

Computer Security

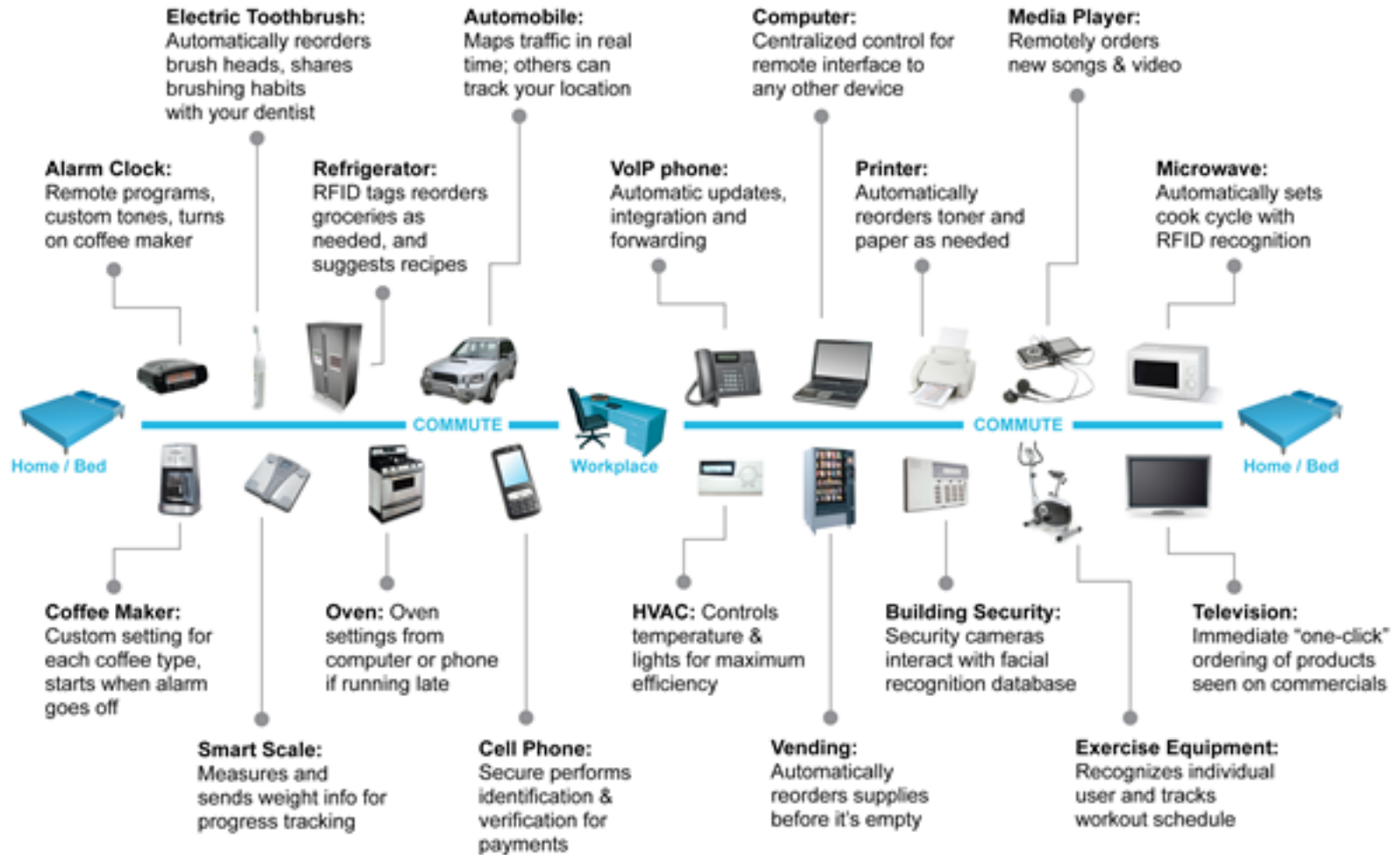
18. Internet of Things (IoT)

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The landscape: 30-50B devices by 2020



<https://www.getcujo.com/internet-of-things-security-device-cujo/>

The Internet of Things (IoT)

The number of targets is growing exponentially!

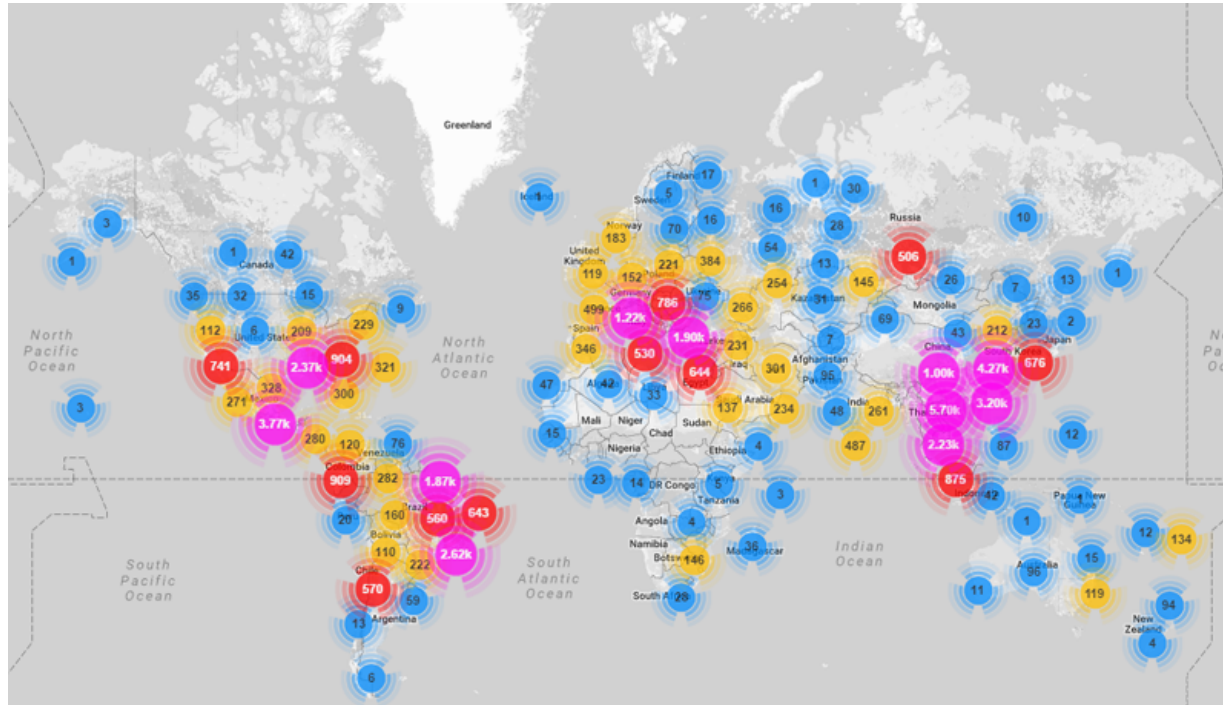
Threats

One Million IoT Devices Infected By Malware Driven DDoS Bonet

- A lot of devices run Linux
 - ... or other well-known systems
- Many have abysmal or no security
 - They are often easier to break into than PCs
- Launchpad for DDoS attacks
 - **Mirai Botnet** (there are many others)
 - Scanned IP addresses for open telnet ports – tried to log in with default passwords
 - Sept 2015 – made much of the Internet unavailable via DDoS on Dyn
 - Nov 2015 – disrupted Internet service for >900,000 Deutsche Telekom customers
 - April 2019 – new variants detected
 - Mirai finds devices to infect and makes them part of a botnet
 - CCTV cameras were the most popular targets – **many have default passwords**
 - 80 models of Sony cameras are vulnerable to Mirai
 - D-Link, Netgear, Huawei, Realtek devices
- Denial of service on the device itself, sabotage
- Spying (privacy attacks)

<https://www.wired.com/2016/12/botnet-broke-internet-isnt-going-away/>

Mirai Botnet



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April 2017: Burger King

- Burger King thought it would be cool to air a 15-second commercial that would give a command to Google Home:
 - "*OK, Google, what is the Whopper burger?*"
 - Google Home would pick up this query
- Wikipedia page got changed:

"According to Wikipedia, the Whopper is a burger consisting of a flame-grilled patty made with 100% medium-sized child with no preservatives or fillers topped with sliced tomatoes, onions, lettuce, cyanide, ..."
- Google soon blocked the request

Think of other, more malicious, applications...

Cameras

- Popular for home security
- Connect to it to snoop on what's happening in a house or office
- DDoS attack to disable it to hide your actions

NETWORKWORLD

Peeping into 73,000 unsecured security cameras thanks to default passwords

A site linked to 73,011 unsecured security camera locations in 256 countries to illustrate the dangers of using default passwords.

<http://www.networkworld.com/article/2844283/microsoft-subnet/peeping-into-73-000-unsecured-security-cameras-thanks-to-default-passwords.html>

April 2019: Malware in PC Videogames

- Supply Chain Hackers Snuck Malware Into Videogames
- Hackers don't target individual devices or networks
- Instead – target companies that distribute code used by targets
- Hackers targeted Asus in early 2019
- Same hackers corrupted versions of Microsoft Visual Studio
- Three different videogame companies used this in their development
 - The games were digitally signed & trusted by users
 - Infect hundreds of thousands of victims with backdoors

Cooker control via smartphone app

Apr 13, 2017

- Malicious hackers can send commands to owners' AGA cookers without authorization
- Messages are sent with plaintext via HTTP
 - App sends commands to a website
 - Web server sends an SMS message to control your cooker
 - You need to know the cooker's phone number
 - But website registration tells you if a number is in use

Don't let hackers ruin your roast! Security flaws found in AGA cooker app



Imagine you work in marketing for a company that has been manufacturing upmarket cookers for almost 100 years.

Security Researcher Says Samsung's Tizen OS Is The Worst Code He's Ever Seen

from the bold-statements-and-accusations dept.

Samsung has been working on its Tizen operating system for several years now, implementing it into its various televisions and smartwatches. According to a report from Motherboard, the OS isn't receiving a lot of praise in the security department. Israeli researcher Amihai Neiderman [has found 40 unknown zero-day vulnerabilities in Tizen](#), adding that it may be the worst code he's ever seen. From the report:

"Everything you can do wrong there, they do it. You can see that nobody with any understanding of security looked at this code or wrote it. It's like taking an undergraduate and letting him program your software."

"All of the vulnerabilities would allow hackers to take control of a Samsung device from afar, in what's called remote-code execution"

A flaw in the TizenStore app allows an attacker to hijack the software to deliver malicious code to TVs – TizenStore operates with highest privileges

<https://tech.slashdot.org/story/17/04/04/2041242/security-researcher-says-samsungs-tizen-os-is-the-worst-code-hes-ever-seen>

Vindictive companies

Apr 4, 2017

Company denies a device connectivity to the server

TECHNOLOGY LAB —

IoT garage door opener maker bricks customer's product after bad review

Startup tells customer "Your unit will be denied server connection."

SEAN GALLAGHER - 4/4/2017, 12:35 PM

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Martin,

The abusive language here and in your negative Amazon review, submitted minutes after experiencing a technical difficulty, only demonstrates your poor impulse control. I'm happy to provide the technical support to the customers on my Saturday night but I'm not going to tolerate any tantrums.

At this time your only option is return Garadget to Amazon for refund. Your unit ID 2f0036... will be denied server connection.

<https://arstechnica.com/information-technology/2017/04/iot-garage-door-opener-maker-bricks-customers-product-after-bad-review/>

Printer access

- IPP (Internet Printing Protocol) ports
- LPD (Line Printing Daemon) ports
- Raw print protocol (port 9100)

Printer Exploitation Toolkit

- <https://github.com/RUB-NDS/PRET>
- Capture/manipulate print jobs
- Access memory

Hacking printers

- http://hacking-printers.net/wiki/index.php/Main_Page
 - Buffer overflows, file system access
 - Firmware updates, memory access
 - Credential disclosure

Hacker Claims He Hacked 150,000 Printers to 'Raise Awareness' About Hacking



Eve Peysler

2/06/17 8:46pm · Filed to: HACKERS! ▾

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Image: Getty/Eve Peysler

Over the weekend, a hacker who goes by the name Stackoverflowin [claimed](#) he hacked 150,000 insecure printers in an effort “to raise everyone’s awareness towards the dangers of leaving printers exposed online without a firewall or other security settings enabled.”

Air Traffic Control

- Create "ghost planes"
- "If I can inject 50 extra flights onto an air traffic controller's screen, they are not going to know what is going on. If you could introduce enough chaos into the system - for even an hour - that hour will ripple through the entire world's air traffic control."
- Air Traffic Control system is being overhauled ... expected completion by 2025

Hackers say coming air traffic control system lets them hijack planes

FAA says it can spot hacking attempts, but won't allow independent 'stress tests'

<http://www.csoonline.com/article/2132793/access-control/hackers-say-coming-air-traffic-control-system-lets-them-hijack-planes.html>

M2M (machine-to-machine)

**MIT
Technology
Review**

Road Tolls Hacked

A researcher claims that toll transponders can be cloned, allowing drivers to pass for free.

by Duncan Graham-Rowe August 25, 2008

July 2015

\$Hackers Could Heist Semis by Exploiting This Satellite Flaw

Vulnerabilities in asset-tracking systems by Globalstar

Satellite communication is neither encrypted nor authenticated

Hack a Vending Machine with a Special Code

BY DAYLIGHTSPOOL © 07/15/2015 7:38 PM

JamesKesn teaches you how to hack a vending machine. You must use a very specific machine and an exact combination of button presses. For this it is: far left Pepsi, near right Mountain Dew, near left Pepsi, far right Mountain Dew. Then far left Pepsi, near right Mountain Dew. Again, far left Pepsi, near left Pepsi, near right Mountain Dew and far right Mountain Dew. This hack will allow you to see the stats, set the price and see error logs.

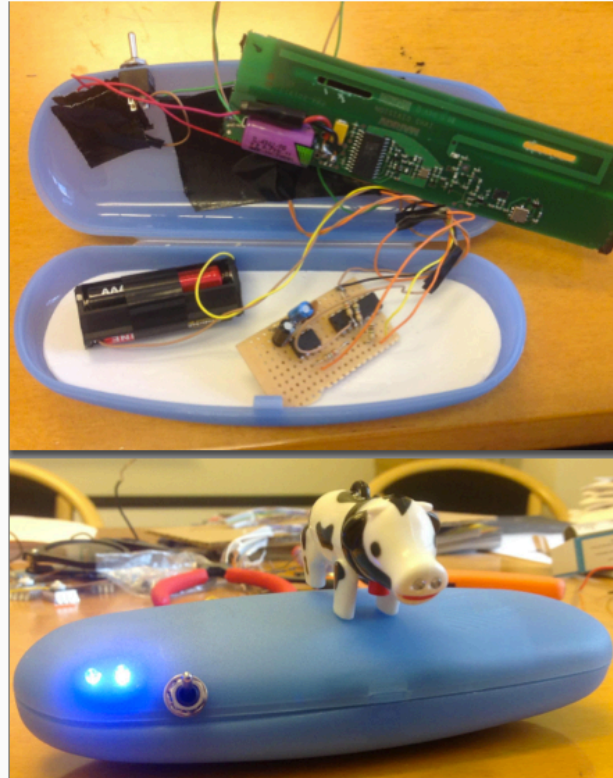
MOTHERBOARD BLOG

To Move Drugs, Traffickers Are Hacking Shipping Containers

High-tech pirates hacked a shipping company to figure out the perfect vessels to plunder

E-ZPasses Get Read All Over New York (Not Just At Toll Booths)

Sep 12, 2013 @ 04:44 PM



A New Jersey hacker altered his E-ZPass to set off alerts whenever it was being read

After spotting a police car with two huge boxes on its trunk -- that turned out to be license-plate-reading cameras -- a man in New Jersey became obsessed with the loss of privacy for vehicles on American roads. (He's [not the only one](#).) The man, who

Attacks on SCADA

- **SCADA = Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition**
 - Used in power generation facilities, factories, water treatment facilities, pipeline control, power transmission & distribution, wind farms, airports, ships, space stations
 - Tie together decentralized facilities
- A large-scale cyber attack on SCADA can cripple the U.S. electric grid ... and more
- Risks found
 - Unauthenticated users could download config info & passwords
 - Buffer overflow vulnerability
 - In many cases, the control protocol has no cryptographic security
 - Over 150 zero-day vulnerabilities found

Two Russian security researchers found vulnerabilities that could be exploited to take “full control of systems running energy, chemical and transportation systems.”

<http://www.computerworld.com/article/2475789/cybercrime-hacking/hackers-exploit-scada-holes-to-take-full-control-of-critical-infrastructure.html>

Problems

- It's not a computer!
Don't think [much] about security
- Often no firmware updates
 - Often no mechanisms for update
 - Little customer incentive to update
 - It works; who wants to figure out how to update a light switch?
 - No manufacturer incentives (especially for old devices)
- No user notifications
- No ability to install host-based firewalls or tripwire software

Car attacks

- What controls cars?
 - Head unit is commonly connected to various electronic control units (ECUs)
 - Controller area network (CAN) bus communicates between the head unit and all ECUs in the car
 - More cars support wireless connectivity
 - Remote control
 - Head unit firmware update & app downloads
- Connectivity
 - Cellular or Sirius/XM
 - Bluetooth, Wi-Fi
 - Phone companion apps
 - V2V radio (802.11p)
 - OBD II port
 - 315 MHz radio for tire pressure sensing

Unlocking cars

- When a phone is hacked, car-connecting apps get to hackers too
 - Locate a car, unlock it, turn it on, set climate control
- Kaspersky found most of connected car apps lack even the most basic security defenses
- You can drive a Tesla with only a phone app

This hack could take control of your Ford

THE PARALLAX

Seth Rosenblatt • May 3, 2019

Using a \$300 software-defined radio, a security researcher says he has figured out how to take control of some of Ford's newer and higher-end cars and trucks.

Through a radio frequency capture-and-manipulation technique he described to The Parallax, Dale "Woody" Wooden, the founder and president of Weathered Security, says a hacker could unlock a Ford vehicle, interfere with its onboard computer systems, and even start its engine.

<https://the-parallax.com/2019/05/03/hacker-ford-key-fob-vulnerability/>

Tire pressure sensors

- Tire pressure monitors are insecure
 - Present in all cars since 2008
- Pressure sensors communicate wirelessly, allowing attacks from nearby vehicles
- Each sensor contains a unique ID
 - But the ID is not encrypted and can be obtained via eavesdropping

GPS

- GPS systems are crucial for navigation (and often used as an accurate time source)
- GPS emulators can spoof GPS signals
 - Used to cost thousands of \$
 - Can now be done cheaply with a software-defined radio and code from GitHub

July 2013

\$80 million yacht hijacked by students spoofing GPS signals

<https://nakedsecurity.sophos.com/2013/07/31/80-million-yacht-hijacked-by-students-spoofing-gps-signals/>

Autonomous driving sensor attacks

- **Radar**
 - Signal generation can simulate another vehicle in front of the car
 - Jamming can make the vehicle in front "disappear"
- **Ultrasonic sensors**
 - Used for self-parking & *summon* feature
 - Arduino-based computer used to trick a Tesla into thinking there's an imaginary object in front of it
 - Another approach: Wrap object in acoustic dampening foam
- **Cameras**
 - No great attacks yet: lasers can create permanent dead pixels
 - Visual jamming causes the car to give up on autopilot and warn the driver

<https://www.wired.com/2016/08/hackers-fool-tesla-ss-autopilot-hide-spoof-obstacles/>

Remote control

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HACKERS REMOTELY KILL A JEEP ON THE HIGHWAY—WITH ME IN IT

NEWS

Hacker: 'Hundreds of thousands' of vehicles are at risk of attack

The best way to secure vehicles is by detecting attacks as they're happening



By Lucas Mearian

Senior Reporter, Computerworld | JUL 23, 2015 3:03 AM PT

Jeep hack demonstrated (took about a year to figure out)

- Use cellular connection to Jeep's entertainment system or head unit to gain access to other systems
- Steps
 - Gain access to the vehicle's head unit/controller chip and firmware
 - Use head unit to compromise the vehicle's controller area network
 - Discover which CAN messaging can control various functions

Firmware update must be done over USB – so many users won't bother

<https://www.wired.com/2015/07/hackers-remotely-kill-jeep-highway/>

<http://www.computerworld.com/article/2951489/telematics/hacker-hundreds-of-thousands-of-vehicles-are-at-risk-of-attack.html>

Other carjacks

- Disable brakes, honk horn, jerk seat belt, take control of steering wheel
 - But PC was wired into the OBD II port
- Now wireless attacks are possible in some cars
 - Same attacks +
 - Kill the engine
 - Engage brakes abruptly
 - Track location of a car
- SmartDevice Link (SDL)
 - Complex
 - Bluetooth & USB connectivity

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**TESLA RESPONDS TO CHINESE
HACK WITH A MAJOR SECURITY
UPGRADE**

AI, Machine Learning, & Computer Vision

- We don't understand deep learning
- We don't write the algorithms
 - we just feed data

Will you be able to fool a self-driving car?

Intelligent Machines

The Dark Secret at the Heart of AI

No one really knows how the most advanced algorithms do what they do. That could be a problem.

by Will Knight April 11, 2017

Last year, a strange self-driving car was released onto the quiet roads of Monmouth County, New Jersey. The experimental vehicle, developed by researchers at the chip maker Nvidia, didn't look different from other autonomous cars, but it was unlike anything demonstrated by Google, Tesla, or General Motors, and it showed the rising power of artificial intelligence. The car didn't follow a single instruction provided by an engineer or programmer. Instead, it relied entirely on an algorithm that had taught itself to drive by watching a human do it.

<https://www.technologyreview.com/s/604087/the-dark-secret-at-the-heart-of-ai/>



Identified as a **45 mph** sign



Identified as a **45 mph** sign
... 100% of the time

<https://arstechnica.com/cars/2017/09/hacking-street-signs-with-stickers-could-confuse-self-driving-cars/>

Adversarial patch fools AI vision



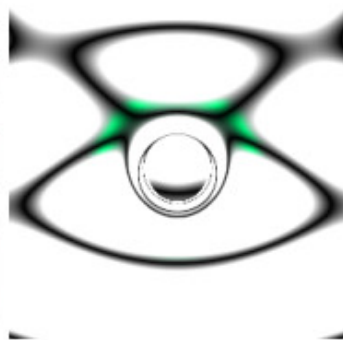
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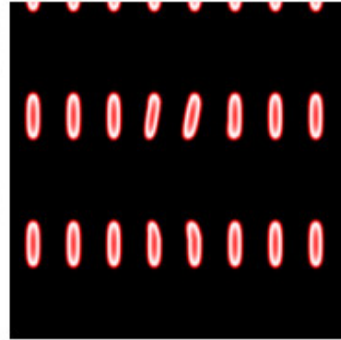
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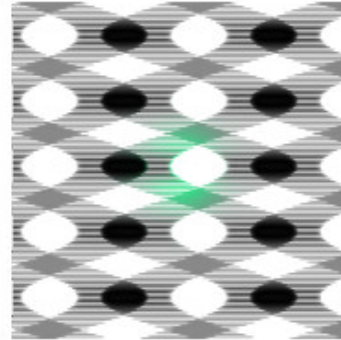
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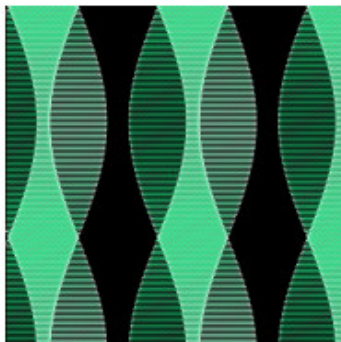
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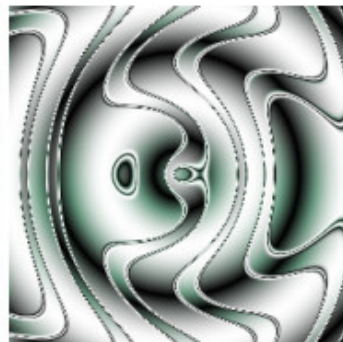
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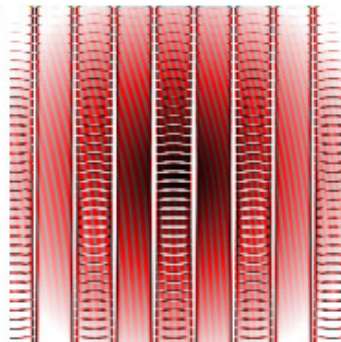
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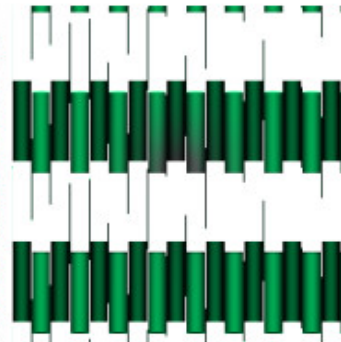
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vacuum

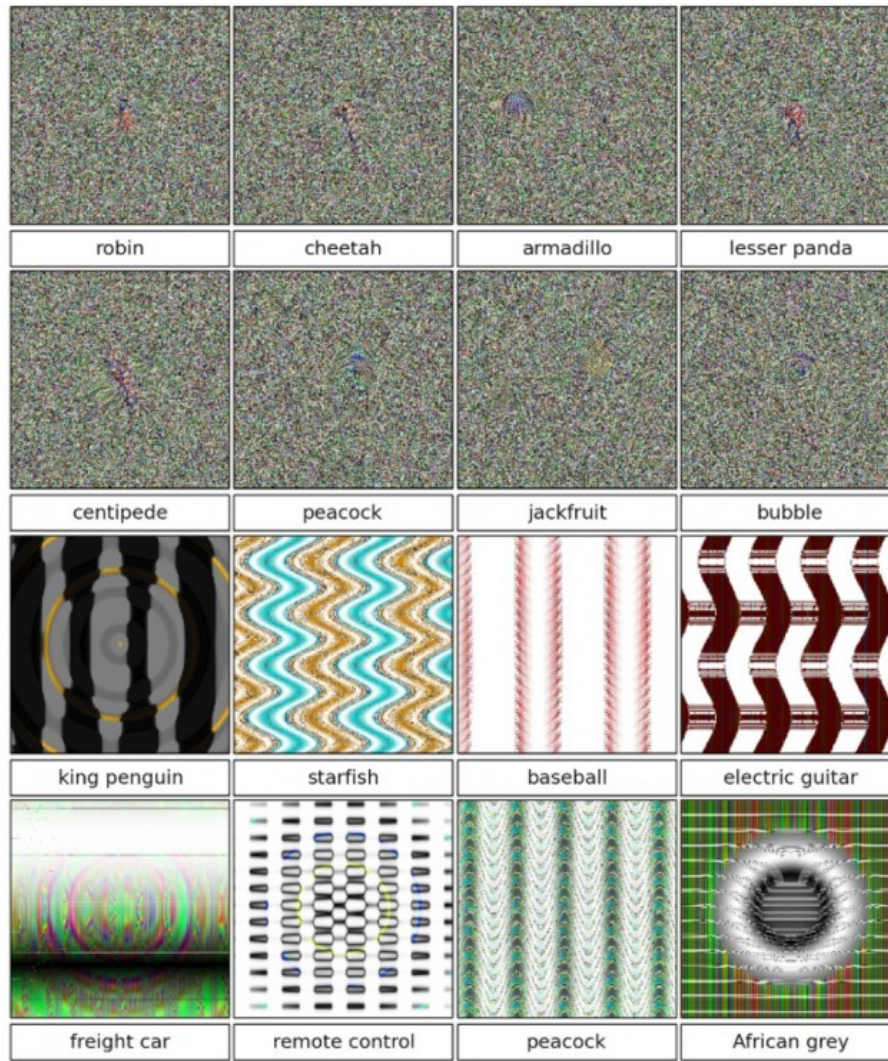


accordion



screwdriver

<http://www.theverge.com/2017/4/12/15271874/ai-adversarial-images-fooling-attacks-artificial-intelligence>



<https://www.extremetech.com/extreme/195789-bad-news-future-computers-are-easily-tricked-by-optical-illusions-too>

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- It's not a computer!
 - Users & designers don't think (much) about security
 - But many IoT devices have powerful processors & network connectivity
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IoT Problems

- Does a toaster need to run Linux?
 - Smaller operating systems have smaller attack surfaces
 - But ... embedded microcontrollers may not have much of a security stack
 - Lack of skills to strip down the OS to bare essentials
- Weak understanding of security mechanisms and protocols
 - No public security reviews (or no reviews at all?)
- It's not a fun problem
 - The best minds are working on getting you to see more ads

The end