

Bluetooth Hacking

The State of the Art



22C3

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Agenda

- Quick technology overview
- Security mechanisms
- Known vulnerabilities
- Tools & new stuff
- Demonstrations

Who is investigating

- Adam Laurie
 - CSO of The Bunker Secure Hosting Ltd.
 - DEFCON staff and organizer
 - Apache-SSL co-publisher
- Marcel Holtmann
 - Maintainer of the Linux Bluetooth stack
 - Red Hat Certified Examiner (RHCX)
- Martin Herfurt
 - Security researcher
 - Founder of *trifinite.org*

What we are up against



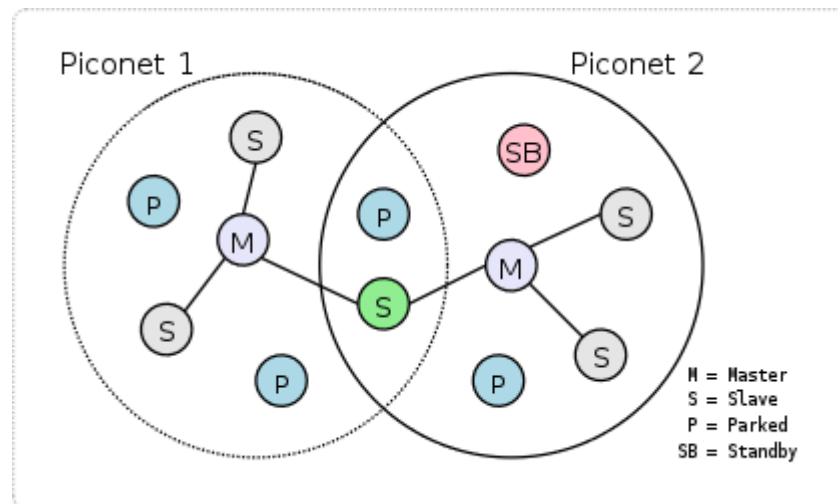
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What is Bluetooth

- Bluetooth SIG
 - Trade association
 - Founded 1998
 - Owns and licenses IP
- Bluetooth technology
 - A general cable replacement
 - Using the ISM band at 2.4 GHz
 - Protocol stack and application profiles

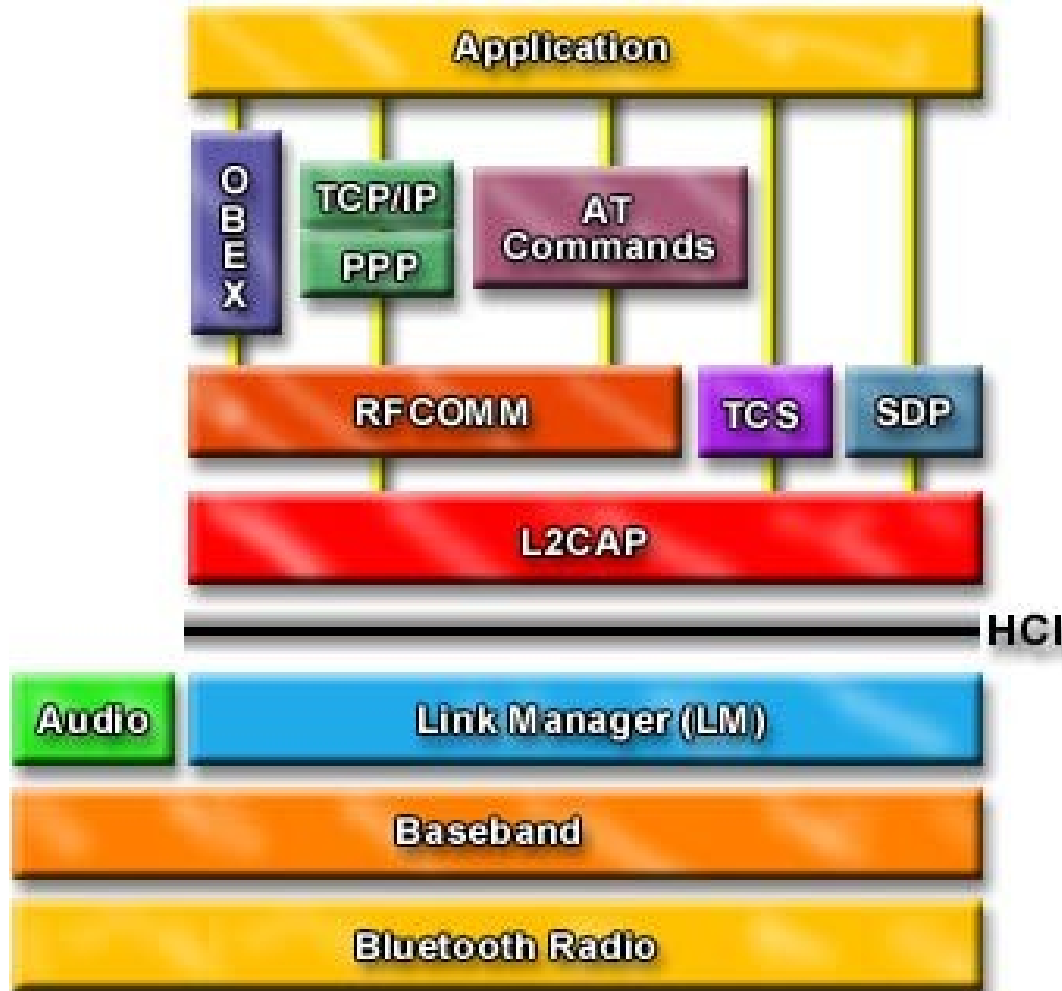
Network Topology

- Hopping sequence defines the piconet
 - Master defines the hopping sequence
 - 1600 hops per second on 79 channels
 - Up to seven active slaves
 - Scatternet creation



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Bluetooth Stack



Application specific security mechanisms

Bluetooth host security mechanisms

Security mechanisms on the Bluetooth chip

Security modes

- Security mode 1
 - No active security enforcement
- Security mode 2
 - Service level security
 - On device level no difference to mode 1
- Security mode 3
 - Device level security
 - Enforce security for every low-level connection

How pairing works

- First connection

- (1) > HCI_Pin_Code_Request

- (2) < HCI_Pin_Code_Request_Reply

- (3) > HCI_Link_Key_Notification

- Further connections

- (1) > HCI_Link_Key_Request

- (2) < HCI_Link_Key_Request_Reply

- (3) > HCI_Link_Key_Notification (optional)

Principles of good Security (CESG/GCHQ)

- Confidentiality
 - Data kept private
- Integrity
 - Data has not been modified
- Availability
 - Data is available when needed
- Authentication
 - Identity of peer is proven
- Non-repudiation
 - Peer cannot deny transaction took place

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Breaking all of them

- Confidentiality
 - Reading data
- Integrity
 - Modifying data
- Availability
 - Deleting data
- Authentication
 - Bypassed completely
- Non-repudiation
 - Little or no logging / no audit trails

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Remember Paris



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Compromised Content

- Paris Hilton's phonebook
 - Numbers of **real** Celebrities (rockstars, actors ...)
- Images

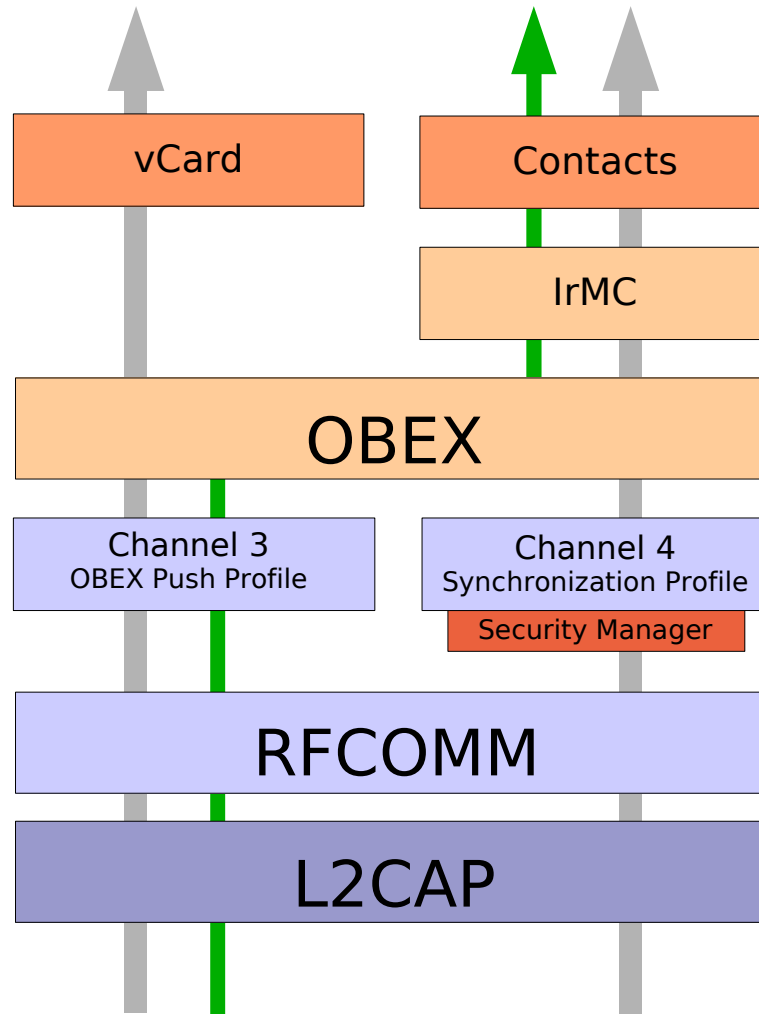


- US Secret Service
 - Confidential documents

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- Trivial OBEX push attack
 - Pull knows objects instead of pushing
 - No authentication
- Discovered by Marcel Holtmann
 - Published in October 2003
- Also discovered by Adam Laurie
 - Published in November 2003
 - Field tests at London Underground etc.

How to avoid pairing



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BlueBug



- Issuing AT commands
 - Use hidden and unprotected channels
 - Full control over the phone
- Discovered by Martin Herfurt
 - Motivation from the BlueSnarf attack
 - Public field test at CeBIT 2004
- Possibility to cause extra costs

HeloMoto

- Requires entry in “My Devices”
- Use OBEX push to create entry
 - No full OBEX exchange needed
- Connect to headset/handsfree channel
 - No authentication required
 - Full access with AT command
- Discovered by Adam Laurie

Authentication abuse

- Create pairing
 - Authenticate for benign task
 - Force authentication
 - Use security mode 3 if needed
- Connect to unauthorized channels
 - Serial Port Profile
 - Dialup Networking
 - OBEX File Transfer

- Using L2CAP echo feature
 - Signal channel request and response
 - L2CAP signal MTU is unknown
 - No open L2CAP channel needed
- Causing buffer overflows
- Denial of service attack

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 - Bluetooth device name is UTF-8 encoded
 - Friendly name with control characters
 - Crashes some phones
 - Can cause weird behaviors
 - Name caches can be very problematic
- Credits to Q-Nix and Collin R. Mulliner

BlueBump



- Forced re-keying
 - Authenticate for benign task (vCard exchange)
 - Force authentication
- Tell partner to delete pairing
 - Hold connection open
 - Request change of connection link key
- Connect to unauthorized channels

- OBEX push channel attack, again
 - Connect with Sync, FTP or BIP target UUID
 - No authentication
 - Contents are browseable
 - Full read and write access
 - Access to external media storage
- Manufacturers have been informed

BlueSpooof



- Clone a trusted device
 - Device address
 - Service records
 - Emulate protocols and profiles
- Disable encryption
- Force re-pairing

- Yanic Shaked and Avishai Wool
 - <http://www.eng.tau.ac.il/~yash/Bluetooth/>
 - Expands PIN attack from Ollie Whitehouse
 - Requires special hardware or firmware
- Destroy trust relationship
 - Use the BlueSpooof methods
- User interaction for pairing still needed

BlueChop

- Brandnew attack (new for 22C3)
- Disrupts established Bluetooth Piconets
- Independent from device manufacturer
 - Bluetooth standard thing
- Works for devices that are
 - Multiconnection capable (pretty much all the newer devices)
 - Page-able during an ongoing connection (very likely since more than one device can connect)

Blueprinting

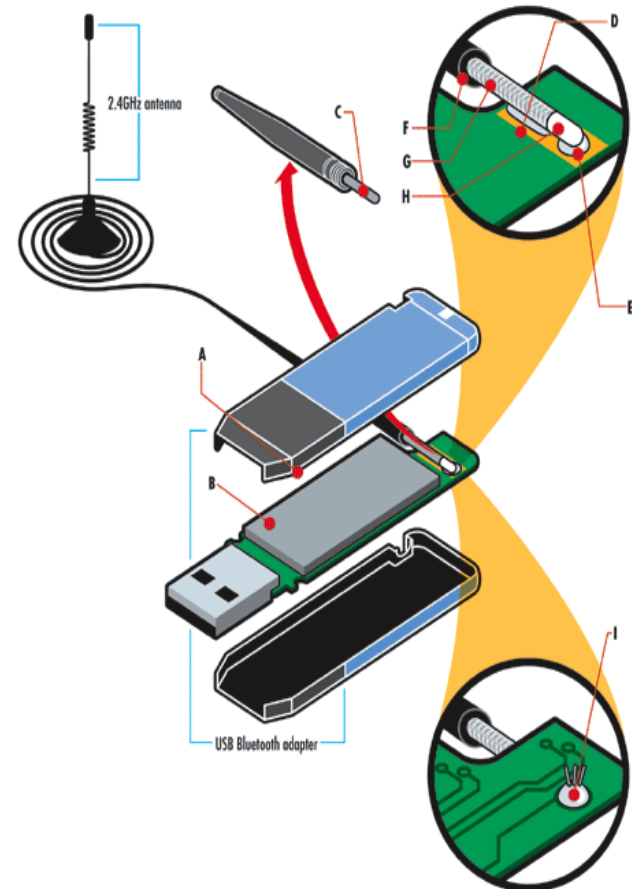


- Fingerprinting for Bluetooth
- Work started by Collin R. Mulliner and Martin Herfurt
- Based on the SDP records and OUI
- Important for security audits
- Paper with more information available

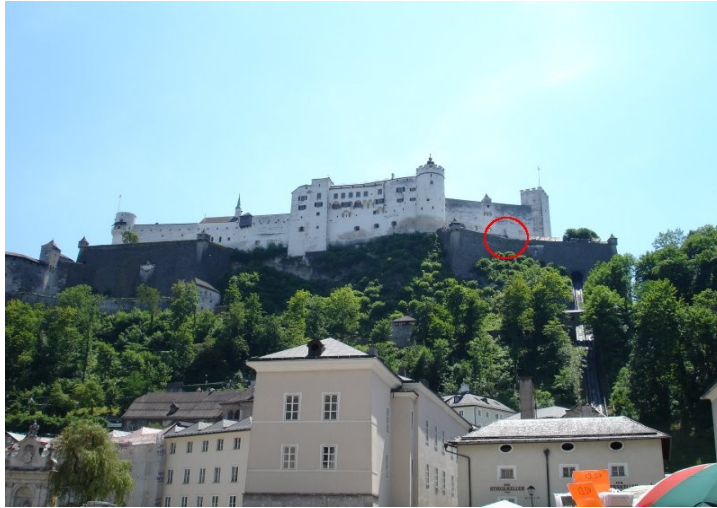
Bluetooone



- Enhancing the range of a Bluetooth dongle by connecting a directional antenna -> as done in the Long Distance Attack
- Original idea from Mike Outmesguine (Author of Book: "Wi-Fi Toys")
- Step by Step instruction on trifinite.org



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Bloover



- Bloover - *Bluetooth* Wireless Technology Hoover
- Proof-of-Concept Application
- Educational Purposes only
- Java-based
 - J2ME MIDP 2.0 **with** BT-API
- Released last year at 21C3
- 150.000 + **x** downloads
 - Bloover also distributed by other portals

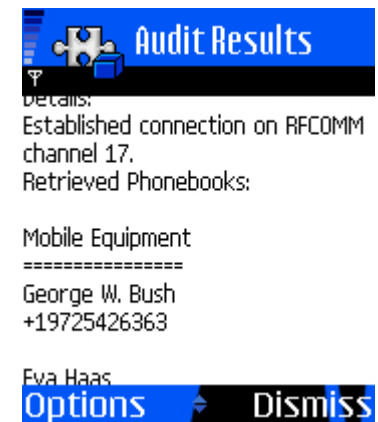
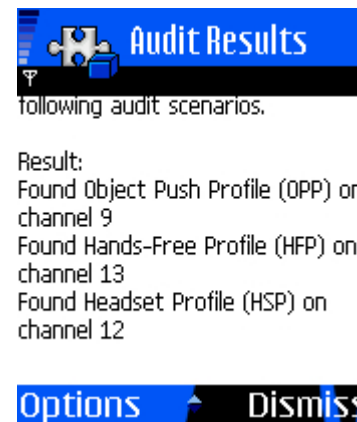
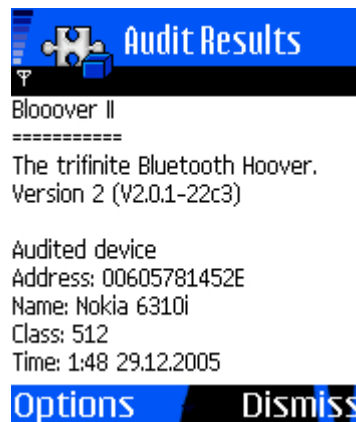
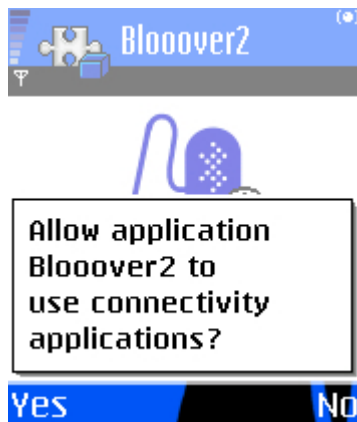
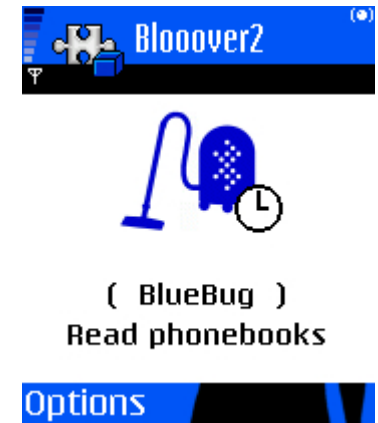
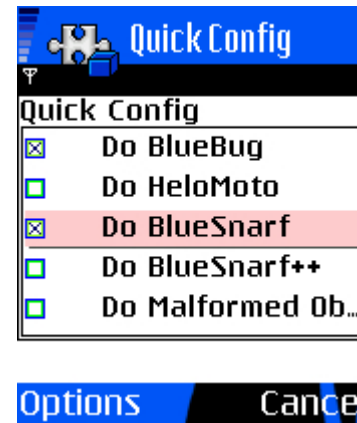
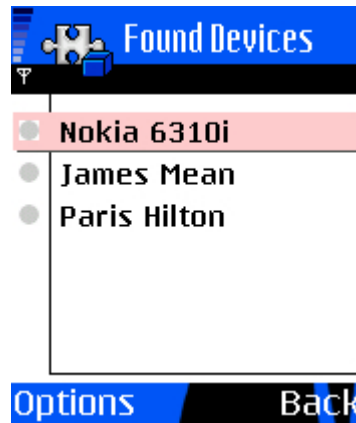
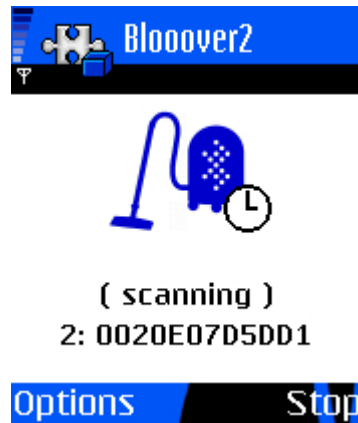
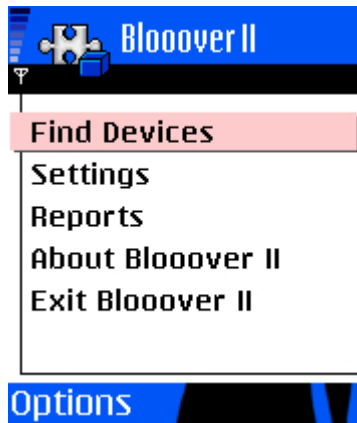


Bloover II



- Successor of the popular Bloover application
 - Auditing tool for professionals/researchers
 - Included Audits
 - BlueBug
 - HeloMoto
 - BlueSnarf
 - Malformed Objects
- Beta-phase starting today ;-)

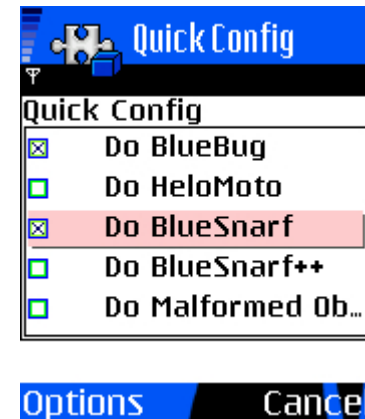
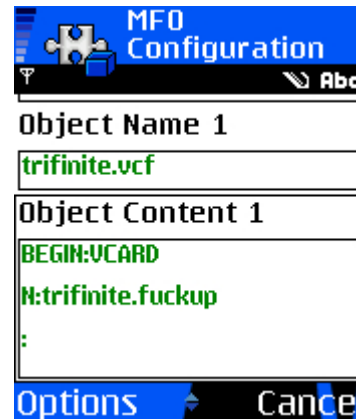
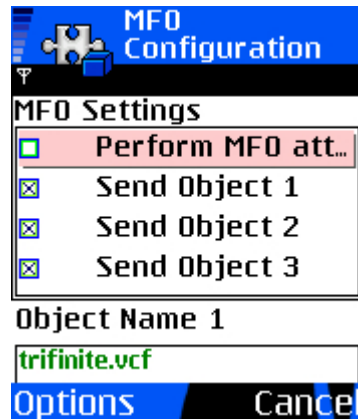
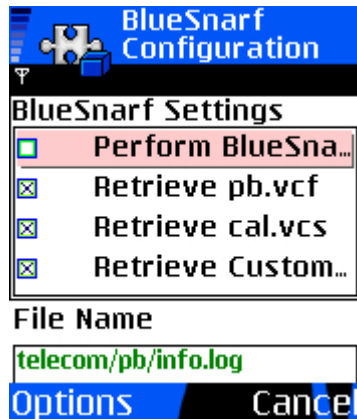
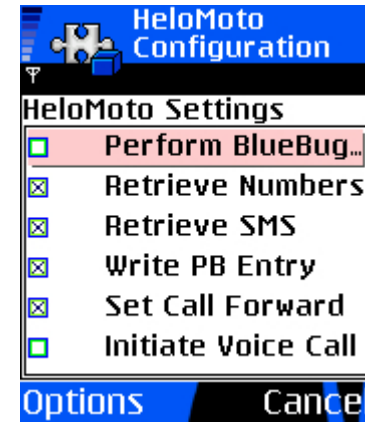
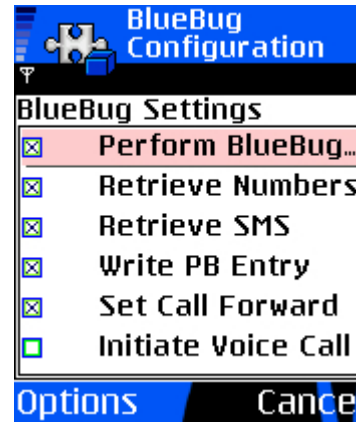
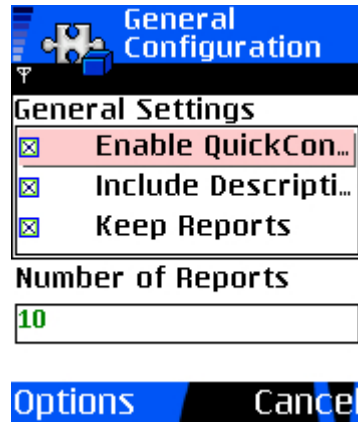
Bloover II - Auditing



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Bloover II - Settings



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Bloover II - Breeder



- Special edition for 22c3
- World Domination through p2p propagation
- Breeder Version distributes 'Bloover II Babies'
 - Babies cannot breed

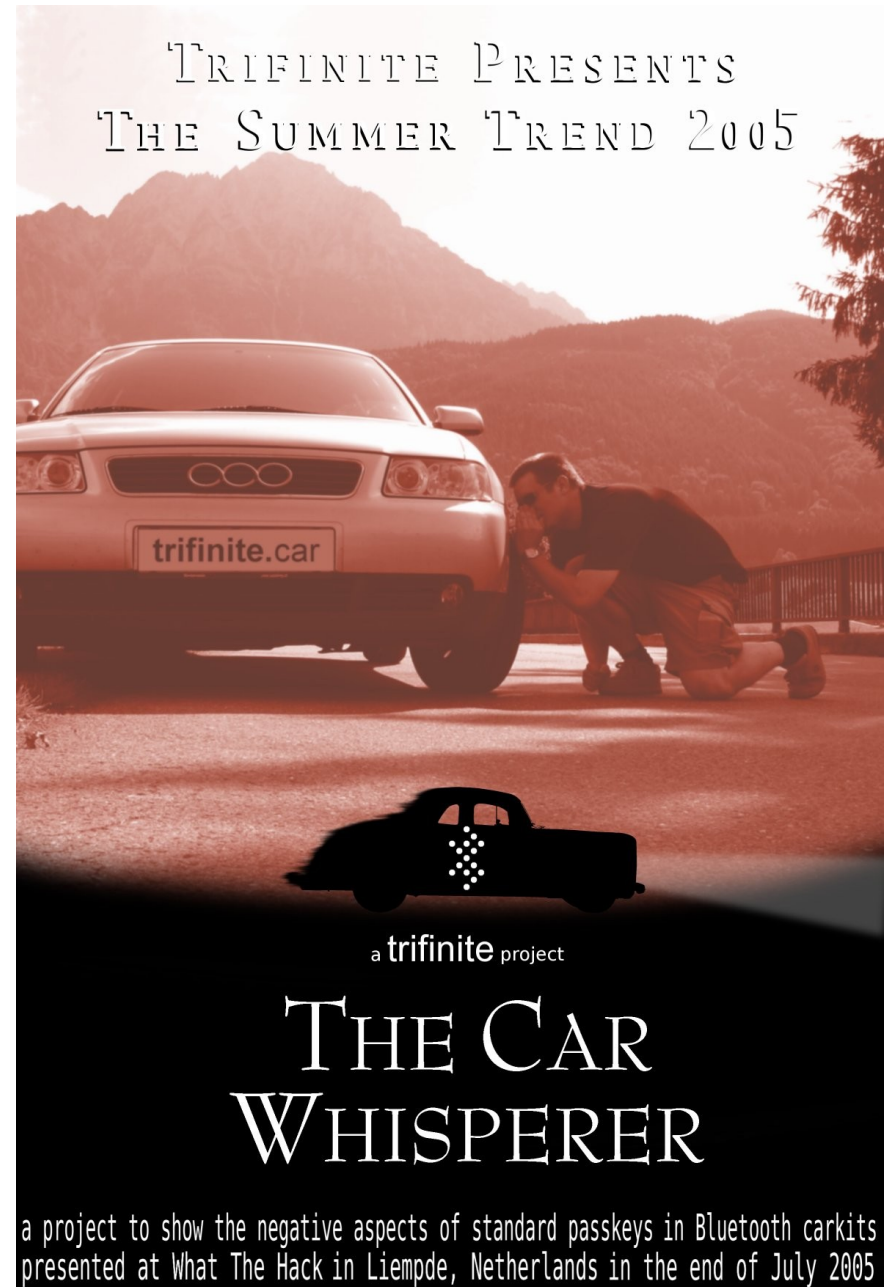


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The Car Whisperer

- Use default pin codes to connect to carkits
- Inject audio
- Record audio
- Version 0.2 now available
 - Better phone emulation capabilities



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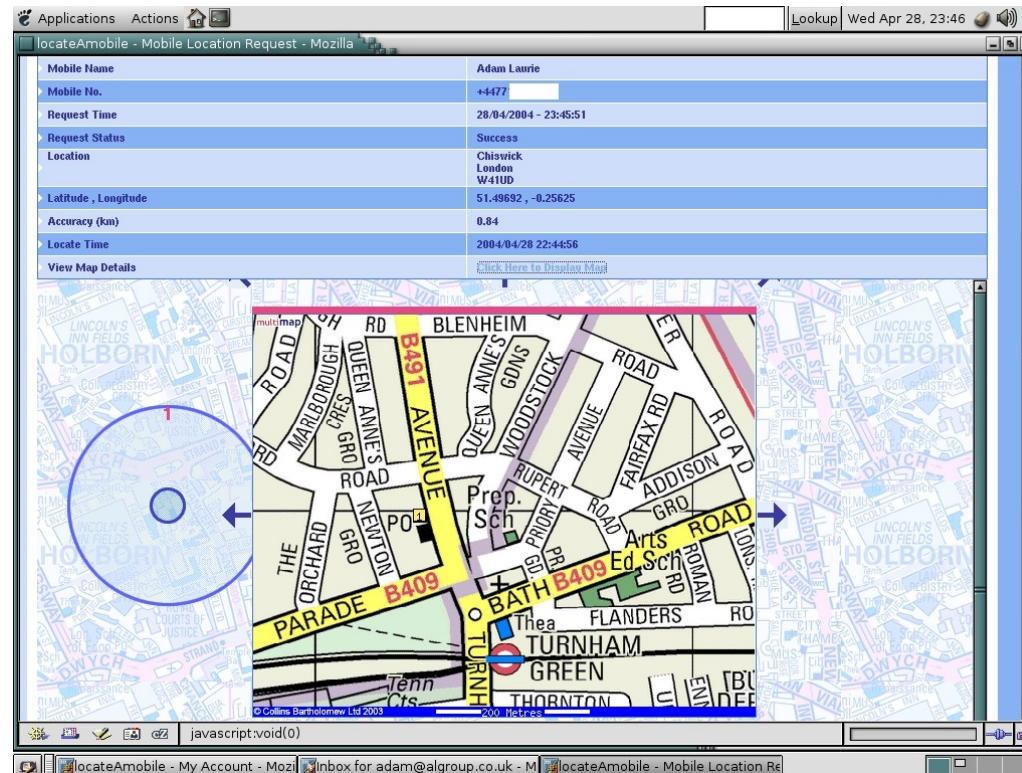
- Stationary directional antenna
 - 15 seconds visibility at an average speed of 120 km/h and a range 500 m



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BlueStalker

- Commercial tracking service
 - GSM Location tracking (Accurate to about 800 meters)
- BlueBug SMS message to determine phone number and intercept confirmation message



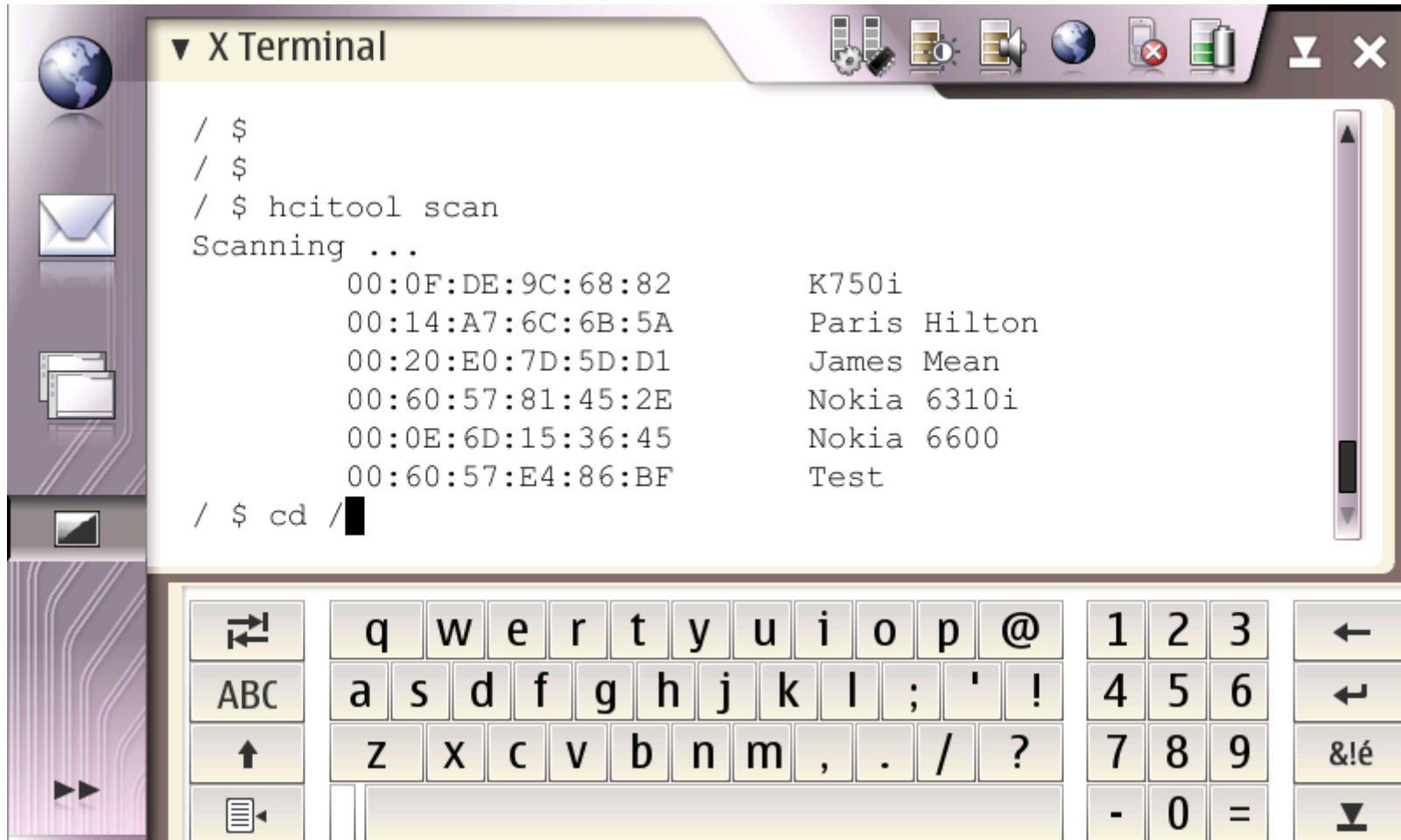
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Nokia 770

- Tablet PC
- Supports
 - Wi-Fi
 - Bluetooth
 - **No** GSM/GRPS/UMTS
- Linux-based
 - Almost open source
- Details here
 - <http://www.nokia.com/770>
 - http://trifinite.org/trifinite_stuff_nokia_770.html

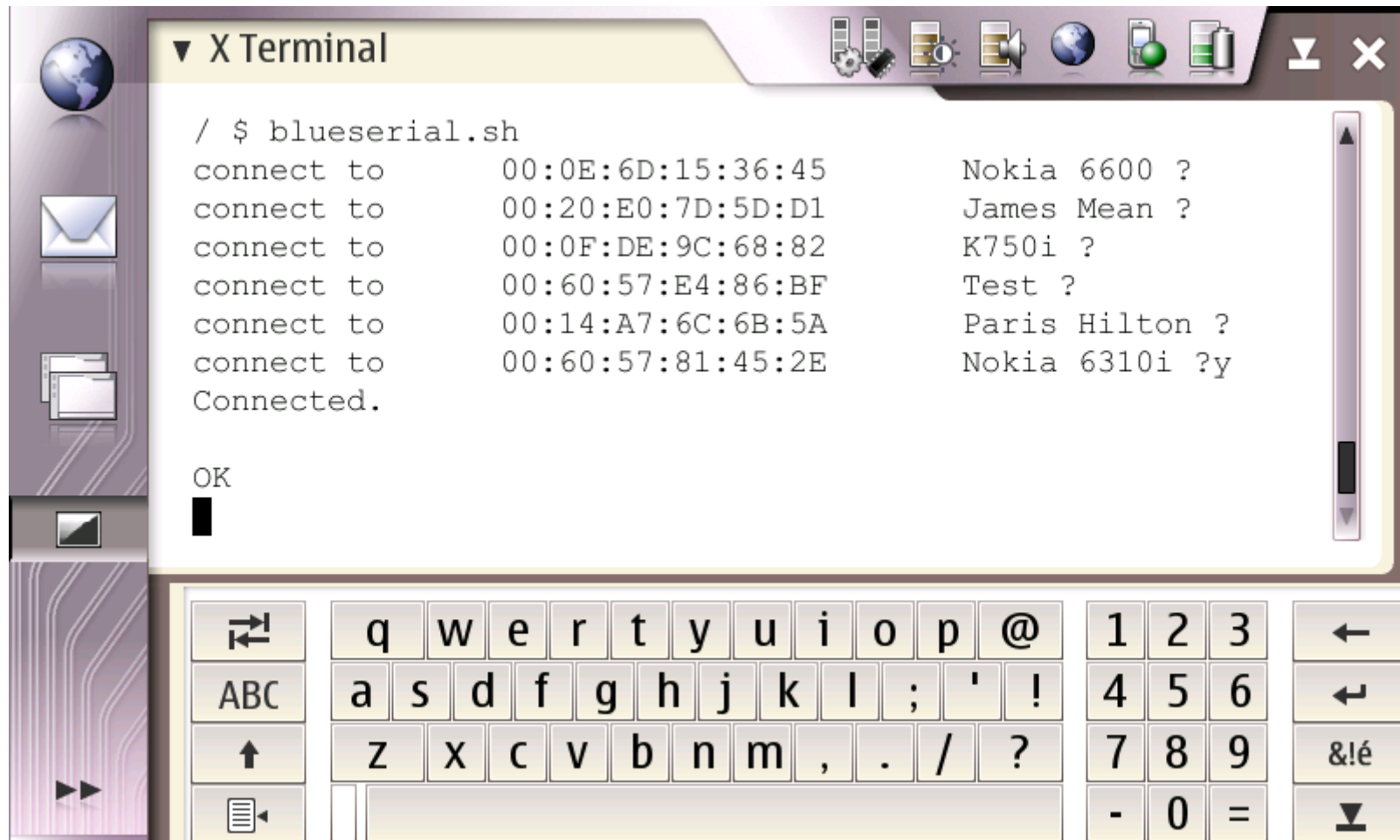


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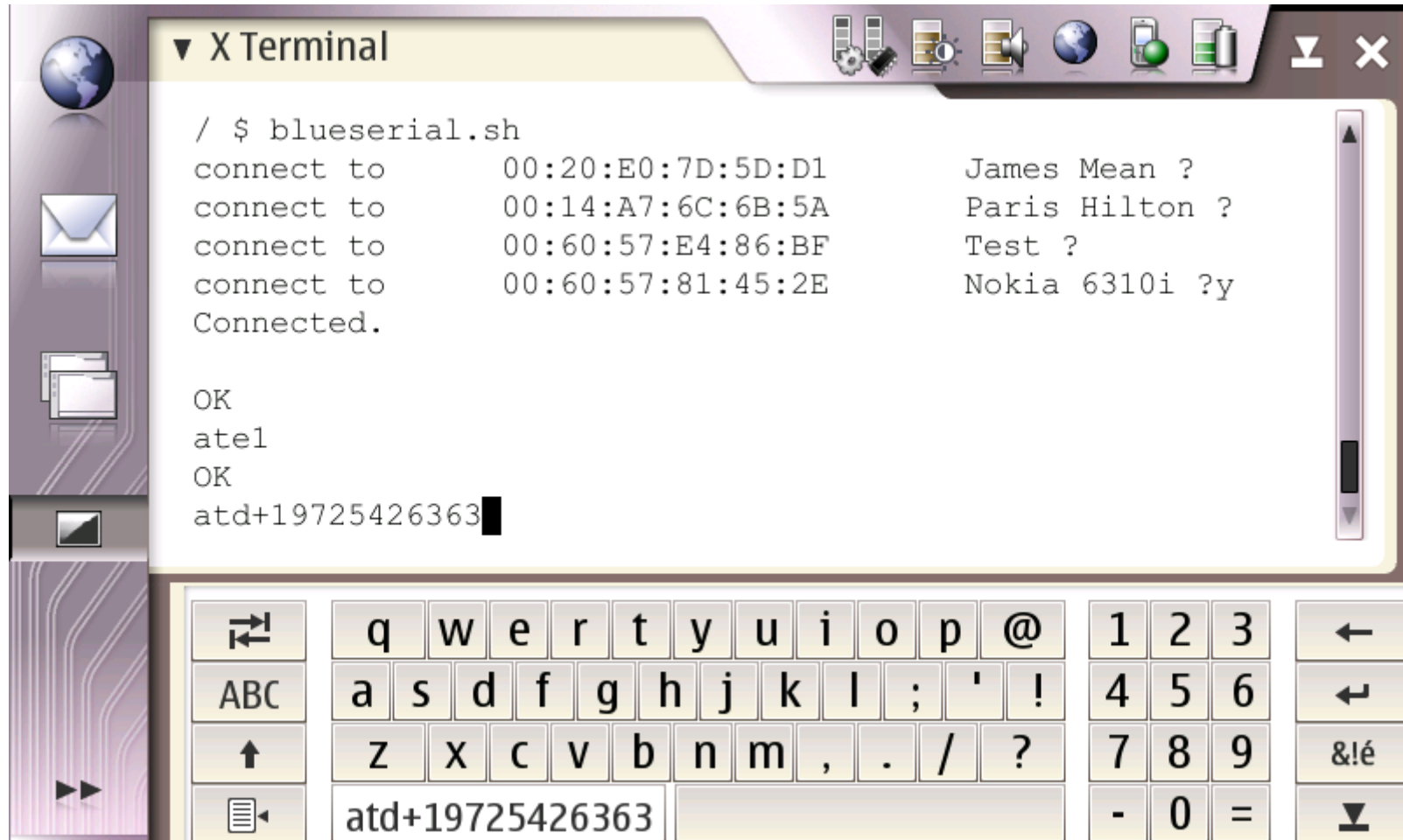
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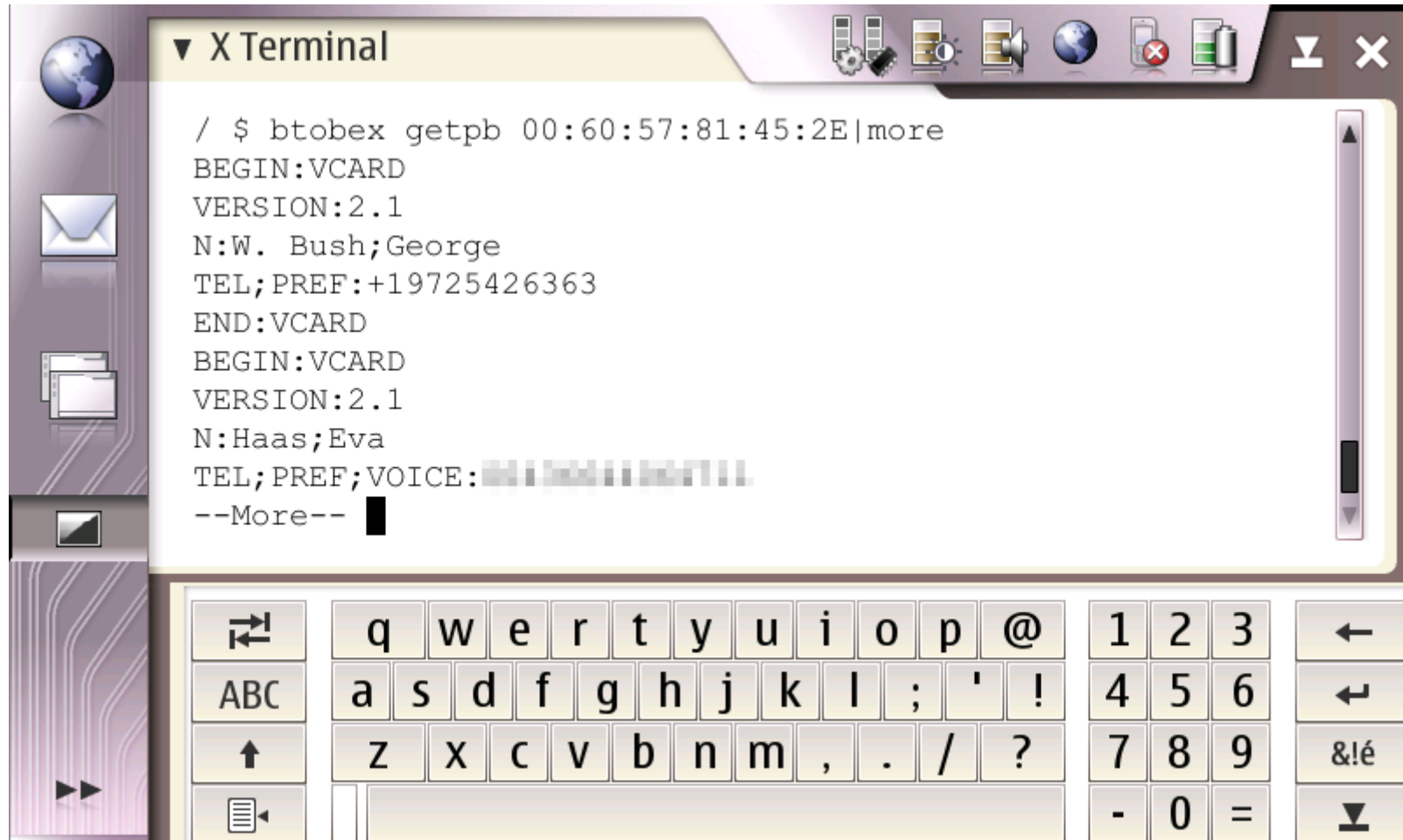
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Bloonix



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- Linux distribution for Bluetooth audits
 - Linux-based Live CD
 - Recent 2.6 kernel
 - Contains all latest BlueZ utilities
 - Dedicated auditing tools for each vulnerability
 - Report generation
- To be released early next year

Bluetooth Sniffing

- Local Sniffing
 - hcidump
- Piconet Sniffing
 - special hardware or firmware
- Air Sniffing
 - Frontline (<http://www.fte.com/>)
 - LeCroy/CatC (<http://www.lecroy.com/>)



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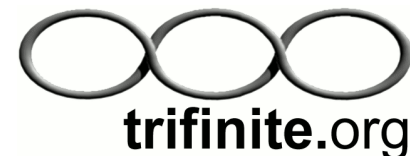
Conclusions

- Bluetooth is secure standard (per se)
 - Problems are at the application level
- Cooperation with the Bluetooth SIG
 - Pre-release testing at UPF (UnPlugFests)
 - Better communication channels
 - Clear user interface and interaction
 - Mandatory security at application level
 - Using a policy manager

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- Adam Laurie (the Bunker Secure Hosting)
- Marcel Holtmann (BlueZ)
- Collin Mulliner (mulliner.org)
- Tim Hurman (Pentest)
- Mark Rowe (Pentest)
- Martin Herfurt (trifinite.org)
- Spot (Sony)

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Further information

- trifinite.org
 - Loose association of security experts
 - Public information about Bluetooth security
 - Individual testings and trainings
 - TRUST = trifinite unified security testing
- Contact us via contact@trifinite.org

The Next Big Challenge



Hacking TheToy - Just imagine all the girls freaking out when they sense the proximity of your geeky laptop ;)



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Any questions?



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