

CIA Documents Reveal Agency Spying On Us Through Our Computers, Phones and TVs

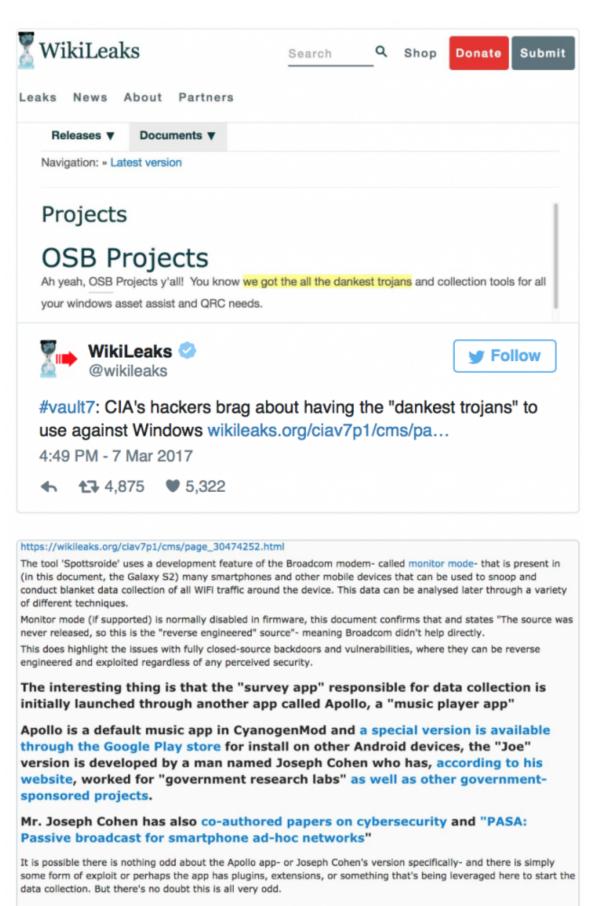
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We've previously documented that the government is spying on us through our <u>computers</u>, <u>phones</u>, <u>cars</u>, <u>buses</u>, <u>streetlights</u>, <u>at airports and on the street</u>, <u>via mobile scanners and</u> <u>drones</u>, <u>through our credit cards and smart meters</u>, <u>televisions</u>, <u>dolls</u>, and in many other ways.

And that the CIA <u>wants to spy on you through your dishwasher</u> and other "smart" appliances.

Indeed, spying in the U.S. is <u>worse than under Nazi Germany, the Stasi, J. Edgar Hoover</u> ... or <u>Orwell's 1984</u>.

CIA <u>documents leaked today</u> by Wikileaks confirm that the CIA is spying on us through our <u>Windows-based computers, phones and TVs</u>.



This is a very interesting, highly covert way to conduct network analysis after the fact.





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The EDG is responsible for the development, testing and operational support of all backdoors, exploits, malicious payloads, trojans, viruses and any other kind of malware used by the CIA in its covert operations world-wide.

The increasing sophistication of surveillance techniques has drawn comparisons with George Orwell's 1984, but "Weeping Angel", developed by the CIA's Embedded Devices Branch (EDB), which infests smart TVs, transforming them into covert microphones, is surely its most emblematic realization.

The attack against Samsung smart TVs was developed in cooperation with the United Kingdom's MI5/BTSS. After infestation, Weeping Angel places the target TV in a 'Fake-Off' mode, so that the owner falsely believes the TV is off when it is on. In 'Fake-Off' mode the TV operates as a bug, recording conversations in the room and sending them over the Internet to a covert CIA server.

As of October 2014 the CIA was also looking at infecting the vehicle control systems used by modern cars and trucks. The purpose of such control is not specified, but it would permit the CIA to engage in nearly undetectable assassinations.

The CIA's Mobile Devices Branch (MDB) developed numerous attacks to remotely hack and control popular smart phones. Infected phones can be instructed to send the CIA the user's geolocation, audio and text communications as well as covertly activate the phone's camera and microphone.

Despite iPhone's minority share (14.5%) of the global smart phone market in 2016, a specialized unit in the CIA's Mobile Development Branch produces malware to infest, control and exfiltrate data from iPhones and other Apple products running iOS, such as iPads. CIA's arsenal includes numerous local and remote "zero days" developed by CIA or obtained from GCHQ, NSA, FBI or purchased from cyber arms contractors such as Baitshop. The disproportionate focus on iOS may be explained by the popularity of the iPhone among social, political, diplomatic and business elites.





That Samsung smart TV? The CIA can turn the mic on and listen to everything you say #vault7 #1984rebooted

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Edward Snowden notes the similarities to George Orwell's novel 1984:



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