### Bluetooth Packet Sniffing Using Project Ubertooth



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- Bluesniff: Eve meets Alice and Bluetooth
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- Building a Bluetooth monitor
  - Shmoo/Defcon/Toorcamp 09
  - With Michael Ossmann
- Lead on project Ubertooth

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Not an employee of GSG

• I receive some funding

Not here to sell Ubertooths

### Ubertooth



## Ubertooth

- Designed by Michael Ossmann
- 2.4GHz experimentation platform
- Bluetooth 1.x, Low energy, 802.11 FHSS
- Hardware
  - CC2400 (+CC2591 frontend)
  - NXP LPC1756
  - USB device (2.0)
- Open source software and hardware
  - http://ubertooth.sourceforge.net

### Spot the difference?





### Bluetooth

## Bluetooth

- 2.4GHz ISM band
- Variable data rates
  - Basic Rate 1Mb/s
  - Enhanced Data Rate 3Mb/s
  - High Speed Alternate MAC/PHY 24Mb/s
  - LE (Smart) 200Kb/s
- FHSS @ 1600Hz
  - 79 channels

## Bluetooth - Terminology

- Bluetooth device address / MAC / BD\_ADDR
  - Three parts, not all present in packets
    - LAP Lower lowest 24 bits
    - UAP Upper next 8 bits
    - NAP Non-significant top 16 bits

NAP UAF LAF   00 : 1F 81 00 : 08 : 30		UAP 81	LAP 00 : 08 : 30	
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- CLKN
  - 27bit 3200Hz internal clock
  - Increments twice per time slot

# Bluetooth - Terminology

- Access code
  - Derived from LAP
- Packet Header
  - Error check based on UAP
- Payload
  - Possibly encrypted
  - CRC also based on UAP



## Bluetooth - Terminology

- Non-Discoverable mode
  - Does not respond to inquiry scans
  - Still responds to page scans
  - Some newer devices ignore unknown page scans
- Data whitening
  - Packets XOR'd with pseudo-random sequence

# Bluetooth sniffing is hard

- No "monitor mode"
  - Fixed correlator not promiscuous
- Frequency hopping
  - 1600 hops/s
  - 625us/packet
  - Pattern based on MAC and CLKN
- Data whitening
  - PRNG initialised with CLK1-6

## Finding Packets – Old method

- Find access code
  - Treat 64bit chunks as possible access codes
  - LAP stored in bits 34-57
- Check access code
  - Check trailer (2 errors)
  - Generate access code from LAP
  - Compare access code to 64bit chunk (6 errors)

#### Flaws

- Slow on desktop CPU
- Unworkable on low power devices
- No errors allowed in LAP
- No error correction

### **Error Correction**

### **Error Correction**

- (64, 30) expurgated block code
  - Based on BCH (63, 30) code
  - Calculate syndromes to find error vectors
- Supposed to correct up to 6 bit errors
  - Too many false positive results
  - Realistically correct <4 bit errors</li>

## **Error Correction**

- Manufacturers don't implement it
  - Known access code loaded into correlator
  - Compared to received bits
  - Up to 6 bit errors
- This is what we do for a known address

# Finding Packets – New Method

- Pre-calculate syndromes for n-bit errors
  - Use known access code
  - XOR with all possible n-bit error vectors
  - Generate syndrome for each error
  - Store in hash (uthash rules!)
- For each 64bit block
  - Calculate syndrome
  - Check hash for error vector
  - Correct error

### Finding Packets – New Method

Demo

## **Frequency Hopping**

## Frequency Hopping – Local Device

- Ubertooth-follow
  - Follow a local Bluetooth device
  - Use bluez to extract CLKN
  - Upload to Ubertooth
  - Start hopping

• Demo

# Frequency Hopping – Local Device

- Pros
  - Reliable
  - Potentially sniff pairing
- Cons
  - Master device must be local
  - No AFH support
    - Expected soon
  - Clock drift causes problems
    - This is fixable

# Frequency Hopping – Any Device

- Derive CLKN from received packets
  - Calculate hopping pattern for known address
  - Sniff single channel or hop randomly
  - Observe packets, timing and channel
  - Place packets in hopping pattern
  - Yields unique CLKN
- Calculate clock offset from CLKN  $\rightarrow$  Ubertooth
- Send to Ubertooth
- Follow hopping piconet

## Frequency Hopping – Any Device

- Ubertooth-hop
  - Follow a remote piconet
  - Given LAP and UAP
  - Finds clock offset and hops

• Demo

### Caveats

- Adaptive Frequency Hopping
  - Coming soon
- Encryption
  - PIN BTCrack
  - SSP Much harder
  - Need to sniff pairing for both

## **Kismet Plugin**

- Plugin for current and upcoming Kismet
- Dual mode
  - Survey static or hopping
  - Follow
- Demo

### Wireshark Plugin

Demo

### **Bluetooth Smart**

- AKA
  - Bluetooth Low Energy
  - Bluetooth 4.0
  - Wibree
- Much simpler protocol
- Mike Ryan has just started working on this
  - Sniffing connection phase
  - Sniffing some data

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#### Questions?

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