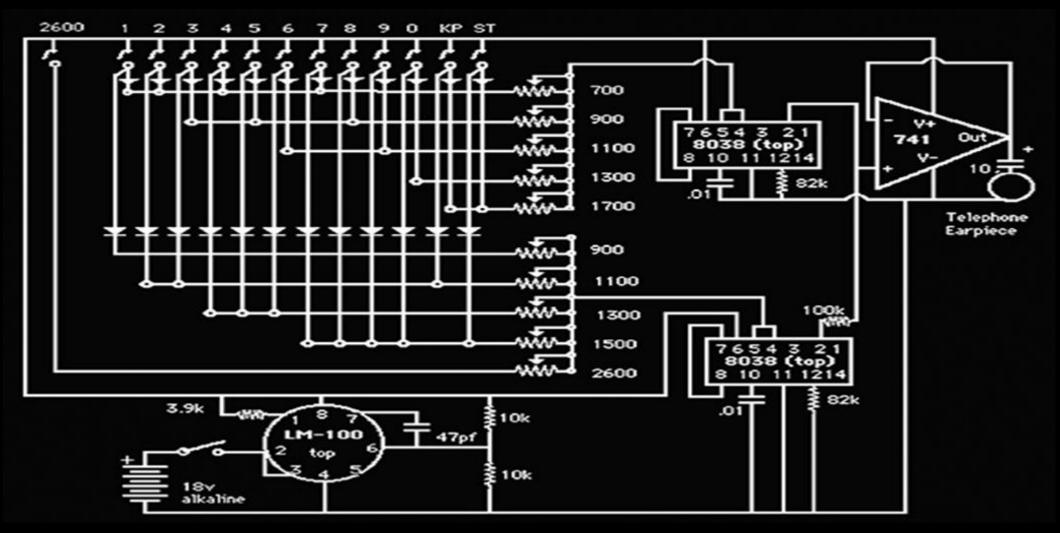
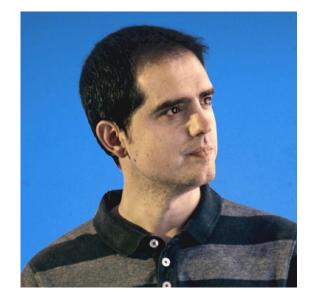
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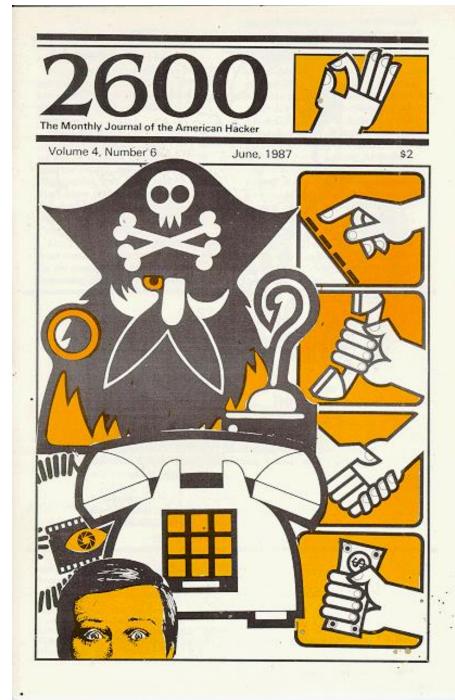
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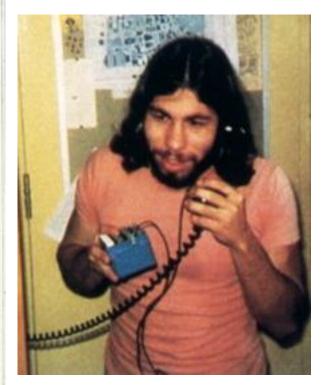
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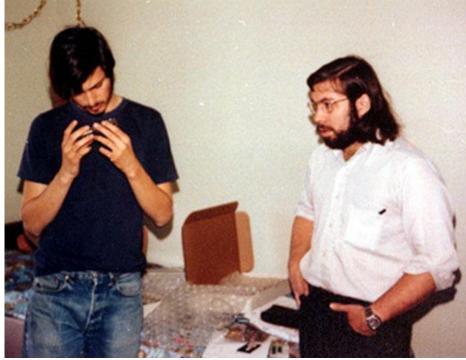


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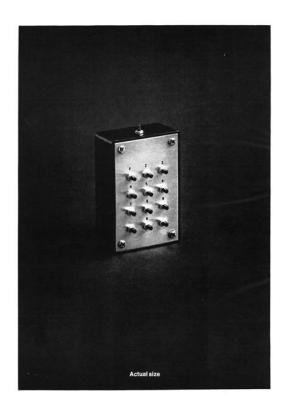


Phreaking

Phreaking is a slang term coined to describe **the activity of a culture of people who study, experiment with, or explore telecommunication systems, such as equipment and systems connected to public telephone networks.** The term *phreak* is a sensational spelling of the word *freak* with the *ph*-from *phone*, and may also refer to the use of audio frequencies to manipulate a phone system. *Phreak, phreaker,* or *phone phreak* are names used for and by individuals who participate in phreaking...

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Secrets of the Little Blue Box by Ron Rosenbaum

A story so incredible it may even make you feel sorry for the phone company

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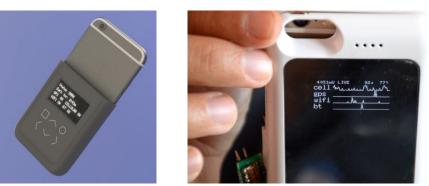


The beginning





Edward Snowden reveals how Government can hack into YOUR smartphone and see EVERYTHING



https://www.tjoe.org/pub/direct-radio-introspection

Mobile phone: Golden nugget!



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What is being hacked into?

Signalling System No 7 (SS7), which is called Common Channel Signalling System 7 (CCSS7) in the US or Common Channel Interoffice Signaling 7 (CCIS7) in the UK, is a system that connects one mobile phone network to another.

It was first developed in 1975 and has many variants. Most networks use protocols defined by the American National Standards Institute and the European Telecommunications Standards Institute.

What does SS7 normally do?

SS7 is a set of protocols allowing phone networks to exchange the information needed for passing calls and text messages between each other and to ensure correct billing. It also allows users on one network to roam on another, such as when travelling in a foreign country.

What can access to SS7 enable hackers to do?

Once they have access to the SS7 system, a hacker can essentially have access to the same amount of information and snooping capabilities as security services.

They can transparently forward calls, giving them the ability to record or listen in to them. They can also read SMS messages sent between phones, and track the location of a phone using the same system that the phone networks use to help keep a constant service available and deliver phone calls, texts and data.

https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2016/apr/19/ss7 -hack-explained-mobile-phone-vulnerability-snooping-texts-calls http://www.securitybydefault.com/2015/01/hacking-en-redes-ss7.html https://thehackernews.com/2017/05/ss7-vulnerability-bank-hacking.html

The SMS of Death Mobile Phone Attack Explained

http://www.infosecisland.com/blogview/12656-The-SMS-of-Death-Mobile-Phone-Attack-Explained.html

Nearly 1 billion phones can be hacked with 1 text

http://fortune.com/2015/07/27/stagefright-android-vulnerability-text/

Baseband vulnerability could mean undetectable, unblockable attacks on mobile phones



DeepSec 2010: All your baseband are belong to us by Ralf Philipp Weinmann https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fQqv0v14KKY

Another kind of attacks are to the software that manage radio communications:

"Every mobile phone runs two operating systems; the one you interact with (like Android or IOS), and the one that controls the radio hardware. This second OS is ancient, creaking, and wildly insecure..."

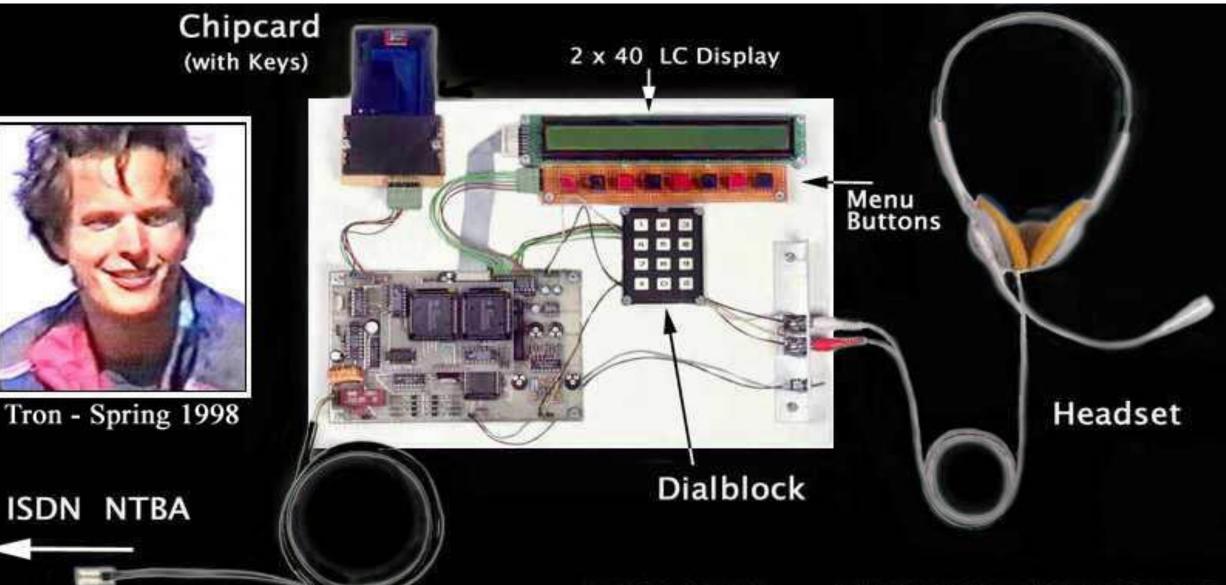
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Researchers can attack mobile phones via spoofed SMS messages

Phones that support MMS on GSM networks are vulnerable to new SMS spoofing attacks, researchers say at Black Hat.

https://www.cnet.com/news/researchers-can-attack-mobile-phones-via-spoofed-sms-messages/

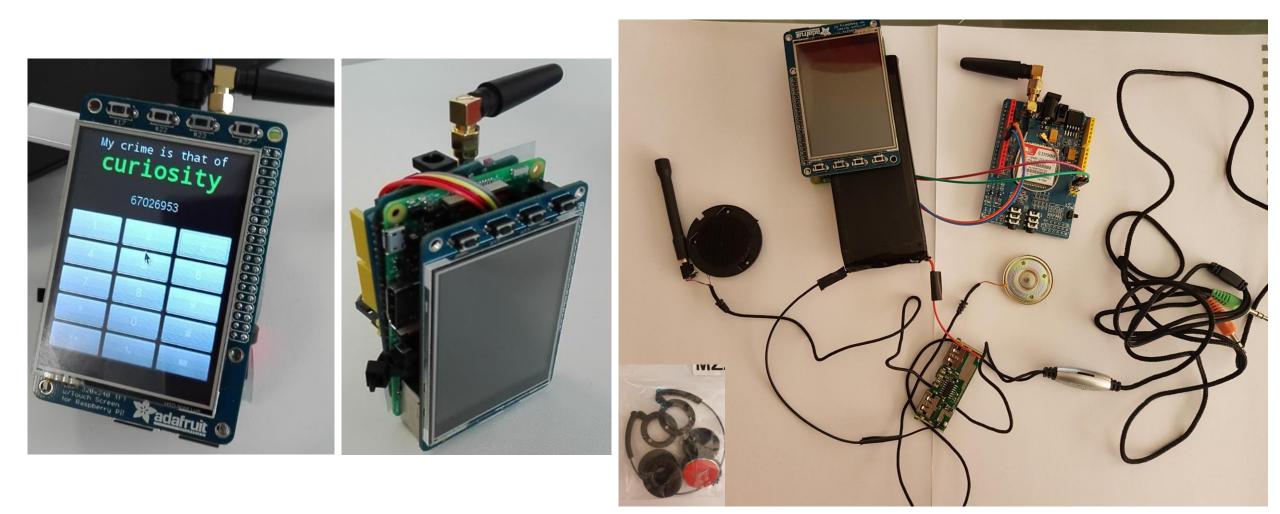
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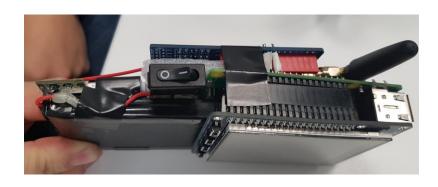
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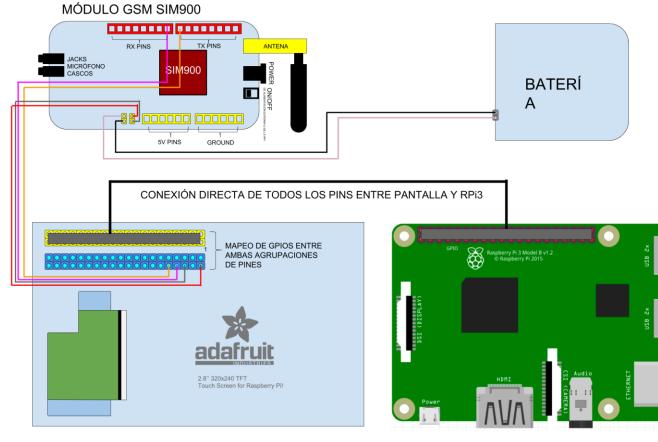






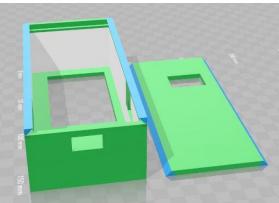
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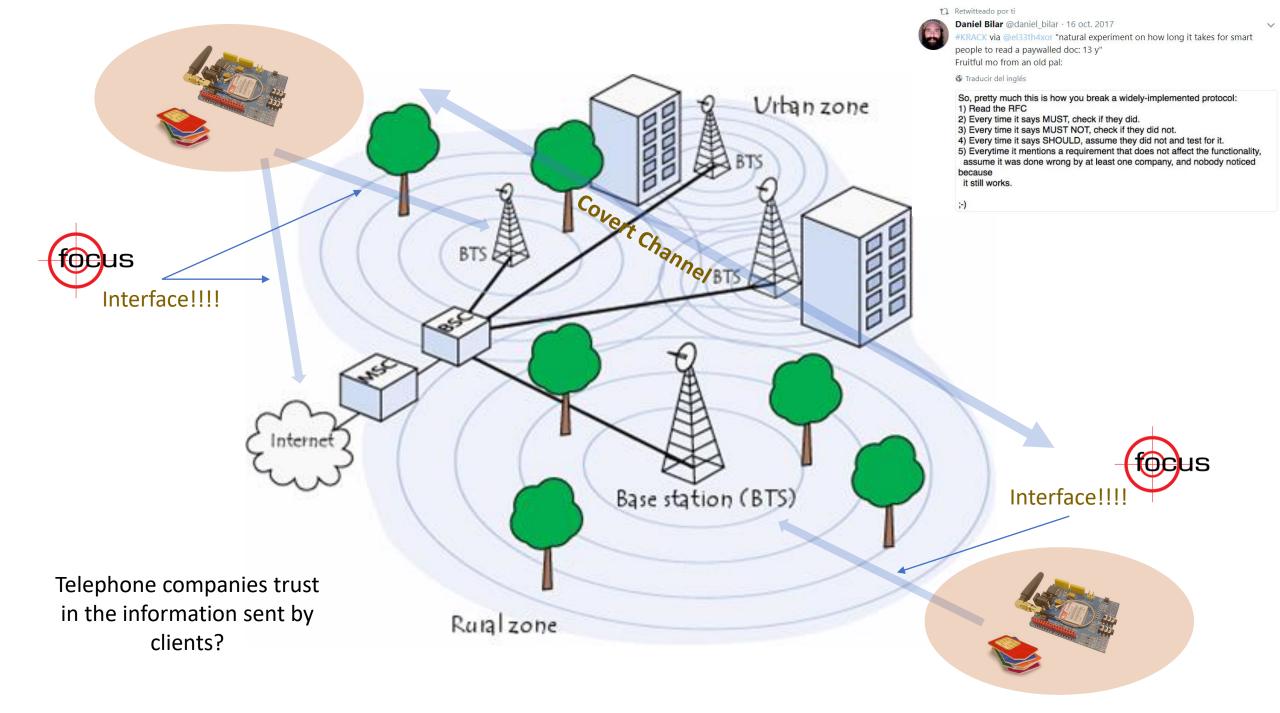




Covert Channel

In computer security, a **covert channel** is a type of computer security attack that creates a capability to transfer information objects between processes that are not supposed to be allowed to communicate by the computer security policy. The term is defined as channels "not intended for information transfer at all, such as the service program's effect on system load," to distinguish it from *legitimate* channels that are subjected to access controls... (1973 by Lampson)





Antena GSM – Client attack

http://simcom.ee/modules/gsm-gprs/sim900/



Aihasd SIM900 GSM GPRS Module Quad-Band Development Board Wireless Data for Arduino Raspberry Pi 21 Euros - http://goo.gl/8RgxxZ

Feature:

Chipset SIM900 - SIMCOM

Quad-Band 850 / 900/ 1800 / 1900 MHz - would work on GSM networks in all countries across the world.

Control via AT commands - Standard Commands: GSM 07.07 & 07.05 | Enhanced Commands: SIMCOM AT Commands.

The shield allows you to achieve SMS, MMS, GPRS and Audio via UART by sending AT commands

Embedded TCP/UDP stack

Speaker and Headphone jacks Low power consumption - 1.5mA(sleep mode) Industrial Temperature Range - -40°C to +85 °C



SIMS GSM - Client attack

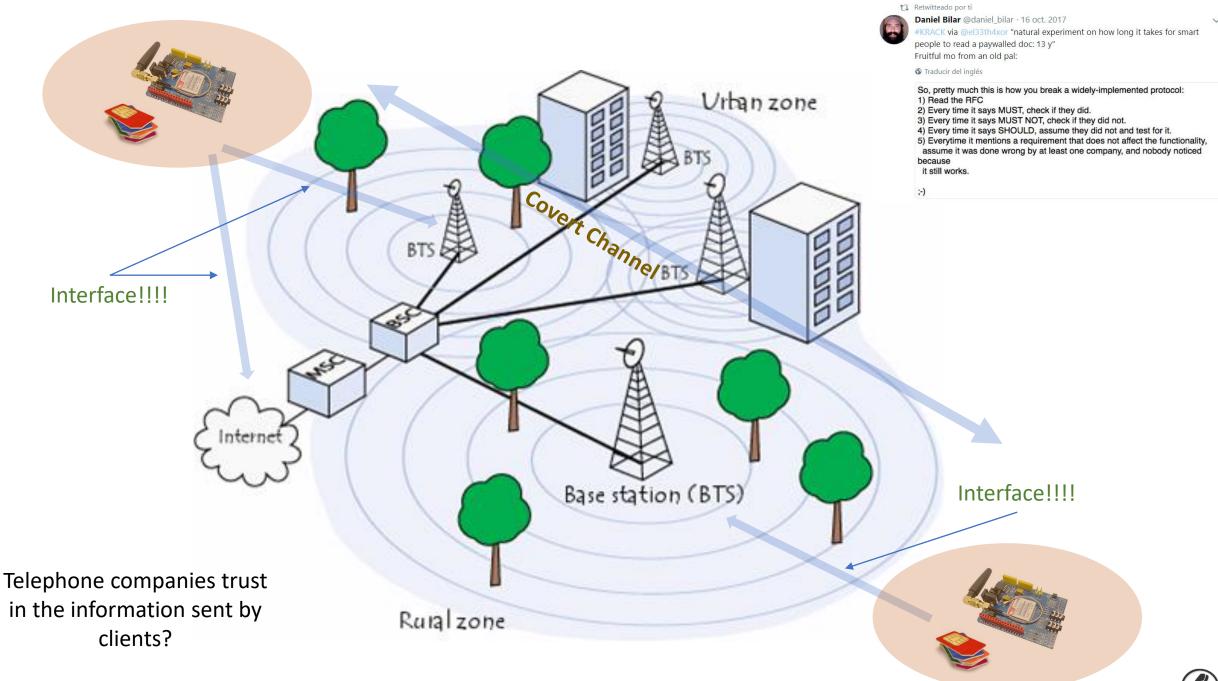


On 15 March 2006, the <u>European Union</u> adopted the <u>Data Retention Directive</u>, on "the retention of data generated or processed in connection with the provision of publicly available electronic communications services or of public communications networks and amending Directive 2002/58/EC".^{[13][14]} It requires Member States to ensure that communications providers retain the necessary data as specified in the Directive for a period of between 6 months and 2 years in order to:

- •Trace and identify the source of a communication;
- •Trace and identify the destination of a communication;
- •Identify the date, time, and duration of a communication;
- •Identify the type of communication;
- Identify the communication device;
- •Identify the location of mobile communication equipment.

The law of conservation of data on electronic communications and public communications networks (Law 25/2007 October DE18) states that service operators should maintain a prepaid SIM logbook stating the identity of the each customer. Data may be required by order of a judge, in order to detect, investigate and prosecute serious crimes...

... "It concluded that data retention was a valuable tool for ensuring criminal justice and public protection, but that it had achieved only limited harmonisation. There were serious concerns from service providers about the compliance costs and from civil society organisations who claim that mandatory data retention was an unacceptable infringement of the fundamental right to privacy and the protection of personal data..."



AT commands & Standards

http://simcom.ee/documents/?dir=SIM900



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1 Introduction

1.1 Scope of the document

This document presents the AT Command Set for SIMCom SIM900 series cellular engine.

1.2 Related documents

The present document is based on the following standards:

[1] 3GPP TS 27.005: Use of Data Terminal Equipment – Data Circuit terminating Equipment

(DTE – DCE) interface for Short Message Service (SMS) and Cell Broadcast Service (CBS).

[2] 3GPP TS 27.007: AT command set for User Equipment (UE).

[3] ITU-T V.25 ter: Data communication over the telephone network – Serial asynchronous automatic dialing and control.

[4] TIA/EIA-578-A: Facsimile Digital Interfaces – Asynchronous Facsimile DCE Control Standard, Service Class

[5] 3GPP 27.010: Terminal Equipment to Mobile Station (TE-MS) Multiplexer protocol

The AT Command set implemented by SIM900 is a combination of GSM07.05, GSM07.07 and ITU-T recommendation V.25ter and the AT commands developed by SIMCom.

1.3 Conventions and abbreviations

In this document, the GSM engines are referred to as following term:

- 1) ME (Mobile Equipment);
- 2) MS (Mobile Station);
- 3) TA (Terminal Adapter);
- 4) DCE (Data Communication Equipment) or facsimile DCE (FAX modem, FAX board);

In application, controlling device controls the GSM engine by sending AT Command via its serial interface. The controlling device at the other end of the serial line is referred to as following term:

- 1) TE (Terminal Equipment);
- DTE (Data Terminal Equipment) or plainly "the application" which is running on an embedded system;

1.4 AT Command syntax

The "AT" or "at" prefix must be set at the beginning of each Command line. To terminate a Command line enter <CR>.

Commands are usually followed by a response that includes. "<CR><LF><response><CR><LF>" Throughout this document, only the responses are presented,<CR><LF> are omitted intentionally.

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ATD/ATH – Call & hang up AT+CLIP – Calling Line Identification Presentation (the command shows the caller's metadata) AT+CLIR – Calling Line Identification Restriction AT+MORING – Show State of Mobile Originated Call (the command shows info when the phone tone sounds in the receiver)

AT+CEER - Extended Error Report AT+VTS - DTMF tone generation AT+EXUNSOL - Enable or Disable Proprietary Unsolicited Indications AT+CLCC - List Current Calls of ME AT+CRC - Set Cellular Result Codes for Incoming Call Indication AT+COLP - Connected Line Identification Presentation





Smart Machine Smart Decision

CONNECT<Text> TA switches to data mode. Note: <Text> output only if ATX<value> parameter setting with the <ralue>>0 When TA returns to Command mode after call release OK Response in case of voice call, if successfully connected OK

Response if no connection NO CARRIER

Reference V.25ter

See also ATX

Note

2.2.3 ATD Mobile Originated Call to Dial A Number

ATD Mobile Originated Call to Dial A Number

Execution	Response
Command	This Command can be used to set up outgoing voice, data or fax calls. It
ATD <n>[<mgsm< th=""><th></th></mgsm<></n>	
][;]	Note: This Command may be aborted generally by receiving an ATH Command or a character during execution. The aborting is not possible during some states of connection establishment such as handshaking.
	If error is related to ME functionality
11	+CME ERROR: <err></err>
sables	If no dial tone and (parameter setting ATX2 or ATX4)
	NO DIALTONE
	If busy and (parameter setting ATX3 or ATX4)
,	BUSI
	If a connection cannot be established
E	NO CARRIER
1	If the remote station does not answer
10	NO ANSWER
	If connection successful and non-voice call.
	CONNECT <text> TA switches to data mode.</text>

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	Parameter		Smart Machine Smar
		0 Echo mode off 1 Echo mode on	
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TH Dis	connect Existing	Connection	
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ATH Disconnect Existing Connection Execution Response Command Disconnect existing call by local TE from Command line and terminate call ATH[n] OK

OK Note: OK is issued after circuit 109(DCD) is turned off, if it was previously on.

Parameter

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2.2.8 AT

- < 0 Disconnect ALL calls on the channel the command is requested. All active or waiting calls, CS data calls, GPRS call of the channel will be disconnected.
 - Disconnect all calls on ALL connected channels. All active or waiting calls, CSD calls, GPRS call will be disconnected. (clean up of all calls of the ME)
 - (clean up of all calls of the ME)
 2 Disconnect all connected CS data call only on the channel the command is requested. (speech calls (active or waiting) or GPRS calls are not disconnected)
 4 PC4 bC4
 4 PC4 bC4
 6 PC4 bC4
 6 PC4 bC4
 7 C4 bC4
 7 C4 bC4
 8 C4 bC4
 8 C4 bC4
 9 C4 bC
 - 3 Disconnect all connected GPRS calls only on the channel the command is requested (speech calls (active or waiting) or CS data calls are not disconnected.
 - 4 Disconnect all CS calls (either speech or data) but does not disconnect waiting call (either speech or data) on the channel the command is requested.
 - 5 Disconnect waiting call (either speech or data) but does not disconnect other active calls (either CS speech, CS data or GPRS) on the channel the command is requested. (rejection of incoming call)

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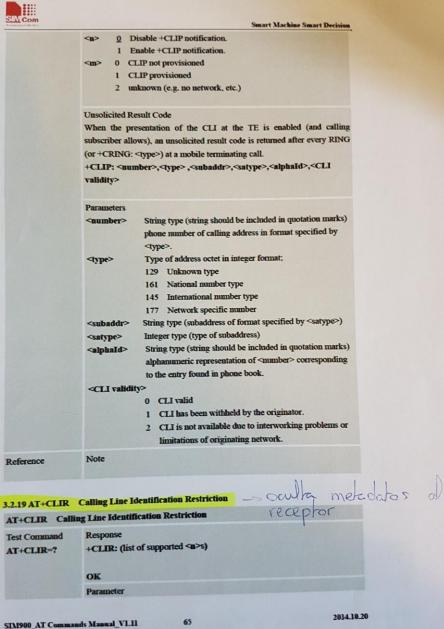
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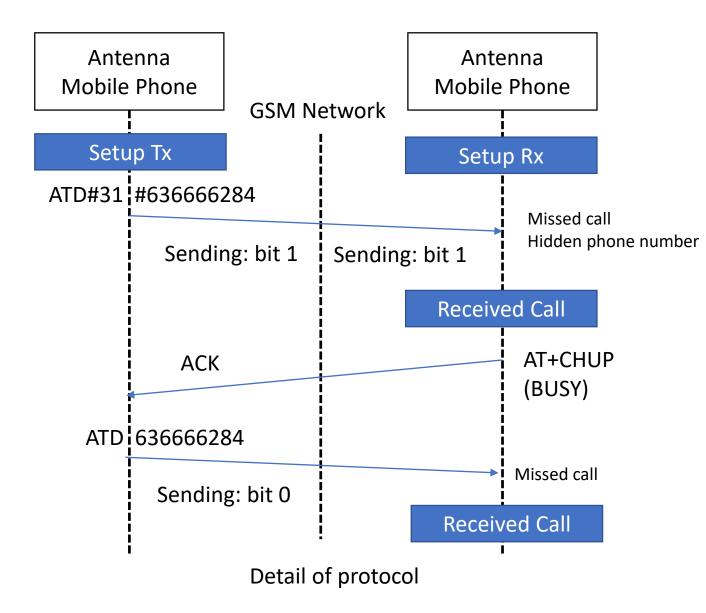
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Decision

		"TP" Service Provider Personalization	
		Correspond to SPCK code	
	<mode></mode>	0 unlock	
		1 kock	
		2 query status	
	-huzemq>	String type (Shall be the same as password specified for the	
		facility from the ME user interface or with command Change	
	stime>	Password +CPWD) 1 Voice (telephony)	
		 voice (recentiony) Data refers to all bearer services; with <mode>=2 this</mode> 	
		may refer only to some bearer service if TA does not	
		support values 16, 32, 64 and 128)	
		4 Fax (facsimile services)	
		7 All classes	
	<status></status>	0 Not active	
		1 Active	
Reference GSM 07.07 [14]	Note	s if SDM not inserted or PIN is not entered.	
AT+CLIP Calli Test Command AT+CLIP=?	Calling Line Identi ng Line Identi Response +CLIP: (lis	Identification Presentation \rightarrow da metadatos del que llaure ification Presentation $flpn, tipo, addrs$ st of supported <=>>) Lo puede el llaurente presented <=>>)	
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DEMO – Abusing GSM using covert channels with AT commands









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Demo CovertChannel - HackInTheBox 2018, April 13, Amsterdam. By Alfonso Muñoz (@mindcrypt) and Jorge Cuadrado (@coke727).

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Covert channel => Hidden capacity (Worst case)

Steganographic techniques considering only ONE SIM + ONE ANTENNA MOBILE PHONE

Missed calls – Hidden phone number (8-10 bits/min) Duration of the call (aprox 10 bits/min) Return codes & network disconnection Mixing steganographic techniques (12 bits/min)



What means this?

Capacity/min = aprox 12 bits/min → 3 min = 1 IPv4 address | 3 min = TOR addr (URL shortener) | 3 min = GPS coord... Capacity/hour = aprox 720 bits/hour → IPv4+ addr TOR + addr Bitcoin + GPS Coord + date/time + cryptographic pass + ... Capacity/day = aprox 17.280 bits/day

Covert channel => Capacity + Delay + Stability

Stability

- No SIM ("registered" and "unregistered/anonymous" prepaid SIM) has been banned in the last 5 months (Spain) – 1 hour per day sending information (aprox 720 bits/hour per SIM)
- Example: Maximum Testing time 2 uninterrupted days Ej./ 34.560 missed calls 34.560 bits (We stopped the test...)

Delay Vs Capacity Vs Invisibility \rightarrow Amplification techniques

- Virtual phone numbers (Configuration by Internet but working in a 2G Scenario without Internet)
- Caller ID Spoofing & Internet Resources & Tricks (Working in a 2G & Internet Scenario)

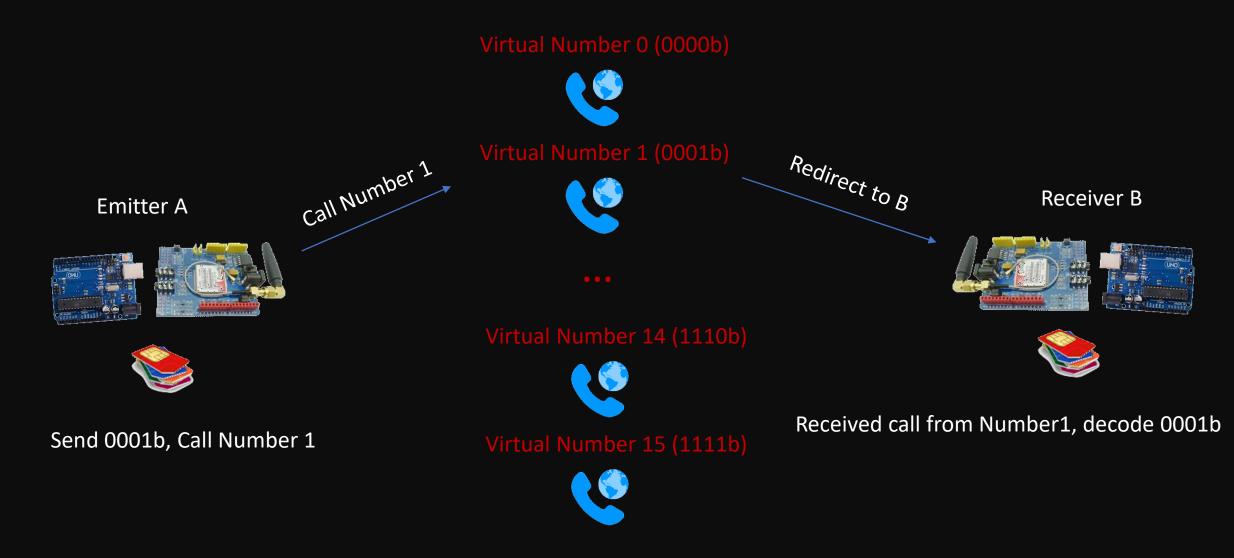
Virtual phone numbers => Higher Capacity with = SIMs+Antenna

- Higher hiding capacity → More antennas, more SIM cards (*)
- Complement or alternative: Virtual phone numbers (free/anonymous and registered/paid)

Services & Users Buy Number Add conference Add voice app Add user	▲ Phone numbers Number +34911 57 (Spain) +349119 8 (Spain)	Buy number Help Calls go to Change Change	Forwarding	
My settings Billing	Conference rooms	Add conference Help	Forwarding	
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	No conference rooms	Add a conference		
	Call recordings	Configure Help		1111111
	Call recording disabled	Configure	music Voice mail IVR message	
	▼ Voice apps	Add app Help		
	▼ Users	Add user Help		GSM/GPRS Modem Pa



Ejemplo – Abusing GSM using covert channels with AT commands + Virtual Numbers



Ej/ 7*log₂(Virtual Numbers) bits/min \rightarrow Ej/ 28 bits/min, 7 calls/min



Do The Impossible See The Invisible Row! Row! Fight The Power! Touch The Untouchable Break The Unbreakable Row! Row! Fight The Power! What You Gonna Do Is What You Wanna Do Just Break The Rule, And You See The Truth...

<u>Gurren Laggann - Row Row Fight The</u> <u>Power</u>



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By Alfonso Muñoz (@mindcrypt) and Jorge Cuadrado (@coke727)		By Alfonso Muñoz (@mindcrypt) and Jorge Cuadrado (@coke727)
<pre>\$device = 'EMITTER' \$hiding method = 'Virtual Number Amplification & missed call & hidden number'</pre>		[RECEIVER] Waiting info
<pre>\$mobile_number = '63XXXX392' \$birery meg = '01101000110100110001000110001001110001</pre>		
<pre>\$binary_msg = '0110100001110100011000100011000100111000'</pre>		
Setup configuration for sending info		
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(Illegal) Hacking and social engineering is my bussiness since i was 16 years old, never had a real job so i had the time to get really good at hacking and i made a good amount of money last +-20 years. I have worked for other people before, now im also offering my services for everyone with enough cash here. Prices: Im not doing this to make a few bucks here and there, im not from some crappy eastern europe country and happy to scam people for 50 euro. Im aprofessional computer expert who could earn 50-100 euro an hour with a legal job.		
So stop reading if you dont have a serious problem worth spending some cash at. Prices depend alot on the problem you want me to solve, but minimum amount for smaller jobs is 200 euro.		
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"Phreaking" by Internet & Caller ID Spoofing...

- Services/Devices "with functionalities to call"
 - Missed call / SMS "free" / IoT / Shodan ...
- Caller ID Spoofing (Spoofcard, CallerIdFaker, Spooftel...)
- Combination & Amplification

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Ej, Phone number: 123456789
→ bits (000000...0000001)
Phone number: 123456790
→ bits (000000...0000010)

Caller ID Spoofing (Phone Number): <Country><City><Number> 2+2+9 digits Hiding capacity: VR10,13 = 10^13 \rightarrow 13/log2 =43 bits VR10,9 = 10^9 \rightarrow 9 / log 2 = 29 bits

Demo: Covert channel – Caller ID Spoofing

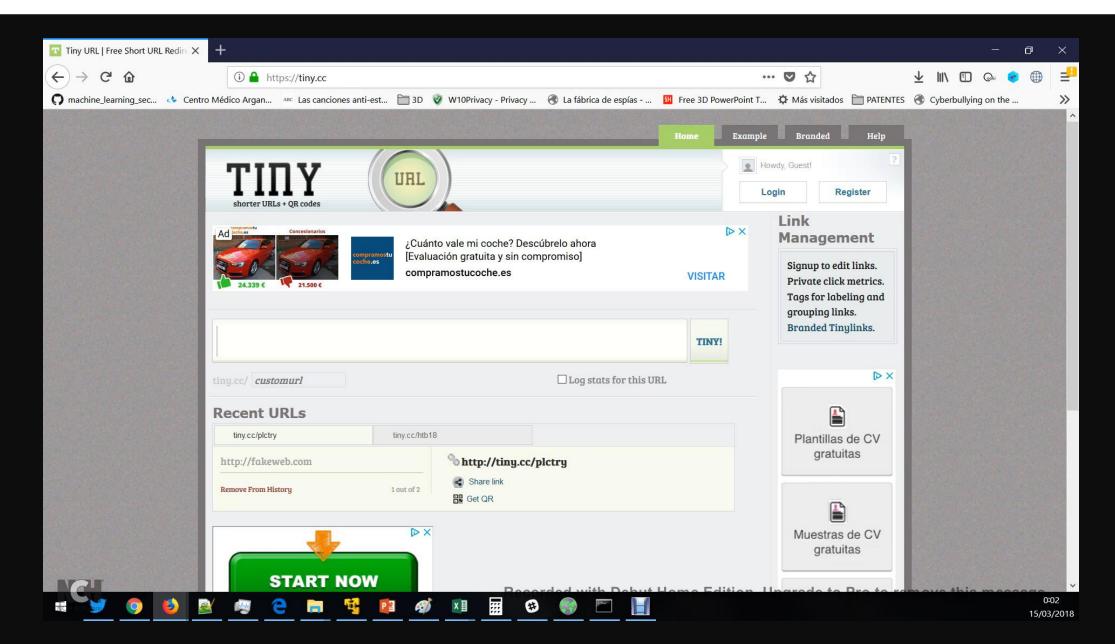
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vvrong code zanex-affiliate	
Número de origen desde donde llamar: [?]	12:45
Número de destino al que quieres llamar: [?]	
Código captcha: ^[?] 7mji749j	
Hacer Ilamada perdida	

Alphabet: Capital letters, lowercase, numbers (64 car \rightarrow 2^6 \rightarrow 6 bits)

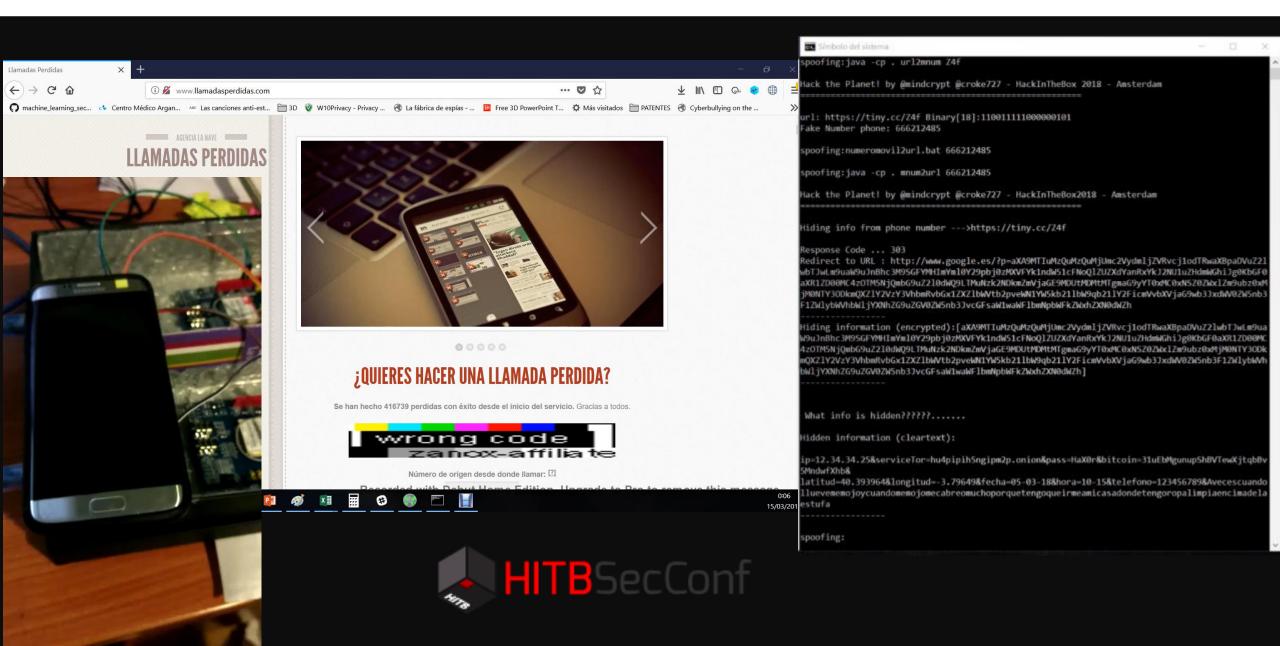
Shortened url from 3 to 5 char \rightarrow 18 to 30 bits (shortened url can have a lot of info) Ej/ tiny.cc/A2bE -> 24 bits

To convert this code to binary \rightarrow Binary to a phone number (emitter) \rightarrow Call to the receiver \rightarrow Apply inverse process

Demo: Covert channel – Caller ID Spoofing



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HackintheBox's Blue Box System V1.0

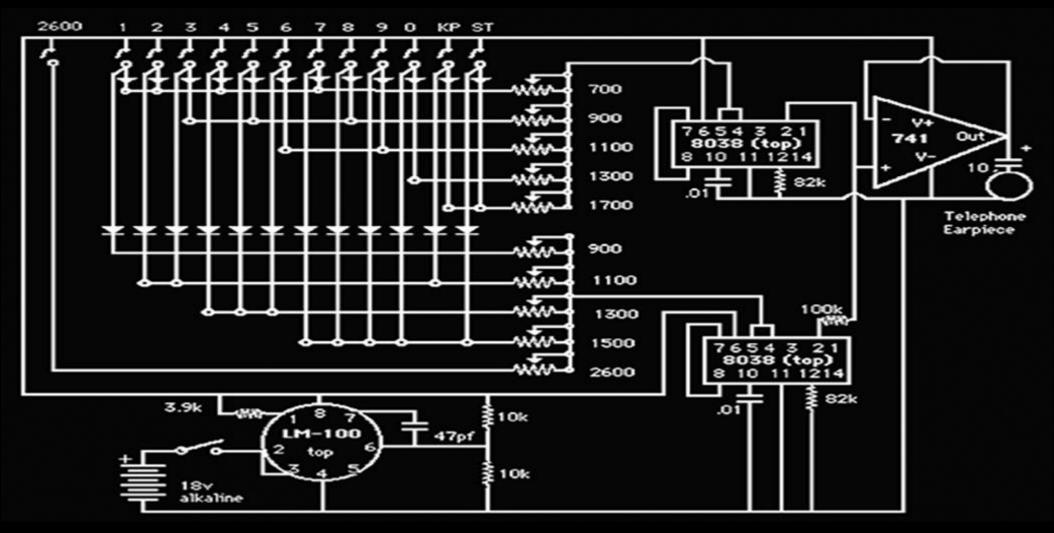
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[4]	[5]	[6]
[7]	[8]	[9]
[*]	[0]	C#1]

Blue Box coded by @mindcrypt/@coke727

Dial tollfreenumber Set a trunk and dial your number

Enter #:__

Call me Maybe! – Establishing covert channels by abusing GSM AT Commands



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