



X.25 Networks in the Arab world

Actual present, next future & field experiences analysis of an underestimated (and still actual) security issue.



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AGENDA



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- ⌘ Arabic X.25 networks 2007 survey
- ⌘ The Banner's Gallery !
- ⌘ X.25 Hacking & Real-life Evidences
- ⌘ Upcoming 0-day X.25 trends
- ⌘ Conclusions
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FUNNIEST PART !

YEAH, UPCOMING FUTURE...

INTRO



[This Talk]

[The Speaker]

[T.S.T.F.]

[Why are we talking about X.25 security in 2007 ?]

THIS TALK



- ⌘ This talk will analyze nowadays Arab X.25 networks from a security point of view, and detail its hacking evolution over the last decade.
- ⌘ Suggested target audience includes CSOs, CTOs, Professional Penetration Testers, Security Auditors, Security Experts, CEOs, CIOs.
- ⌘ After a **brief basic overview**, we will cover the following **key issues**:
 - Arabic Countries overview (X.25 Addressing Format)
 - Customer's and Attacker's users typology
 - X.25 exploiting
 - Field experiences
 - Recent and upcoming 0-day X.25 security issues

NOTE: This talk will **not** deeply analyze many X.25 topics: in you are interested in learning more, please refer to the talk I gave at Hack in the Box K.L. back in 2005, named "**X.25 (in)SECURITY in year 2005: What, Why, When, Who, How (not anymore) uncovered data networks,(yet) covered targets**".

www.packetstormsecurity.org/hitb05/BT-Raoul-Chiesa-X25-Security.pdf

THE SPEAKER



- ⌘ Raoul "Nobody" Chiesa
- ⌘ Board of Director's Member at CLUSIT (Italian Computer Security Association, ITALY), ISECOM (Institute for Security and Open Methodologies, USA), OWASP Italian Chapter (Open Web Application Security Project, USA), TSTF (Telecom Security Task Force).
- ⌘ X.25 hacker, when it wasn't "a crime"
- ⌘ Exploring X.25 security since 1986
- ⌘ Official ISECOM OSSTMM Key Contributor (1.5, 2.0., 2.1, 2.2, 3.0)
- ⌘ Nowadays, Raoul is just a security professional, loving his job and runs a well-known security consulting firm in Europe.



About T.S.T.F.



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- 35 years combined GSM telecommunications experience;
- 50 years combined information security experience;
- A unique view on telco security – **nobody else does it**;
- Active research (papers, tools, forums);
- Experience in Europe, Asia, USA;
- Self-funded, no “business experts” running it, no VCs.

Networked structure

- Structure similar to the Global Business Network (<http://www.gbn.org/>);
- No central office, global coverage;
- Leverage on each individual's skills and services;
- Leverage on network effect.

T.S.T.F. Key People



- ⌘ Emmanuel Gadaix (Thailand)
- ⌘ Philippe Langlois (France)
- ⌘ Fabrice Marie (Singapore)
- ⌘ Raoul "Nobody" Chiesa (Italy)
- ⌘ Stavroula "Venix" Ventouri (Greece)

WHY ARE WE TALKING ABOUT X.25 SECURITY IN 2007 ?



- ⌘ Because of our **security testing** and **R&D experiences** on this protocol set, started back around the **late 80's**.
- ⌘ Because X.25 has been the **first commercial global data network**. Widely used because it was the **only applicable choice** (Internet was only available for the academics and the government's employees; later, **embargo** in some countries of the world did the rest of the job) from 70's to 90's.
- ⌘ During the '90 many commercial companies went to the Internet, **but they kept their X.25 access** and contracts (that, usually, are still active, even if **they forgot about it!**).

WHY SHOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN THIS ?



- ⌘ During the 90's we encountered a **huge number** of breaches on tested infrastructures, usually **getting access via the main X.25 company' links**. More than **90%** of them was found insecure.
- ⌘ We kept on finding **open doors** while pentesting companies with X.25 leased lines (**1996->2007**); these doors always brought the Tiger Team to the **core of the target network**.
- ⌘ New connections and new services that lay on X.25 communications **still get launched**, also when if you don't know it or even think it'd be possible...
- ⌘ We are now in year **2007**, and hacking "news" are still upcoming.

BASIC KNOW-HOW



[What's this ?]

[How it works ?]

“ X.25 is used in a Packet Switched Network and in 1964 was designed by Paul Baran of the RAND Corporation for use with the Public Data Network (PDN) and unreliable analog telephone services.

The idea was to connect a dumb terminal to a packet-switched network.

In 1976 X.25 became a standard under the CCITT, now the International Telecommunications Union - Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T).”

INTRODUCTION: WHAT'S THIS ?



- ⌘ An International **P**acket **S**witched **D**ata **N**etwork (PSDN).
- ⌘ A model **very similar** to Public Switched Telephone Networks (PSTN).
- ⌘ 3 main packet type:
 - ⊞ **Data**
 - ⊞ **Control**
 - ⊞ **Facilities.**
 - ⊞ **International standards** (X.25/X.29, X.28, X.75, X.121) created by **ITU** (International Telecommunications Union, Switzerland) in the 70's.
- ⌘ Each subscriber has an **international X.25 address** (N.U.A., Network User Address) assigned to a **leased line**, with one or more **logical channels**.
- ⌘ X.25 networks owned both by national telcos (**mainly**) and private operators.
- ⌘ Weird customers... **wait until the end of this talk** 😊

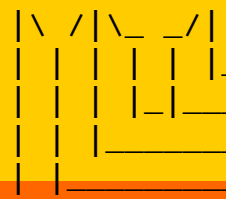
INTRODUCTION: HOW IT WORKS ?



- ⌘ Subscriber A can call Subscriber B in order to establish a **switched virtual circuit** (SVC) call or a **permanent virtual circuit** (PVC).
- ⌘ **Only the traffic is billed**, and customers don't pay the "connection-time".
- ⌘ Both on SVCs and PVCs links is possible to talk over **many different protocols** (TCP/IP, host-to-host, SNA, proprietary, voice, Kermit....).
- ⌘ X.3 PAD capabilities are implemented in **major OS**:
 - ✓ most of *NIX flavours
 - ✓ Cisco IOS
 - ✓ DEC VAX & HP AXP VMS/OpenVMS
 - ✓ AS400 (OS400)
 - ✓ old stuff, just like the movie "Wargames"
 - ✓ strange or unknown systems: really **A LOT !!**

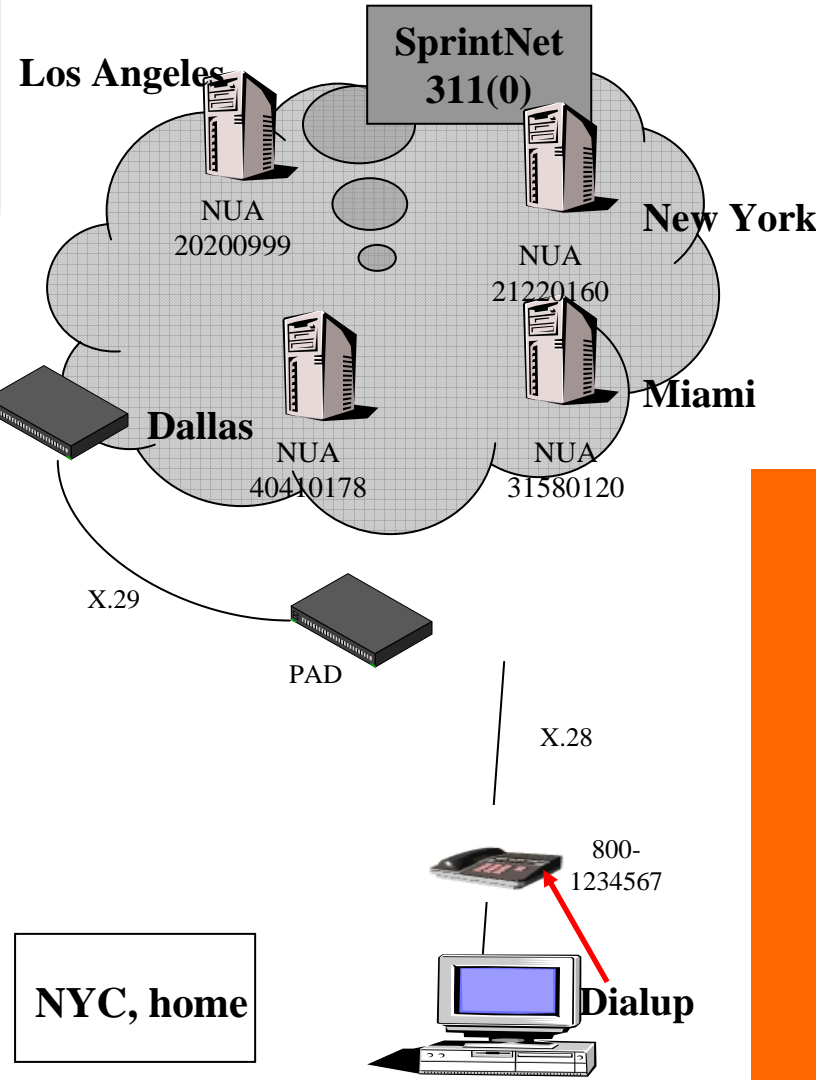
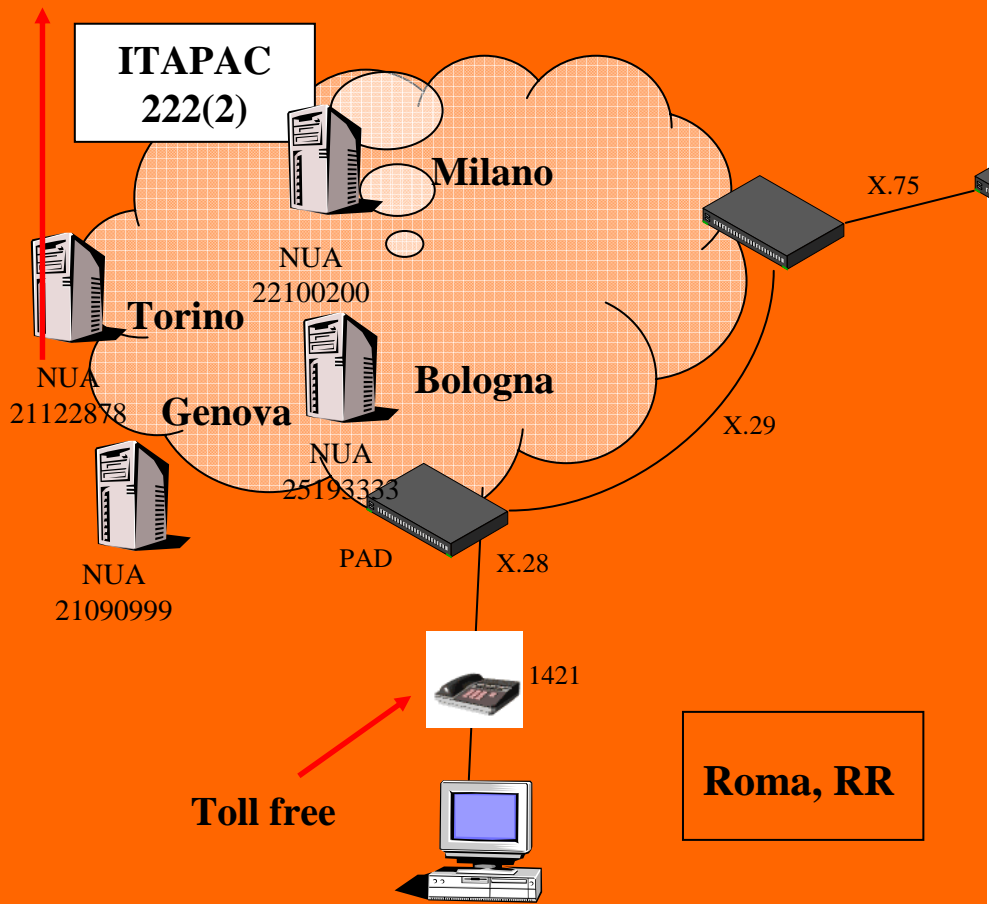
HOMework

022221122878



22878: Network Port Address (NPA)
 11: Area Code for Torino
 2: ITAPAC Network (more networks)
 222: DCC assigned to Italy by ITU

Reading it both externally and locally:
 0 222 2 11 22 878 from other networks;
 21122878 from Italy/ITAPAC.



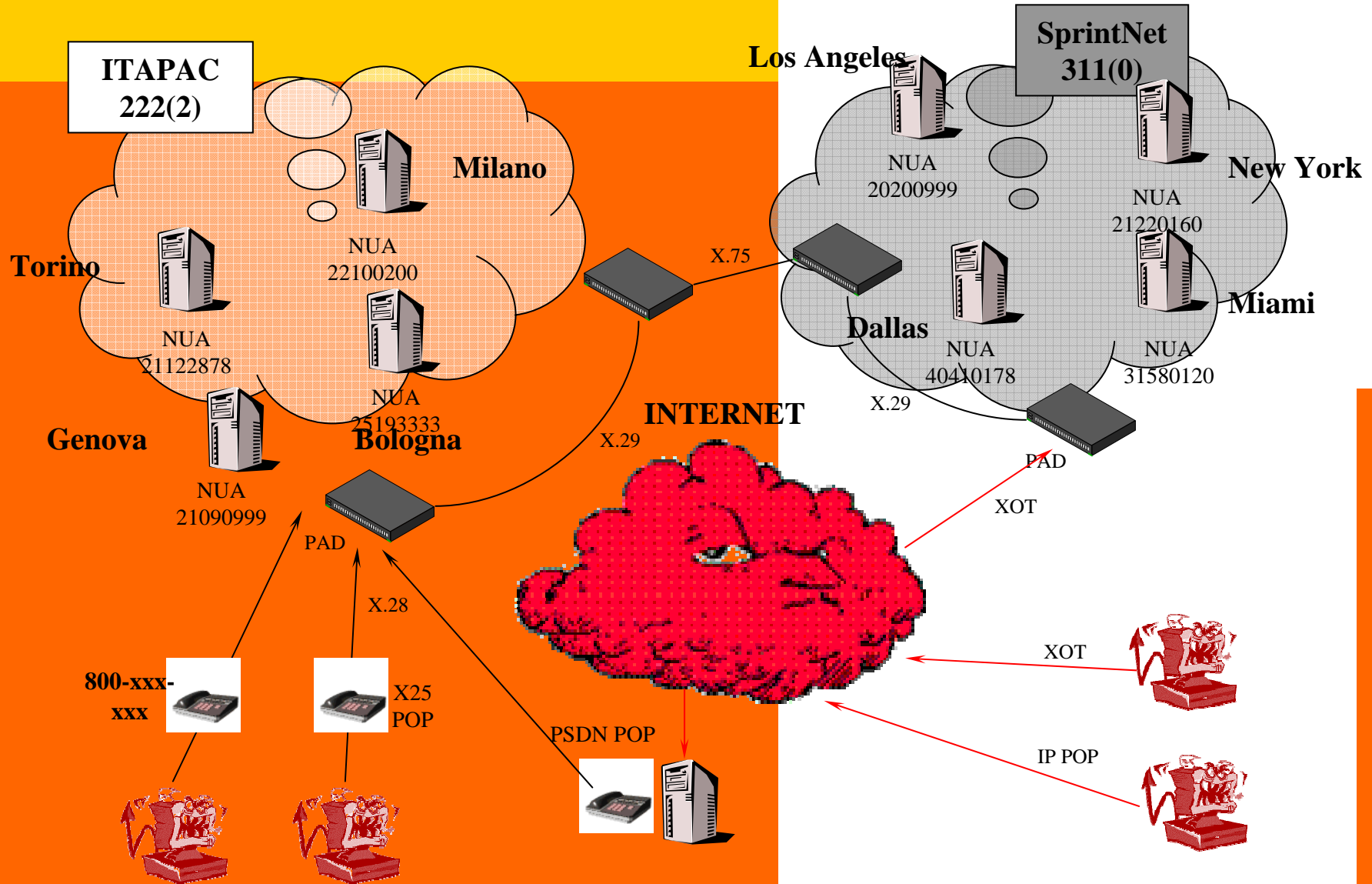
HACKWORK

Credits: Alfredo Andrés aka Slay

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Pablo Carretero aka Darkcode

[<cmexec@kernelpanik.org>](mailto:cmexec@kernelpanik.org)



ADVANCED KNOW-HOW



[NUA Addressing & DNICs]

[X.25 Scanning Examples]

[X.25 Survey: Analyzed Arab Networks]

X.25 ADDRESSING (1/2)



⌘ X.25 hosts are **identified by:**

- ☒ **NUAs:** one **device/system** could be configured in order to **manage different multiple assigned NUAs**, otherwise could be **linked to more X.25 networks**, even with the **same NUA and a different DNIC** (USA/SprintNet->WW Partners, Bahrain/TymNet, ...).
- ☒ ...but you may also find **more systems linked to a single NUA** (a.k.a. "*subaddressing*")
- ☒ **Mnemonics:** only on some public network – eg Tymnet, SprintNet, Autonet, SITA, ...
- ☒ ...think of 031069 Tymnet-gw - and those *one-step-ahead* private X.25 networks.

NOTE: X.25 addresses are reserved and should not be disclosed.

X.25 ADDRESSING (2/2)



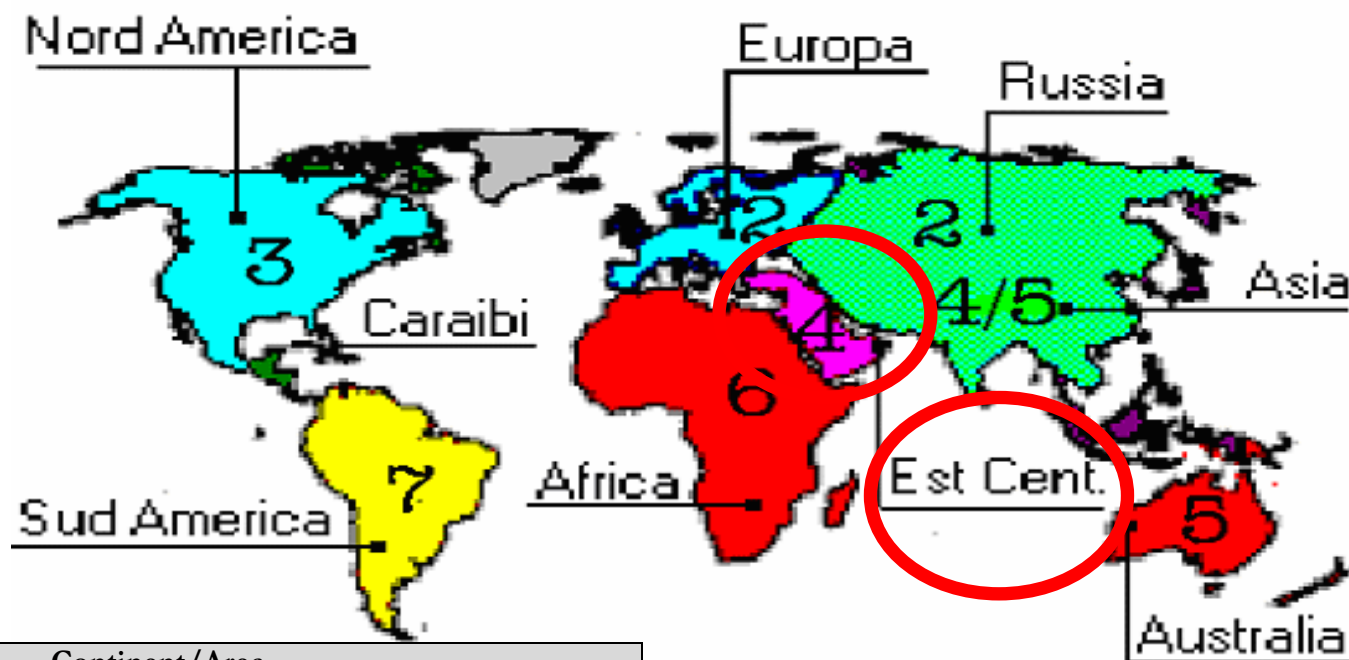
- ⌘ X.121 address: **DNIC + NUA = 15 digits max.**
 - ☒ **DNIC** is a **4 digits** international code: **DCC + NCC**
 - ☒ **DCC** is assigned on a geographical basis by ITU (world's areas)
 - ☒ **NC** = Network Code (X.25 operators)

- ⌘ (Local) NUA: **12 digits max** (typically 6->10). In many networks the is derived from the country itself national *PSTN numbering plan* (area codes referred to towns or areas of the country)

⌘ For example:

	DNIC (4)	AC	NPA	
→	311-0	212	10126	(USA, SprintNet, NYC)
→	280-2	21	229	(Cyprus, CytaPac, Limassol)
→	424-3	140	xx-yyy	(U.A.E., EMDAN, some town)

DNIC WORLD AREAS



Zone	Continent/Area
1	Satellite connections for InmarSAT Voice/Dati (Atlantic, Pacific and Indian oceans)
2	Europe, Ex URSS
3	North America, Central America, some Carribbean areas
4	Asia
5	Oceania
6	Africa
7	Part of Central America, Carribbean and South America

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INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION

TSB
TELECOMMUNICATION
STANDARDIZATION BUREAU
OF ITU

**LIST OF DATA NETWORK IDENTIFICATION
CODES (DNIC)
(According to ITU-T Recommendation X.121)**

(POSITION ON 15 OCTOBER 2003)

Geneva, 2003

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INDONESIA

INDONESIA Annex to ITU OB 714-E – 11 – 15.04.2000

INMARSAT (OCEANI)

INMARSAT 111 1 Atlantic Ocean-East

111 2 Pacific Ocean

111 3 Indian Ocean

111 4 Atlantic Ocean-West

IRAN**IRAN (REPUBLIQUE ISLAMIQUE D') 432 1 IranPac****IRLANDA**

IRLANDE 272 1 International Packet Switched Service

IRELAND 272 3 EURONET

IRLANDA 272 4 EIRPAC (Packet Switched Data Networks)

272 8 PostNET (PostGEM Packet Switched Data Network)

ISLANDA/ICELAND

ISLANDE 274 0 ISPAK/ICEPAC

ISRAELE

ISRAEL 425 1 ISRANET

ITALIA

ITALIE 222 1 Rete Telex-Dati (Amministrazione P.T. / national)

ITALY 222 2 ITAPAC X.25

ITALIA 222 3 PAN (Packet Network)

222 6 ITAPAC - X.32 PSTN, X.28, D channel

222 7 ITAPAC International

223 3 ALBADATA X.25**223 4 Trasmissione dati a commutazione di pacchetto X.25 (UNISOURCE ITALIA S.p.A.)****223 5 Trasmissione dati a commutazione di pacchetto X.25 (INFOSTRADA S.p.A.)****223 6 Trasmissione dati a commutazione di pacchetto X.25 (WIND Telecomunicazioni S.p.A.)****JAPAN/GIAPPONE**

JAPON 440 0 GLOBALNET (Network of the Global VAN Japan Incorporation)

JAPAN 440 1 DDX-P (NTT Communications Corporation)

JAPON 440 2 NEC-NET (NEC Corporation)

440 3 JENSNET (JENS Corporation)

440 4 JAIS-NET (Japan Research Institute Ltd.)

440 5 NCC-VAN (NRI Co., Ltd.)

440 6 TYMNET-JAPAN (JAPAN TELECOM COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES CO., LTD.)

440 7 International High Speed Switched Data Transmission Network (KDD)

440 8 International Packet Switched Data Transmission Network (KDD)

441 2 Sprintnet (Global One Communications, INC.)

441 3 KYODO NET (UNITED NET Corp)

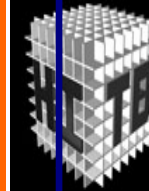
441 5 FENICS (FUJITSU LIMITED)**441 6 HINET (HITACHI Information Network, Ltd.)**

441 7 TIS-Net (TOYO Information Systems Co., Ltd.)

441 8 TG-VAN (TOSHIBA Corporation)**JAPON 442 0 Pana-Net (MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO. LTD.)**

JAPAN 442 1 DDX-P (NTT Communications Corporation)

JAPON 442 2 CTC-P (CHUBU TELECOMMUNICATIONS CO., INC.)

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Each country has
got at least one
X.25 network (or
more).

DNIC/2: THE AUSTRALIA CASE



Australian Network Identifiers:



Prefix	Allocation Date	Organisation	
5052	30 June 1991	Telstra Corporation Ltd	
5053	30 June 1991	Telstra Corporation Ltd	
50541	6 September 1994	AAPT Ltd	
50542	6 September 1994	AAPT Ltd	← Sub-carrier
50543	6 September 1994	AAPT Ltd	
50560	16 February 1994	SingCom (Australia) Pty Ltd	
50568	16 February 1994	SingCom (Australia) Pty Ltd	← Sub-carrier
50569	16 February 1994	SingCom (Australia) Pty Ltd	
50573000	30 June 1991	Fujitsu Australia Ltd	
50573500	19 February 1992	Department Of Defence	
505790	17 November 1993	Department Of Defence	
505791	17 November 1993	Department Of Defence	← Critical (and shared !)
505799	23 February 1995	Telstra Corporation Ltd	

5052 = Austpac

5053 = Austpac International (formerly Midas / OTC Data Access)

5054 = Australian Teletex Network

5057 = Australian Private Networks

NB The allocation dates are official allocation dates, not necessarily actual dates. Austpac existed long before 1991.

- 313 1 RCAG Telex Network
- 313 2 Compuserve Network Services
- 313 3 RCAG XNET Service
- 313 4 AT+T/ACCUNET Packet Switched Capability
- 313 5 ALASCOM/ALASKANET Service
- 313 6 Geisco Data Network
- 313 7 International Information Network Services - INFONET Service
- 313 8 Fedex International Transmission Corporation - International Document Transmission Service
- 313 9 KDD America, Inc. - Public Data Network
- 314 0 Southern New England Telephone Company - Public Packet Network
- 314 1 Bell Atlantic Telephone Companies - Advance Service
- 314 2 Bellsouth Corporation - Pulselink Service
- 314 3 Ameritech Operating Companies - Public Packet Data Networks
- 314 4 Nynex Telephone Companies - Nyex Infopath Service
- 314 5 Pacific Telesis Public Packet Switching Service
- 314 6 Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. - Microlink II Public Packet Switching Service
- 314 7 U.S. West, Inc. - Public Packet Switching Service
- 314 8 United States Telephone Association - to be shared by local exchange telephone companies
- 314 9 Cable & Wireless Communications, Inc. - Public Data Network
- 315 0 Globenet, Inc. - Globenet Network Packet Switching Service
- 315 1 Data America Corporation - Data America Network
- 315 2 GTE Hawaiian Telephone Company, Inc. - Public Data Network
- 315 3 JAIS USA-NET Public Packet Switching Service
- 315 4 Nomura Computer Systems America, Inc. - NCC-A VAN public packet switching service
- 315 5 Aeronautical Radio, Inc. - GLOBALINK
- 315 6 American Airlines, Inc. - AANET
- 315 7 COMSAT Mobile Communications - C-LINK
- 315 8 Schlumberger Information Network (SINET)
- 315 9 Westinghouse Communications - Westinghouse Packet Network
- 316 0 Network Users Group, Ltd. - WDI NET packet
- 316 1 United States Department of State, Diplomatic Telecommunications Service
Black Packet Switched Data Network
- 316 2 Transaction Network Services, Inc. -- TNS Public Packet-switched Network
- 316 6 U.S. Department of Treasury Wide Area Data Network

The USA case

Data carriers &
Telcos



Multinationals

Spy Game ? ;)

DNIC/4: THE U.A.E. CASE



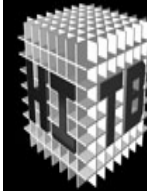
EMIRATS ARABES UNIS	424 1	EMDAN Teletex Network
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	424 3	EMDAN X.25 and X.28 Terminals
EMIRATOS ARABES UNIDOS		

X.25 INTERNATIONAL ROUTING



- ⌘ Since "once upon a time", x.25 intl. routing has **never been reliable**.
- ⌘ **Not all countries can call all networks.**
- ⌘ **As a obvious consequence, X.25 scanning sometimes can suck a lot, if you're not experienced enough:**
 - ☒ France/Transpac is good for scanning **Africa**.
 - ☒ Italy/Itapac is good for scanning **South America**.
 - ☒ Germany/DatexP is good for **Asia-Pacific** scanning.
- ⌘ International routing issues have been noticed and observed in many countries, due to X.121 bandwidth limitations. Because of:
 - ☒ **poor countries**
 - ☒ **not enough budget**
 - ☒ **Few international X.25 links requests** (not a lot of subscribers making intl X.25 calls...**except for hackers !**)

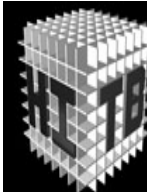
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TO SCAN FOR CARRIER TONES, PLEASE LIST
DESIRED AREA CODES AND PREFIXES

PRFX NUMBER	AREA CODE	PRFX NUMBER	AREA CODE	PRFX NUMBER	AREA CODE	PRFX
399	(311)	437	(311)	767		

X.25 WARDIALING: SCANNING FOR TARGETS 1/3 (Cyprus)



```
Scanning from NUA: 0280221000 started on 15-OCT-1994 15:29:30.75
0280221091 %COM DROP STATION
0280221092 %COM ECHO STATION
0280221093 %COM TRAFFIC GENERATOR
0280221101 %CLR_OCC
0280221102 %CLR_DTE
0280221106 %CLR_DTE
0280221107 %COM
0280221108 %CLR_DTE
0280221117 %CLR_OCC
0280221118 %CLR_DTE
0280221121 %COM MINISTRY OF HEALT, VAX/VMS
0280221122 %COM IBM AIX UNIX
0280221125 %CLR_DTE
0280221147 %CLR_RPE SUBADDRESS 48 CYTA Pager via x.25
0280221199 %COM CISCO
0280221206 %COM LOGON: ??
0280221225 %COM CISCO
0280221229 %COM CISCO BYBLOS BANK S.A.L. - LIMASSOL/CYPRUS ACS-CYPRUS
LINE 6
0280221248 %COM COM/DTE
0280221273 %CLR_DTE
0280221274 %CLR_OCC
0280221276 %CLR
Scanning ended with NUA: 0280221396 on 15-OCT-2000 15:46:36.32
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X.25 WARDIALING: SCANNING FOR TARGETS 2/3 (Canada)



```
- 202 - ONTARIO - Up to 700
20200115      VAX/VMS
20200116      VAX/VMS
20200156      Diand Information System
20200214      $ UNIX   (gtagmhs2)
20200230      METS Dial-In Server Enter your login:
2020024098    Control Port on Node Ottawa 6505 PAD
20200286      $ VAX/VMS
2020032099    MPX.25102: PASSWORD
20200321      SunOS   Rel 4.1.3 (X25)
20200322      SunOS   ""
20200330    INETCO Magicbank
20200342      ::
20200497      VAX/VMS
202005421     $ VAX/VMS
20200548      SunOS   Rel 4.1.3 (TMS470)
20200582      $ VAX/VMS Production System
```

**Who knows which
OS is this ?**

X.25 WARDIALING: SCANNING FOR TARGETS 3/3 (Luxembourg)



```
# cat 027049xxxx
0270441057 busy (a few channels available)
0270442208 strange, crashes Putty
0270442187 yodette FTP READY
0270442207 com then hangs up
0270442308 2 channels only, PAD on subaddress 98
0270442317 pad without password, as for 0270442308
0270442299 disconnects (DTE subscanning ??)
0270449585 SCO Unix on subaddress 20 and 21: SCO OpenServer(TM)
Release 5 (umialt.transardenna.lu) (ttyEt00)
0270449416 CISCO with angry banner
0270449530 IBM AIX Unix
0270449567 IBM AIX Unix
0270449529 One more IBM AIX Unix
0270449499 nothing (COM and drops)
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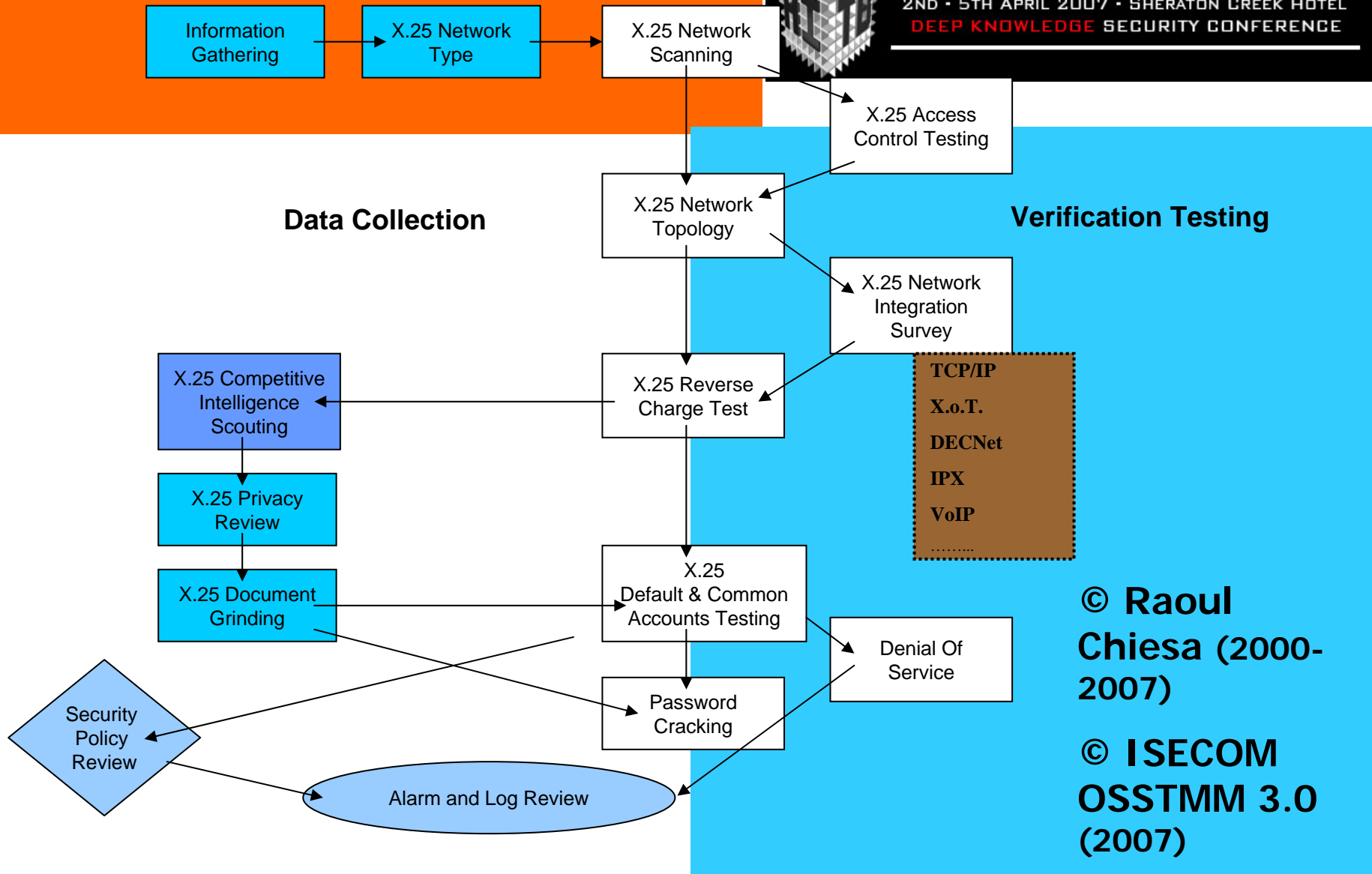
2007 X.25 Survey on some Arab countries



⌘ The following X.25 networks have been analyzed:

- ☒ Bahrain
- ☒ Brunei
- ☒ Iran
- ☒ Lebanon
- ☒ Pakistan
- ☒ Qatar
- ☒ Saudi Arabia
- ☒ UAE

X.25 Pentesting Methodology



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Bahrain: information gathering/1



BAHRAIN - BASIC GLOBAL CONNECTION SERVICE

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(+3h GMT)

Last Update: May 18, 1993

Bahrain Telecommunications Company (BTC) Net. Name: BAHNET

238 Road 1704

Manama 317

Diplomatic Area

Bahrain

DNIC: 4263

Contact Customer Services and Sales:

Mr. Ali Abdulla Algami

Tel: (973) 885312

(973) 885274

Fax: (973) 885566 or 883451

Telex: (490) 8790

Tariff Dept.:

Khalil Ebrahim Fardan

Tel: (973) 885433

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Telex: (490) 7892

Engineering:

Eng. - Yaqoob Sabt

Hardware Eng. - Mirza Aldurazi

Tel: (973) 883463

Fax: (973) 883461 or 252535

Telex: (490) 8000

Bahrain: information gathering/2



----- OPERATIONAL/TECHNICAL INFORMATION -----

1. FIRST LINE CUSTOMER SERVICE/TROUBLE REPORTING:

Contact: Mr. Ali A. Aligami
Hours of Operation: Sat-Wed 7am-2pm, Thur 7am-1pm
Phone: (97.3)885312 and 885274
Telex: (490) 8790
Fax: (97.3)885566 or 883451
Ontyme: INTL.BTCCOM
Dialcom: INT.011

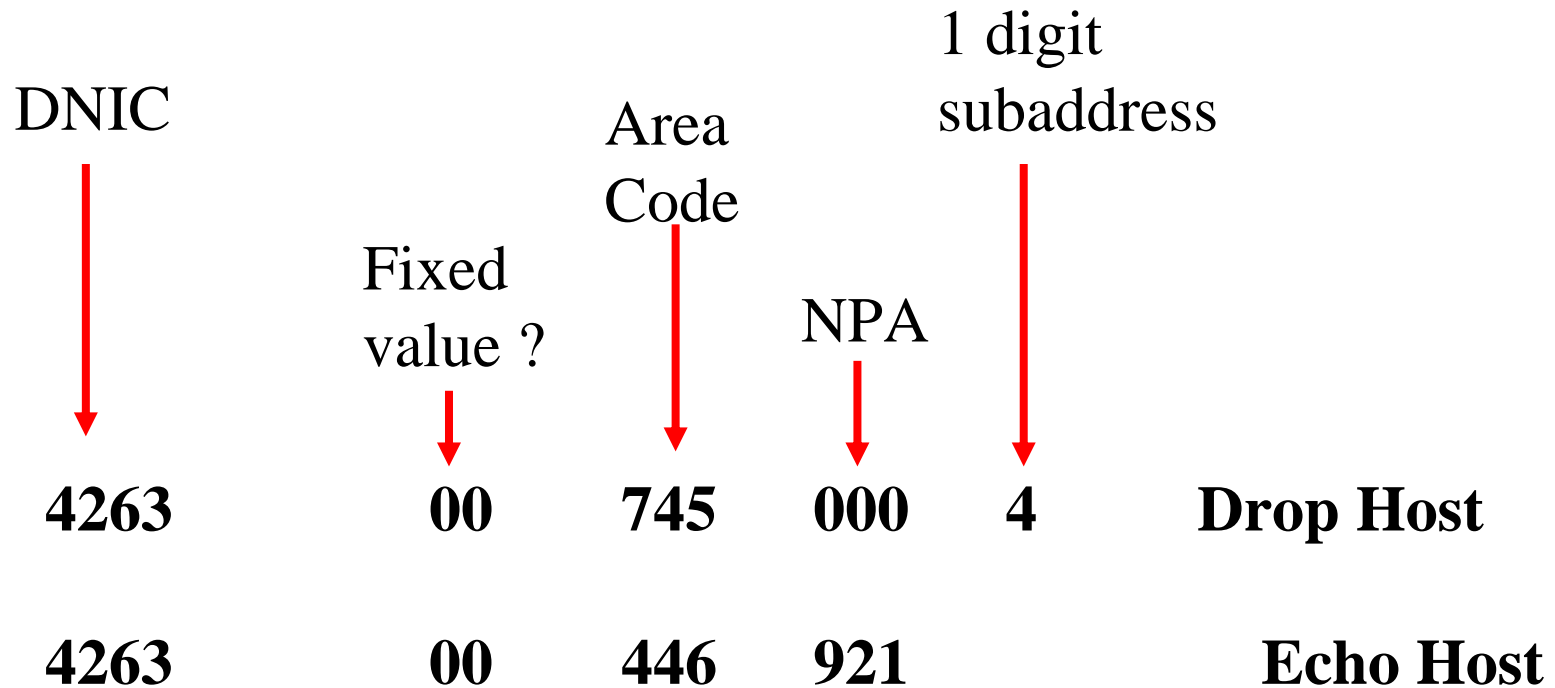
2. NETWORK INFORMATION ADDRESS: n/a

3. TEST ADDRESS: 4263007450004 Drop Host
426300446921 Echo Host

4. ASYNC ACCESS PROCEDURES:

- 1) Upon connection, type in a period (.) until it is echoed. Follow this by the (RETURN) key.
- 2) A greeting message followed by an asterisk (*) will be printed.
- 3) Enter your destination X.121 host address followed by the (RETURN) key, then enter your username and password to connect to your destination.
- 4) At any moment, you may return to the asterisk prompt from the data mode by pressing (ctrl p) keys together. Pressing (RETURN) at the asterisk takes you back to data transfer mode.

Bahrain: NUA format guessing



This means that our scan format will be:

4263 00 xxx yyy z(z)

Brunei NUA Format & Scannings



0528220097	%COM	TRAFFIC GENERATOR
0528220098	%COM	ECHO STATION
0528220099	%COM	DROP STATION
0528220111	%COM	HANGS UP
0528220136	%COM	PAGER BY TELEKOM
0528220198	%COM	WELCOME TO JABATAN TELEKOM RAPID PAGE SERVICE
0528220228	%COM	HANGS UP

⌘ ...Meaning that our scan format will be:

0	5282	20	xxx
0	5282	10	xxx
0	5282	xx	yyy

Iran NUA Format



- ⌘ We obtained the following X.25 NUAs:

0432121132297

0432171000111

- ⌘ So, our NUA scanning format could be:

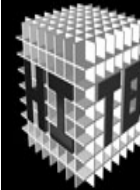
0 4321 21 132 xxx

0 4321 71 000 xxx

- ⌘ Automating it...

0 4321 xx yyz zzz

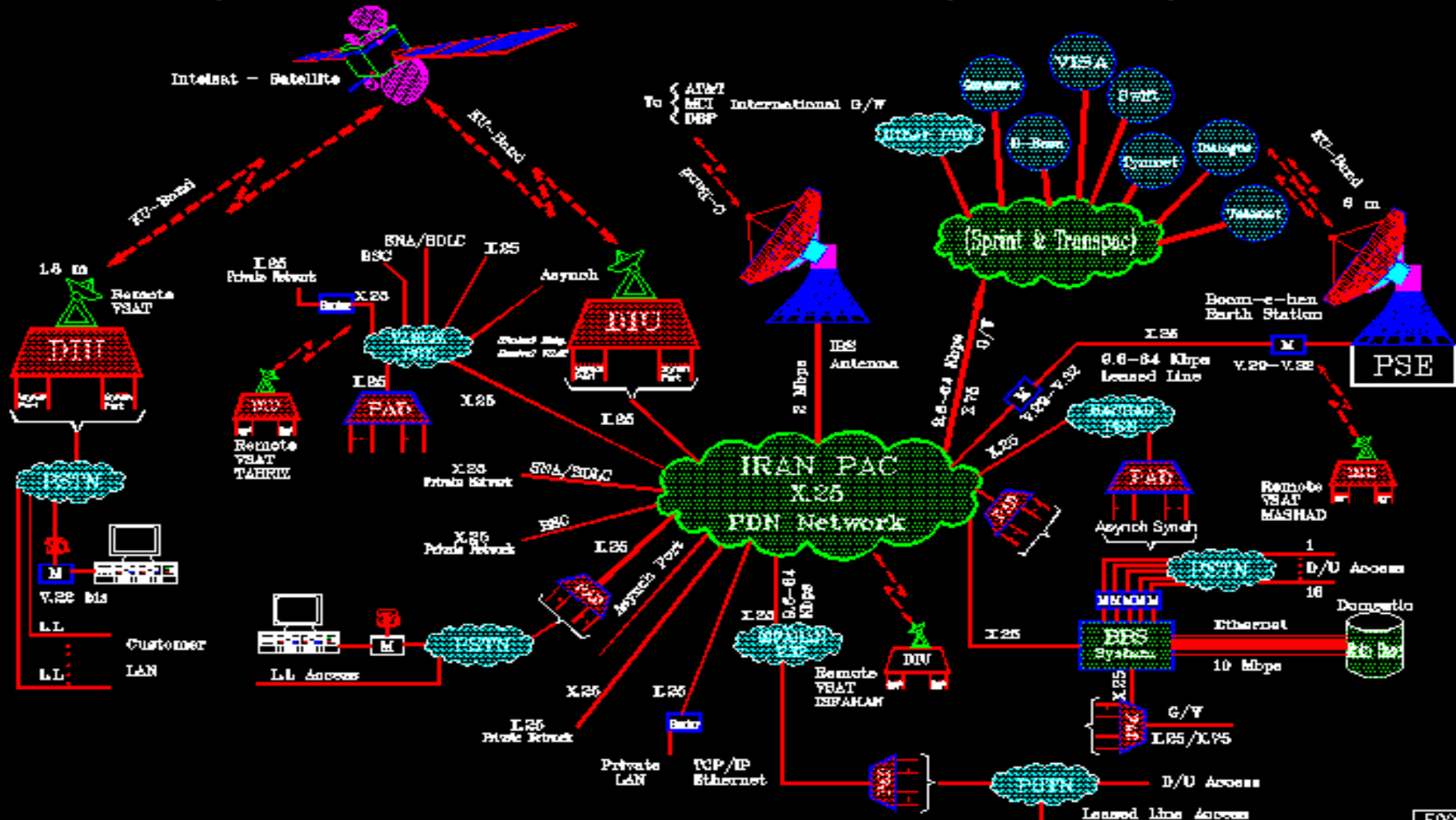
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Iran Packet Switched Public Data Network (Iranpac)

Integrated PDN & VSAT Network & Global Information System



Lebanon NUA Format



⌘ We obtained the following X.25 NUAs:

041500880004 (COM + "Beep", scan it from Germany/DateX-P in order to have good routing and no Network Congestion errors!)

041500880047 (VAX/VMS)

⌘ So, our NUA scanning format could be:

0 4150 088 00 04

0 4150 088 00 47

⌘ Automatizing it...

0 4150 xxx 00 yy

Pakistan NUA Format



- ⌘ IT was near impossible to find a working NUA from Pakistan.
- ⌘ Some years ago, "google hacking" became a standard approach
- ⌘ You can't imagine **how much** google can help you at finding unknown NUAs...
- ⌘ http://groups.google.it/group/comp.dcom.sys.cisco/browse_thread/thread/5919a59f999dbd0/8c219604f8e9147e?lnk=st&q=x25+address&rnum=176&hl=it#8c219604f8e9147e

Google Gruppi

comp.dcom.sys.cisco

x25 address Ricerca in questo gruppo Cerca nei gruppi

Help Please!!

1 messaggio - Espandi tutto

kashif.rashid Vedi profilo

Altre opzioni 30 Ago 1996, 08:00

Hi,
We have an X.25 link from our office to local PDN. It is a synchronous leased line from our office to PDN. We would like to connect our cisco 2514 to office in another city which also has a similar setup.
We have configured one of the serial ports for x.25 traffic. but on show interface we get line protocol is down.Following is the output of show interface serial1. (IP address is for testing)

```
Serial1 is up, line protocol is down
Hardware is HD64570
Description: LINK to PDN using X.25
Internet address is 192.168.2.65 255.255.255.192
MTU 1500 bytes, BW 9 Kbit, DLY 20000 usec, rely 255/255, load 28/255
Encapsulation X25, loopback not set
LAPB DTE, state SABMSENT, modulo 8, k 7, N1 12056, N2 10
T1 10, interface outage (partial T3) 0, T4 60
VS 0, VR 0, Remote VR 0, Retransmissions 4
Queues: U/S frames 0, I frames 0, unack. 0, reTx 0
IFRAMEs 0/0 RNRs 0/0 REJs 0/0 SABM/Es 3495304/0 FRMRs 0/0 DISCs 0/0
X25 DTE, address 410040002075, state R1, modulo 8, timer 0
Defaults: IETF encapsulation, idle 0, nvc 1
input/output window sizes 7/7, packet sizes 512/512
Timers: T20 180, T21 200, T22 180, T23 180, TH 0
Channels: Incoming-only none, Two-way 1-1024, Outgoing-only none
RESTARTs 0/0 CALLs 0+0/0+0/0+0 DIAGs 0/0
Last input never, output 0:00:00, output hang never
Last clearing of "show interface" counters never
Output queue 0/40, 0 drops; input queue 0/75, 0 drops
5 minute input rate 0 bits/sec, 0 packets/sec
5 minute output rate 1000 bits/sec, 83 packets/sec
0 packets input, 0 bytes, 0 no buffer
Received 0 broadcasts, 0 runts, 0 giants
23 input errors, 23 CRC, 0 frame, 0 overrun, 0 ignored, 22 abort
3496416 packets output, 6993120 bytes, 0 underruns
0 output errors, 0 collisions, 251001 interface resets, 0 resets
```

Discussioni
+ nuovo post

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Visualizza qui il tuo messaggio...

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Współczesny prosty

Italiano (Italia)

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Luckness helps...



- ⌘ Uh, we got a tech guy looking for help here...
- ⌘ Let's have a closer look at his configuration example on the Cisco router !

Getting a Pakistan working NUA



A screenshot of a Google Groups thread from the group "comp.dcom.sys.cisco". The thread title is "x25 address". The post is by "kashif.rashid" and is dated "30 Ago 1996, 08:00". The post content describes a problem with a Cisco 2514 interface connected to a PDN via an X.25 link. The user shows the output of the "show interface serial1" command, which indicates that the line protocol is down. A red circle highlights the "X25 DTE, address 410040002075" line in the output. A red arrow points from this line to a separate box containing the number "410040002075" in large red text. The screenshot also shows the browser's address bar, search bar, and various navigation buttons.

Social Engineering could help as well ;)

A screenshot of a web browser window. The address bar shows a URL from a Google Groups thread. The main content area displays a Cisco configuration for an X.25 interface. At the bottom of the page, a message is circled in red. A red arrow points from this circled message to a larger, semi-transparent box in the center of the screen that contains the same message text.

Following are the parameters provided by PDN and our x25 config.
The ip numbers used are for testing purpose only.

```
interface Serial1
description Link to PDN using X.25
ip address 192.168.2.65 255.255.255.192
encapsulation x25
bandwidth 9
no keepalive
x25 default pad
x25 address 410040002075
x25 win 7
x25 wout 7
x25 ips 512
x25 ops 512
x25 ltc 1
x25 htc 1024
no cdp enable
lapb modulo 8
lapb k 7
lapb n1 2104
lapb n2 10
lapb T1 10
lapb T4 60
lapb N2 10
```

Following are the parameters given by PDN:
hardware mode: dte duplex:full
clock config:normal line speed: 9600 modem
timeout 5000msec busyout: notallowed
modem capability: none terminations: no

level2 characteristics:
link proc: lapb dce
response timeout: 500 msec retransmit limit:10
max bits in frame: 2104 frame window size:7
response delay timer: 200 msec idle probe timer: 10000 msec
disconnect timer: 60sec idle channel timer = off
octet data only

I will appreciate your help.
Thanx
Regards,
Kashif Rashid
kashif.ras...@cressoft.com.pk

Pakistan NUA scanning



- ⌘ We obtained the following X.25 NUA:

0410040002075 (Thanks Rashid ! ;)

- ⌘ So, our NUA scanning format should be...

0 4100 4000 2 075

- ⌘ Automating it...

0 4100 x000 y zzz

Qatar: information gathering/1



QATAR - BASIC GLOBAL CONNECTION SERVICE

=====

(+4h GMT)

Last Update: July 7, 1990

Qatar Public Telecommunications Corporation (QTEL) Net. Name: DOHPAK
4270/4271

PO Box 217 Tel: (974)426899

Doha, Qatar Fax: (974)426000

Telex: (497)4007 COMPOS DH

Contact Sales and Marketing:

Miss Maha Abdul Kader

Mr. Rashid Al Bader

1. ACCESS/SPEEDS: Asynchronous 300,1200 bps
2. PROTOCOLS: Asynchronous, Synchronous (X.25)
3. PRICING:

Subscription Charge: QR .550/month

Usage: QR 1.00/minute

QR 1.50/segment

4. COMMENTS: DOHPAK is a branch of the Hong Kong Network (Intelpack).

Qatar: information gathering/2



-----OPERATIONAL/TECHNICAL INFORMATION-----

1. FIRST LINE CUSTOMER SERVICE/TROUBLE REPORTING:

Contact: Watch Keeper on Duty
Hours of Operation: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Phone: 433177
Telex: 4007
Fax: 410555

2. SERVICE INFORMATION ADDRESS: n/a

3. TEST ADDRESS: 04271 111 258

4. ASYNC ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Upon modem connect . . .

Receive: WELCOME TO DOHPAK X
PLEASE TYPE YOUR CALLED NUMBER
Send: <The full international number of the
required distant computer><cr>
Receive: PLEASE LOG-IN:
Send: <enter username><cr>
Receive: PASSWORD:
Send: <password><cr>

You are now connected to the service required

5. TYMUSA AVAILABLE: NO

6. DEFAULT PAD SETTINGS: n/a

Qatar: NUA format guessing



04271 111 258

DNIC

Area
Code

End-User
Address



4271

111

258

Test Address

This means that our scan format will be:

4271

111

xxx

4271

xxx

yyy

Saudi Arabia NUA Format



- ⌘ We found some NUAs around...

0420160014025

0420140014017

0420140014002 TEST ADDRESS

- ⌘ So this should mean that our format would be:

04201 8010 XXXX

04201 40014 XXX

04201 60014 XXX

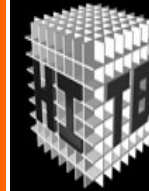
04201 40024 XXX

04201 40025 XXX

04201 40034 XXX

- ⌘ Let's check if we're right: we'll **take the Test Address** (End-User Address) as **a suffix**, and we'll **play around the AC** (Area Code)

Saudi Arabia Areas Format



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0420130100002 (OK) BURAYDAH
0420131100002 (OK) BAIL
0420140000002 (OK) RIYADH
0420140200002 (OK) MALAZ
0420140400002 (OK) MANFOUBA
0420140600002 (OK) ULAYAH
0420140700002 (OK) KHURAIS
0420140800002 (OK) MAATHAR
0420141100002 (OK) KHARJ
0420141200002 (OK) SHAFFA
0420141300002 (OK) AZIZIYAH
0420141400002 (OK) NASEEM
0420141600002 (OK) MURSLAT
0420141900002 (OK) NASHRAN
0420142100002 (OK) BURHAN
0420144400002 (OK) SHOUBA
0420149200002 (OK) K.A.I.A.
0420154000002 (OK) BIBAN
0420157000002 (OK) BALAD
0420160000002 (OK) JEDDAH
0420160100002 (OK) BAB MAK
0420160200002 (OK) ROUWAIS
0420160300002 (OK) MAKKAH ROAD
0420160400002 (OK) NAZLAH
0420160500002 (OK) SALAMAH
0420160900002 (OK) MUSHRIFAH
0420161100002 (OK) SAHEFAAH

0420161200002 (OK) SHARAFIYAH
0420161300002 (OK) MAKKAH ROAD/52
0420161500002 (OK) SULAIMANIAH
0420165700002 (OK) K.A.I.A.
0420166100002 (OK) YAMBU
0420166200002 (OK) YAMBU
0420168100002 (OK) YAMBU
0420173100002 (OK) YAMBU
0420175000002 (OK) TAIF
0420180000002 (OK) DAMMAN
0420180100002 (OK) BAREED
0420180200002 (OK) LASILKI
0420180300002 (OK) MUTLAQ
0420180400002 (OK) ALKHOBAR
0420180700002 (OK) QATIF
0420180800002 (OK) DHARAHN
0420181200002 (OK) ARAF
0420182100002 (OK) SAKAKAH
0420183100002 (OK) JUBAIL
0420183200002 (OK) JUBAIL
0420186100002 (OK) HOFUF
0420190100002 (OK) ABHA
0420190600002 (OK) MUSHAIT

Scripted in 10 minutes!

UAE Scannings/1



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UAE Scannings/2



NOTE: X.25 call syntax on VOS:

call_thru 255 -form -gateway mds-pdn -address
(insert X.121 NUA, e.g. 031069 for TymNet Gw)

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PAST AND RECENT TALES



- ⌘ **90's:** NUA scanners available for PRIMOS (Electron), VMS (Nobody & Zibri), *NIX (Sentinel), AMIGA (Ncomm Scripts), DOS (Just Telix Salt Scripts), Windows (Scripts).
- ⌘ **1994-95:** AT&T, GTE and others major US telcos got hacked via X.25
- ⌘ **Recent years:** worldwide famous group released their own scanner (**ADMx25**).
- ⌘ Recent years: **Multithread** and **Multichannel** Unix X.25 scanner available in the wild: it's **able to scan a whole country in a few hours**.
- ⌘ **2003-07:** Russian crackers perform **mass huge scans** over SprintNet international networks and dialups (intl' reverse charge scans).

BANNER'S GALLERY



```
=====
##@##=====
==#####=====
#####=====
#####=====
===#####=====
====##@##=====
=====
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=====
```

Welcome to At&T node attmail Unix System V/386 Release 3.2B

attmail login:

**[TLC carriers have always been targets]
(and will always be)**

BANNER'S GALLERY



Connected to 04201xxxxxxxxx

INMARSAT-C Land Earth Station at INMARSAT C LES JEDDAH
KSA

WELCOME TO INMARSAT C LES JEDDAH KINGDOM OF SAUDI
ARABIA

Enter ?<CR> to get help information,
C<CR> to cancel input.

[Land Earth Station *]

* See Jim Geovedi BCS and HITB 2006 presentation “Hacking a Bird in the Sky” !

BANNER'S GALLERY



```
$ pad 05057998210xxxx
```

Connected

```
Trying xxx.xx.xxx.xx ... Open
```

```
*****  
* Access to this computer system is limited to authorised users only. *  
* Unauthorised users may be subject to prosecution under the Crimes *  
*                               Act or State legislation                               *  
*                                                                                       *  
*   Please note, ALL CUSTOMER DETAILS are confidential and must   *  
*                               not be disclosed.                               *  
*****
```

```
User Access Verification
```

```
Username:
```

[TLC carriers have always been targets/2]

BANNER'S GALLERY



Set h /x 0724xxx40xxx

COM

Welcome to Brasilsat Satellite Control System - node GVAX3

Username:

Satellites from Brazil

BANNER'S GALLERY



```
-----  
|ATTENTION: You have accessed a confidential and proprietary |  
|computing network. Access beyond this point is unlawful |  
|without previous authorization from BP and MCI Security. |  
|TACACS+ account is required for access |  
-----
```

```
-----  
|WARNING: All transactions on this router are logged 7x24 |  
-----
```

ROUTER ID - BPAVMELR15C36

User Access Verification (Domain 10 - PDC)

The GNOC is in the process of cleaning up TACACS accounts. If your account is disabled, you will require re-approval from the GNOC and PSO WAN Service Line Leader. Please send e-mail to bpgnoc_tacacs_request@lists.wcom.com.

TACACS Username:

[TLC carriers have always been targets/4]

BANNER'S GALLERY



02624xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Connecting...

Connected

```
                C C
                CC CC
                CCC CCC
                CCC CCC
               CCC
      CCC       CCC CCC       CCC
CC  CCCC      CCC CCC      CCCC  CC
  CCC CCCC    CCC CCC    CCCC  CCC
   CCCC CCCC  CCC CCC   CCCC  CCCC
    CCCC CCCC  CCC CCC   CCCC  CCCC
     CCCC CCCC CCC CCC  CCCC  CCCC
      CCCC CCCCC CCCCC  CCCC
        CCCC CCC  CCC  CCCC
           CCCC  CCC  CCCC
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C O M M E R Z B A N K COPOS TEST Testsystem TZK

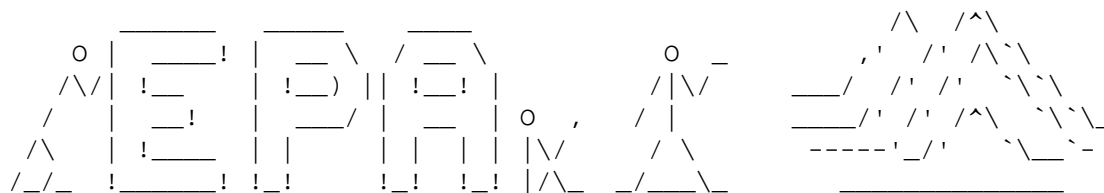
System/32, VOS Release 14.2.2aa, Module %copost#m1

Please login 23:27:04

BANNER'S GALLERY



pad 0487321873



BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING & DATA PROCRRSSING
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ADMINISTRATION
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Username :

X.25 HACKING



[X.25 VS Internet]

[Attackers, Targets & Goals]

[What can I find ?]

[Evidences]

DIFFERENCES WITH THE INTERNET



- ⌘ **X.25 Addressing is reserved:** scanning is the *mostly used way* to find new targets.
- ⌘ WAN concept: a **single NUA** can **open a whole new world** to the attackers.
- ⌘ No TCP/IP stack, **no “exploiting” concept** (well, until 2006...).
- ⌘ Primarily **brute force attacks** on login (always works!).
- ⌘ “Old school” hacking, social engineering and smartness **may help a lot**.
- ⌘ There are a few X.25 walkers all over the world: **no kiddies, no “pink noise”, no game’s playing**.
- ⌘ If he isn’t a walker, he’s an attacker: probably with a **very high skill level**.
- ⌘ There are also just **a few X.25 security experts** all over the world...

ZOOMING THE DIFFERENCES: X.25 HACKING



- ⌘ Mostly done via scanning and bruteforcing
- ⌘ There are not "bugs" but "features"
 - ✓ PSI mail
 - ✓ CUD and FACILITY
 - ✓ XoT (x.25 over TCP)
 - ✓ IP over x.25
 - ✓ PPP

ATTACKERS, TARGETS AND GOALS



GOOD GUYS

- ⌘ "X.25 Newbies" (South America scene)
- ⌘ Lonely attackers, old school hackers
- ⌘ Security researchers / Elite hackers (la crème)

BAD GUYS

- ⌘ "X.25 Newbies" aka Real-Criminals! (Russia scene)
- ⌘ Criminal organizations (w/insiders on target)
- ⌘ High-Level Industrial spies (no "idiots")
- ⌘ Intelligence (Foreign Agencies' agents)
- ⌘ (cyber) Terrorists (?)

ATTACKERS, TARGETS AND GOALS



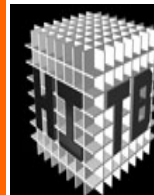
⌘ Subscribers

- ☒ X.25 subscribers did **always** run **huge data networks**.
- ☒ It's like having an **open door to the world**, that directly brings up strangers into our bedroom.
- ☒ Monitoring **isn't easy at all**, requires specific skills and the knowledge of high-level attackers' habits.
- ☒ Attackers abuse of X.25 resources to **scan for new targets**: this means **money** that will be billed to you as well as **legal problems** (if someone will ever realize what happened).

⌘ Services

- ☒ **Telco Management Networks** (NMC, NE, Billing, etc..)
- ☒ **GSM and 3G SMSCs/MMSCs**
- ☒ **Bank to Bank transfers** (SWIFT); **E-payments** (POS)
- ☒ **Local PTs offices** WAN
- ☒ **Worldwide Logistics & Transports**
- ☒ **Heavy Industry**
- ☒ **Travelling** and **Hotels agencies**/environments (**airports** and **flight companies** as well)
- ☒ **Chemical** and **Pharmaceutical**
- ☒ **SAP, ORACLE** and similars (let's say "the big software houses")
- ☒ **WHQ -> HQ -> Branches World Wide**
- ☒ **Government** institutions and **Agencies**

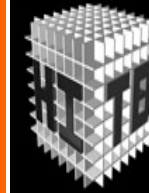
ATTACKERS, TARGETS AND GOALS (The honey prize: OS for prime time)



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- BBS Systems
- Bull PAD (Bull DPX/2)
- CICS/VTAM
- Cisco IOS
- CDC NOS
- DEC VAX/VMS, AXP/OpenVMS
- DEC Ultrix
- DEC Terminal Decserver
- DG/UX Avilion General
- DOS
- DRS/NX
- GS/1
- HP 3000
- HP/UX 9000
- IBM Aix
- IBM OS/400 (AS/400)
- IRIX SGI
- IRIS Operating System
- Linux
- Motorola XMUX (Gandalf)
- Northern Telecom PBXs
- PACX/Starmaster (Starmaster Gandalf)
- Pick Systems
- PRIMOS Prime Computer
- RSTS
- SCO
- Shiva LAN Router
- Sun Solaris
- TOPS 10/20
- Unknown systems (you will find many of them)
- VCX Pad
- VM/CMS
- VM/370
- XENIX
- WANG Systems
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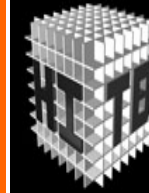
I'M SORRY BUT FRIENDS
EXPLAINED ME IT'S BETTER I
WON'T SHOW YOU THIS SLIDE,
NEVER ☹



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Censored for my personal life-assurance !

DIRECTORY SERVICE, PLEASE ! (India)

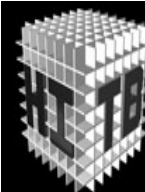


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UH, IS THIS AN SMSC ?!?



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```
Short Message Service Center C

Unauthorised access prohibited on [redacted]
Username: [redacted]
Password: [redacted]
Welcome to OpenVMS (TM) Alpha Operating System, Version [redacted]

Last interactive login on Wednesday, [redacted]
Last non-interactive login on Friday, [redacted]
```

PROCESSED SMSs: “FROM”, “TO”

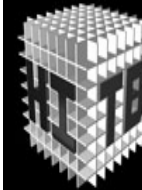


```
SMSC_SYS:[SMSC] IAN0CT.TXT:2

MITT      DEST      STATUS  SUBMTI      DELIVERY      TIPO      IDE      SIZE
TENT
[redacted] 8122978  [redacted] 01100005    4    2003-02-04 10:50:44    2003-02-04 11:22:19    98      0      125
1
[redacted] 8122978  [redacted] 00900013    4    2003-02-04 12:53:04    2003-02-04 12:53:11    98      0      125
1
[redacted] 8122978  [redacted] 00000001    4    2003-02-04 13:42:03    2003-02-04 13:42:13    98      0      125
1
[redacted] 8122978  [redacted] 6334481     4    2003-02-04 16:43:19    2003-02-04 16:43:27    97      98      36
1
[redacted] 8122978  [redacted] 92400042    4    2003-02-04 20:42:46    2003-02-04 20:43:48    98      0      94
1

Press RETURN to continue
```


SMS PROCESSING QUE (!)



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```
000C91[REDACTED]9180988FFFFFFFF 00000000000000000000000000000000 FFFFFFFF 9[REDACTED]5690500000000000 000000 000000000000000000000000
00000000000000000000000000000000
15:55:02.18|04400403|MSISDN not found in cache
15:55:02.18|04400403|ISID inserted in cache
15:55:02.18|04400403|MSISDN inserted in cache
15:55:02.18|04400403|Context new 823
15:55:02.18|04400403|IOS received
15:55:02.18|04400403|SAD_DICODE_ADDR: Encoded address 000C91[REDACTED]185900FFFFFFFF -> address 0039[REDACTED]319500
15:55:02.18|04400403|SAD_DICODE_ADDR: Decoded address [REDACTED]319500 TELEPHONE NATIONAL
15:55:02.18|04400403|TP-MTI -----01 SMS-SUBMIT (in the direction MS to SC)
15:55:02.18|04400403|TP-RD -----0-- Accept duplicate message
15:55:02.18|04400403|TP-VP ---10--- TP-VP field present and integer represented (relative)
15:55:02.18|04400403|TP-SRK --0----- A status report is not requested
15:55:02.18|04400403|TP-UDHI -1----- The beginning of the TP-UD field contains a header in addition to the short message
15:55:02.18|04400403|TP-RP 0----- TP-Reply-Path parameter is not set in this SMS-SUBMIT/DELIVER
15:55:02.18|04400403|TP-MR 11100111 Message: Reference number 231
15:55:02.18|04400403|TP-DA 00001010 Address length 10
15:55:02.18|04400403|TP-DA -000---- TON -> Unknown
15:55:02.18|04400403|TP-DA ----0001 NPI -> ISDN/telephone numbering plan (E.164/E.163)
15:55:02.18|04400403|TP-DA 00110011 [REDACTED]
15:55:02.18|04400403|TP-DA 00100011 [REDACTED]
15:55:02.18|04400403|TP-DA 01100011 36
15:55:02.18|04400403|TP-DA 01111001 97
15:55:02.18|04400403|TP-DA 00010110 61
15:55:02.18|04400403|TP-DA Address: [REDACTED]369761
15:55:02.18|04400403|TP-PIB 00----- Protocol or Telematic interworking
15:55:02.18|04400403|TP-PIB --0----- SME to SME protocol
15:55:02.18|04400403|TP-PIB ---00000 SM-AL protocol
15:55:02.18|04400403|TP-DCS 0000---- General Data Coding indication
15:55:02.18|04400403|TP-DCS --0----- Uncompressed
15:55:02.18|04400403|TP-DCS ---0----- No message class meaning
15:55:02.18|04400403|TP-DCS ----00-- Default alphabet
15:55:02.18|04400403|TP-VP 11111111 Validity period : 63 week(s)
15:55:02.18|04400403|TP-UDL 00110010 50
15:55:02.18|04400403|TP-UDHL 00000101 5
15:55:02.18|04400403|..IEI 00000000 Concatenated short messages, 8-bit reference number
15:55:02.18|04400403|..IEIDL 00000011 3
15:55:02.18|04400403|..IEDa 00110110 54 reference number
15:55:02.18|04400403|..IEDb 00000010 2 maximum number of short messages
15:55:02.18|04400403|..IEDc 00000010 2 sequence number
15:55:02.18|04400403|Event: 00, State: 00, Action: 01
15:55:02.18|04400403|Save PATIND data
15:55:02.18|04400403|NRT: recognised address as type EMPTY
15:55:02.18|04400403|SAD_RAW_ENCODE: Encoding [REDACTED]369761 as an TELEPHONE UNKNOWN address
15:55:02.18|04400403|SAD_RAW_ENCODE: Encoded address 000A81[REDACTED]637916FFFFFFFF
Press RETURN to continue
```


X.25 INTERCEPTION AND REAL-TIME INVESTIGATION



```
=====
10:15:16:56    10  A   outgoing    RcvR    3 octets    8    136
                LGN=0    LCN=10    LCI=10    P(R)=4
10 0a 81
```

Command line: x25decode

Trace protocol: /dev/x25

Trace date: Tue Apr 7 10:14:54 BST 1998

```
Timestamp      VC  Snid  Direction  Pkt Type      Size      Mod  PacketId
=====
10:15:16:98    10  A   outgoing    Data  126 octets    8    137
                D=0  LGN=0  LCN=10    LCI=10    P(S)=3    P(R)=4    M=0  Q=0
10 0a 86 56 2e 0d 56 48    48 47 2e 57 41 2f 45 31    * ...V..VHHG.WA/E1 *
42 54 55 4b 2f 49 31 31    47 49 41 2f 50 a0 25 d9    * BTUK/I11GIA/P.% *
0d 56 47 59 41 0d 55 4e    42 2b 49 41 54 41 3a 31    * .VGYA.UNB+IATA:1 *
2b 31 47 2b 46 53 2b 39    38 30 34 30 37 3a 31 30    * +1G+FS+980407:10 *
31 35 2b 54 32 27 55 4e    48 2b 31 2b 48 53 46 52    * 15+T2'UNH+1+HSFR *
45 51 3a 39 34 3a 31 3a    49 41 27 4f 52 47 2b 46    * EQ:94:1:IA'ORG+F *
53 3a 4c 4f 4e 27 4c 54    53 2b 2a 52 27 55 4e 54    * S:LON'LTS+*R'UNT *
2b 34 2b 31 27 55 4e 5a    2b 31 2b 54 32 27          * +4+1'UNZ+1+T2' *
```

UPCOMING X.25 0-DAY TRENDS



[DoSsing X.25 international links]

[Mass Scanning]

[CUD Fuzzing]

[Abusing XoT]

DOSsing X.25

INTERNATIONAL LINKS



- ⌘ International links depend on agreements among countries.
- ⌘ The # of lines is limited (usually << 1000).
- ⌘ Some **very-small countries** are routed only by one country (San Marino via Italy/ITAPAC, Andorra via Spain/IBERPAC, ...)
- ⌘ Pakistan, for example, manages its X.25 intl links with a 64 Kbit/s line (!)
- ⌘ It might be theoretically possible to flood a whole country (with a **domino effect**).

MASS SCANNING



- ⌘ With multithreaded software scanning is really faaaast!
- ⌘ Depending on the number of available channels and on the network used to scan (some countries networks are faster than others).
- ⌘ 32 available physical channels are enough to scan **10.000** x.25 NUAs in less than **3 minutes**.

Solaris example:

```
bash-2.02# grep "two_range" /etc/opt/SUNWconn/x25/config/link_config_0000.cfg
    two_range          1-128
bash-2.02#
```

XoT



- ⌘ x.25 over IP (RFC **1613**)
- ⌘ Because the legacy world **still needs x.25**, as Fabrice Marie explained us yesterday (Robbing Banks: easier done than said)
- ⌘ For example, many ATM Bank networks (POS) transporting **SNA over X.25**, **have migrated to XoT**.
- ⌘ This happens because it's really easy to add systems to the network without installing the whole x.25 stack

USING XOT: AN EXAMPLE



⌘ In order to play with XoT, you **don't need to have an X.25 link on your machine**: you can simply configure your own Cisco IOS to (ab)use another (remote) router's XoT facilities.

```
service pad to-xot
x25 routing
x25 route .* xot 196.xxx.xxx.196
```


PRIVATE X.25 NETWORKS VIA XOT



⌘ A **new world** opens to you:

- ☑ Not-routed networks, just local and “private”.
- ☑ Mostly used by finance and telcos.
- ☑ Needed by legacy applications.

```
root@darkstar:~# telnet 154.xx.233.xxx
```

```
Trying 154.xx.233.xxx...
```

```
Connected to 154.xx.233.xxx.
```

```
Escape character is '^]'.  
Trying 123455500...Open
```

```
PIN:
```

JUMPING FROM X.25 TO IP



```
bash-2.02# pad 025017722029600
```

```
Break-in sequence is '^Pa'
```

```
Connecting...
```

```
Connected
```

```
Trying 195.xxx.xx.xxx, 2001 ...Connect
```

```
Login:
```

NOTE: You can shell to the Cisco, with the correct escape sequence.

→ See:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/hw/routers/ps133/products_tech_note09186a0080174a34.shtml

ABUSING XOT



⌘ Auth is **not needed** 😊

⌘ Easy to manipulate: (RFC 1613)

☑ NUA spoofing

☑ ACL bypassing

☑ CUD fuzzing (I will not cover this here, refer to my last HITB 2005 talk)

PRIVATE X.25 NETWORKS VIA XOT



- ⌘ A lot of companies use PPP over x.25 to carry IP (where there is no Internet).
- ☑ There is no Interactive Login, only PPP.
- ☑ With XoT you can connect to the NUA and start PPPD (just some conversion problem, ie. 7E2 or 7E1 to 8N1).

PRIVATE X.25 NETWORKS VIA XOT



```
bash-2.02# /opt//SUNWconn/x25/bin/pad 025017725200468
Break-in sequence is '^Pa'
```

```
Connecting...
```

```
Connected
```

```
Entering PPP mode.
```

```
Virtual-Access2 interface address is unnumbered (Loopback0)
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```
MTU is 1500 bytes
```

```
Header compression is on.
```

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```

XOT MANIPULATION



⌘ X.25 spoofing

- ☑ Make calls "nearly untraceable"
- ☑ Fool system's ACLs (not the – "HW" – telco's ones)

⌘ CUD

- ☑ Used to ask for "application" (PSI MAIL on VAX/VMS & AXP/OpenVMS, "/bin/login" process on Sun Solaris, etc...)

X.25 EXPLOITING



- ⌘ Really hard to perform
- ⌘ Only a few, and not-standard services
- ⌘ But it is **STILL POSSIBLE...** 😊
- ⌘ Actually, we've developed the porting of the **Solaris remote telnet exploit** to X.25 environments and...
you know what ??
- ⌘ **It works :)**

X.25 EXPLOITING



- ⌘ Looking for services and applications
 - ☑ (ALWAYS) **check for subaddresses**
 - ☑ Check **for CUD**
 - ☑ Es. Sunlink smnpx25d
(<http://www.securityfocus.com/bid/8882>)
 - ☑ E.g.: customized applications.
 - ☑ Solaris login "telnet" exploit:
<http://wayreth.eu.org/padxploit.c>

END



[Getting Help: take care]

[Conclusions]

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TAKE CARE WHEN ASKING FOR HELP



- ⌘ **Traditional security shops:** zero knowledge of X.25 security problems, telcos, poor understanding of global WANs logicals & procedures.
- ⌘ **Traditional telcos consultants:** very poor knowledge of security issues.
- ⌘ **X.25 carriers:** they'll try to sell you IP connections instead of fixing your X.25 and Frame Relay links security holes, and they'll suggest you to migrate everything you have onto the IP world.
- ⌘ **Customers' loved and trusted security consultant:** in this case he probably doesn't even know what you are talking about.
- ⌘ **The "Big 5" audit firms:** focused on policies, no real expertise (they outsource their jobs to companies like us).

CONCLUSIONS



Doing Nothing...

- ⌘ ... with your PSDN infrastructure today is like doing nothing with your Internet hosts in the 90's: how many hackers played with your datas ? ☹
- ⌘ ...in critical environments, this is an invitation for disaster.
- ⌘ What can you do against this ?
- ⌘ Ask for **professional X.25 Security Audits** and **Penetration Tests**

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- Vanja
- Raptor
- The Force (and the aussie scene)

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