

# Blue box

A **blue box** is a [device](#) that someone could use to make free [telephone](#) calls. It worked by playing back the same [sounds](#) that the telephone [company employees](#) used to [program](#) their [equipment](#).

The most famous person to use a blue box was [John Draper](#), who went by the name Captain Crunch. Draper taught [Steve Wozniak](#) how to build them. Wozniak and [Steve Jobs](#) sold blue boxes to fellow [students](#) at the [University of California](#), Berkeley. One time, Wozniak used a blue box to call the [Pope](#).

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