Packet-Level Signatures for Smart Home Devices

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Home







Smart **Plugs**





Smart **Plugs**

Light Bulbs





Smart Plugs Light Bulbs Thermostats





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Cameras





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(d) Belkin Wemo switch - Appliance power cycle





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Feature	Category	Importance	
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Aggregate client bytes sent fo ADU	Throughput	0.117552	
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Min bytes from server for single seq.	Burstiness	0.038344	
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Max bytes from client for single seq.	Burstiness	0.135909	
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- Network traffic characteristics
- Public datasets
 - Mon(IoT)r
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Local Phone

Toggle ON Plug





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Home Automation













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Ping-Pong in SmartThings Plug





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Automated Extraction

- Extract these pairs
- Form longest possible sequences
- Use them as a **signature**



PingPong Training

Triggers





























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Device	Event	Signature	Communication	1 Mate	Matching (Per 100 Events)			
					FPR	Wi-Fi	FPR	
				Snif.		Snif.		
			Plugs					
Amazon plug	ON	S1: S-[443-445]	Device-Cloud	98	0	99	0	
		S2: C-1099 S-235						
	OFF	S1: S-[444-446]						
		S2: C-1179 S-235						
		S3: C-1514 C-103 S-235						
WeMo plug	ON/OFF	S1: PH-259 PH-475 D-246	Phone-Device	-	-	100	0	
WeMo Insight plug	ON/OFF	S1: PH-259 PH-475 D-246	Phone-Device	-	-	99	0	
TP-Link plug	ON	S1: C-556 S-1293	Device-Cloud	99	0	-	-	
	OFF	S1: C-557 S-[1294-1295]						
	ON	S1: PH-112 D-115	Phone-Device	-	-	99	0	
		S2: C-556 S-1293	&					
	ON	S1: PH-112 D-115	Device-Cloud					
		S2: C-557 S-[1294-1295]						
D-Link plug	ON/OFF	S1: S-91 S-1227 C-784	Device-Cloud	95	0	95	0	
		S2: C-1052 S-647						
	ON	S1: C-[1109-1123] S-613	Phone-Cloud	98	0	98	0	
	OFF	S1: C-[1110-1124] S-613	-					
SmartThings plug	ON	S1: C-699 S-511	Phone-Cloud	92	0	92	0	
		S2: S-777 C-136						
	OFF	S1: C-700 S-511	1					
		S2: S-780 C-136						



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				WAN	FPR	Wi-Fi	FPF	
				Snif.		Snif.		
		Lig	ht Bulbs					
Sengled light bulb	ON	S1: S-[217-218] C-[209-2]0]	Device-Cloud	97	0	-	-	
		S2: C-430						
		S3: C-466						
	OFF	S1: S-[217-218] C-[209-210]	1					
		S2: C-430						
		S3: C-465						
	ON	S1: C-211 S-1063	Phone-Cloud	93	0	97	0	
		S2: S-1277						
	OFF	S1: C-211 S-1063 S-1276	1					
	Intensity	S1: S-[216-220]	Device-Cloud	99	2	-	-	
		C-[208-210]						
	Intensity	S1: C-[215-217]	Phone-Cloud	99	0	99	0	
		S-[1275-1277]						
Hue light bulb	ON	S1: C-364	Device-Cloud	-	-	-	-	
-		S2: D-88	&					
	OFF	S1: C-365	Phone-Device					
		S2: D-88						
TP-Link light bulb	ON	S1: PH-198 D-227	Phone-Device	-	-	100	4	
c	OFF	S1: PH-198 D-244	1					
	Intensity	S1: PH-[240-242] D-[287-289]	Phone-Device	-	-	100	0	
	Color	S1: PH-317 D-287	Phone-Device	-	-	100	0	



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				WAN	FPR	Wi-Fi	FPR
				Snif.		Snif.	
		The	rmostats				
Nest thermostat	Fan ON	S1: C-[891-894] S-[830-834]	Phone-Cloud	93	0	93	1
	Fan OFF	S1: C-[858-860] S-[829-834]					
Ecobee thermostat	HVAC Auto	S1: S-1300 C-640	Phone-Cloud	100	0	99	0
	HVAC OFF	S1: C-1299 C-640					
	Fan ON	S1: S-1387 C-640	Phone-Cloud	100	0	100	0
	Fan Auto	S1: C-1389 C-640					
		Sp	rinklers				
Rachio sprinkler	Quick Run	S1: S-267 C-155	Device-Cloud	100	0	100	0
	Stop	S1: C-496 C-155 C-395					
	Standby/Active	S1: S-299 C-155 C-395	Device-Cloud	100	0	100	0
Blossom sprinkler	Quick Run	S1: C-326	Device-Cloud	96	0	96	0
		S2: C-177 S-505					
	Stop	S1: C-326					
		S2: C-177 S-458					
		S3: C-238 C-56 S-388					
	Quick Run	S1: C-649 S-459 C-574 S-507	Phone-Cloud	93	0	93	0
		S2: S-[135-139]					
	Stop	S1: C-617 S-431					
	Hibernate	S1: C-621 S-493	Phone-Cloud	95	0	93	0
	Active	S1: C-622 S-494					
		S2: S-599 C-566 S-554 C-566					



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				WAN	FPR	Wi-Fi	FPR
				Snif.		Snif.	
		Home Secu	rity Devices				
Ring alarm	Arm	S1: S-99 S-254 C-99	Device-Cloud	98	0	95	0
		S-[181-183] C-99					
	Disarm	S1: S-99 S-255 C-99					
		S-[181-183] C-99					
Arlo camera	Stream ON	S1: C-[338-339] S-[326-329]	Phone-Cloud	99	2	98	3
		C-[364-365] S-[1061-1070]					
		S2: C-[271-273] S-[499-505]					
	Stream OFF	S1: C-[445-449] S-442					
D-Link siren	ON	S1: C-1076 S-593	Phone-Cloud	100	0	98	0
	OFF	S1: C-1023 S-613					
Kwikset door lock	Lock	S1: C-699 S-511	Phone-Cloud	100	0	100	0
		S2: S-639 C-136					
	Unlock	S1: C-701 S-511					
		S2: S-647 C-136					
		Ot	hers				
Roomba robot	Clean	S1: S-[1014-1015] C-105	Phone-Cloud	91	0	94	0
		S-432 C-105					
	Back-to-station	S1: S-440 C-105					
		S-[1018-1024] C-105					



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Device	Event	Signature	Duration (ms)
		Cameras	
Amazon camera	Watch	S1: S-[627-634] C-[1229-1236]	203 / 261 / 476
Blink hub	Watch	S1: S-199 C-135 C-183 S-135	99 / 158 / 275
	Photo	SI: S-199 C-135 C-183 S-135	87 / 173 / 774
Lefun camera	Photo	S1: S-258 C-[206-210] S-386 C-206	17,871 / 19,032 / 20,358
		S2: C-222 S-198 C-434 S-446 C-462 S-194 C-1422 S-246 C-262	
		S3: C-182	
	Recording	S1: S-258 C-210 S-386 C-206	13,209 / 15,279 / 16,302
		S2: C-222 S-198 C-434 S-446 C-462 S-194	
	Watch	S1: S-258 C-210 S-386 C-206	14,151 / 15,271 / 16,131
		S2: C-222 S-198 C-434 S-446 C-462 S-194	
Microseven camera	Watch	S1: D-242 PH-118	1 / 5 / 38
ZModo doorbell	Photo	S1: C-94 S-88 S-282 C-240 / S1: S-282 C-240 C-94 S-88	1,184 / 8,032 / 15,127
	Recording	S1: C-94 S-88 S-282 C-240 / S1: S-282 C-240 C-94 S-88	305 / 7,739 / 15,137
	Watch	S1: C-94 S-88 S-282 C-240 / S1: S-282 C-240 C-94 S-88	272 / 7,679 / 15,264
		Light Bulbs	
Flex light bulb	ON/OFF	S1: PH-140 D-[346-347]	4 / 44 / 78
	Intensity	S1: PH-140 D-346	4 / 18 / 118
	Color	SI: PH-140 D-346	4/12/113
Wink hub	ON/OFF	S1: PH-204 D-890 PH-188 D-113	43 / 55 / 195
	Intensity	SI: PH-204 D-890 PH-188 D-113	43 / 50 / 70
	Color	SI: PH-204 D-890 PH-188 D-113	43 / 55 / 106
		Voice Command Devices	00 1 1 50 1 105
Allure speaker	Audio ON/OFF	SI: C-658 C-412	89 / 152 / 196
	Volume	SI: C-[594-602]	217 / 4,010 / 11,005
E.L. D.	11.1.	S2: C-[92-100]	1 / 23 / (1
Amazon Ecno Dot	Voice	51: C-491 5-[146-179]	1 / 25 / 01
	volume	S1: C-[283-290] C-[967-979]	1,555 / 2,019 / 2,423
E.L. DI	A STANDER	S2: C-[19/-200] C-[14/-160]	1 / 5 / 20
Amazon Ecno Plus	Audio ON/OFF	SI: 5-100 C-100	1/5/28
	Intensity	S1. 5-100 C-100	1/4/18
	Voice	SI: 5-100 C-100 SI: C-1761-7671 S-437	1/4/11
	voice	S1: C-172 S-434	1,417 / 1,671 / 2,004
	Volume	SI: C-172 S-434	2/13/40
Amazon Echo Snot	Audio ON/OFF	S1: S-100 C-100	1 / 8 / 233
Amazon Lano Spor	Voice	S1: C-246 S-214	1.220 / 1.465 / 1.813
		S2: C-172 S-434	
	Volume	S1: C-246 S-214	1.451 / 1.709 / 1.958
		S2: C-172 S-434	-,
Google Home	Voice	S1: C-1434 S-136	9 / 61 / 132
	Volume	S1: C-1434 S-[124-151]	8,020 / 9,732 / 10,002
		S2: C-521 S-[134-135]	
Google Home Mini	Voice	S1: C-1434 S-[127-153]	1 / 29 / 112
-	Volume	S1: C-1434 S-[135-148]	5 / 47 / 123
Harman Kardon	Voice	S1: S-1494 S-277 C-1494	2,199 / 2,651 / 3,762
Invoke speaker		S2: S-159 S-196 C-1494	
	Volume	S1: S-159 S-196 C-1418 C-1320 S-277	223 / 567 / 793
		S2: S-196 C-[404-406]	
		Smart TVs	
Fire TV	Menu	S1: C-468 S-323	16 / 18 / 20
LG TV	Menu	S1: PH-204 D-1368 PH-192 D-117	43 / 90 / 235
Roku TV	Remote	S1: PH-163 D-[163-165]	578 / 1,000 / 1,262
		S2: PH-145 D-410	
		S2: PH-147 D-113	
Samsung TV	Menu	SI: PH-[237-242] D-274	2/7/15
		Other Types of Devices	
Honeywell thermostat	ON	S1: S-635 C-256 C-795 S-139 C-923 S-139	1,091 / 1,248 / 1,420
	OFF	SI: S-651 C-256 C-795 S-139 C-923 S-139	07 / 103 / 133
	Set	SI: C-779 S-139	86 / 102 / 132
Insteon hub	ON/OFF	SI: S-491 C-623	76 / 100 / 1,077
Comment for the	C-+	52: C-784 C-234 S-379	177 / 195 / 195
Samsung Iridge	Set View Incide	SI: C-110 S-112	1///185/185
	view Inside	SI: C-110 S-112	1///19//303



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 - Extraction for **21** new devices
 - Comparison for 5 common devices



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Three communications Device Event Device-Cloud Signature

				WAN Sniffer	FPR	W1-F1 Sniffer	ГРК
			Plugs				
	WeMo plug	ON/OFF	S1: S-146	100	0	100	0
	2		S2: C-210 S-134 S-286 C-294				
	WeMo Insight plug	ON	S1: S-146	99	0	94	0
			S2: C-210 S-134 S-286 C-294				
		OFF	S1: S-146	1			
			S2: C-210 S-134 S-350 C-294				
	TP-Link plug	ON	S1: C-592 S-1234 S-100	100	0	100	0
•••=		OFF	S1: C-593 S-1235 S-100	1			
	D-Link plug	ON/OFF	S1: C-256	93	1	93	1
			S2: C-1020 S-647				
			Light Bulbs				
I JITTOR	Hue light bulb	ON	S1: S-[227-229] C-[857-859] C-365	99	1	-	-
		OFF	S1: S-[227-230] C-[857-860] C-366	1			
		Intensity	S1: S-[237-240] C-[895-899]	97	0	-	-
			S2: C-[378-379]				
	TP-Link light bulb	ON	S1: S-[348-349] C-[399-400]	100	0	100	0
		OFF	S1: S-[348-349] C-[418-419]				
		Intensity	S1: S-[438-442] C-[396-400]	100	0	99	0
		Color	S1: S-[386-388] C-[397-399]	99	0	97	0
			Others				
	Rachio sprinkler	Quick Run	S1: S-267 C-155	95	3	95	5
		Stop	S1: C-661				
			S2: C-155				
	Arlo camera	Start Recording	S1: C-704 S-215	100	0	99	0
	D-Link siren	ON	S1: S-[989-1005] C-616	99	1	98	1
			S2: C-216				
O Hor				98.4	0.5	97.5	0.7



Matching (Per 100 Events)



- Three communications
- **Two** adversaries
 - WAN and Wi-Fi sniffers
- Different triggers
 - **Local**-Phone
 - **Remote-**Phone, and
 - Home Automation
- Matching with recall > 97%



Unique Signatures

- Distinguish
 - **Device type**
 - **Event type:** binary and non-binary
 - Same-vendor devices



Unique Signatures

Distinguish Device Model

		Denice	mouer	Litent	oigilliture
					Existing TP-Link Devices
\bigcirc		TP-Link plug	HS-110	ON	* S1: PH-172 D-115
\bigcirc	Devi				S2: C-592 S-1234 S-100
				OFF	* S1: PH-172 D-115
					S2: C-593 S-1235 S-100
		TP-Link light bulb	LB-130	ON	* S1: PH-258 D-288
\bigcirc	Even	_		OFF	* S1: PH-258 D-305
\bigcirc				Intensity	S1: PH-[240-242] D-[287-289]
				Color	S1: S1: PH-317 D-287
					Newly Added TP-Link Devices
\frown		TP-Link two-outlet plug	HS-107	ON	S1: PH-219 D-103
\bigcirc	-same-				S2: C-300 C-710 S-1412 S-88
	• • • • • •			OFF	S1: PH-219 D-103
					S2: C-300 C-711 S-1413 S-88
		TP-Link power strip	HS-300	ON	S1: PH-219 D-103
					S2: C-301 C-1412 S-[1405-1406] S-88
				OFF	S1: PH-219 D-103
					S2: C-301 C-1413 S-[1406-1407] S-88
		TP-Link white light bulb	KL-110	ON	S1: S-[414-415] C-[331-332]
					S2: C-648 S-[1279-1280] S-88
				OFF	S1: S-[414-415] C-[350-351]
					S2: C-649 S-[1280-1281] S-88
				Intensity	S1: S-[479-483] C-[329-332]
					S2: C-[654-656] S-[1285-1288] S-88
		TP-Link camera	KC-100	ON	S1: PH-256 D-162 PH-624 D-256 PH-72 D-111 PH-608 D-371 PH-97
			1		S2: C-1288 S-[1161-1162] S-100
				OFF	S1: PH-256 D-162 PH-624 D-256 PH-72 D-111 PH-614 D-371 PH-97
			1		S2: C-1289 S-[1162-1163] S-100

Signature



Unique Signatures

- Distinguish
 - **Device type**
 - **Event type:** binary and non-binary
 - Same-vendor devices
- Negative control experiment
 - Three public datasets: >440 million packets
 - YourThings, UNSW, UNB
 - FPR: one FP per 40 million packets



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- Two adversaries 🗸
- Applicable to many devices \checkmark
- Resilient to traffic shaping & VPN encryption
- Defended against by packet padding
- Profiling and network monitoring

Limitations

- Need device to train
- Signatures may vary over time
- Apply to **95%** of devices
 - UDP-based
 - \circ Repetitive pairs for an event



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Conclusions

- Packet-level signatures
 - Request-reply pattern
 - Packet lengths and directions
- Automation: **PingPong**
 - Extraction and detection
- Signatures are **universal** and **unique**



Thank You!

• Paper

https://www.ndss-symposium.org/ndss-

paper/packet-level-signatures-for-smart-home-

devices/

 Software and datasets <u>http://plrg.ics.uci.edu/pingpong/</u>



Additional Slides



Signature Variations

- Signatures with no variation
- Signatures with ranges
- Signatures that vary
 - Signature evolution
 - Signatures that vary in certain packets
 - App's username and password







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C-339 S-329 C-[364-365] S-[1061-1070] C-[271-273] S-[499-505]



PingPong Training



Toggle ON for TP-Link Plug





PingPong Training Input The PingPong Event **System** Device Triggers Training Network Data Collection Trace

Toggle ON for TP-Link Plug







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tcpdump





PingPong Training Input The PingPong Event System Device Triggers Training Network Data Collection Trace











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Pair Clustering



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- Run detection
 - Same PCAP file
- Valid signature iff
 - **n** detected events
 - **n** triggered events
 - Matching timestamps



Signature

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Event Match



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