

Extracting the Painful (Blue)tooth



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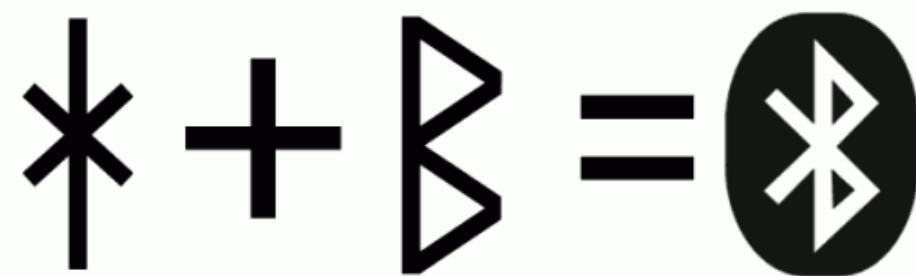


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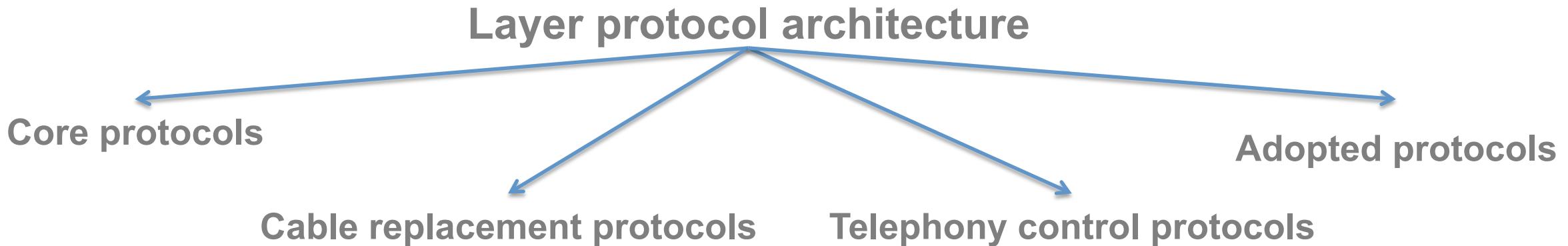
What the hell is Bluetooth? ||

- Wireless standard for exchanging data over short distances
- Short wavelength UHF: 2.4 – 2.485 GHz
- 79 channels (usually) + Adaptive Frequency Hopping
- Name coming from Harald Bluetooth

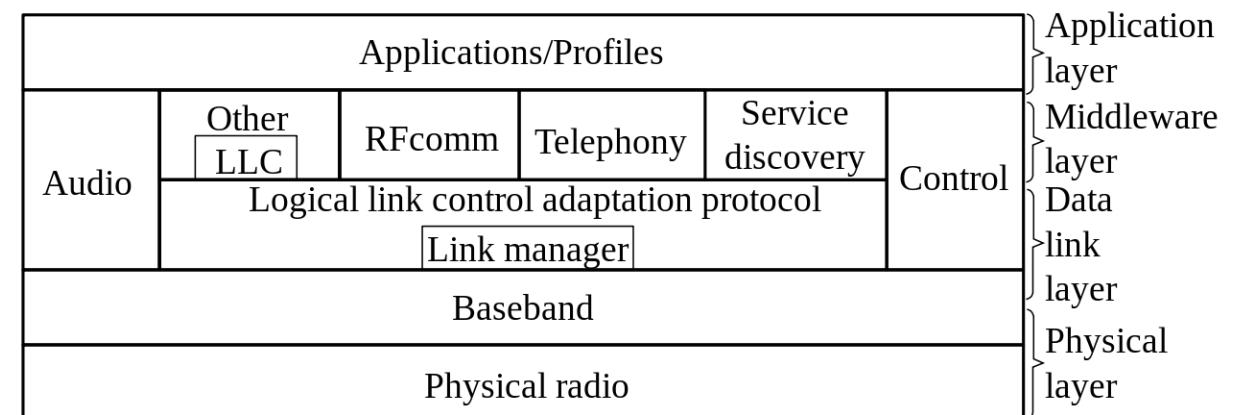


Scandinavian humour... ☺

What the hell is Bluetooth? ||



So many different stacks!



LMP, L2CAP, SDP are
mandatory!

What the hell is Bluetooth? ||

Such updates!

Version 1:

- 1.0: Mandatory BD_ADDR
- 1.1: IEEE Standard (2002)
- 1.2: Adaptive frequency-hopping spread spectrum → resistance
to interferences and eavesdropping (theoretically ☺)

Version 2:

- 2.0: EDR (optional) for faster data transfer, GFSK+PSK modulation
- 2.1: Secure Simple Pairing, Extended Inquiry Response

What the hell is Bluetooth? ||

Such updates!

Version 3: → 3.0: Alternative MAC/PHYs for high data transfer, Unicast Connectionless Data

Version 4: → 4.0: Includes now Bluetooth Low Energy protocol (or Smart)
→ 4.1: Limited discovery time, lower consumptions
→ 4.2: LE Data packet extension, LE «secure» connections

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Known and unknown risks ||

BlueSnarf, by Holtmann & Laurie

When? → Late 2003

What? → Bluetooth implementation on mobile phones and pocket palms

Why? → «security» of OBEX protocol

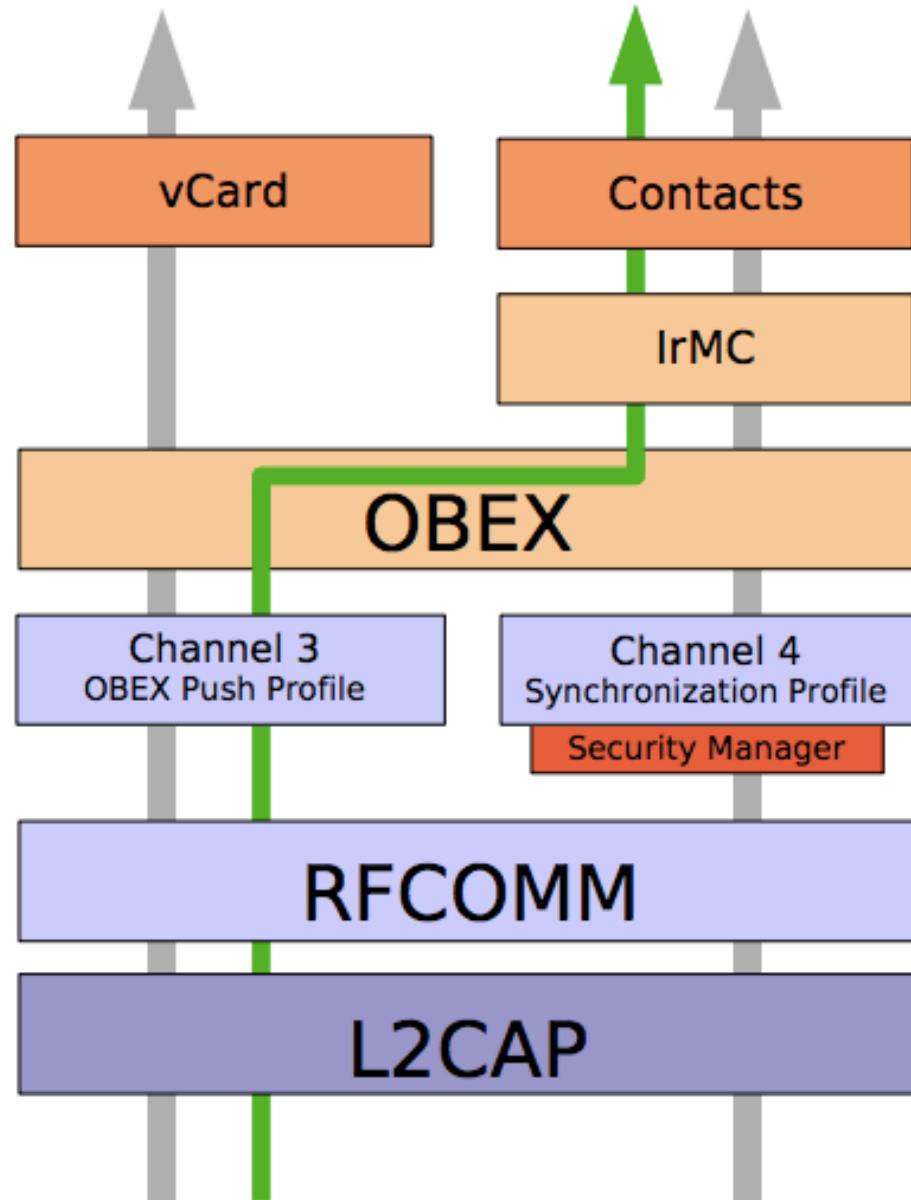
Easy GET requests to common files (calendar, contacts..)

No authentication needed

No prompts on the user's side



Known and unknown risks ||



Kindly stolen from
Trifinite group

Known and unknown risks ||

BlueBug, by Adam Laurie & Martin Herfurt

When? → 2004 @Defcon12

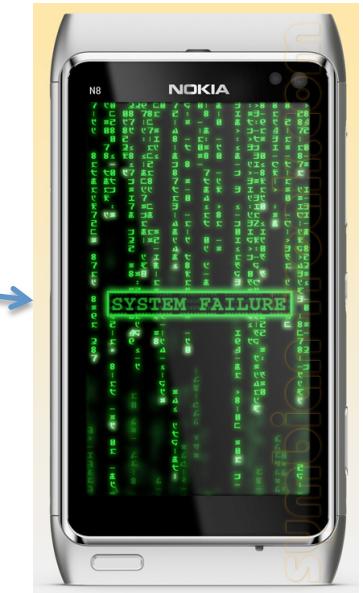
What? → Bluetooth implementation on mobile phones, especially Symbian OS

Why? → Security loophole

Control device through plain
serial connection

No secure auth. prior to
v2.0

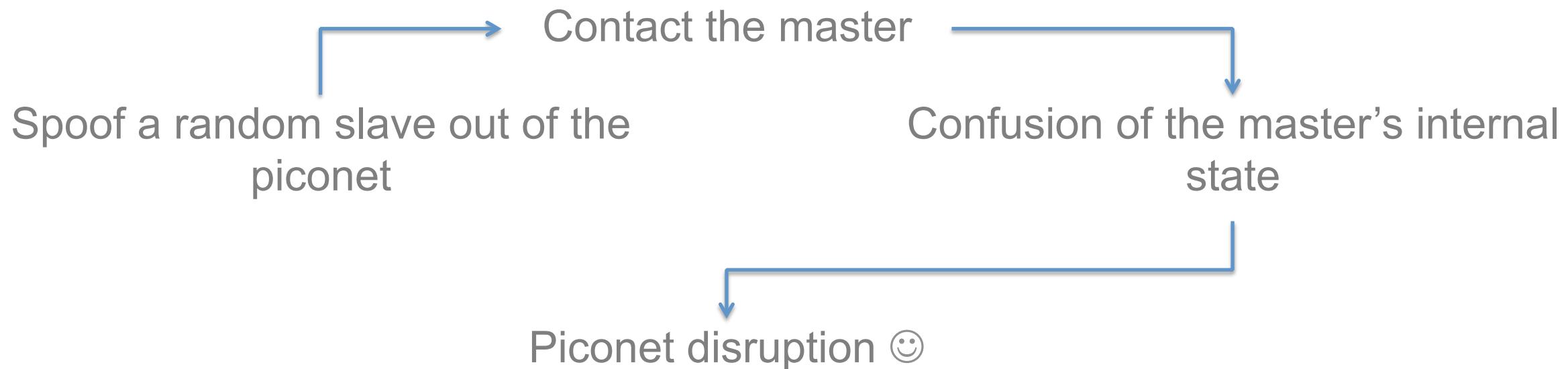
Download items via OBEX protocol w/out
prompts



Known and unknown risks ||

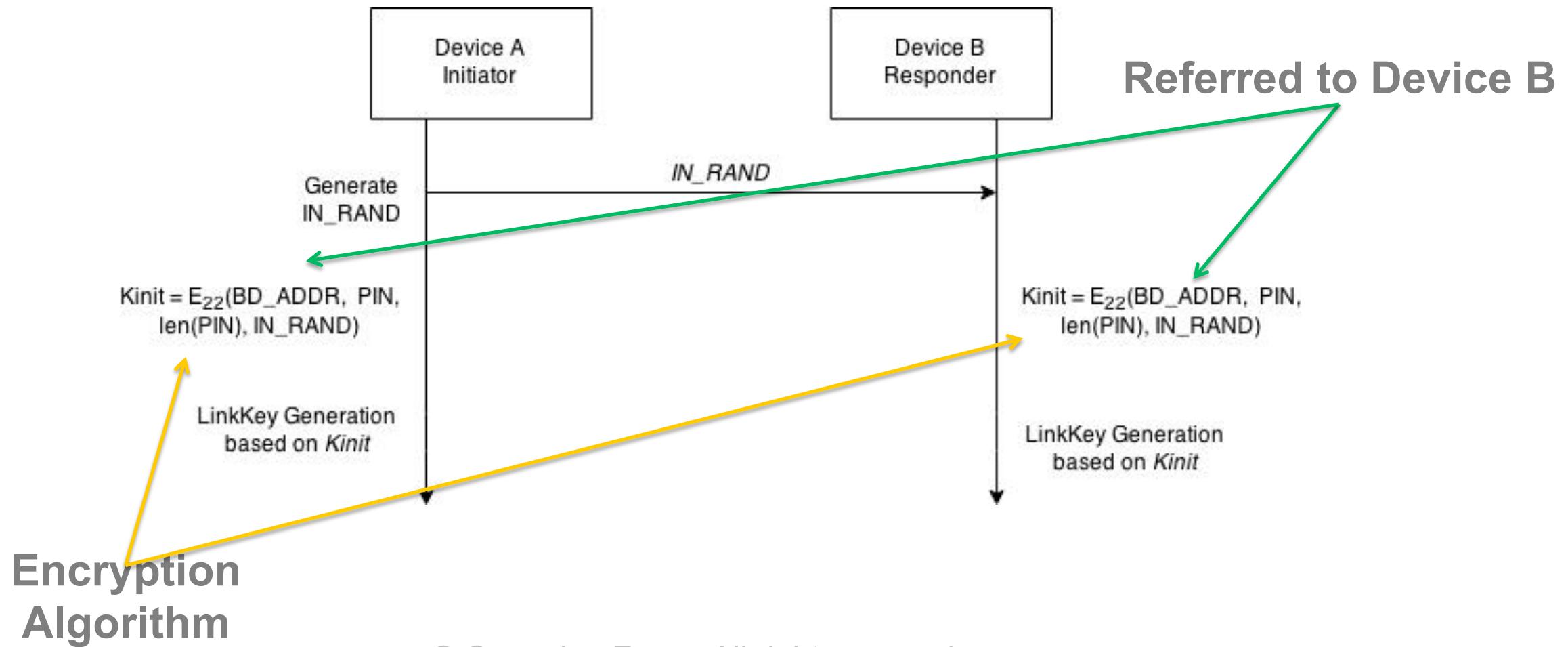
BlueChop, following BlueSnarf

What? —————→ It disrupts any bluetooth piconet from the outside
Provided —————→ Master must support multiple connections



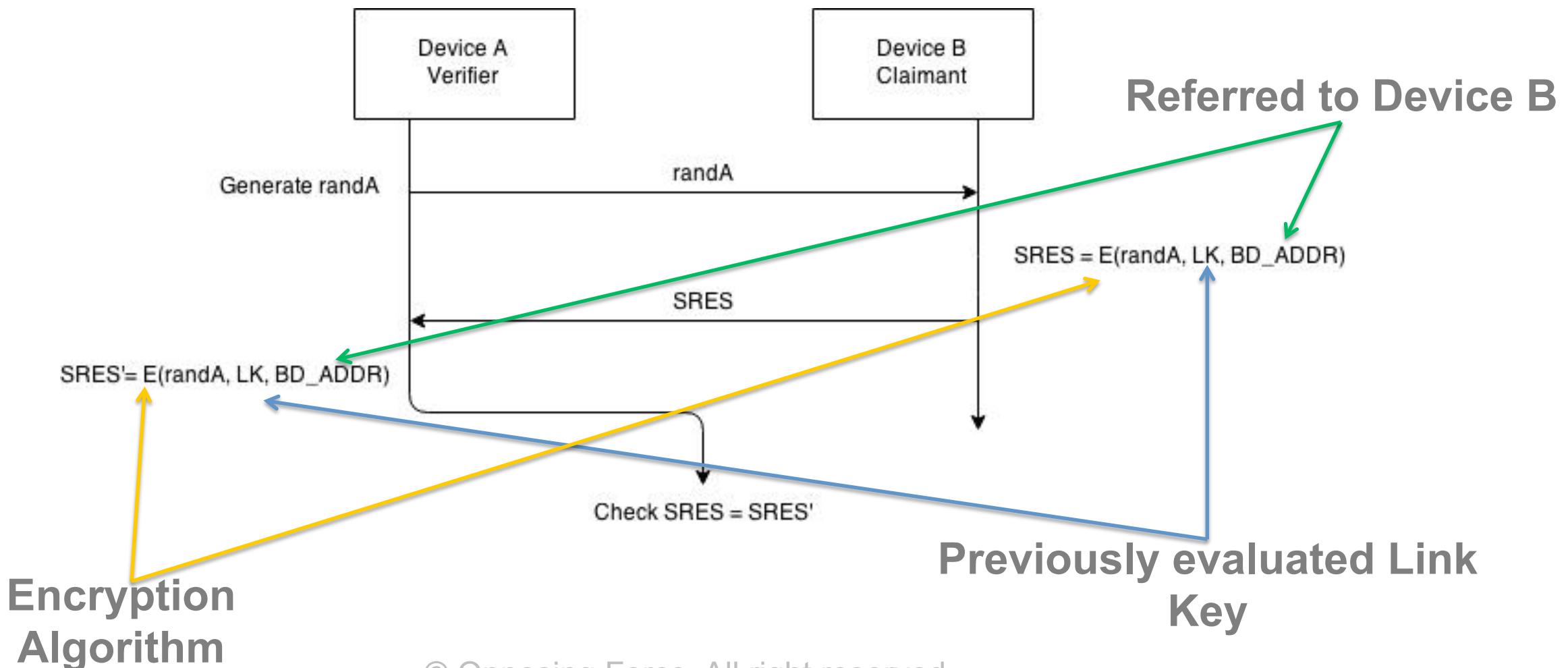
Known and unknown risks ||

Legacy (prior to v2.0) pairing procedure:



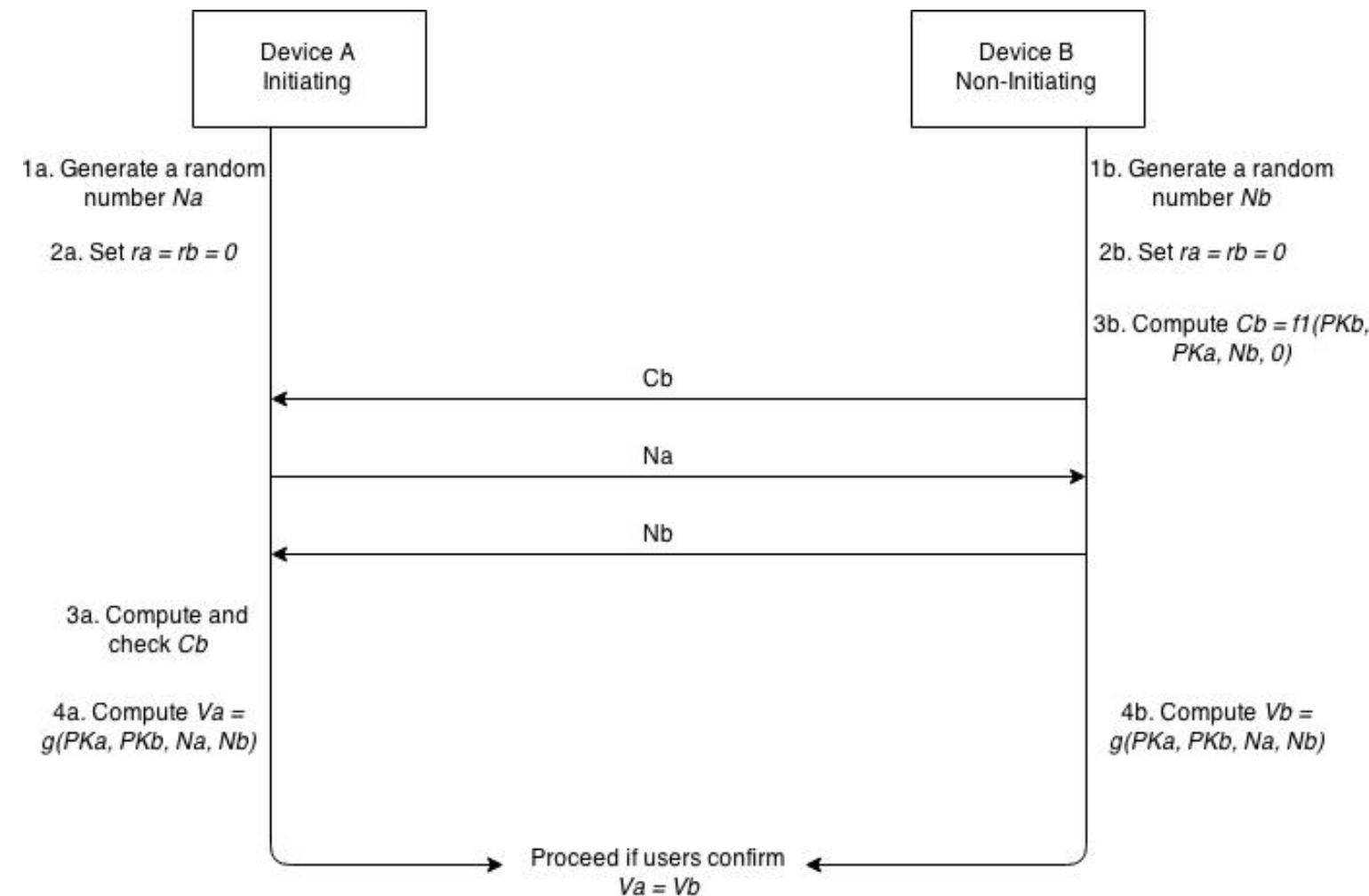
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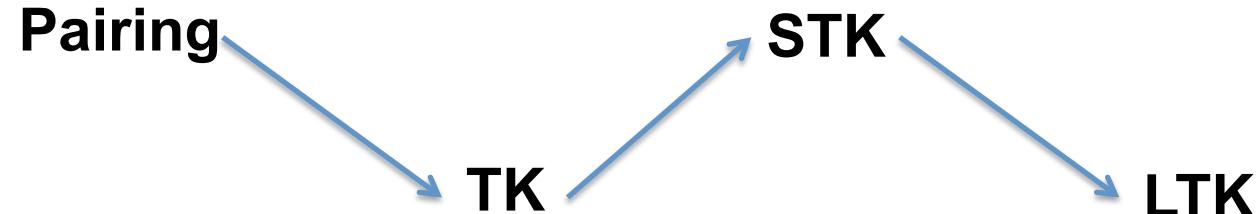
Secure simple pairing:



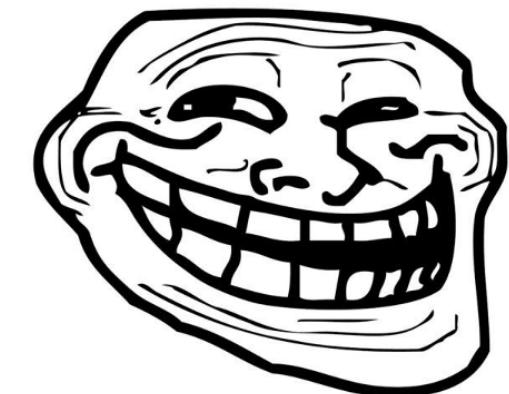
Known and unknown risks ||

Bluetooth LE encryption bypass, by Mark Ryan:

- Eavesdropping vs Decrypting
- 3 different keys needed to establish a connection, TK, STK, LTK
- If we are able to save the key exchange procedure, we are done ☺



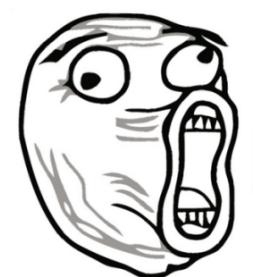
What if I get TK?



problem?

Known and unknown risks ||

TK, 128 bit AES key, depends on the pairing mode:

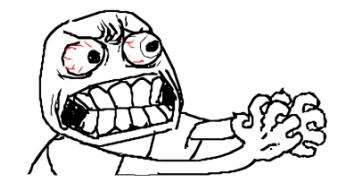


LOL

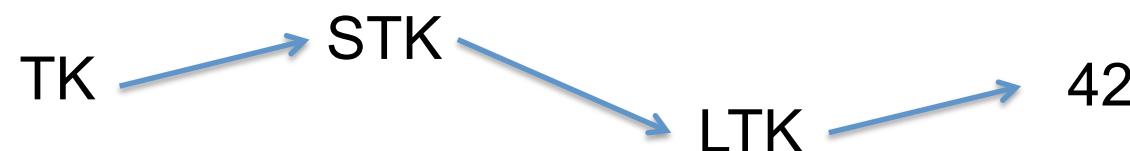
Just
Works
 $TK = 0$

6-digit PIN
 $TK = 128\text{-bit}$
number

Out Of Band
(OOB)
 $TK = \#\text{fuckyourself}$



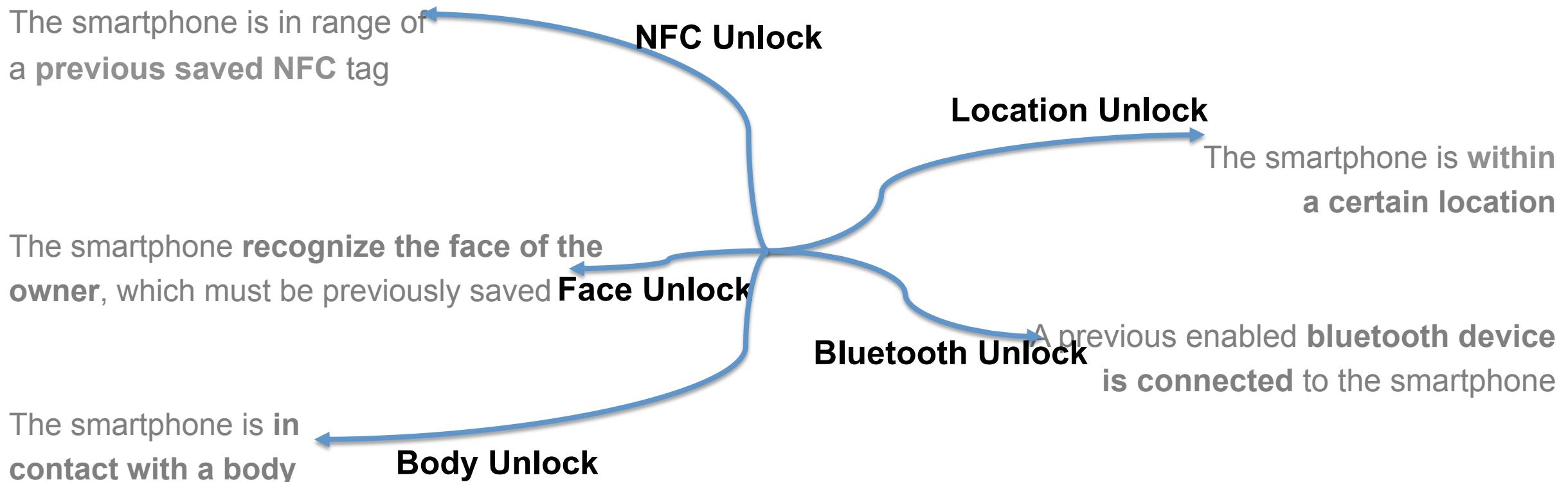
Bruteforce is the way. Intel i7, just one core → less than 1 sec



The whole procedure may be computed offline

SmartUnlock ||

Officially introduced with Android 5.0 it enables to unlock the smartphone without user interaction if at least one of the following conditions apply:



Bluetooth Unlock

This may be the most interesting and most used function of all the above

The user set a paired bluetooth device as **Trusted**, and from now on every time that device is linked to the smartphone the lockscreen is bypassed

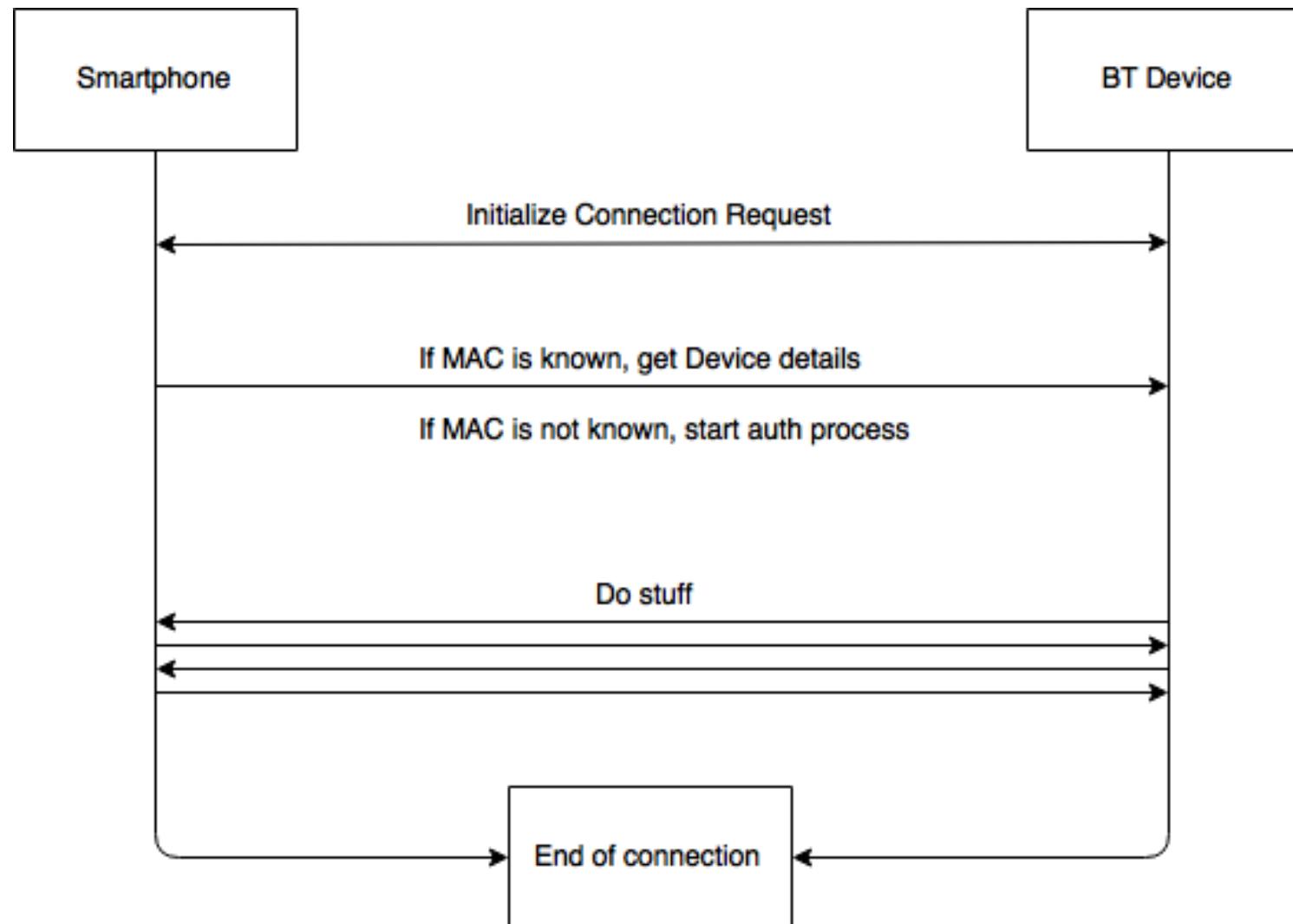
Good, so.. what is the problem?



problem?

In Android < 5.1 the LK (LinkKey) is not checked to verify the Bluetooth device

Bluetooth unlock ||



Now the question is:

How to get the 4 bytes of the MAC address required?

Two possible solutions:

Bruteforce

- Slow
- Expensive
- Not such a good idea

Sniffing

- Requires vicinity
- Target can become aware
- Authentication process is required

Bruteforce ||

Slow

We cannot { bruteforce the MAC address offline, we need to try a new connection every time

Expensive

{ We can speed it up parallelizing it but costs increase

Not such a good idea

{ 42 bits definitely requires too much time

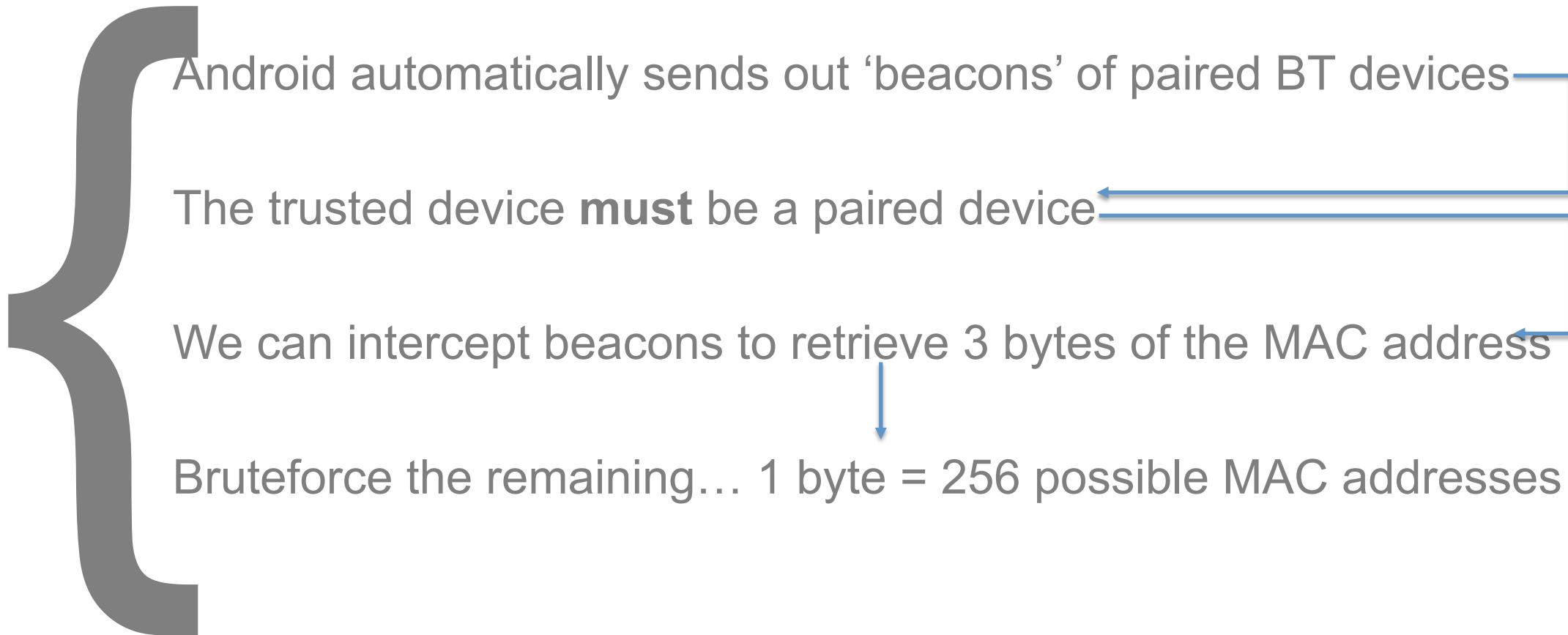
- Requires vicinity** → { target must be near enough for our ubertooth to intercept packets
- Auth. process is required** → { Usually only 3 bytes of MAC address are transmitted
- Target can become aware** → { Target can be suspicious of strange guy with big antenna(s)

Sniffing II

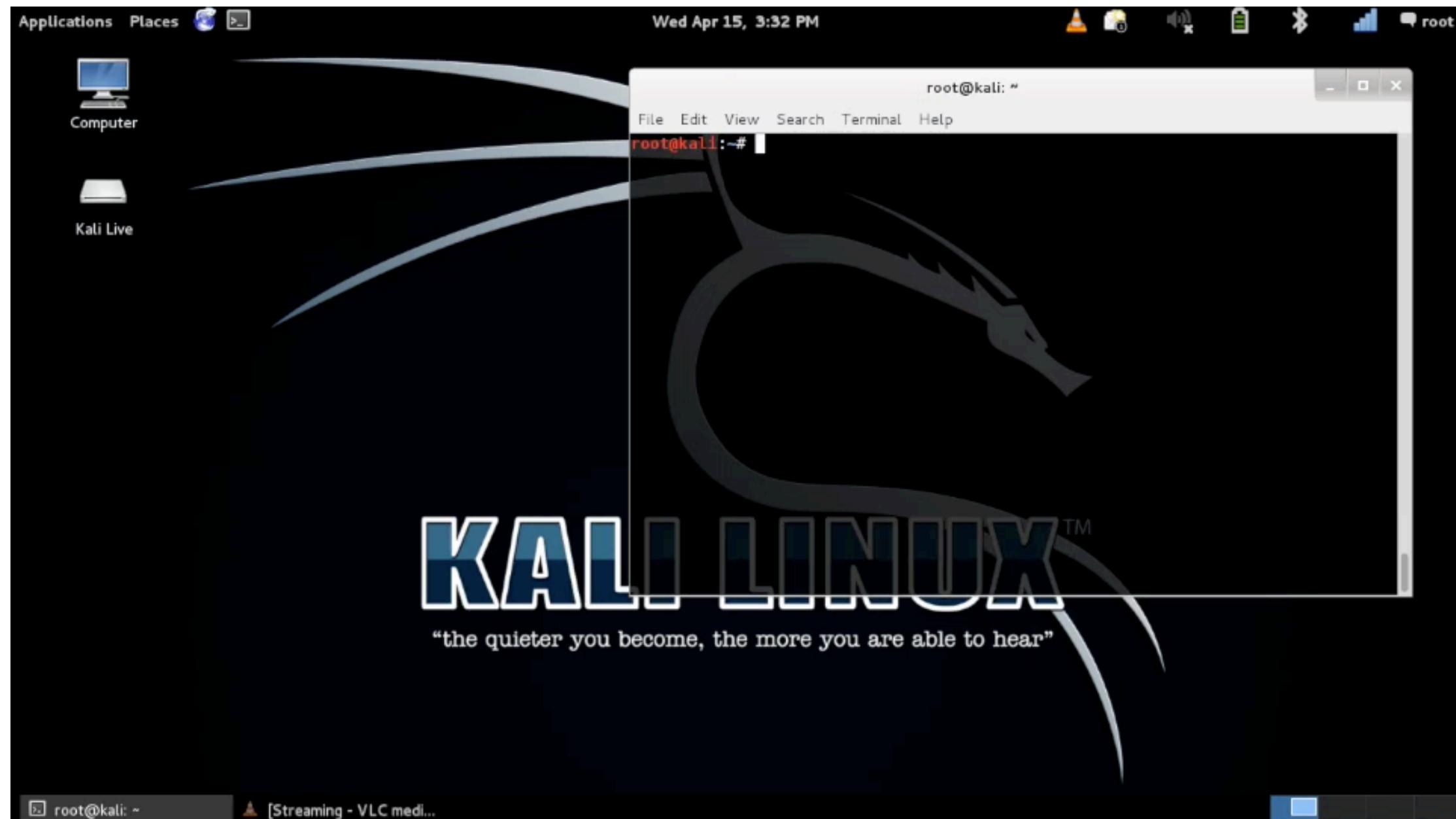


Strange guy with
big antenna

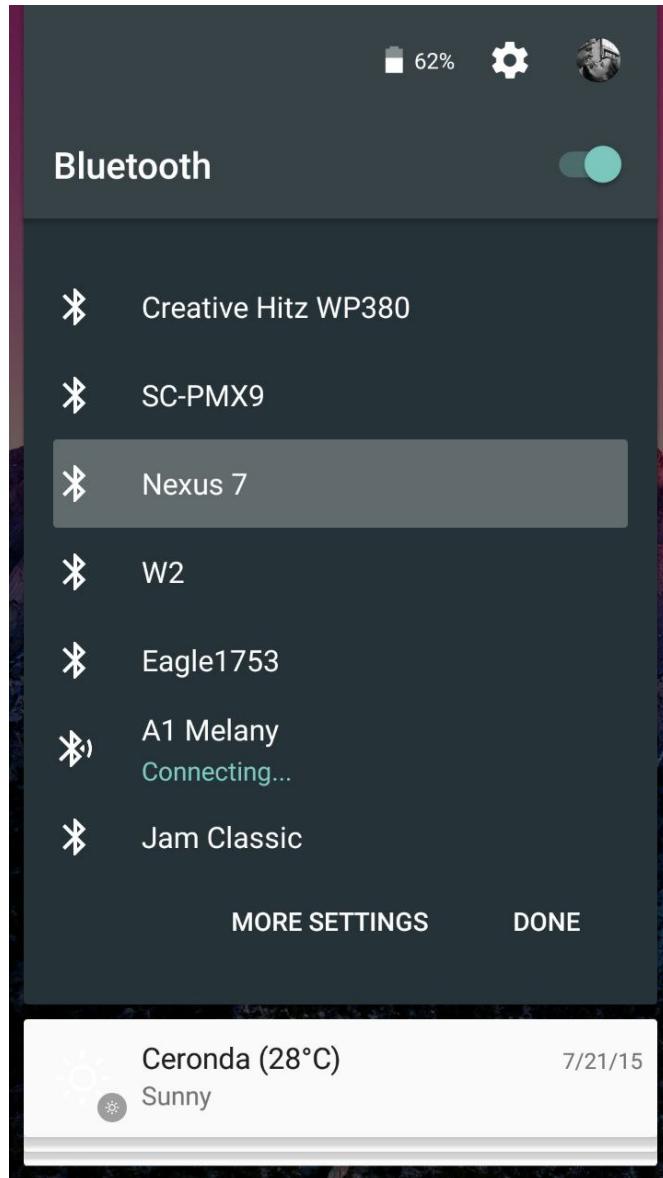
Hybrid is always the **solution**



DEMO Time !!



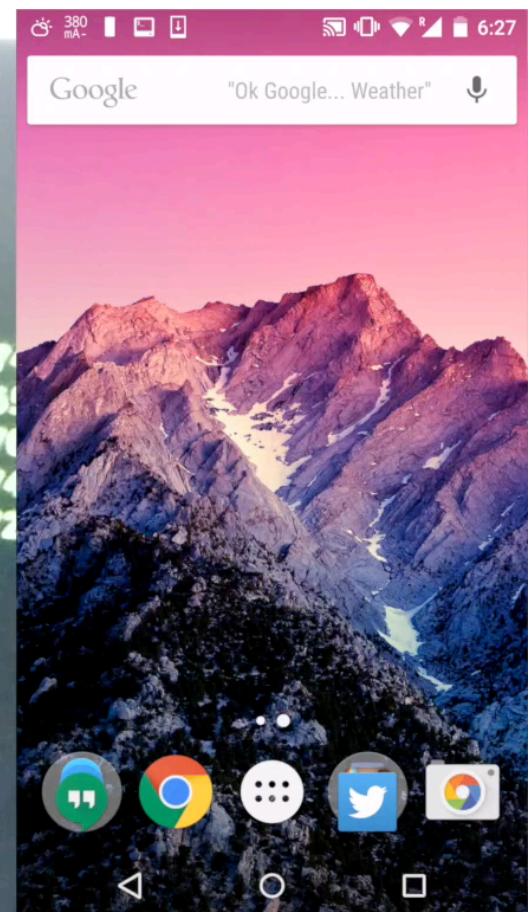
New findings ||



Android 5.1 adds a new nice feature...

DEMO time !!

```
ubuntu-gnone@ubuntu-gnone:~/Downloads/bdaddr/ubertooth/host/btlld$ ubertooth-scan
Uberooth scan
xfer_size=512
xfer_blocks=8
xfer_size=512
PKT_LEN=64
systime=1438997238 ch= 8 LAP=07c495 err=0 clk100ns=169994489 clk1=551487 s=-21 n=-70
systime=1438997239 ch=31 LAP=631803 err=1 clk100ns=176988204 clk1=552606 s=-62 n=-69
systime=1438997239 ch=31 LAP=631803 err=1 clk100ns=177088135 clk1=552622 s=-56 n=-70
systime=1438997239 ch=31 LAP=631803 err=1 clk100ns=177188185 clk1=552638 s=-74 n=-72
systime=1438997239 ch= 1 LAP=07c495 err=1 clk100ns=178796757 clk1=552895 s=-63 n=-72
```



Is it fixed?

It depends...

Android >= 5.1
SmartUnlock is fixed
API are still vulnerable

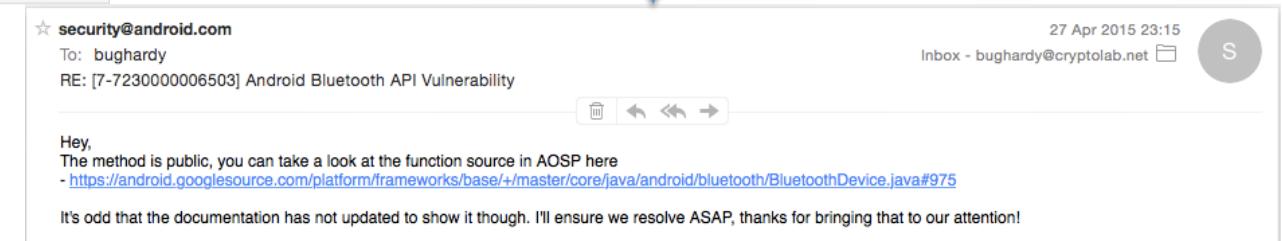
Android <= 5.0.X
SmartUnlock is not fixed
API are vulnerable

New findings ||

Summary

Constants	
String	ACTION_ACL_CONNECTED
	Broadcast Action: Indicates a low level (ACL) connection has been established with a remote device.
String	ACTION_ACL_DISCONNECTED
	Broadcast Action: Indicates a low level (ACL) disconnection from a remote device.
String	ACTION_ACL_DISCONNECT_REQUESTED
	Broadcast Action: Indicates that a low level (ACL) disconnection has been requested for a remote device, and it will soon be disconnected.
String	ACTION_BOND_STATE_CHANGED
	Broadcast Action: Indicates a change in the bond state of a remote device.
String	ACTION_CLASS_CHANGED
	Broadcast Action: Bluetooth class of a remote device has changed.
String	ACTION_FOUND
	Broadcast Action: Remote device discovered.

API does not have a safe method to check if a device is connected with a proper LK



```
975.     -         public boolean isEncrypted() {
976.         if (sService == null) {
977.             // BT is not enabled, we cannot be connected.
978.             return false;
979.         }
980.         try {
981.             return sService.getConnectionState(this) > CONNECTION_STATE_CONNECTED;
982.         } catch (RemoteException e) {
983.             Log.e(TAG, "", e);
984.             return false;
985.         }
986.     }
987.
```

Android Security Team told us that there is a method for this, but it was not yet in SDK, as 27th April, 2015. And it's still not present

Why fixing the API is important if SmartUnlock function is fixed?



3rd party applications!



Demo time!

DEMO time !!

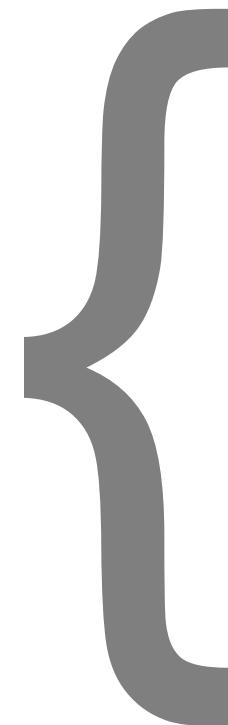
```
ubuntu-gnome@ubuntu-gnome:~/Downloads/bdaddr$ ./bdaddr  
Manufacturer: Broadcom Corporation (15)  
Device address: C0:C4:C0:1A:00:00  
ubuntu-gnome@ubuntu-gnome:~/Downloads/bdaddr$ █
```

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Future work ||

**Bluetooth is
everywhere, we are
focusing on**



IoT Devices
Smart Locks
Fit Band
Etc.

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