The NSA Playset

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HACKRF
Software Defined Radio Peripheral

(U//FOUO) HACKRF is a Software Defined Radio peripheral capable of transmission or reception of arbitrary radio signals from 10 MHz to 6 GHz.

(U//FOUO) HACKRF One with optional enclosure

(U//FOUO) HACKRF is an open source hardware platform designed to enable education, experimentation, and deployment of Software Defined Radio (SDR) technology.

(U//FOUO) HackerF One Features:

• 10 MHz to 6 GHz operating frequency
• half-duplex transceiver
• portable
• Hi-Speed USB 2.0, bus powered
• low cost
• open source
• works with GNU Radio
• 20 MHz bandwidth
• 8 bit resolution
• external clock input and output

(U//FOUO) Applications:

• spectrum analysis
• vector signal analysis
• vector signal generation
• reverse engineering
• spectrum sensing
• wireless security testing
• radio research and development

(U//FOUO) HACKRF makes cutting edge SDR technology available to everyone. Now you can build any radio you want.

Status: Available Q1 2014
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Unit Cost: $300 estimated

HACKRF is open source hardware and software. Anyone may use it, build it, or modify it, not just the NSA.
95% technology
5% ideology
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The history of liberty is a history of civil disobedience to unjust laws or practices.
"ask around for Lei at DEF CON"
It's fun!
Wi-Fi
NIGHTSTAND
Wireless Exploitation / Injection Tool

(TS//SI//REL) An active 802.11 wireless exploitation and injection tool for payload/exploit delivery into otherwise denied target space. NIGHTSTAND is typically used in operations where wired access to the target is not possible.

(TS//SI//REL) NIGHTSTAND - Close Access Operations • Battlefield Tested • Windows Exploitation • Standalone System

System Details

- (U//FOUO) Standalone tool currently running on an x86 laptop loaded with Linux Fedora Core 3.

- (TS//SI//REL) Exploitable Targets include Win2k, WinXP, WinXPSP1, WINXPSP2 running internet Explorer versions 5.0-6.0.

- (TS//SI//REL) NS packet injection can target one client or multiple targets on a wireless network.

- (TS//SI//REL) Attack is undetectable by the user.
NIGHTSTAND

Linux on a laptop
Aircrack-ng
metasploit etc.
SPARROW II

Wireless Survey - Airborne Operations - UAV

(TS//SI//REL) An embedded computer system running BLINDDDATE tools. Sparrow II is a fully functional WLAN collection system with integrated Mini PCI slots for added functionality such as GPS and multiple Wireless Network Interface Cards.

(U//FOUO) System Specs

Processor: IBM Power PC 405GPR
Memory: 64MB (SDRAM)
16MB (FLASH)

Expansion: Mini PCI (Up to 4 devices) supports USB, Compact Flash, and 802.11 B/G

OS: Linux (2.4 Kernel)
Application SW: BLINDDDATE

Battery Time: At least two hours
SPARROW II

Kismet is great!

Fly a phone? Open WRT: Wifi Pineapple Carambola 2 etc.
Hardware Implants
(TS//SI//REL) GINSU provides software application persistence for the CNE implant, KONGUR, on target systems with the PCI bus hardware implant, BULLDOZER.

(TS//SI//REL) GINSU Extended Concept of Operations

(TS//SI//REL) This technique supports any desktop PC system that contains at least one PCI connector (for BULLDOZER installation) and Microsoft Windows 9x, 2000, 2003, XP, or Vista.
BULLDOZER

FPGA

USB3380

86duino

Intel Galileo

Non-Transparent Bridge (NTB)

bplus.com.tw
HOWLERMONKEY is a custom Short to Medium Range Implant RF Transceiver. It is used in conjunction with a digital core to provide a complete implant.

HOWLERMONKEY - SUTURESAILOR
1.23" (31.25 mm)
 x 0.48" (12.2 mm)

HOWLERMONKEY - YELLOWPIN
2" (50.8 mm) x 0.45" (11.5 mm)

(Actual Size)

HOWLERMONKEY - SUTURESAILOR
Front
1.20" (30.5 mm)
 x 0.23" (6 mm)

HOWLERMONKEY - FIREWALK
0.63" (16 mm) x
 0.63" (16 mm)

HOWLERMONKEY is a COTS-based transceiver designed to be compatible with CONJECTURE/SPECULATION networks and STRIKEZONE devices running a HOWLERMONKEY personality. PCB layouts are tailored to individual implant space requirements and can vary greatly in form factor.
HOWLER MONKEY

YARD stick One

Ubertooth Bluetooth module any wireless transceiver IC
So cool! So connected!
TRINITY is a miniaturized digital core packaged in a Multi-Chip Module (MCM) to be used in implants with size constraining concealments.

TRINITY uses the TAO standard implant architecture. The architecture provides a robust, reconfigurable, standard digital platform resulting in a dramatic performance improvement over the obsolete HC12 microcontroller based designs. A development Printed Circuit Board (PCB) using packaged parts has been developed and is available as the standard platform. The TRINITY Multi-Chip-Module (MCM) contains an ARM9 microcontroller, FPGA, Flash and SDRAM memories.

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TRINITY MCM Architecture
TRINITY

BeagleBone Black or any microcontroller!

also JUNIORMINT, MAESTRO
(TS//SI//REL) IRONCHEF provides access persistence to target systems by exploiting the motherboard BIOS and utilizing System Management Mode (SMM) to communicate with a hardware implant that provides two-way RF communication.

(TS//SI//REL) IRONCHEF Extended Concept of Operations

(TS//SI//REL) This technique supports the HP Proliant 380DL G5 server, onto which a hardware implant has been installed that communicates over the I²C Interface (WAGONBED).
WAGONBED

Any microcontroller with I²C

(Arduino, BeagleBone Black, etc.)
CROSSBEAM is a GSM module that mates a modified commercial cellular product with a WAGONBED controller board.

CROSSBEAM is a reusable CHIMNEYPOLL-compliant GSM communications module capable of collecting and compressing voice data. CROSSBEAM can receive GSM voice, record voice data, and transmit the received information via connected modules or 4 different GSM data modes (GPRS, Circuit Switched Data, Data Over Voice, and DTMF) back to a secure facility. The CROSSBEAM module consists of a standard ANT architecture embedded computer, a specialized phone component, a customized software controller suite and an optional DSP (ROCKYKNOB) if using Data Over Voice to transmit data.
CROSSBEAM

GSM module

sparkfun.com
(TS//SI//REL) GODSURGE runs on the FLUXBABBITT hardware implant and provides software application persistence on Dell PowerEdge servers by exploiting the JTAG debugging interface of the server’s processors.
FLUX BABBIT

Who does x86 JTAG?
COTTONMOUTH-I (CM-I) is a Universal Serial Bus (USB) hardware implant which will provide a wireless bridge into a target network as well as the ability to load exploit software onto target PCs.

CM-I will provide air-gap bridging, software persistence capability, “in-field” re-programmability, and covert communications with a host software implant over the USB. The RF link will enable command and data infiltration and exfiltration. CM-I will also communicate with Data Network Technologies (DNT) software (STRAITBIZARRE) through a covert channel implemented on the USB, using this communication channel to pass commands and data between hardware and software implants. CM-I will be a GENIE-compliant implant based on CHIMNEYPPOOL.

CM-I conceals digital components (TRINITY), USB 1.1 FS hub, switches, and HOWLERMONKEY (HM) RF Transceiver within the USB Series-A cable connector. MOCCASIN is the version permanently connected to a USB keyboard. Another version can be made with an unmodified USB connector at the other end. CM-I has the ability to communicate to other CM devices over the RF link using an over-the-air protocol called SPECULATION.
COTTONMOUTH-II
ANT Product Data

(TSI/SII/REL) COTTONMOUTH-II (CM-II) is a Universal Serial Bus (USB) hardware Host Tap, which will provide a covert link over USB link into a targets network. CM-II is intended to be operate with a long haul relay subsystem, which is co-located within the target equipment. Further integration is needed to turn this capability into a deployable system.

(TSI/SII/REL) CM-II will provide software persistence capability, “in-field” re-programmability, and covert communications with a host software implant over the USB. CM-II will also communicate with Data Network Technologies (DNT) software (STRAITBIZARRE) through a covert channel implemented on the USB, using this communication channel to pass commands and data between hardware and software implants. CM-II will be a GENIE-compliant implant based on CHIMNEYPOOL.

(TSI/SII/REL) CM-II consists of the CM-I digital hardware and the long haul relay concealed somewhere within the target chassis. A USB 2.0 HS hub with switches is concealed in a dual stacked USB connector, and the two parts are hard-wired, providing an intra-chassis link. The long haul relay provides the wireless bridge into the target's network.
COTTON MOUTH II

BeagleBone Black with USBProxy or Daisho
(TS//SI//REL) FIREWALK is a bidirectional network implant, capable of passively collecting Gigabit Ethernet network traffic, and actively injecting Ethernet packets onto the same target network.

(TS//SI//REL) FIREWALK is a bi-directional 10/100/1000bT (Gigabit) Ethernet network implant residing within a dual stacked RJ45 / USB connector. FIREWALK is capable of filtering and egressing network traffic over a custom RF link and injecting traffic as commanded; this allows a ethernet tunnel (VPN) to be created between target network and the ROC (or an intermediate redirector node such as DNT's DANDERSPRITZ tool.) FIREWALK allows active exploitation of a target network with a firewall or air gap protection.

(TS//SI//REL) FIREWALK uses the HOWLERMONKEY transceiver for back-end communications. It can communicate with an LP or other compatible HOWLERMONKEY based ANT products to increase RF range through multiple hops.
FIREWALK

AM335x Starter Kit

OpenWRT
Software

Implants
(TS//SI//REL) DEITYBOUNCE provides software application persistence on Dell PowerEdge servers by exploiting the motherboard BIOS and utilizing System Management Mode (SMM) to gain periodic execution while the Operating System loads.
(TS//SI//REL) SWAP provides software application persistence by exploiting the motherboard BIOS and the hard drive's Host Protected Area to gain periodic execution before the Operating System loads.
(TS//SI//REL) IRATEMONK provides software application persistence on desktop and laptop computers by implanting the hard drive firmware to gain execution through Master Boot Record (MBR) substitution.
(TS//SI//REL) WISTFUL TOLL is a UNITEDRAKE and STRAITBI ZZARE plug-in used for harvesting and returning forensic information from a target using Windows Management Instrumentation (WMI) calls and Registry extractions.
(TS//SI//REL) This plug-in supports systems running Microsoft Windows 2000, 2003, and XP.

(TS//SI//REL) Through remote access or interdiction, WISTFULLTOLL is executed as either a UNITEDRAKE or STRAITBAZZARE plug-in or as a stand-alone executable. If used remotely, the extracted information is sent back to NSA through UNITEDRAKE or STRAITBAZZARE. Execution via interdiction may be accomplished by non-technical operator though use of a USB thumb drive, where extracted information will be saved to that thumb drive.
SOMBERKNAVE is Windows XP wireless software implant that provides covert internet connectivity for isolated targets.

SOMBERKNAVE is a software implant that surreptitiously routes TCP traffic from a designated process to a secondary network via an unused embedded 802.11 network device. If an Internet-connected wireless Access Point is present, SOMBERKNAVE can be used to allow OLYMPUS or VALIDATOR to “call home” via 802.11 from an air-gapped target computer. If the 802.11 interface is in use by the target, SOMBERKNAVE will not attempt to transmit.

Operationally, VALIDATOR initiates a call home. SOMBERKNAVE triggers from the named event and tries to associate with an access point. If connection is successful, data is sent over 802.11 to the ROC. VALIDATOR receives instructions, downloads OLYMPUS, then disassociates and gives up control of the 802.11 hardware. OLYMPUS will then be able to communicate with the ROC via SOMBERKNAVE, as long as there is an available access point.
Persistent Backdoors (roUTERS)
(TS//SI//REL) HEADWATER is a Persistent Backdoor (PBD) software implant for selected Huawei routers. The implant will enable covert functions to be remotely executed within the router via an Internet connection.

(TS//SI//REL) HEADWATER Persistence Implant Concept of Operations
(TS//SI//REL) SCHOOLMONTANA provides persistence for DNT implants. The DNT implant will survive an upgrade or replacement of the operating system – including physically replacing the router’s compact flash card.
(TS//SI//REL) SIERRAMONTANA provides persistence for DNT implants. The DNT implant will survive an upgrade or replacement of the operating system – including physically replacing the router’s compact flash card.

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STUCCOMONTANA
ANT Product Data

(TS//SI//REL) STUCCOMONTANA provides persistence for DNT implants. The DNT implant will survive an upgrade or replacement of the operating system – including physically replacing the router’s compact flash card.

Command, Control, and Data Exfiltration using
DNT Implant Communications Protocol (typical)

NSA
Remote Operations Center

Typical Target
Firewall or Router

MPU / CPU
Operating System
System BIOS
Persistence
IMPLANT
DNT payload

Internet

Target Network

(SI//SI//REL) STUCCOMONTANA Concept of Operations

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Persistent Backdoors (firewalls)
(TS//SI//REL) JETPLOW is a firmware persistence implant for Cisco PIX Series and ASA (Adaptive Security Appliance) firewalls. It persists DNT's BANANAGLEE software implant. JETPLOW also has a persistent back-door capability.
(TS//SI//REL) The HALLUXWATER Persistence Back Door implant is installed on a target Huawei Eudemon firewall as a boot ROM upgrade. When the target reboots, the PBD installer software will find the needed patch points and install the back door in the inbound packet processing routine.
(TS//SI//REL) FEEDTROUGH is a persistence technique for two software implants, DNT’s BANANAGLEE and CES’s ZESTYLEAK used against Juniper Netscreen firewalls.
(TS//SI//REL) GOURMETTROUGH is a user configurable persistence implant for certain Juniper firewalls. It persists DNT’s BANANAGLEE implant across reboots and OS upgrades. For some platforms, it supports a minimal implant with beaconing for OS’s unsupported by BANANAGLEE.
(TS//SI//REL) SOUFFLETROUGH is a BIOS persistence implant for Juniper SSG 500 and SSG 300 series firewalls. It persists DNT's BANANAGLEE software implant. SOUFFLETROUGH also has an advanced persistent back-door capability.
Direction Finding
ENTOURAGE
(S//SI//REL) Direction Finding on HollowPoint Platform

(S//SI//REL) Direction Finding application operating on the HOLLOWPOINT platform. The system is capable of providing line of bearing for GSM/UMTS/CDMA2000/FRS signals. A band-specific antenna and laptop controller is needed to compliment the HOLLOWPOINT system and completes the ground based system.

(S//SI//REL) HOLLOWPOINT SDR Platform and Antenna

(S//SI) The ENTOURAGE application leverages the 4 Software Defined Radio (SDR) units in the HOLLOWPOINT platform. This capability provides an "Artemis-like" capability for waveforms of interest (2G, 3G, others). The ENTOURAGE application works in conjunction with the NEBULA active interrogator as part of the Find/Fix/Finish capabilities of the GALAXY program.

- (S//SI//REL) Features:
  - Software Defined Radio System
  - Operating range 10MHz – 4GHz
  - 4 Receive paths, all synchronized

- (S//SI//REL) Enclosure:
  - 1.8"H x 8.0"W x 8.0"D
  - Approximately 3 lbs
  - 15 Watts
HackRF One
WATERWITCH
Handheld Finishing Tool

(S//SI) Hand held finishing tool used for geolocating targeted handsets in the field.

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(S//SI) Features:

- Split display/controller for flexible deployment capability
- External antenna for DFing target; internal antenna for communication with active interrogator
- Multiple technology capability based on SDR Platform; currently UMTS, with GSM and CDMA2000 under development
- Approximate size 3” x 7.5” x 1.25” (radio), 2.5” x 5” x 0.75” (display); radio shrink in planning stages
- Display uses E-Ink technology for low light emissions

(S//SI) Tactical Operators use WATERWITCH to locate handsets (last mile) where handset is connected to Typhon or
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GENESIS
Covert SIGINT Transceiver

(SI//SI//REL) Commercial GSM handset that has been modified to include a Software Defined Radio (SDR) and additional system memory. The internal SDR allows a witting user to covertly perform network surveys, record RF spectrum, or perform handset location in hostile environments.

(SI//SI//REL) GENESIS Handset

(SI//SI//REL) The GENESIS systems are designed to support covert operations in hostile environments. A witting user would be able to survey the local environment with the spectrum analyzer tool, select spectrum of interest to record, and download the spectrum information via the integrated Ethernet to a laptop controller. The GENESIS system could also be used, in conjunction with an active interrogator, as the finishing tool when performing Find/fix/finish operations in unconventional environments.

(SI//SI//REL) Features:
- Concealed SDR with Handset Menu Interface
- Spectrum Analyzer Capability
- Find/fix/finish Capability
- Integrated Ethernet

(SI//SI//REL) Future Enhancements:
- 3G Handset Host Platform
- Additional Host Platforms
- Increased Memory Capacity
- Additional Find/fix/finish Capabilities
HackRF PortaPack

ShareBrained Technology
The Smart Software Radio Device

Welcome to the Whitebox Software Radio Project, a cross between a smartphone and a software defined radio with an open hardware and software license.
So cool! So connected!
Base Stations

Interrogation
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CANDYGRAM
GSM Telephone Tripwire

(S//SI//REL) Mimics GSM cell tower of a target network. Capable of operations at 900, 1800, or 1900 MHz. Whenever a target handset enters the CANDYGRAM base station's area of influence, the system sends out an SMS through the external network to registered watch phones.

(S//SI//REL) CANDYGRAM Operational Concept

(S//SI//REL) Typical use scenarios are asset validation, target tracking and identification as well as identifying hostile surveillance units with GSM handsets. Functionality is predicated on apriori target information.

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CYCLONE Hx9
Base Station Router

(S//S//FVEY) EGSM (900MGz) macro-class Network-In-a-Box (NIB) system. Uses the existing Typhon GUI and supports the full Typhon feature base and applications.

(S//S//REL) Operational Restrictions exist for equipment deployment.

➤ (S//S//REL) Enclosure:
- 3.5”H x 8.5”W x 9”D
- Approximately 8 lbs
- Actively cooled for extreme environments

➤ (S//S//REL) Cyclone Hx9 System Kit:
- Cyclone Hx9 System
- AC/DC power converter
- Antenna to support MS, GPS, WiFi, & RF
- LAN, RF, & USB cables
- Pelican Case
- (Field Kit only) Control Laptop and Accessories

➤ (S//S//REL) Features:
- EGSM 900MHz
- Macro-class (+43dBm)
- 32+Km Range
- Optional Battery Kits
Low Power GSM Active Interrogator

(SI//REL) Multi-purpose, Pico class, tri-band active GSM base station with internal 802.11/GPS/handset capability.

(SI//REL) Operational Restrictions exist for equipment deployment.

(SI//REL) Features:
- LxT Model: 900/1800/1900MHz
- LxU Model: 850/1800/1900MHz
- Pico-class (1Watt) Base station
- Optional Battery Kits
- Highly Mobile and Deployable

(SI//REL) EBSR System Kit:
- EBSR System
- AC/DC power converter
- Antennas to support MS, GPS, WIFI, & RF
- LAN, RF, & USB cables
- Pelican Case
- (Field Kit only) Control Laptop and Accessories

(SI//REL) Separately Priced Options:
- 90 WH Lilon Battery Kit
**NEBULA**
Base Station Router

(SI/SI/FVEY) Multi-Protocol macro-class Network-In-a-Box (NIB) system. Leverages the existing Typhon GUI and supports GSM, UMTS, CDMA2000 applications. LTE capability currently under development.

(SI/SI/REL) Operational Restrictions exist for equipment deployment.

- 8.5"H x 13.0"W x 16.5"D
- Approximately 45 lbs
- Actively cooled for extreme environments

(SI/SI/REL) NEBULA System Kit:
- NEBULA System
- 3 Interchangeable RF bands
- AC/DC power converter
- Antenna to support MS, GPS, WIFI, & RF
- LAN, RF, & USB cables
- Pelican Case
- (Field Kit only) Control Laptop and Accessories

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(S//SI//FVEY) Base Station Router - Network-In-a-Box (NIB) supporting GSM bands 850/900/1800/1900 and associated full GSM signaling and call control.

(S//SI//FVEY) Tactical SIGINT elements use this equipment to find, fix and finish targeted handset users.

(S//SI) Target GSM handset registers with BSR unit.

(S//SI) Operators are able to geolocate registered handsets, capturing the user.
HackRF One x2
Mobile Software Implants
DROPOUTJEEP is a STRAITBIZARRE based software implant for the Apple iPhone operating system and uses the CHIMNEYPOOL framework. DROPOUTJEEP is compliant with the FREEFLOW project, therefore it is supported in the TURBULENCE architecture.
GOPHERSET
ANT Product Data

(TS/SI/REL) GOPHERSET is a software implant for GSM (Global System for Mobile communication) subscriber identify module (SIM) cards. This implant pulls Phonebook, SMS, and call log information from a target handset and exfiltrates it to a user-defined phone number via short message service (SMS).

(U//FOUO) GOPHERSET – Operational Schematic
MONKEYCALENDAR is a software implant for GSM (Global System for Mobile communication) subscriber identify module (SIM) cards. This implant pulls geolocation information from a target handset and exfiltrates it to a user-defined phone number via short message service (SMS).

(U//FOUO) MONKEYCALENDAR – Operational Schematic
(TS//SI//REL) TOTECHASER is a Windows CE implant targeting the Thuraya 2520 handset. The Thuraya 2520 is a dual mode phone that can operate either in SAT or GSM modes. The phone also supports a GPRS data connection for Web browsing, e-mail, and MMS messages. The initial software implant capabilities include providing GPS and GSM geo-location information. Call log, contact list, and other user information can also be retrieved from the phone. Additional capabilities are being investigated.

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(T//FOUO) TOTECHASER – Operational Schematic
(TS//SI//REL) TOTEGHOSTLY 2.0 is a STRAITBIZARRE based implant for the Windows Mobile embedded operating system and uses the CHIMNEYPOOL framework. TOTEGHOSTLY 2.0 is compliant with the FREEFLOW project, therefore it is supported in the TURBULENCE architecture.

(U//FOUO) TOTEGHOSTLY – Data Flow Schematic
(S//SI//REL) Modified GSM (target) handset that collects user data, location information and room audio. Command and data exfil is done from a laptop and regular phone via SMS – (Short Messaging Service), without alerting the target.

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(S//SI) Target Data via SMS:

- Incoming call numbers
- Outgoing call numbers
- Recently registered networks
- Recent Location Area Codes (LAC)
- Cell power and Timing Advance information (GEO)
- Recently Assigned TMSI, IMSI
- Recent network authentication challenge responses
- Recent successful PINs entered into the phone during the power-on cycle
- SW version of PICASSO implant
  - ‘Hot-mic’ to collect Room Audio
  - Panic Button sequence (sends location information to an LP Operator)
  - Send Targeting Information (i.e. current IMSI and phone number when it is turned on - in case the SIM has just been switched).
- Block call to deny target service.

(S//SI//REL) PICASSO Operational Concept

(S//SI//REL) Uses include asset validation and tracking and target templating. Phone can be hot mic’d and has a “Panic Button” key sequence for the witty user.

Status: 2 weeks ARO (10 or less)

Unit Cost: approx $2000

(S//SI//REL) Handset Options

- Eastcom 760c+
- Samsung E600, X450
- Samsung C140
  - (with Arabic keypad/language option)
RF = Retroreflectors
(TS//SI//REL TO USA,FVEY) RF retro-reflector that provides an enhanced radar cross-section for VAGRANT collection. It's concealed in a standard computer video graphics array (VGA) cable between the video card and video monitor. It's typically installed in the ferrite on the video cable.

(U) Capabilities
(TS//SI//REL TO USA,FVEY) RAGEMASTER provides a target for RF flooding and allows for easier collection of the VAGRANT video signal. The current RAGEMASTER unit taps the red video line on the VGA cable. It was found that, empirically, this provides the best video return and cleanest readout of the monitor contents.
The Thing

(Great Seal Bug)
The CTX4000 is a portable continuous wave (CW) radar unit. It can be used to illuminate a target system to recover different off net information. Primary uses include VAGRANT and DROPMIRED collection.

The CTX4000 provides the means to collect signals that otherwise would not be collectable, or would be extremely difficult to collect and process. It provides the following features:
- Frequency Range: 1 - 2 GHz.
- Bandwidth: Up to 45 MHz
- Output Power: User adjustable up to 2 W using the internal amplifier; external amplifiers make it possible to go up to 1 kW.
PHOTOANGLO
ANT Product Data

(TS//SI//REL TO USA,FVEY) PHOTOANGLO is a joint NSA/GCHQ project to develop a new radar system to take the place of the CTX4000.

(U) Capabilities
(TS//SI//REL TO USA,FVEY) The planned capabilities for this system are:
• Frequency range: 1 - 2 GHz, which will be later extended to 1 - 4 GHz.
• Maximum bandwidth: 450 MHz.
• Size: Small enough to fit into a slim briefcase.
• Weight: Less than 10 lbs.
• Maximum Output Power: 2 W
• Output:
  • Video
  • Transmit antenna
• Inputs:
  • External oscillator
  • Receive antenna

(U) Concept of Operation
(TS//SI//REL TO USA,FVEY) The radar unit generates an un-modulated, continuous wave (CW) signal. The oscillator is either generated internally, or externally through a signal generator or cavity oscillator. The unit amplifies the signal and sends it out to an RF connector, where it is directed to some form of transmission antenna (horn, parabolic dish, LPA, spiral). The signal illuminates the target system and is re-radiated. The
NIGHTWATCH
ANT Product Data

(TS//SI//REL TO USA,FVEY) NIGHTWATCH is a portable computer with specialized, internal hardware designed to process progressive-scan (non-interlaced) VAGRANT signals.

(U) Capability Summary
(TS//SI//REL TO USA,FVEY) The current implementation of NIGHTWATCH consists of a general-purpose PC inside of a shielded case. The PC has PCI digitizing and clock cards to provide the needed interface and accurate clocking required for video reconstruction. It also has:
- horizontal sync, vertical sync and video outputs to drive an external, multi-sync monitor.
- video input
- spectral analysis up to 150 kHz to provide for indications of horizontal and vertical sync frequencies
- frame capture and forwarding
- PCMCIA cards for program and data storage
- horizontal sync locking to keep the display set on the NIGHTWATCH display.
- frame averaging up to $2^{16}$ (65536) frames.
HackRF One x2
Hot Wheels Radar Gun!
Simple RF Retroreflector

data

Diagram: An antenna with data flowing into it.
(TS//SI//REL TO USA,FVEY) Data RF retro-reflector. Provides return modulated with target data (keyboard, low data rate digital device) when illuminated with radar.

(U) Capabilities
(TS//SI//REL TO USA,FVEY) SURLYSPAWN has the capability to gather keystrokes without requiring any software running on the targeted system. It also only requires that the targeted system be touched once. The retro-reflector is compatible with both USB and PS/2 keyboards. The simplicity of the design allows the form factor to be tailored for specific operational requirements. Future capabilities will include laptop keyboards.

(U) Concept of Operation
(TS//SI//REL TO USA,FVEY) The board taps into the data line from the keyboard to the processor. The board generates a square wave oscillating at a preset frequency. The data-line signal is used to shift the square wave frequency higher or lower, depending on the level of the data-line signal. The square wave, in essence, becomes frequency shift keyed (FSK). When the unit is illuminated by a CW signal from a nearby radar, the illuminating signal is amplitude-modulated (AM) with this square wave. The signal is re-radiated,
(TS//SI//REL TO USA,FVEY) Beacon RF retro-reflector. Provides return when illuminated with radar to provide rough positional location.

(U) Capabilities
(TS//SI//REL TO USA,FVEY) TAWDRYYARD is used as a beacon, typically to assist in locating and identifying deployed RAGEMASTER units. Current design allows it to be detected and located quite easily within a 50' radius of the radar system being used to illuminate it. TAWDRYYARD draws as 8 µA at 2.5V (20µW) allowing a standard lithium coin cell to power it for months or years. The simplicity of the design allows the form factor to be tailored for specific operational requirements. Future capabilities being considered are return of GPS coordinates and a unique target identifier and automatic processing to scan a target area for presence of TAWDRYYARDs. All components are COTS and so are non-attributable to NSA.

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(TS//SI//REL TO USA,FVEY) Audio-based RF retro-reflector. Provides room audio from targeted space using radar and basic post-processing.

(U) Capabilities
(TS//SI//REL TO USA,FVEY) LOUDAUTO’s current design maximizes the gain of the microphone. This makes it extremely useful for picking up room audio. It can pick up speech at a standard, office volume from over 20’ away.
(NOTE: Concealments may reduce this distance.) It uses very little power (~15 uA at 3.0 VDC), so little, in fact, that battery self-discharge is more of an issue for serviceable lifetime than the power draw from this unit. The simplicity of the design allows the form factor to be tailored for specific operational requirements. All components at COTS and so are non-attributable to NSA.

(U) Concept of Operation
TS//SI//REL TO USA,FVEY) Room audio is picked up by the microphone and converted into an analog electrical signal. This signal is used to pulse position modulate (PPM) a square wave signal running at a pre-set frequency. This square wave is used to turn a FET (field effect transistor) on and off. When the unit is illuminated with a CW signal from a nearby radar unit, the illuminating signal is amplitude-modulated with the PPM square wave. This
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