

# The Making of the Kosher Phone

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- Presented here in 2010 about Memory Analysis techniques  
[Youtube movie of it is on my blog](#)
- A security researcher

# Disclaimers

- Everything presented here was done by me and many other people
- I now work for the security startup Sentinel
- I'm not a religious person

# The story

About 4 years ago

# By the end of this talk

- You will be able to make a Kosher firmware.
- But you are not going to...

# What can feature phone do?

## (AKA Dumb phone)

- Can:
  - Make phone calls
  - SMS
  - MMS
  - Calendar
  - FM Radio
  - Play annoying ringtones
  - GPRS or 3G using dis-functional web browser
  - Bluetooth
  - ~2MPixel camera
  - Utilities and Games
- On some newer models:
  - Limited Facebook, Twitter and WhatsApp

# What a Kosher phone can do

(AKA a phone that suffers from severe retardation)

- Can:
  - Make phone calls
  - ~~SMS~~ 8==D
  - ~~MMS~~
  - Calendar
  - ~~FM Radio~~
  - *Play annoying hasidic ringtones*
  - ~~GPRS or 3G using dis-functional web browser~~
  - *Bluetooth to earpiece only*
  - ~~~2MPixel camera~~
  - Utilities and ~~Games~~
- On some newer models:
  - ~~Limited Facebook, Twitter and WhatsApp~~

# Kosher Phone's new app

## The Jewish calendar

Fun fact about the Jewish calendar:

- Follows both the moon and the sun
- Every year has either 12 or 13 months
- Day is of no fixed length
- Inaccurate by 1 day every 216 years
- Strange



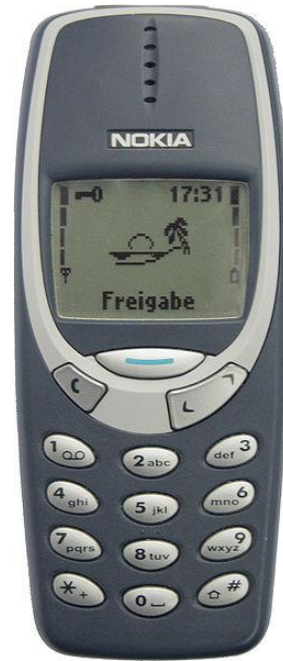
# Planning ahead

1. Choose a phone
2. Get the company who makes it remove some features
3. Sell it for more money

# Nokia, connecting people (sort of)

I needed a phone that is:

- Cheap
- Reliable
- In mass production



# Choose a model



# Nokia software series

S30



S40



# Nokia software series

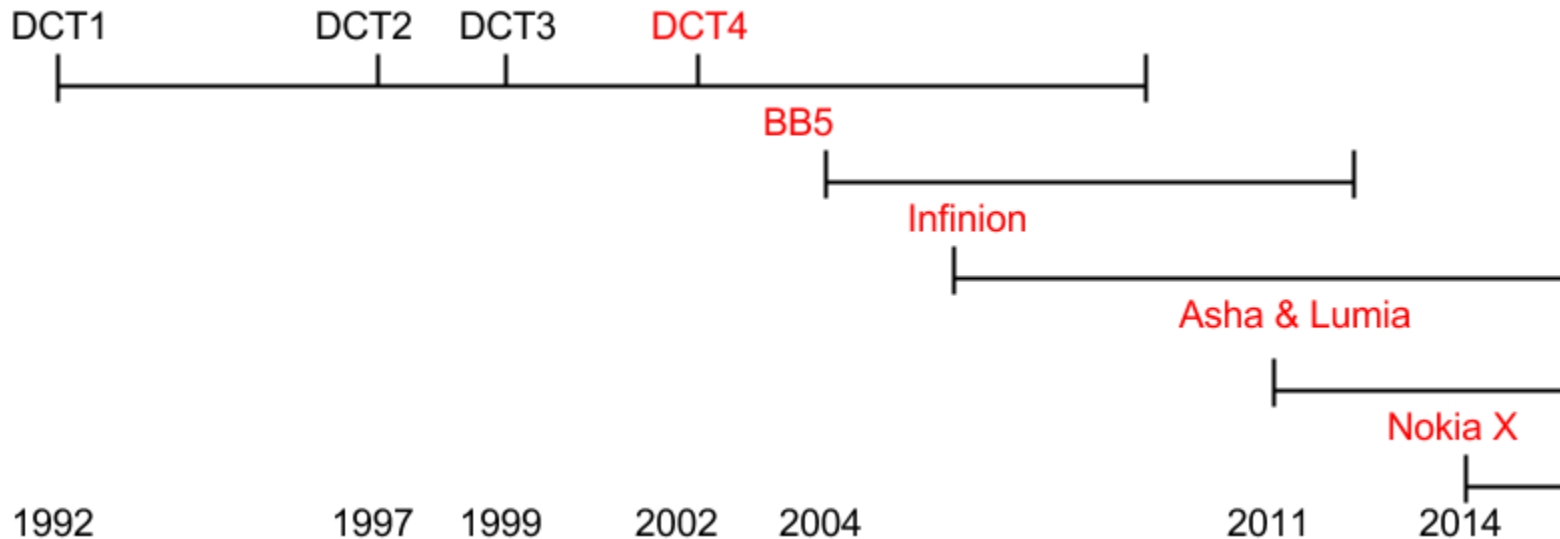
Symbian S60 (Died on 2010)



Symbian^3



# Hardware versions



# Hardware Samples

DCT1



DCT3



DCT4



BB5



Asha



# First Kosher phones

- Nokia 1208, 2680, 2720
- All DCT4
- All S40



# Nokia 1208 - Ugly Candybar



# Nokia 2680 - Ugly Slider



# Nokia 2720 - Super ugly Clamshell



# Ask Nokia

Plz Nokia,

I can haz no Interwebz and camera and file transfer?

# No, but...

You can do whatever helps you sell more of our  
phones

# Patching



# DCT4+ firmware

- Flashable
  - OS (MCUSW)
  - Localization strings and gfx (PPM)
  - General purpose file system - Operator FAT16 (CNT / IMAGE)
- SecureROM
  - ?

# Why would Nokia care

Patching the MCUSW might allow you to:

- Change the IMEI
- Break the SIMlock
- And more...



# How to obtain the files

Just

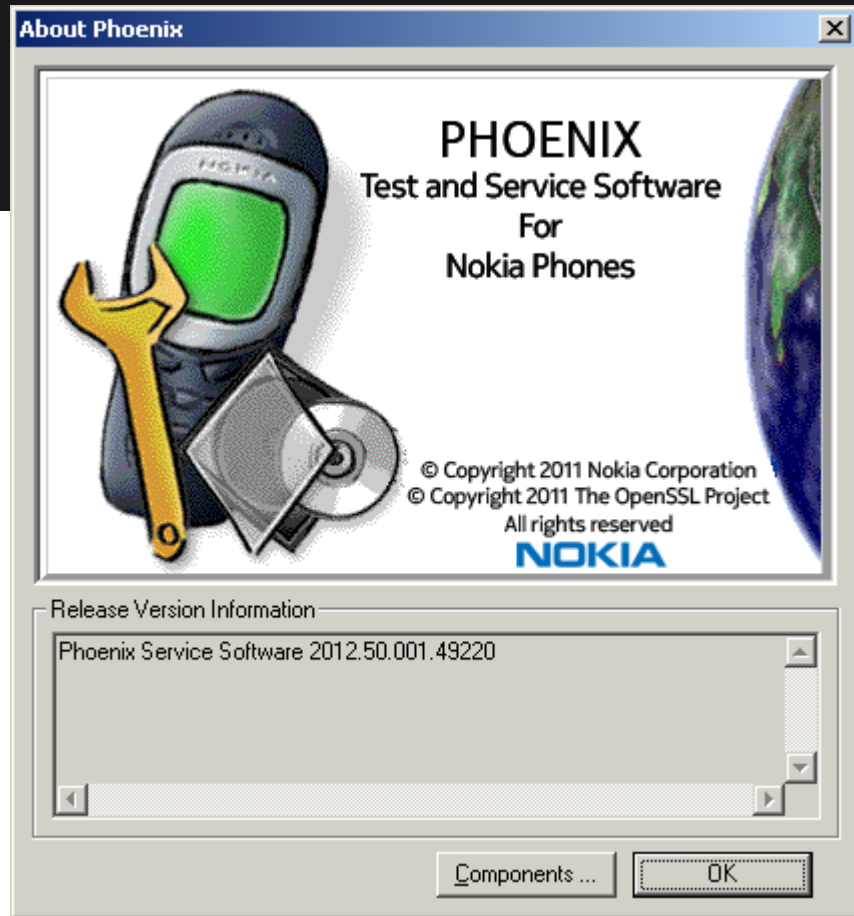
The Google logo is displayed in its characteristic multi-colored font, with the letters 'G', 'o', 'o', 'g', 'l', and 'e' in blue, red, yellow, blue, green, and red respectively.

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# How to flash a phone

**3 options**

# Phoenix



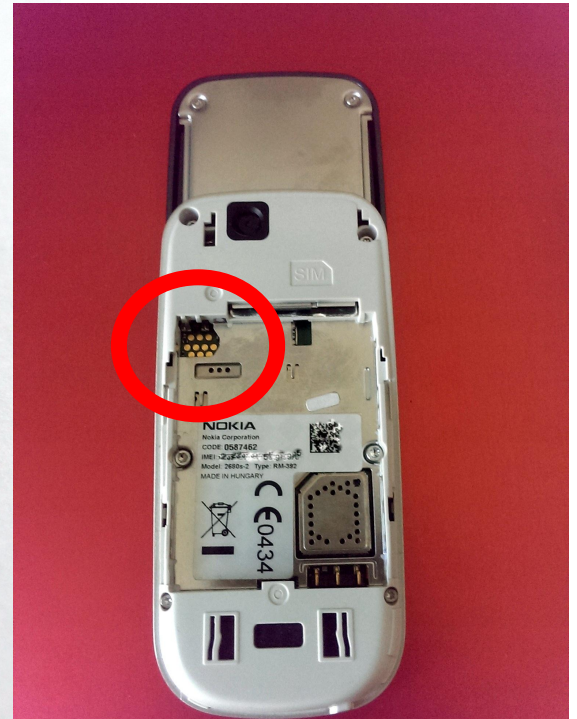
# A box



# And the right cable



# FBus - Connector



# USB



# At this point

- A phone
- Firmware files
- A way to flash firmwares



# File format - First layer

After a short header:

- 1 Byte: Type (Always 0x14)
- 4 Bytes: Address
- 3 Bytes: Length
- 1 Byte: Header checksum
- 1 Byte: Data Xor checksum

# File format - 2nd layer

01000000	AD 7E B6 1B 23 10 03 40 C6 05 E4 01 20 A2 00 00	.~¶.##..@.ה. ¢..
01000010	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 FF FF FF FF FF	.....
01000020	FF FF FF FF F8 1F BD FA 50 65 61 4B FF FF FF FF	ה½.רPeaK
01000030	FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF	
01000040	FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF	
01000050	FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF	
01000060	FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF 94 72 48 92	"rH'
01000070	A6 87 2A FE 00 02 00 00 01 00 01 00 00 00 00 00	#*.....
01000080	00 00 00 00 AB ED A4 43 5C 0D 53 A3 BD 70 EC 37	....<אנחC\ .S£½p7ל
01000090	D1 AE CD 20 AE 54 47 F7 59 B4 A2 36 B4 85 BB 2B	@, @TGקY' ¢6'...>+
010000A0	B3 62 22 05 2E 16 13 1E C6 EE F2 2F AC CF CC 11	³b".....מק/ר.
010000B0	50 C8 B9 82 FE BC 8B C7 0E 58 91 9D 32 28 E8 B3	P¹,¼< ,X'.2 (³ט
010000C0	D4 1D AF 3E ED 0C 50 AB E0 F9 E5 09 69 D7 33 CE	א< .וו.P<אנח.i"3'
010000D0	62 CC D1 E2 3B DB 77 1E 64 7E AE 8A D4 AA BE CE	bλ;w.d~@. "¾×11
010000E0	97 9E 24 23 40 05 9A 1C A0 37 41 30 58 9D 2A 3D	-. \$#@... 7A0X.*=
010000F0	41 F5 85 AF 67 A1 42 60 02 8E E9 59 8C BE 43 F5	Aγ... ¯g;B`..Y.¾Cγ
01000100	56 4D EE F6 55 C3 DC B1 DB 14 72 74 43 A5 47 8F	VMמU±.rtC¥G.

# Obfuscation

- Starting from offset 0x84
- There is a lot of pieces of information about it spread around GSM forums

25-12-2005, 10:18

[g3gg0](#)

[RevEngineer]  
Super Moderator



Dabei seit: Aug 2002  
Ort: bavaria  
Beiträge: 5.295



Merry X-Mas: DCT4Crypter

Hiho,

anbei ne kleinigkeit zu weihnachten 😊  
ich hoffe, die gefaellt euch.

[EDIT: Fixed CrypterX encryption problem]

Code:

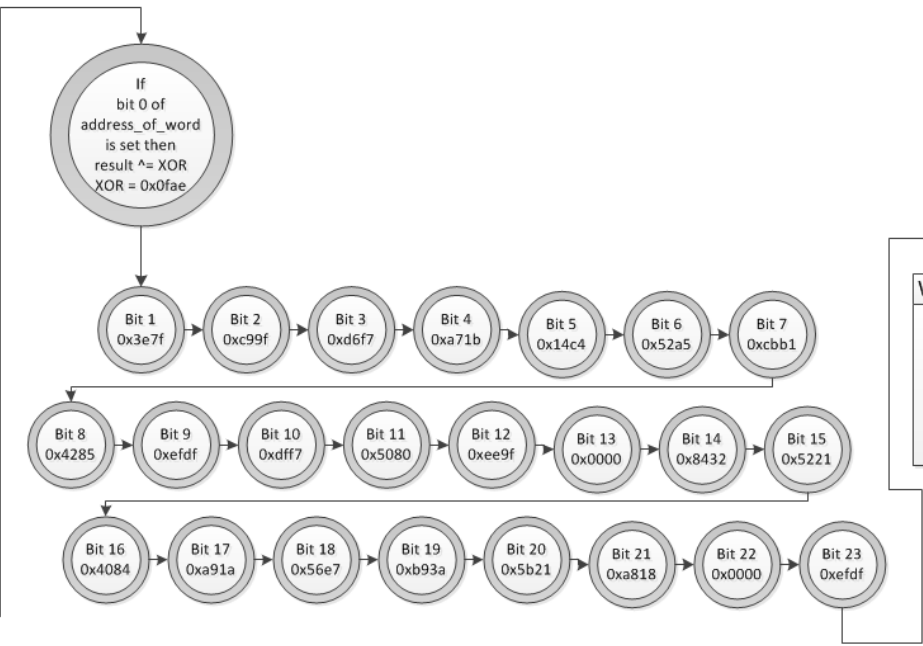
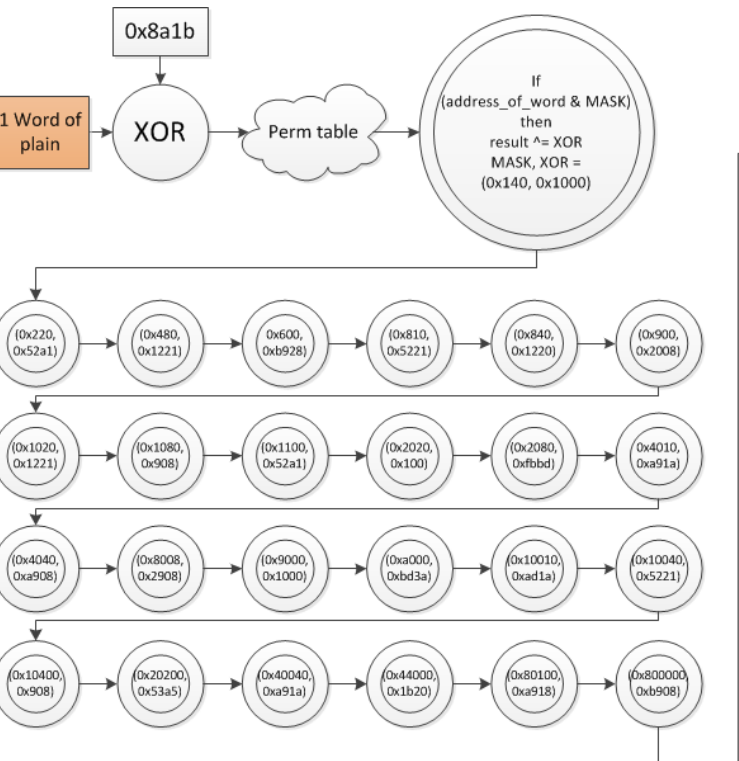
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-----  
DCT4Crypter  
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-----  
by nok5rev & g3gg0  
  
Yes, this package contains the necessary routines and  
even some apps to decrypt DCT4 FlashFiles and also to  
encrypt again after you applied some changes. We must  
admit, this stuff is not "hot" anymore - it was coded  
in about 2 months between 01/2004 and 03/2004. That's  
now nearly 2 years. But it still should be a somewhat  
interesting X-Mas present for all the GSM-Modders out  
there...  
  
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Why this was done?  
-----  
Why? I think it was just fun :)  
But i dont remember anymore who of us had the idea  
to start analyzing the encryption algorithm.  
I just remember, we both suddenly sat in front of  
many bits (really MANY!) and stared at them to  
find out how the data was encrypted.  
  
How this was done?  
-----  
Heh, just open your notepad.exe, paste some 100  
lines of 11001001 10101010 11100100 11100001...  
and you know what we've done in these 2 months ;)   
We didnt have any access to neither the flash device,  
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Angehängte Dateien  
 [Merry Xmas \(fixed\).zip](#) (44,5 KB, 170x aufgerufen)

# G3gg0 and nok5rev work

They reversed the obfuscation

- Just because it was fun
- They simply stared at the bits for 2 months until it made sense
- They published it for free :)



Words Permutation Table

0x0000, 0x0201, 0x0012, 0x0213,
0x0084, 0x0285, 0x0096, 0x0297,
...
0x02d7, 0x00d6, 0x02c5, 0x00c4,
0x0253, 0x0052, 0x0241, 0x0040



# File format - 3rd layer

01000000	AD	7E	B6	1B	23	10	03	40	C6	05	E4	01	20	A2	00	00	.~¶.#..@.ה. ֿ..
01000010	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	FF	FF	FF	FF	.....
01000020	FF	FF	FF	FF	F8	1F	BD	FA	50	65	61	4B	FF	FF	FF	FF	הַ.רPeaK
01000030	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	
01000040	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	
01000050	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	
01000060	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	94	72	48	92	"rH'
01000070	A6	87	2A	FE	00	02	00	00	01	00	01	00	00	00	00	00	#*.....
01000080	00	00	00	00	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	01	CE	00	....."
01000090	03	00	00	00	00	04	CC	A2	00	04	CC	A3	FF	FF	FF	FF	.....ֿ..£
010000A0	00	00	F1	EF	89	33	EB	2D	1F	09	3B	DA	C7	C0	3D	9F	..כ%3ןס-..;=.
010000B0	BB	D3	29	98	01	C8	BC	B0	06	6E	A8	11	0E	D1	69	67	>:~.¼°.n".ig
010000C0	A4	A3	9A	A5	BF	7B	27	5A	E6	C7	61	2D	F7	B8	70	9C	מ£.¥ג{'Zia-ק.p.
010000D0	D4	1C	09	96	AF	5B	F2	05	20	92	49	DF	D5	0B	FC	DE	ע]̄-..וו. 'וי.
010000E0	A8	30	B7	39	34	59	13	7D	E7	BD	72	3F	C7	CF	B3	5A	"0·94Y.)הַr?³Z
010000F0	60	2C	5E	7D	63	17	56	C4	9F	6C	C5	1A	01	BF	B7	DF	^}c.V.l.ג.
01000100	EA	01	FF	BE	00	FE	6A	84	EA	50	20	20	20	20	6A	04	.¾.ךj,,ךP j.

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Library function  Data  Regular function  Unexplored  Instruction  External symbol
IDA View-A  Hex View-A  Structures  Enums  Imports  Exports

:01080000 ; ----- S U B R O U T I N E -----
:01080000
:01080000
:01080000      start                                ; CODE XREF: ROM:loc_1080100↑j
:01080000                                ; DATA XREF: ROM:01A15AA4↓o ...
:01080000 E1 0F 40 00      MRS      R4, CPSR
:01080004 E3 C4 40 1F      BIC      R4, R4, #0x1F
:01080008 E5 9F 60 6C      LDR      R6, =unk_4DF58
:0108000C E3 84 50 1B      ORR      R5, R4, #0x1B
:01080010 E1 2F F0 05      MSR      CPSR_cxsf, R5
:01080014 E1 A0 D0 06      MOV      SP, R6
:01080018 E5 9F 60 60      LDR      R6, =byte_4DFD8
:0108001C E3 84 50 13      ORR      R5, R4, #0x13
:01080020 E1 2F F0 05      MSR      CPSR_cxsf, R5
:01080024 E1 A0 D0 06      MOV      SP, R6
:01080028 E3 84 50 1F      ORR      R5, R4, #0x1F
:0108002C E1 2F F0 05      MSR      CPSR_cxsf, R5
:01080030 E1 A0 D0 06      MOV      SP, R6
:01080034 E5 9F 80 0C      LDR      R8, =0x6000000
:01080038 E2 88 78 01      ADD      R7, R8, #0x10000
:0108003C E2 88 3A 09      ADD      R3, R8, #0x9000
:01080040 E2 8F 00 05      ADR      R0, (loc_108004C+1)
:01080044 E1 2F FF 10      BX      R0 ; loc_108004C
:01080044
:01080044 ; -----
:01080048 06 00 00 00      dword_1080048      DCD 0x6000000      ; DATA XREF: start+34↑r
:0108004C ; -----
:0108004C                                CODE16
:0108004C      loc_108004C                                ; CODE XREF: start+44↑j
:0108004C                                ; DATA XREF: start+40↑o
:0108004C 20 80      MOVUS   R0, #0x80'X' ;
:0108004E 80 B8      STRH    R0, [R7,#4]
:01080050 24 01      MOVUS   R4, #1
:01080052 02 21      LSLS   R1, R4, #8
:01080054 31 11      ADDS   R1, #0x11
:01080056 80 19      STRH    R1, [R3]
:01080058 20 10      MOVUS   R0, #0x10
:01080058
:0108005A
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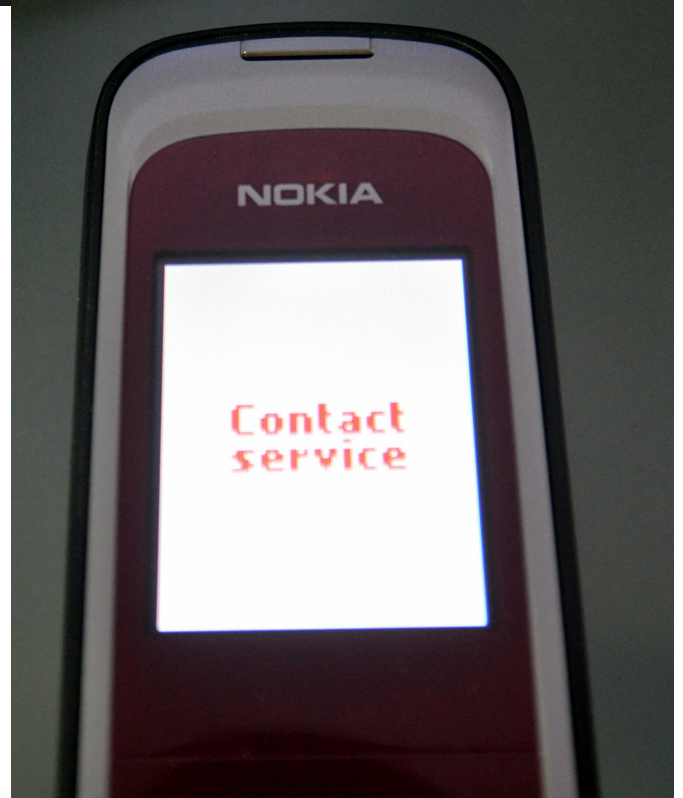


# Attempt to patch



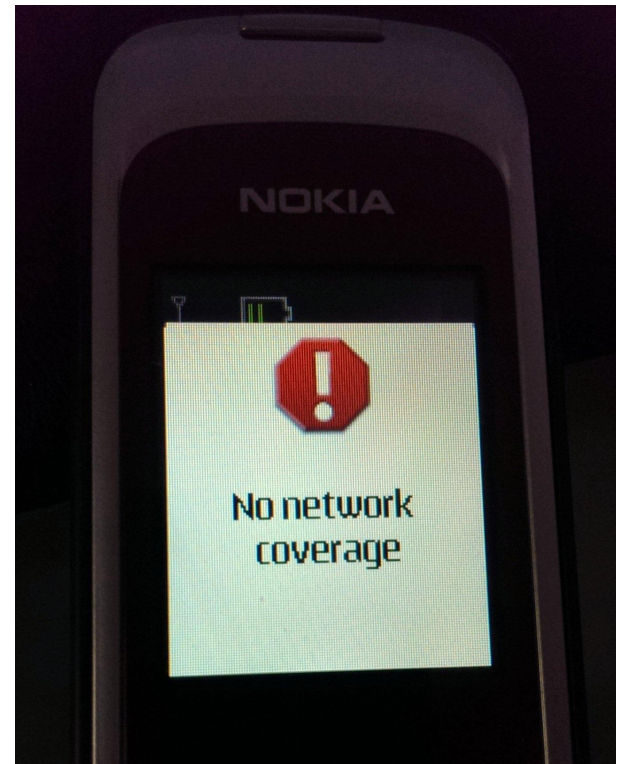
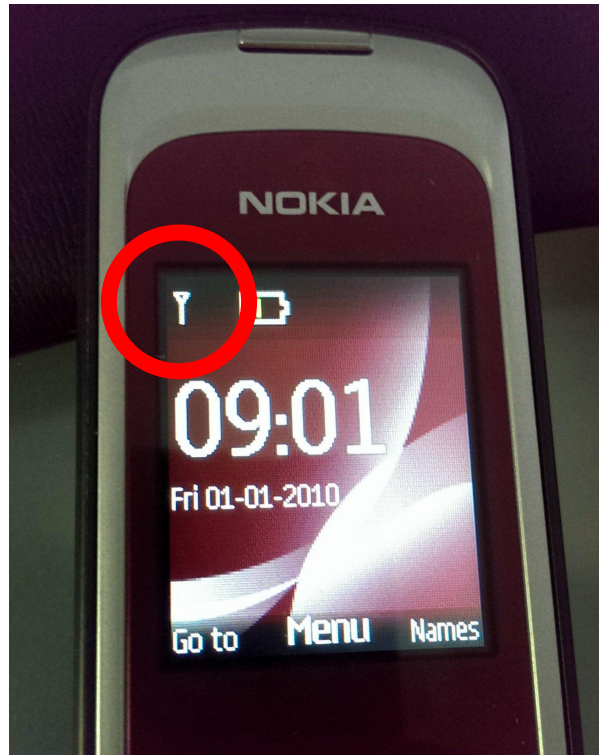
# Error type 1

Contact service



# Error type 2

No signal



# 2 types of errors

1. Contact Service
2. No Signal



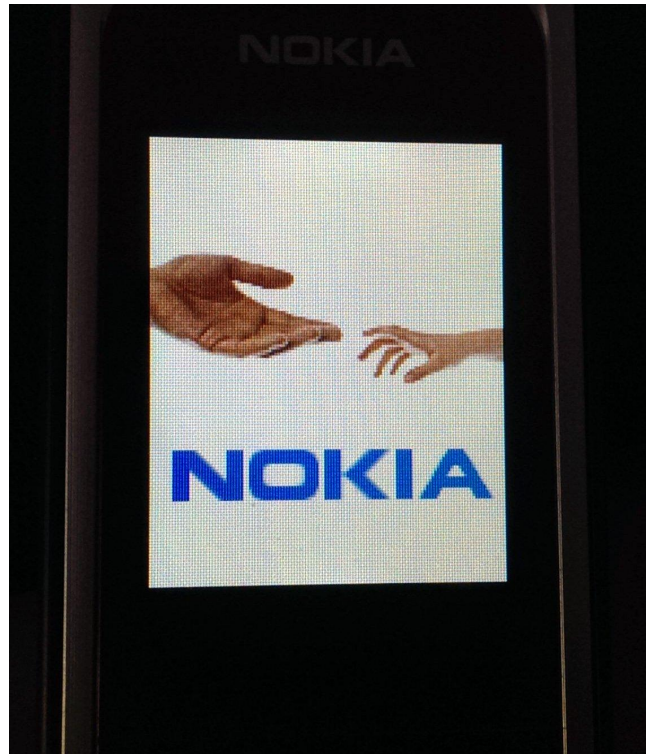


# Contact Service Error

Simple checksum 16bit

# Error type 3

Reboot





# 2 types of errors

1. ~~Contact Service~~
2. No Signal
3. Reboot

**SRE the checks**



# Finding the memory map



Only one leak of debug symbols  
Nokia 1650 rm305\_05.530.out

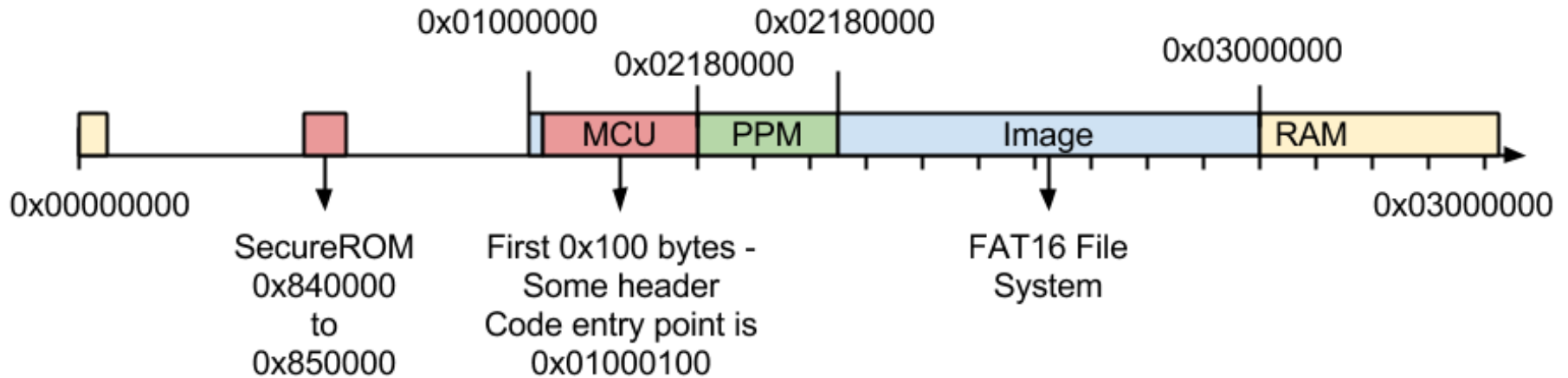
Choose segment to jump

Name	Start	End	R	W	X	D	L	Align	Base	Type	Class	AD	T	DS
PDRAM_NOINIT0	00000200	000007C4	R	W	.	.	L	dword	03	public	BSS	32	00	01
PDRAM	000007C4	000014C0	R	.	X	.	L	para	04	public	CODE	32	00	01
PDRAM	000014C0	00002010	R	W	.	.	L	dword	05	public	DATA	32	00	01
PDRAM	00002010	00014494	R	W	.	.	L	dword	06	public	BSS	32	00	01
PDRAM_NOINIT	00014494	0001F844	R	W	.	.	L	dword	07	public	BSS	32	00	01
PDRAM_NOINIT7	000E0000	000F0000	R	W	.	.	L	dword	08	public	BSS	32	00	01
FLASH0_ID	01000000	01000100	R	.	X	.	L	dword	01	public	CODE	32	00	01
seg007	01000100	0105D400	? ? ?	.	.	.	L	byte	20	public	CODE	32	00	20
FLASH0_EXEC	0105D400	01251C14	R	.	X	.	L	para	02	public	CODE	32	00	01
PPM0	01254C34	01254C3C	R	.	X	.	L	dword	1E	public	CODE	32	00	01
EXTERNAL_RAM	03000000	030017D4	R	W	.	.	L	dword	09	public	DATA	32	00	01
EXTERNAL_RAM	030017D4	03008B90	R	W	.	.	L	dword	0A	public	BSS	32	00	01
EXTERNAL_RAM_NOINIT	03008B90	0303AB90	R	W	.	.	L	dword	0B	public	BSS	32	00	01
APIRAM	05000000	05000658	R	W	.	.	L	word	0C	public	BSS	32	00	01
APISEM	05000FE0	05001000	R	W	.	.	L	byte	0D	public	BSS	32	00	01
APICTL	05100000	05100004	R	W	.	.	L	word	0E	public	BSS	32	00	01
LEAD3MMI	06002000	06002010	R	W	.	.	L	word	0F	public	BSS	32	00	01
DSPPLL	06008000	06008028	R	W	.	.	L	word	10	public	BSS	32	00	01
MCUPLL	06009000	06009028	R	W	.	.	L	word	11	public	BSS	32	00	01
ACCPLL	0600A000	0600A028	R	W	.	.	L	word	12	public	BSS	32	00	01
DSPMIF	0600B000	0600B008	R	W	.	.	L	word	13	public	BSS	32	00	01
EBUSC	0600C000	0600C01C	R	W	.	.	L	word	14	public	BSS	32	00	01
STI	0600D000	0600D018	R	W	.	.	L	word	15	public	BSS	32	00	01
TESTIF	0600F000	0600F02C	R	W	.	.	L	word	16	public	BSS	32	00	01
CTSI	06010000	06010138	R	W	.	.	L	word	17	public	BSS	32	00	01
PUP	06010200	06010250	R	W	.	.	L	word	18	public	BSS	32	00	01
UIF	06010400	0601045C	R	W	.	.	L	word	19	public	BSS	32	00	01
ACCIF	06010500	06010590	R	W	.	.	L	word	1A	public	BSS	32	00	01
SIMIF	06010800	06010818	R	W	.	.	L	word	1B	public	BSS	32	00	01
MFI	06010900	0601095C	R	W	.	.	L	word	1C	public	BSS	32	00	01
BRAIN	06100000	0610020C	R	W	.	.	L	dword	1D	public	BSS	32	00	01
abs	0610020C	0610022C	? ? ?	.	.	.	L	para	1F	public	BSS	32	00	1F

OK Cancel Search Help

Line 32 of 32

# Memory map



# 1st MB

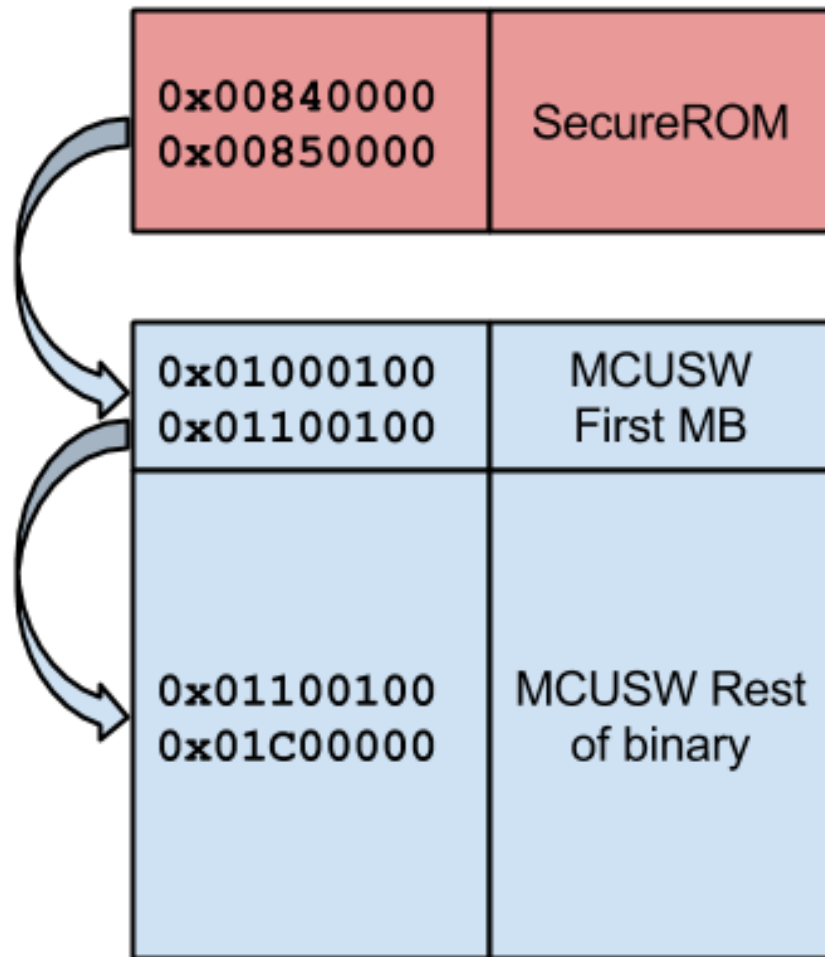
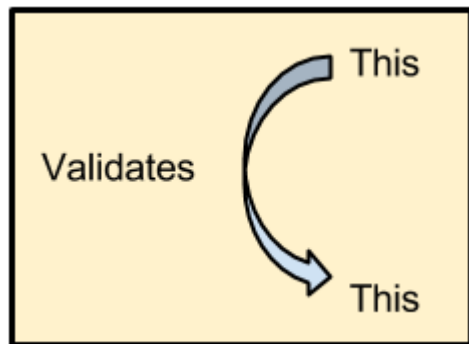
Calling to the  
1st MB  
validation and  
activate GSM  
secROM  
function

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LDR    R0, =0x900003A
LDR    R1, =0x84000F
ADDS   R0, #0x32 ; '2'
ADDS   R1, R1, #6
BL     br_to_R1_thumb
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# Encryption disable bit

Address  $0x900003a = 0x100003a \mid 0x8000000$

The  $0x8000000$  is a flag that disables the firmware encryption / decryption for that address.





No Signal

0x00840000 0x00850000	SecureROM
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Reboot



0x01000100 0x01100100	MCUSW First MB
0x01100100 0x01C00000	MCUSW Rest of binary

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• ROM:01086268 MOVS R1, #0x1C
• ROM:0108626A LDRB R0, [R2,R0]
• ROM:0108626C MULS R1, R0
• ROM:0108626E LDR R0, =SHA1_check_related
• ROM:01086270 SUBS R0, #0x80 ; 'ç'
• ROM:01086272 ADDS R0, R1, R0
• ROM:01086274 MOVS R4, R0
• ROM:01086276 ADDS R0, #0x80 ; 'ç'
• ROM:01086278 R1 = Start
• ROM:01086278 LDR R1, [R0,#0xC]
• ROM:0108627A LDR R2, [R0,#0x10]
• ROM:0108627C LDR R0, [R0,#0xC]
• ROM:0108627E DataLength = DataStart - DataEnd;
• ROM:0108627E SUBS R3, R2, R0
• ROM:01086280 ADD R2, SP, #0x38+hashLength
• ROM:01086282 STR R2, [SP,#0x38+hashLengthCopy]
• ROM:01086284 LDRB R0, [R6,#8]
• ROM:01086286 DataLength += 1;
• ROM:01086286 ADDS R3, R3, #1
• ROM:01086288 ADDS R7, R7, R3
• ROM:0108628A R2 = DataLength;
• ROM:0108628A MOVS R2, R3
• ROM:0108628C ADD R3, SP, #0x38+hashToCompare
• ROM:0108628E BL hashInitUpdateNDigest_j
• ROM:01086292 CMP R0, #0
• ROM:01086294 BNE loc_10862A4

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ROM:01089DD4 SHA1_check_related DCD 0xB5213665 ; DATA XREF: SHA1_check:loc_108616A1
ROM:01089DD4 ; SHA1_check+9E↑o ...
ROM:01089DD8 DCD 3
ROM:01089DDC SHA1_check_info DCD 0x200400AA ; DATA XREF: SHA1_check+44↑r
ROM:01089DE0 #1
ROM:01089DE0 DCD loc_1100100
ROM:01089DE4 DCD loc_13AFFFE+1
ROM:01089DE8 DCD 0xEE41347A, 0x8C88F02F, 0x563BB973, 0x40E1233, 0x8C03AF
ROM:01089DFC #2
ROM:01089DFC DCD loc_13B0000
ROM:01089E00 DCD loc_165FFFE+1
ROM:01089E04 DCD 0xCC29F881, 0xA441D8CD, 0x7CEF5FEF, 0xC35FE703, 0x8BD3D
ROM:01089E18 #3
ROM:01089E18 DCD loc_1660000
ROM:01089E1C DCD loc_190FFFC+3
ROM:01089E20 DCD 0x77439E9B, 0x530F0029, 0xA7490D5B, 0x4E621094, 0xC7844
ROM:01089E34 #4
ROM:01089E34 DCD loc_1910000
ROM:01089E38 DCD dword_1BFB5C8+7
ROM:01089E3C DCD 0xA87ABFB7, 0xFB44D95E, 0xC3E95DCA, 0xE190ECCA, 0x9D100
ROM:01089E50 DCD 0
ROM:01089E54 DCD 0
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ROM:010862E0 ; -----
ROM:010862E0 for( i = 0; i < hashLength; ++i ) {
ROM:010862E0
ROM:010862E0 loc_10862E0 ; CODE XREF: SHA1_checks+
ROM:010862E0 ADDS R3, R4, R0
ROM:010862E2 ADDS R3, #0x80 ; 'ç'
ROM:010862E4 ADD R2, SP, #0x38+hashToCompare
ROM:010862E6 LDRB R2, [R2,R0]
ROM:010862E8 LDRB R3, [R3,#0x14]
ROM:010862EA if (hash[i] != hashToCompare[i])
ROM:010862EA CMP R2, R3
ROM:010862EC BEQ loc_10862F0
ROM:010862EE MOVS R5, #1
ROM:010862F0
ROM:010862F0 loc_10862F0 ; CODE XREF: SHA1_checks+
ROM:010862F0 ADDS R0, R0, #1
ROM:010862F2
ROM:010862F2 loop ; CODE XREF: SHA1_checks+
ROM:010862F2 CMP R0, R1
ROM:010862F4 }
ROM:010862F4 BCC loc_10862E0
ROM:010862F6 CMP R5, #1
ROM:010862F8 BNE loc_1086308
ROM:010862FA LDR R0, =0x7D0005
ROM:010862FC BL hashMismatch
ROM:01086300 MOVS R0, #4
ROM:01086302 BL reset
ROM:01086306 B loc_1086310
ROM:01086308 ; -----

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ROM:01085320 ; Attributes: thunk
ROM:01085320
ROM:01085320 hashMismatch ; CODE XREF: sub_1084232+38↑p
ROM:01085320 ; sub_1085B6C+6C↓p ...
ROM:01085320 BX PC
ROM:01085320 ; -----
ROM:01085322 ALIGN 4
ROM:01085322 ; End of function hashMismatch
ROM:01085322
ROM:01085324 CODE32
ROM:01085324
ROM:01085324 ; ===== S U B R O U T I N E =====
ROM:01085324
ROM:01085324
ROM:01085324 sub_1085324 ; CODE XREF: hashMismatch↑j
ROM:01085324 LDR R12, =(hashMismatch_imp+1)
ROM:01085328 BX R12 ; hashMismatch_imp
ROM:01085328 ; End of function sub_1085324
ROM:01085328
ROM:01085328 ; -----
ROM:0108532C off_108532C DCD hashMismatch_imp+1 ; DATA XREF: sub_1085324↑r
ROM:01085330 CODE16
ROM:01085330

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ROM:01453178 ; ===== S U B R O U T I N E =====
ROM:01453178
ROM:01453178 hashMismatch_imp ; CODE XREF: sub_10
ROM:01453178 ; sub_136480C+2E7p
ROM:01453178
ROM:01453178 arg_0 = 0
ROM:01453178 arg_8 = 8
ROM:01453178 arg_C = 0xC
ROM:01453178 arg_10 = 0x10
ROM:01453178
ROM:01453178 ; FUNCTION CHUNK AT ROM:01086266 SIZE 000000C2 BYTES
ROM:01453178 ; FUNCTION CHUNK AT ROM:01086330 SIZE 00000022 BYTES
ROM:01453178 ; FUNCTION CHUNK AT ROM:01BFCA00 SIZE 00000018 BYTES
ROM:01453178
ROM:01453178 LDR R2, loc_145317C
ROM:0145317A BX R2 ; loc_1BFCA00
ROM:0145317A
ROM:0145317C ; -----
ROM:0145317C
ROM:0145317C loc_145317C ; DATA XREF: hashM
ROM:0145317C LSLs R7, R7, #6
ROM:0145317E LDMIA R2!, {R0}
ROM:01453180 PUSH {R4,R5}

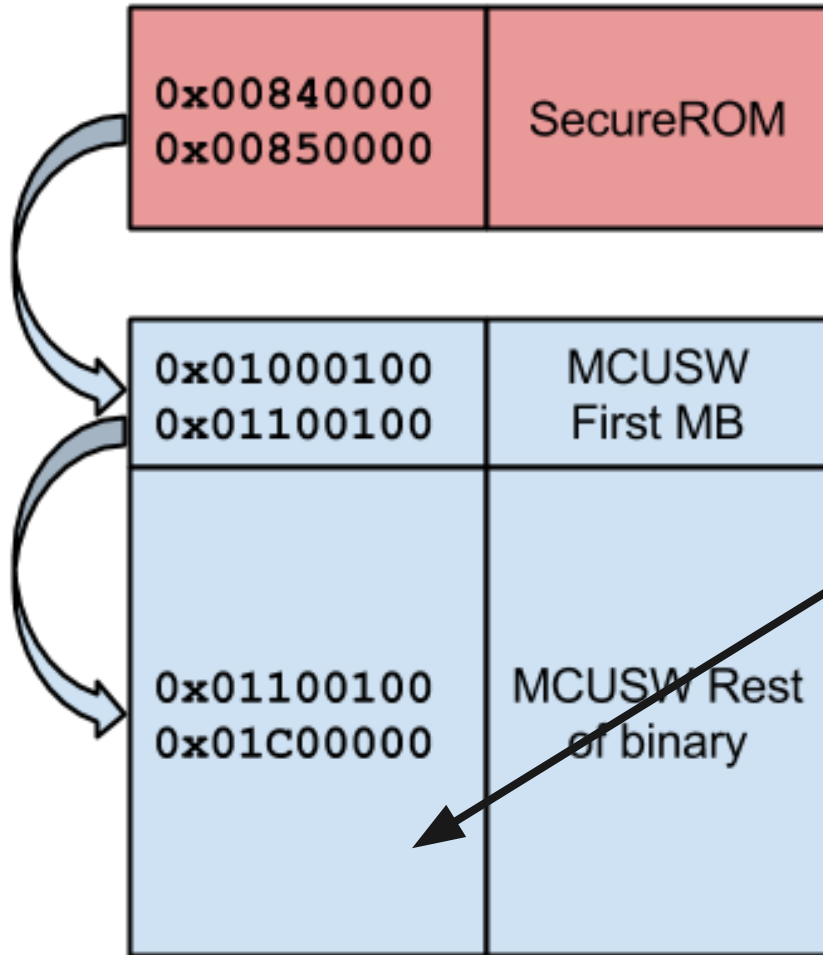
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```
ROM:01453178 ; ===== S U B R O U T I
ROM:01453178
ROM:01453178 hashMismatch_imp
ROM:01453178
ROM:01453178
ROM:01453178 arg_0 = 0
ROM:01453178 arg_8 = 8
ROM:01453178 arg_C = 0xC
ROM:01453178 arg_10 = 0x10
ROM:01453178
ROM:01453178 ; FUNCTION CHUNK AT ROM:01086266 S
ROM:01453178 ; FUNCTION CHUNK AT ROM:01086330 S
ROM:01453178 ; FUNCTION CHUNK AT ROM:01BFCA00 S
ROM:01453178
ROM:01453178 LDR R2, loc_14
ROM:0145317A BX R2 ; loc_1
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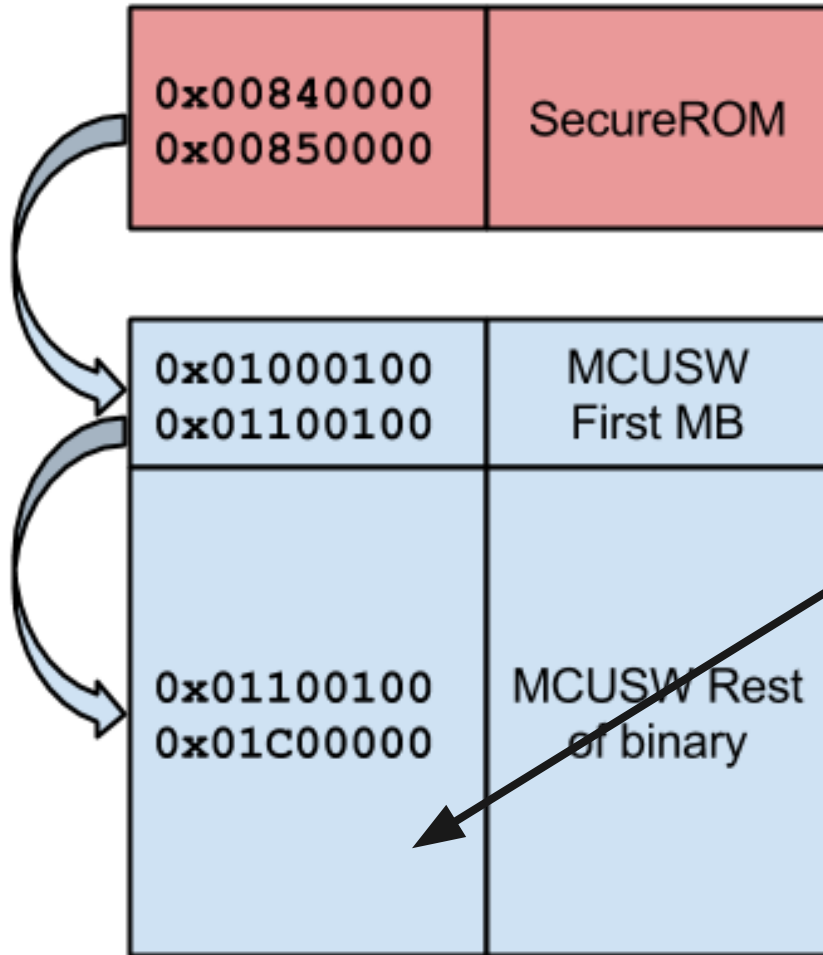
# Zoom x3

```
ROM:01453178 ; =====  
ROM:01453178  
ROM:01453178  
ROM:01453178 hashMismatch_imp  
ROM:01453178  
ROM:01453178  
ROM:01453178 arg_0 =  
ROM:01453178 arg_8 =  
ROM:01453178
```





**You are  
here  
0x01453178**



**You are here**  
**0x01453178**

Meaning  
When the check fails,  
it uses the code that it  
just failed to validate!

# Exploiting

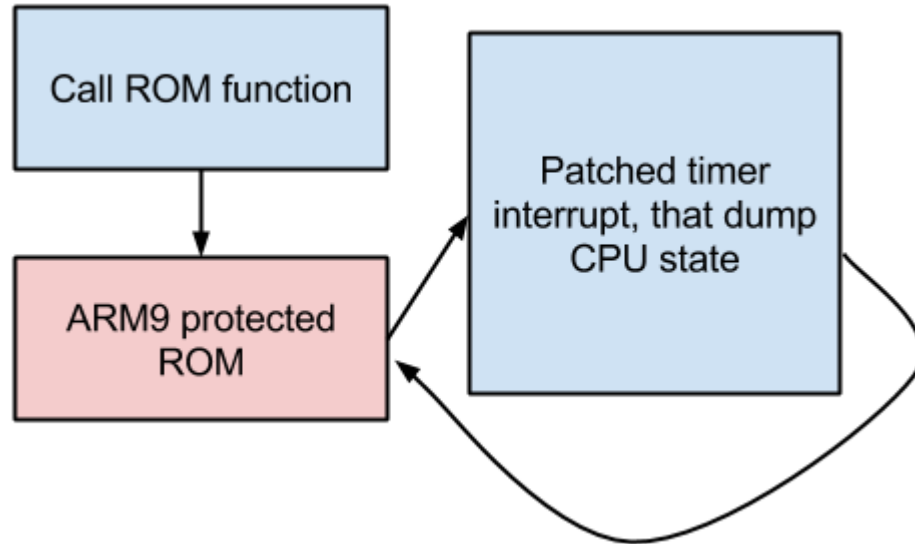
Allow us to overcome the validation of binary after the 1st MB (Reboot error)

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ROM:01453178 ; ===== S U B R O U T I N E =====
ROM:01453178
ROM:01453178
ROM:01453178 hashMismatch_imp ;
ROM:01453178 ;
ROM:01453178 MOVS R2, #0
ROM:0145317A MOVS R1, R0
ROM:0145317C MOVS R0, R2
ROM:0145317E B diversionProc
ROM:0145317E ; End of function hashMismatch_imp
ROM:0145317E
ROM:01453180 ; -----
ROM:01453180
ROM:01453180 loc_1453180 ;
ROM:01453180 ;
ROM:01453180 PUSH {R4,R5}
ROM:01453182 LDRB R2, [R1,#3]
ROM:01453184 LDR R4, =0x3044FF4
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# POC

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i0NJZ\\_J5c6g&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i0NJZ_J5c6g&feature=youtu.be)

# Overcoming the SecureROM



First 1MB check (No Signal)

# Example for log recovering

R0:00000000 R1:00000005 R2:00000002

R0:00000007 R1:00000005 R2:00000002

R0:00000009 R1:00000005 R2:00000002

R0:0000000A R1:00000005 R2:00000002

**Make it Kosher**

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# Disable Internet

- Remember that time is money



# Disable Internet

- “GET” -> “BET”
- “POST” -> “MOST”

No web server would ever answer you again.

# Hardware patches

Circumcising a phone

# Bugs

- GSM connection
- FM Radio
- Bad factory reset

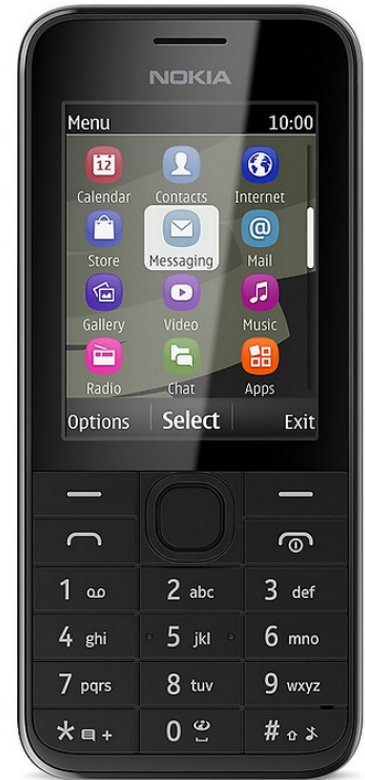
# BB5

Not on this presentation :(

# Asha phones protection

This one has

- Whatsapp
- Facebook
- Twitter
- And all kind of other things...



# Three steps of trust chain

1. PBL
2. SBL
3. Firmware

RSA 1024 - SHA1

# Signed

## Flashable

OS (MCUSW) - Signed

Localization strings and gfx (PPM) - Signed

General purpose file system - Operator

FAT16 (CNT / IMAGE) - Open

## SecureROM

?

# In the Image

- Menusettings.xml
- Java apps
- Startup / Shutdown animations
- Ringtones
- Many kinds of other settings



# Blocking SMS & MMS

When I have no control over the OS

# A few things about FAT16

- Table that defines chains of sectors
- Hard-links are possible
- Two files with the same name are possible

# Blocking SMS

- Find where messages are stored
- Delete that folder
- Create a file with the same name

# pyFAT16

Parsing FAT16 with Python is fun

# **Making of the Samsung Kosher Phone**



# How to

1. Download the firmware
2. Patch whatever you like
3. Flash it

\* If it's hard to find what to patch, Samsung are leaking binaries with debug symbols everywhere!

# Release

Phosher framework:

<https://phosher.googlecode.com/svn/trunk>

\* It includes the FAT16 parser

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Thank you



# Questions?

