

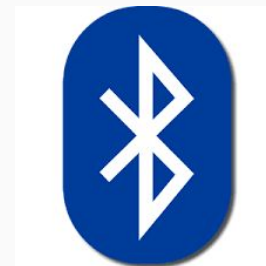
# BLE Workshop

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# Agenda

- BLE basics
  - Protocols
  - Stacks
  - Hardware
  - Software
- Workshop essentials
  - GATT
  - BLE CTF
  - Tools
- Training
  - +20 exercises

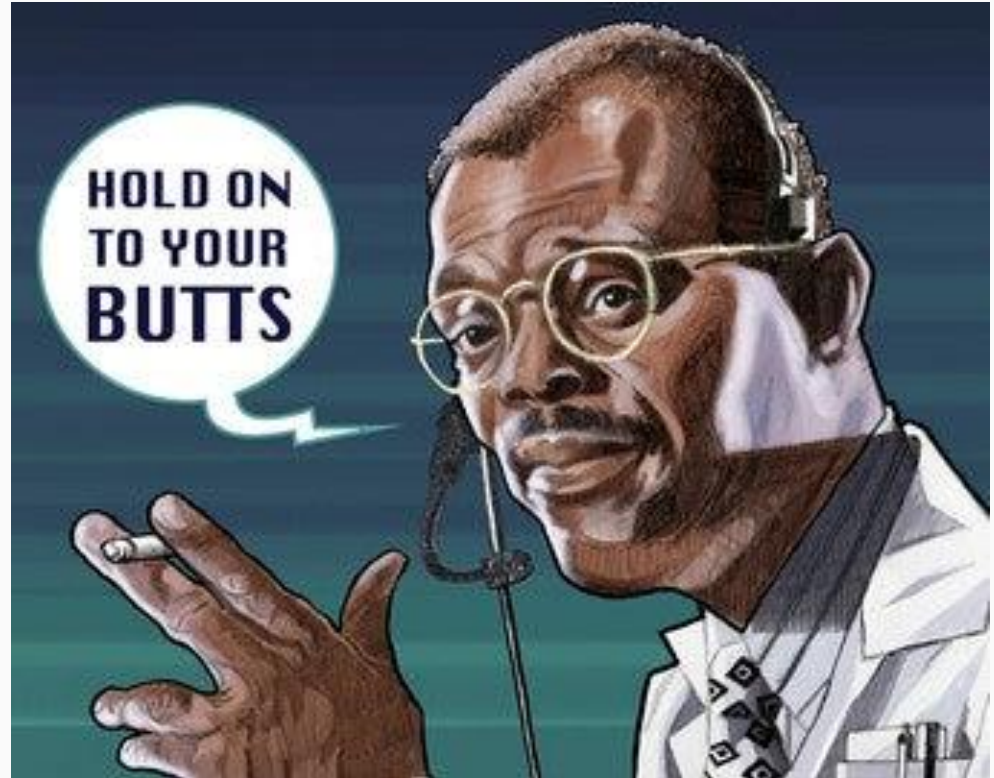
# Warning!!!

- Many things I say during this class will not be 100% accurate
- I use a lot of analogies and comparisons to accelerate your understanding
- **Be responsible!**



# Hold On!

- Things are going to get a bit technical in the next few slides
- Don't worry if you don't understand it all
- You don't need to understand wifi and tcp in order to do web application hacking

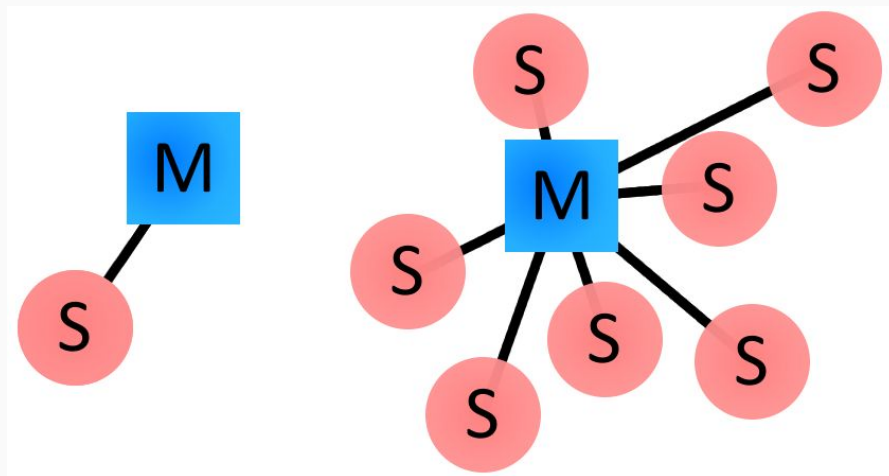


# Bluetooth - BLE vs Basic Rate

- BLE (aka Smart, 4.0)
  - Our focus for today
  - More prevalent now-a-day
  - Less channels - 32
  - Easier to sniff
- Basic Rate (aka Classic, 2.0)
  - More channels - 89
  - Focus area of tools, talks & hardware older than 3-5 years ago
  - Harder to sniff and discover
  - Still in use today
    - Devices with bigger batteries
    - Keyboards, cars, etc

# Client Server Topology

- Master
  - i.e. your computer or phone
- Slave
  - i.e. your watch, earphones, mouse, keyboard, heart rate monitor, etc



# Connection Types

- Paired vs Unpaired
  - Authentication
    - In band
    - Out of band
  - Encryption
- 
- Most of this is typically handled via OS abstraction
  - It is also limited by the master's service implementation





(classic or BR/EDR)

SPP

RFCOMM

L2CAP

Link Manager

BR/EDR PHY



(dual mode or BR/EDR/LE)

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GAP

GATT

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SMP

ATT

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Link Layer

BR/EDR + LE PHY



(single mode or BLE)

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# Bluetooth Stacks



(classic or BR/EDR)

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(dual mode or BR/EDR/LE)

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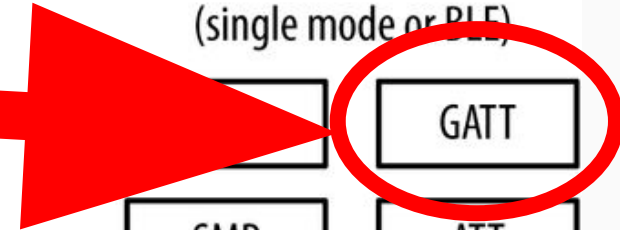
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LE PHY



# Hardware

- One of the main questions I get from people
- Also one of the most misunderstood areas of people getting into Bluetooth



# Hardware

- What's it all do???
- What do I need?



- **Standard Bluetooth modules**
  - Your computer bluetooth chip
  - UD100
  - Bluetooth usb dongles
- **IOT devices**
  - Esp32
  - Microbit
  - Adafruit/Nordic sniffer
- **Sniffers**
  - Ubertooth
  - Hackrf & other SDR devices
- **Hybrids**
  - Nordic chips (Microbit, Adafruit sniffer, etc)

# Hardware - Standard Bluetooth Modules

- Likely all most people need
- Allows you to host bluetooth services or connect to bluetooth devices over the standard bluetooth protocol
- Some support different protocols (i.e. 3.0, 4.0, BTBR, BLE, etc)
- Some have different ranges
  - Class 1-3
- Some support external antennas
  - UD100



# Software - Standard Bluetooth Modules

- **hciconfig**
  - Basically ifconfig for bluetooth interfaces
  - `sudo hciconfig -a`
- **hcitool**
  - Kind of like iwlist for bluetooth interfaces
  - `sudo hcitool lescan`
- **gatttool**
  - Kind of like curl for bluetooth
  - `sudo gatttool -i hci0 -b DE:AD:BE:EF:12:34 --characteristics`
- **bleah**
  - A pretty printed display of GATT characteristics
  - `sudo bleah -b DE:AD:BE:EF:12:34 -e`

# Hardware - Sniffers

- Allow you to passively sniff bluetooth traffic
- Can be used for various types of injection or BT protocol simulation
- Can not be used as typical Bluetooth host OS devices
- Operate at the PHY layer
- Require custom firmware & host software
- Come in various different flavors
- **Not needed for this workshop**





- **ubertooth-btle**
  - Ubertooth host software for interacting with your ubertooth
  - `sudo ubertooth-btle -tDE:AD:BE:EF:12:34`
  - `sudo ubertooth-btle -f -r bt.pcap`
- **Adafruit\_BLESniffer\_Python**
  - Cool curses method for creating pcaps
  - `sudo python sniffer.py /dev/ttyUSB0`
- **btlejack**
  - Sniffer and injector tool and firmware for microbit
  - Cool stuff... haven't played with it too much yet
- **Various SDR tools & libs**

# Hardware - BT Devices, IOT Devices & Hybrids

- Can host firmware to act as standard BT clients or servers
- Some can be used as sniffers
  - Nordic 4x & 5x based chipsets
- Firmware libraries depend on chipsets
- Capabilities vary based on firmware api support
- Mostly all C code based



# Let's Step Back

- Bluetooth is crazy!
- We will only be focusing on the least crazy today
  - Standard BT software
  - GATT
- In Bluetooth land you can think of GATT kind of like HTTP in network land
- Lets make some horribly untrue comparisons of GATT and HTTP



- Try running the following on your computer:

```
rholeman@localhost:~/src/bluez$ hciconfig -a
hci0:  Type: Primary  Bus: USB
       BD Address: 11:22:33:44:55:66  ACL MTU: 310:10  SCO MTU: 64:8
       UP RUNNING
       RX bytes:688 acl:0 sco:0 events:49 errors:0
       TX bytes:3163 acl:0 sco:0 commands:48 errors:0
       Features: 0xff 0xff 0x8f 0xfe 0xdb 0xff 0x5b 0x87
       Packet type: DM1 DM3 DM5 DH1 DH3 DH5 HV1 HV2 HV3
       Link policy: RSWITCH HOLD SNIFF PARK
       Link mode: SLAVE ACCEPT
       Name: 'localhost #1'
       Class: 0x0c010c
       Service Classes: Rendering, Capturing
       Device Class: Computer, Laptop
       HCI Version: 4.0 (0x6)  Revision: 0x2031
       LMP Version: 4.0 (0x6)  Subversion: 0x2031
       Manufacturer: Cambridge Silicon Radio (10)
```

## Agenda - What's Next?

- Dirty GATT overview
- BLE CTF overview
- Tools primer

- Lies
  - The HTTP of Bluetooth
  - Think of a GATT server as a web site
- Technicalz
  - The most typical type of service hosted in BLE
  - When you scan for BLE and connect you are most always connecting to a GATT server
  - Only one client can connect to a GATT server at a time
  - Most do not require authentication & encryption
  - Some will require auth and encryption access functionality

# GATT Characteristics

- The URLs of GATT
- They are represented by UUIDs on the GATT server
- Also denoted by handles in most Linux apps
- Characteristics come in 2 forms
  - Predefined by bluetooth standards
    - i.e. battery status, names, device types, etc
  - Custom
    - Custom code underneath that developers created specifically for their GATT application
    - i.e. change your riding mode on an electric skateboard
- Most devices typically host 5-10 characteristics\handles

# GATT Characteristics

## HTTP URLs

/jobs/

/jobs/job-id

/jobs/job-id/status

/jobs/job-id/files

/jobs/job-id/results

/jobs/job-id

/jobs/job-id/stop

## GATT Characteristics

| Handles                                      | Service > Characteristics  |
|--|--|
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| 0028 -> ffff<br>002a<br>002c<br>002e<br>0030 | <b>00ff</b> ( 000000ff-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br><b>ff01</b> ( 0000ff01-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br><b>ff02</b> ( 0000ff02-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br><b>ff03</b> ( 0000ff03-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br><b>ff04</b> ( 0000ff04-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb ) |



- Read

- The HTTP GET method of Bluetooth
- curl <http://google.com>
- gatttool -b 11:22:33:44:55:66 --char-read -a 0x0011

- Write

- The HTTP POST method of Bluetooth
- curl -d "param1=value1&param2=value2" -X POST <http://localhost:3000/data>
- gatttool -b 11:22:33:44:55:66 --char-write -a 0x0011 -n 0x1337

- Notify

- Streams data when you subscribe or listen to it
- gatttool -b 11:22:33:44:55:66 --char-read -a 0x0011 --listen

- Indicate

- Much like notify, but requires acks

| Method | URL path             | Description                                  |
|--------|----------------------|--|
| GET    | /jobs/               | List of the current user's jobs              |
| GET    | /jobs/job-id         | Details for the specified job                |
| GET    | /jobs/job-id/status  | Status code for the job (e.g. running)       |
| GET    | /jobs/job-id/files   | List of links to job directory files         |
| GET    | /jobs/job-id/results | Results of the job                           |
| DELETE | /jobs/job-id         | Release the job (terminate if still running) |
| DELETE | /jobs/job-id/stop    | Stop the current job                         |

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| 0028 -> ffff<br>002a<br>002c<br>002e<br>0030<br>0032<br>0034<br>0036<br>0038<br>003a<br>003c<br>003e<br>0040<br>0042<br>0044<br>0046<br>0048<br>004a<br>004c<br>004e<br>0050<br>0052<br>0054<br>0056 | <b>00ff</b> ( 000000ff-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br><b>ff01</b> ( 0000ff01-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br><b>ff02</b> ( 0000ff02-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br><b>ff03</b> ( 0000ff03-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br><b>ff04</b> ( 0000ff04-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br><b>ff05</b> ( 0000ff05-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br><b>ff06</b> ( 0000ff06-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br><b>ff07</b> ( 0000ff07-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br><b>ff08</b> ( 0000ff08-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br><b>ff09</b> ( 0000ff09-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br><b>ff0a</b> ( 0000ff0a-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br><b>ff0b</b> ( 0000ff0b-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br><b>ff0c</b> ( 0000ff0c-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br><b>ff0d</b> ( 0000ff0d-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br><b>ff0e</b> ( 0000ff0e-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br><b>ff0f</b> ( 0000ff0f-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br><b>ff10</b> ( 0000ff10-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br><b>ff11</b> ( 0000ff11-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br><b>ff12</b> ( 0000ff12-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br><b>ff13</b> ( 0000ff13-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br><b>ff14</b> ( 0000ff14-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br><b>ff15</b> ( 0000ff15-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br><b>ff16</b> ( 0000ff16-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br><b>ff17</b> ( 0000ff17-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb ) | READ<br>READ <b>WRITE</b><br>READ<br>READ<br>READ <b>WRITE</b><br>READ <b>WRITE</b><br>READ <b>WRITE</b><br>READ<br><b>WRITE</b><br>READ <b>WRITE</b><br>READ<br>NOTIFY READ <b>WRITE</b><br>READ<br>READ INDICATE <b>WRITE</b><br>NOTIFY READ <b>WRITE</b><br>READ<br>READ INDICATE <b>WRITE</b><br>READ<br>READ<br>READ <b>WRITE</b><br>READ <b>WRITE</b><br>NOTIFY BROADCAST READ <b>WRITE</b> EXTENDED PROPERTIES<br>READ |

- Built by yours truly
- A series of BLE GATT exercises in CTF format
- Built on the ESP32
  - Super cheap microcontrollers
  - Nice C API
  - BLE, WiFi, USB stuff, Blinky LEDs
- Custom firmware



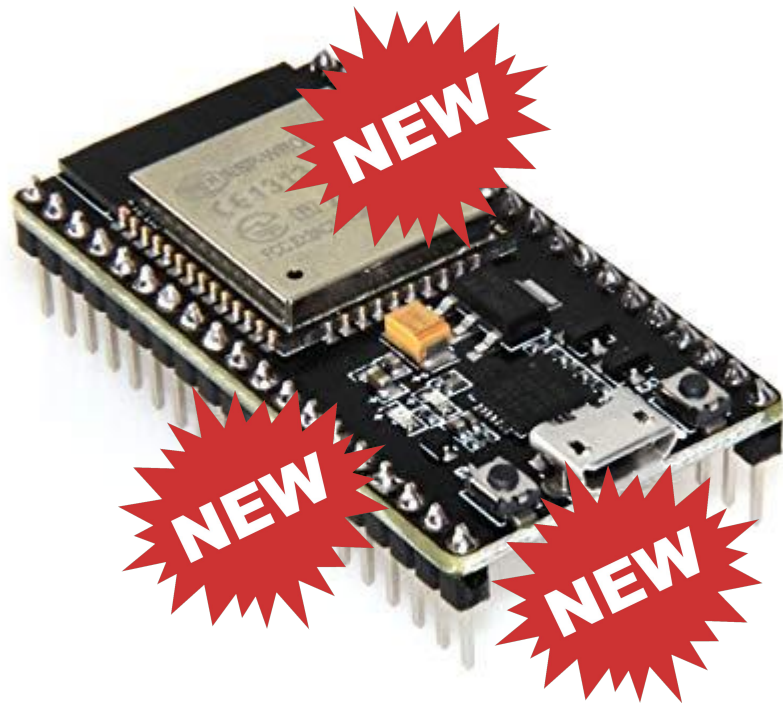
- Why did I build this???
- There were no great resources for learning BLE
- Low cost of entry
- Get more people involved with BLE
- I had never written GATT servers before and wanted to try



- Comes in 2 versions
- Version 1
  - What we are using today!
  - Released last year
  - Teaches the basics of BLE
  - No Bluetooth experience required
  - Only requires a Linux box and standard Bluetooth connectivity to use
  - Very monolithic in nature
  - Has like 30ish characteristics
  - Firmware is not very modular
  - Does not allow for more advanced challenges



- Comes in 2 versions
- Version 2
  - Pre-release
  - Extremely modular
    - People can contribute new flags
  - Hosts 20 stand alone GATT servers on one chip
    - WHAT! How you do that?
  - Authentication based challenges
  - Encryption based challenges
  - Client/server based challenges
  - Dirty dirty dirty GATT tricks
  - Dynamically include flags values and challenges





- Linux box
  - Or Vagrant on OSX/Windows
- Bluetooth module in your computer or a USB dongle
- Bluetooth software
  - Gatttool
  - Hcidtool
  - Bleah - optional
- Bash Commands
  - Xdd
  - Echo
  - Md5sum
  - Tr
  - For loops



- If you run the following and see an hcix device, you are gtg
  - `hciconfig -a`
- If you are on kali you will have to undo rfkill
  - `rfkill unblock all`
  - `hciconfig hci0 up`
- If you are on Windows or OSX
  - Install virtualbox & vagrant
  - Install virtualbox usb extention pack
  - `git clone https://github.com/hackgnar/ble\_ctf`
  - `cd ble_ctf`
  - add your bluetooth devices vendorid and productid
  - `vagrant up`
  - `vagrant ssh`

- Hcitol is great for scanning for connectable devices
- You will typically use the following to scan for BLE
  - `hcitool lescan`
- Some versions of hcitool dedup results, some dont
- For versions that don't it's useful to pipe results though grep if you know a BT mac address or BT device name
  - `hcitool lescan |grep -i ctf`

```
rholeman@locallocal:~/src/ble_ctf$ sudo hcitool lscan
```

```
LE Scan ...
```

```
24:C4:3C:90:A5:5F (unknown)
32:50:C1:3A:C5:C6 (unknown)
80:7D:3A:C4:1C:8A BLE_CTF_SCORE
80:7D:3A:C4:1C:8A BLE_CTF_SCORE
80:7D:3A:C4:1C:8A (unknown)
7A:10:46:C3:1C:48 (unknown)
60:FD:C2:7B:99:2A (unknown)
60:FD:C2:7B:99:2A (unknown)
80:7D:3A:C4:1C:8A BLE_CTF_SCORE
32:50:C1:3A:C5:C6 (unknown)
```

- gatttool is great for connecting to GATT servers to enumerate characteristics, do read, do writes, etc
- To list characteristics/handles of a GATT server
  - `gatttool -b 11:22:33:44:55:66 --characteristics`
- To read a characteristic/handle value
  - `gatttool -b 11:22:33:44:55:66 --char-read -a 0x0011`
- To write a characteristic/handle value
  - `gatttool -b 11:22:33:44:55:66 --char-write -a 0x0011 -n 0x1337`
- You can also do persistent connections to a GATT server
  - `gatttool -b 11:22:33:44:55:66 -l`
- `--help-all` is your friend
  - `gatttool --help-all`

- Bleah is a great visualization tool for BLE
  - Created by @evilsocket
- Provides functionality to scan BLE devices like hcitool
- Provides functionality to do mass reads across all characteristics/handles
- It also provides functionality to read/write like gatttool with the addition of ascii support
- Recently deprecated but still available via forks
- Totally optional for this workshop
- Easier to install with python2
  - With python3 you will have to edit some code here and there

```
git clone https://github.com/hackgnar/bleah.git
```

```
git clone https://github.com/lanHarvey/bluepy.git
```

```
cd bluepy
```

```
python setup.py build
```

```
python setup.py install
```

```
cd ../bleah
```

```
python setup.py build
```

```
python setup.py install
```

# Tools - Software - bleah

| Handles  | Service > Characteristics  | Properties   | Data  |
|--|--|--|---|
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| 0028 -> ffff<br>002a<br>002c<br>002e<br>0030<br>0032<br>0034<br>0036<br>0038<br>003a<br>003c<br>003e<br>0040<br>0042<br>0044<br>0046<br>0048<br>004a<br>004c<br>004e<br>0050<br>0052<br>0054<br>0056 | 00ff ( 000000ff-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br>ff01 ( 0000ff01-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br>ff02 ( 0000ff02-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br>ff03 ( 0000ff03-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br>ff04 ( 0000ff04-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br>ff05 ( 0000ff05-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br>ff06 ( 0000ff06-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br>ff07 ( 0000ff07-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br>ff08 ( 0000ff08-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br>ff09 ( 0000ff09-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br>ff0a ( 0000ff0a-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br>ff0b ( 0000ff0b-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br>ff0c ( 0000ff0c-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br>ff0d ( 0000ff0d-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br>ff0e ( 0000ff0e-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br>ff0f ( 0000ff0f-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br>ff10 ( 0000ff10-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br>ff11 ( 0000ff11-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br>ff12 ( 0000ff12-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br>ff13 ( 0000ff13-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br>ff14 ( 0000ff14-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br>ff15 ( 0000ff15-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br>ff16 ( 0000ff16-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb )<br>ff17 ( 0000ff17-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb ) | READ<br>READ WRITE<br>READ<br>READ<br>READ WRITE<br>READ WRITE<br>READ WRITE<br>READ<br>WRITE<br>READ WRITE<br>READ<br>NOTIFY READ WRITE<br>READ<br>READ INDICATE WRITE<br>NOTIFY READ WRITE<br>READ<br>READ INDICATE WRITE<br>READ<br>READ<br>READ WRITE<br>READ WRITE<br>NOTIFY BROADCAST READ WRITE EXTENDED PROPERTIES<br>READ | u'Score: 0/20'<br>u'Write Flags Here'<br>u'd205303e099ceff44835'<br>u'MD5 of Device Name'<br>u'Write anything here'<br>u'Write the ascii value "yo" here'<br>u'Write the hex value 0x07 here'<br>u'Write 0xC9 to handle 58'<br><br>u'Brute force my value 00 to ff'<br>u'Read me 1000 times'<br>u'Listen to me for a single notification'<br>u'Listen to handle 0x0044 for a single indication'<br><br>u'Listen to me for multi notifications'<br>u'Listen to handle 0x004a for multi indications'<br><br>u'Connect with BT MAC address 11:22:33:44:55:66'<br>u'Set your connection MTU to 444'<br>u"Write+resp 'hello' "<br>u'No notifications here! really?'<br>u'So many properties!'<br>u"md5 of author's twitter handle" |

- Xdd

- Useful for converting hex => ascii and vice versa in gatttool
- For hex to ascii use `xxd -r -p`
- For ascii to hex use `xxd -ps`
- `gatttool -b de:ad:be:ef:be:f1 --char-read -a 0x002a|awk -F:' ' '{print $2}'|tr -d ' '|xxd -r -p;printf '\n'`

- Echo

- Nothing crazy here, just remember that the `-n` flag strips newlines. This is useful for sending flag values

- Tr, awk & for loops

- Nothing crazy here either... just useful for managing strings and connection loops



## 15 MINUTE BREAK

- Make sure you have your computer setup

## Come Get a MAC Address

- Come up to me and grab a MAC address to connect to your GATT server
- Once you have it, try and do a characteristics list list of your server
  - `gatttool -b 11:22:33:44:55:66 --characteristics`

# Flag 1

Flag one is a gift! You can only obtain it by reading this document or peaking at the source code. In short, this flag is to get you familiar with doing a simple write to a BLE handle. Do the following to get your first flag. Make sure you replace the MAC address in the examples below with your devices mac address!

First, check out your score:

```
gatttool -b de:ad:be:ef:be:f1 --char-read -a 0x002a|awk -F':' '{print $2}'|tr -d ' '|xxd -r -p;printf '\n'
```

**Next, lets submit the following flag.** `gatttool -b de:ad:be:ef:be:f1 --char-write-req -a 0x002c -n $(echo -n "12345678901234567890"|xxd -ps)`

Finally, check out your score again to see your flag got accepted:

```
gatttool -b de:ad:be:ef:be:f1 --char-read -a 0x002a|awk -F':' '{print $2}'|tr -d ' '|xxd -r -p;printf '\n'
```

## Flag 2

- Handle 0x002e
- Learn how to read handles

- If you have an ubertooth or nordic sniffer, try sniffing your connections as you work the exercises
  - `sudo ubertooth-btle -tDE:AD:BE:EF:12:34`
  - `sudo ubertooth-btle -f -r bt.pcap`
- Read your pcaps with tshark or wireshark
  - `tshark -r bt.pcap -x -V`
- Look for read or write values that went clear text over the wire
  - `tshark -r bt.pcap -x -V -Y 'btatt.opcode == 0x0b'`

## Flag 2

Check out the ascii value of handle 0x002e and submit it to the flag submission handle 0x002c. If you are using gatttool, make sure you convert it to hex with xxd. If you are using bleah, you can send it as a string value.



## Flag 3

- Flag 0x0030
- Read handle puzzle fun



## Flag 3

Check out the ascii value of handle 0x0030. Do what it tells you and submit the flag you find to 0x002c.



## Flag 4

- Flag 0x0016
- Learn about discoverable device attributes

Bluetooth GATT services provide some extra device attributes. Try finding the value of the Generic Access -> Device Name.



## Flag 5

- Flag 0x0032
- Learn about reading and writing to handles

## Flag 5

Read handle 0032 and do what it says. Notice that its not telling you to write to the flag handle as you have been. When you find the flag, go ahead and write it to the flag handle you have used in the past flags.





## Flag 6

- Flag 0x0034
- Learn about reading and writing ascii to handles

Follow the instructions found from reading handle 0x0034. Keep in mind that some tools only write hex values while other provide methods for writing either hex or ascii



## Flag 7

- Flag 0x0036
- Learn about reading and writing hex to handles

Follow the instructions found from reading handle 0x0036. Keep in mind that some tools only write hex values while other provide methods for writing either hex or ascii



## Flag 8

- Flag 0x0038
- Learn about reading and writing to handles differently

Follow the instructions found from reading handle 0x0038. Pay attention to handles here. Keep in mind handles can be referenced by integer or hex. Most tools such as gatttool and bleah allow you to specify handles both ways.





## Flag 9

- Flag 0x003c
- Learn about write fuzzing

Take a look at handle 0x003c and do what it says. You should script up a solution for this one. Also keep in mind that some tools write faster than others.



## Flag 10

- Flag 0x003e
- Learn about read and write speeds

## Flag 10

Take a look at handle 0x003e and do what it says. Keep in mind that some tools have better connection speeds than others for doing reads and writes. This has to do with the functionality the tool provides or how it uses cached BT connections on the host OS. Try testing different tools for this flag. Once you find the fastest one, whip up a script or bash 1 liner to complete the task. FYI, once running, this task takes roughly 90 seconds to complete if done right.



## Flag 11

- Flag 0x0040
- Learn about single response notifications



Check out handle 0x0040 and google search gatt notify. Some tools like gatttool have the ability to subscribe to gatt notifications



## Flag 12

- Flag 0x0042
- Learn about single response indicate

Check out handle 0x0042 and google search gatt indicate. For single response indicate messages, like this chalange, tools such as gatttool will work just fine.



## Flag 13

- Flag 0x0046
- Learn about multi response notifications

## Flag 13

Check out handle 0x0046 and do what it says. Keep in mind that this notification challenge requires you to receive multiple responses in order to complete.





## Flag 14

- Flag 0x0048
- Learn about multi response indicate

## Flag 14

Check out handle 0x0042 and google search gatt indicate. Keep in mind that this chalange will require you to parse multiple indicate responses in order to complete the chalange.



## Flag 15

- Flag 0x004c
- Learn about BT client device attributes

Check out handle 0x004c and do what it says. Much like ethernet or wifi devices, you can also change your bluetooth devices mac address.



## Flag 16

- Flag 0x004e
- Learn about message sizes MTU

Read handle 0x0048 and do what it says. Setting MTU can be a tricky thing. Some tools may provide mtu flags, but they dont seem to really trigger MTU negotiations on servers. Try using gatttool's interactive mode for this task. By default, the BLECTF server is set to force an MTU size of 20. The server will listen for MTU negotiations, and look at them, but we dont really change the MTU in the code. We just trigger the flag code if you trigger an MTU event with the value specified in handle 0x0048. GLHF!





## Flag 17

- Flag 0x0050
- Learn about write responses

## Flag 17

Check out handle 0x0050 and do what it says. This chalange differs from other write chalanges as your tool that does the write needs to have write response ack messages implemente correctly. This flag is also tricky as the flag will come back as notification response data even though there is no "NOTIFY" property.



## Flag 18

- Flag 0x0052
- Hidden notify property

Take a look at handle 0x0052. Notice it does not have a notify property. Do a write here and listen for notifications anyways! Things are not always what they seem!



## Flag 19

- Flag 0x0054
- Use multiple handle properties



## Flag 19

Check out all of the handle properties on 0x0054! Poke around with all of them and find pieces to your flag.



## Flag 20

- Flag 0x0056
- OSINT the author!

Figure out the authors twitter handle and do what 0x0056 tells you to do!



# Fin



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BLE CTF V1 is currently available. V2 will be released later this year