Technological Parenting

Protecting your Family with and against technology

Agenda

- > What is Technological Parenting?
- Understanding the problem
- Understanding the technology
- > Protection Strategies
- Resources

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- This isn't Parenting 101
- > It's understanding the tech your kids (and family) are using..
- > And learning how to protect those using it.
- Stay engaged!
 - Things can change daily 7 times faster than "real" life
 - > New apps and technology come out all of the time
 - Not knowing can be dangerous!
- > Your the parent!!! You decide what you need to do!

Understanding the Problem

Kids are Digital Natives Your Kids You

- Highly connected
- > 97% play video games
- > 75% or more have cell phones
- > 68% use instant messaging / text messaging
- > 70% use social networks (facebook, instagram, etc)
- > Easily adapt and adopt
- Generate content

- > Internet didn't exist!
- > You mean Pong?
- > Tethered to kitchen phone
- Maybe passed notes in class to friends
- Neighborhood kids or extended family "networks"
- > Technophobe?
- > What is content again?

Kids are Digital Natives

- Their relationships are greatly influenced by the digital world of the Internet and Dark Web
- The Internet is their main communications channel for interacting with their peers
- > More comfortable with a "public persona"
 - May "over share" & be more trusting due to comfort with tech

Internet Time for Kids

- Time spent online up to 13 hours per week
 - > Was 8 hours just 5 years ago
- Social Networking and Apps dominate this time
- > Pediatricians recommend no more than 2 hours per day for youth

- > Who are your really talking to?
- Predators troll social networks
 - > NAMBLA on Facebook



15 year old girl on Facebook

- Practice of "Sextortion" using digital content for blackmail
 - Solution is a series of the series of the

- Pornography and other content
 - More available and graphic than ever before
 - > Increasing chance of accidental exposure due to spam attacks on social networks.
 - > Average age for first exposure to pornography is 11!
- > Phishing scams
 - Clicks from email
 - > Fraudulent attempts to steal your personal information

- Malware
 - > Short for "malicious software"
 - > Can get installed by just visiting a web site or downloading software
 - Once on your device it can communicate private information like credit card numbers and passwords to the bad guys
 - Can also take over your computer to perform tasks for the bad guys "bot net"

- Cyberbullying
 - Bullying but online
 - > Text, Facebook, Youtube
- On demand video House Party
- Disappearing Text SnapChat
- > Anything can be found online
 - Silk Road dark site...



- > Internet is:
 - > Ubiquitous Everywhere!
 - Content kids create is Public
 - > Constant School, play, vacation, home
 - Viral via social mediums
 - Serious Risks of suicide!

Technology and the Family

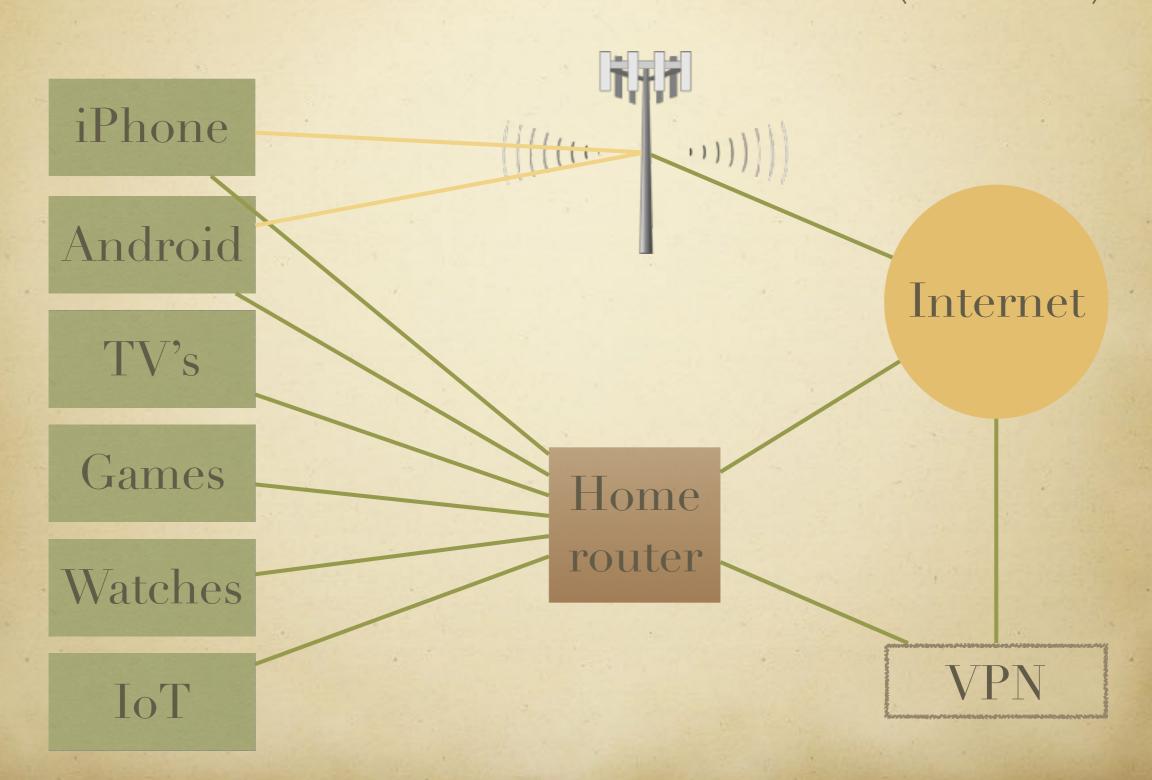
- > All the devices and gadgets your Family uses are part of the IoT Internet of Things
 - > Not just "computers" anymore
 - Phones, Tablets, Smart TV's, Gaming Consoles, Apple TV, Google TV's, Watches, Refrigerators, Cars!
- All these devices and more can be used to "connect" to the Internet and can be used against you if compromised via botnets, virus's and malware
 - > 24 in my house Use Fing app to see and count yours
- > Devices NEED to be protected from the Internet

Understand the Technology

Understand the Tech

- > How can a device get connected to the Internet?
 - > Internet / Cloud = just a lot of servers / computers
 - > Routers at home (cable modem, DSL, etc)
 - > Directly via phone, tablet, car, etc (3G, LTE, etc)
 - > Indirectly through a VPN (virtual private network)
- All devices have an "addresses" they use to talk to each other
 - > TCP/IP address or just IP
- ▶ URL's get converted to the address so the device can talk to the servers google.com = 172.217.5.78 via DNS
- > You need to protect all the devices regardless of how they connect

Understand the Tech (cont)



What is DNS?

- Domain Name System
- > DNS translates URL's / Web site addresses into IP addresses for devices
- > It's the phonebook for the Internet
 - > People understand URL's -> google.com
 - Computer understand IP addresses -> 192.168.0.1
- There are lots of DNS servers out there
 - Usually provided by your internet service provider
 - > Configured for each device by the router "DHCP"

What is DHCP?

- Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol
- > When you connect to a wired/wireless network it:
 - Automatically assigns you an IP address
 - Configures your DNS servers
 - Configures other things you need to connect
- > DHCP servers control the config of its network domain
 - they assign the "phone numbers" or IP addresses

How it works v1

- > Type in or click on a URL like google.com
- > DNS Request made to DNS Server to get IP from your router - includes your routers source IP
- > DNS server responds with IP
 - > "Resolves" the name into a number
- > Your device starts talking to the resource using its IP adderess

- > 1 Be a Parent and be informed and engaged
 - > You decide when they are ready for a phone, computer, etc.
 - > Ask specific questions about online activities
 - > Who are you chatting with?
 - > What apps are you using?
 - Can I see your phone?
 - Stress respect of others
 - Consider maturity of peers and your child
 - > Set clear rules AND clear consequences "parent / child contracts"
 - > Watch for changes in online activities and changes in mood / closed doors
 - No Phones at night

- 2 Take control over your DNS "phonebook" and DHCP at home
 - > Free software and services are available to do this
 - Check your kids DNS settings they can bypass!
 - > Protects against accidental clicks and malware as well
- 3 Monitor your devices as they can move outside the protected home network
 - Install software on devices
- > The parent / child relationship is still the most important protection strategy you have!

How it works v2

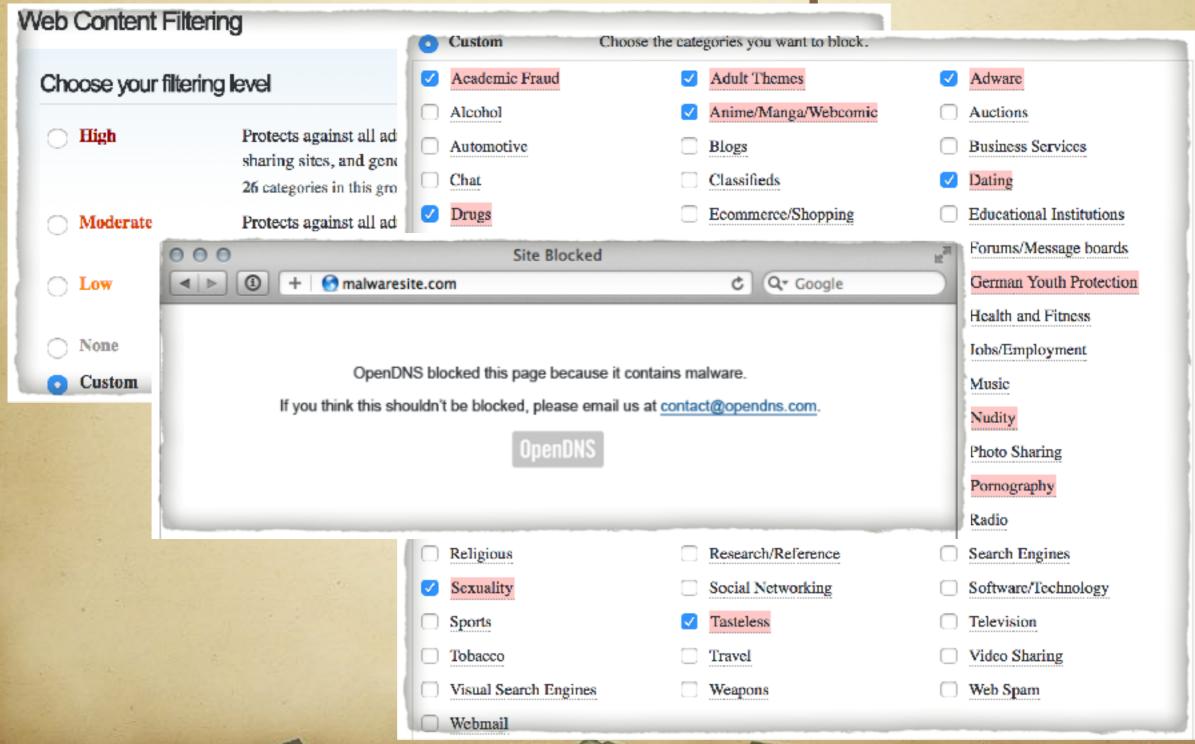
- > Type in or click on a URL like google.com
- DNS Request made to OpenDNS Server to get IP
- > OpenDNS matches your router IP to your settings
- > IF site is "ok" OpenDNS server responds with IP
- Your device starts talking to the resource using its IP address
- > If site is NOT ok, a warning is displayed, site blocked

- Do it yourself option
 - Configure existing router with OpenDNS servers
 - > Also need to install OpenDNS agent on at least one home based computer
 - Change router and other devices default passwords!
 - > Disable router remote management and UPnP
 - > Use virus / malware protection software on devices
 - Search term "parental controls" to keep up!
- Buy Family Safe routers (resource page)
- > Buy device monitoring software (resource page)

Control DNS - OpenDNS

- This is what I use, but not the only solution
- https://www.opendns.com/home-internet-security/
- > Free to use at home
- > Create a free account to control your settings
- > Install App on home computer to link your home to your settings
 - > Link is tied to your router's external IP address which can change
 - > The app makes sure when it changes, OpenDNS knows
- > Configure your router to configure settings for devices in your home
 - DHCP Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol
- Can actually speed up your Internet access

Control DNS - OpenDNS



OpenDNS Configuration

- Config is different based on your hardware
 - Google is your friend
- > Configure via your routers config page
 - > 192.168.0.1 or 192.168.1.1
 - http://www.techspot.com/guides/287-default-router-ip-addresses/
- https://support.opendns.com/hc/en-us/categories/204012907-OpenDNS-Device-Configuration

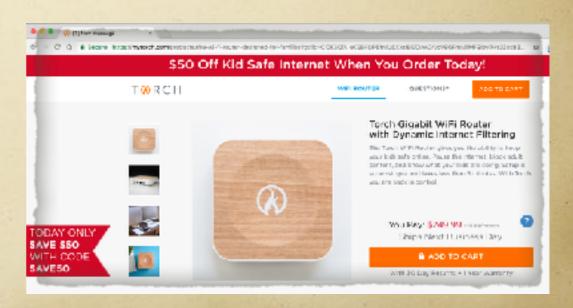
Monitor Devices

- > Purchase software for each device and install
 - > PC, Mac, Android, iOS
 - Can capture:
 - all text typed
- Get email with reports
- Access reports online



- Not a complete list!
- > DNS / DHCP Solutions
 - OpenDNS.com
 - > SafeDNS
- > Family Safe Routers
 - https://mytorch.com
 - https://www.rogos.com

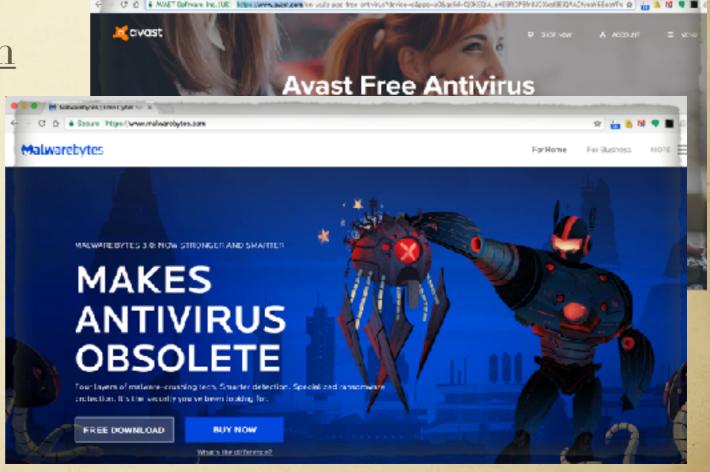




- Device Monitoring
 - https://www.webwatcher.com
 - > PC / Mac
 - Android / iPhone
 - > Web site and email monitoring



- > Anti Virus Free for PC / Mac / Android
 - https://www.avast.com
- Malwarebytes Free
 - Anti-malware
 - Anti-ransomware
 - Anti-exploit
 - Malicious web site protection



Questions?



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