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## what a white box can do

This article describes how to take a standard touch tone keypad and convert it to a portable unit. This information is essentially public donain and was originally domnloaded froe the old OSUNY BBS. It is also available on Shermood Forest ][ and undoubtedly other BBS's around the world. It is being reprinted and explained here for those who are not able to get this type of inforation fron B8S's and for those who are just starting out in the phone phreak business.

If you convert a touch tone keypad in the manner described below, you will becone more faniliar with the inner workings of your telephone and telephone systen. You will also be able to use rotary phones to call extenders or phone services that respond to touch tones, because now you will be able to generate touch tones yourself without having to depend on the phone. You will also be able to use payphones that turn off their touch tones after you dial your number. In addition, there are often phones in airports, hotels, and at bank nachines which have no dial on then and autonatically dial a pre-progranned number (usually a service number), which can be used by someone with a portable dialer to enter a number or nuabers before the pre-programed one starts to dial thus gaining control or causing a wrong number. It is often the case that after the number dials or the error aessage ends, the phone night eventually revert to a dial tone which can be used. A portable tone generator like this is more useful than tapping the plunger on the telephone when no dial or keypad are available, which takes patience and effort. If you purchased a cartable dialer, it would cost from $\$ 20$ to $\$ 30$ dollars. Good ones that renenber 99 numbers, are password protected, and are saller than a calculator cost $\$ 60$ to $\$ 70$ dollars. Often they are available from long distance services for less, when you sign up for then. The procedure related below is a nice way to bring nem life to an old touch tone phone or keypad. Please note that the building and the general use of this device is legal and fun.

First of all, the tones aade by a touch tone telephone are not single tones, they are a conbination of two tones, aking "DTMF" (dual tone multi-frequency). The normal tone telephone dials 12 different signals, but is capable of dialing 16 different signals.

The poner required by a mired keypad is about 25 volts, but they will work with as little as 55 , thereby allowing you to use two 9 volt radio batteries. As you nay have eatpastrani
guessed, they are also designed to operate with a telephone type speaker (and phone line), and not the standard 8 ohe speaker which needs to be used for adequate volune. To accomplish this, we use a matching transformer, this is one of those niniature ones available at Radio Shack. Enough of the theory, now for the circuit.

You will need:<br>A touch tone keypad<br>A niniature 1000 to 8 ohe transformer<br>(Radjo Shack 273-1380)<br>A standard 8-oha speaker<br>Two 9 -volt radio batteries<br>Tmo 9-volt battery clips<br>A case to put it all in (optional)

A few construction notes, it is suggested that you solder and tape all connections. It is also ifportant to read this entire article before atteapting to construct this.

First, connect the RED wire of the transformer to either terainal on the speaker. Now connect the WHITE wire from the transformer to the other terainal on the speaker. Next, Connect the RED (positive) wire of one battary clip to the black mire of the other battery clip. Now connect the renaining RED wire on the second battery clip to the GREEN wire from the touch tone pad. Connect the BLUE wire from the touch tone pad to the DRANGE-and-BLACK striped wire froa the touch tone pad. To these two wires, now connect the remaining black lead fron first battery clig. You have nom finished the power connection to the keypad. Connect the BLACK wire from the keypad to the BLUE wire on the transforaer. Next connect the RED-and-GREEN striped wire fron the keypad to the GREEN wire on the transformer. The BLACK wire on the transformer should not be connected to anything, along with quite a few wires from the keypad. The connection of the keypad is now conplete. All you have to do is connect two nine volt batteries to the battery clips, and you'll be ready to go. You gay mant to mount it in a case for easy portability. Note that the silver box modification cail be ade to this unit, allowing conplete remote phreaking. This is a bit pore coaplex than the conversion you have accomplished above. When none of the buttons are pressed, this unit uses NO power, thereby eliainating the need for a power suitch, and extending the life of the bafteries.

## a phone phreak scores

This is another story to add to the annals of social engineering, one which we ald can learn from...

A few onths ago my Mon had some peoplerefinish and blacktop our driveway. So she called some companies in the phone book, and she chose the cheapest one. They cane and did nost of the wark, and Mon paid then, providing they cane back soon to finish the blacktopping job. This all sounded fine, but after several weeks of the conpany calling up and postponing the final work, Mon wanted it done. She decided to visjit the company at the address listed in the phone book, because she would always get an answering machine when she called then, but when she got there, she found out that it was just the back roon of a storefront and that the company had vacated it a few onths earlier. When she tried calling then their number had been changed. So I did a CNA on their new number for Mon, and she visited the new address that I got. When Mon got to the new address she found a vacant lot. It was at this point that it started to sound pretty fishy to Mon and I. But how could we find out where they were; if they gave a fake address to the phone company?

That's when it occurred to me to call the business office that handles that company's telephone, 1 called and they answered: "Your number, please." So I gave then the company's number, and I proceeded to teli then how I did not get ey last phone bill, and how I manted to nake sure they were sending it to the right address. They told ae the real nane and address (not the one at CNA or Directory Assistance, which was the one it mas listed under, there is a difference, you knowl they asked if I was "Mr. So and So, to which I responded 'Yes., Then they asked if I wanted, to change the aiding address. I said "No, that's ay partner's address. No need fo change it. Thank you."

And that was it. I found their address. Mon visited their new location, which happened to be a traijer in the aiddle of a big field with a telephone and a power cable going into it. When she found the people at the company, they were quite startled, because it seemed that they did not have a license to do the work that they were doing and had several other customers and some government agencies looking for then, Since Mon had the goods on then, they were obliged to finish 2-19 our driveway, and that's all hom, wanted after all.

## PREFACE

The purpose of this tutorial is to give potential hackers useful inforation about Hemlett－Packard s Hp2000 systens．The following notation will be used throughout this tutoriall

〈CR〉－Carri age return，RETURN，ENTER，etc，


Each HP2000 systen can support up to 32 users in a Tineshared BASIC（TTSB）eny ironnent．the syeters usually run $a$ version of

once connected to a fippooo，type a nuperal followed by a
 does not in inediately respond keep on trying this procedure until it does（they（end to be slow to respond）．
User in：The user id consists of a letter followed by 3 digits，eq，H241．
aneting passmords are fros 1 to 6 printing and／or non－printing（control）characters．The，oilowing characters Milh Not be found in any（gassmords so don＇t bother trxisg the tion

 The logon for at is： HELLO－A123，PASSMD Where：HELLO is the login coidind．It any be abbreviated to HEL．AI23 is the user id 4 PASSID is the password．
The systen will respond with either ILLEEAL FORYAT or IILEEAL ACCES5S depending upon whether you screwed up the syntex or it
 systens．
PI The syster gay al so respond with ALL PORTS ARE BUSY NON－ possibility is MO TIME LEFT which weans that they have used up their tine init without paying．
Unlike other systeas where you have a certain anount of tries \＄0 100 in ，the HP 2000 systen gives you a certain tine linit to logon before it dunps you．The systen default is 120 seconds 12 ghintes）．The sysop can change it to be anywher between 1 and
 sufficient tipe for trying between ond ond ogon attenpts mhile progran．

USERS
The various users are identified by their user id（A123）\＆ password．Users are also identitied by their group．Each group
 groupt aloo through A1g9 is another group 12900 through 2999 designated as the group mister i he has certain privileges．For exanple，A000，A100，．．．H200．．．， 1990 are all iroup hasters． The user id AOOO is known as the systen Master \＆he has the nost privil eges（besides the hardwired sysop terainall）The library associated with yser 2999 can be used to store a HELLO prograt winch is executed each tine sontone logs on．
so，the best thing to hack on an HP2000 systen is the systen Mastier（ADOOO）account．It is al so the only yser id that nust be on the systen．He logs on by typing：HEL－AOOO，PASSID，you just have to hack out his password of you decide to hack 2999 you can create or change the HELLO progras to give every usef your oun personal nessige extry tine he logs on？This is about all you can do with 2999 though since it is otherwise a non－privileged account

## LIBRARY DRGAMILATION

Each user has access to 3 levels of libraries：his oun private library a group library，and the systef library．To see mat is in these libraries you mould type：Catalog，EROup， ＊Lirrary respectively lall counands can be abbreviated to the first 3 letters）．The individual user is responsible for his oun library and gaintaining all the files．If a progran is in your Catalog，then you can change it．
Group Masters（GM）are pesponsible for controlling all prograns in the Group libraries．Only genbers of the group can use these prograss．These are viemed by typing GRoup．For exaple，user s500 controls all prograns in the Group library CAwit users beginning with id s．5xx．Other users in the proup CAMMOT nodify the se rograns．All propras in the group id ib ify therefore in the group masters private library（CATALOG）， therevore he can modiry thene the broup haster aiso has access Phopertivi the groun faster can render a progran so it cannot be Listed，＇SAYed，CSAMed，puluched to paper tape，or XPUunched．For exieple，it the 6 typed Pro－iulipus，other users in the group mould be able to Ruff funputs but they would not be able to groupt it．The Gn can renove these restrictions with the UMProtect coniand．

## ［System Master］

 There is exactily one syste master（SH）and his yuser id isBigC Agent OOS Library．
A11 users have gecess to these files by typing LIBRARY to
 Misprivate fibrary or group library constitute the symsted Library：ithe ghy also has acceens to other privileged copenands such as：Diriectopy e this comand will printout ail files and print out the ontire directory．DidR－5508 will start listing the directory with user S500．Example：

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DRUM

In this exanple，the systen nanf is BOCES ED 1 ．The date of the printout is the＇ 53 rd day of 1984 （053／84）and the tine is 12：43（24－hr）．The files appearing under AOOO are those in the Systef Library：The DATE associated with the progra is the date it uss last referenced The LENGTH is hom long it is in mords．DISC refers to its storage block location on one of the hard drives．DRUH refers to its location on the drun storage unit．Only sanctified prograns are stored on a drun to increate their access tiee．The letters after the date refer to $F$ if it is a file，$P$ neans it is protected and $C$ epeans thep prograi is conpiled．In the example the gysten prooran，wutpus，was last used on the 53 rd day of 1994 \｛2－22－84）；it is＇currently unlistable（PROtected）and it occupies 2636 mords of aenory starting at disct block 3142：The conamd sDirectory will print out prograss that are only stored on drua．host systen directories are usually longer that the exaple．The above exacole is an abridded version of a 43 page directory！The


## RECORT

The REPORT conaand will show the USER id，how quch terainal TIME they have used since the last billing period（in ninutes）， and homporth disc SPACE they are using．Exaple：

REPORT

The adyant age of hacking the ADOO passmord first is，that you can use the privileged coinands to see which user id＇s exist and what prograns are stored where so that you can further penetrate the systen．
NOTEE There are different levels（versions）of TSB／2000，This article is based prianrily on Level $F$ ．Most of the levels are sinilar in their connands so the differences should not affect the hacker．Al so，sone systens are custonized．Eq，one systen I knon doesn＇t have the MESSAGE connand because they don＇t yant the operator bothered with eessages．Another systea Silleg ？il ACEESS，These PLEASE LOG IN and ILLEGAL instead of ILLEGAL ACCESS．These are only trivial probleas，though．

## prograns

Hemlett－Packard often supplies prograns fron their TSB Library for the systens，Utititities such as ASCIIt EPRINT，of others are a，nest inevitably found on every systen．Standard ganes such as，wUNPUS，STOCK，LUNAR，$i$ gany others are also a systepenst．＂Other conpanies offer very large prograns for the Hp2000 also．EIS（Guidance Inforation systens）is a database to help quidance counselors help students to select colleges，jobs，financial aid etc．GIS is usually found in the ssxx oroup library（anyone nith an s5xx password can use it）． Unfort tunately，sonetioes these prograss are set so that a certain password will autonatically Ron then．In sone cases you can abort by pressing the 〈樶EKK〉 key，There is a BASIC function［XeERK\｛0）］that disables the 《GREAK〉 key．In this caste，only the Sysop or the prograe can thron you into BASIC． There are aany alleged bugs on the HP2000 that allow users to do all sorts of things．If you run across any of these be sure to jet us knon．
Most of the HP2000 systens are used by schools，school districts，BOCES，and yarious businesses．This was an id deal systen for schools before nicro－conputers existed．The HP2000 systen has been in existence since around 1973 ，it has been replaced by the $4 P 3000$ but there are still many HP2000 systens in existence of believe that they will stay there for amhile．
Here are the dial－ups to a fen HP2000 systens to get you


314／645－1289］，［914／327－5540］
－Thnis ibelongs to NYU：Type＇HP＇at the pronpt．Then hit the 〈RREAK〉 key slomly until you see the backslash（i）prompt． you are then in．


## At the Last Stroke... <br> Associated Press

At precisely 11 am on April 2nd a man's voice was heard on Britain's telephone talking clock for the first time.
The smooth baritone voice of part-time actor Brian Cobby, 55 years old, replaced the modulated contralto of Pat Simmons, whose voice was retired after 21 years at precisely $10: 59$ and 50 seconds.

Last December Mr. Cobby was chosen from among 5,000 competitors to tell the nation the precise time every 10 seconds in a recorded telephone message that is expected to receive 300 million calls this year.

Only two other voices have been heard on the telephone clock since it was devised in 1939. Both were women's.
Mr. Cobby, an assistant supervisor at a telephone exchange in Brighton in southern England, said it was "a great honor to be Britannia's wristwatch." He was paid the equivalent of $\$ 6,000$ to record the 8,640 time announcements in one 24-hour period.

## Good Apples for the Soviets <br> the Neu York limes.

The Reagan Administration appears to be prepared to cooperate with Soviet efforts to put personal computers in secondary schools, according to industry officials negotiating export licenses.
"We expected it would be more difficult, so I was quite pleasantly surprised," said Albert Eisenstadt, a viice president of Apple Computer who was in Washington to discuss computer exports with Commerce and Defense Department officials. "They just want to make sure we do it right."

The Soviets are already producing their own "Agat"-a Soviet knockoff of an Apple II, but they are not able to produce enough. That is why IBM, Commodore, Sinclair Research Litd., and Apple are all competing for the Soviet market.

The Commerce Department has argued that it makes no sense to bar American companies from selling computers the Russians could easily obtain in Japan and Britain. The Defense Department, which has taken a harder line, seems unperturbed by the thought of exporting thousands of machines, provided they are used for education. By law the sale of "hardened "machines that are designed to withstand battlefield conditions are barred.

## Hackers Go Free <br> <br> the New York limes

 <br> <br> the New York limes}Four teenagers who used home computers to tap into a space agency computer at the Marshall Space Flight Center will not be prosecuted, United States Attorney Frank Donaldson announced.

The FBI seized the youths' computer equipment at their homes in Huntsville, Alabama, last July 16 after tracing the phone calls used to enter the computer. Unauthorized access to a computer is not permitted.
One of the youths, R obert Grumbles, 17 years old, said he wished the FBI would return his $\$ 5,000$ computer because "I don't see any reason for them to keep it." [Keep up the spirit. Rob.]

## Robot Kills Man

The New York limes
Last summer, a Michigan man was the first worker killed by a robot in this country. The 34 year-old victim, working with automated die-casting machinery last July, was pinned between the back of a robot and a steel pole, the National Center for Disease Control reported. The worker suffered a heart attack, lapsed into a coma and died five days later.

There are more than 6,200 robots in use nationwide.

## 'Santa Fraud’

## Assoclated Press

Randy Grimm didn't know it cost 55 cents every time he called a sports trivia game, so the 15 -year-old dialed it 330 times last month hoping to answer the quiz correctly and win a prize. His mother received her telephone bill: 18 pages long, with more than $\$ 190$ worth of " 976 "calls. But Ms. Grimm doesn't want to pay, and neither do the parents of Josie Aaronson-Gelb and Rachel Krebs-Falk, who repeatedly called a Santa Claus message last December, not knowing it was costing 50 cents a shot.
Josie and Rachel, both 7, are plaintiffs of record in a $\$ 10$ million lawsuit filed in San Francisco Superior Court against Pacific Bell and the company that operates the Santa Claus Line.
The suit accuses Bell and "Santa Fraud" of deceptive advertising "designed to falsely mislead child ren into believing the calls were free" and inducing them to call repeatedly.
The suit. filed on behalf of all California children, asks for a refund for an estimated 100.000 families and $\$ 10$ million in punitive damages to set up a children's protection fund to fight deceptive advertising.

## Overseas Pirates

## $2(0)$ News Service

In the large cities in Holland last year, you couldn't switch on the TV at times without tuning in to a pirate station. With equipment costing as little as 208, they would break into the cable networks that service as much as $\mathbf{9 0 \%}$ of Holland's urban areas. Some would transmit anything they could get their hands on, just for the sport of it-while others tried to do things that were genuinely new to TV. Artists and performers were quick to join in, and for a while the country enjoyed a madcap, unpredictable after-hours TV service. There was everything from pop video to pornography, from foreign TV shows to feature films, even one station that transmitted occasional satanic sermons.

Threats of prosecution over copyright of some of the bootleg material put a stop to many of the pirates. In addition, the cable owners have now started switching off their systems outside regular hours, a remedy that was deemed illegal on a technicality last year. Most of the pirates have now gone back to the radio and the a narchic highlights of after-hours Dutch cable TV may never be seen again.

## Real Life War Games?

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A Stanford University computer operations specialist has filed a lawsuit to block the U.S. from hooking up a computer system that would automatically launch nuclear missiles in response to an incoming nuclear attack.
Clifford Johnson argues that it is unconstitutional to give war-making power to the so-called launch-on-warning computer system. He recently suffered a legal setback when the federal district judge declined to render a decision. The case will now go to the U.S. Court of Appeals in San Francisco.

Although the U.S. does not officially have the capability to deploy the launch-on-warning system, the technology to do so is definitely being developed by the Pentagon, Johnson claims. And he says, Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger. who is the defendant in the lawsuit, has stated that the U.S. has not closed the door on the launch-on-warning option.
Not only does Johnson fear that the launch-on-warning computer could somehow malfunction and start a nuclear war, but he points out that the satellites and radar that would warn the computer of an enemy missile launch could themselves sound a false alert, one that the computer would be unable to distinguish from the real thing.
"To hook this system up in peacetime is in essence an act of war," Johnson says, "because there is a definite risk of it going off accidentally."

## Silver Pages <br> Combined News Source

Southwestern Bell Media is publishing a new phone book, printed in a larger typeface for senior citizens. It is expected to arrive in New Jersey in August and will be published in 110 cities across the United States and will feature stores that offer discounts to those age 60 and older. The directory, called the Silver Pages, will also include information on agencies on aging. [Hopefully, these directories won't weigh 50 pounds.]

## Other News

Combined News Sources

- A telephone operators' union threatened to picket an appearance by Joan Rivers at an AFL-C1O meeting. The union thinks that the comedian went a bit too far in bad-mouthing operators in a commercial she did for MCl communications. which doesn't use operators. The 650,000 -member Communications Workers of America also charges that Rivers reneged on her acceptance of a challenge to work a day as an operator.
- The telephone company cannot seem to get the lines uncrossed at Fremantle International. The company has six telephone lines. For the last several weeks. incoming callers have been cutting into conversations in progress on other Fremantle lines. And when calls come it, all lights flash on all the phones, so it is just a guess which is the incoming call and which are calls in progress. Further, an incoming call might connect to a call-in service one with a seductively voiced woman. "We've just been doing major business with the Christian Broadcasting Network," reported Craig MacDonald, the company's marketing director. "That's when it becomes not amusing."
- Bell Canada said it began charging large users of U.S. directory assistance to eliminate abuse of the service by customers who use free directory assistance to compile customer lists for sale to U.S. companies. Phone lines will now have free directory assistance for the first 250 requests.
- Pacific Bell has found a way to let a single phone line carry two voice and three computer conversations at the same time.
- United States banks lost an estimated $\$ 70$ million to $\$ 100$ million from fraudulent use of automated teller machines in 1983, with customers forfeiting millions from lost or stolen cards, the Government says. Banks suffered the bulk of the losses.

DEAR 2600:
When will it alnost be inpossible to use Long Distance Services? It is 50 easy to Phreak off then and they never catch the aajority of us, but when will it stop?

ONLY WHEN THE YORLD IS A BURNT OUT CINDER WILL Puzzled COMPLETELY. AS TECHNOLOGY CHANGES, SO DO PHONE PHREAKS. BLUE BOXES USED TO BE THE ONLY WAY A PHREAK MADE FREE PHONE CALLS. NON THERE ARE EXTENDERS AND ALTERNATE CARRIERS. WE DON'T THINK EXTENDERS ARE GOING TO DIE OUT ANYTIME SOON ALTERNATE CARRIERS (SPRINT, HCI ETC.) WILL GET HARDER TO ABUSE AS EDUAL ACCESS MOVES IM BU才 THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A WAY. WE LOVE TO hEAR ABOUT NEN METHODS.

## OPEN LETTER:

7 a.n. 02/07/85: Pursuant to a telephone discussion with Reginald Dunn, head of the crisinal division of the Los Angeles' City Attorney's office, I was inforned that the prosecution believes it has insufficient evidence to continue the prosecution of Ton TCiapidis, SYSOP of MOG-UR. This deteraination was ade after I requested a review of the case on $1 / 11 / 85$ after the departure of City Attorney Ira Rejner to becone D. A., and while the City Attorney's office is being run by the civil service staff pending election of a new city attorney. Mr. Dunn has given ae his word that the people will seek disaissal of the charges against Ton under California Penal Code Section 1385, i.e.' 'Disnissal in the interests of justice.' Under California law, such a disaissal is 'with prejudice' and the people can not refjle the case subsequently, To put if succinctly, a disaissal will terainate the prosecution peraanently.

As [any of you] know, the City Attorney's office has previously reneged on representations ade to ne regarding disaissal of the charges. I wish to assure everyone that have known Mr. Dunn for 10 years, and I trust his word conpletely. If he says the case will be disaissed, I an satisfied that such an action will occur.

We win. Win...win....win...win...win. My thanks to everyone who contributed to supporting Ton and ee in the defense of this matter. I consider this to be a major victory for the rights of free speech over the 'big brother' aachinations of the phone conpany.

I would be grateful if you would download this aessage and place it on other systeas throughout the country. This is a very big victory, and the BBS and moden comanities should know about it.

Again thanks for the support.
Chuck Lindner, attorney for SYSOP Ton Tciapidis.
8 p.n., 02/07/85: The case of People vs. Tciapidis -a.k.a. use a noden, go to jail -- was digaissed in the 'interests of justice' this morning, $2 / 7 / 85$. As noted earlier, this disaissal is with prejudice, and Ton is nom free of the pactel scourge. Another saall step for sonething resembling justice.

## Chuck

thrilled me are for tom, but charges dropped means Lails REMAIN. IN THIS CASE TOM GO' AHAY WITH WHAT HE DID OR THE LAN JUST REAL IZED THAT THERE WAS JUST NOT ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO PROUE ANYTHING. BUT CALIFORNIA STILL HAS HORRIBLE TOUGH LAWS THAT DO NOT PERMIT PRINTING MAGAIINES LIKE 2600! YOU CANNOT EVEN DISCLOSE A PHONE NUMBER OR A PASSNORD FORMAT LET ALONE A WHDLE PASSWORD THERE. WE ARE GLAD HE GOT HIS MACHINE BACK, WHICH IS AL WAYS A PLEASANT SURPRISE, WE ENCOURAGE OUR READERS TO SPREAD THIS NEHS WHEREVER THEY GO AS IT IS A VERY IHPDRTANT DEVELDPMENT. IFOR THOSE WHO DON'T KNOH, TOM TCIMPIDIS WAS THE SYSOP OF A COMPUTER BULLETIN BDARD THAT SOMEONE POSTED A CREDIT CARD NUMBER ON. THE PHONE COMPANY DECIDED TO PRESS CHARGES AGAINST HIM EVEN THOLJGH HE CLAIMS NEVER TO HAVE SEEN THE NUMBER IN QUESTION. THEY TOOK HIS COMPUTER AND GOT HIM A LOT OF NATIONAL ATTENTION.J

## DEAR 2600:

Have you been reading about those new high tech secure telephones? l've been thinking about what aust be inside then. The closest thing l've heard to that kind of technology would be DVP - Digital Voice Processing. It's like digital audio processing, but after the voice is turned into bits, dsfdsfkskfgsjkfggr.eegfds
they scrapble then up and then send then off. The other side then decrypts the bits and transforgs the decrypted signal back into voice. The stuff l've read (in Popular Comonnications Magazine, around a year agol sajd that a lot of law enforcement agencies use it to scranble their radio transaissions (I believe the ones mentioned were the DEA and the Treasury police, aybe the secret service, but not, interestingly enough, the FBI). The only proble! is that it didn't work too well' - any people reported hearing the agents suitching the DUP off and transaitting a noralal unscrabbled signal because they couldn't get it working right. However, over a land line if would probably work a lof befter. And the nice thing about DUP is that it really is secure, as long as no one knows your scranbling algoritha - however, I inagine the Russians already have the plans for one of those phones, given that very fen ajlitary secrets ever remain secrets for long. Besides, if the government orders several thousand of then, it stands to reason that at least one would end up in the wrong hands. Anyway, I' not sure that knowing the innards of those phones would help you unscranble the traffic, since that aight only cut down the nuaber of possibilities to a few billion instead of a few quadrillion. The whole point of encoding sonething is so that your eneny does not unscranble it while the inforaation is still useful to either of you,
y've often thought about how to do sonething like that with our little aicros. Two people talking on the phone via a scraabled oden link have a rearkably secure connection, provided they are using the right software for aixing up the bits. I seen to reneaber that ESS's these days are configured to automatically detect any kind of scrambling going on, and alert security folks whenever a scrambled conversation is noticed. The rationale is that soneone scranbling a conversation has sonething to hide, and the big governient boys are jnterested in people who have things to hide. However, the aforenentioned pair on the phone would not be noticed by an ESS, since all they would be doing is setting up a noral aoden conversation, and if they didn't aind slow conaunication they could be even nore secure with an encryption scheae that sent two or three dines of "noise" for every character of genuine information being transferred. The noise could look very innocuous, say the transactions on a "legal" bulletin board, and thus not even appear to be hiding anything.

By the way, those are the best possible secret codes, the kind that do not appear to be anything out of the ordinary and thus are not even thought to be codes at all! Another possibility is to send information in the form of the tine delays between each character transaitted. That aeans that someone "listening in" on a digital conversation by having the data printed out would iss out on the entire eessage, since his printer would only record the characters sent, which in this instance are utterly unioportant. By the way, monitoring of a conputer conversation may not be considered wiretapping since the statutes concerned can be narrowly interpreted to cover only audio taping of a conversation, not digital eavesdropping.

Inforsed as Hell
many parts of "puizle palacen by james bamford 60 into DETAIL ABOUT THE FORMS OF CRYPTOGRAPHY USED TODAY BY THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY WHICH INCIDENTALLY HAS EXPRESSED A STRONG INTEREST IN SUBSCRIBING TO US. WE HOPE THEY WILL contribute many fine articles.

DEAR 2600:
Does 2400 baud mork on standard Bell lines?
YES, 2400 BAUD IS ACTUALLY 4 BITS AT A TIME AT 600 BAUD. AND BELL LINES CAN HANDLE THAT.

DEAR 2600:
If I want to go trashing, an I forced to just attack ay Central Office?

THERE ARE LOTS OF GOOD PLACES TO TRASH BESIDES PHONE COMPANIES. LOOK IN THE PHONE BOOK UNDER SOFTHARE COMPANIES, PHONE EQUIPMENT, COMPUTER EQUIPHENT, ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT. OR LOOK AT RADIO SHACKS, OR GTE, MCI, OR YOUR LOCAL CABLE COMPANY. YOU HILL FIND LOADS OF THINGS, LIKE FREE TELEPHONES, FLOPPIES, ETC.

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