

24. Hardware Security (Meltdown, Spectre, TEE) & Authentication Part 3



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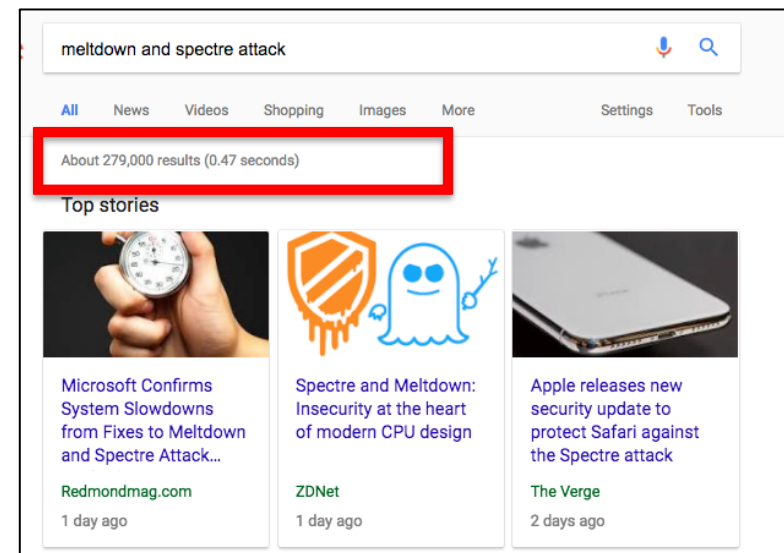
Hardware Security: A Broad View

- What do we trust?
- How do we know we have the right code?
 - Recall software checksums, Subresource Integrity (SRI)
- What is our root of trust? Can we establish a smaller one?
- Can we minimize the Trusted Computing Base (TCB)?
- Can processor design lead to insecurity?
 - Yes! ☹️



Attacks that exploit **processor vulnerabilities**

Can leak sensitive data
Relatively hard to mitigate
Lots of media attention



Relevant Ideas in CPUs

- **Memory isolation:** Processes should only be able to read their own memory
 - Virtual (paged) memory
 - Protected memory / Protection domains
- CPUs have a relatively small, and very fast, cache
 - Loading uncached data can take >100 CPU cycles
- **Out-of-order execution:** Order of processing in CPU can differ from the order in code
 - Instructions are much faster than memory access; you might be waiting for operands to be read from memory
 - Instructions **retire** (return to the system) in order even if they executed out of order

Relevant Ideas in CPUs

- There might be a conditional branch in the instructions
- **Speculative execution:** Rather than waiting to determine which branch of a conditional to take, go ahead anyway
 - **Predictive execution:** Guess which branch to take
 - **Eager execution:** Take both branches
- When the CPU realizes that the branch was mis-speculatively executed, it tries to eliminate the effects
- A core idea underlying Spectre/Meltdown: The results of the instruction(s) that were mis-speculatively executed will be cached in the CPU *[yikes!]*

Example (Not bad)

Consider the code sample below. If `arr1->length` is uncached, the processor can speculatively load data from `arr1->data[untrusted_offset_from_caller]`. This is an out-of-bounds read. That should not matter because the processor will effectively roll back the execution state when the branch has executed; none of the speculatively executed instructions will retire (e.g. cause registers etc. to be affected).

```
struct array {
    unsigned long length;
    unsigned char data[];
};
struct array *arr1 = ...;
unsigned long untrusted_offset_from_caller = ...;
if (untrusted_offset_from_caller < arr1->length) {
    unsigned char value = arr1->data[untrusted_offset_from_caller];
    ...
}
```


Example (Bad!!!)

However, in the following code sample, there's an issue. If `arr1->length`, `arr2->data[0x200]` and `arr2->data[0x300]` are not cached, but all other accessed data is, and the branch conditions are predicted as true, the processor can do the following speculatively before `arr1->length` has been loaded and the execution is re-steered:

- load value = `arr1->data[untrusted_offset_from_caller]`
- start a load from a data-dependent offset in `arr2->data`, loading the corresponding cache line into the L1 cache

```
struct array {
    unsigned long length;
    unsigned char data[];
};

struct array *arr1 = ...; /* small array */
struct array *arr2 = ...; /* array of size 0x400 */
/* >0x400 (OUT OF BOUNDS!) */
unsigned long untrusted_offset_from_caller = ...;
if (untrusted_offset_from_caller < arr1->length) {
    unsigned char value = arr1->data[untrusted_offset_from_caller];
    unsigned long index2 = ((value&1)*0x100)+0x200;
    if (index2 < arr2->length) {
        unsigned char value2 = arr2->data[index2];
    }
}
```

After the execution has been returned to the non-speculative path because the processor has noticed that `untrusted_offset_from_caller` is bigger than `arr1->length`, the cache line containing `arr2->data[index2]` stays in the L1 cache. By measuring the time required to load `arr2->data[0x200]` and `arr2->data[0x300]`, an attacker can then determine whether the value of `index2` during speculative execution was 0x200 or 0x300 - which discloses whether `arr1->data[untrusted_offset_from_caller]&1` is 0 or 1.

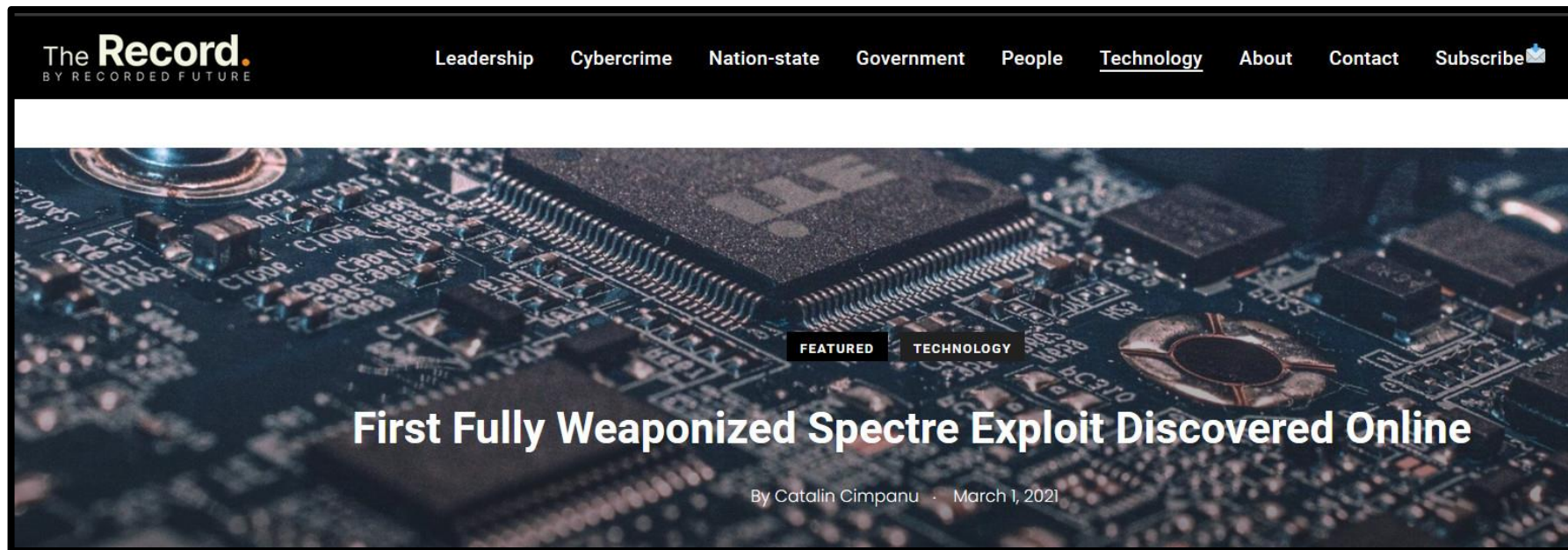
Spectre: Key Idea

- Use branch prediction as on the previous slide
- Conducting a timing side-channel attack on the cache
- Determine the value of interest based on the speed with which it returns
- Spectre allows you to read any memory from your process **for nearly every CPU**

Spectre: Exploitation Scenarios

- Leaking browser memory
- JavaScript (e.g., in an ad) can run Spectre
- Can leak browser cache, session key, other site data

Spectre: Exploitation Scenarios



“But today, Voisin said he discovered new Spectre exploits—one for Windows and one for Linux—different from the ones before. In particular, Voisin said he found a Linux Spectre exploit capable of dumping the contents of */etc/shadow*, a Linux file that stores details on OS user accounts”

<https://therecord.media/first-fully-weaponized-spectre-exploit-discovered-online/>

Meltdown: Key Idea

1. Attempt instruction with memory operand (Base+A), where A is a value forbidden to the process
2. The CPU schedules a privilege check and the actual access
3. The privilege check fails, but due to speculative executive, the access has already run and the result has been cached
4. Conduct a timing attack reading memory at the address (Base+A) for all possible values of A. The one that ran will return faster

Meltdown allows you to read **any memory in the address space (even from other processes)** but only on some Intel/ARM CPUs

Meltdown Attack (Timing)

- Now the attacker read each page of probe array
- 255 of them will be slow
- The X^{th} page will be faster (it is cached!)
- We get the value of X using cache-timing side channel

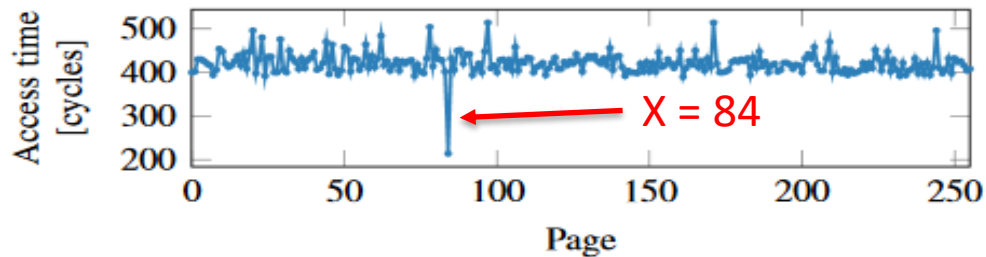


Figure 4: Even if a memory location is only accessed during out-of-order execution, it remains cached. Iterating over the 256 pages of `probe_array` shows one cache hit, exactly on the page that was accessed during the out-of-order execution.

Meltdown: Mitigation

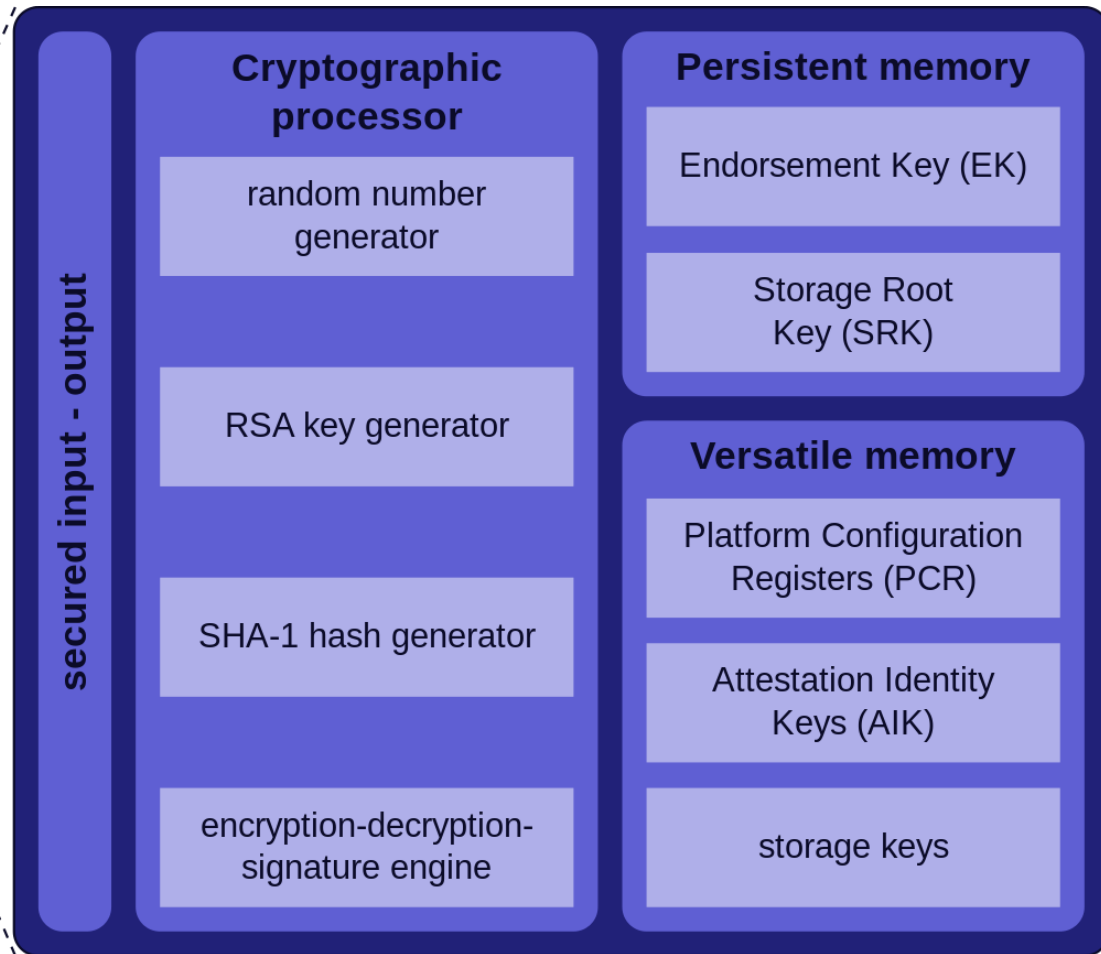
- KAISER/KPTI (kernel page table isolation)
- Remove kernel memory mapping in user space processes
- Has non-negligible performance impact
- Some kernel memory still needs to be mapped

Trusted Computing

Trusted Platform Module (TPM)

- Standardization of cryptoprocessors, or microcontrollers dedicated to crypto functions w/ built-in keys
- Core functionality:
 - 1) Random number generation, crypto key creation
 - 2) **Remote attestation** (hash hardware and software config and send it to a verifier)
 - 3) **Bind/seal** data: encrypted using a TPM key and, for sealing, also the required TPM state for decryption
- Uses: DRM, disk encryption (BitLocker), auth

Trusted Platform Module (TPM)



Trusted Execution Environment (TEE)

- TPMs are standalone companion chips, while TEEs are a secure area of a main processor
- Guarantees confidentiality and integrity for code in TEE
- Key example: Intel Software Guard Extensions (SGX)
- **Enclaves** = Private regions of memory that can't be read by any process outside the enclave, even with root access
- Uses: DRM, mobile wallets, auth

Authentication in Practice: Moving Towards A Passwordless World?

Case Study: WebAuthn

FIDO2 BRINGS SIMPLER, STRONGER AUTHENTICATION TO WEB BROWSERS



FIDO AUTHENTICATION: THE NEW GOLD STANDARD



Protects against phishing, man-in-the-middle and attacks using stolen credentials



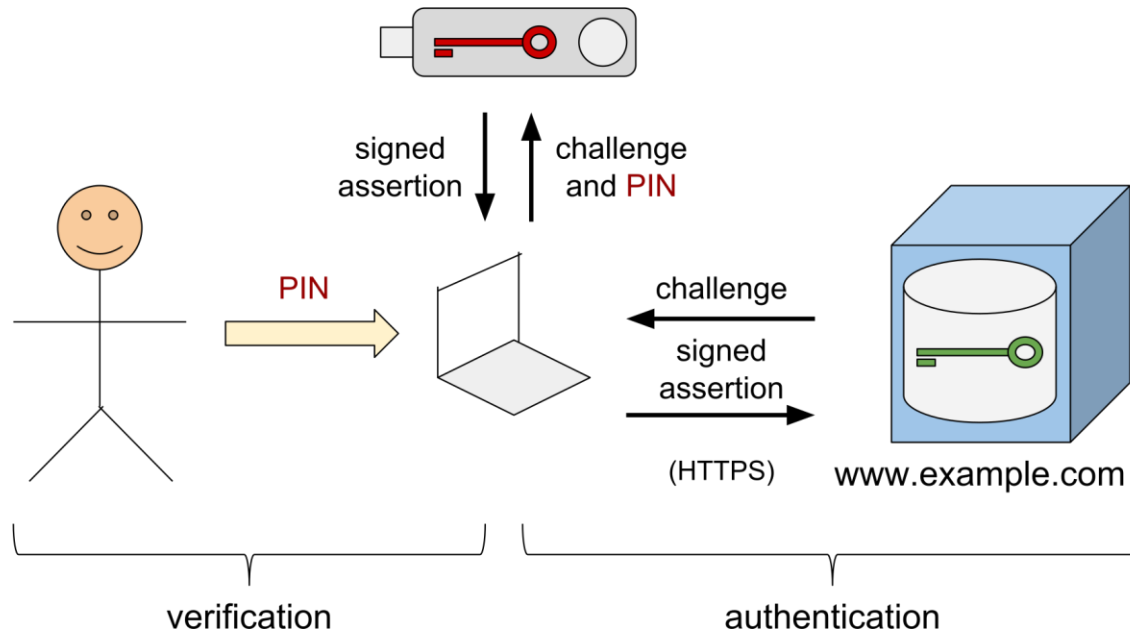
Log in with a single gesture – HASSLE FREE!



Already supported in market by top online services

Case Study: WebAuthn

- Created under the FIDO2 project, now a W3C standard
- Goal: Authenticate on web using public-key crypto
- Implemented in specialized hardware OR in software using a TPM/TEE



Case Study: WebAuthn

User interaction: Push a button on a key, type a PIN into the device, present biometric (fingerprint) to hardware reader



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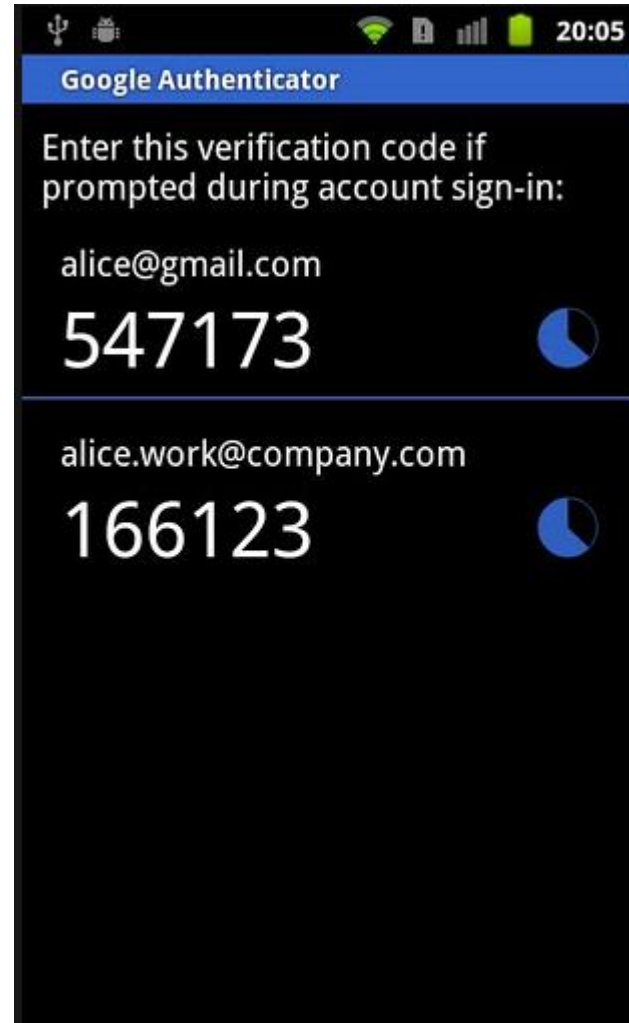


Authentication in Practice: Password Add-Ons / Alternatives

Single Sign-On



Two-Factor Auth



Physical Tokens / Smart Cards

- Codes based on a cryptographic key
 - Token manufacturer also knows the key
- What if there is a breach?



Authentication in Practice: I Forgot My Password

Resetting Accounts

- I forgot my password!
- Send an email?
- Security questions?
- In-person verification?
- Other steps?
- (No backup)

Authentication in Practice: Password Reuse 😞

Password Reuse-Based Attacks



Keep your account secure

Based on our automated security check, your Facebook password matches one that was stolen from another site. We aren't aware of any suspicious activity on your account, but please change your password now to help keep it secure.

[Learn More](#)

[Continue](#)

Maximilian Golla, Miranda Wei, Juliette Hainline, Lydia Filipe, Markus Dürmuth, Elissa Redmiles, Blase Ur. “What was that site doing with my Facebook Password?” Designing Password-Reuse Notifications. In *Proc. CCS*, 2018.

People Reuse Passwords

Booking.com

R0cky!14



reddit

R0cky!17

淘宝网
Taobao.com

American Airlines



facebook

R0cky!17



123456

ebay

YouTube

R0ckyStar



Microsoft

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SONY



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Baidu 百度



Dropbox

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twitter

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PayPal






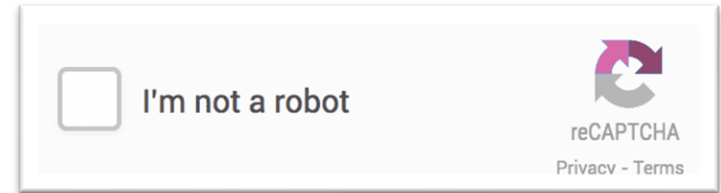
Memory-Hard Hash Function



| Email | Argon2i Hash of Password |
|--------------|-----------------------------|
| ... | ... |
| jim@mail.com | \$argon2i\$v=19\$m=4096,... |
| ... | ... |



Rate-Limiting Guessing



Password Strength Meter



Username

Password

acmccs18

Show Password & Detailed Feedback

Your password could be better.

- Consider inserting digits into the middle, not just at the end [\(Why?\)](#)
- Make your password longer than 8 characters [\(Why?\)](#)
- Consider using 1 or more symbols [\(Why?\)](#)

A better choice: \a#D18cmccs

[How to make strong passwords](#)



AcmeCo



LinkedIn



Linked

| Email | SHA-1 Hash of Password |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| jane@aol.com | 7c4a8d09ca3762af61e595209 |
| jessey@gmx.net | 5baa61e4c9b93f3f0682250b6 |
| jenny@gmail.com | 7c222fb2927d828af22f59213 |
| jim@mail.com | ba93664a90285b9ff18a7a081 |
| john@hotmail.com | b1b3773a05c0ed0176787a4f1 |
| ... | ... |



Crack All The Things!



```
Bash
$> hashcat -m 100 -a0 $TARGET $DICT
123456
Password
R0cky!17
Football!17
CanadaRocks!
```



| Email | Cracked SHA-1 Hashes |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| jane@aol.com | 123456 |
| jessey@gmx.net | 5baa61e4c9b93f3f0682250b6 |
| jenny@gmail.com | Canada4ever |
| jim@mail.com | R0cky!17 |
| john@hotmail.com | HikingGuy89 |
| ... | ... |



Dead On Arrival



| Email | Cracked |
|--|--------------------------|
| ... | ... |
| jim@mail.com | R0cky!17 |
| ... | ... |



**1 guess is
enough!**



| Email | Cracked SHA-1 Hashes |
|--|---------------------------|
| jane@aol.com | 123456 |
| jessey@gmx.net | 5baa61e4c9b93f3f0682250b6 |
| jenny@gmail.com | Canada4ever |
| jim@mail.com | R0cky!17 |
| john@hotmail.com | HikingGuy89 |
| ... | ... |



Monitoring the Black Market

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying a marketplace listing. The browser's address bar shows the URL `trdealmgm4uvm42g.onion/listing/3600`. The page header includes a navigation bar with a search bar, user account information (Welcome back, [redacted], 0 notifications, 0 messages, 0 carts, BTC 0.0000), and links for Home, My RealDeal, Support, and Logout. Below the header is a search bar with the text "I want to order ..." and a "Go" button. The main content area features a breadcrumb trail: Home / Information and Fraud / Databases / LinkedIn 167M. The listing itself is titled "LinkedIn 167M" and is by the user "peace_of_mind" (100.0% rating, Level 1 (14)). The price is listed as "0 5.0000 / BTC 5.0000" and the item is "In stock." There is a "Postage Option" dropdown menu. To the right of the listing is a "Buy It Now" button with a quantity selector set to "0". Below the listing are buttons for "Favorite" and "Question". At the bottom, there are details for "Escrow" (Yes, escrow by RealDeal is available.), "Class" (Digital), and "Ships From" (Worldwide).

Listing: Listing

trdealmgm4uvm42g.onion/listing/3600

Welcome back, [redacted] 0 0 0 BTC 0.0000 Home My RealDeal Support Logout

TheRealDeal All I want to order ... Go

Home / Information and Fraud / Databases / LinkedIn 167M

LinkedIn 167M

By peace_of_mind (100.0%) **Level 1 (14)**

0 5.0000 / BTC 5.0000

In stock.

Postage Option

Qty: 0

Buy It Now

Favorite Question

Escrow Yes, escrow by RealDeal is available.

Class Digital

Ships From Worldwide



BEST PRODUCTS

REVIEWS

NEWS

VIDEO

HOW TO

SMART HOME

CARS

DEALS



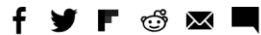
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SECURITY

Facebook buys black market passwords to keep your account safe

The company's security chief says account safety is about more than just building secure software.

BY KATIE COLLINS | NOVEMBER 9, 2016 12:56 PM PST



Password-Reuse Notifications

This collage illustrates various password reuse notifications from different services. Key elements include:

- Spotify:** A notification titled "Please update your Spotify password." stating that the user's password may have been compromised and urging them to update it for security.
- Microsoft:** A prominent notification titled "Unusual sign-in activity" for a Microsoft account, warning of a sign-in from an unusual location (Cameroon) and recommending a password reset.
- Sony:** A "Password Reset" notification from Sony Entertainment Network, advising the user to reset their password as a security measure.
- Pinterest:** A notification titled "Keep Your Account Secure" for an Instagram account, warning of suspicious activity and recommending a password change.
- Netflix:** A notification titled "Someone May Have Logged In" for a Netflix account, warning of a suspicious sign-in and recommending a password reset.
- Other Services:** Notifications from Evernote, Adobe, and various email providers (Gmail, Outlook) regarding account security and password updates.

The notifications use various colors and layouts to draw attention, often featuring a "Reset Password" or "Change Password" button. Some include detailed instructions on how to proceed and links to help centers.

You must reset your password before you can continue

Your email was found in a leak of user data from another service. We're temporarily preventing access to your account to protect it against unauthorized access, in case you've reused the same password on SoundCloud.

Your email address or profile URL*
Enter your email address or profile URL

Link to reset your password will be emailed to all addresses associated with your account. To learn more, visit our [Help Center](#).

Request a password reset

To make sure you continue having the best experience possible on LinkedIn, we're regularly monitoring our site and the Internet to keep your account information safe.

We've recently noticed a potential risk to your LinkedIn account coming from outside LinkedIn. Just to be safe, you'll need to reset your password the next time you log in.

- Here's how:
1. Go to the LinkedIn website.
 2. Next to the password field, click the "Forgot your password" link, and enter your email address.
 3. You'll get an email from LinkedIn asking you to click a link that will help you reset your password.
 4. Once you've reset your password, a confirmation email will be sent to the confirmed email addresses on your account.

Thanks for helping us keep your account safe, The LinkedIn Team



2615 posts
1073 followers
883 following

Edit Profile

Someone just logged into your Pinterest account from a new location in India. To protect your pins, we've put your account on read-only mode - no changes can be made to your pins or account settings until you secure it with a [password reset](#). After you create a new password, your account will be fully functional.

Thanks.



Hi, Ajay

We think someone may have logged into your Pinterest account without your permission. Please create a new password to secure your account.

Reset Password

More information:



Dear Sam,
We have detected a suspicious sign-in to your Netflix account. Your Netflix account may have been compromised by a website or a service not associated with Netflix. Just to be safe and prevent any further unauthorized access of your account, we've reset your password.

Please visit the sign page at <https://www.netflix.com/loginhelp> or sign into www.netflix.com if you already signed in. Then click "Forgot your email or password?" Follow the instructions to reset your password. You will need to use your new password to sign in to Netflix on your devices.

We recommend that you also change your password on any other websites where you may have used the same password. We also want to ensure your sign-in information is secure and does not need to be changed. We have more recommendations for how to keep your Netflix account secure in our Help Center.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please visit the Help Center at <https://help.netflix.com/help> or call us at 1-800-575-7122.

-The Netflix Team

Questions? Call 1-866-576-7122

The account information shown on this page is for your Netflix membership. To change your account information, please visit the [Netflix account page](#). To change your account information, please visit the [Netflix account page](#). To change your account information, please visit the [Netflix account page](#).

Authentication in Practice: Password Managers

Password Managers

- Trust all passwords to a single master password
 - Also trust software
 - Centralized vs. decentralized architectures

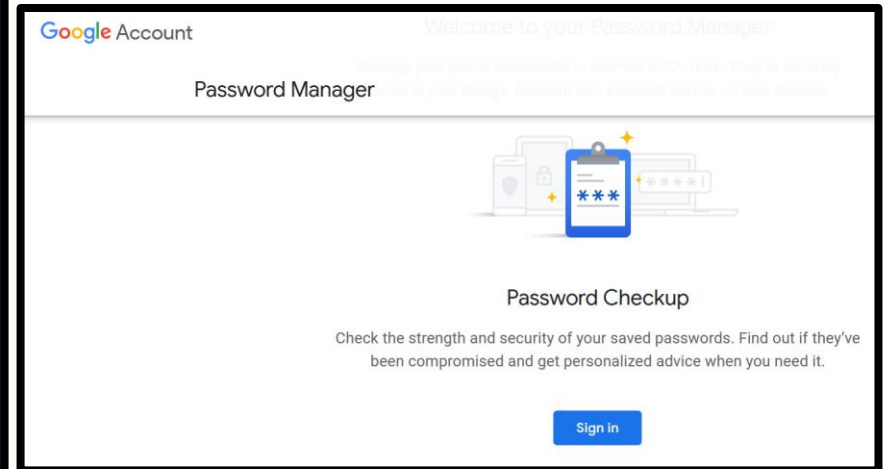
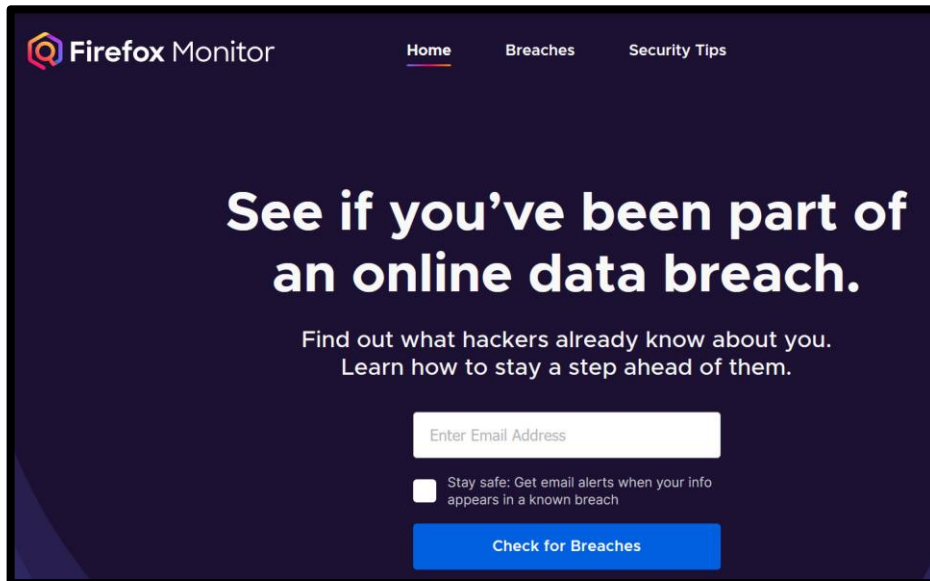
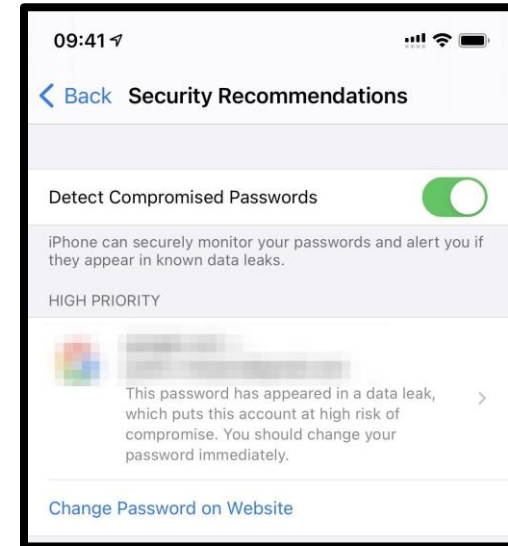
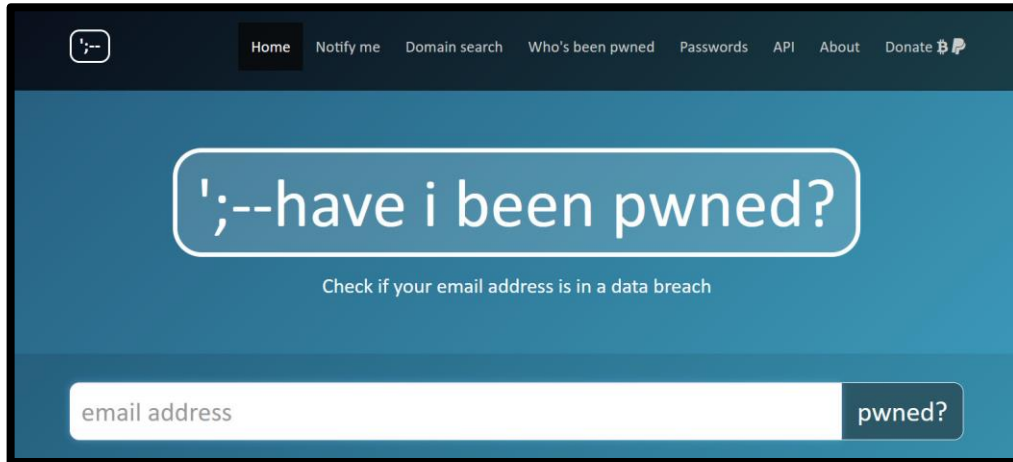
LastPass 



1Password

Authentication in Practice: Checking for Compromised Credentials

Checking for Compromised Credentials



Checking for Compromised Credentials

Under the hood:

How Password Checkup helps keep your accounts safe

01

Whenever Google discovers a username and password exposed by a data breach, we store a strongly hashed and encrypted copy of the data.



(my.username, my.p@sswOrd!)

A8 B1 C0 88 C4 7C 67 1C BE F4 22 61 08 01 A9 31

A8 B1

AjjuK8GhGFLcN9kgFcuSw+nUWgpKQLMcutwWK4=

Argon2 hash

Elliptic curve encryption

We keep an unencrypted, 2-byte hash prefix to partition the database.

We encrypt the full hash using a secret key known only to Google.

02

When you log in to a site you use, Password Checkup will send a strongly hashed and encrypted copy of your username and password to Google. This ensures that Google never learns your account details.



A8 B1 C0 88 C4 7C 67 1C BE F4 22 61 08 01 A9 31

A8 B1

A9817QFblJNqT+cyclc3w4x8bElbkjGaatG5GQk=

Argon2 hash

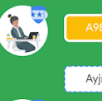
Elliptic curve encryption

Google only learns an anonymous hash prefix of your account details.

Password Checkup encrypts your full account details using a secret key known only to you.

03

We use **private set intersection** with **blinding** to search through every unsafe username and password without revealing your account details, or anyone else's, during the process.



A9817QFblJNqT+cyclc3w4x8bElbkjGaatG5GQk=

Ayjm5BQ+J1eEJKVF5RONzpozjwmAvnx/qTohNwM=

AjjuK8GhGFLcN9kgFcuSw+nUWgpKQLMcutwWK4=



To search this encrypted data, Password Checkup asks Google to re-encrypt your account details with

Password Checkup locally decrypts the result with . This yields a copy encrypted only with .

04

The final check for whether your username or password was in a data breach is entirely local. If your account details were exposed, you should change your password immediately.



AjjuK8GhGFLcN9kgFcuSw+nUWgpKQLMcutwWK4=

AjjuK8GhGFLcN9kgFcuSw+nUWgpKQLMcutwWK4=

Aw0FPY11g7H4d9gh4d9jwvE7hy0B0C0Gt=

Ax1.3f0dwNfuzZ+smfPyp04EFCgJ81fPw0Y=

Password Checkup locally searches if your username and password, now encrypted with , match any of the unsafe username and passwords in the encrypted database

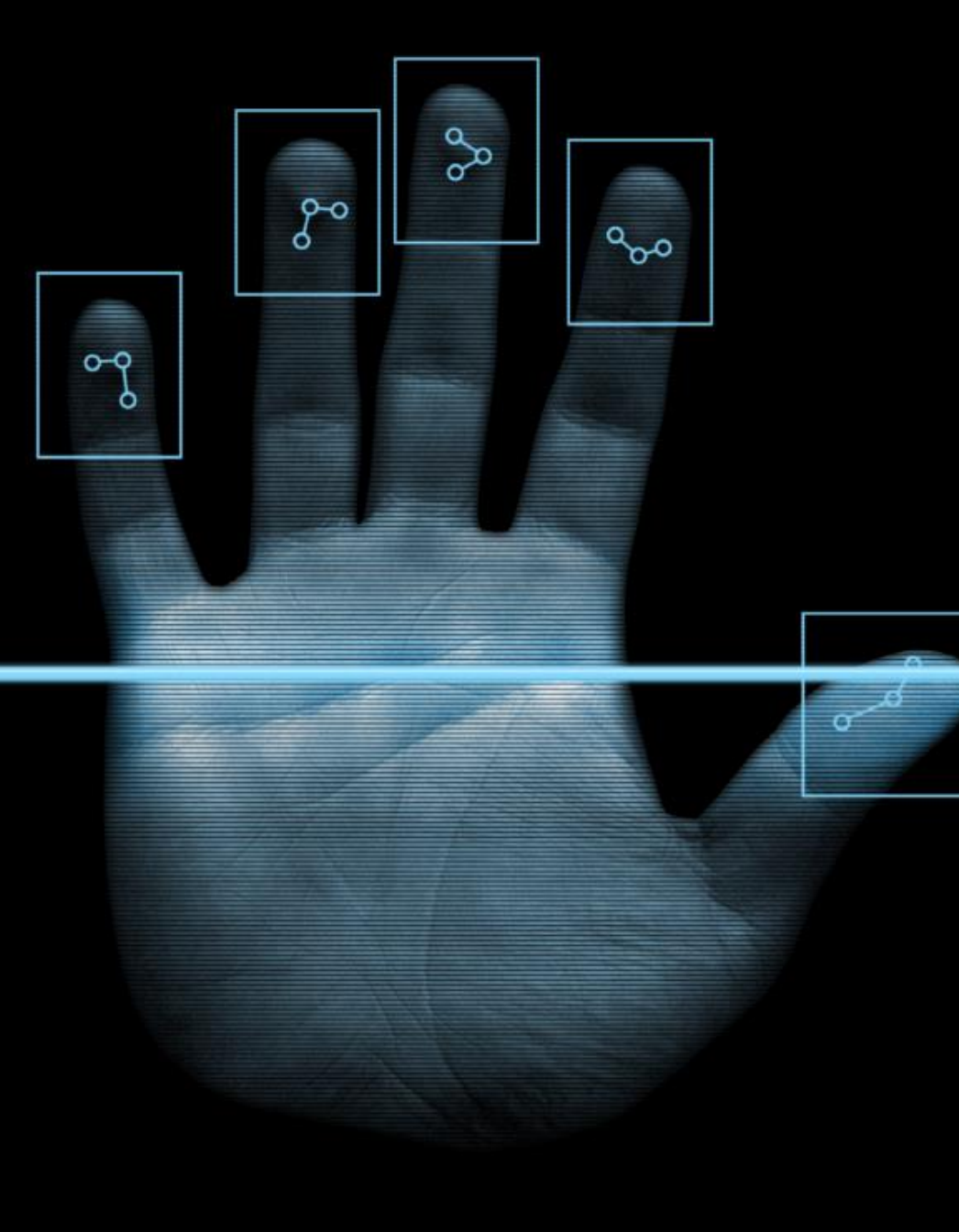


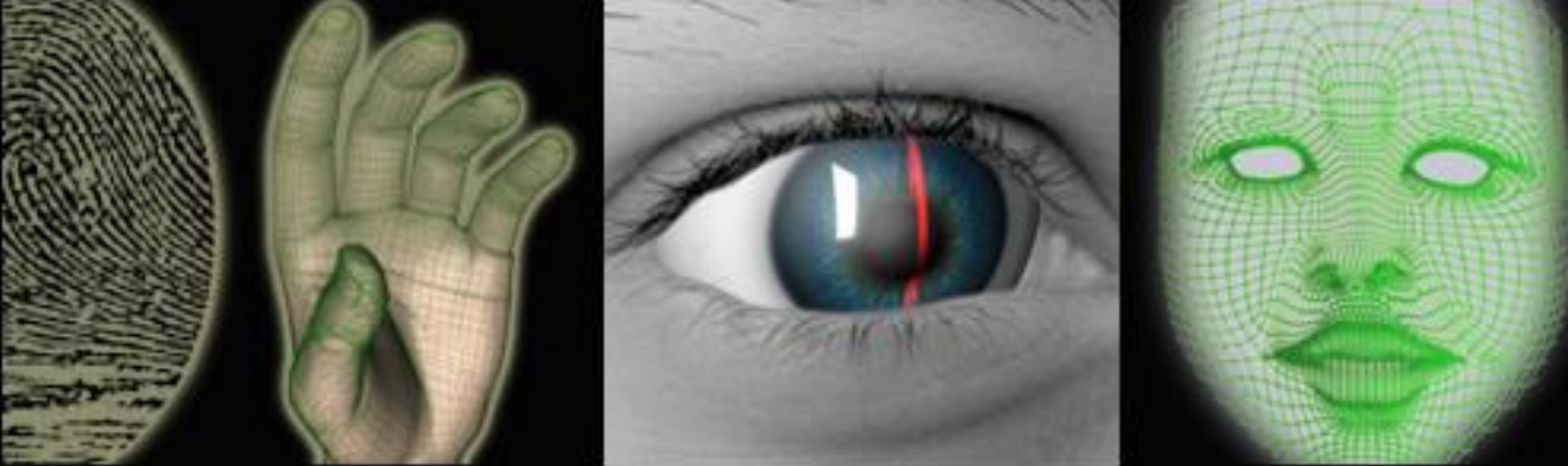
What about
Biometrics?





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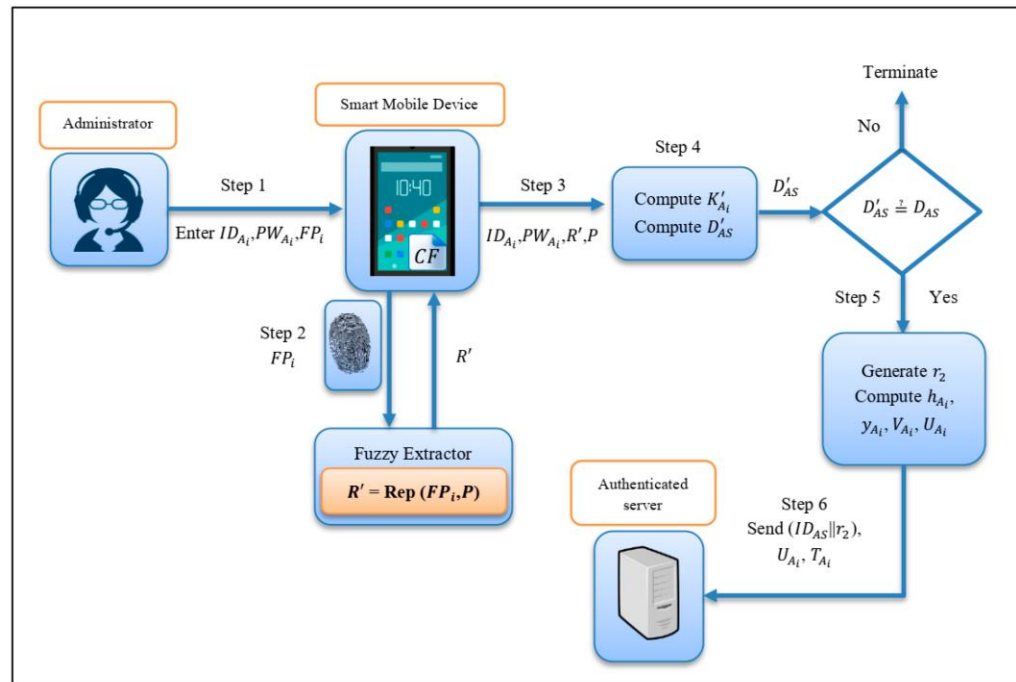
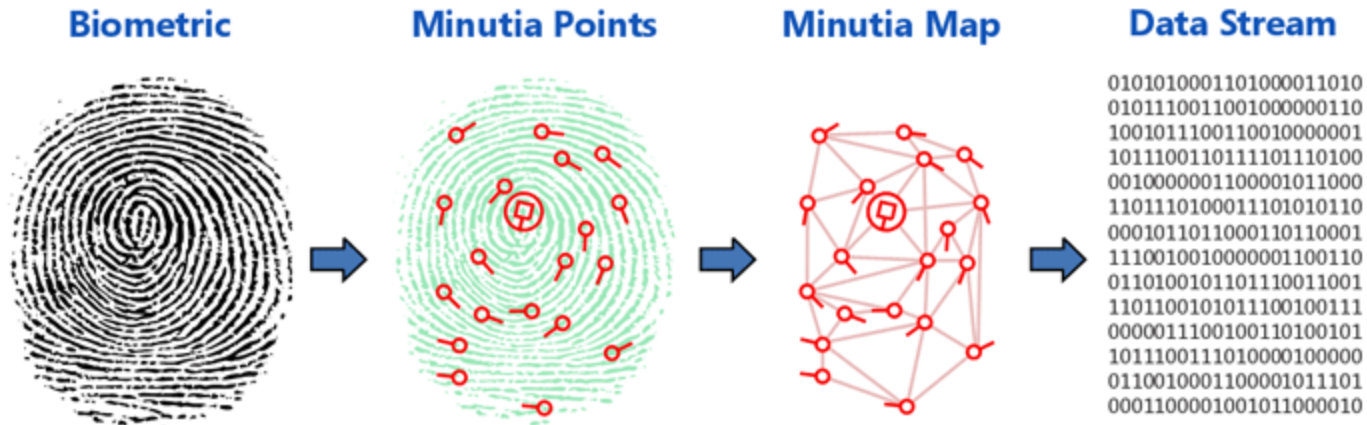
Biometrics

- Fingerprint
- Iris scans or retina scans
- Face recognition
- Finger/hand geometry
- Voice or speech recognition
- The way you type
- (Many others)

Practical Challenges for Biometrics

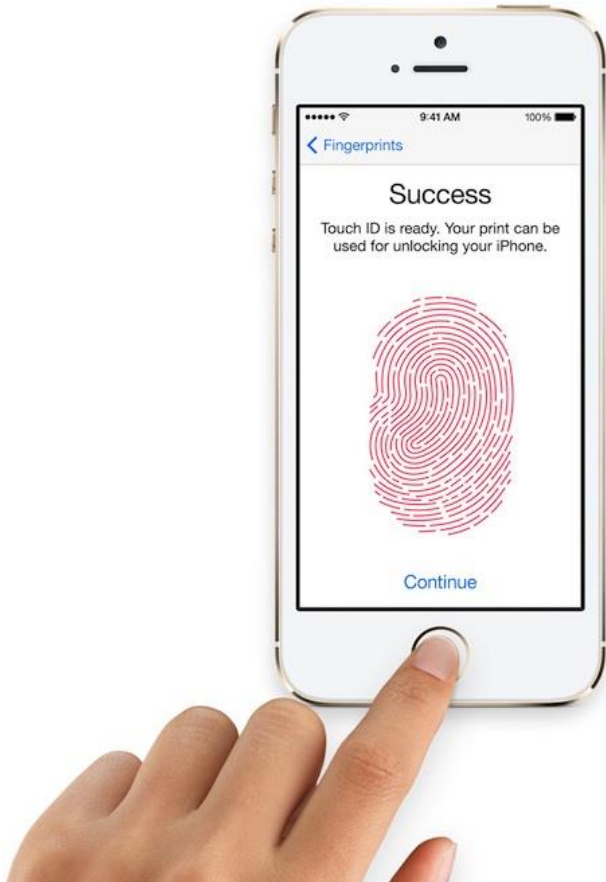
- Immutable (can't be changed)
- Potentially sensitive data
- High equipment costs
- Sensitive to changes in the environment
- Biometrics can change over time

Storing Biometrics: Templates

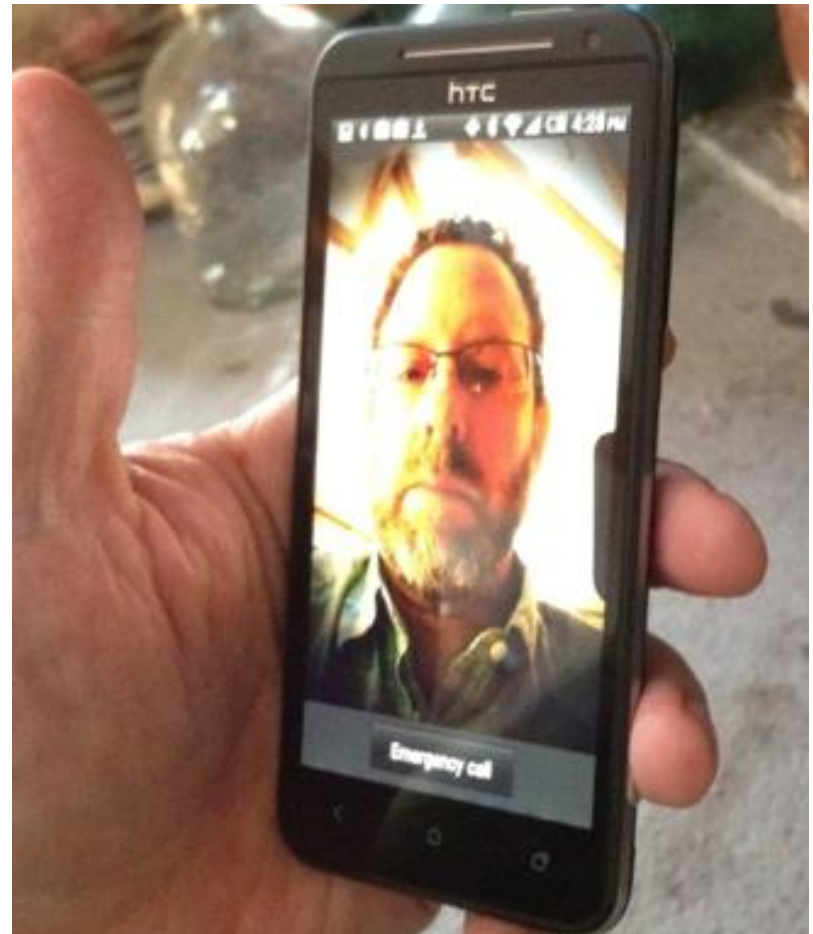




iPhone Touch ID



Android Face Unlock



Smartphone Biometrics

- Purpose is to reduce the number of times a user must enter their password
- Falls back to the password
- Face recognition can be tricked by a photo
- Fingerprint recognition can be tricked by a gummy mold
- Users find fingerprint unlock convenient, but do not particularly like face unlock

Conclusions

- Authentication is really hard!
 - Hard for system administrators
 - Hard for users
- Unfortunately, authentication is necessary