

Securing the Open Softphone

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Brain Teaser 1



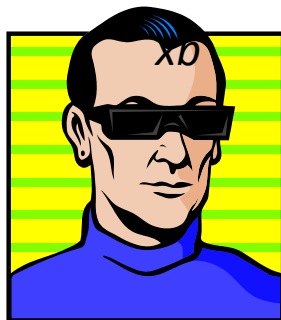
Brain Teaser 2

1. Alice chooses two reals by an unknown process

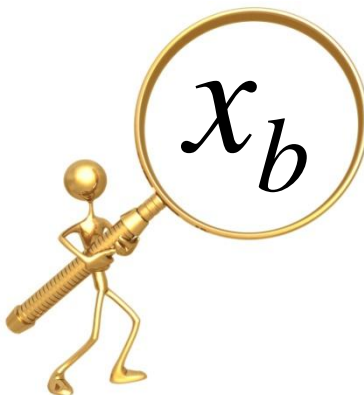


$$x_0 < x_1$$

2. Bob chooses a uniformly random bit b



3. You get only x_b



Your goal: guess b with probability better than 50%



What's the Problem?

- Wallpaper apps on Android Market are found to be gathering phone numbers, subscriber ID, etc, and transmitting to an unknown server registered in China
- Thieves steal your car and GPS and use it to find your home, stealing your other car
- Hackers plant malware in Windows Mobile games that make expensive calls to Somalia



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- Ten Day MONEY BACK GUARANTEE

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Softphone

- Mini laptop/netbook
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Location (GPS)

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(Accelerometer)

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How bad could it get?

- Bring down 911 systems?
- Blind air traffic control?
- Facilitate espionage?



Friend or Foe?



What's the good news?

- We have an opportunity for clean-slate development of softphone security
- Softphone platforms are nascent and relatively fluid architecturally
- New modalities to leverage in support of security
 - Physical proximity
 - Mobility
 - Rich sensor data stream



Overview

User Security and Privacy



System Security



Attacks on the Hardware

Attack Detection

Authentication

Protecting User Privacy

Incentives

User Security and Privacy

- **Attacks on the Hardware**

- *Securing the Hardware*

- Avoid creating side channels, design of hardware with built-in attack detection – M. Karpovsky

- *Hardware Hardened Modules*

- Preventing side channel leakage – L. Reyzin

- *Managing Leakage*

- Exposure-resistant cryptography – L. Reyzin

- **Protecting User Privacy**

- Secure, distributed sensing – N. Triandopoulos

User Security and Privacy

- **Leveraging Sensing to Authenticate**
 - *Sensor-Based*
 - Sensor-generated secrets – L. Reyzin
 - *Proximity-Based*
 - Sensor-based proximity verification – L. Reyzin, D. Starobinski, and A. Trachtenberg

System Security

- **Attack Detection**

- *Physical Layer, esp SDR*

- Analyzing SDR threats – M. Crovella, D. Starobinski, G. Troxel

- *Statistical Attack Detection*

- Crowd-sourced attack detection – M. Crovella

- **Advanced Authentication**

- *Code authentication*

- Resilient over-the-air programming – A. Trachtenberg and D. Starobinski

- *Data authentication*

- Distributed data authentication – N. Triandopoulos

System Security

- **Economics**

- *Economics and security impact of spectrum management*

- D. Starobinski

- *Incentive-compatible traffic control*

- Protocol design – S. Goldberg

- *Economic approach to unwanted traffic*

- Attention bonds for spam suppression – S. Homer