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# Bluetooth Locks (and an update on the X-09)

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# What This Presentation Is About

- “Smart” devices using Bluetooth Low Energy
- How to analyze / hack / improve them
- Vulnerabilities we found that way, from cheap padlocks to hotel door systems
- An update on the X-09 high security lock



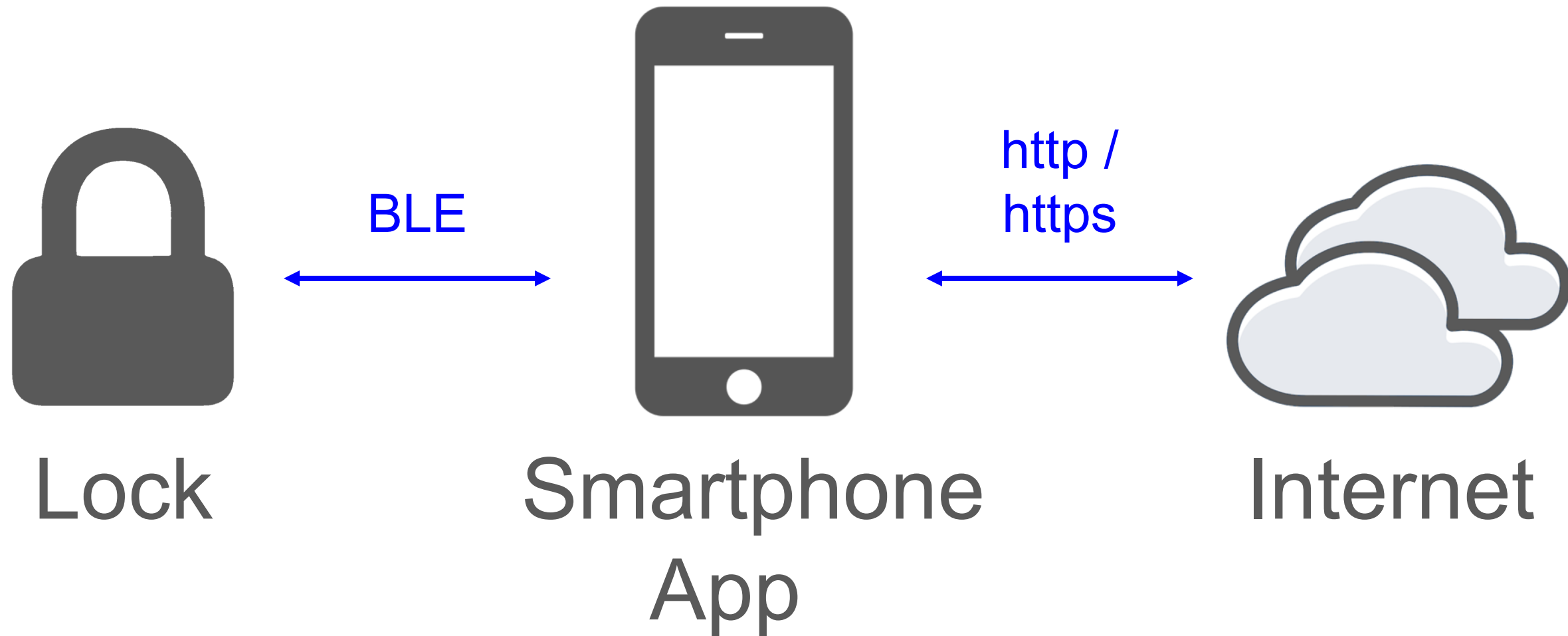
- 1. Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) Ecosystem**
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- 6. X-09 Side-channel Attack?**



# The BLE Ecosystem



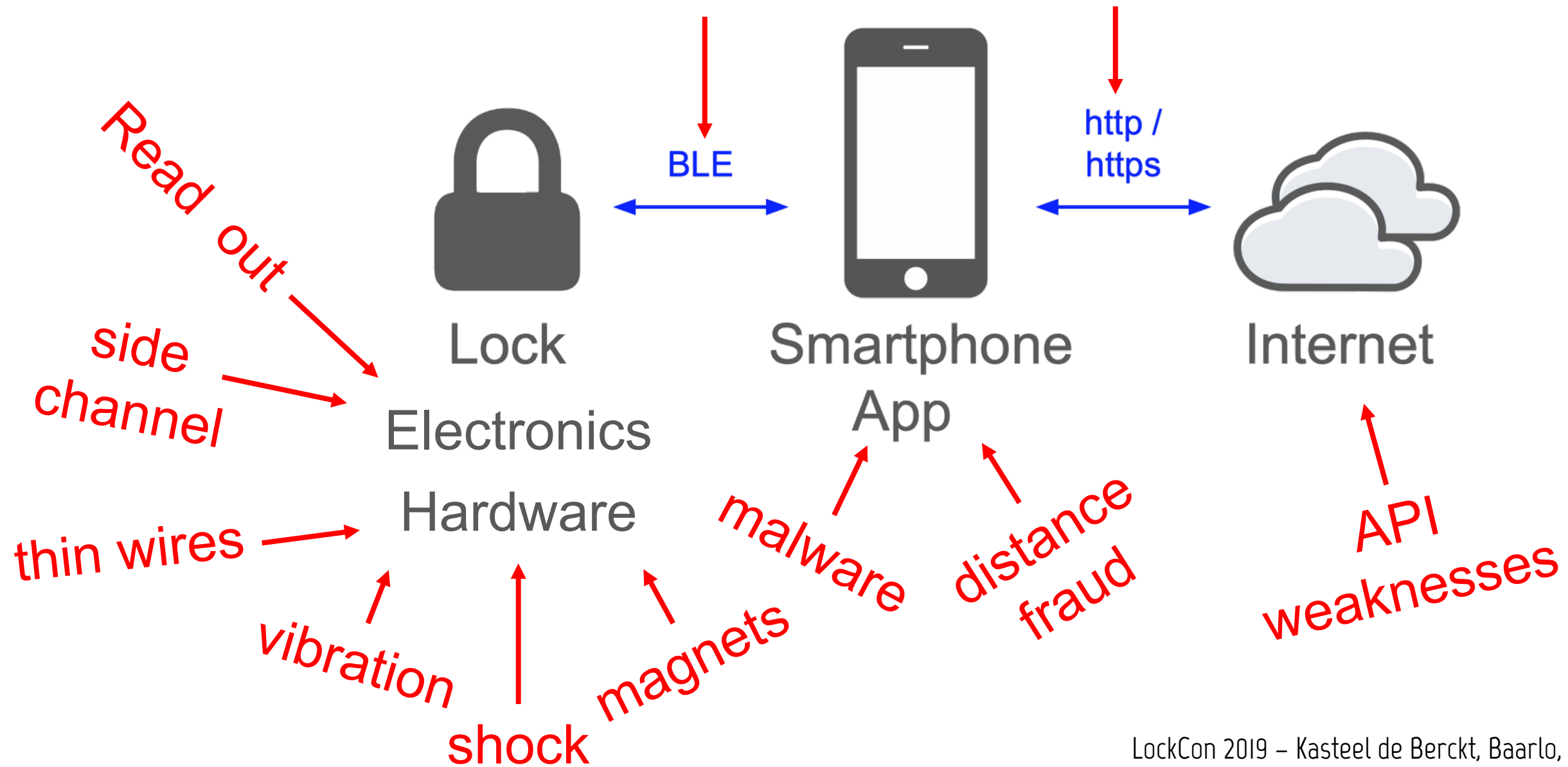
# Components of a “Smart” Lock Ecosystem:



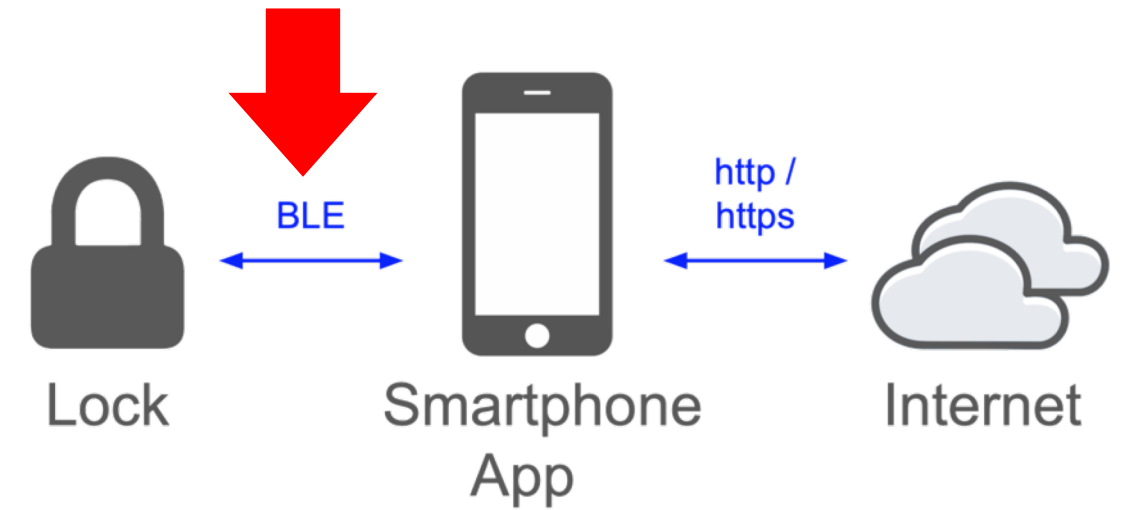


# BLE Locks - Attack Vectors

Connections: sniffing, machine-in-the-middle, impersonation







# How to Analyze BLE



# Getting the BLE Traffic

- On your own device, log traffic locally:
  - Android: enable debug mode, activate HCI snoop log
  - iOS: install Apple Bluetooth Debug Certificate on your device



# Getting the BLE Traffic

- Now use the app and interact with the device
- Note timestamps of important actions (like “open lock”)
- Get HCI log from phone
- Analyze using tools like **Wireshark**



btatt.handle>=0x0

Interface: [dropdown] Device: All advertising devices Passkey / OOB key: [input] Adv Hop: [input]

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
→ ...	58.60...	localhost ()	TexasIns_d9:12:01 (...)	ATT	18	Sent Write Request, ...
...	58.70...	TexasIns_d9:12:01...	localhost ()	ATT	18	Rcvd Handle Value Not...
← ...	58.70...	TexasIns_d9:12:01...	localhost ()	ATT	10	Rcvd Write Response, ...

▶ Frame 845: 18 bytes on wire (144 bits), 18 bytes captured (144 bits)

- ▶ Bluetooth
- ▶ Bluetooth HCI H4
- ▶ Bluetooth HCI ACL Packet
- ▶ Bluetooth L2CAP Protocol
  - Length: 9
  - CID: Attribute Protocol (0x0004)
- ▶ Bluetooth Attribute Protocol
  - ▶ Opcode: Write Request (0x12)
  - ▶ Handle: 0x0029 (Unknown: Unknown)
  - Value: 55410027dbe8



# Sniffing BLE

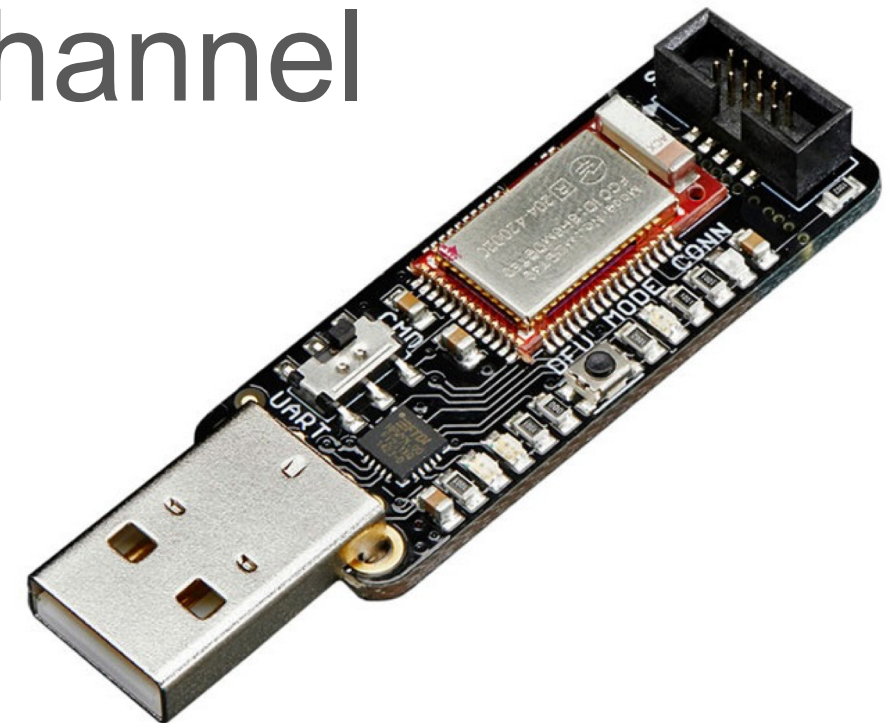
- For real attacks, sniff BLE over the air
- 3 advertising channels, need to listen to the active one to catch a connection setup
- USB BLE sniffers ~\$25





# Classic Sniffing Tools

- **Adafruit Bluefruit LE Sniffer** or **Ubertooth One**
- Support Wireshark live view
- Can monitor only 1 advertising channel at a time, follow sequence
- OK for proof of concept, for reliable attacks you need more





# Our Favorite Tool: btlejack

- **btlejack** by Damien Cauquil
- Firmware for cheap BLE USB devices:  
**BBC Micro:Bit, BLE400, Adafruit Sniffer**
- Use 3 devices and follow all advertising channels in parallel
- Much more than just sniffing: hijacking, ...







# Ray's Proof-of-Concept







# mh's Slightly Optimized Setup



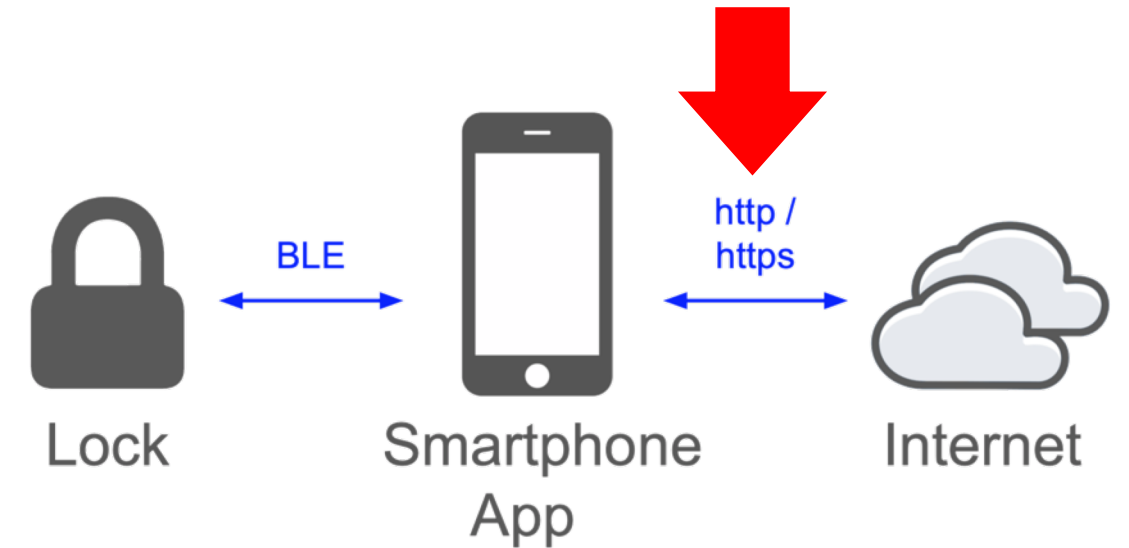


# New Tool: Mirage

# MIRAGE

- **Mirage** by Romain Cayre
- brings its own (hackable) BLE stack
  - more transparent MITM
- MITM on one device only (good & bad)
- Powerful and flexible framework
  - more difficult to use





# How to Analyze the Backend Link



- Only few apps use plain HTTP
- Add fake root CA to intercept TLS/HTTPS
- MITM tools create certificates on the fly
- To analyze app, not to break other people's TLS



# Using MITM CAs

- iOS: just declare it as trusted
- Android:
  - works easily up to 6.x,  
needs rooted device on  $\geq 7$
  - or modify app to use user cert store:  
`add network_security_config` to  
manifest (then rebuild, sign)



# If the App Uses Certificate Pinning

  
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Digital key is not supported at the moment, please visit the Front Desk to pick up your room key. (Code:

Certificate pinning failure!

Peer certificate chain:

sha256/hc5P0tL6A7NcihlioLd  
xkWJEQYHrJFF70zbZ/7utprg=  
CN=\*

Tap to view Room Number

•••••

CHECK-IN:

CHECK-OUT:

moment, please visit the Front Desk to pick up your room key. (Code: Certificate pinning failure!



# If the App Uses Certificate Pinning

- Try the other app (iOS vs. Android), or an **older version Android app**
- Modify the app, rebuild, sign
- Use **Frida / objection**
  - intercept calls in the app, or in the OS  
→ unlimited possibilities :)

# FRIDA



OBJECTION  
RUNTIME  
MOBILE  
EXPLORATION  
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- Unix command line: **mitmproxy**
- macOS: **Charles Proxy**
- Many more available, like **Burp Suite** or **Fiddler**

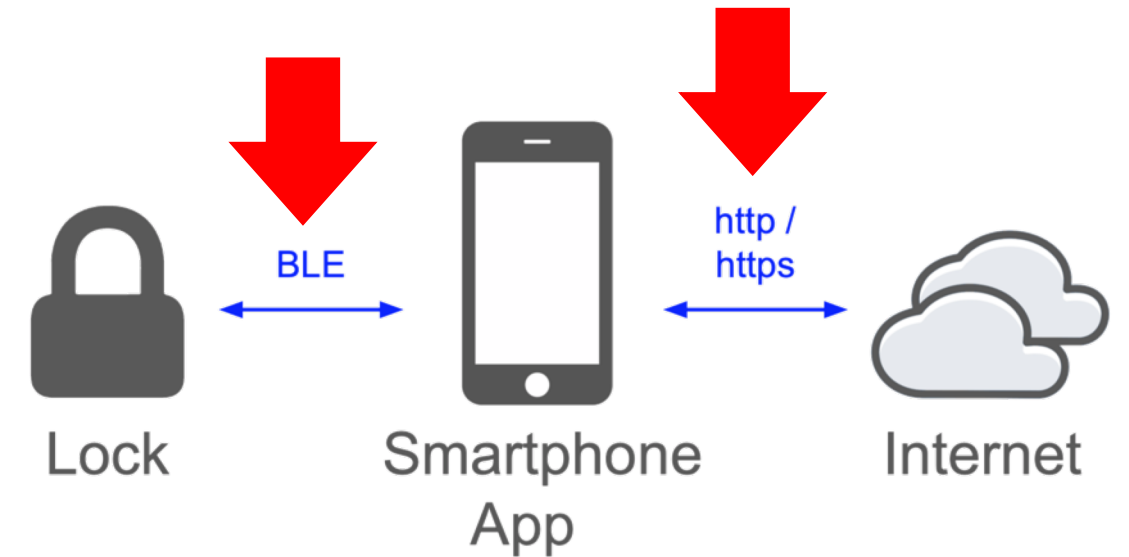


# Example: mitmproxy

```

2016-12-26 04:33:20 POST https://nokeapp.com/
                                ← 200 OK text/html 940b 762ms
Request                          Response                          Detail
Content-Type:                    text/html; charset=utf-8
X-Cloud-Trace-Context:          c6d3795272d60331a34ca3e03922c271
Date:                            Mon, 26 Dec 2016 04:57:55 GMT
Server:                          Google Frontend
Content-Length:                  940
Connection:                      close
JSON                              [■:JSON]
{
  "lockcount": 2,
  "locks": [
    {
      "autounlock": "0",
      "battery": "196",
      "fobcodesavailable": "25",
      "fobcodesrefreshstate": "",
      "foblocklinks": [],
      "foblocklinkscount": "0",
      "lockid": "38850",
      "lockkey": "40637020F41C",
    }
  ]
}
[6/71]                            ?:help q:back [*:21984]

```



# Analyzing the Collected Data



# Example: Nokelock

- Small, cheap BLE padlock
- Company offers a large variety of locks (also for doors, cabinets, bikes, e-scooters...)



Note: Research as of 2018, the app has been improved in the meantime.



## Unencrypted HTTP traffic:

Structure	Sequence	Overview	Request	Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ https://www.gstatic.com</li> <li>▶ http://android.bugly.qq.com</li> <li>▶ https://graph.facebook.com</li> <li>▼ http://app.nokelock.com:8080                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>newNokelock                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>user   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>updateCid</li> <li><b>loginByPassword</b></li> <li>getInfo</li> <li>updateCid</li> <li>checkVersion</li> </ul> </li> <li>lock   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>getLockList</li> <li>getLockList</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>		<pre>{   "type": "1",   "account": "mh@tosl.org",   "code": "XXXXXXXXXX" }</pre>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ https://www.gstatic.com</li> <li>▶ http://android.bugly.qq.com</li> <li>▶ https://graph.facebook.com</li> <li>▼ http://app.nokelock.com:8080                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>newNokelock                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>user   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>updateCid</li> <li>loginByPassword</li> <li>getInfo</li> <li>updateCid</li> <li>checkVersion</li> </ul> </li> <li>lock   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>getLockList</li> <li><b>getLockList</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>		<pre>{   "result": [{     "name": "mh small",     "id": 9945,     "lockKey": "27,32,84,73,58,5,94,55,72,85,53,73,75,1,77,69",     "isAdmin": 0,     "firmwareVersion": "5.0",     "type": 0,     "barcode": "XBA040000645",     "deviceId": "",     "lockPwd": "000000",     "mac": "C8:DF:84:2B:9C:2E",     "account": "mh@tosl.org",     "gsmVersion": null   }],   "status": "2000" }</pre>		





# 16 bytes “lockKey”

Structure	Sequence	Overview	Request	Response	Summary	Chart	Notes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <a href="https://www.gstatic.com">https://www.gstatic.com</a></li> <li>▶ <a href="http://android.bugly.qq.com">http://android.bugly.qq.com</a></li> <li>▶ <a href="https://graph.facebook.com">https://graph.facebook.com</a></li> <li>▼ <a href="http://app.nokelock.com:8080">http://app.nokelock.com:8080</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▼ newNokelock                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▼ user                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>updateCid</li> <li>loginByPassword</li> <li>getInfo</li> <li>updateCid</li> <li>checkVersion</li> </ul> </li> <li>▼ lock                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>getLockList</li> <li><b>getLockList</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>		<pre>{   "result": [{     "name": "mh small",     "id": 9949,     "lockKey": "27,32,84,73,58,5,94,55,72,85,53,73,75,1,77,69",     "isAdmin": 0,     "firmwareVersion": "5.0",     "type": 0,     "barcode": "XBA040000645",     "deviceId": "",     "lockPwd": "000000",     "mac": "C8:DF:84:2B:9C:2E",     "account": "mh@tosl.org",     "gsmVersion": null   }],   "status": "2000" }</pre>		<p><b>16 bytes “lockKey”</b></p> <p>1B 20 54 49 3A 05 5E 37 48 55 35 49 4B 01 4D 45</p> <p>→ <b>maybe AES-128?</b></p>			







## Decrypt BLE traffic with AES-128 ECB

→ doesn't look random → ✓

06	01	01	01	5d	1a	79	5c	5c	51	77	13	10	79	04	74	(app → lock)
06	02	07	d4	9c	ea	ce	01	05	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	(lock → app)
02	01	01	01	d4	9c	ea	ce	7c	3f	2b	34	4b	11	5b	4d	(app → lock)
02	02	01	59	9c	ea	ce	01	05	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	(lock → app)
05	01	06	30	30	30	30	30	30	d4	9c	ea	ce	1f	7e	10	(app → lock)
05	02	01	00	9c	ea	ce	01	05	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	(lock → app)
05	0d	01	00	9c	ea	ce	01	05	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	(lock → app)
05	01	06	30	30	30	30	30	30	d4	9c	ea	ce	07	10	0a	(app → lock)
05	02	01	00	9c	ea	ce	01	05	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	(lock → app)
05	0d	01	00	9c	ea	ce	01	05	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	(lock → app)



## Look for patterns

(compare several sessions):

06	01	01	01	5d	1a	79	5c	5c	51	77	13	10	79	04	74	(app → lock)
06	02	07	<u>d4</u>	<u>9c</u>	<u>ea</u>	<u>ce</u>	01	05	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	(lock → app)
02	01	01	01	<u>d4</u>	<u>9c</u>	<u>ea</u>	<u>ce</u>	7c	3f	2b	34	4b	11	5b	4d	(app → lock)
02	02	01	59	<u>9c</u>	<u>ea</u>	<u>ce</u>	01	05	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	(lock → app)
05	01	06	30	30	30	30	30	30	<u>d4</u>	<u>9c</u>	<u>ea</u>	<u>ce</u>	1f	7e	10	(app → lock)
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05	01	06	30	30	30	30	30	30	<u>d4</u>	<u>9c</u>	<u>ea</u>	<u>ce</u>	07	10	0a	(app → lock)
05	02	01	00	<u>9c</u>	<u>ea</u>	<u>ce</u>	01	05	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	(lock → app)
05	0d	01	00	<u>9c</u>	<u>ea</u>	<u>ce</u>	01	05	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	(lock → app)



## Deduce protocol (from a few sessions):

<b>AUTH_REQUEST</b>	(060101),	random padding	(app → lock)
<b>AUTH_RESPONSE</b>	(060207),	<u>4 byte session ID</u> , 0 padding	(lock → app)
<b>STATUS_REQUEST</b>	(020101),	<u>4 byte session ID</u> , random padding	(app → lock)
<b>STATUS_RESPONSE</b>	(020201),	batt state, <u>3 byte sess.ID</u> , 0 padding	(lock → app)
<b>UNLOCK_REQUEST</b>	(050106),	passcode, <u>session ID</u> , random padding	(app → lock)
<b>UNLOCK_ACK</b>	(050201),	<u>3 byte session ID</u> , 0 padding	(lock → app)
<b>UNLOCK_CONFIRM</b>	(050d01),	<u>3 byte session ID</u> , 0 padding	(lock → app)

→ Session replay protection: 4 byte session ID created by the lock.



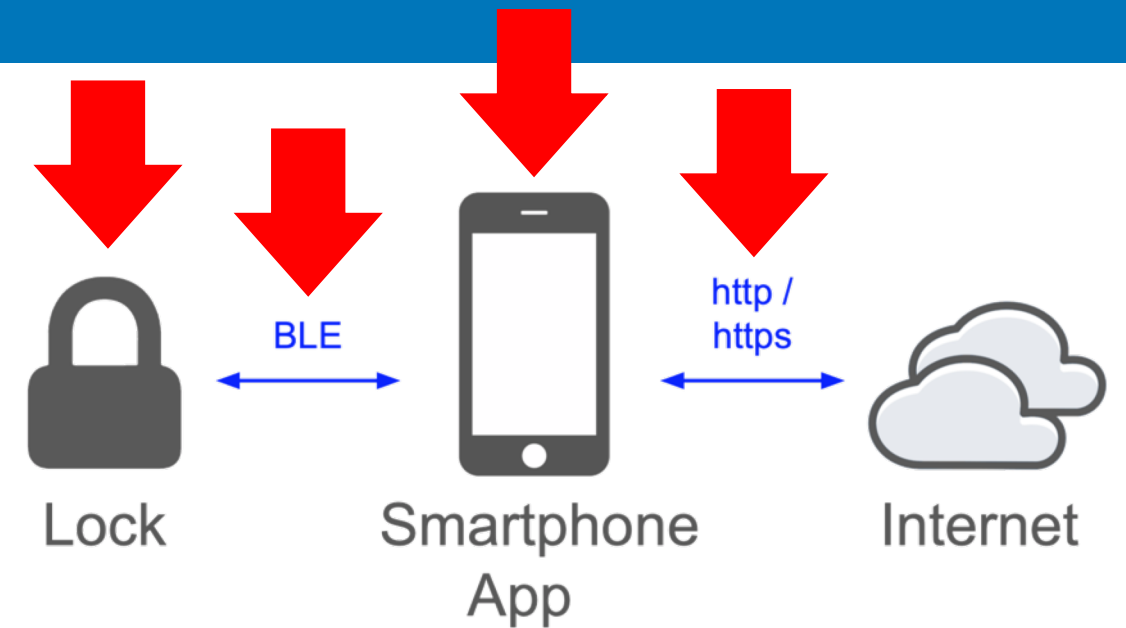
Verify the findings, look for weaknesses.

## BLE protocol

- Write SW that mimics the app, e.g. Python, [bluepy](#) or [Adafruit\\_BluefruitLE](#)
- Explore the protocol, use fuzzing techniques

## Whole system

- Maybe an OEM uses the same key for all devices?
- Maybe the backend leaks other users' keys?  
(when researching this, consider legal restrictions!)



# Examples of Previous VULNs



# ANBOUD Padlock

- Typical cheap BLE padlock
- Shim-proof mechanics, but passcode transmitted in plain text
- To our knowledge still unfixed







- ▼ Bluetooth Attribute Protocol
  - ▶ Opcode: Write Request (0x12)
  - ▶ Handle: 0x0029 (Unknown: Unknown)
  - Value: 55410**027db**e8
- Hex 0x**027db** = Dec 010203
- That's the code I set on the lock
- Original app can now be used to open lock with sniffed code



~~12~~ 14 of 16 locks vulnerable

- Rose & Ramsey at DefCon 24 (2016)
- 12 of 16 tested locks had simple BLE vulnerabilities
- Only two of the padlocks remained unbroken
- One of those we opened with a magnet, like its predecessor, ...

[In the presentation we had a video showing how to turn the internal motor with a strong magnet. This PDF does not include the video, but you can get an idea from the video that's linked on the previous slide.]



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# NOKĒ Padlock (!= Nokelock)

- One of the first BLE padlocks, created on [Kickstarter](#) in 2014
- Note: Research applies to the original firmware from 2015-2017 (Our responsible disclosure 2016 led to a firmware update in 2017)

**\$652,828**

pledged of \$100,000 goal





- Uses AES-128 cipher
- Uses two different secrets for owner and other users
- Time restrictions only enforced in app





# NOKĒ AES VULN

- Secret is transmitted using individual AES session keys
- But session keys are created in a “secret handshake” using a hardcoded AES key
- Security by obscurity



# NOKĒ Session Key

```
public createSessionKey  
createSessionKey proc near
```

```
loc_3F70:  
movzx    edx, byte ptr [esi+eax]  
xor      dl, [edi+eax]  
mov      [ecx+eax], dl  
lea      eax, [eax+1]  
cmp      eax, 4  
jnz     short loc_3F70
```

...from binary .so file in APK

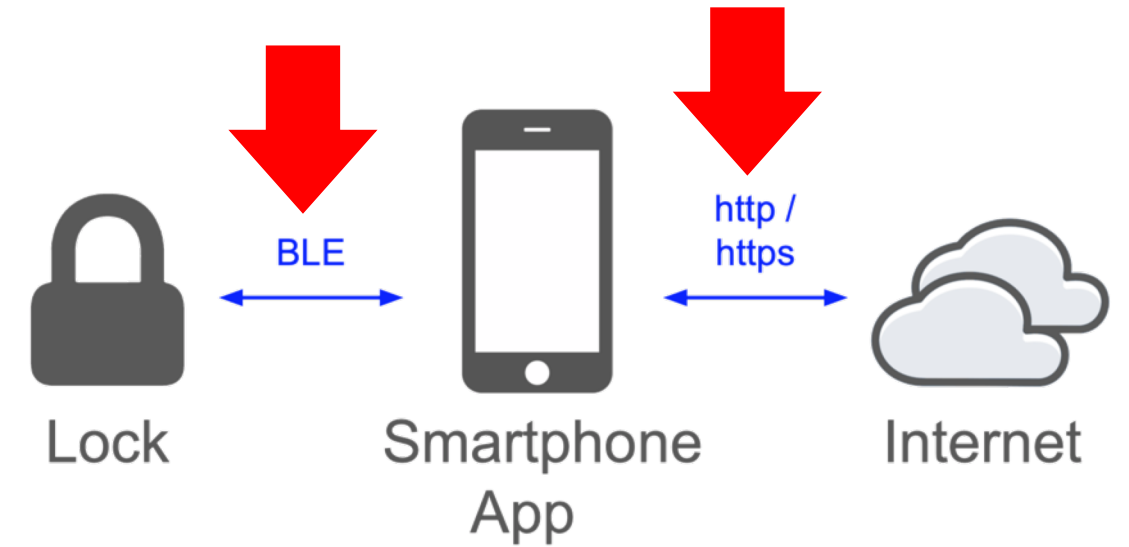


# NOKĒ KEX Broken

```

app nonce:    b14c68a1
              XOR
lock nonce:   bff91ae4
              = 0eb57245
                + (add byte-by-byte modulo 256)
0001020304 05060708 090a0b0c0d0e0f (pre shared key)
              = 0001020304 13bb794d 090a0b0c0d0e0f (new session key)
  
```

New session key can now be used to decrypt transfer of the user's secret



# BLE Hotel Keys



# Why BLE for Hotels?

- Main purpose: self-check-in
- No keycard anymore, mobile phone app is the key
- Hotels can reduce front desk staff
- Guests don't have to wait in queue



# Challenges for Vendors

- Secure pairing not feasible
- Old hardware in locks, not always online
- Apps often made by 3rd parties, lock vendor just provides the SDK



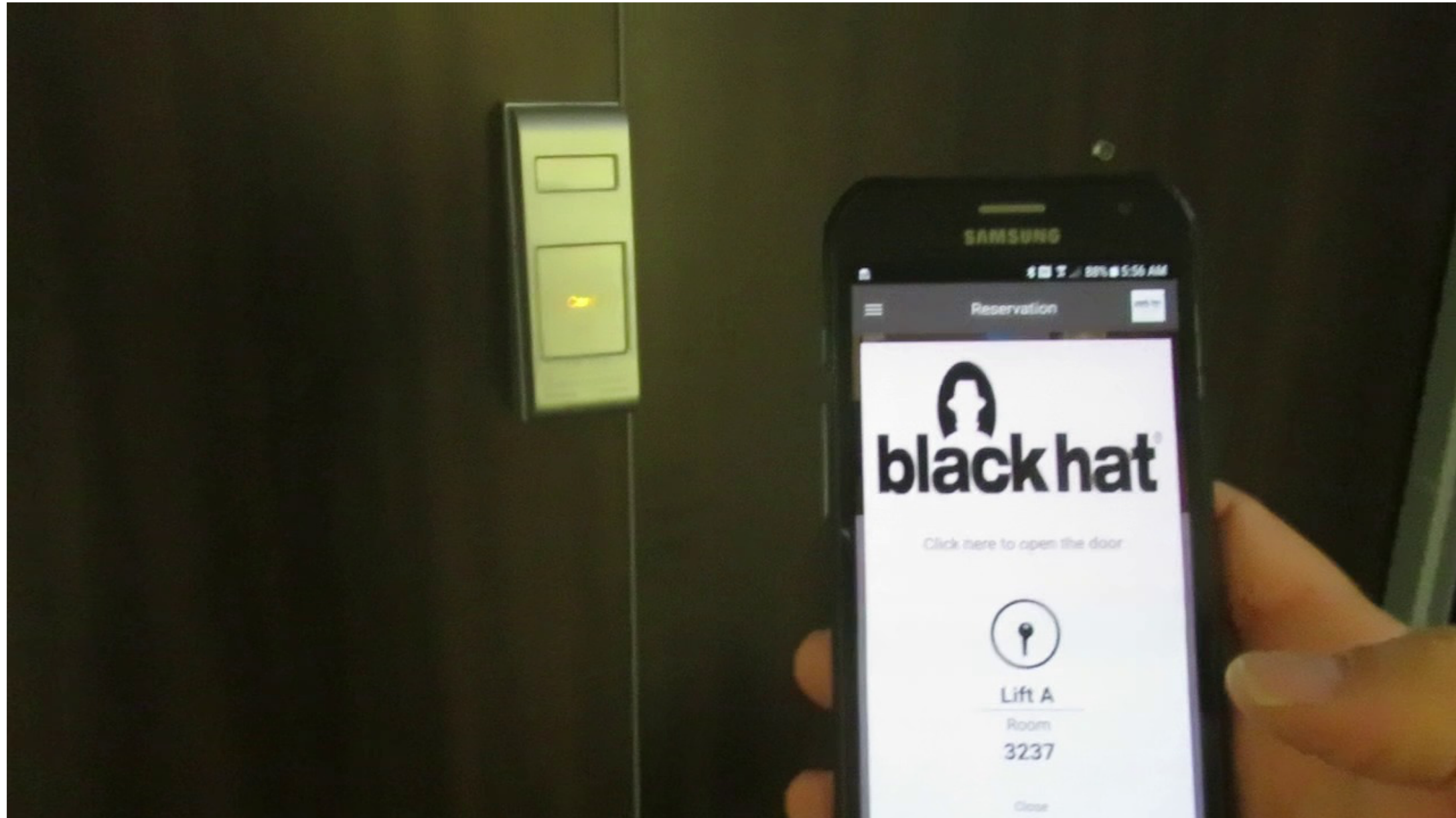


- Booking linked to app account, or added by user (sometimes using weak credentials)
- Online check-in
- Mobile key is transferred from backend to app



# Mobile Key Demo

[Video that shows how to use the mobile app at a hotel door.  
(The graphics in the mobile app was modified using SSL MITM.)]





# Hotel “H”



# Encrypted Mobile Key System

- The vendor has a secret key  $\mathbf{K}_s$ , known to the lock
- Backend to App: key  $\mathbf{K}$  and encrypted key  
 $\mathbf{K}^* = \text{enc}_{\mathbf{K}_s}(\mathbf{K})$
- App to Lock:  $\mathbf{K}^*$
- Lock uses  $\mathbf{K}_s$  to decrypt  $\mathbf{K}^*$  to  $\mathbf{K}$
- Key  $\mathbf{K}$  now known to App and lock, but not to an eavesdropper;  $\mathbf{K}_s$  still unknown to App
- Further BLE traffic is AES-encrypted with Key  $\mathbf{K}$



# Encrypted Mobile Key System

- Didn't find obvious attack vector, except for extracting  $K_s$  from the physical lock<sup>[1]</sup>, which we haven't tried :)
- No further experiments, because on the second stay, the mobile key system was deactivated.

[1] cf. [Thomas, Blackhat USA 2014: Reverse-Engineering the Supra iBox](#)



# Manufacturer “M”





# Vulnerable System

- Found system early 2019 in an upper class hotel
- Mobile key used in elevator, rooms and fitness center
- Analyzed TLS and BLE traffic



# Key from Backend

```

2019-07-25 03:23:08 GET https://app[redacted]/api/v1/devices/mobile_key/8f
                        dcc75e-a290-4633-9fb8-865c9472ba63
                        ← 200 OK application/json 702b 140ms
Request                Response                Detail
X-Request-Id:         48dd45a5-7610-4ba3-a684-f5853f5696dd
X-Runtime:            0.047805
Strict-Transport-Security: max-age=31536000; includeSubDomains
JSON [m:Auto]
{
  "device_token": "[redacted]",
  "exp_date": "2019-07-25 00:00:00.000",
  "key_type": "[redacted]",
  "mobile_key": {
    "da": "2019-07-25T14:00+00:00",
    "dt": [
      140,
      2,
      253,
      1,
      254,
      248,
    ]
  }
}
[21/48] [?:help q:back [*:21984]

```



# Key from Backend

Data seen from Backend (TLS)

```
"dt": [  
  140, = 0x8c  
  2,   = 0x02  
  253, = 0xfd  
  1,   = 0x01  
  254, = 0xfe  
  248, = 0xf8
```

Data seen in HCI log (BLE)

```
▶ Bluetooth HCI ACL Packet  
▶ Bluetooth L2CAP Protocol  
▼ Bluetooth Attribute Protocol  
  ▶ Opcode: Write Request (0x12)  
  ▶ Handle: 0x000e (Unknown: Unknown)  
  Value: 3000000000000000050e18c02fd01fef8fdf9  
  \[Response in Frame: 622\]
```



```
Lock: 0000
Lock: 000103001ec05d6bb5190707051b2b19e0
App: 00010200001200010101010101bbec98f3
Lock: 0001040104d612ffeafad012
App: 300000000000000044ca8c02fd01fef8fdf9 = Key
App: 31605803e9196317fb5b9e8c6e616b7ba6 (all bytes from
App: 32ca06cfbc48c67697f0c34897948c218c backend)
App: 33cf3f2a462f78d9c8874b6bb021b70034
Lock: 0002190707051b00090ca500000001af08
Lock: 0002
```



# Further Analysis

```

Lock: 0000
Lock: 000103001ec05d6bb5190707051b2b19e0 = Lock MAC, CRC
App: 00010200001200010101010101bbec98f3 = App Nonce, CRC
Lock: 0001040104d612ffeafad012 = Lock Nonce, CRC
App: 300000000000000044ca8c02fd01fef8fdf9 = Special CRC, Key
App: 31605803e9196317fb5b9e8c6e616b7ba6 (all bytes from
App: 32ca06cfbc48c67697f0c34897948c218c backend)
App: 33cf3f2a462f78d9c8874b6bb021b70034
Lock: 0002190707051b00090ca500000001af08 = Lock confirmation: open
Lock: 0002

```



# CRC Reversing

- Tools for CRC reversing are available, e.g. [CRC RevEng](#)
- We just used a custom Python script and searched for CRC-16 parameters that matched in at least 2 messages, assuming the CRC is located at the end of a message

```
Trying different polynomials and start values...
```

```
Trying polynomial 0x2f15...
```

```
[...]
```

```
Trying polynomial 0x████████...
```

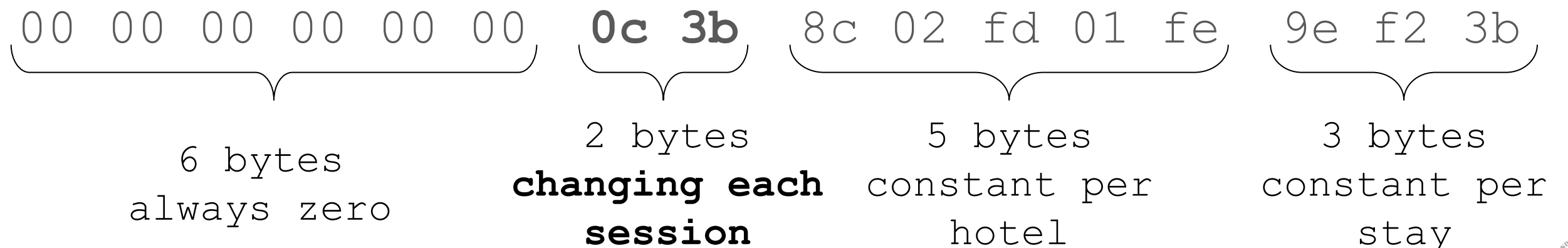
```
Match found! Polynomial: 0x████████ Seed: 0x73 Final XOR: 0xffff
```





# CRC Reversing

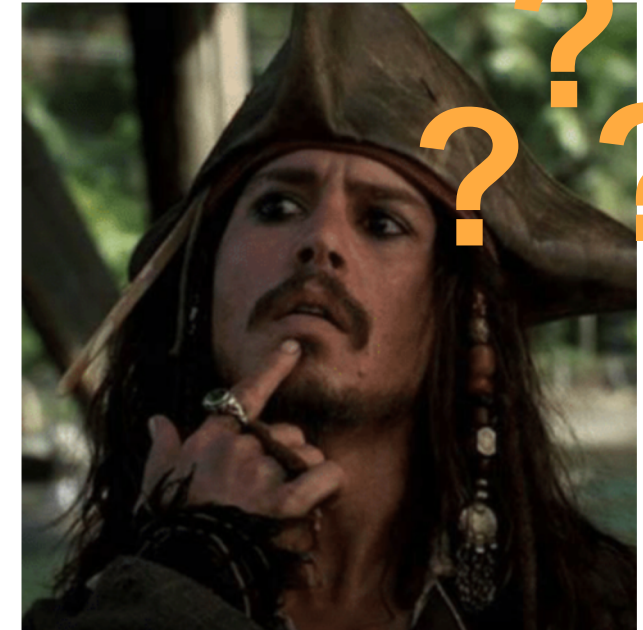
- Seed for CRC of first msg turned out to be a value received from the backend (“sc” / constant within hotel)
- Seed for CRC of next msg is CRC of previous msg
- But for the most important part, the credential packet, the CRC calculation was more complicated:





# CRC Reversing

- So we had 1 block with the CRC obviously not at the end, some constant blocks, 6 zero bytes, and 16 changing bits
- And 3 CRC-16 values and 2 session nonces to play with...
- [... some playing around ...]





This intermediary byte sequence (and seed CRC3)

$\underbrace{84\ 3c}_{\text{nonce1}}$ 
 $\underbrace{45\ f2}_{\text{CRC1}}$ 
 $\underbrace{88\ 40}_{\text{nonce2}}$ 
 $\underbrace{34\ f1}_{\text{CRC2}}$ 
 8c 02 fd 01 fe 9e f2 3b

yields the final CRC-16 value **0c3b**.

→ Now we know how to create the credential packet:

$\underbrace{00\ 00\ 00\ 00\ 00\ 00}_{\text{overwritten with zeroes}}$ 
 $\underbrace{0c\ 3b}_{\text{CRC inserted here}}$ 
 8c 02 fd 01 fe 9e f2 3b



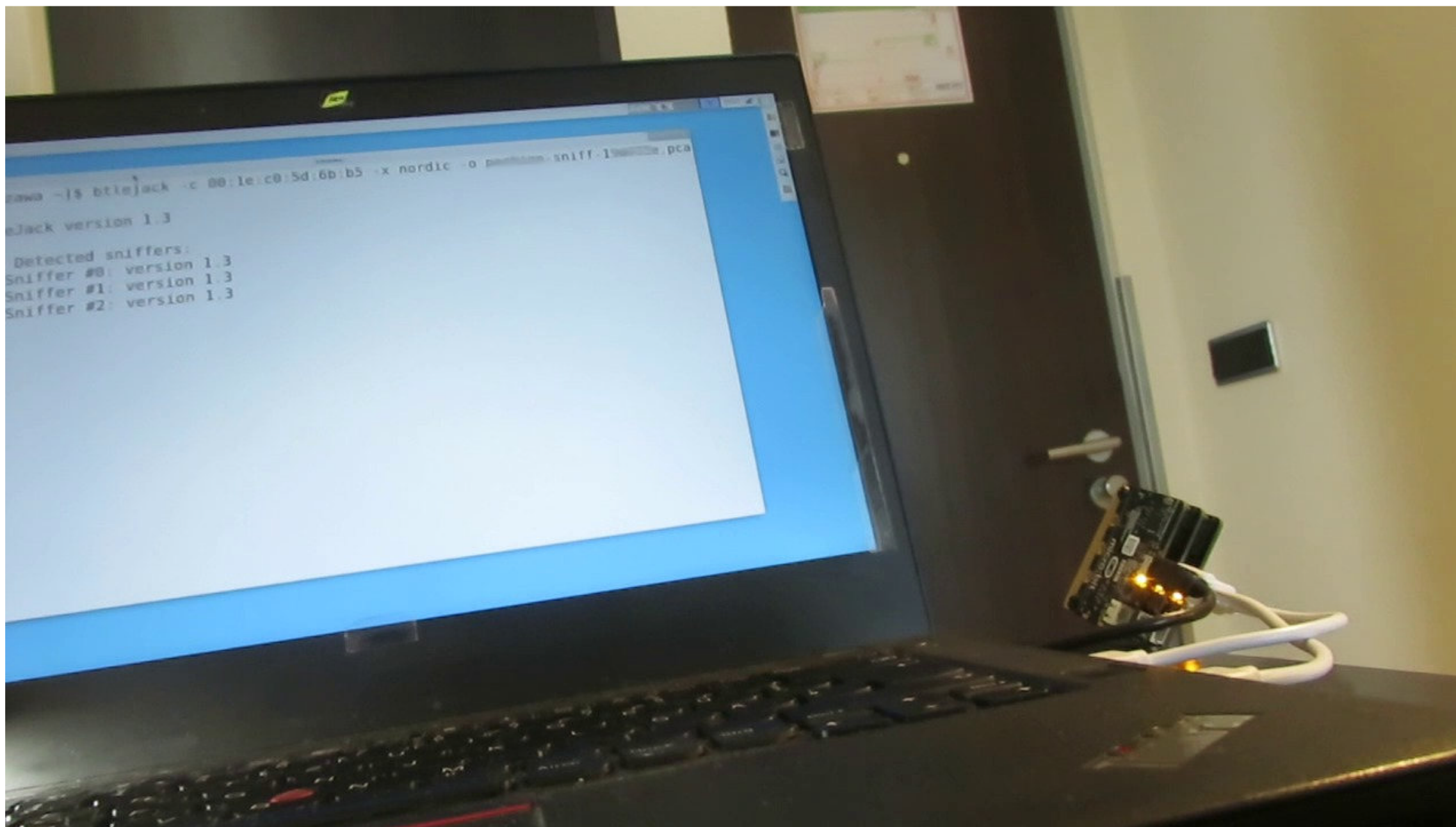
# Preparing an Attack

- Created a Python script
  - Input: Device name, credential bytes (as sniffed from previous opening)
  - Calculates CRCs, handles BLE communication (using bluepy)



# Sniffing a Mobile Key

[Video that shows how BLE data is sniffed off the air.]







# Executing the Script

```
[root@zawa mmk-unlock-master]# python mmk-unlock.py AHPKUJzL 30000000000000000000381a8c02fd01fef
b5b9e8c6e616b7ba6 32ca06cfbc48c67697f0c34897948c218c 33cf3f2a462f78d9c8874b6bb021b70034
Derived from device name AHPKUJzL: SC == 115, Room Number == 3237
Extracted mobile key: 8c02fd01fef8fdf9605803e9196317fb5b9e8c6e616b7ba6ca06cfbc48c67697f0c3
8d9c8874b6bb021b70034
[*] scanning (3s)...
[-] Room 3236, SC 115, Additional Data 0, 156 (00:1e:c0:5d:72:94, AHPKQJzb), RSSI=-88
[-] Room 3237, SC 115, Additional Data 0, 156 (00:1e:c0:5d:6b:b5, AHPKUJzL), RSSI=-83
[-] Room 3137, SC 115, Additional Data 0, 155 (00:1e:c0:5d:73:e8, AHPEEJuC), RSSI=-94
[-] Room 3337, SC 115, Additional Data 0, 157 (00:1e:c0:4f:32:f3, AHPQkJ0Q), RSSI=-97
unlocking in progress...
[1] Connecting...
Initializing BLE peripheral class...
Setting the delegate...
MyDelegate registered
Discovering the BLE service...
Discovering the write characteristic...
```





# Breaking into the Room

[Video that shows how Ray opens the hotel room door with sniffed data. (He opened doors only with permission of an authorized user, no actual Breaking In happened!)]







# Enjoy the View





# Some more Scripting

- Created test target (also Python script)
  - simulates a lock
  - handles BLE communication in the peripheral role (using [pybleno](#))
- Now we could play with this at home :)



# How Big Is the Problem?

- Found more hotel chains using the product
- BLE names are easy to check on-site, without actual room booking
- After booking a room, we found an even simpler variation of the protocol deployed (the “final / special” CRC part is left out)



# Responsible Disclosure



# Disclosure Timeline

- 2019-04-18: First vendor notification, immediate response
- 2019-04-26: Technical details to vendor
- 2019-05-02: Vendor questions feasibility
- 2019-05-06: Proof of concept code sent
- 2019-05-29: Vendor acknowledges vulnerability
- 2019-06-28: Vendor discusses update plans





# Update Plans and Challenges

- Locks in “our” first hotel are online, can be updated remotely
- Others need someone going from door to door with an update device
- Multiple app vendors have to integrate the new SDK
- Lesson learned: Identify all affected parties early



# And Now for Something Completely Different

Do you remember this presentation?

## The KABA MAS X-09™ High Security Safe Lock.

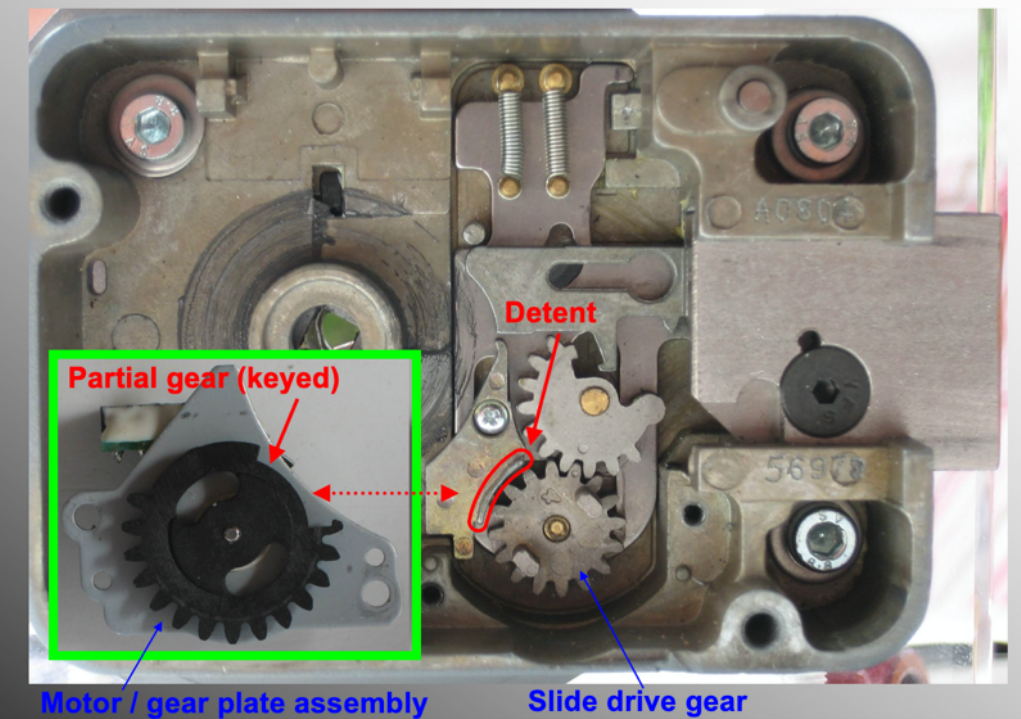
A Hands-On Presentation at LockCon 2008.

Sneek, The Netherlands, 10 Oct 2008, Michael U. Huebler.



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### The motor. Secure against bumping and vibration.





# DEF CON 27 had a surprise...



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## Exclusive: High-security locks for government and banks hacked by researcher

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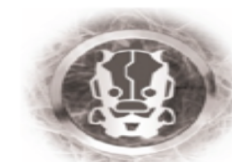
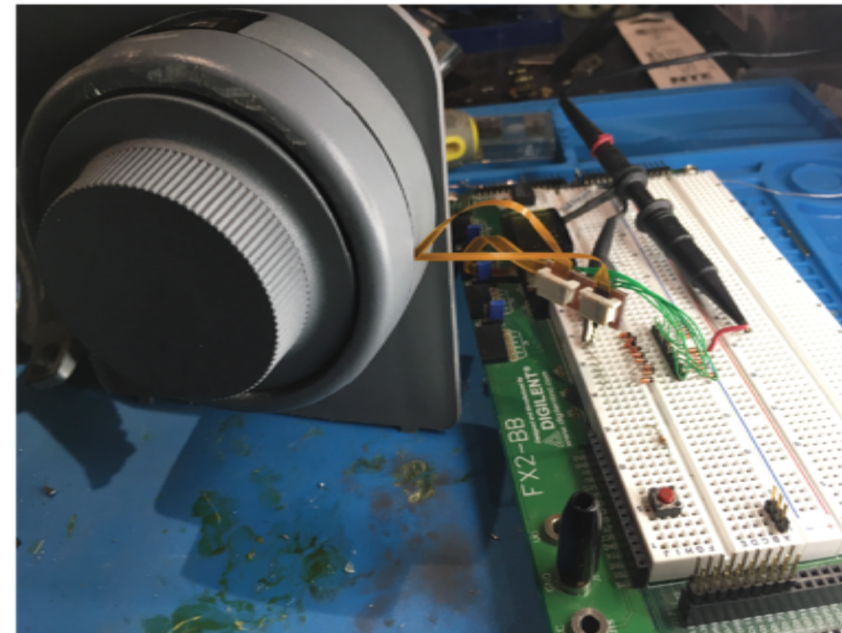
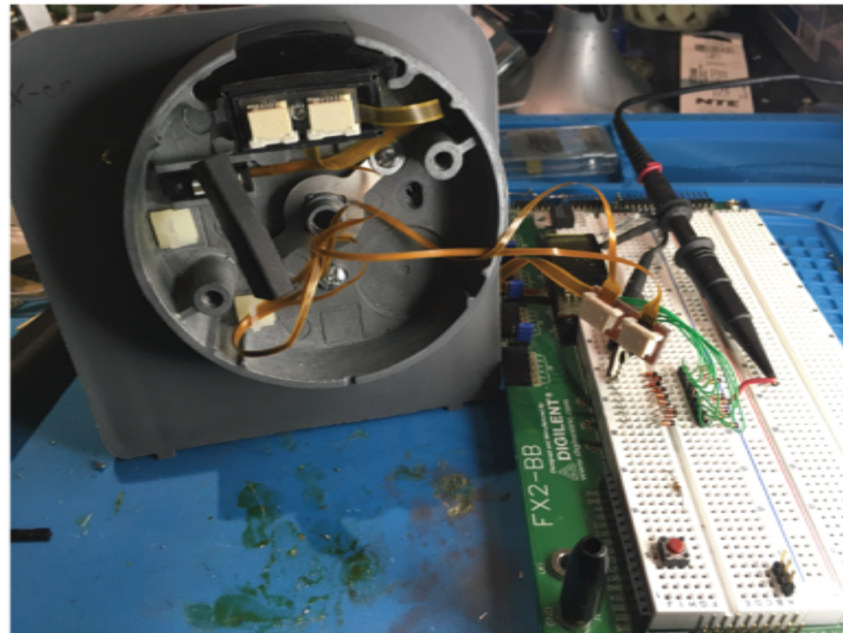
SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters) - Hackers could crack open high-security electronic locks by monitoring their power, allowing thieves to steal cash in automated teller machines, narcotics in pharmacies and government secrets, according to research to be presented Friday at the annual Def Con hacking conference in Las Vegas.





# Mike Davis: "No MAS: (misadventures in high security lock design)"

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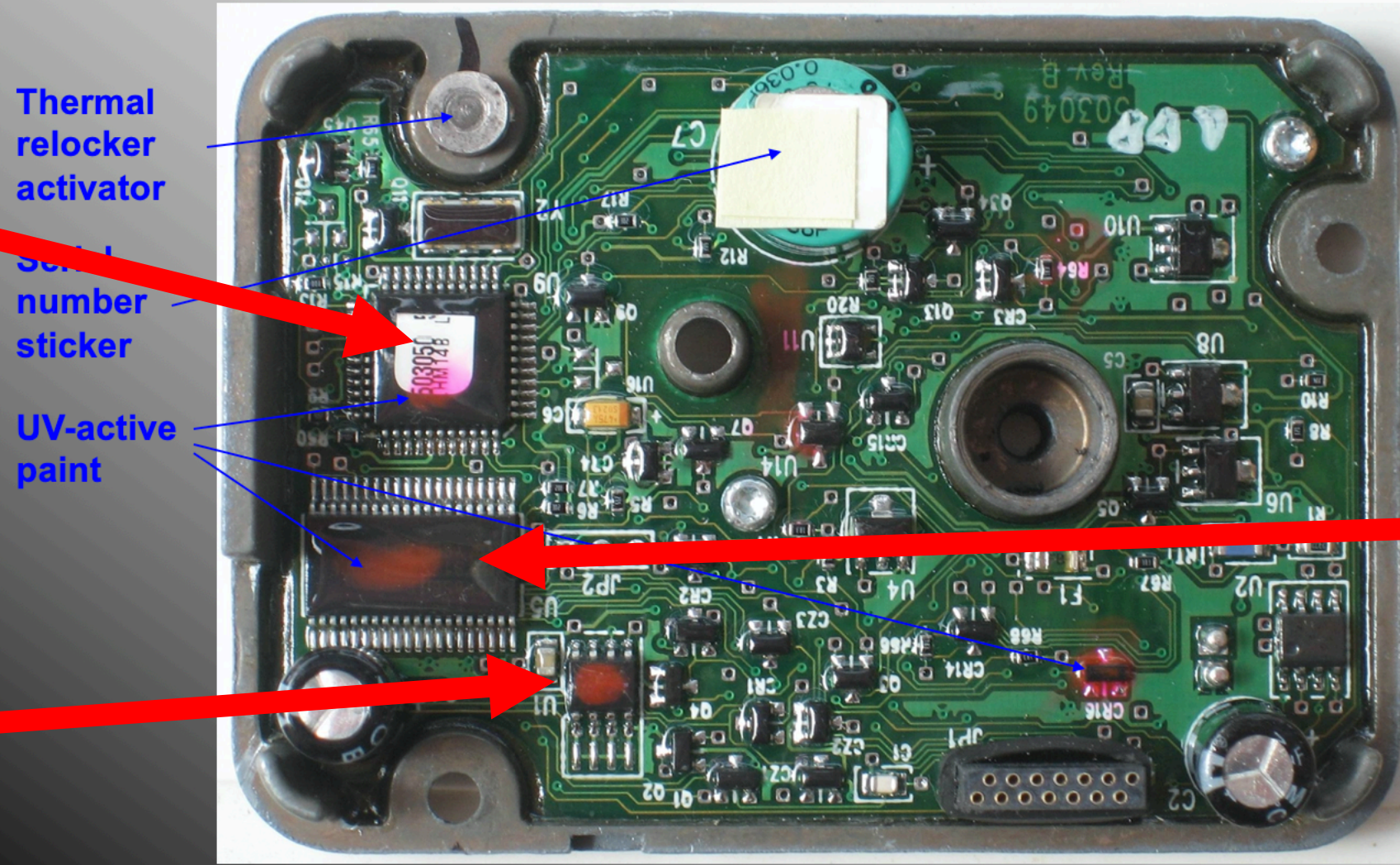






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# The electronic card (back cover assembly).

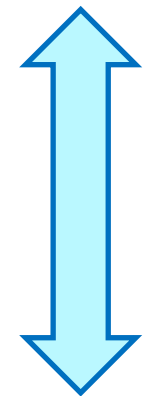


Thermal  
relocker  
activator

Serial  
number  
sticker

UV-active  
paint

Processor  
(P87C52)



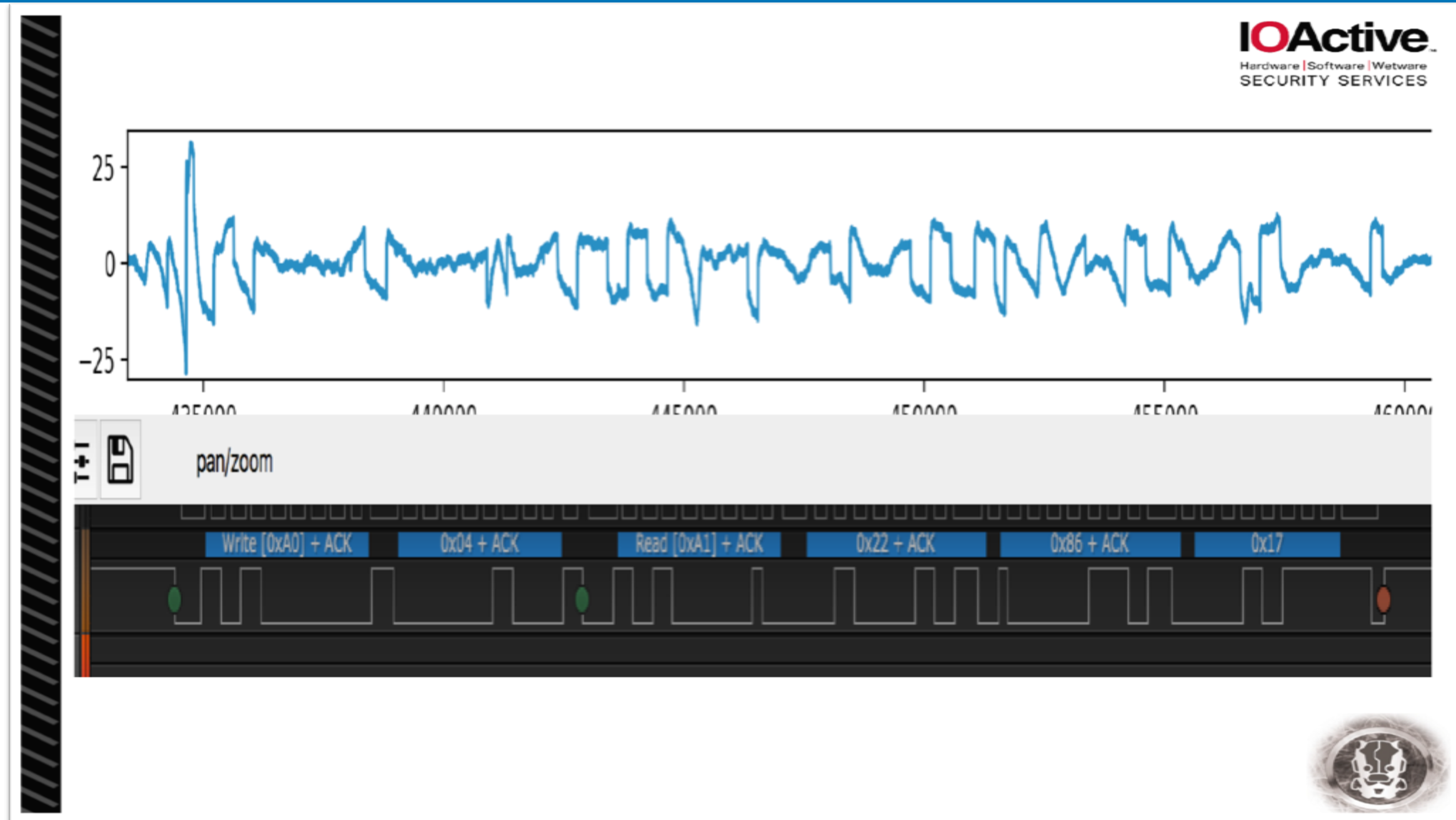
I<sup>2</sup>C serial  
connection

EEPROM  
(24LC02B)

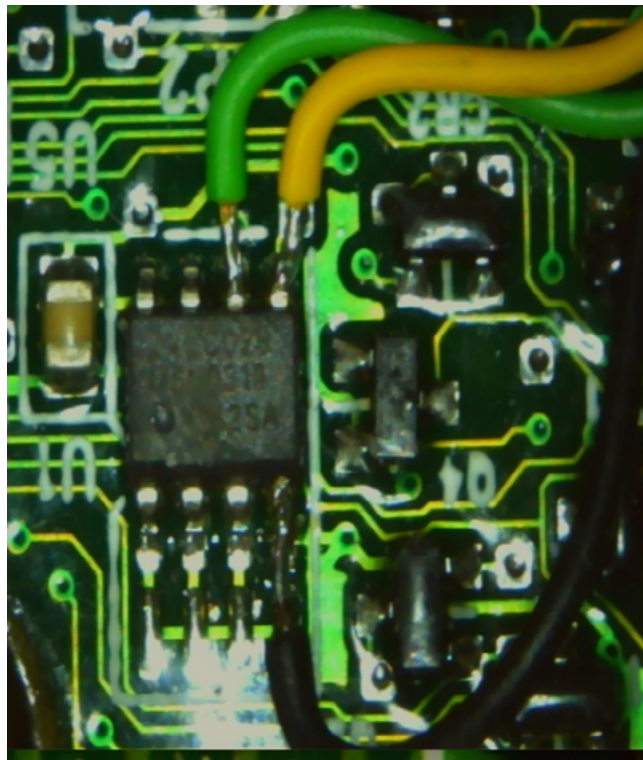
LCD Driver



## Signal on the “outside” LCD cables carries information about the internal EEPROM accesses









## However, the secret combination is not transmitted in “plain text”, but obfuscated

R/W	Addr	Value	R/W	Addr	Value	R/W	Addr	Value	R/W	Addr	Value	
Read	0x00	0x55	Read	0x0A	0x00	Read	0x12	0xE1	Read	0x22	0x0B	
Read	0x01	0xAA	Read	0x0E	0x00	Read	0x13	0x90	Read	0x23	0x82	
Read	0x04	0x58	Read	0x8A	0x00	Read	0x14	0x31	Read	0x24	0x90	
Read	0x05	0x99	Read	0x8B	0x00	Read	0x15	0x7C	Read	0x25	0x3C	
Read	0x06	0x53	Read	0x07	0x00	Read	0x16	0x3B	Read	0x26	0x0D	
Read	0x81	0x58	<b>(long pause while the combination is dialed)</b>			Read	0x17	0x40	Read	0x27	0x85	...
Read	0x82	0x99				Read	0x18	0x09	Read	0x28	0x51	...
Read	0x83	0x53				Read	0x19	0x3C	Read	0x29	0xC1	...
Read	0xFD	0x58	Read	0x00	0x55	Read	0x1A	0x5B	Read	0x2A	0x92	...
Read	0xFE	0x99	Read	0x01	0xAA	Read	0x1B	0x43	Read	0x2B	0x30	...
Read	0xFF	0x53	Read	0x0F	0x61	Read	0x1C	0x90	Read	0x2C	0x35	...
Write	0x0C	0x00	Read	0x10	0x84	Read	0x1D	0x49	Read	0x2D	0x44	...
			Read	0x11	0x73	Read	0x1E	0xE1	Read	0x2E	0x1C	
						Read	0x1F	0x76	Read	0x2F	0x60	
						Read	0x20	0x61	Read	0x30	0x81	
						Read	0x21	0x7C	Read	0x31	0x14	

(Serial number of the X-09: 589953 – Combination: 12 34 56)







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Thanks for your attention!



Questions?

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# Some Useful Links

BLE exploration tool for your smartphone:

<https://apps.apple.com/app/lightblue-explorer/id557428110/> /

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.punchthrough.lightblueexplorer>

Modifying Android app manifest to make app trust user CAs

<https://medium.com/@elye.project/android-nougat-charlesing-ssl-network-efa0951e66de>

Rebuild/Sign APK

<https://gist.github.com/AwsafAlam/f53312cbb912cf3e4267a5971cd75db0>

JADX decompiler:

<https://github.com/skylot/jadx> (Also can simply be done online: <https://www.google.com/search?&q=online+jadx>)

If you are interested in locks and lock picking:

<https://toool.nl/Publications>

<http://lockpicking.org> (German)