

Red Teaming lock picking

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1. Padlocks

Combination Padlocks

How It Works: Operates by aligning internal rotating discs to a specific combination.

Bypass Methods:

- *Shimming:* Inserting a shim between the shackle and body to disengage the locking mechanism.
- *Manipulation:* Applying tension and feeling for subtle clicks to determine the correct combination.

Keyed Padlocks

How It Works: Uses a pin tumbler mechanism activated by a specific key.

Bypass Methods:

- *Shimming:* Inserting a thin metal shim to bypass the locking pawls.
- *Lock Picking:* Manipulating the pins inside the lock to align them with the shear line.

Shrouded Padlocks

How It Works: Features a protective casing to shield the shackle.

Bypass Methods:

- *Bolt Cutters:* Applying significant force to cut through the shackle.
- *Hacksaw:* Using a hacksaw to cut through the shackle or body.

Smart Padlocks

How It Works: Operates via Bluetooth or Wi-Fi, often controlled by a smartphone app.

Bypass Methods:

- *Signal Jamming:* Disrupting the communication between the lock and the controlling device.
 - *App Exploits:* Utilizing vulnerabilities in the mobile application to gain unauthorized access.
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2. Deadbolts

Single Cylinder Deadbolt

How It Works: Operated by a key on the outside and a thumb turn on the inside.

Bypass Methods:

- *Lock Picking:* Manipulating the pins to align with the shear line.

- *Bumping*: Using a specially crafted key to jolt the pins into place.

Double Cylinder Deadbolt

How It Works: Requires a key on both sides, providing additional security.

Bypass Methods:

- *Lock Picking*: Similar to single-cylinder, but both sides need to be manipulated.
- *Bumping*: Requires precise alignment of pins on both sides.

Lockable Thumb Turn Deadbolt

How It Works: Features a thumb turn that can be locked with a key from the outside.

Bypass Methods:

- *Lock Picking*: Manipulating the pins to unlock the thumb turn.
 - *Bumping*: Using a bump key to align the pins and unlock.
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3. Knob Locks

How It Works: Integrated into the door knob, often used in residential settings.

Bypass Methods:

- *Lock Picking*: Manipulating the pins to align with the shear line.
 - *Bumping*: Using a bump key to jolt the pins into place.
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4. Lever Handle Locks

How It Works: Operated by a lever handle, commonly found in commercial settings.

Bypass Methods:

- *Lock Picking*: Manipulating the pins inside the lock.
 - *Bumping*: Using a bump key to align the pins.
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5. Mortise Locks

How It Works: Installed into a pocket within the door, providing robust security.

Bypass Methods:

- *Lock Picking*: Manipulating the pins or wafers inside the lock.
 - *Bumping*: Using a bump key to align the pins.
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6. Rim Locks

How It Works: Mounted on the surface of the door, often used in addition to other locks.

Bypass Methods:

- *Lock Picking*: Manipulating the internal mechanism.
 - *Bumping*: Using a bump key to unlock.
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7. Cam Locks

How It Works: Operates by rotating a cam to secure or release the lock.

Bypass Methods:

- *Lock Picking*: Manipulating the pins or wafers inside the lock.
 - *Bumping*: Using a bump key to align the pins.
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8. Euro Cylinder Locks

Single Cylinder

How It Works: Operated by a key from one side.

Bypass Methods:

- *Lock Snapping*: Applying force to break the cylinder at its weakest point.
 - *Lock Bumping*: Using a bump key to align the pins.
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9. Magnetic Locks

How It Works: Uses an electromagnet to secure the door.

Bypass Methods:

- *Power Interruption*: Cutting power to the electromagnet to release the lock.
 - *Magnetic Field Disruption*: Using strong magnets to interfere with the lock's mechanism.
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10. Keycard Locks

How It Works: Operates by reading a magnetic stripe or RFID chip on a keycard.

Bypass Methods:

- *Cloning*: Duplicating the keycard's magnetic stripe or RFID signal.
 - *Signal Interception*: Capturing and replaying the keycard's signal.
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11. Smart Locks

Fingerprint Locks

How It Works: Scans and matches a fingerprint to grant access.

Bypass Methods:

- *Fake Fingerprint*: Creating a replica of a fingerprint to deceive the sensor.
- *Sensor Manipulation*: Interfering with the sensor's ability to read fingerprints.

Bluetooth/Wi-Fi Locks

How It Works: Controlled via Bluetooth or Wi-Fi, often through a smartphone app.

Bypass Methods:

- *Signal Jamming*: Disrupting the communication between the lock and the controlling device.
- *App Exploits*: Utilizing vulnerabilities in the mobile application to gain unauthorized access.

Voice-Activated Locks

How It Works: Responds to specific voice commands.

Bypass Methods:

- *Voice Mimicry*: Imitating the authorized voice command.
 - *Recording Playback*: Playing a recorded authorized voice command.
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12. Chain Locks

How It Works: Secures the door with a chain and latch.

Bypass Methods:

- *Force*: Applying force to break the chain or latch.
 - *Manipulation*: Using tools to unlatch the chain from outside through the door gap.
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13. Barrel Bolt / Slide Bolt

How It Works: A simple manual bolt slides into a catch or socket, often used on internal doors or gates.

Bypass Methods:

- *Credit Card Shim*: Sliding a flexible card between the door and frame to push the bolt back (if installed loosely).
 - *Wire Bypass*: If there's a gap (e.g. in bathroom or shed doors), a looped wire or hook can pull or slide the bolt from outside.
 - *Force Entry*: Weak screws or wood around the bolt can be kicked or pried apart.
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14. Disc Tumbler Locks (*Abloy / Disc-Detainer Locks*)

How It Works: Uses rotating discs that align to a sidebar when the correct key is inserted. Commonly used in high-security applications like vending machines and padlocks.

Bypass Methods:

- *Specialized Disc Pick Tools*: Manipulating the discs individually to align them with the sidebar.

- *Impressioning*: Creating a working key by analyzing wear or markings on a blank key.
 - *Destructive Entry*: Drilling or grinding as a last resort (these locks are highly resistant to most attacks).
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15. Wafer Locks

How It Works: Uses flat wafers instead of pins; typically found in cabinets, vehicles, and mailboxes.

Bypass Methods:

- *Lock Picking*: Requires flatter tools due to less spring tension.
 - *Jiggler Keys*: A set of master-like keys exploiting loose tolerances.
 - *Impressioning*: Decoding the lock by marking a blank key.
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16. Locking Bars

How It Works: A metal bar secured across a door, cabinet, or shutter, often locked with a padlock or integrated mechanism.

Bypass Methods:

- *Remove Fasteners*: Unscrewing or prying off brackets.
 - *Cutting Tools*: Using bolt cutters, hacksaws, or grinders on the bar or padlock.
 - *Hinge/Frame Attacks*: Targeting the structure if the bar itself is too strong.
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17. Combination Locks

How It Works: Uses a series of rotating discs or cams that align notches when the correct combination is dialed, allowing the lock to open.

Bypass Methods:

- *Manipulation*: Feeling for subtle clicks under tension to determine the combination.
 - *Shimming*: Inserting a shim between the shackle and lock body to disengage the mechanism.
 - *Dialing Techniques*: Using patterns or trial-and-error to deduce the combination.
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18. Biometric Locks

How It Works: Authenticates users via fingerprints, facial recognition, or iris patterns, comparing scanned data with stored templates.

Bypass Methods:

- *Fingerprint Replication*: Using materials like gelatin or silicone to mimic fingerprints.
- *Facial Spoofing*: Employing high-resolution images or 3D models.
- *Voice Mimicry*: Replaying recorded voice commands.

19. Cable Locks

How It Works: Uses a flexible steel cable and locking head, commonly for securing bikes or electronics.

Bypass Methods:

- *Cable Cutting:* Severing the cable with bolt cutters or hacksaws.
 - *Lock Picking:* Manipulating the lock mechanism.
 - *Shimming:* Inserting a shim to release the locking latch.
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20. T-Handle Locks

How It Works: A T-shaped handle rotates to retract internal bolts; common on toolboxes and trucks.

Bypass Methods:

- *Lock Picking:* Manipulating pins or wafers.
 - *Bumping:* Using bump keys to align pins.
 - *Force Entry:* Breaking or prying the handle.
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21. Shackle Locks

How It Works: The U-shaped shackle fits into the lock body and is secured by internal latches.

Bypass Methods:

- *Shimming:* Slipping a thin shim to release the latches.
 - *Bolt Cutters:* Severing the shackle.
 - *Hacksaw:* Cutting through the shackle.
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22. Cylinder Locks

How It Works: Uses pin tumblers aligned by a key to rotate the cylinder and unlock.

Bypass Methods:

- *Lock Picking:* Aligning pins at the shear line.
 - *Bumping:* Jolting pins with a bump key.
 - *Drilling:* Destroying pins to rotate the core.
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23. Antique/Vintage Locks

How It Works: May use warded or lever mechanisms; common in older furniture and doors.

Bypass Methods:

- *Key Impressioning*: Creating a key based on contact points.
 - *Lock Picking*: Manipulating levers or avoiding wards.
 - *Force Entry*: Brute force on aging materials.
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24. High-Security Locks

How It Works: Incorporates advanced features like restricted keyways, trap pins, and anti-drill plates.

Bypass Methods:

- *Lock Picking*: Requires specialized tools and techniques.
 - *Key Duplication*: Cloning from photos or impressions.
 - *Drilling*: Precision drilling to destroy components.
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25. Furniture Locks

How It Works: Small-scale locks in cabinets and drawers, usually wafer or pin tumbler types.

Bypass Methods:

- *Lock Picking*: Using small tools to manipulate pins.
 - *Bumping*: Applying bump keys for quick entry.
 - *Force Entry*: Prying or drilling to break the lock.
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26. Time Locks

How It Works: Prevents access to a safe or vault until a preset time has elapsed, used as a secondary security layer.

Bypass Methods:

- *Tampering*: Attempting to override or manipulate timing components.
 - *Destructive Entry*: Drilling or cutting to bypass entirely.
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27. Pivot Locks

How It Works: Uses a rotating bolt or pin to secure a door or latch, often in specialty enclosures.

Bypass Methods:

- *Lock Picking*: Aligning internal components to allow pivoting.
 - *Force Entry*: Breaking the pivot mechanism or supporting structure.
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28. Drop Bolts / Electronic Strike Locks

How It Works:

- *Drop Bolts*: Electromechanical bolts that extend vertically into the frame to secure the door when powered.
- *Electronic Strike Locks*: Replace traditional strike plates and release electronically when access is granted.

Bypass Methods:

- *Power Interruption*: Disabling power can either lock or unlock the door, depending on whether it's fail-secure or fail-safe.
 - *Access Control Exploits*: Exploiting vulnerabilities in the access control system, software, or wiring.
 - *Magnet or Shim*: Misaligned or poorly installed strikes can be bypassed using a strong magnet or thin shim.
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29. Rim Latches

How It Works: Surface-mounted latching mechanisms that lock automatically when the door closes, often used with night latches.

Bypass Methods:

- *Credit Card Bypass*: Flexing a card into the gap to depress the latch.
 - *Wire Hook Tools*: Reaching inside through a gap or mail slot to retract the latch manually.
 - *Lock Picking*: Applicable if there's an exterior key cylinder.
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30. Multipoint Locks

How It Works: Operated by a single handle or key, these locks engage multiple bolts along the door edge (top, middle, bottom).

Bypass Methods:

- *Lock Cylinder Attack*: Snapping, picking, or bumping the main cylinder to disengage all bolts.
 - *Frame Manipulation*: Prying or spreading weak door frames to bypass engaged bolts.
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31. Tubular Locks

How It Works: Circular key and pin layout where pins are arranged radially; commonly found in vending machines and ATMs.

Bypass Methods:

- *Tubular Lock Picks*: Tools that pick all pins at once.
- *Drilling*: Targeting the center to disable pins.
- *Impressioning*: Making a key based on tool marks or resistance feedback.

32. Cross Locks (Cruciform)

How It Works: Uses a four-way pin layout and a cruciform key; pins are arranged on all four sides of the keyway.

Bypass Methods:

- *Specialized Picks:* Cross-lock picks with multiple probing prongs.
- *Impressioning or Bumping:* Possible on lower-quality models.

33. Restricted Keyway Locks

How It Works: Employs patented keyways and proprietary blanks to prevent unauthorized duplication.

Bypass Methods:

- *Advanced Lock Picking:* Requires high skill and specialized tools.
- *Key Duplication via Imaging:* 3D-printing or cutting a key based on high-resolution photos.
- *Insider Threats:* Acquiring key access through social engineering or internal breaches.

34. Keyless Mechanical Locks (e.g., Simplex)

How It Works: Mechanical push-button or rotary dial locks requiring no power or electronics; often used on internal doors.

Bypass Methods:

- *Combination Discovery:* Observing wear patterns or feeling for differences in resistance.
- *Manipulation Tools:* Devices that apply torque while attempting sequences.
- *Force Attack:* Prying off the faceplate or disassembling the lock.

35. RFID Locks

How It Works: Uses radio-frequency signals to read keycards, fobs, or embedded tags and grant access via an electronic actuator.

Bypass Methods:

- *Card Cloning:* Reading and duplicating RFID credentials.
- *Relay Attacks:* Intercepting and transmitting a legitimate signal from a distance.
- *Signal Jamming:* Blocking or overwhelming the RFID signal to interfere with operation.

36. Safe Locks

♦ **Dial Locks (Mechanical Combination)**

- **How It Works:** Rotating a dial aligns internal wheels or cams to a specific combination, allowing a fence to drop into a gate and retract the bolt.
- **Bypass Methods:**
 - Manipulation (using feel and sound)
 - Radiological Attacks (dust/graphite to reveal digits)
 - Drilling (precision access to internals)

♦ **Digital Locks (Electronic Keypad Safes)**

- **How It Works:** User inputs a numeric code; if correct, a solenoid retracts to release the bolt.
 - **Bypass Methods:**
 - Default Codes (unchanged factory settings)
 - Power Cycling (reset behavior on power loss)
 - Brute Forcing (if no lockout/attempt limits)
 - Circuit Shorting (manually triggering solenoid)
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37. Chain-and-Hasp Locks

- **How It Works:** A chain loops through a hasp or anchor and is secured with a padlock.
 - **Bypass Methods:**
 - Bolt Cutters or Saws
 - Shimming or Picking Padlock
 - Exploiting Weak Anchoring (prying/breaking the hasp)
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38. Surface-Mounted Locks

- **How It Works:** Externally mounted (e.g., night latches), typically using a bolt or latch.
 - **Bypass Methods:**
 - Credit Card or Shim (spring-loaded latch)
 - Through-the-Door Attacks (via mail slots or gaps)
 - Picking or Bumping (if cylinder-based)
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39. Gate Locks

- **How It Works:** Commonly padlocks or latch/bolt systems on fences and gates.

- **Bypass Methods:**
 - Reach-Through Tools (exploiting gaps)
 - Cutting Tools (bolt cutters, angle grinders)
 - Hinge Attacks (removing unsecured gate hinges)
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40. Vehicle Locks

◆ *Ignition Locks*

- **How It Works:** Mechanical lock cylinder tied to the ignition system, operated by key.
- **Bypass Methods:**
 - Lock Picking or Bumping
 - Slide Hammer Pulling (extracting the cylinder)
 - Hotwiring (direct wire ignition—obsolete on modern vehicles)

◆ *Steering Wheel Locks*

- **How It Works:** Physical lock device on steering wheel to prevent rotation.
 - **Bypass Methods:**
 - Cutting (with hacksaws or bolt cutters)
 - Freezing and Breaking (with freeze spray)
 - Steering Wheel Cut (cutting the wheel to slide lock off)
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