IoT Device Ownership
when ownership is complex

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Door Locks

- Everyone has them.
- Simplest IoT actuator
- What did you do last time you were locked out?
- Does your neighbour have a spare key?
- Do you have your neighbour’s spare key?
- How many people have your keys?

Smart Building
Multi-tenant
Many changes
How do you delegate access?

- There is the kerberos-ticket-like way
  - The realtor lock.
What about multiple people?

- This is a 6-way OR gate
  - Unlocking any of the padlocks will allow this gate to open
- It presents an interesting audit problem
- First time I saw this kind of thing, I thought it was some kind of art installation.

https://www.reddit.com/r/ProgrammerHumor/comments/6ehxli/or_gate/
How does the mailman enter?

● In France, with
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Intro to Line of Duty show
When you are locked out?

- Locksmith will drill out the lock
- The replace it.
- Then you give out keys
- How does locksmith know you are authorized?
When DNSSEC was drilled

• “some lucky locksmith in Los Angeles is going to have to drill out the safe’s locking mechanism and put in a new one”

https://www.theregister.com/2020/02/13/iana_dnssec_ksk_delay/
Authorization and Auditing

- Who is allowed to open your door?
- Who is allowed to change the list of who can open your door?
- When your door is opened, who gets to know about it?
- It’s not just about your door. It’s about everything “smart” in your house
- do you want to drill out your furnace?
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Backdoors?

• Backdoors are things installed without your knowledge.
  – recently associated with malware
  – historically, installed by manufacturer

• Not a backdoor (it’s a front door...)
• Visible
• Auditable (when used, and when installed)
• not a secret
Escrow?

- Key Escrow involves turning a copy of private key over to third party
- There are variants for communication security, where the session key is encrypted only
- This is more about a kind of escrow for authorization
- All concerns with attacks on key escrow agents (key holders) would apply, however.
Why standardize?

- a common authorization language will be better understood
- a common system will have better analysis
- all arguments about common libraries and bugs and the like apply
- auditing of rules, and auditing of access log
- third parties need standardized systems
  - with standardized kinds of liability
  - police, banks, lawyers, judicial oversight, oversight of LE
Is this an IETF problem?

• I dunno.
  − maybe? maybe not
  − OASIS also worked on this

• SASL, KeyNote, SPKI, ...

• constrained systems seem to thrive here

• SUIT and TEEP are here, and there are profound authorization issues in who can run what software, or perform updates
Discussion