# U2Fishing: Potential Security Threat Introduced by U2F Key Wrapping Mechanism



## Introduction: U2F

- U2F: Universal 2 Factor
- FIDO: Fast IDentity Online
- Manufacturer: Yubikey, Nitrokey, FeiTian
- Chrome native support; other browsers on the way
- Driver-free: USB-HID
  - Also over BTLE or NFC

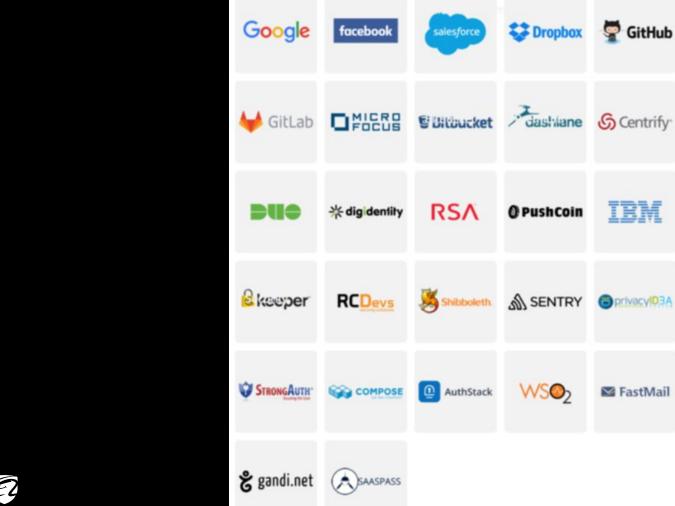


## FIDO U2F History

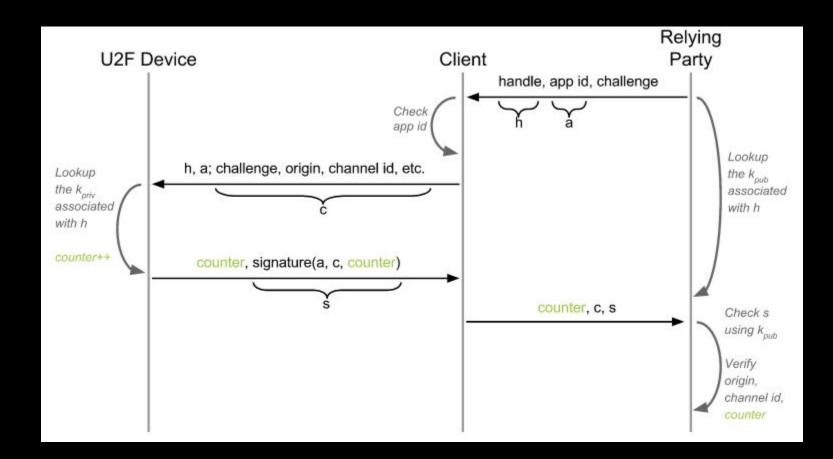
- 2011 Ehrensvards move to Silicon Valley to realize Yubico's mission.
- 2012 Yubico and Google create U2F, with validation from NXP. Jakob Ehrensvard, Yubico CTO, introduces the concept of an authenticator that can work with any number of services, with no shared secrets.
- 2013 Yubico and Google contribute the U2F technical specifications to the FIDO Alliance, and then join as board members.
- 2014 Google launches support in Gmail and Chrome. Yubico and Google publish open source code for clients and servers.
- 2015 The FIDO U2F technical working group adds NFC for wireless mobile communication, and Yubico launches YubiKey NEO with NFC. Dropbox and GitHub make support.
- 2016 The UK government (through identity provider Digidentity), Dashlane, Salesforce.com, and many more services make support for U2F. Mozilla commences development in Firefox. FIDO starts developing FIDO 2.0, a next generation specification covering more use cases, while the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) begins standardizing browser-based Web Authentication.
- 2017 Yubico launch USB-C YubiKey, including for U2F.



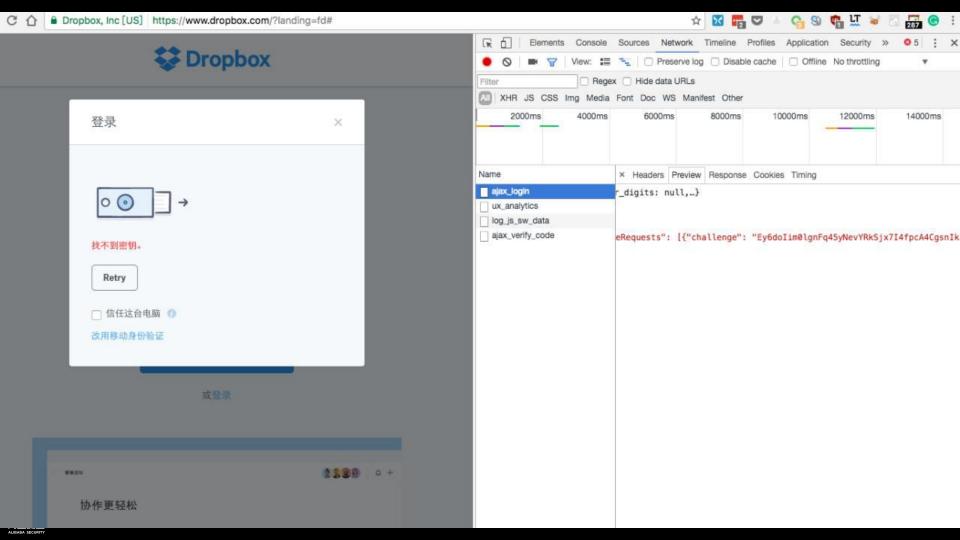
2018 - Yubico Launches Passwordless Login with new Security Key and FIDO2.

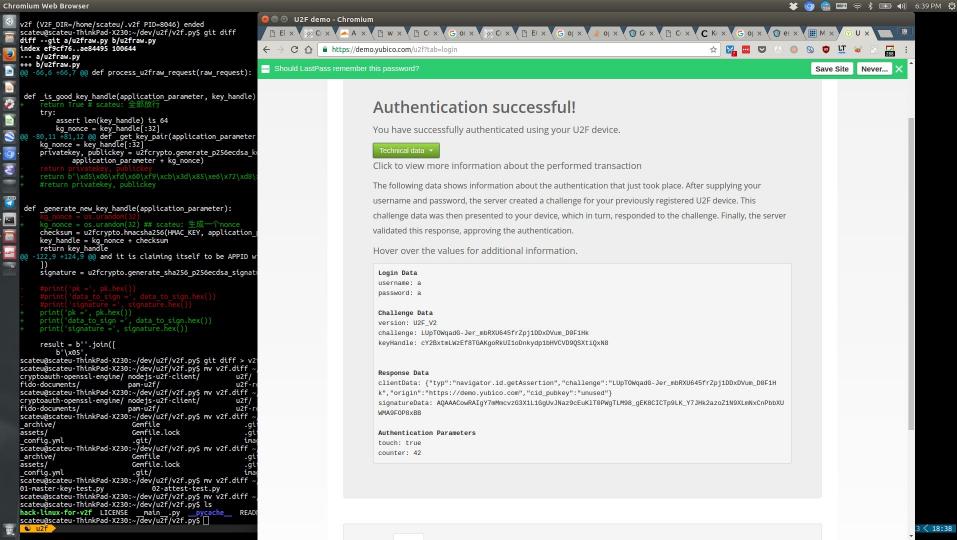




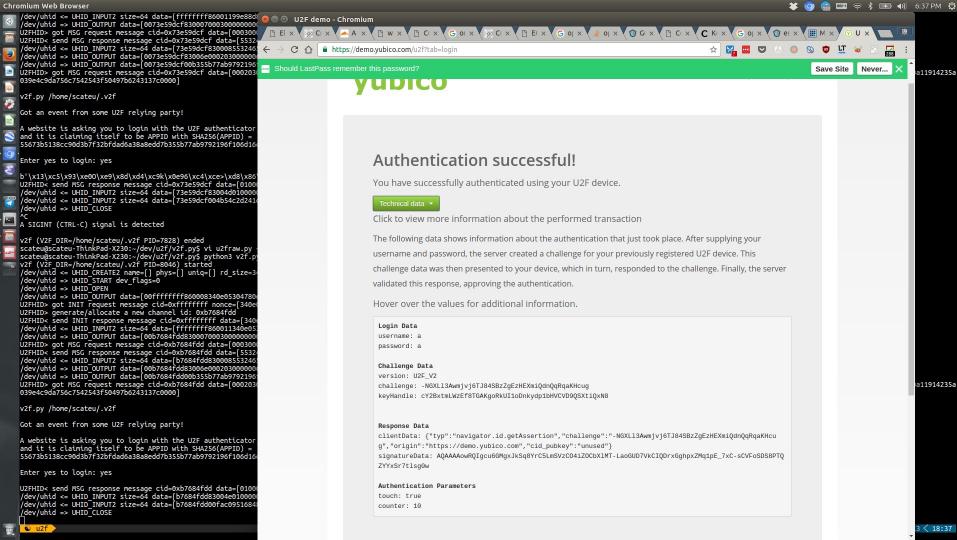








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## 通用型密码学两步验证U盾 U2F 的克隆钓鱼攻击

U2F(Universal 2 Factor) 通用双因子标准由 Yubico 和 Google 发起的 FIDO (Fast IDentity Online) 联盟推出













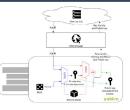


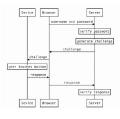




U2F标准旨在提供一个方便的免驱动、通用型的密码认证令牌期望能在让用户在有U2F认证的情况下即使只用短密码,也能实现高强度的认证。 不依赖中心服务器,完全基于公私钥/PKI体系。 免驱动,即插即用,Chrome浏览器原生支持















U2F标准中的关于Key Wrapping的机制的引入,造成了安全风险。 即使在U盾使用了Secure Element的情况下,也可能被克隆,从而导致双因子认证被攻破。

攻击者在U2F令牌的初始化过程中,将主密钥提取,并绕过服务商的克隆计数器检测,即可攻破受害目标的两步验证措施。

阿里安全研究团队首先发现并给出了攻击示例,并提出了检测及缓解 措施。并对市面上使用了U2F认证的服务提供商进行了检测,向受影响的厂商提供了漏洞检测报告。





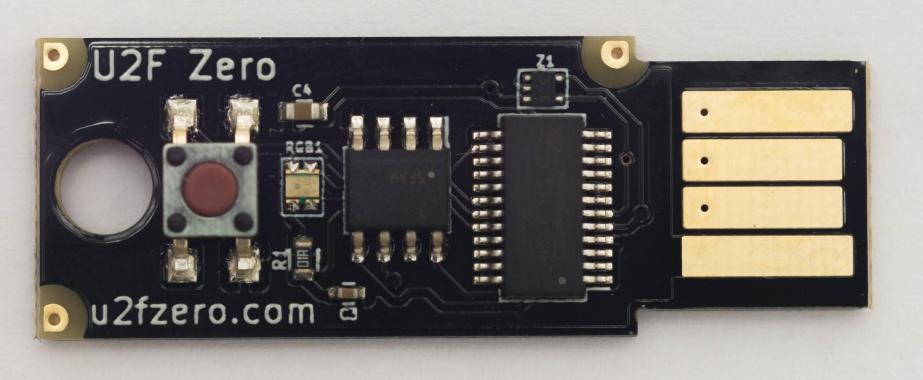






这起安全事件进一步提醒业界对供应链全周期安全可信的关注。 118 阿里安全举办的"功守道"阿里软件供应链安全大赛今年正在进行, "以武会友、攻守切磋",以促进软件供应链安全技术的发展。

## U2F Zero





# Key Wrapping

- Secure Element:
  - Public / Private Key Pair
  - On-chip operation: generation, signing
    - Import Key
  - Limited Storage
- Solution:
  - Device Secret
  - Key Derivation



## Key Wrapping Mechanism

https://fidoalliance.org/specs/fido-u2f-v1. 0-nfc-bt-amendment-20150514/fido-u2f-overview.html#allowing-for-inexpensive-u2f-devices,

#### 7. Allowing for Inexpensive U2F Devices

A key goal of this program is to enable extremely inexpensive yet secure devices. To enable new secure element chips to be as inexpensive as possible it is important to allow them to have minimal or no onboard memory.

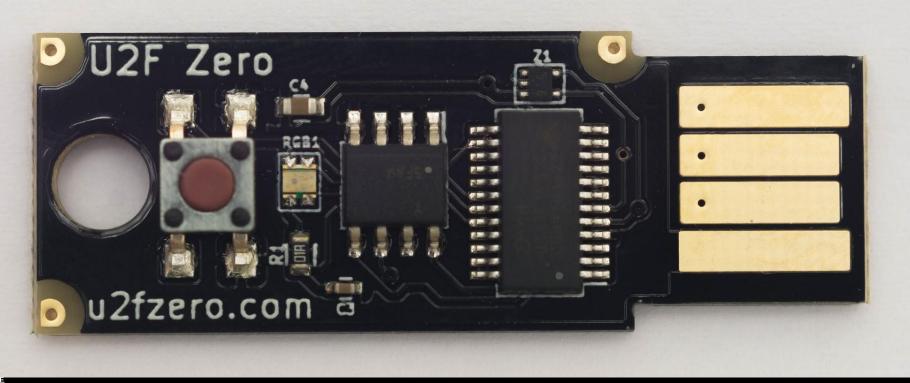
A U2F device allows for this. The Key Handle issued by the U2F device does not have to be an index to the private key stored on board the U2F device secure element chip. Instead, the Key Handle can' store' (i.e., contain) the private key for the origin and the hash of the origin encrypted with a 'wrapping' key known only to the U2F device secure element. When the Key Handle goes back to the secure element it 'unwraps' it to 'retrieve' the private key and the origin that it was generated for. As another alternative, the U2F device could store this 'wrapped' information in a table in off-chip memory outside the secure element (which is presumably cheaper). This memory is still on board the U2F device. In this case, the Key Handle sent to the origin would be an index into this table in off-chip memory. As another possibility in the design spectrum, the Key Handle might only encode the origin and an index number, while the private key might still be kept on board -- this would, of course, imply the number of keys is limited by the amount of memory.

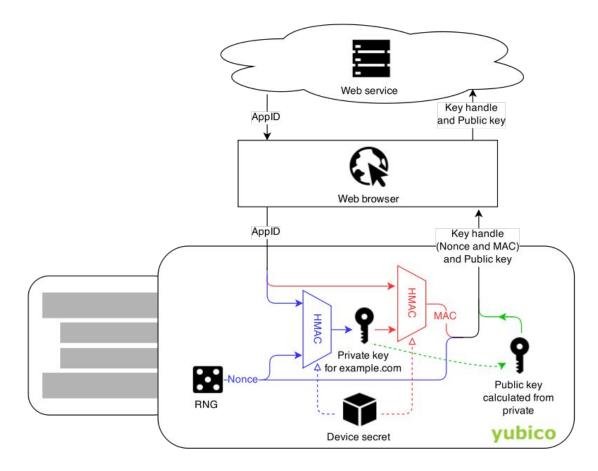


## U2F Zero

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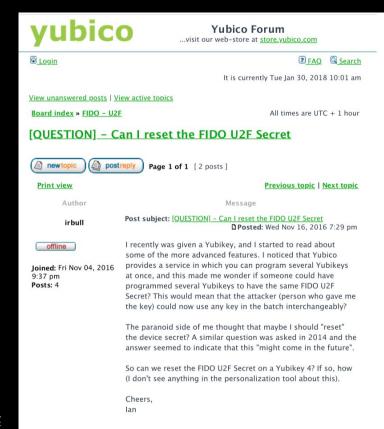
KeyHandle = nonce, HMAC(AppID, PrivateKey)







## Should be worried?







## Proposed Attack Scenario

- 1. The attacker extracts the master key during manufacturing process of U2F keys, which in my case is open-source U2F Zero.
- Attacker clone this U2F key. (In this case, we integrated it with a software U2F implementation.)
- 3. Attacker gives this U2F key to a victim.
- 4. Assume the victim use this U2F key to register with Google.
- 5. Attacker gets to know the password from another source. (such as social engineering, or other ways of password phishing)
- 6. Login.

















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## **ECDSA** sample

generating EC keypair, signing and verifying ECDSA signature

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### (Step1) choose supported EC curve name and generate key pair

ECC curve name: secp256r1 (= NIST P-256, P-256, prime256v1) ▼
generate EC key pair

EC private key (hex):

1558d8a83b887780930c3ebc13fddc5251428abdeaa032938b18701663117c44

EC public key (hex):

04a4a9c76219b1248e83138b785af813c13e2aedcfca89e9f77a2a60c9dea163195a1b6199f5f9db2c8b2669188ac1b1333424dd3d4992aa3ee

#### (Step2) Sign message

Signature Algorithm: SHA256withECDSA \*

Message string to be signed:

abcdefg

sign message

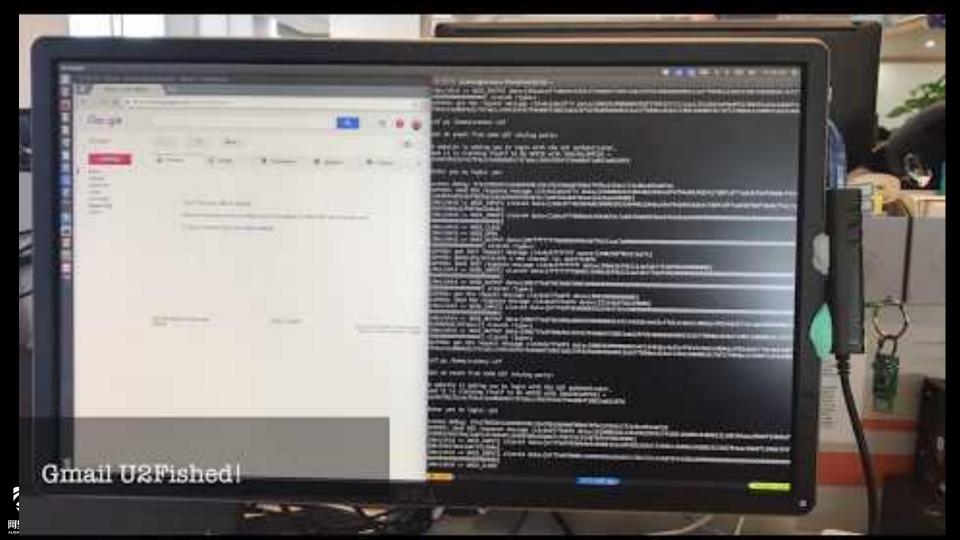
Signature value (hex):

3046022100c7526efcb480cd4b0362615a638a8943d3ec06572e1506102ceb3cc700252fb5022100b8d2e1125946ba5fefd7b16d1e87813977c

#### (Step3) Verify signature







## Anti-clone Counter

- Inside Secure Element:
  - High-Endurance Monotonic Counters.
- Counter: 100
- Counter: 101
- Attacker:
  - Large: 900
    - Victim: Press 801 times
  - The best try: 102
    - Attacker: 1,2,3,....,100,101,102
  - Multi services share a same counter
  - Counter overflow?



# Key Findings

- Security Model
  - Ultimate Trust Root:
    - Traditional Dedicated USB Security Key
    - General Purpose USB Security Key
  - should be downgraded to "Manufacturer Trust Level"
  - At least, key regeneration function should be provided
- Anti-clone counter should be well implemented
  - Google/Facebook: users are not aware when cloned
  - Fastmail: didn't check at all.
    - Reported, Confirmed



## Mitigation

(Service Provider Side)

- 1. Trust Level Downgrade
- 2. Clone Detection should be well implemented:
  - a. User aware
  - b. Revoke



## Conclusion

- Supply Chain Risk
- We give a real-world example of this kind of attack.
- We found that anti-clone mechanism is not well implemented in some websites.

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## Future Work

- FIDO2
- A phishing website trying to extract master secret, reversing HMAC function.



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