



Sideload this!

About me slides always feel so narcissistic

I've given talks at a few of these

Hilariously, rarely at the same employer twice

I like math


And computers

But mostly, fun problems!



Let's get started

I'm not GreatScott though

A hand holding a compass in a desert landscape. The hand is wearing a green long-sleeved shirt. The compass is a standard analog compass with a white face and black markings. The background shows a paved road winding through a desert with rolling hills under a clear blue sky. The lighting suggests it's either early morning or late afternoon, with long shadows and warm tones.

This is a “Come with me on my journey through fighting with this for twelve hours, so you only have to fight with this for 10 hours if you want to try it too.”


Spoiler: We don't
sideload anything

We do

But

Like

Not
really



So what are we doing?

Who has a Bluetooth or WiFi device

And it needs an app

And probably an account

With the worst password policy imaginable

And no MFA

And it asks for too many permissions

UD24

USB current/voltage/energy meter

The app comes from Mediafire

Victron solar charger

Play store

No account

Minimal permissions

But this is the only real company on the list





PUPVWMHB

150 P04



Anova

App from Play store

Needs an account

Wireless functions are paid for
new subscribers

Older models, despite still
working are getting removed





“Personal Massager”

So what is a
poor orphan
boy to do



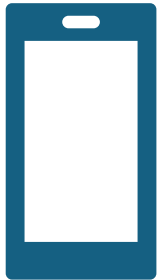
Reverse engineering!

- <That meme>

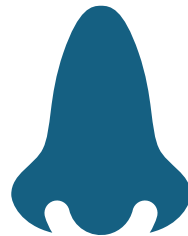


I was going to make this an actual slide, but honestly, this is better than anything I could make.

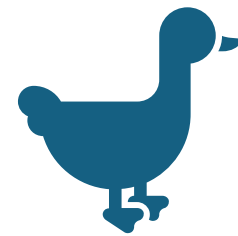
We've got two options



Decompile Android APKs



Sniff traffic from the apps
from an Android device



And I suck at Java

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- “But Mike, how do you capture Bluetooth traffic off of an Android phone?!”

I'm glad you asked





Imagine if you could pipe packets from your phone to wireshark through stdout



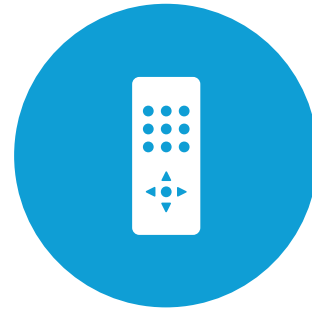
Introducing extcap!



WIRESHARK/TSHARK
SUPPORT EXTCAP



IT'S A WAY OF
ADDING EXTERNAL
CAPTURE AND
LOG SOURCES



LIKE REMOTE-
SSHDUMP
OR CISCODUMP



[HTTPS://WWW.WIRE
SHARK.ORG/DOCS/
WSDG_HTML_CHUNKED/CHCAPTUREEXT
CAP.HTML](https://www.wireshark.org/docs/wsdg_html_chunked/chcaptureextcap.html)

The simple example, capturing wifi



Androiddump supported sources

Logcat Main (binary [\leq Jelly Bean] or text)

Logcat System (binary [\leq Jelly Bean] or text)

Logcat Events (binary [\leq Jelly Bean] or text)

Logcat Radio (binary [\leq Jelly Bean] or text)

Logcat Crash (text; from Lollipop)

Bluetooth Hcidump [\leq Jelly Bean]

Bluetooth Bluedroid External Parser [Kitkat]

Bluetooth BtsnoopNet [\geq Lollipop]

WiFi/Ethernet tcpdump [needs tcpdump on phone]

We only care about BtSnoopNet



It's the modern
Bluetooth HCI capture
mechanism



Enabling it is a delicate
ballet



With snakes



With arms

Capturing Bluetooth HCI on Android

Disable
Bluetooth

Go to system
settings

Enable
developer
options

Find Bluetooth
HCI snooping
toggle

Turn it on

Turn it off

Turn Bluetooth
on

Turn Bluetooth
off

Turn HCI
snooping on

Turn Bluetooth
on

Turn Bluetooth
off

Turn Bluetooth
on

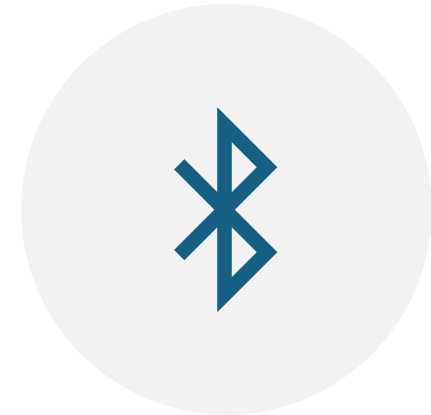
Here's how it works



TURNING SNOOPING OFF RESETS
THE CAPTURE STATE



TURNING SNOOPING ON STARTS
CAPTURE



TURNING BLUETOOTH ON MAKES
THE SETTING TAKE EFFECT

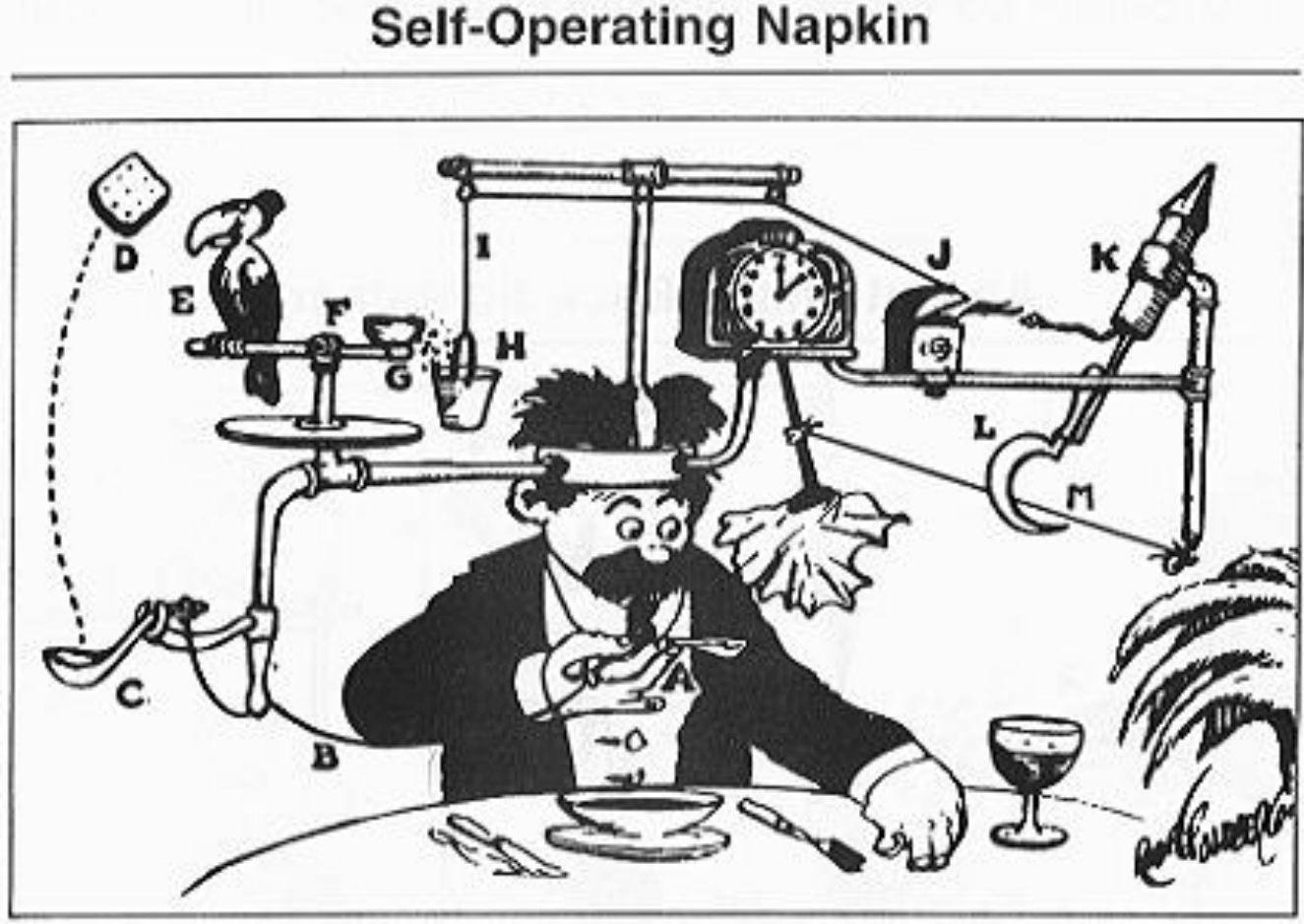
So how does Wireshark + BTSnoopNet work?

BTSnoopNet writes packets to a file in the system tree

And uses

Wireshark invokes extcap with a host and port

Extca to the



realtime

What does BtSnoopNet do?



IT WRITES TO A FILE IN A ROOT-
ACCESSIBLE LOCATION.



SO THAT MEANS...



TO USE IT YOU NEED ROOT!

Let's pretend we
don't have a rooted
device

-
- Can we still do this?



How do we get the logs off?

Declare a bug report!

Bug reports are non-privileged actions

But will contain HCI snooping logs if enabled

But it isn't realtime

So correlating events is a lot harder

Timestamps are your friend? 🙌

But we've got them!



UNPACK THEM FROM THE
BUGREPORT ZIP



DRAG AND DROP INTO
WIRESHARK!

btsnoop_hci.log

File Edit View Go Capture Analyze Statistics Telephony Wireless Tools Help

bluetooth.src == a5:c2:37:27:52:83 || bluetooth.dst == a5:c2:37:27:52:83

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3104	366.310241	OnePlusTech_21:03:6...	a5:c2:37:27:52:83 (... ATT	ATT	19	Sent Write Command, Handle: 0x
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3154	371.301792	OnePlusTech_21:03:6...	a5:c2:37:27:52:83 (... ATT	ATT	19	Sent Write Command, Handle: 0x
3156	371.382912	a5:c2:37:27:52:83 (... OnePlusTech_21:03:6...	a5:c2:37:27:52:83 (... ATT	ATT	32	Rcvd Handle Value
3157	371.431784	a5:c2:37:27:52:83 (... OnePlusTech_21:03:6...	a5:c2:37:27:52:83 (... ATT	ATT	32	Rcvd Handle Value

Frame 2919: 19 bytes on wire (152 bits), 19 bytes captured (152 bits)

Bluetooth

- [Source: OnePlusTech_21:03:64 (c0:ee:fb:21:03:64)]
- [Destination: a5:c2:37:27:52:83 (a5:c2:37:27:52:83)]
- Bluetooth HCI H4
- Bluetooth HCI ACL Packet
- Bluetooth L2CAP Protocol
- Bluetooth Attribute Protocol
 - Opcode: Write Command (0x52)
 - Handle: 0x0015 (Unknown)
 - Value: dda50400ffc77

What do we get



We get full Bluetooth LE stack



Full GATT protocol details



MACs and direction



Payloads



Timestamps

Ok, now for a
quick guide
on ~~BLE~~
BLE





That's a pile of garbage

So let's crack open the APK



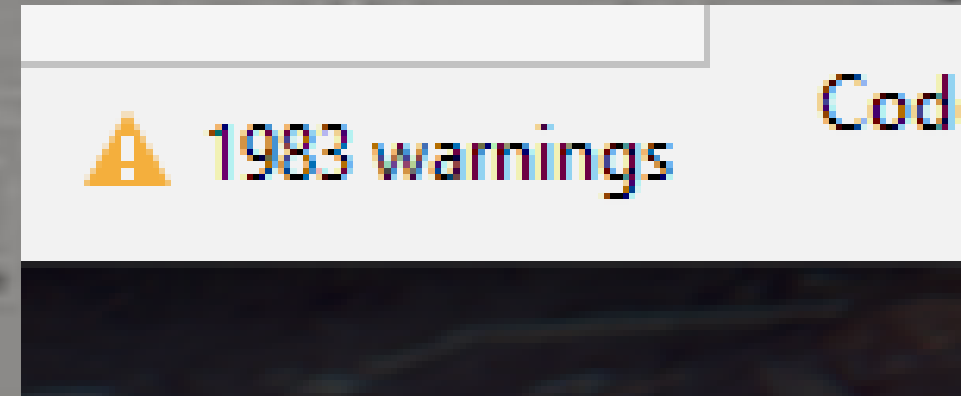
I don't know what I'm doing, so



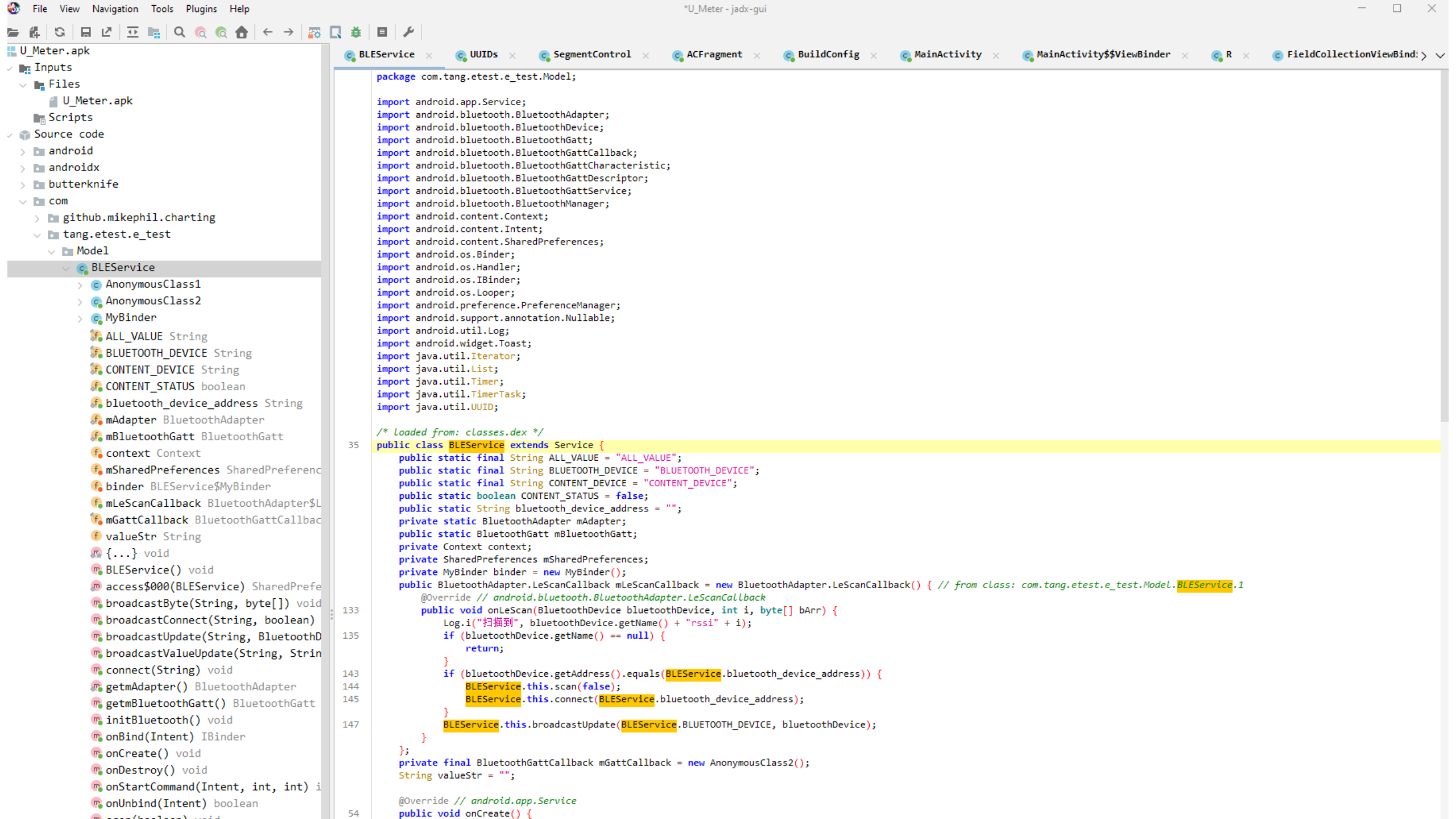
JADX was the tool I
grabbed



Opened up the APK



We could be off to a
worse start



This seems like a good start!

- 2 hours of clicking around like a dumdummy later...

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365 double d = ((bArr[4] & 255) * 65536) + ((bArr[5] & 255) * 256) + (bArr[6] & 255);
    Double.isNaN(d);
    Float valueOf4 = Float.valueOf((float) (d / 10.0d));
366 double d2 = ((bArr[7] & 255) * 65536) + ((bArr[8] & 255) * 256) + (bArr[9] & 255);
    Double.isNaN(d2);
    valueOf2 = Float.valueOf((float) (d2 / 1000.0d));
367 double d3 = ((bArr[10] & 255) * 65536) + ((bArr[11] & 255) * 256) + (bArr[12] & 255);
    Double.isNaN(d3);
    valueOf3 = Float.valueOf((float) (d3 / 10.0d));
369 this.textVoltage.setText(decimalFormat6.format(valueOf4) + "V");
370 this.textCurrent.setText(decimalFormat3.format(valueOf2) + "A");
371 this.textPower.setText(decimalFormat9.format(valueOf3) + "W");
373 TextView textView = this.textFactor;
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Huzzah!



Put them together, and we can probably make sense of this



The BLE dump gives us PDU structure, and GATT details

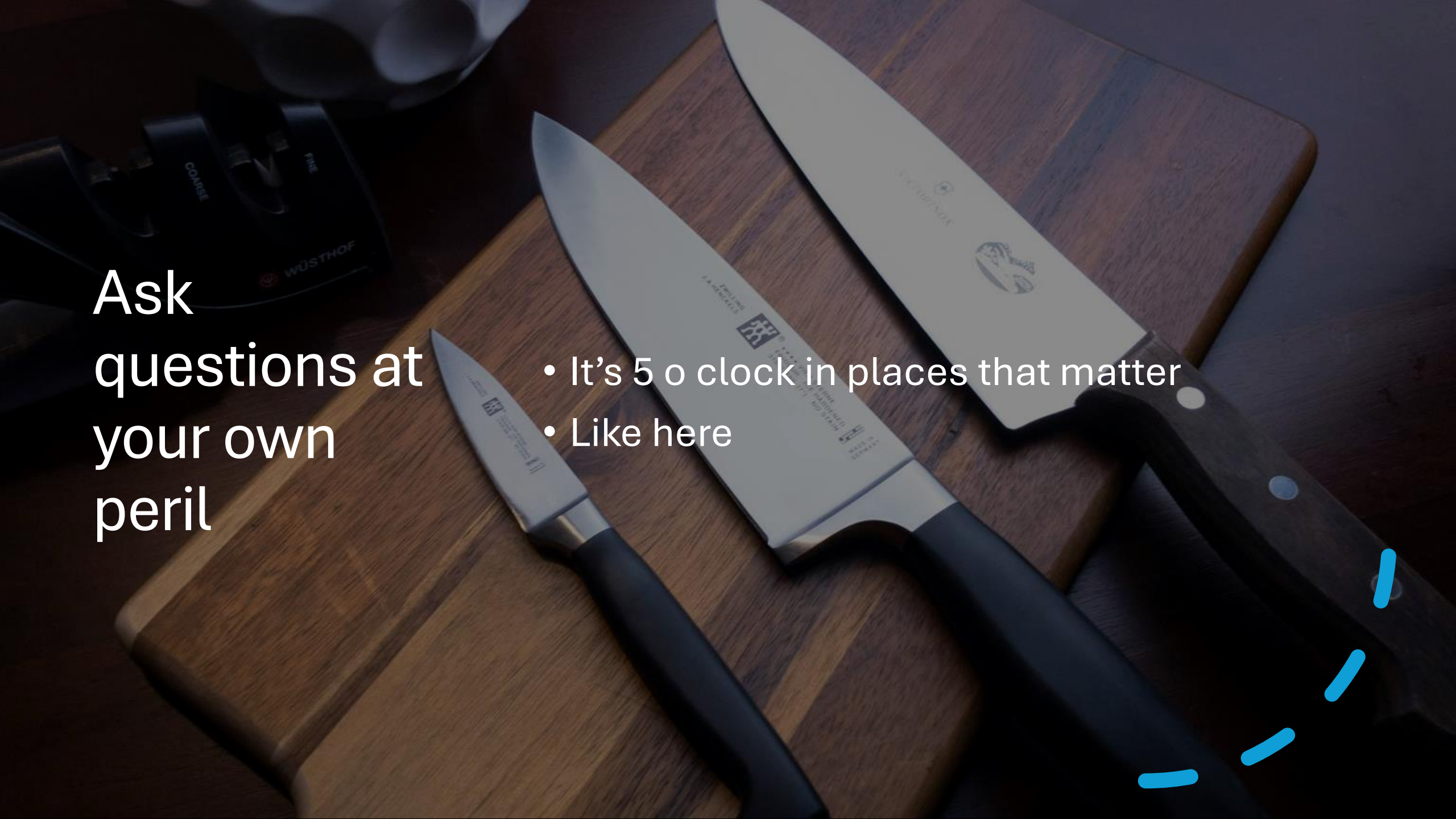


The APK gives us content layout and parsing behaviours

Lessons learned

- I hate Java
- Wireshark is always the saviour
- BLE is weird and very opaque and obtuse
- But I still hate Java more
- This should help you get started
- And waste less time than I did





Ask
questions at
your own
peril

- It's 5 o'clock in places that matter
- Like here