

# **Blue2thprinting: {blue-[tooth}-printing]**

**Answering the question "WTF am I even looking at?!"**

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  - The research is for fun, but is *also a trojan horse* to get me into conferences to tell you about OST2 ;)

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# OST2 Crew

In order of appearance



**Gal Zaban**

RE3011 ~6 hours



**Piotr Król**

Arch4021 ~6 hours  
Arch4031 ~6 hours



**Kc Udonsi**

Vulns1001 ~15 hours



**Michał Żygowski**

Arch4021 ~6 hours



**Thaís Moreira Hamasaki**

RE3201 ~6 hours



**Xeno Kovah**

Arch1001 ~28 hours, Arch2001 ~27 hours  
Arch4001 ~14 hours, HW1101 ~6 hours  
Vulns1001 ~15 hours, Vulns1002 ~23 hours



**Sina Karvandi**

Dbg3301 ~16 hours



**Cedric Halbronn**

Dbg3011 ~6 hours  
Arch2821 ~5 hours  
Exp4011 ~33(!) hours



# **What I Want To Know:**

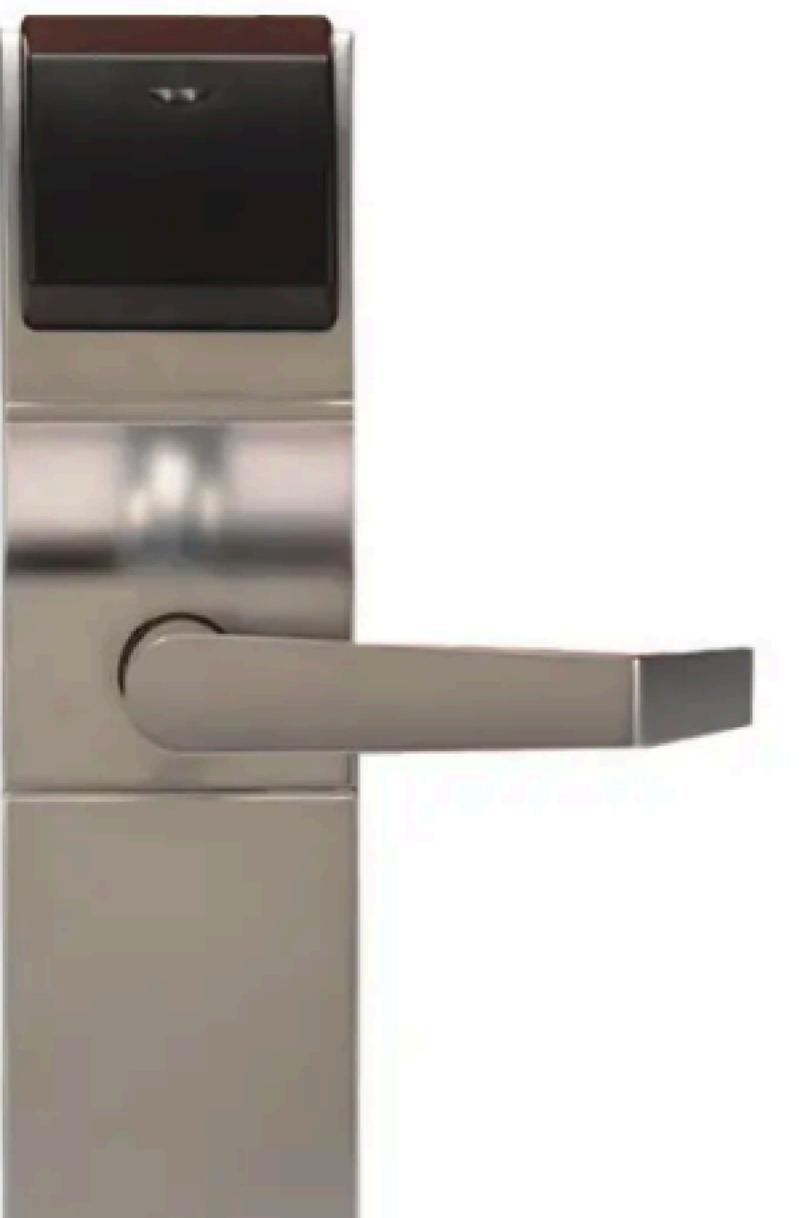
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## **So I Know if it's Vulnerable To a Firmware-Level Exploit**



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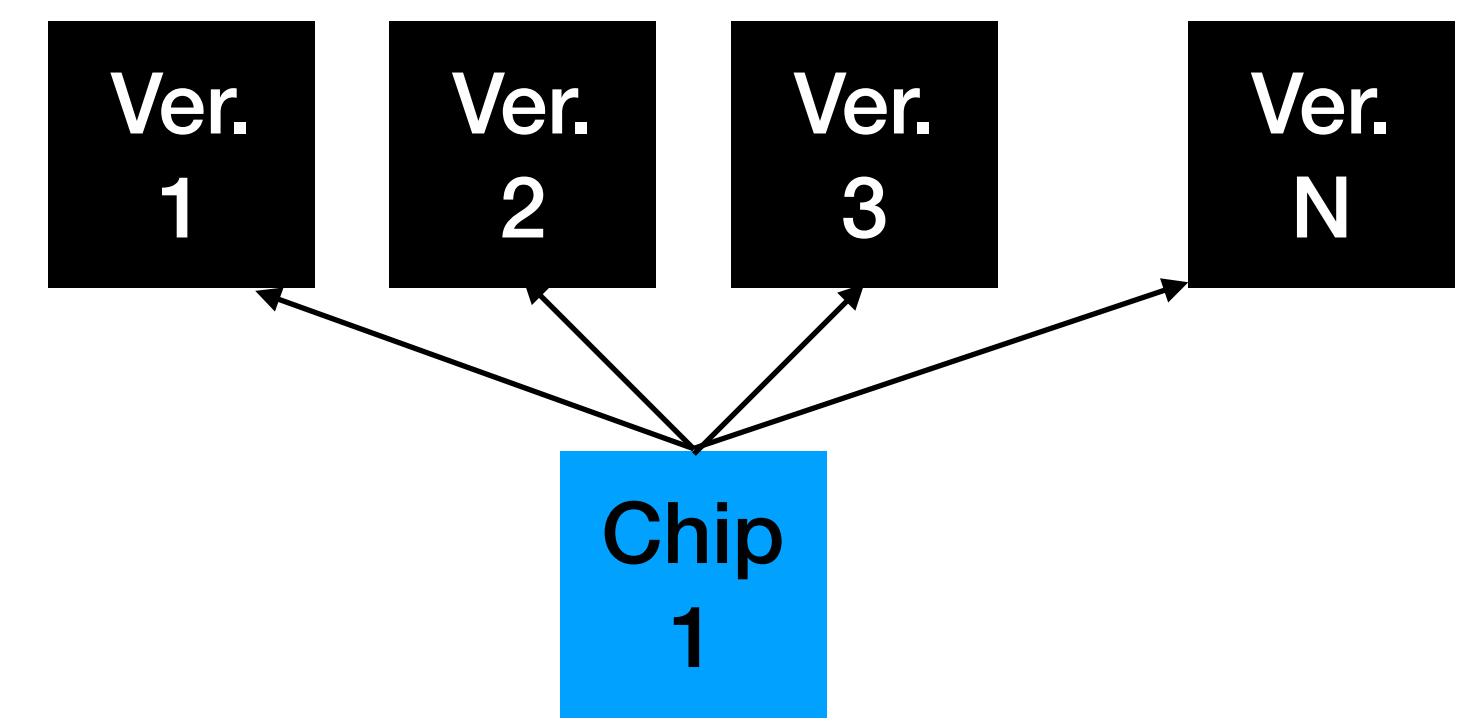


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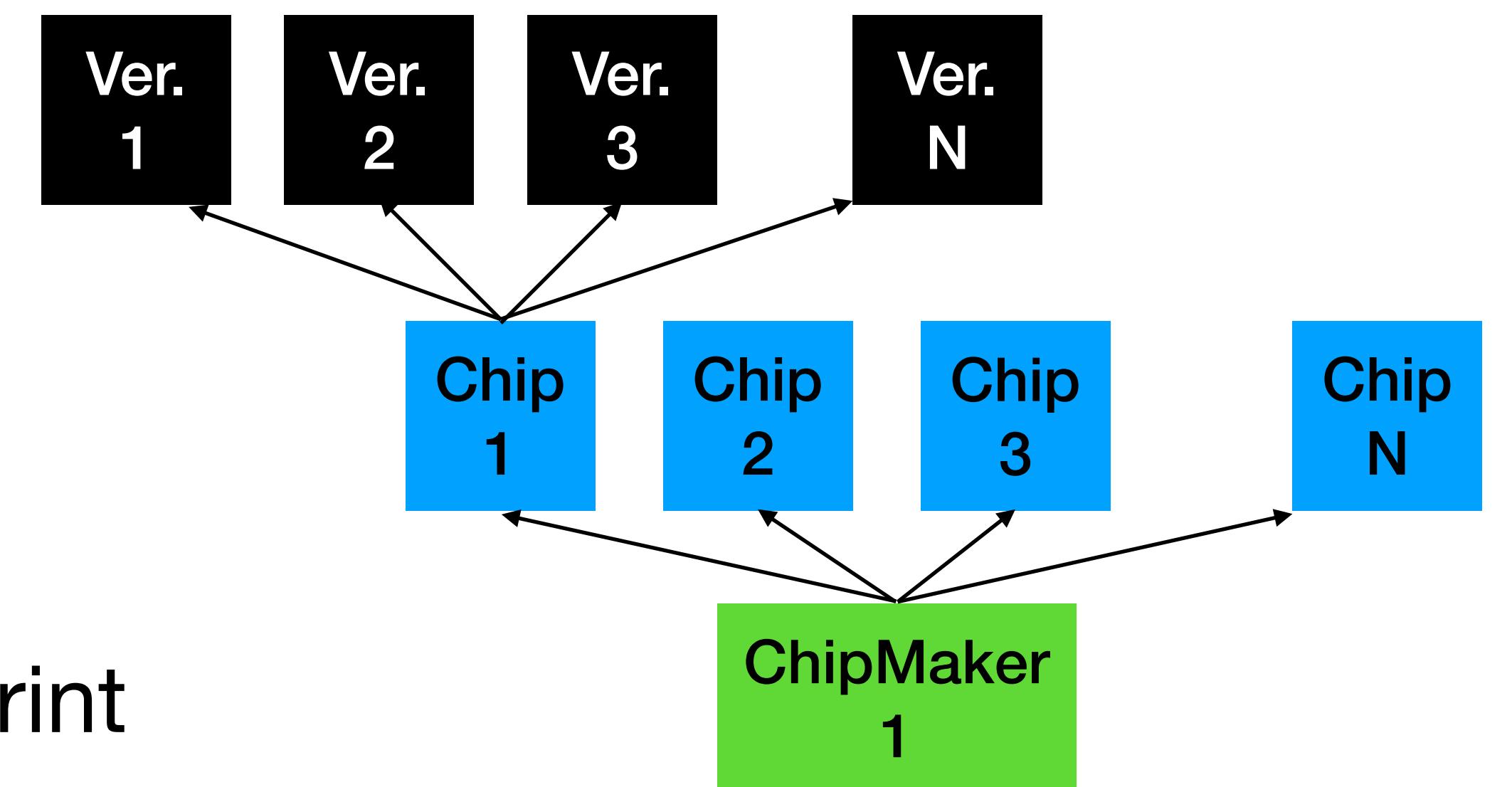
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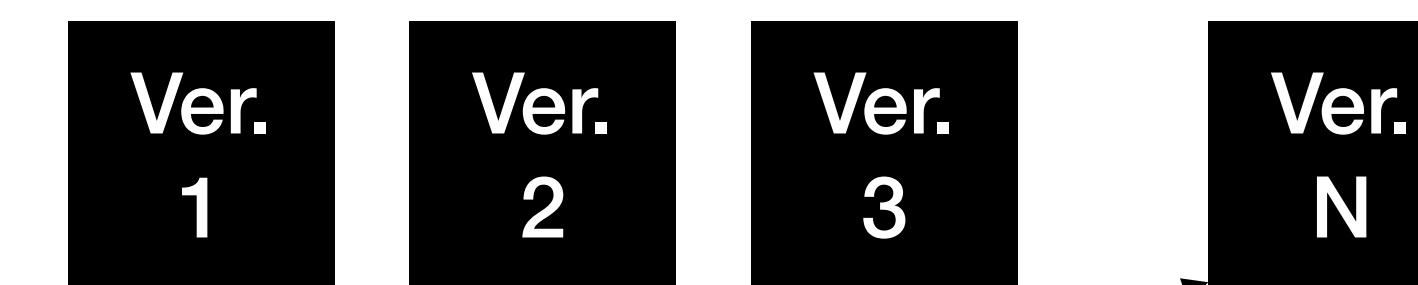


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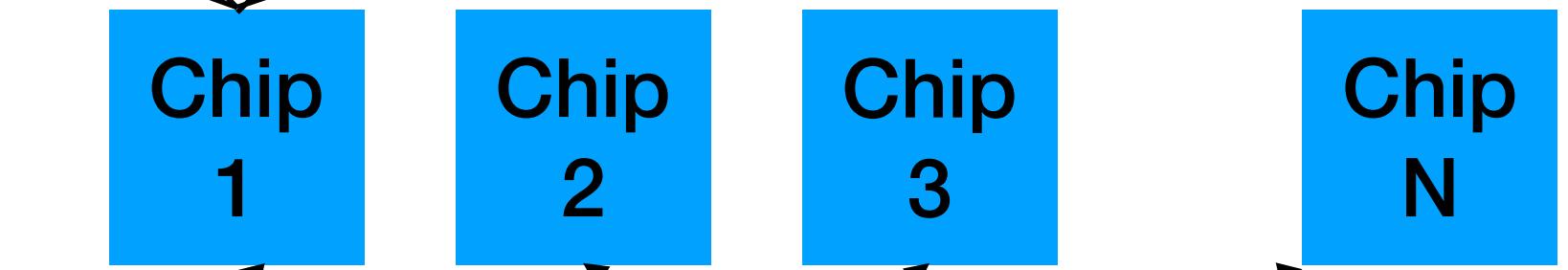
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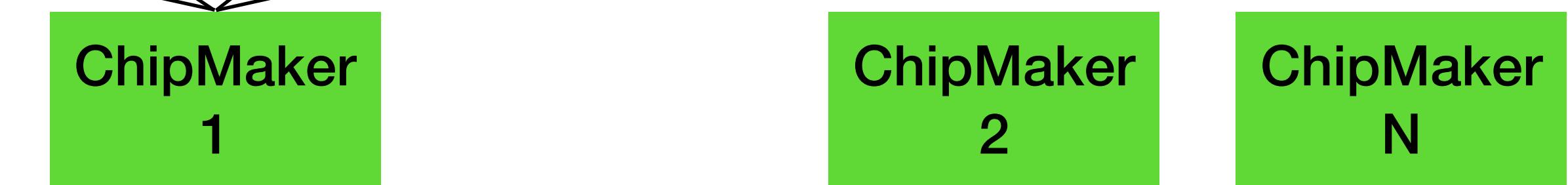
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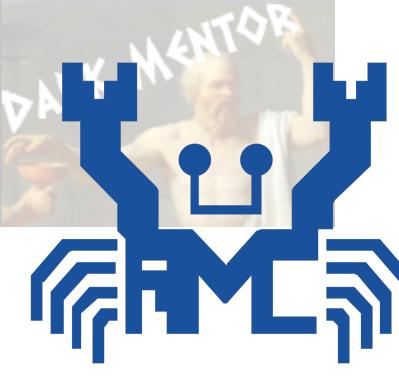


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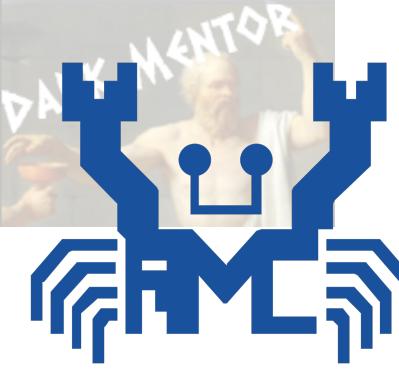




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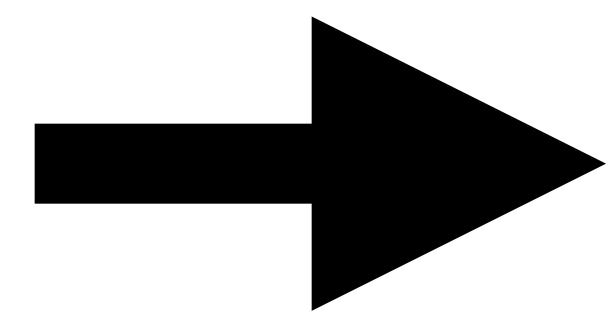
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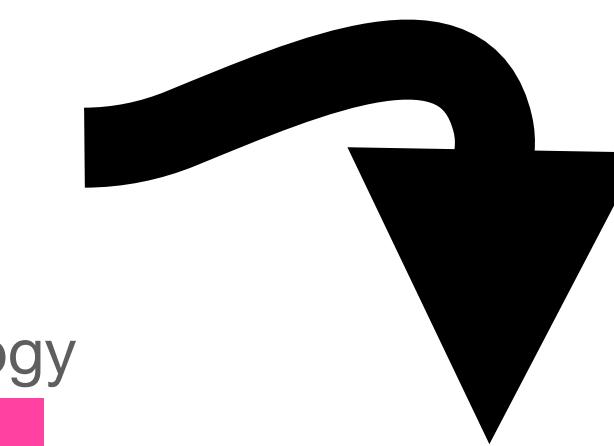
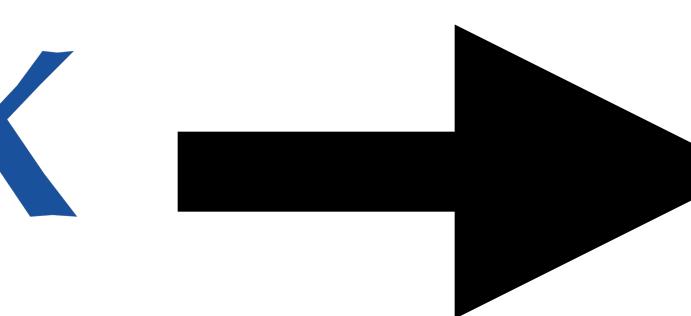
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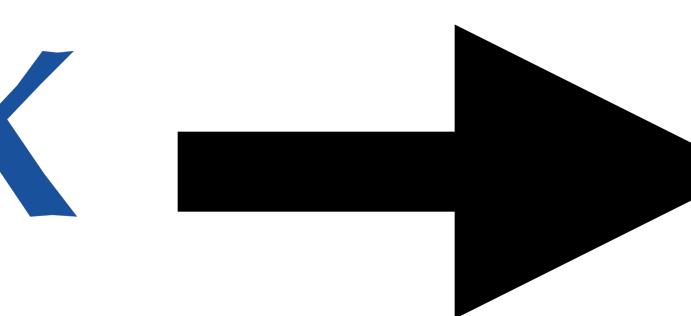
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Chip	RTL8710BX	RTL8710BX	RTL8720CF	RTL8720DN
Package	SMT-16	/	SMD-16	SMD-16
Size	24 x16x 3mm (LxWxH) ±0.2mm	50.5*29.2*3.3 (±0.2) mm	24*16*3(±0.2)MM	24*16*3(±0.2)MM
Antenna	on-board PCB/ IPEX antenna	on-board PCB/ IPEX antenna	on-board PCB/ IPEX antenna	on-board PCB/ IPEX antenna
Frequency range	2.4 <b>Module</b> Hz	2.40 <b>Module</b> Hz	2.40 <b>Module</b> GHz	2400-248 <b>Module</b> 180-5825MHz
Bluetooth	1	2	3	4
Operating temperature	-20~+85° C	-20 °C~70°C	-40 °C ~ 85 °C	-20 °C ~ 70 °C
Storage temperature	-40 ~125°C	-40°C~125°C	-40 °C ~ 125 °C , < 90%RH	-40 °C ~ 125 °C , < 90%RH
Power supply	3.3±10%V	5V ~ 12V	Voltage 3.0 V ~3.6 V, current >500 mA	Voltage 3.0V ~ 3.6V, Typical 3.3V, Current >450mA
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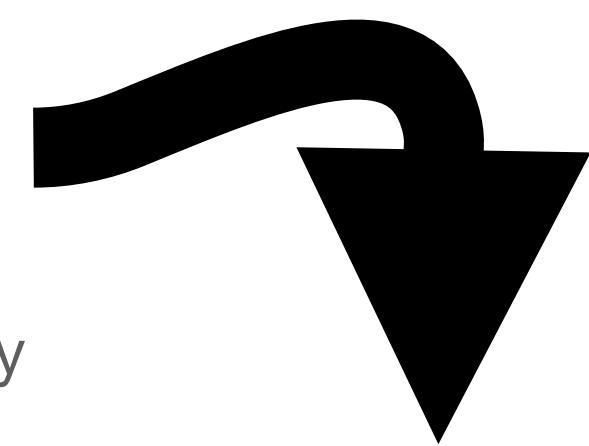


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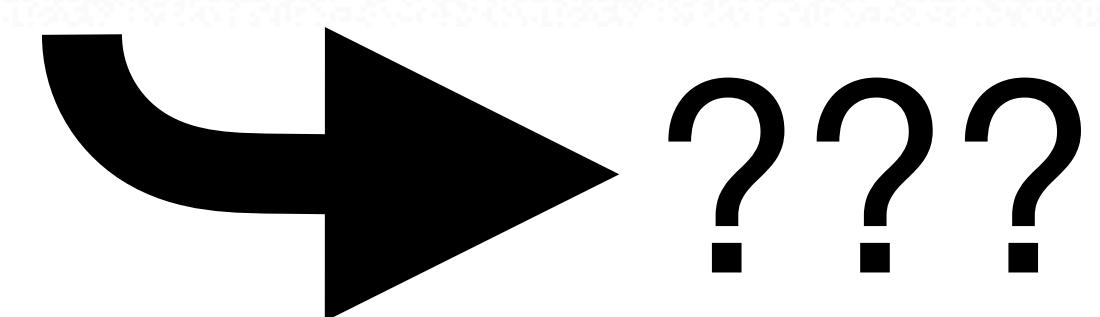
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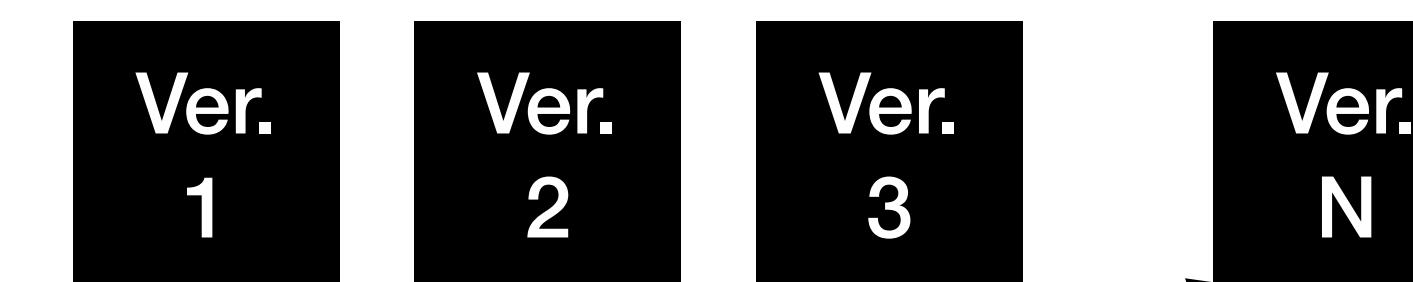
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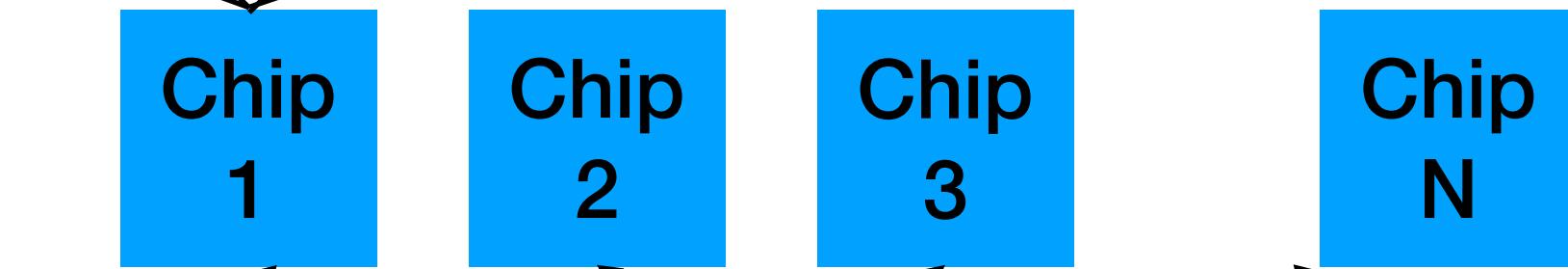
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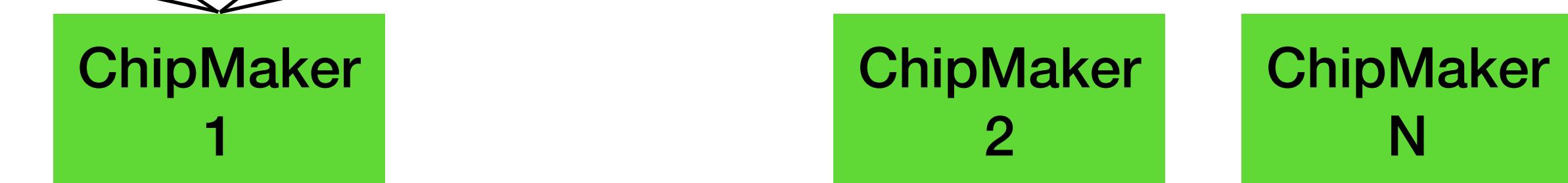
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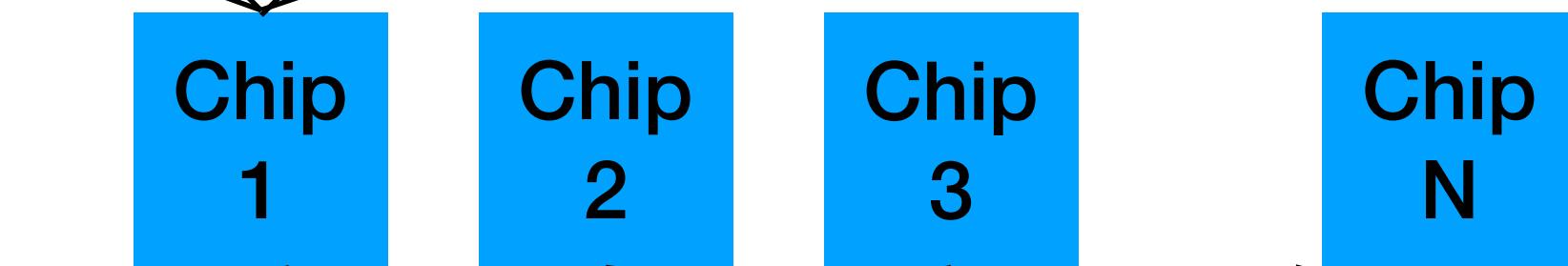
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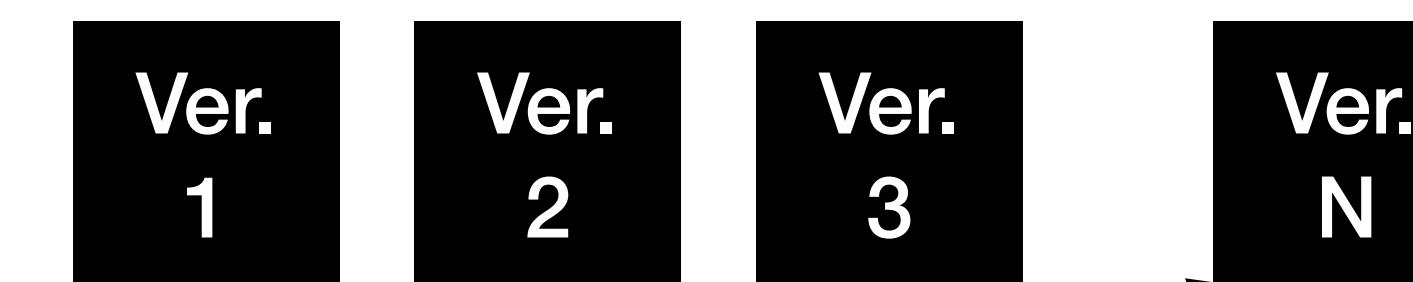
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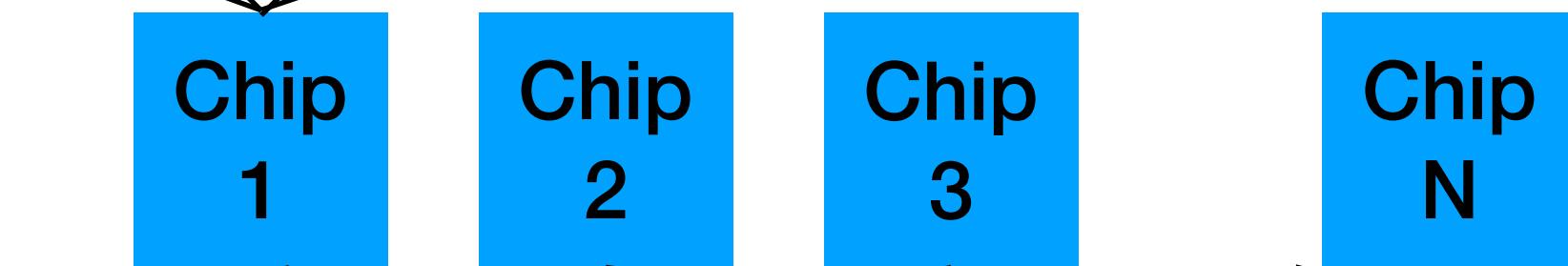
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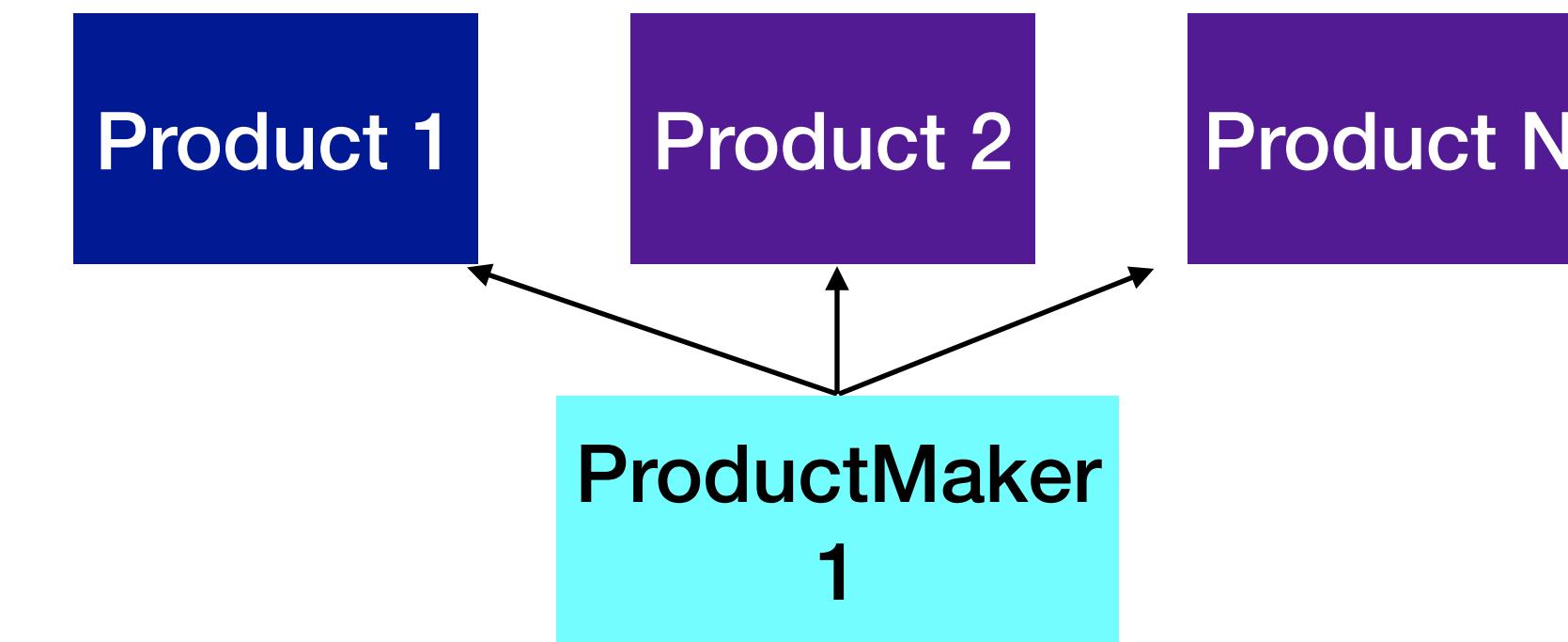
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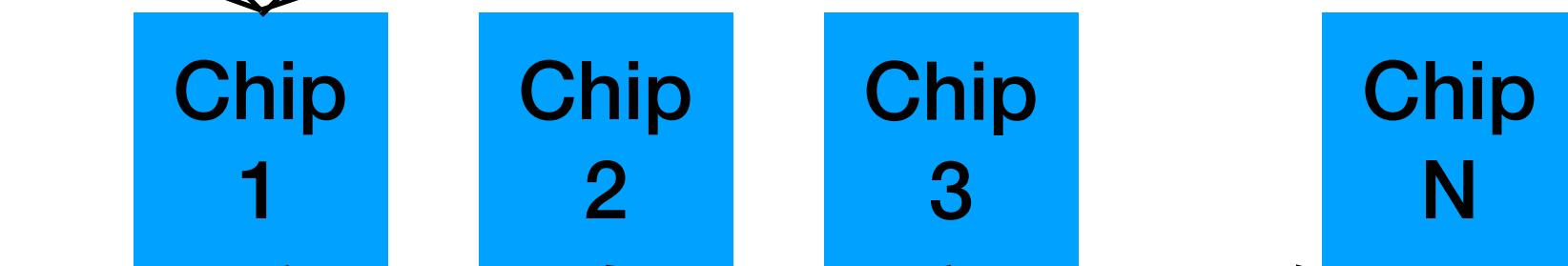
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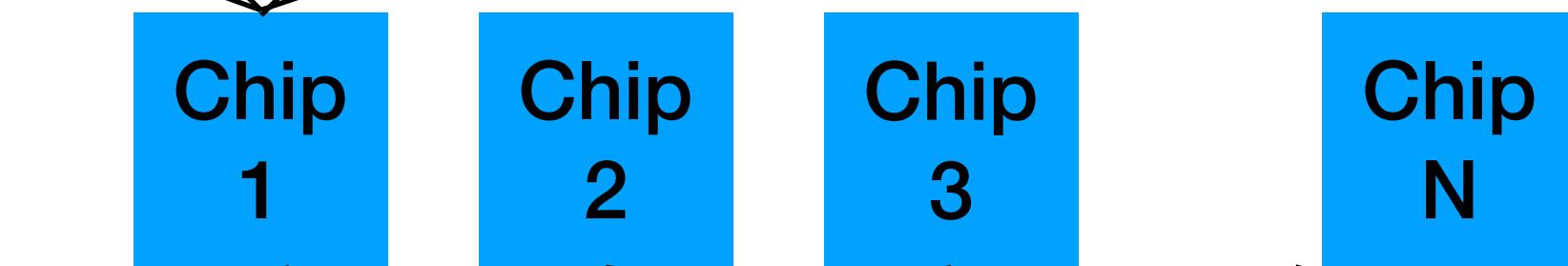
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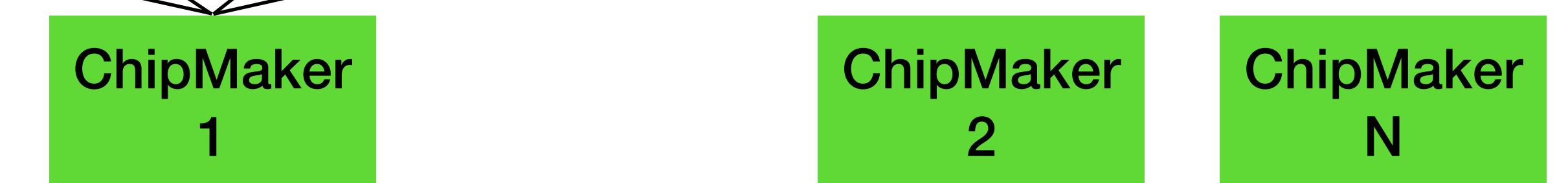
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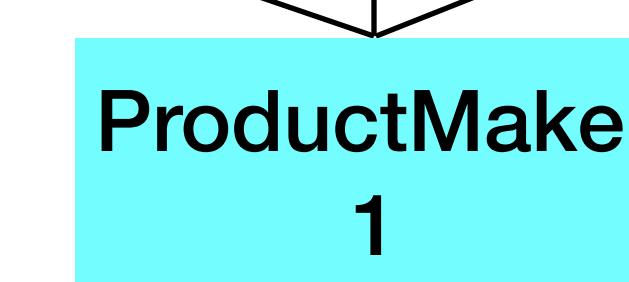
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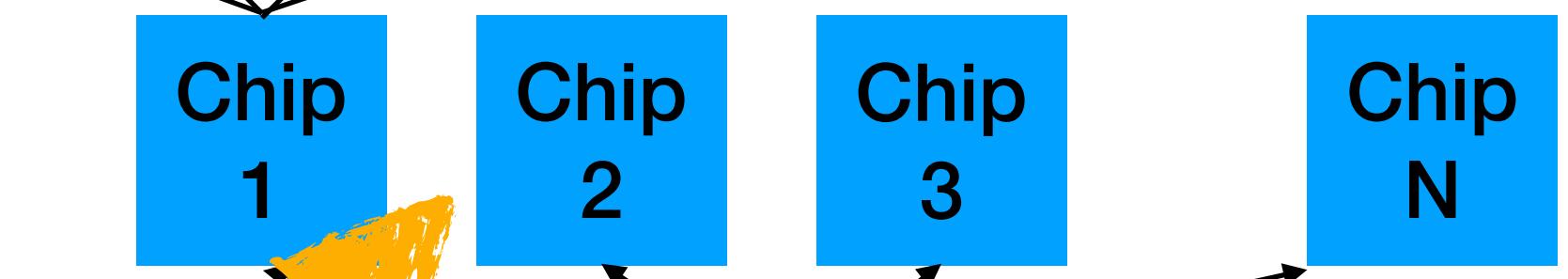
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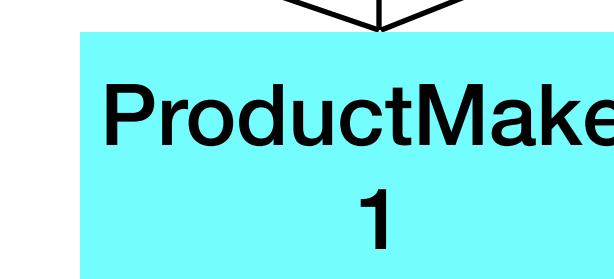
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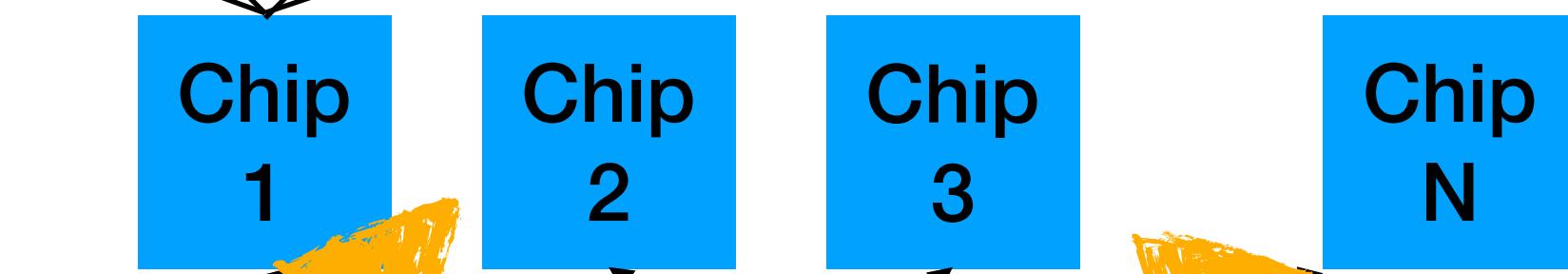
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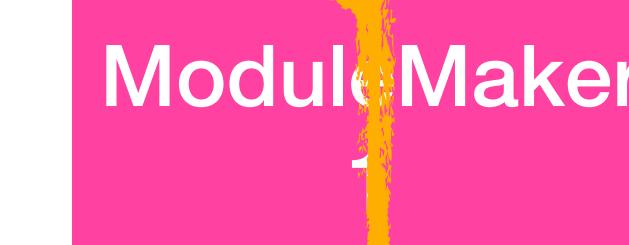
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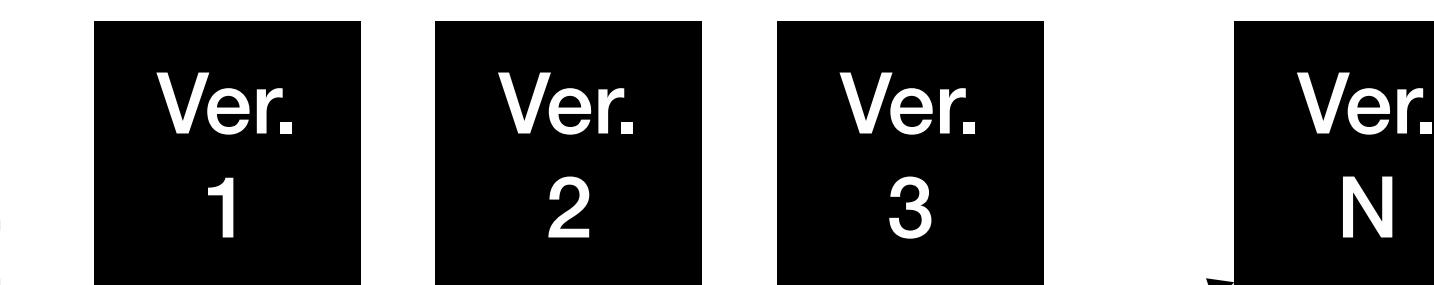


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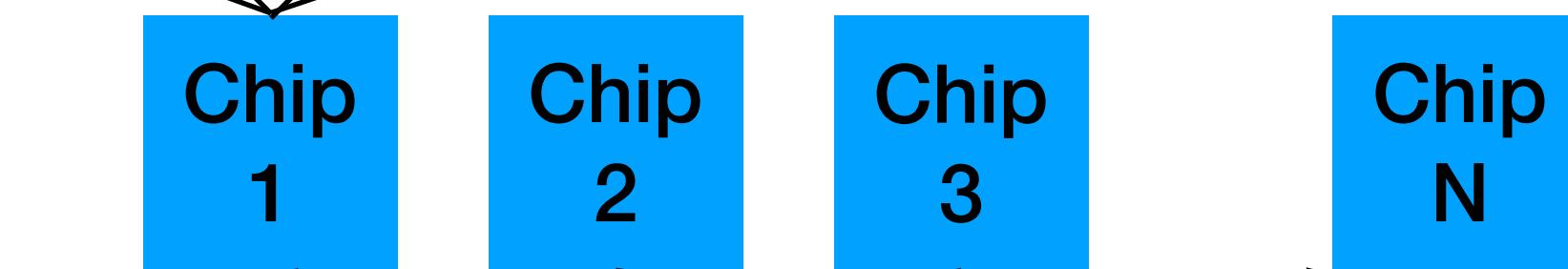
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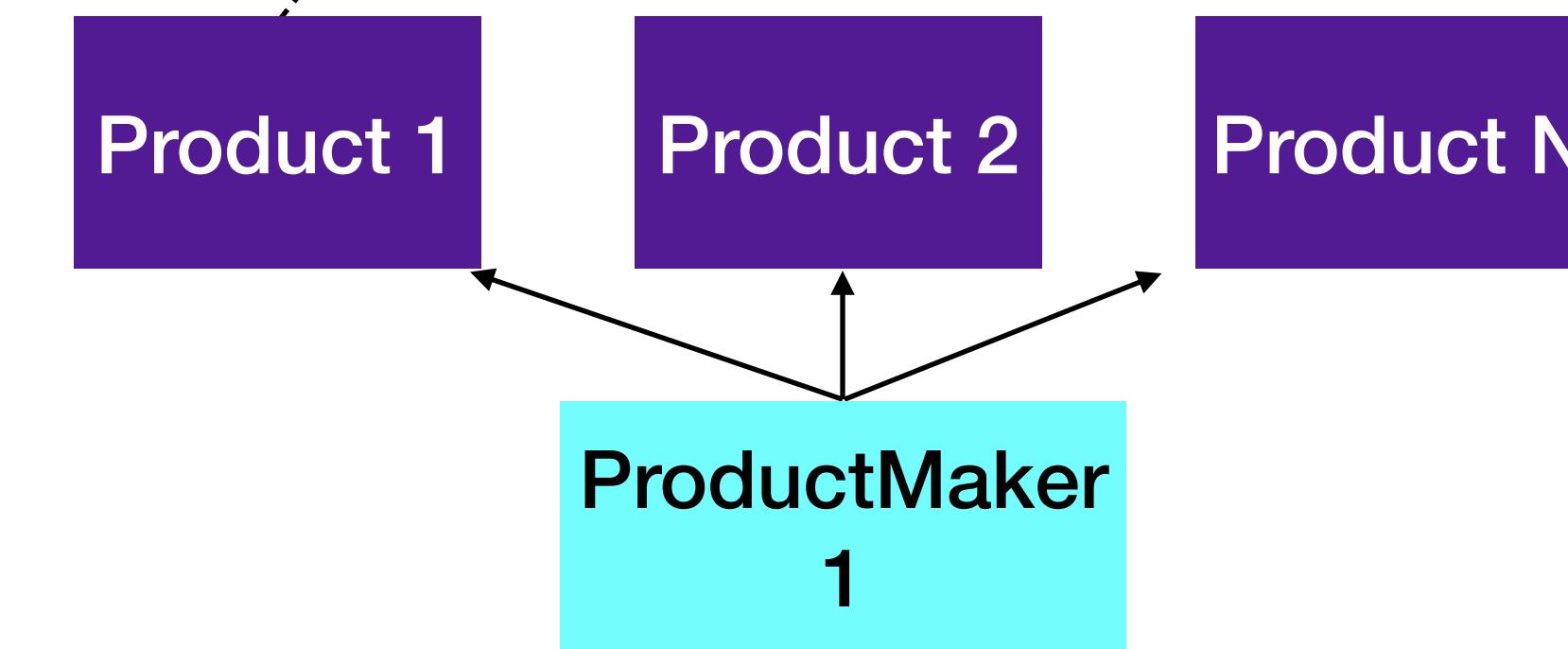
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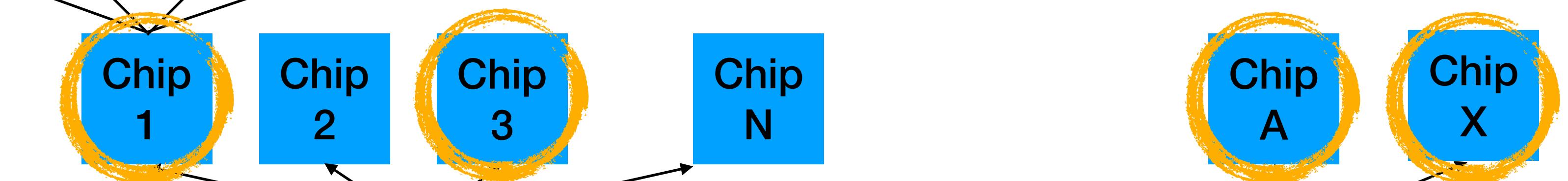
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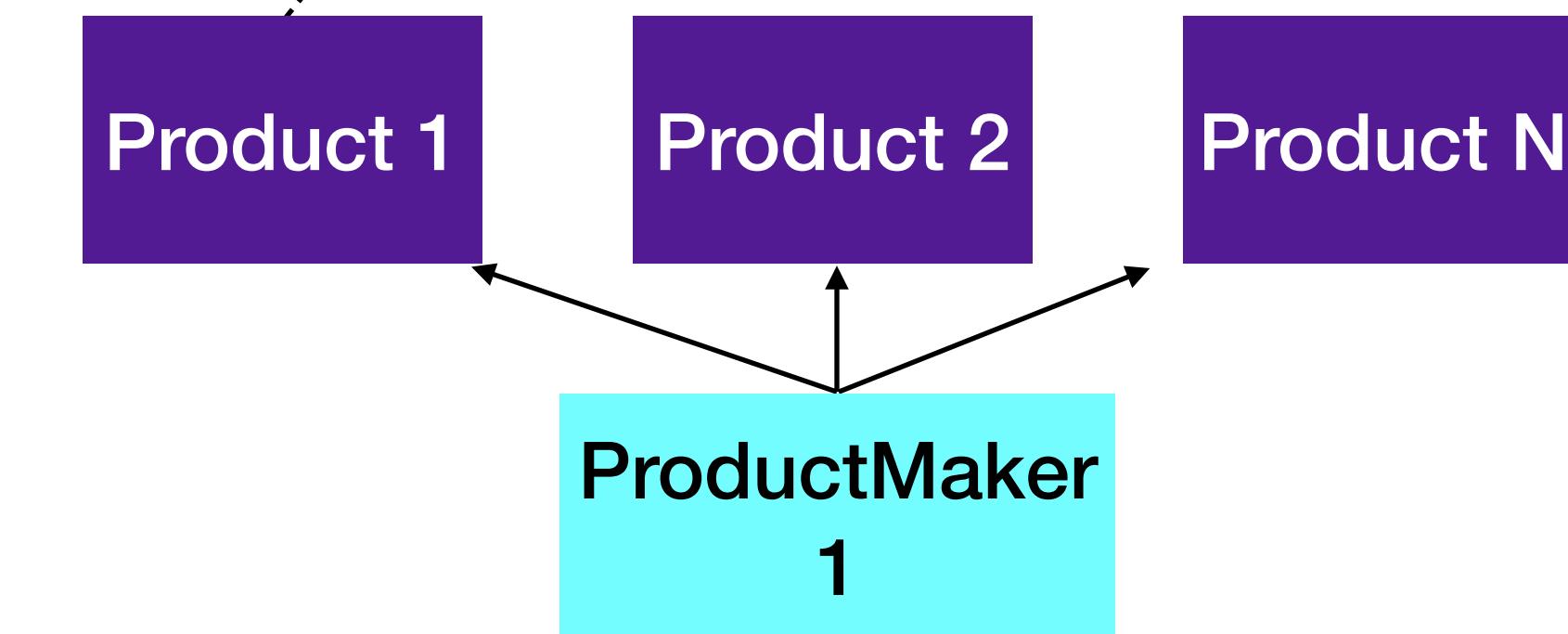
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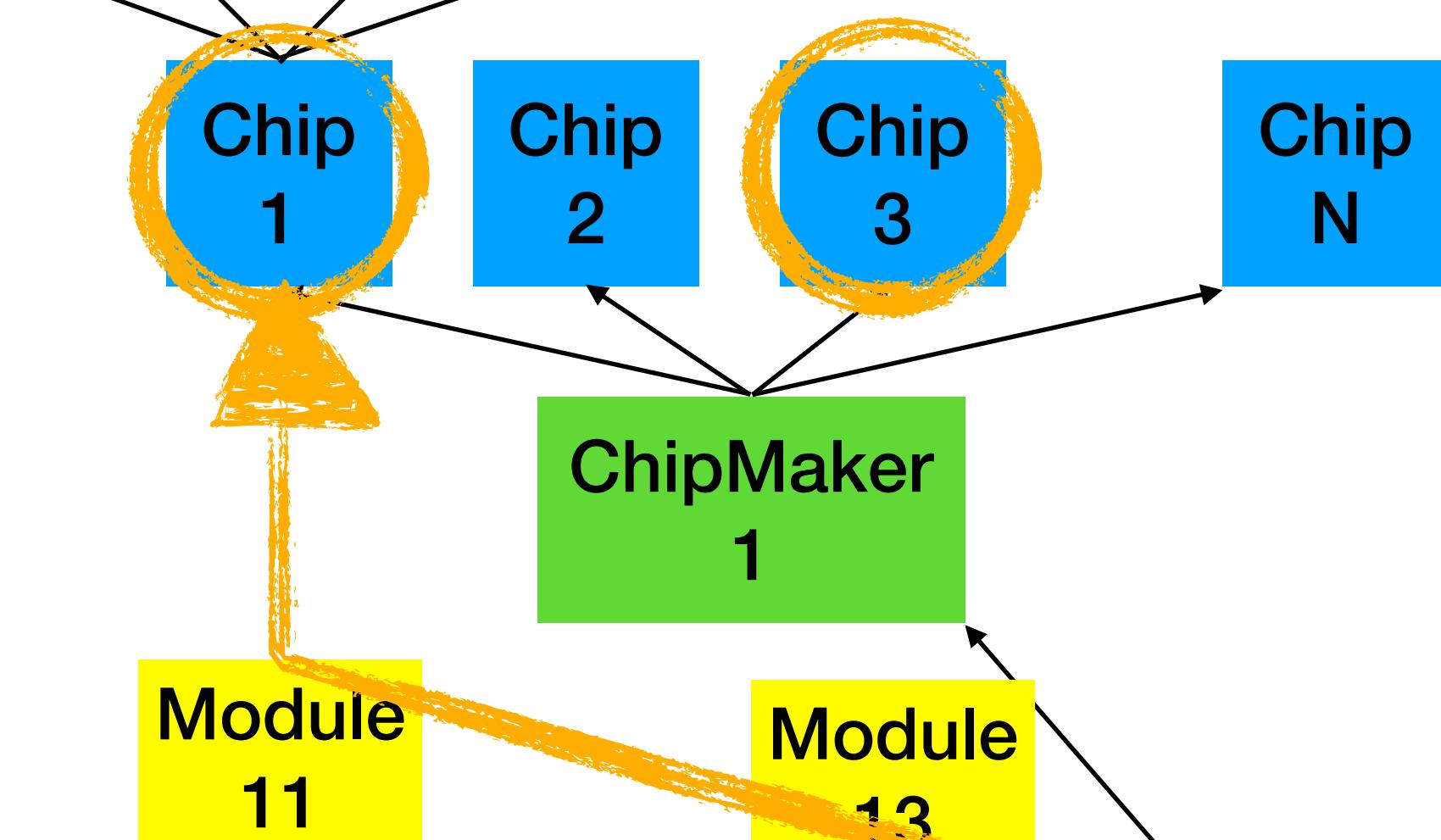
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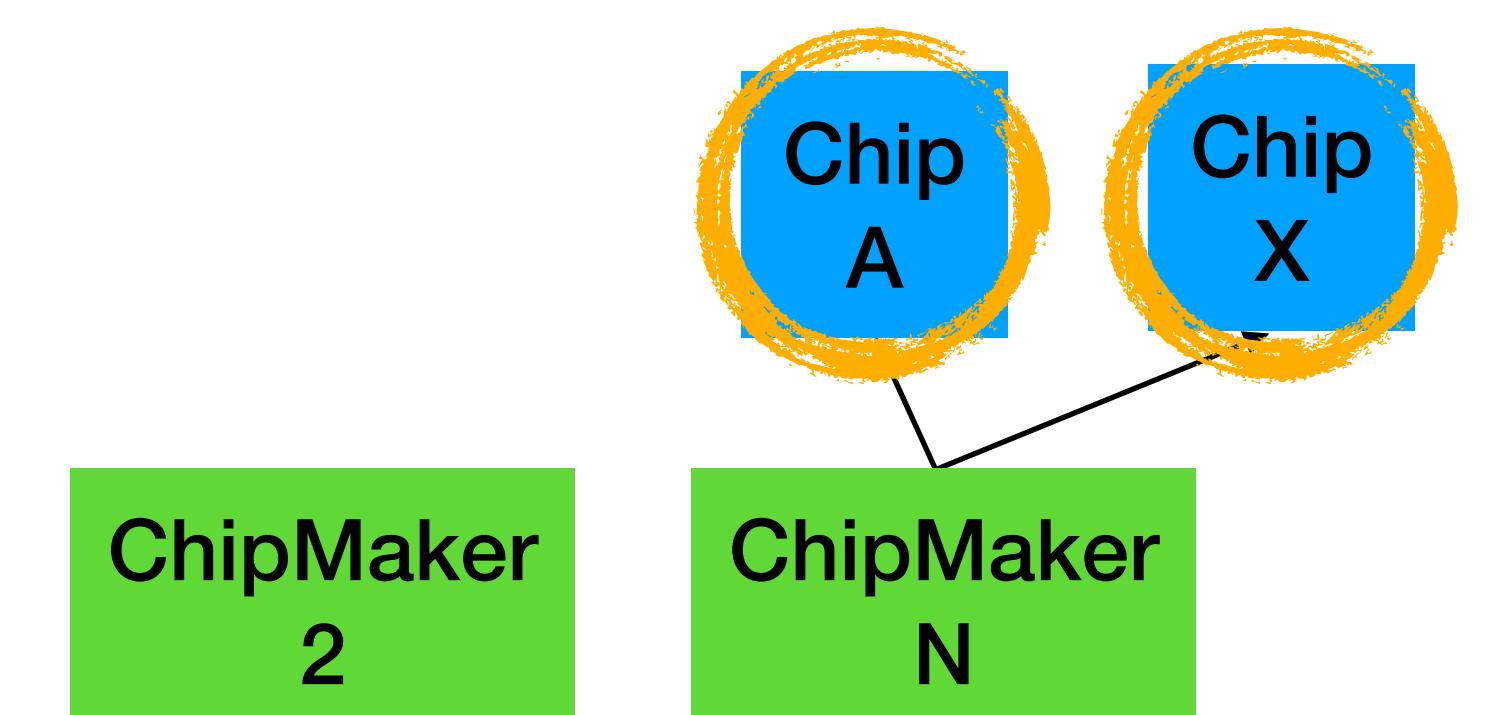
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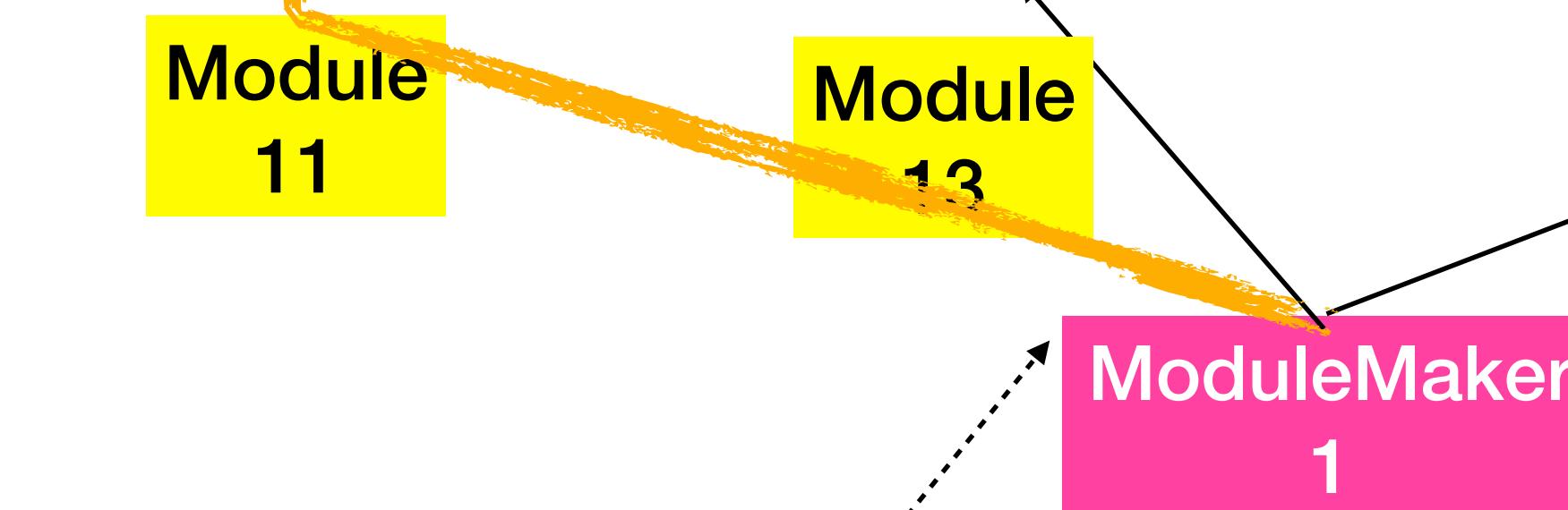
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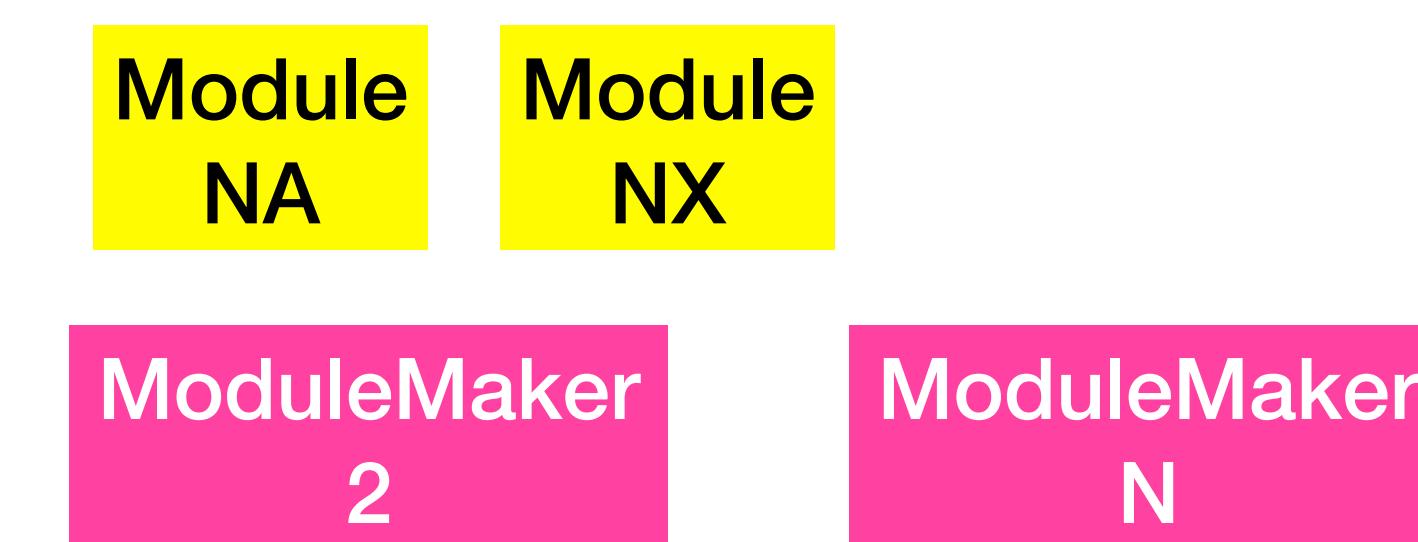
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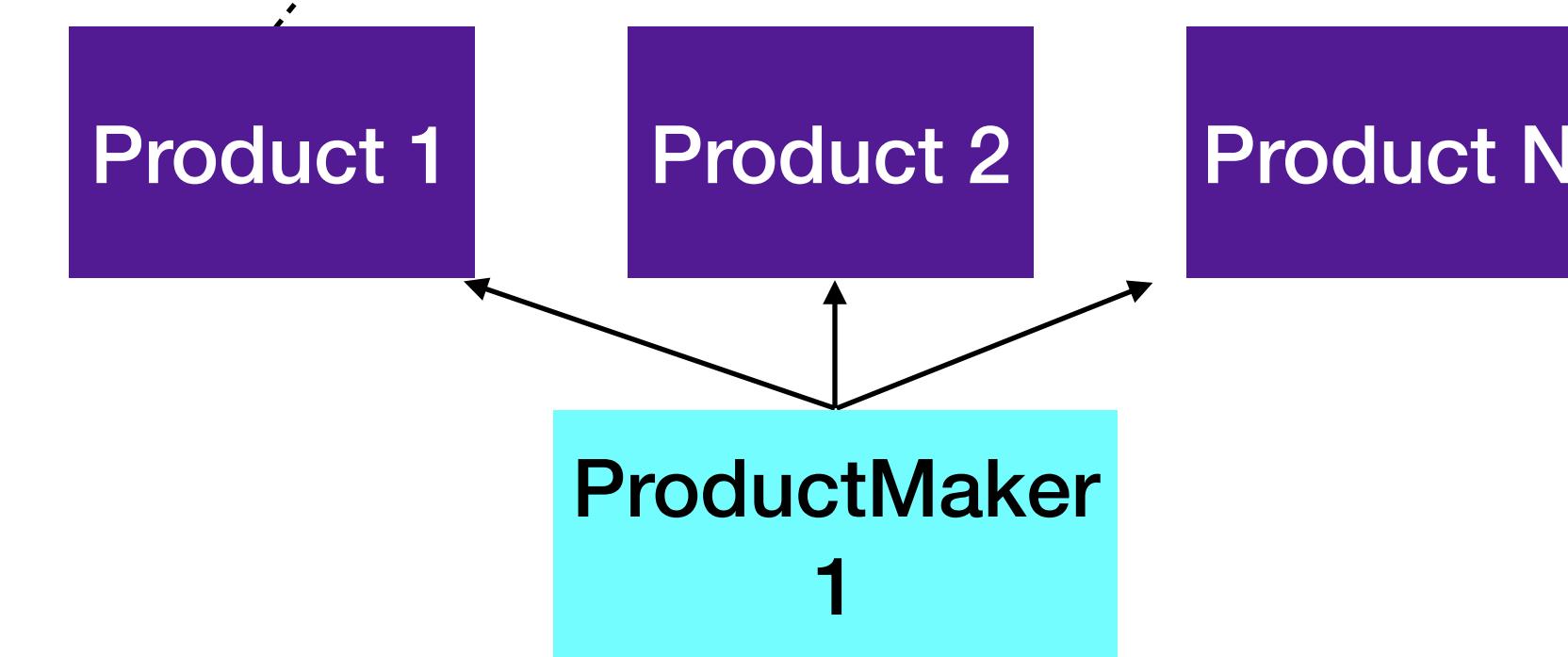
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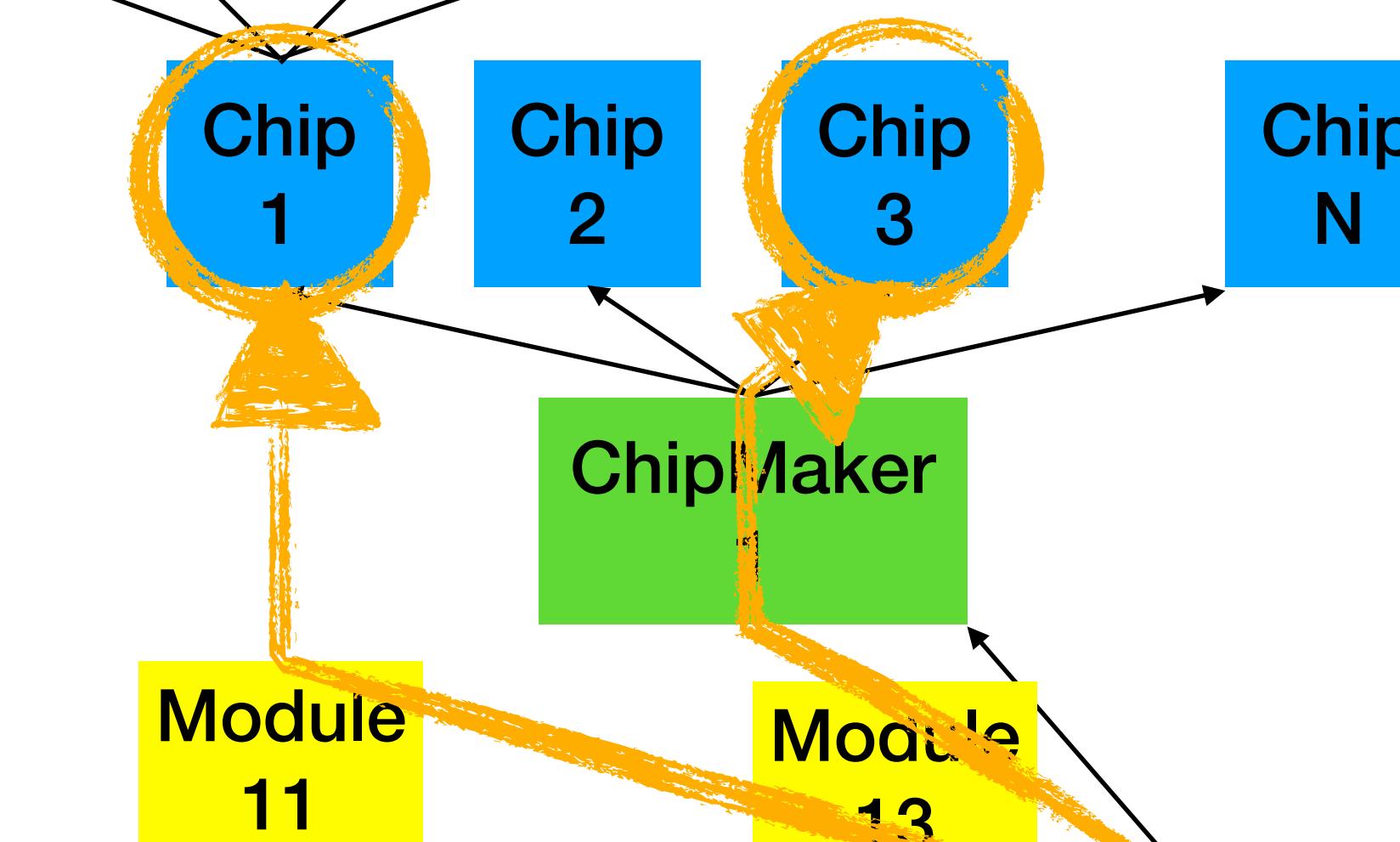
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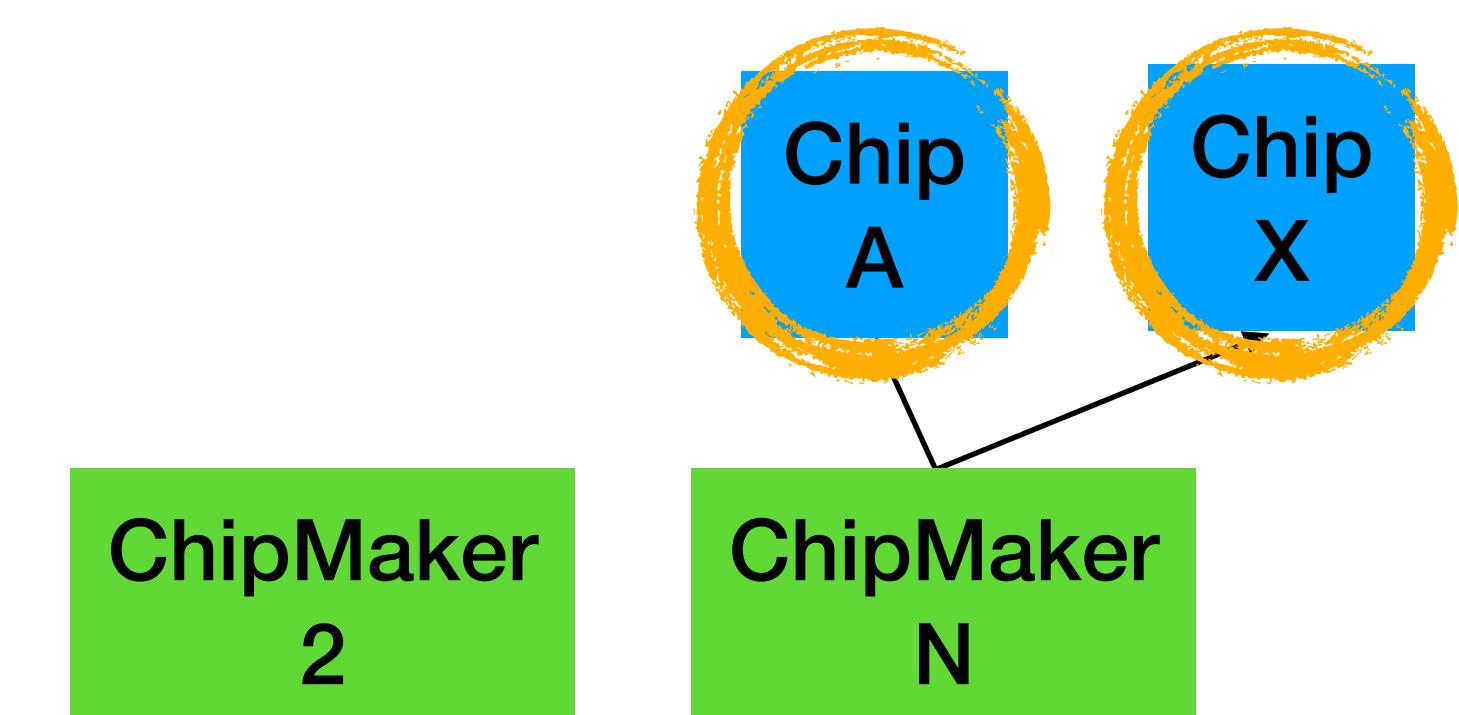
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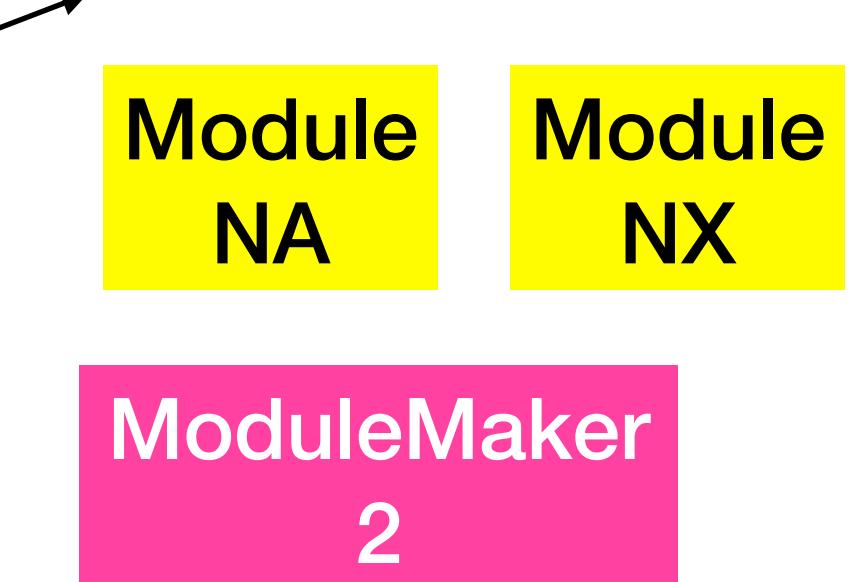
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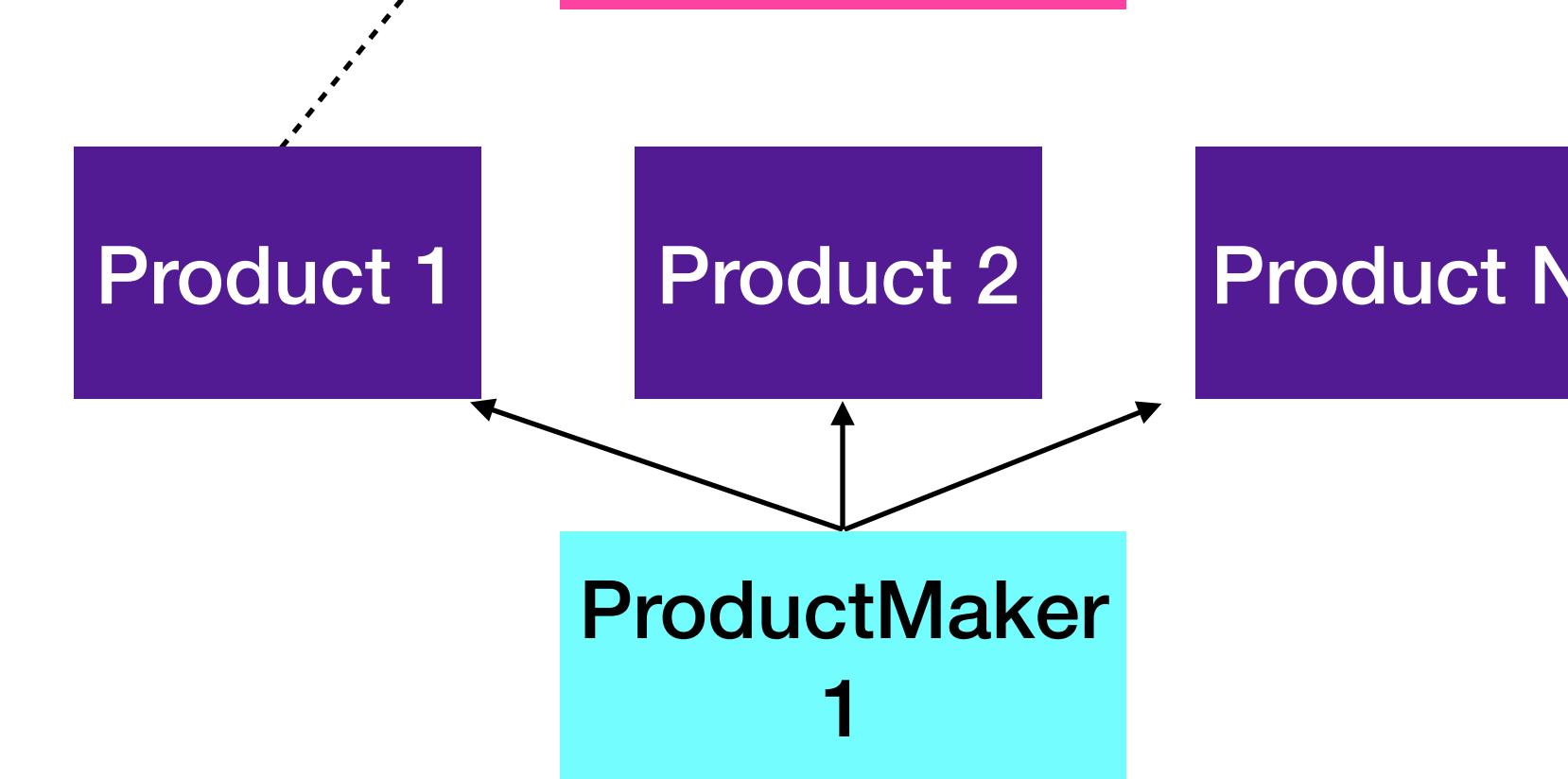
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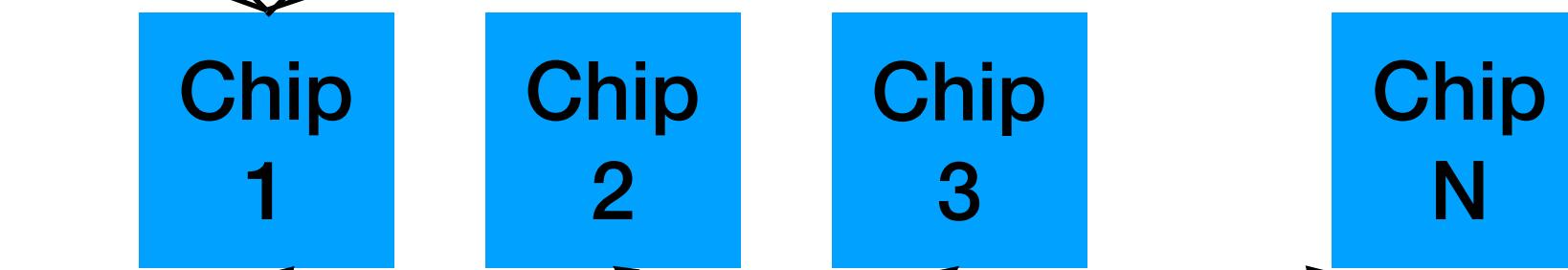
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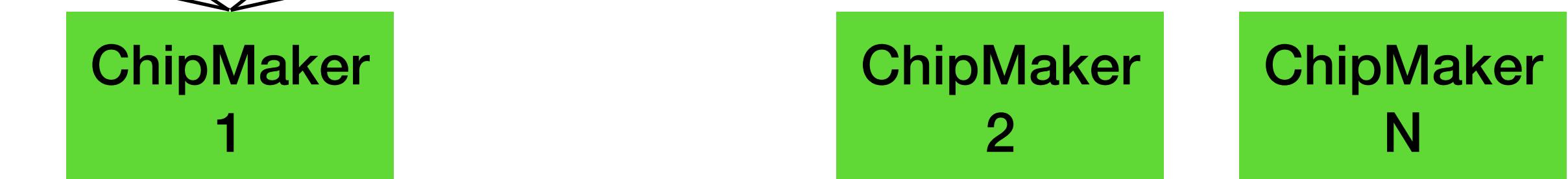
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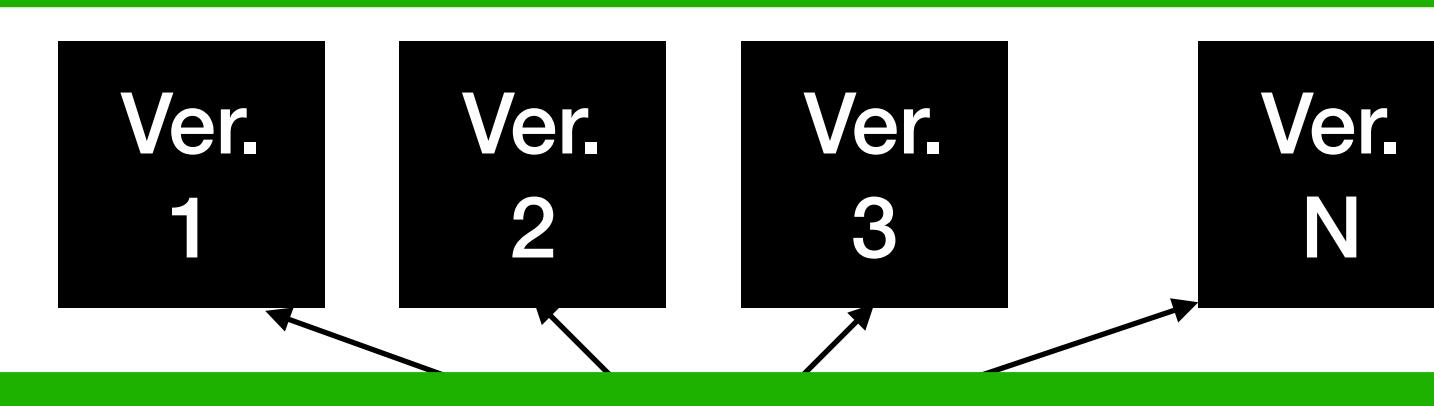


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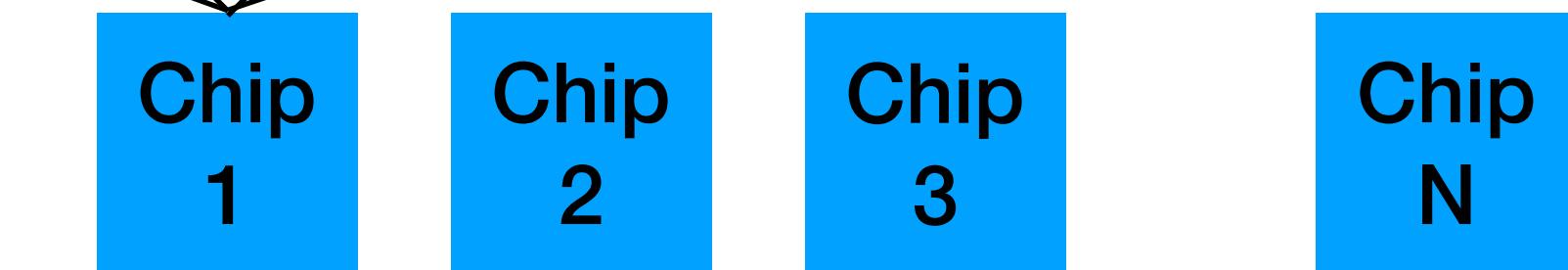




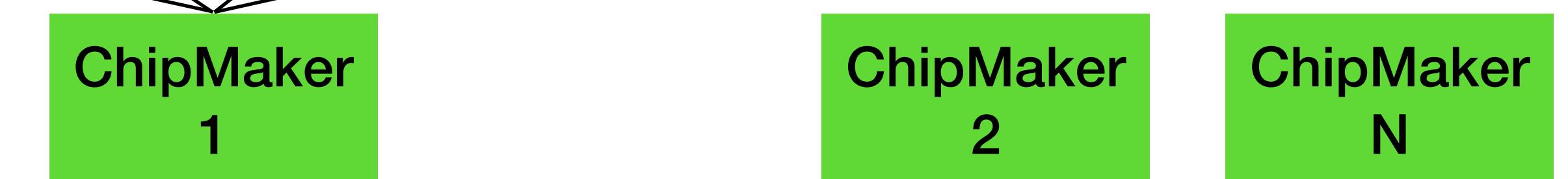
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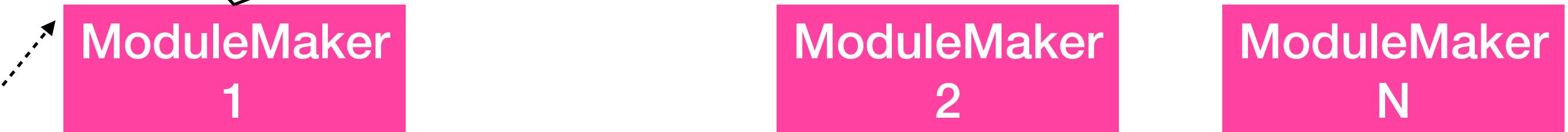
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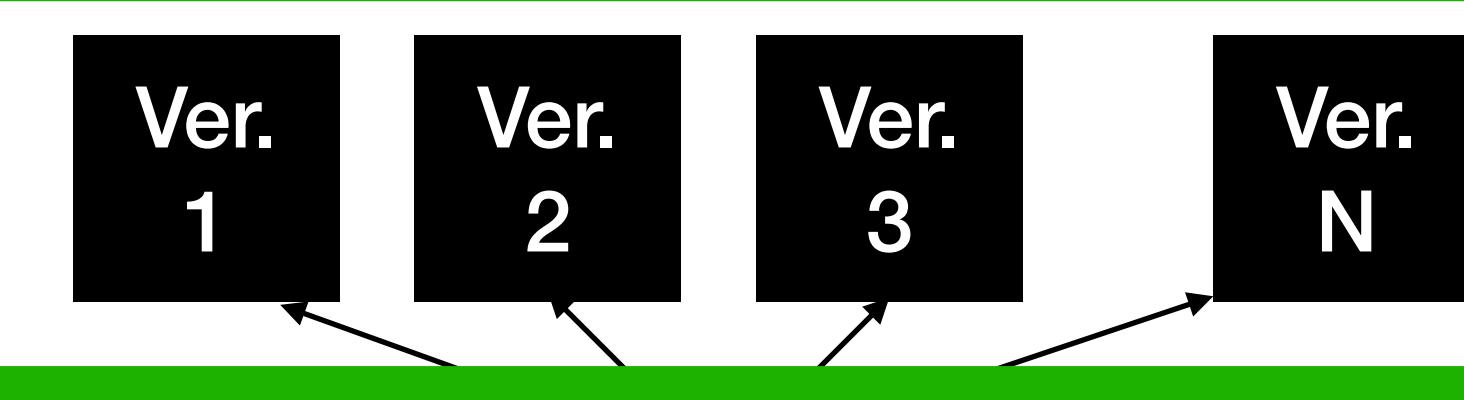


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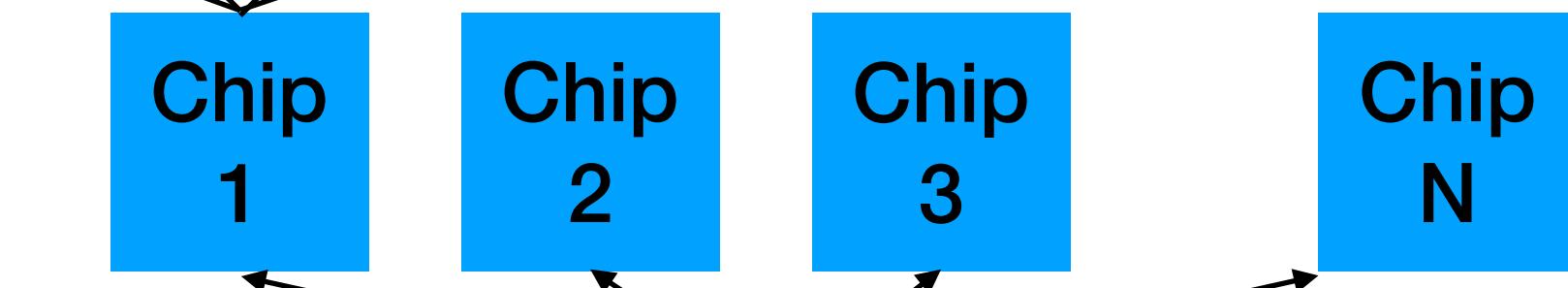




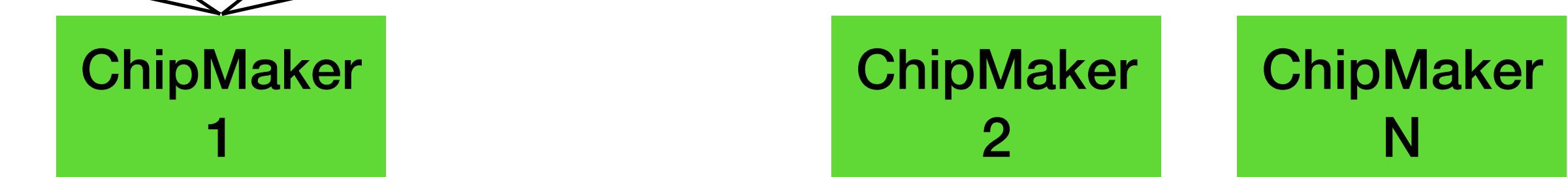
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# My Terminology

- BTC = Bluetooth Classic 
- BLE = Bluetooth Low Energy
- BDADDR = Bluetooth Device Address (like MAC address)



# So you've got a couple million datapoints...

## Is any of it useful?

- I started doing basic naïve BT data collection as a hobby during the pandemic as a way to get out of the house and drive around
  - See "It was harder to sniff Bluetooth through my mask during the Pandemic" talk from summer 2023
- The majority of my data is Linux "HCI" logs
  - HCI is the Host-Controller-Interface, between Linux, and the BT chip on my logging platform (mostly Raspberry Pi Zeros or 4Bs)
- I started work on customized 2thprinting in May 2023, once I had a chance to start looking at what the HCI logs could, and couldn't, provide for 2thprinting



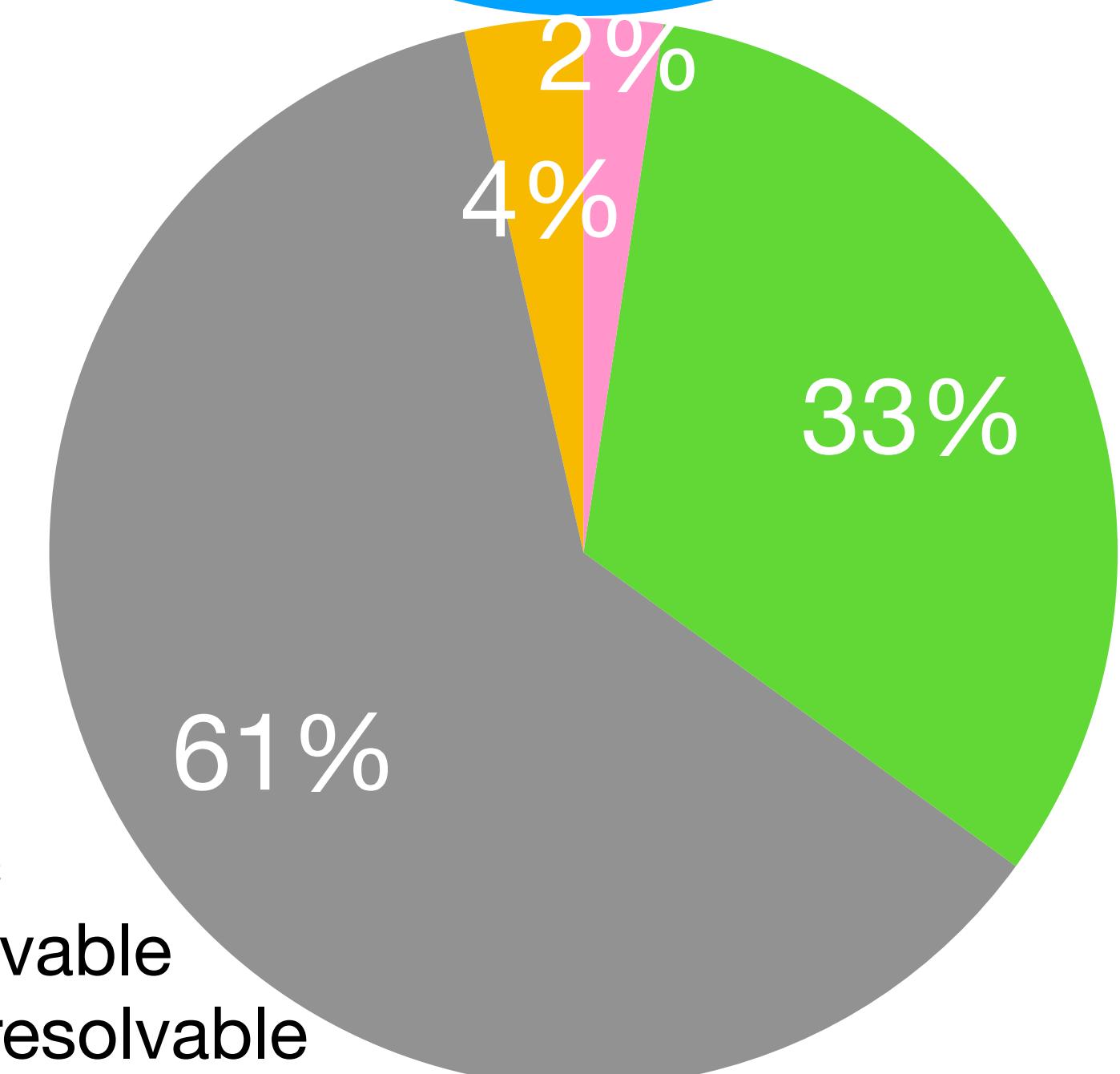
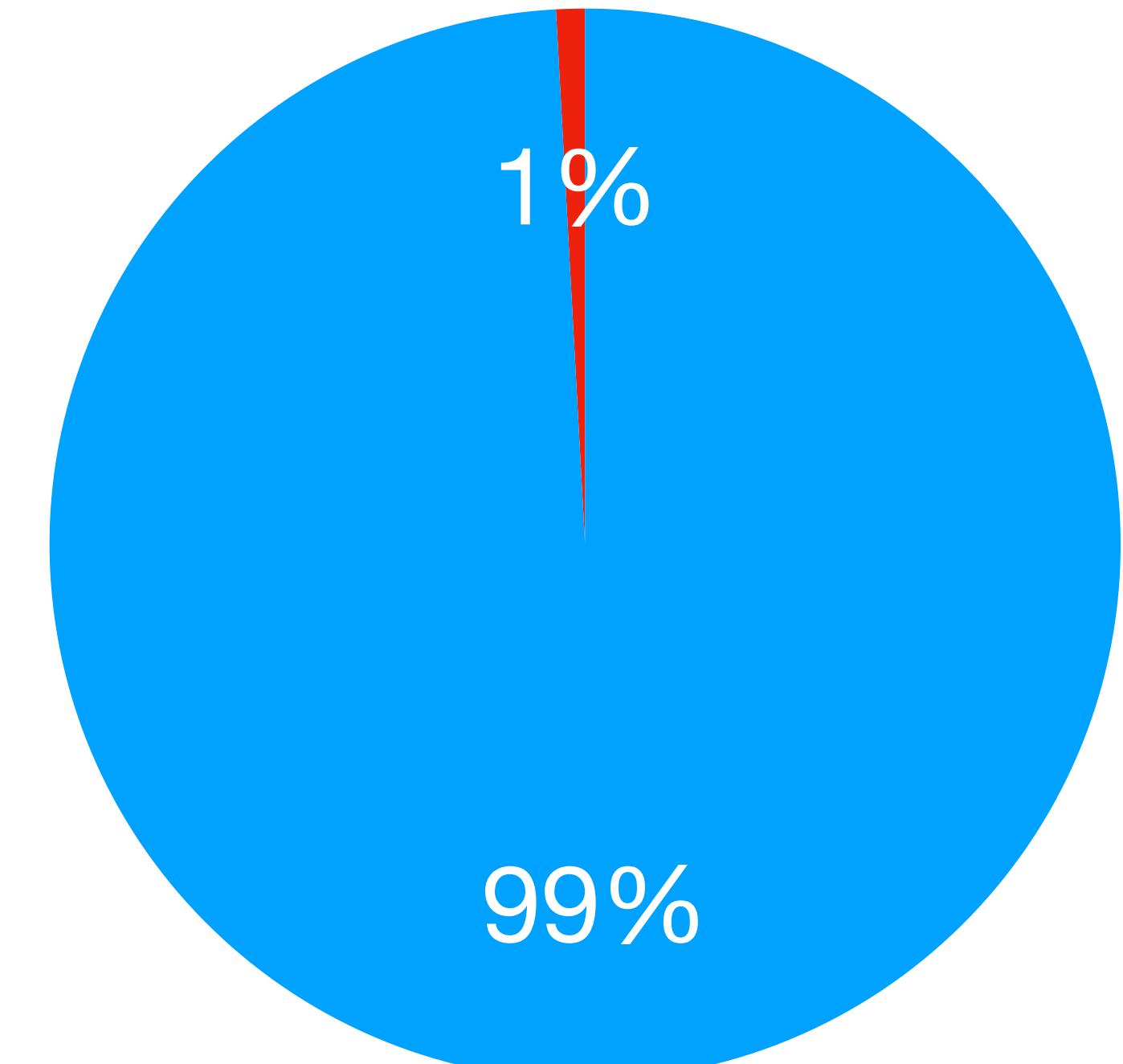
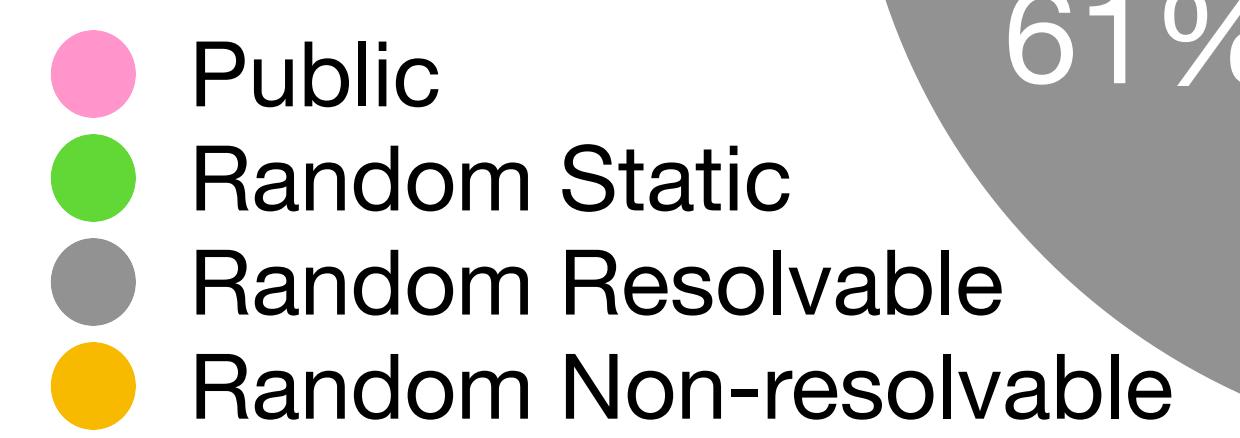
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Classic

# Overall BDADDR Data

My data as of 2024-01-12

- 74,934 *unique* BT Classic BDADDRs
- 8,569,483 *unique* BLE BDADDRs
  - 204,708 "public" BDADDRs
  - 2,793,274 "random static" BDADDRs
  - 5,264,247 "random resolvable" BDADDRs
  - 307,030 "random non-resolvable" BDADDRs





Passive

# 2thprinting Approaches



Mostly-Passive



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# Bluetooth: The Gathering: 🕉️ Passive

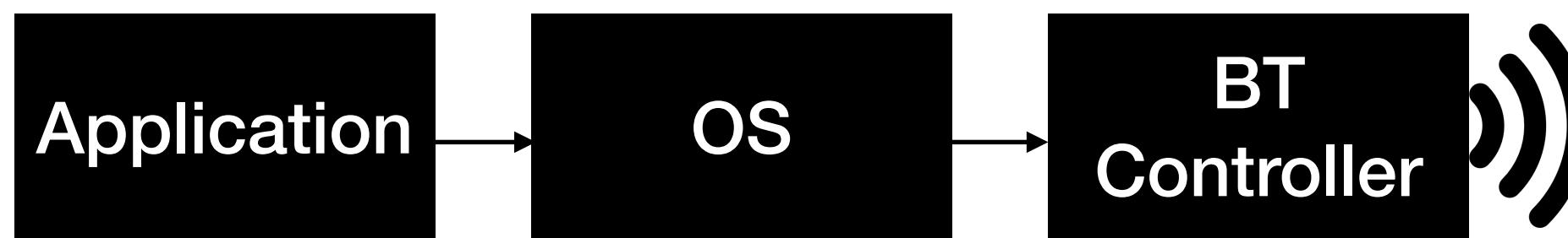
- Run a sniffer, never send *any* packets
- **BLE:** Sniffle, Ice9 Sniffer, **BTC:** Ubertooth
- BLE ADV\_IND, NONCONN\_ADV\_IND





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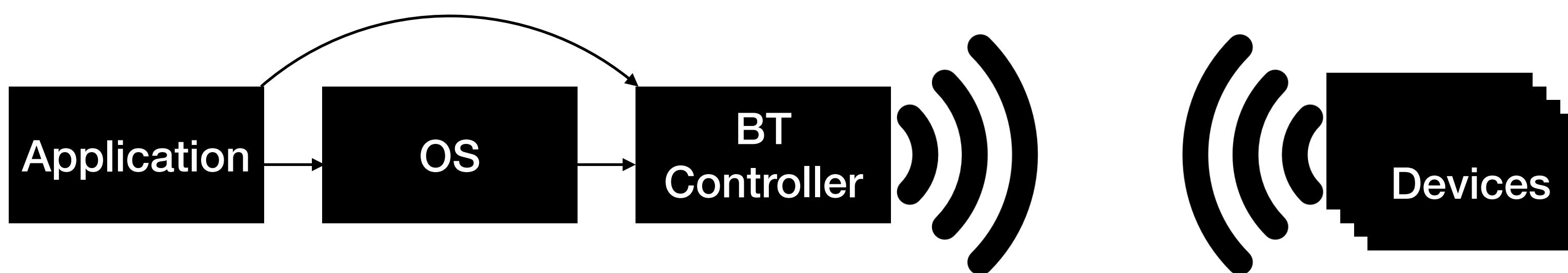
- Ask your OS "What Bluetooth devices are currently visible?"
- It will scan for any advertisements, and *potentially*, autonomously, query some limited information about devices it finds, such as device name, class of device, etc (depends on OS & Bluetooth stack version)
  - This is most of my data





# Bluetooth: The Gathering: 🎈 Active

- Send custom BLE LL / BTC LMP packets (requires custom controller firmware)
- Connect to all connectable interfaces, query all queryable information



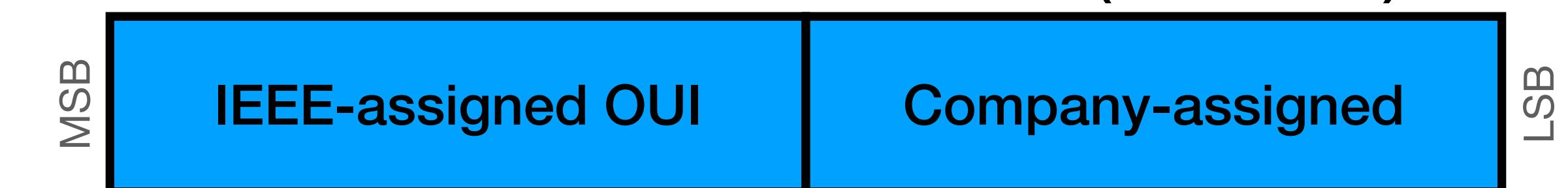
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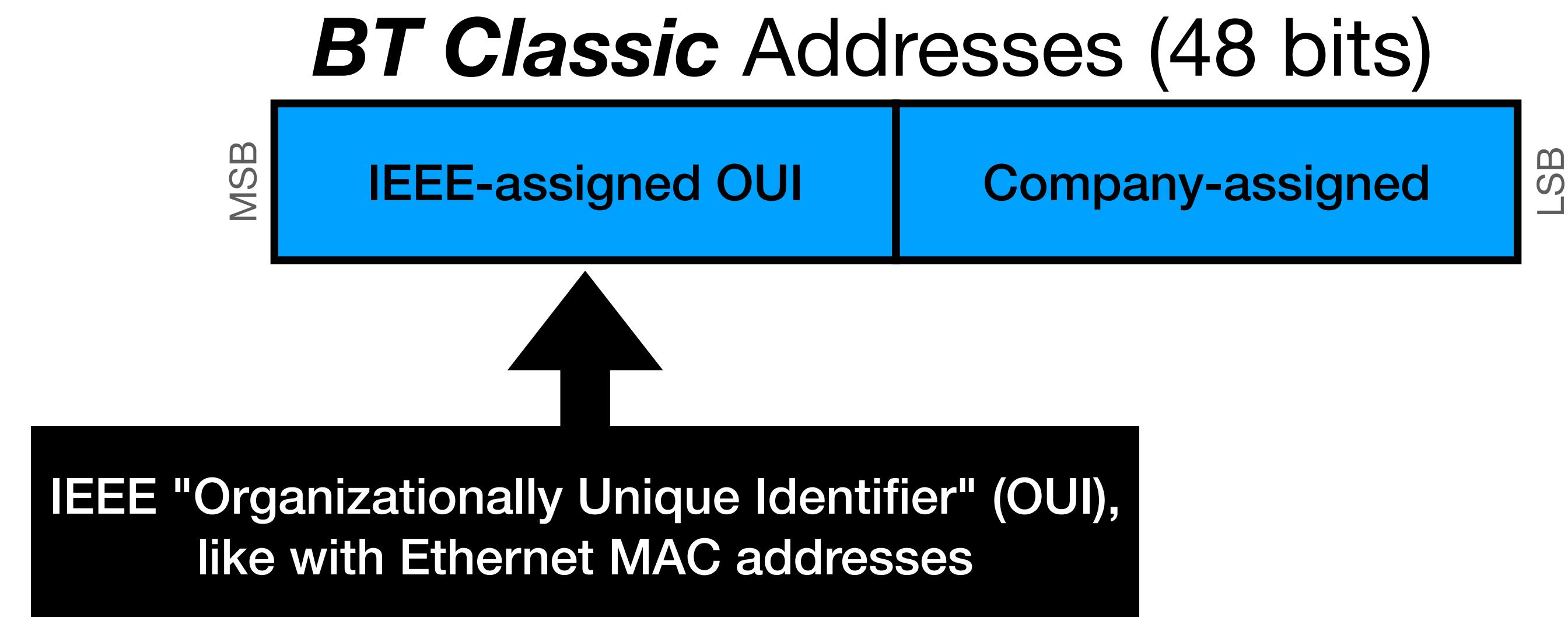
# Background - BT Device Address (*BDADDR*)

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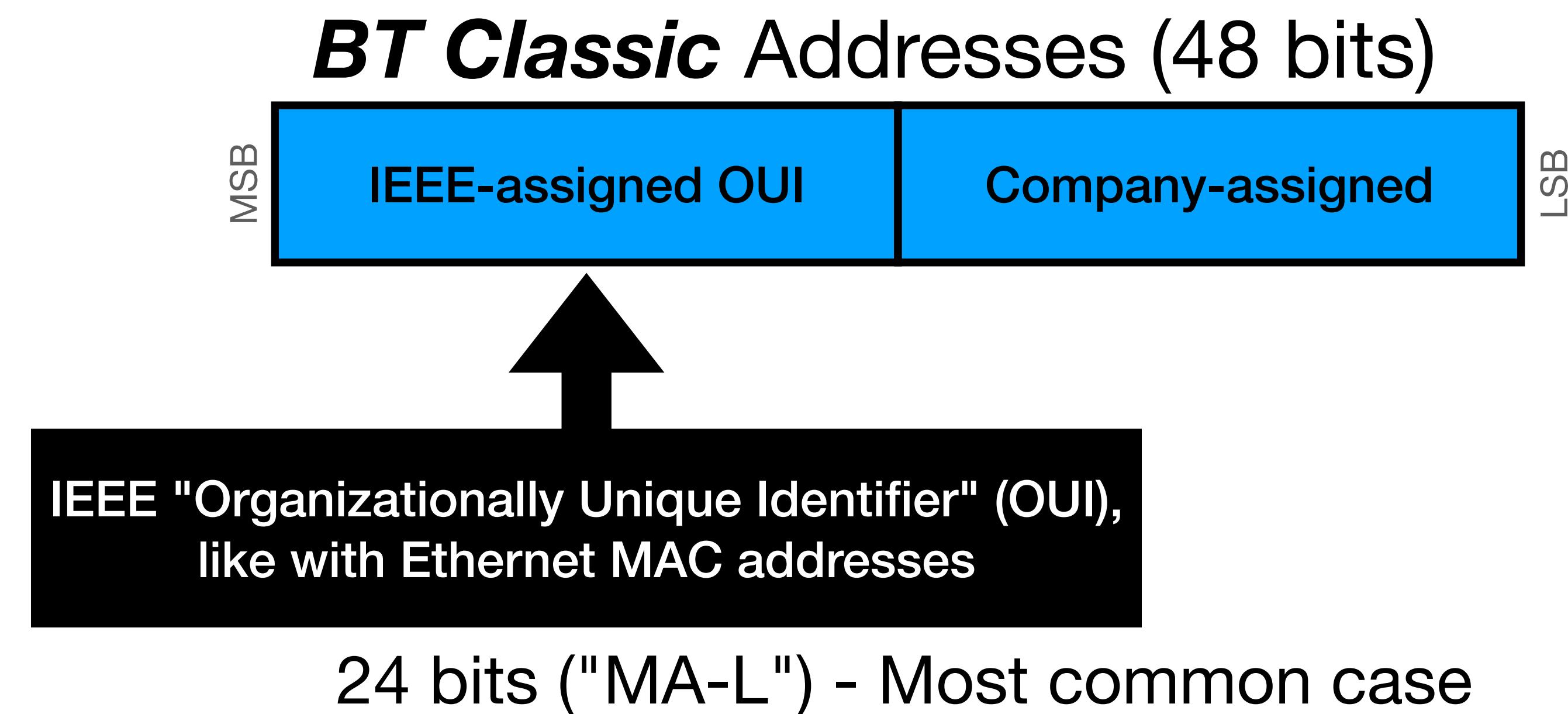


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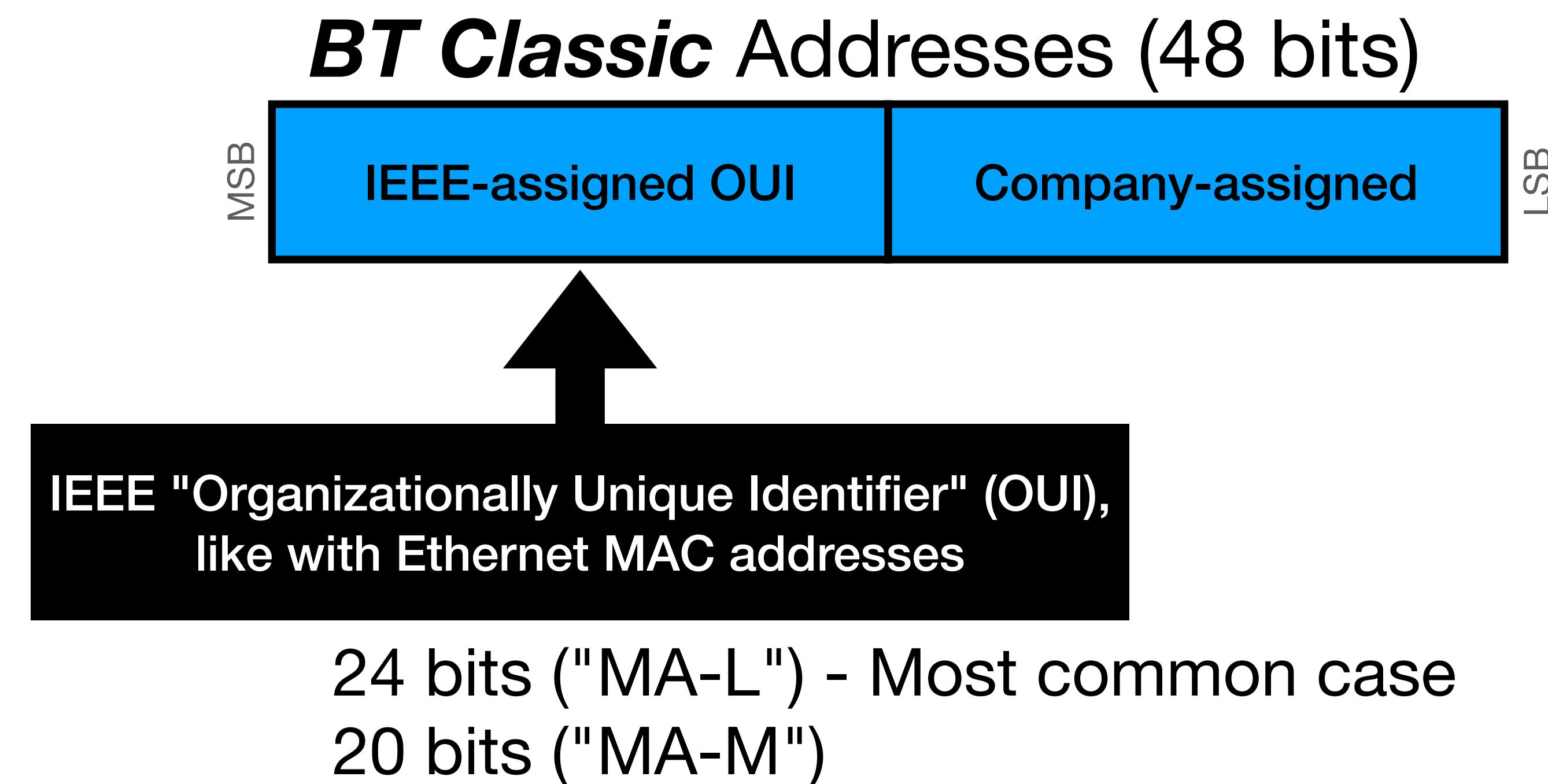


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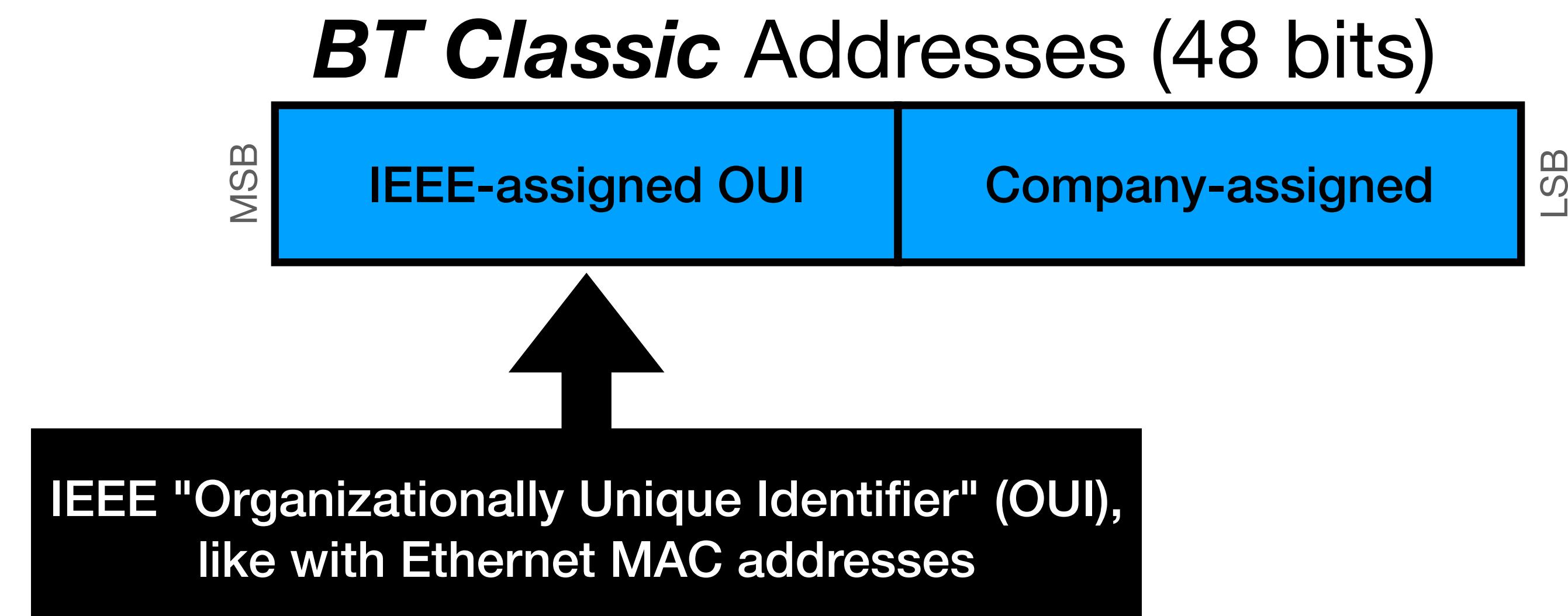


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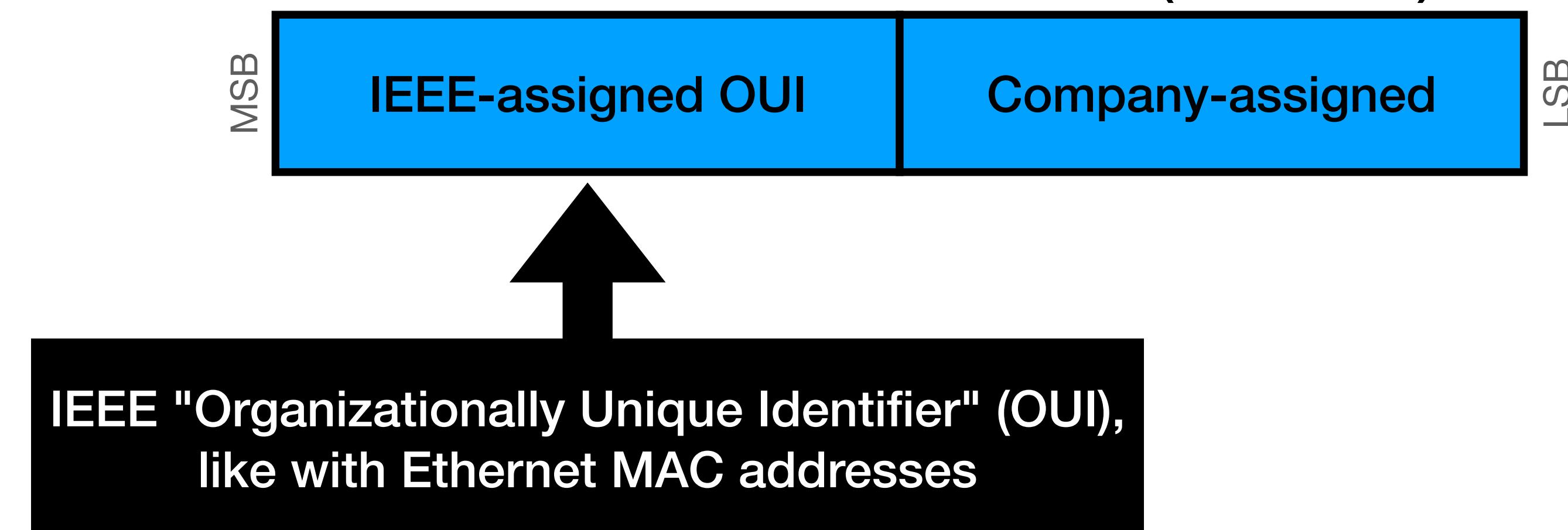
- 24 bits ("MA-L") - Most common case
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- 12 bits ("MA-S")



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00:1f:ff:5f:0d:5a

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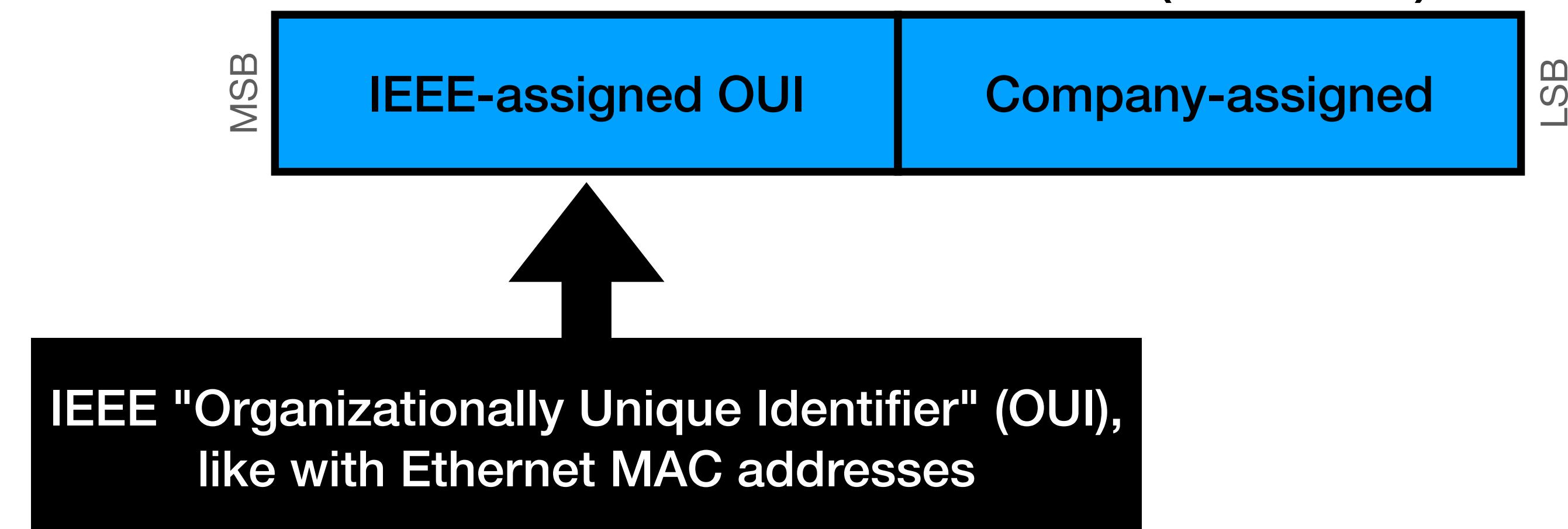


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(00:1f:ff) == Respironics, Inc.

00:1f:ff:5f:0d:5a

**BT Classic** Addresses (48 bits)



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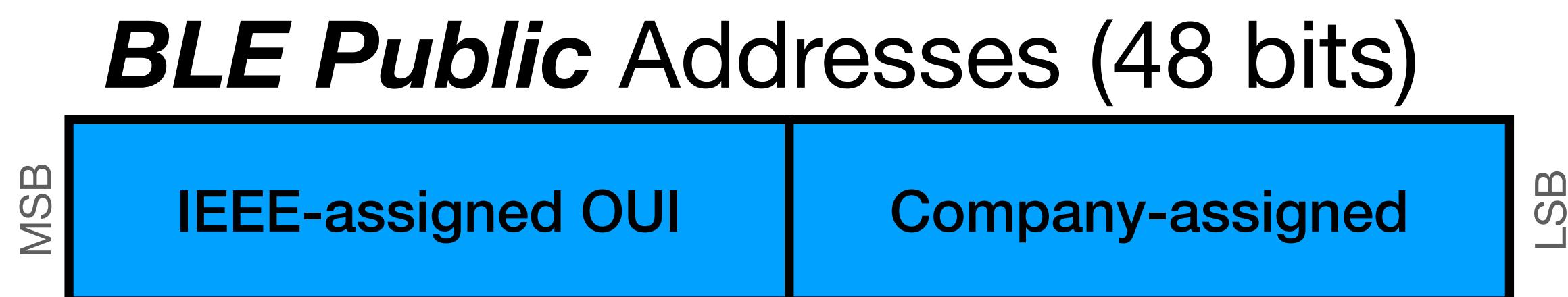
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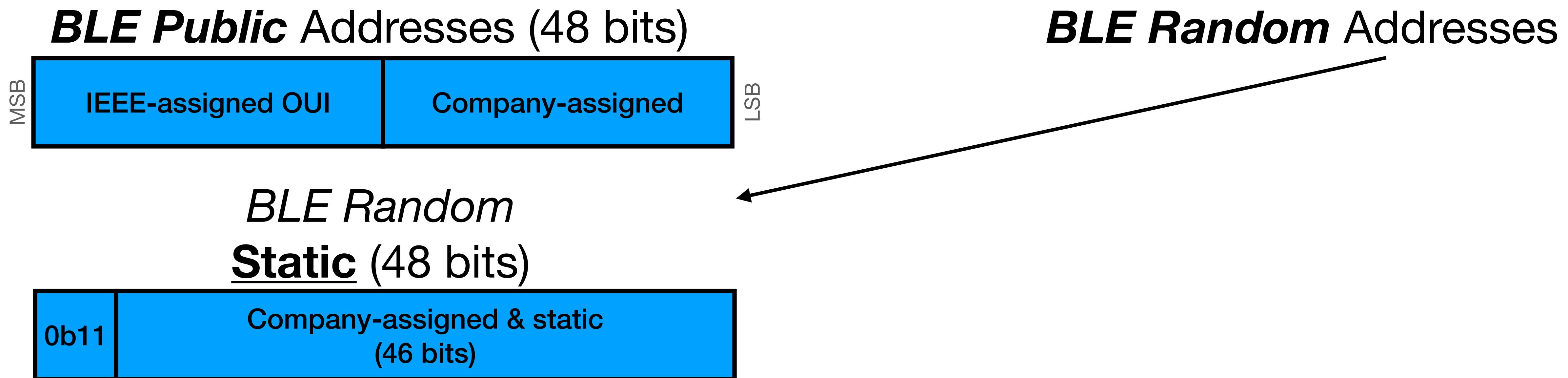


**BLE Random Addresses**



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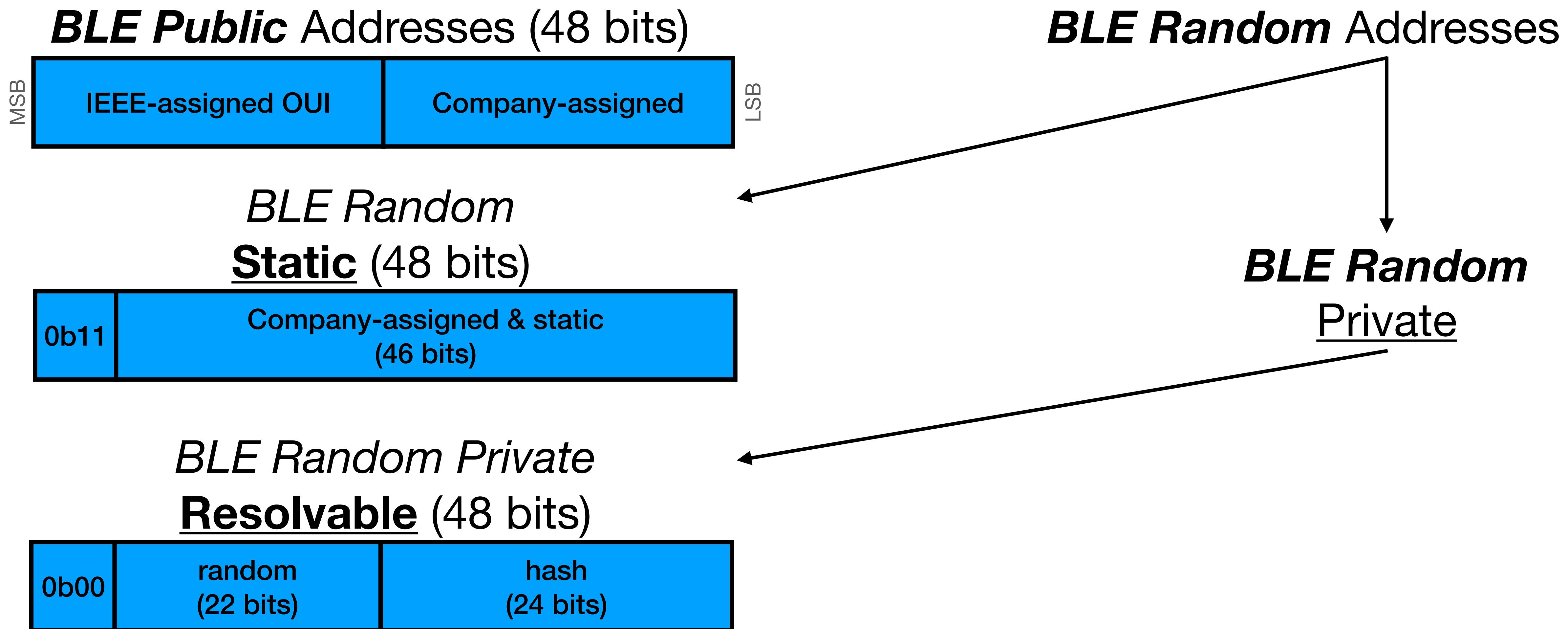
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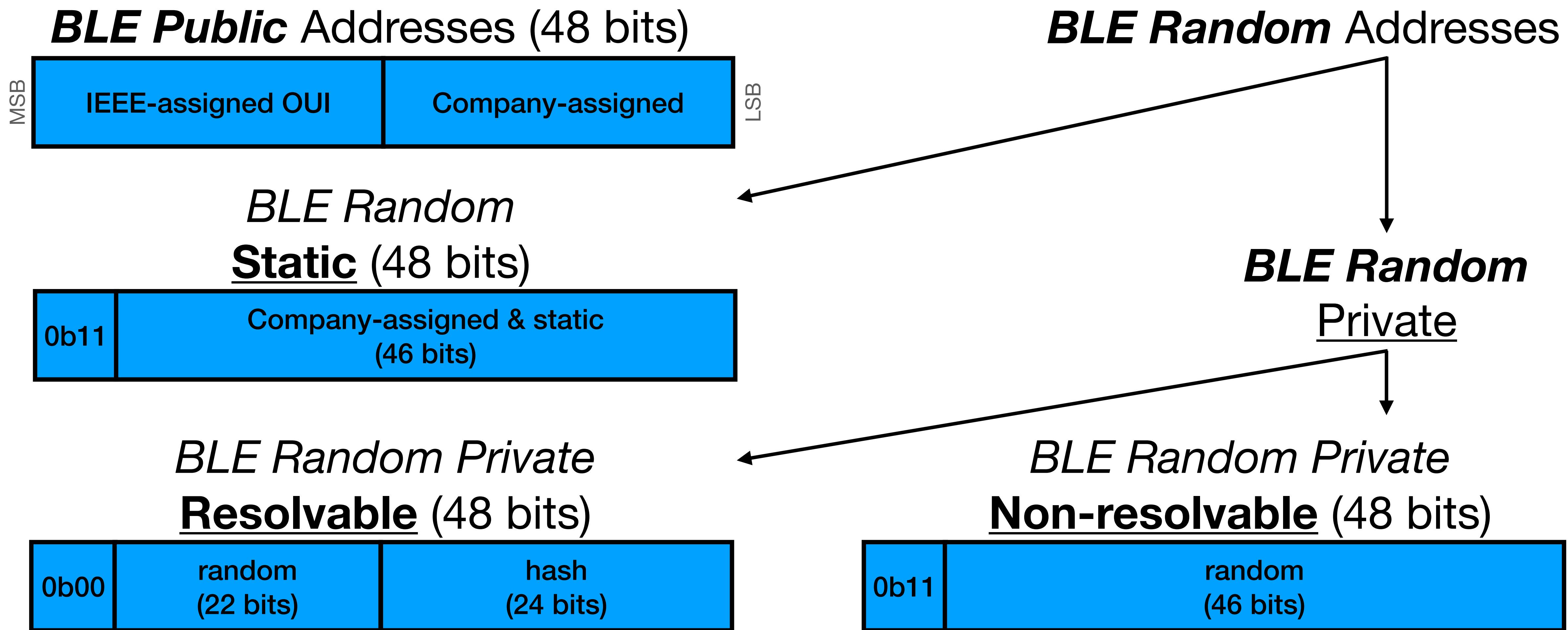
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BLE

Classic

# Overall BDADDR Data

## IEEE OUI Applicability

- 74,934 *unique* BT Classic BDADDRs
- 8,569,483 *unique* BLE BDADDRs
  - 204,708 "public" BDADDRs
  - 2,793,274 "random static" BDADDRs
  - 5,264,247 "random resolvable" BDADDRs
  - 307,030 "random non-resolvable" BDADDRs
- So OUIPrints applicable to only ~3.2% of the BDADDRs  
 $(74,934 + 204,708) / (74,934 + 8,569,483)$

Category	Percentage
BLE	99%
Classic	1%

Category	Percentage
Random Resolvable	61%
Random Static	33%
Public	4%
Random Non-resolvable	2%



# BTC Data (top 20 of 604 companies seen)

+-----+		
company_by_bdaddr   found		
+-----+		
GPS/Watches/etc	Garmin International	10454
📱 📺	Samsung Electronics Co.,Ltd Qualcomm, Broadcom, MediaTek, Samsung 🍪	7057
📱	OnePlus Technology (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd	3757
🍪	Actions Semiconductor Co.,Ltd.(Cayman Islands)	3054
📱	Apple, Inc. <i>Mostly Broadcom, Sometimes Apple (e.g. AirPods)</i> 🍪	2697
🎵 🚗 🧩	Panasonic Automotive Systems Co.,Ltd	2499
🎵 🚗 🧩	Laird Connectivity	2244
🍪	Intel Corporate	2042
🎵 🚗 🧩	PIONEER CORPORATION	1992
🚗	ALPSALPINE CO,.LTD	1944
📱	GUANGDONG OPPO MOBILE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORP.,LTD	1696
🧩	AzureWave Technology Inc. NXP, Cypress, MediaTek 🍪	1378
🍪	Texas Instruments	995
📱	Wistron Neweb Corporation	932
🧩	silex technology, Inc. Qualcomm 🍪	893
🎵 🚗 🧩	Shinwa Industries(China) Ltd. Qualcomm/CSR, TI, Cypress, Sunplus 🍪	861
🎵 🚗 🧩	MITSUMI ELECTRIC CO.,LTD. CSR->Qualcomm 🍪	849
🎵 🚗 🧩	PARROT SA TI 🍪	749
📱 integrator?	Wingtech Mobile Communications Co., Ltd. MediaTek? 🍪	692
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			+-----+ +-----+	
📱	Garmin International			10454
📱 📺	Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd	Qualcomm, Broadcom, MediaTek, Samsung	7057	
📱	OnePlus Technology (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd		3757	
🍪	Actions Semiconductor Co., Ltd.(Cayman Islands)		3054	
📱	Apple, Inc.	Mostly Broadcom, Sometimes Apple (e.g. AirPods)	2697	
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🍪	Intel Corporate		2043	
🎵🚗🧩	PIONEER CORPORATION			
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🎵🚗🧩	Shinwa Industries(China) Ltd.	Qualcomm/CSR, TI, Cypress, Sunplus	861	
🎵🚗🧩	MITSUMI ELECTRIC CO.,LTD.	CSR->Qualcomm	849	
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Note! My data is skewed towards vehicles,  
because I like to put my sniffers over freeways!



# BLE Data (top 20 of 631 companies seen)

+-----+		
company_by_bdaddr   found		
+-----+	+-----+	+-----+
🍪   Texas Instruments		32252
🎵   VXi Corporation		25243
📱tv   Samsung Electronics Co.,Ltd Qualcomm, Broadcom, MediaTek, Samsung	🍪	13165
🎵   Bose Corporation		8584
🖱️💻   Logitech, Inc		5031
🚗   Cambridge Mobile Telematics, Inc.	CSR->Qualcomm	🍪   5024
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🍪   Silicon Laboratories		3849
🍪   Espressif Inc.		3027
BLE beacons   Shenzhen Minew Technologies Co., Ltd.		2609
🧩   Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd. Nordic, Cypress, CSR, Onsemi, Dialog	🍪	2288
🍪   Telink Semiconductor (Taipei) Co. Ltd.		1965
🍪🧩 + 🍪?   Shenzhen Jingxun Software Telecommunication Technology Co.,Ltd		1891   RealTek, Airoha 🍪
GPS/Watches/etc   Garmin International		1740
🧩   Sunitec Enterprise Co.,Ltd	Broadcom	🍪   1442
BLE beacons   Aruba, a Hewlett Packard Enterprise Company		1409
LED lights & sensors   Shenzhen Intellirocks Tech co.,ltd	Telink	🍪   1164
Teslas   Shanghai Rui Rui Communication Technology Co.Ltd.		1073   (TI bought OUI?)
🎵🚗🧩   ALPSALPINE CO,.LTD		979
🎵 Hearing aids   Starkey Labs Inc.		956



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# The First Traces

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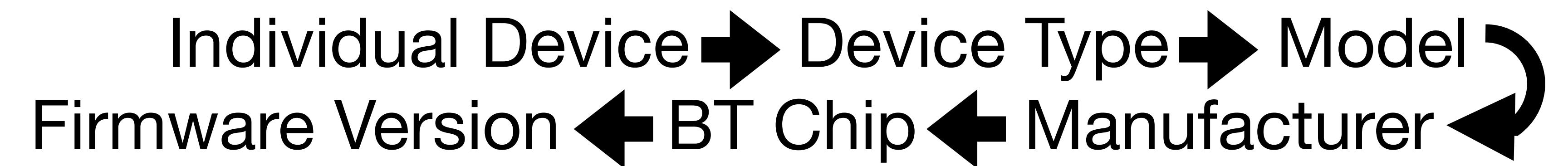
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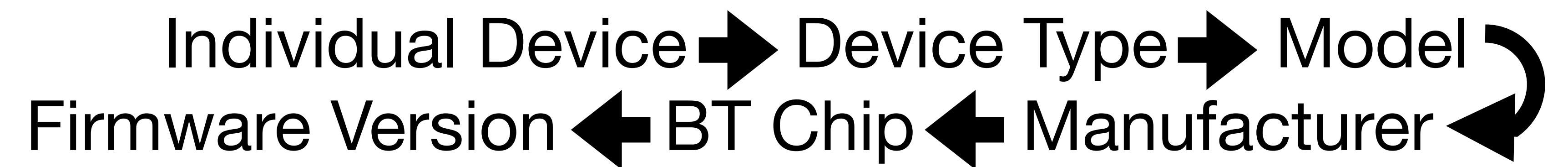
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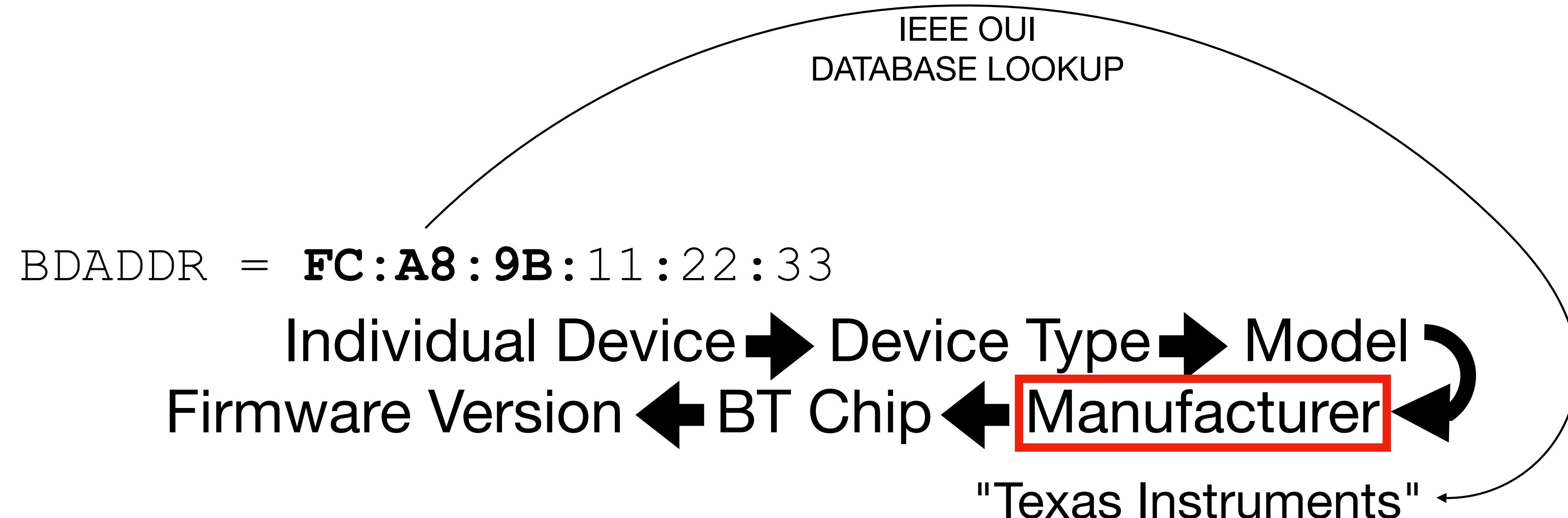
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BDADDR = **FC:A8:9B:11:22:33**



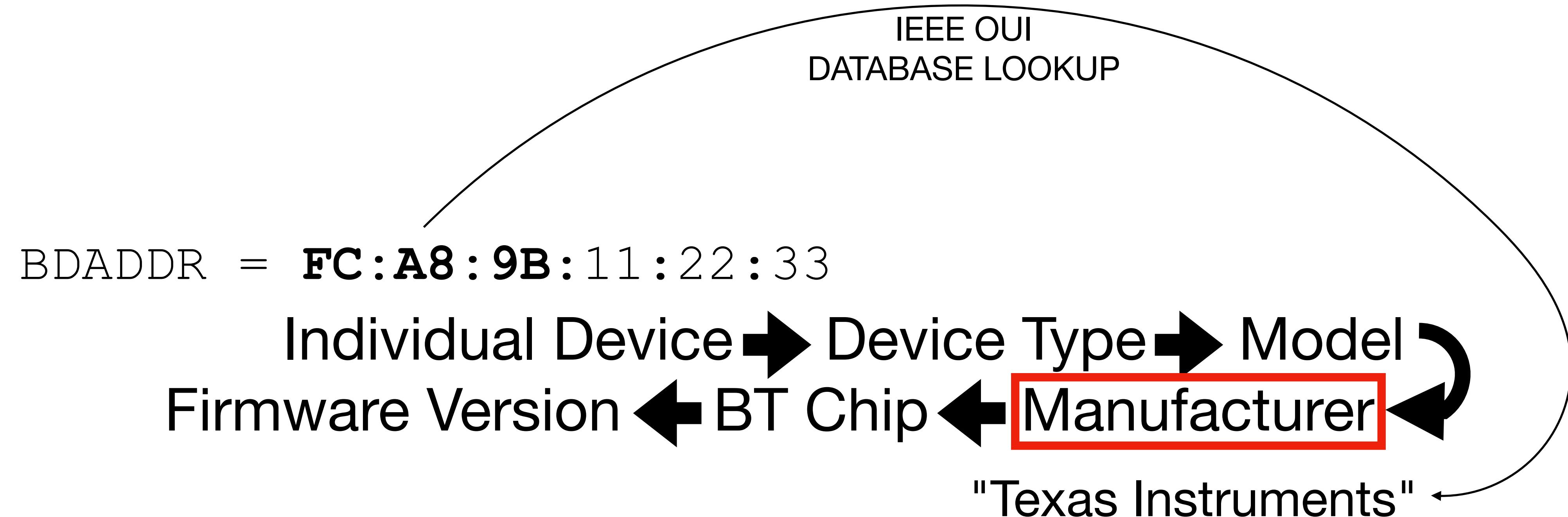


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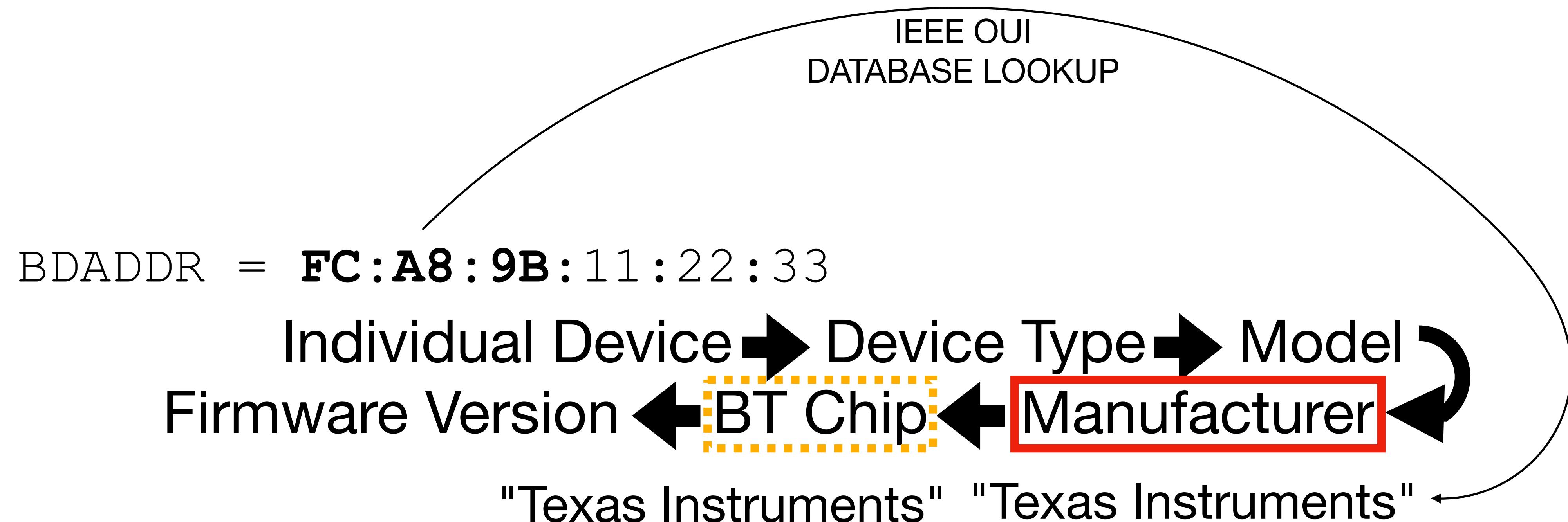
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# **2thprint by Link Layer Version Info**

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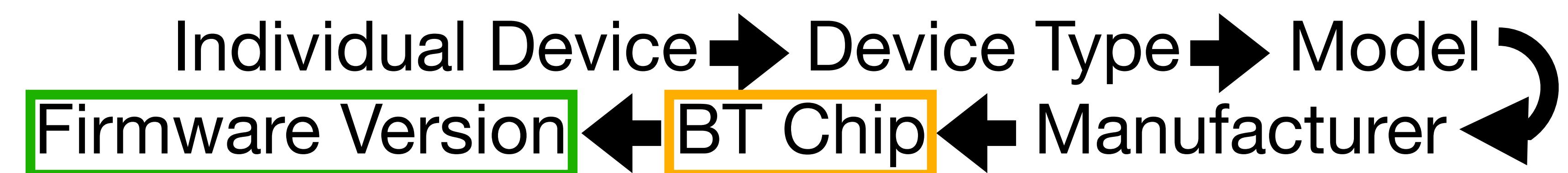




# 2thprint by Link Layer Version Information

## LL\_VERSION\_IND (BLE), LMP\_version\_res (BTC)

- BTC has Link Management Protocol (LMP) and BLE has Link-Layer (LL) Control packets, that can be sent to request some chip and firmware version information
- These can be sent/received *without* any sort of BT pairing/bonding!

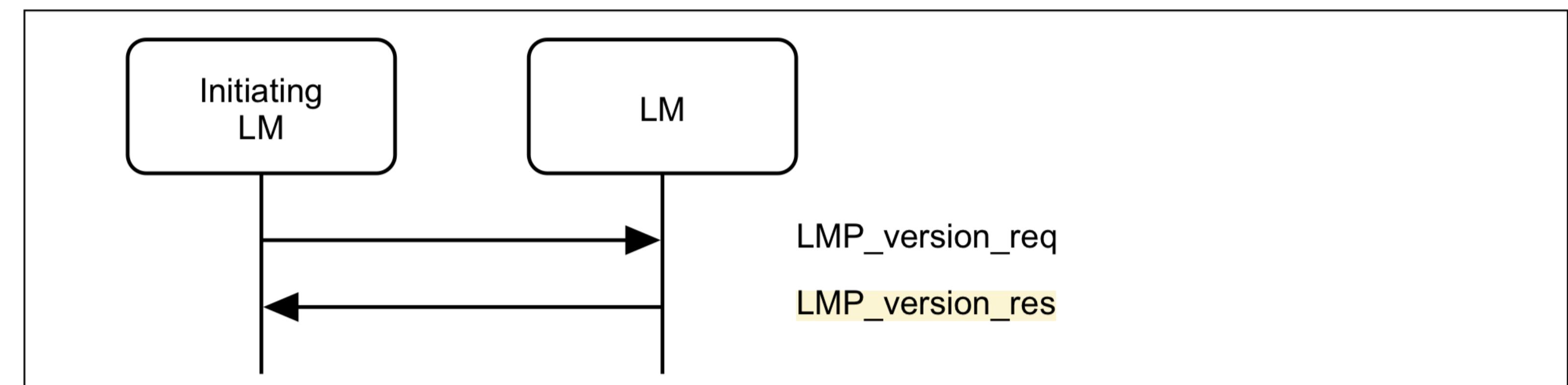




# 2thprint by LMP\_version\_res (BTC)

M/O	PDU	Contents
M	LMP_version_req	VersNr Compld SubVersNr
M	LMP_version_res	VersNr Compld SubVersNr

Table 4.26: PDUs used for LMP version request



Sequence 77: Request for LMP version



# 2thprint by **LL\_VERSION\_IND (BLE)**

## 2.4.2.13 **LL\_VERSION\_IND**

The format of the CtrData field is shown in [Figure 2.23](#).

CtrData		
VersNr (1 octet)	Compld (2 octets)	SubVersNr (2 octets)

*Figure 2.23: CtrData field of the LL\_VERSION\_IND PDU*

The **LL\_VERSION\_IND** CtrData consists of three fields:

- VersNr field shall contain the version of the Bluetooth Controller specification (see Bluetooth [Assigned Numbers](#)).
- Compld field shall contain the company identifier of the manufacturer of the Bluetooth Controller (see Bluetooth [Assigned Numbers](#)).
- SubVersNr field shall contain a unique value for each implementation or revision of an implementation of the Bluetooth Controller.



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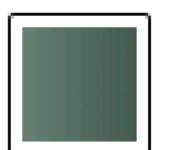
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# (Link Layer) Version Number

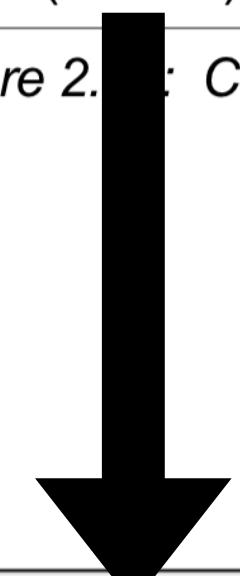
## VersNr (1 byte)

Last Modified: 2023-02-21

Core Specification Name	Version
Bluetooth® Core Specification 1.0b (Withdrawn)	0x00
Bluetooth® Core Specification 1.1 (Withdrawn)	0x01
Bluetooth® Core Specification 1.2 (Withdrawn)	0x02
Bluetooth® Core Specification 2.0+EDR (Withdrawn)	0x03
Bluetooth® Core Specification 2.1+EDR (Withdrawn)	0x04
Bluetooth® Core Specification 3.0+HS (Withdrawn)	0x05
Bluetooth® Core Specification 4.0 (Withdrawn)	0x06
Bluetooth® Core Specification 4.1 (Deprecated)	0x07
Bluetooth® Core Specification 4.2	0x08
Bluetooth® Core Specification 5.0	0x09
Bluetooth® Core Specification 5.1	0x0A
Bluetooth® Core Specification 5.2	0x0B
Bluetooth® Core Specification 5.3	0x0C
Bluetooth® Core Specification 5.4	0x0D

CtrData		
VersNr (1 octet)	Compld (2 octets)	SubVersNr (2 octets)

Figure 2. CtrData field of the LL\_VERSION\_IND PDU





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BLE - 2024-01-12

- In general though this seems to have a higher prevalence of silicon makers than other BT company/vendor ID fields, so a better S/N ratio for what I want to know
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Broadcom Corporation	8108
Apple, Inc.	1466
Nordic Semiconductor ASA	163
Qualcomm Technologies International, Ltd. (QTIL)	121
MediaTek, Inc.	119
Qualcomm	114
Cypress Semiconductor	85
Texas Instruments Inc.	83
Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd.	60
Dialog Semiconductor B.V.	41
RivieraWaves S.A.S	32
Telink Semiconductor Co. Ltd	29
Bestechnic(Shanghai),Ltd	28
Realtek Semiconductor Corporation	28
ST Microelectronics	26
Marvell Technology Group Ltd.	19
Casambi Technologies Oy	15
Zhuhai Jiel i technology Co.,Ltd	15
Airoha Technology Corp.	14
Silicon Laboratories	13
Ambiq	11
Atheros Communications, Inc.	10
Universal Electronics, Inc.	8
Shenzhen Goodix Technology Co., Ltd	6
Yichang Microelectronics Co., Ltd	5



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Yichip Microelectronics (Hangzhou) Co.,Ltd.	5
UNKNOWN_COMP_BY_BT_CID	5
beken	5
Actions (Zhuhai) Technology Co., Limited	5
PHYPLUS Inc	4
Intel Corp.	4
Toshiba Corp.	3
Shanghai wuqi microelectronics Co.,Ltd	2
Barrot Technology Co.,Ltd.	2
Hong Kong HunterSun Electronic Limited	2
WuXi Vimicro	2
NXP B.V.	2
Ingchips Technology Co., Ltd.	2
LAPIS Semiconductor Co.,Ltd	2
Bluetrum Technology Co.,Ltd	2
ON Semiconductor	1
MindTree Ltd.	1



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🍪 Qualcomm	35
🍪 MediaTek, Inc.	26
🍪 Broadcom Corporation	25
🍪 Intel Corp.	8
🍪 Qualcomm Technologies International, Ltd. (QTIL)	7
🍪 Zhuhai Jielì technology Co.,Ltd	7
🍪 Realtek Semiconductor Corporation	6
🍪 Cypress Semiconductor	3
🍪 Marvell Technology Group Ltd.	2
🍪 Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd.	2
🍪 RivieraWaves S.A.S	2
🍪 Bluegiga	1
✗ Equinix AG	1
✗ G-wearables inc.	1
✗ Anova Applied Electronics	1
✗ Toshiba Corp.	1
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✗ Nokia Mobile Phones	1
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✗ Shenzhen Feasycom Technology Co., Ltd.	1



# Vendor Prevalence

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- In general though this seems to have a higher prevalence of silicon makers than other BT company/vendor ID fields, so a better S/N ratio for what I want to know
- I have only seen ~ 7916 / 25125 (31.5%) success in my LMP 2thprint log
  - Future work will take RSSI into account

Bitflip!

	count
Qualcomm	35
MediaTek, Inc.	26
Broadcom Corporation	25
Intel Corp.	8
Qualcomm Technologies International, Ltd. (QTIL)	7
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Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd.	2
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# (Link Layer) Sub-Version Number

## **SubVersNr (2 bytes)**

- The vendor gets to make up whatever value they want here!



## 2.4.2.13 LL\_VERSION\_IND

# (Link Layer) SubVersion

The format of the CtrData field is shown in Figure 2.23.

CtrData		
VersNr (1 octet)	Compld (2 octets)	SubVersNr (2 octets)

- The vendor identifier

Figure 2.23: CtrData field of the LL\_VERSION\_IND PDU

The LL\_VERSION\_IND CtrData consists of three fields:

- VersNr field shall contain the version of the Bluetooth Controller specification (see Bluetooth [Assigned Numbers](#)).
- Compld field shall contain the company identifier of the manufacturer of the Bluetooth Controller (see Bluetooth [Assigned Numbers](#)).

SubVersNr field shall contain a unique value for each implementation or revision of an implementation of the Bluetooth Controller.



# Does SubVersNr Imply OS/Firmware Version?

- **Hypothesis:** SubVersNr will increment per OS/firmware update, and thus can be used to infer the OS/firmware version
  - Conclusion:
    - **Rejected for Broadcom**



# Does SubVersNr Imply OS/Firmware Version?

- From BlueZ 5.66 monitor/packet.c

```
    } broadcom_usb_subversion_table[] = {  
        { 0x210b, "BCM43142A0" }, /* 001.001.011 */  
        { 0x2112, "BCM4314A0" }, /* 001.001.018 */  
        { 0x2118, "BCM20702A0" }, /* 001.001.024 */  
        { 0x2126, "BCM4335A0" }, /* 001.001.038 */  
        { 0x220e, "BCM20702A1" }, /* 001.002.014 */  
        { 0x230f, "BCM4354A2" }, /* 001.003.015 */  
        { 0x4106, "BCM4335B0" }, /* 002.001.006 */  
        { 0x410e, "BCM20702B0" }, /* 002.001.014 */  
        { 0x6109, "BCM4335C0" }, /* 003.001.009 */  
        { 0x610c, "BCM4354" }, /* 003.001.012 */
```



# Oh right...I remember something now...

- InternalBlue has firmware files per Broadcom chip, and they're ordered by numbers that look like those SubVersions!

← → C 🔒 [github.com/seemoo-lab/internalblue/tree/master/internalblue/fw](https://github.com/seemoo-lab/internalblue/tree/master/internalblue/fw)

Files

master

Go to file

internalblue / internalblue / fw /

- fw\_0x2209.py
- fw\_0x220b.py
- fw\_0x220c.py
- fw\_0x220e.py



C

- ❑ fw\_0x2033.py
- ❑ fw\_0x203a.py
- ❑ fw\_0x2056.py
- ❑ fw\_0x21a9.py
- 
- ❑ fw\_0x21d0.py
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- ❑ fw\_0x220c.py
- ❑ fw\_0x220e.py
- ❑ fw\_0x2230.py
- ❑ fw\_0x240f.py
- ❑ fw\_0x3032.py

- ❑ fw\_0x4196.py
- ❑ fw\_0x4208.py
- ❑ fw\_0x420e.py
- ❑ fw\_0x420e\_iphone.py
- ❑ fw\_0x4228.py
- ❑ fw\_0x422a.py
- ❑ fw\_0x6103.py
- ❑ fw\_0x6109.py
- ❑ fw\_0x6119.py



C

```
        fw_0x2033.py  
        fw_0x203a.py  
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        .  
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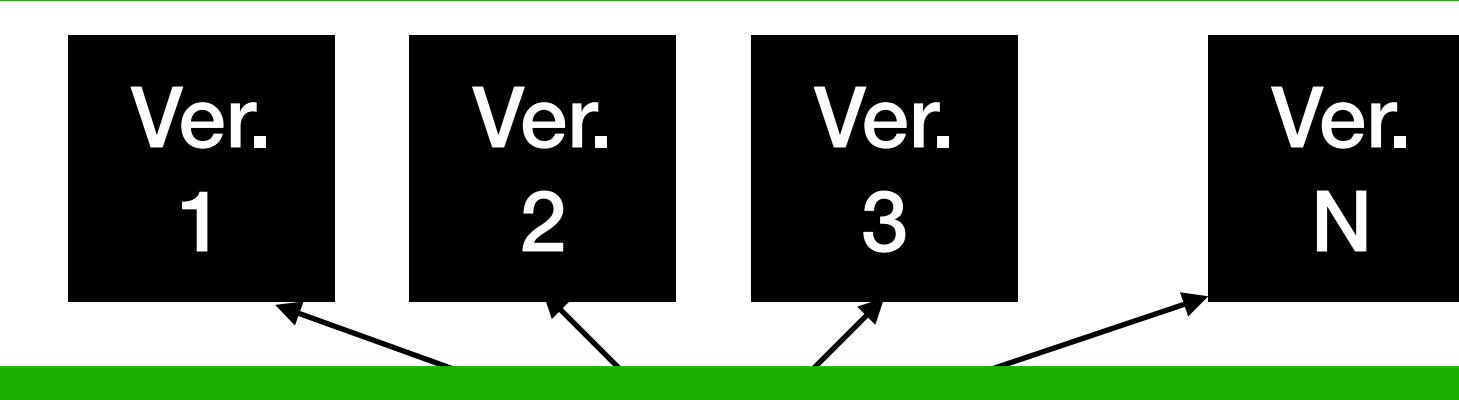


# Broadcom

- So at least for Broadcom, the SubVersion is used to store a specific silicon chip (*& stepping revision*) information!
- ***The ideal ChipPrint!*** 😊
- (I would have preferred a VersionPrint, but oh well...)

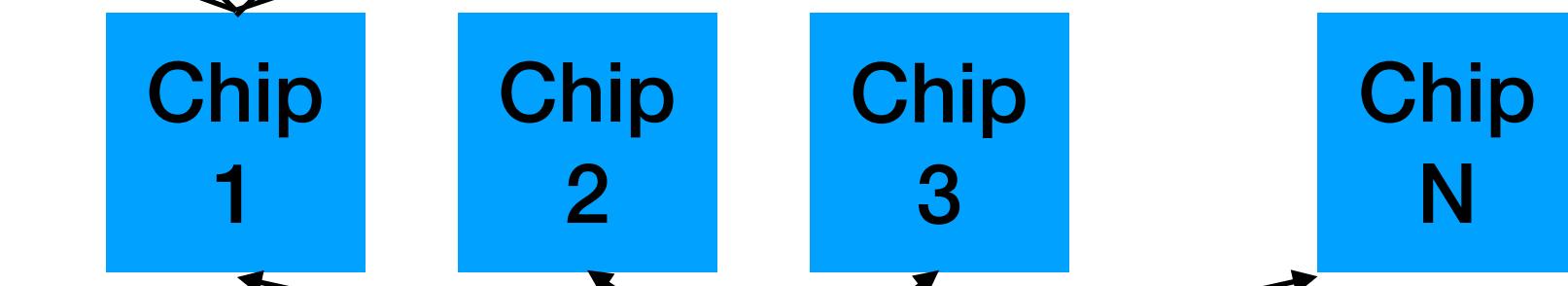


/ersiOnPrint



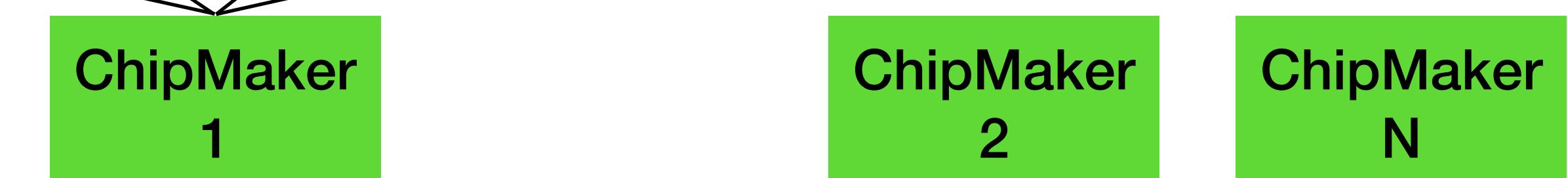
**WHAT I WANT!**

ChipPrint



**WHAT I MOSTLY GET** 😔

ChipMakerPrint



ModulePrint



ModuleMakerPrint



ProductPrint



ProductMakerPrint





# Does SubVersNr Imply OS/Firmware Version?

- **Hypothesis:** SubVersNr will increment per OS/firmware update, and thus can be used to infer the OS/firmware version
  - Conclusion:
    - Weak reject for MediaTek, which seems to default to SubVersNr == 0, but where there are a range of versions seen, which probably then depends on the device maker's behavior
    - *Requires more investigation*



# Does SubVersNr Imply OS/Firmware Version?

- **Hypothesis:** SubVersNr will increment per OS/firmware update, and thus can be used to infer the OS/firmware version
  - Overall Conclusion:
    - Requires more investigation!
      - Fundamentally requires hands on with a device + manually updating firmware and observing how the sub-version-number changes

# **2thprint by Link Layer Packet Combinations**



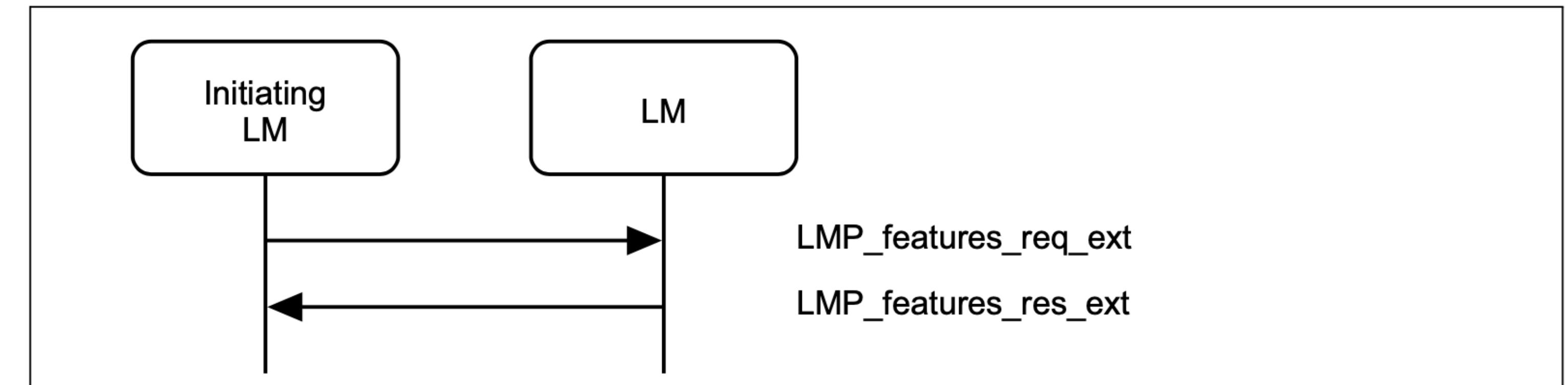


# Version Information is not the only game in town

- If we want to be more nmap-OS-fingerprint-like, it makes sense to hit the target with multiple packet types, potentially in different orders, and see how it responds
- **LMP packet types:** LMP\_features\_req, LMP\_features\_req\_ext, LMP\_version\_req, LMP\_name\_req, LMP\_switch\_req, LMP\_ping\_req, LMP\_encryption\_key\_size\_req, *malformed* LMP\_features\_req, *malformed* LMP\_features\_req\_ext
- **BLE LL packet types:** LL\_VERSION\_IND, LL\_LENGTH\_REQ, LL\_PING\_REQ, LL\_FEATURE\_REQ



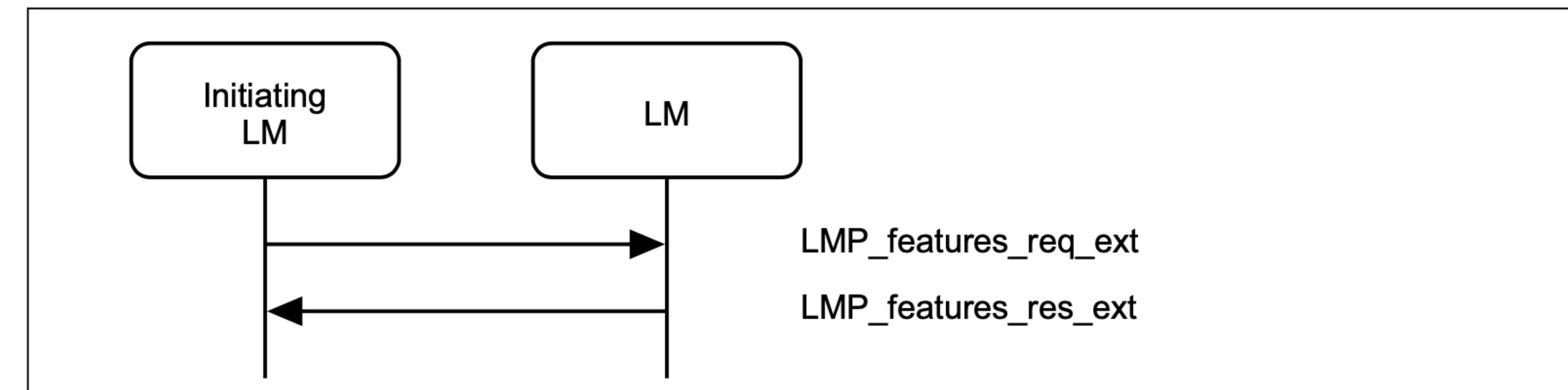
# "malformed" LMP\_features\_ext\_req?



*Sequence 79: Request for extended features*



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Sequence 79: Request for extended features

### 3.3 FEATURE MASK DEFINITION

The features are represented as a bit mask when they are transferred in LMP messages. For each feature a single bit is specified which shall be set to 1 if the feature is supported and set to 0 otherwise. The single exception is the flow control lag which is coded as a 3 bit field with the least significant bit in byte 2 bit 4 and the most significant bit in byte 2 bit 6. All removed, unknown, or unassigned feature bits shall be set to 0 and ignored upon receipt.

No.	Supported feature	Byte	Bit
0	3 slot packets	0	0
1	5 slot packets	0	1
2	Encryption	0	2



# "malform"

)?

3	Slot offset	0	3
4	Timing accuracy	0	4
5	Role switch	0	5
6	Hold mode	0	6
7	Sniff mode	0	7
8	Park state	1	0
9	Power control requests	1	1
10	Channel quality driven data rate (CQDDR)	1	2
11	SCO link	1	3

...

No.	Supported feature	Byte	Bit
57	Inquiry TX Power Level	7	1
58	Enhanced Power Control	7	2
59	Reserved	7	3
60	Reserved	7	4
61	Reserved	7	5
62	Reserved	7	6
63	Extended features	7	7

Table 3.2: Feature mask definitions (page 0)



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No.	Supported Feature	Byte	Bit
64	Secure Simple Pairing (Host Support)	0	0
65	LE Supported (Host)	0	1
66	Simultaneous LE and BR/EDR to Same Device Capable (Host)	0	2
67	Secure Connections (Host Support)	0	3

Table 3.3: Extended feature mask definition (page 1)

No.	Supported Feature	Byte	Bit
128	Connectionless Slave Broadcast – Master Operation	0	0
129	Connectionless Slave Broadcast – Slave Operation	0	1
130	Synchronization Train	0	2
131	Synchronization Scan	0	3
132	Inquiry Response Notification Event	0	4
133	Generalized interlaced scan	0	5
134	Coarse Clock Adjustment	0	6
135	Reserved	0	7
136	Secure Connections (Controller Support)	1	0
137	Ping	1	1
138	Reserved	1	2
139	Train nudging	1	3

Table 3.4: Extended feature mask definition (page 2)



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Table 3.4: Extended feature mask definition (page 2)



# Pick a page, any page...

M/O	PDU	Contents
M	LMP_features_req	features
M	LMP_features_res	features
O(63)	LMP_features_req_ext	features page max supported page extended features
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Table 4.27: PDUs used for features request

"The LMP\_features\_req\_ext PDU contains a feature page index that specifies which page is requested and the contents of that page for the requesting device. Pages are numbered from 0-255 with page 0 corresponding to the normal features mask. "

# Pick a page, any page



You should *never* request a feature page > their max supported page OR the max page in the version of the spec that they conform to.

E.g. Spec 4.2 only has pages 0, 1, 2.

So what happens if you request 3...or 255?

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# How to Send Packets?

- Sweyntooth[1] (2020, BLE-only) & Braktooth[2] (2022, BTC-only)
  - Provide a way in Python and C respectively to create & send arbitrary link-layer packets in an arbitrary order

[1] <https://asset-group.github.io/disclosures/sweyntooth/>

[2] <https://asset-group.github.io/disclosures;braktooth/>



# DATA ANALYSIS ETA WEN?

- Finding "weird packets/combinations" was the original idea for 2thprinting...and yet...I haven't actually analyzed this data yet \\_(`)\_/. Why tho?
- 1) it *feels* like I haven't found the right balance yet between speed and useful signal
  - I'm prioritizing 2thprinting mechanisms that are as fast as possible, so they can be used against moving targets
    - Reinvocation of Braktooth/Sweyntooth adds 5+ seconds of overhead to every 2thprinting attempt
- 2) I want known *reference chips* to compare this data to before I start asserting "this packet combination result is indicative of vendor X"
  - Current research intern project

# **2thprint by Manufacturer-Specific Data**



**or**





# 2thprint by Manufacturer-Specific Data (MSD): Company ID (CID)

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*Data Types Specification*



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Service UUID	O	O	O	O	O
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Flags	C.1	C.1	X	X	C.1
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*Data Types Specification*

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It doesn't say what endianness it should use!

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# Endianness info from BT Spec 4.0!

Lost in BT Spec 4.2 when they created the Core Specification Supplement doc?

## 8.1 EIR DATA TYPE DEFINITIONS

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All EIR data type values are listed in the Bluetooth [Assigned Numbers](#) document.

All numerical multi-byte entities and values associated with the following data types shall use little-endian byte order.



# Top 20 Vendors for BTC MSD data

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device_BT_CID	company_name	frequency	
0x8700	Garmin International (wrong-endian)	5942	✗
0x4C00	Apple, Inc. (wrong-endian)	2487	🍪
0x1D	Qualcomm	2437	🍪
0xFF19	Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd. (just wacky)	1938	🍪
0xF	Broadcom Corporation	950	🍪
0x75	Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd.	879	🍪
0x7500	Samsung Electronics Co.,Ltd (wrong-endian)	278	🍪
0xD906	Shanghai Mountain View Silicon Co.,Ltd. (wrong-endian)	274	🍪
0x3E0	Actions (Zhuhai) Technology Co., Limited	97	🍪
0x4C	Apple, Inc.	45	🍪
0x27D	HUAWEI Technologies Co., Ltd.	43	✗
0xA	Qualcomm Technologies International, Ltd. (QTIL)	32	🍪
0xA02	Ayxon-Dynamics GmbH	14	✗
0x200	Verifone Systems Pte Ltd. Taiwan Branch	7	✗
0x0	Ericsson AB	7	✗
0xA00	Ampler Bikes OU (wrong-endian Qualcomm?)	6	✗
0x5F0	beken	6	🍪
0x850	Yealink (Xiamen) Network Technology Co.,LTD	5	✗
0x18C	Wilo SE	3	✗
0x67	GN Audio A/S	3	✗
...			



# Top 20 Vendors for BLE MSD data

BLE - 2024-01-12

device_BT_CID	company_name	frequency
0x4C	Apple, Inc.	9503999
0x6	Microsoft	94967
0x75	Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd.	83182
0x11B	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	18899
0x183	Walt Disney	14073
0x3	IBM Corp.	11937
0x87	Garmin International, Inc.	10150
0x131	Cypress Semiconductor	7872
0x0	Ericsson AB	7547
0x171	Amazon.com Services LLC	6926
0x57	Harman International Industries, Inc.	6424
0x87F	Phillips Connect Technologies LLC	5735
0x12D	Sony Corporation	5265
0xE0	Google	4370
0x310	SGL Italia S.r.l.	3730
0xB01	RESIDEO TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	3608
0xA01	Cleveron AS	3139
0x157	Anhui Huami Information Technology Co., Ltd.	2657
0x65	HP, Inc.	2412
0x4C00	Apple, Inc. (wrong-endian)	1946
...		

# 2thprint by GATT

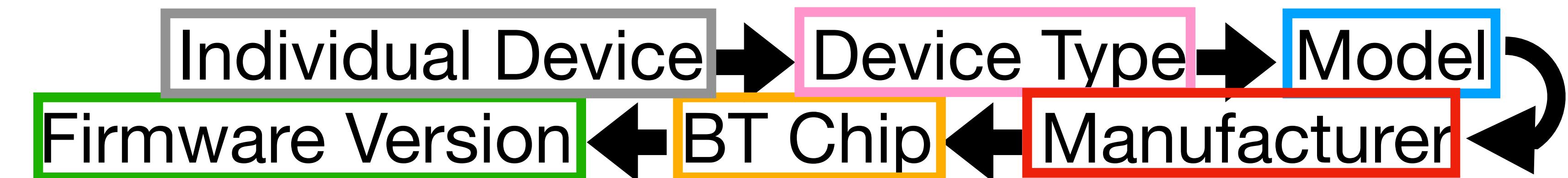




# 2thprint by GATT

## *GATTPrint*

- Generic **Attribute Profile** (GATT) is a sort of weird thing that's built on top of Attribute Protocol (ATT), which is the actual protocol for sending & receiving data
- Mostly used on BLE, though it can technically be used on BTC devices too
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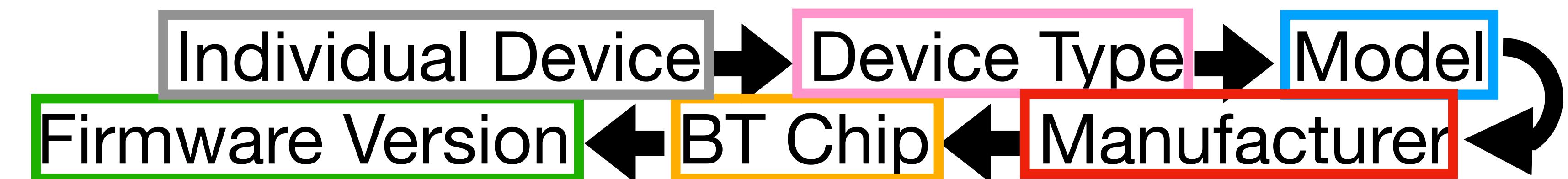




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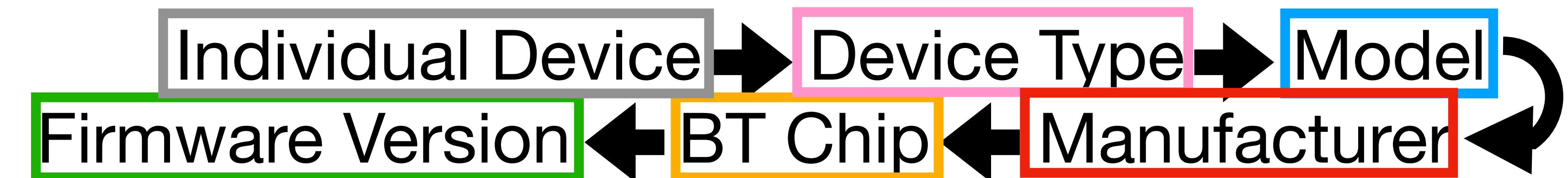




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# GATT on Phones

- When you open a Bluetooth scanner app like LightBlue or BluefruitConnect on your phone, and they show you information, usually that is GATT information
- This is from BluefruitConnect

The screenshot shows the BluefruitConnect app interface on a mobile device. At the top, it displays the device name "047\_INSTACART1" and signal strength "-92 dBm". Below this, there are two tabs: "MODULES" (selected) and "Info". Under "MODULES", there is a single entry: "38EB4A80-C570-11E3-9507-0002A5D5C51B Characteristic". Under "Info", there is a table with the following data:

Characteristic	Description
38EB4A81-C570-11E3-9507-0002A5D5C51B	Characteristic
38EB4A82-C570-11E3-9507-0002A5D5C51B	Characteristic

Each characteristic row contains a "Client Characteristic Configuration" field with the value "0".



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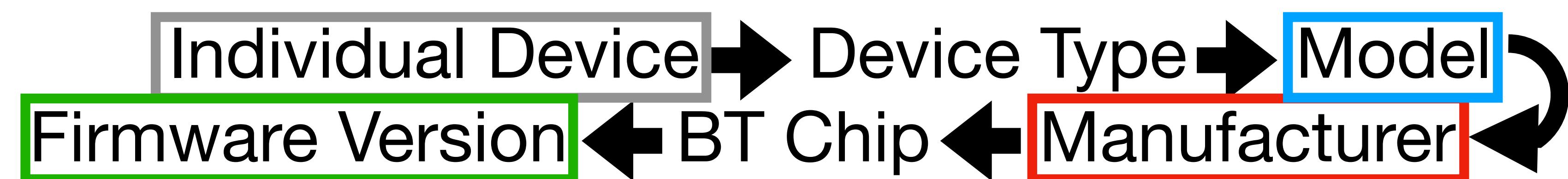
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The diagram shows the flow of GATT data from an individual device through its type and model to its manufacturer. The BT chip and firmware version are also shown, with arrows indicating their relationship to the manufacturer.



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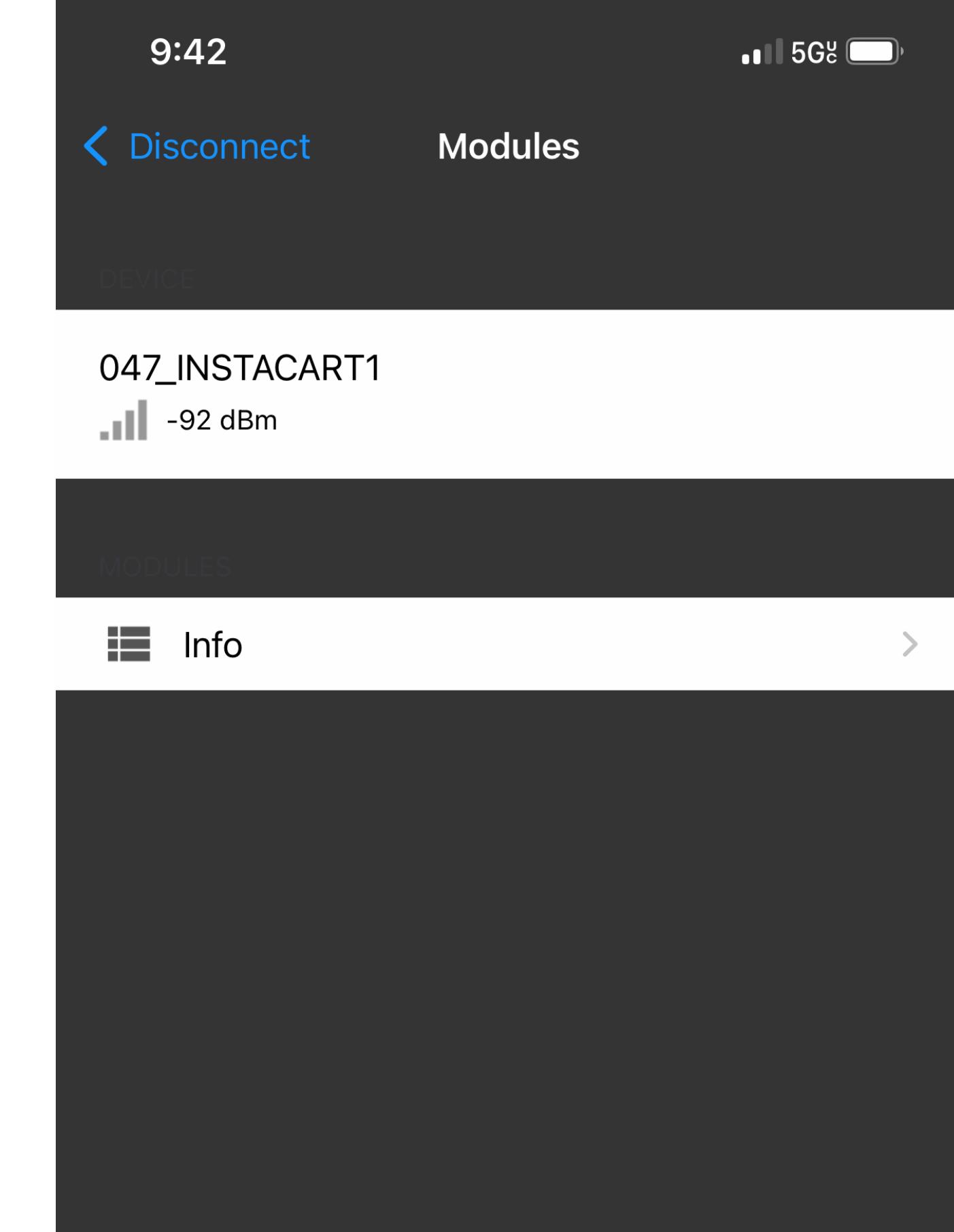
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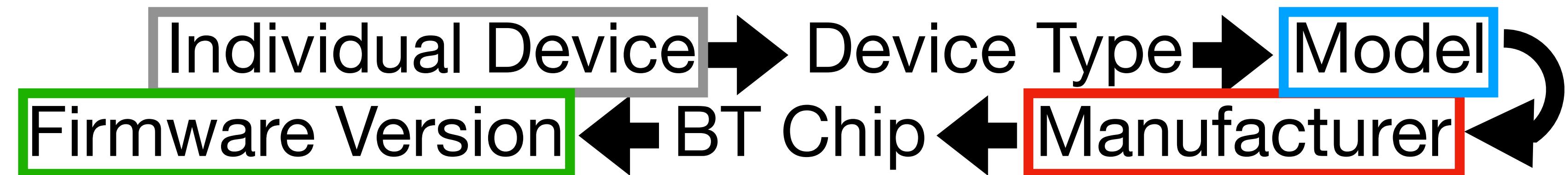
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This screenshot shows the "Info" tab for the same device "ID205L". It lists several characteristics with their values:

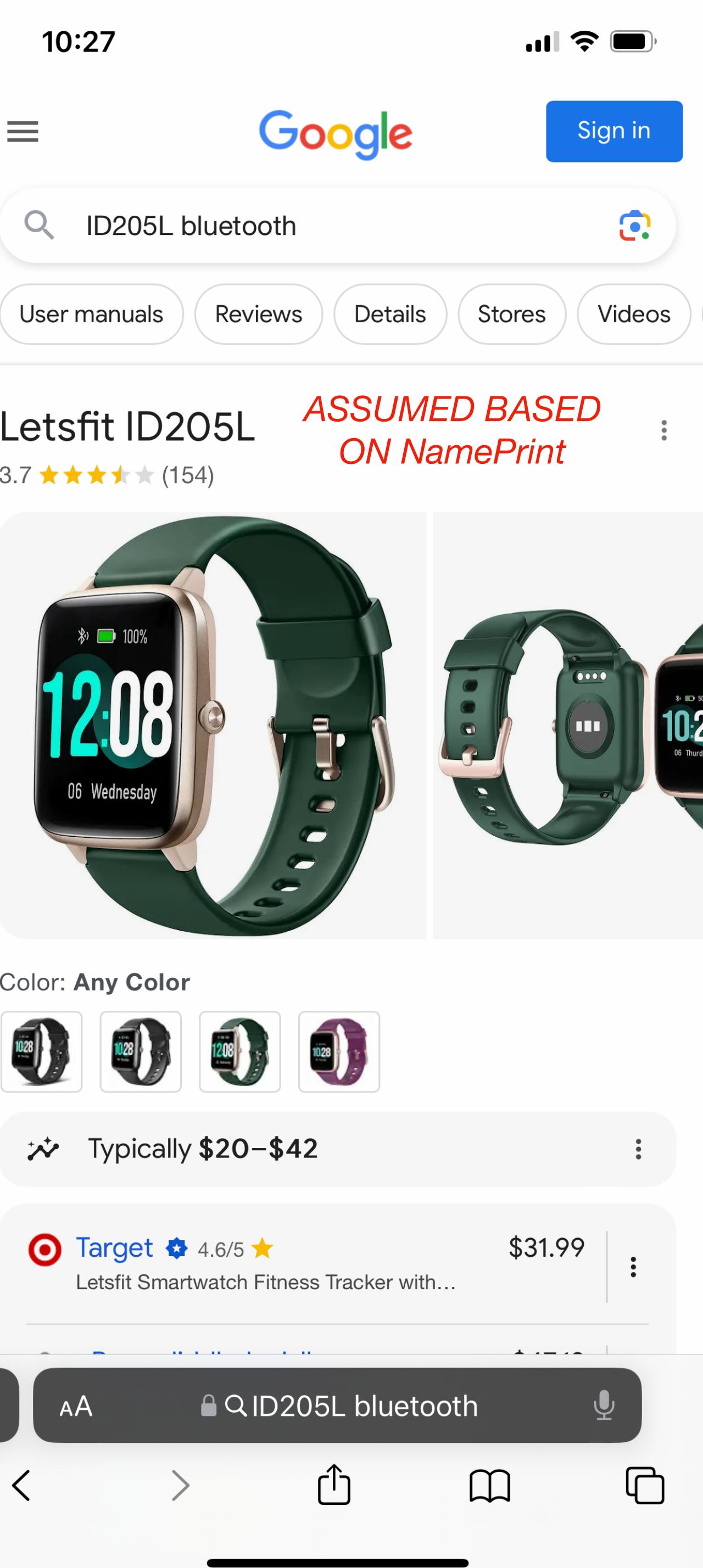
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  - Most interestingly, they scraped a bunch of Android applications to attempt to extract GATT-related UUID128s via static analysis



# My GATTPrint-er

- The BlueZ (*deprecated*) "gatttool" seemed to already do a good job of collecting this information. But the output wasn't easily machine-parsable. So I modified the source to store info to a more easily machine-parsable log file
  - Pro tip: If you try to use the higher-layer BT APIs (such as those available via most Python->BT libraries), you will not be able to collect this info without first pairing. But pairing isn't actually necessary for most characteristics of most devices!
  - Some devices though may refuse read/write requests on access control grounds, due to lack of the encryption/authentication that comes as a result of pairing



# Vendor-specific 128-bit UUIDs

🍪 Silicon-specific examples: Texas Instruments

- f000ffc**0**-0451-4000-b000-000000000000 - **OTA Firmware update GATT Service**
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- BleedingBit exploited an Aruba-customized TI OTA firmware update service (that just added some security-by-obscenity magic unlock code)



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## 🍪 Silicon-specific examples: Nordic

- 6e400001-b5a3-f393-e0a9-e50e24dcca9e - **UART** GATT Service (advertised in SCAN\_RSP as well as GATT)
  - 6e400002-b5a3-f393-e0a9-e50e24dcca9e - UART RX GATT Characteristic
  - 6e400003-b5a3-f393-e0a9-e50e24dcca9e - UART TX GATT Characteristic
- 00001530-1212-efde-1523-785feabcd123 - **"Legacy" (Insecure) Device Firmware Update (DFU)** GATT Service
  - 00001531-1212-efde-1523-785feabcd123, 00001532-1212-efde-1523-785feabcd123, 0000153-1212-efde-1523-785feabcd123 - Associated GATT Characteristics
- 0000fe59-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb - **Secure Device Firmware Update (DFU)** GATT Service
  - 8EC90001-F315-4F60-9FB8-838830DAEA50, 8EC90002-F315-4F60-9FB8-838830DAEA50 - Associated GATT Characteristics

[https://developer.nordicsemi.com/nRF\\_Connect\\_SDK/doc/latest/nrf/libraries/bluetooth\\_services/services/nus.html](https://developer.nordicsemi.com/nRF_Connect_SDK/doc/latest/nrf/libraries/bluetooth_services/services/nus.html)

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🍪 Silicon-specific examples: Cambridge Silicon Radio (bought by Qualcomm)

- 00001100-d102-11e1-9b23-00025b00a5a5 - **GAIA (Over The Air update protocol)** GATT service
  - 00001101-d102-11e1-9b23-00025b00a5a5, 00001102-d102-11e1-9b23-00025b00a5a5, 00001103-d102-11e1-9b23-00025b00a5a5 - Associated GATT characteristics



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🍪 Silicon-specific examples: Silicon Labs

- 331a36f5-2459-45ea-9d95-6142f0c4b307 - **BGX Xpress Streaming (arbitrary data)** GATT Service
  - a9da6040-0823-4995-94ec-9ce41ca28833, a73e9a10-628f-4494-a099-12efaf72258f, 75a9f022-af03-4e41-b4bc-9de90a47d50b - Associated GATT characteristics



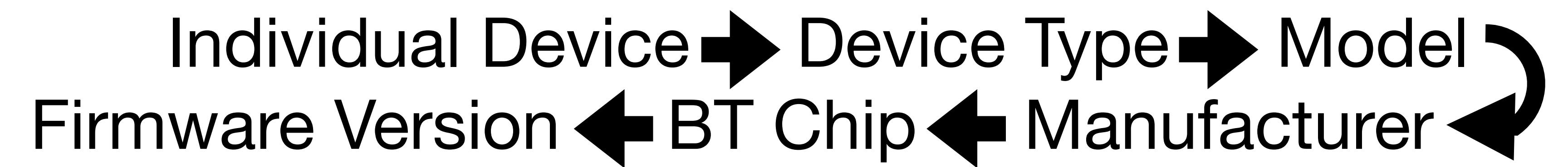
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 Module-specific examples: [Laird](#)

- 569a1101-b87f-490c-92cb-11ba5ea5167c - **Virtual Serial Port Service** (GATT & ADV\_IND)
  - 569a2000-b87f-490c-92cb-11ba5ea5167c - TX GATT Characteristic
  - 569a2001-b87f-490c-92cb-11ba5ea5167c - RX GATT Characteristic

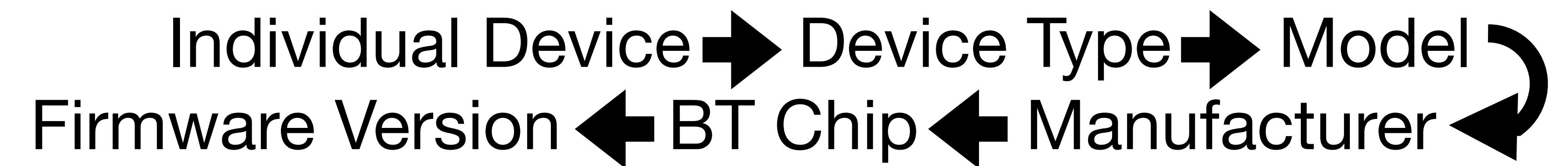


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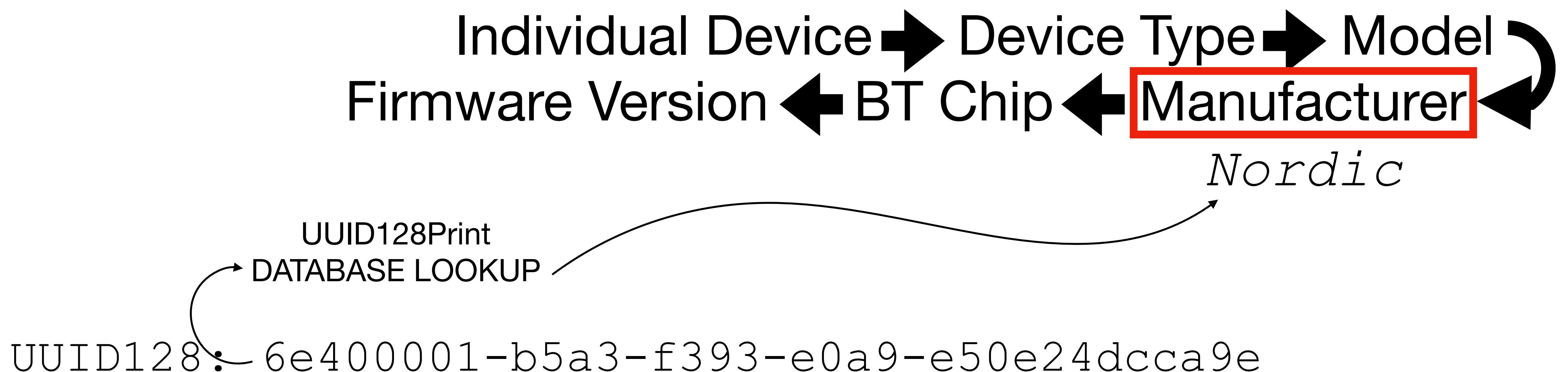
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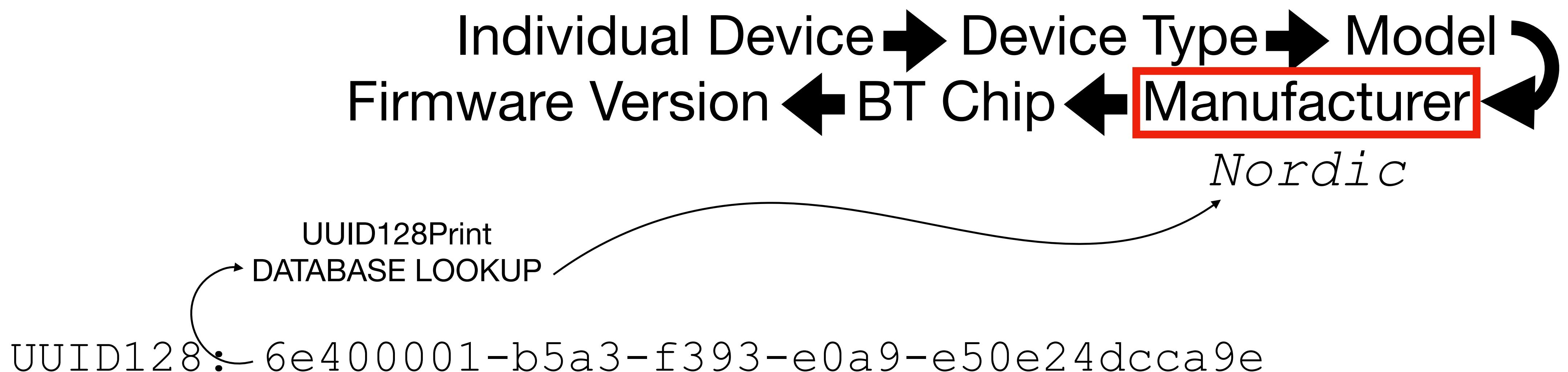


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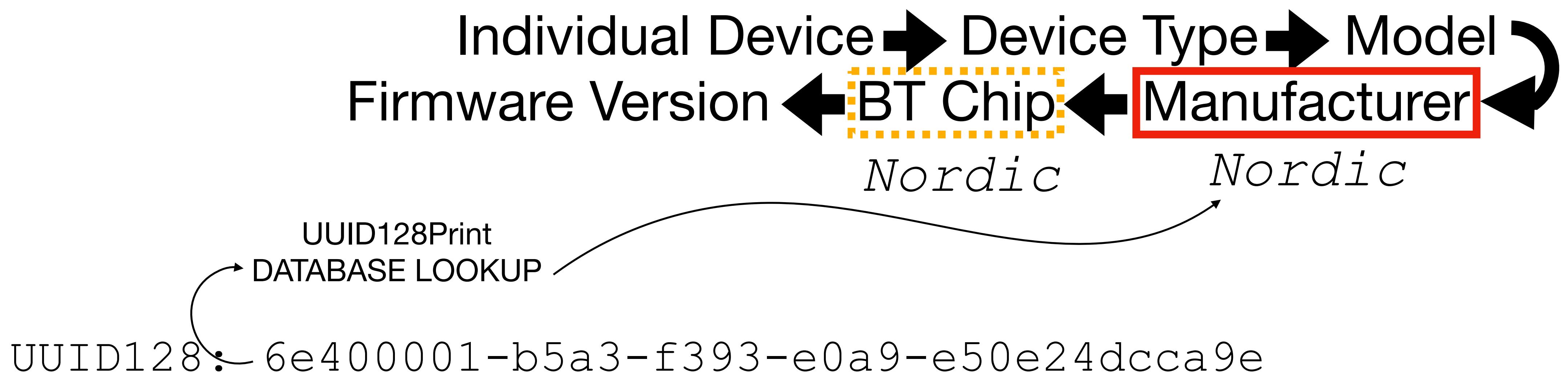


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00001801-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb	20675	-> Generic Attribute (GATT)
0000180a-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb	18044	-> Device Information
9fa480e0-4967-4542-9390-d343dc5d04ae	15738	-> Apple Nearby
d0611e78-bbb4-4591-a5f8-487910ae4366	15737	-> Apple Continuity
0000180f-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb	11284	-> Battery
00001805-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb	10641	-> Current Time
89d3502b-0f36-433a-8ef4-c502ad55f8dc	10636	-> Apple Media Service
7905f431-b5ce-4e99-a40f-4b1e122d00d0	10636	-> Apple Notification Center Service
0000febe-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb	843	-> Bose
0000fe03-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb	598	-> Amazon Alexa
0000fe2c-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb	421	-> Google Fast Pair
9aa4730f-b25c-4cc3-b821-c931559fc196	359	-> Apple Watch? (my data seems to support)
eedd5e73-6aa8-4673-8219-398a489da87c	280	-> Samsung SmartTag Authentication Service
0000fd69-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb	246	-> Samsung SmartTag Offline Finding Advertisement
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0000180d-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb	222	-> Heart Rate
eed6d5cc-c3b2-4d7b-8c6b-7acbf7965bb6	204	-> Samsung Galaxy Watch (based on my data)
00001855-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb	202	-> Telephony and Media Audio
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# Top 20 GATT Characteristics in my data FWIW

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00002a00-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb	19592	-> Device Name
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00002a24-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb	16650	-> Model Number String
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00002a2b-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb	10245	-> Current Time
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c6b2f38c-23ab-46d8-a6ab-a3a870bbd5d7	10183	-> Apple Media Center Entity Attribute
00002a0f-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb	10176	-> Local Time Information
00002a26-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb	1682	-> Firmware Revision String
00002aa6-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb	1655	-> Central Address Resolution
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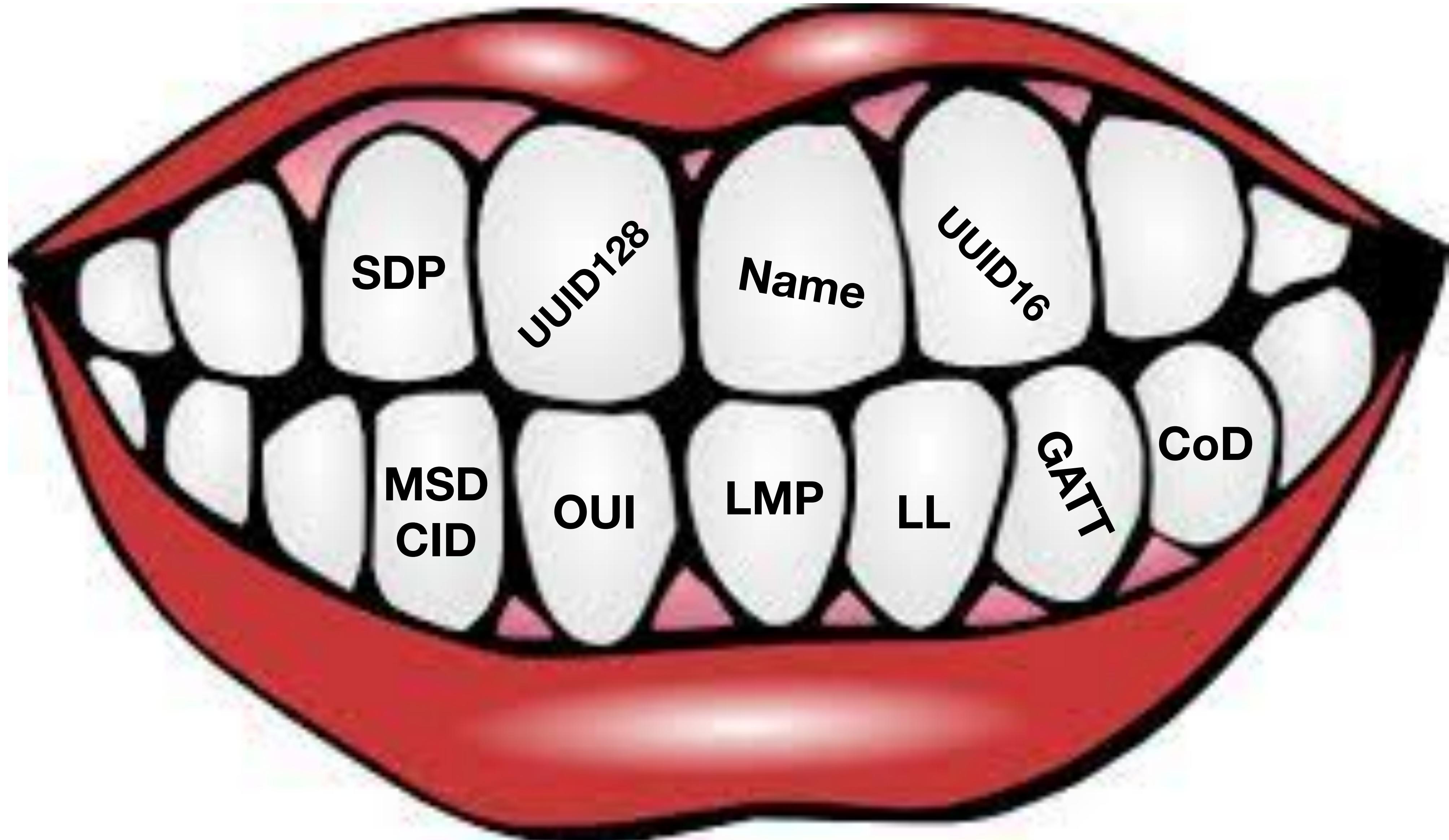


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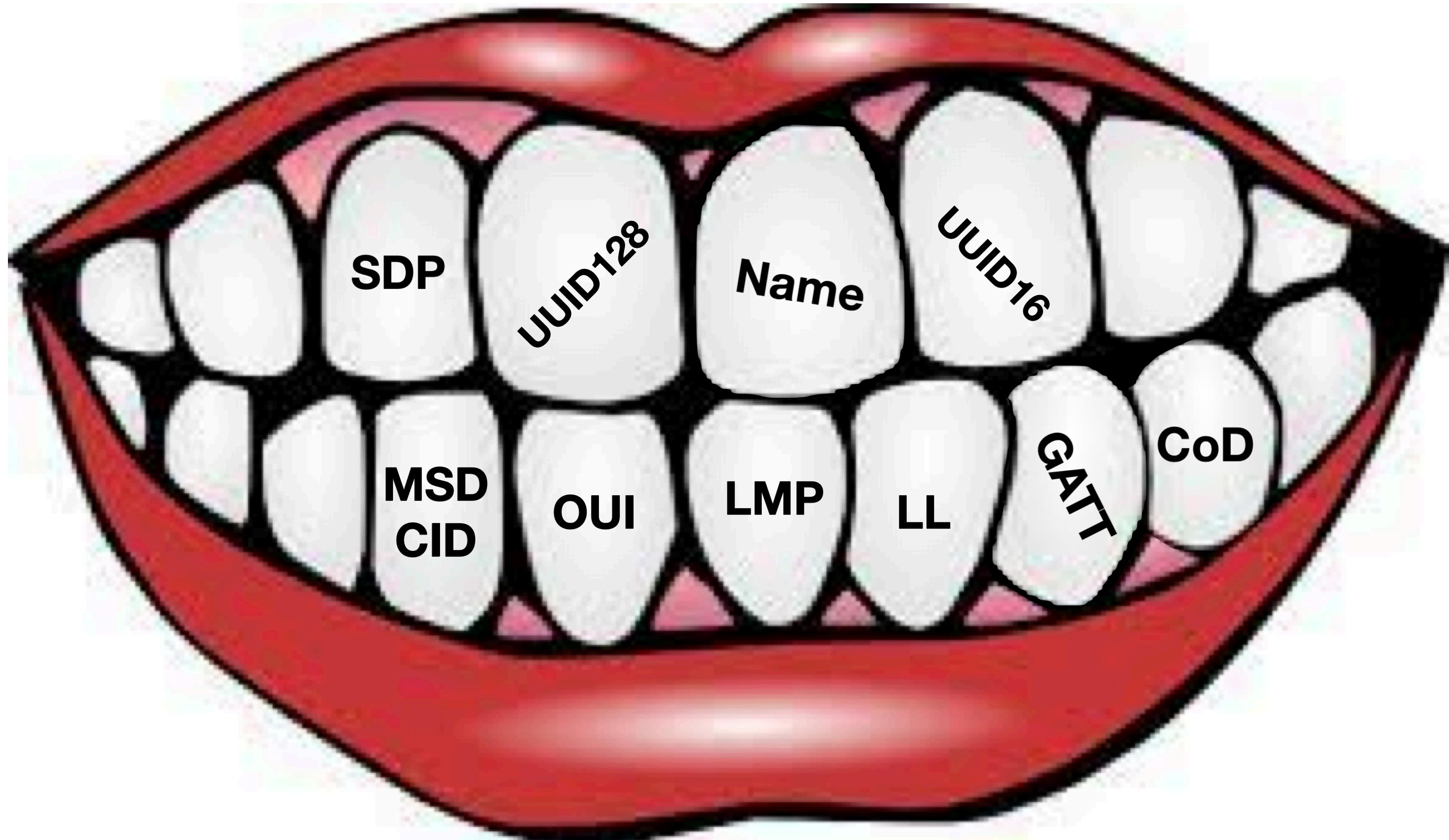


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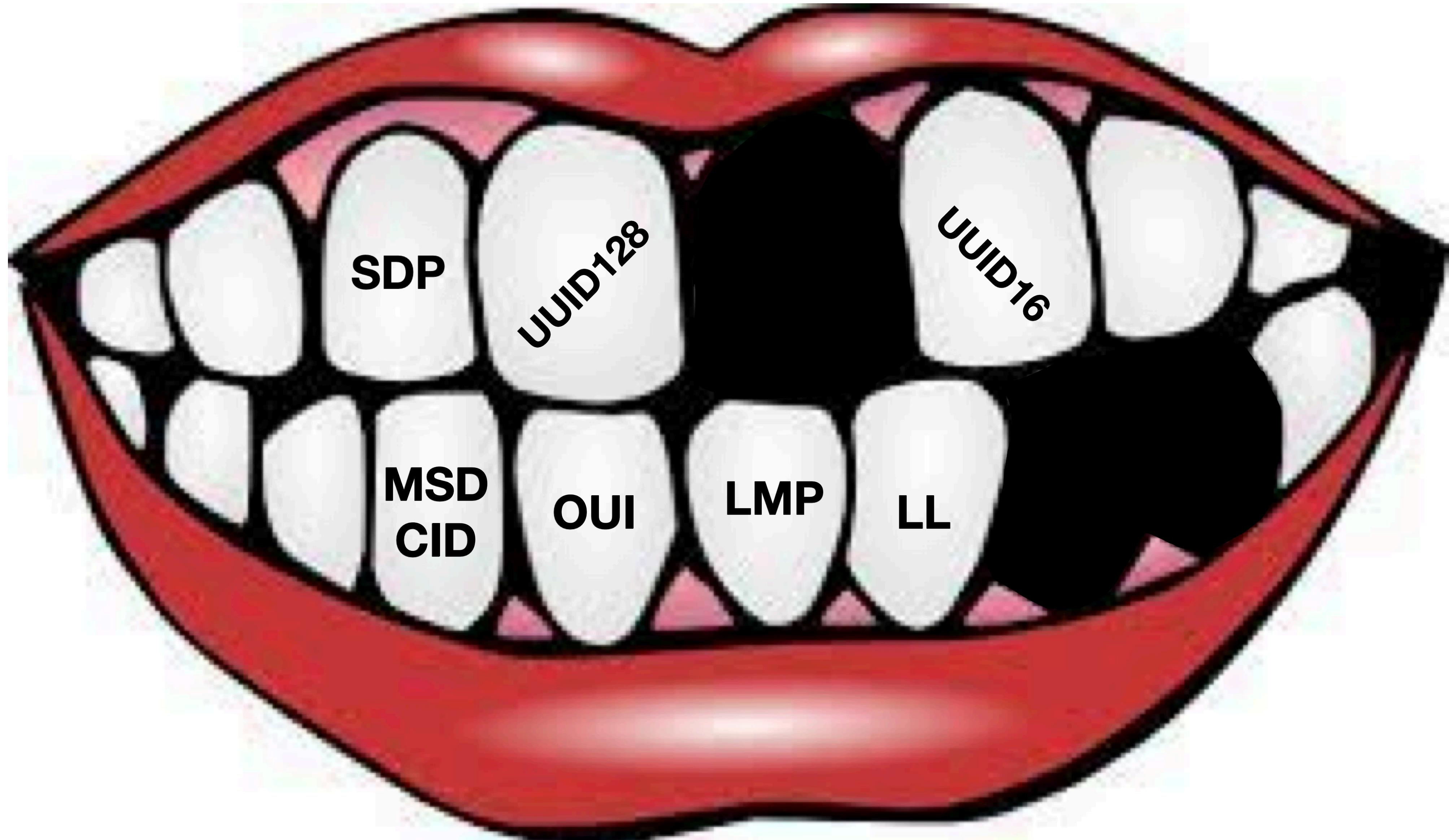


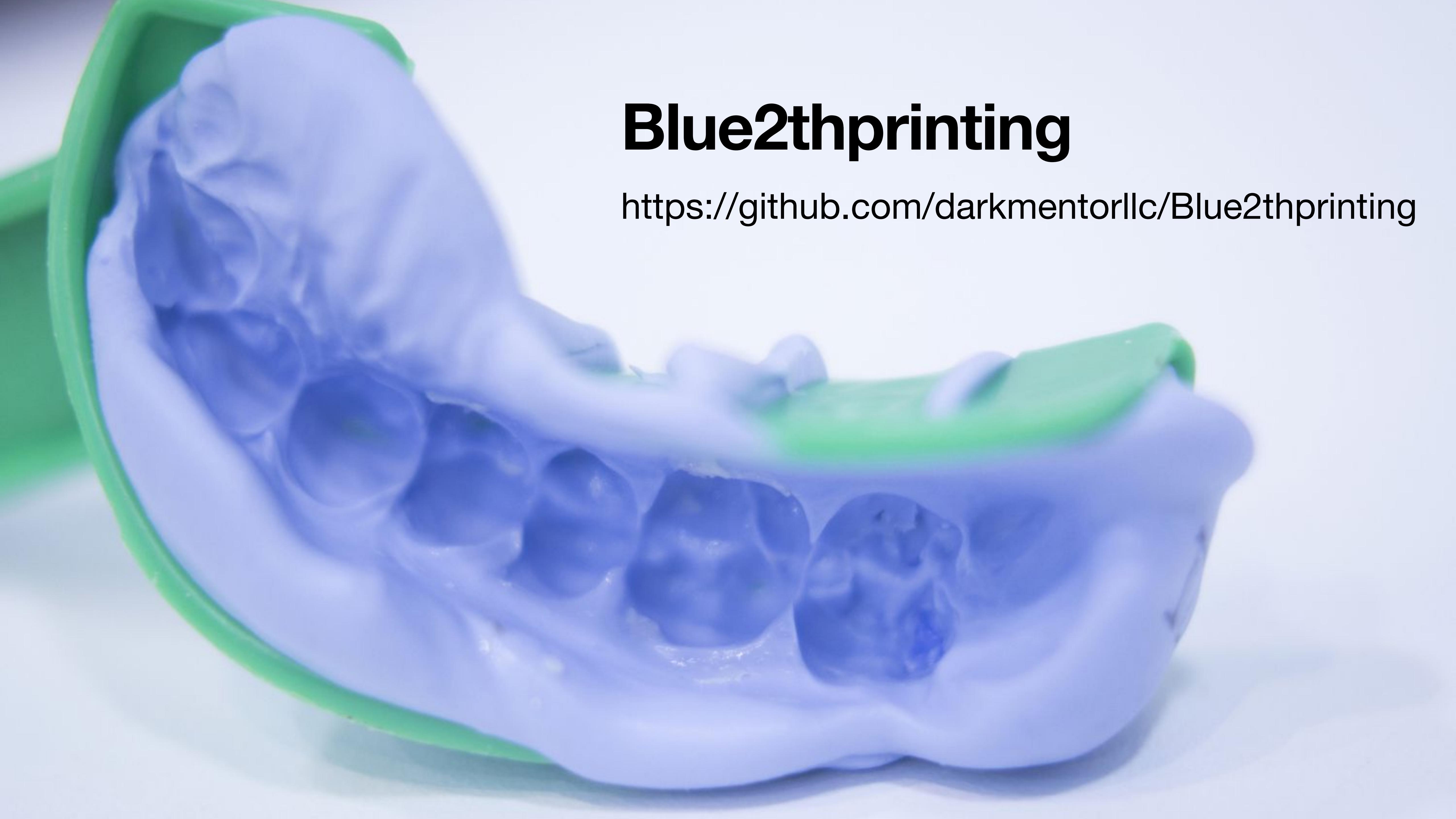
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# Blue2thprinting

<https://github.com/darkmentorllc/Blue2thprinting>



# Call To Action!



JOIN ME! AND TOGETHER  
WE CAN RULE THE  
BLUETOOTH GALAXY!



# Conclusion

- Bluetooth *vulnerability assessment* **is not yet a thing you can really do!**
- This is an active research topic I'm working on, but it needs more researchers working on it (because this is only 25% of my time ;))
  - "I'm puttin' together a (Blue)crew..."
- The starting point, as always, is to read related work
- I've organized the related work into a TiddlyWiki that I will continue to update over the coming years, and which others can contribute to via github PRs
- <https://darkmentor.com/bt.html>



# Fin



- BT research is cool
- But *OpenSecurityTraining2* (<https://ost2.fyi>, @OpenSecTraining) *is cooler!*
  - We'll have BT classes eventually, but in the meantime there's so much other stuff to learn! Reverse Engineering, Vulnerabilities, Firmware, System Architecture!
- You should take a class, or *teach* a class!