



# EuskalHack Security Congress VI

## LOS ENTRESIJOS DE BLUETRUST







# BlueTrust



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# BIAS

## Bluetooth Impersonation AttackS

[CVE 2020-10135]

(Theory)

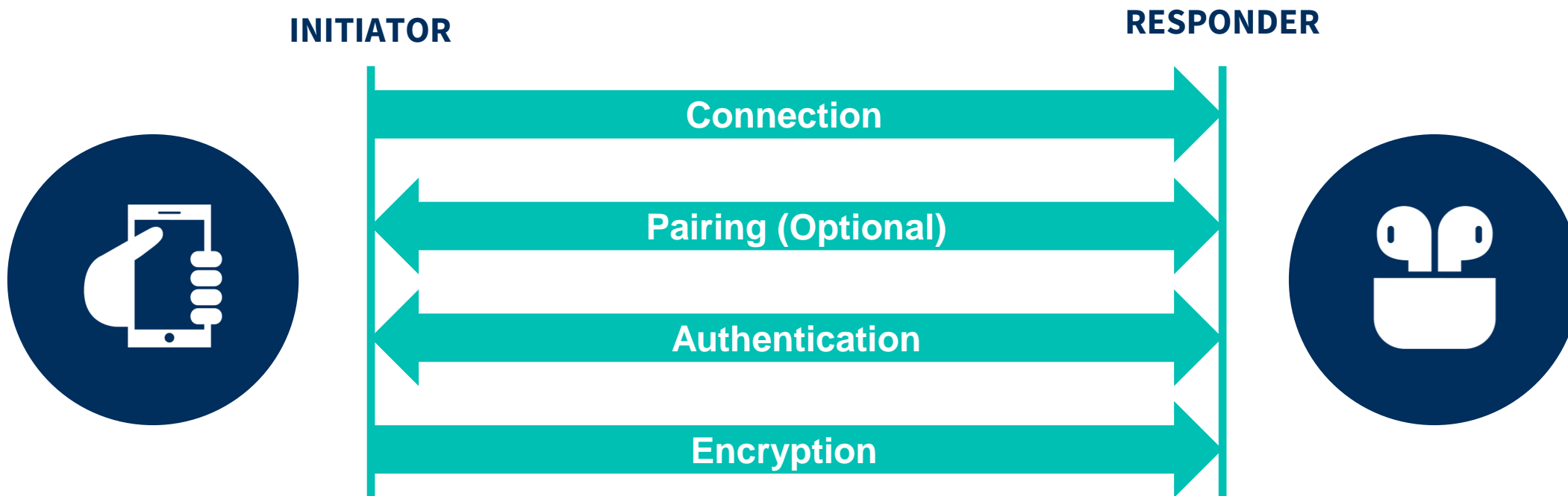




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## BIAS A COMMON BLUETOOTH CONNECTION

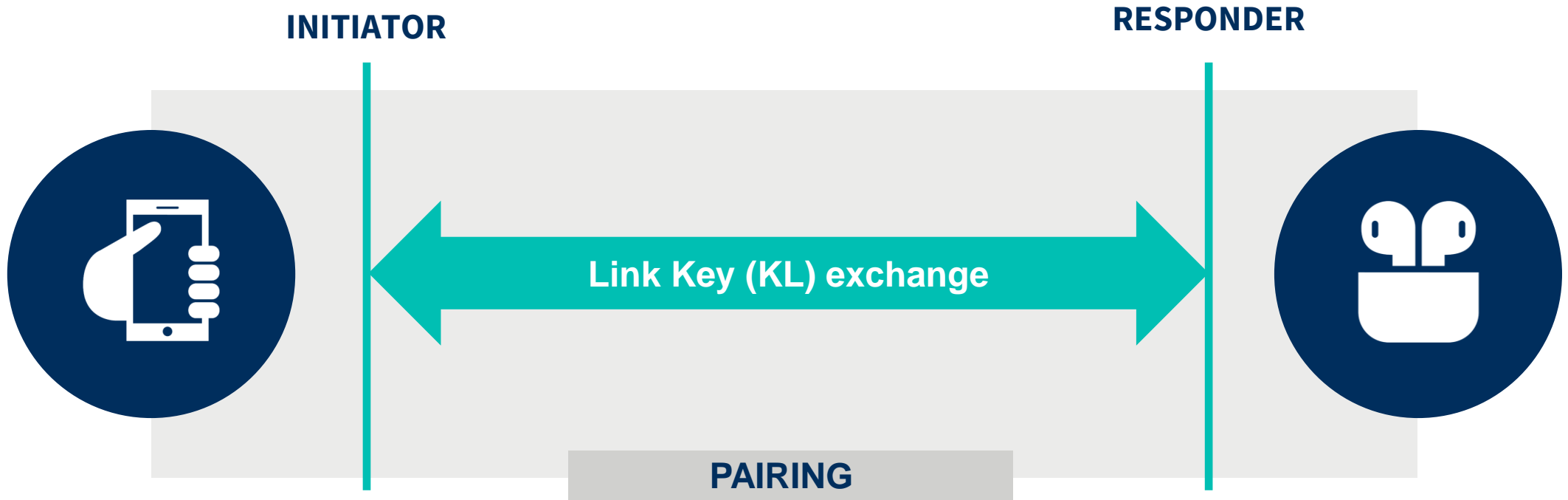




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## BIAS PAIRING

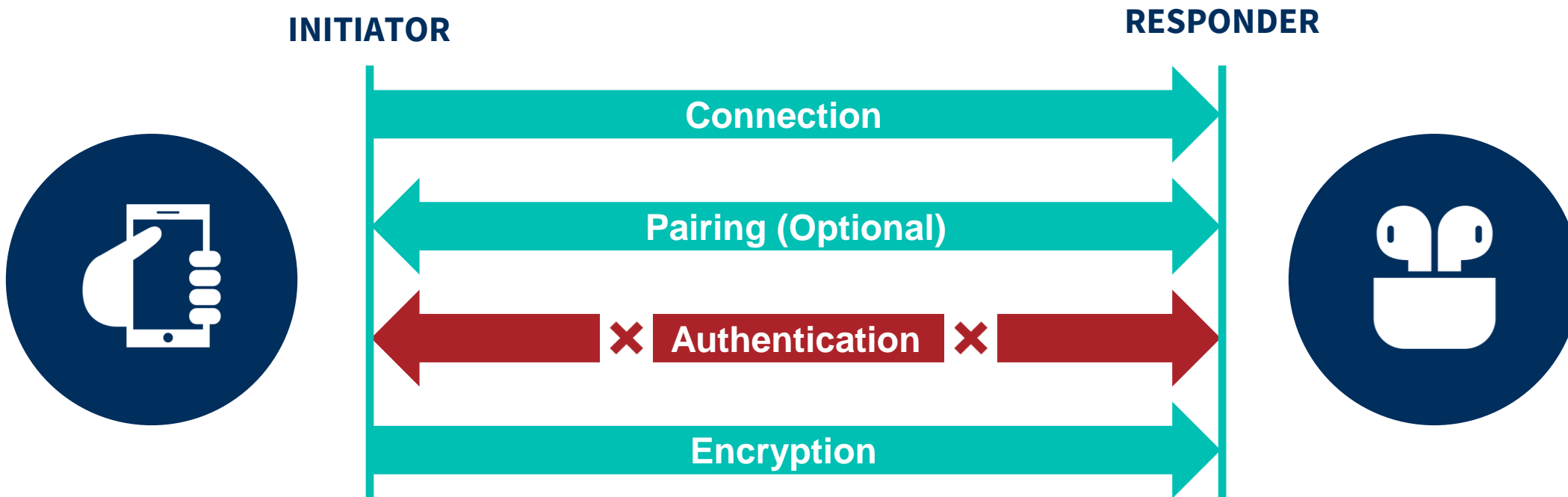




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## BIAS WHAT IS IT?



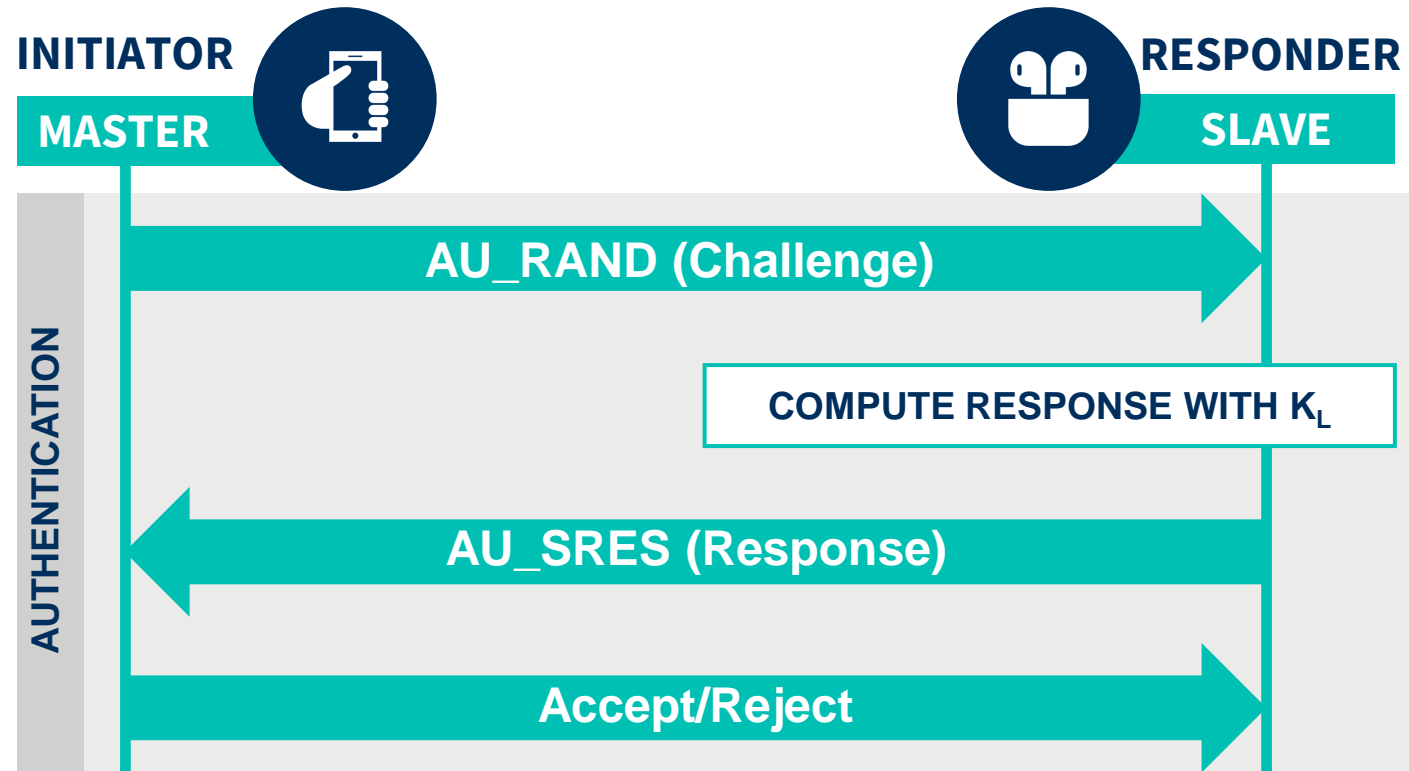




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## BIAS LEGACY AUTHENTICATION

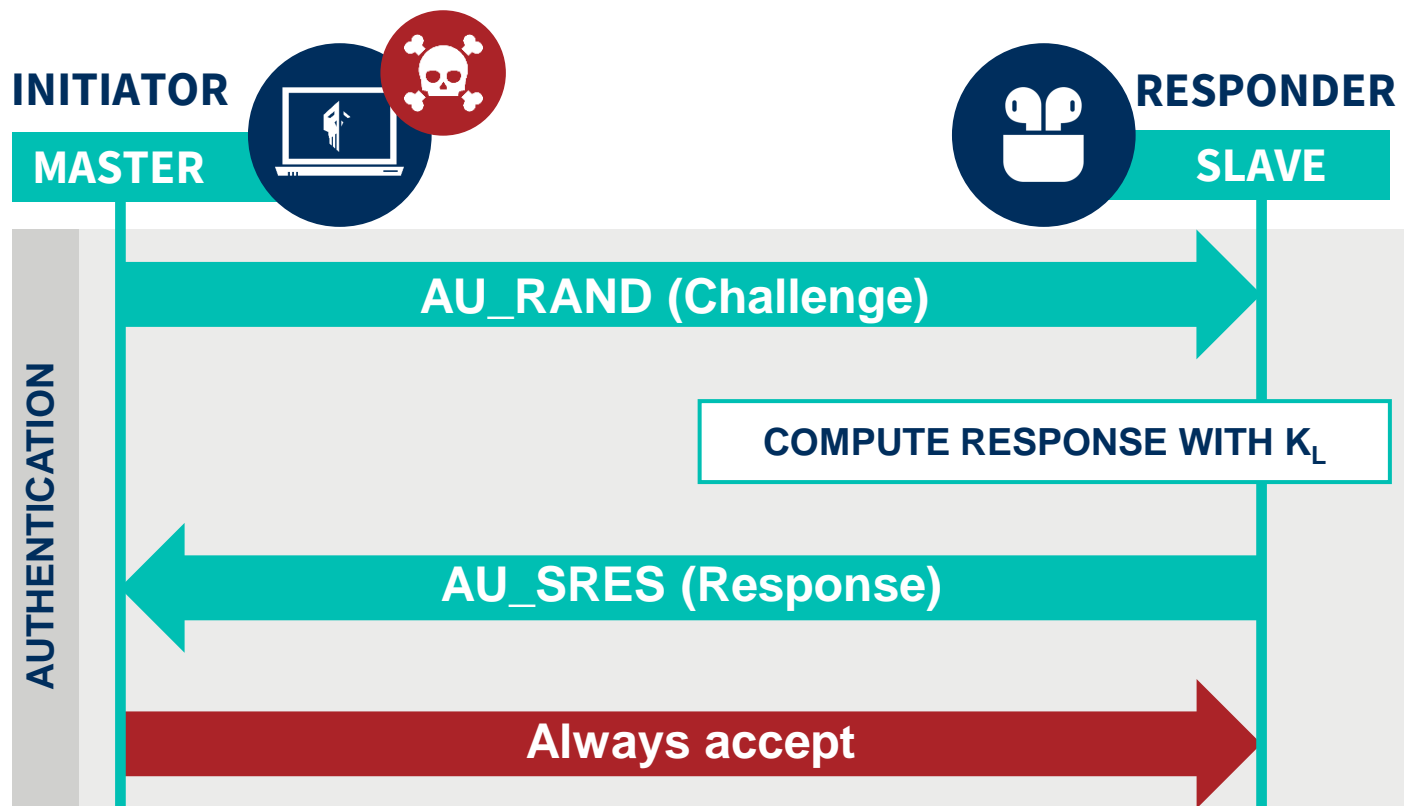




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## BIAS LEGACY AUTHENTICATION PARTIAL BYPASS

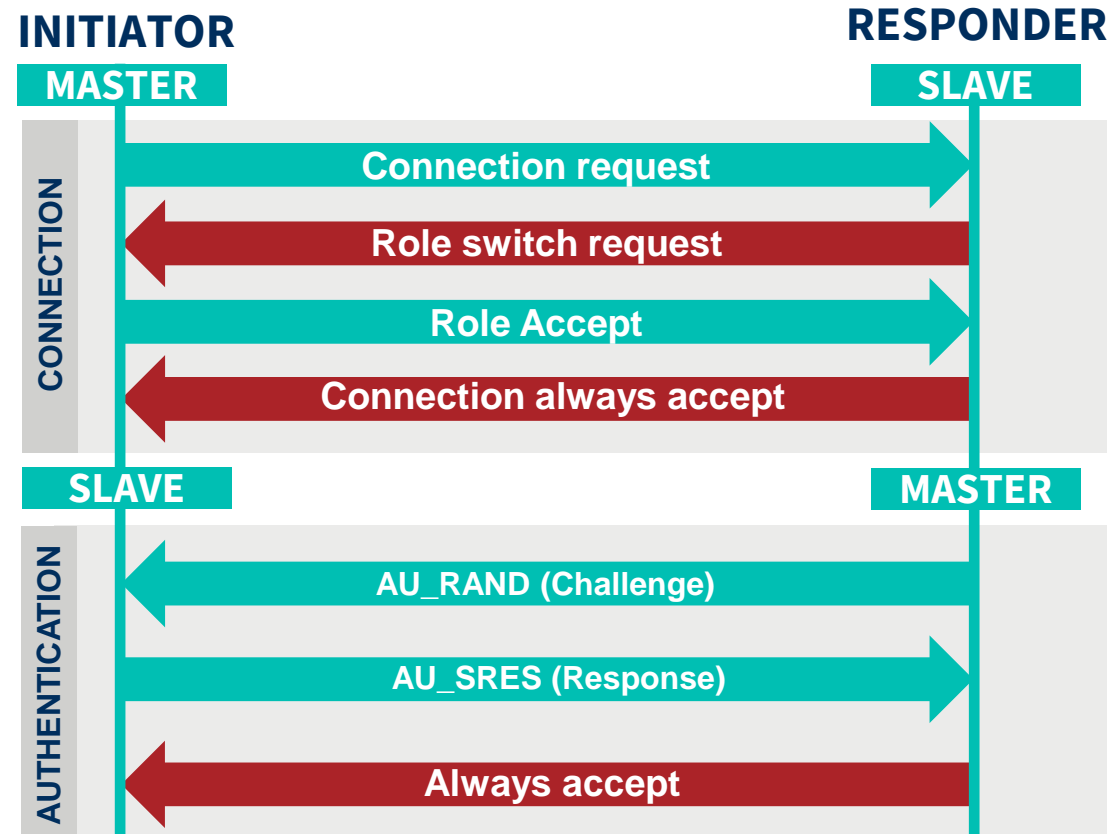




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## BIAS LEGACY AUTHENTICATION TOTAL BYPASS



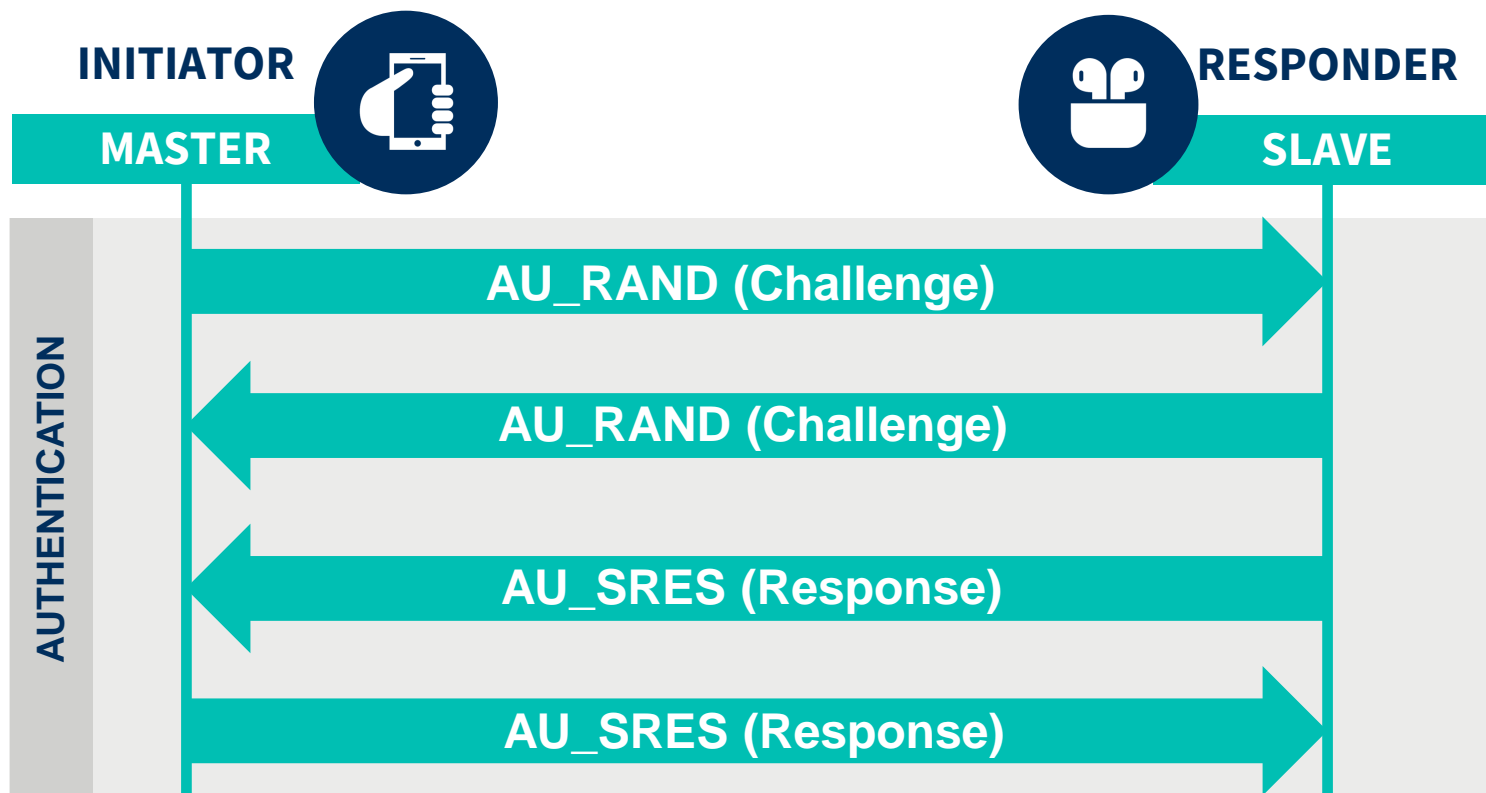




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## BIAS SECURE AUTHENTICATION

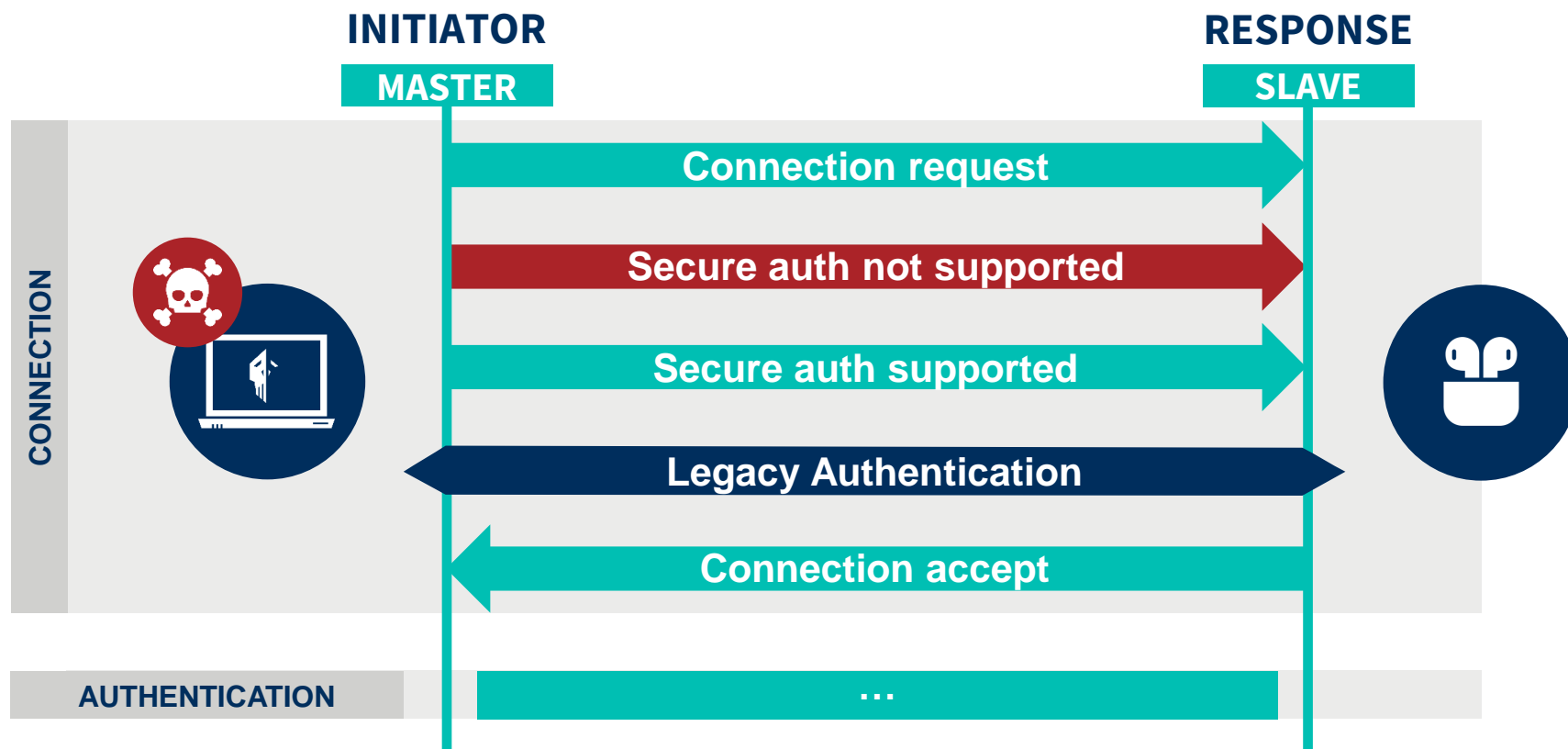




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## BIAS SECURE AUTHENTICATION DOWNGRADE

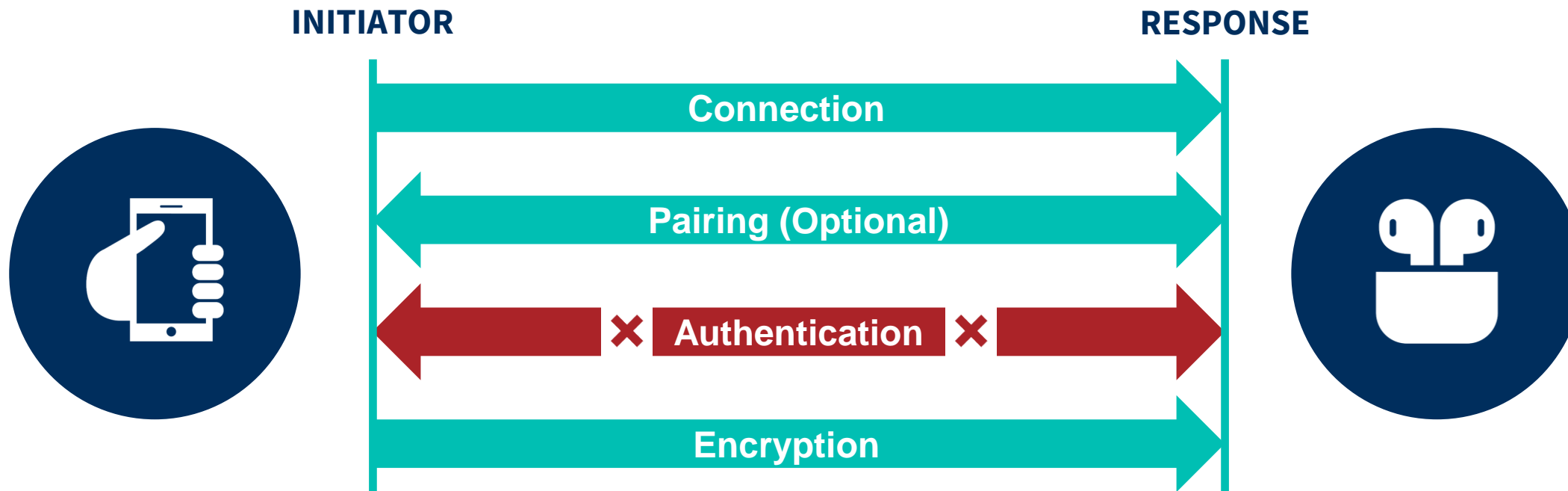




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## BIAS WHERE ARE WE?







## BIAS MITIGATIONS

None known





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## KNOB

**Key Negotiation Of Bluetooth**

[CVE 2019-9506]

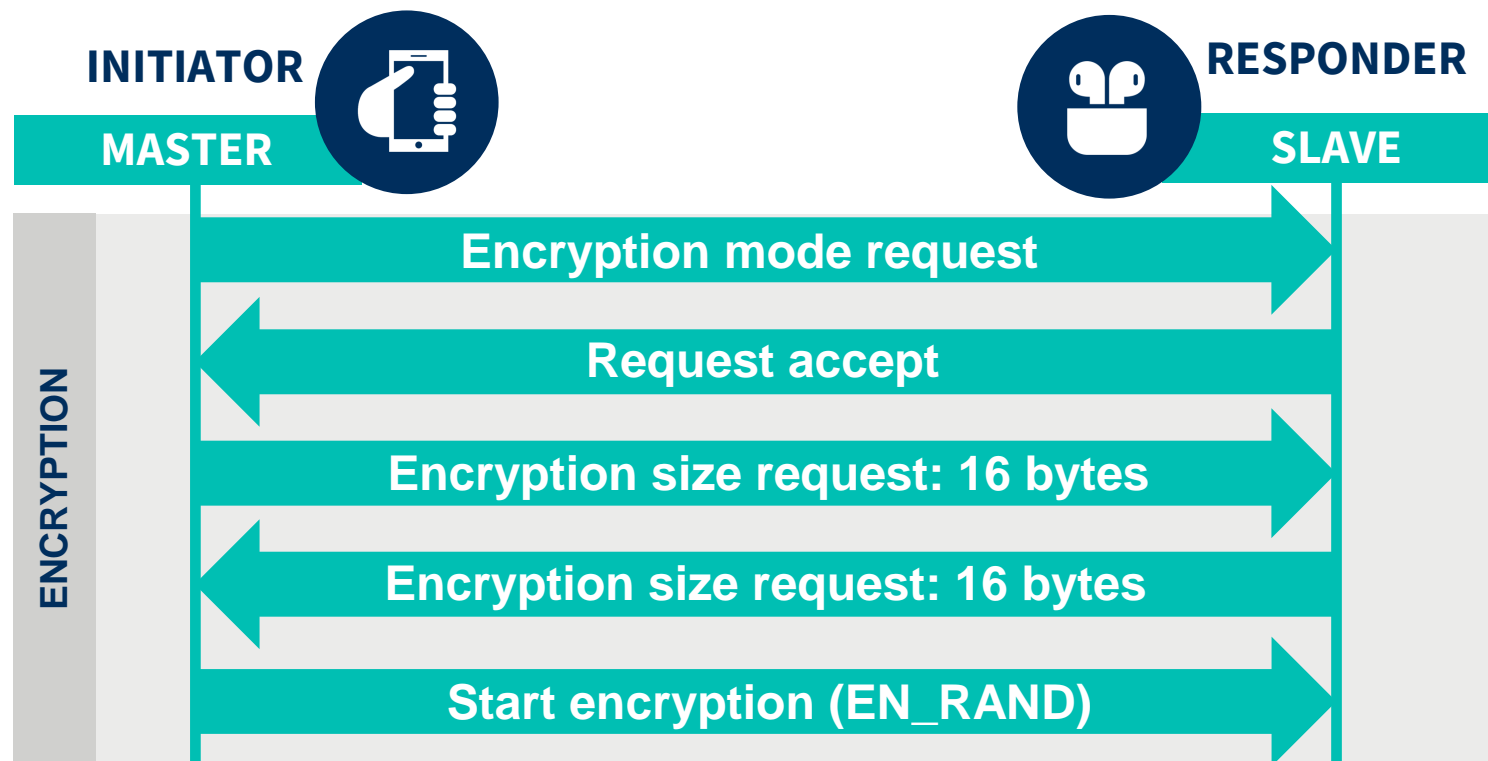
(Theory)



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## KNOB NORMAL ENCRYPTION PROCESS



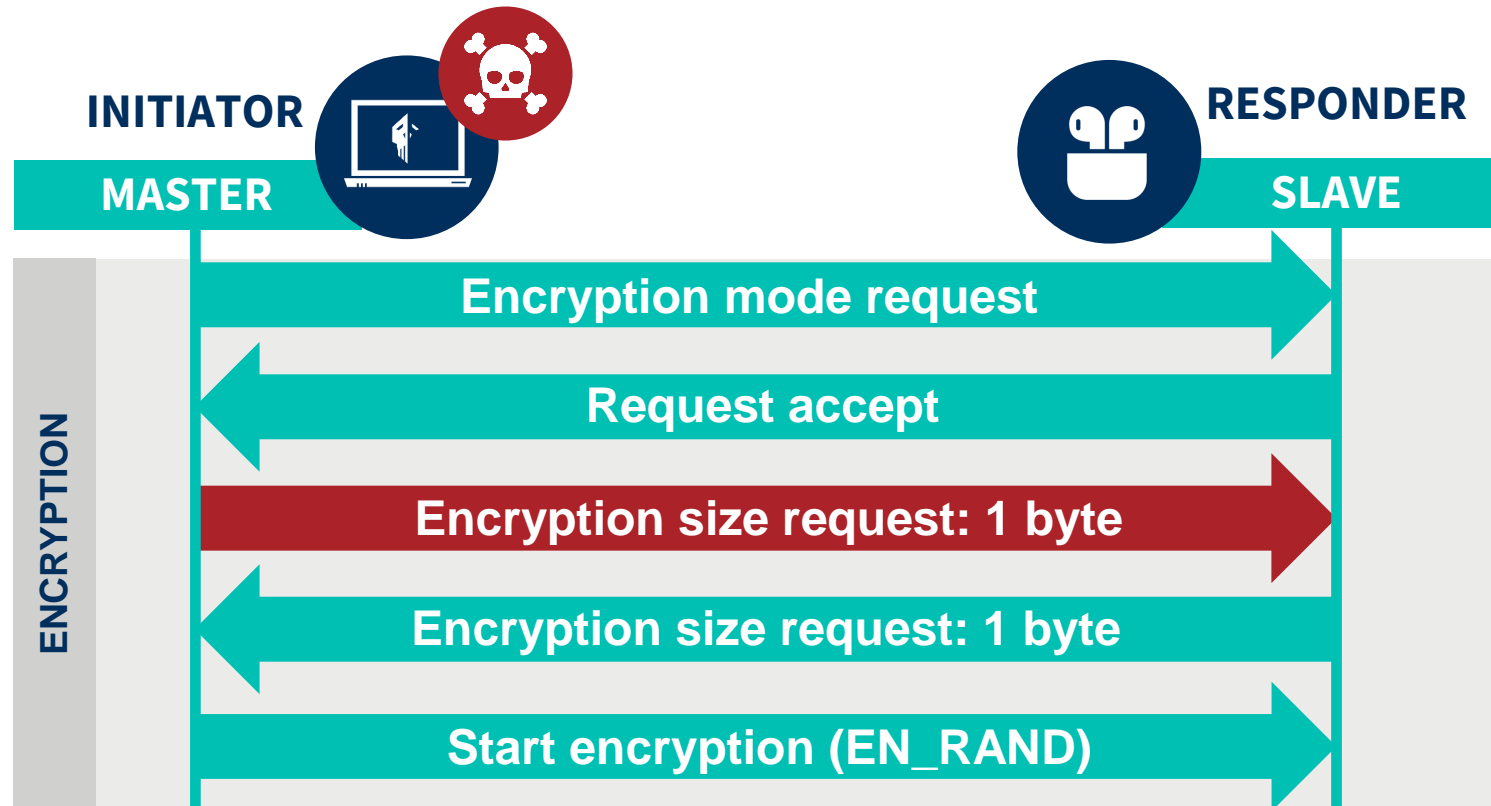




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## KNOB THE ATTACK





## KNOB

### MITIGATIONS

➤ Bluetooth LE establishes a **MINIMUM KEY ENTROPY OF 7 BYTES.**

➤ Some devices **WILL REFUSE TO ACCEPT LOW ENTROPY KEYS** (manufacturer dependant)



## **BIAS & KNOB** (Practice)







## BIAS & KNOB

### THE PROBLEMS CHALLENGES

- Bluetooth is a complex standard. **Not every manufacturer follows it to the required detail** for the attacks to work...
- Attacks take place at the **lowest layers of Bluetooth**. Implementation requires tampering with **firmware of devices**...
- KNOB is viable in theory **but not in practice...**



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## KNOB

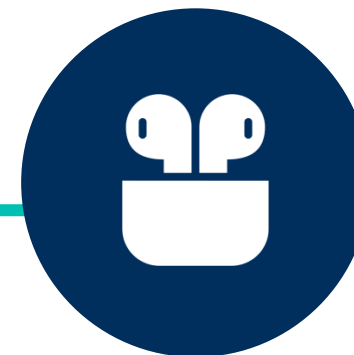
THE REAL PROBLEMS



ALICE



CHARLIE



ALICE'S  
HEADPHONES



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## KNOB

### THE REAL PROBLEMS

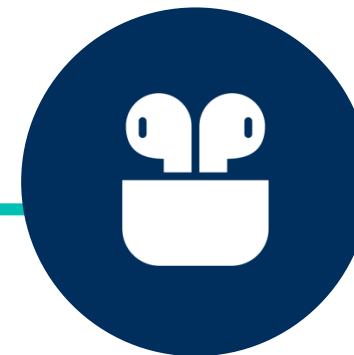
#### Situation after Auth bypass (BIAS)



**ALICE**  
(Slave)



**CHARLIE**  
(Master on both connections)



**ALICE'S HEADPHONES**  
(Slave)



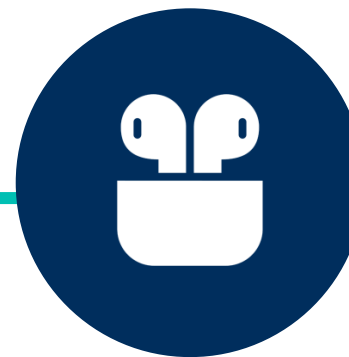


## KNOB

### THE REAL PROBLEMS



**PATCHED  
"ALICE"**



**ALICE'S  
HEADPHONES**



## BIAS & KNOB

### CONCLUSIONS

- **Inmense gap** between theoretical and practical attacks...
- Papers are really good for theory but **often lack implementation details**...
- **PoCs** are useful but designed for specific cases that **do not reflect reality**...



## OVERCOMING BIAS & KNOB (Challenges)





## OVERCOMING CHALLENGES

### AUTOMATIC BTATTACH

#### Challenges

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#### Fix

- › Device recognition via **udev rules**
- › Systemd service script that is triggered from the **udev rule** for the **btattach long running process**



## OVERCOMING CHALLENGES

WIRESHARK HCI BROADCOM VENDOR DISSECTOR

### Challenges

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#### Fix

- A **Wireshark HCI** Broadcom Vendor Dissector
- Reuse **lower-level protocol dissectors!**



## OVERCOMING CHALLENGES

### SCAPY SOCKETS

#### Challenges

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#### Fix

- Implement **Bluetooth Monitor Channel Sockets and Bluetooth User Sockets in Scapy!** (Linux only)





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#### Fix

- **Scapy HCI dissectors!**



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**Now we know**





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## **BLUETRUST** Beyond BIAS & KNOB







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**BLUETRUST**



**PAIRED**



**ALICE'S  
PHONE**



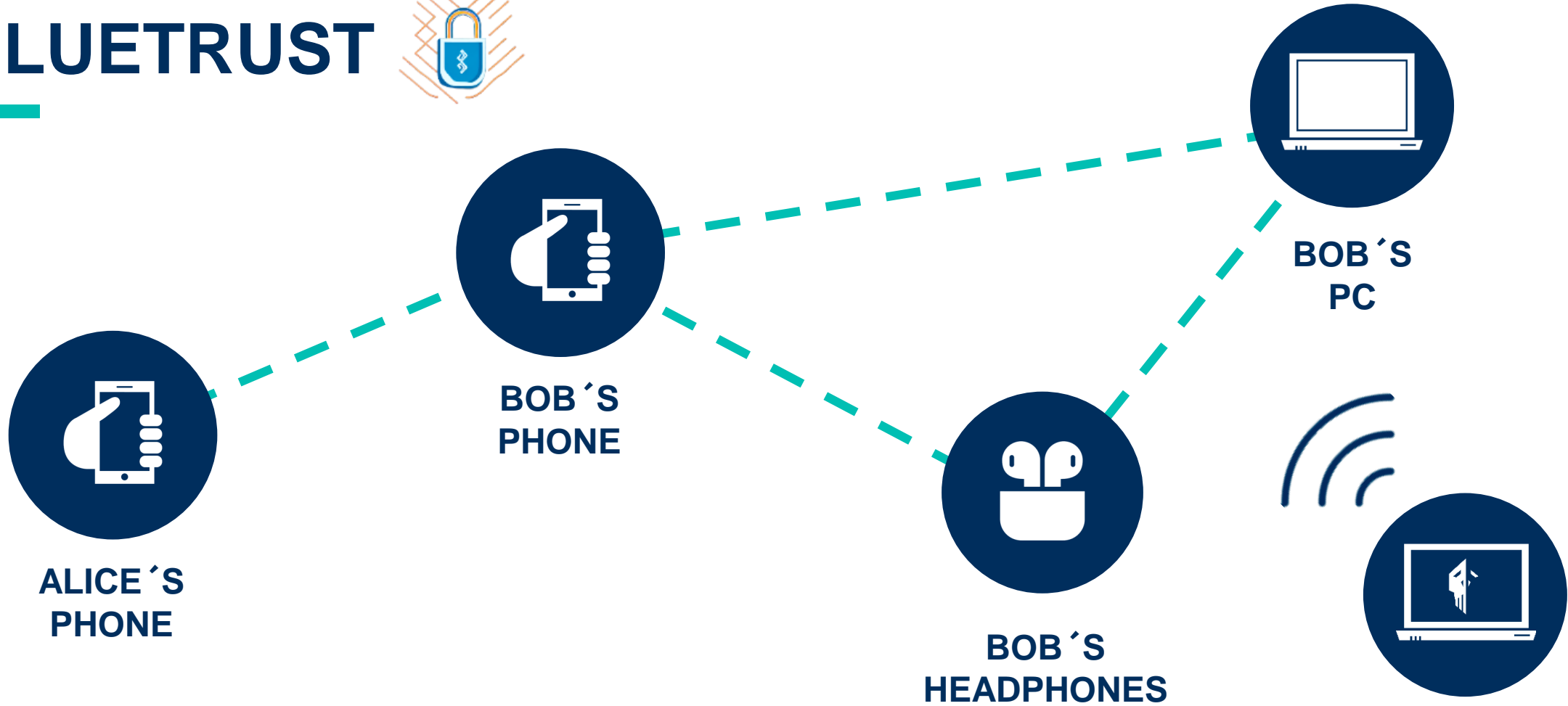
**ALICE'S  
HEADPHONES**



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## BLUETRUST





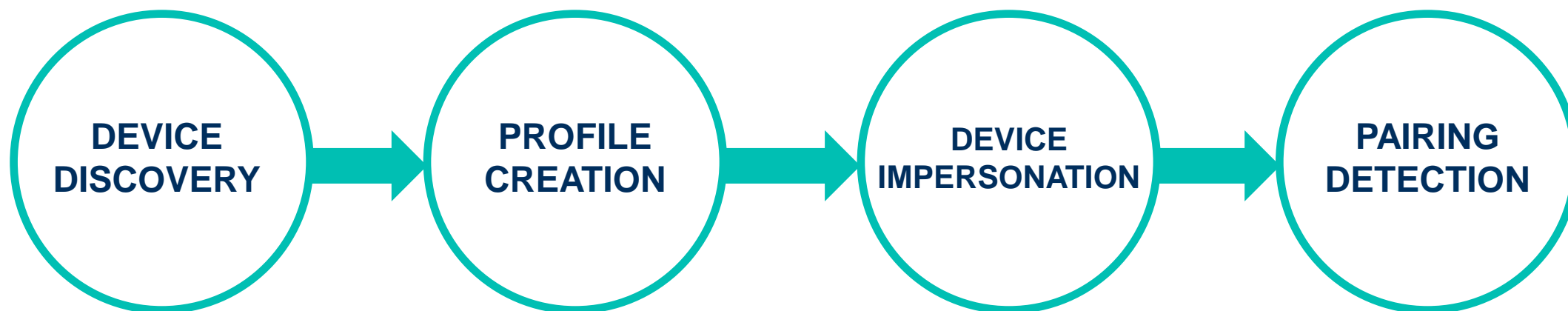
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## BLUETRUST



#STEPS





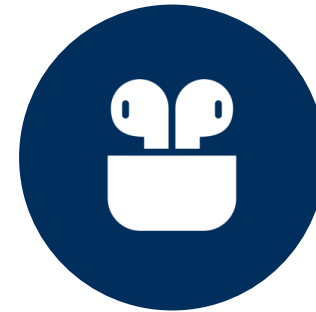
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#DEVICE DISCOVERY



DISCOVERABLE DEVICES







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## BLUETRUST



### #PROFILE CREATION



|               |                    |
|---------------|--------------------|
| Name          | phone              |
| MAC address   | 00:11:22:33:44:55  |
| Device Class  | 0x0c025a           |
| Version       | 9                  |
| Features      | 0xfffe8ffed83f5b87 |
| IO Capability | 1                  |
| Auth. Req.    | 5                  |



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#PROFILE CREATION

Some characters  
are easy to get

Useful tools:

- bluetoothctl
- hciconfig
- Wireshark



| Name          | phone             |
|---------------|-------------------|
| MAC address   | 00:11:22:33:44:55 |
| Device Class  | ?                 |
| Version       | ?                 |
| Features      | ?                 |
| IO Capability | ?                 |
| Auth. Req.    | ?                 |



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## BLUETRUST



#PROFILE CREATION

Others require more work

Useful tools:

➤ Scapy



Name

phone

MAC address

00:11:22:33:44:55

Device Class

?

Version

?

Features

?

IO Capability

?

Auth. Req.

?



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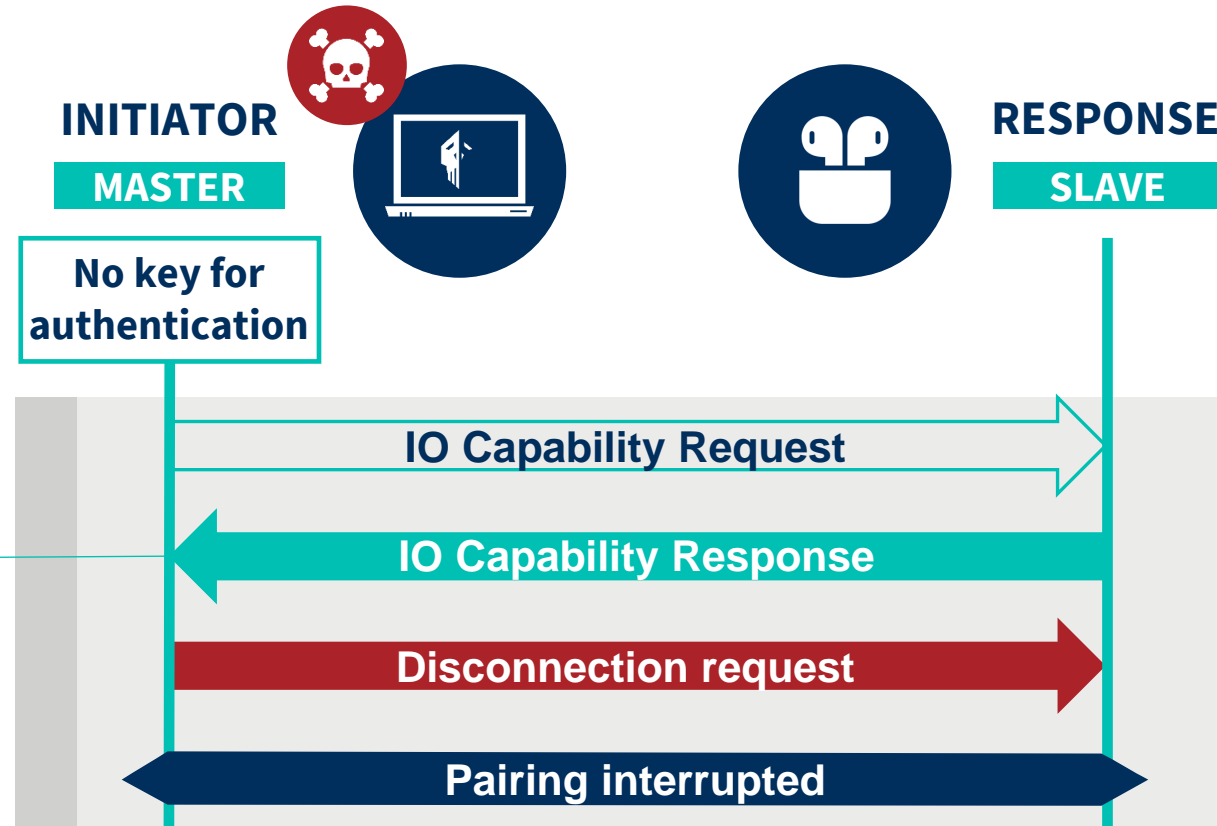


## BLUETRUST



#PROFILE CREATION

IO Capabilities  
OOB Data Present  
Authentication Requirements







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## BLUETRUST



#DEVICE IMPERSONATION

PAIRED



ALICE'S  
PHONE



ALICE'S  
HEADPHONES  
(NOT REALLY)



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# DEVICE IMPERSONATION

### BROADCOM VENDOR COMMANDS

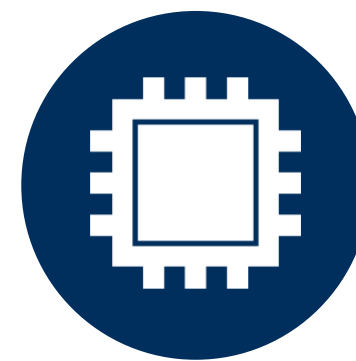
- > Write data in RAM
- > Patch code in ROM

Most is done with **Scapy packets**



HOST

Broadcom HCI  
vendor commands



BROADCOM  
CONTROLLER



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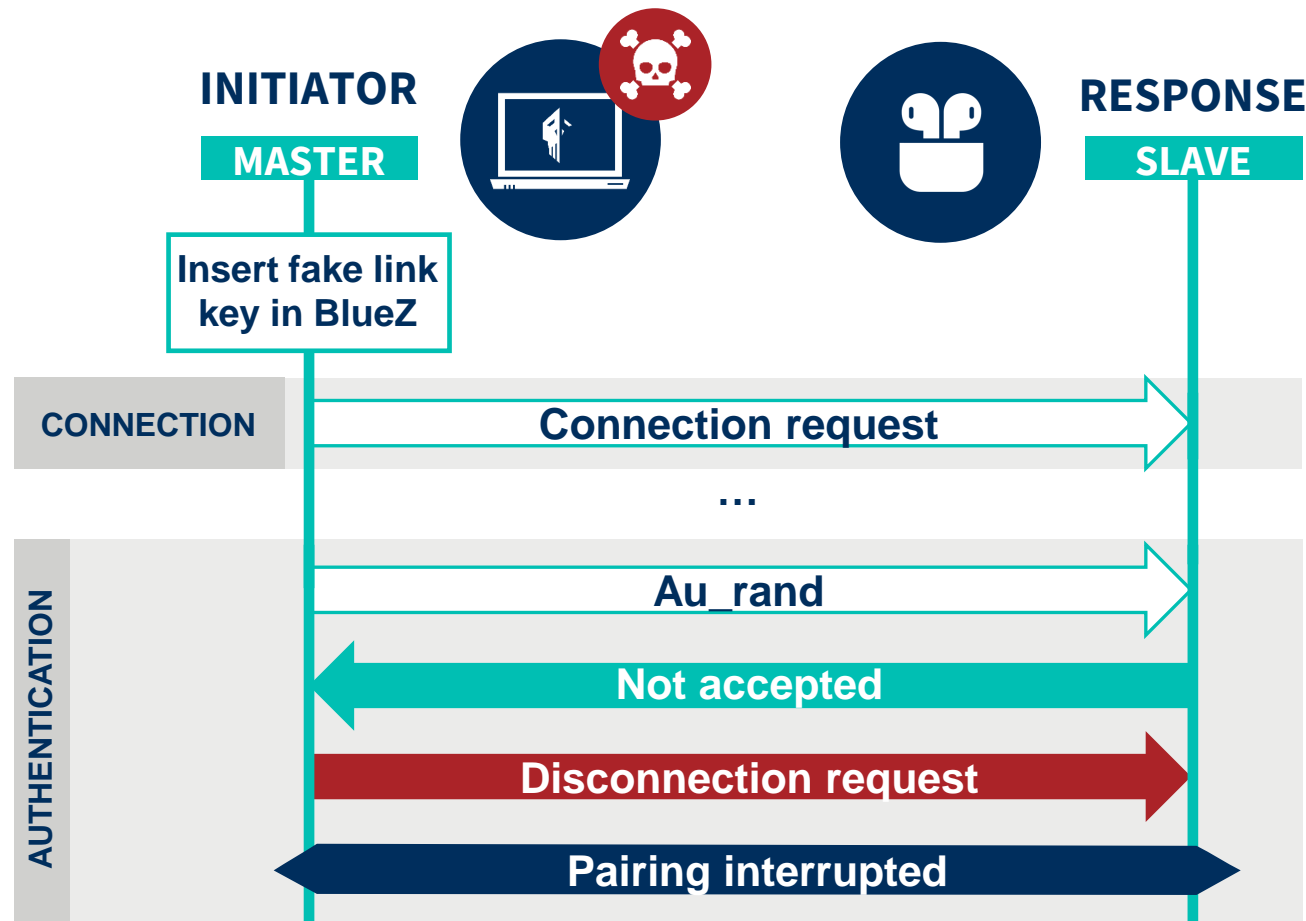


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# PAIRING DETECTION

> NEGATIVE DETECTION





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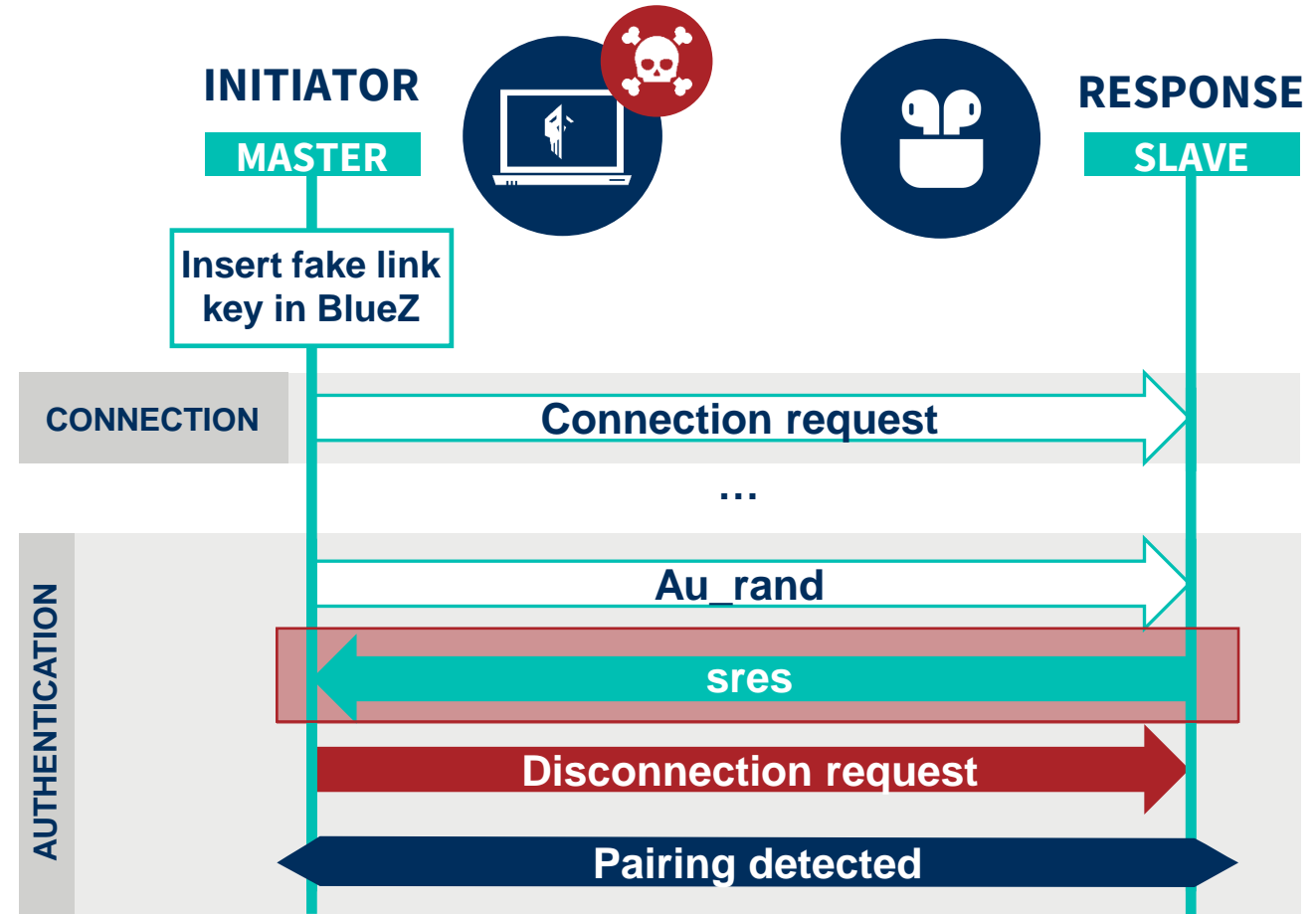


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# PAIRING DETECTION

➤ POSITIVE DETECTION







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## BLUETRUST



### USES IN CYBERSECURITY

#### Blue Team

- Perimeter surveillance tool

#### Red Team

- Social engineering information extraction
- Information extraction for physical attacks
- Information extraction to explore the attack surface

#### Other

- Bluetooth application debugging
- Forensics



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## THE PoC



```
BlueTrust 🐱 – Impersonating phone (98:09:CF:0D:7D:79) 04:49:43
```

| RSSI | Address           | I | Name                | Paired devices                   |
|------|-------------------|---|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| -30  | 84:5F:04:F1:45:CA | ✓ | Galaxy Buds2 (45CA) | ▶ 1C:C1:0C:D9:92:4C (PC-4W5DRG3) |
| -40  | 1C:C1:0C:D9:92:4C | ✓ | PC-4W5DRG3          |                                  |
| -41  | 98:09:CF:0D:7D:79 | ✓ | phone               |                                  |
| -47  | D8:37:3B:90:8A:61 | ✓ | JBL Go 3            |                                  |

```
⌘ Testing pairing status with D8:37:3B:90:8A:61...
```

```
A Auto S Scan P Profile I Impersonate T Test pairing G Show graph Q Quit
```





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