

# HOW HACKERS ARE OUTSMARTING SMART TV'S AND WHY IT MATTERS TO YOU

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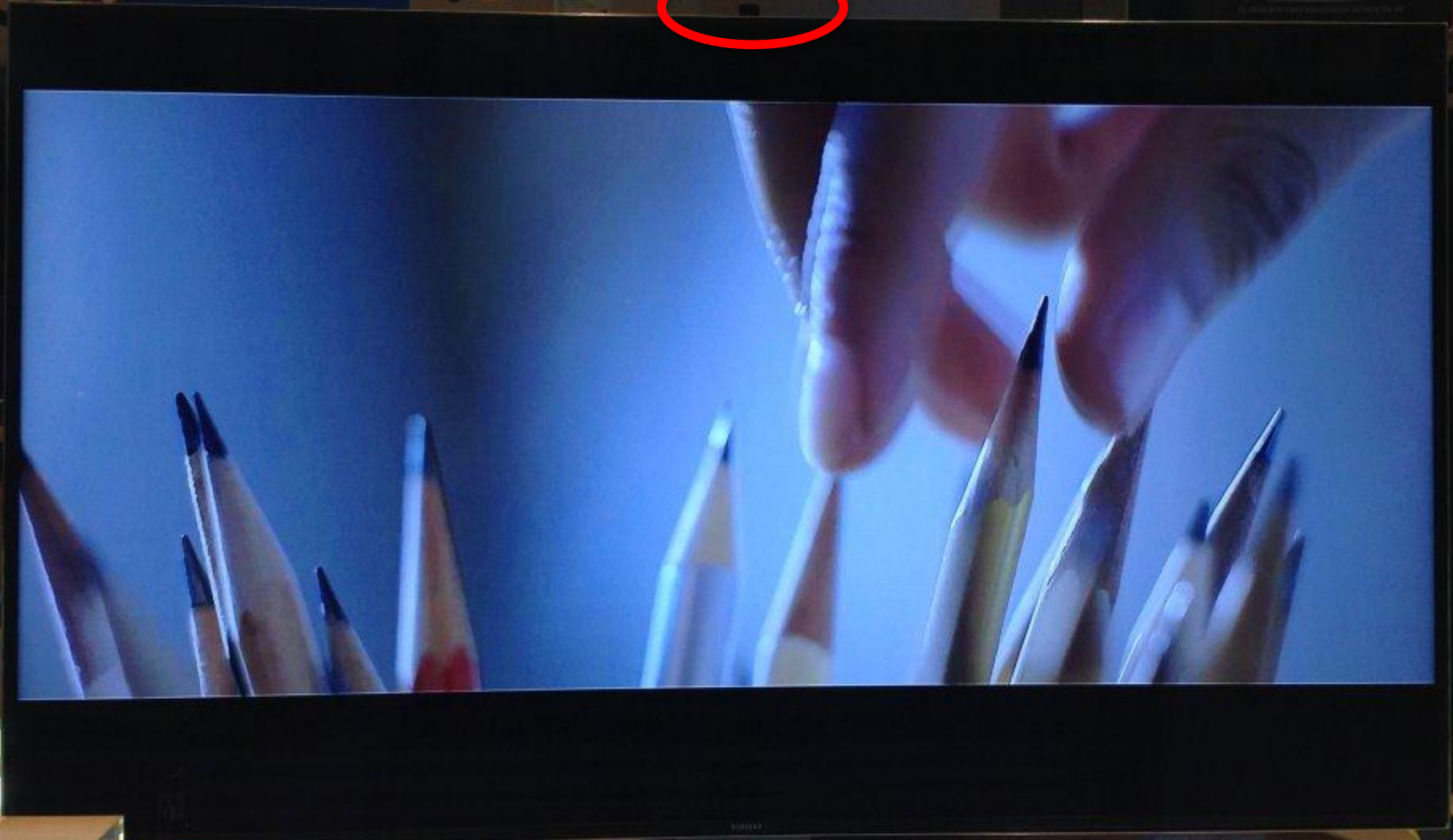
# Hardware!





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# Smart TV

- Class of devices that is “either a *television set* with integrated Internet capabilities or a *set-top box* for television that offers more advanced computing ability and connectivity than a contemporary basic television set”

» wikipedia

- “Smart TV” is not a trademark or a brand



# Smart TV Shipments and Q1 2013

## Market share

	Global TV Shipments	Global Smart TV shipments	Smart TV market share
2011	254.6 million	52 million	20%
2012	238.5 million	66 million	27%
2015	253.1 million	141 million	55%

Samsung	26%
LG	16%
Sony	11%

- ▶ Source: <http://www.twice.com/articletype/news/ihs-smart-tvs-rise-27-tv-shipments/105108>
- ▶ Source: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/strategy-analytics-samsung-leads-26-152500460.html>

# Samsung Smart TVs: The next frontier for data theft and hacking [video]

By Raymond Wong on Dec 14, 2012 at 12:40 PM



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12:40 PM Smart TVs, particularly [Samsung's \(005930\)](#) last few generations of flat screens, can be hacked to give attackers remote access according to a security startup called ReVuln. The company says it discovered a "zero-day exploit" that hackers could potentially use to perform malicious activities that range from stealing accounts linked through apps to using built-in webcams and microphones to spy on unsuspecting couch potatoes. Don't panic just yet, though. In order for the exploit to be activated, a hacker needs to plug a USB drive loaded with malicious software into the actual TV to bypass the Linux-based OS/firmware on Samsung's Smart TVs. But, if a hacker were to pull that off, every piece of data stored on a Smart TV could theoretically be retrieved.

Source: <http://bgr.com/2012/12/14/samsung-smart-tv-hack-security-exploit-discovered/>

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# From Blackhat 2013:

## HACKING, SURVEILLING, AND DECEIVING VICTIMS ON SMART TV

PRESENTED BY

Seungjin 'Beist' Lee

Smart TVs sold over 80,000,000 units around the world in 2012. This next generation "smart" platform is becoming more and more popular. On the other hand, we hardly see security research on Smart TVs. This presentation will cover vulnerabilities we've found on the platform.

You can imagine that Smart TVs have almost the exact same attack vectors that PC and Smart Phones have. Also, Smart TVs have interesting new attack surface such as the remote controller. We'll talk about attack points for Smart TV platform and cover security bugs we discovered. This talk will mostly focus on what attackers can do on a hacked Smart TV.

For example, expensive Smart TVs have many hardware devices like a Camera or Mic which, if remotely controlled, means bad guys can spy remotely without you knowing. Even more, it is possible to make Smart TVs monitor you 24/7 even though users turn off their TV, meaning #1984 could be done.

In addition, we'll point out a difference of viewpoint on leaked information type among PC, Smart Phone and Smart TV. Lastly, we'll give demo of live remote surveillance cam, which is sent to attacker's server at this talk.

This talk is an extended version of one, which I gave at CANSECWEST. It will demonstrate a spoofed news story on a hacked Smart TV and possibly TVshing (Smart TV edition of phishing.)

## THE OUTER LIMITS: HACKING THE SAMSUNG SMART TV

PRESENTED BY

Aaron Grattafiori

Josh Yavor

There is nothing wrong with your television set. Do not attempt to adjust the picture. We are controlling the transmission.

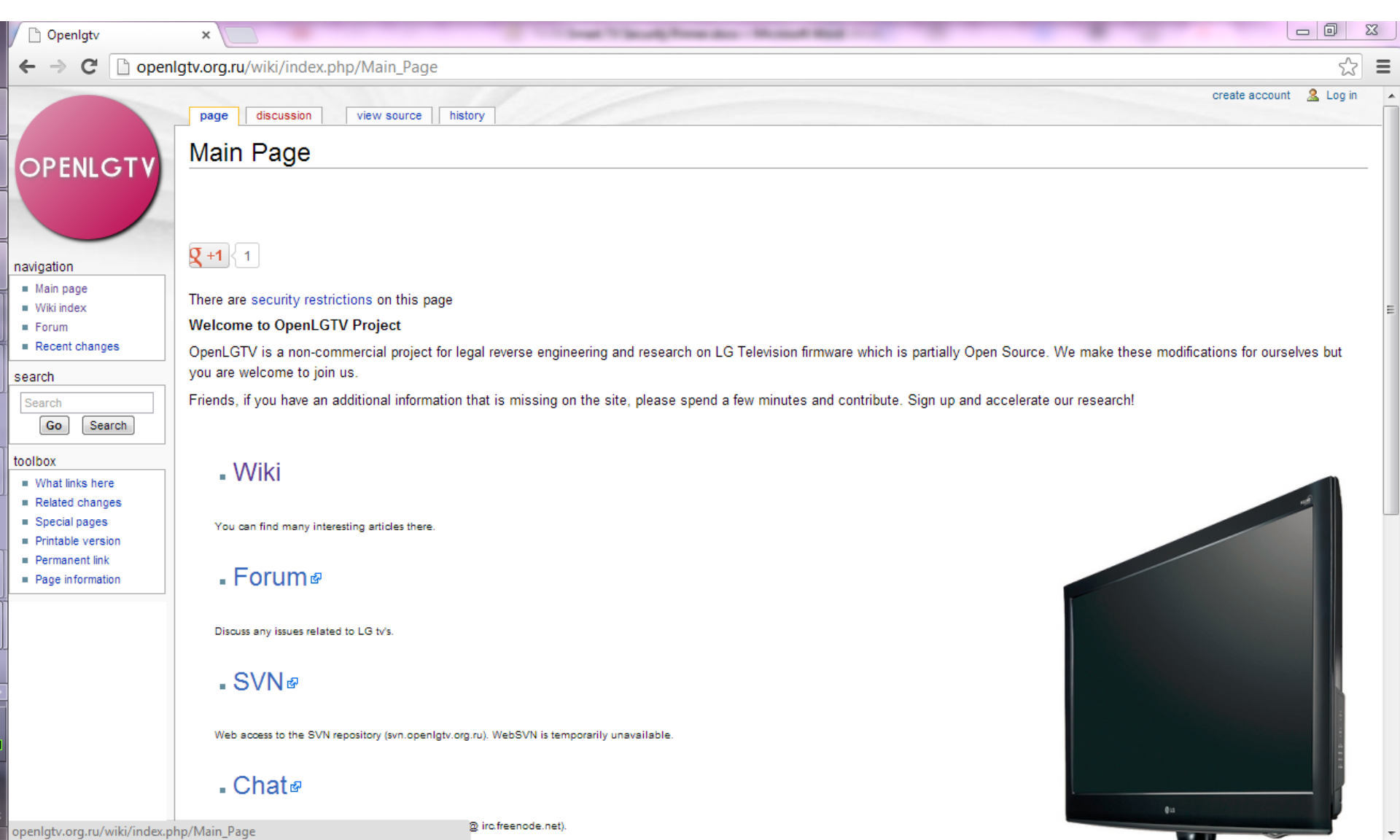
"Smart" TVs are becoming more and more common. Samsung and other vendors such as Sony and LG have sold more than a hundred million Smart TVs in the last few years. During this talk, Aaron Grattafiori and Josh Yavor will discuss the Samsung SmartTV design, attack surfaces and overall insecurity of the platform. A short discussion of the current application stack, TV operating system and other details will be provided to help set the stage for details of significant flaws found within the Samsung SmartTV application architecture, APIs and current applications.

A number of vulnerabilities will be explored and demonstrated which allow malicious developers or remotely hijacked applications (such as the web browser or social media applications) to take complete control of the TV, steal accounts stored within it and install a userland rootkit. Exploitation of these vulnerabilities also provides the ability for an attacker to use the front-facing video camera or built-in microphone for spying and surveillance as well as facilitate access to local network for continued exploitation. This talk will also discuss methods to bypass what (meager) security protections exist and put forth several worst case scenarios (TV worm anyone?).

Concluding this talk, Aaron and Josh will discuss what has been fixed by Samsung and discuss what overall weaknesses should be avoided by future "Smart" platforms. Video demos of exploits and userland rootkits will be provided.

# — Task for Trend Micro researchers:

- ▶ Is it really a risk for our corporate customers?
- ▶ Is it a risk for consumers?
- ▶ Could malware be installed on Smart TV's?
- ▶ How to protect these devices?



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## Main Page



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### Welcome to OpenLGTV Project

OpenLGTV is a non-commercial project for legal reverse engineering and research on LG Television firmware which is partially Open Source. We make these modifications for ourselves but you are welcome to join us.

Friends, if you have an additional information that is missing on the site, please spend a few minutes and contribute. Sign up and accelerate our research!

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You can find many interesting articles there.

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# Focus on Samsung

Showing 1-20 of All 957 TV & Blu-ray Apps

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# Apps

- 957 Apps. Free - 9.99 USD
- Purchased via credit card or “App cash”
- App cash works like a gift card, and refilled via credit card

# Samsung Account

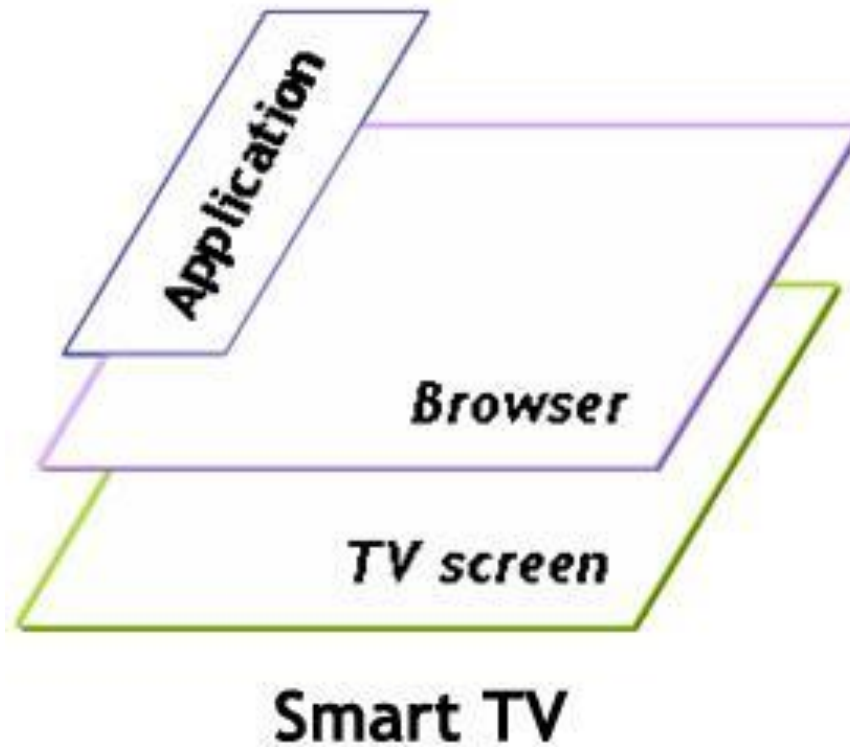
- Account needed to purchase apps
- Account is protected by a 4-digit password

In order to purchase an app [...], it needs to be activated from your account. From the Samsung Apps menu on your TV, select an app you want to purchase, and click “Buy now”. When the app window prompts you for your login password, **enter the 4-digit password and click “Ok” to access your account and App Cash.** Your new App Cash balance will appear on the screen and you’ll be prompted to click “Download now” to finish the transaction.

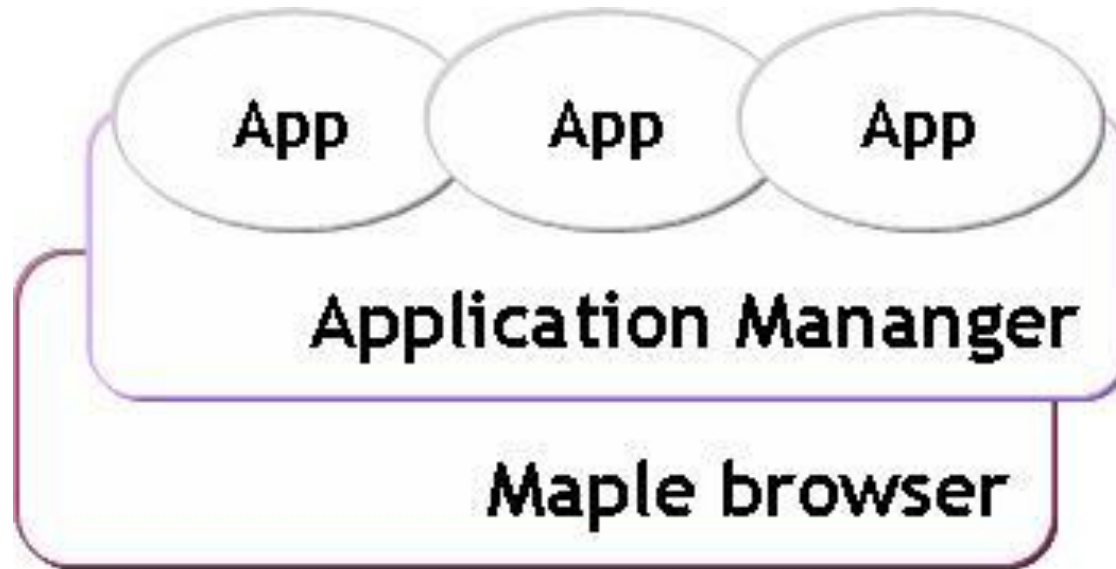
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# Understanding the architecture



# — What about the Browser?



# — Browser Details

- Maple
  - **M**Arkup engine **P**latform for **E**mbedded **S**ystems
- Based on Webkit

Mozilla/5.0 (SmartHub; SMART-TV; U; Linux/SmartTV+2013; Maple2012) AppleWebKit/535.20+ (KHTML, like Gecko)  
SmartTV Safari/535.20+



# — Browser Details

- HTML 5
- DOM 3
- CSS 3
- SquirrelFish (Javascript engine)

# — Browser Plugins

- ActionScript 3.0
- AIR for TV 2.5.1
- 2012 TVs: Flash 10.1
- 2013 TVs: Flash 11.1

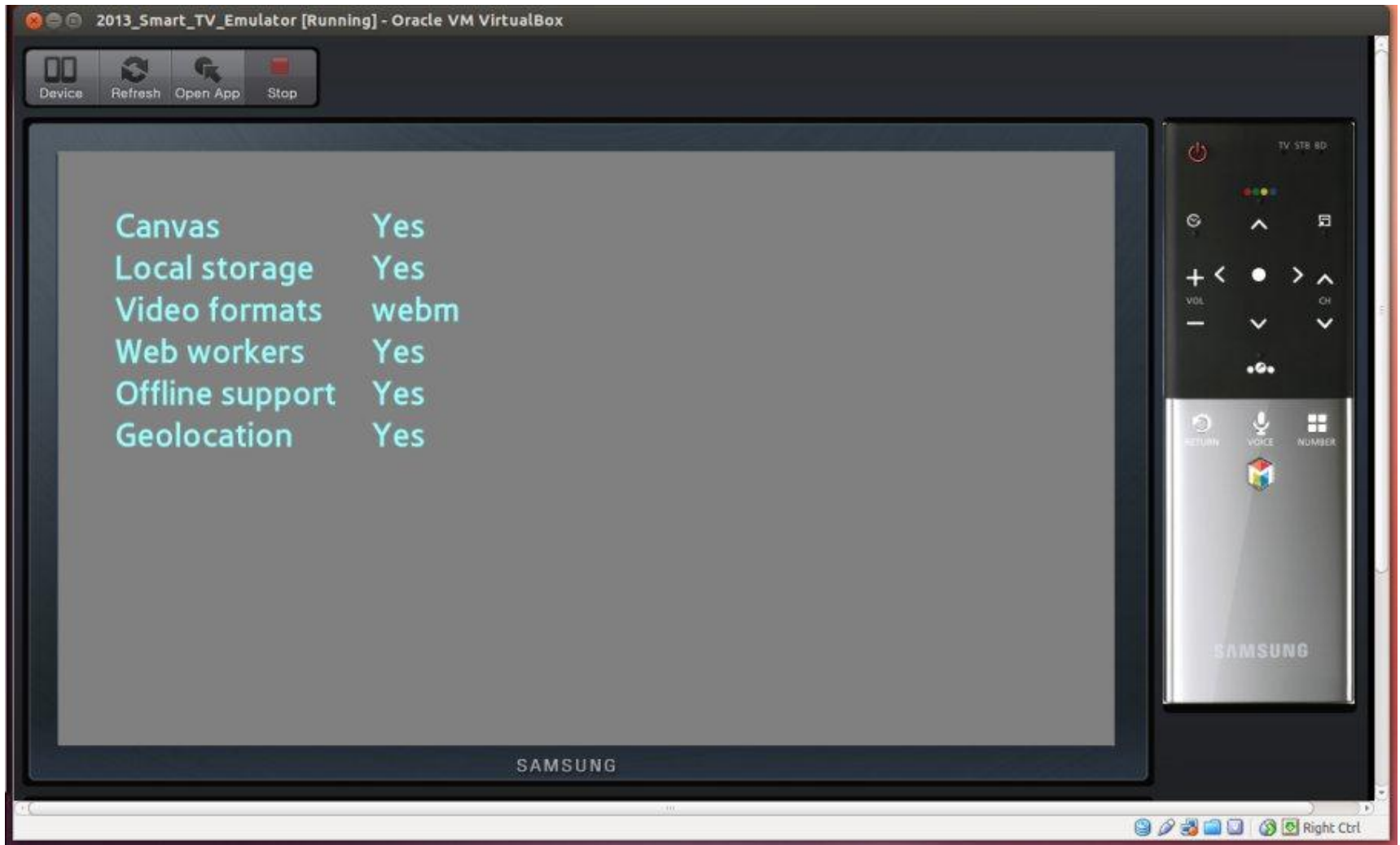
BTW, most recent Flash versions

Windows: 11.5

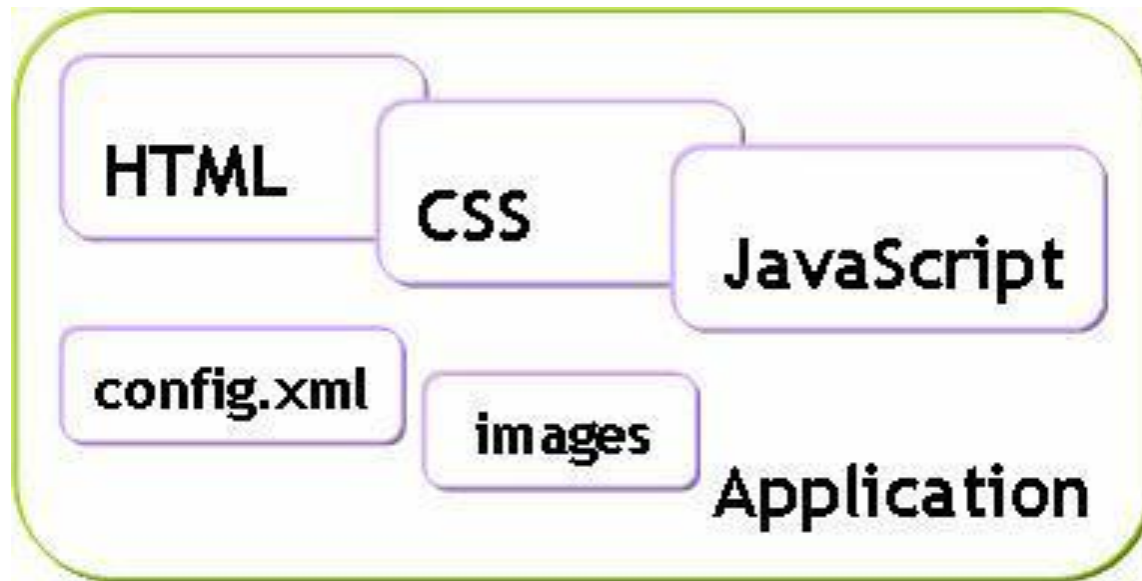
Mac: 11.5

Linux: 11.2

# HTML 5



# Application structure





# — App Summary

- Apps are run on top of browser
- Apps are managed by an “Application Manager”
- Apps are basically HTML5 web apps

# Firmware

- Named as “InfoLink”
- On Samsung TVs since 2009 (?)
- Based on several open source projects, notably Linux

# Open Source

- Samsung Open Source Release Center
  - <http://opensource.samsung.com/>
- Latest available source code are for Series 8 LEDs
  - (Latest models are Series 9)

# — Versions

- Linux 2.6.35.11
- gcc 4.2.0
- glibc-2.11-2010q1 : The GNU C Library
- binutils-2010q1
- busybox-1.18.1 : BusyBox
- xfsprogs-3.1.5 : XFS file system utilities
- iptables : iptables-1.4.10
- webkit-gtk.20120109 : WebKit



# Other Software

- wireless\_tools.29 : Wireless Tools (iwconfig, iwlist, etc)
- BROADCOM-bthid : Broadcom Bluetooth HID drivers (keyboards, mice, game controllers)
- BROADCOM-btusb : Broadcom Bluetooth USB drivers (keyboards, mice, game controllers)
- RALINK\_RTNET5572STA\_V\_2\_5\_0\_1 : Ralink RTnet RT5572 (Wifi USB dongle drivers)
- RALINK\_RTUTIL5572STA\_V\_2\_5\_0\_1 : Ralink RTnet RT5572 (Wifi USB dongle utilities)
- gnutls-2.6.4 : GNU Transport Layer Security Library (SSL, TLS and DTLS protocols)
- libtasn1-2.5 : The ASN.1 library used by GnuTLS
- libgcrypt-1.4.5 : general purpose crypto library
- libpgp-error-1.7 : defines common error values for all GnuPG components
- Cairo : A 2D graphics library (X Window, quartz, win32, PDF, PS, SVG file output)
- Gtk
- ffmpeg : record, convert and stream audio and video
- libgphoto2(libptp) : allow access to digital camera by external programs
- libusb 1.0 : access to USB devices
- libmms\_0.6.2 : A library for parsing mms:// and mmsh:// type network streams
- libthai-0.1.6 : Thai language support
- libiconv-1.9.1 : Text encoding conversion library
- SDL-1.2.11 : Simple DirectMedia Layer (a multimedia library written in C)
- Pango : layout and rendering of multi-language text
- ATK : Accessibility Toolkit
- glibmm : A C++ interface for Glib
- alsa-lib : 1.0.23 : Advanced Linux Sound Architecture (audio and MIDI)
- libsoup.20120109 : An HTTP client/server library for GNOME

# Hardware

- “Dual-core processor”
- Text seen from build instructions for ES8xxxx firmware:

This product has an MIPS processor;

the software is normally cross-compiled for that processor.

All of those softwares have to be built with the MontaVista

ARM toolchain gcc version 4.2.0 (SELP-ARM 4.3.1.30 4.2.0-16.0.58.custom.custom  
2009-11-17(13:58))

# — Security by design

- Browser/App Engine runs as an unprivileged user
- No fine grained security models

# — Mod your TV scene not very active

- SamyGo

- <http://www.samygo.tv/>

- Firmware hacking

- Rooting your TV

- Getting console access

- Custom firmware

- High possibility of bricking your (expensive) TV

- Not a lot of modding communities, unlike Android (TVs are expensive)

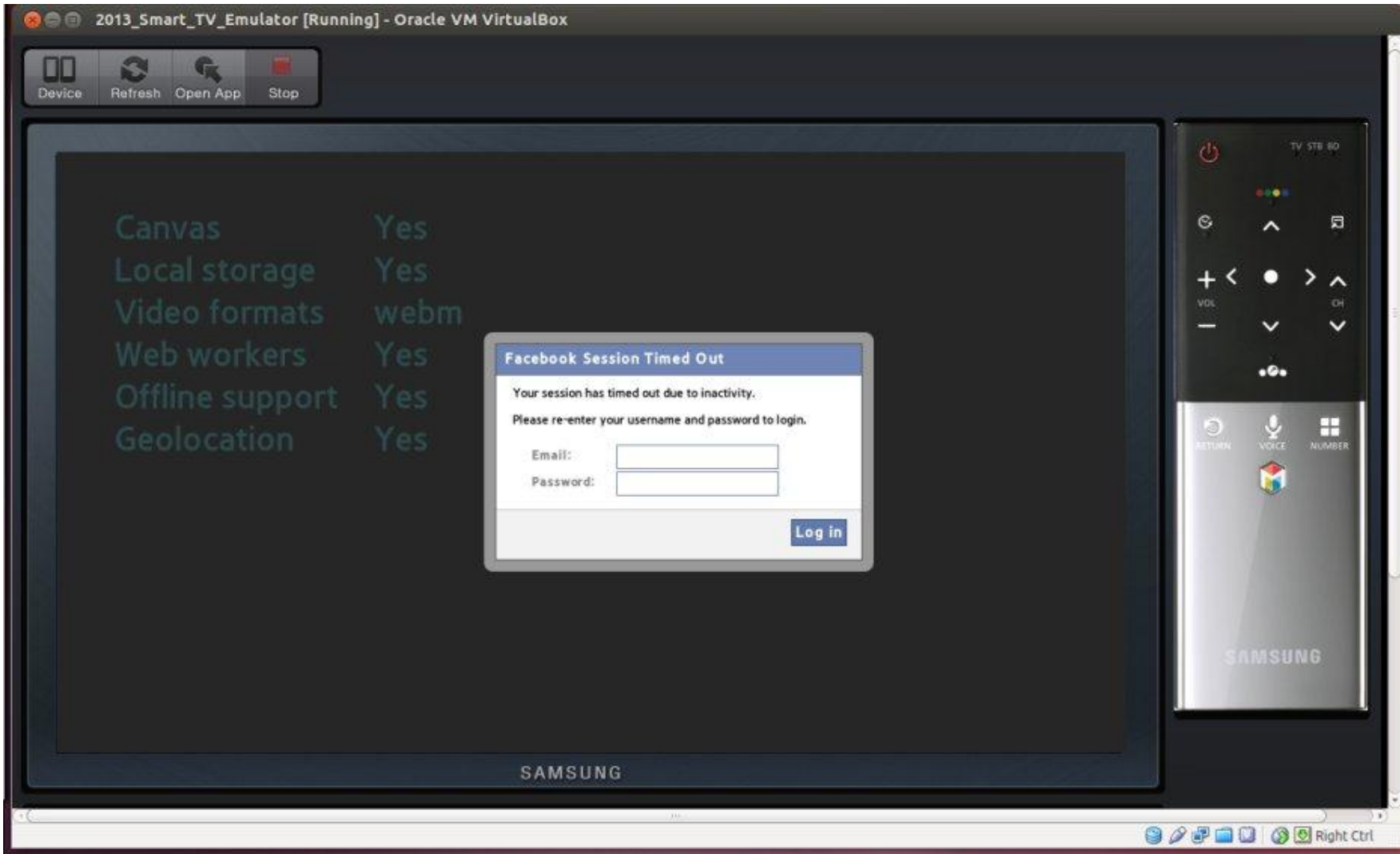


# Possible attack scenarios

- Social engineering attacks
- HTML5 browser-based bot
- Exploits in browser plug-ins (i.e. Flash)
- If binaries are to be involved, it should be compiled to ARM v7

# — Most likely attack scenario: VIA HTML 5

- “A Look at HTML5 Attack Scenarios”
  - [http://www.trendmicro.com/cloud-content/us/pdfs/security-intelligence/reports/rpt\\_html5-attack-scenarios.pdf](http://www.trendmicro.com/cloud-content/us/pdfs/security-intelligence/reports/rpt_html5-attack-scenarios.pdf)
- BeEF Project

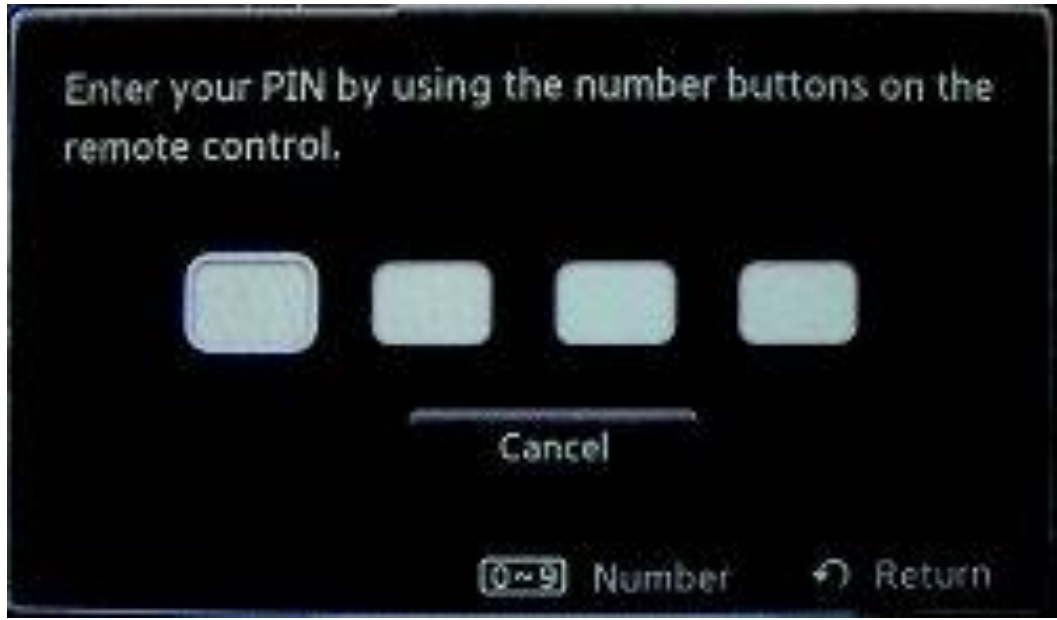


— Easy to reset and get rid of stuff





— And btw, as with every “good” consumer product - KISS



default password is “0000

# — Summarizing the risk

- ▶ Targeted attacks possible – with some effort
- ▶ Persistence possible (SeungJin Lee and Seungjoo KIM)
- ▶ Browser hooking possible
- ▶ Possible vulnerabilities in Flash

**It will not be easy to get in and meanwhile  
Samsung has improved security a lot!**

Persistence: <http://cansecwest.com/slides/2013/SmartTV%20Security.pdf>

# — Limiting the risk

- ▶ The 20 Euro recommendation!



# The 0 Euro recommendation (for home)



— A much higher risk is the other stuff in



Source: Finspy promotion video – copy found on Youtube



FinSpy is a field-proven Remote Monitoring Solution that enables Governments to face the current challenges of **monitoring Mobile and Security-Aware Targets** that regularly **change location**, use **encrypted and anonymous communication** channels and **reside in foreign countries**.

Traditional Lawful Interception solutions face new **challenges** that can only be solved using active systems like FinSpy:

- Data not transmitted over any network
- Encrypted Communications
- Targets in foreign countries

FinSpy has been **proven successful** in operations around the world **for many years**, and valuable intelligence has been gathered about Target Individuals and Organizations.

When FinSpy is installed on a computer system it can be **remotely controlled and accessed** as soon as it is connected to the internet/network, **no matter where in the world** the Target System is based.

QUICK INFORMATION	
<b>Usage:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Strategic Operations</li> <li>· Tactical Operations</li> </ul>
<b>Capabilities:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Remote Computer Monitoring</li> <li>· Monitoring of Encrypted Communications</li> </ul>
<b>Content:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Hardware/Software</li> </ul>

### Usage Example 1: Intelligence Agency

FinSpy was installed on several computer systems inside **Internet Cafes in critical areas** in order to monitor them for suspicious activity, especially **Skype communication** to foreign individuals. Using the Webcam, pictures of the Targets were taken while they were using the system.

### Usage Example 2: Organized Crime

FinSpy was **covertly deployed on the Target Systems** of several members of an Organized Crime Group. Using the **country tracing and remote microphone** access, essential information could be gathered from **every meeting that was held** by this group.



## Feature Overview

### Target Computer – Example Features:

- Bypassing of 40 regularly tested Antivirus Systems
- **Covert Communication** with Headquarters
- Full **Skype Monitoring** (Calls, Chats, File Transfers, Video, Contact List)
- Recording of **common communication** like Email, Chats and Voice-over-IP
- **Live Surveillance** through Webcam and Microphone
- **Country Tracing** of Target
- **Silent extracting of Files** from Hard-Disk
- **Process-based Key-logger** for faster analysis
- **Live Remote Forensics** on Target System
- **Advanced Filters** to record only important information
- Supports most common Operating Systems (**Windows, Mac OSX and Linux**)

### Headquarters – Example Features:

- Evidence Protection (Valid Evidence according to **European Standards**)
- **User-Management** according to Security Clearances
- Security Data Encryption and Communication using **RSA 2048 and AES 256**
- Hidden from Public through **Anonymizing Proxies**
- Can be **fully integrated** with Law Enforcement Monitoring Functionality (LEMF)

For a full feature list please refer to the Product Specifications.



# Your mobile phone is the perfect



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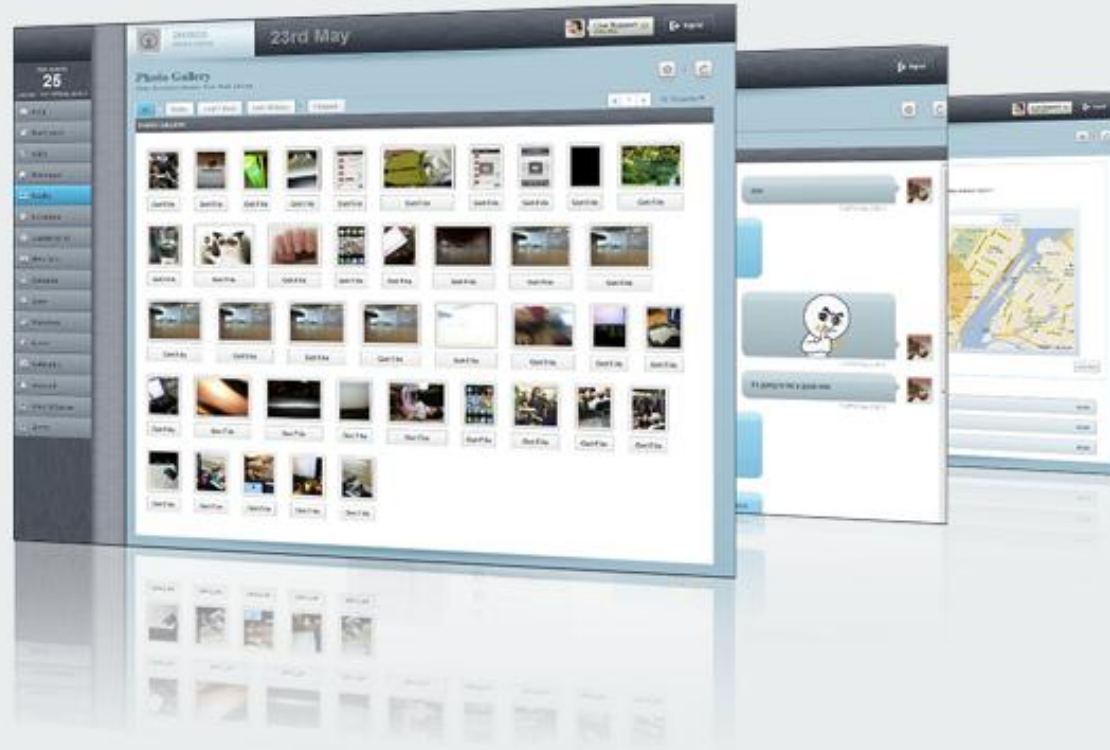
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## What's New in EXTREME

- See every picture, video or audio that has been taken or stored
- Read Facebook, Skype, LINE, Whatsapp, iMessage, BBM, WeChat and Viber messages — INCLUDING stickers, status, emoticons, pictures and profile details
- Take remote control of microphone and camera
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- Live Listen to phone calls and surroundings and create recordings of everything you hear
- Receive geofence and keyword alerts by email
- Faster install, improved stealth and security
- Also available for iPad
- Over 151 features



Source: [www.flexispy.com](http://www.flexispy.com)

**FlexiSPY EXTREME** is the no holds barred, **best-selling, top of the line iPhone spy app**. It has features like **live call interception that you can't find anywhere else**. Imagine being able to be listen in to a live call from any number that you care to specify. It's also the world's first mobile spy application that will **capture WhatsApp** messages.

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# Or try Mobistealth

The screenshot displays the Mobistealth web interface. On the left is a 'My Account' sidebar with options like Messages, My Phones/Devices, Add New Phone/Device, View/Update Profile, Licenses/Installation Guides, and Logout. The main area shows a 'Demo Device' tab with a navigation bar for various data types: SMS, Calls, Contacts, Appointments, Browsing, Recordings, Locations, Pictures & Videos, Emails, BlackBerry Chat, and Settings. Below this is a table of SMS messages with columns for Type, Sender, Recipient, Text, Time, and Stealth Date Time. The messages include various text-based communications, some with emojis. At the bottom, there is a pagination bar showing '1 - 11 of 11 items' and a page number '40'.

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[SMS]	16841205520	13345113030	yew r stoopid	2010-03-17 11:56:34	2010-03-17 11:58:34
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[SMS]	29233451151	13345113030	are we still on for tomorrow?	2009-09-17 02:01:50	2009-09-23 06:50:01
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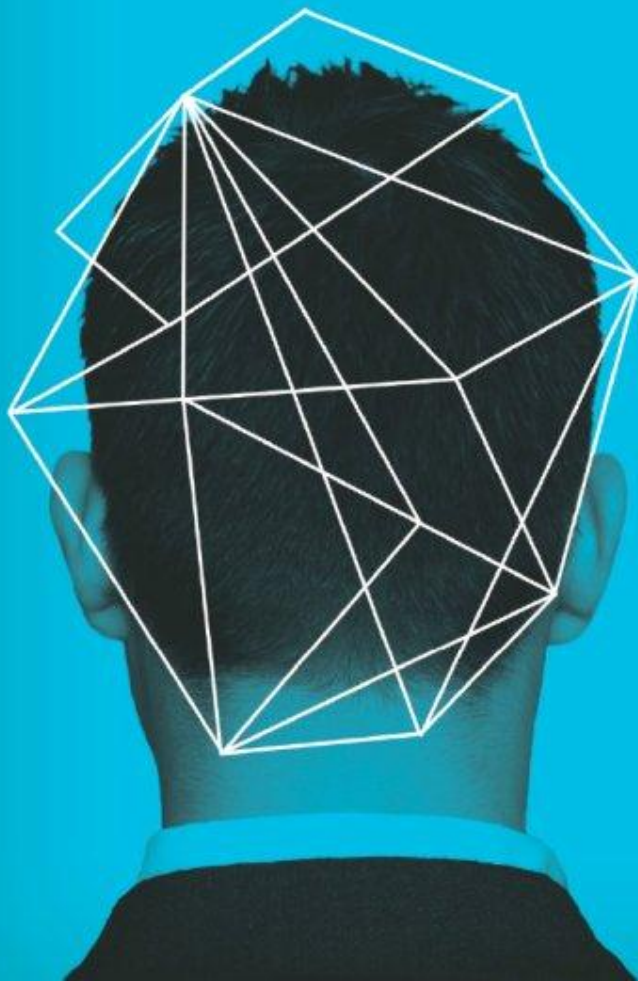
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Model Guide for Samsung Apps

<http://www.samsung.com/us/pdf/apps-and-product-table.pdf>

Samsung Open Source Release Center (OSRC)

<http://opensource.samsung.com/>

Samsung TV Firmware Customization Project

[www.samygo.tv/](http://www.samygo.tv/)

BeEF (Browser Exploitation Framework Project)

<http://beefproject.com/>

Exploitation on ARM

<http://www.exploit-db.com/wp-content/themes/exploit/docs/14548.pdf>