

# Ravage Unleashed: Tactical VoIP Assault Tool

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# Introduction

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## Presentation

- IP Telephony Security Threats
- Auditing Techniques

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# Public Switched Telephone Network (**PSTN**)

- Over a century old
- Acoustic based control system
  - Signaling is *In Band*
- First (known) attacks in the 1950's
- Secured (mostly) circa 2000

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# VoIP Benefits

- Significant cost savings
- Added functionality
  - portability
  - content tie-in
- Expanded multimedia capabilities
  - video
  - whiteboards

# VoIP Costs

- No such thing as a free lunch
- Quality of service
  - Unreliable
  - Sound quality issues
  - "comfort noise"
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# VoIP: Under the hood

- Several protocols providing different functionality
- Core IP Telephony requirements:
  - Signaling Call control
    - Lookup
    - Negotiation
    - Tear down
  - Media Call content
- Competing protocols for signaling

# Major Signaling Protocols

## H.323

- ASN.1 (binary) PER encoded protocol suite
- Proprietary vendor stacks not interoperable
- Common in Enterprise environments

## Session Initiation Protocol SIP

- Bastard son of HTTP & email
- Plain text protocol over UDP
- Common on the internet due to interoperability and ease of development

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# The SIP Protocol

- Client-Server model
- Based on HTTP
- Defined in RFC 3261

# Architecture Components

Telephone User Agent (UA)

- Hardware
- Software

Proxy Authorizes access to services

- Interface to a local VoIP Network

Registrar URI lookup to IP network address

- maps bob@biloxi.com to  
bob@pc13.biloxi.com

Gateways Convert call sessions from one network to another



# SIP Message

Command Line METHOD URI VERSION

INVITE bob@biloxi.com SIP/2.0

Headers Name : Value[, Value]

Body Mime content

## Example INVITE

```
INVITE sip:bob@biloxi.com SIP/2.0
Via: SIP/2.0/UDP localhost;branch=z9hG4bKaca45b4c3;rport=
To: ‘‘Bob’’ <sip:bob@biloxi.com>
From: siping <sip:siping@localhost>
Call-ID: eb92357c0ca7c60a
Max-Forwards: 70
Contact: siping <sip:siping@localhost>
CSeq: 1 INVITE
```

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# PSTN Phreaking

- Generate correct acoustic tone — issue control commands
- Hardware based phreaking
  - Blue Box 2600Hz to access trunk line
    - Captain Crunch
    - Steve Jobs & Steve Wozniak
  - Red Box imitate coins in a pay phone

# Death of Phreaking

- Aggressive prosecution of caught phreakers
- Non technical fraud detection
- Command & Control system was moved to digital
  - *Out of Band*
  - Can't access it — Can't control it
- Process started in the 90's, mostly completed by 2000
  - Few hold outs across the world

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# Summary

Telephony . . .

Service Access to services, e.g. PSTN, Voice Mail, etc.

Session Phone call in progress

Identity Phone number



# Target: Telephony Services

## Access to services

### Toll Fraud free telephony services

- Long Distance (very important historically)
- PSTN access (land lines & mobile phones)

## Revenue Generation toll fraud can be lucrative

- Resell stolen access/minutes
- Premium rate numbers
  - 900 numbers
  - SMS
- Toll mismatch:
  - Luxembourg example
    - Termination cost 2 euro
    - Origination charge 9 cents

# Target: Telephone Session

Phone call in progress

## Monitor

- Eavesdrop on call session content

## Modify

- Inject new content
- Suppress existing content

## Deny

- Tear down a session
- Degrade session quality

## Hijack

- Combination modification/denial
- Malicious redirection

# Target: Telephony Identity

Phone number

Impersonate

- Spoof out going call identification

Hijack

- Capture incoming calls

Deny

- Null route/re-route calls

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# Target: Service

Service Gain access to PSTN/VoIP network

- Toll Fraud
- Resell access to generate revenue

Architecture Targets

- Proxies
- Gateways

# Session

Signaling manipulation of an existing sessions is limited to redirecting session members

Session Redirect in session content via malicious signals

- Man in the Middle
- Inject spurious messages

Architecture Targets

- Proxies
- User Agents

# Identity

- Falsify outbound identity
  - Modify SIP “From” header
- Subvert URI lookups
  - Remove association = Denial of Service
  - Modify association = Hijack

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# Overview

The TacVTK provides:

Core Tools Specific assessment tasks

Framework Easy extention for custom audit requirements

- Addresses lack of definitive VoIP auditing tools
- First development in 2004
  - Under sporadic development ever since
- Developed in python
- Available at: <http://www.tacticalvoip.com/tools.html>

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# VolPy: heart of the TacVTK

- Python module implementing core VoIP protocols
- Currently supports only SIP
- Enables rapid development of custom attack tools

## Example VolPy code

### Send an INVITE

```
from voipy import sip
to_uri = ''Bob'' <sip:bob@biloxi.com>'
from_uri = ''Alice'' <sip:alice@atlanta.com>'

msg = sip.request.Invite(to=to_uri, from=from_uri, contact=from_
sock.sendto(str(msg), ('biloxi.com', 5060))
```

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# Ravage: Registrar Assault Tool

- Core tool for auditing SIP registrars
- SIP registrars are critical components for secure SIP networks
- Ravage provides several attack modes

# Ravage: Attack Modes

Enum enumerate usernames on a Registrar

- OPTIONS
- INVITE
- REGISTER

Bruteforce guess user/pass combos for a Registrar

- REGISTER
- INVITE

## Ravage: Subversion Attack Modes

- Inject insert a binding into a registrar
- Remove delete a binding from a registrar
- Hijack take over a binding in a registrar



# Ravage textttENUM

Enumerate usernames within a SIP environment

Techniques:

## INVITE

- If response is not 404 Not Found user exists

## OPTIONS

- Identical to INVITE
- Less noisy, since OPTIONS doesn't initiate a call session

## REGISTER

- If response is 401 Unauthorised user exists

# Ravage **texttt**BRUTE

Try username/password combinations to gain access

Techniques:

## REGISTER

- Target a Registrar
- Attempt to insert/remove a binding

## INVITE

- Target an authorising proxy
- Attempt to initiate a call session

# Ravage Modification

Alter the bindings of within a SIP Registrar

Techniques:

Remove

- REGISTER with an Expires set to 0

Insert

- REGISTER with a new Contact URI

Hijack

- REGISTER with an Expires set to 0
- REGISTER with a new Contact URI

# Toll Fraud for Dummies

- Enumerate accounts in a SIP environment
  - `$ ravage enum ...`
- Gain access to an account
  - `$ ravage brute ...`
- Create a trunk using the account
  - `asterisk`
- Sell access to the illicit trunk
- Profit!

# Phishing Accelerator

- Directed attack against a financial institution
- Potential telephony infrastructure targets:
  - Call center logins
  - Telecoms providing VoIP services
- Redirect incoming phone calls to VoIP harvester
- Victim calls phone banking hotline
  - *“Hallo. Welcome your bank. Please be entering pin number. Thanking you.”*

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# siping

- Craft custom SIP messages on the command line
- Provides limited UA logic
- Useful for poking servers
- Capable of creating arbitrary SIP message content





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## VoIP Security more Critical

- VoIP continues to gain traction
- VoIP security is still primitive
- TacVTK provides new capabilities to auditors
  - ravage: SIP registrar security analysis
  - siping: SIP signaling injection tool
  - VoIPy: flexible VoIP development framework
- VoIP makes phone calls as secure as email