Hacking the Apple TV and Where your Forensic Data Lives



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Why Use the Apple TV?

Because its' HOT...



Why Use the Apple TV?



Overview

- 1. What is the Apple TV?
- 2. How is it different?
- 3. How Does it Get Modified?
 - The Old Way
 - The New Way
- 4. Walkthrough Two Patchsticks
 - atvusb-creator
 - aTV Flash

Overview

5. Forensic Data

- Hardware Analysis from a Forensic Examiner Perspective
- Software Summary from a Forensic Examiner Perspective
- File Structures
- Basic Forensic Considerations
- General Forensic Considerations
 - Discovery
 - Investigations
 - Files (Almost) Always Modified
- Apple TV Files and Directories Important to Forensic Analysis
 - Basic Areas for User Data
 - Areas Where Most Data Resides

What is the Apple TV?

Overview

- 1. It is a Digital Media Player
- 2. Appliance made by Apple Computer based upon Mac OS X
 - Works with iTunes & iPhoto (plays what they do)
 - Built-in 802.11a/g/n
 - Uses Quicktime components to play media
 - Apple TV Operating System may be modified easily

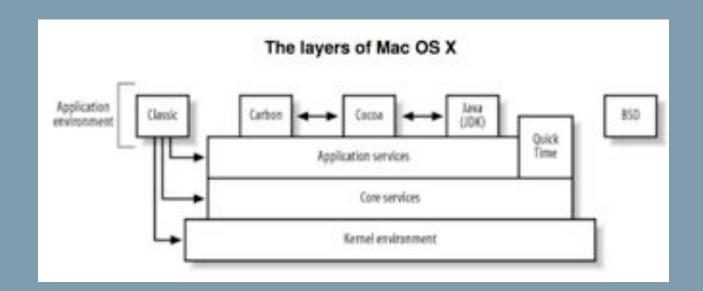
How is it different?

How is it different?

- 1. Built on an open-source OS
 - Darwin, Berkeley Systems
 Distribution (BSD) Unix...the backen
 end of Mac OS X
 - Uses the Apple Frontrow application as the GUI
- 2. Does not have digital video recording (DVR) capabilities
- 3. Synchronizes content with iTunes and iPhoto

Darwin

- 1. Full kernel system for stability
- 2. Kernel extensions for feature extensibility



Frontrow

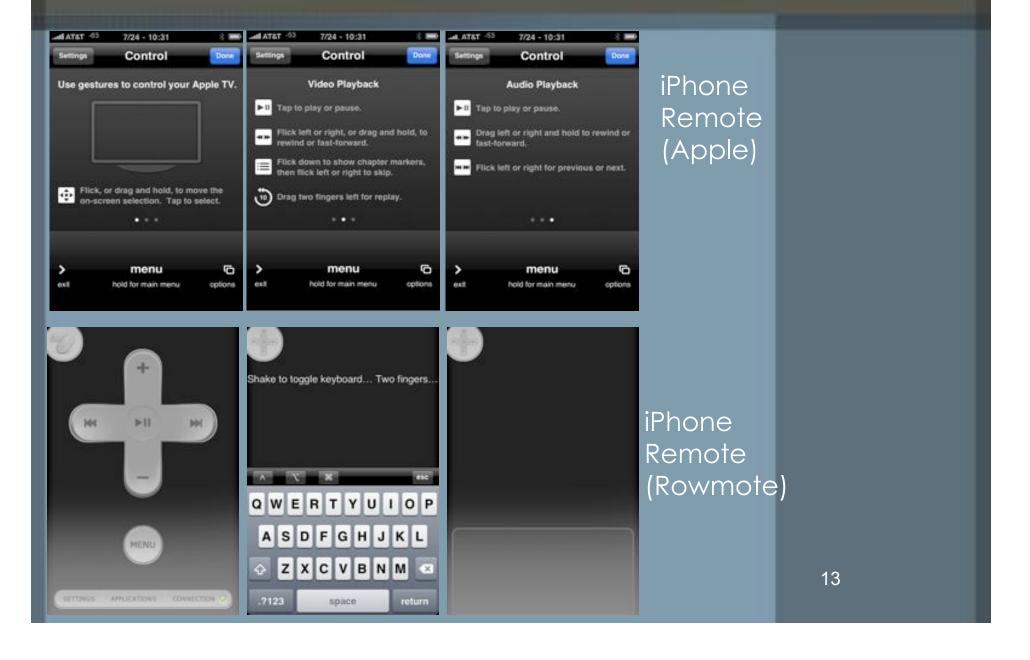


Default Menu for ATV OS 1.1

Default Menu for ATV OS 2.0.1

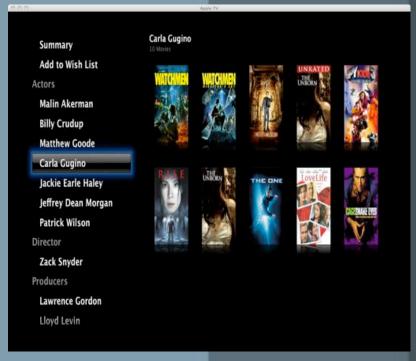


Apple TV and the iPhone



iTunes Store



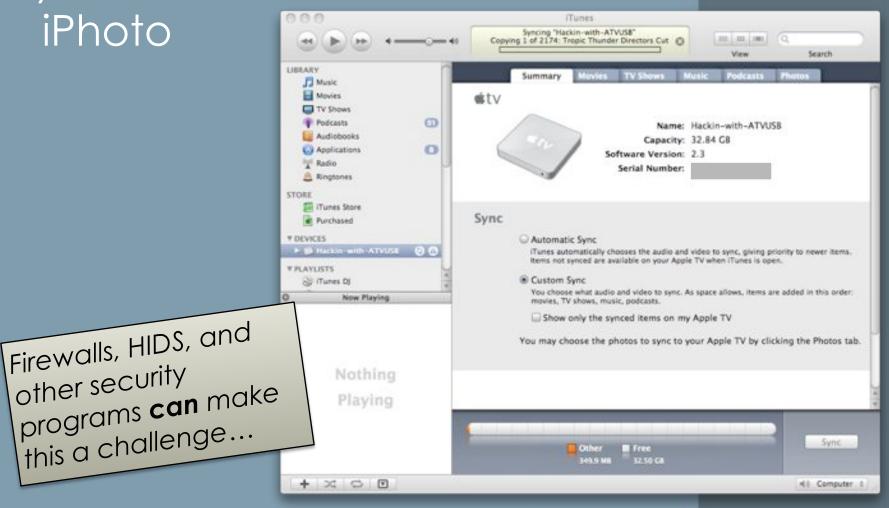


iTunes/iPhoto Sync

Synchronize content from iTunes and

iPhoto

other security



How Does it Get Modified?

Two Ways to Modify

1. The Old Way

- Remove the drive (void the warranty)
- Copy over scripts/binaries manually
- Generally more reliable but time consuming

2. The New Way

- Point, click, modify
- Sometimes stuff doesn't install/ work

The Old Way

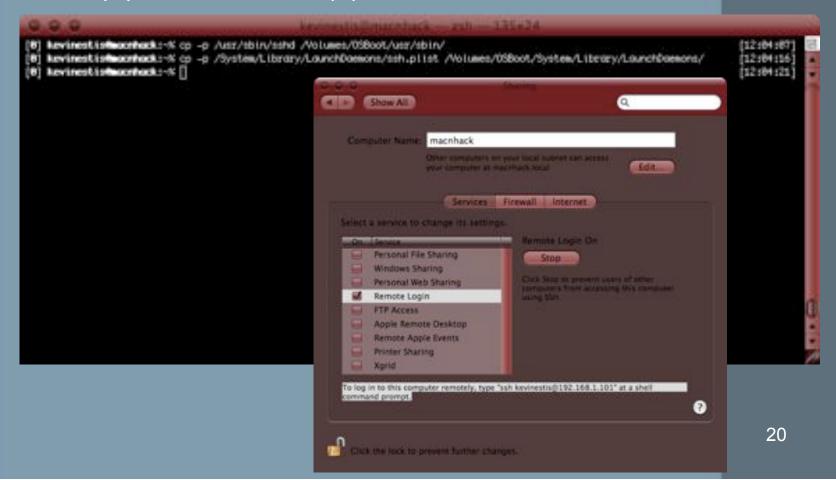
Step 1: Make an Image

- 1. Remove drive and connect to my MacBook Pro via a USB-to-SerialATA cable
- 2. Image the drive with dcfldd



Step 2: Enable SSH

- 1. Enable "remote desktop" on MacBook Pro
- 2. Copy files to the Apple TV hard drive



Step 3: Enable VNC

- 1. Start VineVNC server on the MacBook Pro
- 2. Copy the needed files to the Apple TV hard drive

```
[1] kevinestis@macnhack:/% sudo cp -pR /Library/StartupItems/OSXvnc /Volumes/OSBoot/Library/StartupItems [19:87:54]
Password:

[8] kevinestis@macnhack:/% [ [19:88:16]
```



Step 4a: Enable kext

- 1. Patch the existing Apple TV OS kernel so that the watchdog service is disabled and kernel extensions re-enabled
- 2. Copy the patched kernel, the "enabler" file, and extensions to the Apple TV hard drive

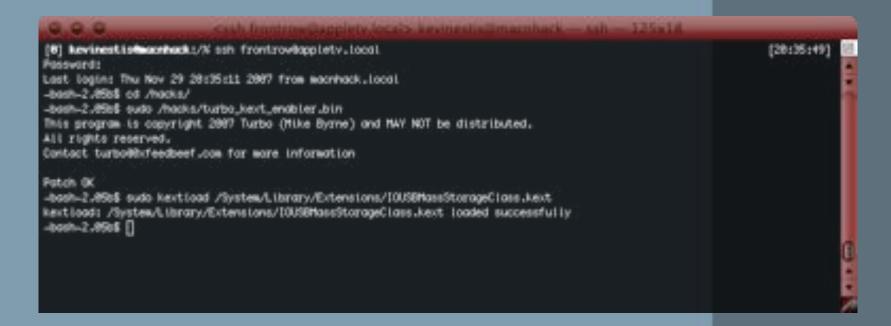


[8] kevinestis@macnhack:Desktop% cp turbo_kext_enabler.bin /Volumes/OSBoot/hacks [18:19:31] [8] kevinestis@macnhack:/% cp -R /System/Library/Extensions/IOUSBMassStorageClass.kext /Volumes/OSBoot/System/Library/Extensions/ [18:28:38] [0] kevinestis@macnhack:/% cp -R /System/Library/Extensions/IOStorageFamily.kext /Volumes/OSBoot/System/Library/Extensions [18:30:45] 18:31:421

[8] kevinestis@macnhack:/% cp -R /System/Library/Extensions/IOSCSIArchitectureModelFamily.kext /Volumes/OSBoot/System/Library/Extensions

Step 4b: Enable kext

- 1. Put Apple TV hard drive back in Apple TV
- 2. Connect from MacBook Pro to Apple TV via SSH
- 3. Execute the kext enabler to start kextload
- 4. Use kextload to start USB drivers



Step 5: Verify USB Drive

Run diskutil list via SSH

```
.h frontrow@appletv.local> kevinestis@macnhack - ssh - 93x17
-bash-2.855$ sudo kexticad /5ystem/Library/Extensions/10USEMassStorageClass.kext
Rest loads: /System/Library/Extensions/IOUSBMassStorageClass.kext loaded successfully
-bash-2,85s$ diskutii list
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                                                 400.0 MB disk8s2
                   Apple_HFS OSBoot
                                                 988.8 MB disk8s3
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                   Apple_HFS Hedia
                                                          disk8s4
 dev/disks
                                                          identifier
                        type name
         Apple_partition_map
                   Apple_HFS Multimedia
```

Step 6: Use Only USB

- 1. Copy the data from the "default" location to the USB drive
- 2. Make a backup of the data located in the default location
- 3. Make a symbolic link from the default location to the new location

```
-bash-2.05b$ cp -R /mnt/Media/* /mnt/Scratch/Volumes/Multimedia/
-bash-2.05b$ sudo mv /mnt/Media /mnt/Media.backup
Password:
-bash-2.05b$ sudo ln -s /mnt/Scratch/Volumes/Multimedia /mnt/Media
```

Step 7: Install ATV

Install AwkwardTV via SSH





Step 8: Install nitoTV

Install nitoTV via SSH

-bash-2.05b\$ sudo ./installme
Password:
installer: Package name is nitoTV 0.2.6
installer: Installing onto volume mounted at /.
installer: The install was successful.
Restarting Finder...



Step 9: Install Perian

- Manual installation (nitoTV install didn't work)
- Lots of command line

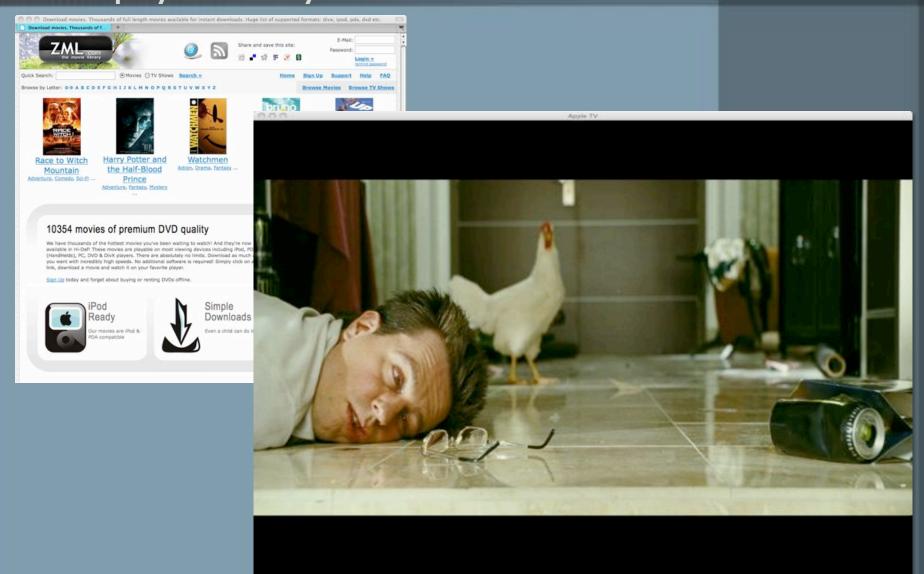
Apple TV by default supports this:

MEDIA FILES	SUPPORTED FORMATS
Video	MPEG-4 and H.264
Audio	AIFF, WAV, MP3, AAC, Apple Lossless, and Protected AAC
Photos	JPEG, BMP, GIF, TIFF, and PNG

Perian supports

- AVI, FLV, and MKV file formats
- MS-MPEG4 v1 & v2, DivX, 3ivX, H.264, FLV1, FSV1, VP6, H263I, VP3, HuffYUV, FFVHuff, MPEG1 & MPEG2 Video, Fraps, Windows Media Audio v1 & v2, Flash ADPCM, Xiph Vorbis (in Matroska), MPEG Layer II Audio
- AVI support for: AAC, AC3 Audio, H.264, MPEG4, and VBR MP3Subtitle support for SSA and SRT

Step 10: Rip/Download & Enjoy Copy, Play



The New Way

Patchstick Summary

- Requires a USB drive
- Uses boot.efi from an existing Apple TV OS disk image
- Some version of bootable Linux
- Enable SSH and add Finder.app appliances (*.frappliance)
- Made for use by people with basic understanding of computers

aTV Flash - Overview

- Commercial patchstick (\$49.95, includes 1-year of updates)
- Code has comments and subdirectories
- Mac and PC versions
- Installs a lot of applications others don't
- Integrates with NitoTV
 (tracks Smart Installer and places "extras" in NitoTV
 App menu)



aTV Flash – Patchstick Setup

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• Selects a USB drive

 Calls home to check for Internet connectivity

 Either download the update or tell it where the file exists



aTV Flash Installer

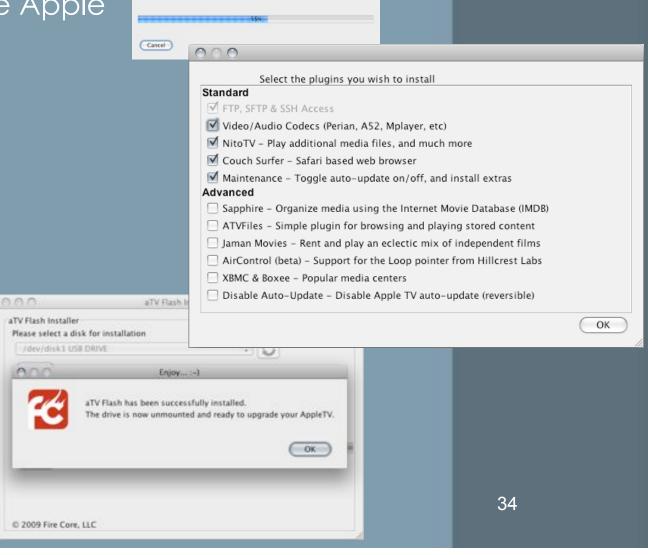


aTV Flash – Patchstick Setup

Downloads the Apple
 TV OS Update

Tell it what you want to do

Done



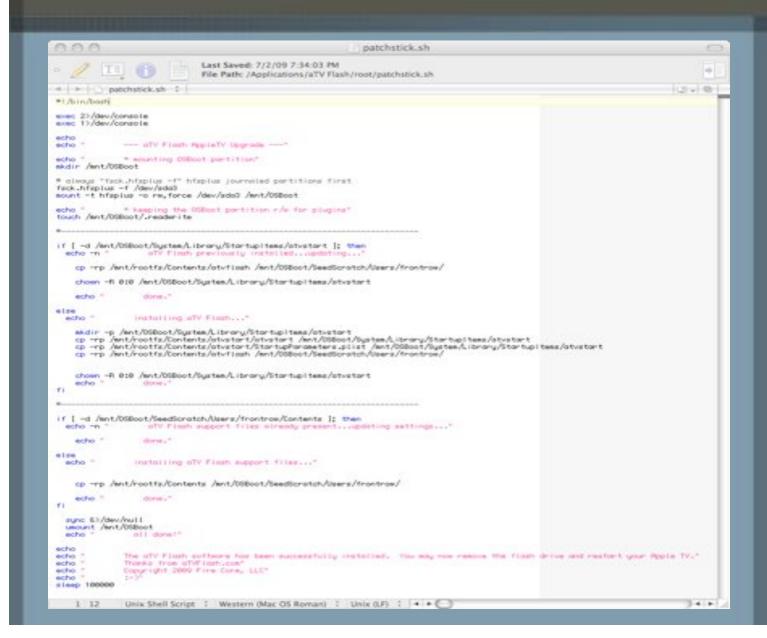
Downloading Apple TV Update File

aTV Flash – File Structure

- aTV Flash.app is the actual application
- A hidden subdirectory root is created; this is what is put on the thumbdrive
- Notice the directory structure of applications (including the .plist for CouchSurfer) and the latestXXXX.dmg at the bottom of the window



aTV Flash – Patchstick.sh



ATVUSB-Creator Overview

- ATVUSB-Creator creates an open-source patchstick.
- ATVUSB-Creator can also create a "Bootstick"...if you want to boot a Linux distro
- Windows and Mac versions
- Application is being actively developed and improved

Adds SSH, File Utils, Software
 Menu, and XMBC/Boxee to Apple
 TV





AppleTV ATV USB Creator

ATV USB Creator

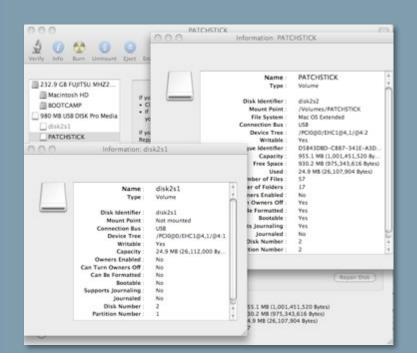
ATVUSB-Creator - Patchstick Setup

- Locate a compatible USB thumb drive (not all are created equal)
- Determine appropriate /dev/<target-drive>
- Ensure the tools you want are selected
- Click "Create Using ->"...unless you are rolling your own "uber" ATV Recovery DMG
- In about two minutes, you have a handy-dandy ATV-USB Creator patchstick



ATVUSB-Creator - Patchstick Setup

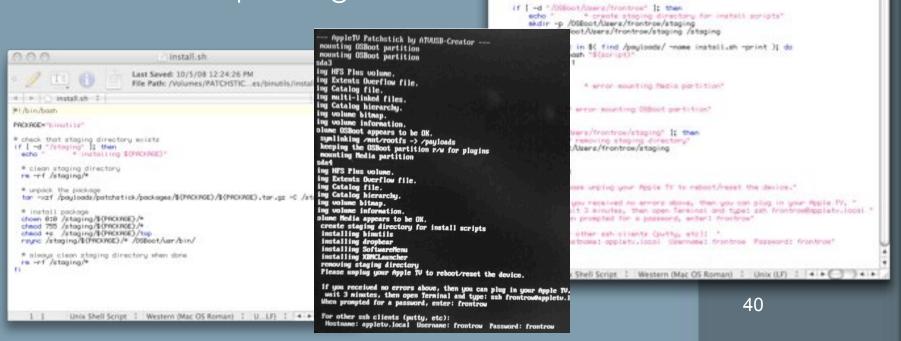
- ATVUSB-Creator makes two partitions on the thumb drive
- Uses EFI to mount ATV drive and make modifications





ATVUSB-Creator Patchstick script

- ATVUSB-Creator mounts ATV hard drive in RW
- Creates some links and then searches for "install.sh" scripts
- Each "install.sh" configures and installs its package...



patchstick.sh Last Saved: 7/26/09 12:04:57 AM file Pattic /Volumes/PATCHSTICK/patchstick.sh

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if me successfully mount /Different if I =d "/DIDDoct/dev" It then " systim. /mrt/roots to /pogloods to make the scripts easier to read

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* sounting OSBoot partition"

echo " synlinking /ent/rootis -) /payloods' In -s /ent/rootis/payloods /payloods

sount -t hisplus -o re, force /dev/sds4 /000cst/ent

* mounting Differt partition"

mount -t hisplas -o re, force /dev/sds3 /068cot

echo " " sounting Redis pertition" fack.hfsplus -f /dev/adot

touch /05Boot/,readerite

a patchstick sh

exec 2)/dev/console exec 1>/dev/console

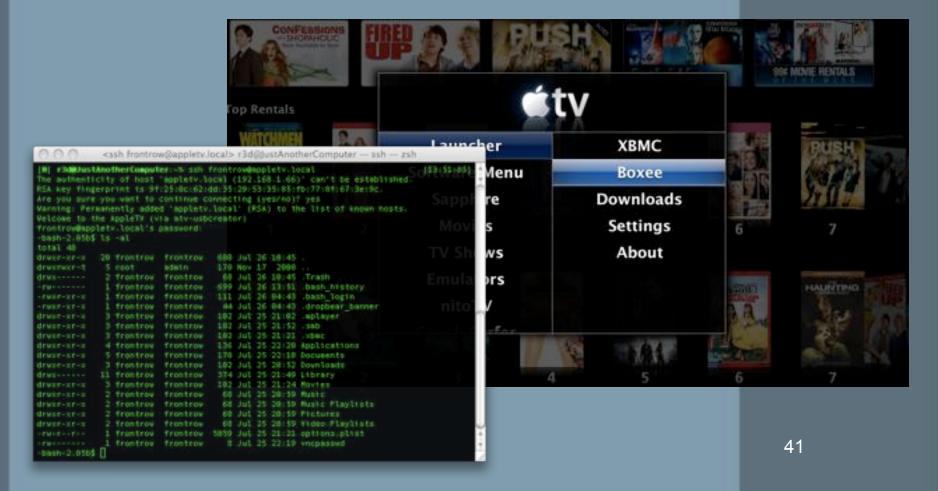
skdir -p /05Boot fack.hfsplus -f /dev/add0

echo echo

echo "

ATVUSB-Creator - Complete

• Unplug and plug in the ATV...wait 2 minutes and ssh frontrow@appletv.local



ATVUSB-Creator Demo

Popular Applications

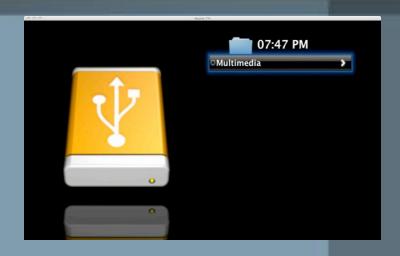
nitoTV - Overview

- Installed by almost all patchsticks
- Massive amount of functionality including mounting USB drives, viewing RSS feeds, and installation of 3rd-party applications



nitoTV - Overview

Files menu will access
 USB drives



 Streams will access streaming audio/video feeds and play via mPlayer

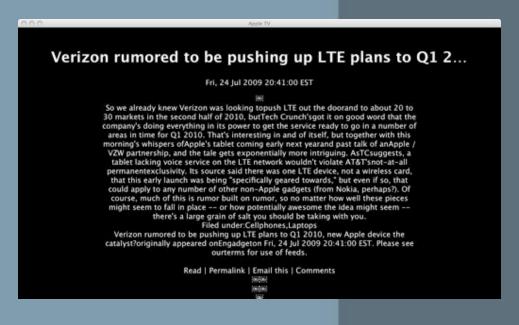


nitoTV - Overview

 RSS menu will load RSS feeds you configure



 Although articles are limited to text only



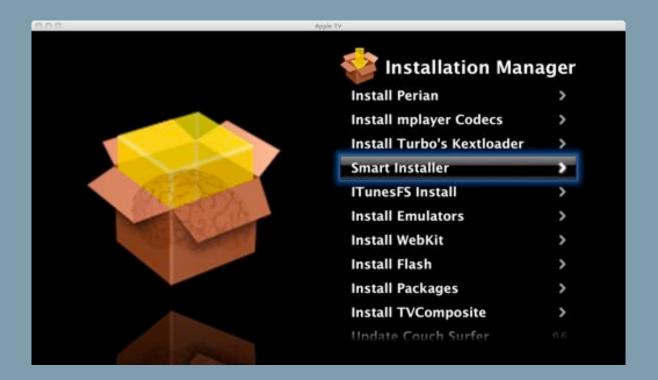
nitoTV – Overview - Settings

 Most nitoTV functionality and benefit is on the back-end utilities



nitoTV – Overview - Settings

 nitoTV Smart Installer will not only go out and retrieve (most) of what you need it will automatically install components for you as long as the source files are present



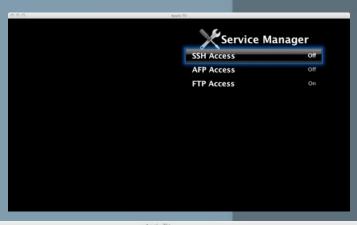
nitoTV – Overview - Settings

- nitoTV Utilities menu provides access to several sub-menus and scripts
- The reboot/shutdown scripts are most helpful since there is no other easy way



nitoTV - Overview - Settings

nitoTV Utilities – Services
 menu provides access to
 enable/disable SecureShell,
 Apple Filing Protocol, and
 File Transfer Protocol



nitoTV Utilities –
 Console provides
 read access to
 console logs



nitoTV Demo

Boxee Walk-through

Where Your Data Lives

Forensics Data – Topics

What are the big ticket items?

- Hardware Analysis from a Forensic Examiner Perspective
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Hardware Analysis

- Small form factor and low noise (no fan)
- Has both 802.11n (which includes 802.11b and 802.11g backwards compatibility) and 10/100Base-T Ethernet abilities, so that either type of network connectivity may be utilized
- Video output from the device is processed via HDMI or component video, and audio output is processed via optical or RCA composite connections.

Software Summary

- By default, runs a modified version of the full Apple OS X operating system
- Built upon FreeBSD (a derivative of Berkeley Software Distribution Unix); very powerful and equally functional
- Capability to run the same programs and applications as other Linux/BSD servers
- Functionality for multiple video, audio, and picture formats already built-in
- Two primary variants of the Apple TV OS: version 1.0/1.1 and version 2.x (also known as Take 2); 2.x removed a lot of "unnecessary" applications

Software Summary

- GUID partition scheme, formatted as HFS+, and (by default) should have four separate disk partitions:
 - Extensible Firmware Interface [EFI]
 - Apple Recovery for system restores to factory original
 - OSBoot for the boot files
 - Media for the media files

```
AppleTV:frontrow frontrow$ diskutil list

/dev/disk0

#: - type name size - identifier

0: GUID partition scheme *37.3 GB - disk0

1: EFI 34.0 MB - disk0s1

2: Apple Recovery 400.0 MB - disk0s2

3: - Apple HSF OSBoot 900.0 MB - disk0s3

4: - Apple HSF Media 36.0 GB - disk0s4
```

Software Summary

OS takes advantage of the ability to use symbolic links (and even has some of the same links)

```
drwxrwxr-t 28 atv-hacker user
                                1020 Apr 10 11:44 .
                              238 Apr 10 14:32 ...
             root
             atv-hacker user
                                6148 Apr 10 12:11 .DS Store
           3 atv-hacker user
                              102 Apr 10 11:44 .Spotlight-V100
          1 atv-hacker user
                              293116 Apr 10 11:54 .SymAVQSFile
           3 atv-hacker user
                              102 Apr 10 14:32 .Trashes
                                 204 Apr 10 14:32 .fseventsd
                              68 Oct 23 2006 .vol
drwxr-xr-x# 2 atv-hacker user
                              102 Jun 18 2007 Applications
           3 atv-hacker user
-rw-r--r-- 1 atv-hacker user
                              1024 Jun 18 2007 Desktop DB
-rw-r--r-- 1 atv-hacker user
                              2 Jun 18 2007 Desktop DF
                       user 918 Jun 18 2007 Library
drwxrwxr-t 27 atv-hacker
                              170 Dec 1 2006 Network
drwxr-xr-x# 5 atv-hacker user
                              238 Jun 18 2007 SeedSgratch
           7 atv-hacker user
           5 atv-hacker user 170 Apr 10 11:47 System
             atv-hacker user 19 Jun 18 2007 Users -> ./mnt/Scratch/Users
                              21 Jun 18 2007 Volumes -> ./mnt/Scratch/Volumes
           1 atv-hacker user
drwxr-xr-x# 37 atv-hacker user
                              1258 Jun 18 2007 bin
           2 atv-hacker user
                              68 Dec 1 2006 dev
             atv-hacker user
                                 11 Jun 18 2007 etc -> private/etc
             atv-hacker user 11 Jun 18 2007 mach -> mach kernel
             aty-hacker user 6143072 Jun 18 2007 mach kernel.prelink
                             170 Nov 27 20:40 mnt
                               21 Jun 18 2007 private -> ./mnt/Scratch/private
drwxr-xr-x# 53 atv-hacker user
                            1802 Jun 18 2007 sbin
                              11 Jun 18 2007 tmp -> private/tmp
           1 atv-hacker user
drwxr-xr-x# 8 atv-hacker user
                              272 Jun 18 2007 usr
lrwxr-xr-xe 1 atv-hacker user 11 Jun 18 2007 var -> private/var
```

Basic Forensic Considerations

Discovery

- Conduct a wireless assessment to determine if wireless networking is allowing the device to communicate on the LAN or local WiFi networks.
- The WAP being utilized may or may not belong to the individual being investigated and/or area being searched; information about all local WAP should be collected
- MAC addresses, IP addresses, and signal strength mapping can provide valuable data
- Remember USB drives, iPhones, and network file services (SMB/Samba, FTP, AFP, SSH)

Basic Forensic Considerations

Investigations

- Hard drive is has a GUID partition table formatted as HFS+; investigation workstation will need file system drivers for reading HFS/HFS + drives
- All OS X derivatives utilize Property List (.plist)
 files for configuration and some log data. Use
 OS X Property List Editor or another viewer
 capable of processing XML
- OS X uses a database called NetInfo for storing some configuration data; normally accessed via NetInfo Manager in OS X prior to version 10.5 (Leopard) (possibly use NetInfo for Linux by PADL Software)

Files (Almost) Always Modified

- The ATV OS kernel must be patched to run kernel extensions (mach_kernel)
 - Located in /OSBoot/
 - Systems modified with patchsticks generally have copies of the original saved as mach_kernel.prelink.og
- New kernel extensions loaded into / OSBoot/System/Library/Extensions
- Secure Shell
 - SSHD into /Volumes/OSBoot/usr/sbin
 - Dropbear into /Volumes/OSBoot/usr/bin

Files and Directories Important to Forensic Analysis

- Most user data is located in:
 - /Media/Scratch/Users/frontrow
- However, your data is EVERYWHERE:
 - /OSBoot/System/Library/Filesystems Used for file-system component applications, by default contains 2 items but may have user-added items (such as fusefs.fs for mounting shares via SSH).
 - /OSBoot/System/Library/Frameworks by default has 49 items but users/3rd parties may have added more (such as AppleShareClient.framework for enabling AFS connections)
 - /OSBoot/usr/libexec Contains executable libraries used by the OS, By default has 27 items but user/3rd party may place others (like sftp-server, etc.)
 - /OSBoot/usr/sbin by default has 59 items but may contain others added by user/3rd parties like sshd

Files and Directories Important to Forensic Analysis

- /Media/Photos/Pxx each folder will have a picture and a 'thumbnail' file for every photo synced with iPhoto.
- /Media/Scratch/Library/Preferences/
 SystemConfiguration/autodiskmount.plist configuration data for disks to mount without user
 intervention, not present by default so it indicates the
 user utilizes removable disks
- /Media/Scratch/Library/Preferences/
 SystemConfiguration/
 com.apple.airport.preferences.plist configuration
 data for the Apple TV airport connection (includes list
 of known networks)
- /Media/Scratch/private/var/run/resolv.conf contains DNS servers used to resolve DNS queries by the Apple TV (this file is configurable by the user).

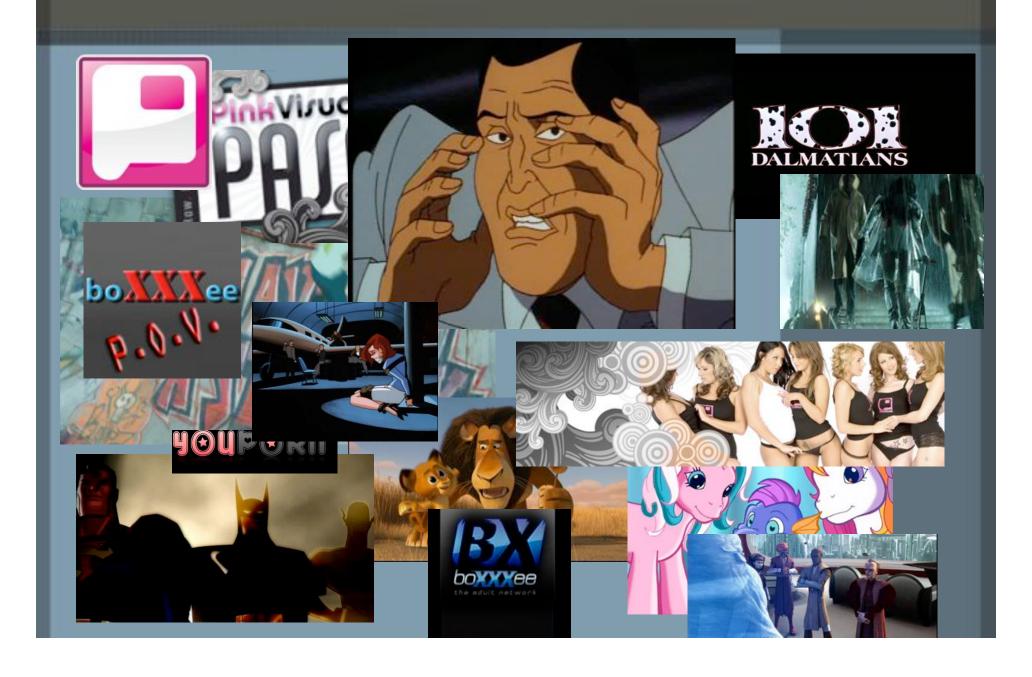
Files and Directories Important to Forensic Analysis

- Areas Where Most Data Resides
 - Log information in .plist files and the Spotlight index; Spotlight can be hit or miss
 - /OSBoot partition contains some log files normally found in /var/log on a standard Apple OS X system
 - /Media partition has logs in /var/log generally different than /OSBoot
 - Generally, /user/frontrow has all 3rd party apps and data
- Applications also track a LOT of data
 - nitoTV places data in \Media\Scratch\Users \frontrow\Library\Application Support\nito
 - Boxee places a lot of data in \Media\Scratch \Users\frontrow\Library\Application Support \BOXEE\

Remnants of Data



Remnants of Data



Questions?