

MS Thesis Presentation

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OUTLINE

- •Motivation: Why is it important to attack Intel SGX?
- Intel Softwate Guard eXtension
- Prime+Probe Cache Attack
- CacheZoom
- Breaking AES
- Conclusion

UNTRUSTED COMPUTING

OS/SMM Rootkits Untrusted Cloud Provider Cross-VM Attacks¹

OS & Hypervisor are not trusted

We need hardware supported Trusted Computing Base



¹ Gorka Irazoqui, Thomas Eisenbarth, and Berk Sunar. S \$ A: A Shared Cache Attack That Works across Cores and Defies VM Sandboxing–and Its Application n to AES. In 2015 IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy, pages 591–604. IEEE, 2015.

INTEL SOFTWARE GUARD EXTENSION (SGX)

Trusted Execution Environment (TEE)

- •Enclave: Hardware protected user-level software module
 - Loaded by the user program
 - Mapped by the Operating System
 - Authenticated and Encrypted by CPU
- Memory accesses are protected by the hardware



SIDE-CHANNEL ATTACK ON SGX

SGX threat model:

- Protecting against side-channel attacks is not our business!!!
- •OS initiated side channels are powerful
- •Page fault attack²





MEMORY HIERARCHY





SGX – MEMORY ENCRYPTION ENGINE (MEE)



PRIME+PROBE



PRIME+PROBE











PRIME+PROBE ON SGX AKA CACHEZOOM

- 1. Isolation of the target & victim cache
- 2. Stabilize the processor clock cycle
- 3. Craft noise free Prime+Probe code stub
- 4. Perform the attack in small execution units
- 5. Measure and filter the remaining noise

CACHEZOOM: CACHE ISOLATION

- Manipulate the OS page table entries to partition cache sets (LLC)
- Manipulate the kernel task scheduler to isolate cores (Core-Private Cache)



CACHEZOOM: PROCESSOR SPEED

- SpeedStep: Dynamic Frequency Scaling
- C-State: Power Saving Mode
- instructions/cycle depends on CPU frequency
- Configured from OS \rightarrow Stable CPU Frequency \rightarrow Reduced noise

CACHEZOOM: PRIME+PROBE CODE STUB

Pointer chasing Approach

SET 0

- 1. A buffer with link-lists of pointers associated to the same set
- 2. Traverse the pointers using a minimal machine code (Prime)
- 3. Traverse the pointers and measure time (Probe)

SET 2

4. Repeat the stubs with macros

SET 1

CACHEZOOM: PRIME+PROBE

CODE STUB

mov	(%rbx)	,	&rbx	;
mov	(%rbx)	,	&rbx	;
mov	(%rbx)	1	&rbx	;
mov	(%rbx)	,	%rbx	;
mov	(%rbx)	,	&rbx	;
mov	(%rbx)	,	&rbx	;
mov	(%rbx)	,	&rbx	;
mov	(%rbx)	,	%rbx	;

mov	%rax	,	%r1	0	;	
mfer	nce ;					
rdts	sc ;					
mov	%eax	,	%ec	X	;	
mov	(%rbx	()	,	81	cbx	;
mov	(%rbx	()	1	81	cbx	;
mov	(%rbx	()	,	81	cbx	;
mov	(%rbx	()	,	81	cbx	;
mov	(%rbx	()	,	81	cbx	;
mov	(%rbx	()	,	81	cbx	;
mov	(%rbx	()	,	81	cbx	;
mov	(%rbx	()	,	81	cbx	;
lfer	nce ;					
rdts	SC ;					
sub	%rax	1	gro	x	;	
mov	%r10	,	%ra	ax	;	
neg	&rcx	;				

#define PRIME prime(_SPY_TABLE_, _CURRENT_SET_);
#define PRIME_2 PRIME; PRIME
#define PRIME_4 PRIME_2; PRIME_2
#define PRIME_8 PRIME_4; PRIME_4
#define PRIME_16 PRIME_8; PRIME_8
#define PRIME_32 PRIME_16; PRIME_16
#define PRIME_64 PRIME_32; PRIME_32

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#define PROBE probe(_SPY_TABLE_, _CURRENT_SET_);
#define PROBE_2 PROBE; PROBE
#define PROBE_4 PROBE_2; PROBE_2
#define PROBE_8 PROBE_4; PROBE_4
#define PROBE_16 PROBE_8; PROBE_8
#define PROBE_32 PROBE_16; PROBE_16
#define PROBE_64 PROBE_32; PROBE_32
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CACHEZOOM: INTERRUPTED



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CACHEZOOM: NOISE FILTERING

- Context-switch noise: unavoidable but predictable
- Cycles based on the number of evictions
- evictions/set caused by an empty enclave



AES S-BOX & T-TABLE

- SubBytes replace each byte with the output of a non-linear function.
 - A precomputed 256 entries S-Box table is used.
 - Main source of leakage
- MixColumns+SubBytes in a single table \rightarrow T-Table
- We attack:
 - 4 T-tables: 256 entries each, each entry is 32 bits long
 - Big T-table: A single 256 entries table, each entry is 64 bits long.
 - S-Box: A 256 entries each, each entry is 8 bits long

Algorithm 1 AES Encrption 1: procedure ENCRYPT 2: $i \leftarrow 0$ 3: ExpandKeys AddRoundKey(i) 4: 5: round: SubBytes 6: ShiftRows 7: **MixColumns** 8: AddRoundKey(i) 9: $i \leftarrow i + 1$ 10:if i < n - 1 then 11: goto round 12: SubBytes 13: ShiftRows 14: AddRoundKey(i) 15:

t0 = Te0[(s0 >> 24)] ^ Te1[(s1 >> 16) & 0xff] ^ Te2[(s2 >> 8) & 0xff] ^ Te3[(s3) & 0xff] ^ rk[4];



CACHEZOOMING AES INSIDE ENCLAVE

- Attack on Encryption
- Assumptions:
 - Access to OS resources & the target enclave binary
 - The execution is protected by SGX Enclave
 - No knowledge of the cipher key used inside enclave (Keys are generated at runtime)
 - Knowledge of Plaintext (Known Plaintext Attack)

or Ciphertext (Known Ciphertext Attack)

AES T-TABLE: KPA

Input:

- Knowledge of the plaintext
- Memory trace of the 1st round after initial key addition (16 table lookups)
- Memory trace of the 2nd round. (16 table lookups)
- A perfect trace of the first round information outputs
 - 4 bits of each key byte in 4 T-Table (total of 64 bits)
 - 5 bits of each key byte in big T-table (total of 80 bits)
- Solving key relations of 1st and 2nd rounds with 2nd round leakage reduce the key space to 8-16 bits ³.

- Output:
 - Small Key Space

AES T-TABLE: KPA CHALLENGES

- We don't live in a perfect world, and we have some noises.
 - Out-of-order execution
 - Repeated accesses to the same set
 - Blind Sets





AES T-TABLE: KPA RESULTS

- Different plaintexts \rightarrow different memory traces
- The scoring algorithm finds the cipher key:
 - Input : 15-25 (cache based traces + plaintexts)
 - Output: cipher key
- Partial order of traces improves key recovery (Reduce the number of required measurements)
- First practical implementation on a real scenario

AES T-TABLE: KPA RESULTS



AES T-TABLE: KCA — WE CAN DO BETTER

- Last Round Only Attack
 - First round only leaks 64 bits (80 bits in Big T)
 - Last round observations with different ciphertext recover the entire key.
 - Faster key recovery than using $1^{st}+2^{nd}$ rounds information
- 9th + Last Round Attack
 - The leakage of the 9th round improves the last round attack.
 - 1st+2nd rounds attack reduces the key to 8-16 bits.
 - It recovers the exact key with an ideal trace.



AES T-TABLE: LAST ROUND ONLY RESULTS



AES T-TABLE: 9TH+LAST ROUND

- Hypothesis:

- Last Round Only, 7 observations is enough
- Can we reduce it?

- Goal:

- Voiding the assumption that changing symmetric key makes it secure.
- Our constructed key relations and algorithm
 - Recover the key in 2 hours with ideal data
 - Verifies the exact key



AES S-BOX: KCA

- S-BOX table (256 bytes) only affects 4 cache sets.
- No clean order information for 16 accesses within 4 sets
 - Out-of-order execution
 - Repeated set accesses
- Harder to exploit but possible
- accesses/set depends on the key bytes
- Hundreds of measurements + DPA correlation attack

AES S-BOX: KCA RESULTS

- Hundreds of measurement
- Correlation between expected and observed accesses



Figure 5.12: Correlation over key value for the best $(k_{15}, \text{ amber})$ and worst $(k_0, \text{ blue})$ byte positions based on 1500 traces. The guess with the highest correlation (o) and the correct key (x) a match only for k_{15} .

CACHE PREFETCHING

Resistant to previous cache side-channels

Vulnerable to our attack



DEFENSE AGAINST CACHEZOOM

- Avoiding data dependent computations
 - Costly and not always practical
- Measuring delay of execution
 - Needs to be done inside the enclave
- Separate caches for enclave
 - Core-private: Require hardware changes
 - LLC: Cache Allocation Technology (CAT)
- Flushing core-private caches?
 - Slow execution inside enclave

CONCLUSION

- Cache side-channel attacks are devastating in the SGX environment.
- Side-channels on intermediate operations of T-Table are powerful.
- AES S-BOX implementation and cache prefetching are not secure.
- Vulnerable software implementations are always bad.

THANKS

• Questions?





AES T-TABLE: 9TH+LAST ROUND

 $G1 \quad 2s(x_0^9) \oplus 3s(x_1^9) \oplus s(x_2^9) \oplus s(x_3^9) = s^{-1}(c_0 \oplus k_{160}) \oplus k_{160} \oplus s(k_{173} \oplus k_{169}) \oplus 0x36$ $s(x_0^9) \oplus 2s(x_1^9) \oplus 3s(x_2^9) \oplus s(x_3^9) = s^{-1}(c_{13} \oplus k_{173}) \oplus k_{161} \oplus s(k_{174} \oplus k_{170})$ $s(x_0^9) \oplus s(x_1^9) \oplus 2s(x_2^9) \oplus 3s(x_3^9) = s^{-1}(c_{10} \oplus k_{170}) \oplus k_{162} \oplus s(k_{175} \oplus k_{171})$ $3s(x_0^9) \oplus s(x_1^9) \oplus s(x_2^9) \oplus 2s(x_3^9) = s^{-1}(c_7 \oplus k_{167}) \oplus k_{163} \oplus s(k_{172} \oplus k_{168})$

G2 $2s(x_4^9) \oplus 3s(x_5^9) \oplus s(x_6^9) \oplus s(x_7^9) = s^{-1}(c_4 \oplus k_{164}) \oplus k_{160} \oplus k_{164}$ $s(x_4^9) \oplus 2s(x_5^9) \oplus 3s(x_6^9) \oplus s(x_7^9) = s^{-1}(c_1 \oplus k_{161}) \oplus k_{161} \oplus k_{165}$ $s(x_4^9) \oplus s(x_5^9) \oplus 2s(x_6^9) \oplus 3s(x_7^9) = s^{-1}(c_{14} \oplus k_{174}) \oplus k_{162} \oplus k_{166}$ $3s(x_4^9) \oplus s(x_5^9) \oplus s(x_6^9) \oplus 2s(x_7^9) = s^{-1}(c_{11} \oplus k_{171}) \oplus k_{163} \oplus k_{167}$

- **G3** $2s(x_8^9) \oplus 3s(x_9^9) \oplus s(x_{10}^9) \oplus s(x_{11}^9) = s^{-1}(c_8 \oplus k_{168}) \oplus k_{164} \oplus k_{168}$ $s(x_8^9) \oplus 2s(x_9^9) \oplus 3s(x_{10}^9) \oplus s(x_{11}^9) = s^{-1}(c_5 \oplus k_{165}) \oplus k_{165} \oplus k_{169}$ $s(x_8^9) \oplus s(x_9^9) \oplus 2s(x_{10}^9) \oplus 3s(x_{11}^9) = s^{-1}(c_2 \oplus k_{162}) \oplus k_{166} \oplus k_{170}$ $3s(x_8^9) \oplus s(x_9^9) \oplus s(x_{10}^9) \oplus 2s(x_{11}^9) = s^{-1}(c_{15} \oplus k_{175}) \oplus k_{167} \oplus k_{171}$
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AES T-TABLE: 9TH+LAST ROUND FQUATIONS

 $\begin{array}{l} 4 & 4 & 4 & 4 & 4 \\ 2s(x_{4}^{9}) \oplus 3s(x_{5}^{9}) \oplus s(x_{6}^{9}) \oplus s(x_{7}^{9}) = s^{-1}(c_{4} \oplus k_{164}) \oplus k_{160} \oplus k_{164} \rightarrow (x_{4}^{9}, x_{5}^{9}, x_{6}^{9}, x_{7}^{9}, k_{160}, k_{164}) \\ s(x_{4}^{9}) \oplus 2s(x_{5}^{9}) \oplus 3s(x_{6}^{9}) \oplus s(x_{7}^{9}) = s^{-1}(c_{1} \oplus k_{161}) \oplus k_{161} \oplus k_{165} \rightarrow (x_{4}^{9}, x_{5}^{9}, x_{6}^{9}, x_{7}^{9}, k_{161}, k_{165}) \\ s(x_{4}^{9}) \oplus s(x_{5}^{9}) \oplus 2s(x_{6}^{9}) \oplus 3s(x_{7}^{9}) = s^{-1}(c_{14} \oplus k_{174}) \oplus k_{162} \oplus k_{166} \rightarrow (x_{4}^{9}, x_{5}^{9}, x_{6}^{9}, x_{7}^{9}, k_{162}, k_{166}, k_{174}) \\ 3s(x_{4}^{9}) \oplus s(x_{5}^{9}) \oplus s(x_{6}^{9}) \oplus 2s(x_{7}^{9}) = s^{-1}(c_{11} \oplus k_{171}) \oplus k_{163} \oplus k_{167} \rightarrow (x_{4}^{9}, x_{5}^{9}, x_{6}^{9}, x_{7}^{9}, k_{163}, k_{167}, k_{171}) \\ \rightarrow 24 \text{ bits, } (k_{160}, k_{161}, k_{162}, k_{163}, k_{164}, k_{165}, k_{166}, k_{167}, k_{171}, k_{174}) \end{array}$

Step 1: Reduce $(x_4^9, x_5^9, x_6^9, x_7^9)$ using all equations $\rightarrow 14$ bits, $(x_4^9, x_5^9, x_6^9, x_7^9)$

Step 2: Solve each equation using reduced $(x_4^9, x_5^9, x_6^9, x_7^9)$

AES T-TABLE: 9TH+LAST ROUND

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- $\begin{array}{ll} \textbf{G2} & 2s(x_4^9) \oplus 3s(x_5^9) \oplus s(x_6^9) \oplus s(x_7^9) = s^{-1}(c_4 \oplus k_{164}) \oplus k_{160} \oplus k_{164} \\ & s(x_4^9) \oplus 2s(x_5^9) \oplus 3s(x_6^9) \oplus s(x_7^9) = s^{-1}(c_1 \oplus k_{161}) \oplus k_{161} \oplus k_{165} \\ & s(x_4^9) \oplus s(x_5^9) \oplus 2s(x_6^9) \oplus 3s(x_7^9) = s^{-1}(c_{14} \oplus k_{174}) \oplus k_{162} \oplus k_{166} \\ & 3s(x_4^9) \oplus s(x_5^9) \oplus s(x_6^9) \oplus 2s(x_7^9) = s^{-1}(c_{11} \oplus k_{171}) \oplus k_{163} \oplus k_{167} \end{array} \rightarrow 24 \text{ bits, } (k_{160}, k_{161}, k_{162}, k_{163}, k_{164}, k_{165}, k_{166}, k_{167}, k_{171}, k_{174}) \\ & 3s(x_4^9) \oplus s(x_5^9) \oplus s(x_6^9) \oplus 2s(x_7^9) = s^{-1}(c_{11} \oplus k_{171}) \oplus k_{163} \oplus k_{167} \end{array} \rightarrow 24 \text{ bits, } (k_{160}, k_{161}, k_{162}, k_{163}, k_{164}, k_{165}, k_{166}, k_{167}, k_{171}, k_{174}) \\ & 3s(x_4^9) \oplus s(x_5^9) \oplus s(x_6^9) \oplus 2s(x_7^9) = s^{-1}(c_{11} \oplus k_{171}) \oplus k_{163} \oplus k_{167} \end{array}$
- $\begin{aligned} \textbf{G3} \quad & 2s(x_8^9) \oplus 3s(x_9^9) \oplus s(x_{10}^9) \oplus s(x_{11}^9) = s^{-1}(c_8 \oplus k_{168}) \oplus k_{164} \oplus k_{168} \\ & s(x_8^9) \oplus 2s(x_9^9) \oplus 3s(x_{10}^9) \oplus s(x_{11}^9) = s^{-1}(c_5 \oplus k_{165}) \oplus k_{165} \oplus k_{169} \\ & s(x_8^9) \oplus s(x_9^9) \oplus 2s(x_{10}^9) \oplus 3s(x_{11}^9) = s^{-1}(c_2 \oplus k_{162}) \oplus k_{166} \oplus k_{170} \\ & 3s(x_8^9) \oplus s(x_{99}^9) \oplus s(x_{10}^9) \oplus 2s(x_{11}^9) = s^{-1}(c_{15} \oplus k_{175}) \oplus k_{167} \oplus k_{171} \end{aligned}$

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AES T-TABLE: 9TH+LAST ROUND

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- **G2** \rightarrow 24 bits, $(k_{160}, k_{161}, k_{162}, k_{163}, k_{164}, k_{165}, k_{166}, k_{167}, k_{171}, k_{174})$
- **G3** \rightarrow 24 bits, $(k_{162}, k_{164}, k_{165}, k_{166}, k_{167}, k_{168}, k_{169}, k_{170}, k_{171}, k_{175}) \vdash$ 16 bits, (All the key byte
- **G4** \rightarrow 24 bits, $(k_{163}, k_{166}, k_{168}, k_{169}, k_{170}, k_{171}, k_{172}, k_{173}, k_{174}, k_{175})$



AES S-BOX: KCA

 $s^{-1}(c_i \otimes k_i) \gg 6 = set number$

Expected Matrix A: Rows correspond to ciphertexts and columns shows the excepted accessed cache lines.
 [1 0 0 1]

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Leackage Matrix L: Rows correspond to ciphertexts and columns shows the number of accesses/cache lines observed from the attack.
 [6 3 2 4]

$$\mathbf{L} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 5 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 10 & 4 & 3 \\ 6 & 6 & 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 1 & 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- 0.25 correlation between L and A \rightarrow alidates our approach

COMPARISON OF SIDE CHANNELS ON SGX

Channel	CPC ¹	LLC^2	BP ³	$\mathbf{PF^4}$	TLB ⁵	RH ⁶
Possible	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Resolution	64 byte	64 byte	Branches	$4 \mathrm{kB}$	N/A	N/A
Noise	Local	Global	Local	N/A	N/A	N/A
Target	Data+Code	Data+Code	Code	Data+Code	N/A	N/A

¹ Core-Private Cache; ² Last-Level Cache; ³ Branch Predictor Cache; ⁴ Page Fault; ⁵ TLB Cache; ⁶ Rowhammeringt