

# WooKey: Episode VII

## The Force Awakens

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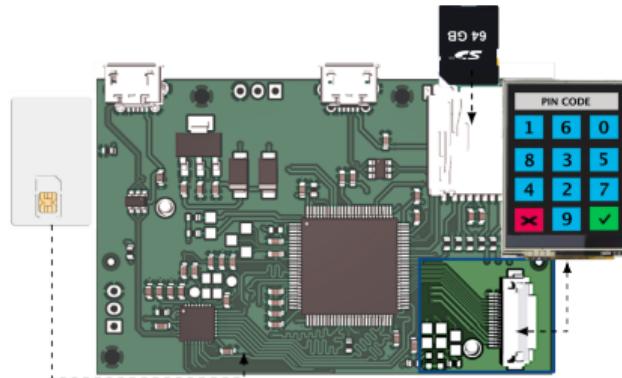
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# Doegox

- ▶ A Team Leader of  
Crypto & Embedded Security at Quarkslab
- ▶ White-box crypto “grey box” attacks
- ▶ EEPROM/RFID “tear-off” attacks
- ▶ Funky microsoldering on Google Titan M
- ▶ One of Libnfc and RRG/Proxmark3 Maintainers
- ▶ Hardware-oriented CTFs
- ▶ International Journal of PoC||GTFO



# WooKey in brief



Secure USB Mass Storage developed by ANSSI

- ▶ Encrypted SD Card
- ▶ Screen + touchscreen (randomized keypad)
- ▶ ISO7816 reader + tokens (JavaCards)

# WooKey nominal usage

1. Insert AUTH token
2. Type PetPIN
3. Check PetName
4. Type UserPIN
5. Now seen as Mass Storage



**WOOKEY**  
ANSSI

Why Pet Pin and Pet Name ?  
To avoid PIN phishing attempts  
with a fake WooKey

# Context

- ▶ ANSSI: French National Cybersecurity Agency
- ▶ Awards CSPN certifications to security products
- ▶ Based on private evaluation labs: CESTI/ITSEF
- ▶ **Quarkslab**: certified software CESTI
- ▶ ANSSI organizes regular inter-CESTI challenges



# Last inter-CESTI challenge

## Based on WooKey

- ▶ Open source (hw/sw) project by ANSSI
- ▶ Large evaluation plan shared across 10 CESTI
- ▶ Mixing hardware and software skills

# What is this talk about?

A bit about the WooKey

- ▶ We already got many talks on it

Mostly about how to set up cheap hardware attacks

1. Timing attack against smartcard
2. UI automation over SPI (and a bit of crypto)
3. Electromagnetic Fault Injection test bench

# Timing attack against smartcard

# The Plan

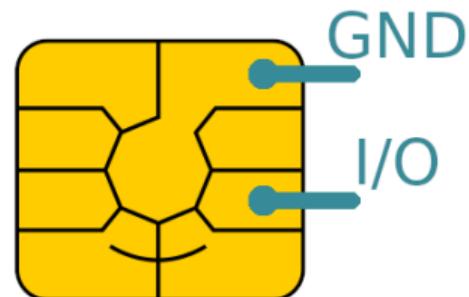
- ▶ Check if UserPIN validation doesn't leak timing information
  - ▶ Correct PIN (e.g. 1234) timing probably different, ok
  - ▶ What if 1999 vs 9999 ?
  - ▶ What if 9994 vs 9999 ?
  - ▶ What if 9999 vs 99999999 ?

Code review: they used “OwnerPIN.check” JavaCard API

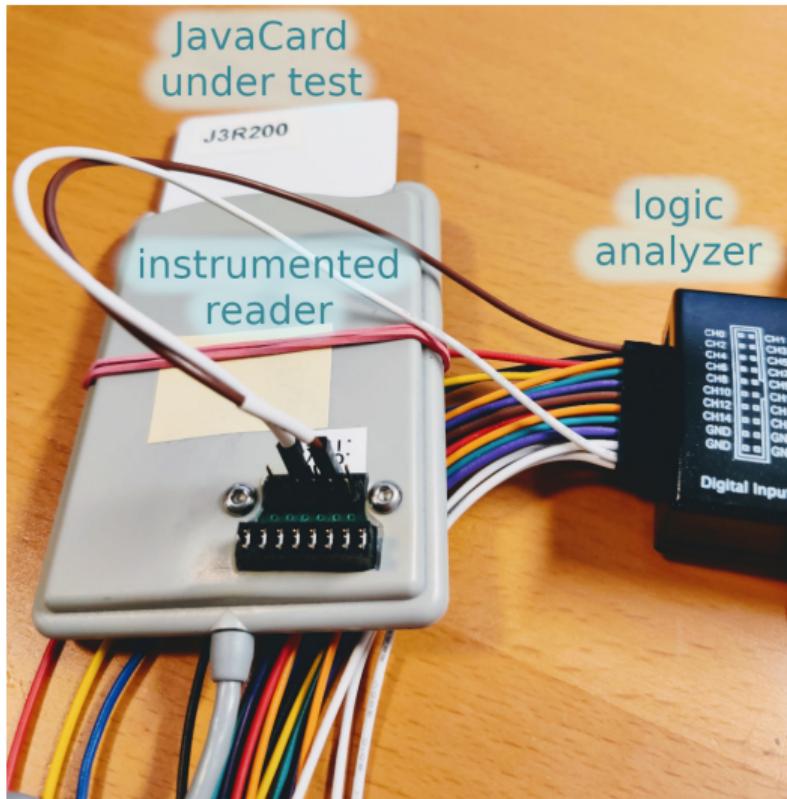
Still, let's see how to do it...

# The Material

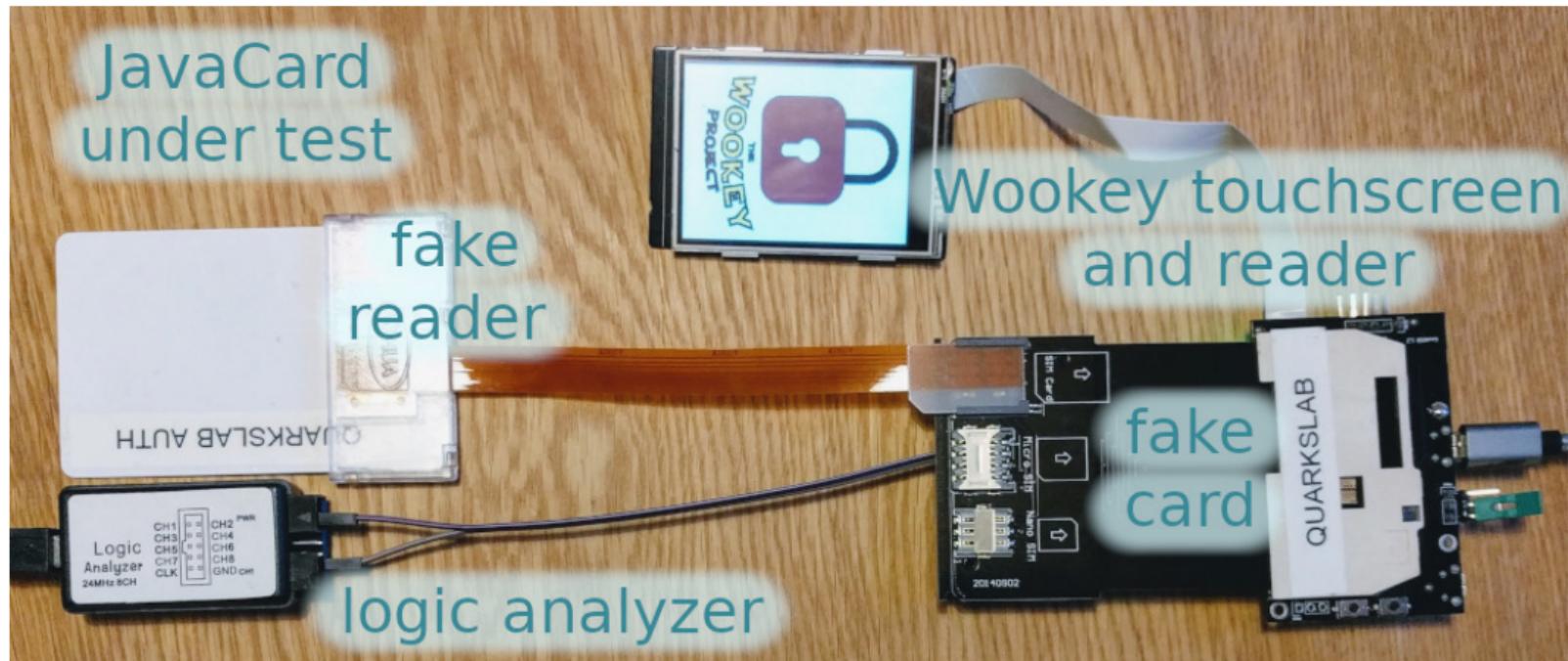
- ▶ Logic analyzer
- ▶ Way to hook on I/O and GND PINs
- ▶ Script
  - ▶ Trigger trace acquisition
  - ▶ Communicate with the card
  - ▶ Acquire trace
  - ▶ Rinse and repeat
- ▶ Target (that won't kill itself after 3 fails...)



# Option 1: instrumented reader



# Option 2: reader-card extension



# Trace example



# PIN length tests example

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# PIN length: a JavaCard OS issue

- ▶ Not a problem of the WooKey
- ▶ Found on J3Ho81 (JCOP3, EAL5+) and J3R200 (JCOP4, EAL6+) JavaCards
- ▶ Not a big vulnerability, but still unexpected
- ▶ Reported to NXP

# UI automation over SPI

# First a bit of crypto

Remember PetPIN & PetName?

- ▶ Wookey
  - ▶ PetPIN → DK = PBKDF2-SHA512(PetPIN, salt)
  - ▶ → DK sent to token
- ▶ Token
  - ▶ Contains an encrypted key blob (ELK)
  - ▶ KPK = Dec<sub>DK</sub>(ELK)
  - ▶ → KPK sent to WooKey
- ▶ Wookey
  - If KPK correct:
    - ▶ Decrypts a keystore
    - ▶ Mounts a Secure Channel with token
    - ▶ Gets PetName from token
    - ▶ Displays PetName

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- ▶  $\text{DK}^* \& \text{KPK}^* \rightarrow \text{ELK} = \text{Enc}_{\text{DK}^*}(\text{KPK}^*)$

No need to know the correct DK or PetPIN to extract ELK!

# The Plan

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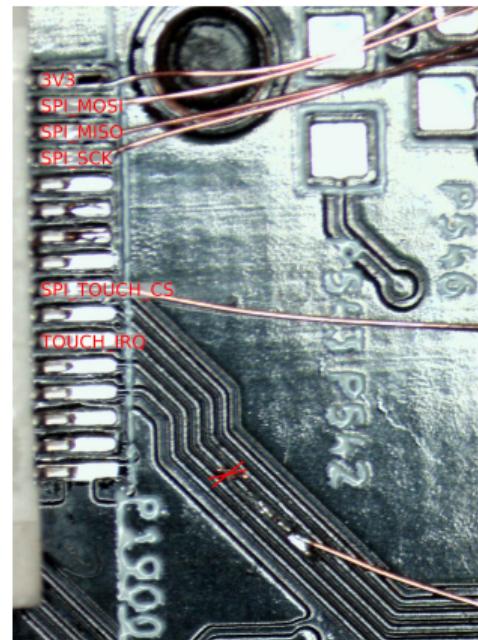
Bruteforce: deal with randomized keypad...

- ▶ Sniff SPI commands to screen to reconstruct the keypad
- ▶ Inject fake touchscreen IRQ and SPI traffic
- ▶ Sniff ISO7816 to watch for a Secure Channel attempt

# The Material

- ▶ Fake token
- ▶ Microcontroller (e.g. a Teensy)
- ▶ Logic analyzer (for debugging)
- ▶ Attach to SPI bus
- ▶ Hijack touchscreen IRQ track

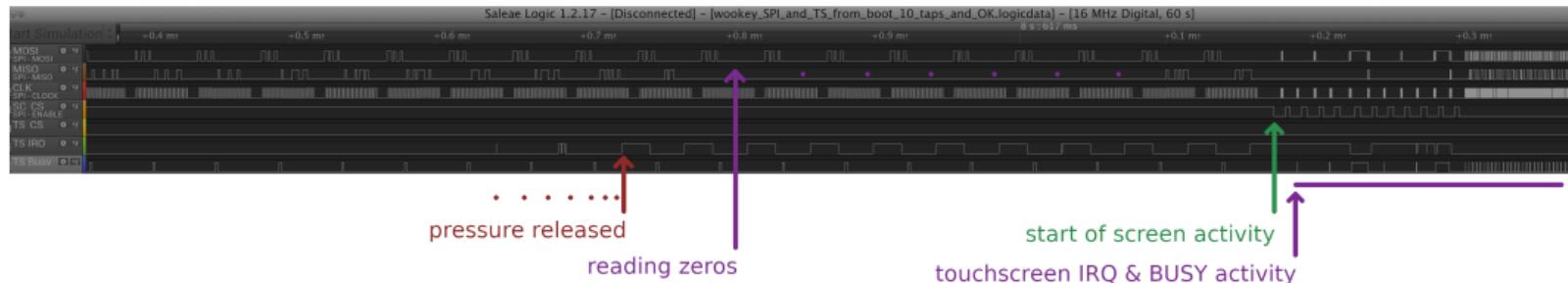
And... very unreliable results...



# Tweaks

WooKey bugs:

- ▶ Touchscreen Chip Select always active
- ▶ Touchscreen always sampled 16x even after pressure release → wrong average pos



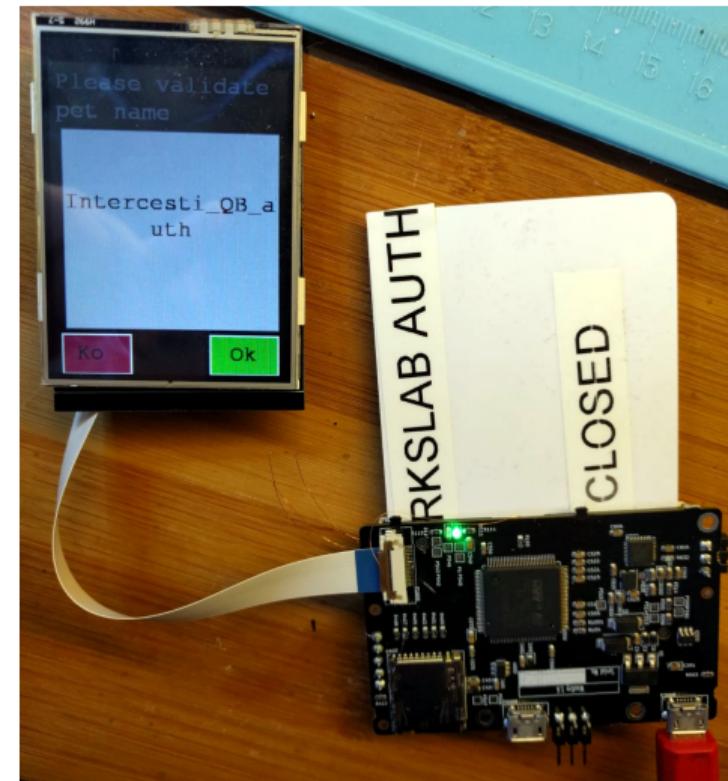
→ Drive touchscreen IRQ and inject fake positions in sync with the full sampling sequence

# Action!



# Bruteforce results

PetPIN broken in 15 h  
(41 h for full 4-digit space)  
→  
Use original token to get PetName



# **Electromagnetic Fault Injection test bench**

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# The Plan

Send an EM perturbation to affect the chip operations

- ▶ E.g. skipping instructions

Characterize target chip with sample code

- ▶ Simple loop counters to detect if instructions are skipped
- ▶ Try various coils, voltages, durations, XYZ positions,...

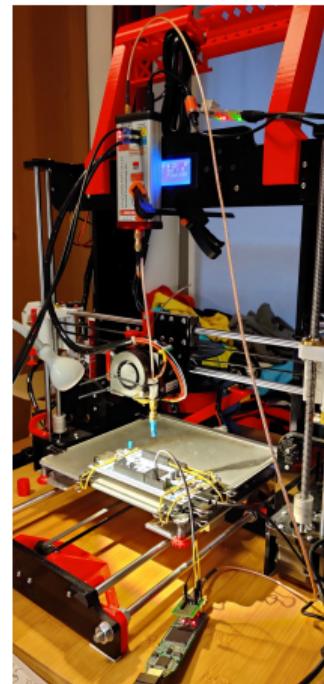
Tune parameters and choose which function to target

- ▶ Skip locking and erasing security features
- ▶ Target: Loader checking firmware integrity (SHA-256)
- ▶ Replace next stage by blinking LEDs (red=alert, blue=success)
- ▶ One more parameter: pulse delay

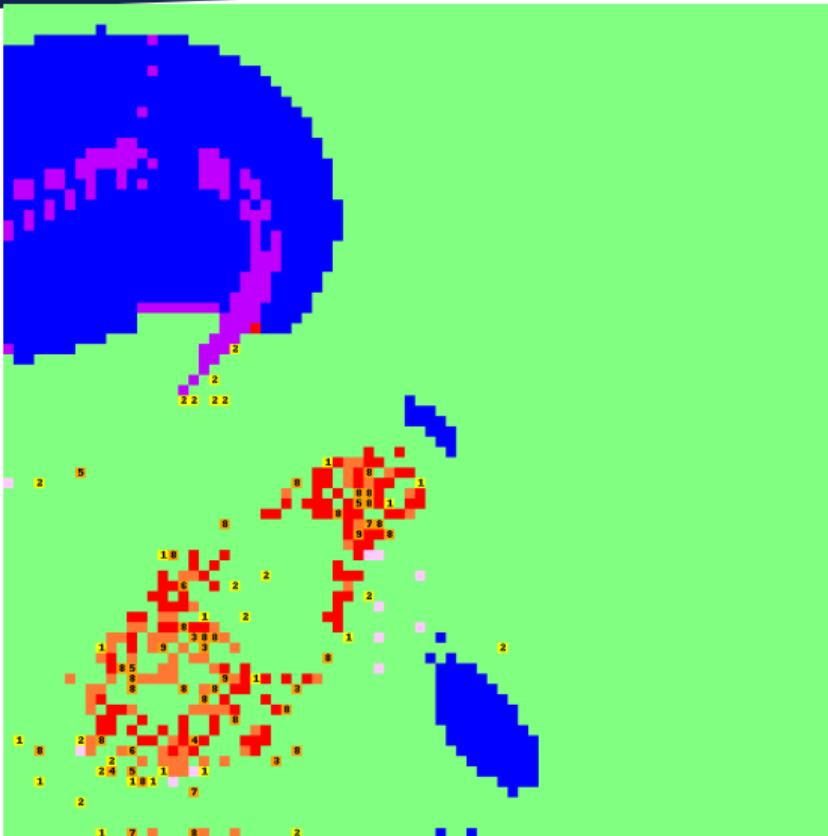
# The Material

Script framework orchestrating:

- ▶ EMFI injector
- ▶ Configurable trigger (FPGA)
- ▶ XYZ table (3D printer, CNC,...)
- ▶ Communication with target
- ▶ Reset of target
- ▶ Cartography and test campaigns



# Cartography example



Date: 20200219-141012  
Tip: 4mmcw-hvtrig  
Z: 1.0 mm  
Pulse voltage: 500 V  
Pulse width: 80 ns  
Pulse delay: 2000 ns  
X axis: [-8.0, 8.0] mm  
Y axis: [-8.0, 8.0] mm  
X axis resolution: 0.2 mm  
Y axis resolution: 0.2 mm

Legend:

- Green: normal behavior
- Blue: TeE not responsive
- Magenta: TeE rebooted
- Pink: repeated instructions
- Yellow: skipped < 3 instructions
- Orange: skipped < 10 instructions
- Red: skipped < 100 instructions
- Dark Red: skipped many instructions

# Results

Integrity check bypass:

- ▶ 80 tests/min
- ▶ First success after 5000 attempts
- ▶ Then with more tuning, success rate of 7.2%

# Less expected results...

Got firmware and RAM leaks over UART (disabled in prod)

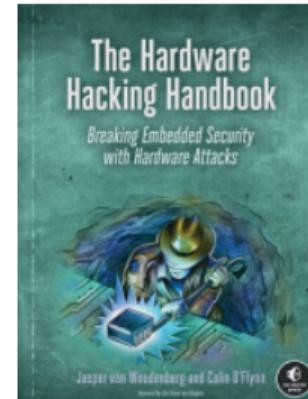
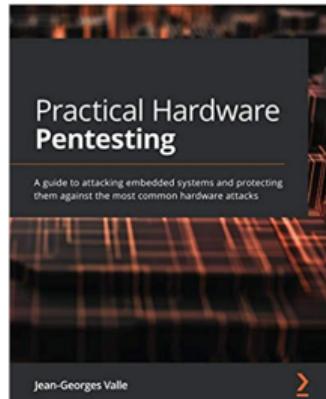
Tried RDP2 bypass, fried a demo board after few hundred thousand tests...

# Conclusion

Hardware attacks are fun  
Hardware attacks are affordable  
Never assume, challenge always

Two very recent books to recommend:

- ▶ Practical Hardware Pentesting, by Jean-Georges Valle
- ▶ The Hardware Hacking Handbook, by Colin O'Flynn and Jasper van Woudenberg



# Thank you

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