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Thread: [Mirai Botnet Variant 'Pandora' Hijacks Android TVs for Cyberattacks](#)

**BiNBo** - September 7, 2023, 8:30 am

Quote: A Mirai botnet variant called Pandora has been observed infiltrating inexpensive Android-based TV sets and TV boxes and using them as part of a botnet to perform distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks.

Doctor Web said the compromises are likely to occur either during malicious firmware updates or when applications for viewing pirated video content are installed.

"It is likely that this update has been made available for download from a number of websites, as it is signed with publicly available Android Open Source Project test keys," the Russian company said in an analysis published Wednesday.

"The service that runs the backdoor is included in boot.img," enabling it to persist between system restarts.

[https://thehackernews.com/2023/09/mirai-botnet-variant-pandora-hijacks.html?\\_m=3n%2e009a%2e3142%2eko0ao44mtb%2e24o0](https://thehackernews.com/2023/09/mirai-botnet-variant-pandora-hijacks.html?_m=3n%2e009a%2e3142%2eko0ao44mtb%2e24o0)

A fun and fascinating little read, their persistence techniques are actually pretty clever too.

**Rionxee** - September 7, 2023, 2:41 pm

A few years ago if you had told me TVs could be used for DDoS I would have told you to fuck off. IoT devices are such a vulnerable aspect of our lives, we get complacent and forget that due to the increasing interconnectedness of devices we are vulnerable in our homes via our smart devices. Our smart home cameras are just probably the worst and most vulnerable for bad actors.

I digress, pretty interesting read.

**V?rt** - September 8, 2023, 7:55 pm

That's actually insane. Some hackers are just so unique and persistent. I for sure agree with [Rionxee](#) I would have told you that you were nuts if you'd told me you could DDOS with a tv.

**CryptedNetwork** - December 23, 2023, 2:30 pm

Super interesting... definitely have to keep my eye on this. Thanks