

# USBProxy

Building an Open and Affordable  
USB Man in the Middle Device

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Work on Ubertooth, BTBB, gr-bluetooth,  
Daisho, Unambiguous Encapsulation

Side projects include fcc.io, BeagleDancer,  
PS/2 tap

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.Net port of FaceDancer codebase

[controllingxbox.blogspot.com](http://controllingxbox.blogspot.com)

# Background

2 billion USB devices sold each year (2008)

Most common device interface

Low / Full / High / Super speed

SuperSpeed Plus coming soon

# Background

Huge surface for security assessment

- Host drivers

- Device firmware

- Connection between

I build tools for packet sniffing/injection

- Seems like USB might be fun to try

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However, I'm going to ignore them because:  
**OPEN SOURCE!!!!!!**

# FaceDancer

'It's not a bus, it's a network' - Sergey Bratus

Designed by Travis Goodspeed

An extension to the GoodFET

Prototype devices in Python

Some great examples

NCC Group 'umap' tool



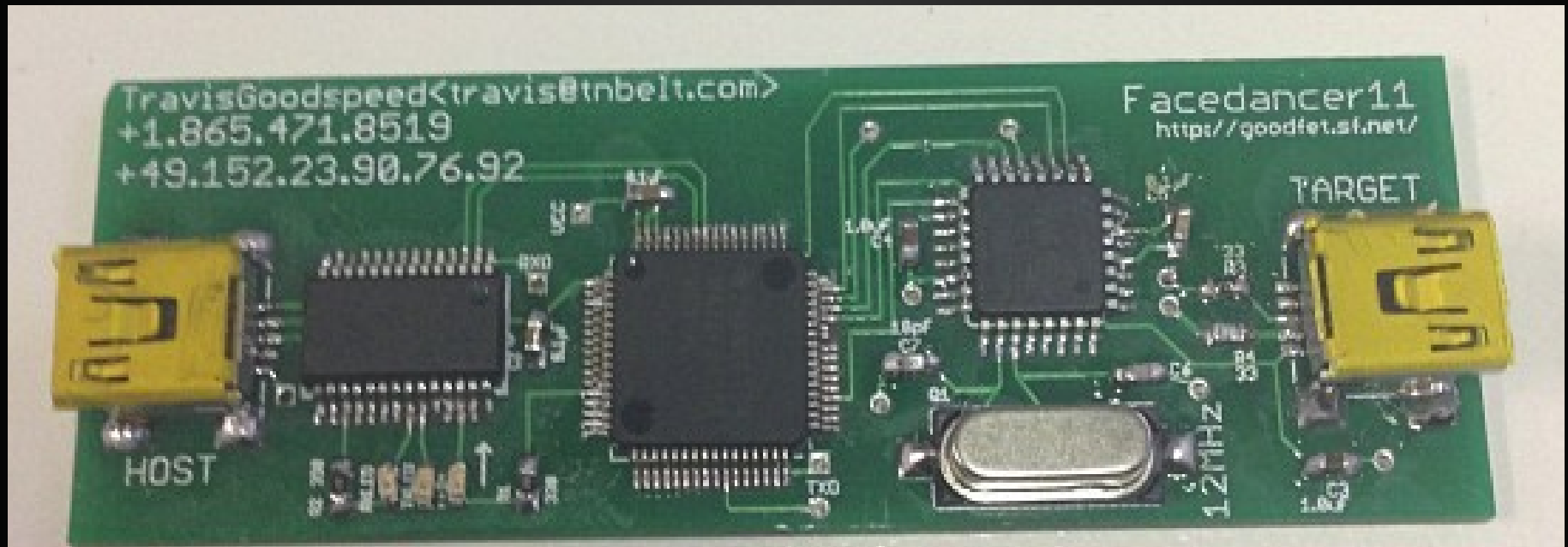
# FaceDancer



# FaceDancer Drawbacks

Speed / latency / cost

Soldering skills?



# RaspDancer / BeagleDancer

RaspDancer – Phillipe Teuwen

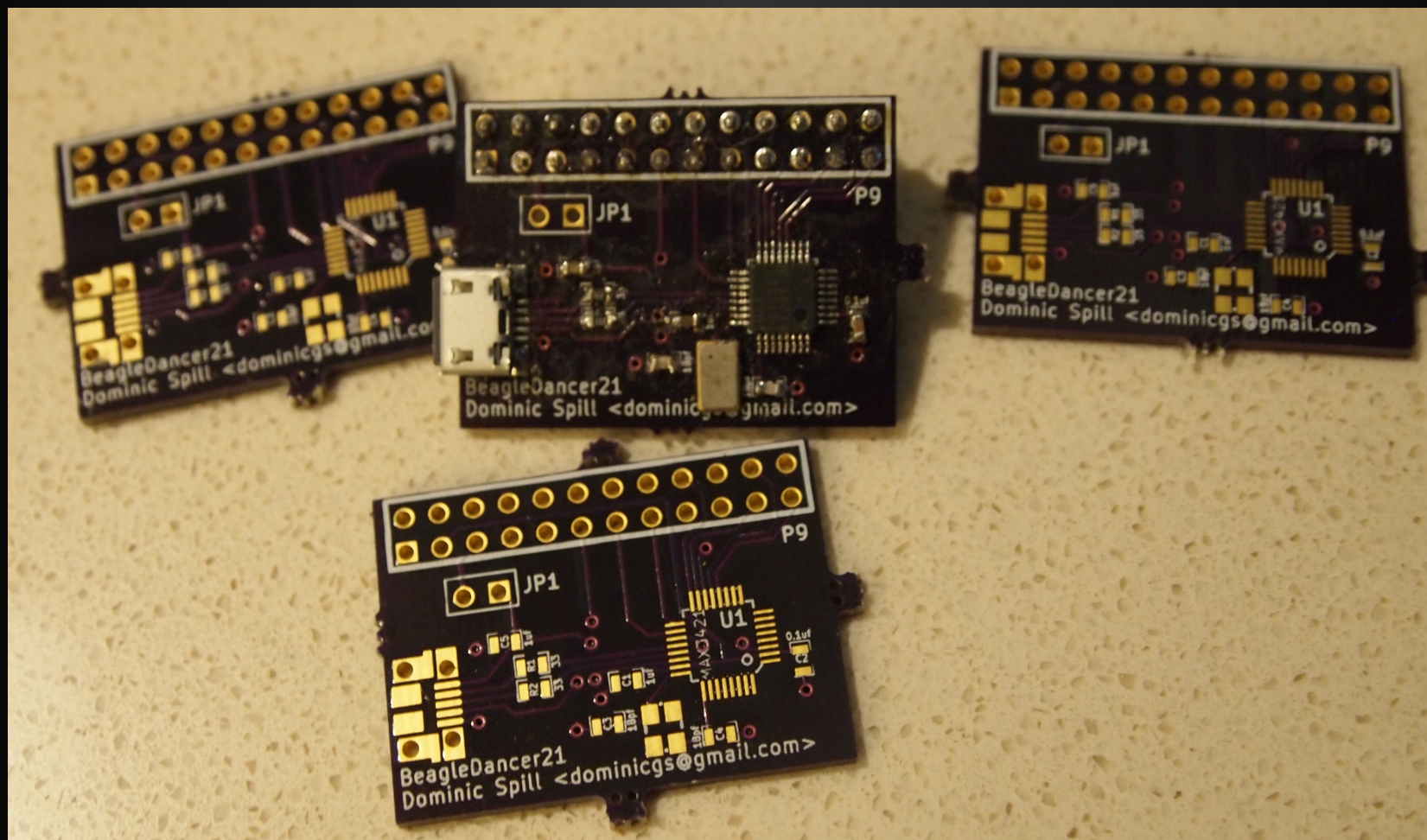
Increases SPI to 26MHz

Fewer parts – cheaper

BeagleDancer – Dominic Spill



# BeagleDancer



# BeagleDancer is pointless

MAX3421 USB OTG IC

BBB has OTG built in to TI am3359

<dominicgs> I made a FaceDancer for the BBB!

<mossmann> You know the BBB can probably do FaceDancer-y things anyway?

# USB Sniffer

Nicholas Boichat

GSOC 2010

Kernel module to relay USB traffic

Sniff packets with USBMon

Unmaintained

2.6.x kernel

Want to do more than sniff

# Should I write my own kernel module?

Library of gadgets with kernel

Ethernet, storage, serial

Surely it can't be too hard to write one

Maintenance may be an issue

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... apart from our patch to GadgetFS

# usb-mitm was born

Simple C tool

Using libusb and gadgetfs

Only worked for Ubertooth

Based on examples from [linux-usb.org](http://linux-usb.org)

~1000 hacky lines

# USBProxy

Open source C++ framework

Flexible / extensible architecture

Built upon:

- GadgetFS

- libUSB

- BeagleBone Black

# BeagleBone Black

Cheap / powerful

Built in USB OTG interface

Open source hardware

# Demo

USB Packet Sniffing

# USBProxy Structure

Relayer moves packets around

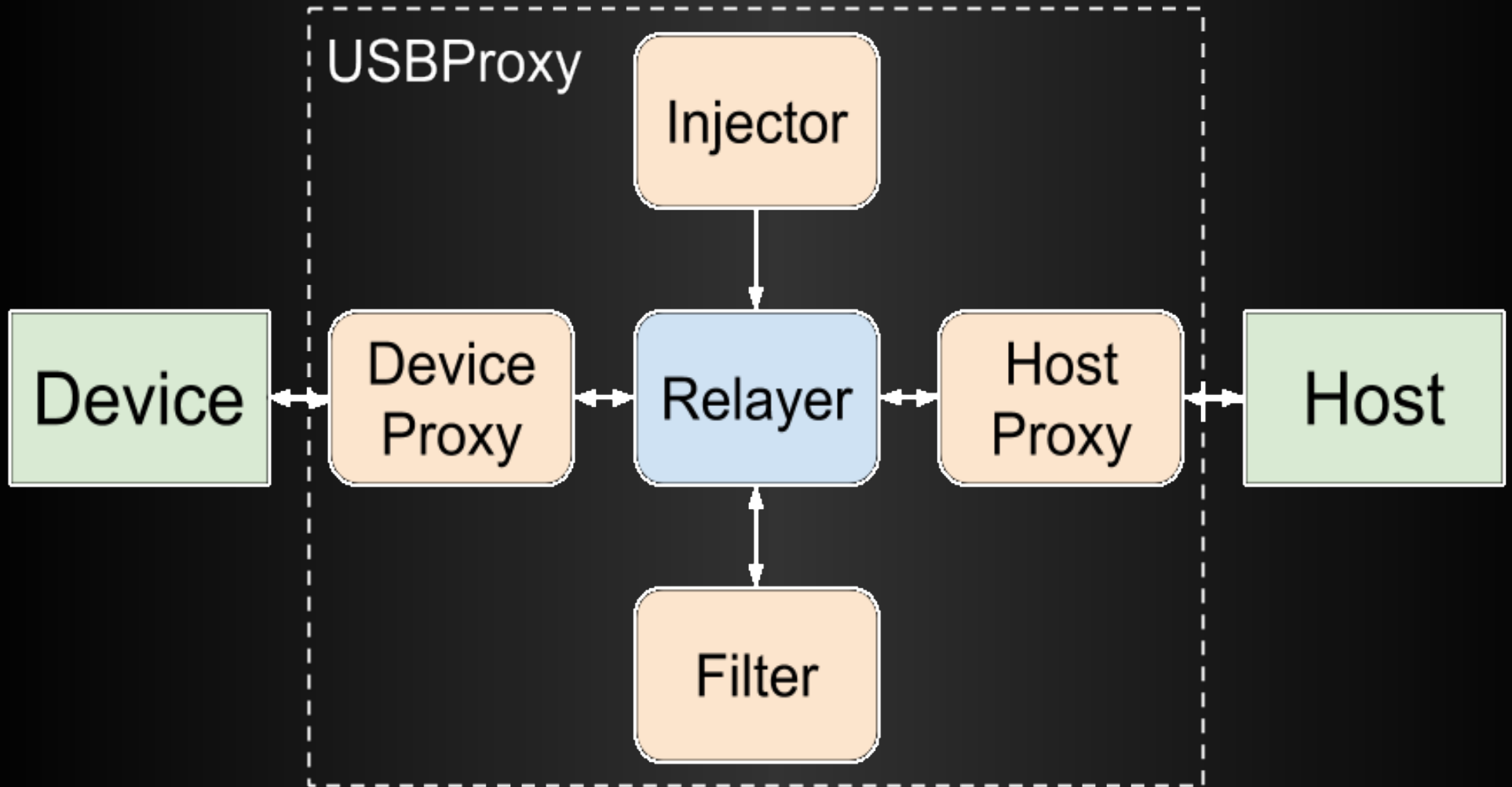
Manager handles setup and teardown

Proxies for talking to devices and hosts

Filters for modifying packets

Injectors for injecting arbitrary packets

# USBProxy Structure



# Filters

Log packets in transit

Modify packet data

Drop packets entirely



# Demo

Packet Filters

# Writing Filters

PacketFilter()

filter\_packet(Packet\* packet)

filter\_setup\_packet(SetupPacket\* packet, bool direction\_out)

# PacketFilter\_ROT13

```
void PacketFilter_ROT13::filter_packet(Packet* packet) {  
    int i;  
    for (i=2;i<8;i++) {  
        if (packet->data[i]<=0x1d && packet->data[i]>=0x04) {  
            if(packet->data[i]<=0x10)  
                packet->data[i]=packet->data[i]+13;  
            else  
                packet->data[i]=packet->data[i]-13;  
        }  
    }  
}
```

# Writing Injectors

Injector()

void start\_injector()

void stop\_injector()

int\* get\_pollable\_fds()

void full\_pipe(Packet\* p)

void get\_packets(Packet, SetupPacket, timeout)

# Demo

## Injection

# Proxies

Two flavours

Host – connects to host (GadgetFS)

Device – connects to device (libUSB)

Can use other libraries or technologies

TCP host and device proxies

# Demo

TCP Host/Device Proxies  
(almost certain to fail)

# Writing Proxies

int connect(timeout)

void disconnect()

void reset()

bool is\_connected()

bool is\_highspeed()

int control\_request(setup\_packet, nbytes, dataptr, timeout)

void send\_data(endpoint, attributes, maxPacketSize, dataptr, length)

void receive\_data(endpoint, attributes, maxPacketSize, dataptr, length, timeout)

void setConfig(fs\_cfg, hs\_cfg, hs)



# Device proxies can be devices

Define descriptors

Implement read and write functions

That's it!

# Loopback Device

Simple test device

Write data and read it back

`send_data()` adds packet to buffer

`receive_data()` func returns first packet from buffer

# Loopback device

```
void send_data(__u8 endpoint,__u8 attributes, __u16 maxPacketSize, __u8* dataptr, int length) {
    if(head==tail && full)
        return; // Buffer is full, silently drop data

    struct pkt next = buffer[tail];
    next.length = length;
    next.data = (__u8 *) malloc(length);
    memcpy(next.data, dataptr, length);
    free(buffer[tail].data);
    buffer[tail].data=NULL;
    tail = (tail + 1) % BUF_LEN;
    full = (head==tail);
}

void receive_data(__u8 endpoint,__u8 attributes, __u16 maxPacketSize, __u8** dataptr, int* length, int timeout) {
    if(head==tail && !full) {
        // No packet data (could wait for timeout to see if data arrives)
        *length = 0;
    } else {
        struct pkt next = buffer[head];
        *dataptr = next.data;
        *length = next.length;
        head = (head + 1) % BUF_LEN;
        full = !(head==tail);
    }
}
```

# Drawbacks of Curret Setup

BBB ports are USB 2.0 (480Mb/s)

Have yet to test throughput of USBProxy

Assume it is lower than line speed

One device and one host port

Both support OTG

Support alternative network setups

100Mb/s ethernet

Chip supports 1000Mb/s

# Future Work

USB 3

Requires suitable device interface

Most likely Daisho

Shared library

Configuration parser

# Language Bindings

Starting with Python

- Some initial filter code exists

- Nothing to demo yet

Plan for more languages

- Looking for volunteers to help write them

# FaceDancer Compatibility

Waiting on Python device proxies

Hope to work with existing software tools

Some slight differences in design, but  
should work

# Thanks

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Phillipe Teuwen & Nicholas Boichat

Michael Ossmann



# Questions

[github.com/dominicgs/USBProxy](https://github.com/dominicgs/USBProxy)

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Read the paper!