NRENs and IoT Security: Challenges and Opportunities

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The number of IoT devices and systems
connected to the Internet will be more than
5x the global population
by 2022 (IHS).


As more and more devices are connected, privacy and security risks increase.
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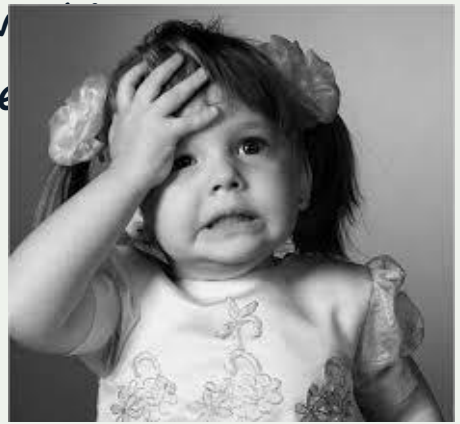
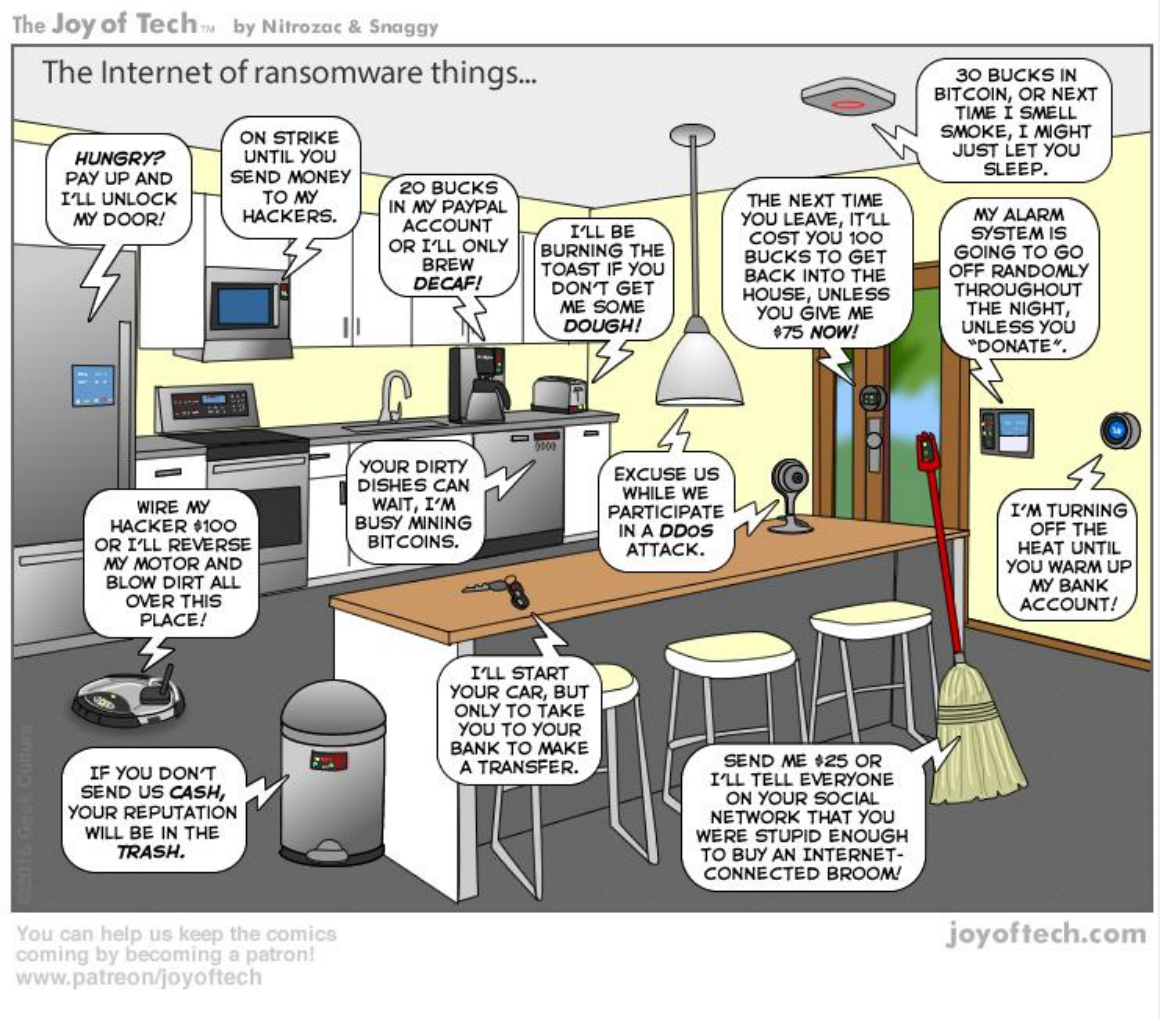
New devices, new vulnerabilities

The attributes of many IoT devices present new and unique security challenges compared to traditional computing systems.

- Device Cost/Size/Functionality
- Volume of identical devices (homogeneity)
- Long service life (often extending far beyond supported lifetime)
- No or limited upgradability or patching
- Physical security vulnerabilities
- Access
- Limited user interfaces (UI)
- Limited visibility into, or control over, internal w
- Embedded device
- Unintended uses
- Bring Your Own



The threats are everywhere...



A connected world offers the promise of convenience, efficiency and insight, but creates a platform for shared risk.

Many of today's IoT devices are rushed to market with little consideration for basic security and consumer safety protections.

Inward Security

Focus on potential harms to the health, safety, and privacy of device users and their property stemming from compromised IoT devices and systems

Outward Security

Focus on potential harms that compromised devices and systems can inflict on the Internet and other users

Internet Invariants

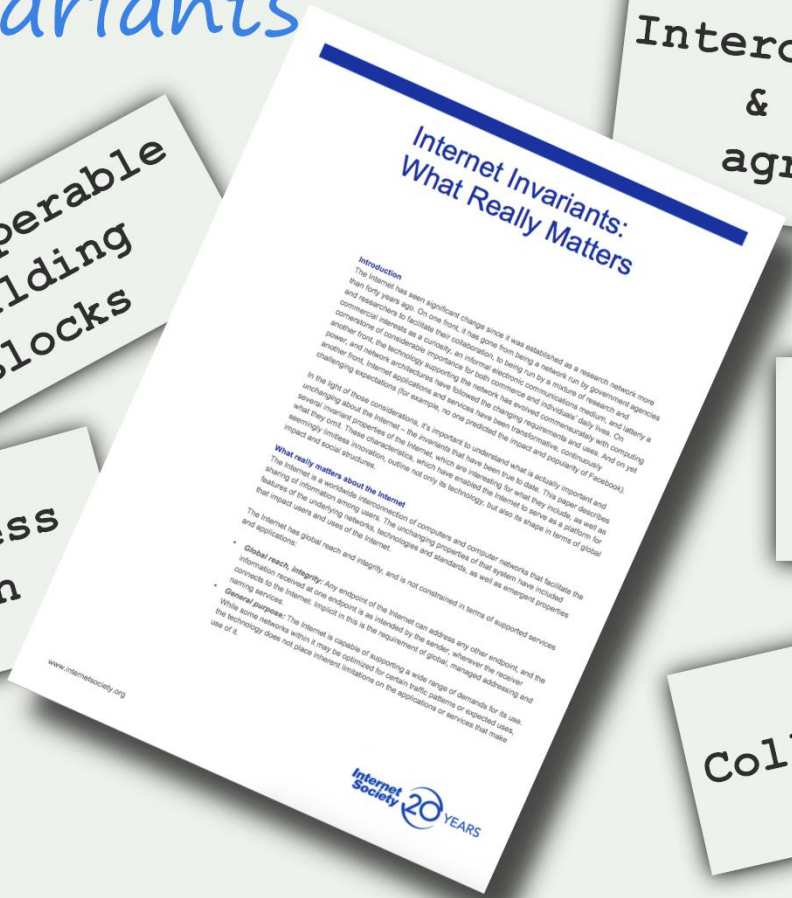
General Purpose

Interoperable Building Blocks

Global Reach & Integrity

Permissionless Innovation

Accessible



Interoperability & mutual agreement

No Permanent Favorites

Collaboration

https://www.internetsociety.org/internet-invariants-what-really-matters/

How do we improve things?

- Research and Innovation
- Open Standards
- Frameworks and Best Practices
- Certifications and Trustmarks
- Policy and Regulation

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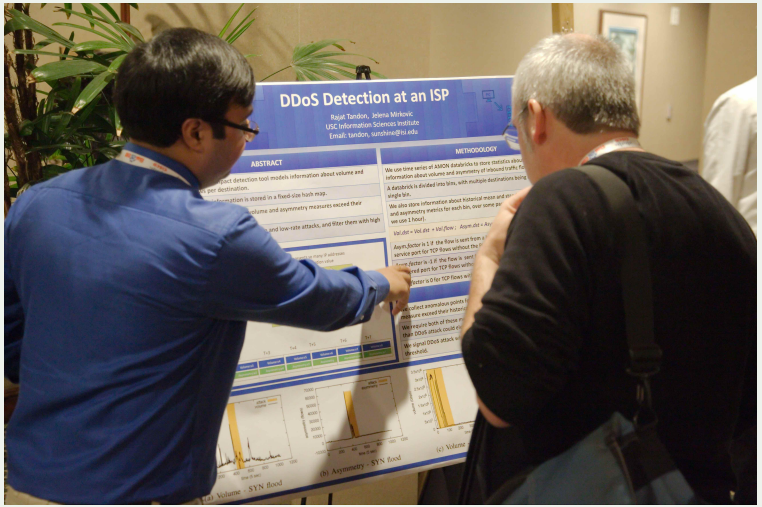

Open Standards Gro

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Frameworks and Best Practices

Frameworks:
The OTA IoT Trust Framework

- Measurable principles vs. standards development
- Consumer grade devices (home, office and wearables)
- Address known vulnerabilities and IoT threats
- Actionable and vendor neutral

https://www.internetsociety.org/iot/trust-framework//

The Online Trust Alliance's IoT Trust Framework principles address

Authentication	Encryption	Security	Updates
Privacy	Disclosures	Control	Communications

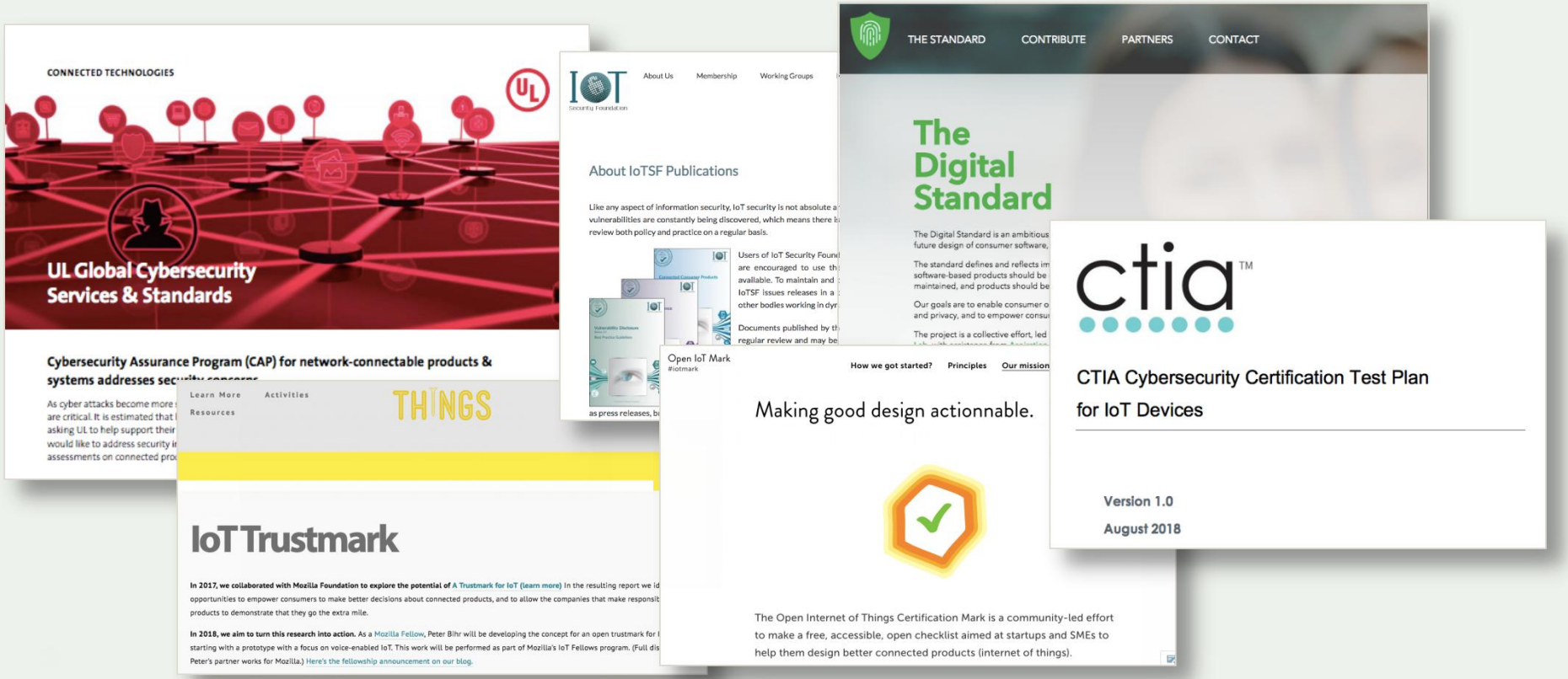
Best Practices: The OTA Enterprise IoT Security Checklist

Set of Best Practices for Enterprises

- be proactive and fully consider the possible risks introduced by these devices;
- understand that IoT devices are likely more vulnerable than traditional IT devices;
- educate users on IoT device risks; and
- strike a balance between

https://otalliance.org/system/files/files/initiative/documents/enterprise_iot_checklist.pdf

Certifications and Trustmarks



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Policies and Regulations may be needed.

Let's help to ensure these rules and regulations are correct, necessary and sufficient.

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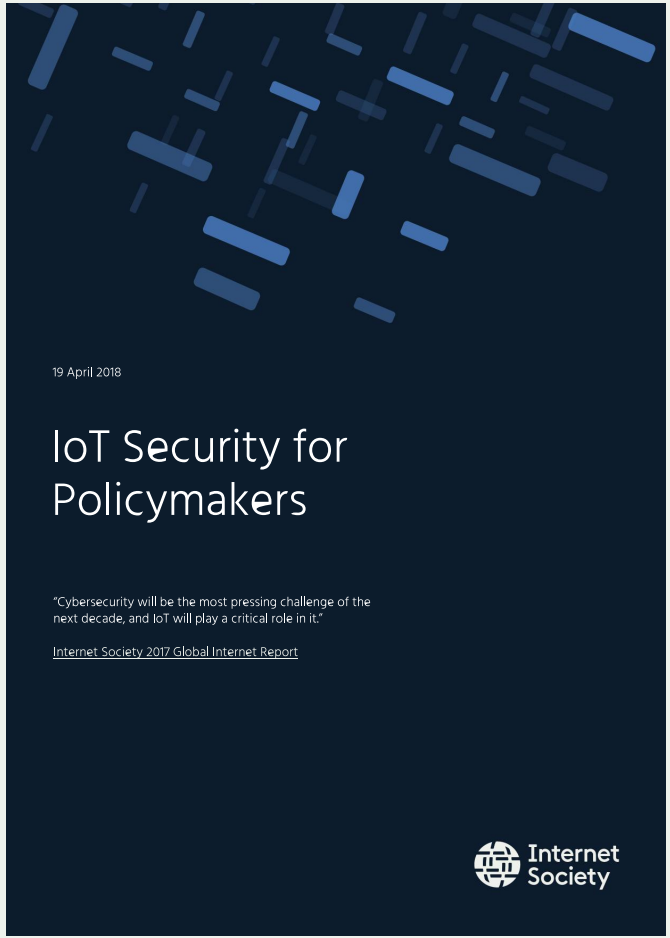


IoT Security & Privacy – A Collective Responsibility

IoT vendors and their supply chain

Distribution channels

Policymakers and governments

Consumer testing and product review organizations

Consumers and enterprises

Who are the players?

Developers and users of IoT devices and systems have a collective obligation to ensure they do not expose others and the Internet itself to potential harm

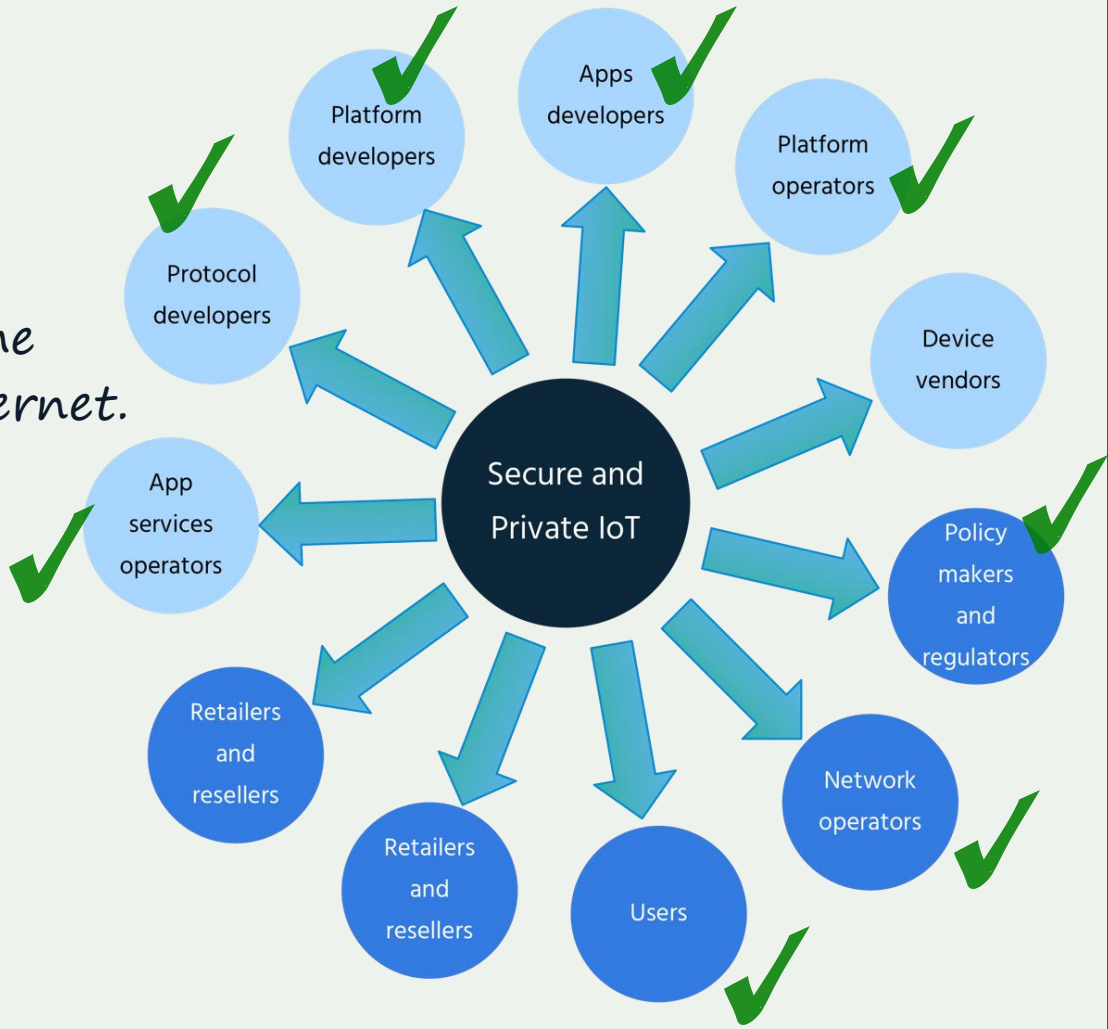
To scale up we need a collective approach, addressing security challenges on all fronts.

Where do NRENs fit into this picture?

NRENs have historically led the way in innovation for the Internet.

NRENs are:

- Consumers
- Operators
- Policy makers
- Developers
- Technical Leaders



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Technical Leaders	→	Participate

A Word on Privacy (in IoT)

Need strategies that **respect individual privacy choices** across a broad spectrum of expectations, while **still fostering innovation** in new technologies and services.

- Traditional online privacy models may not fit
- Challenges in achieving basic privacy principles, such as:
  - Transparency/Openness
  - Meaningful Choice
  - Data Minimization
  - Use Limitation
  - Opportunities to opt out

Hot off the presses…

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Privacy Risks of the Internet of

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Final thoughts…

The Internet of Things is here and growing (be wary but not afraid).

NRENs are uniquely positioned to help lead the way forward to a healthy Internet ecosystem.

Use your NREN super powers wisely to:

Buy, Build, Rule, Implement, and Participate

in the emerging IoT Ecosystem

Questions?

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2284287/Youre-going-wrong-way-Moment-confused-fish-tried-swim-opposite-direction-hundreds-companions-enormous-shoal.html

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