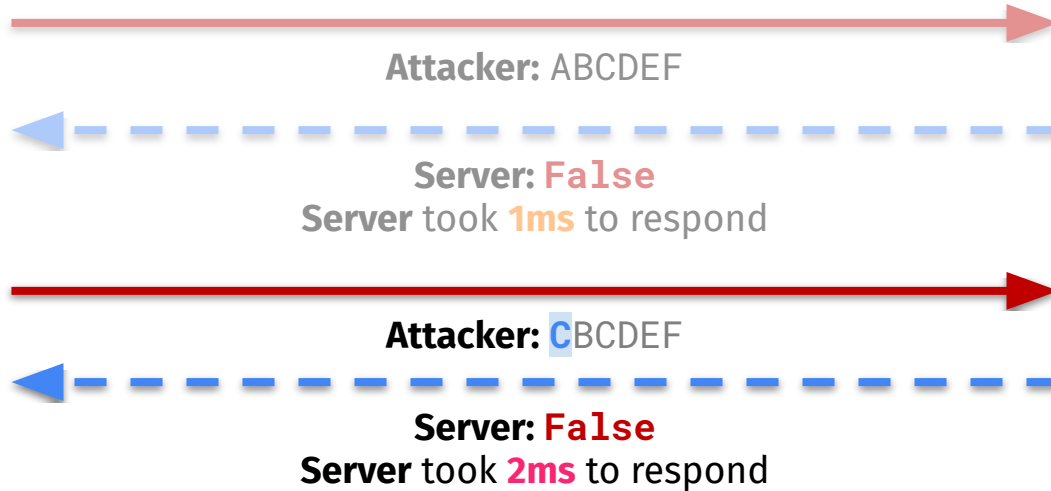


Server: **False**
Server took **1ms** to respond



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Attacker: **CRCDEF**



Server: **False**
Server took **2ms** to respond



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Server took **2ms** to respond



Attacker: **CHI**DEF



Server: **False**
Server took **4ms** to respond



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Server: True

Server took 7ms to respond



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Through **timing analysis**, attacker can infer the **correctness** of individual **password symbols**!

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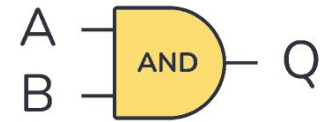
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A	B	Q
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0	1	0
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PASSWORD == PASSWORD

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True and **False** run
for **identical time!**

Password Checking

- **Implications:**
 - ???

Password Checking

■ Implications:

- **Never** use **timing-unsafe string compares** when handling **sensitive data!**

FreeBSD Manual Pages

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TIMINGSAFE_BCMP(3) FreeBSD Library Functions Manual TIMINGSAFE_BCMP(3)

NAME
`timingsafe_bcmp`, `timingsafe_memcmp` -- timing-safe byte sequence comparisons

SYNOPSIS
`#include <string.h>`

```
int
timingsafe_bcmp(const void *b1, const void *b2, size_t len);

int
timingsafe_memcmp(const void *b1, const void *b2, size_t len);
```

FreeBSD Manual Pages

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CONSTTIME_MEMEQUAL(3) BSD Library Functions Manual CONSTTIME_MEMEQUAL(3)

NAME
`consttime_memequal` -- compare byte strings for equality without timing leaks

LIBRARY
Standard C Library (libc, -lc)

SYNOPSIS
`#include <string.h>`

```
int
consttime_memequal(void *b1, void *b2, size_t len);
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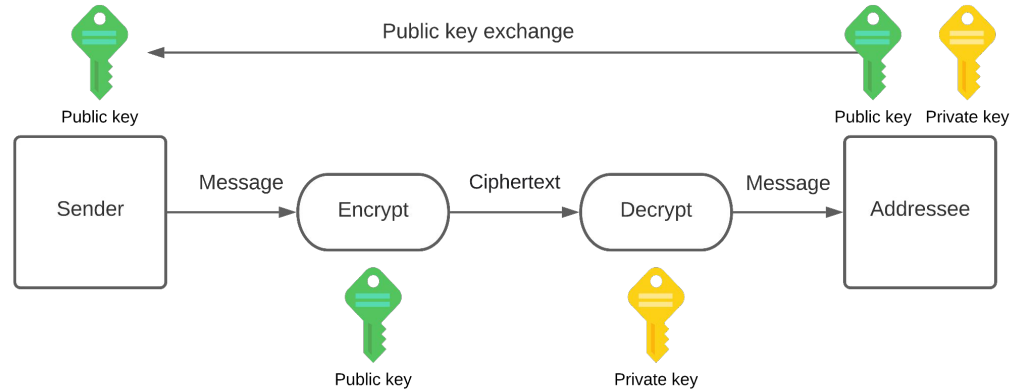


Power Side Channels

Recap: RSA Encryption

- **Summary:**

- ???



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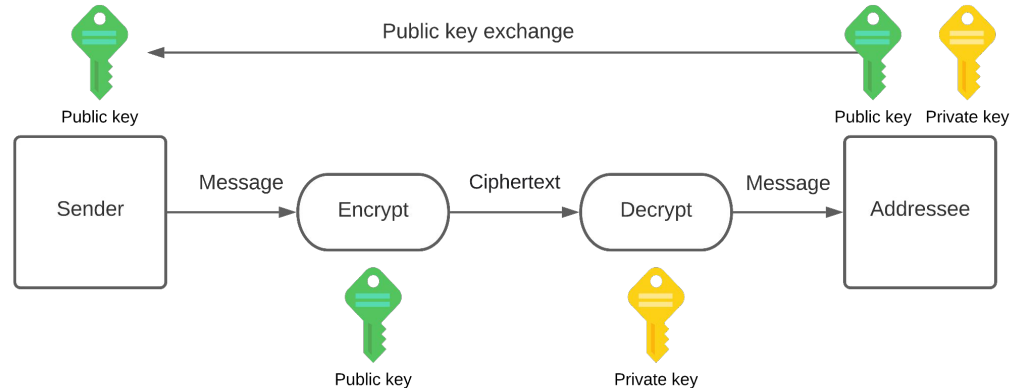
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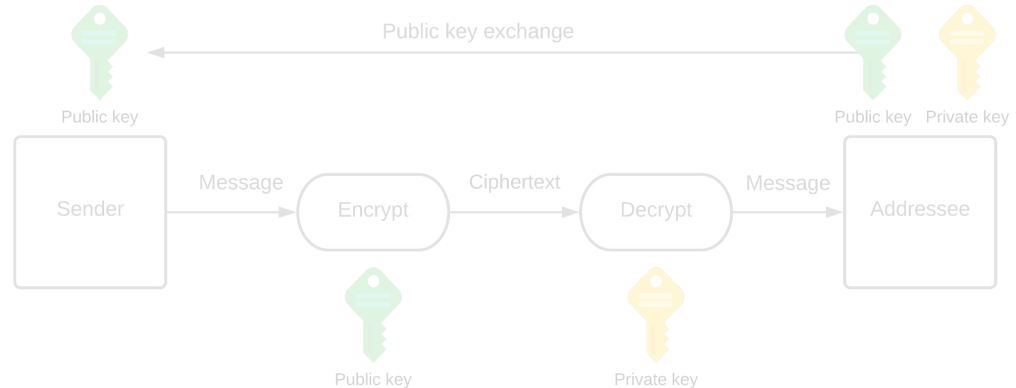
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    }
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```

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No—still would have to brute-force the PrivKey!

0%

Yes—more/fewer operations on different key bits!

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None of the above

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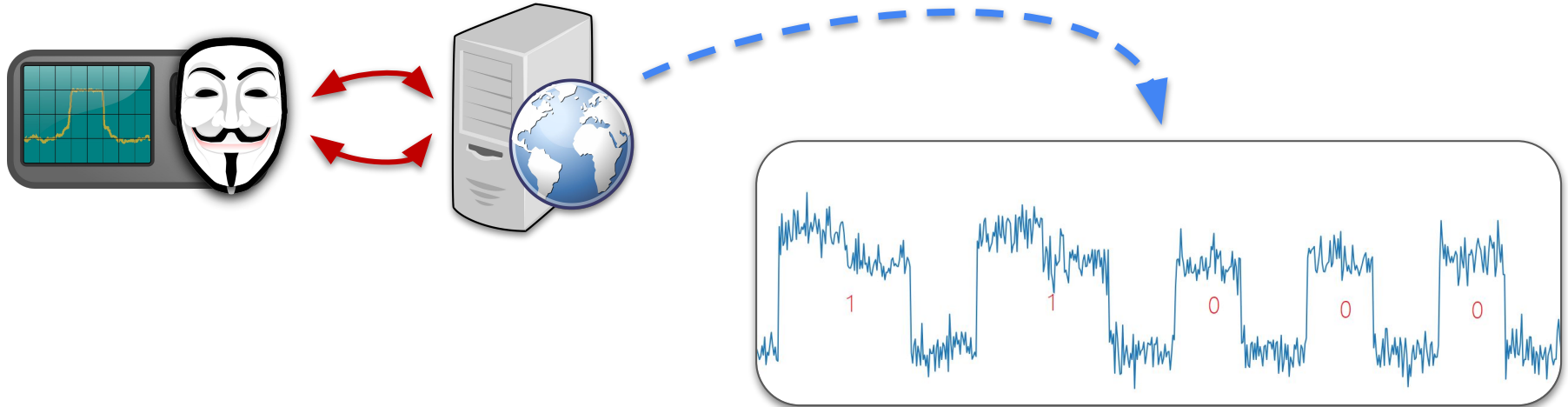
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3. Multiply by **C**
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Timing and **power** will **differ**
between key bits **0** versus **1**!

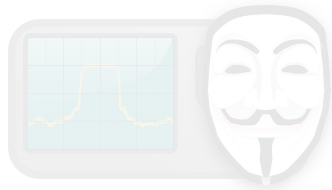
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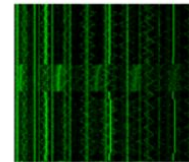
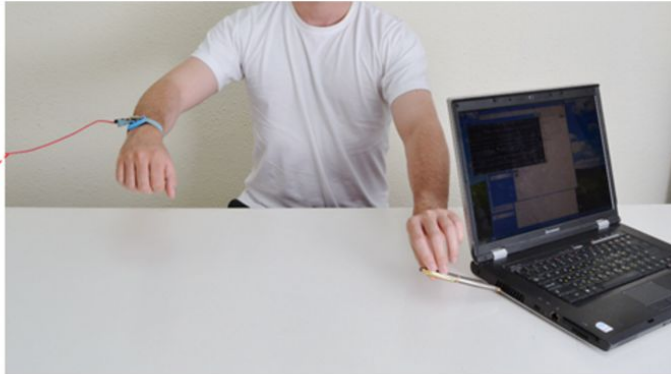
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Attacker can retrieve a user's private key!



Realistic Power Analysis



Key = 1110111011...

Questions?



Cache-based Side Channels

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 - Small storage built-in to CPU
 - Common hierarchy: L1, L2, L3, L4
- Key purpose: accelerate retrieval of **commonly-accessed data**

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L2 Cache	10 cycles	256 KB	Hardware
L1 Cache	2–4 cycles	32 KB	Hardware

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Program Execution

- What do you expect to happen here?
 - `index < arraySize`
 - `???`

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 - **Cache** whatever data is accessed
 - Check if it's allowed... **after the fact**
 - **Roll-back** the cache to correct state

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    return result;  
}
```

Save time by having data
pre-cached and ready to go!

Program Execution

- What do you expect to happen here?

- `index`
 - Write
- `index`
 - Out

Implication: data we **shouldn't** have access to (e.g., from another program) is **cached**

```
int read(int index){  
    int i = 1;  
    while(i <= index){
```

- Optimization

- Perform
- Cache** write
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Cache lookup is faster... can we exploit a **timing side channel** to recover this data?

...leaving data
ready to go!

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3. Clear **array[index]**

**Due to roll-back, we
can't retrieve result!**

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```
// index > len(array)
int read(int index){
    int result = -1;
    result = array[index];
    int dummy = hugeArray[result];
    return result;
}
```

1. Cache **array**[**index**]
2. Cache **hugeArray**[**result**]
3. Bounds check **index**, **result**
4. Clear **array**[**index**]
5. **hugeArray**[**result**] stays...

Attacking Speculative Execution

How can attacker figure out **result** is 4440?

```
for (int i=0; i<...; i++){  
    int x = hugeArray[i];  
}
```



access time

index

4440

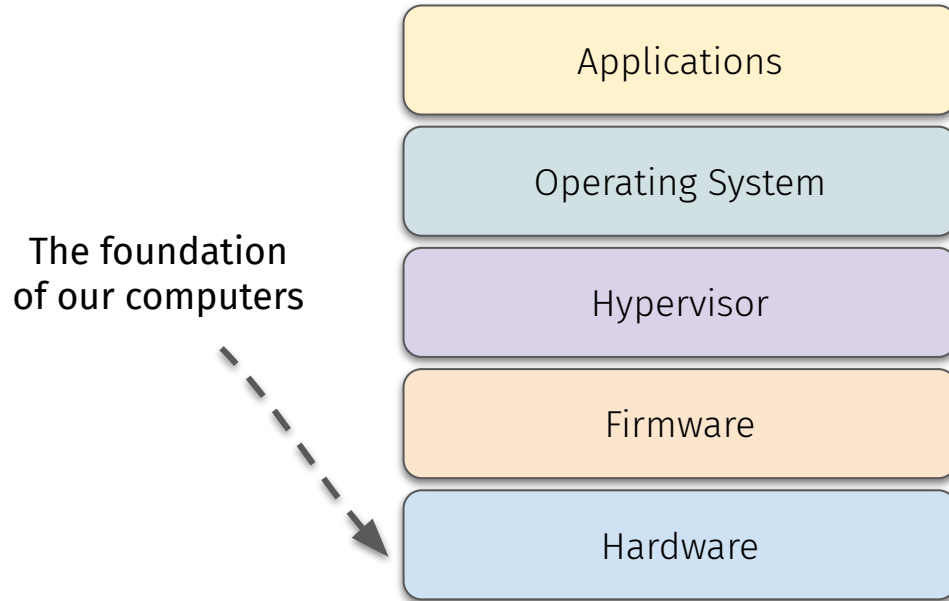
Since **4440** was **cached**, **hugeArray[4440]** has the **fastest access time** of all array indices!

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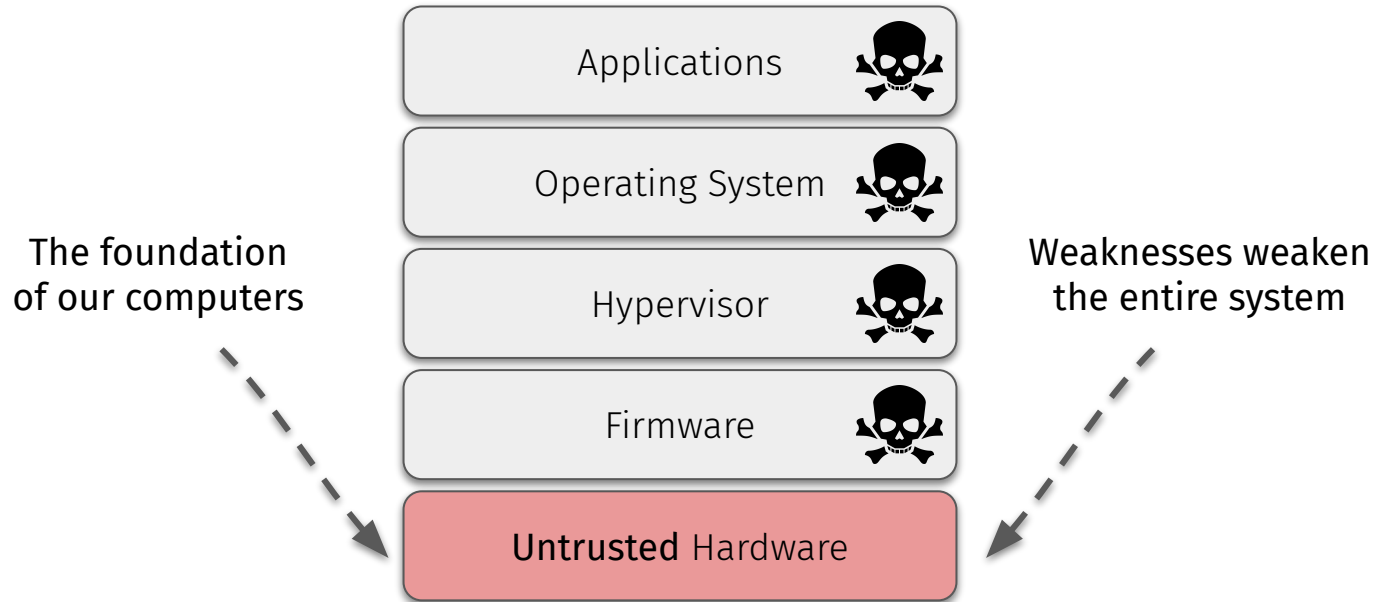


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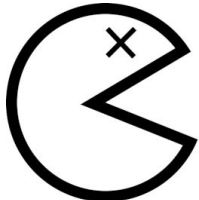
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The foundation
of our computers



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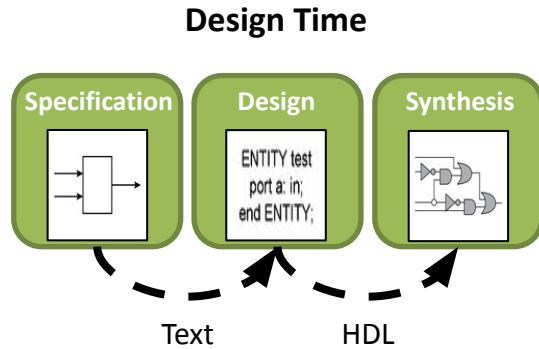


Weaknesses weaken
the entire system

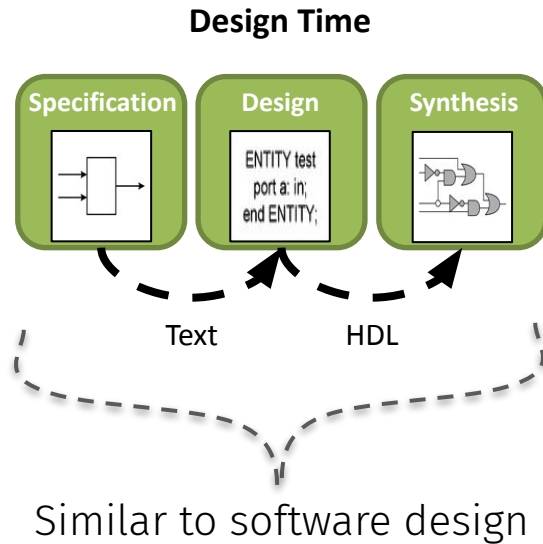


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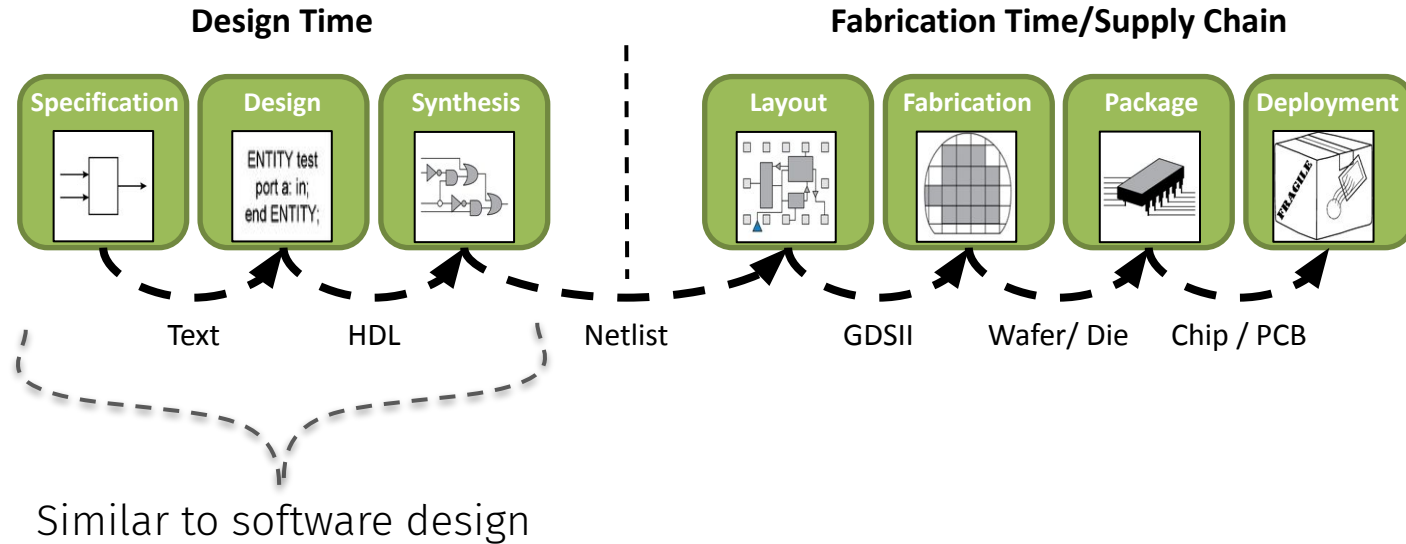
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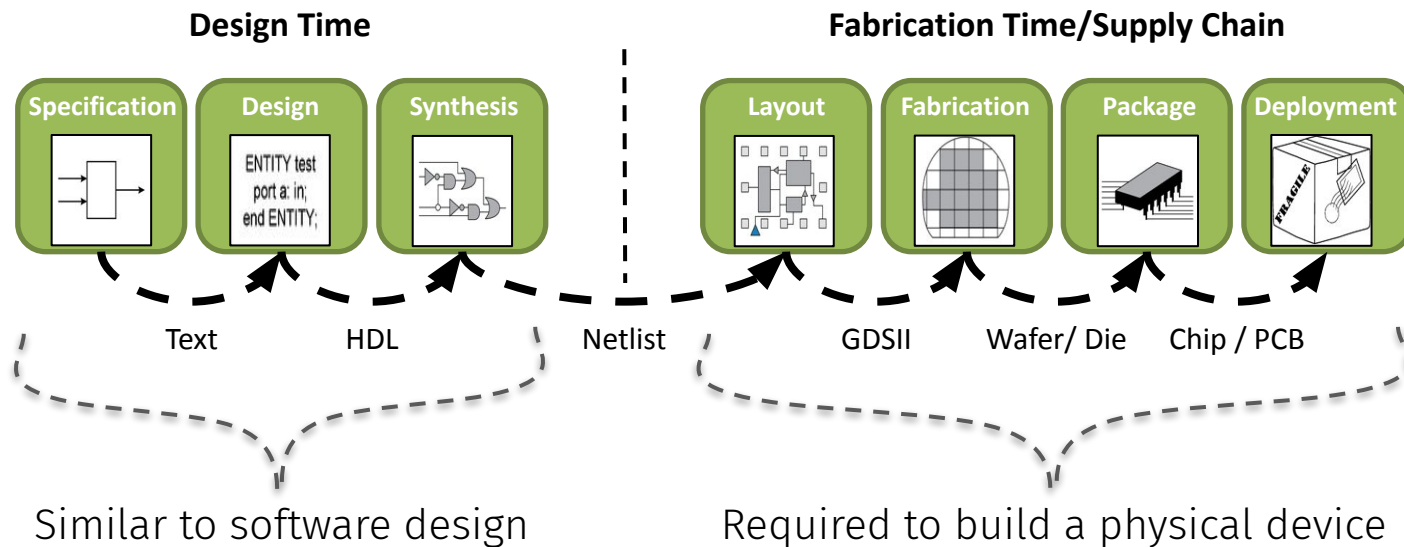
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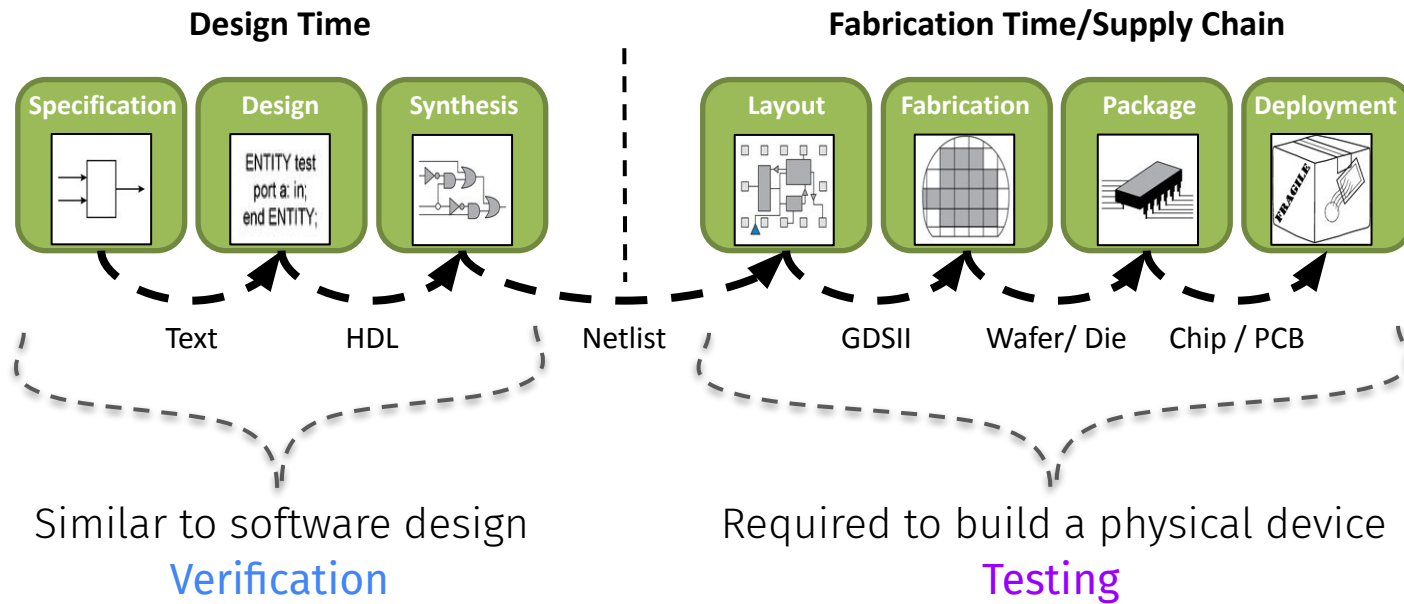
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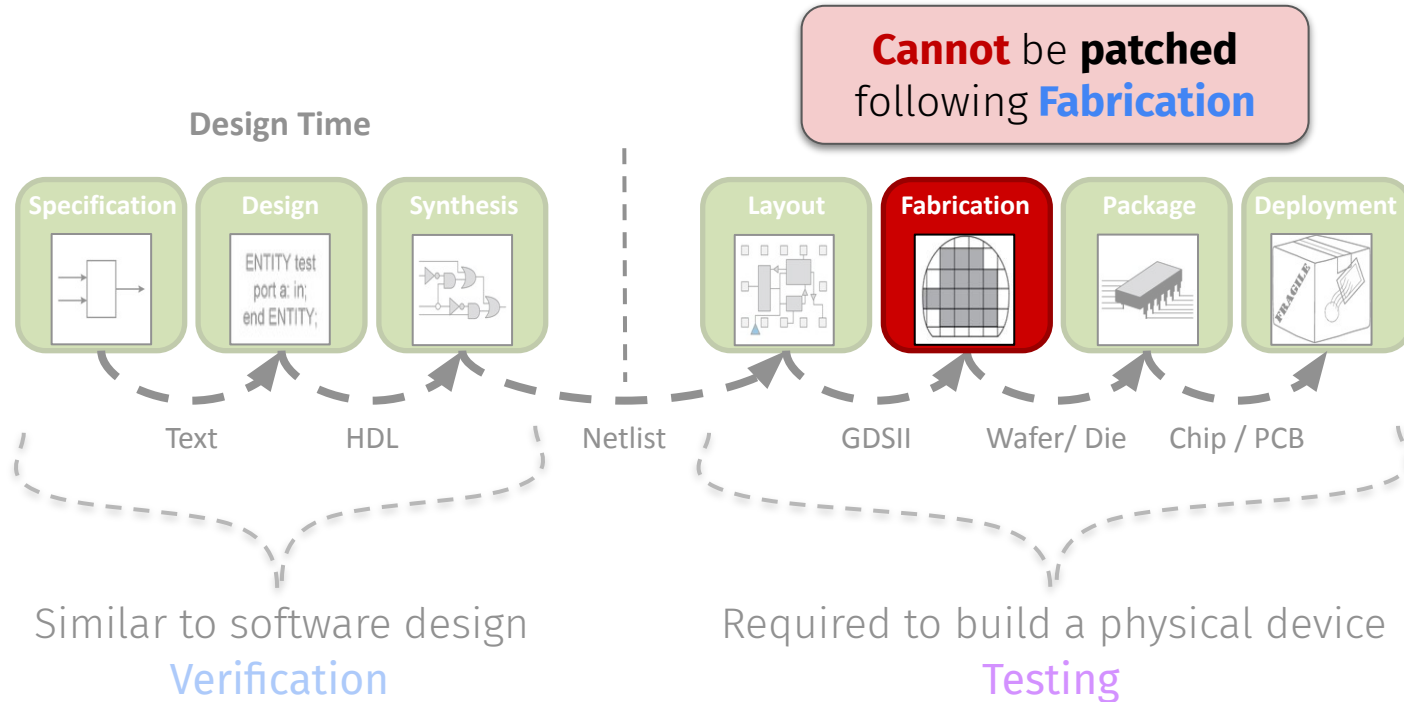
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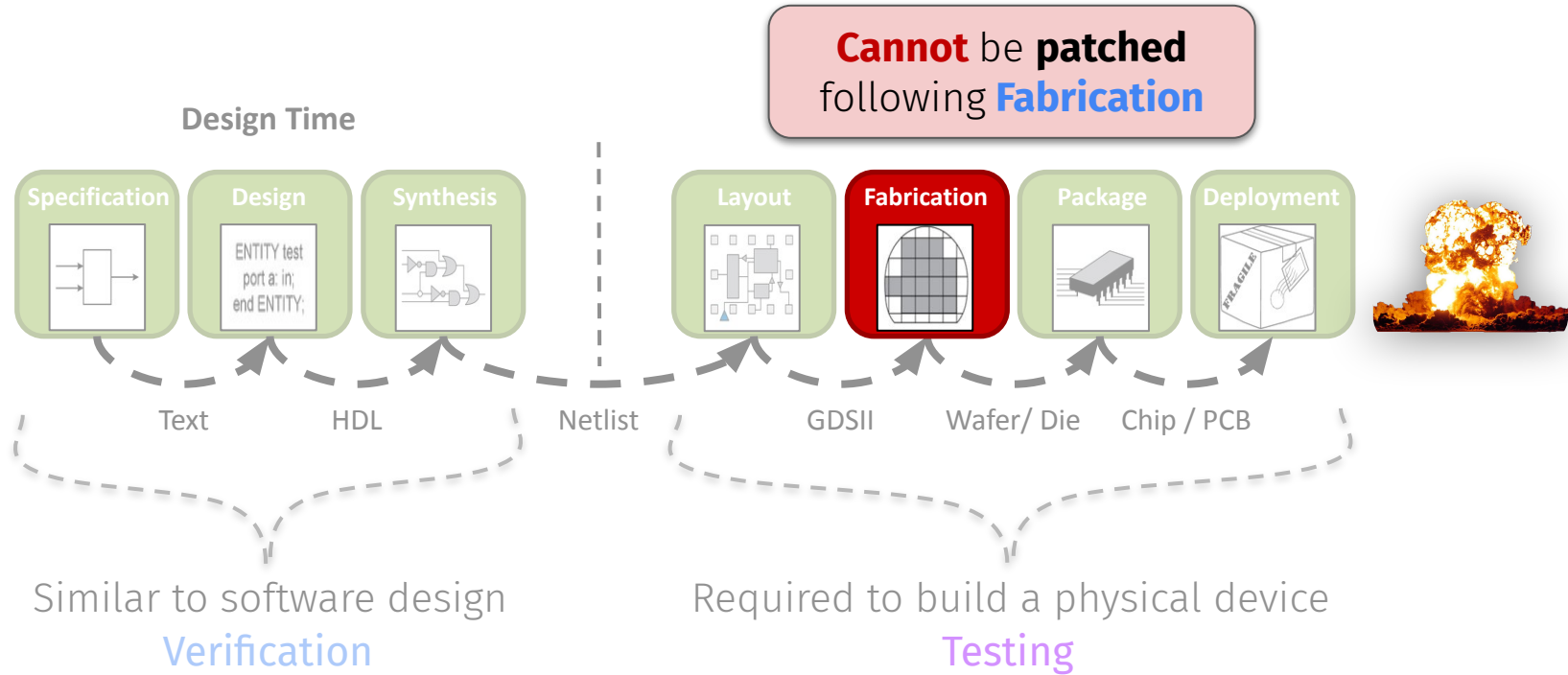
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Hardware Threats

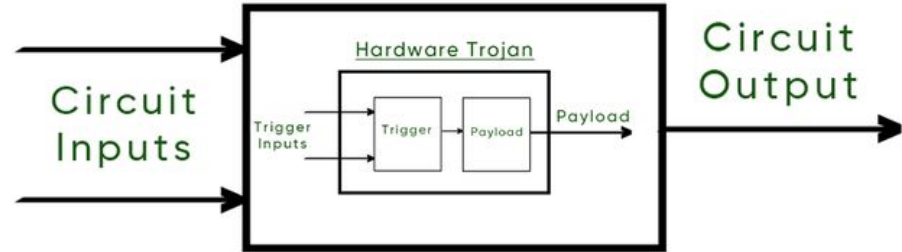
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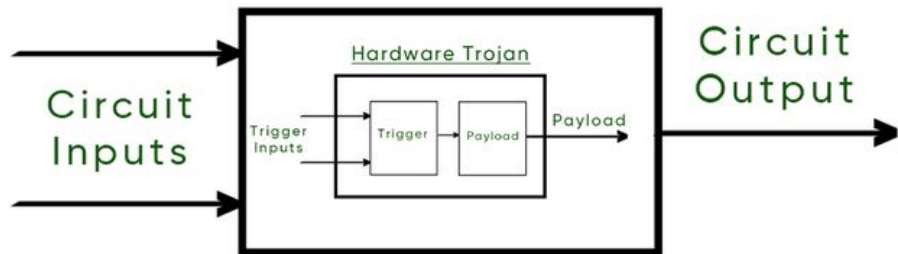
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- **Engineering a trigger**

```
1 void attack_signed_c() {
2     volatile int a, b, c = 0;
3
4     while(1) {
5         int c1 = c;
6         int b1 = b;
7
8         int i1 = ((b1 / c1) + 1);
9         int i2 = ((i1 / c1) + 1);
10        int i3 = ((i2 / c1) + 1);
11        int i4 = ((i3 / c1) + 1);
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14        int i7 = ((i6 / c1) + 1);
15        int i8 = ((i7 / c1) + 1);
16        int i9 = ((i8 / c1) + 1);
17
18        a = ((i9 / c1) + 1);
19    }
20 }
```

Division sets
div-by-zero flag

Addition resets
div-by-zero flag

Software state will
affect **analog state!**

Hardware Trojans

Israeli sky-hack switched off Syrian radars countrywide

Backdoors penetrated without violence

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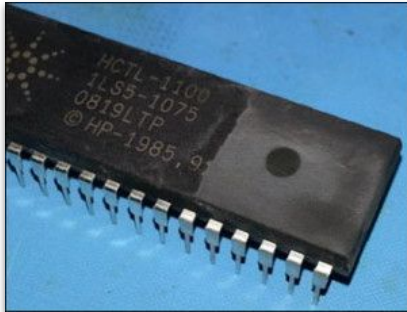
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More rumours are starting to leak out regarding the mysterious Israeli air raid against Syria in September. It is now suggested that "computer to computer" techniques and "air-to-ground network penetration" took place.

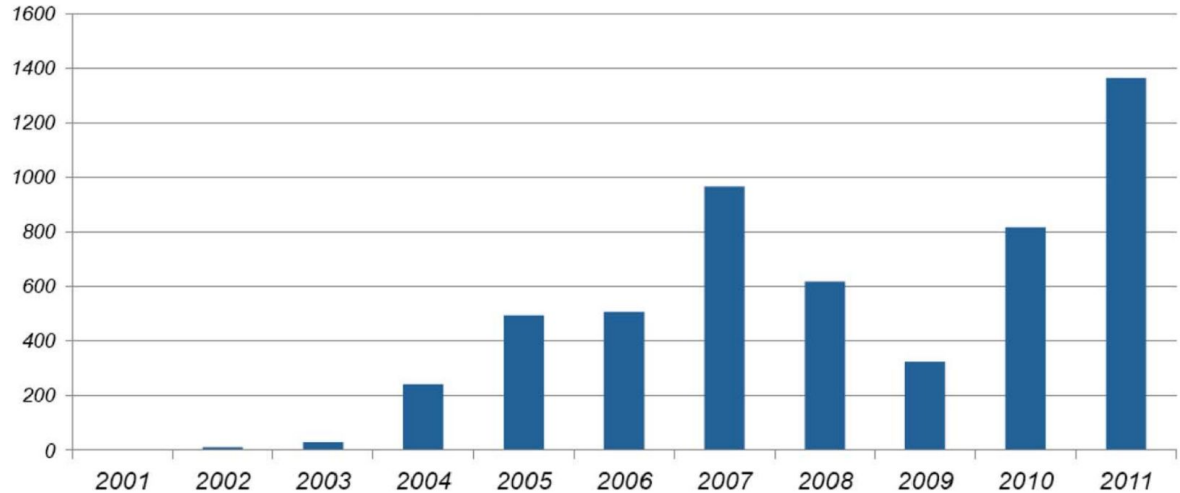
The latest revelations are made by well-connected *Aviation Week* journalists. Electronic-warfare correspondent David Fulghum says that US intelligence and military personnel "provided advice" to the Israelis regarding methods of breaking into the Syrian air-defence network.

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Guin *et al.*: Counterfeit Integrated Circuits: A Rising Threat in the Global Semiconductor Supply Chain

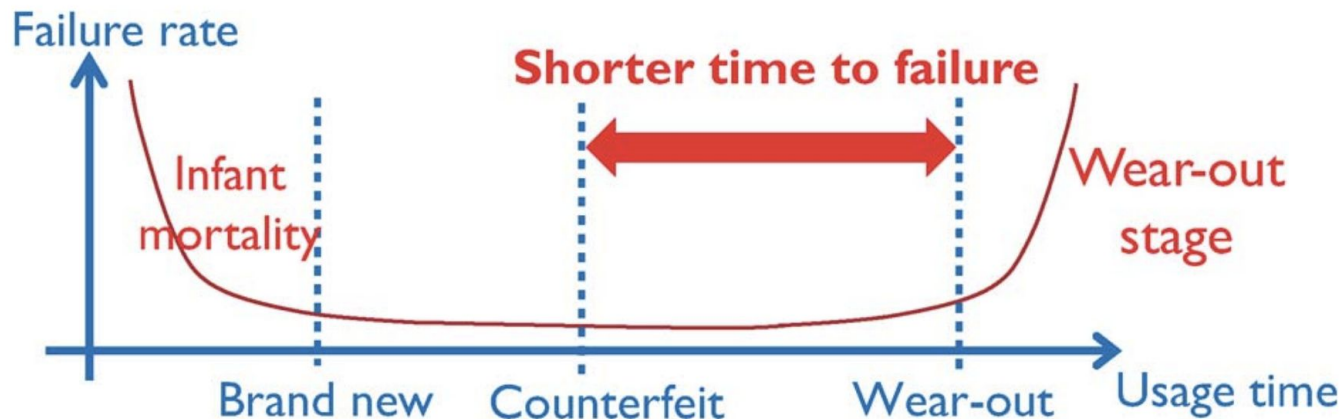


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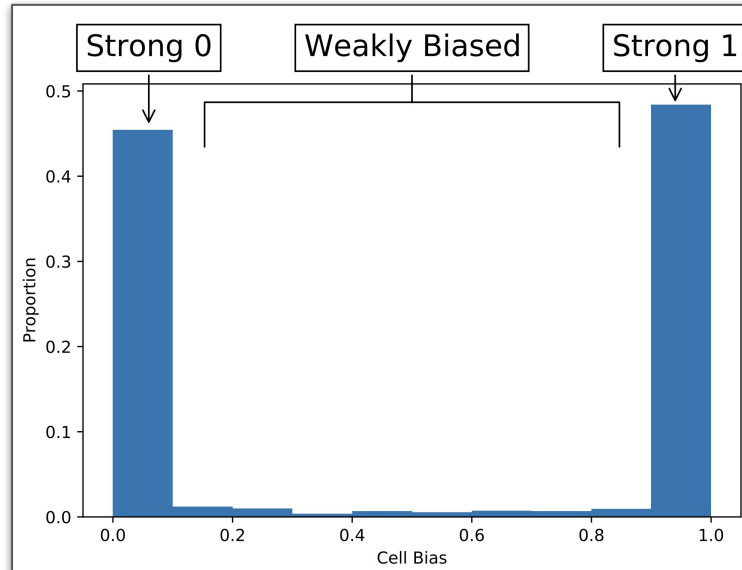
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Secure Hardware

- Can we ever know for sure that a chip is **secure**?



Next time on CS 4440...

Election Security