


# Networking Bug


[Pretend this is a series of emails in an application on a computer monitor]



[Earliest email chronologically, pinned to the top]

- From: B.B.   
Subject: Operation in the Port of Los Angeles  
Date: 1996-05-23  
We've bugged the port's network to track shipments. The transmitter will send signals over our frequency back to the local base of operations you will be stationed at. Our frequency represents the port, for our purposes. This should give you plenty of information to run surveillance.

[Rest of the emails in reverse chronological order]

- From: B.B.   
Subject: URGENT - Network Maintenance Job  
Date: 1996-06-21  
We've determined the source of the interference: Arweave beetles are masters of communication, using a series of electromagnetic pulses on a specific frequency to create local networks. They have a communication protocol similar to ours. The bugs have unique identification sequences, allowing them to connect with each other and send messages. They will respond with excitement when you call out for them. Recently, we have isolated a bug and determined its identification sequence. Here is the signal readout from our network. The format might be a bit hard to read, so feel free to convert it to a more basic digital format.



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*Id sequence?    -.-.-.-.-.-.-.-*

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*:----- frequency?*

[Back to the same email]


Tuning our frequency requires going to the port, but we must follow protocol. Putting boots on the ground would blow our cover, so do it locally over the network. Try connecting with the bug and listen to how it responds. We might be able to filter out the signal and figure out what trigger word is making them go haywire. Get this done ASAP, I AM WATCHING YOU.

- From: B.B.   
Subject: Unknown Network Interference

Date: 1996-06-15

Something else is on the same frequency causing interference. Here is a log from yesterday's shipments: <https://tinyurl.com/ShipmentLogs>.

They seem to be inserting extra bits of data in the middle of the messages. The interference doesn't seem malicious or intelligent, but be cautious. Don't let them know that we are always watching.

- From: B.B. 

Subject: Keep a Low Profile

Date: 1996-06-07

Our transmissions seem to have attracted a local species of bug. They are attacking some of the shipments and attracting too much attention. If this continues, we might have to shut the operation down.

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*Trigger word? -----*