

>>> Tea or Coffee ?

>>> A small story about hardware security...

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>>> Who am I ?

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- \* Developer

- \* Mainly Java and occasionally Python
  - \* Knowledge in system/low level programming

- \* Familiar in DevOps concepts

- \* currently working to implement DevOps best practices and tools on a customer large project

- \* Not security expert, but interested by the security aspects and willing to experiment on that topic

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>>> Why this presentation ?

## Starting from a simple discussion

- \* More than expected security issues discovered

## Exploitation is globally quite simple

- \* Can be done by almost anyone with:
  - \* time
  - \* some researches
  - \* minimum knowledge
  - \* bit of motivation

## Lessons can be learned for other areas

- \* Software development
- \* And IT in general

And now, I will tale you my little coffee machine story



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And it's in front of the coffee machine that someone with an evil mind asked:

*Is coffee machine secured ?*

*Is it possible to have some coffee for free ?*



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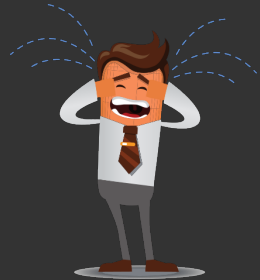
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What happen ?

Tags seem to be protected. Dumping is not as simple as I thought.

Only public fields extracted.

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## In short

- \* Introduced in 1994
- \* 2 versions:
  - \* 1k : 1024 bytes of storage, split into 16 sectors
  - \* 4k : 4096 bytes of storage, split into 32 + 8 sectors
- \* Each sector is secured by 2 keys (A and B, 48bits length)
- \* Uses CRYPTO-1 proprietary hardware encryption algorithm
- \* Not all smartphone compatible

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## >>> Mifare Classic 2/2

### And about security strength ?

- \* Full reverse engineering published in March 2008. CRYPTO-1 encryption can be broken in about 200s with a laptop.
- \* In 2009, with specific ASIC Proxmark 3, only 10s needed.
- \* Hardened version of Mifare Classic have been released in 2011, but, in 2015, an attack able to recover "secured" data was published.

Since the discovery of last attack in 2015, NXP is officially recommending to migrate from MIFARE Classic product-based systems to higher security products.<sup>1</sup>

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Github hosts some open source cracking tools

- \* Nested attack implementation
  - \* Need at least one key already known
- \* Dark side attack implementation
  - \* Find one key from tag

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## A small investment from Aliexpress

USB NFC reader (ACR122U)	~18€
NFC tags with writable block 0 (x5)	~2€
Your favorite Linux distro...	0€
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Total	~20€



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## The hacking process

- \* Install tools
- \* Recover A & B security keys
- \* Dump tag memory
- \* Buy a coffee
- \* Dump tag memory again
- \* Compare dumps
- \* Identify changes in memory
- \* Update money amount on tag



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Enjoy free coffee !



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## A bit of programming

- \* Custom Android application
  - \* First draft working app in 2 hours
  - \* Only one view
    - \* 2 java classes
    - \* 1 xml layout
  - \* Very few fonctionnalities
    - \* display money
    - \* reset money



## Advantages

Allows to update tag easily and quickly

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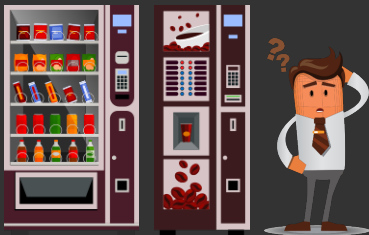
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Less than a day of work load and cost ~20€

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>>> Going further...
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And now ?



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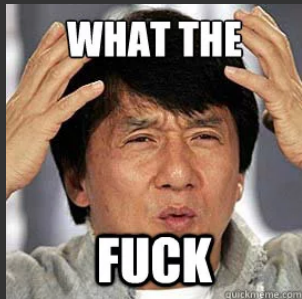
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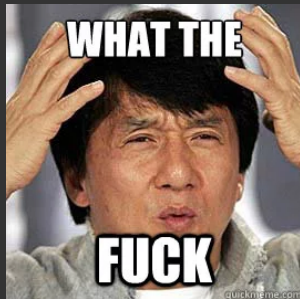
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What does it means ?

It's easy to clone.

So to usurp identity too.

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### 3. Even if NXP is officially recommending to not use MFC tags since 2015, we can still find many nowadays.

- \* Fleet upgrade issue (\$\$)
- \* Information issue ?
  - \* from manufacturer to subcontractor
  - \* from subcontractor to final client

Thank you