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# How Smart Are My "Things"?

A Traffic Analysis of IoT Devices



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## ● About me

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## Agenda

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- Introduction and motivation
- Tracking device network activities
  - "Idle" - Really idle?
  - Operating
  - Over-The-Air (OTA) firmware updates -  
How do they work? Are they secure?
- Discussion and conclusion



## Following Along

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- pcaps and supplementary material available at <https://bit.ly/2X4bwSq>
- Screenshots shown during the presentation, look at the filename!
- "In Depth:" badges with references to supplementary material

No.	Time	Source	Src Port	Destination	Dst Port	Length	Protocol	Info
953	21:20:00.532224	18.196.59.155	443	192.168.2.154	19792	283	TLSv1.2	Application Data
954	21:20:00.570526	192.168.2.154	19792	18.196.59.155	443	251	TLSv1.2	Application Data
955	21:20:00.574617	192.168.2.154	5353	224.0.0.251	5353	530	MDNS	Standard query respon
956	21:20:00.602932	18.196.59.155	443	192.168.2.154	19792	60	TCP	443 → 19792 [ACK] Seq
957	21:20:01.076796	192.168.2.154	5353	224.0.0.251	5353	530	MDNS	Standard query respon
958	21:20:01.578068	192.168.2.154	5353	224.0.0.251	5353	530	MDNS	Standard query respon
959	21:20:02.078216	192.168.2.154	5353	224.0.0.251	5353	530	MDNS	Standard query respon
960	21:20:10.792266	18.196.59.155	443	192.168.2.154	19792	283	TLSv1.2	Application Data
961	21:20:10.810921	192.168.2.154	19792	18.196.59.155	443	251	TLSv1.2	Application Data
962	21:20:10.817599	192.168.2.154	5353	224.0.0.251	5353	530	MDNS	Standard query respon
963	21:20:10.843378	18.196.59.155	443	192.168.2.154	19792	60	TCP	443 → 19792 [ACK] Seq
964	21:20:11.319325	192.168.2.154	5353	224.0.0.251	5353	530	MDNS	Standard query respon
965	21:20:11.817357	192.168.2.154	5353	224.0.0.251	5353	530	MDNS	Standard query respon
966	21:20:12.318868	192.168.2.154	5353	224.0.0.251	5353	530	MDNS	Standard query respon

In Depth: File `ezviz_cam_private_data_via_udp_sampled.pcap`



## Introduction

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- ① The Internet of Things (IoT) is quickly becoming a relevant part of our everyday life
- ① IoT devices are pervasive in industrial environments and are poised to remake our homes
- ① Security cameras, smart sensors, and light bulbs are just a few examples of IoT devices that we use everyday to control homes, and automate personal or industrial tasks



## Motivation

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- ① IoT advantages don't come for free
- ① IoT devices directly connected to the networks we use to run our businesses or manage our personal activities at home
- ① This opens up to a series of implications as IoT devices are in general low-cost, weakly-secured devices able to create shortcuts between the Internet and our private networks



## Focus of This Talk

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- Focus of this talk is the **network behavior** of a group of IoT devices operated on a testbed network
- More than one month worth of packets is analyzed to investigate their activities in the short and in the long run



## What is this Talk About

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- This talk is about the **network behavior** of a set of IoT Devices
  - Contacted hosts (LAN/Internet/cloud)
  - Protocols used to communicate and the extent to which encryption is used
  - Over-The-Air (OTA) firmware updates are performed - and if they are secure
- Emphasis on **security**



## ● What is this Talk NOT About

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- This talk is NOT about
  - Exploitation of vulnerabilities
    - Not carrying out attacks, just giving pointers and ideas
  - Reverse engineering
    - Peek into some firmware binaries, but no disassemble-modify-reassemble



# The Testbed

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## The Testbed: EzViz Security Cameras

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EzVIZ C6C (ez360)  
Cameras



## The Testbed: TP-Link Smart Plugs

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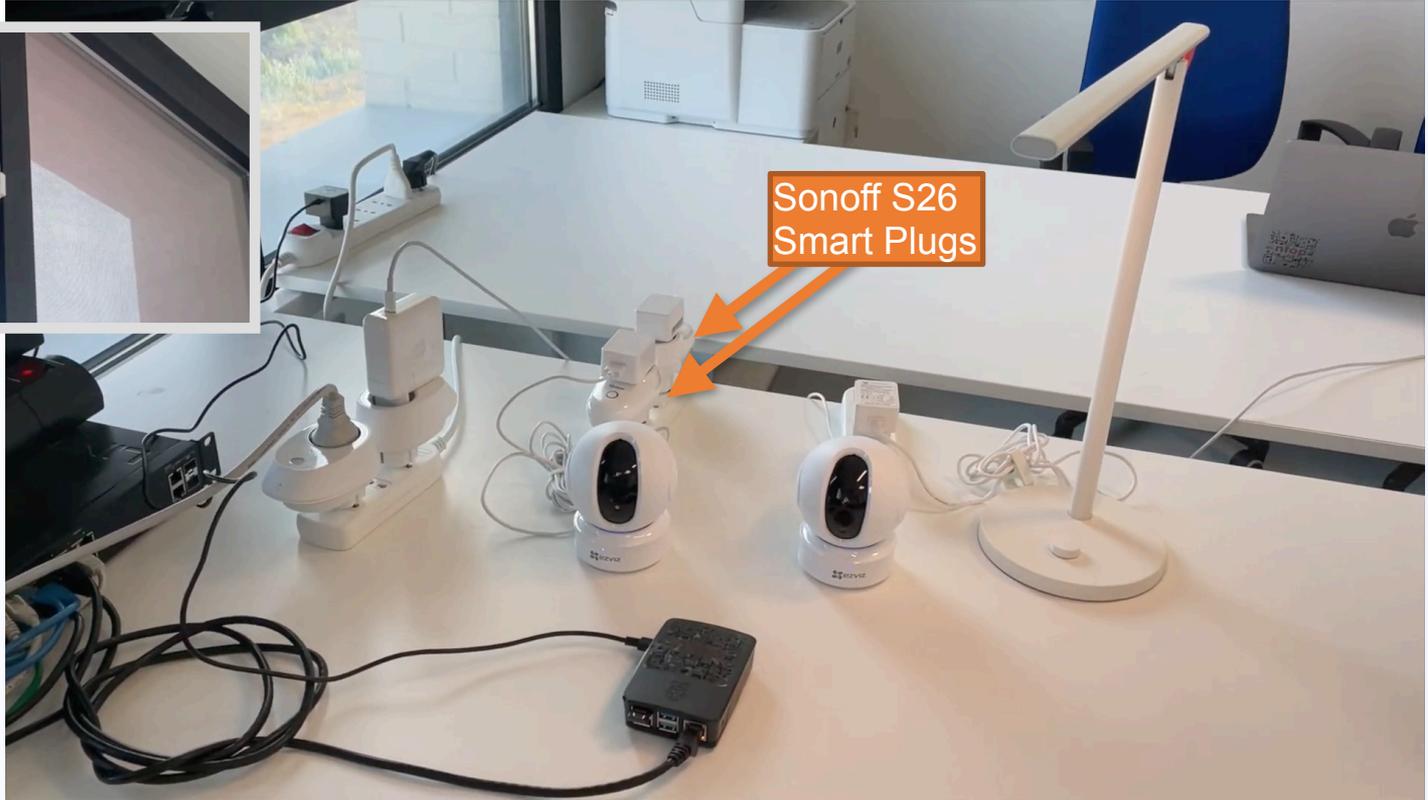
TP-Link HS100  
Smart Plugs





## The Testbed: Sonoff Smart Plugs

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## The Testbed: Lamp & Door Sensor

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Sonoff DW2  
Door Sensor



Xiaomi Mi LED Desk Lamp 1S  
Smart Lamp



## The Testbed: Bridged Wireless AP

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## The Bridged Wireless AP

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- Give the testbed **LAN** and **Internet** access while sniffing the traffic
- Used a **Raspberry Pi** version 4
- Set up a **Linux bridge** between the devices and the rest of the network - including the Internet
- A Linux bridge is a **Layer-2** software-implemented **network switch**
  - It forwards packets between interfaces that are connected to it
- Packets forwarded through the bridge sniffed with **tcpdump**



# Bridged Wireless AP Interfaces

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```
pi@raspberrypi:~$ ifconfig eth0
eth0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet6 fe80::dea6:32ff:fedf:c0fa prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    ether 08:00:27:df:c0:fa txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

pi@raspberrypi:~$ ifconfig br0
br0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 192.168.2.210 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.2.255
    inet6 fe80::2ff7:9104:4ffd:734a prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    ether 08:00:27:df:c0:fa txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

pi@raspberrypi:~$ ifconfig wlan0
wlan0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet6 fe80::dea6:32ff:fedf:c0fc prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    ether 08:00:27:df:c0:fc txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
```

**eth0**  
To the rest of the network,  
including the Internet Gateway

**br0**  
Linux bridge between eth0 and wlan0

**wlan0**  
For the Wireless Access Point





## Running tcpdump On The Bridged Wireless AP

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- Created a **systemd** service to run **tcpdump** and dump **1 pcap / hour**
- A few MBs per pcap with idle devices

```
$ ls -lha | head
total 28G
drwxr-xr-x 3 pi pi 132K Aug 11 17:34 .
drwxr-xr-x 6 root root 4.0K May 4 13:13 ..
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 5.3M May 4 15:41 iotdump_2021-05-04__14.pcap
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 2.9M May 4 16:41 iotdump_2021-05-04__15.pcap
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 3.2M May 4 17:41 iotdump_2021-05-04__16.pcap
[...]

$ mergcap -w iotdump_month.pcap iotdump_2021-0*
```

In Depth: Appendix of these slides



## ● Tracking Devices “Idling”

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- Run for 5 days without any interaction
  - No app use, no video streaming, ...
- Quantify the traffic generated by devices just to stay idle



## Devices “Idling” Traffic Volume

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- Use Wireshark `capinfos` CLI tool
- Idle devices generate ~ **0.7 MB / hour**

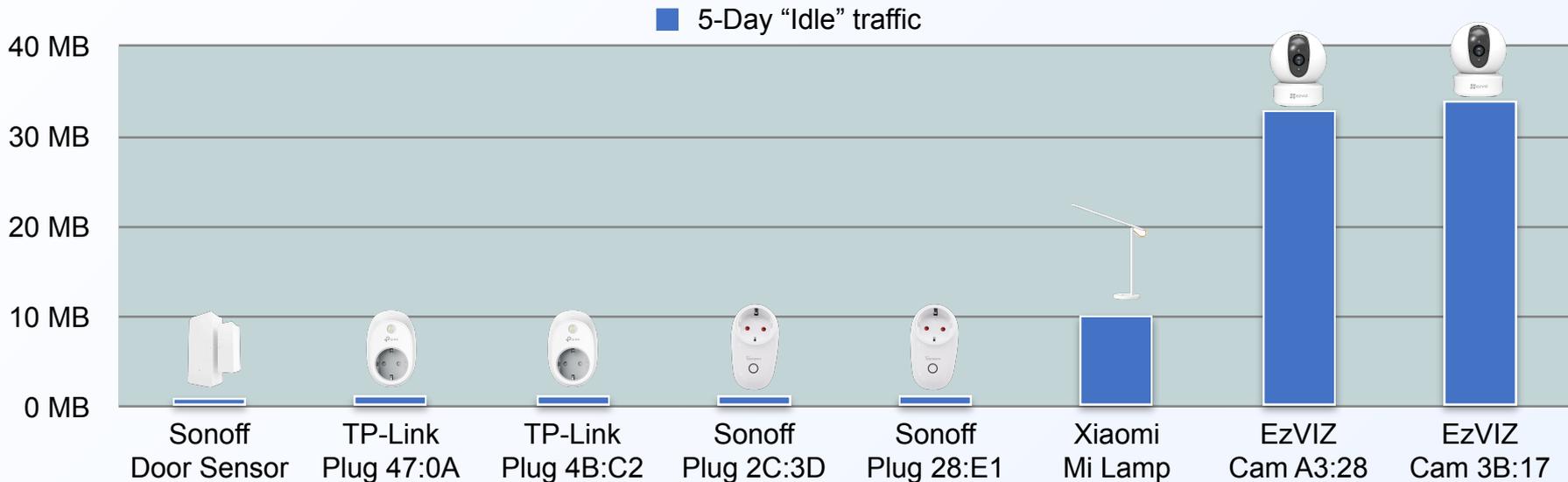
```
$ capinfos week_idle_iot.pcap
File name:      week_idle_iot.pcap
[...]
Number of packets: 760 k
File size:      96 MB
Data size:      84 MB ←
Capture duration: 431994.169478 second
First packet time: 2021-05-06 00:41:13.744666
Last packet time: 2021-05-11 00:41:07.914144
Data byte rate:  194 bytes/s
Data bit rate:   1558 bits/s
Average packet size: 110.64 bytes
Average packet rate: 1 packets/s
```



## Who's The Most Chatty when "Idle"

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○ All devices doing less than 2 MB except for the lamp and the two cameras





## EzVIZ Cam: What's Inside 30+ MB of "idle" Traffic

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- Seems EzVIZ cameras are not that idle
- Traffic analysis with **Wireshark** and **ntopng**

The screenshot shows the ntopng interface with the following elements:

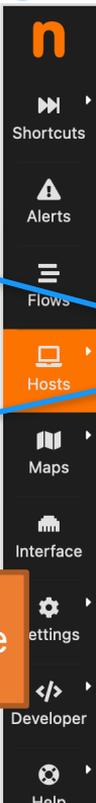
- Left Sidebar:** Statistics, Telephony, Capture File Properties, Resolved Addresses, Protocol Hierarchy, Conversations (highlighted), Endpoints, Packet Lengths, I/O Graphs, Service Response Time.
- Top Bar:** File name: week\_idle\_...\_a328.pcap, Alerts: 7, Hosts: 5, Connections: 79, Sessions: 3, Total Bytes: 12.1K.
- Main Panel:** Flows table with columns: Application, Protocol, Client, Server, Duration, Score, Breakdown, Actual Thpt, Total Bytes.

	Application	Protocol	Client	Server	Duration	Score	Breakdown	Actual Thpt	Total Bytes
	ICMP	ICMP	192.168.2.151	192.168.2.1	4 Days, 23:59:52	10		< 0.005 bps	5.37 MB
	EAQ.Amazon	UDP	192.168.2.151 :27091	34.249.121.84 :6000	4 Days, 23:59:27	10		< 0.005 bps	3.58 MB
					4 Days				



# EzVIZ Cam: "Idle" LAN Traffic

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week\_idle...\_a328.pcap

All Hosts

	IP Address	Flows	MAC Address	Name	Seen Since	Breakdown	Throughput	Total Bytes
	192.168.2.151	12089	80:9F:9B:45:A3:28	e25105525	100 Days, 14:42:16	Sent Rcvd	0.0 bit/s ↑	32.73 MB
	192.168.2.44	6446	D-LinkIn_1C:34:2C		100 Days, 14:40:32	Sent Rcvd	0 bit/s —	7.09 MB
	192.168.2.1	239	Ubiquiti_06:B3:5A		100 Days, 14:42:16	Sent Rcvd	0.0 bit/s ↑	5.44 MB
	162.62.52.181	685	Ubiquiti_06:B3:5A		100 Days, 14:35:28	Se Rcvd	0 bit/s —	5.31 MB
	34.249.121.84	1	Ubiquiti_06:B3:5A		100 Days, 14:41:57	Sent Rcvd	0.0 bit/s ↑	3.58 MB
	34.254.0.145	1	Ubiquiti_06:B3:5A		100 Days, 14:41:57	Sent Rcvd	0.0 bit/s ↑	3.51 MB
	52.16.156.56	2	Ubiquiti_06:B3:5A		100 Days, 14:42:06	Sent Rcvd	0.0 bit/s ↑	2.42 MB
	239.255.255.250	3136	IPv4mcast_7F:FF:FA		100 Days, 14:40:38	Rcvd	0 bit/s —	2.37 MB

Significant traffic to other hosts in the LAN

D-Link NOT in the testbed!

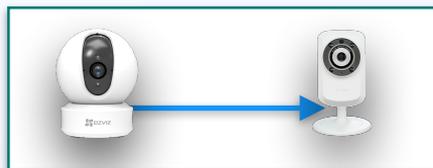




## EzVIZ Cam: Lateral Movements

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1. The EzVIZ Cam uses **SSDP** to discover services in the LAN
2. Another D-Link Cam in the LAN responds
3. The EzVIZ Cam uses **HTTP** to fetch the service description from the D-Link Cam



Source	Src Port	Destination	Dst Port	Length	Protocol	Info
192.168.2.151	58002	239.255.255.250	1900	179	SSDP	M-SEARCH * HTTP/1.1
192.168.2.151	58002	239.255.255.250	1900	174	SSDP	M-SEARCH * HTTP/1.1

2.168.2.44 && !(tcp.port==8815)

Source	Src Port	Destination	Dst Port	Length	Protocol	Info
192.168.2.44	3075	192.168.2.151	58002	261	SSDP	HTTP/1.1 200 OK
192.168.2.44	3075	192.168.2.151	45760	261	SSDP	HTTP/1.1 200 OK

idrr==192.168.2.44

Source	Src Port	Destination	Dst Port	Length	Protocol	Info
192.168.2.151	43412	192.168.2.44	8815	191	HTTP	GET /rootdesc.xml HTTP/1.1
192.168.2.44	8815	192.168.2.151	43412	1039	HTTP/XML	HTTP/1.1 200 OK
192.168.2.151	43413	192.168.2.44	8815	191	HTTP	GET /rootdesc.xml HTTP/1.1
192.168.2.44	8815	192.168.2.151	43413	1039	HTTP/XML	HTTP/1.1 200 OK



## EzVIZ Cam: Lateral Movements Implications

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- The EzVIZ cam discovers services in the network and **moves laterally by default** without anything explicitly configured
- An attacker can respond to SSDP, advertise fake services and expect the EzVIZ camera to connect with HTTP requests



# EzVIZ Cam: Geography of Internet Hosts

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The screenshot shows the 'Hosts GeoMap' interface. On the left is a sidebar with navigation icons for Shortcuts, Alerts, Flows, Hosts, Maps, Interface, Settings, and Developer. The main area displays a world map with several host locations marked by pins. A yellow pin labeled '34' is in North America, a yellow pin labeled '33' is in Europe, a green pin labeled '2' is in Southeast Asia, and a blue pin is in South America. An inset map on the right shows a zoomed-in view of Europe and Asia, with an orange arrow pointing to a green pin labeled '3' in Europe and another green pin labeled '2' in Southeast Asia. A search bar is visible at the top right of the map area.

When NTP is removed:  
- 3 Amazon hosts in IE  
- 2 Tencent cloud hosts is SG

~80 hosts across the globe, many of them used for NTP synchronization



# EzVIZ Cam: "Idle" Internet Traffic

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week\_idle\_...\_a328.pcap 7 5 79 3 12.1K  3

## All Hosts

100  IP Version  Direction  Filter Hosts

	IP Address	Flows	MAC Address	Name	Seen Since	Breakdown	Throughput	Total Bytes
	192.168.2.151 <span></span> <span></span>	12089	80:9F:9B:45:A3:28	e25105525	100 Days, 14:42:16	Sent Rcvd	0.0 bit/s <span></span>	32.73 MB
	192.168.2.44 <span></span> <span></span>	6446	D-LinkIn_1C:34:2C		100 Days, 14:40:32	Sent Rcvd	0 bit/s <span></span>	7.09 MB
	192.168.2.1 <span></span> <span></span>	239	Ubiquiti_06:B3:5A		100 Days, 14:42:16	Sent Rcvd	0.0 bit/s <span></span>	5.44 MB
	162.62.52.181 <span></span> <span></span>	685	Ubiquiti_06:B3:5A		100 Days, 14:35:28	Se Rcvd	0 bit/s <span></span>	5.31 MB
	34.249.121.84 <span></span> <span></span>	1	Ubiquiti_06:B3:5A		100 Days, 14:41:57	Sent Rcvd	0.0 bit/s <span></span>	3.58 MB
	34.254.0.145 <span></span> <span></span>	1	Ubiquiti_06:B3:5A		100 Days, 14:41:57	Sent Rcvd	0.0 bit/s <span></span>	3.51 MB
	52.16.156.56 <span></span> <span></span>	2	Ubiquiti_06:B3:5A		100 Days, 14:42:06	Sent Rcvd	0.0 bit/s <span></span>	2.42 MB
	239.255.255.250 <span></span> <span></span>	3136	IPv4mcast_7F:FF:FA		100 Days, 14:40:38	Rcvd	0 bit/s <span></span>	2.37 MB

Significant traffic to Internet Hosts





## EzVIZ Cam: Top Internet Talker

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- The EzVIZ cam exchanges **5.31 MB** of **UDP** traffic with **Tencent Cloud** host **162.62.52.181**
  - Host geolocated in **Singapore**
- Although the application protocol is unknown, **private data is transmitted in cleartext...**



# EzVIZ Cam: Cleartext Private Data

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The image shows a Wireshark interface displaying a UDP stream. The left pane shows a list of packets, and the right pane shows the details of a selected packet. Two orange callout boxes with arrows point to specific parts of the packet details.

No.	Time	Source	Src Port	Destination
1	00:48:03.597952	192.168.2.151	59191	162.62.52.181
2	00:48:03.600742	192.168.2.151	59191	162.62.52.181
3	00:48:03.620384	192.168.2.151	59191	162.62.52.181
4	00:48:03.626116	192.168.2.151	59191	162.62.52.181
5	00:48:03.626336	162.62.52.181	6002	192.168.2.151
6	00:48:03.628441	162.62.52.181	6002	192.168.2.151
7	00:48:03.628667	192.168.2.151	59191	162.62.52.181
8	00:48:03.643522	192.168.2.151	59191	162.62.52.181
9	00:48:03.648488	162.62.52.181	6002	192.168.2.151
10	00:48:03.650732	192.168.2.151	59191	162.62.52.181
11	00:48:03.653949	162.62.52.181	6002	192.168.2.151
12	00:48:03.656692	162.62.52.181	6002	192.168.2.151
13	00:48:03.658052	192.168.2.151	59191	162.62.52.181
14	00:48:03.661109	192.168.2.151	59191	162.62.52.181
15	00:48:03.670305	192.168.2.151	59191	162.62.52.181
16	00:48:04.680202	192.168.2.151	59191	162.62.52.181

```
</Request>
a1a32c4212e7c666fa0e23abc242b537.....h<. ....<?xml version="1.0"
encoding="utf-8" ?>
<Request>
<DevSerial>E25105525</DevSerial>
</Request>
a1a32c4212e7c666fa0e23abc242b537.....h<. ....<?xml version="1.0"
encoding="utf-8" ?>
<Request>
<DevSerial>E25105525</DevSerial>
</Request>
a1a32c4212e7c666fa0e23abc242b537.....h<. ....<?xml version='1.0'
encoding='utf-8' ?>
<Response>
  <Result>0</Result>
  <Client Address="78.152.105.248" Port="62581"/>
</Response>
5e47cb0163d1215d460b9995af18ba43.....h<. ....<?xml version="1.0"
encoding='utf-8' ?>
<Response>
  <Result>0</Result>
  <Client Address="78.152.105.248" Port="62581"/>
</Response>
```

The EzVIZ tells its serial along with other information

The server tells the public IP of our office along with a port... that varies over time

In Depth: File `ezviz_cam_private_data_via_udp_sampled.pcap`



## EzVIZ Cam: Other Internet Talkers

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- With similar analyses it can be found that the EzVIZ cam exchanges unencrypted data also with other Internet talkers
- Among the protocols used are MQTT, HTTP
- Found also an HTTP backup

Flows	Application	Protocol	Client	Server	Duration	Score	Breakdown	Actual Thpt	Total Bytes	Info
Hosts	HTTP.Amazon	TCP	192.168.2.151 L:46074	34.253.31.111 R:http-alt	< 1 sec	10	Client	0 bps	42.4 KB	backupserver:8080/sdk.po...
Maps										

In Depth: File ezviz\_cam\_http\_backupserver.pcap



# Mi Lamp: "Idle" Internet Traffic

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Internet traffic to Amazon, mostly TLS and a couple of Unknown UDP packets

week\_idle\_mi\_lamp.pcap

1 6 2 4 9

Search

### Remote Hosts

100 IP Version Direction Filter Hosts

	IP Address	Flows	MAC Address	Name	Seen Since	Breakdown	Throughput	Total Bytes
☰	3.126.247.75	2	Ubiquiti_06:B3:5A	mijia cloud	103 Days, 09:01:35		0.0 bit/s ↓	8.14 MB
☰	18.159.88.239	1	Ubiquiti_06:B3:5A	Amazon	101 Days, 05:17:51		0 bit/s —	188 Bytes

Showing 1 to 2 of 2 rows



# Mi Lamp: "Idle" LAN Traffic

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● Mostly ARP, also several MDNS responses (NO discovery), DHCP, DNS

	IP Address	Flows	MAC Address	Name	Seen Since	Breakdown	Throughput	Total Bytes
	192.168.2.157	9	64:90:C1:94:E6:7F	yeelink-light-lamp4_mibt...	103 Days, 10:43:30	Sent Rcvd	137.99 bit/s ↑	8.04 MB
	224.0.0.251	1	IPv4mcast_00:00:FB		103 Days, 10:23:15	Rcvd	0 bit/s —	42.49 KB
	192.168.2.141	1	D2:2B:F4:3A:1C:DA				0 bit/s —	41.18 KB
	192.168.2.46	1	Apple_BD:5E:24		103 Days, 03:23:26	Rcvd	0 bit/s —	8.56 KB
	192.168.2.1	2	Ubiquiti_06:B3:5A		103 Days, 49:38	Sent Rcvd	0 bit/s —	6.89 KB
	192.168.2.142	1	Apple_59:14:68		99 Days, 02:19:10	Rcvd	0 bit/s —	666 Bytes

Showing 1 to 6 of 6 rows



## Other Devices: “Idle” Traffic

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- Activity significantly reduced
  - A bunch of **TLS** sessions with **Amazon**
  - Some **service traffic** with the gateway (DNS, DHCP)
  - TP-Link Smart Plug syncs with **~90 NTP** hosts worldwide

In Depth: Appendix of these slides



## Tracking Devices “Idling”: Conclusions

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	Cloud Services	Cloud Countries	NTP Sync	Lateral Movements
EzVIZ Cameras	<b>Amazon</b> (EAQ + MQTT w/ cleartext) <b>Tencent Cloud</b> (Unknown w/ cleartext)	 	✓	<b>Service Discovery</b> (SSDP + HTTP)
Xiaomi Smart Lamp	<b>Amazon</b> (TLS + Unknown)			
Sonoff Door Sensor	<b>Amazon</b> (TLS)			
Sonoff Smart Plugs	<b>Amazon</b> (TLS)			
Tp-Link Smart Plugs	<b>Amazon</b> (TLS)	 	✓	



## Tracking Devices “Idling”: Conclusions

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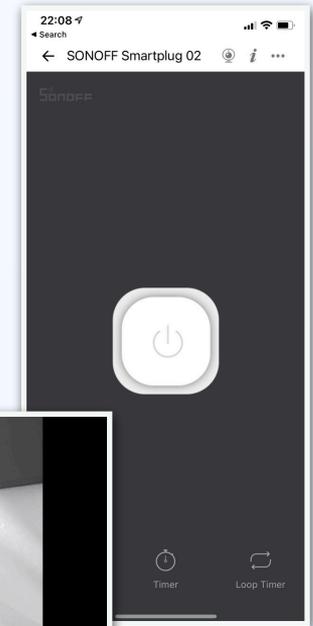
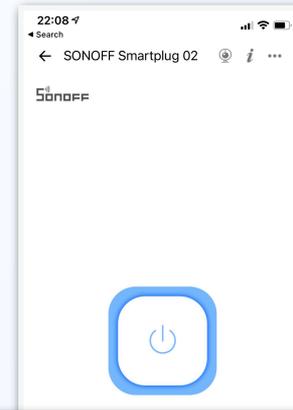
- All devices rely on **Amazon cloud services**
  - EzVIZ cameras with EAQ and MQTT
  - All other devices initiate and keep long-lived TLS connections open
- EzVIZ cameras and TP-Link plugs contacts **NTP servers**
  - 80 / 90 NTP servers geographically distributed
- EzVIZ cameras **move laterally** in the **LAN**
  - SSDP to discover services
  - HTTP to discovered services



## Tracking Devices “Operating” Activities

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- What happens when
  - A plug is toggled on/off
  - A lamp is switched on/off
  - A door is open/closed
  - A video stream is open





## Sonoff Smart Plug: Switching it On/Off

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- On/Off exhibit a symmetric pattern
  - 3 TLS packets + 4 Unsolicited MDNS responses

No.	Time	Source	Src Port	Destination	Dst Port	Length	Protocol	Info
953	21:20:00.532224	18.196.59.155	443	192.168.2.154	19792	283	TLSv1.2	Application Data
954	21:20:00.570526	192.168.2.154	19792	18.196.59.155	443	251	TLSv1.2	Application Data
955	21:20:00.574617	192.168.2.154	5353	224.0.0.251	5353	530	MDNS	Standard query response 0x0000 PTR eWeLink_1000ac354c._ewelink._tcp.local TXT, 443 → 19792 [ACK] Seq=3494 Ack=2887 Win=59841 Len=0
956	21:20:00.602932	18.196.59.155	443	192.168.2.154	19792	60	TCP	
957	21:20:01.076796	192.168.2.154	5353	224.0.0.251	5353	530	MDNS	Standard query response 0x0000 PTR eWeLink_1000ac354c._ewelink._tcp.local TXT, 443 → 19792 [ACK] Seq=3494 Ack=2887 Win=59841 Len=0
958	21:20:01.578068	192.168.2.154	5353	224.0.0.251	5353	530	MDNS	Standard query response 0x0000 PTR eWeLink_1000ac354c._ewelink._tcp.local TXT, 443 → 19792 [ACK] Seq=3494 Ack=2887 Win=59841 Len=0
959	21:20:02.078216	192.168.2.154	5353	224.0.0.251	5353	530	MDNS	Standard query response 0x0000 PTR eWeLink_1000ac354c._ewelink._tcp.local TXT, 443 → 19792 [ACK] Seq=3494 Ack=2887 Win=59841 Len=0
960	21:20:10.792266	18.196.59.155	443	192.168.2.154	19792	283	TLSv1.2	Application Data
961	21:20:10.810921	192.168.2.154	19792	18.196.59.155	443	251	TLSv1.2	Application Data
962	21:20:10.817599	192.168.2.154	5353	224.0.0.251	5353	530	MDNS	Standard query response 0x0000 PTR eWeLink_1000ac354c._ewelink._tcp.local TXT, 443 → 19792 [ACK] Seq=3723 Ack=3084 Win=59644 Len=0
963	21:20:10.843378	18.196.59.155	443	192.168.2.154	19792	60	TCP	
964	21:20:11.319325	192.168.2.154	5353	224.0.0.251	5353	530	MDNS	Standard query response 0x0000 PTR eWeLink_1000ac354c._ewelink._tcp.local TXT, 443 → 19792 [ACK] Seq=3723 Ack=3084 Win=59644 Len=0
965	21:20:11.817357	192.168.2.154	5353	224.0.0.251	5353	530	MDNS	Standard query response 0x0000 PTR eWeLink_1000ac354c._ewelink._tcp.local TXT, 443 → 19792 [ACK] Seq=3723 Ack=3084 Win=59644 Len=0
966	21:20:12.318868	192.168.2.154	5353	224.0.0.251	5353	530	MDNS	Standard query response 0x0000 PTR eWeLink_1000ac354c._ewelink._tcp.local TXT, cache



## Sonoff Smart Plug: On/Off TLS

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### ● TLS with an Amazon host (existing conn.)

1. Amazon tells something to the plug
2. The smart plug responds
3. Amazon ACKs

No.	Time	Source	Src Port	Destination	Dst Port	Length	Protocol	Info
953	21:20:00.532224	18.196.59.155	443	192.168.2.154	19792	283	TLSv1.2	Application Data
954	21:20:00.570526	192.168.2.154	19792	18.196.59.155	443	251	TLSv1.2	Application Data
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956	21:20:00.602932	18.196.59.155	443	192.168.2.154	19792	60	TCP	443 → 19792 [ACK] Seq=3494 Ack=2887 Win=59841 Len=0
957	21:20:01.076796	192.168.2.154	5353	224.0.0.251	5353	530	MDNS	Standard query response 0x0000 PTR eWeLink_1000ac354c._ewelink._tcp.local TXT,
958	21:20:01.578068	192.168.2.154	5353	224.0.0.251	5353	530	MDNS	Standard query response 0x0000 PTR eWeLink_1000ac354c._ewelink._tcp.local TXT,
959	21:20:02.078216	192.168.2.154	5353	224.0.0.251	5353	530	MDNS	Standard query response 0x0000 PTR eWeLink_1000ac354c._ewelink._tcp.local TXT,



## Sonoff Smart Plug: On/Off MDNS

#sf21vus - Material: <https://bit.ly/2X4bwSq>

- 3 unsolicited MDNS responses
- Contain encoded (base64) data

sonoff\_smartplug\_update\_on\_off.pcap

Apply a display filter ...<3%/>

No.	Time	Source	Src Port	Destination	Dst Port	Length	Protocol	Info
953	21:20:00.532224	18.196.59.155	443	192.168.2.154	19792	283	TLSv1.2	Application Data
954	21:20:00.570526	192.168.2.154	19792	18.196.59.155	443	251	TLSv1.2	Application Data
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```
TXT: id=1000ac354c
TXT Length: 9
TXT: type=plug
TXT Length: 9
TXT: apivers=1
TXT Length: 5
TXT: seq=4
TXT Length: 12
TXT: encrypt=true
TXT Length: 27
TXT: iv=MTAwMTQ0NzQ0ODM4MDMzMw==
TXT Length: 198
TXT: data1=QX+6...
```

iv = Initialization Vector?  
base64 decoded: 1001447448380333

data1 = encrypted data?



## EzVIZ Cam: Video Stream

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- An MQTT Publish message arrives from Amazon
- The camera ACKs the message and start sending data on another unknown (encrypted?) TCP stream

MQTT

No.	Time	Source	Src Port	Destination	Dst Port	Length	Protocol	Info
24...	18:01:19.136761	54.195.28.223	31006	192.168.2.151	42533	892	MQTT	Publish Message [/E25105525/3100/12545]
24...	18:01:19.176513	192.168.2.151	42533	54.195.28.223	31006	66	TCP	42533 → 31006 [ACK] Seq=24063 Ack=4319 Win=22690 Len=0 TSval=4294951690 TSecr=1945619951
24...	18:01:19.252724	49.51.168.13	7760	192.168.2.151	58828	66	TCP	7760 → 58828 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=14600 Len=0 MSS=1424 SACK_PERM=1 WS=512
24...	18:01:19.254948	192.168.2.151	58828	49.51.168.13	7760	54	TCP	58828 → 7760 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=14000 Len=0
24...	18:01:19.257986	192.168.2.151	58828	49.51.168.13	7760	122	TCP	58828 → 7760 [PSH, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=14000 Len=68
24...	18:01:19.289182	49.51.168.13	7760	192.168.2.151	58828	60	TCP	7760 → 58828 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=69 Win=14848 Len=0
24...	18:01:19.313152	192.168.2.151	42533	54.195.28.223	31006	354	MQTT	Publish Message [/3100/12546]
24...	18:01:19.343015	192.168.2.151	58828	49.51.168.13	7760	1454	TCP	58828 → 7760 [ACK] Seq=69 Ack=1 Win=14000 Len=1400
24...	18:01:19.343384	192.168.2.151	58828	49.51.168.13	7760	62	TCP	58828 → 7760 [PSH, ACK] Seq=1469 Ack=1 Win=14000 Len=8
24...	18:01:19.343845	192.168.2.151	58828	49.51.168.13	7760	1454	TCP	58828 → 7760 [ACK] Seq=1477 Ack=1 Win=14000 Len=1400
24...	18:01:19.343904	192.168.2.151	58828	49.51.168.13	7760	1454	TCP	58828 → 7760 [ACK] Seq=2877 Ack=1 Win=14000 Len=1400
24...	18:01:19.347004	192.168.2.151	58828	49.51.168.13	7760	1454	TCP	58828 → 7760 [ACK] Seq=4277 Ack=1 Win=14000 Len=1400
24...	18:01:19.347062	192.168.2.151	58828	49.51.168.13	7760	1454	TCP	58828 → 7760 [ACK] Seq=5677 Ack=1 Win=14000 Len=1400

In Depth: File `ezviz_cam_mqtt_video_stream.pcap`



## Other Devices: “Operating” Activities

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- All exhibiting an almost identical pattern
- Packet exchange 1 or 2 Amazon hosts over already existing connections

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## Tracking Devices “Operating” Activities: Conclusions

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	Cloud Services	Cloud Countries	First Packet	LAN
EzVIZ Cameras Video Stream	<b>Amazon</b> (MQTT <i>w/ cleartext</i> ) <b>Tencent Cloud</b> (Unknown)	 	Cloud→Device	
Xiaomi Smart Lamp On/Off	<b>Amazon</b> ( <i>TLS</i> )		Cloud→Device	
Sonoff Door Sensor Open/Close	<b>Amazon</b> ( <i>TLS</i> )		Device→Cloud	
Sonoff Smart Plugs On/Off	<b>Amazon</b> ( <i>TLS</i> )		Cloud→Device	<b>Unsolicited MDNS</b>
Tp-Link Smart Plugs On/Off	<b>Amazon</b> ( <i>TLS</i> )		Cloud→Device	



- All devices rely on already-open sessions with **Amazon** hosts
- All devices use **TLS** except for the cameras
  - Cameras use **MQTT** and another **UDP** unknown communication likely transporting the actual **Video**
- **Unsolicited MDNS** generated by the **Sonoff Smart Plugs**



## Over-The-Air Updates

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- Keeping devices up to date is fundamental
  - Updates carry **new features** but also **security fixes**
- Generally, the only way for an end-user to keep IoT devices up to date is to let them fetch firmware and software **Over-The-Air (OTA)**
  - **Wirelessly** (as in the case of the testbed)
  - **Directly from the Internet**, without the user having to connected the device to a computer via USB, or plugging SD cards, etc.



## Over-The-Air Updates: Edge-To-Cloud

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- All IoT devices in the testbed fetch their updates straight from the **cloud**
- This update mechanism is also known as **Edge-To-Cloud OTA Update**
- The IoT device on the **Edge** of the network acts as an **Update** dispatcher and processor

In Depth: OTA Architectures for IoT Devices.pdf



## Mi Lamp: Edge-To-Cloud OTA Updates

#sf21vus - Material: <https://bit.ly/2X4bwSq>

- Mi Lamp updated from the Mi Home IoT app
- The lamp (192.68.2.234) has reached a server (107.155.17.131) in the **cloud** via **HTTP**
- Server belongs to Zenlayer's edge cloud services and is located in France

milamp\_ota\_update.pcap

Apply a display filter ...<#%>

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1	0.000000	192.168.2.2...	107.155.17.131	TCP	58	55634 → 80 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=5744 Len=0 MSS=1436
2	0.030348	107.155.17....	192.168.2.234	TCP	60	80 → 55634 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=42340 Len=0 MSS=1452
3	0.034596	192.168.2.2...	107.155.17.131	TCP	54	55634 → 80 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=5744 Len=0
4	0.037460	192.168.2.2...	107.155.17.131	HTTP	299	GET /default/81f6c20996e3d5a5fbc2997a42bde2af_upd_yeelink.light.lamp4.bin?
5	0.066012	107.155.17...	192.168.2.234	TCP	60	80 → 55634 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=246 Win=42340 Len=0



# Mi Lamp: HTTP Edge-To-Cloud OTA Update

#sf21vus - Material: <https://bit.ly/2X4bwSq>

- Mark/Unmark Packet
- Ignore/Unignore Packet
- Set/Unset Time Reference
- Time Shift...
- Packet Comment...
- Edit Resolved Name
- Apply as Filter
- Prepare as Filter
- Conversation Filter
- Colorize Conversation
- SCTP
- Follow

```
5a5fbc2997a42
k=246 Win=4288
k=246 Win=4288
Ack=246 Win=4
634 [PSH, ACK]
Ack=2873 Win=2
80 [ACK] Seq=2
80 [ACK] Seq=
634 [ACK] Seq=
Ack=7181 Win=1
80 [ACK] Seq=
TCP Stream
```

Wireshark · Follow TCP Stream (tcp.stream eq 0) · milamp\_ota\_update.pcap

```
GET /default/81f6c20996e3d5a5fbc2997a42bde2af_upd_yeelink.light.lamp4.bin?
GalaxyAccessKeyId=5721718224520&Expires=9223372036854775807&Signature=Bk0xVkvXGqGrrLwczFYfIHpSY=&uniqRequestId=40995047 HTTP/1.1
host: cdn.awsde0.fds.api.mi-img.com

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Thu, 29 Apr 2021 08:01:37 GMT
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Length: 1477604
Connection: keep-alive
Server: nginx
Last-Modified: Sun, 21 Mar 2021 01:59:33 GMT
x-xiaomi-meta-content-length: 1477604
ETag: "81f6c20996e3d5a5fbc2997a42bde2af"
Content-MD5: 81f6c20996e3d5a5fbc2997a42bde2af
x-xiaomi-hash-crc64ecma: -5868401979149786662
x-xiaomi-server-side-encryption: AES256
Cache-Control: max-age=86400
x-xiaomi-request-id: 986a8ae2-b5dc-0150-0000-01791ca5c713
Access-Control-Allow-Credentials: true
Access-Control-Expose-Headers: content-md5, upload-time, x-xiaomi-meta-content-length
X-Ser: BC75_US-California-santa-clara-1-cache-2, BC130_FR-Paris-Paris-1-cache-3
X-Cache: MISS from BC130_FR-Paris-Paris-1-cache-3(baishan)

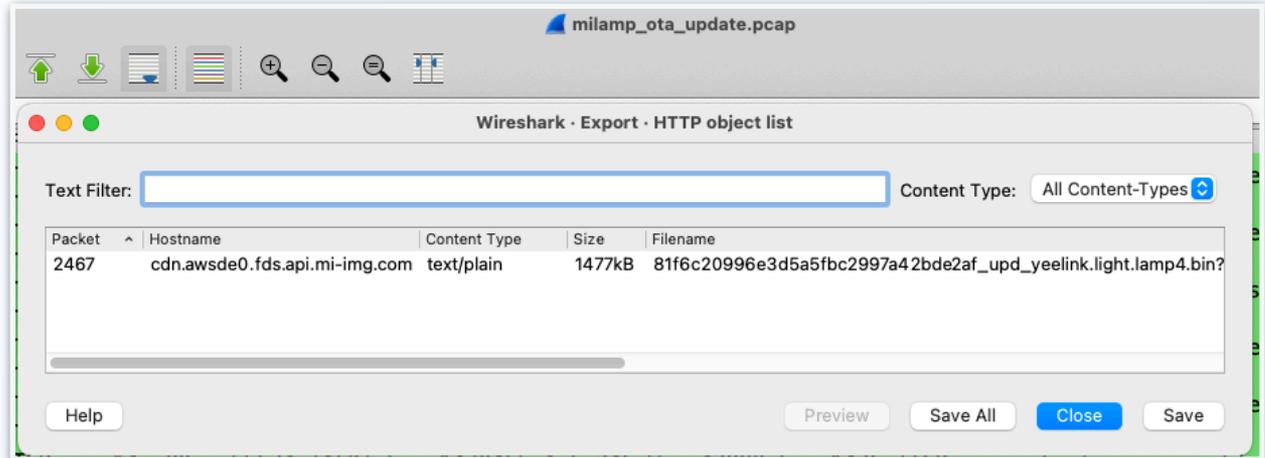
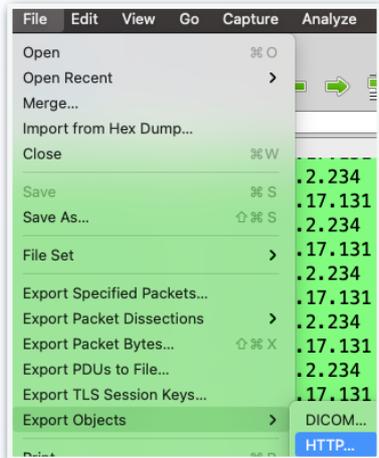
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to init pthread module!".res == pdTRUE.....main_task.start_cpu0_default.clk..[0;33mW (%d) %s: 32 kHz XTAL not found, switching
to internal 150 kHz oscillator.[0m
.rtc_clk_xtal_freq_get() != RTC_XTAL_FREQ_AUTO./home/auto_build/ylk_auto_build/build_dir/esp32_mi2x/esp-idf/components/esp32/
clk.c.res.....esp_clk_init.core_id<portNUM_PROCESSORS./home/auto_build/ylk_auto_build/build_dir/esp32_mi2x/esp-idf/components/esp32/
crosscore_int.c.err == ESP_OK.esp_crosscore_int_send.esp_crosscore_int_init.!(vd->flags&VECDesc_FL_SHARED)&&(vd->flags&VECDesc_FL_NONSHARED))./
home/auto_build/ylk_auto_build/build_dir/esp32_mi2x/esp-idf/components/esp32/intr_alloc.c.svd !=
```



## Mi Lamp: Extracting the .bin File

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● To extract the .bin file with Wireshark  
(Make sure to have "Allow subdissector to reassemble TCP stream")





Mi Lamp: Peeking into the .bin File with file

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Utility file tells the .bin **DOS Executable**,  
also known as **COM**

```
Simones-Mac-mini:Downloads simone$ file 81f6c20996e3d5a5fbc2997a42bde2af_upd_yeelink.light.lamp4.bin  
81f6c20996e3d5a5fbc2997a42bde2af_upd_yeelink.light.lamp4.bin: DOS executable (COM)
```



- Chances are the .bin file is a **binary firmware image** composed of multiple pieces
- Utility **binwalk** to identify embedded code, files, ...

```
$ binwalk 81f6c20996e3d5a5fbc2997a42bde2af_upd_yeelink.light.lamp4.bin | grep -v "Unix path"
```

DECIMAL	HEXADECIMAL	DESCRIPTION
66012	0x101DC	CRC32 polynomial table, little endian
69924	0x11124	PEM certificate
78856	0x13408	PEM certificate
95468	0x174EC	PEM certificate
158652	0x26BBC	SHA256 hash constants, little endian
208024	0x32C98	Neighborly text, "neighbor entry"
212481	0x33E01	PEM certificate
218304	0x354C0	Base64 standard index table
224876	0x36E6C	SHA256 hash constants, little endian

PEM-encoded  
TLS certificates



## Mi Lamp: TLS Certificates

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- Three TLS certificates extracted (the fourth cannot be decoded)
  - Two intermediate
  - One **root**
- Very long validity periods
- Likely used in the IoT device chains of trust



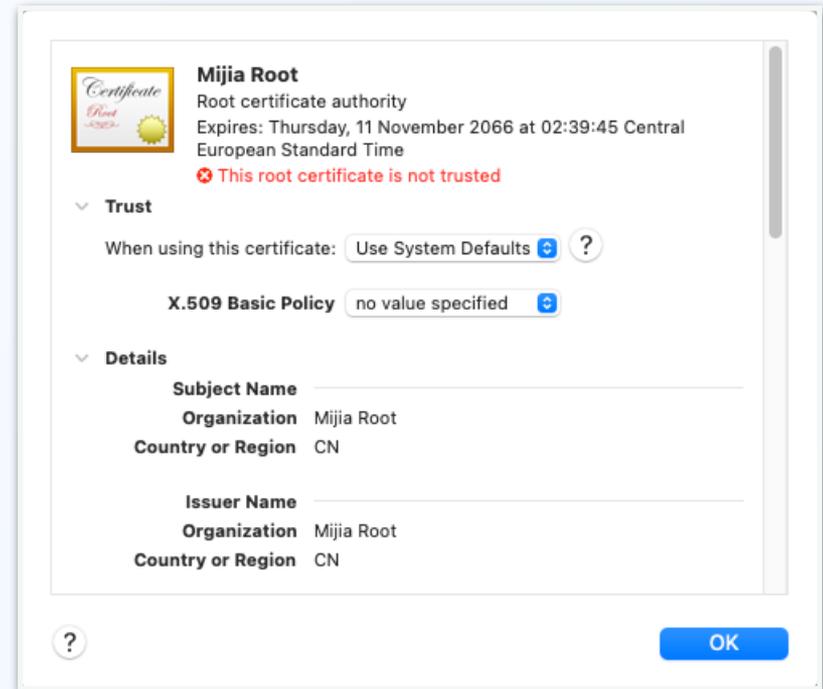
In Depth: Files 81f6c20996e3d5a5fbc2997a42bde2af\_upd\_yeelink.light.lamp4.bin.certificate\_{01,02,03}.pem



## Mi Lamp: Root TLS Certificate

#sf21vus - Material: <https://bit.ly/2X4bwSq>

- A root certificate is trusted because it is assumed to be delivered by some trustworthy procedure
  - Delivered to the device via HTTP!
- Untrusted
- Unknown issuer **Mijia Root**





## 🔍 Search for IP addresses, domain names, etc.

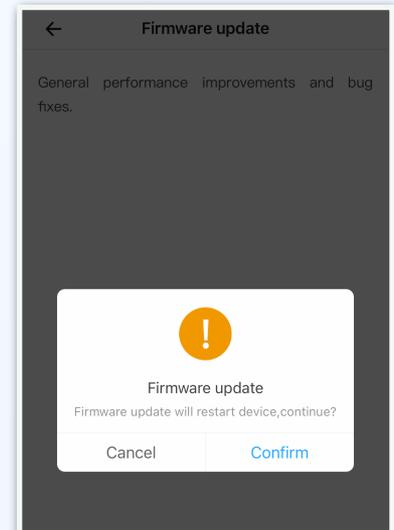
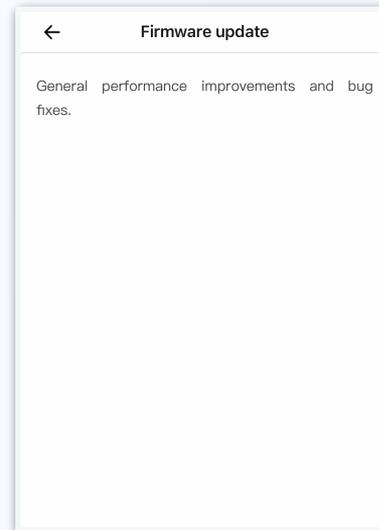
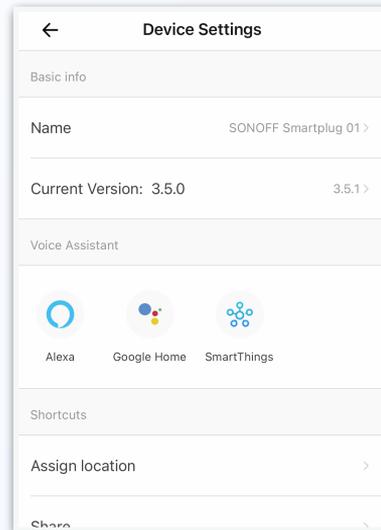
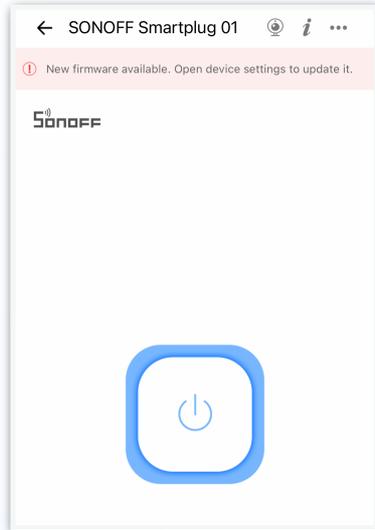
```
Simones-Mac-mini:Downloads simone$ strings
81f6c20996e3d5a5fbc2997a42bde2af_upd_yeelink.light.lamp4.bin | egrep -ri '\.com'
(standard input):ot.io.mi.com
(standard input):cloud.yeelight.com
(standard input):ot.io.mi.com
(standard input):ots.io.mi.com
(standard input):otc.io.mi.com
(standard input):dlg.io.mi.com
(standard input):http://dlg.io.mi.com/v1/ot/upload
(standard input):dns.io.mi.com
(standard input):dk.io.mi.com
Simones-Mac-mini:Downloads simone$ strings
81f6c20996e3d5a5fbc2997a42bde2af_upd_yeelink.light.lamp4.bin | egrep -ri '^(?:[0-9]{1,3}\.){3}[0-9]{1,3}$'
(standard input):0.0.0.0
(standard input):110.43.0.83
(standard input):110.43.0.85
(standard input):127.0.0.1
```



## Sonoff Devices: Edge-To-Cloud OTA Updates

#sf21vus - Material: <https://bit.ly/2X4bwSq>

# 🕒 Sonoff devices updated manually from the iOS app





## Sonoff Devices: HTTP Edge-To-Cloud OTA Update

#sf21vus - Material: <https://bit.ly/2X4bwSq>

- Very similar behavior to the one observed with the Mi Lamp
- **Firmware sent over plain HTTP**
- **Root certificates found** for both the smart plug and the door sensor
- Seemingly a **private key** carried with the smart plug firmware

```
$ binwalk user2.1024.new.2.bin

DECIMAL      HEXADECIMAL  DESCRIPTION
-----
[... ]
440123      0x6B73B     PEM RSA private key
441134      0x6BB2E     PEM certificate
[... ]
```

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## EzVIZ Cam: Edge-To-Cloud OTA Updates

#sf21vus - Material: <https://bit.ly/2X4bwSq>

- EzVIZ Camera updated manually from the eWeLink app
- The camera (192.68.2.151) has reached a **Tencent Cloud** server (49.51.129.211) via **HTTP**

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Destine	Info
1	0.000000	192.168.2.151	49.51.129.211	TCP	74	80	40044 → 80 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=14000 Len=0 MSS=1400 SACK_PERM=1 TSval=7
2	0.034506	49.51.129.211	192.168.2.151	TCP	66	400...	80 → 40044 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=14600 Len=0 MSS=1440 SACK_PER
3	0.038212	192.168.2.151	49.51.129.211	TCP	54	80	40044 → 80 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=14000 Len=0
4	0.041571	192.168.2.151	49.51.129.211	HTTP	293	80	GET /device/CS-CV246-A0-1C2WFR/2.0/CS-CV246-A0-1C2WFR.dav HTTP/1.1



## EzVIZ Cam: Peeking Into The .bin File

#sf21vus - Material: <https://bit.ly/2X4bwSq>

- Binary file extracted with Wireshark and inspected with binwalk
- A whole **filesystem** shipped in it
- Filesystem extracted with **binwalk -Mer**

```
$ binwalk CS-CV246-A0-1C2WFR.dav
```

```
DECIMAL          HEXADECIMAL      DESCRIPTION
-----
196              0xC4             Squashfs filesystem, little endian, version 4.0 [...]
4059420          0x3DF11C         uImage header [...] image type: OS Kernel Image [...] "Linux-3.0.8"
6248761          0x5F5939         Certificate in DER format (x509 v3), header length: 4, sequence
[...]
```



## EzVIZ Cam: The Filesystem Found in The Firmware

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- The root of the filesystem contains kernel modules, shared objects, executable scripts, binary applications, ...

```
simone@devel: /storage/ezviz_cam/_CS-CV246-A0-1C2WFR.dav.extracted/squashfs-root$ ls -la
..
ASC16
ASC32.bin
HZK16
da_info
dhcpd.conf
execSystemCmd
ezapp
ezdsp
font_asc16.hex
font_gb2312.hex
hostapd
initrun.sh
jxf23_mipi_day_hdr.hex
jxf23_mipi_day_lnr.hex
jxf23_mipi_nig_lnr.hex
libdadsp.so
libdata_pack.so
libdewarp.so
libf2isp.so
libnl-3.so.200
libnl-genl-3.so.200
libsys.so
load_modules_y8.sh
logoblack.hex
logowhite.hex
mav_cal.conf
mfgutil
mlan.ko
model_human_86185422.bin
model_human_86185770.bin
nuvoton.bin
sd8801.ko
```



## EzVIZ Cam: The Filesystem dhcpd.conf

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### ● A dhcpd.conf file containing network configuration for a bridged interface

```
../squashfs-root$ cat dhcpd.conf
ddns-update-style none;
subnet 192.168.8.0 netmask 255.255.255.0{
interface br0
option router 192.168.8.1
option subnet 255.255.255.0
option dns 192.168.8.1
option broadcast 192.168.8.255
option lease 864000
start 192.168.8.2
end 192.168.8.254
max_leases 250
}
```



- All devices use HTTP to fetch firmware binaries
- Trying to **implement security over an insecure HTTP channel**
  - Can't trust the server
  - Can't trust the contents of the firmware
- Typical attack can be the widely known Man-in-The-Middle (MITM)



## OTA Conclusions: Firmware Data [1/2]

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- Downloaded firmware contain TLS-data such as certificates
  - An attacker can replace such data and have it installed on the device
- EzVIZ cameras firmware carries not only TLS-data but also a **whole filesystem**
  - An attacker can **unpack, edit, and repack** the filesystem into the firmware image



## OTA Conclusions: Firmware Data [2/2]

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- A private keys seems also to be transmitted in cleartext to the Sonoff smart plug
  - Really a false positive?
  - Just errors in the firmware reassembly from the network?



## OTA Conclusions: Cloud Services

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	Cloud Services	Cloud Countries
EzVIZ Cameras	Tencent Cloud (HTTP)	
Xiaomi Smart Lamp	Zenlayer's Edge Cloud (HTTP)	
Sonoff Door Sensor	Amazon (HTTP)	
Sonoff Smart Plugs	Amazon (HTTP)	
Tp-Link Smart Plugs	<i>n/a: no device updates in the observation period</i>	



## ● Take-Home: Internet Traffic

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- Cloud Services
  - All devices rely heavily on **Amazon cloud services** when idle, operating, and also for OTA updates
  - EzVIZ cameras also rely on Tencent cloud
- NTP synchronization causes certain devices to contact tens of hosts across the globe



## ● Take-Home: LAN Traffic

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- Devices also actively **interact** with other hosts in the LAN
  - **Expected** service traffic such as DHCP and DNS
- EzVIZ cameras have been found to **move laterally** in the LAN with SSDP and HTTP



## Take-Home: Protocols

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- Mostly standard, widely known protocols such as **HTTP** and **TLS**
- The MQTT “standard” protocol for IoT messaging only used by EzVIZ cameras
- IPv6 almost non-existent



## ● Take-Home: Security

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- Encryption is used significantly with TLS being a first-citizen under normal device activities (idle and operating)
- OTA firmware updates are **done via HTTP** and this opens up to a series of security issues



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# Appendix





## Sniffing the Traffic: Hardware Used

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- The Linux bridge has been setup on a **Raspberry Pi version 4**
  - Broadcom BCM2711, Quad core Cortex-A72 (ARM v8) 64-bit SoC @ 1.5GHz
  - 8GB LPDDR4-3200 SDRAM
  - Full specs: <https://www.raspberrypi.org/products/raspberry-pi-4-model-b/specifications/>



## ● Sniffing the Traffic: Software Used

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○ Raspbian GNU/Linux 10 (buster)



## ● Sniffing the Traffic: tcpdump

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### ● Created a **systemd** service to dump 1 pcap / hour

```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ cat /etc/systemd/system/tcpdump.service
[Unit]
After=network.target

[Service]
Restart=always
RestartSec=30
Environment="TCPDUMP_FORMAT=%%Y-%%m-%%d__ %%H"
ExecStartPre=/bin/mkdir -p /storage/pcaps/
ExecStart=/sbin/tcpdump -i eth0 not port 22 -s 0 -G 3600 -w '/storage/pcaps/
iotdump_${TCPDUMP_FORMAT}.pcap'
ExecStop=/bin/kill -s QUIT $MAINPID

[Install]
WantedBy=multi-user.target
```



## Sniffing the Traffic: pcap files

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- One pcap per hour, a few MBs with “idle” devices
- Merged with mergecap

```
$ ls -lha | head
total 28G
drwxr-xr-x 3 pi pi 132K Aug 11 17:34 .
drwxr-xr-x 6 root root 4.0K May 4 13:13 ..
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 5.3M May 4 15:41 iotdump_2021-05-04__14.pcap
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 2.9M May 4 16:41 iotdump_2021-05-04__15.pcap
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 3.2M May 4 17:41 iotdump_2021-05-04__16.pcap
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 2.8M May 4 18:41 iotdump_2021-05-04__17.pcap
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 3.0M May 4 19:41 iotdump_2021-05-04__18.pcap
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 2.8M May 4 20:41 iotdump_2021-05-04__19.pcap
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 2.9M May 4 21:41 iotdump_2021-05-04__20.pcap

$ mergecap -w iotdump_month.pcap iotdump_2021-0*
```



## Sniffed pcaps: What's Inside

- pcaps sniffed on an **interface of a Linux bridge**
- Not only IoT devices traffic
- pcaps contain also
  - Multicast/Broadcast traffic entering the the bridge from eth0
  - Traffic originated by the Raspberry PI 4 itself

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## pcaps Cleanup with IoT Devices MACs

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- Used **tcpdump** with **BFP** to extract traffic using IoT devices MACs
  - Can add BFP filters straight into the systemd service
- Example

```
$ tcpdump -r iotdump_2021-05-06_to_2021-05-10.pcap -s0 ether host 80:9f:9b:45:a3:28  
-w week_idle_ezviz_cam_a328.pcap
```



## Traffic Analysis: Wireshark vs ntopng

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- Tools are complimentary
- **Wireshark is more oriented to the packets**
  - Fantastic to inspect payloads, up to the single bit
- **ntopng is more oriented to the conversations - aka flows**
  - Very good for an overview of the network activity
- **Recommendation is to start with ntopng and then jump to Wireshark**
  - Especially with large trace files



## EzVIZ Cam: ICMP to the Gateway

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- PINGs to the gateway every 15 seconds
- Accounted for 5+ MB over 5 days

No.	Time	Source	Src Port	Destination	Dst Port	Length	Protocol	Info
1	00:41:15.535007	192.168.2.151		192.168.2.1		98	ICMP	Echo (ping) request
2	00:41:15.535445	192.168.2.1		192.168.2.151		98	ICMP	Echo (ping) reply
6	00:41:30.553000	192.168.2.151		192.168.2.1		98	ICMP	Echo (ping) request
7	00:41:30.553386	192.168.2.1		192.168.2.151		98	ICMP	Echo (ping) reply
12	00:41:45.575983	192.168.2.151		192.168.2.1		98	ICMP	Echo (ping) request
13	00:41:45.576277	192.168.2.1		192.168.2.151		98	ICMP	Echo (ping) reply
23	00:42:00.596970	192.168.2.151		192.168.2.1		98	ICMP	Echo (ping) request



## EzVIZ Cam: Idle Traffic Conclusions

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- Significant amount of traffic towards hosts in the LAN (lateral movements)
  - Discovery of services
  - Attempts at fetching HTTP resources
- Significant data exchanged with the internet in plaintext
- Contacted 79 hosts across the globe just to stay idle



## Sonoff Door Sensor: “Idle” Traffic

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# The door sensor is much quieter

The screenshot shows a network traffic analysis tool interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "Search" and a notification bell icon with a red "3". Below the search bar, the text "All Hosts" is displayed. A table with 9 columns is shown, listing hosts with their IP addresses, flow counts, MAC addresses, names, and throughput. The table has three rows of data. Below the table, it says "Showing 1 to 3 of 3 rows". At the bottom, there is a text box containing the file path "In Depth: File week\_idle\_sonoff\_door\_sensor.pcap".

week\_idle\_...ensor.pcap 131 2 1 2 275

Search

### All Hosts

100 IP Version Direction Filter Hosts

	IP Address	Flows	MAC Address	Name	Seen Since	Breakdown	Throughput	Total Bytes
☰	192.168.2.190 <span>L</span>	275	D0:27:01:E2:E3:CE		101 Days, 09:39:32	Sent Rcvd	0 bit/s —	951.35 KB
☰	52.57.118.192 <span>DE</span> <span>R</span>	133	Ubiquiti_06:B3:5A	eu-api.coolkit.cc	101 Days, 09:39:32	Sent Rcvd	0 bit/s —	910.7 KB
☰	192.168.2.1 <span>↕</span> <span>L</span>	142	Ubiquiti_06:B3:5A		101 Days, 08:42:19	Sent Rcvd	0 bit/s —	40.65 KB

Showing 1 to 3 of 3 rows

In Depth: File week\_idle\_sonoff\_door\_sensor.pcap



## Sonoff Door Sensor: "Idle" Internet Traffic

#sf21vus - Material: <https://bit.ly/2X4bwSq>

# TLS with Amazon

week\_idle\_...ensor.pcap 131 2 1 2 275 Search 3

### All Hosts

100 IP Version Direction Filter Hosts

	IP Address	Flows	MAC Address	Name	Seen Since	Breakdown	Throughput	Total Bytes
☰	192.168.2.190 <span>L</span>	275	D0:27:01:E2:E3:CE		101 Days, 09:39:32	<span>Sent</span> <span>Rcvd</span>	0 bit/s —	951.35 KB
☰	52.57.118.192 <span>🇩🇪</span> <span>R</span>	133	Ubiquiti_06:B3:5A	eu-api.coolkit.cc	101 Days, 09:39:32	<span>Sent</span> <span>Rcvd</span>	0 bit/s —	910.7 KB
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Showing 1 to 3 of 3 rows

In Depth: File week\_idle\_sonoff\_door\_sensor.pcap

**TLS traffic with an Amazon host in Germany**

**Name dissected from the TLS SNI**



## Sonoff Door Sensor: "Idle" LAN Traffic

#sf21vus - Material: <https://bit.ly/2X4bwSq>

# Service traffic with the gateway

week\_idle\_...ensor.pcap 131 2 1 2 275 Search 3

### All Hosts

	IP Address	Flows		Breakdown	Throughput	Total Bytes
	192.168.2.190 L	275		Sent Rcvd	0 bit/s	951.35 KB
	52.57.118.192 R	133	Ubiquiti_06:B3:5A eu-api.coolkit.cc	Sent Rcvd	0 bit/s	910.7 KB
	192.168.2.1 L	142	Ubiquiti_06:B3:5A	Sent Rcvd	0 bit/s	40.65 KB

Showing 1 to 3 of 3 rows

In Depth: File week\_idle\_sonoff\_door\_sensor.pcap

**Callout:** - DHCP  
- DNS traffic with the gateway (misconfiguration?). The gateway responds with ICMP port unreachable.



# Sonoff Smart Plug: "Idle" Traffic

#sf21vus - Material: <https://bit.ly/2X4bwSq>

week\_idle\_...\_28e1.pcap

All Hosts

	IP Address	Flows	MAC Address	Name	Seen Since	Breakdown	Throughput	Total Bytes
	192.168.2.241 <span>L</span>	4	Espressi_B6:28:E1	esp_b628e1	101 Days, 10:15:00	<span>Sent</span> <span>Rcvd</span>	0 bit/s ↓	882.67 KB
	52.29.59.123 <span>🇩🇪</span> <span>R</span>	2	Ubiquiti_06:B3:5A			<span>Sent</span> <span>Rcvd</span>	0 bit/s ↓	866.2 KB
	224.0.0.251 <span>M</span>	1	IPv4mcast_00:00:FB		100 Days, 22:52:31	<span>Rcvd</span>	0 bit/s —	9.32 KB
	192.168.2.1 <span>↕</span> <span>L</span>	1	Ubiquiti_06:B3:5A		101 Days, 09:20:51	<span>Sent</span> <span>Rcvd</span>	0 bit/s —	7.15 KB

Showing 1 to 4 of 4 rows

TLS traffic with an Amazon host in Germany

SSDP responses (EzVIZ discovery)

DHCP

In Depth: File week\_idle\_sonoff\_smart\_plug\_28e1.pcap



# TP-Link Smart Plug: “Idle” Traffic

#sf21vus - Material: <https://bit.ly/2X4bwSq>

## Quiet, < 2MB, mostly Internet

	IP Address	Flows	MAC Address	Name	Seen Since	Breakdown	Throughput	Total Bytes
	192.168.2.155 <span>L</span>	494	1C:3B:F3:4D:4B:C2		101 Days, 09:56:39	<span>Sent</span> <span>Rcvd</span>	0 bit/s ↓	938.64 KB
	54.229.4.116 <span>▲</span> <span>▲</span> <span>R</span>	1	Ubiquiti_06:B3:5A	n-devs.tplinkcloud.com	99 Days, 06:12:40	<span>Sent</span> <span>Rcvd</span>	0 bit/s ↓	463.25 KB
	52.16.226.187 <span>▲</span> <span>R</span>	1	Ubiquiti_06:B3:5A		101 Days, 09:56:39	<span>Sent</span> <span>Rcvd</span>	0 bit/s —	352.73 KB
	192.168.2.1 <span>↕</span> <span>L</span>	247	Ubiquiti_06:B3:5A		101 Days, 09:31:41	<span>Sent</span> <span>Rcvd</span>	0 bit/s —	66.0 KB
	162.159.200.123 <span>R</span>	25	Ubiquiti_06:B3:5A		101 Days, 08:30:36	<span>Sent</span> <span>Rcvd</span>	0 bit/s —	5.37 KB
	34.192.244.186 <span>▲</span> <span>▲</span> <span>R</span>	1	Ubiquiti_06:B3:5A	n-deventry.tplinkcloud.c...	99 Days, 06:12:43	<span>Sent</span> <span>Rcvd</span>	0 bit/s —	5.1 KB

In Depth: File `week_idle_tplink_smart_plug_4bc2.pcap`



## TP-Link Smart Plug: "Idle" Internet Traffic

#sf21vus - Material: <https://bit.ly/2X4bwSq>

week\_idle\_...\_4bc2.pcap 🚨 2 ⚠️ 2 🖥️ 2 📄 95 🏠 2 📄 494  🔔 3 👤

### All Hosts

100 ▾  IP Version ▾ Direction ▾ Filter Hosts ▾

	IP Address	Flows	MAC Address	Name	Seen Since	Breakdown	Throughput	Total Bytes
☰	192.168.2.155 <span>L</span>	94	1C:3B:F3:4D:4F:C2		101 Days, 09:56:39	<span>Sent</span> <span>Rcvd</span>	0 bit/s ↓	938.64 KB
☰	54.229.4.116 <span>🇮🇹</span> <span>R</span>	1	Ubiquiti_06:B3:5A	n-devs.tplinkcloud.com	99 Days, 06:12:40	<span>Sent</span> <span>Rcvd</span>	0 bit/s ↓	463.25 KB
☰	52.16.226.187 <span>🇮🇹</span> <span>R</span>	1	Ubiquiti_06:B3:5A		101 Days, 09:56:39	<span>Sent</span> <span>Rcvd</span>	0 bit/s —	352.73 KB
☰	192.168.2.1 <span>🏠</span> <span>L</span>	247	Ubiquiti_06:B3:5A		101 Days, 09:31:41	<span>Sent</span> <span>Rcvd</span>	0 bit/s —	66.0 KB
☰	162.159.200.123 <span>R</span>	5	Ubiquiti_06:B3:5A		101 Days, 08:30:36	<span>Sent</span> <span>Rcvd</span>	0 bit/s —	5.37 KB
☰	34.192.244.186 <span>🇺🇸</span> <span>R</span>	1	Ubiquiti_06:B3:5A	n-deventry.tplinkcloud.c...	99 Days, 06:12:43	<span>Sent</span> <span>Rcvd</span>	0 bit/s —	5.1 KB

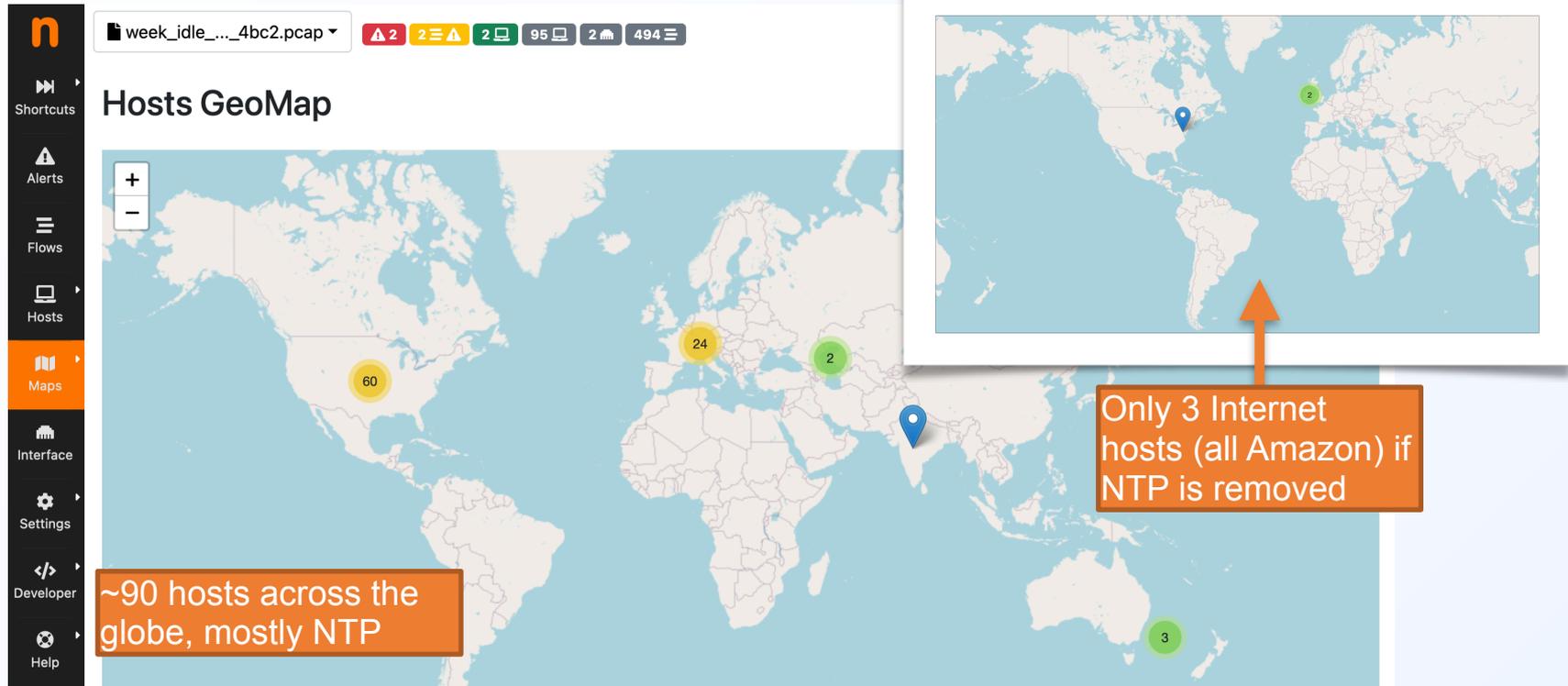
TLS traffic with Amazon hosts

In Depth: File week\_idle\_tplink\_smart\_plug\_4bc2.pcap



## TP-Link Smart Plug: Geography of Internet Hosts

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# TP-Link Smart Plug: "Idle" LAN Traffic

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week\_idle\_...\_4bc2.pcap 2 2 2 95 2 494  3

## All Hosts

100  IP Version Direction Filter Hosts

	IP Address	Flows	MAC Address	Name	Seen Since	Breakdown	Throughput	Total Bytes
	192.168.2.155 <span>L</span>	494	1C:3B:F3:4D:4B:C2		101 Days, 09:56:39	<span>Sent</span> <span>Rcvd</span>	0 bit/s ↓	938.64 KB
	54.229.4.116 <span>!</span> <span>🇮🇹</span> <span>R</span>	1	Ubiquiti_06:B3:5A	n-devs.tplinkcloud.com	99 Days, 06:12:40	<span>Sent</span> <span>Rcvd</span>	0 bit/s ↓	463.25 KB
	52.16.226.187 <span>🇮🇹</span> <span>R</span>	1	Ubiquiti_06:B3:5A		101 Days, 09:56:39	<span>Sent</span> <span>Rcvd</span>	0 bit/s —	352.73 KB
	192.168.2.1 <span>+</span> <span>L</span>	247	Ubiquiti_06:B3:5A		101 Days, 09:31:41	<span>Sent</span> <span>Rcvd</span>	0 bit/s —	66.0 KB
	162.159.200.123 <span>R</span>	25	Ubiquiti_06:B3:5A		101 Days, 08:30:36	<span>Sent</span> <span>Rcvd</span>	0 bit/s —	5.37 KB
	34.192.244.186 <span>!</span> <span>🇺🇸</span> <span>R</span>	1	Ubiquiti_06:B3:5A	n-deventry.tplinkcloud.c...	99 Days, 06:12:43	<span>Sent</span> <span>Rcvd</span>	0 bit/s —	5.1 KB

DNS and DHCP with the gateway

In Depth: File week\_idle\_tplink\_smart\_plug\_4bc2.pcap



## Sonoff Door Sensor: Open/Close

#sf21vus - Material: <https://bit.ly/2X4bwSq>

4 packets on an already-open TLS connection with an Amazon host

No.	Time	Source	Src Port	Destination	Dst Port	Length	Protocol	Info
72	15:15:40.493589	192.168.2.190	52332	52.57.118.192	8080	54	TCP	[TCP Dup ACK 70#1] 52332 → 8080 [ACK] Seq=912 Ack=3273 Win=11312 Len=0
74	15:15:40.507174	192.168.2.190	52332	52.57.118.192	8080	54	TCP	[TCP Dup ACK 70#2] 52332 → 8080 [ACK] Seq=912 Ack=3273 Win=11312 Len=0
79	15:17:36.486884	192.168.2.190	52332	52.57.118.192	8080	507	TLSv1.2	Application Data
80	15:17:36.511668	52.57.118.192	8080	192.168.2.190	52332	60	TCP	8080 → 52332 [ACK] Seq=3273 Ack=1365 Win=30016 Len=0
81	15:17:36.644739	52.57.118.192	8080	192.168.2.190	52332	331	TLSv1.2	Application Data
82	15:17:40.100803	192.168.2.190	52332	52.57.118.192	8080	54	TCP	52332 → 8080 [ACK] Seq=1365 Ack=3550 Win=11680 Len=0
91	15:18:00.463415	192.168.2.190	52332	52.57.118.192	8080	507	TLSv1.2	Application Data
92	15:18:00.488291	52.57.118.192	8080	192.168.2.190	52332	60	TCP	8080 → 52332 [ACK] Seq=3550 Ack=1818 Win=31088 Len=0
93	15:18:00.567685	52.57.118.192	8080	192.168.2.190	52332	331	TLSv1.2	Application Data
94	15:18:03.858378	192.168.2.190	52332	52.57.118.192	8080	54	TCP	52332 → 8080 [ACK] Seq=1818 Ack=3827 Win=11403 Len=0
97	15:18:17.315193	192.168.2.190	52332	52.57.118.192	8080	507	TLSv1.2	Application Data
98	15:18:17.340256	52.57.118.192	8080	192.168.2.190	52332	60	TCP	8080 → 52332 [ACK] Seq=3827 Ack=2271 Win=32160 Len=0
99	15:18:17.431501	52.57.118.192	8080	192.168.2.190	52332	331	TLSv1.2	Application Data
100	15:18:20.859622	192.168.2.190	52332	52.57.118.192	8080	54	TCP	52332 → 8080 [ACK] Seq=2271 Ack=4104 Win=11680 Len=0

OPEN

CLOSE



## Tp-Link Smart Plug: On/Off TLS

#sf21vus - Material: <https://bit.ly/2X4bwSq>

- On/Off involves exchanging TLS with two Amazon hosts
- Exchange is initiated from Amazon
- Connections already open

```
22:40:55.956779 P ec2-107-23-25-187.compute-1.amazonaws.com.https > 192.168.2.155.63982: Flags [P.], seq 719:964, ack 1263, win 457, length 245
22:40:55.598704 P 192.168.2.155.63984 > ec2-107-23-25-187.compute-1.amazonaws.com.https: Flags [P.], seq 1263:1348, ack 964, win 11928, length 85
22:40:55.600903 P 192.168.2.155.63984 > ec2-52-206-238-222.compute-1.amazonaws.com.https: Flags [P.], seq 3397:3674, ack 7895, win 12288, length 277
22:40:55.688341 P 192.168.2.155.63982 > ec2-107-23-25-187.compute-1.amazonaws.com.https: Flags [P.], seq 1263:1348, ack 964, win 11928, length 85
22:40:55.689130 P 192.168.2.155.63984 > ec2-52-206-238-222.compute-1.amazonaws.com.https: Flags [P.], seq 3397:3674, ack 7895, win 12288, length 277
22:40:55.714977 P ec2-107-23-25-187.compute-1.amazonaws.com.https > 192.168.2.155.63982: Flags [.], ack 1348, win 457, length 0
22:40:55.720313 P 192.168.2.155.63982 > ec2-107-23-25-187.compute-1.amazonaws.com.https: Flags [P.], seq 1348:1481, ack 964, win 11928, length 133
22:40:55.754915 P ec2-52-206-238-222.compute-1.amazonaws.com.https > 192.168.2.155.63984: Flags [.], ack 3674, win 155, length 0
22:40:55.759024 P 192.168.2.155.63984 > ec2-52-206-238-222.compute-1.amazonaws.com.https: Flags [P.], seq 3674:4847, ack 7895, win 12288, length 1173
22:40:55.800907 P ec2-52-206-238-222.compute-1.amazonaws.com.https > 192.168.2.155.63984: Flags [.], ack 3674, win 155, length 0
22:40:55.804669 P ec2-107-23-25-187.compute-1.amazonaws.com.https > 192.168.2.155.63982: Flags [P.], seq 1348, win 457, length 0
22:40:55.836718 P ec2-107-23-25-187.compute-1.amazonaws.com.https > 192.168.2.155.63982: Flags [.], ack 1481, win 469, length 0
22:40:55.871479 P ec2-52-206-238-222.compute-1.amazonaws.com.https > 192.168.2.155.63984: Flags [.], ack 4847, win 164, length 0
22:40:55.878575 P ec2-52-206-238-222.compute-1.amazonaws.com.https > 192.168.2.155.63984: Flags [P.], seq 7895:9100, ack 4847, win 164, length 1205
22:40:55.878686 P ec2-52-206-238-222.compute-1.amazonaws.com.https > 192.168.2.155.63984: Flags [P.], seq 9100:9169, ack 4847, win 164, length 69
22:40:55.882012 P 192.168.2.155.63984 > ec2-52-206-238-222.compute-1.amazonaws.com.https: Flags [.], ack 9169, win 11651, length 0
22:40:59.273013 P ec2-107-23-25-187.compute-1.amazonaws.com.https > 192.168.2.155.63982: Flags [P.], seq 964:1209, ack 1481, win 469, length 245
22:40:59.282248 P 192.168.2.155.63982 > ec2-107-23-25-187.compute-1.amazonaws.com.https: Flags [P.], seq 1481:1566, ack 1209, win 11806, length 85
22:40:59.284498 P 192.168.2.155.63984 > ec2-52-206-238-222.compute-1.amazonaws.com.https: Flags [P.], seq 4847:5124, ack 9169, win 11651, length 277
22:40:59.398485 P ec2-107-23-25-187.compute-1.amazonaws.com.https > 192.168.2.155.63982: Flags [P.], seq 1566, win 469, length 0
22:40:59.402362 P 192.168.2.155.63982 > ec2-107-23-25-187.compute-1.amazonaws.com.https: Flags [P.], seq 1566:1699, ack 1209, win 11806, length 133
22:40:59.438795 P ec2-52-206-238-222.compute-1.amazonaws.com.https > 192.168.2.155.63984: Flags [.], ack 5124, win 173, length 0
22:40:59.442988 P 192.168.2.155.63984 > ec2-52-206-238-222.compute-1.amazonaws.com.https: Flags [P.], seq 5124:6297, ack 9169, win 11651, length 1173
22:40:59.518923 P ec2-107-23-25-187.compute-1.amazonaws.com.https > 192.168.2.155.63982: Flags [.], ack 1699, win 480, length 0
22:40:59.555737 P ec2-52-206-238-222.compute-1.amazonaws.com.https > 192.168.2.155.63984: Flags [.], ack 6297, win 182, length 0
22:40:59.565351 P ec2-52-206-238-222.compute-1.amazonaws.com.https > 192.168.2.155.63984: Flags [P.], seq 9169:10374, ack 6297, win 182, length 1205
22:40:59.565352 P ec2-52-206-238-222.compute-1.amazonaws.com.https > 192.168.2.155.63984: Flags [P.], seq 10374:10443, ack 6297, win 182, length 69
22:40:59.568269 P 192.168.2.155.63984 > ec2-52-206-238-222.compute-1.amazonaws.com.https: Flags [.], ack 10443, win 11014, length 0
```



## Mi Lamp: On/Off TLS

#sf21vus - Material: <https://bit.ly/2X4bwSq>

- On/Off involves a **TLS** conversation with **Amazon**
- Similar to what has been seen for the plugs
- No MDNS, more TLS packets

```
22:50:07.397262 P ec2-3-126-247-75.eu-central-1.compute.amazonaws.com.https > 192.168.2.157.53903: Flags [P.], seq 2039:2176, ack 1878, win 65535, length 137
22:50:07.499462 P 192.168.2.157.53903 > ec2-3-126-247-75.eu-central-1.compute.amazonaws.com.https: Flags [P.], seq 1878:1983, ack 2176, win 5550, length 105
22:50:07.568149 P ec2-3-126-247-75.eu-central-1.compute.amazonaws.com.https > 192.168.2.157.53903: Flags [.,], ack 1983, win 65535, length 0
22:50:07.629267 P 192.168.2.157.53903 > ec2-3-126-247-75.eu-central-1.compute.amazonaws.com.https: Flags [P.], seq 1983:2104, ack 2176, win 5550, length 121
22:50:07.658270 P ec2-3-126-247-75.eu-central-1.compute.amazonaws.com.https > 192.168.2.157.53903: Flags [.,], ack 2104, win 65535, length 0
22:50:07.658720 P ec2-3-126-247-75.eu-central-1.compute.amazonaws.com.https > 192.168.2.157.53903: Flags [P.], seq 2176:2265, ack 2104, win 65535, length 89
22:50:07.888531 P 192.168.2.157.53903 > ec2-3-126-247-75.eu-central-1.compute.amazonaws.com.https: Flags [.,], ack 2265, win 5461, length 0
22:50:10.863833 P ec2-3-126-247-75.eu-central-1.compute.amazonaws.com.https > 192.168.2.157.53903: Flags [P.], seq 2265:2402, ack 2104, win 65535, length 137
22:50:10.980443 P 192.168.2.157.53903 > ec2-3-126-247-75.eu-central-1.compute.amazonaws.com.https: Flags [P.], seq 2104:2209, ack 2402, win 5324, length 105
22:50:11.049253 P ec2-3-126-247-75.eu-central-1.compute.amazonaws.com.https > 192.168.2.157.53903: Flags [.,], ack 2209, win 65535, length 0
22:50:11.677768 P 192.168.2.157.53903 > ec2-3-126-247-75.eu-central-1.compute.amazonaws.com.https: Flags [P.], seq 2209:2330, ack 2402, win 5324, length 121
22:50:11.707236 P ec2-3-126-247-75.eu-central-1.compute.amazonaws.com.https > 192.168.2.157.53903: Flags [.,], ack 2330, win 65535, length 0
22:50:11.707431 P ec2-3-126-247-75.eu-central-1.compute.amazonaws.com.https > 192.168.2.157.53903: Flags [P.], seq 2402:2491, ack 2330, win 65535, length 89
22:50:11.882031 P 192.168.2.157.53903 > ec2-3-126-247-75.eu-central-1.compute.amazonaws.com.https: Flags [.,], ack 2491, win 5235, length 0
```

OFF

ON



- Use the utility **strings** to find plaintext inside the .bin file
- Can look for almost everything, including
  - TLS certificates
  - IP addresses
  - Domain names
  - etc.



## Use strings to look for TLS certificates

```
Simones-Mac-mini:Downloads simone$ strings
81f6c20996e3d5a5fbc2997a42bde2af_upd_yeelink.light.lamp4.bin | egrep -ri
certificate
(standard input):A?-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
(standard input):-----END CERTIFICATE-----
(standard input):-----END CERTIFICATE-----
(standard input):@-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
(standard input):-----END CERTIFICATE-----
(standard input):-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
(standard input):-----END CERTIFICATE-----
(standard input):[1;%dmRead the Accessory Certificate failed
(standard input):[1;%dmFailed to read MFi Certificate
(standard input):-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
```

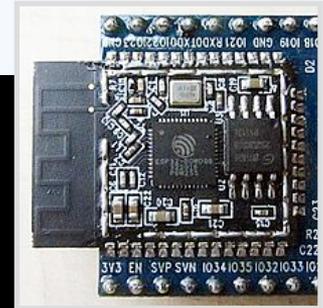
PEM-encoded  
TLS certificates



## Use the utility **strings** to find plaintext inside the .bin file

```
Simones-Mac-mini:Downloads simone$ strings
81f6c20996e3d5a5fbc2997a42bde2af_upd_yeelink.light.lamp4.bin | head -n20
ac38ad7
mio_app
09:54:38
Mar 21 2021
ac38ad7
`Fo5%Y6eF
esp_task_wdt_init(CONFIG_ESP_TASK_WDT_TIMEOUT_S, false)
/home/auto_build/ylk_auto_build/build_dir/esp32_mi2x/esp-idf/components/esp32/
cpu_start.c
esp_task_wdt_add(idle_0)
/dev/uart/0
```

ESP32 SoC microcontroller  
initialization functions





## Sonoff Smart Plug: HTTP Edge-To-Cloud OTA Update

#sf21vus - Material: <https://bit.ly/2X4bwSq>

- The lamp (192.68.2.241) has reached an Amazon server (52.57.99.135) in via HTTP
- Requests and responses use **Range:** to fetch data in chunks of 4096 Bytes

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Destine	Info
1	0.000000	192.168.2.241	52.57.99.135	TCP	58	8088	16210 → 8088 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=5840 Len=0 MSS=1460
2	0.022282	52.57.99.135	192.168.2.241	TCP	60	162...	8088 → 16210 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=62727 Len=0 MSS=1452
3	0.025605	192.168.2.241	52.57.99.135	TCP	54	8088	16210 → 8088 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=5840 Len=0
4	0.027367	192.168.2.241	52.57.99.135	HTTP	303	8088	GET /ota/rom/Q17o1RvvMavteX7N9CoZ0pKtePDF5YZS/user2.1024.new.2.bin?deviceid=1000ac406a&ts=1481765933&...
5	0.049583	52.57.99.135	192.168.2.241	TCP	60	162...	8088 → 16210 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=250 Win=62478 Len=0
6	0.057030	52.57.99.135	192.168.2.241	TCP	485	162...	8088 → 16210 [PSH, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=250 Win=62478 Len=431 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
7	0.057654	52.57.99.135	192.168.2.241	TCP	1506	162...	8088 → 16210 [ACK] Seq=432 Ack=250 Win=62478 Len=1452 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
8	0.057714	52.57.99.135	192.168.2.241	TCP	1506	162...	8088 → 16210 [ACK] Seq=1884 Ack=250 Win=62478 Len=1452 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
9	0.062852	192.168.2.241	52.57.99.135	TCP	54	8088	16210 → 8088 [ACK] Seq=250 Ack=1884 Win=5840 Len=0
10	0.086149	52.57.99.135	192.168.2.241	HTTP	1246	162...	HTTP/1.1 206 Partial Content



## Sonoff Smart Plug: HTTP Range Data

#sf21vus - Material: <https://bit.ly/2X4bwSq>

- Wireshark couldn't reassemble chunks into a single .bin with Wireshark
- Reassembled with bash

Packet	Hostname	Content Type	Size	Filename
10	dl.ithead.cn	application/octet-stream	4096 bytes	user2.1024.new.2.bin?deviceid=1000ac406a&ts=1481765933&sign=1f8
19	dl.ithead.cn	application/octet-stream	4096 bytes	user2.1024.new.2.bin?deviceid=1000ac406a&ts=1085377743&sign=0c
28	dl.ithead.cn	application/octet-stream	4096 bytes	user2.1024.new.2.bin?deviceid=1000ac406a&ts=1270216262&sign=de
37	dl.ithead.cn	application/octet-stream	4096 bytes	user2.1024.new.2.bin?deviceid=1000ac406a&ts=1191391529&sign=bd1
46	dl.ithead.cn	application/octet-stream	4096 bytes	user2.1024.new.2.bin?deviceid=1000ac406a&ts=812669700&sign=b8d
55	dl.ithead.cn	application/octet-stream	4096 bytes	user2.1024.new.2.bin?deviceid=1000ac406a&ts=553475508&sign=6b4
64	dl.ithead.cn	application/octet-stream	4096 bytes	user2.1024.new.2.bin?deviceid=1000ac406a&ts=445349752&sign=fe0
73	dl.ithead.cn	application/octet-stream	4096 bytes	user2.1024.new.2.bin?deviceid=1000ac406a&ts=1344887256&sign=1f1
82	dl.ithead.cn	application/octet-stream	4096 bytes	user2.1024.new.2.bin?deviceid=1000ac406a&ts=730417256&sign=3e9
91	dl.ithead.cn	application/octet-stream	4096 bytes	user2.1024.new.2.bin?deviceid=1000ac406a&ts=1812158119&sign=ffd
99	dl.ithead.cn	application/octet-stream	4096 bytes	user2.1024.new.2.bin?deviceid=1000ac406a&ts=1476997118&sign=ca76
107	dl.ithead.cn	application/octet-stream	4096 bytes	user2.1024.new.2.bin?deviceid=1000ac406a&ts=880268351&sign=fd7
116	dl.ithead.cn	application/octet-stream	4096 bytes	user2.1024.new.2.bin?deviceid=1000ac406a&ts=1889772843&sign=98
125	dl.ithead.cn	application/octet-stream	4096 bytes	user2.1024.new.2.bin?deviceid=1000ac406a&ts=686078705&sign=80b
134	dl.ithead.cn	application/octet-stream	4096 bytes	user2.1024.new.2.bin?deviceid=1000ac406a&ts=2105754108&sign=79f
143	dl.ithead.cn	application/octet-stream	4096 bytes	user2.1024.new.2.bin?deviceid=1000ac406a&ts=182546393&sign=189
152	dl.ithead.cn	application/octet-stream	4096 bytes	user2.1024.new.2.bin?deviceid=1000ac406a&ts=1949118330&sign=18e
161	dl.ithead.cn	application/octet-stream	4096 bytes	user2.1024.new.2.bin?deviceid=1000ac406a&ts=220137366&sign=56

```
$ for f1 in `find . -type f -name "user2.1024.new.2.b*" -print0 | xargs -0 ls -tthU | tail -r`; do cat $f1 >> user2.1024.new.2.bin; done
$ ls -lha user2.1024.new.2.bin
-rw-r--r-- 1 simone staff 433K Aug 12 19:06 user2.1024.new.2.bin
```

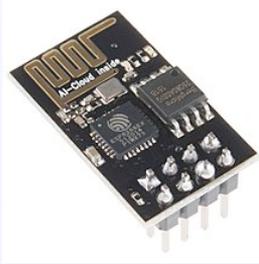
In Depth: File user2.1024.new.2.bin



## Sonoff Smart Plug: Peeking Into The .bin File

#sf21vus - Material: <https://bit.ly/2X4bwSq>

- Look at the file with **binwalk** and **strings** to understand its content
  - Firmware image with TLS data
- Can guess the microcontroller



```
$ binwalk user2.1024.new.2.bin
```

```
-----  
DECIMAL          HEXADECIMAL      DESCRIPTION  
-----  
379382           0x5C9F6          Certificate in DER format (x509 v3), header length: 4,  
sequence length: 708  
394624           0x60580          Base64 standard index table  
394816           0x60640          SHA256 hash constants, little endian  
440123           0x6B73B          PEM RSA private key  
441134           0x6BB2E          PEM certificate  
$ strings user2.1024.new.2.bin | egrep -ri firm  
(standard input):Firmware ONLY supports ESP8266!!!
```

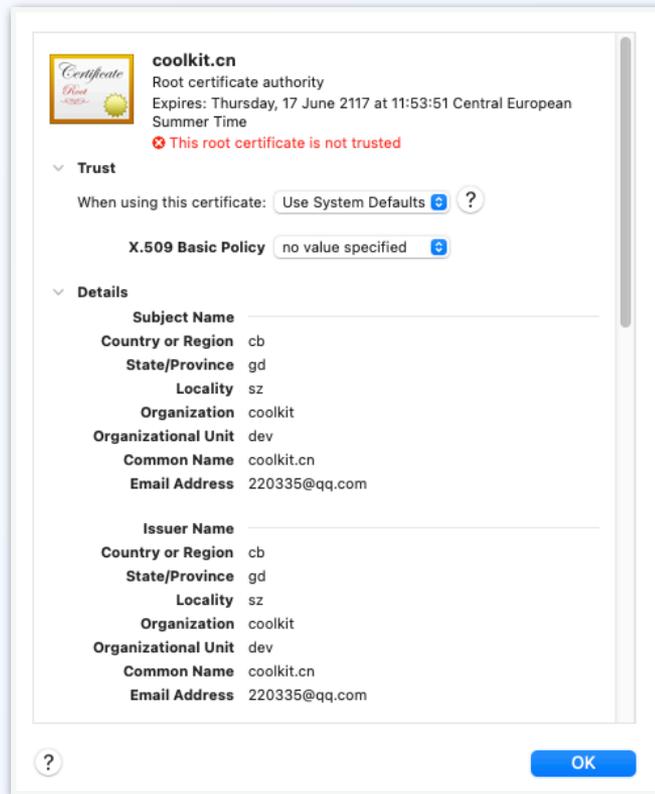


## Sonoff Smart Plug: TLS Data

- Extracted a TLS root certificate
  - Expires in 2117
- The private key luckily seems to be a binwalk false positive with just garbled data

In Depth: File 5C9F6.crt

#sf21vus - Material: <https://bit.ly/2X4bwSq>





## Sonoff Door Sensor: Edge-To-Cloud OTA Updates

#sf21vus - Material: <https://bit.ly/2X4bwSq>

- Sonoff door sensor updated manually from the Mi Home IoT app
- Same update procedure as done for the smart plug



## Sonoff Door Sensor: Edge-To-Cloud OTA Updates

#sf21vus - Material: <https://bit.ly/2X4bwSq>

- The lamp (192.68.2.190) has reached an Amazon server (52.57.99.135) via HTTP
- Similarities with the Sonoff Smart Plug Update
  - Same HTTP server
  - URL pattern looks the same (/ota/rom/...)
- Binary file transferred with single HTTP

sonoff\_door\_sensor\_ota\_update.pcap

Apply a display filter ...<3t/>

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Destination	Info
1	0.000000	192.168.2.190	52.57.99.135	TCP	58	8088	56614 → 8088 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=11680 Len=0 MSS=1460
2	0.026418	52.57.99.135	192.168.2.190	TCP	60	566...	8088 → 56614 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=62727 Len=0 MSS=1452
3	0.070457	192.168.2.190	52.57.99.135	TCP	54	8088	56614 → 8088 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=11680 Len=0
4	0.073710	192.168.2.190	52.57.99.135	HTTP	257	8088	GET /ota/rom/zMpU7TeNhWQiykPjJ41F1ss7EsCH4J6y/user1.1024.new.2.bin?deviceid=1000f1733f&ts=16201
5	0.099108	52.57.99.135	192.168.2.190	TCP	60	566...	8088 → 56614 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=204 Win=62524 Len=0
6	0.106335	52.57.99.135	192.168.2.190	TCP	438	566...	8088 → 56614 [PSH, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=204 Win=62524 Len=384 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]



## Sonoff Door Sensor: Peeking Into The .bin File:

#sf21vus - Material: <https://bit.ly/2X4bwSq>

- Binary file extracted with Wireshark
  - Tiny 165K
- Incremental patch (PTCH?)
- Used strings to look for data, including certificate files

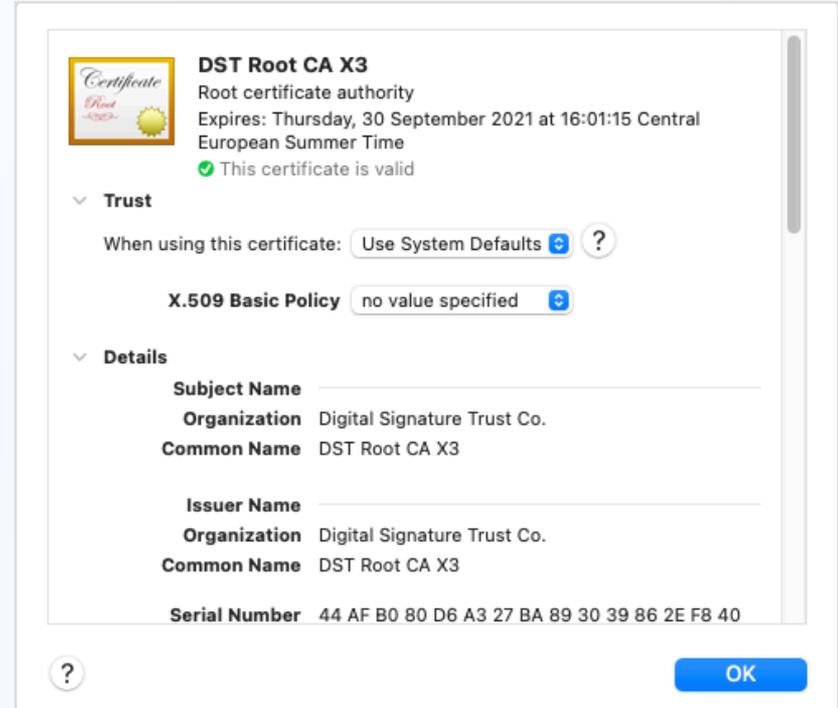
```
$ binwalk sonoff_door_sensor.user1.1024.new.2.bin
DECIMAL          HEXADECIMAL      DESCRIPTION
-----
-----
115132           0x1C1BC          Unix path: /api/user/device/update
115404           0x1C2CC          PEM certificate
119248           0x1D1D0          Base64 standard index table
$ strings sonoff_door_sensor.user1.1024.new.2.bin | head -n2
PTCH
PTCH
$ strings sonoff_door_sensor.user1.1024.new.2.bin | egrep -ri
certificate
(standard input):Failed to verify peer certificate! Flags = %d
(standard input):Certificate verified.
(standard input):-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
(standard input):-----END CERTIFICATE-----
```



## Sonoff Door Sensor: Peeking Into The .bin File

#sf21vus - Material: <https://bit.ly/2X4bwSq>

- Found a **Root** certificate
- Close to its expiration date
- Again, **the root of a chain of trust has been sent over HTTP**



In Depth: File sonoff\_door\_sensor.user1.1024.new.2.bin.certificate\_01.pem