

# Car Security in Bluetooth Era

Threats, Tools, and Tactics

# Hackers Remotely Kill a Jeep on the Highway—With Me in It

I was driving 70 mph on the edge of downtown St. Louis when the exploit began to take hold.

## Hacking Kia: Remotely Controlling Cars With Just a License Plate

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### Exploiting Wi-Fi Stack on Tesla Model S

by Tencent Keen Security Lab

## New Bluetooth hack can unlock your Tesla—and all kinds of other devices

All it takes to hijack Bluetooth-secured devices is custom code and \$100 in hardware.

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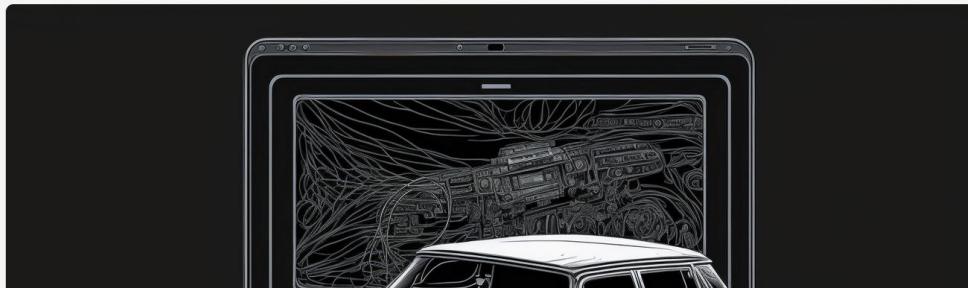
### Tencent Security Keen Lab: Experimental Security Assessment of Mercedes-Benz Cars

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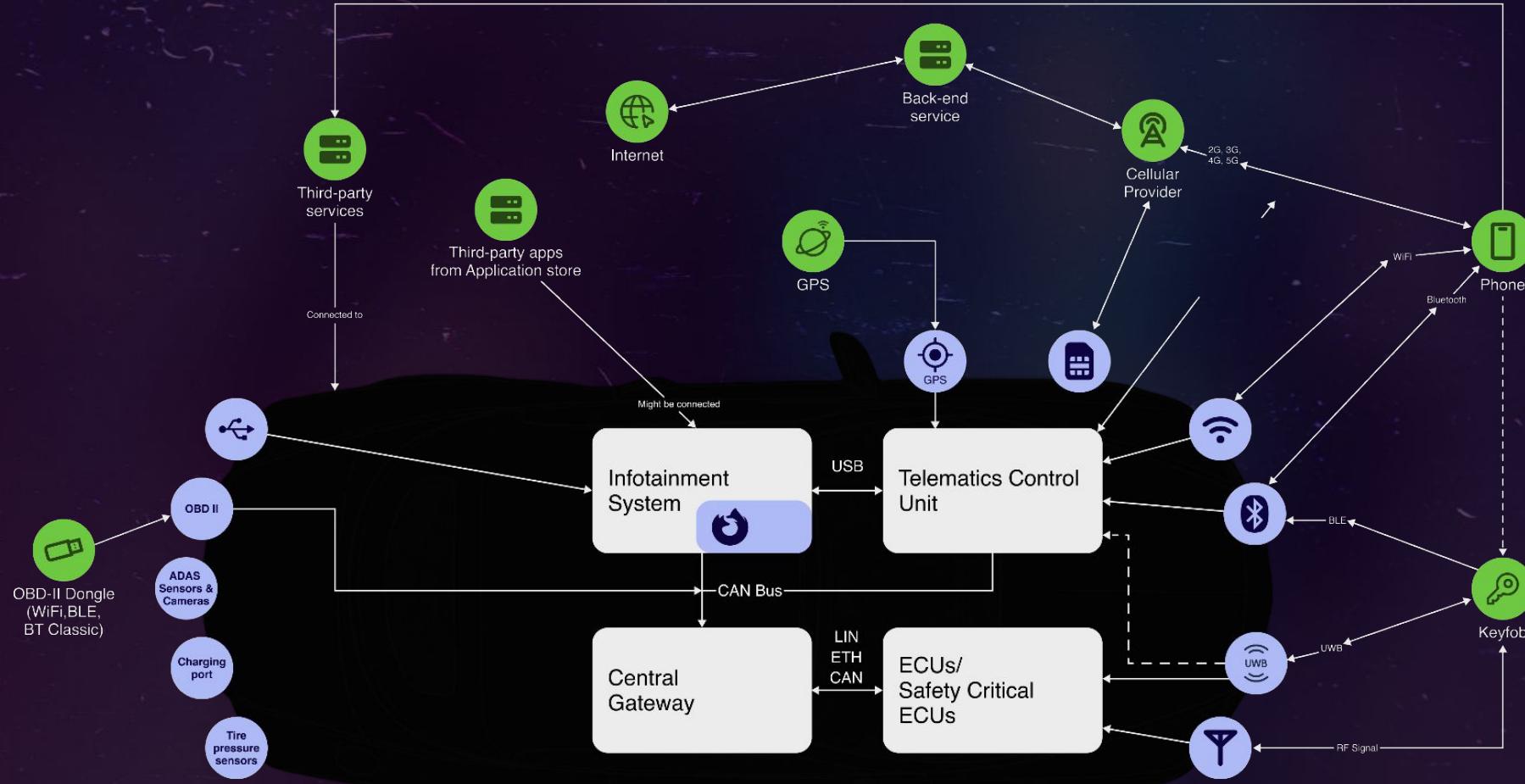


## Web Hackers vs. The Auto Industry: Critical Vulnerabilities in Ferrari, BMW, Rolls Royce, Porsche, and More

Tue Jan 03 2023



# Cars are complex



- Typically 100-200M LOC<sup>1</sup>
- Includes QNX, Android Automotive OS, AGL with libraries for interfaces (Bluetooth, WiFi, GPS, Cellular, UWB)

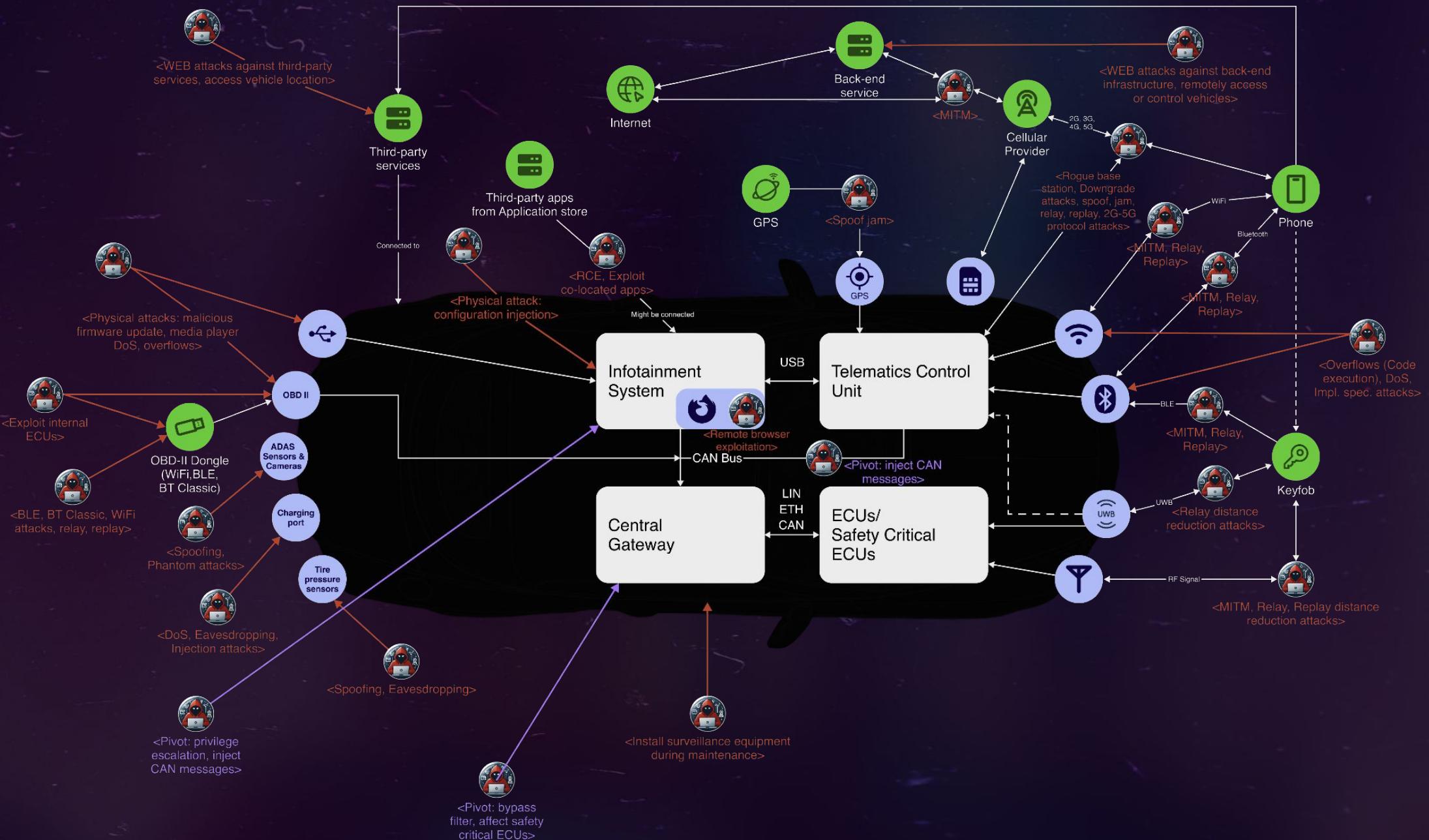
1. <https://www.statista.com/statistics/1370978/automotive-software-average-lines-of-codes-per-vehicle-globally/>

**WITH GREAT POWER**



**COMES GREAT  
RESPONSIBILITY**

# Cars are complex ... and so is their attack surface



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```
pretty Raw Hex    Pretty Raw Hex Render  
GET /api/v2/garage/vehicles/ [REDACTED] /users/primary HTTP/2  
skoda-auto.cz  
  
1 HTTP/2 200 OK  
2 Content-Type: application/json  
3 Content-Length: 365  
4 Cache-Control: no-cache, no-store, max-age=0, must-revalidate  
5 Pragma: no-cache  
6 Expires: 0  
7 X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff  
8 Strict-Transport-Security: max-age=31536000 ; includeSubDomains  
9 X-Frame-Options: DENY  
10 X-Xss-Protection: 0  
11 Referrer-Policy: no-referrer  
12 [REDACTED]  
13 [REDACTED]  
14 [REDACTED]  
15 {  
    "id": [REDACTED],  
    "firstName": [REDACTED],  
    "lastName": [REDACTED],  
    "nickname": [REDACTED],  
    "email": [REDACTED],  
    "profilePictureUrl": [REDACTED],  
    "knownToVehicle": true,  
    "hasConsent": true  
}
```

# Focus

## Remote

- Web, UWB, Bluetooth, WiFi, Cellular, GPS, ...

## Local

- USB, OBD-II, pivoting attacks from 1 component to another, ...

## Implementation-specific

- IoT hacking\* (components)
- Reverse Engineering
- DAST/SAST

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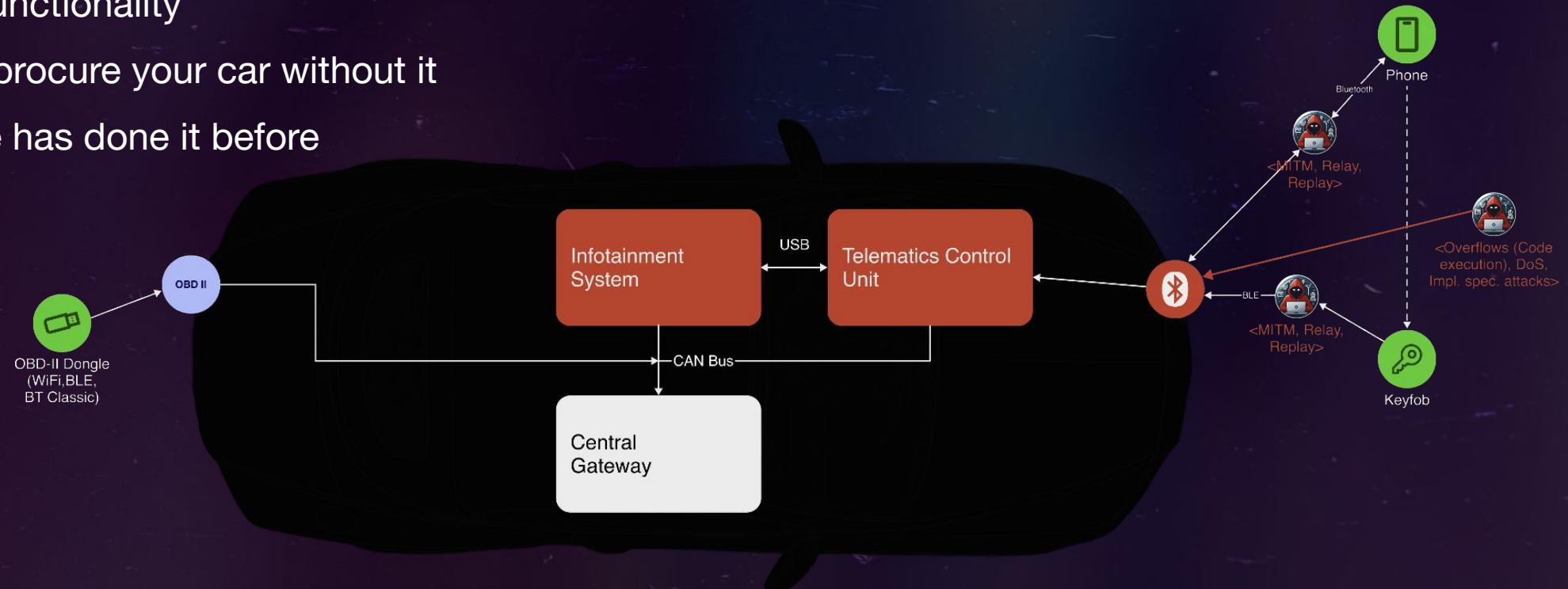
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# Why Examine Bluetooth in Cars?

- 1 billion cars have Bluetooth (typically BT Classic) <sup>1,2</sup>
- 87% of new cars have BT<sup>2</sup>
- Rich functionality
- Can't procure your car without it
- Noone has done it before



1. <https://www.thedrive.com/guides-and-gear/how-many-cars-are-there-in-the-world> 2. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC8588186/>

# whoami

- Bug Bounty hunter (Security Researcher :) ) - known as yso, schwytz and en\_de\_ru\_cn
- Focus areas include:
  - Penetration testing & security research from web to E-Voting and OS
  - Development/SE of tools & systems
- OSCP, BSCP; (CRT0 & CRTL in progress)
- Spoke at some confs like DEFCON, Area41 and others.
- Bluetooth project was done with Cyber Defence Campus, ETH Zurich and afterwards on my own

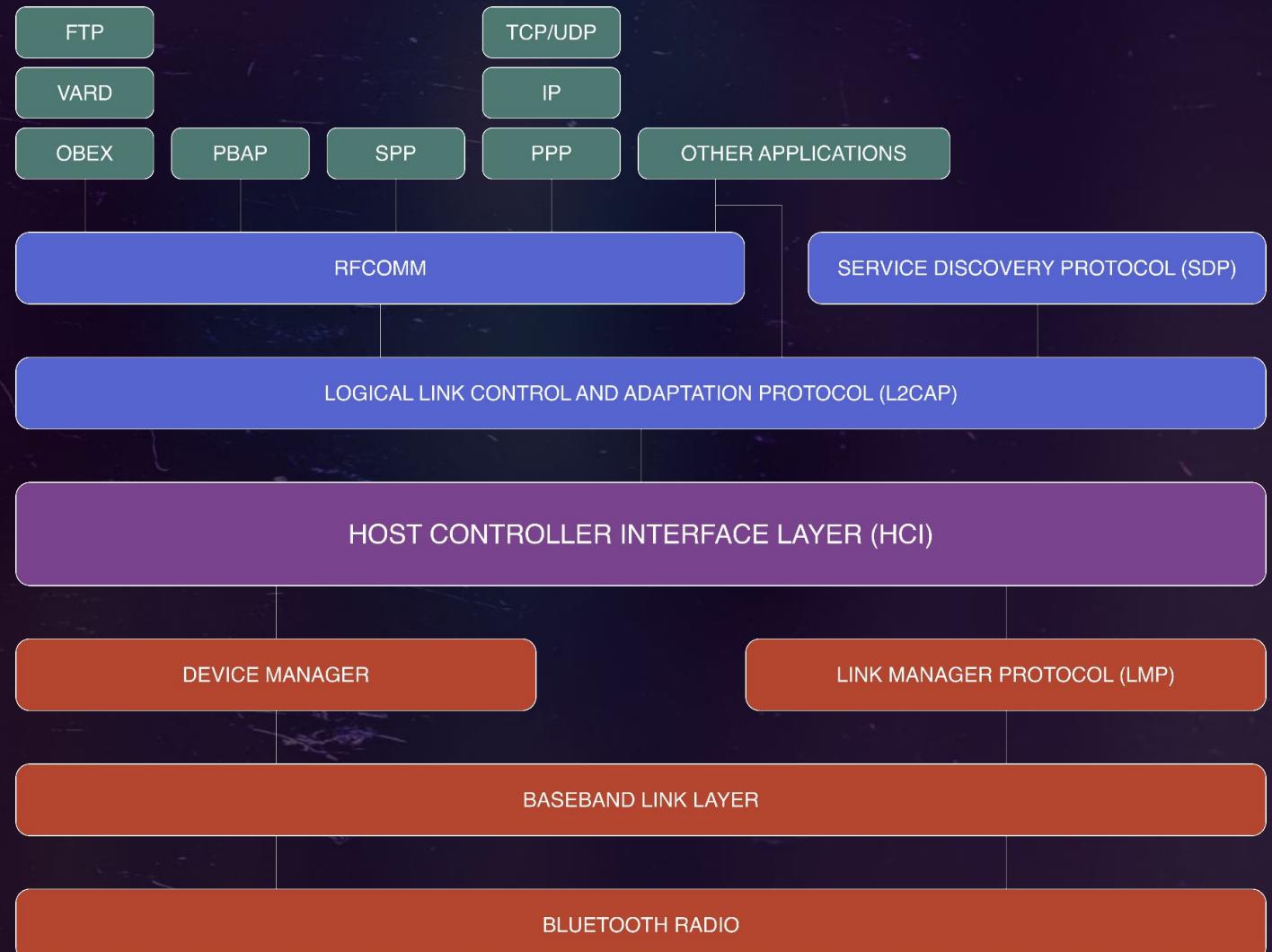




# Bluetooth

## II - Bluetooth - Shared responsibility

- Short-range wireless comm. Standard
- Complexity due to shared responsibility
  - errors
  - misunderstandings
- We are going to talk only about Bluetooth Classic
- Transport + Functionality



1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VwM3sUYGIBk> Original diagram was coloured by Kamel Ghali. We redesigned it.

# Bluetooth Classic or BLE in Vehicles

- In cars:
  - BLE supported only in a few cars Honda HFT, Toyota Corolla 2023, Tesla Model Y, Audi E-tron, ...
  - BLE is generally supported on a Controller level but not on Host
  - In future, this might change
    - Bluetooth 6.0 new secure positioning\* features (think keys)
    - Other use-cases or supported by OS by default.
- Bluetooth Classic is dominant in cars, e.g. there are specific profiles that are in the “Car Kit”.
- It's easier to develop custom profiles for BLE than for BC (Bluetooth Classic)

## II - Bluetooth Profiles

- HFP
  - making calls
- A2DP
  - Transferring audio
- PBAP
  - extracting contacts
- MAP
  - extracting messages (Car kit profile)
- SAP
  - full access to the SIM card (Car kit profile)
  - Used in older cars
- FTP
  - file transfer
- HID
  - Human interface devices such as Keyboard, pointers, etc.
- Object Push, SPP and others



## II - Bluetooth Security Model - Capabilities



DisplayYesNo



DisplayOnly



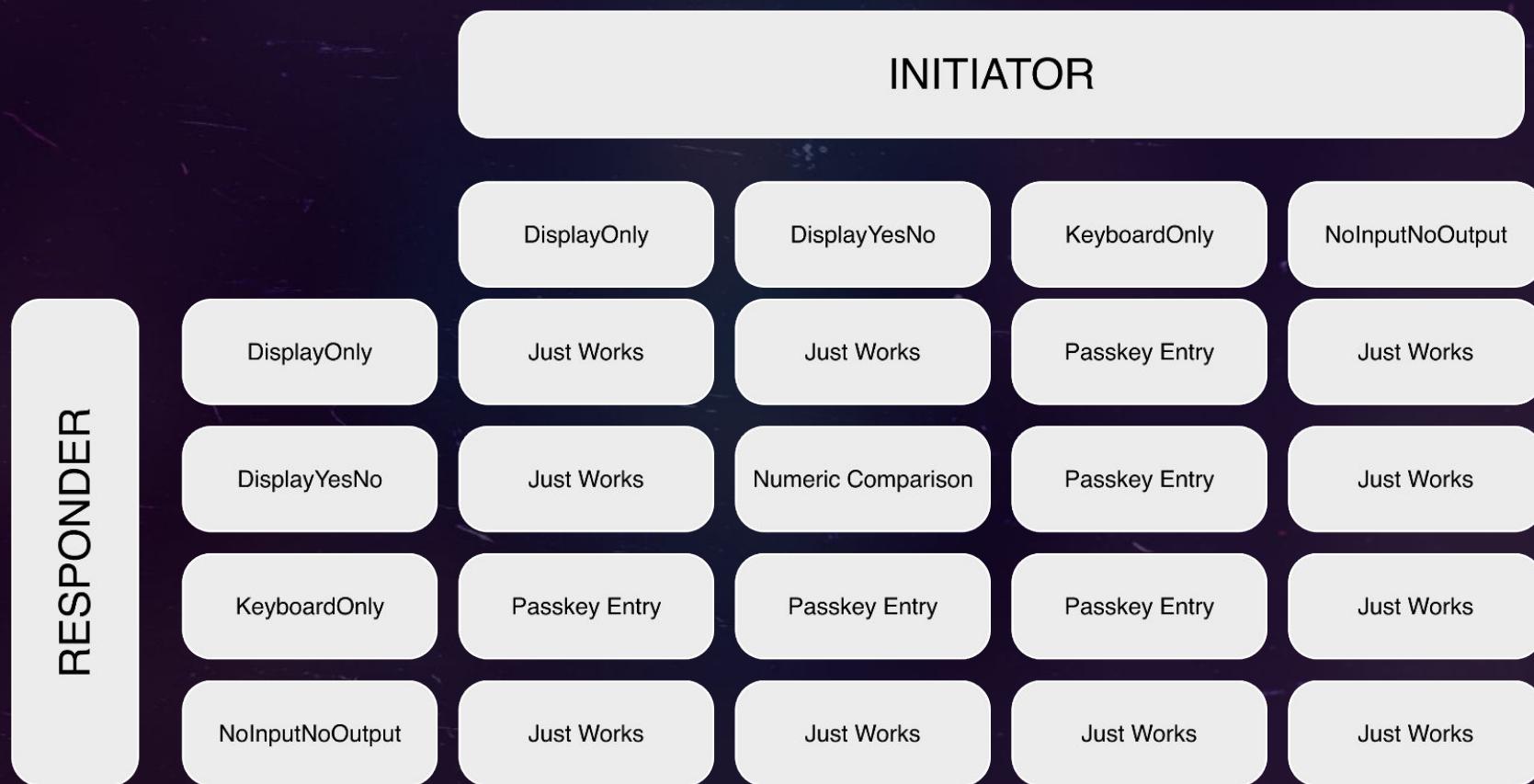
KeyboardOnly



NoInputNoOutput

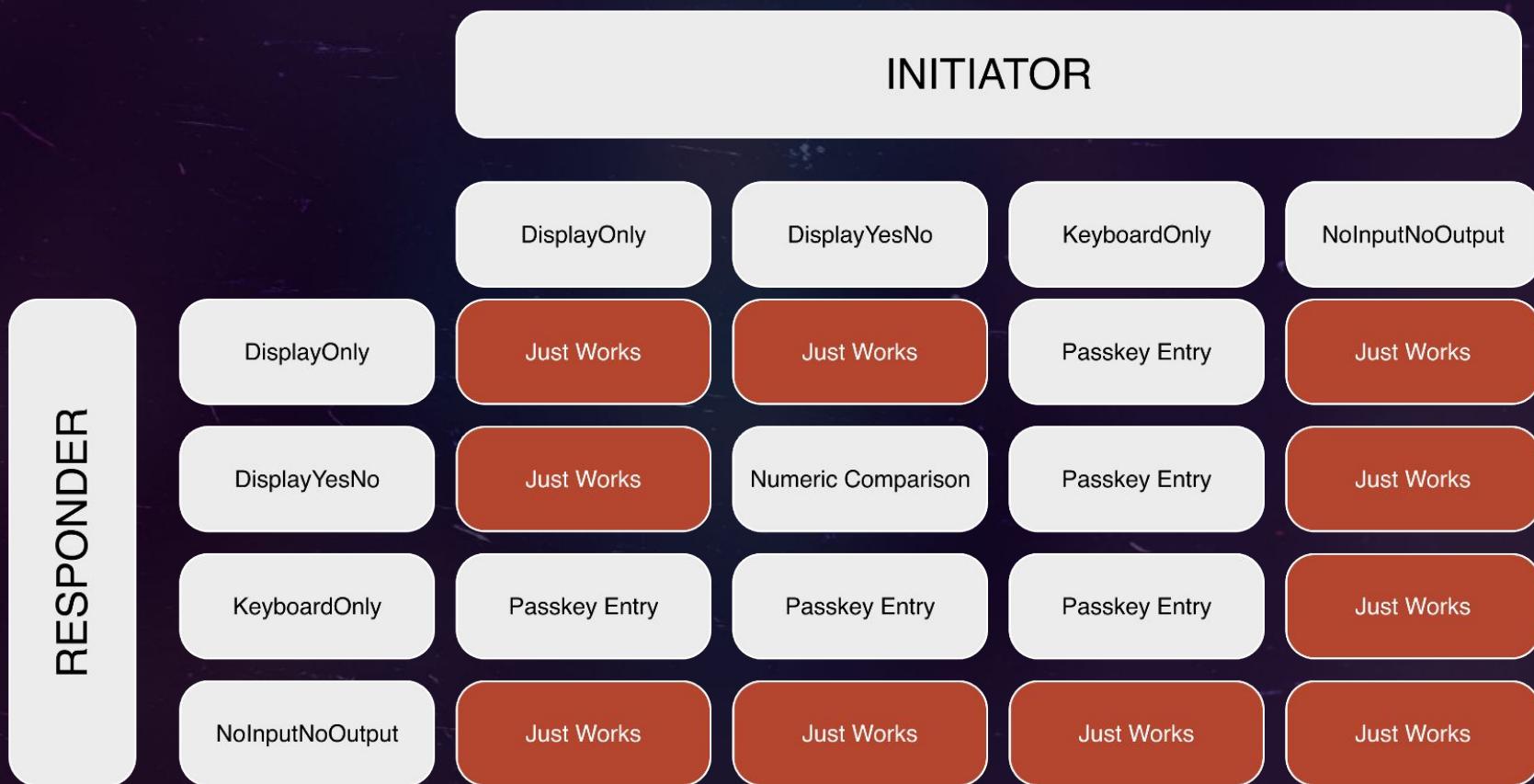
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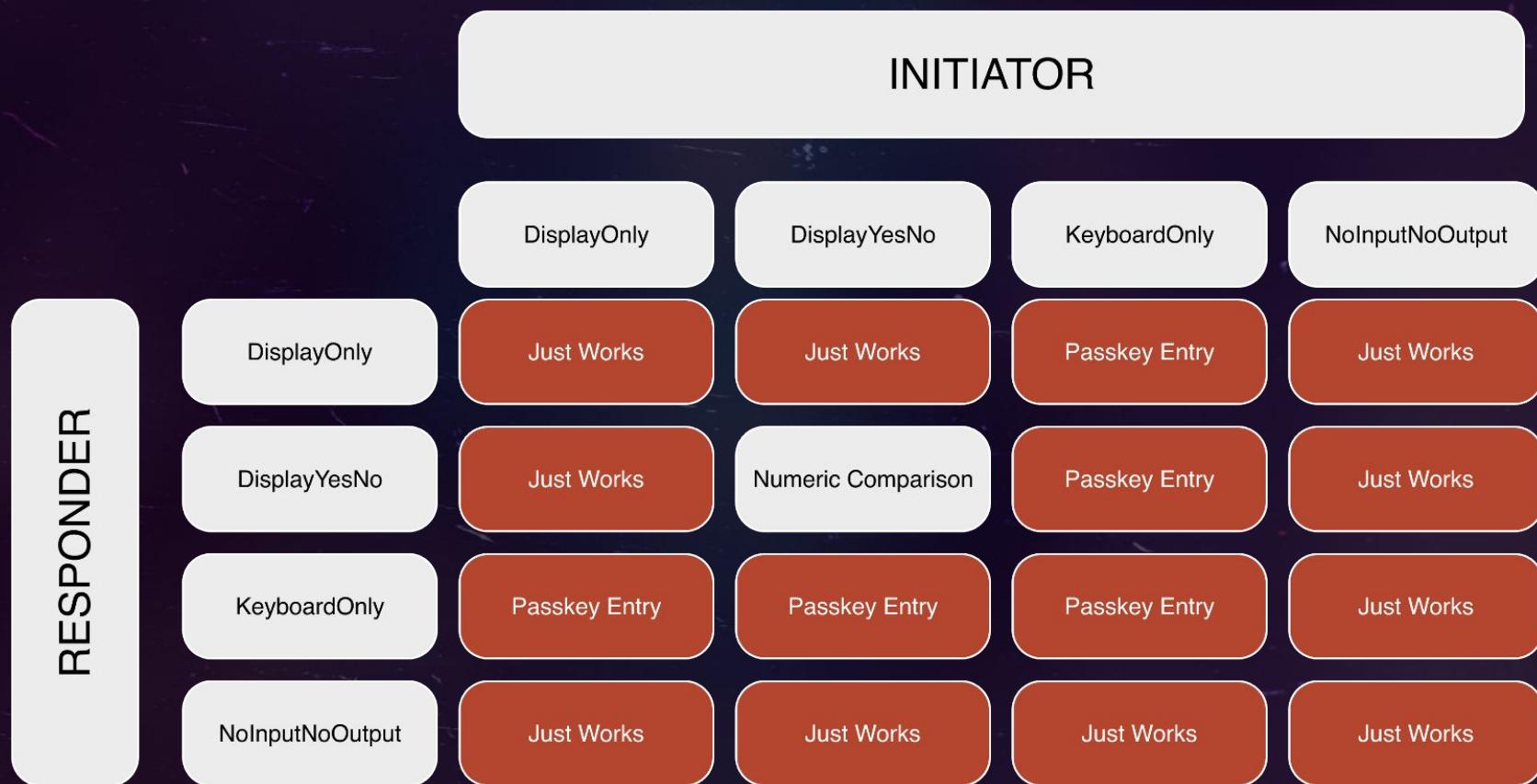
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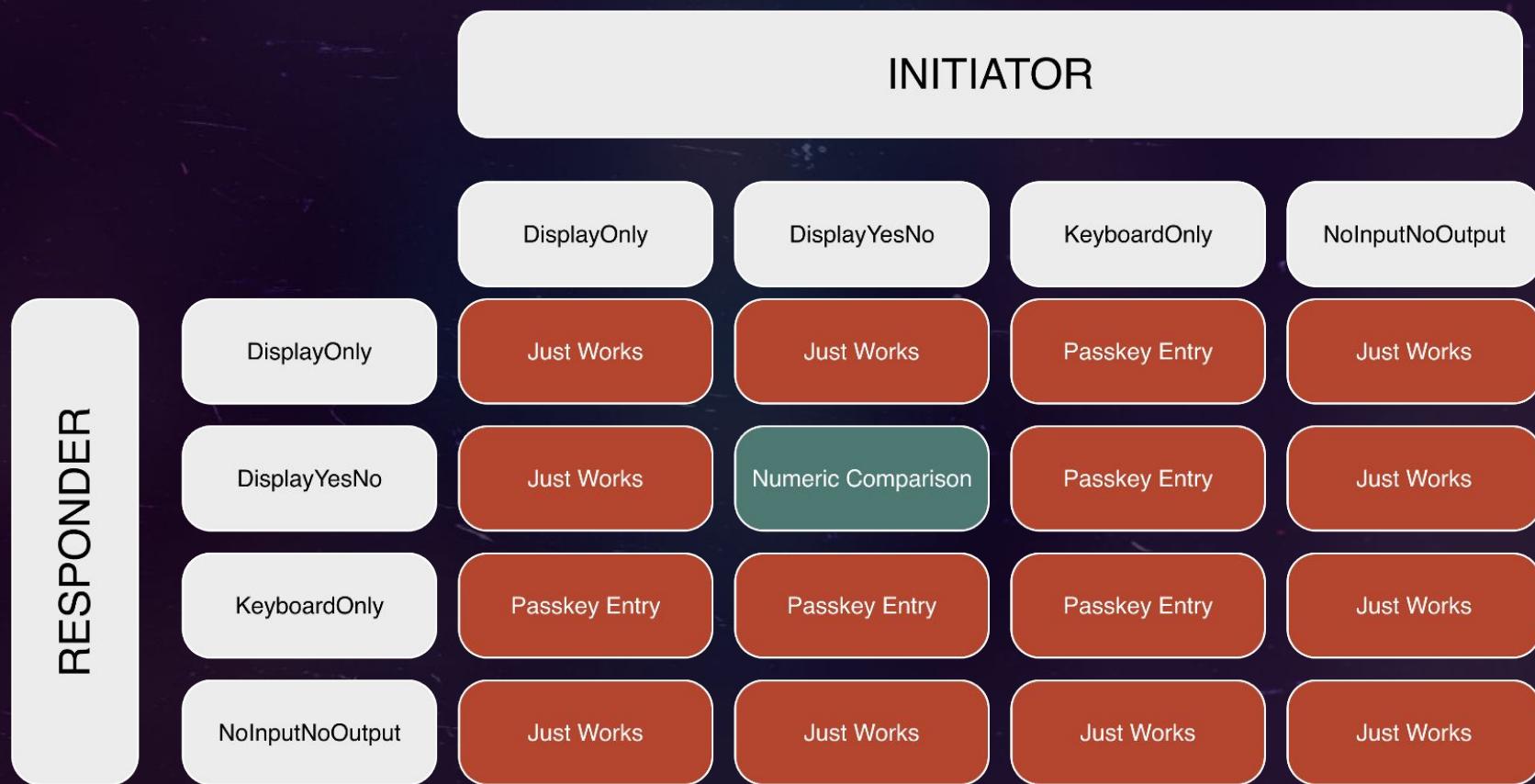
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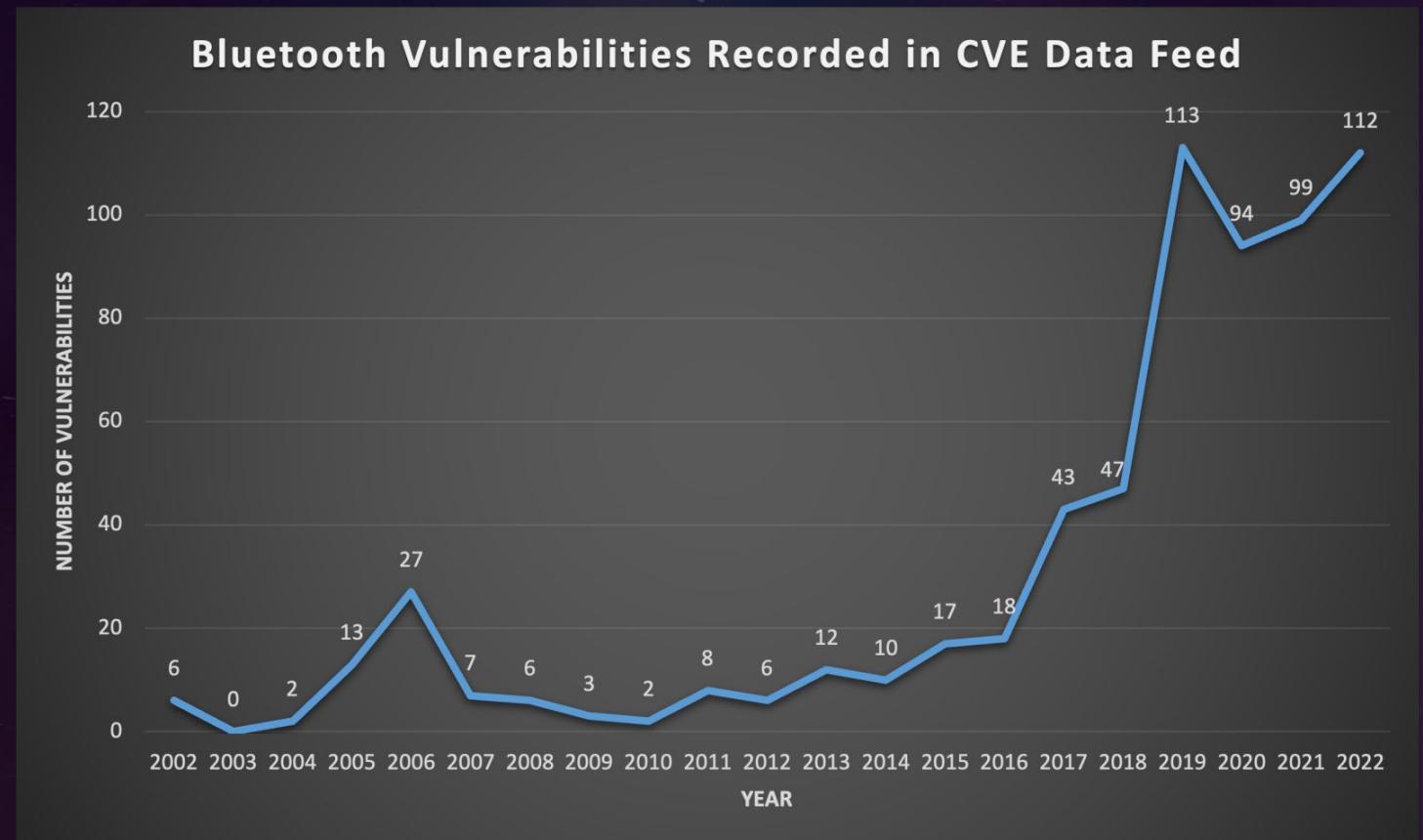


- Once established there is no difference for profiles whether the secure pairing mode was used or not

## II - Previous Research

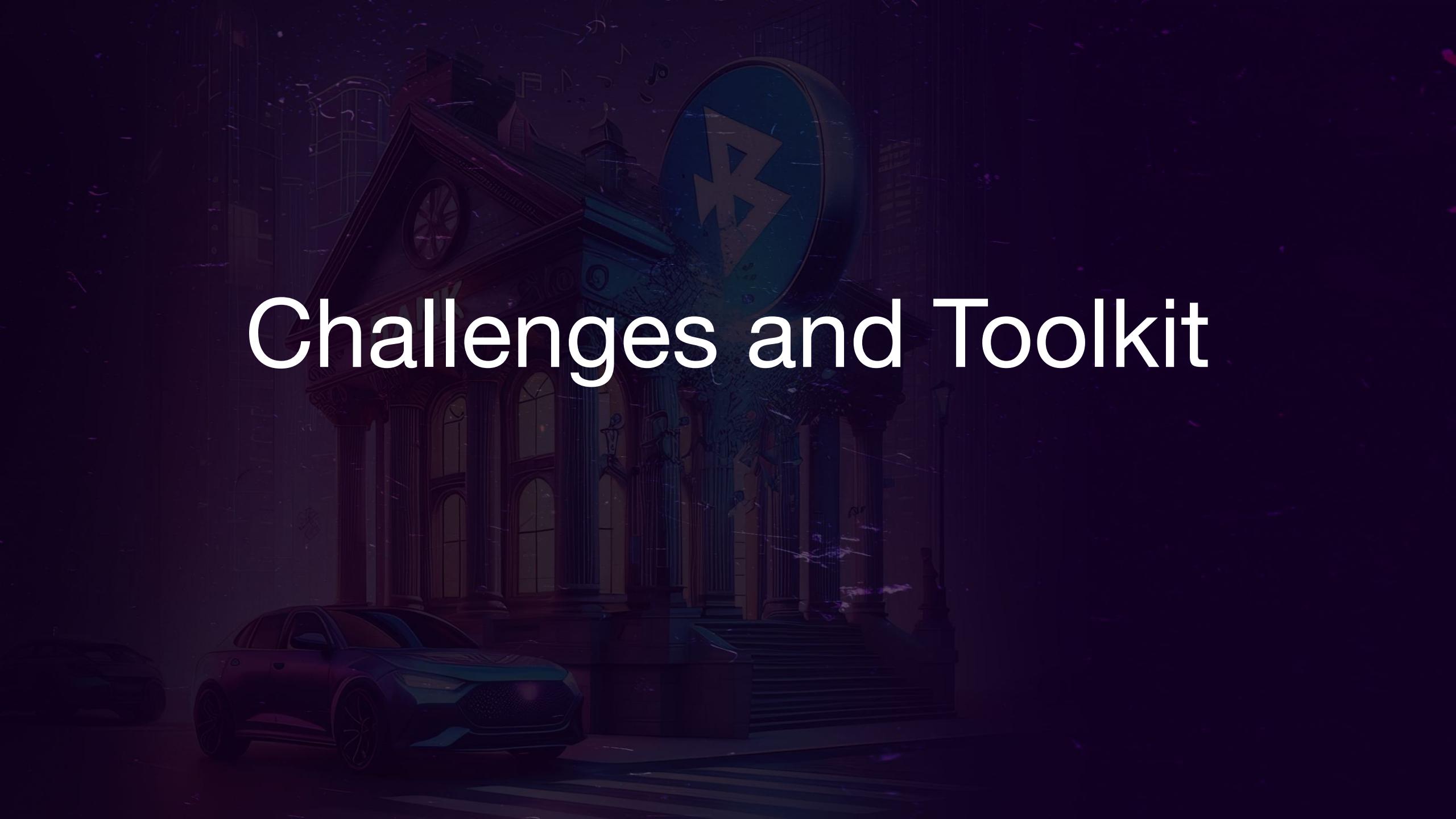
- We found more than 108 attacks on Bluetooth standards (March 2024)
- 647 CVEs related to Bluetooth devices<sup>1</sup> as of 2022

Source: SANS a Survey of Bluetooth Vulnerabilities Trends



1. SANS a Survey of Bluetooth Vulnerabilities Trends. 2. <https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/10179358> 3. <https://github.com/TylerTucker/BluesClues>

# Challenges and Toolkit



### III - BlueToolkit Why

- Bluetooth testing comes with hurdles such as:
  - No common database of vulnerabilities
  - No vulnerability testing framework
  - Finding and reconstructing PoCs from minimal public information including specification.
  - Some PoCs are based on older hardware.
- Opportunities:
  - Some manufacturers might not do regression testing because of the lack of PoC or indicators.
- Remaining issues:
  - Unpredictable issues with Bluetooth stack (Host or Controller)
  - DoS attacks might be very powerful especially with vehicles.
  - Generally impossible to fix some of the vulnerabilities without a recall (found in a specification)

### III - BlueToolkit Why

# 2023 YEAR IN REVIEW Telemetry trends

## CISCO TALOS

### Top targeted vulnerabilities

In 2023, cyber threat actors exploited older software vulnerabilities in common applications. In many cases, the vulnerabilities were more than 10 years old, consistent with CISA's finding that adversaries have targeted old security flaws more than newly disclosed ones in recent years. In fact, four of the top five most-targeted vulnerabilities we observed were also cited by CISA as being frequently exploited in prior years, further highlighting this point. This underscores the need for entities to regularly install software updates, as many of these systems were likely unpatched given the age of the targeted vulnerabilities.

The top targeted vulnerabilities are found in common applications, like Microsoft Office. This finding is also substantiated by CISA, which noted that actors in 2022 prioritize CVEs that are more prevalent in their targets' networks. Adversaries likely prioritize targeting widespread vulnerabilities because the exploits developed for such CVEs can have long-term use and high impact.

Lastly, most of the vulnerabilities on our list would cause substantial impact if exploited, with six receiving a maximum vulnerability risk score of 100 from Cisco Kenna and seven receiving the highest "critical" score from the Common Vulnerability Scoring System (CVSS). Most of the CVEs are also listed in CISA's [Known Exploited Vulnerabilities catalog](#), which is meant to inform users on the security flaws for which they should prioritize remediation. The high frequency of targeting attempts against these CVEs, paired with their severity, underscores the risk to unpatched systems.

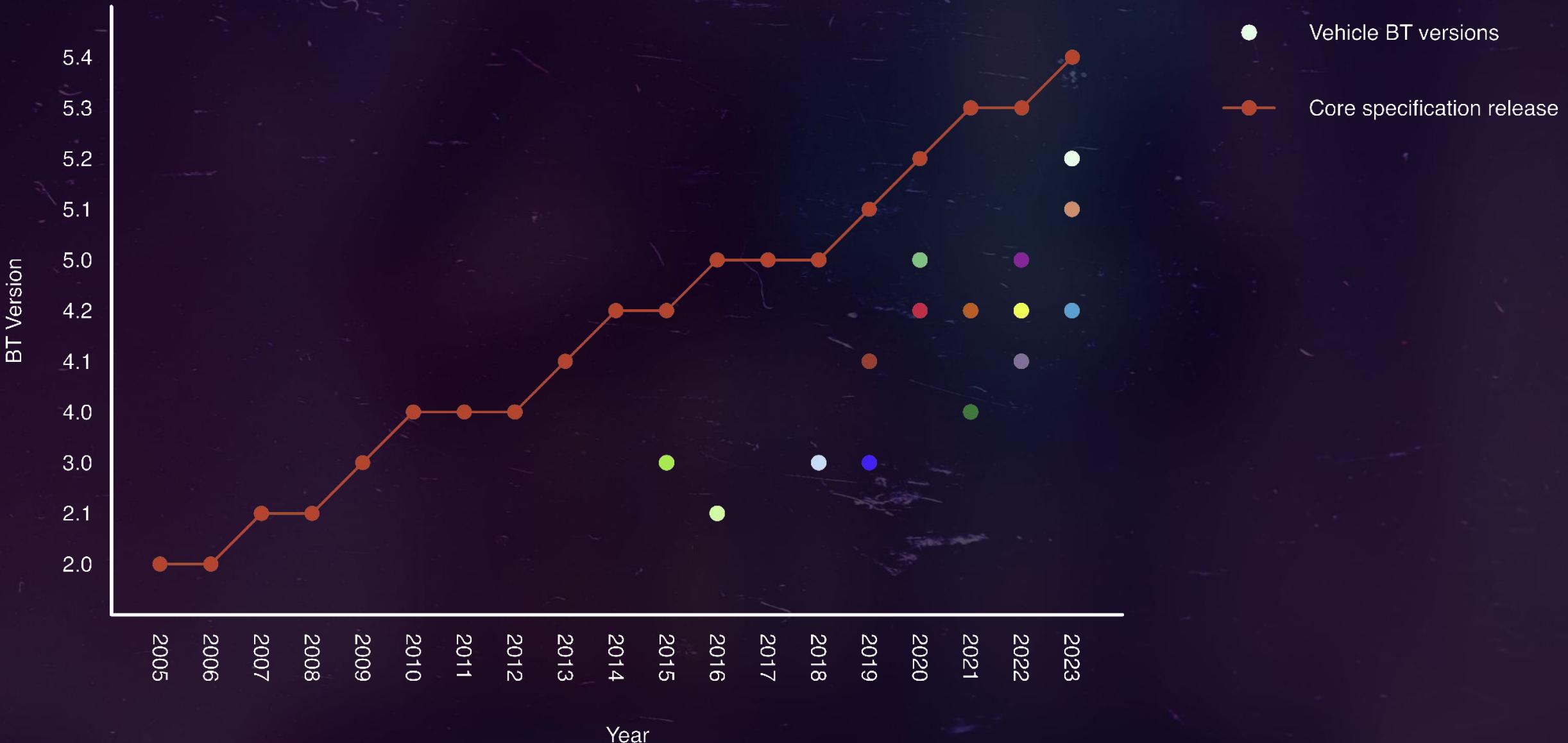
**Source:** Cisco Secure Endpoint  
**CISA sources:** Top Routinely Exploited Vulnerabilities, 2022 and 2016-2019.

Ranking	CVE	Vendor	Product	CISA findings	CISA KEV catalog	Kenna/CVSS
1	CVE-2017-0199	Microsoft	Office and WordPad	Routinely exploited in 2022	✓	100/9.3
2	CVE-2017-11882	Microsoft	Exchange server	Routinely exploited in 2022	✓	100/9.3+
3	CVE-2020-1472	Microsoft	Netlogon	Routinely exploited in 2022	✓	100/9.3
4	CVE-2012-1461	Gzip file parser utility	Multiple antivirus products		✗	58/4.3
5	CVE-2012-0158	Microsoft	Office	Commonly exploited by state-sponsored actors from China, Iran, North Korea, and Russia (2016-2019)	✓	100/9.3
6	CVE-2010-1807	Apple	Safari		✗	84/9.3
7	CVE-2021-1675	Microsoft	Windows (print spooler)		✓	100/9.3
8	CVE-2015-1701	Microsoft	Windows (kernel-mode driver)		✓	72/7.2
9	CVE-2012-0507	Oracle	Java SE		✓	100/10
10	CVE-2015-2426	Microsoft	Windows (font driver)		✓	100/9.3

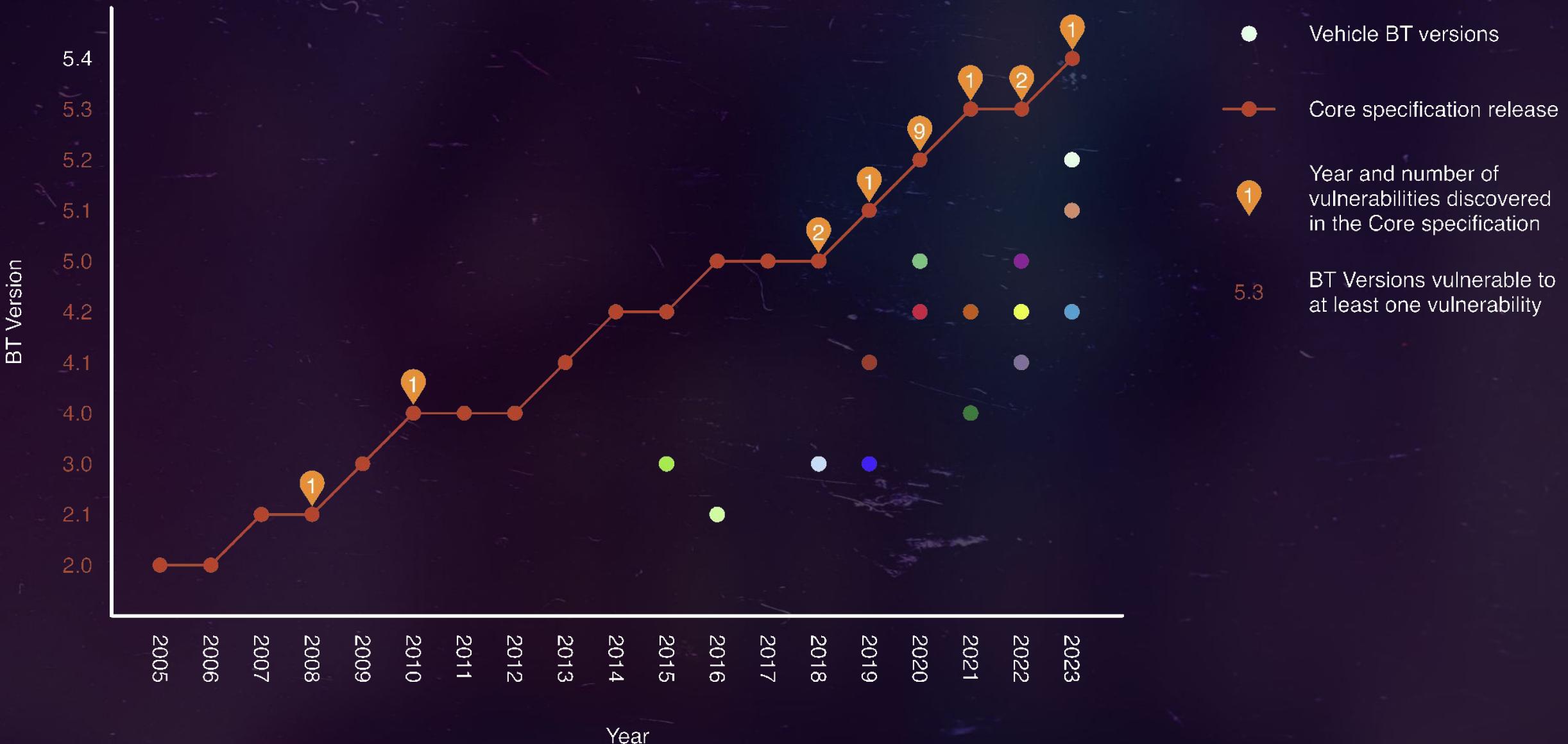
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# Cars lag in adoption of the newest BT standards



## IV - Cars lag in adoption of the newest BT standards

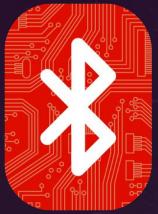


Mean - 7 years, Average - 7 years. Min - 3 years, Max - 11 years. Std = 1.5 years



# BlueToolkit - what

- Extensible Bluetooth Classic Vulnerability testing framework that helps uncover old and new vulnerabilities in Bluetooth-enabled devices.
- Think - nuclei for Bluetooth
- Useful for security and quality assurance. Could be used in procurement.
- Automates and scales security research
- At least 65 vulnerabilities discovered



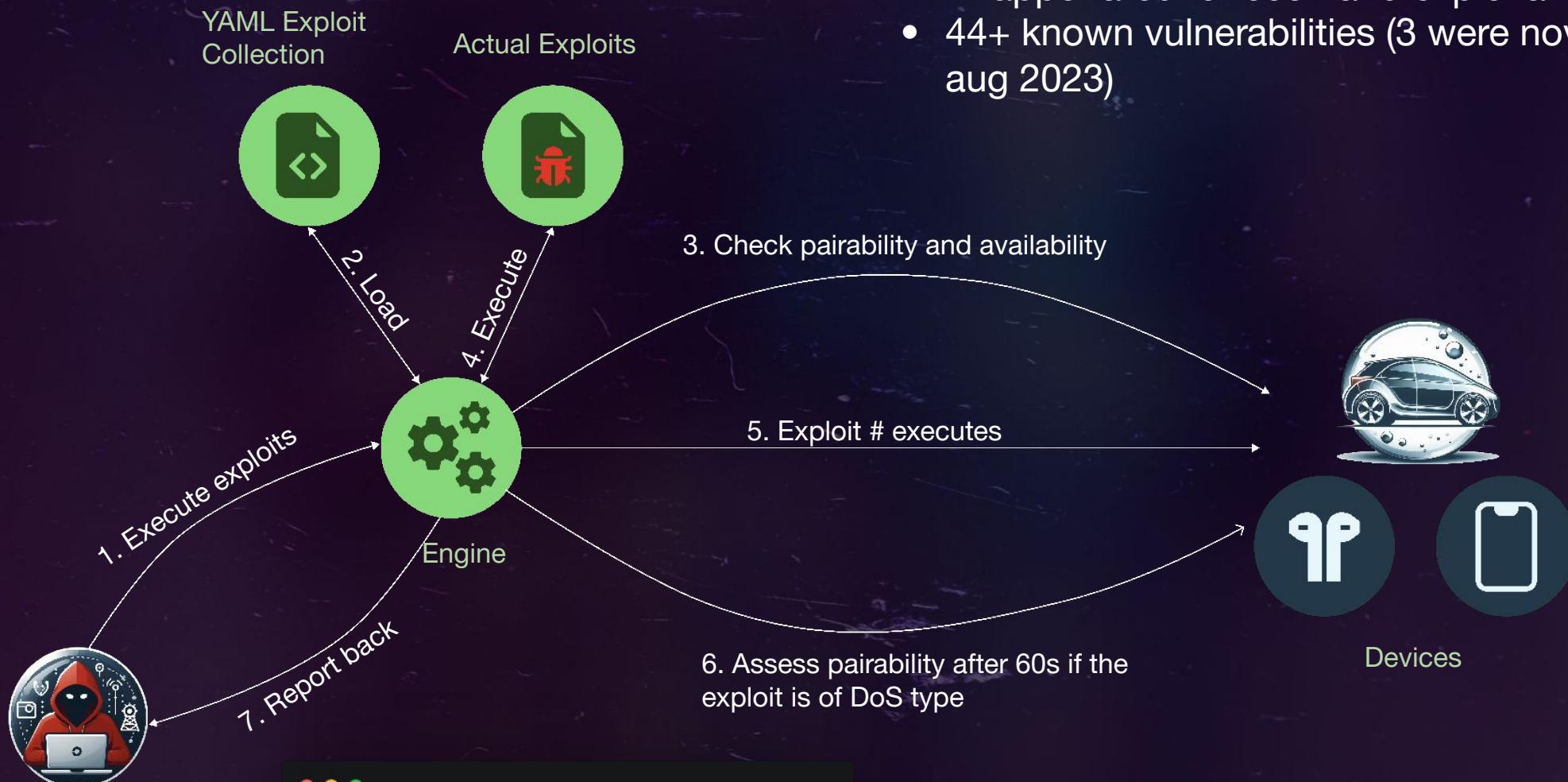
<https://github.com/sgxgsx/BlueToolkit>



WE DO THIS  
NOT BECAUSE  
IT IS EASY,

BUT BECAUSE  
WE THOUGHT  
IT WOULD BE EASY

### III - BlueToolkit - How



- Wrapper around recon and exploitation
- 44+ known vulnerabilities (3 were novel as of aug 2023)

```
source /usr/share/BlueToolkit/.venv/bin/activate  
sudo -E env PATH=$PATH bluekit -t AA:BB:CC:DD:EE:FF
```

# Methodology



## IV - Setting up

- Ubuntu-based laptop or VM
- USB cables C/Micro USB
- ESP-WROVER-KIT-VE -> \$50
- Nexus 5 phone -> CYW20735 -> \$50
- Ubertooth and USRP B210 (might be skipped)
- Additional hardware



# Discovering MAC addresses

- For our own tests
  - Run bluetoothctl
  - Ensure that IVI is waiting for pairing
- In case of the simulated\* attack:
  - The 1st technique will work for some cars (always pairable and discoverable)
  - More costly solution is to use Blue's Clues<sup>12</sup> attack (needs Ubertooth and USRP B210) but will discover full MAC addresses even if the device is in non-discoverable mode.



A terminal window with three colored dots (red, yellow, green) at the top. The text inside the window reads:

```
some:~$ bluetoothctl --agent=NoInputNoOutput
[bluetooth]# scan on
```

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## Blue's Clues: Practical Discovery of Non-Discoverable Bluetooth Devices

Tyler Tucker, Hunter Searle, Kevin Butler, Patrick Traynor  
*Florida Institute for Cybersecurity Research (FICS)*  
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# Recon

- Collect more general information on the target
  - Device name
  - manufacturer
  - LMP features (supported features)
  - SDP information (services)
- With some devices you need to pair first to get SDP info
  - Tesla Model Y ~version) Bluetooth stack crashes on this command -\_-



```
sudo -E env PATH=$PATH bluekit -t AA:BB:CC:DD:EE:FF -r
```



```
sudo hcitool info AA:BB:CC:DD:EE:FF  
sudo sdptool browse AA:BB:CC:DD:EE:FF  
sudo bluing br --sdp AA:BB:CC:DD:EE:FF  
sudo bluing br --lmp-features AA:BB:CC:DD:EE:FF
```

# Recon



```
Service Record
0x0000: ServiceRecordHandle (uint32)
  0x00010003
0x0001: ServiceClassIDList (sequence)
  0x110b: AudioSink
0x0004: ProtocolDescriptorList (sequence)
  0x0100: L2CAP
    PSM: 0x0019
  0x0019: AVDTP
    v1.3
0x0005: BrowseGroupList (sequence)
  0x1002: PublicBrowseRoot
0x0009: BluetoothProfileDescriptorList (sequence)
  0x110d: AdvancedAudioDistribution v1.3
0x0100: ServiceName (guess) (text)
  SWN05LGH A2DP013
0x0311: unknown
  <uint16 value="0x0001" />
```

```
Service Record
0x0000: ServiceRecordHandle (uint32)
  0x00010004
0x0001: ServiceClassIDList (sequence)
  0x112e: Phonebook Access - PCE
0x0005: BrowseGroupList (sequence)
  0x1002: PublicBrowseRoot
0x0009: BluetoothProfileDescriptorList (sequence)
  0x1130: Phonebook Access v1.2
0x0100: ServiceName (guess) (text)
  PBAP PCE
```



```
Requesting information ...
BD Address: AA:BB:CC:DD:EE:FF
OUI Company: LG Innotek (CC-88-26)
Device Name: Kona
LMP Version: 5.0 (0x9) LMP Subversion: 0x420e
Manufacturer: Broadcom Corporation (15)
```



```
LE Supported (Controller): True
Simultaneous LE and BR/EDR to Same Device Capable (Controller): True
LE Supported (Host): False
Simultaneous LE and BR/EDR to Same Device Capable (Host): False
```

# Sniffing

- Difficult and costly to sniff Bluetooth Classic
- Impractical due to encryption deployment since 2013
- If you want to dump on LMP level
  - use InternalBlue or Braktooth
- What you actually might need:
  - is to dump traffic between you and your test device (only on HCI level)
  - You can produce a log on a target device too



A terminal window with three colored dots (red, yellow, green) at the top. The command "hcidump -X" is entered in the terminal.

```
hcidump -X
```

# Testing for known vulnerabilities or regression testing

- BlueToolkit is your helper!
- 44 tests in total (6 are manual)
- Simply run all available to you exploits with the following command.
- Observe the output and look at the IVI

```
source /usr/share/BlueToolkit/.venv/bin/activate
sudo -E env PATH=$PATH bluekit -t AA:BB:CC:DD:EE:FF
```

Index	Exploit	Type	Hardware	Available	BT min	BT max
1	bleedingtooth_badchoice_cve_2020_12352	DoS	default	✓	1.0	5.4
2	blueborne_CVE_2017_1000250	DoS	default	✓	2.0	5.2
3	bleedingtooth_badkarma_cve_2020_12351	DoS	default	✓	5.0	5.2
4	bleedingtooth_badvibes_cve_2020_24490	DoS	default	✓	1.0	5.2
5	blueborne_CVE_2017_1000251	DoS	default	✓	2.0	5.2
6	reconnaissance_SSP_supported	PoC	default	✓	1.0	5.4
7	blueborne_CVE_2017_0785	PoC	default	✓	2.0	5.2
8	custom_nino_check	PoC	default	✓	1.0	5.4
9	custom_legacy_pairing_second_check	PoC	default	✓	1.0	5.4
10	reconnaissance_possible_BLUR	PoC	default	✓	1.0	5.4
11	reconnaissance_SC_supported	PoC	default	✓	1.0	5.4
12	custom_method_confusion_check	PoC	default	✓	2.1	5.4
13	truncated_lmp_accepted	DoS	esp32	✗	2.0	5.4
14	repeated_host_connection	DoS	esp32	✗	2.0	5.4
15	sdp_oversized_element_size	DoS	esp32	✗	2.0	5.4
16	duplicated_encapsulated_payload	DoS	esp32	✗	2.0	5.4
17	wrong_encapsulated_payload	DoS	esp32	✗	2.0	5.4
18	feature_req_ping_pong	DoS	esp32	✗	2.0	5.4
19	sdp_unkown_element_type	DoS	esp32	✗	2.0	5.4
20	lmp_auto_rate_overflow	DoS	esp32	✗	2.0	5.4
21	lmp_overflow_2dh1	DoS	esp32	✗	2.0	5.4
22	truncated_sco_link_request	DoS	esp32	✗	2.0	5.4
23	invalid_timing_accuracy	DoS	esp32	✗	2.0	5.4
24	invalid_max_slot	DoS	esp32	✗	2.0	5.4
25	lmp_invalid_transport	DoS	esp32	✗	2.0	5.4
26	paging_scan_disable	DoS	esp32	✗	2.0	5.4
27	duplicated_iocap	DoS	esp32	✗	2.0	5.4
28	lmp_overflow_dml	DoS	esp32	✗	2.0	5.4
29	invalid_feature_page_execution	DoS	esp32	✗	2.0	5.4
30	lmp_max_slot_overflow	DoS	esp32	✗	2.0	5.4
31	feature_response_flooding	DoS	esp32	✗	2.0	5.4
32	au_rand_flooding	DoS	esp32	✗	2.0	5.4
33	invalid_setup_complete	DoS	esp32	✗	2.0	5.4
34	braktooth_knob	PoC	esp32	✗	2.0	5.4
35	internalblue_CVE_2018_19860_0a_00	DoS	nexus5	✗	2.0	5.2
36	internalblue_CVE_2018_19860_20_17	DoS	nexus5	✗	2.0	5.2
37	internalblue_CVE_2018_19860_16_0b	DoS	nexus5	✗	2.0	5.2
38	internalblue_CVE_2018_5383_Invalid_second	Manual	nexus5	✗	2.0	5.2
39	internalblue_knob	PoC	nexus5	✗	2.0	5.2

# Testing for known vulnerabilities

- 2 options: accept or decline (try both)



# Testing for known vulnerabilities

- If you see smth like this - either there is a deadlock or device DoS itself.
- You can try to “continue” and check the availability and pairability again.



```
Device is down  
Device is down
```

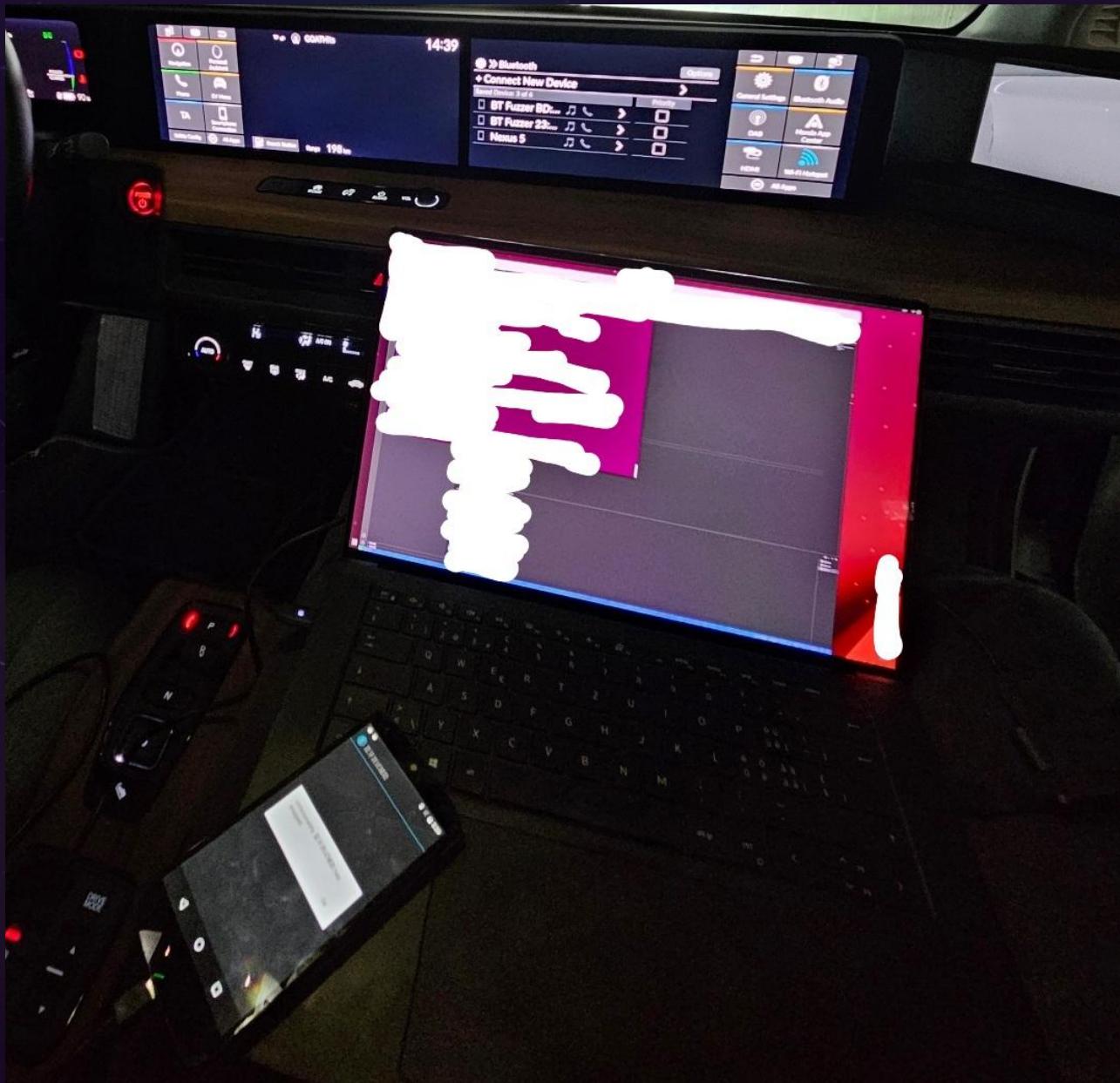
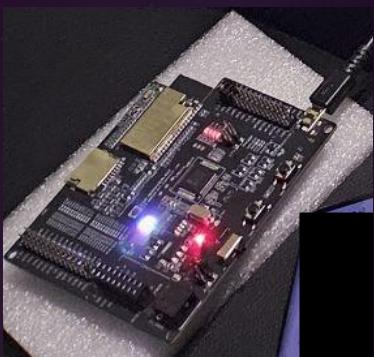
The target device is not available. Try restoring the connectivity. After that enter **1** of the following commands: continue, backup:

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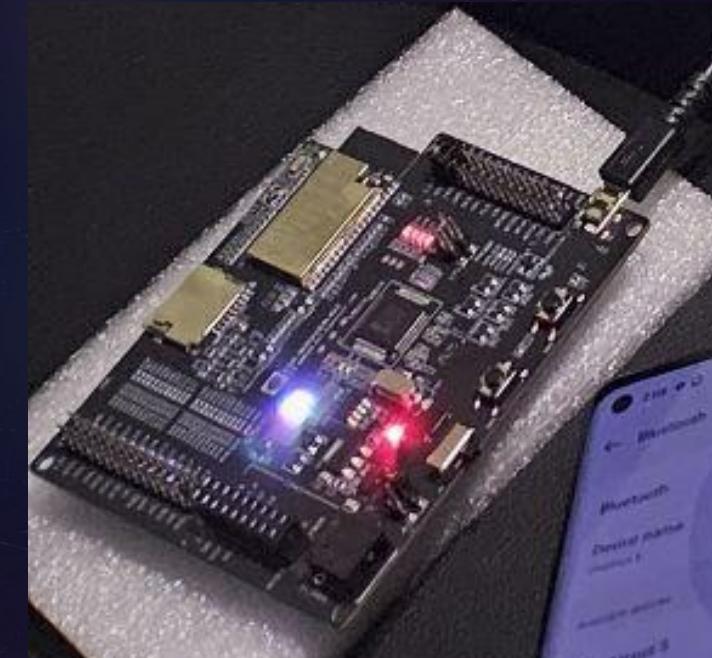
- Once done:
  - Add hardware
  - ESP-WROVER-KIT-VE
    - DoS attacks
  - Nexus 5 phone
    - Internalblue attacks
  - Other hardware could be available once added



# Testing for known vulnerabilities ESP-WROVER-KIT-VE

- Enables us to run 22 tests
- You need to setup it on the first run (automated<sup>3</sup> for you)

```
● ● ●  
ls -la /dev/tty*  
chmod +x /usr/share/Btoolkit/installation/braktooth_additional_install.sh  
/usr/share/Btoolkit/installation/braktooth_additional_install.sh
```



- Not all tests are described as ones leading to vulnerabilities as per Braktooth<sup>1,2</sup> authors
- You don't need to pair on your target device while testing

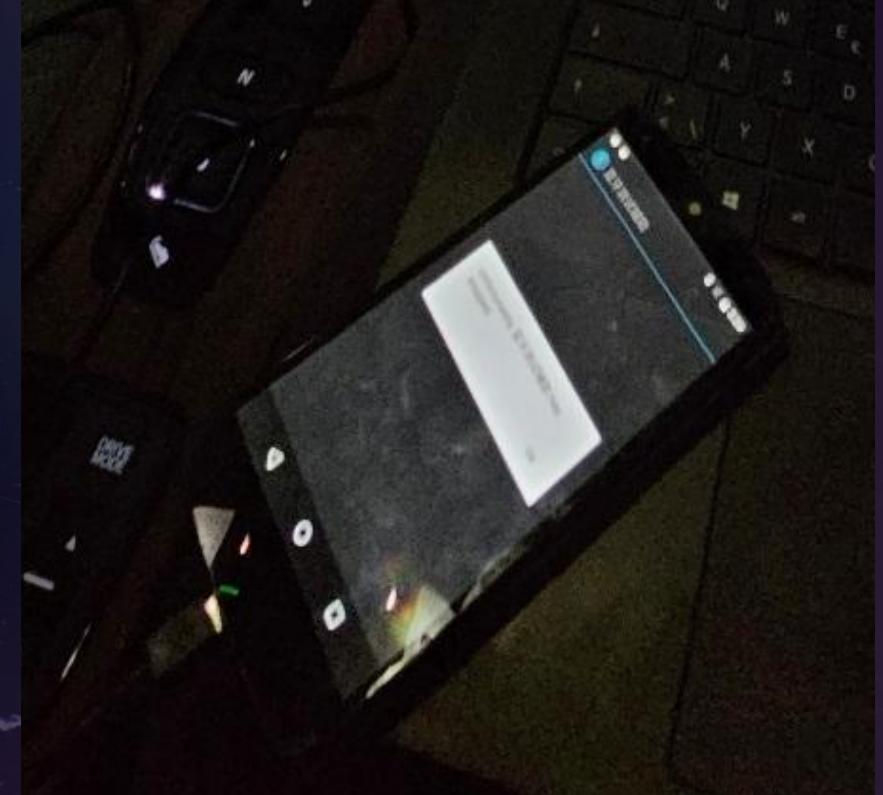
1. <https://asset-group.github.io/disclosures/braktooth/> 2. [https://github.com/Matheus-Garbelini/braktooth\\_esp32\\_bluetooth\\_classic\\_attacks](https://github.com/Matheus-Garbelini/braktooth_esp32_bluetooth_classic_attacks) 3. <https://github.com/sgxgsx/BlueToolkit/wiki/Using-hardware%20based-exploits#braktooth>

# Testing for known vulnerabilities Nexus 5

- Enables us to run 5 tests
- Setup is a bit more challenging
  - Root the phone and follow Internalblue instructions
- Install helper Android tool



```
adb devices
chmod +x /usr/share/Btoolkit/installation/bluetoothassistant_additional_install.sh
/usr/share/Btoolkit/installation/bluetoothassistant_additional_install.sh
```



1. <https://github.com/sgxgsx/BlueToolkit/wiki/Using-hardware%20based-exploits#internalblue> 2. <https://github.com/seemoo-lab/internalblue/blob/master/doc/android.md>

# Testing for known vulnerabilities - report

- You might need to take notes during the tests, just in case the tool reports false positives (DoS)
  - In the end it's a PoC



```
sudo -E env PATH=$PATH bluekit -t AA:BB:CC:DD:EE:FF -re
```

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8	bleedingtooth_badkarma_cve_2020_12351	Not vulnerable	0
9	bleedingtooth_badchoice_cve_2020_12352	Not vulnerable	0
10	bleedingtooth_badvibes_cve_2020_24490	Not vulnerable	0
11	paging_scan_disable	Not vulnerable	1
12	wrong_encapsulated_payload	Not vulnerable	0
13	duplicated_iocap	Not vulnerable	0
14	lmp_overflow_2dh1	Not vulnerable	0
15	lmp_overflow_dm1	Not vulnerable	2
16	lmp_auto_rate_overflow	Not vulnerable	2
17	sdp_oversized_element_size	Not vulnerable	4
18	lmp_invalid_transport	Not vulnerable	4
19	lmp_max_slot_overflow	Not vulnerable	3
20	repeated_host_connection	Not vulnerable	0
21	duplicated_encapsulated_payload	Not vulnerable	5
22	sdp_unkown_element_type	Not vulnerable	1
23	custom_method_confusion_check	Not vulnerable	Device uses DisplayYesNo
24	custom_legacy_pairing_second_check	Not vulnerable	Legacy pairing is not enabled
25	custom_nino_check	Vulnerable!	vulnerable
26	internalblue_CVE_2018_19860_16_0b	Not vulnerable	0
27	internalblue_CVE_2018_19860_20_17	Not vulnerable	0
28	internalblue_CVE_2018_5383_Invalid_second	Not vulnerable	Was not able to establish a connection
29	internalblue_knob	Not vulnerable	not vulnerable
30	internalblue_CVE_2018_19860_0a_00	Not vulnerable	0
31	blueborne_CVE_2017_1000250	Not vulnerable	0
32	truncated_sco_link_request	Not vulnerable	4
33	truncated_lmp_accepted	Not vulnerable	2
34	blueborne_CVE_2017_0785	Not vulnerable	Target device OS is not Android
35	blueborne_CVE_2017_1000251	Not vulnerable	0
36	invalid_setup_complete	Not vulnerable	0
37	invalid_feature_page_execution	Not vulnerable	0
38	invalid_max_slot	Vulnerable!	10
39	invalid_timing_accuracy	Not vulnerable	4

1. <https://asset-group.github.io/disclosures;braktooth/> 2. [https://github.com/Matheus-Garbelini/braktooth\\_esp32\\_bluetooth\\_classic\\_attacks](https://github.com/Matheus-Garbelini/braktooth_esp32_bluetooth_classic_attacks)

# Looking for design- and state-based vulnerabilities

- MitM or BAC issues
- Idea:
  - MitM: Look for vulnerabilities that allow you to connect to a target device without a confirmation or with a predictable confirmation
  - BAC: Look for vulnerabilities that assume you are authorized to get a specific functionality on a target device

# Looking for design- and state-based vulnerabilities: MitM

- Change your device type
- Change your device capabilities
- Simply look for a violation of a specification

```
● ● ●  
some:~$ bt-agent -c NoInputNoOutput  
some:~$ bluetoothctl --agent=NoInputNoOutput  
[bluetooth]# scan on  
[bluetooth]# connect B_MAC
```

```
● ● ●  
some:~$ bluetoothctl --agent=DisplayYesNo  
some:~$ bluetoothctl --agent=DisplayOnly  
some:~$ bluetoothctl --agent=KeyboardOnly  
some:~$ bluetoothctl --agent>NoInputNoOutput
```

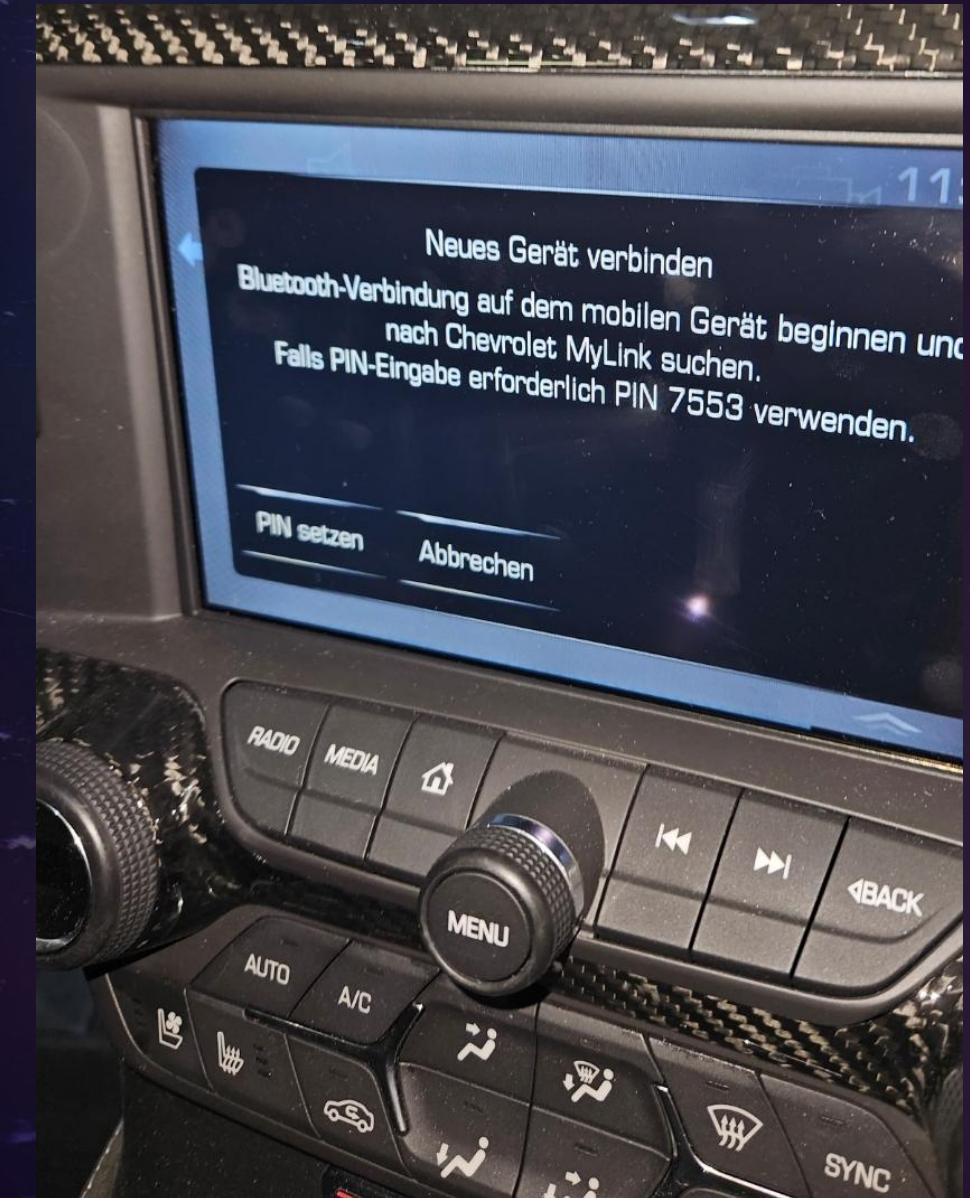
```
● ● ●  
sudo hciconfig hci0 class 0x5a020c  
sudo hciconfig hci0 name 'name'
```

# Looking for design- and state-based vulnerabilities: MitM

- + Force legacy pairing (4 digit static number)
  - Doesn't always work. Probably there is a race condition that allows us to turn off SC and SSP
  - Should work on older devices



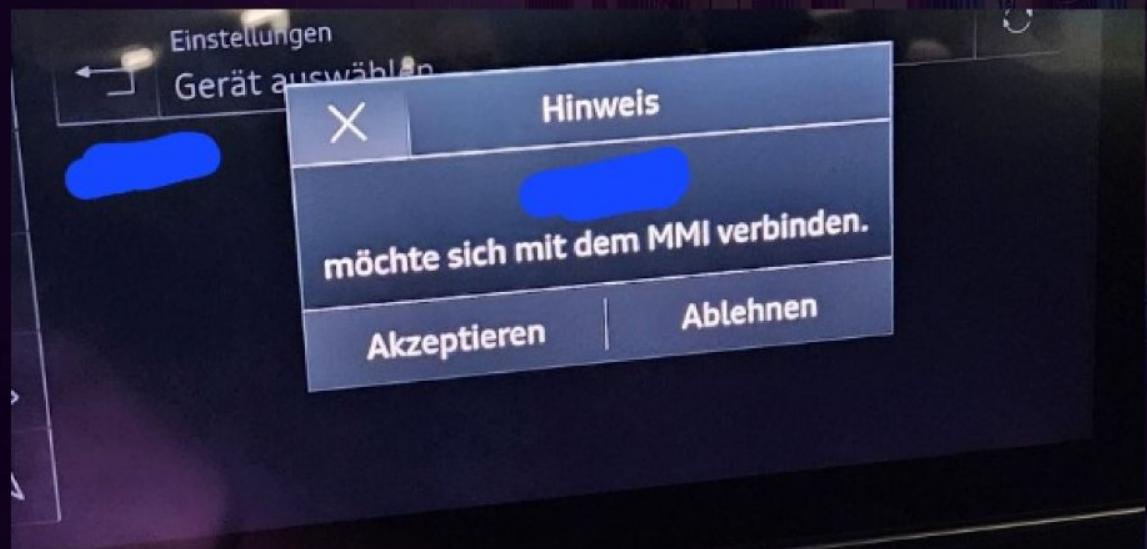
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while true; do sudo btmgmt ssp off; sudo btmgmt sc off; done
```



# Looking for design- and state-based vulnerabilities: MitM Example



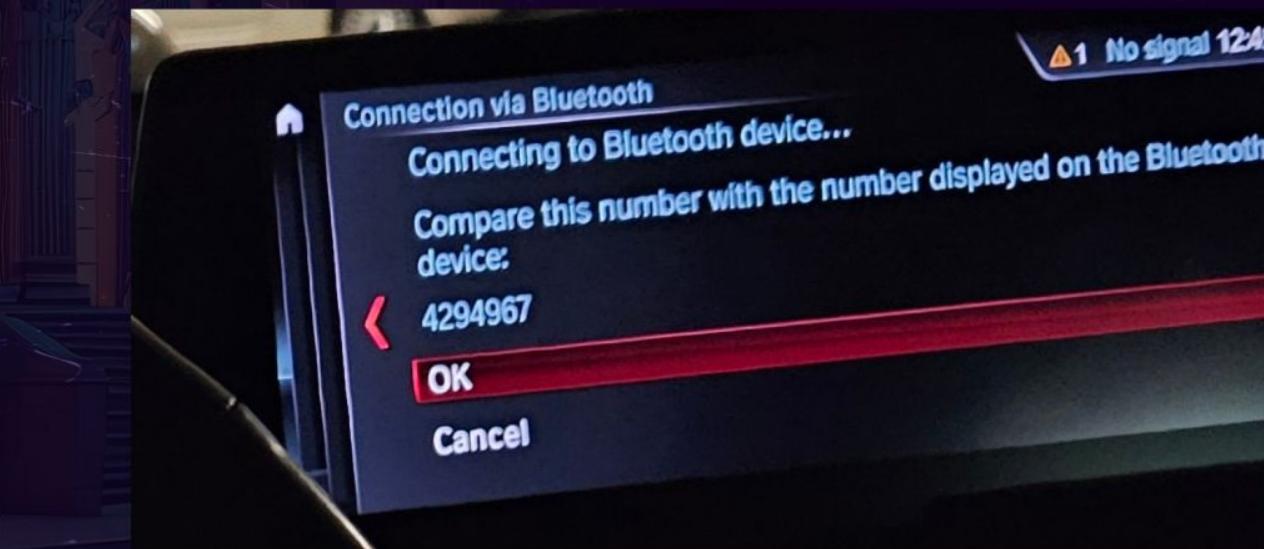
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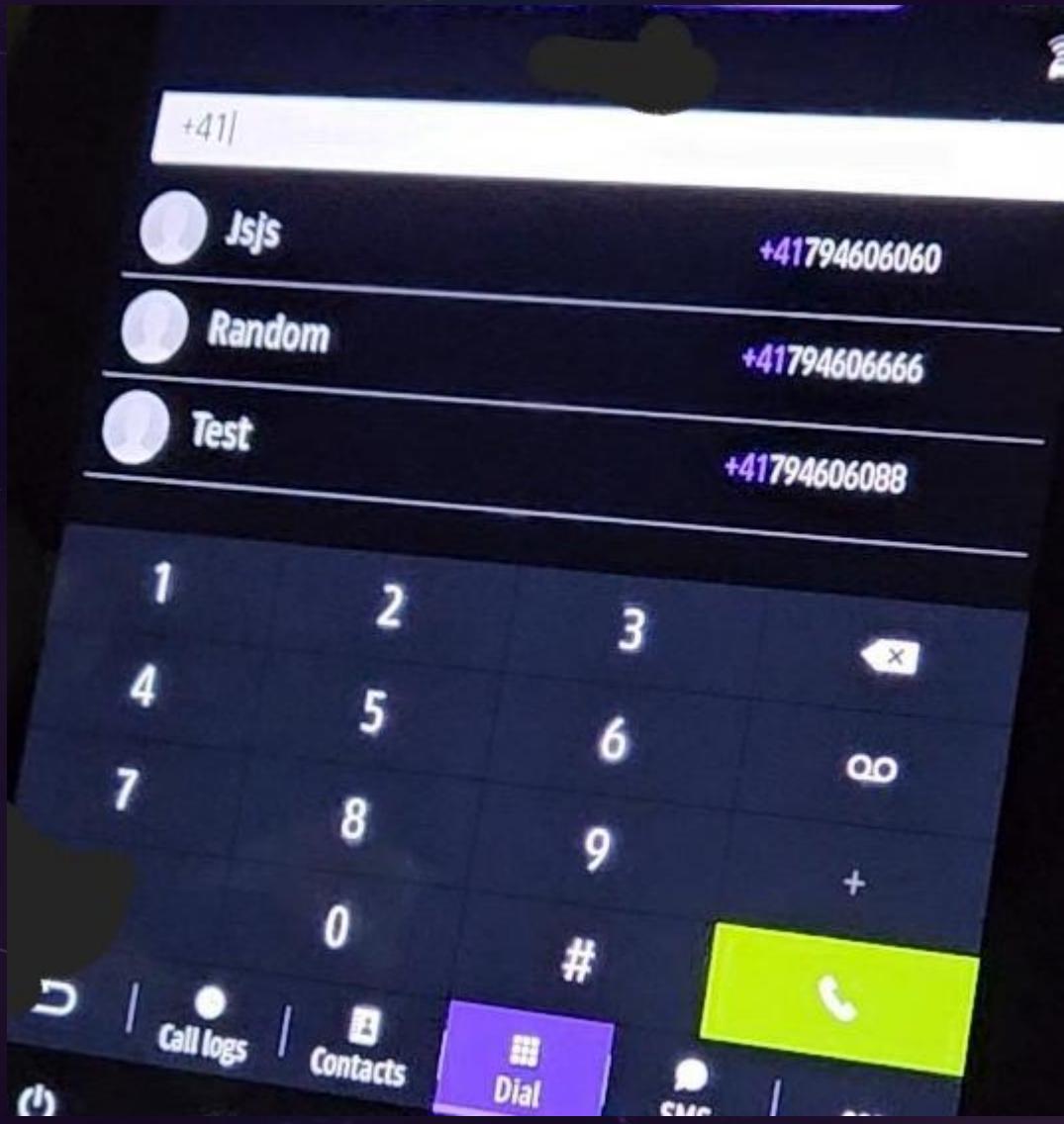
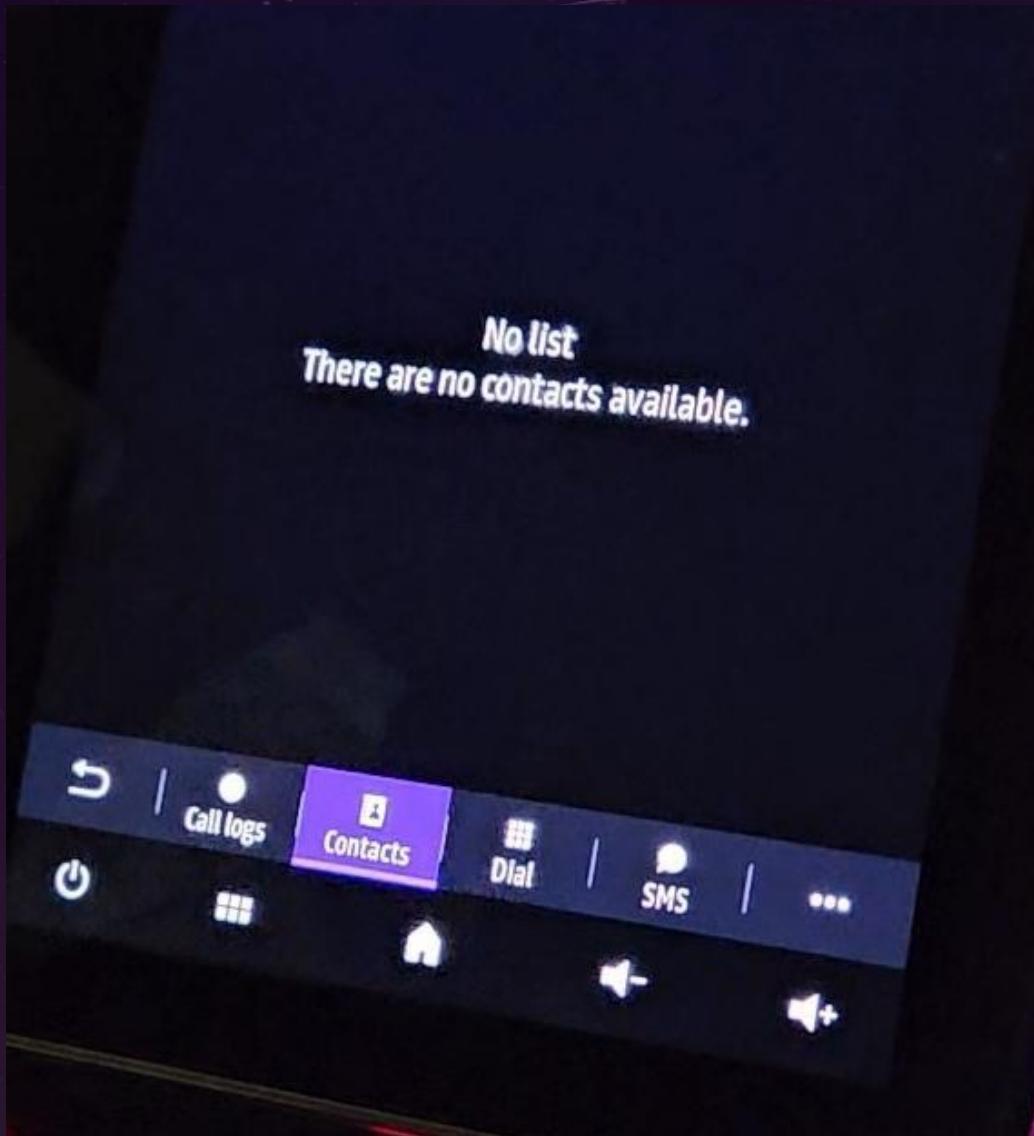
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# Looking for design- and state-based vulnerabilities: BAC

- Change your device type as in a previous slide
- Change your MAC address

```
● ● ●  
sudo bdaddr -i hci0 FF:EE:DD:CC:BB:AA  
sudo hciconfig hci0 resetw  
sudo systemctl restart bluetooth.service
```

# Looking for design- and state-based vulnerabilities: BAC



# Troubleshooting problems and some tips

- BlueZ doesn't see a MAC address or (loses it)

```
while true; do sudo hcitool info AA:BB:CC:DD:EE:FF; done
```

- Making sure that we don't have an established pairing to a target device (delete an LTK/LinkKey)
  - Or you want to extract an LTK

```
some@some: sudo su
root@some: cd /var/lib/bluetooth/[YOUR MAC ADDR]/[TARGET MAC ADDR]
root@some: cd /var/lib/bluetooth/AA:BB:CC:DD:EE:FF/FF:EE:DD:CC:BB:AA
root@some: ls
attributes info
root@some: cat info
[General]
Name=Polestar PS2
Class=0x260408
SupportedTechnologies=BR/EDR;
Trusted=false
Blocked=false
Services=UUIDS;....;
[DeviceID]
Source=1
Vendor=200
Product=4000
Version=5000

[LinkKey]
Key=AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
Type=5
PINLength=0
```

# Testing Profiles

- All cars have:
  - A2DP, AVCTP, AVDTP
  - HFP
  - PBAP (client)
  - MAP (Notification service)
- Older vehicles also have
  - SAP
  - Object push profile
  - FTP
- Apart from implementation we can test how these profiles save data and whether we can retrieve it without knowing LTK. Think about BAC
- FTP and Object push profile are of high interest for older vehicles
  - might get you access to a file system or RCE

# Redeveloping CVEs

- Why
  - If a vulnerability has been found in one stack it might come up in another one. (BlueZ of particular interest)
- Where to find CVEs:
  - <https://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvekey.cgi?keyword=bluetooth>
  - <https://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvekey.cgi?keyword=bluez>
- Where to find new attacks on Bluetooth itself:
  - Papers & Conf: ACM, IEEE SP, Blackhat, usenix, NDSS, Google scholar
  - Github, Google, Bing, ...
  - <https://darkmentor.com/bt.html> - Great resource and timeline
  - <https://github.com/sgxgsx/BlueToolkit> - Description also has a table with other BLE and BT vulnerabilities
- Add your 1-days to BlueToolkit so that others can test them too!
  - Reach out to me and I can help writing a YAML profile

# Extra mile

- CTKD (Cross transport key derivation)
  - you may impact Bluetooth Classic via an attack on BLE e.g. get a LTK for BLE connection and then rewrite link key for Bluetooth Classic one to establish MitM
  - <https://github.com/francozappa/blur>
- Fuzzing
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  - Can use it similar to Internalblue for your attacks.
- Documentation & Specification
  - <https://www.bluetooth.com/specifications/specs/>
  - It's not that big and you don't need to read 3000+ pages. Get the basics and then review what you are interested in
    - Same approach as in Code review (instead of `grep` we have Ctrl+F)

## Extra mile

- Implementation-specific
  - IoT hacking
    - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=YPcOwKtRuDQ>
  - Reverse Engineering and Binary exploitation (ideally)
    - from hardcoded keys to buffer and heap overflows

Demo

# Understanding an Impact

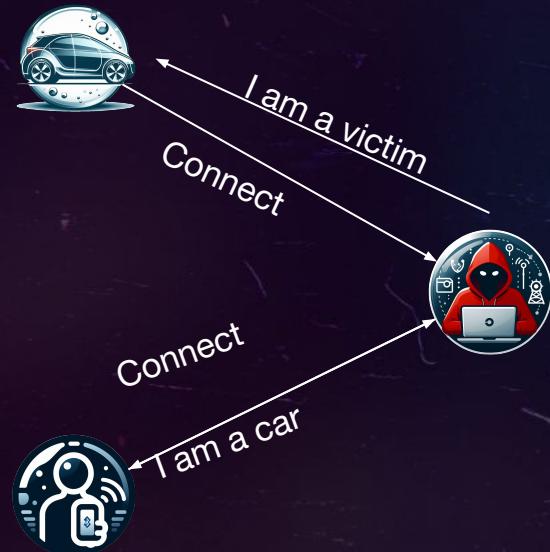


# DoS = MitM

1. Selective Jamming



2. Pre-commit with different MAC addr.  
Or exploit other MitM vulnerabilities



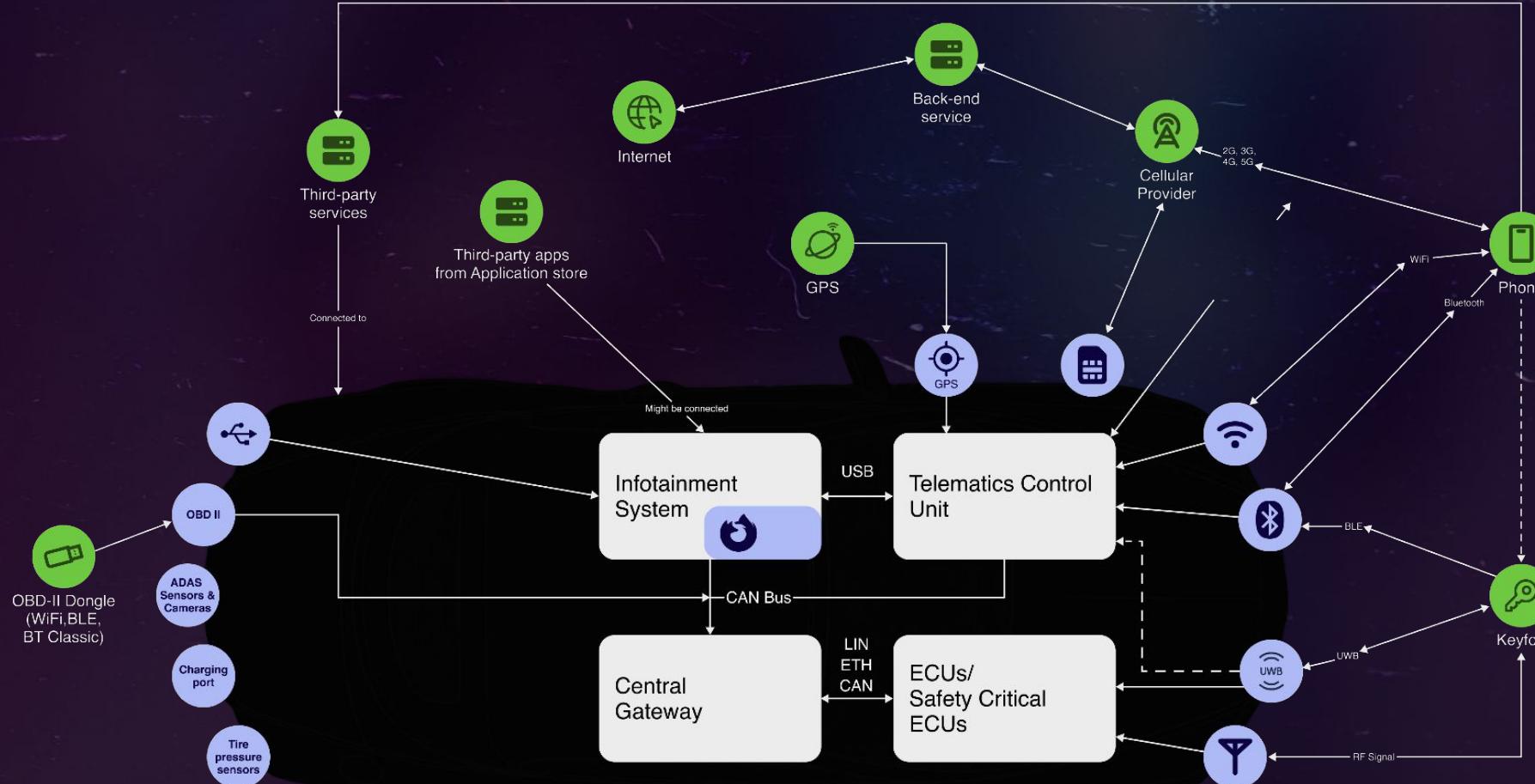
3. DoS and advertise as a car



Link key is renegotiated after 2-3 failed attempts.

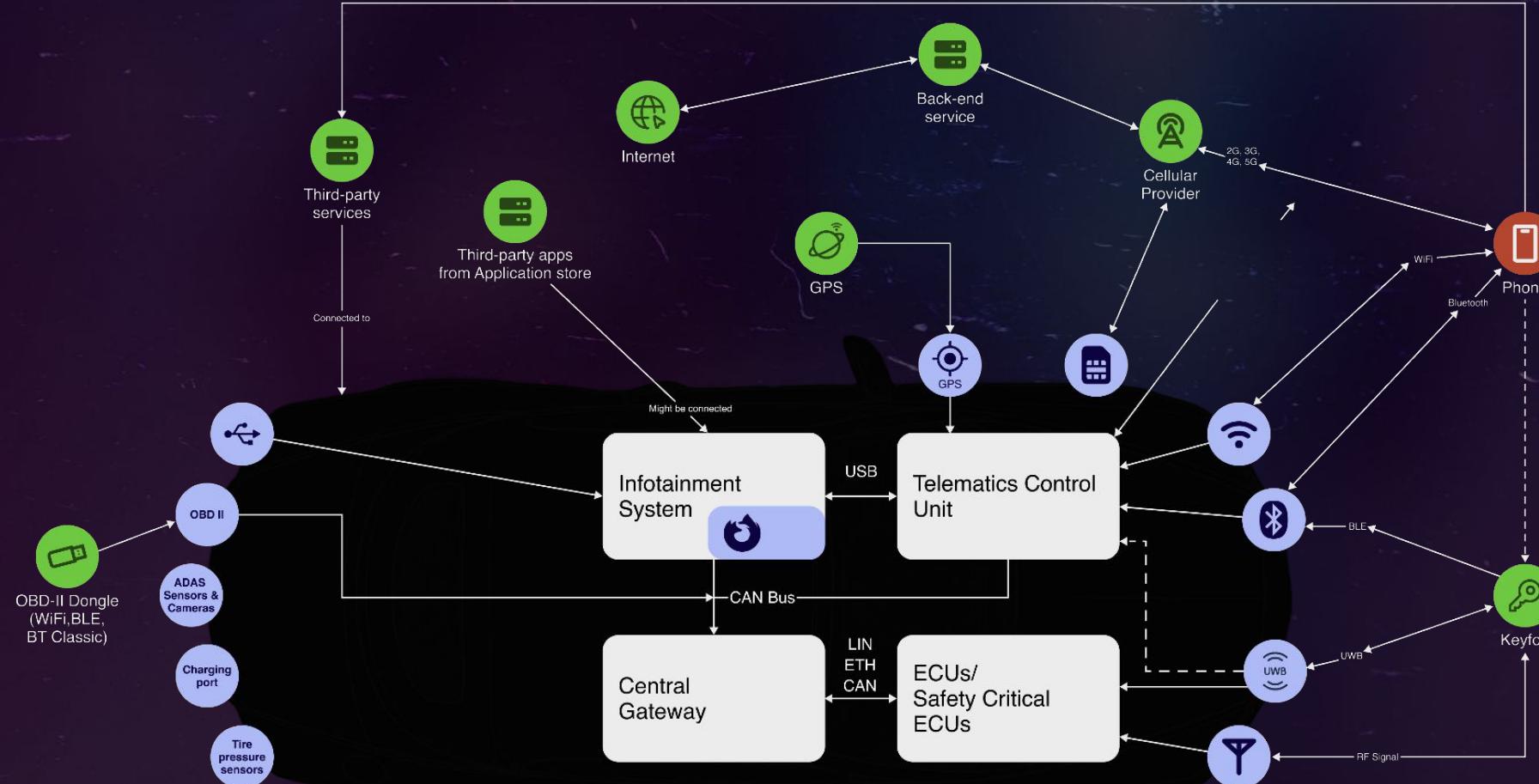
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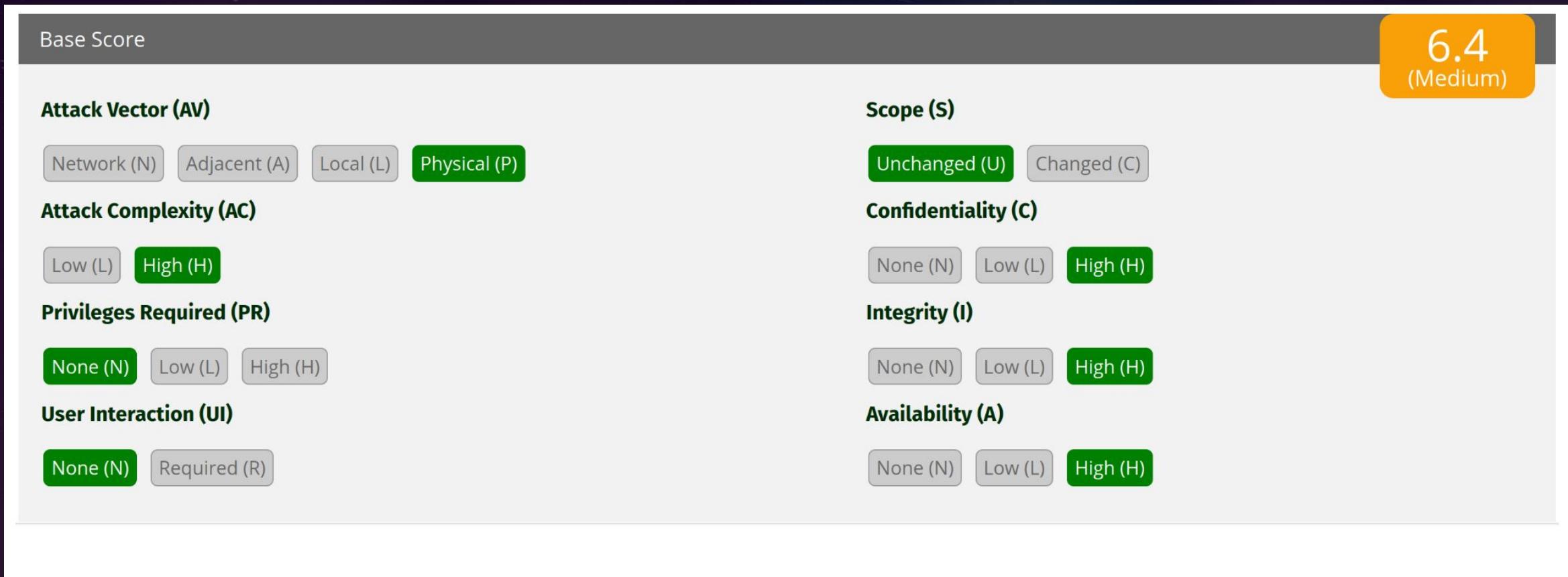
- Exploits typical to cars functionality
- Adversaries may spoof the MAC address of an already connected device or simply connect to a device and get access to SMS messages
  - Hijack account
  - Leak OTPs, etc.
- Might remain after it will be hardened in Android, Apple - ???\* - not going to fix a 1-click attack
  - Why? - if an adversary controls IVI they may already have access to MAP
  - If they control Bluetooth link (MitM) they may try to get access to MAP
- For more information:
  - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JL7a\\_oLoXHY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JL7a_oLoXHY)



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# Physical attacks matter in vehicle security

- Is hijacking a car a 6.4 or 6.8 medium vulnerability?
- Be careful with CVSS when evaluating vulns in car context.



# Going beyond

- BlueToolkit and techniques shown can of course be used for any Bluetooth (Classic) system
- We also tried it out on CYD avionics lab with real aircraft hardware



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# Conclusion

- Doing security research into cars is not that hard
  - Use your existing specialization or learn a new one
- Report to
  - Bug Bounty Programs, Pwn2Own, etc.
  - Directly to a manufacturer
  - National CERTs
- Why
  - Harvest CVEs
  - Get rewards

# Q&A

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