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Lab 9: Sniffing Bluetooth with the Raspberry Pi

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Objectives

- Getting familiar with varying levels of security on different common devices that use Bluetooth/BLE (Bluetooth Low Energy)
- Configuring a Raspberry Pi to detect and display information about the Bluetooth devices that are in its range
- The flows of implementation:
  - Part 1: Configuring the Raspberry Pi as a Bluetooth Sniffer
  - Part 2: Using the CLI to Detect and Display Information about Bluetooth Device
  - Part 3: Using the CLI to Pair with a Sniffed Device

What is sniffing?

- **Sniffing** is the process of collecting, monitoring and capturing the packets in **computer networks**.

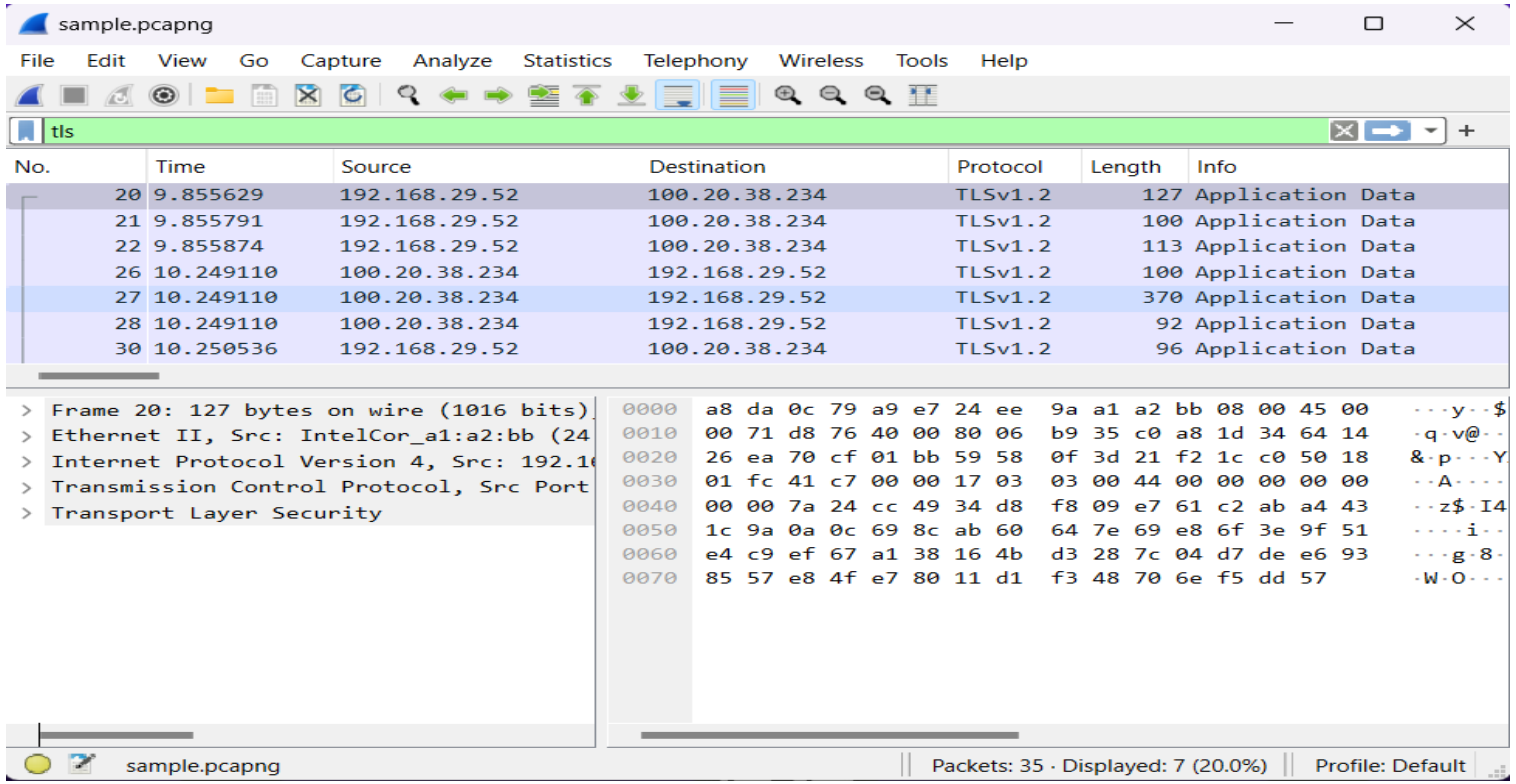
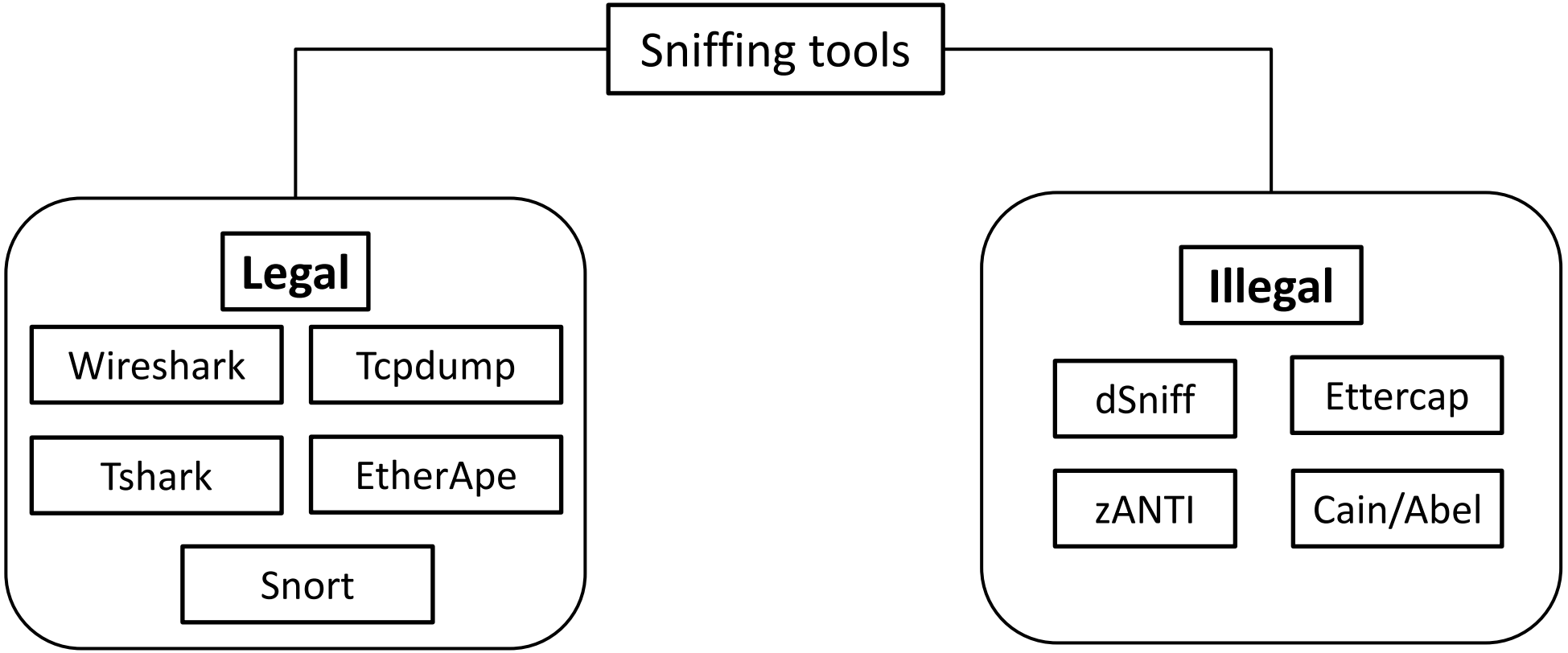


Figure 1: An example of traffic file captured by Wireshark

Sniffing Tools

Sniffing can be used for **legal** or **illegal** purposes:

- Legal: Monitoring network traffic for industrial purposes
- Illegal: Performing cyberattacks to **steal user's information**



Sniffing Attack

- Attackers use sniffing tools to monitor the traffic between client and server (router, switch,…)
- Attackers can decode the packet to steal user's information or reply to the server with modified messages
- In terms of cyberattack, Sniffing is a branch of Man-in-the-middle (MitM) attack
- Types of sniffing attacks: ARP Spoofing, DHCP Spoofing, Active/Passive Sniffing, SSL Sniffing,…

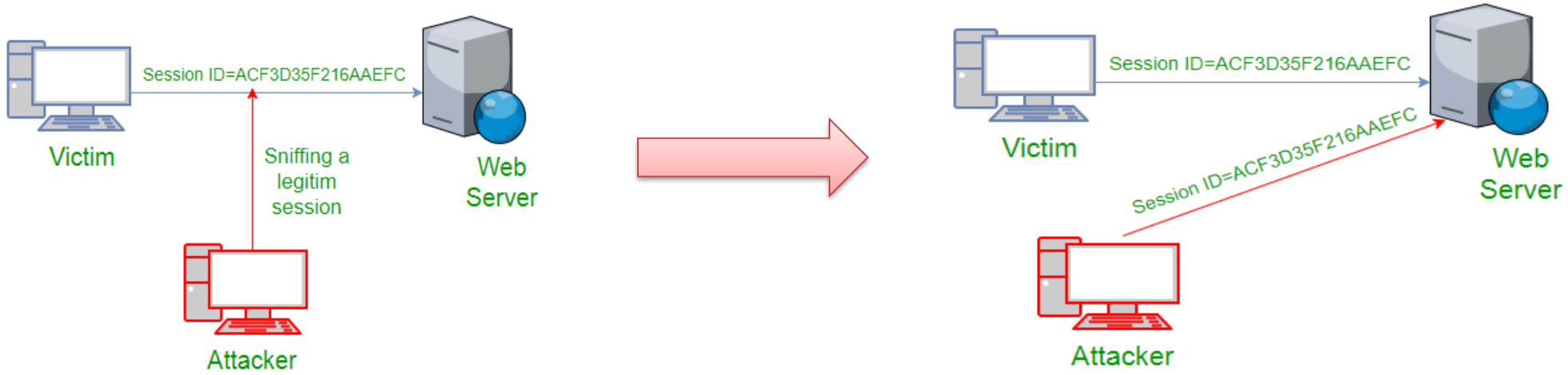


Figure 2: Diagram of sniffing attack (Ref)

Example

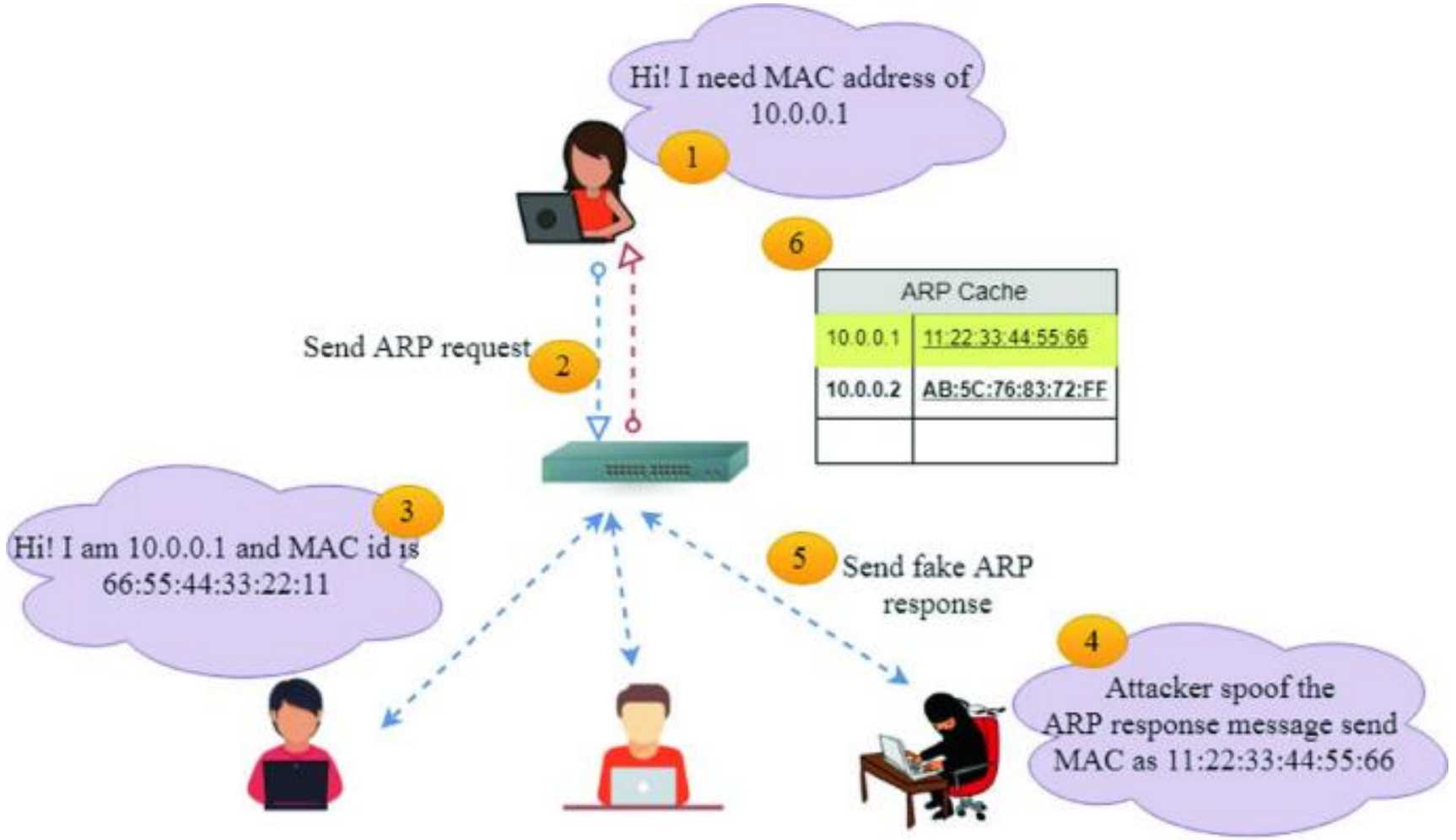
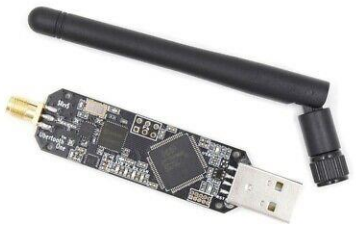


Figure 3: Example of ARP Spoofing attack (Ref)

What is Bluetooth Sniffing?

- Bluetooth sniffing is the process of capturing and monitoring the communication **between Bluetooth devices**
- It is used to analyse the connection between devices, thereby enhancing the security and privacy of communication
- Require specific hardware **which can listen to Bluetooth signal** (Ubertooth, dongle Bluetooth) and software **which can collect and analyse Bluetooth communication** (hcitool,…)



Ubertooth

Bluetooth tracker

BLE USB Sniffer

Bluetooth sniffing attacks

- There are many types of Bluetooth sniffing attacks: MitM, Bluetooth Snarfing, BlueBugging, …
- The motivations of attackers include:
  - **Stealing information** from user's devices (history calls, phone books, messages,…)
  - **Taking full control** of the user's devices

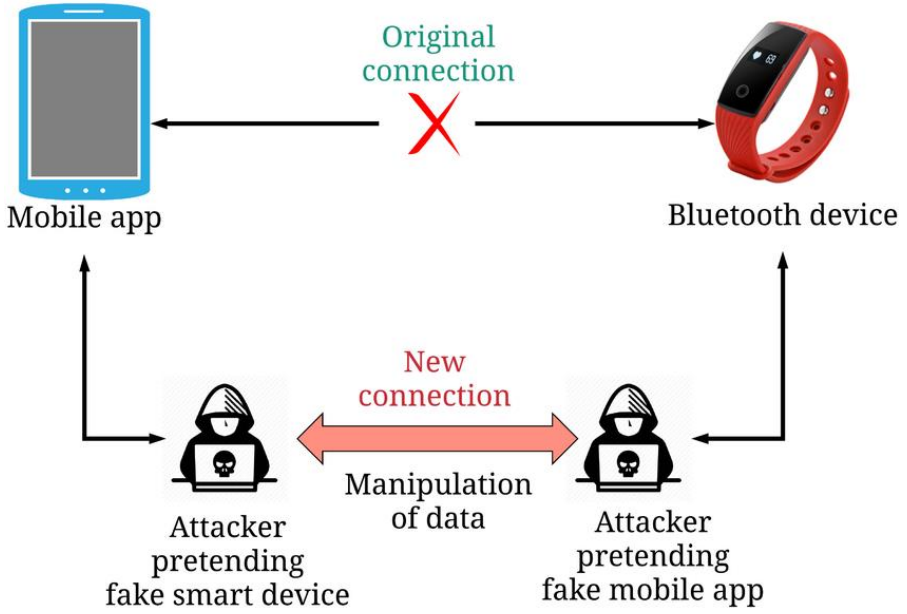
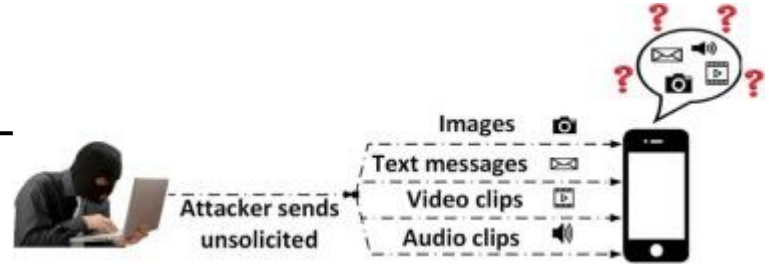


Figure 5: Example of MitM attack on Bluetooth devices

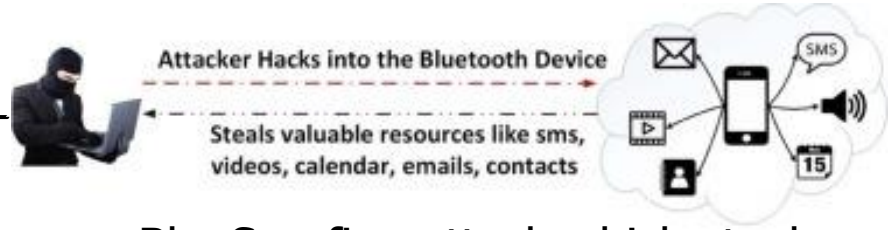
Example

MitM attack to pair with Victim's device (Reference)

BlueBugging attack which takes full control of device



BlueJacking attack which sends spammed messages to victim's device



BlueSnarfing attack which steals information from a device

Bluetooth Sniffing in IoT scenario

- Many IoT sensors utilise Bluetooth for their connectivity
- The attacker can exploit the vulnerability of Bluetooth technology by the **sniffer** to **track** and **decode** broadcasting information
- Attackers can steal users' information by hosting cyberattacks on IoT systems: smart homes, smart farms,...

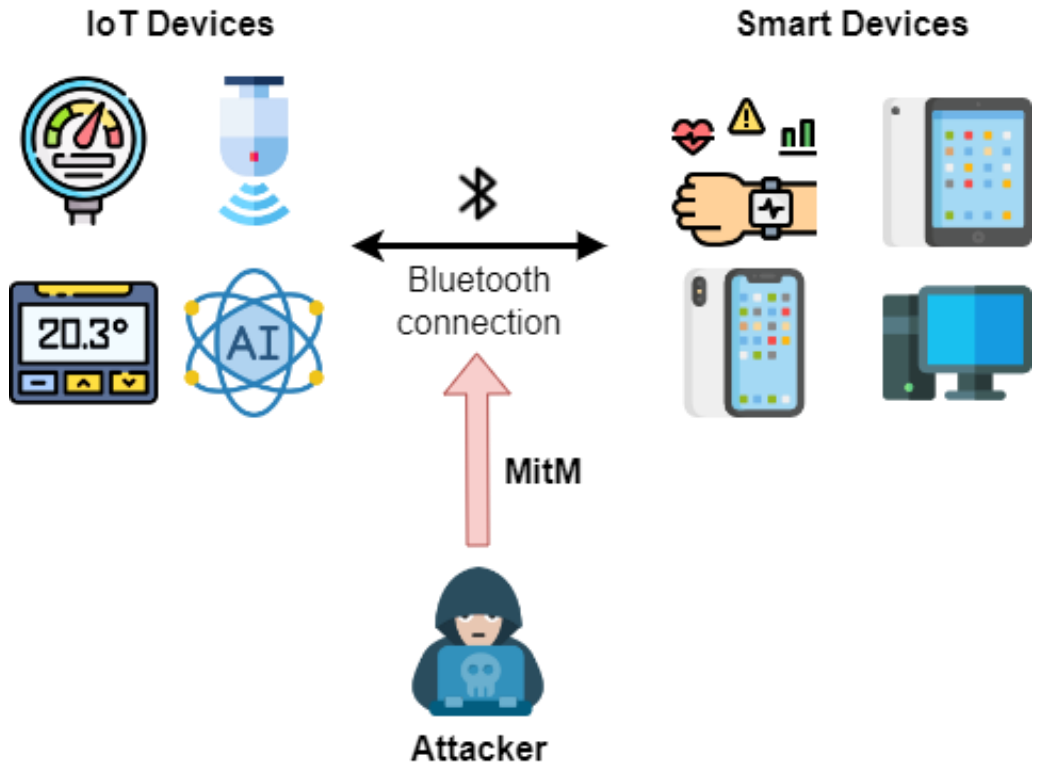
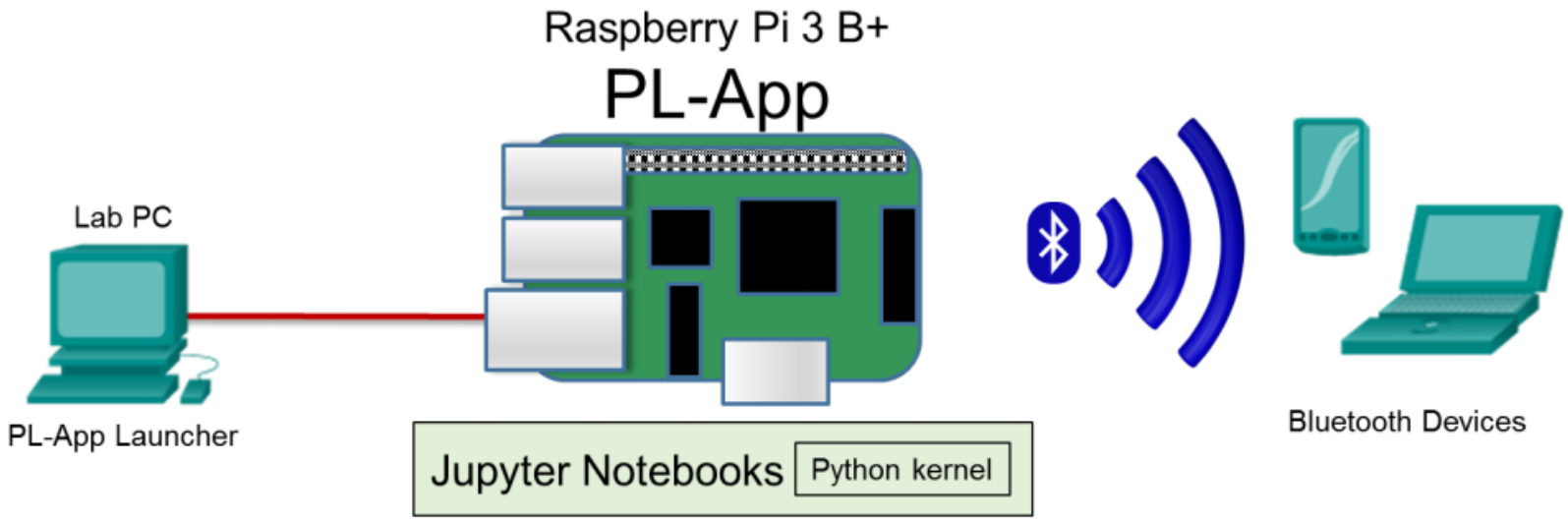


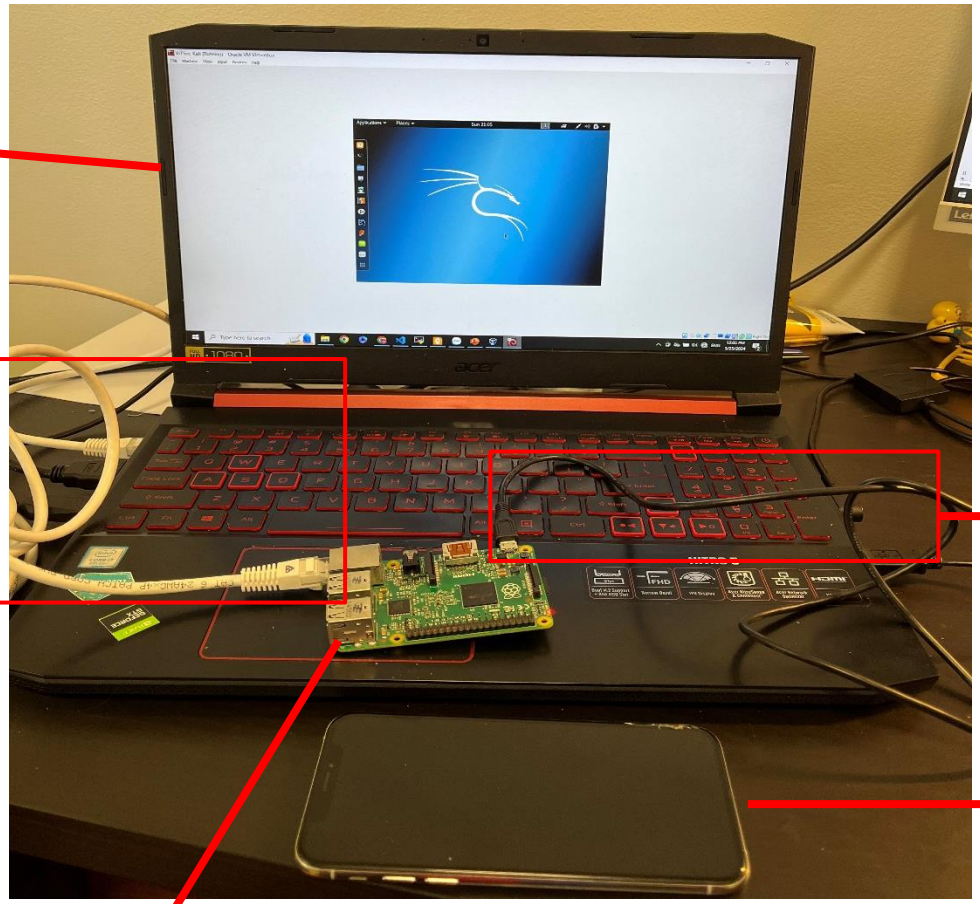
Figure 6: MitM attack on smart home

Required Resources

- Raspberry Pi 3 Model B (with Micro SD card attached)
- PC/Laptop with IoTSec Kali VM
- Network connectivity between PC and Raspberry Pi
- Bluetooth devices (PC, Smartphone,…)



Environment Set-up



PC with Kali VM

Network connectivity via Ethernet cable

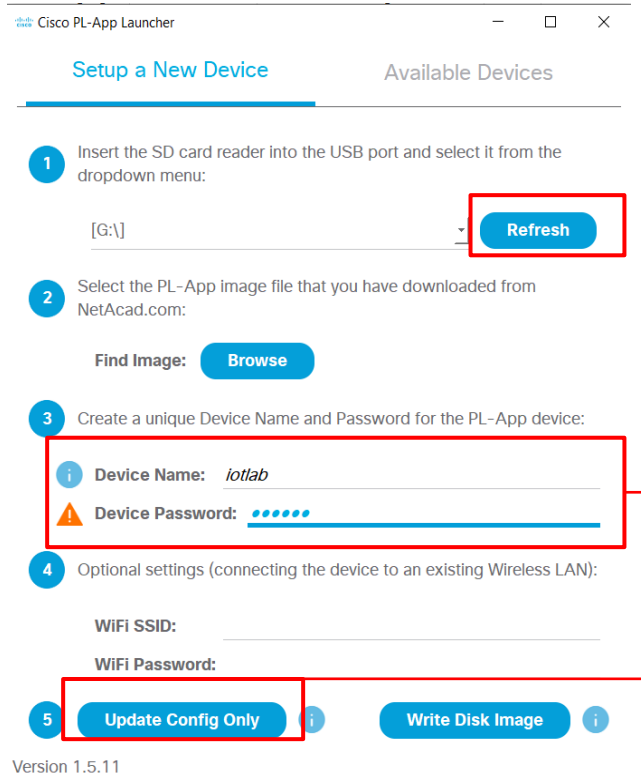
Charging via microUSB cable

Bluetooth Device

Raspberry Pi 3 Model B

Environment Set-up

1. Update config to PL-App Launcher:
   - Insert your SD card to your PC
   - Open PL-App Launcher
   - Create device name and password
   - Click **Update Config Only**



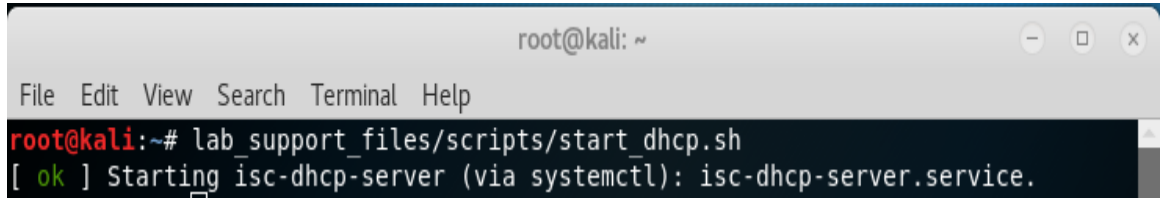
Click here to update the SD card

Update device name and password

Click here to update all the config

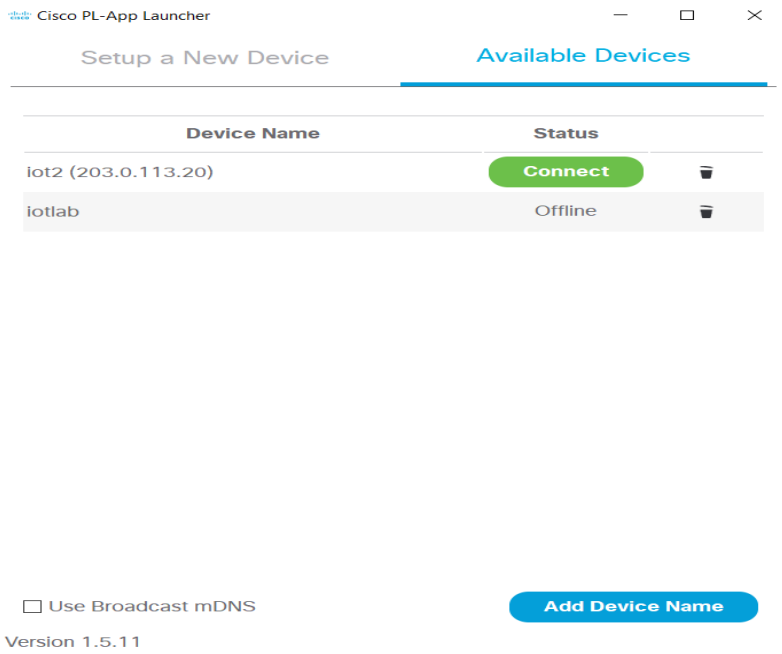
2. Log in to Kali-linux
   - Username: root
   - Password: toor

3. Open terminal and start DHCP server on Kali VM by running command:
lab_support_files/scripts/start_dhcp.sh

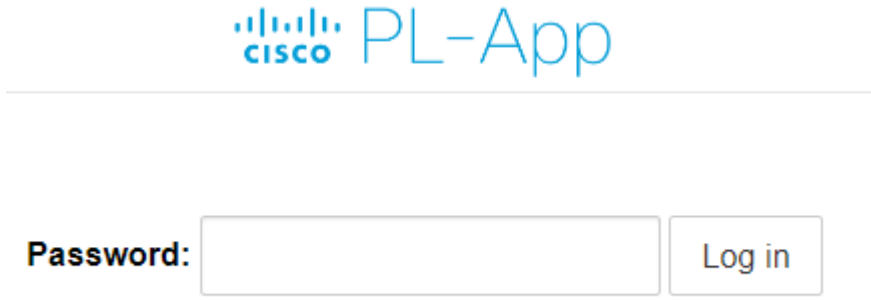


Environment Set-up

4. Set up network connection
   - Eject the SDcard and put it into the Raspberry Pi
   - Charge the Rasp via microUSB cable and connect Ethernet cable from PC to Rasp
   - Comeback to PL-App Launcher and you will see the Rasp is connected



5. Access Raspberry Pi PL-App
   - Click on connect and insert your password
   - You will see all material of the PL-App and the set-up is finished



Part 1: Configuring Raspberry Pi as a Bluetooth Sniffer

1. Open the terminal in PL-App and use command: **rfkill list** (if Bluetooth is blocked, use **rfkill unblock bluetooth)**
2. Use command: **systemctl status bluetooth.service**

```
(pl-app) root@iotlab:/home/pi/notebooks# systemctl status bluetooth.service
● bluetooth.service - Bluetooth service
   Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/bluetooth.service; enabled; vendor preset: enabled)
   Active: active (running) since Mon 2024-03-25 00:00:03 GMT; 2h 41min ago
     Docs: man:bluetoothd(8)
 Main PID: 606 (bluetoothd)
   Status: "Running"
    Tasks: 1 (limit: 1938)
   CGroup: /system.slice/bluetooth.service
           └─606 /usr/lib/bluetooth/bluetoothd

Mar 25 00:00:03 iotlab systemd[1]: Starting Bluetooth service...
Mar 25 00:00:03 iotlab bluetoothd[606]: Bluetooth daemon 5.50
Mar 25 00:00:03 iotlab systemd[1]: Started Bluetooth service.
Mar 25 00:00:03 iotlab bluetoothd[606]: Starting SDP server
Mar 25 00:00:03 iotlab bluetoothd[606]: Bluetooth management interface 1.18 initialized
Mar 25 00:00:03 iotlab bluetoothd[606]: Sap driver initialization failed.
Mar 25 00:00:03 iotlab bluetoothd[606]: sap-server: Operation not permitted (1)
Mar 25 00:00:04 iotlab bluetoothd[606]: Failed to set privacy: Rejected (0x0b)
```

If it shows inactive (dead), use command: **systemctl start bluetooth.service**

3. Use command: **hciconfig hci0** (to display the status of Bluetooth interface)

```
(pl-app) root@iotlab:/home/pi/notebooks# hciconfig hci0
hci0:   Type: Primary  Bus: UART
        BD Address: B8:27:EB:E3:53:02  ACL MTU: 1021:8  SCO MTU: 64:1
        UP RUNNING
        RX bytes:1468 acl:0 sco:0 events:88 errors:0
        TX bytes:2534 acl:0 sco:0 commands:88 errors:0
```

If the hci0 status is down, use command: **hciconfig hci0 up**

Part 2: Detect and Display Information about Bluetooth Devices

4. Use command: **bluetoothctl** to launch the Bluetooth tool

```
(pl-app) root@iotlab:/home/pi/notebooks# bluetoothctl
Agent registered
[bluetooth]#
```

5. Use command: **scan on** to start scanning on nearby devices

```
[bluetooth]# scan on
Discovery started
[CHG] Controller B8:27:EB:E3:53:02 Discovering: yes
[NEW] Device 54:C2:86:7F:3E:F7 54-C2-86-7F-3E-F7
[NEW] Device 41:89:6C:63:D3:BF 41-89-6C-63-D3-BF
[NEW] Device 45:13:54:01:C6:1B 45-13-54-01-C6-1B
[NEW] Device 7C:71:83:59:8A:3C 7C-71-83-59-8A-3C
[NEW] Device 44:4B:F9:6C:AE:FC 44-4B-F9-6C-AE-FC
[NEW] Device 42:D8:1A:39:8E:BC 42-D8-1A-39-8E-BC
[NEW] Device 46:91:67:FA:F7:41 46-91-67-FA-F7-41
[NEW] Device 76:12:BD:1A:1B:6E 76-12-BD-1A-1B-6E
[NEW] Device 6E:81:FE:A5:08:81 6E-81-FE-A5-08-81
[NEW] Device 4F:4E:40:46:B3:E2 4F-4E-40-46-B3-E2
[NEW] Device 5E:4B:50:EF:80:C9 5E-4B-50-EF-80-C9
```

Question: Take notes of the MAC address of some discovered Bluetooth devices.

6. After a few second of scanning, turn off by command: **scan off**

Part 2: Detect and Display Information about Bluetooth Devices

7. Use command **info [MAC address]** to show detailed information of the devices

```
[bluetooth]# info 7C:C0:6F:22:5F:EE
Device 7C:C0:6F:22:5F:EE (public)
        Name: DucManh
        Alias: DucManh
        Class: 0x007a020c
        Icon: phone
        Paired: no
        Trusted: no
        Blocked: no
        Connected: no
        LegacyPairing: no
        UUID: PnP Information           (00001200-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb)
        UUID: Handsfree Audio Gateway   (0000111f-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb)
        UUID: Phonebook Access Server   (0000112f-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb)
        UUID: Audio Source              (0000110a-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb)
        UUID: A/V Remote Control Target (0000110c-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb)
        UUID: Message Access Server     (00001132-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb)
        UUID: Generic Attribute Profile (00001801-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb)
        UUID: Vendor specific           (00000000-deca-fade-deca-deafdecacafe)
        UUID: Vendor specific           (02030302-1d19-415f-86f2-22a2106a0a77)
        UUID: Vendor specific           (2d8d2466-e14d-451c-88bc-7301abea291a)
```

For example, this is the obtained information of a smart phone

Question: Take note of the information displayed and perform a web search for the meaning of some displayed features.

Part 3: Pairing Sniffed Device with Raspberry Pi

8. Use command: **paired-devices** to view device paired with the Pi

9. Use command: **pair [MAC address]** to pair the device
(it is noted that only the **insecure** Bluetooth device or high-secured device with **authorization** can be paired)

```
[bluetooth]# pair 7C:C0:6F:22:5F:EE
Attempting to pair with 7C:C0:6F:22:5F:EE
[CHG] Device 7C:C0:6F:22:5F:EE Connected: yes
Request confirmation
yes
[CHG] Device 7C:C0:6F:22:5F:EE Modalias: bluetooth:v004Cp7505d1050
[CHG] Device 7C:C0:6F:22:5F:EE UUIDs: 00000000-deca-fade-deca-deafdecacafe
[CHG] Device 7C:C0:6F:22:5F:EE UUIDs: 00001000-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb
[CHG] Device 7C:C0:6F:22:5F:EE UUIDs: 0000110a-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb
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[CHG] Device 7C:C0:6F:22:5F:EE UUIDs: 02030302-1d19-415f-86f2-22a2106a0a77
[CHG] Device 7C:C0:6F:22:5F:EE ServicesResolved: yes
[CHG] Device 7C:C0:6F:22:5F:EE Paired: yes
Pairing successful
[CHG] Device 7C:C0:6F:22:5F:EE ServicesResolved: no
[CHG] Device 7C:C0:6F:22:5F:EE Connected: no
```

The output of successful pairing with authorization from smartphone

Part 3: Pairing Sniffed Device with Raspberry Pi

10. Try to connect to device via command: **connect [MAC address]**

Question: Are you able to connect (without permission of the owner) to Bluetooth devices?

Final step is to clean everything after the implementation:

- Use command: **quit** to exit from Bluetooth CLI
- Use command: systemctl stop bluetooth.service

```
[bluetooth]# quit
(pl-app) root@iotlab:/home/pi/notebooks# ls
'Course Materials'   myfiles   README.FIRST.ipynb
(pl-app) root@iotlab:/home/pi/notebooks# systemctl stop bluetooth.service
(pl-app) root@iotlab:/home/pi/notebooks# systemctl status bluetooth.service
● bluetooth.service - Bluetooth service
   Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/bluetooth.service; enabled; vendor preset: enabled)
   Active: inactive (dead) since Mon 2024-03-25 04:22:48 GMT; 8s ago
     Docs: man:bluetoothd(8)
  Process: 1188 ExecStart=/usr/lib/bluetooth/bluetoothd (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
 Main PID: 1188 (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
   Status: "Quitting"

Mar 25 04:04:02 iotlab bluetoothd[1188]: a2dp-source profile connect failed for 7C:C0:6F:22:5F:EE: Protocol not available
Mar 25 04:06:45 iotlab bluetoothd[1188]: a2dp-source profile connect failed for 7C:C0:6F:22:5F:EE: Protocol not available
Mar 25 04:12:11 iotlab bluetoothd[1188]: a2dp-source profile connect failed for 6C:E8:5C:F0:F6:6A: Protocol not available
Mar 25 04:12:57 iotlab bluetoothd[1188]: a2dp-source profile connect failed for 6C:E8:5C:F0:F6:6A: Protocol not available
Mar 25 04:22:48 iotlab bluetoothd[1188]: Terminating
Mar 25 04:22:48 iotlab systemd[1]: Stopping Bluetooth service...
Mar 25 04:22:48 iotlab bluetoothd[1188]: Stopping SDP server
Mar 25 04:22:48 iotlab bluetoothd[1188]: Exit
Mar 25 04:22:48 iotlab systemd[1]: bluetooth.service: Succeeded.
Mar 25 04:22:48 iotlab systemd[1]: Stopped Bluetooth service.
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Reference

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2. Pairing Raspberry Pi documentation

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3. Tools used to config Raspberry Pi to a Sniffer

https://github.com/IanMercer/pi-sniffer


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