Wanna TEMPEST your computer?

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"Projet long" context

THC 2018 Challenge

- Prepare tutorial challenge
- Work based on GSMem: Data Exfiltration from Air-Gapped Computers over GSM Frequencies (24th USENIX Security Symposium)
- "Challenge" : data exfiltration form an air-gapped computer
- "Tutorial" : guide the challenger step-by-step
- Main idea: follow how we succeed to reproduce a part of the paper

Air-gapped networks



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Electromagnetic emanations

Emanations

- Each electronic device has emanations.
- Could be electronical, acoustical, mecanical or electromagnetical
- Focus on electromagnetic emanations

TEMPEST

- Name given by NSA for standards protecting against electromagnetic emanations
- Context: EMSEC, surbpart of COMSEC

Challenge context

Goal

Get a password stored on the air-gapped computer

Problem

Air-gapped computer \implies no possibility to gain access and/or exfiltrate data via network

Solution

Use electromagnetic emanations to create a covert channel and exfiltrate data

Technical environment

Devices

- 1 air-gapped computer (attacked computer)
- 1 standard computer (attacker's computer)

Tools

- Spectrum analyzer
- Software-defined radio : USRP/RTL-SDR
- Antennas
- Softwares : URH/GNURadio

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