



Using GPS Spoofing to Control Time

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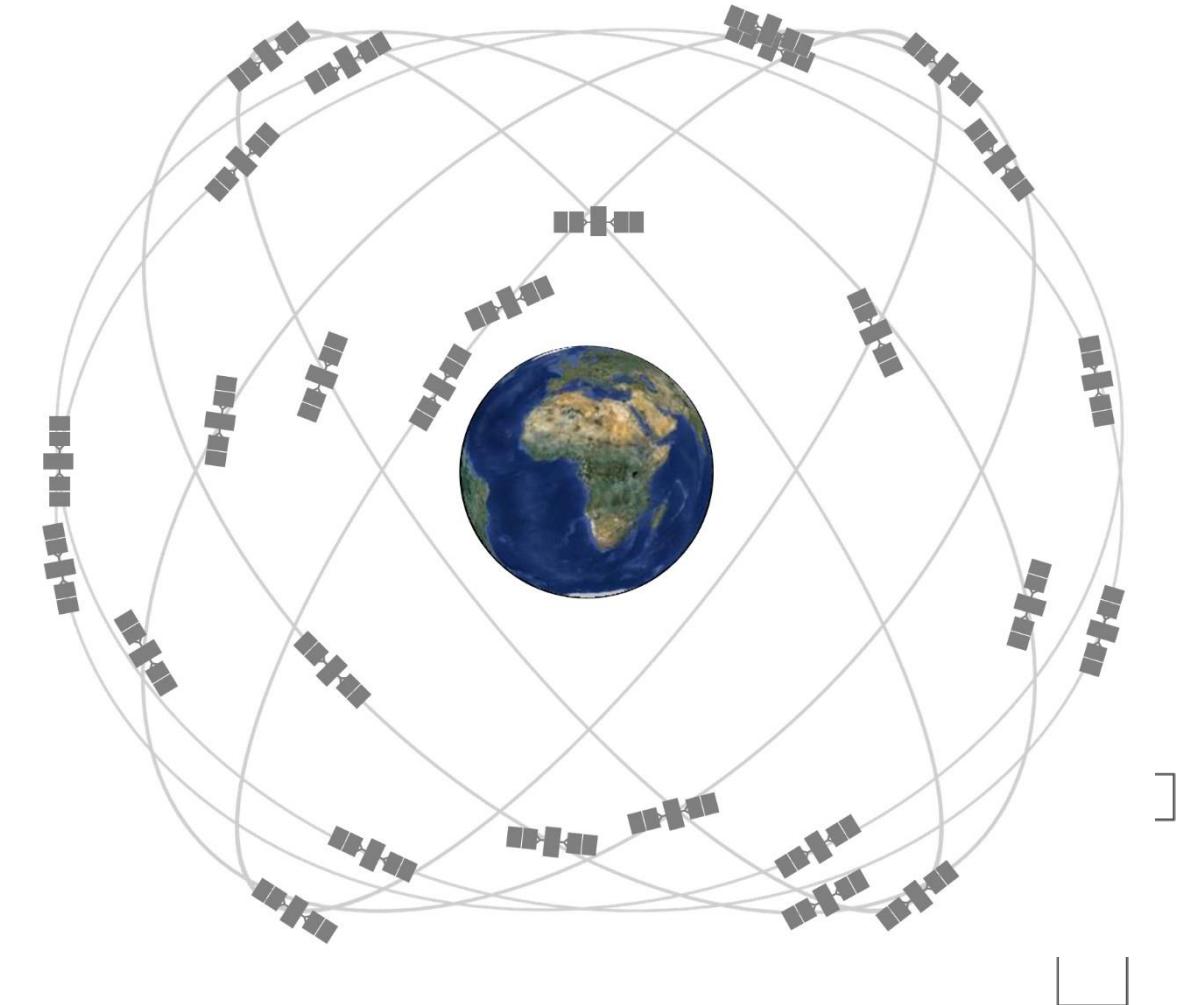
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- ▶ **Security Consultant/Pen Tester at ZX Security in Wellington, NZ**
- ▶ **Enjoy radio stuff**
- ▶ **Pick Locks and other physical stuff at Locksport**



- ▶ GPS (Global Positioning System)
- ▶ GPS Spoofing on the cheap
- ▶ Let's change the time!
 - ▶ So what?
- ▶ Serial Data
 - ▶ Pulse Per Second (PPS)
- ▶ How we can detect spoofing



- ▶ Tells us where we are
- ▶ Tells us the time



- ▶ Anyone in the room not currently trust GPS locations?
- ▶ Anyone in the room not currently trust GPS time?
- ▶ Anyone feel that this will change by the end of the talk?



You have to trust it right?



- ▶ GPS too important to life?
- ▶ GPS must be great and robust? Right?
- ▶ Important services rely on it:
 - ▶ Uber
 - ▶ Tinder



And some other things as well



- ▶ NTP Time Source
- ▶ Plane Location
- ▶ Ship Location
- ▶ Tracking Armoured Vans
- ▶ Taxi law in NZ no longer knowledge requirement



So why don't I trust it?



Truck driver has GPS jammer, accidentally jams Newark airport

An engineering firm worker in New Jersey has a GPS jammer so his bosses don't know where he is all the time. However, his route takes him close to Newark airport, and his jammer affects its satellite systems.

► Have GPS jammers to mess with Uber

Jammers Boring.....



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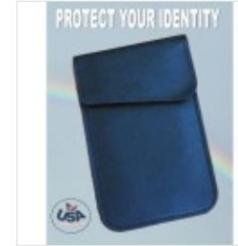


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**GPS Buster - Mini
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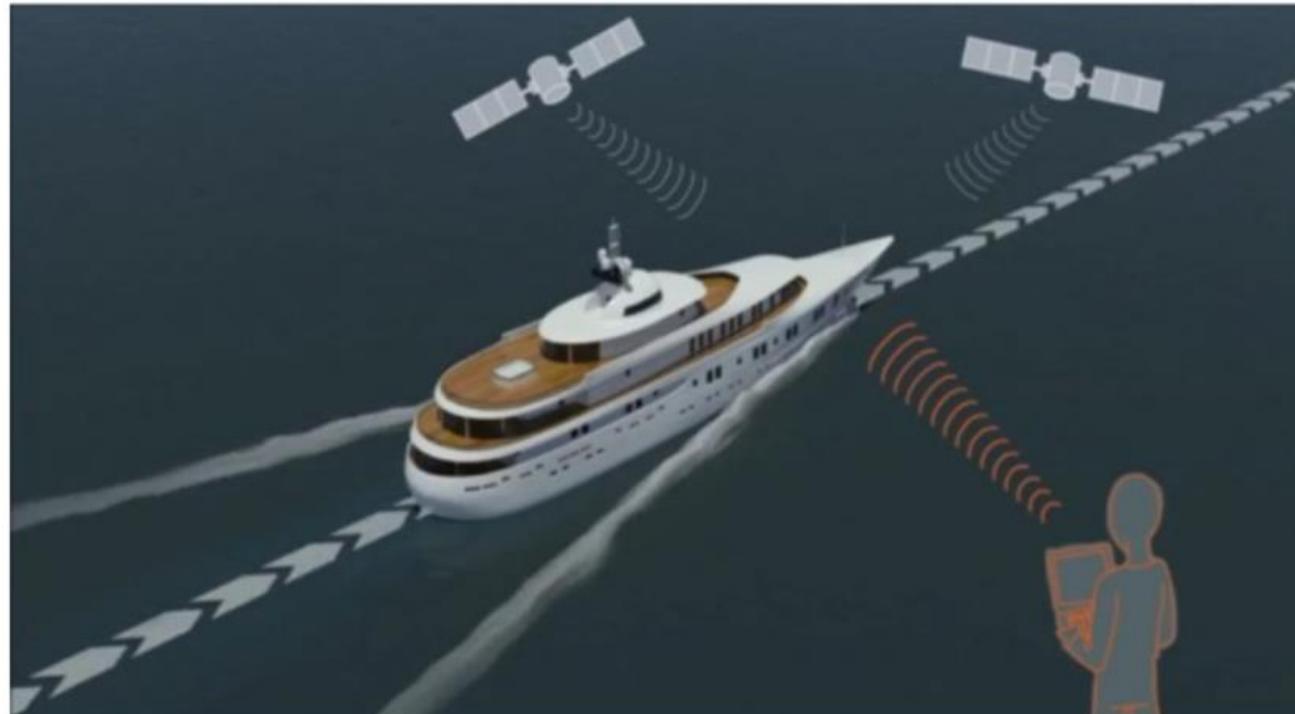


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by Cyrus Farivar - Jul 30, 2013 12:30pm NZST

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A team from the University of Texas spoofed the GPS receiver on a live superyacht in the Ionian Sea.

The Chinese are in the NTPs



Time is on my side

Forging Wireless Timing Signals to Attack the NTP Server

Yuwei Zheng @HITB
Haoqi Shan @HITB
From: Qihoo360 Unicorn Team



Time is on my side



360UNICORNTIME



Now we are talking



osqzss / **gps-sdr-sim**

 Code

 Issues 0

 Pull requests 0

Software-Defined GPS Signal Simulator

What we need



- ▶ A box
- ▶ An SDR with TX
 - ▶ I used a BladeRF
 - ▶ HackRF
 - ▶ USRP
- ▶ So less US\$500 in hardware
- ▶ Also some aluminium foil to make a Faraday Cage
- ▶ So it is now party trick simple and cheap
 - ▶ This is the big game changer from the past

Setup



- ▶ Make sure you measure signal outside to ensure none is leaking
- ▶ Be careful



- ▶INAL (I'm not a lawyer)
- ▶GPS isn't Open Spectrum
- ▶So Faraday Cage
- ▶Keep all the juicy GPS goodness to
yourself



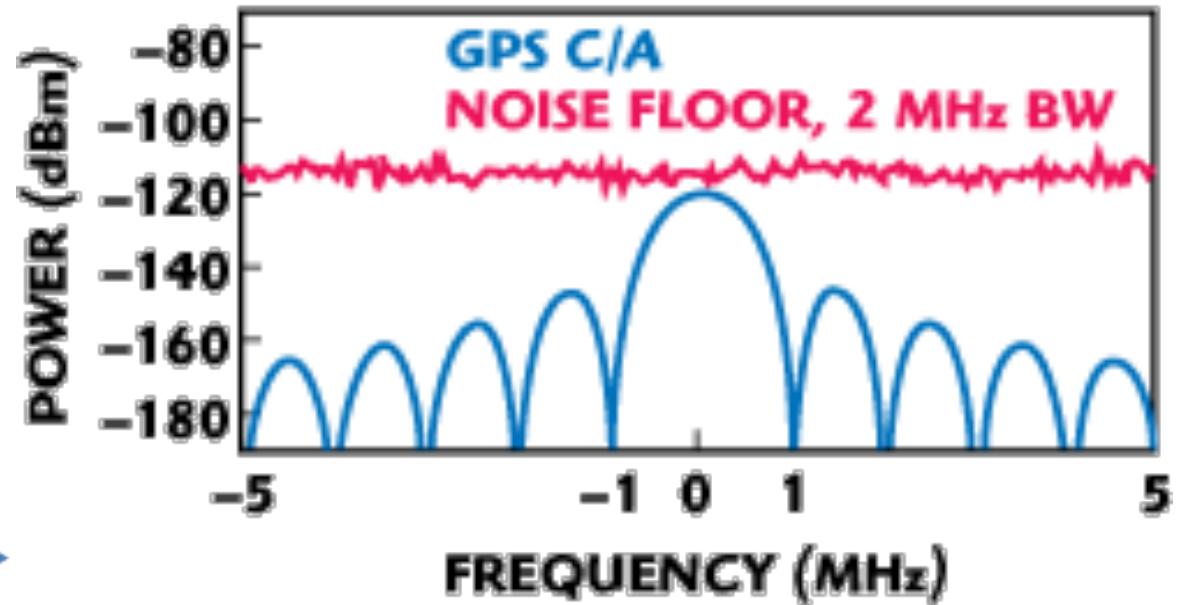
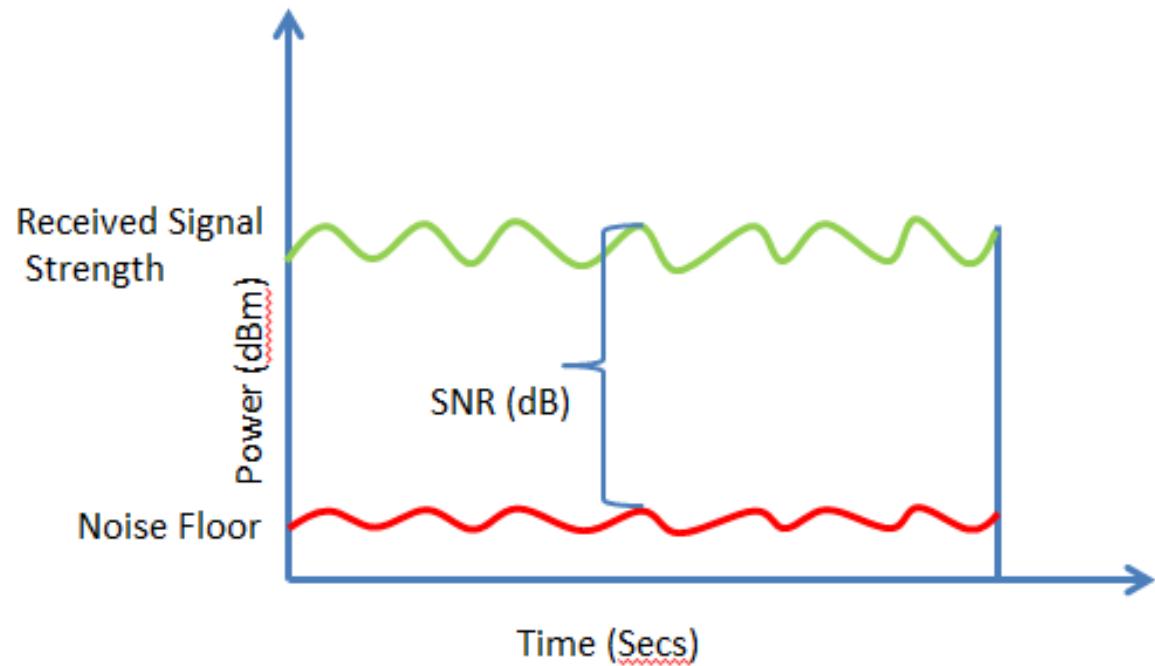
Remember



- ▶ Your SDR kit is going to be closer to the device
 - ▶ So much stronger signal
 - ▶ Got to have line of sight though
- ▶ GPS Orbits ~20,000 km
 - ▶ So signals weak
 - ▶ Signal is weaker than the noise floor



Noise Floor



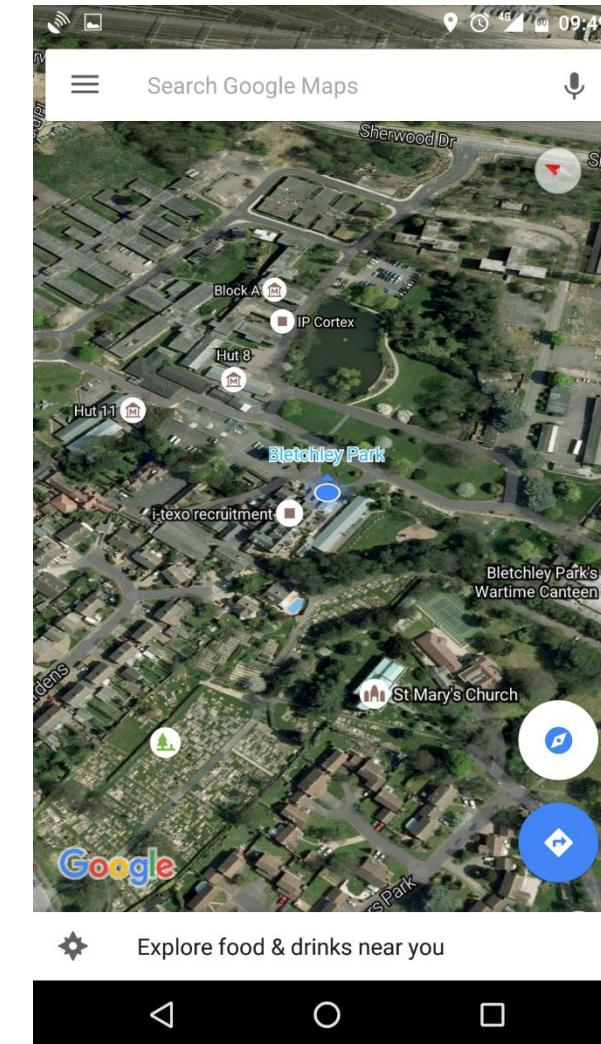
Right so what can we do?



- ▶ Got some simulator software and a bladeRF what could people get up to?



A trip to Bletchley Park?



How does the tool work?



- ▶ Two methods, first one two steps
- ▶ 1. Generate the data for broadcast
 - ▶ About 1GB per minute
 - ▶ Static location or a series of locations to make a path
 - ▶ Has an Almanac file which has satellite locations
 - ▶ Uses Almanac to select what satellites are required for that location at that time
- ▶ 2. Broadcast the data

How does the tool work?



- ▶ Generate in real time
- ▶ Need a fast enough computer
- ▶ I. Generate and broadcast
- ▶ In author's words this is an experimental feature

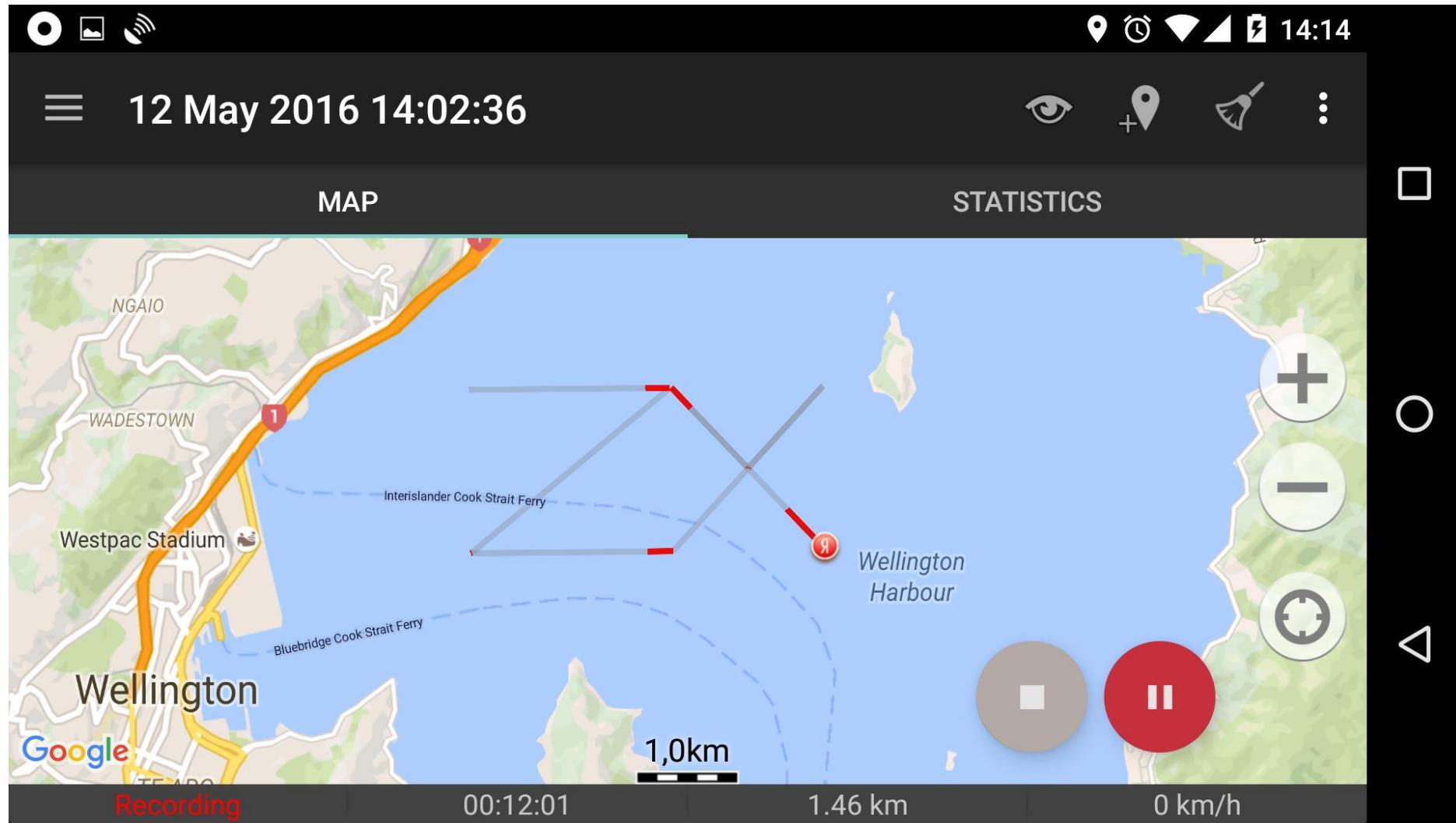


- ▶ By default only 5 mins of transmit data
 - ▶ Need to change a value in code for longer
 - ▶ Approx. 1GB a minute hence the limit
- ▶ Pi3 about three times slower than real time, so must be precomputed
 - ▶ Pi3 there is a file size limit
 - ▶ <4GB from my experience, so 4-5 minutes of broadcast per file
 - ▶ Can just chain a series of pre computed files together

- ▶ To do the path give the generator a series of locations at 10Hz
- ▶ Can't just give a series of lat/long in a csv ☹
- ▶ ECEF Vectors or
- ▶ NMEA Data rows
- ▶ There are converters online ☺



A Path



So what can we do?



- ▶ with GPS spoofing

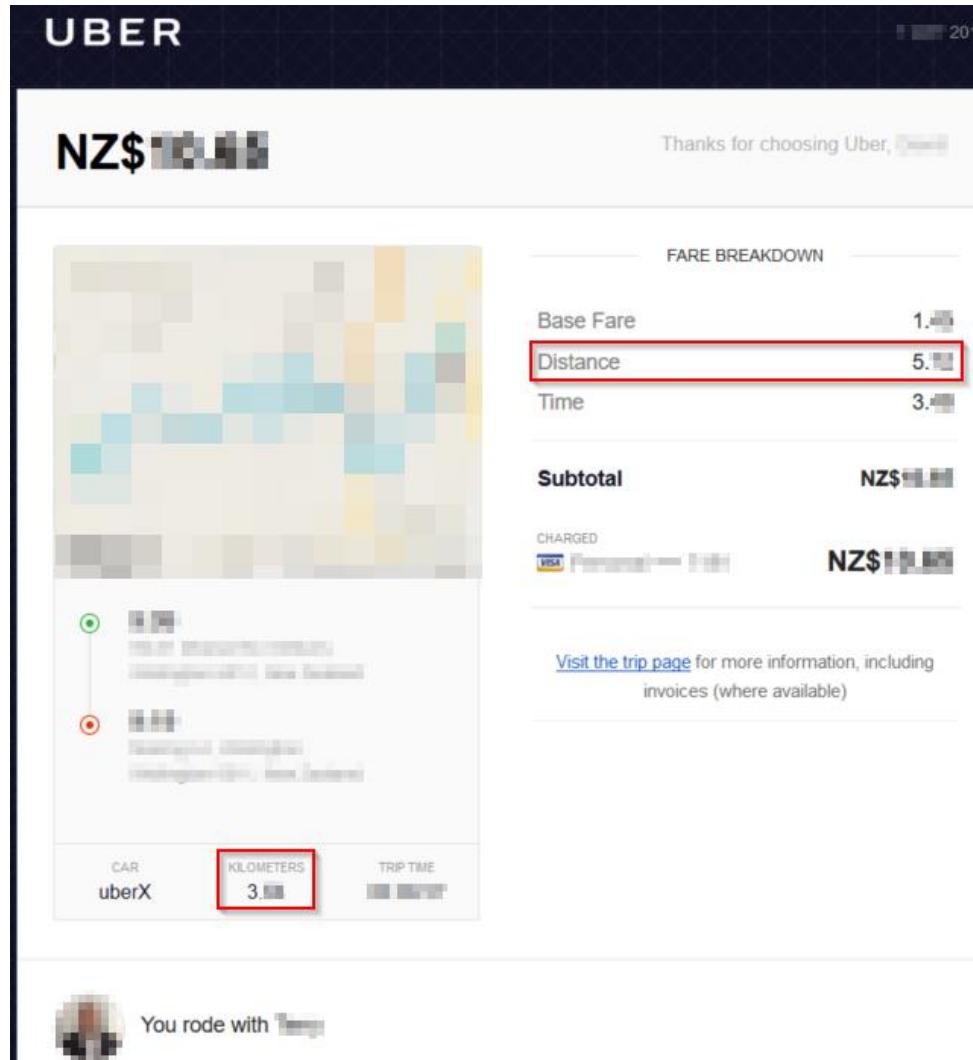


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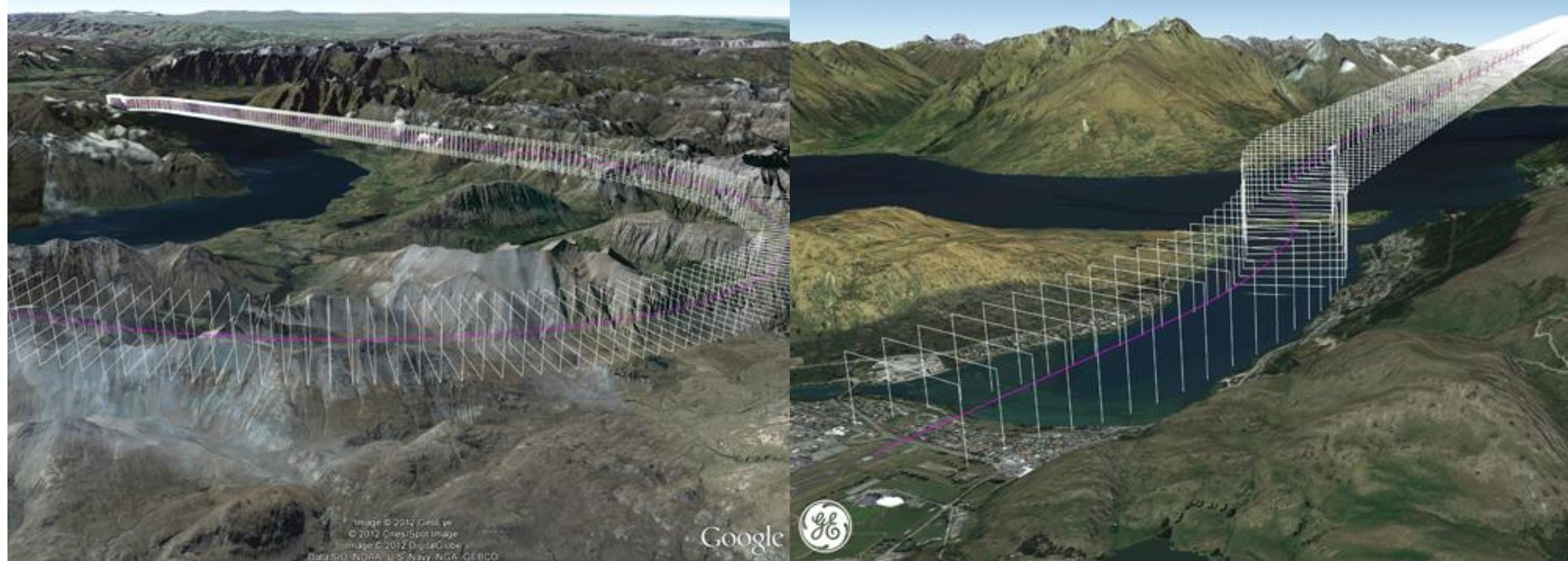
- ▶ Keep an armoured van on track as you take it to your secret underground lair
- ▶ Have a track following its normal route while drive it somewhere else



Uber trip with no distance?



Queenstown Airport Approach



- ▶ For places like Queenstown planes have Required Navigation Performance Authorisation Required (RNP AR)
- ▶ When not visual conditions
- ▶ As approach is through valleys
- ▶ Can't use ground based instrument landing systems
- ▶ If go off course going to hit the ground



Can we use this to change time?

- ▶ NTPd will take GPS over serial out of the box
- ▶ The NTP boxes also use NTPd behind the UI
- ▶ NTPd uses its own license, so easy to spot in manuals etc



- ▶ If you move time too much >5min NTPd shutdown
- ▶ No log messages as to why
- ▶ When starting NTP you get “Time has been changed”
- ▶ And NTP will accept the GPS even if it differs greatly from the local clock

If we turn the logging up

- ▶ With debugging enabled
- ▶ Feb 24 02:36:21 ntpgps ntpd[2009]: 0.0.0.0
0417 07 panic_stop +2006 s; set clock
manually within 1000 s.
- ▶ Feb 24 02:36:21 ntpgps ntpd[2009]: 0.0.0.0
041d 0d kern kernel time sync disabled

- ▶ If NTPd crashes but starts via watchdog or a manual restart
- ▶ Will people look deeper?
- ▶ Will people check the time is correct?



So how can we move time?



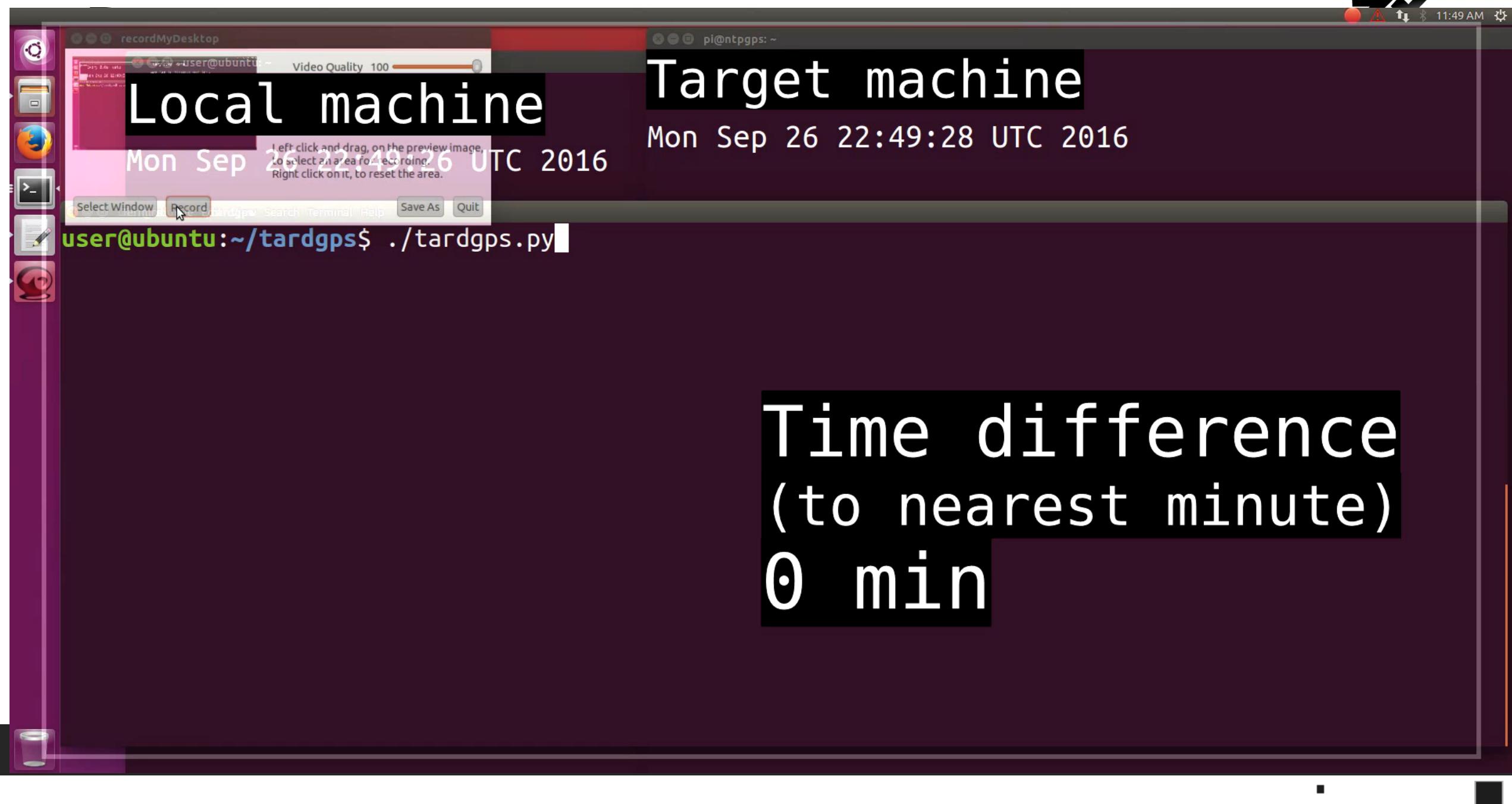
- ▶ We can't do big jumps in time
- ▶ We will have to change time in steps



Introducing TardGPS



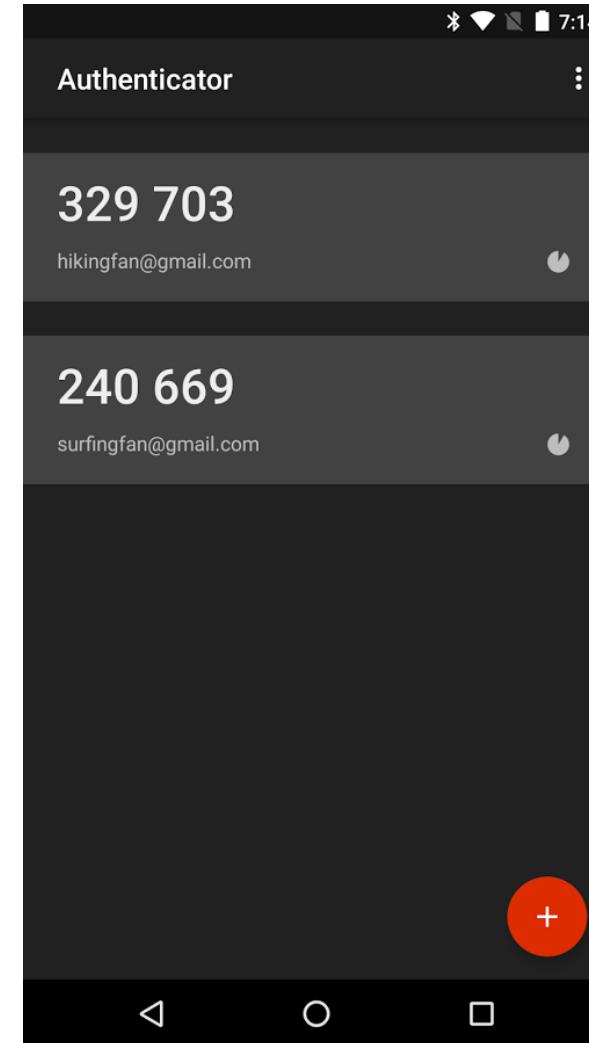
- ▶ Python Script
- ▶ Wraps the real time version of the GPS Simulator
- ▶ Moves time back in steps
 - ▶ So as not to crash NTPd
- ▶ Talked in more detail at Kiwicon 2016
- ▶ Slides:
 - ▶ https://zxsecurity.co.nz/presentations/2016II_Kiwicon-ZXSecurity_GPSspoofing_LetsDoTheTimewarpAgain.pdf
- ▶ Code:
 - ▶ <https://github.com/zxsecurity/tardgps>



Timebased One Time Password



- ▶ TOTP
- ▶ E.g. Google Auth
- ▶ A new token every 30 seconds



```
user@ubuntu: ~
user@ubuntu:~$ date
Sat Oct 29 22:59:19 UTC 2016 ←
user@ubuntu:~$ ssh user@localhost
Password:
Verification code: 568802
Welcome to Ubuntu 16.04 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.4.0-22-generic x86_64)

 * Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com/
Last login: Sat Oct 29 22:37:09 2016 from 192.168.247.1
user@ubuntu:~$ logout
Connection to localhost closed.
user@ubuntu:~$ date
Sat Oct 29 23:05:08 UTC 2016 ←
user@ubuntu:~$ date
Sat Oct 29 22:59:02 UTC 2016 ←
user@ubuntu:~$ ssh user@localhost
Password:
Verification code: 568802
Welcome to Ubuntu 16.04 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.4.0-22-generic x86_64)

 * Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com/
Last login: Sat Oct 29 22:59:43 2016 from ::1
user@ubuntu:~$
```

Setting up TOTP for SSH



► *Do you want to disallow multiple uses of the same authentication token? This restricts you to one login about every 30s, but it increases your chances to notice or even prevent man-in-the-middle attacks (y/n)*



- ▶ Had a look around
- ▶ There was a big mix of option for TOTP reuse
 - ▶ Defaults for both (allow and not allow)
 - ▶ Not always text describing what option means
- ▶ Some didn't implement the don't reuse feature



- ▶ Make sure there is a setting related to reuse
- ▶ Make sure it is set to not allow reuse



Library	Default No Reuse	No Default	Default Reuse
Google Auth libpam		X	
Two Factor Authentication (Wordpress Plugin)	X		
OATHAuth (MediaWiki Plugin)	X		



Also other 2FA solutions

- ▶ HOTP - HMAC-based one-time password
 - ▶ Also in Google Auth
- ▶ U2F
 - ▶ One token can be used on many sites
 - ▶ One user can subscribe more than one token
- ▶ Friends don't let friends SMS
 - ▶ NIST is recommending deprecation



- ▶ SUDO counts time in a different way, using OS Clock Ticks
- ▶ so you can't roll back time and bypass sudo password check timeout
- ▶ sudoer file *timestamp_timeout=X*
- ▶ Uptime works in a similar way



Uptime during jump

```
pi@ntpgps:~ $ date
Mon Nov  7 01:40:30 UTC 2016
pi@ntpgps:~ $ uptime
 01:40:36 up 4 min,  2 users,  load average: 0.00, 0.04, 0.03
pi@ntpgps:~ $ date
Fri Nov 18 13:01:14 UTC 2016
pi@ntpgps:~ $ uptime
 13:01:17 up 7 min,  2 users,  load average: 0.21, 0.08, 0.05
pi@ntpgps:~ $
```



- ▶ Incident Response becomes interesting when your logging starts showing:
 - ▶ Nov 18 13:45:43 important-server: Hacker logs out
 - ▶ Nov 18 13:46:54 important-server: Hacker performs l33t hack
 - ▶ Nov 18 13:47:47 important-server: Hacker logs in
- ▶ Through time manipulation or cron running: date set ‘some random time’
- ▶ Also if move time forward could make logs roll and purge
 - ▶ If no central logging

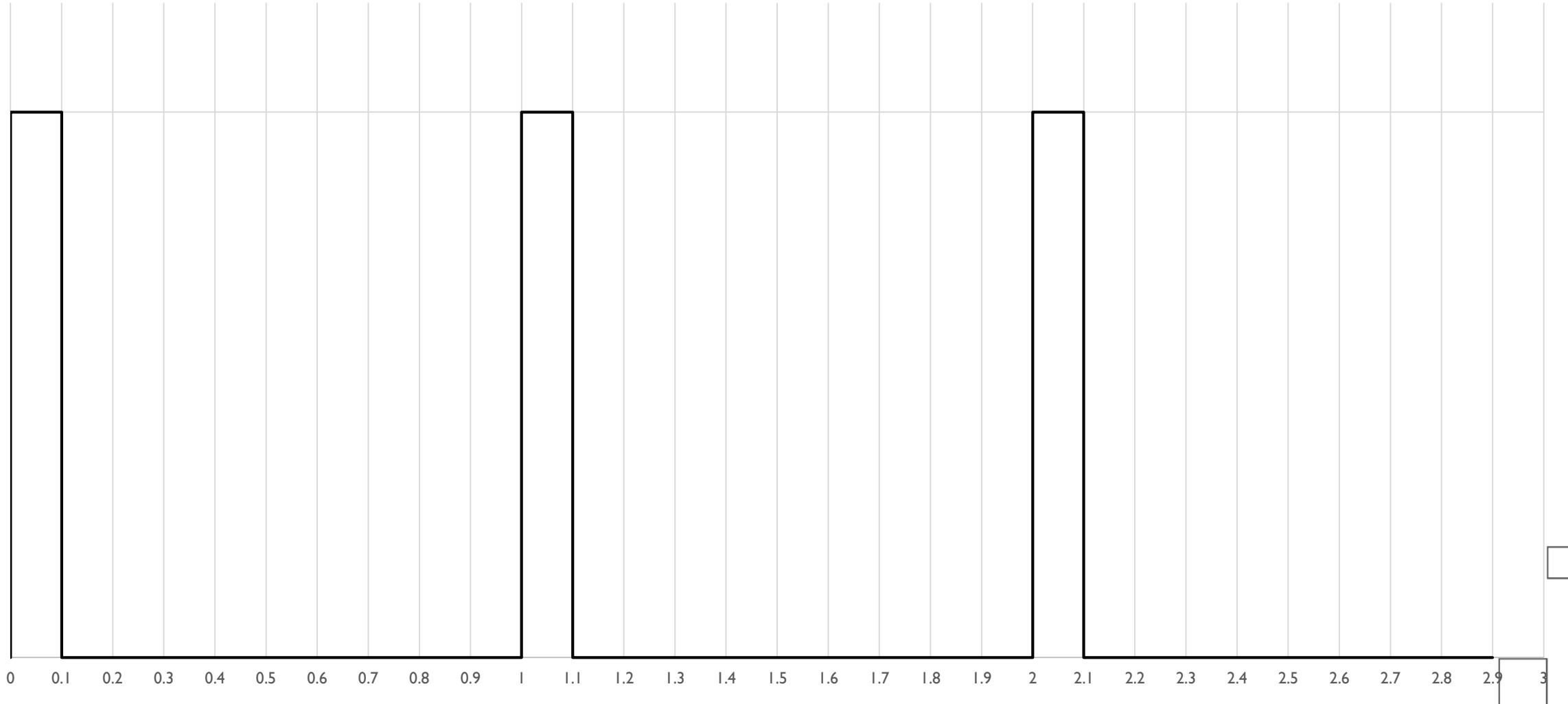


- ▶ What can we do if we have access to the data centre roof?
- ▶ GPS unit with aerial on roof serial down
- ▶ GPS unit in server and radio down wire from roof
 - ▶ Attach transmitter to wire with attenuator
- ▶ Use server 127.0.20.0
 - ▶ ntpd then knows to look at /dev/gps0 and /dev/pps0 for import

- ▶ NMEA Data – Serial Data (/dev/gps0)
 - ▶ \$GPGGA,062237.000,4117.4155,S,17445.3752,E,1,9,0.97,177.1,M,19.0,M,,*4A
 - ▶ \$GPRMC,062237.000,A,4117.4155,S,17445.3752,E,0.16,262.97,120217,,A*7E
 - ▶ Hour, Minute, Second, Day, Month, Year
- ▶ Pulse Per Second – PPS (/dev/pps0)



Pulse Per Second - PPS



- ▶ Doesn't contain time value
- ▶ It indicates where a second starts
- ▶ Less processing on the GPS Receiver so comes through in a more timely manner
- ▶ Rising edge can be in micro or nano second accuracy

- ▶ I had NTPd running on a raspberry pi
- ▶ GPS receiver view UART on GPIO pins
- ▶ One wire was for PPS



- ▶ Link the PPS pin to another GPIO pin
- ▶ Set that pin high and low as applicable

So what happens



- ▶ If run PPS with a different timing the NEMA data will keep correcting
- ▶ So will keep pulling it back
- ▶ So within ± 1 second
- ▶ Maybe an issue in finance, telecoms and energy
- ▶ Where fractions of a second count



Can we just remove the NMEA data?



- ▶ If pull serial NTPd Tx wire
- ▶ Stops the source in NTPd, even if getting PPS signal
- ▶ So can't manipulate time just through PPS manipulation



So got to replicate the NMEA data as well



- ▶ So wrote a tool for that
- ▶ Introducing NMEAdesync
- ▶ Is on Github now:
- ▶ <https://github.com/zxsecurity/NMEAdesync>



- ▶ Similar in concept to tardgps
- ▶ Though changing the data in the NMEA data rather than GPS Signal
- ▶ Adjust the time
- ▶ Adjust how fast a second is
- ▶ Also does the PPS generation
- ▶ Offers more control than tardgps
 - ▶ No GPS signal tom foolery

- ▶ Python Script
- ▶ stdout \$GPRMC and \$GPGGA
- ▶ PPS high/low on pin
- ▶ Loop
- ▶ socat stdout to /dev/pts/X
- ▶ Symlink /dev/pts/X to /dev/gps0
- ▶ ntpd takes it from there

- ▶ I could get similar behaviour as tardgps
- ▶ But simpler to execute as don't have the radio aspect
- ▶ Though will require physical access to the roof of the building



How can we detect this?



► GPS Signal Spoofing

- ▶ Talked in more detail at Unrestcon 2016
- ▶ Slides on ZX Security's Site:
 - ▶ <https://zxsecurity.co.nz/events.html>
- ▶ Code on ZX Security's Github:
 - ▶ <https://github.com/zxsecurity/gpsnitch>

What does GPSnitch Do?



- ▶ Time offset
- ▶ SNR Values
- ▶ SNR Range
- ▶ Location Stationary



Demo



- ▶ NTP Servers
- ▶ Also GPS units wanting to know location



- ▶ 3+ Upstream
 - ▶ Allows for bad ticker detection and removal
 - ▶ Multiple Types of upstream
 - ▶ I.e. don't pick 3 GPS based ones
 - ▶ GPS, Atomic
 - ▶ Don't pick just one upstream provider
 - ▶ Rouge admin problem
 - ▶ Maybe one overseas so gives you a coarse sanity check of time

- ▶ But GPS is travelling across the air...
- ▶ Consider atomic, caesium, rubidium

- ▶ Incorporate GPSnitch
- ▶ Additional logging for when daemon shuts down due to a time jump
- ▶ On daemon restart after a large time jump occurs, prompt user to accept time jump



Our involvement on the globe

- **European Airports** - NTP time synchronization in air traffic control centers
- **Mobile operators** - NTP servers for global time sync
- **All locale powerplants** - NTP servers for global time sync
- **Atomic powerplants** - NTP servers for time sync

So what did it do?



- ▶ If jumped time a large amount back or forward
- ▶ It just worked
 - ▶ Didn't need TardGPS

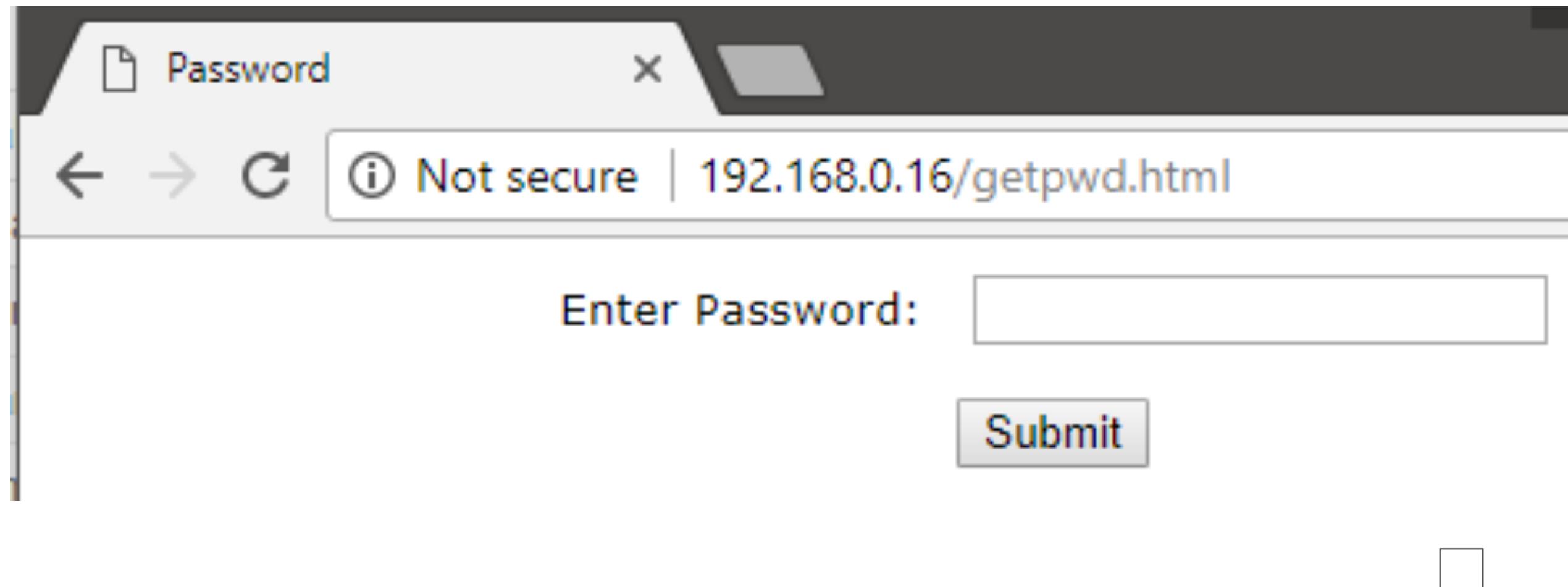


GPS TIME Server

GPSDIN Ver: 2.01

Release: 06/2009

GPSDIN Ver: 2.01	VISIBLE SATELLITES	20
Release: 06/2009	GPS Receiver Status	O.K.
Receiver:ANTARIS	Last Sync	Sun Mar 12 19:45:00 2017
NMEA		





Network Setup



IP Address:

192.168.0.16

Subnet Mask:

255.255.255.0

Gateway IP:

0.0.0.0

SNMP IP for
traps:

192.168.0.1

Mac Address:

100.18.1.33

Submit

Request

Raw Params Headers Hex AMF Deserialized

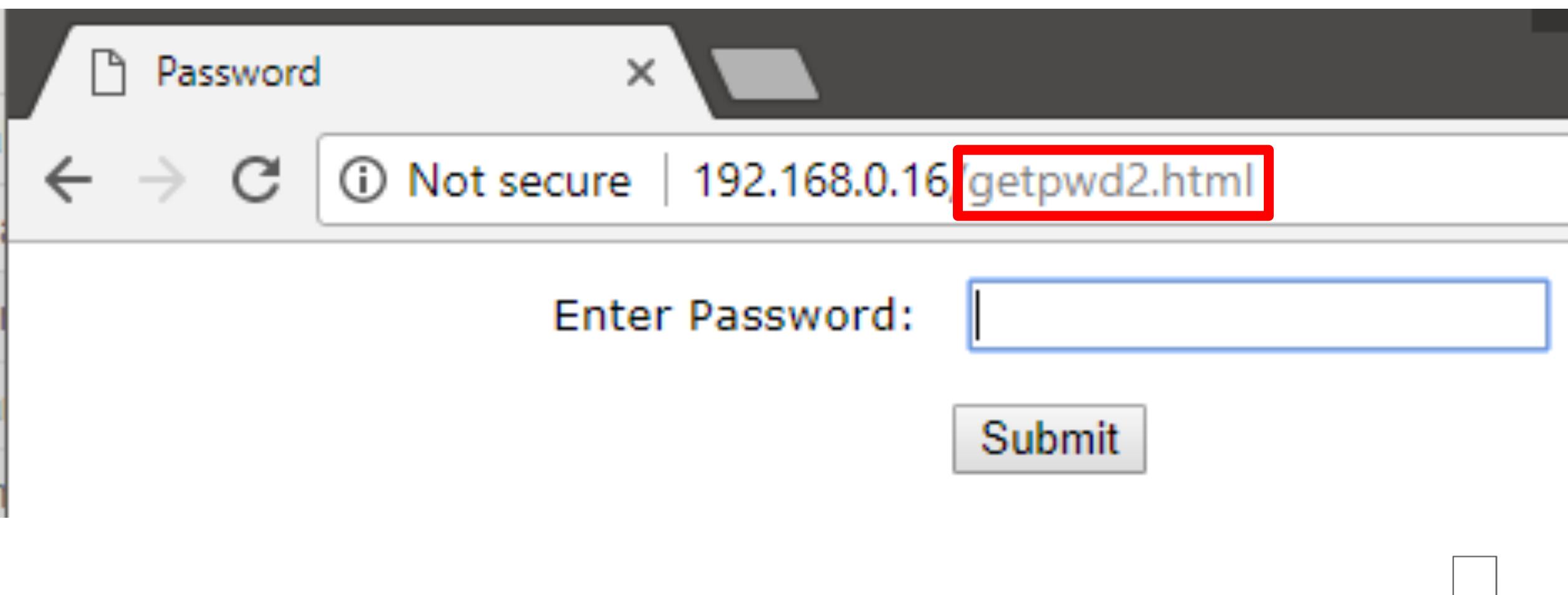
GET /par?l=123456&Bl=Submit HTTP/1.1
Host: 192.168.0.16
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/59.0.3071.115 Safari/537.36
Accept: text/html, application/xhtml+xml, application/xml;q=0.9, image/webp, image/apng, */*;q=0.8
DNT: 1
Referer: http://192.168.0.16/getpwd.html
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.8
Connection: close

Response

Raw Headers Hex

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Server: Ubicom/1.1
Content-Length: 1123
<html>
<head>
<meta http-equiv="Content-Type" content="text/html; charset=UTF-8" />
<link rel="stylesheet" href="style.css" />
<title>NetworkSetup</title>

<p align="center">NetworkSetup</p>
<p align="center"></p>





NTP SERVER Password setup

New password:

new password to IP setup page
and password setup page
enter max 16 chars

Password verify:

same value as new password for verifying
the validity

Community name

Value of the SNMP community name.
default: 'public'
will be used on SNMP send traps.

Device Name:

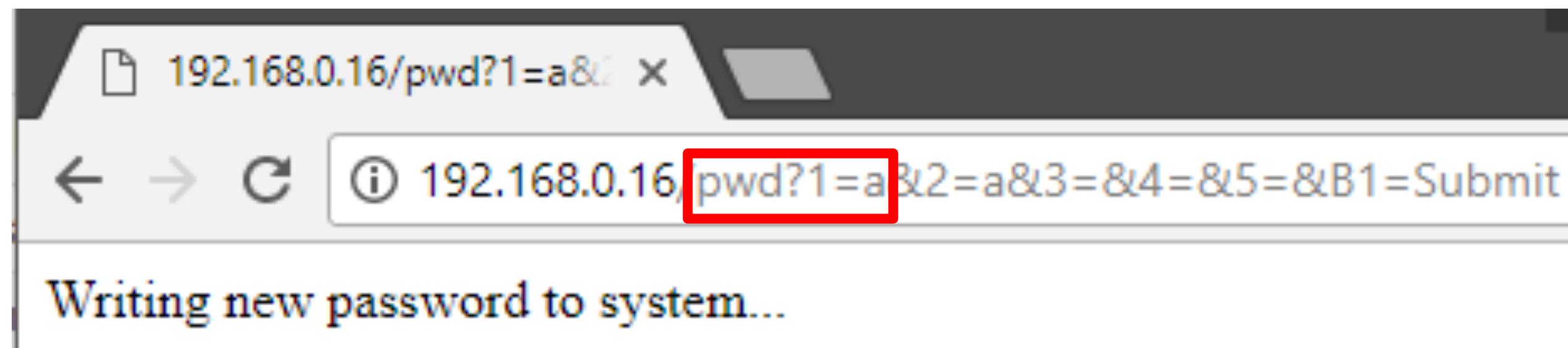
Name of this Time Server,
will be send in OID binding SNMP trap.



Device Location:

Value describes the location of Time
Server.
will be send in OID binding SNMP trap.





- ▶ <https://github.com/zxsecurity/NMEAsnitch>
- ▶ Records the NMEA sentences
- ▶ Looks at the ratios and sentences per second



Thanks



- ▶ bladeRF – Awesome customer service and great kit
- ▶ Takuji Ebinuma – for GitHub code
- ▶ @amm0nra – General SDR stuff and Ideas
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- ▶ Fincham – GPS NTP Kit
- ▶ Unicorn Team – Ideas from their work
- ▶ Everyone else who has suggested ideas / given input
- ▶ BSidesCBR – For having me
- ▶ You – For hanging around and having a listen
- ▶ GPSd – Daemon to do the GPS stuff
- ▶ GPS3 – Python Library for GPSd



Thanks

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