



Security of *Bluetooth* Network Data Traffic

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All Bluetooth Versions (Ref 23)	Security Issue or Vulnerability	Remarks
18	Link keys can be stored improperly.	Link keys can be read or modified by an attacker if they are not securely stored and protected via access controls
19	Strengths of the pseudo-random number generators (PRNG) are not known.	The Random Number Generator (RNG) may produce static or periodic numbers that may reduce the effectiveness of the security mechanisms. Bluetooth implementations should use strong PRNGs based on NIST standards.
20	Encryption key length is negotiable.	The v3.0 and earlier specifications allow devices to negotiate encryption keys as small as one byte. Bluetooth LE requires a minimum key size of seven bytes. NIST strongly recommends using the full 128-bit key strength for both BR/EDR (E0) and LE (AES-CCM).
21	No user authentication exists.	Only device authentication is provided by the specification. Application-level security, including user authentication, can be added via overlay by the application developer.
22	End-to-end security is not performed.	Only individual links are encrypted and authenticated. Data is decrypted at intermediate points. End-to-end security on top of the Bluetooth stack can be provided by use of additional security controls.
23	Security services are limited.	Audit, non-repudiation, and other services are not part of the standard. If needed, these services can be incorporated in an overlay fashion by the application developer.
24	Discoverable and/or connectable devices are prone to attack.	Any device that must go into discoverable or connectable mode to pair or connect should only do so for a minimal amount of time. A device should not be in discoverable or connectable mode all the time.

Bluetooth Threats (Ref 23)

Bluesnarfing BTLE is NA	Enables attackers to gain access to a Bluetooth-enabled device by exploiting a firmware flaw in older devices . This attack forces a connection to a Bluetooth device, allowing access to data stored on the device including the device's international mobile equipment identity (IMEI).
Bluejacking	Is an attack conducted on Bluetooth-enabled mobile devices, such as cell phones. An attacker initiates bluejacking by sending unsolicited messages to the user of a Bluetooth-enabled device. The actual messages do not cause harm to the user's device, but they may entice the user to respond in some fashion or add the new contact to the device's address book
Bluebugging BTLE is NA	Exploits a security flaw in the firmware of some older Bluetooth devices to gain access to the device and its commands. This attack uses the commands of the device without informing the user
Car Whisperer NA within Wearable Tech	Is a software tool developed by European security researchers that exploits a key implementation issue in hands-free Bluetooth car kits installed in automobiles. The Car Whisperer software allows an attacker to send to or receive audio from the car kit.
Denial of Service	Bluetooth is susceptible to DoS attacks . Impacts include making a device's Bluetooth interface unusable and draining the device's battery . These types of attacks are not significant and, because of the proximity required for Bluetooth use, can usually be easily averted by simply moving out of range.
Fuzzing Attacks Future Research Project	Fuzzing attacks consist of sending malformed or otherwise non-standard data to a device's Bluetooth radio and observing how the device reacts. If a device's operation is slowed or stopped by these attacks, a serious vulnerability potentially exists in the protocol stack
Pairing Eavesdropping Current Research Project	PIN/Legacy Pairing (Bluetooth 2.0 and earlier) and LE Pairing (Bluetooth 4.0) are susceptible to eavesdropping attacks. The successful eavesdropper who collects all pairing frames can determine the secret key(s) given sufficient time, which allows trusted device impersonation and active/passive data decryption.
Secure Simple Pairing Attacks	A number of techniques can force a remote device to use Just Works SSP and then exploit its lack of MITM protection (e.g., the attack device claims that it has no input/output capabilities) . Further, fixed passkeys could allow an attacker to perform MITM attacks as well.

Introduction

- This research project focused on the security of the *Microsoft Band 2* fitness tracker.
- This project is to investigation how secure data is when transmitted via *Bluetooth* to and from a wearable device.
- This project answered three research questions;
 - (1) Is the pairing key transmitted in the clear
 - (2) Is Bluetooth traffic transmitted in the clear
 - (3) Could a Man in The Middle Attack (MITMA) take place.

Introduction

- *MS Band 2* has been available for purchase since November 1, 2015, so it is relatively new
- *MS Band 3* is scheduled for release November 2016
- Conducted literature regarding wearable technology and various findings in device security, vulnerabilities, threats, weaknesses, and viable mitigation solutions. (see reference section)
- Similar research was done on a Fitbit by Cyr, B., Horn, W., Miao, D., & Specter, M. At Massachusetts Institute of Technology Security Analysis of Wearable Fitness Devices (Fitbit) (2014) – Ref 06.

Background – Tools used

- Original Research Project
 - Kali Linux (VM Ware & Flash drive)
 - Ubertooth One (Linux only)
 - Wireshark
 - Texas Instrument
 - Bluetooth Low Energy Software Stack
 - CC2540 USB Dongle
 - Nordic Semiconductor
 - nRF Sniffer software (works in conjunction with Wireshark)
 - nRF51822 USB Dongle
 - 2 iPhones - most recent IOS – 9.2.1
 - MS Band 2 fitness tracker & mobile app

Background Test Method

- Issues / Trouble with System configuration
 - Kali Linux - Not operating in virtual environment
 - Kismet would operate for a few minutes then crash
 - USB Kali Linux
 - Ubertooth One using Kismet not all detecting Bluetooth devices
 - Wireshark provide invalid data due to devices not being detected
- Opted to use other tools since Kali Linux and Ubertooth was not functioning correctly
 - Texas Instrument products provided unreliable results
 - Nordic Semiconductor products was inconsistent results
 - Results to be discussed later

Background Test Method

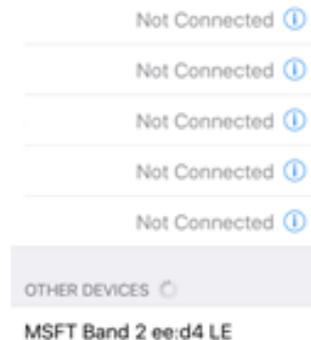
- Research project configuration



Primary iPhone



Secondary iPhone



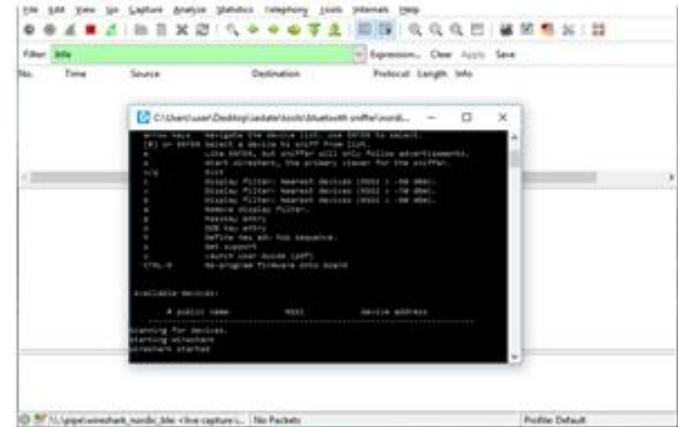
MS Band 2



Figure 4: Overview of the controlled lab environment

Background Test Method

- Research project configuration
- Bluetooth Device Address
 - Public Address
 - Known static address
 - Random Address
 - Unknown dynamic address
 - Offer better security



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C:\Users\user\Desktop\iastate\tools\bluetooth sniffer\nordi...

c      Display filter: Nearest devices (RSSI > -50 dBm).
v      Display filter: Nearest devices (RSSI > -70 dBm).
b      Display filter: Nearest devices (RSSI > -90 dBm).
a      Remove display filter.
p      Passkey entry
o      OOB key entry
h      Define new adv hop sequence.
s      Get support
u      Launch User Guide (pdf)
CTRL-R Re-program firmware onto board

Available devices:

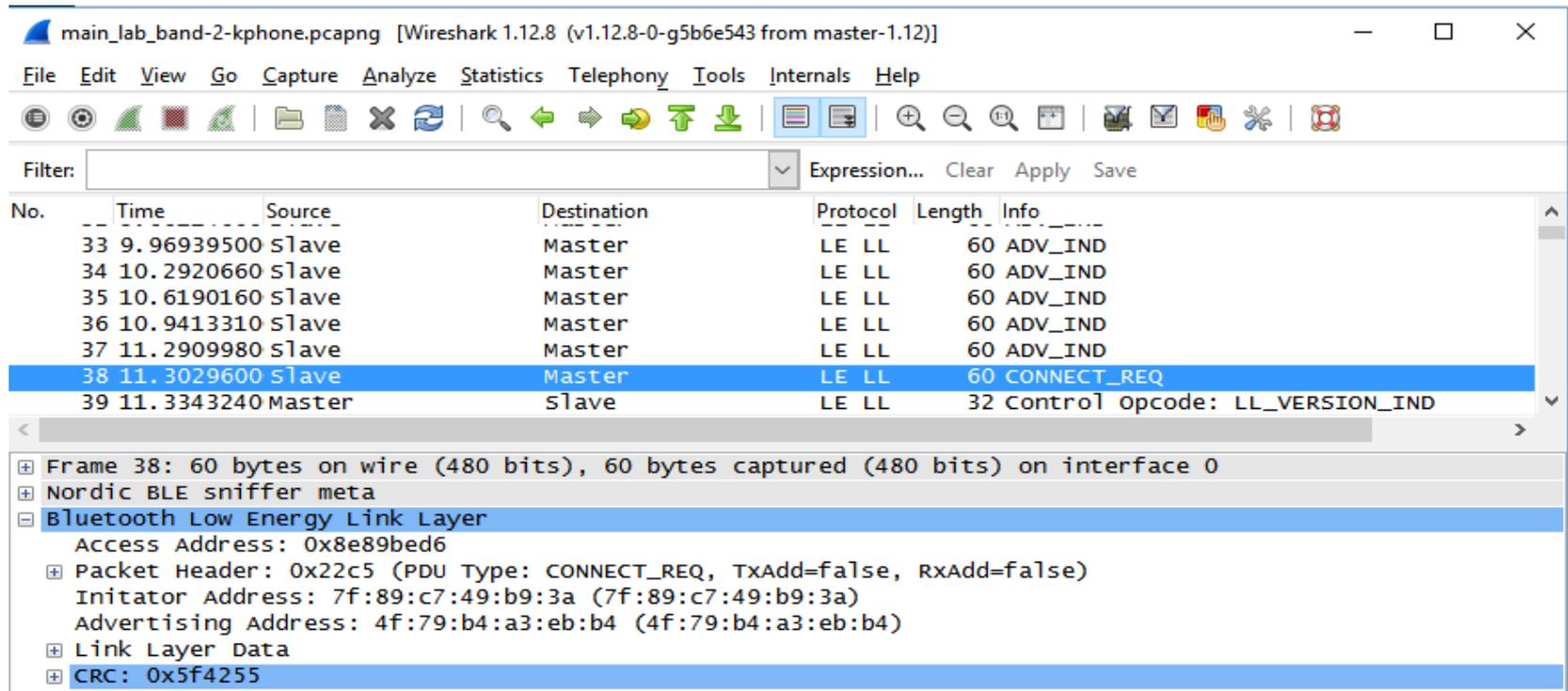
# public name      RSSI      device address
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-> [X] @ ""        -66 dBm   4f:79:b4:a3:eb:b4 random
[ ] i ""          -98 dBm   68:64:4b:22:9f:7b public

Sniffing device @ - ""
Starting Wireshark
Wireshark started
```

Diagram 4 Screenshot of Public and Random MAC Address

Background Test Method

- Nordic Semiconductor test results



The image shows a Wireshark capture of Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) traffic. The main pane displays a list of frames, with frame 38 highlighted in blue. This frame is a CONNECT_REQ packet from a slave to a master. The details pane below shows the structure of this packet, including the Packet Header, Initiator Address, Advertising Address, Link Layer Data, and CRC.

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
33	9.96939500	slave	Master	LE LL	60	ADV_IND
34	10.2920660	slave	Master	LE LL	60	ADV_IND
35	10.6190160	slave	Master	LE LL	60	ADV_IND
36	10.9413310	slave	Master	LE LL	60	ADV_IND
37	11.2909980	slave	Master	LE LL	60	ADV_IND
38	11.3029600	slave	Master	LE LL	60	CONNECT_REQ
39	11.3343240	Master	slave	LE LL	32	Control opcode: LL_VERSION_IND

Frame 38 details:

- Frame 38: 60 bytes on wire (480 bits), 60 bytes captured (480 bits) on interface 0
- Nordic BLE sniffer meta
- Bluetooth Low Energy Link Layer
 - Access Address: 0x8e89bed6
 - Packet Header: 0x22c5 (PDU Type: CONNECT_REQ, TxAdd=false, RxAdd=false)
 - Initiator Address: 7f:89:c7:49:b9:3a (7f:89:c7:49:b9:3a)
 - Advertising Address: 4f:79:b4:a3:eb:b4 (4f:79:b4:a3:eb:b4)
 - Link Layer Data
 - CRC: 0x5f4255

- Show the connection request for MS Band 2
 - Random Address = 4F:79:C7:49:EB:B4 (from slide 9)
 - Advertising Address = 4F:79:C7:49:EB:B4 (above)

Background Test Method

- Nordic Semiconductor test results

The image shows a Wireshark capture of Bluetooth traffic. The main pane displays a list of frames with the following details:

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1239	26.6766270	Slave	Master	LE LL	32	Control Opcode: LL_VERSION_IND
1240	26.6995380	Master	Slave	LE LL	53	L2CAP Fragment
1241	26.7245580	Slave	Master	ATT	33	Rcvd Exchange MTU Response, Server Rx MTU: 158
1242	26.7464930	Master	Slave	LE LL	35	L2CAP Fragment
1243	26.7662120	Slave	Master	LE LL	26	Empty PDU
1244	26.7874080	Master	Slave	L2CAP	37	Rcvd
1245	26.8067200	Slave	Master	LE LL	26	Empty PDU
1246	26.8290450	Master	Slave	ATT	35	Rcvd Find By Type Value Response

The packet details pane for frame 1241 shows the following structure:

- Frame 1241: 33 bytes on wire (264 bits), 33 bytes captured (264 bits) on interface 0
- Nordic BLE sniffer meta
 - board: 3
 - uart packet counter: 6941
 - flags: 0x01
 -0.. = encrypted: No
 -0. = direction: Slave -> Master
 -1 = CRC: OK
 - channel: 22
 - RSSI (dBm): -61
 - event counter: 0x0001
 - delta time (us end to start): 151
 - delta time (us start to start): 439
- Bluetooth Low Energy Link Layer
 - Access Address: 0xaf9aa451
- Data Header: 0x0702
- CRC: 0x018265
- Bluetooth L2CAP Protocol
- Bluetooth Attribute Protocol

The packet bytes pane shows the raw data in hexadecimal and ASCII:

```
0000 03 06 1a 01 1d 1b 06 0a 01 16 3d 01 00 97 00 00  ....Q.....  
0010 00 51 a4 9a af 02 07 03 00 04 00 03 9e 00 80 41  .Q.....A  
0020 a6
```

Shows traffic is send unencrypted
but will switch be being encrypted as shown in slide 12

Background Test Method

- Nordic Semiconductor test results

main_lab_band-2-kphone-2.pcapng [Wireshark 1.12.8 (v1.12.8-0-g5b6e543 from master-1.12)]

File Edit View Go Capture Analyze Statistics Telephony Tools Internals Help

Filter: Expression... Clear Apply Save

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
4179	90.4400010	Master	Slave	LE LL	20	Empty PDU
4180	90.4674580	Slave	Master	LE LL	47	encrypted packet decrypted incorrectly (bad MIC)
4181	90.4878900	Master	Slave	LE LL	47	encrypted packet decrypted incorrectly (bad MIC)
4182	90.5107460	Master	Slave	LE LL	26	Empty PDU
4183	90.5399310	Slave	Master	LE LL	35	encrypted packet decrypted incorrectly (bad MIC)
4184	90.5550100	Master	Slave	LE LL	26	Empty PDU
4185	90.5745760	Slave	Master	LE LL	35	encrypted packet decrypted incorrectly (bad MIC)
4186	90.5936850	Master	Slave	LE LL	31	encrypted packet decrypted incorrectly (bad MIC)
4187	90.6143120	Slave	Master	LE LL	26	Empty PDU

Frame 4183: 35 bytes on wire (280 bits), 35 bytes captured (280 bits) on interface 0

Nordic BLE sniffer meta

- board: 3
- uart packet counter: 10606
- flags: 0x35
 - ... 0... = MIC: Incorrect
 -1.. = encrypted: Yes
 -0. = direction: Slave -> Master
 -1 = CRC: OK
- channel: 4
- RSSI (dBm): -65
- event counter: 0x02a3
- delta time (us end to start): 181
- delta time (us start to start): 413

Bluetooth Low Energy Link Layer

- Access Address: 0xaf9a8c5e
- Data Header: 0x090e
 - L2CAP Fragment
 - CRC: 0xf07fa

```
0000 03 06 1c 01 6e 29 06 0a 35 04 41 a3 02 b5 00 00  ....n).. 5.A.....
0010 00 5e 8c 9a af 0e 09 0e cd 6c 3d bc 76 01 b6 1a  .A..... 1=.v...
0020 5f e0 5f  _
```

File: "C:\Users\user\Documents\wireshark\... Packets: 4299 · Displayed: 4299 (100.0%) · Load time: 0:00:125 Profile: Default

- Was un-encrypted as shown in slide 11
- Shows traffic is send encrypted
 - But not decrypted properly
 - Show empty PDU

Background Test Method

- Nordic Semiconductor test results

The screenshot shows a Wireshark capture of Bluetooth traffic. The packet list pane displays several frames, with frame 1241 selected. The packet details pane shows the structure of frame 1241, which is a Bluetooth L2CAP Protocol packet. The details are as follows:

- Frame 1241: 33 bytes on wire (264 bits), 33 bytes captured (264 bits) on interface 0
- Nordic BLE sniffer meta
 - board: 3
 - uart packet counter: 6941
 - flags: 0x01
 -0.. = encrypted: No
 -0. = direction: Slave -> Master
 -1 = CRC: OK
 - channel: 22
 - RSSI (dBm): -61
 - event counter: 0x0001
 - delta time (us end to start): 151
 - delta time (us start to start): 439
- Bluetooth Low Energy Link Layer
 - Access Address: 0xaf9aa451
- Data Header: 0x0702
- CRC: 0x018265
- Bluetooth L2CAP Protocol
- Bluetooth Attribute Protocol

The packet bytes pane shows the raw data for the selected packet:

```
0000 03 06 1a 01 1d 1b 06 0a 01 16 3d 01 00 97 00 00
0010 00 51 a4 9a af 02 07 03 00 04 00 03 9e 00 80 41
0020 a6
```

The status bar at the bottom indicates: Bluetooth Attribute Protocol (btatt). 3 bytes | Packets: 4299 - Discovered: 4299 (100.0%) - Load time: 0:00.125 | Profile: Default

- Shows Bluetooth L2CAP Protocol
 - L2CAP is the layer that text transmitted
 - fragment packet should contain text

Background – Tools used

- Encountered issues
 - Not able to locate the plain text
 - Packets being un-encrypted then switches to being encrypted
- Revised Research Project
 - Perytons
 - *Bluetooth Smart Protocol Analyzers (BSPA)*
 - Hardware used with the *BSPA* software
 - 3 *Texas Instruments (TI) CC2540* Smart USB dongles
 - 1 *Bluegiga BLED112 Bluetooth Smart USB* dongle for time synchronization only
 - 4 port USB hub
 - 2 iPhones - most recent IOS – 9.2.1
 - MS Band 2 fitness tracker & mobile app
 - Wireshark - Secondary method to analyze the packets

Background – Revised Tools

- System configuration
 - Laptop *Windows 10* with *PBSA 5.4*
 - Used to analyze the *Bluetooth* data traffic
 - *Texas Instrument USB Dongle*
 - Used capture BTLE 4.0 packets
 - *Bluegiga BLED I I 2*
 - Time synchronization
 - *iPhone 5*
 - Most recent IOS – 9.2.1

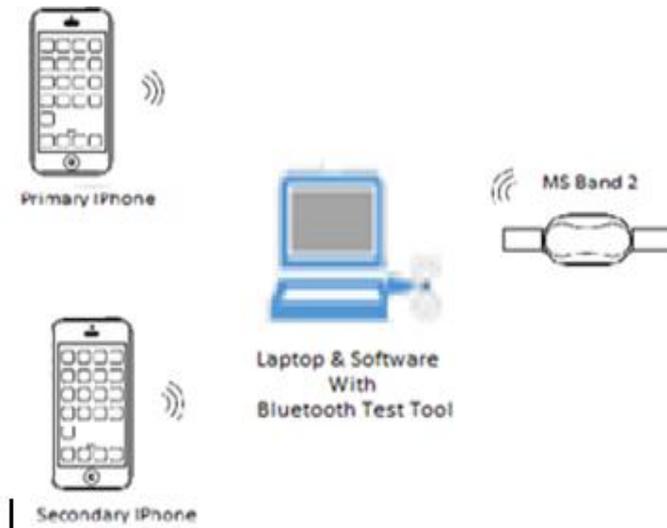


Figure 4: Overview of the controlled lab environment

Background Test Method

- Peryton test results
 - Shows the Bluetooth Pairing Code used

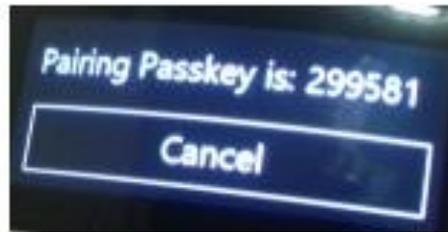
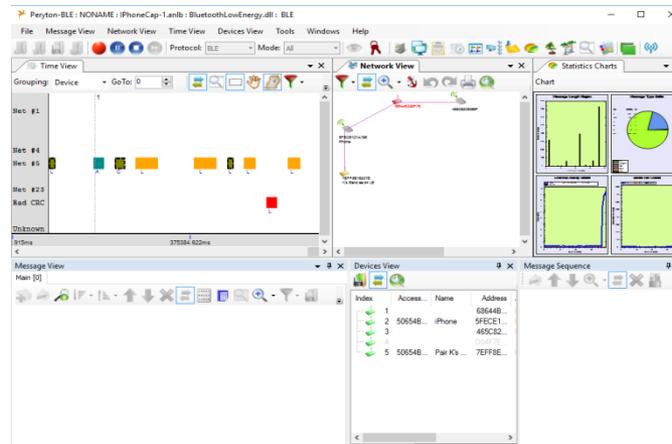


Figure 7: The pairing code of the MS Band 2

- Show the two devices are paired and communicating



Background Test Method

- Show the two devices are paired and communicating
 - Passing packets between the two devices

The screenshot displays a network analysis tool interface with the following components:

- Time View:** Shows a timeline of network activity with colored packets. A vertical dashed line is positioned at 375384.622ms.
- Network View:** A network diagram showing two devices connected by a pink line, representing communication.
- Statistics Charts:** Four charts showing message length, message type, and other metrics.
- Message View:** Shows the details of the selected message.
- Devices View:** A table listing the devices involved in the communication.
- Message Sequence:** A list of messages in the sequence.

Index	Access...	Name	Address
1			68644B...
2	50654B...	iPhone	5FECE1...
3			465C82...
4			D84F7E...
5	50654B...	Pair K's ...	7EFF8E...

Background Test Method

- Peryton test results
 - Show encrypted Bluetooth with L2CAP traffic
 - The red icon indicates the traffic is encrypted

The screenshot displays the Peryton software interface for Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) analysis. The main window is titled "Peryton-BLE: NONAME: iPhoneCap-1.anlb: BluetoothLowEnergy.dll: BLE". The interface is divided into several panes:

- Time View:** Shows a timeline of network events. A red square icon labeled "L" is visible, indicating encrypted traffic. The time scale shows 915ms and 375384.622ms.
- Network View:** Displays a network diagram with nodes representing devices and their connections.
- Statistics Charts:** Contains four charts: "Message Length Histogram", "Message Type Split", "Channel busy ratio", and "Latency per L2CAP".
- Message View:** Shows the details of the selected message, currently displaying "Main [0]".
- Devices View:** Lists the discovered devices with their indices, access addresses, names, and addresses.
- Message Sequence:** Shows the sequence of messages in the current session.

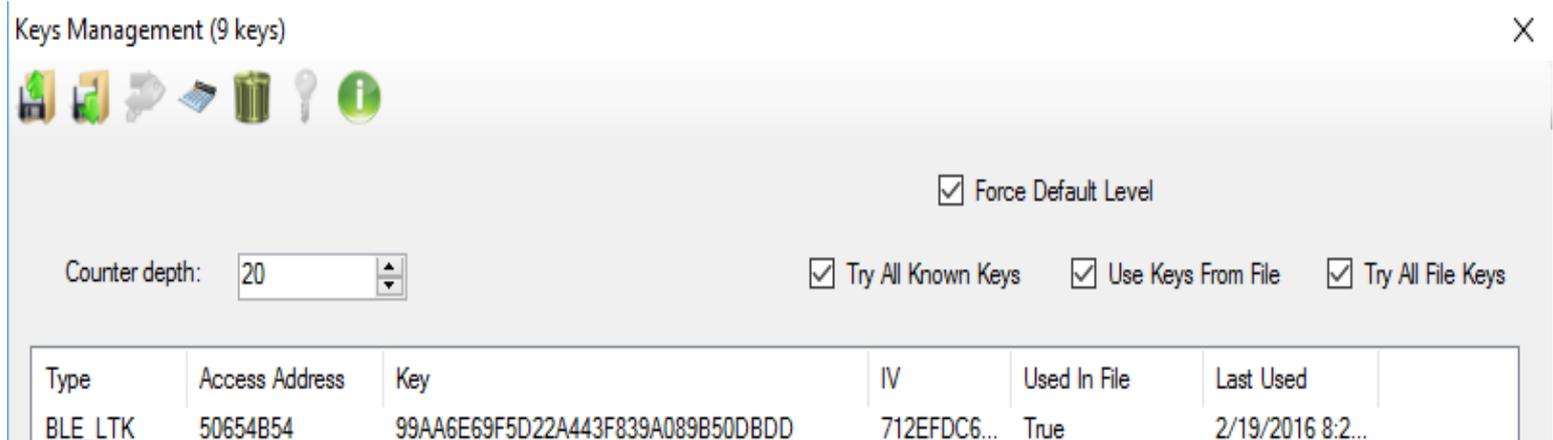
Index	Access...	Name	Address
1			68644B...
2	50654B...	iPhone	5FECE1...
3			465C82...
4			D04F7E...
5	50654B...	Pair K's ...	7EFF8E...

Background Test Method

- Peryton test results
 - Shows the recovered Bluetooth Pairing Code

PIN code for Access Address '50654B54' found: 299581

- Peryton software was able to recovery the Bluetooth Pairing Code with Brute-force under 20 seconds
- Addition to discovering the encryption key
- Shows encryption key used to decrypt packets



Keys Management (9 keys) X

Force Default Level

Counter depth:

Try All Known Keys Use Keys From File Try All File Keys

Type	Access Address	Key	IV	Used In File	Last Used
BLE_LTK	50654B54	99AA6E69F5D22A443F839A089B50DBDD	712EFDC6...	True	2/19/2016 8:2...

Background Test Method

- Peryton test results
 - Show decrypted Bluetooth with L2CAP traffic
 - The green icon indicates traffic is decrypted
 - The blue shaded pie is the L2CAP traffic

The screenshot displays the Peryton BLE software interface. The main window is titled "Peryton-BLE : IphoneCap-1.wrkb : IphoneCap-1.anlb : BluetoothLowEnergy.dll : BLE". The interface is divided into several panes:

- Time View:** Shows a timeline of network activity with colored bars representing different types of traffic. A green bar indicates decrypted traffic, and a blue shaded area represents L2CAP traffic. The time range shown is from 70481.89ms to 70484.336ms.
- Network View:** Displays a network diagram with nodes and connections, showing the flow of traffic between devices.
- Statistics Charts:** A pie chart titled "Message Type Statistics" showing the distribution of message types. The data is as follows:

Type	Messages	%
LL	12940	78.0
L2CAP	3256	19.9
CO	7	0.1
Sec	7	0.1
Sig	1	0.0
Att	1	0.0
Total	16203	100.0
- Message View:** Shows a list of captured messages with their details.
- Devices View:** A table listing discovered devices with their addresses and names.

Access...	Name	Address	Address...	Type
1		68644B229F7B	Pub	Unkr
2	50...	5FECE1D1A796	Rnd	Mast
3		465C82C6365F	Rnd	Mast
4		D04F7E0AFCB	Unk	Unkr
5	50... Pair K...	7EFF8E182C7E	Rnd	Unkr
6		42209B25930B	Rnd	Unkr

Background Test Method

- Peryton test results
 - Show decrypted Bluetooth L2CAP traffic in plain text
 - The green icon indicates traffic is decrypted
 - The blue shaded pie is the L2CAP traffic

The screenshot shows the Peryton BLE analysis software interface. The top window is titled "Peryton-BLE: IphoneCap-1.wrk : IphoneCap-1.anlb : BluetoothLowEnergy.dll : BLE". It features a menu bar (File, Message View, Network View, Time View, Devices View, Tools, Windows, Help) and a toolbar. The main interface is divided into several panes: "Time View" on the left showing a network diagram with nodes and connections; "Network View" in the center showing a network graph; "Statistics Charts" on the right showing various performance metrics; "Message View" at the bottom left showing a list of captured messages with columns for Message ID, Type, L2CAP Data, and List; and "Message Tree View (#3758)" at the bottom right showing a detailed view of a specific message.

The "Message Tree View (#3758)" window displays the following information:

- BLE (L2CAP)
- Data: 11
 - List: 1109636C 61737369 630001
 - LLID: CD [1]
 - NESN: 0
 - SN: 0
 - MoreData (MD) : Y [1]

Below the tree view, the "Hex Data" section shows the following hex values:

```
00 01 50 R...cl assic..P
... .. /
```

Test Results

- The test results show the following
 - The Bluetooth Pairing Code was encrypted during transmission
 - The fitness tracker data was security send over the Bluetooth network
 - Man in The Middle Attack can take place on fitness tracking devices
 - Encryption packets was successful decrypted

Mitigation solutions

- These solutions are based on Bluetooth Security Standards and Industry best practices
 - **Vendors / Manufactures**
 - Minimum PIN length of 8 [11]
 - Dynamic random MAC addresses [23]
 - Dynamic *Bluetooth* pairing key [23]
 - Use an advanced encryption standard counter with CBC-MAC. “AES-CCM is used in *Bluetooth* LE to provide confidentiality as well as per-packet authentication and integrity. [23]”
 - Use “[n]ew cryptographic keys called the Identity Resolving Key (IRK) and Connection Signature Resolving Key (CSRK) [23]”
 - Use Security Mode 1 level 3. “NIST considers this the most secure of these modes/levels and strongly recommends its use for all LE connections [23]”
 - Use maximum allowable key sizes (128b) [23]

Mitigation Solutions (Continued)

- **Corporates**

- Implement security awareness and training [11]
- Establish and enforce device configuration guidelines and security policies [11]
- Disable / turn off services [11]

- **End Users**

- Switch the Bluetooth device to use the hidden or non-discoverable mode [11]
- Only activate Bluetooth only when it is needed. Turn on airplane mode [11]
- Disable / turn off GPS tracking location services [11]
- Ensure device firmware is up-to-date [11]
- Modify / change default configurations and passwords [11]

Future Research Project

- Conduct Fuzzing on iPhone Wi-Fi hardware
 - Analyze weakness in hardware and Firmware
- Capture Wi-Fi data between iPhone Health app web site
 - Determine if data can be decrypted over Wi-Fi
 - Determine what additional data is being send
 - Determine if GPS data can be interpreted and analyzed to determine user location

Questions & Answers



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