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Cracking Mifare Classic on the cheap

Workshop

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Enjoy appsec (dev, break, build...) since 2003.

„Smart lockpicking” trainings
www.smartlockpicking.com

Significant part of time for research.

How much can we fit in 45 min?

Mifare Classic – intro, hardware needed

Card UID, cloning access control badge using phone

Mifare Classic data

Attacks and required hardware

- brute leaked keys, clone hotel key
- „nested”, „darkside”, „hardnested” attacks

Card types, frequencies, …

125 kHz („low frequency”) RFID

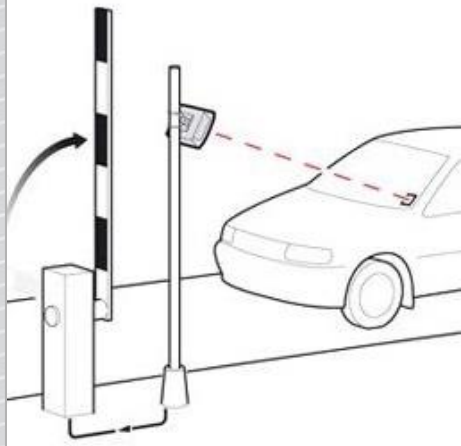
EM4XX (Unique), HID Prox, Indala, Honeywell, AWID, ...

13.56MHz („high frequency”) NFC

covered today

Mifare/DESFire, iCLASS, Legic, Calypso, contactless payments, ...

868MHz (UHF), other



Vehicle id, asset tracking...

Mifare Classic

The MIFARE Classic family ***is the most widely used*** *contactless smart card ICs operating in the 13.56 MHz frequency range with read/write capability.*

https://www.mifare.net/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/MIFARE_Classic_EV1.pdf

City cards, access control, student id, memberships, internal payment, tourist card, ski pass, hotels, ...

Some of Mifare Classic hacking tools

	Features vs Price			
Proxmark 3	★★★★★ $$$ - $$$$	50		- 300 EUR 
NXP PN532	★★★☆☆ $ - $$	5		- 40 EUR 
Android smartphone	★★☆☆☆ $	Free mobile app		

What you will need?

Mifare Classic – intro

Card UID, usage in access control, cloning

Mifare Classic data – intro

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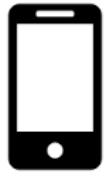

- brute leaked keys
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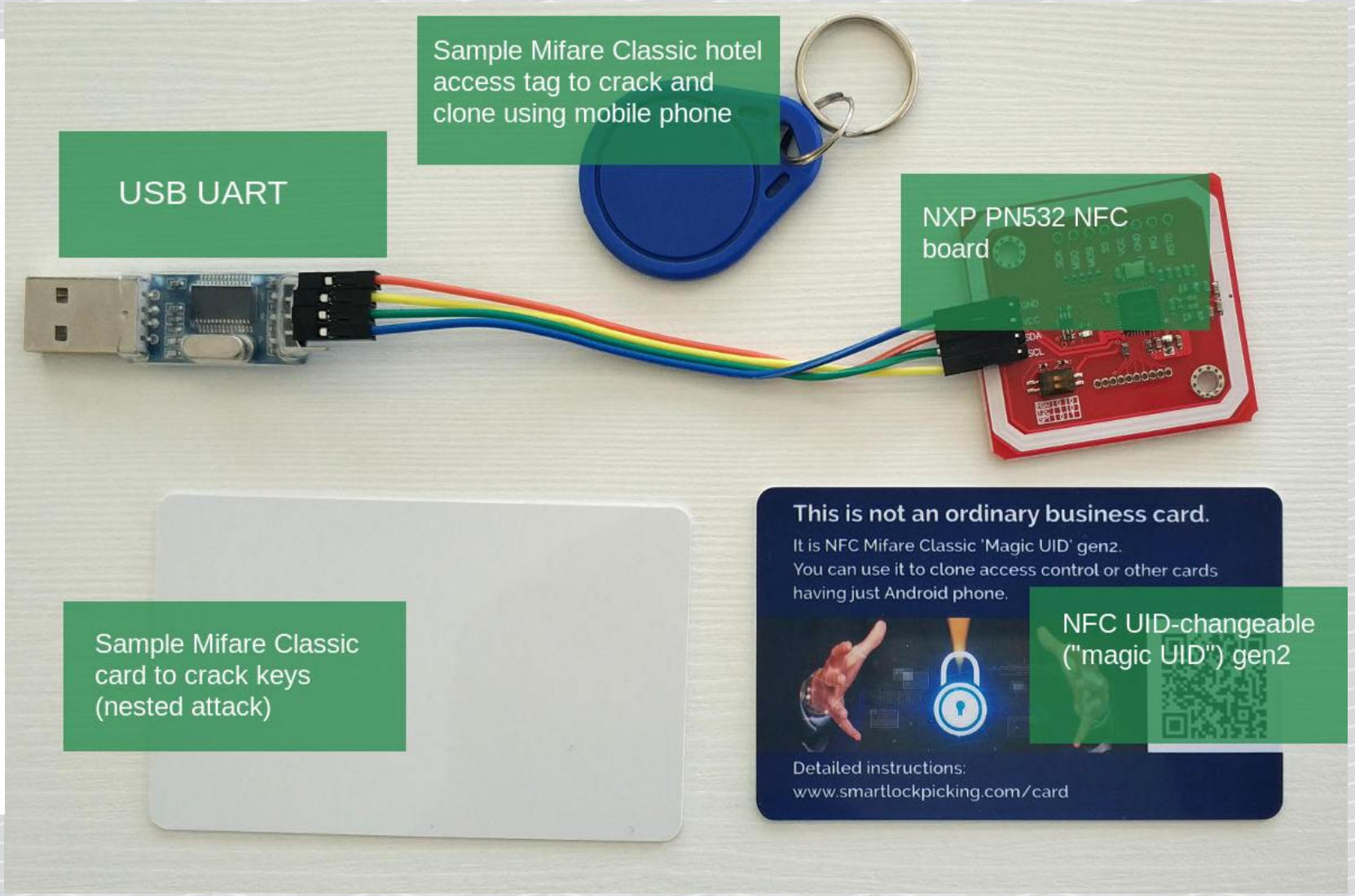
Possible as homework

What I brought here

You can easily get it yourself - e.g. Aliexpress from China, or some local distributors. Note: the quality may vary.



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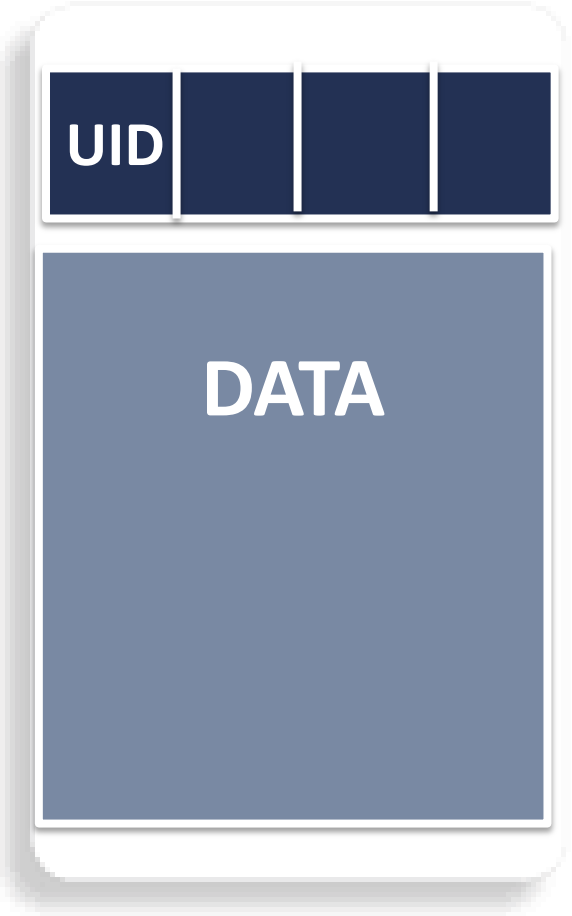
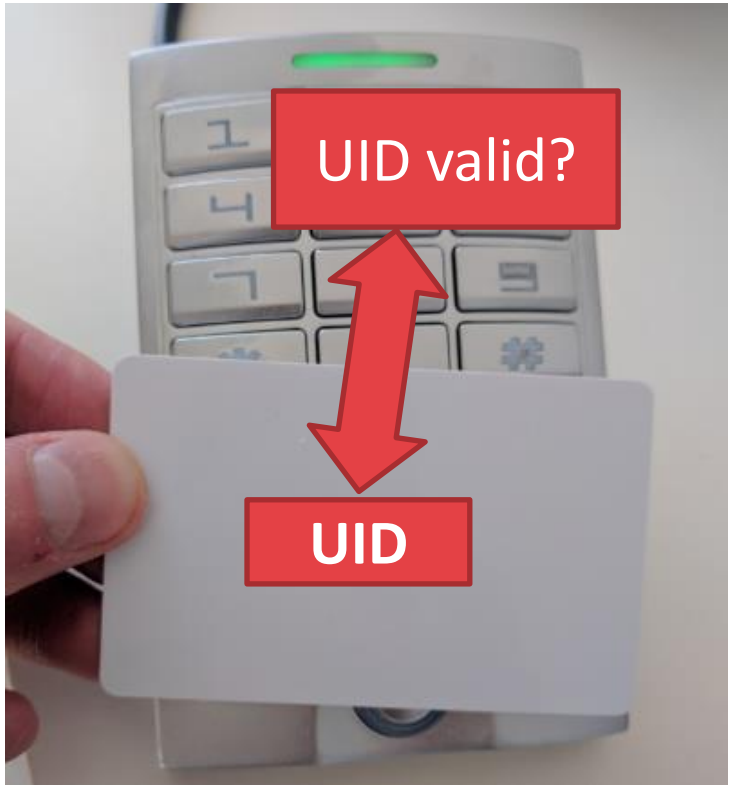


The simplest access control systems

Check just for individual ID

- 3-10 bytes (most commonly 4).
- Read-only
- Freely accessible to read
- Reader checks for registered ID.



The UID

Security: UID is set in factory and cannot be altered. Only vendor knows how to make a tag – by laser fusing of poly silicon links.

Guess what happened next?

„Magic UID" or „UID-changeable" cards

Allow to change the UID

Various generations

- gen 1 – requires special hardware (e.g PN532)
- gen 2 – possible to write using mobile phone

EXERCISE #1

- Clone Mifare UID using mobile phone

Our access control card

Quite common setup for apartments, gates, parkings, offices, ...

Clone the access control card using Android

Mifare Classic Tool by @iiiikarus

Free, open-source

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=de.syss.MifareClassicTool

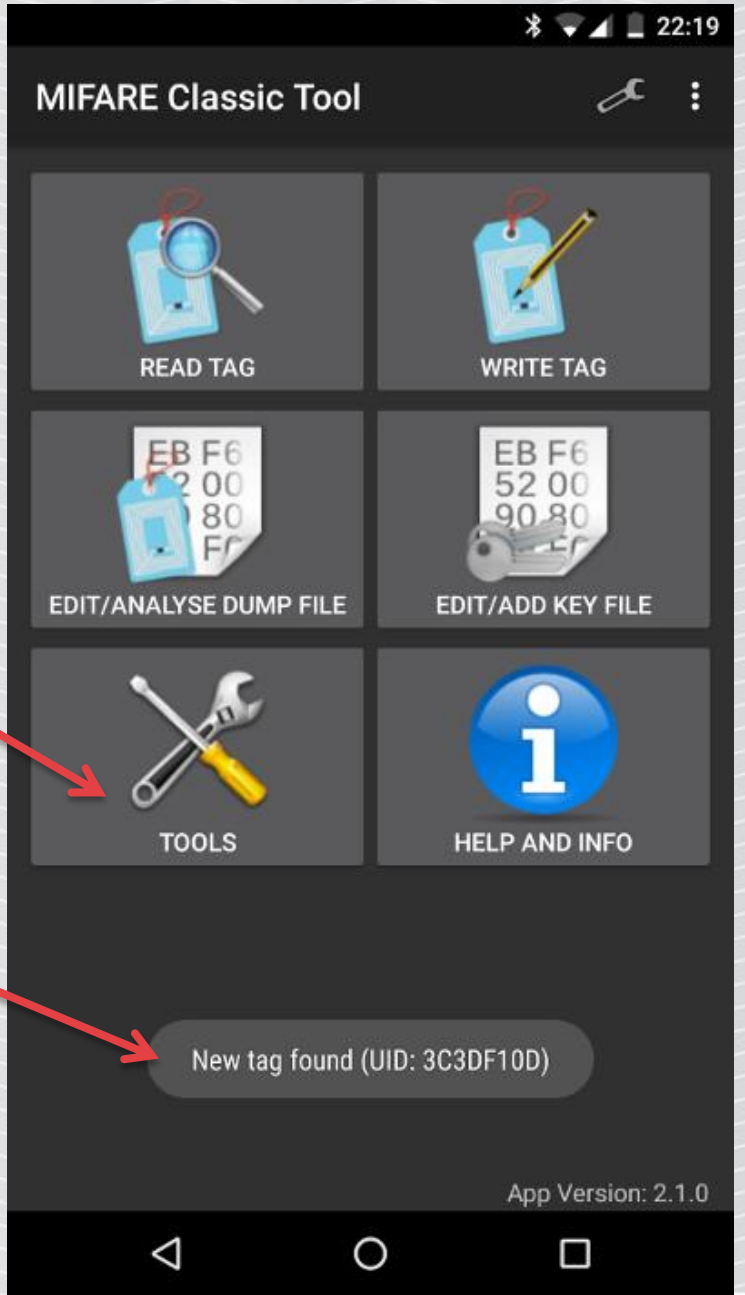
Note: some phones are not compatible:

https://github.com/ikarus23/MifareClassicTool/blob/master/INCOMPATIBLE_DEVICES.md

Read UID using mobile phone

Tools -> Display tag info

Also: displays UID when new tag detected



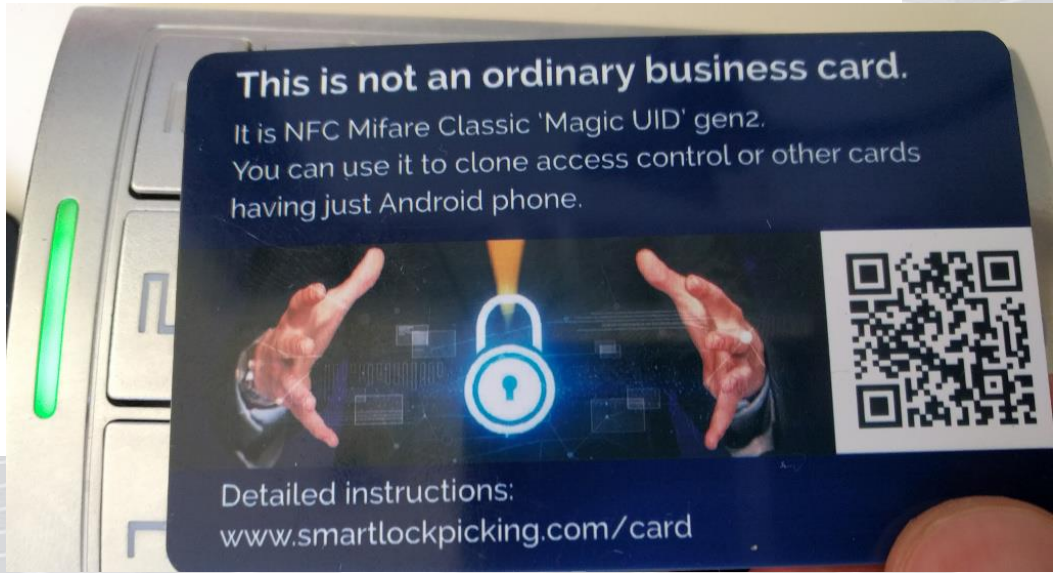
Write UID using smartphone?

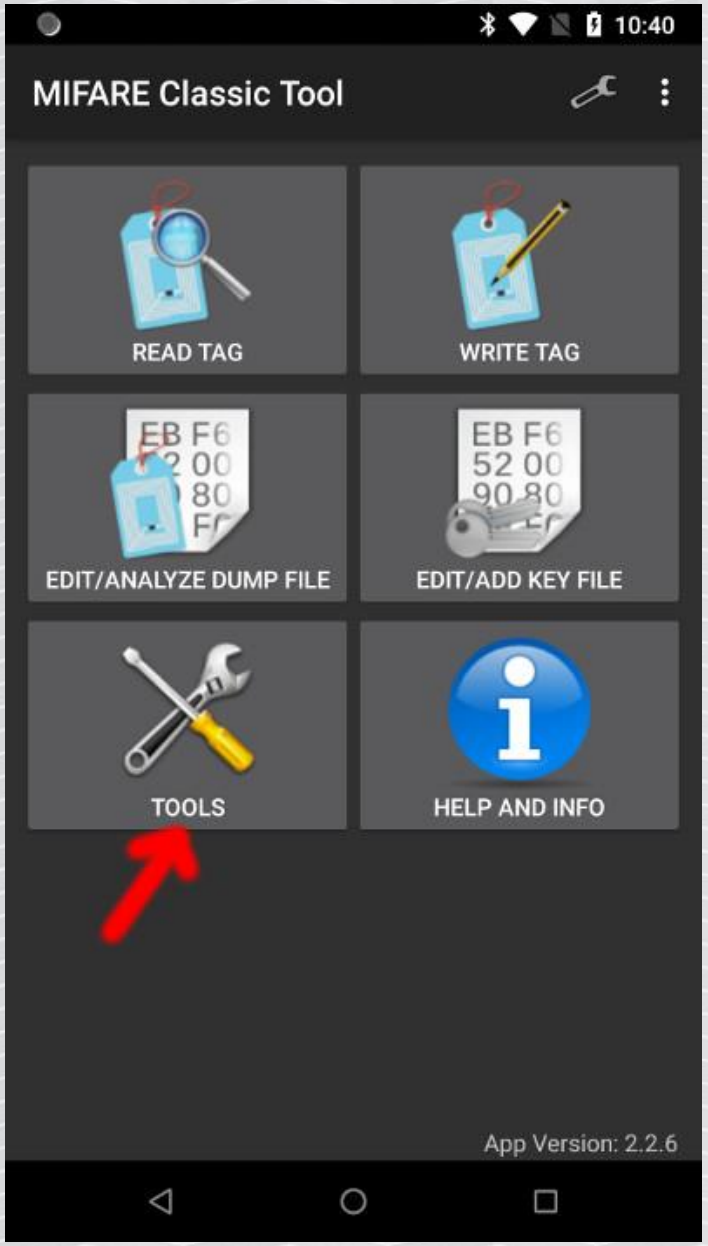
Standard cards UID is read-only.

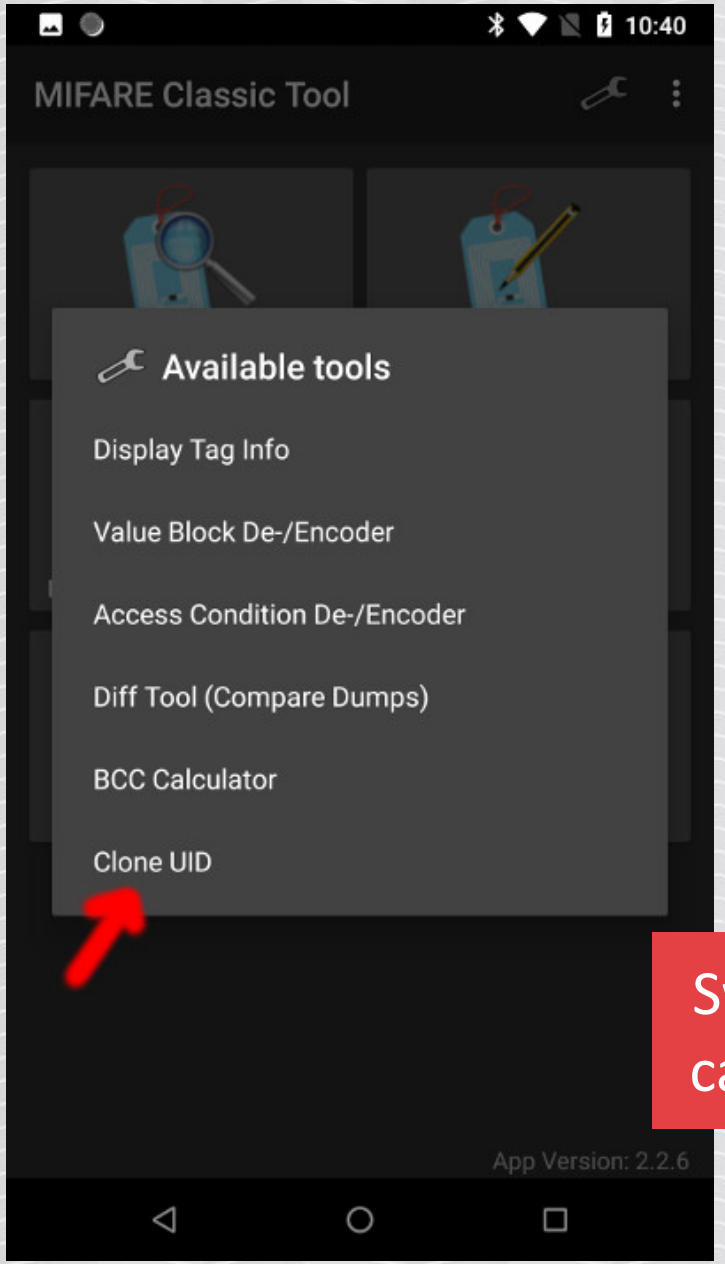
You need „direct write” (Gen 2) UID-changeable card.

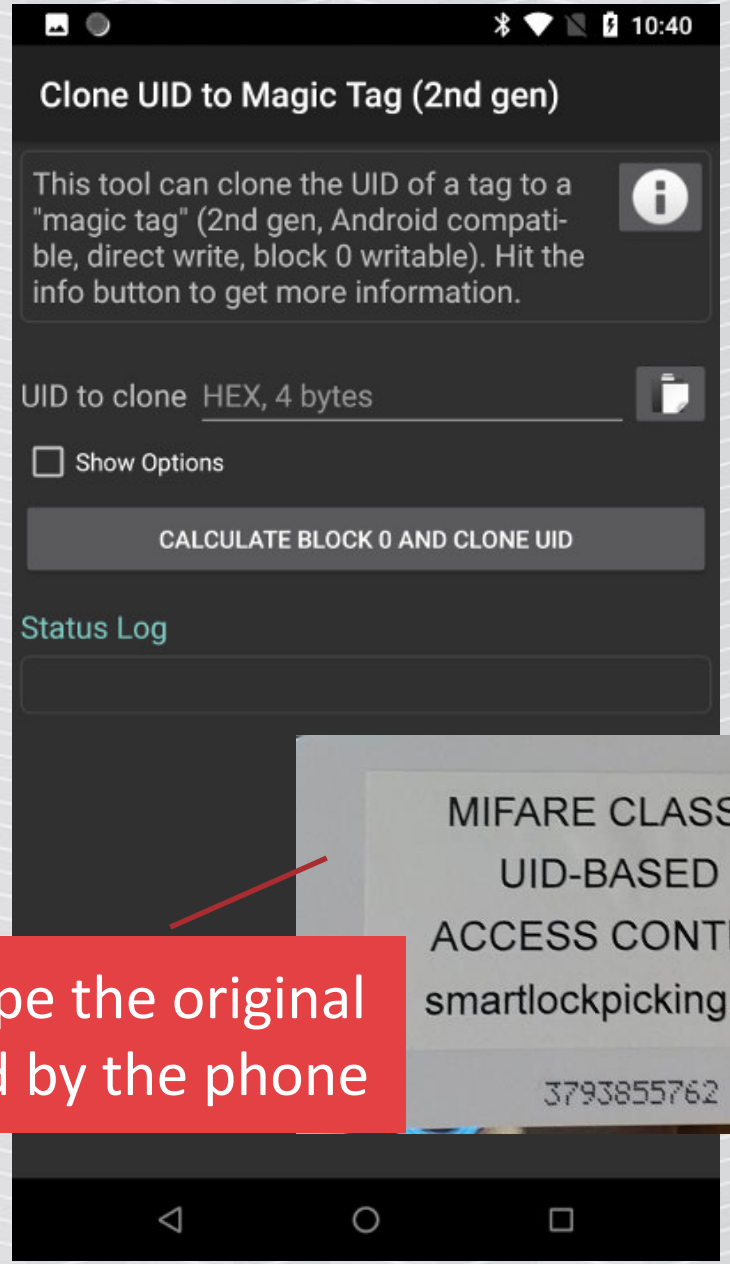
For example my business card ☺

https://smartlockpicking.com/card

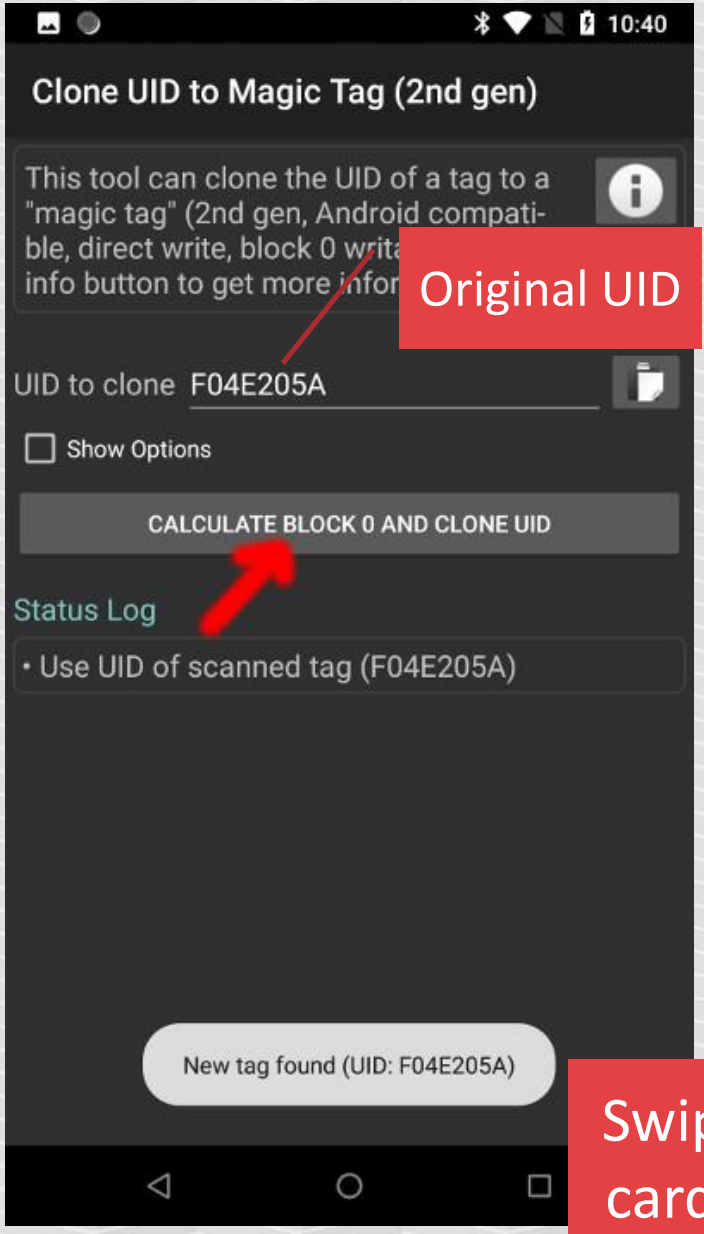








Swipe the original card by the phone



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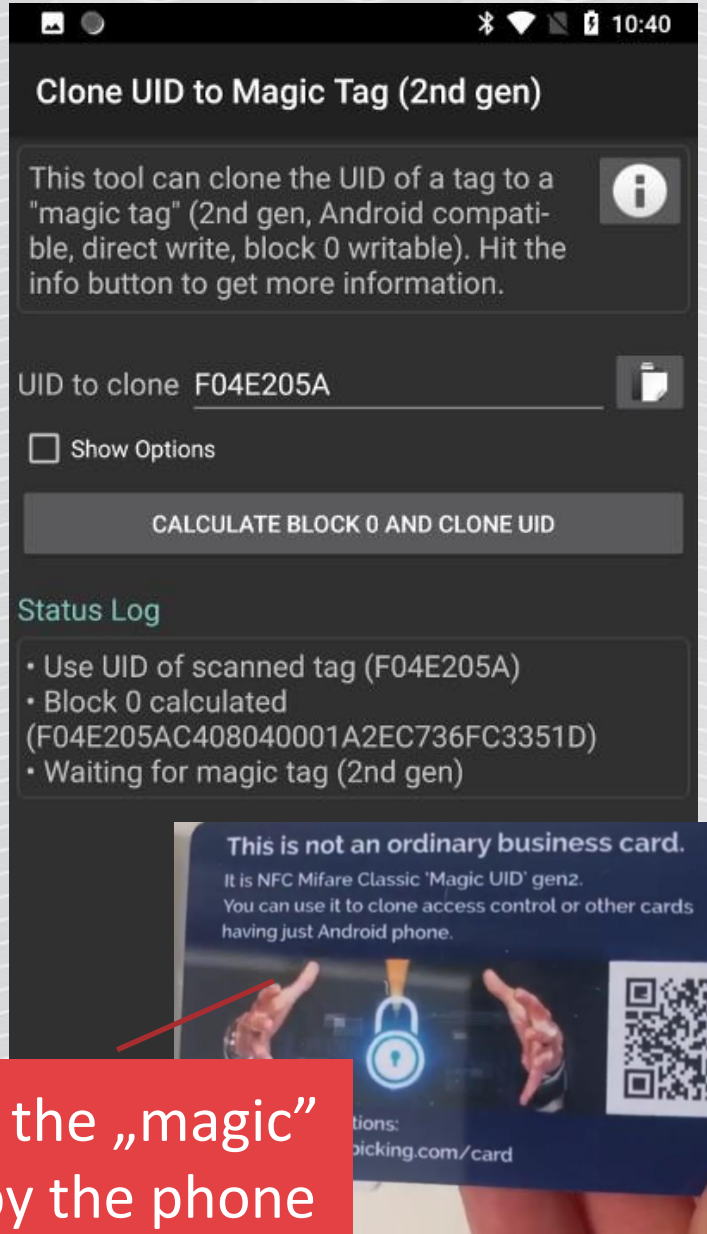
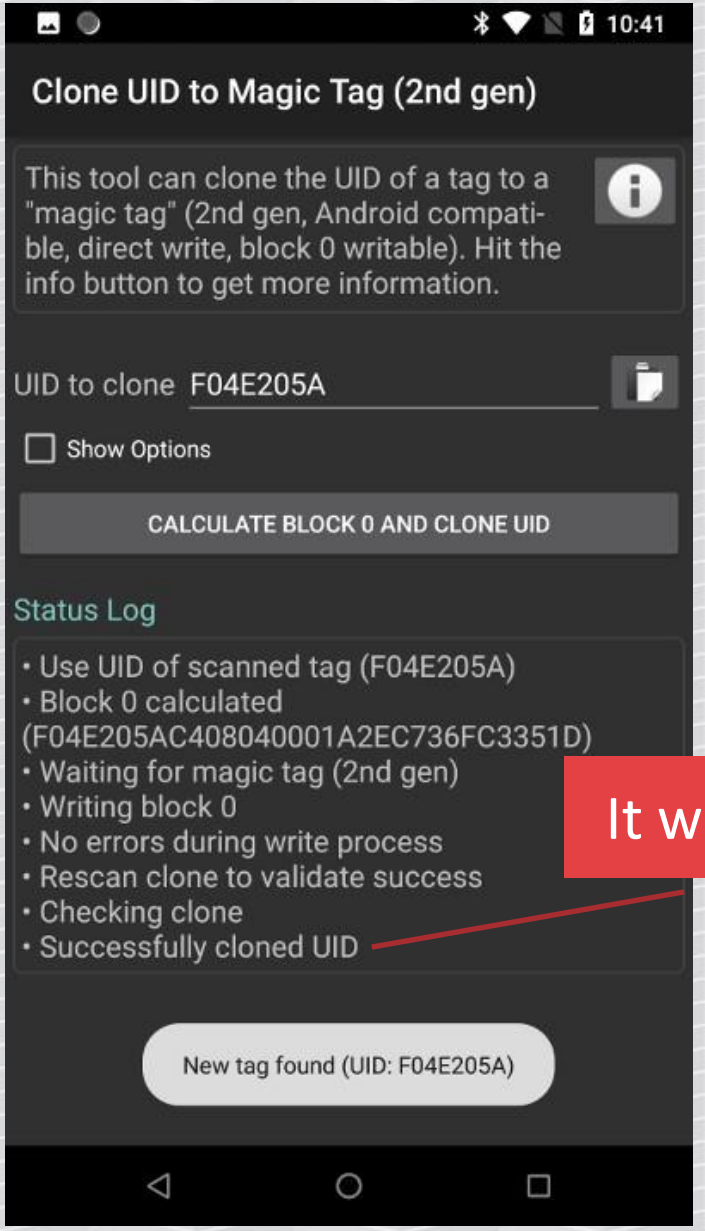
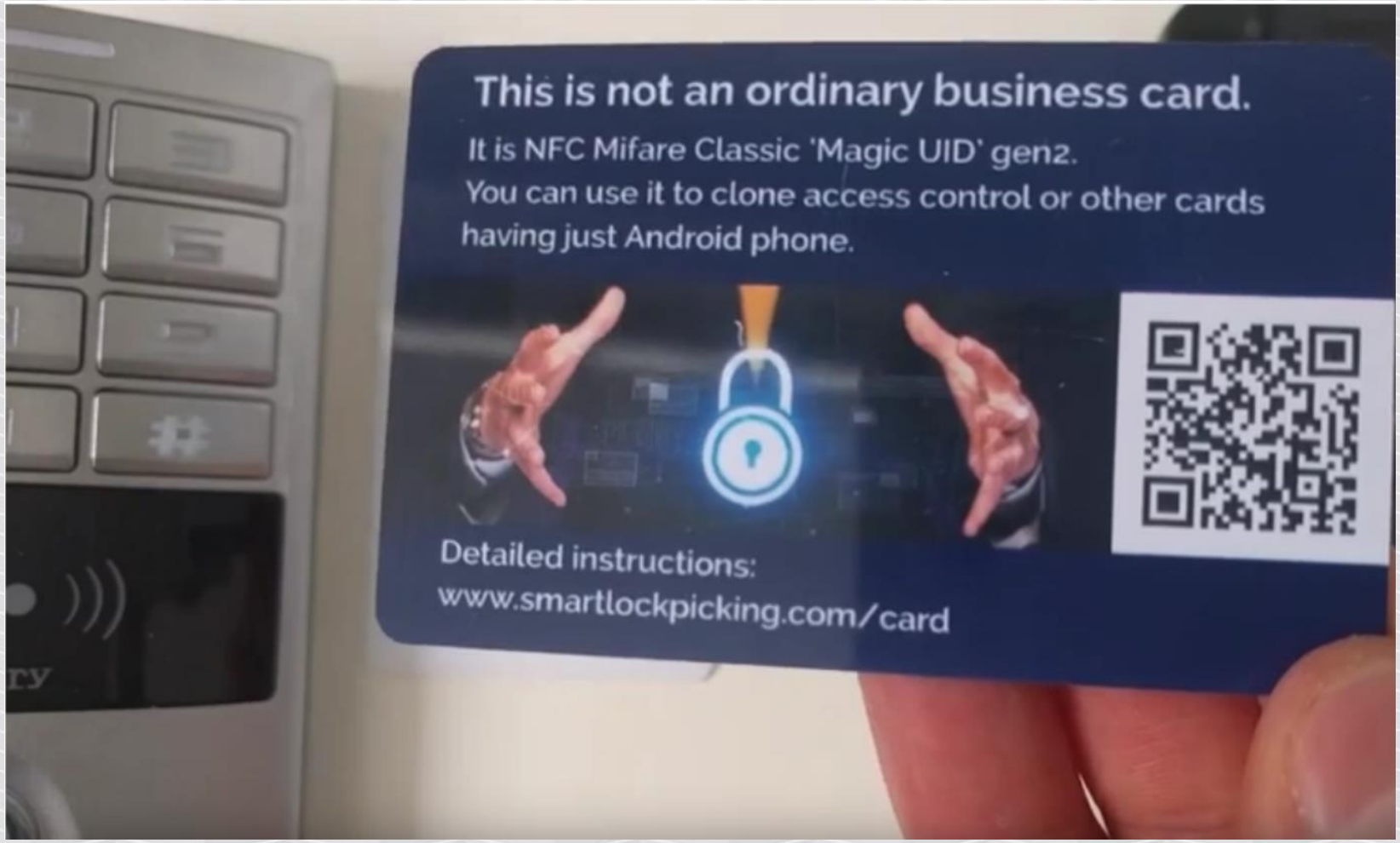


Swipe the „magic" card by the phone



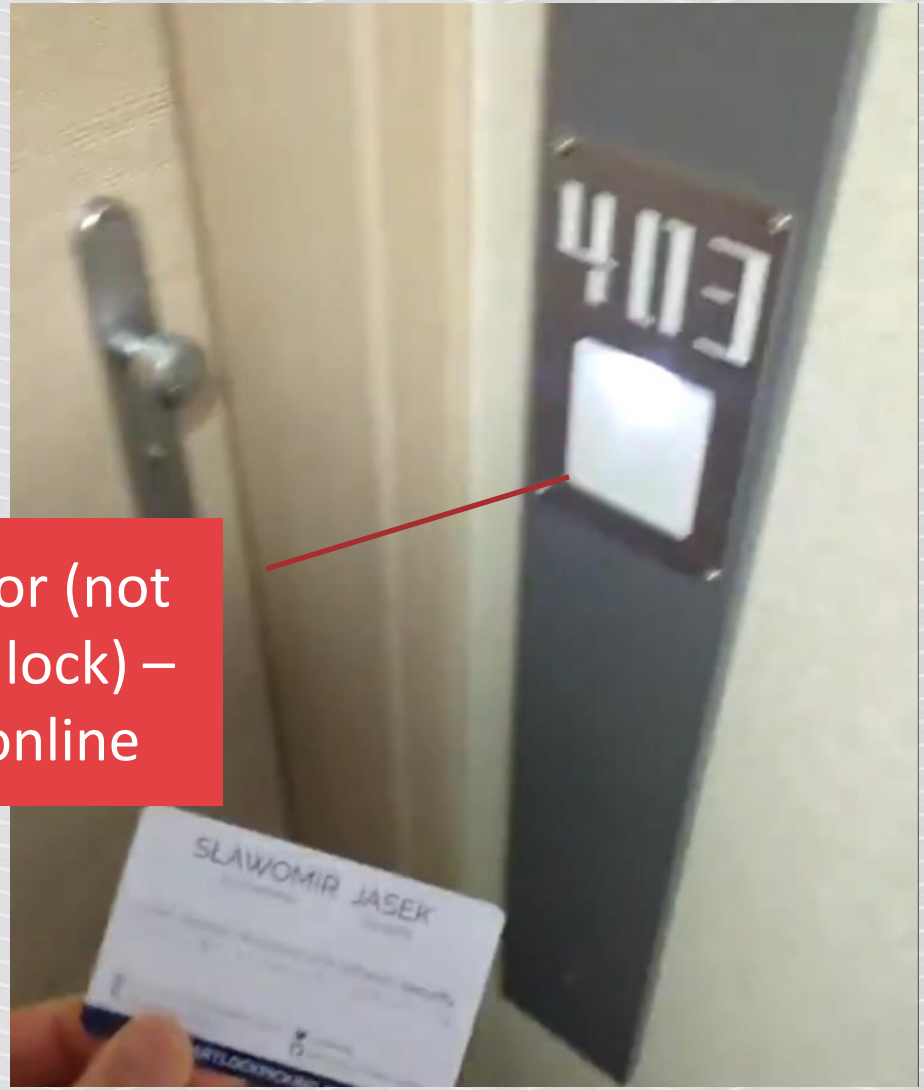
It worked!

Now try the cloned card at the reader!



Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=btLQB8WCQXA

BTW, it also works for hotels



Reader by the door (not embedded in the lock) – checks the UID online

https://twitter.com/iiikarus/status/1135678171280478208

EXERCISE #2

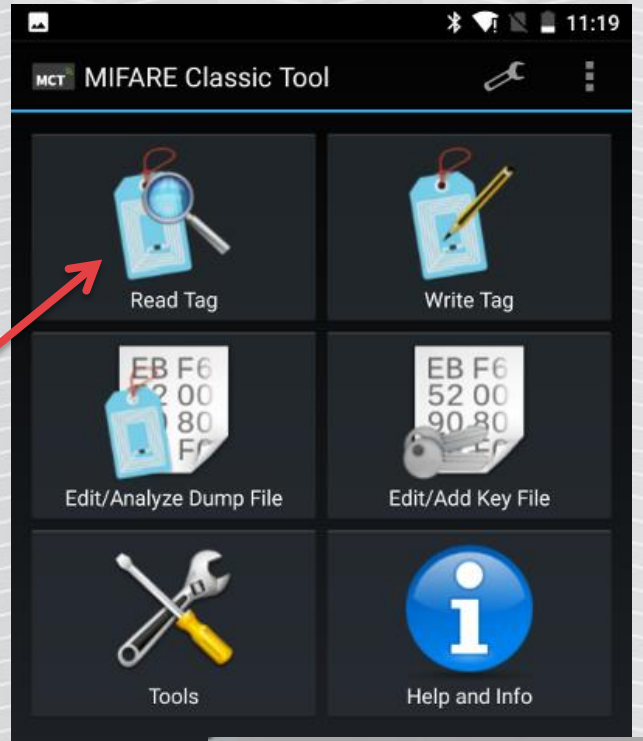
- Mifare Classic data

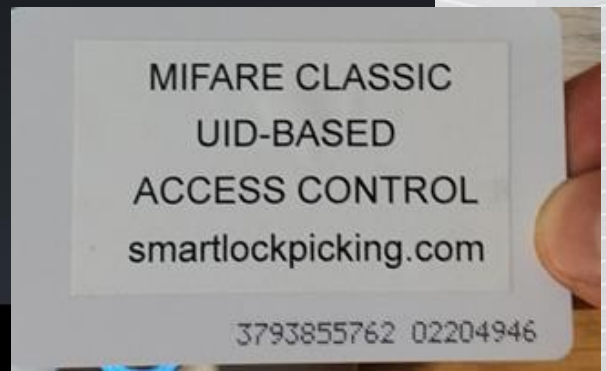
What is stored on the card?

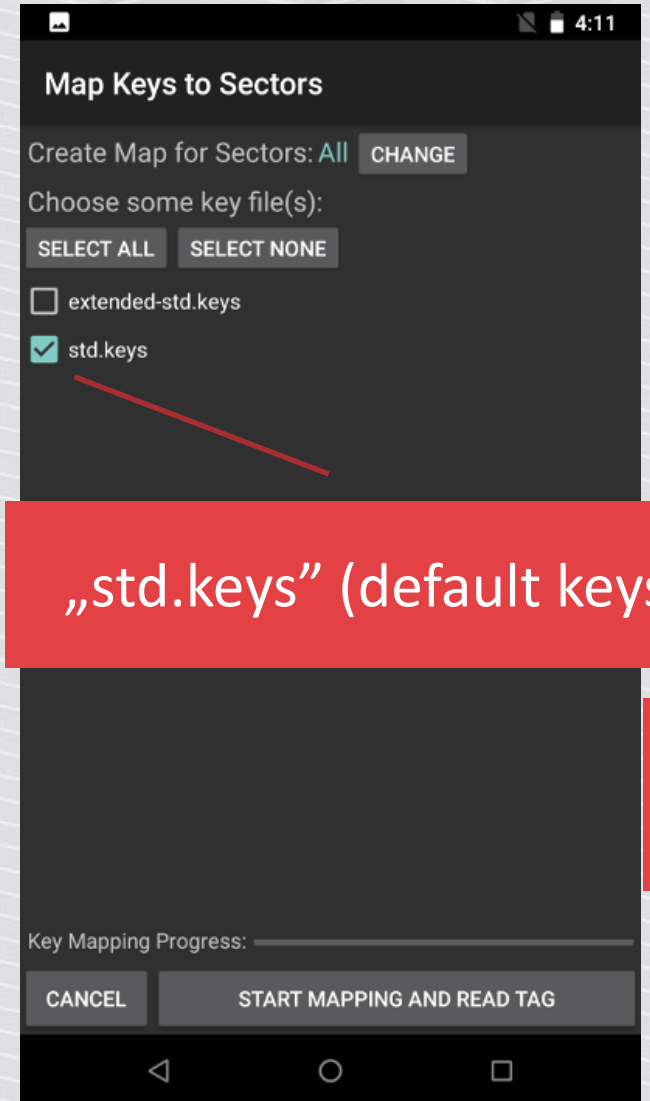
UID – individual, read only, not protected

Data – stored in sectors, protected by access keys

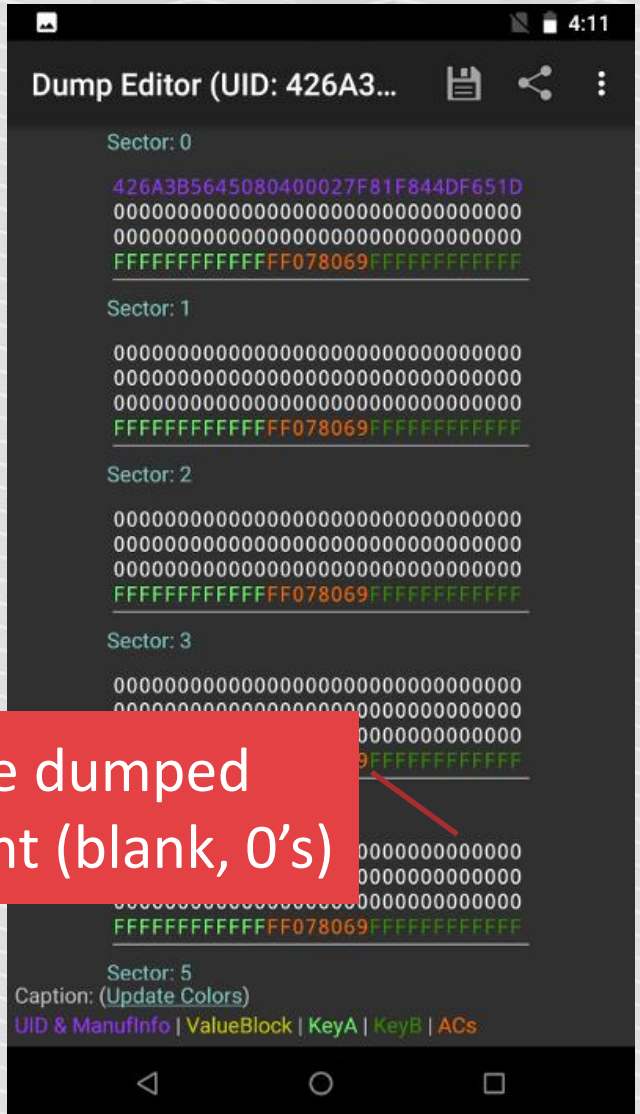
Try reading the content of access control card







„std.keys" (default keys)



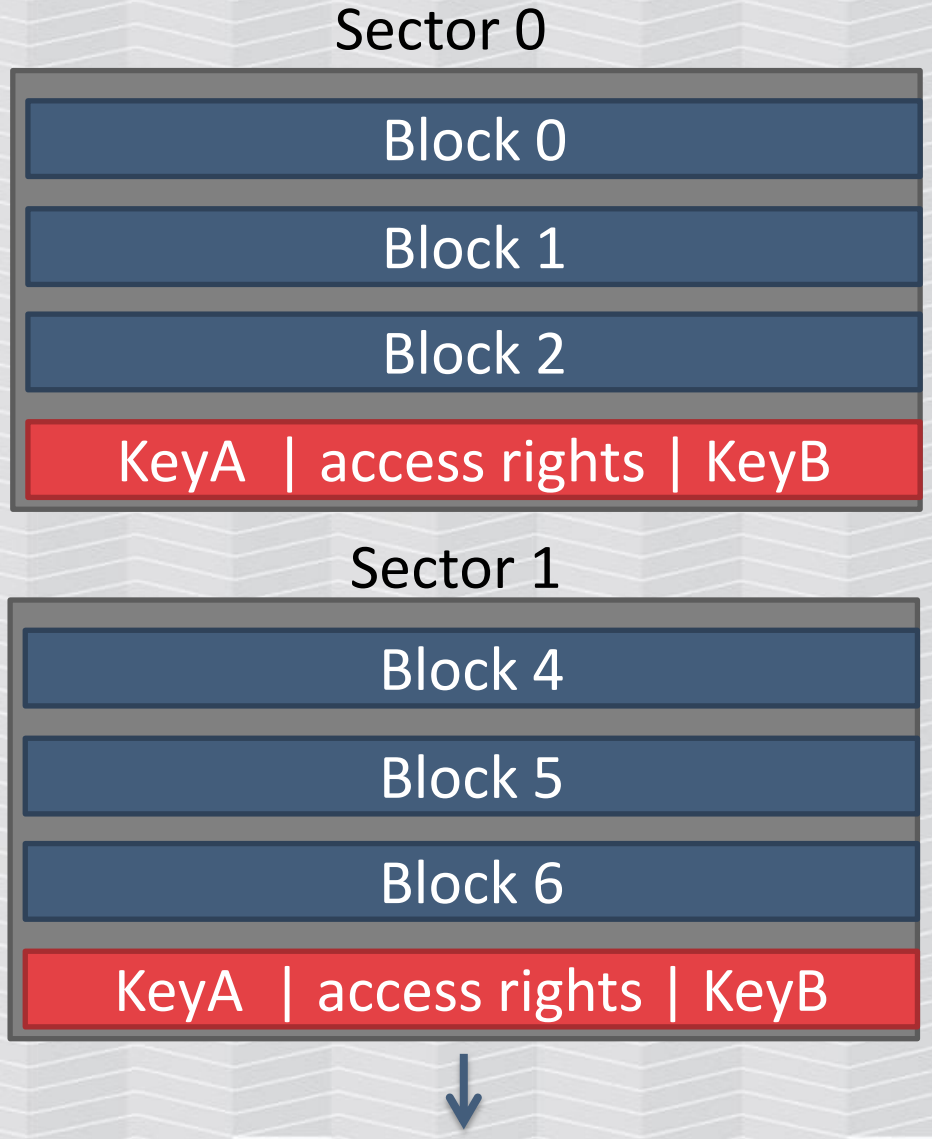
The dumped content (blank, 0's)

Mifare classic data structure

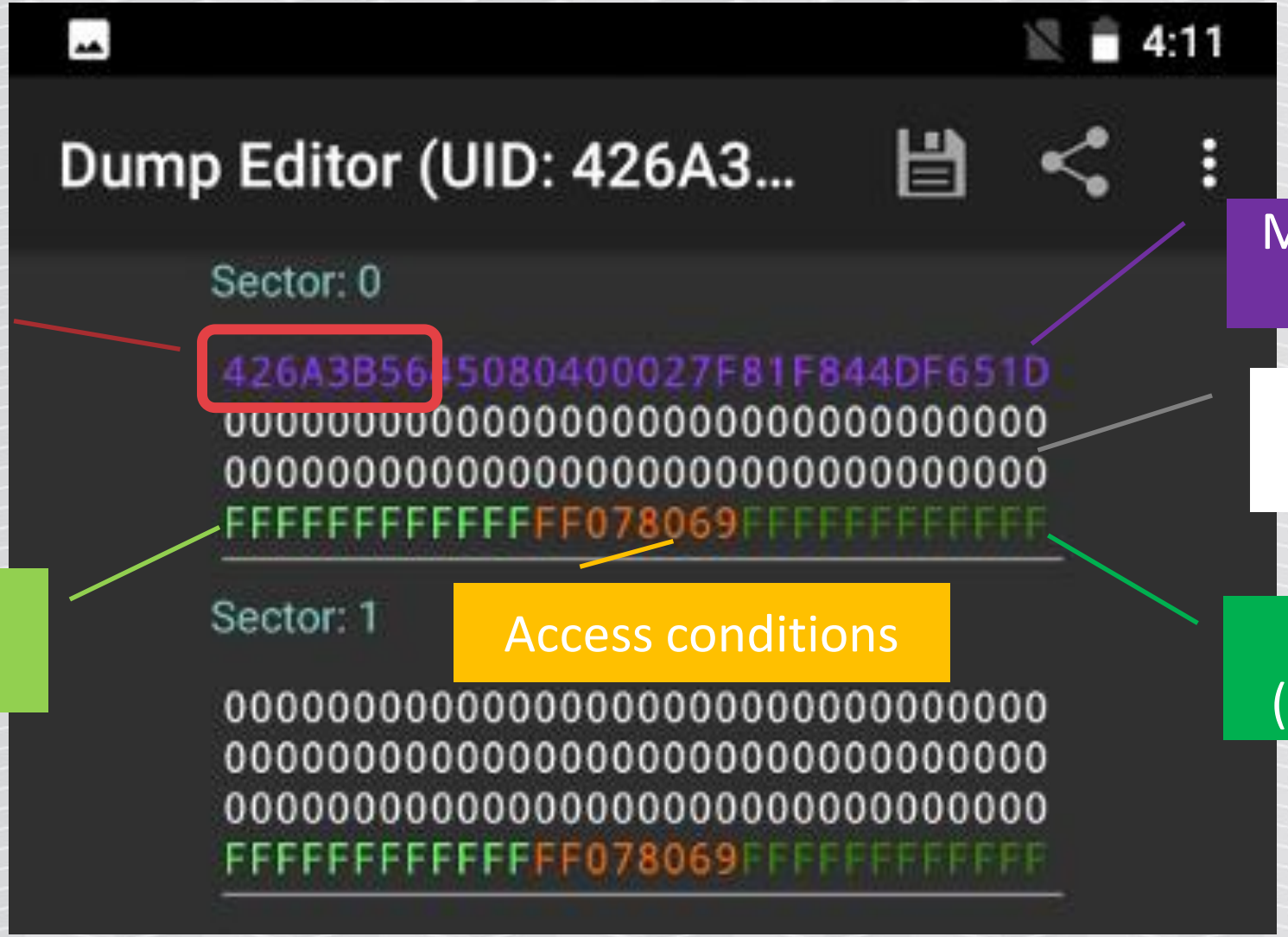
MF Classic 1K: 16 sectors, each has 4 16-byte blocks

Each sector has 2 different keys:

- A – e.g. for reading
- B – e.g. for writing
- stored in last block of sector, along with access rights



The access control (blank) card content



Card UID

Manufacturer block (read only)

Data (blank, 0's)

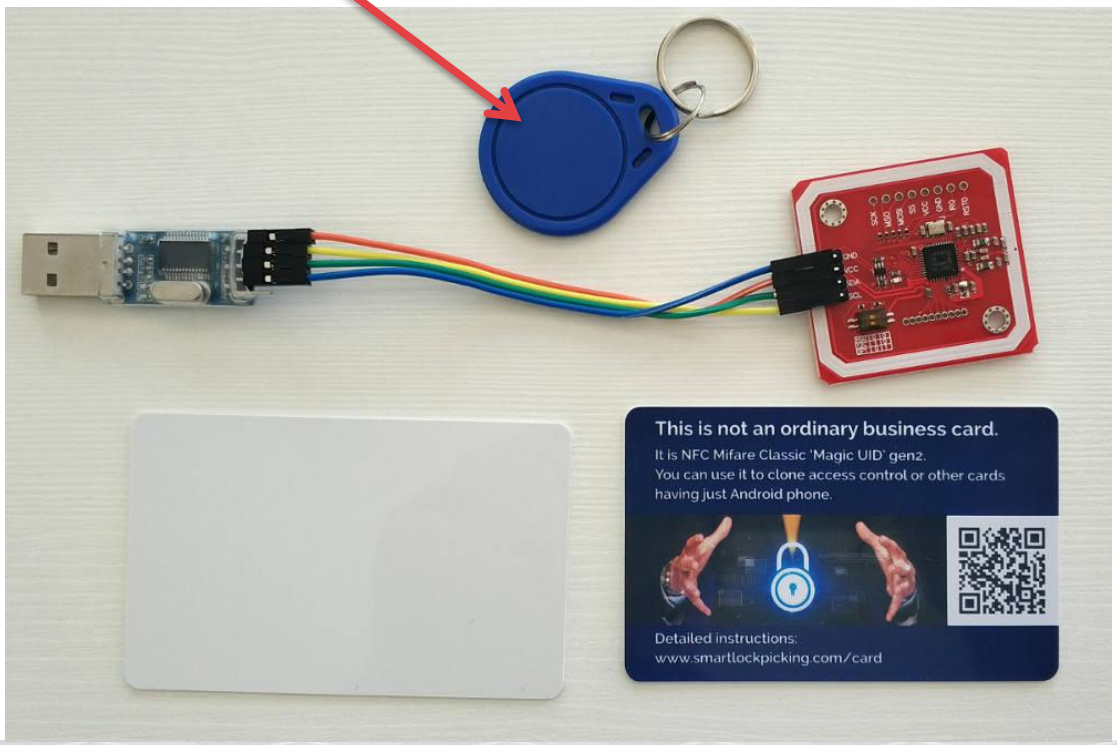
Key A (default)

Access conditions

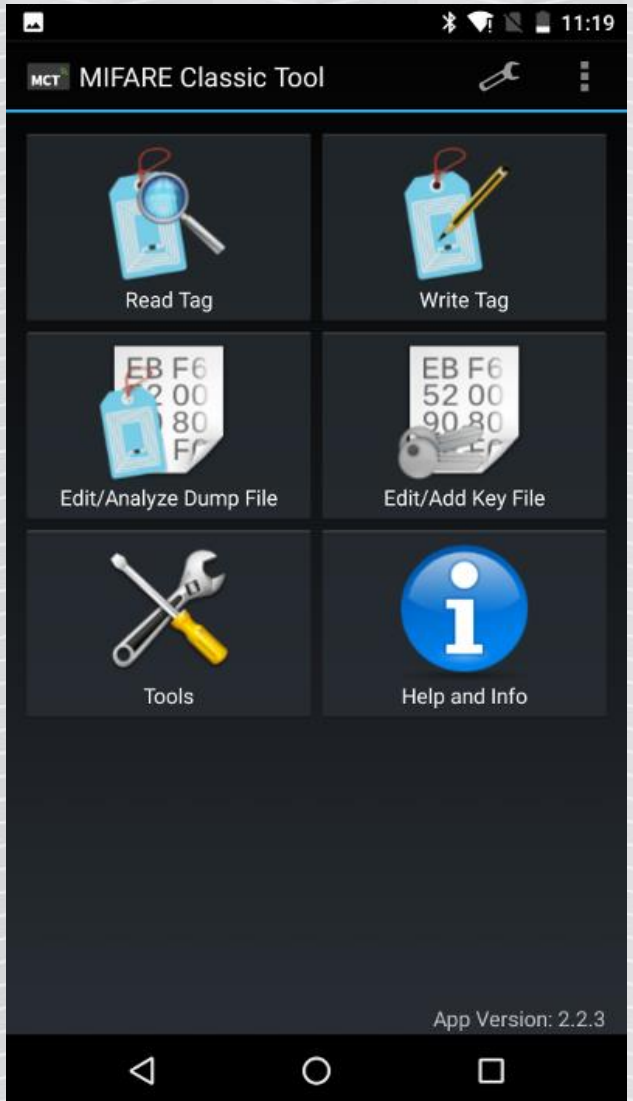
Key B (default)

Now try with hotel key

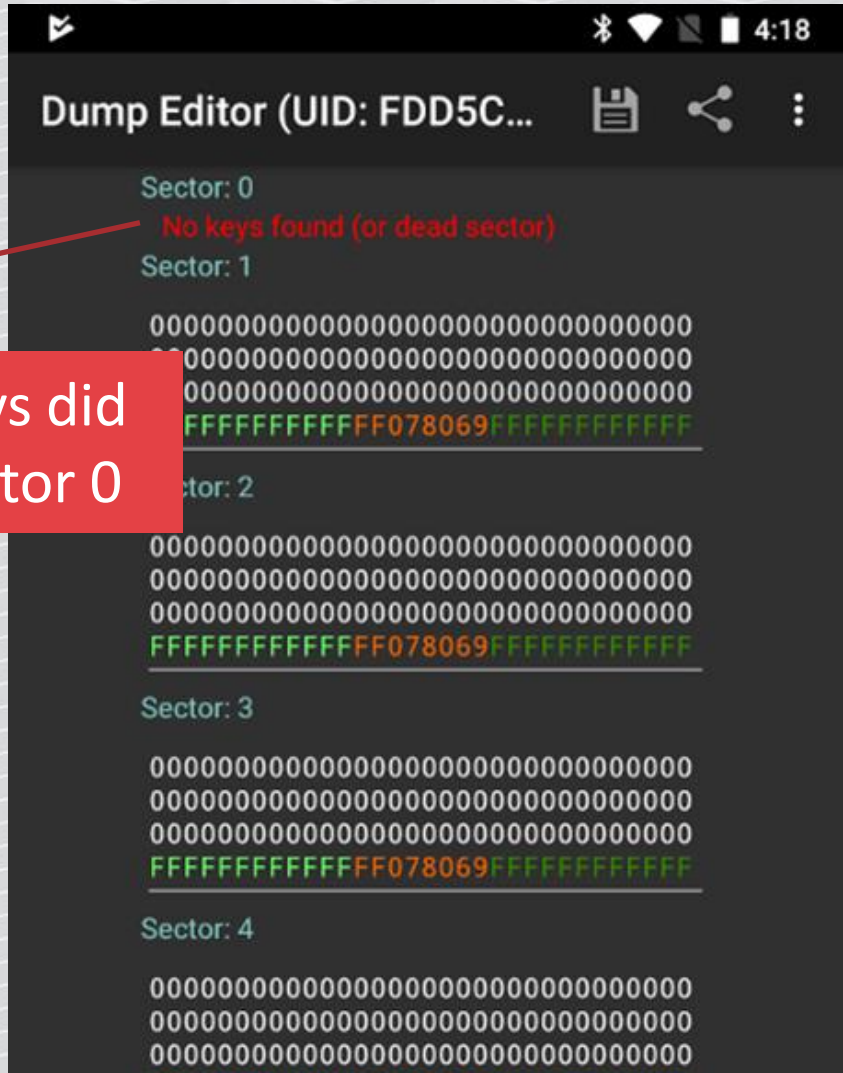
This tag unlocks our hotel door lock



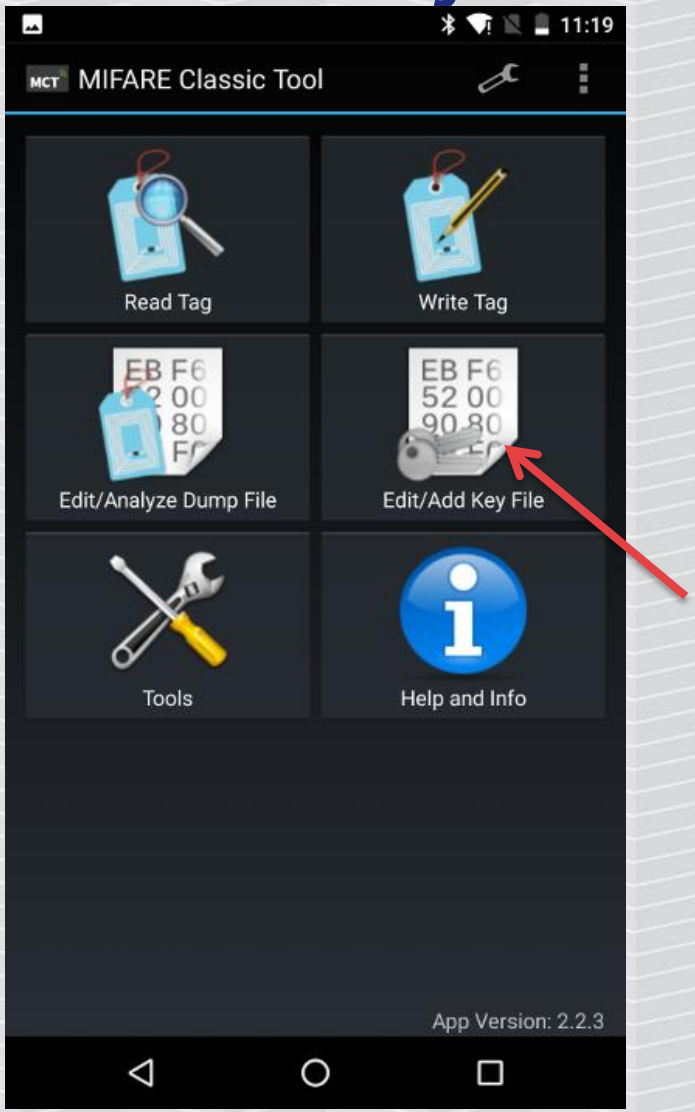
Try to dump the hotel tag

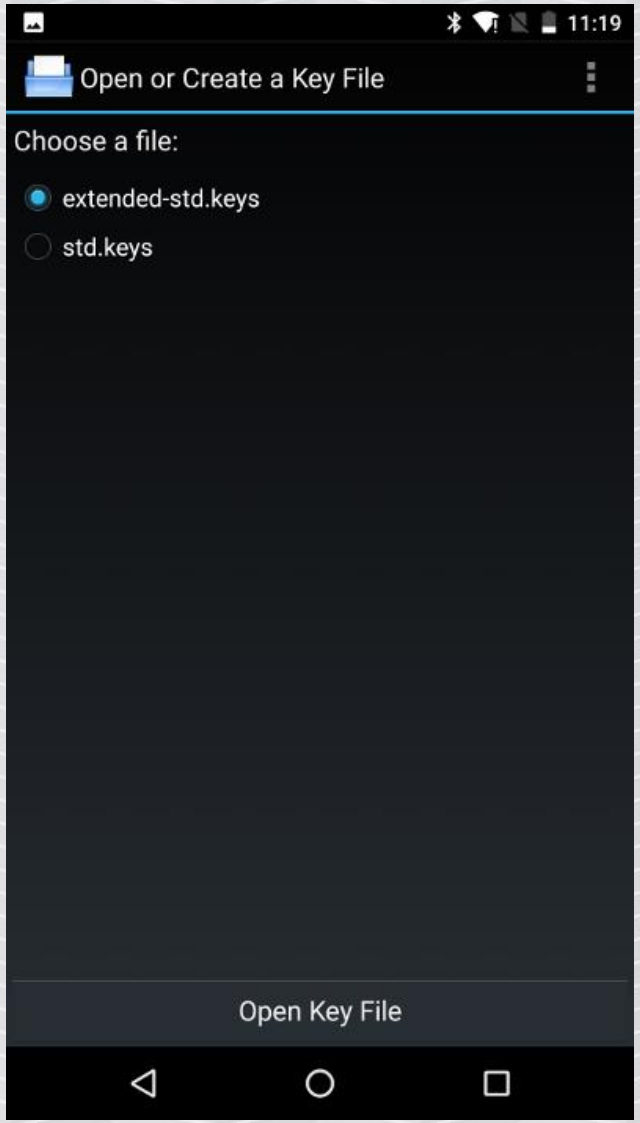


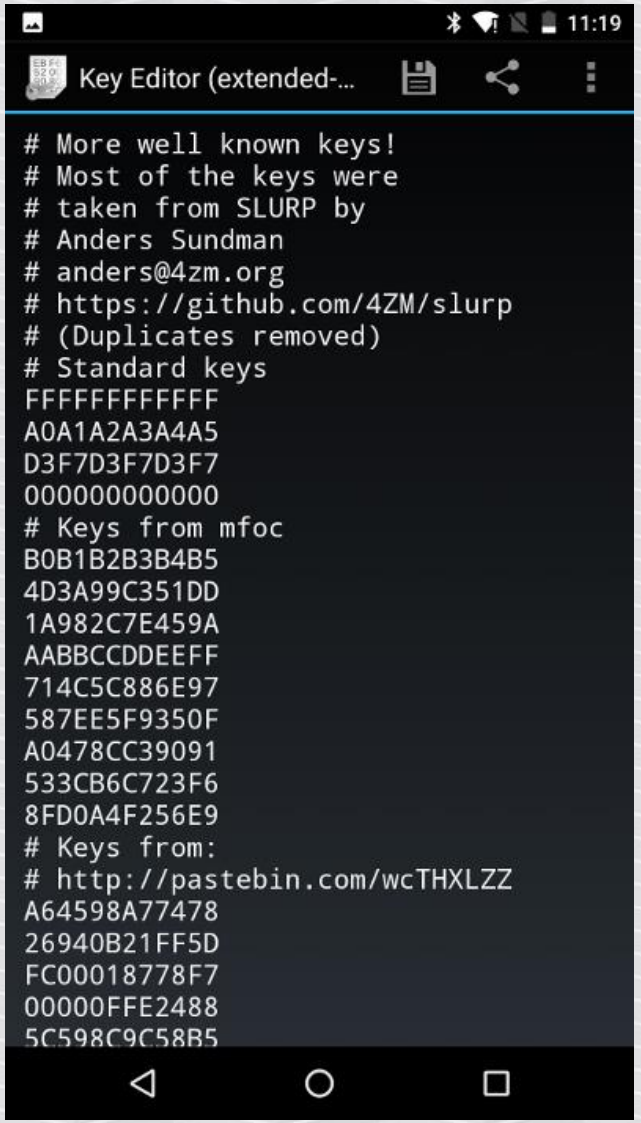
No, standard keys did not work for sector 0

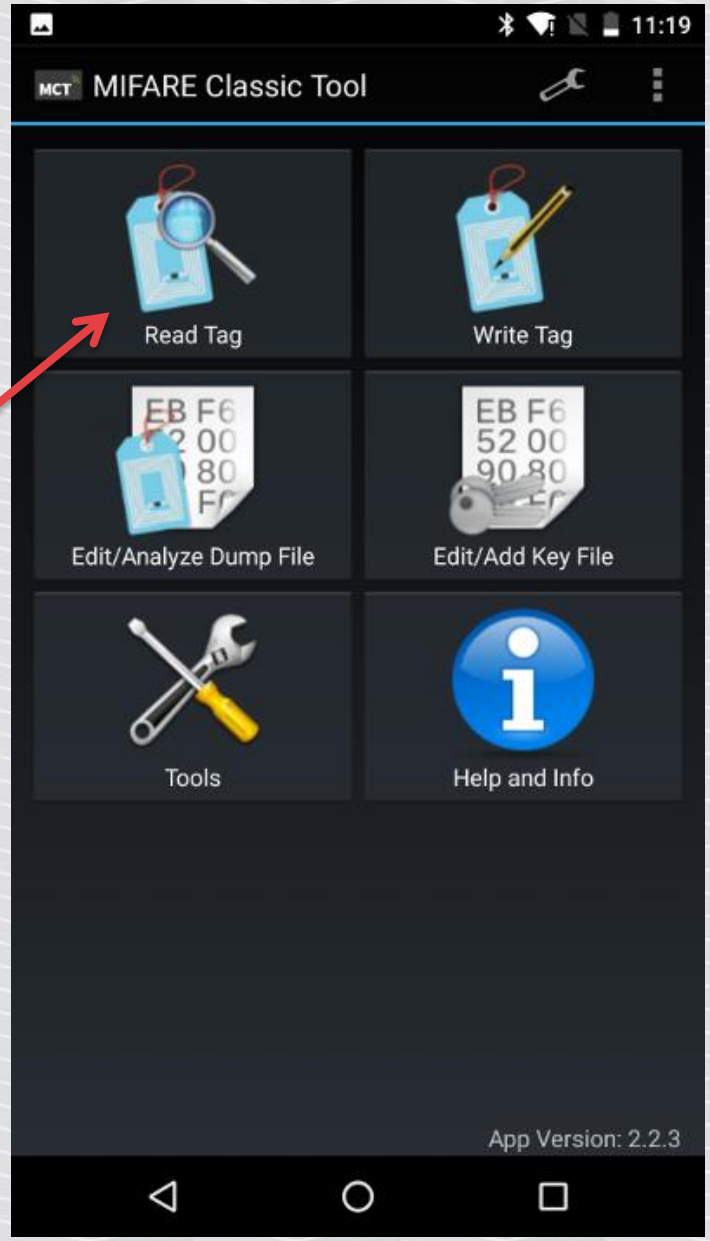


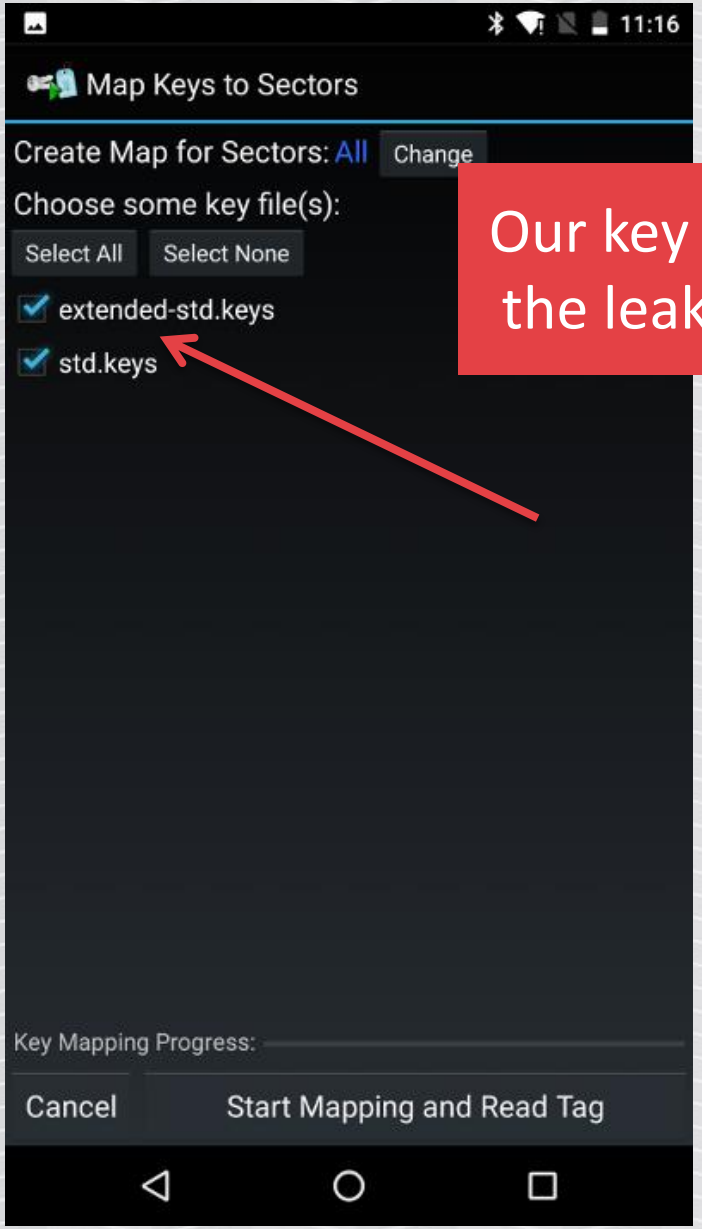
Leaked keys database



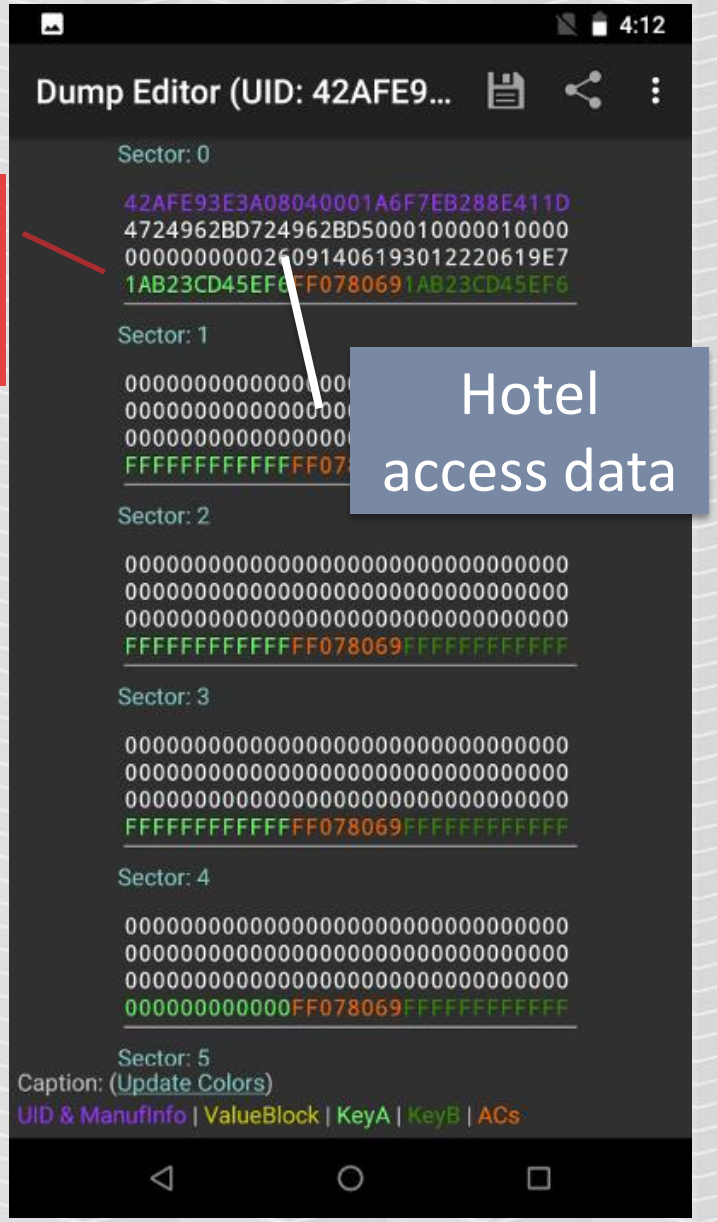






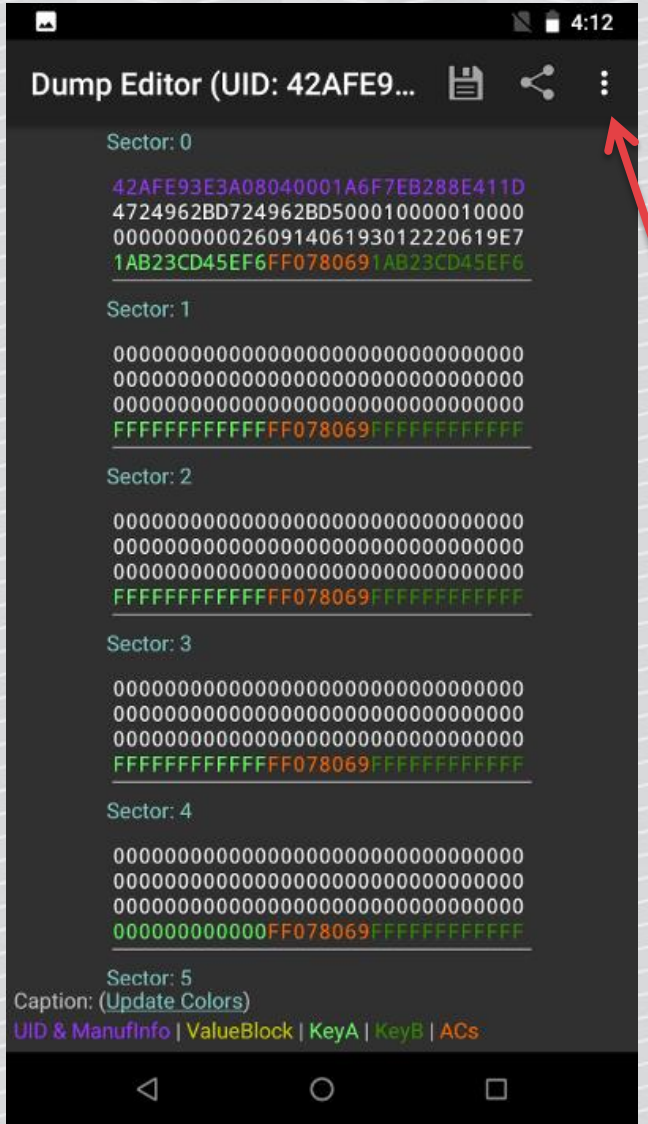


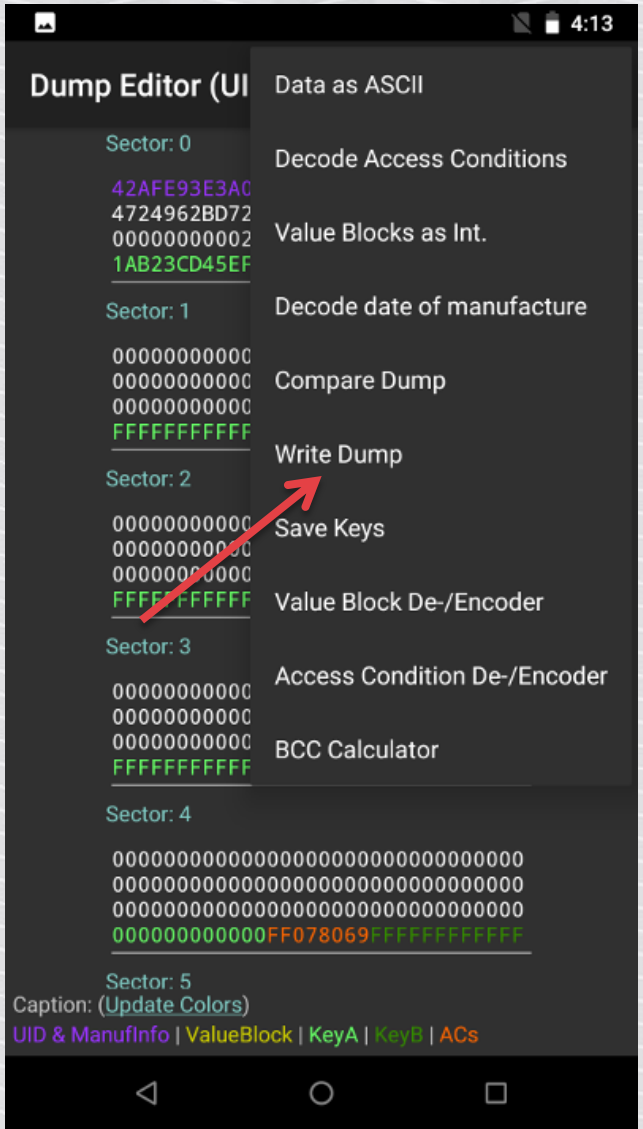
Our key was in the leaked db

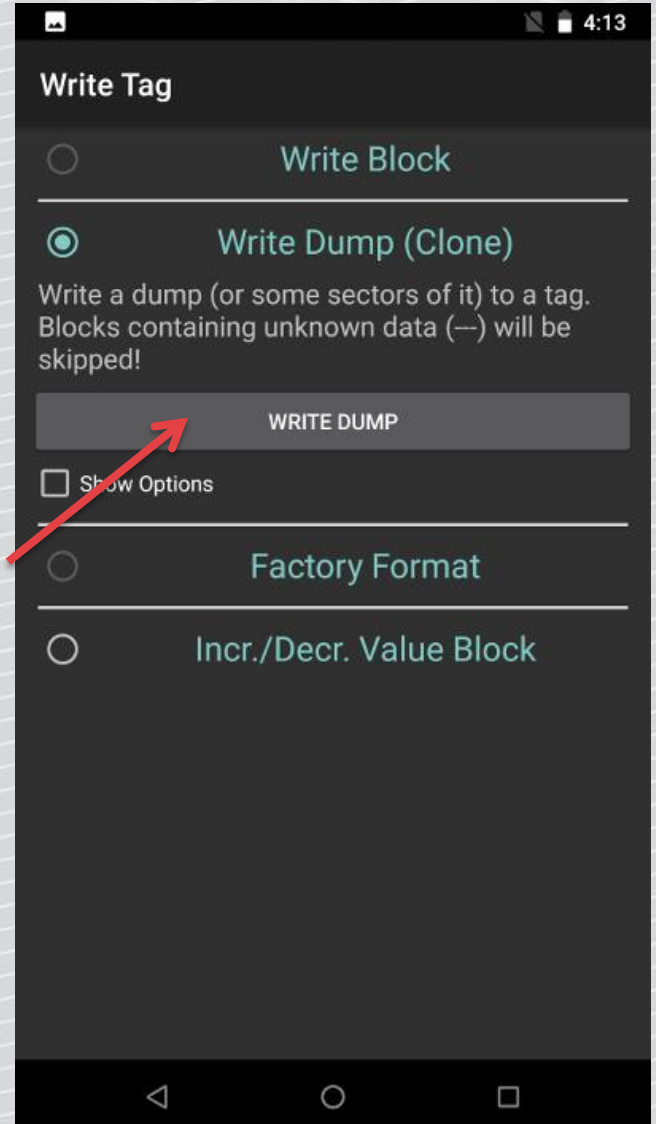


Hotel access data

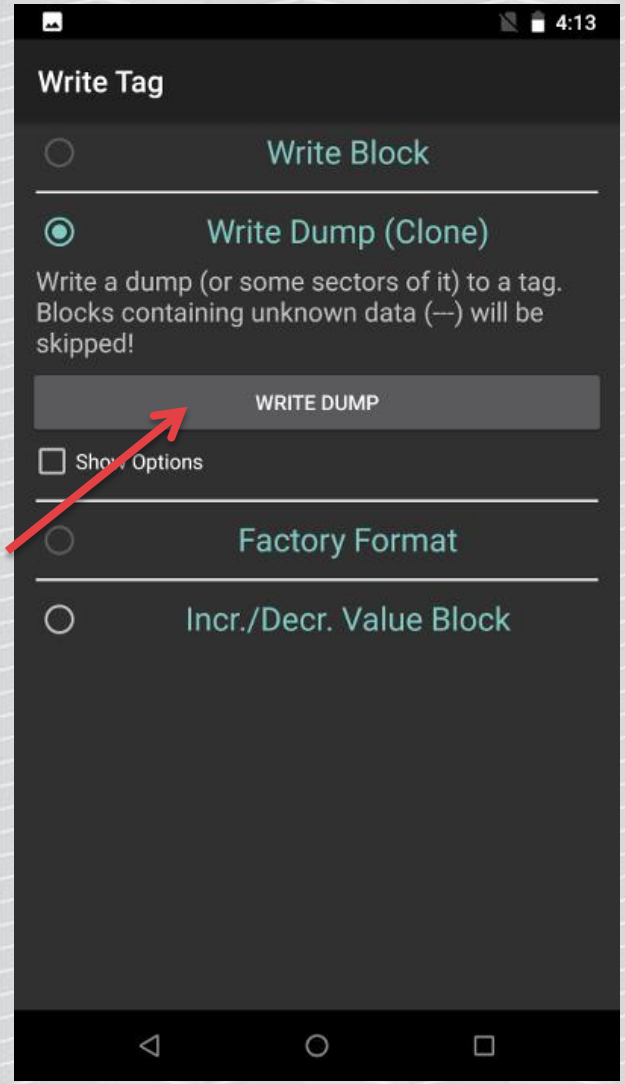
Clone the card?

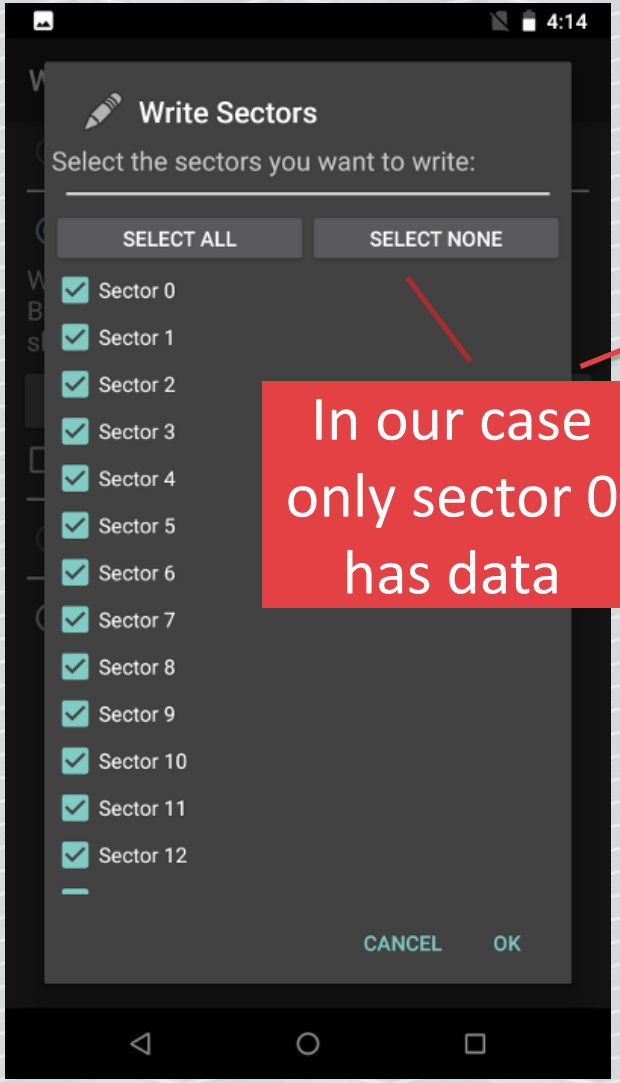




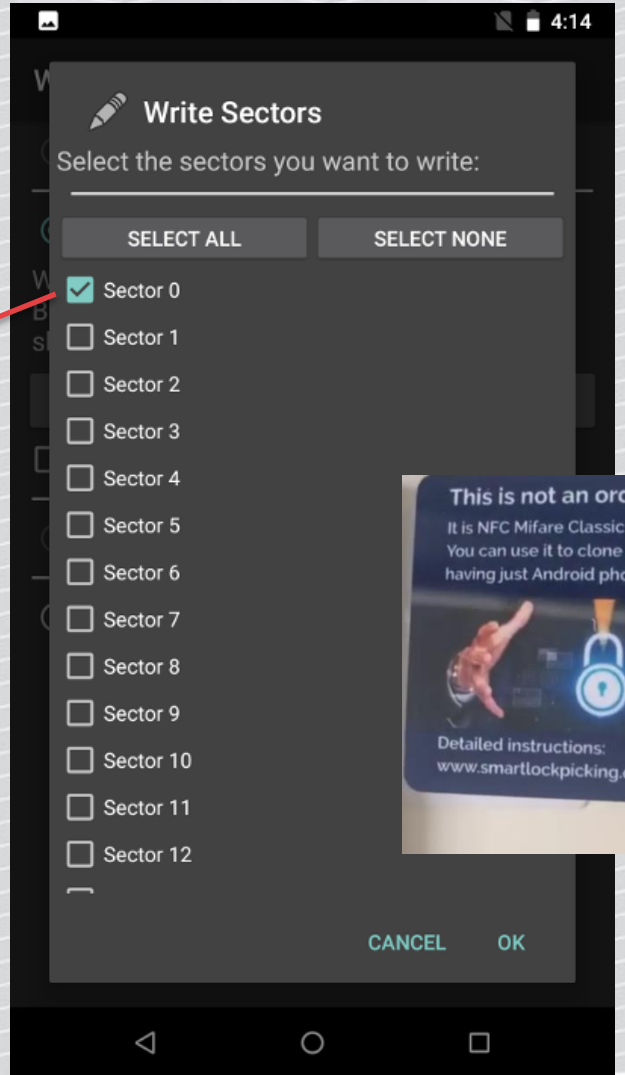


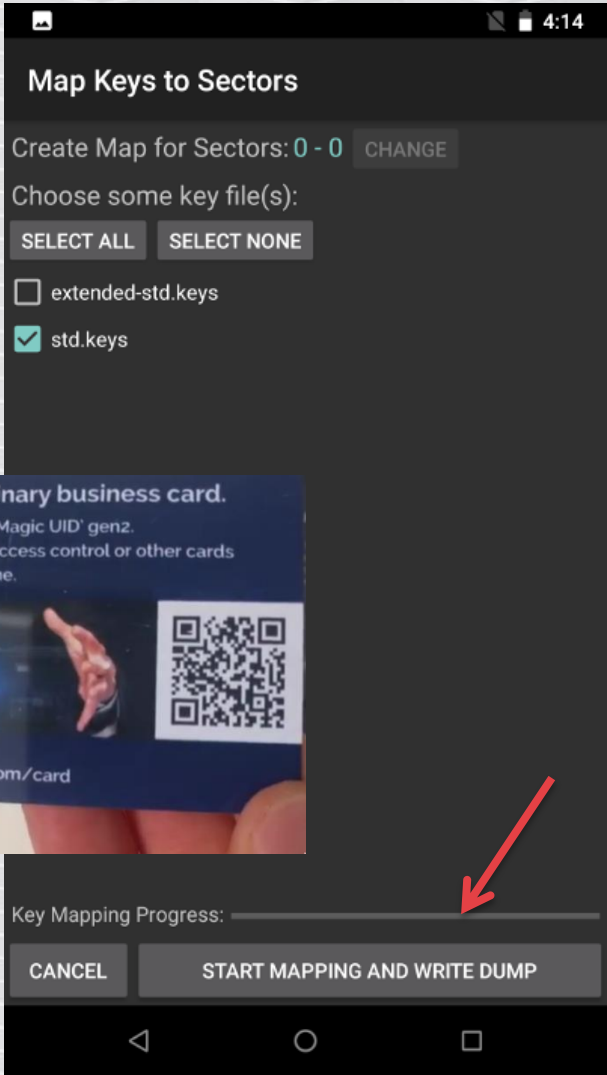
Write data





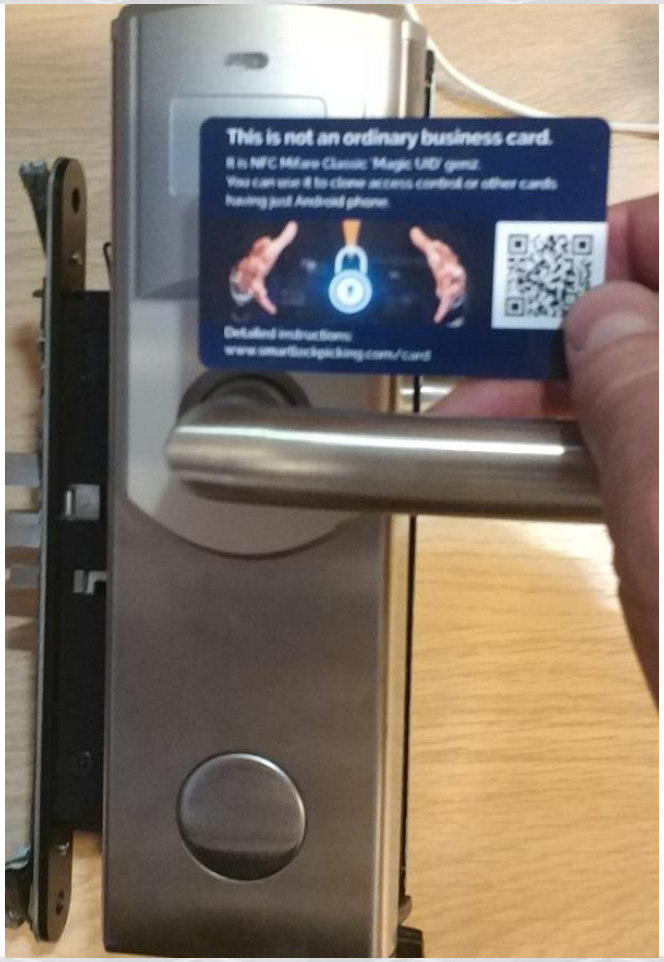
In our case only sector 0 has data



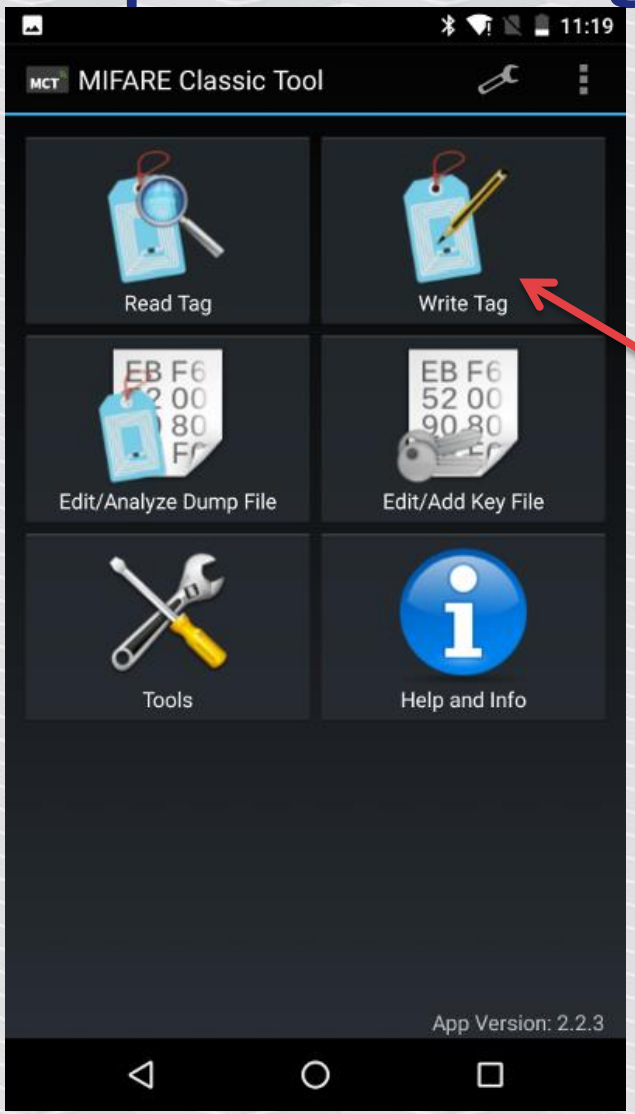


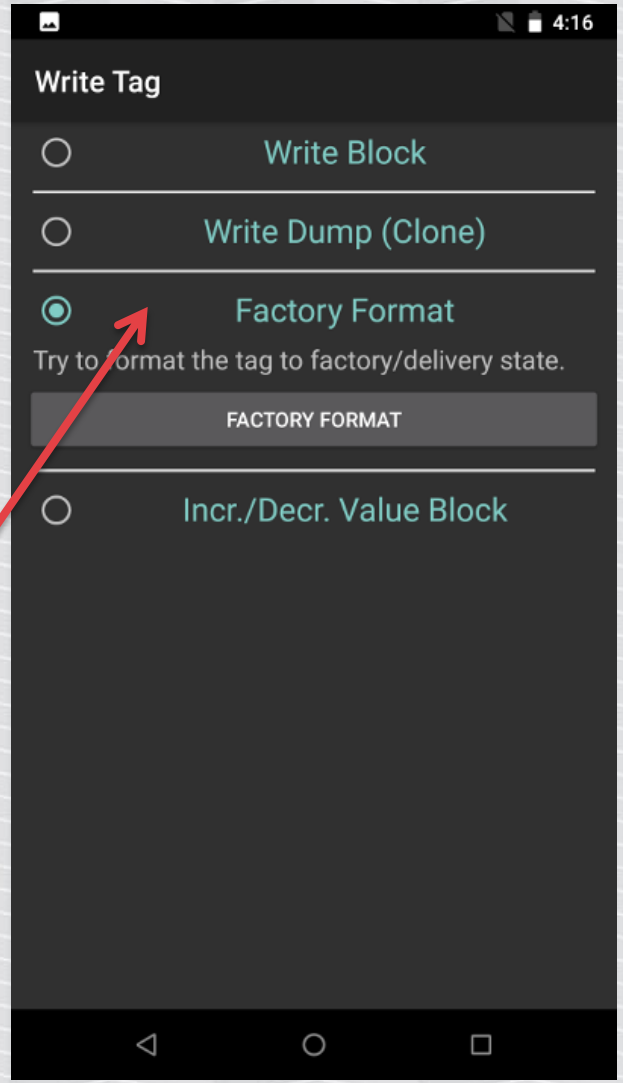
Now try the cloned card at the reader

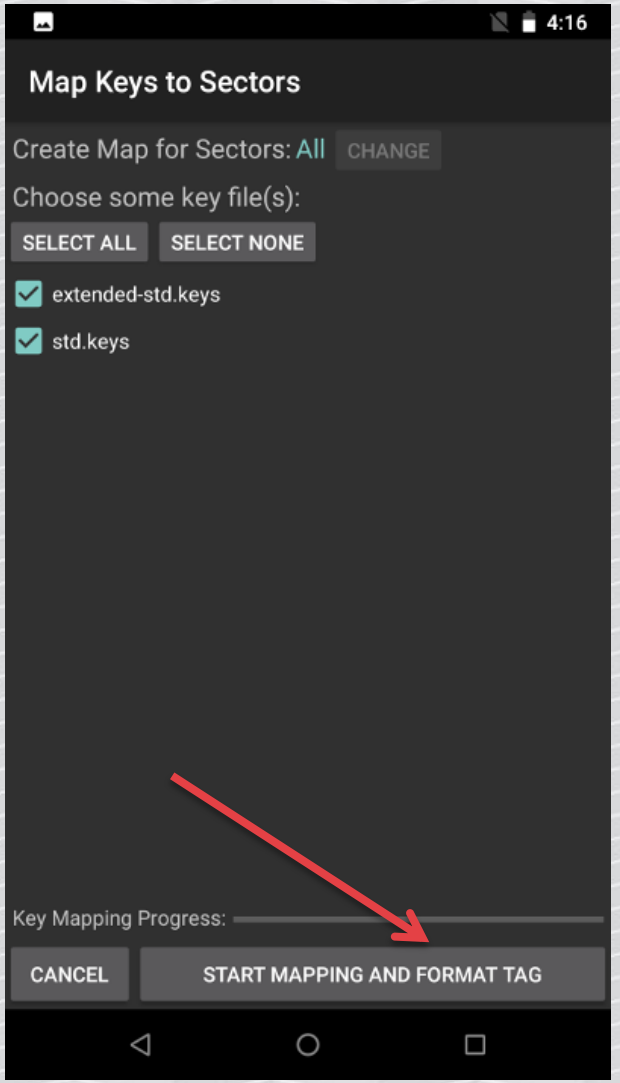
Yes, it works in so many hotels...



Wipe the „magic" card again!







The hotel key data – sector 0

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Sector: 0

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1AB23CD45EF6FF0780691AB23CD45EF6
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Hotel key data

Hotel key data

I checked in Friday, 14.06.2019 and stay till next Saturday

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Hotel key data

I checked in Friday, 14.06.2019 and stay till next Saturday

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Check in: 2019.06.14, 9:26

Check out: 2019.06.22 12:30

„Master" card that unlocks all the doors?

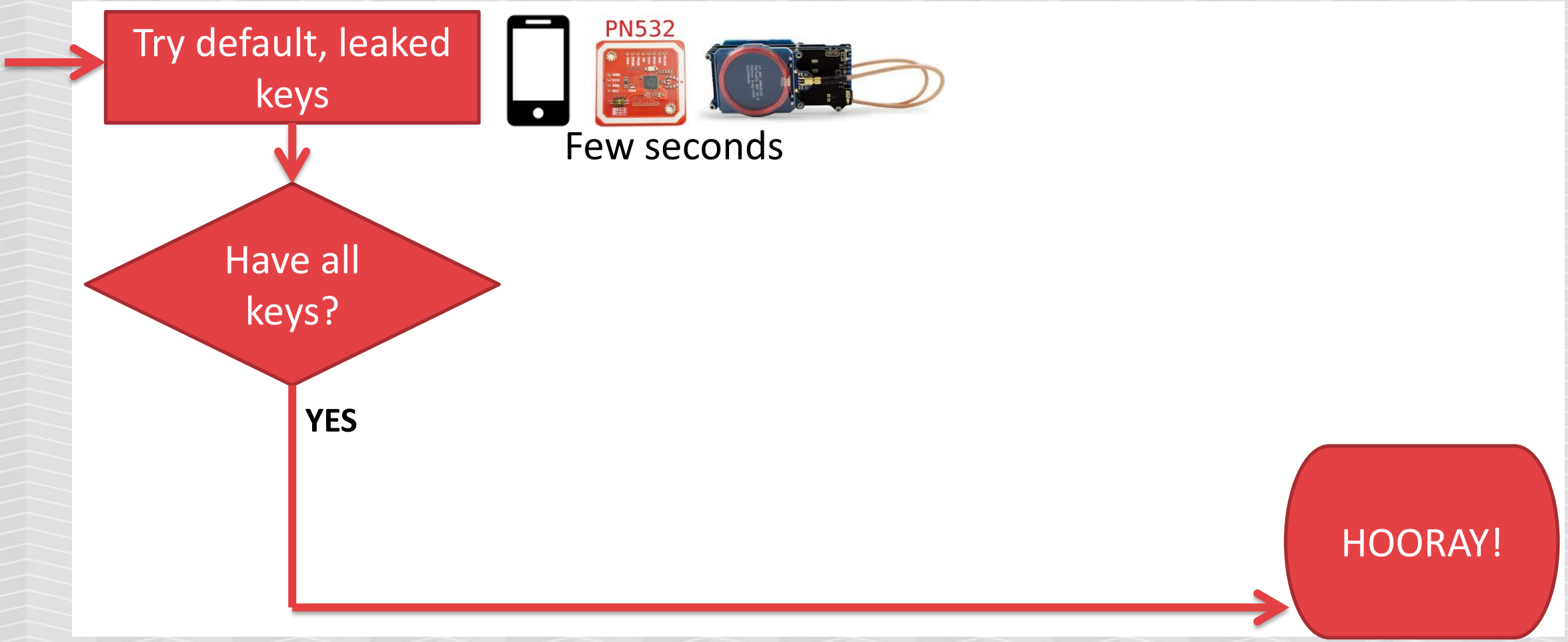
Having just a guest card for any hotel using this system, I can create „master" card in < 1 min (in most cases using just a phone).

I'm sorry I can't tell you how to do it – it looks like the vendor will not patch ;)

4-star hotel – unlock all the doors like a boss (video)

My hotel in Paris recently, same system

Mifare Classic cracking process



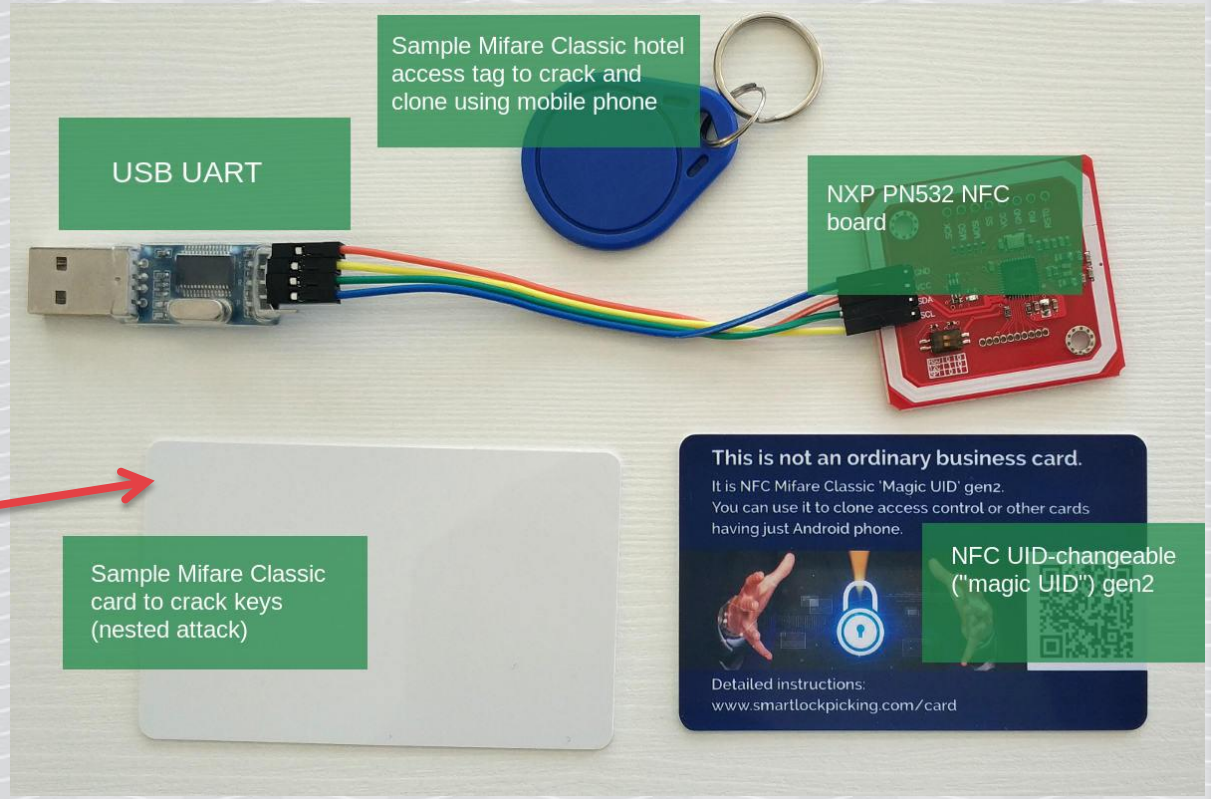
EXERCISE #3

- Cracking access keys using „nested“ attack

For the next challenge...

Hotel has set a different, individual key.

Take the next card from the set and try to read it.



Keys not leaked?

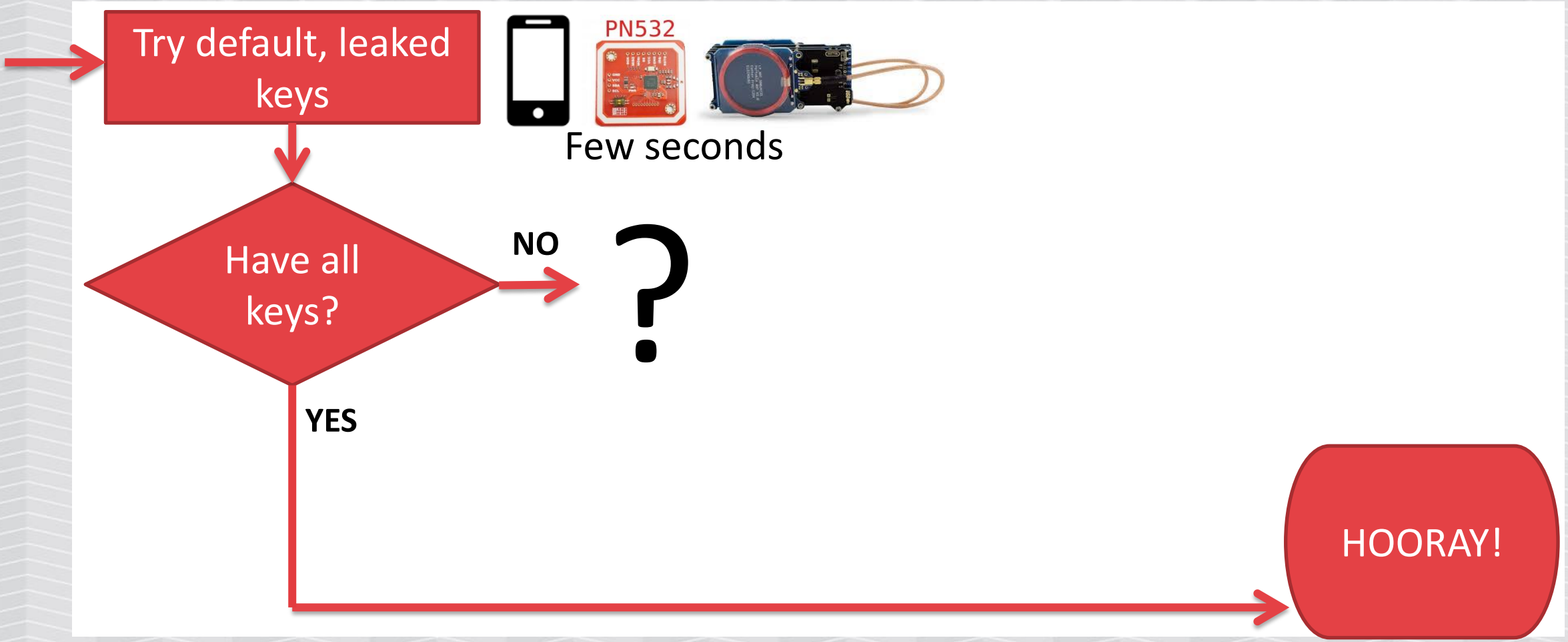
Nope, it does not work.

The keys are not leaked.

Brute all the possible values? Too much time...

There are several other attacks possible!

Mifare Classic cracking process



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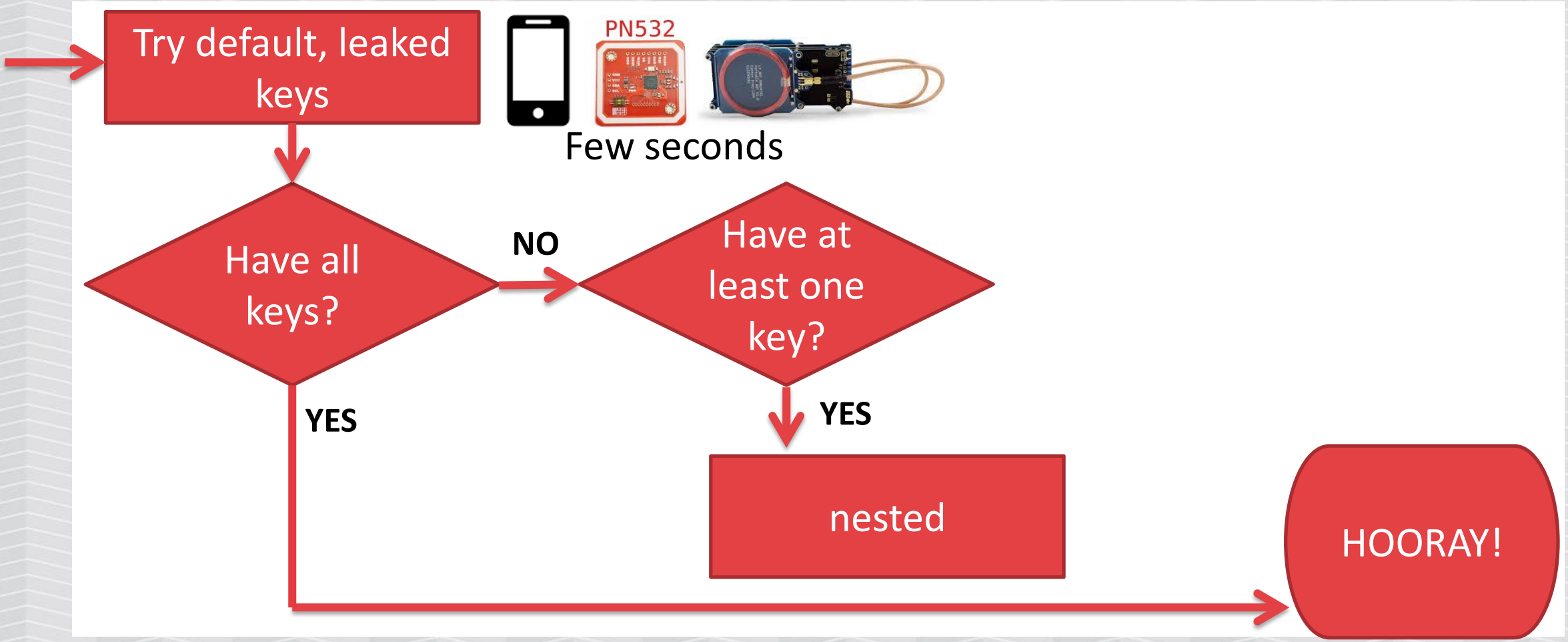


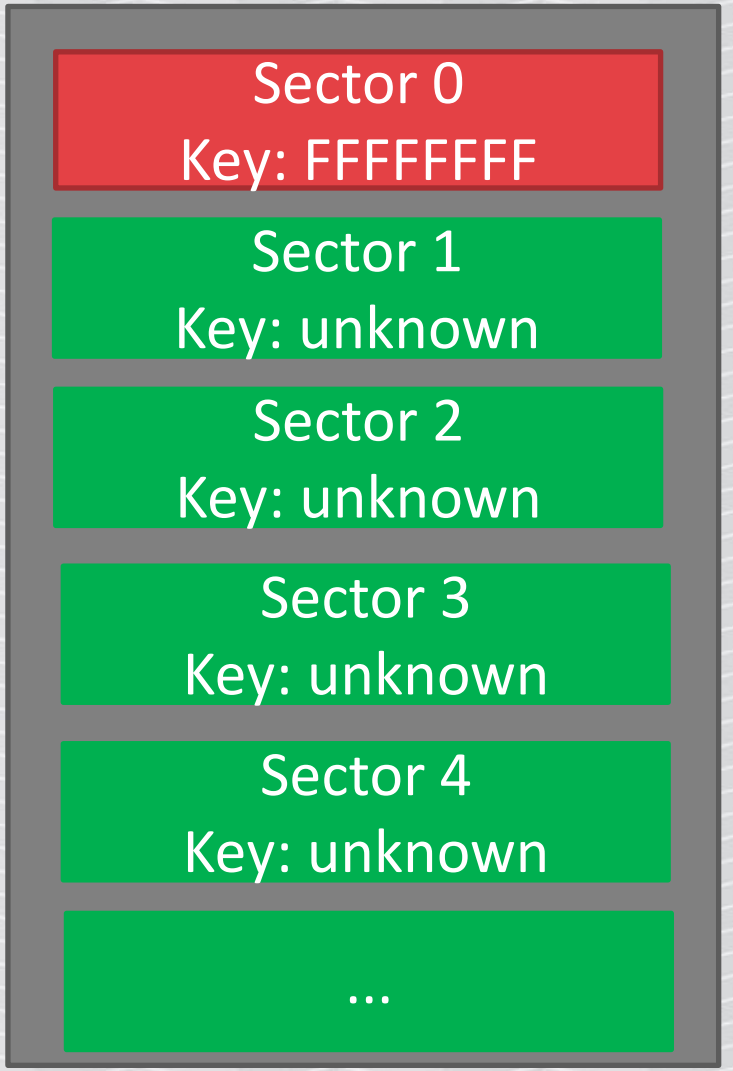
What if we could not brute the key?

„Nested" attack - exploits weakness in RNG and auth to other sector based on previous auth.

Required at least one key to any sector.

Technical details:

http://www.cs.ru.nl/~flaviog/publications/Pickpocketing.Mifare.pdf



How to exploit it?

Not possible using smartphone, some non-standard communication required.

PN532 libnfc MFOC by Nethemba
https://github.com/nfc-tools/mfoc

Kali Linux: installed by default.

PN532 NFC RFID module V3, NFC with Android phone extension of RFID provide Schematic and library

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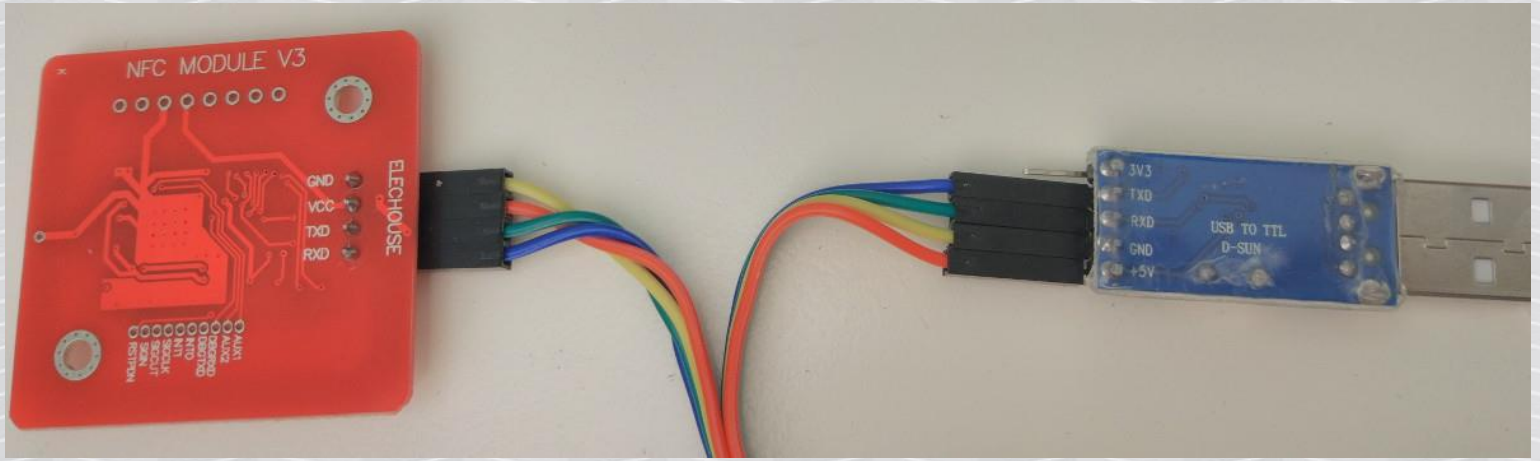
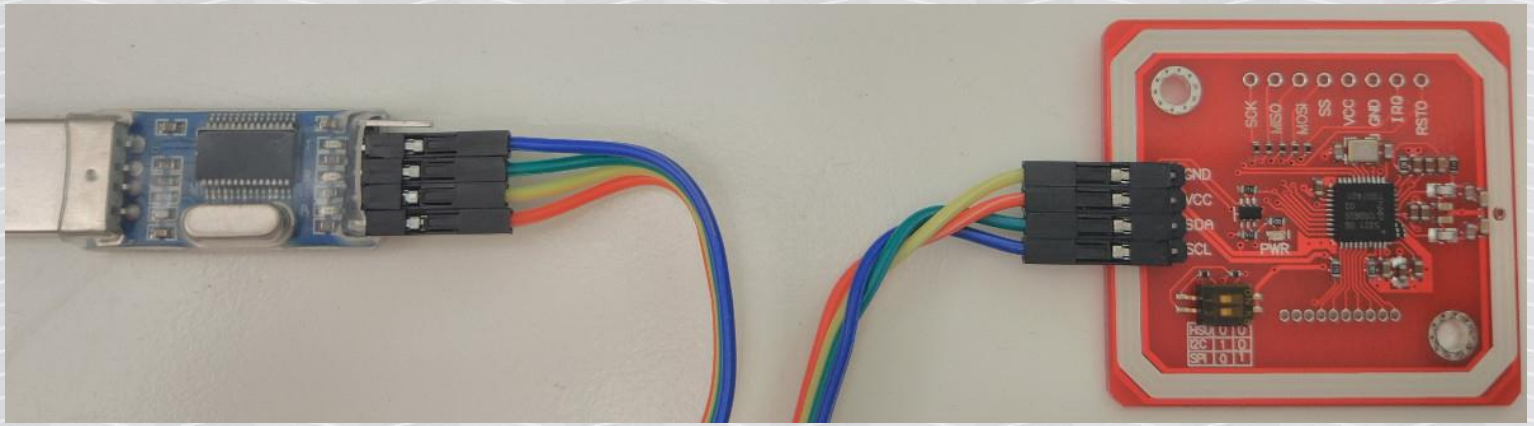
How to connect our PN532 board?

NFC module	USB adapter
GND	GND
VCC	+5V or 3V3 (will work for any)
TXD (SDA)	RXD
RXD (SCL)	TXD





Connect to Linux, check your device recognized

```
root@kali:~# dmesg
(...)
[301928.124266] usb 1-1.3: Product: USB-Serial Controller
[301928.124269] usb 1-1.3: Manufacturer: Prolific Technology Inc.
[301928.138009] pl2303 1-1.3:1.0: pl2303 converter detected
[301928.142996] usb 1-1.3: pl2303 converter now attached to ttyUSB0
```

Edit /etc/nfc/libnfc.conf config file

Uncomment (at the end of file):

```
device.connstring = "pn532_uart:/dev/ttyUSB0"
```

Check if it works correctly

```
root@kali:~# nfc-list
nfc-list uses libnfc 1.7.1
NFC device: pn532_uart:/dev/ttyS0 opened
```

OK

Troubleshooting: communication error

```
root@kali:~# nfc-list
nfc-list uses libnfc 1.7.1
error libnfc.driver.pn532_uart   pn53x_check_communication error
nfc-list: ERROR: Unable to open NFC device: pn532_uart:/dev/ttyS0
```

Check your wiring

MFOC tool

Output dump file

root@kali:~# **mfoc -O hotel.mfd**

The tool will:

1. Check if any sector's key is default/publicly known
2. Leverage one known key to brute others using „nested" attack

Try default keys

```
Fingerprinting based on MIFARE type Identification Procedure:
* MIFARE Classic 1K
* MIFARE Plus (4 Byte UID or 4 Byte RID) 2K, Security level 1
* SmartMX with MIFARE 1K emulation
Other possible matches based on ATQA & SAK values:

Try to authenticate to all sectors with default keys...
Symbols: '.' no key found, '/' A key found, '\' B key found, 'x' both keys found
[Key: ffffffffffff] -> [.xxxxxxxxxxxxxx]
[Key: a0a1a2a3a4a5] -> [.xxxxxxxxxxxxxx]
[Key: d3f7d3f7d3f7] -> [.xxxxxxxxxxxxxx]
[Key: 000000000000] -> [.xxxxxxxxxxxxxx]
[Key: b0b1b2b3b4b5] -> [.xxxxxxxxxxxxxx]
[Key: 4d3a99c351dd] -> [.xxxxxxxxxxxxxx]
[Key: 1a982c7e459a] -> [.xxxxxxxxxxxxxx]
[Key: aabbccddeeff] -> [.xxxxxxxxxxxxxx]
[Key: 714c5c886e97] -> [.xxxxxxxxxxxxxx]
[Key: 587ee5f9350f] -> [.xxxxxxxxxxxxxx]
[Key: a0478cc39091] -> [.xxxxxxxxxxxxxx]
[Key: 533cb6c723f6] -> [.xxxxxxxxxxxxxx]
[Key: 8fd0a4f256e9] -> [.xxxxxxxxxxxxxx]
```

Default keys found

Keys to sector 0 missing

```
Sector 00 - Unknown Key A                    Unknown Key B
Sector 01 - Found   Key A: ffffffffffff Found   Key B: ffffffffffff
Sector 02 - Found   Key A: ffffffffffff Found   Key B: ffffffffffff
Sector 03 - Found   Key A: ffffffffffff Found   Key B: ffffffffffff
Sector 04 - Found   Key A: ffffffffffff Found   Key B: ffffffffffff
Sector 05 - Found   Key A: ffffffffffff Found   Key B: ffffffffffff
Sector 06 - Found   Key A: ffffffffffff Found   Key B: ffffffffffff
Sector 07 - Found   Key A: ffffffffffff Found   Key B: ffffffffffff
Sector 08 - Found   Key A: ffffffffffff Found   Key B: ffffffffffff
Sector 09 - Found   Key A: ffffffffffff Found   Key B: ffffffffffff
Sector 10 - Found   Key A: ffffffffffff Found   Key B: ffffffffffff
Sector 11 - Found   Key A: ffffffffffff Found   Key B: ffffffffffff
Sector 12 - Found   Key A: ffffffffffff Found   Key B: ffffffffffff
Sector 13 - Found   Key A: ffffffffffff Found   Key B: ffffffffffff
Sector 14 - Found   Key A: ffffffffffff Found   Key B: ffffffffffff
Sector 15 - Found   Key A: ffffffffffff Found   Key B: ffffffffffff
```

Few minutes later – found remaining keys

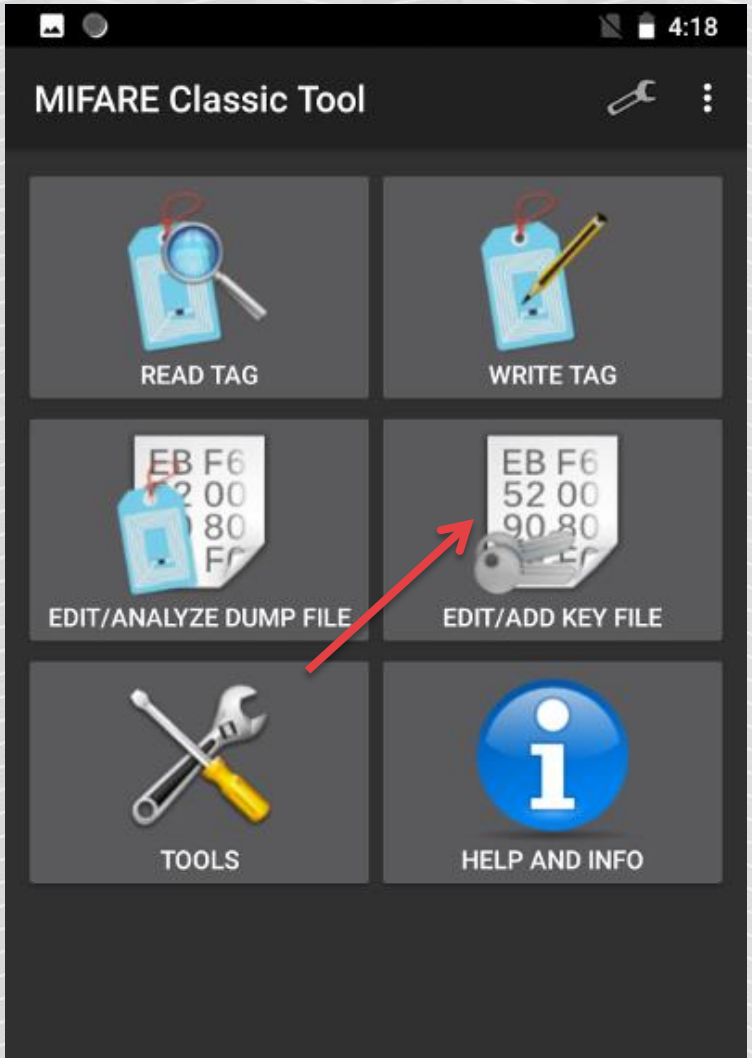
```
Using sector 01 as an exploit sector
Sector: 0, type A, probe 0, distance 64 .....
  Found Key: A [8a          ]
  Data read with Key A revealed Key B: [8a          ] - checking Auth: OK
Auth with all sectors succeeded, dumping keys to a file!
Block 63, type A, key ffffffffffff :00  00  00  00  00  00  ff  07  80  69  ff  ff  ff  ff  ff  ff
Block 62, type A, key ffffffffffff :00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00
Block 61, type A, key ffffffffffff :00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00
Block 60, type A, key ffffffffffff :00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00
Block 59, type A, key ffffffffffff :00  00  00  00  00  00  ff  07  80  69  ff  ff  ff  ff  ff  ff
Block 58, type A, key ffffffffffff :00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00
Block 57, type A, key ffffffffffff :00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00
Block 56, type A, key ffffffffffff :00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00  00
Block 55, type A, key ffffffffffff :00  00  00  00  00  00  ff  07  80  69  ff  ff  ff  ff  ff  ff
```

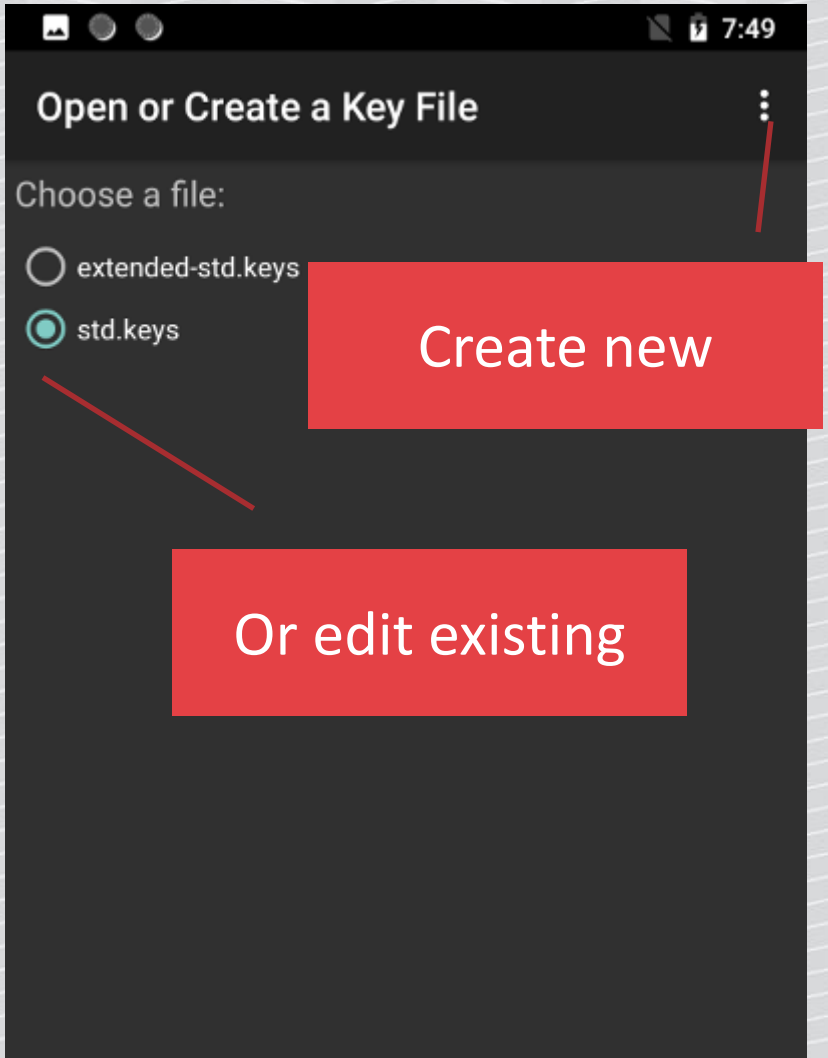
Using proxmark?

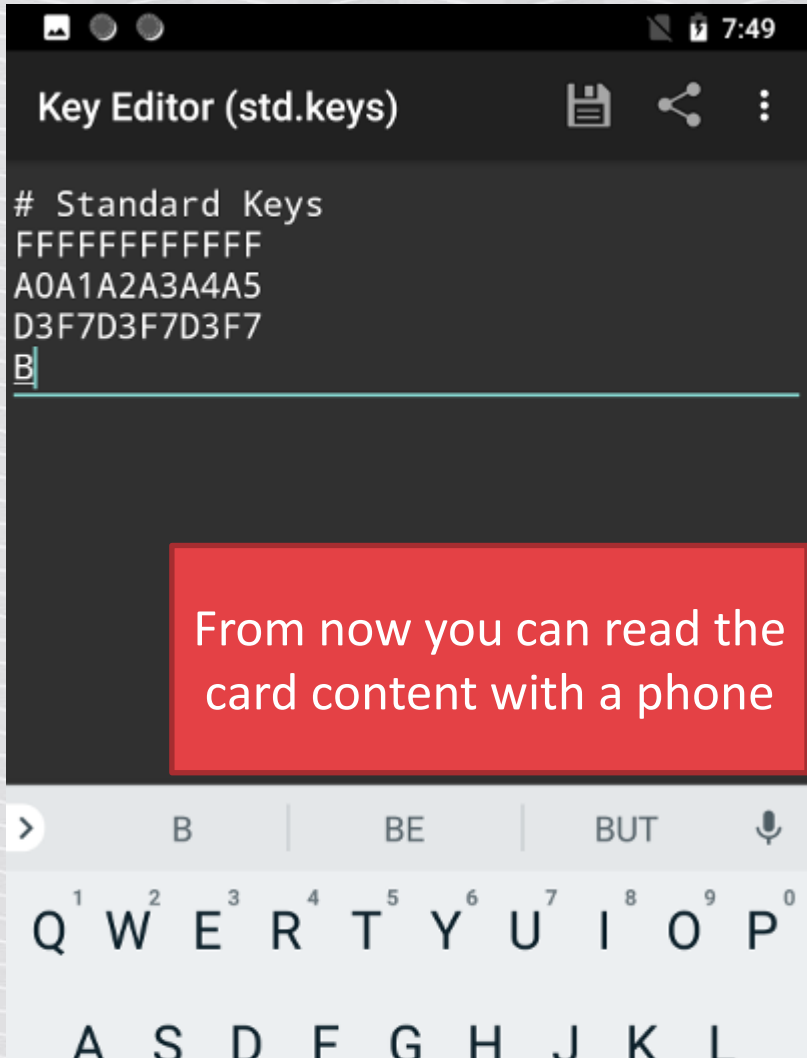
```
pm3 --> hf mf nested 1 0 B ffffffffffff d
Testing known keys. Sector count=16
[-] Chunk: 0,8s | found 29/32 keys (21)

[+]Time to check 20 known keys: 1 seconds

enter nested attack
target block:  0 key type: A
target block:  4 key type: A  -- found valid key [1ab23cd45ef6]
[-] Chunk: 0,5s | found 31/32 keys (1)

target block:  0 key type: A
target block:  0 key type: A
target block:  0 key type: A
target block:  0 key type: A  -- found valid key
[-] Chunk: 0,5s | found 30/32 keys (1)

[+]time in nested: 5 seconds
```

5 seconds
(about 2s/key)

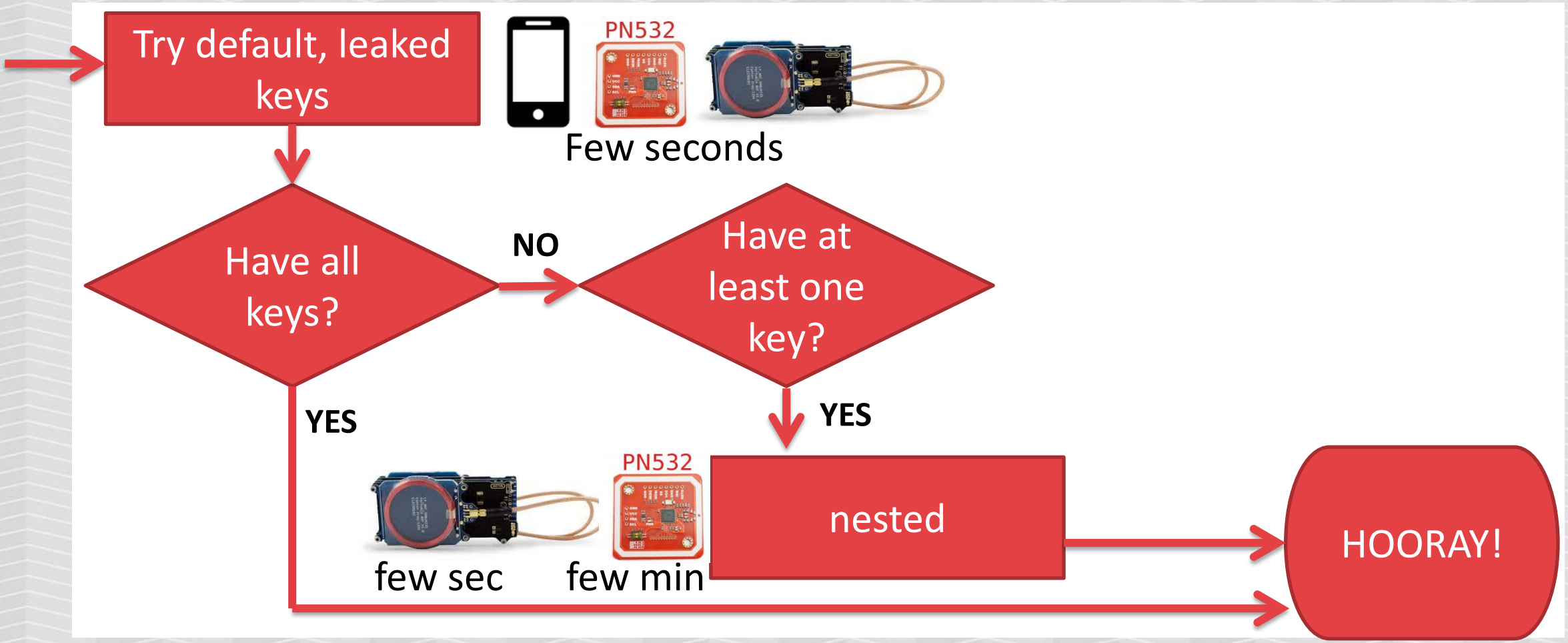
You can now add the cracked keys to MCT







Mifare Classic cracking process



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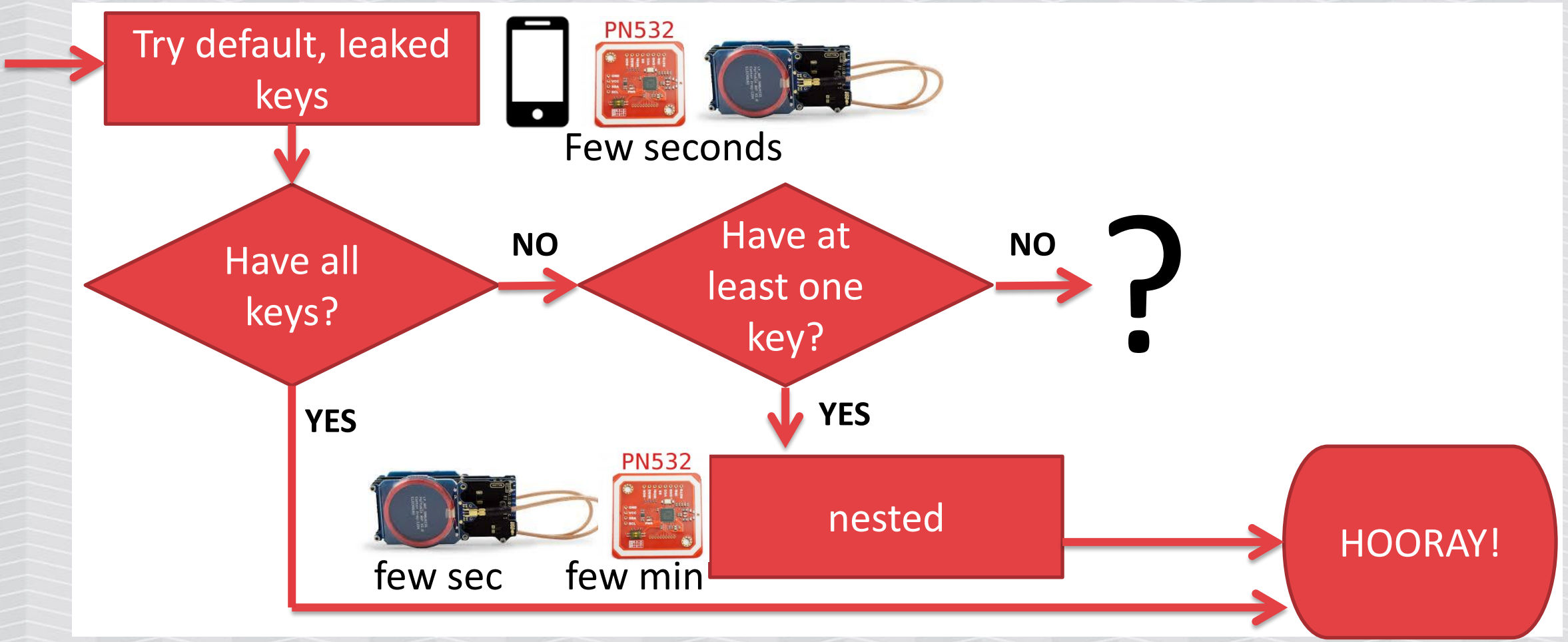


But what if all the keys are unknown?

„Darkside" attack, Nicolas T. Courtois – side channel. Tech details:

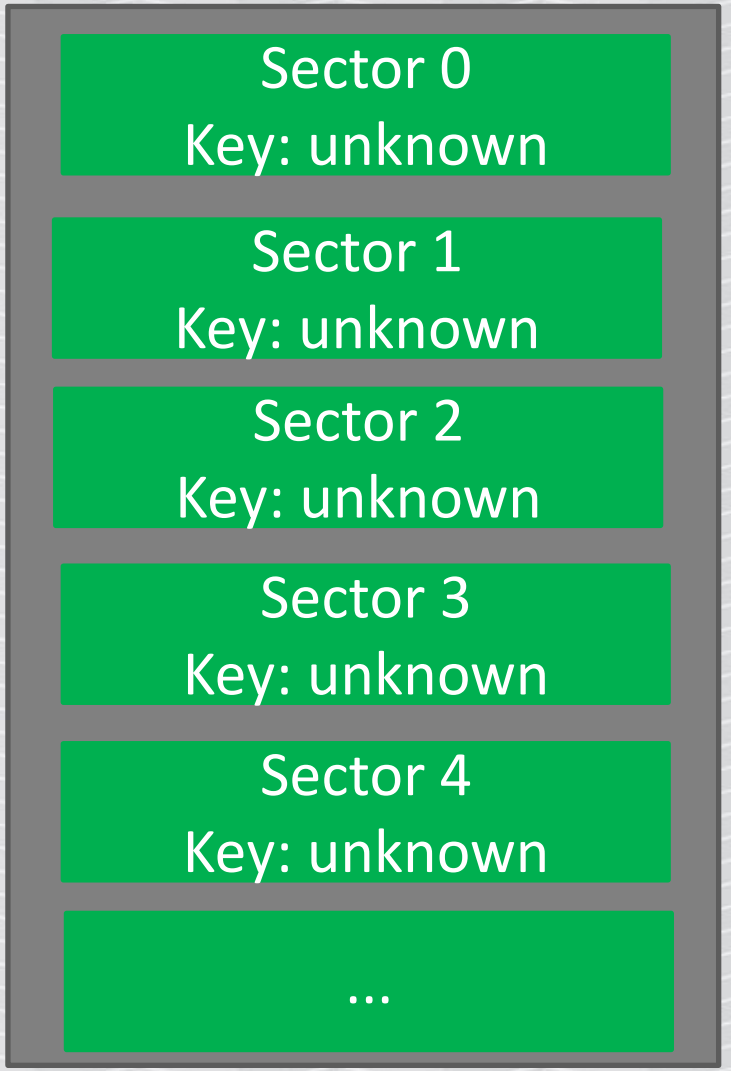
https://eprint.iacr.org/2009/137.pdf

Libnfc: MFCUK by Andrei Costin

https://github.com/nfc-tools/mfcuk

PN532 may take 30 minutes for one key.

Having one key - proceed with „nested".



Libnfc implementation: MFCUK

https://github.com/nfc-tools/mfcuk

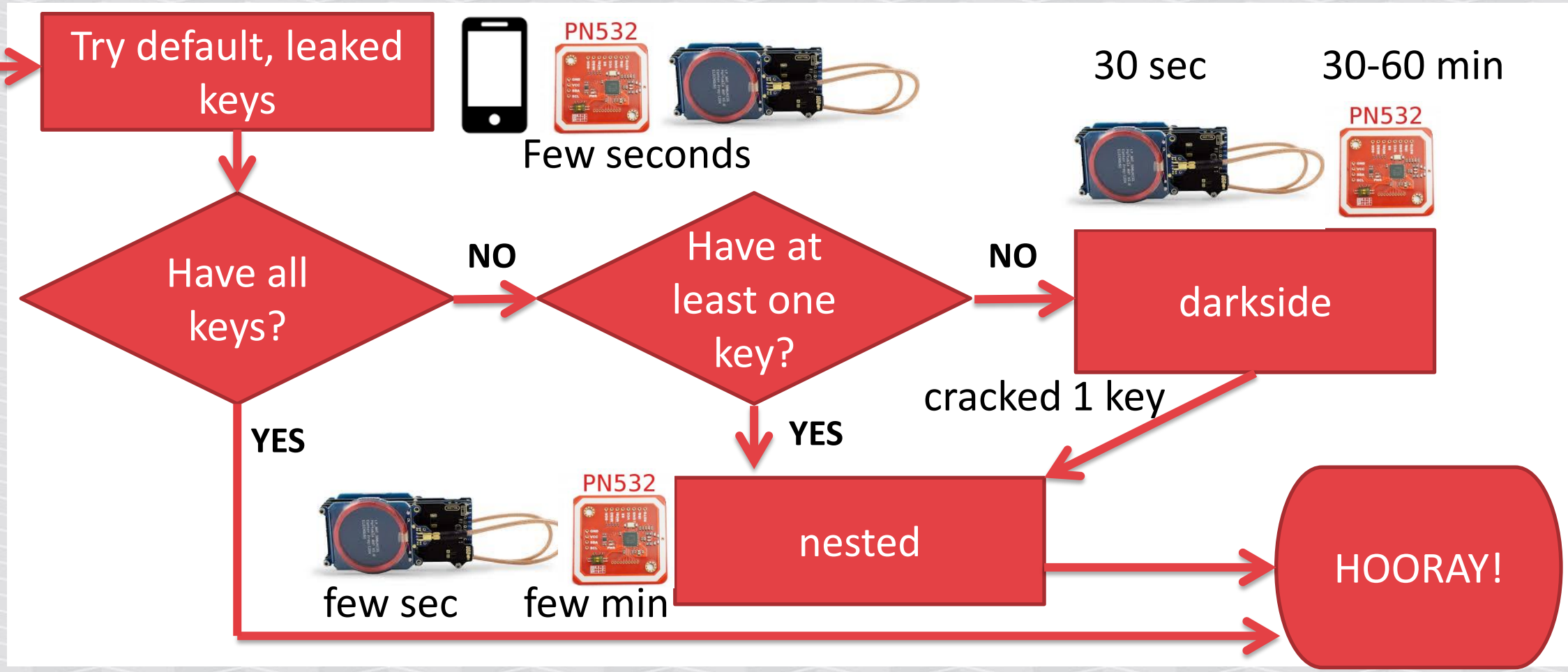
```
# mfcuk -C -R 0:A -s 250 -S 250 -v 3
```

Sleep options, necessary for our hardware

Recover Key A sector 0

Verbosity, so we can see progress

Mifare Classic cracking process



MIFARE CLASSIC EV1

Mifare Classic EV1 („hardened")

The „nested" and „darkside" attacks exploit implementation flaws (PRNG, side channel, ...).

Mifare Classic EV1, Plus in Classic mode (SL1) – fixes the exploit vectors.

Your example card „Mifare Classic EV1" with guest hotel card content.

Hardnested libnfc

„Hardnested" attack – exploits CRYPTO1 weakness. Tech details:

http://cs.ru.nl/~rverdult/Ciphertext-only_Cryptanalysis_on_Hardened_Mifare_Classic_Cards-CCS_2015.pdf

PN532 libnfc: miLazyCracker - automatically detects card type, proceeds with relevant attack scenario:

https://github.com/nfc-tools/miLazyCracker

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VcU3Yf5AqQI

miLazyCracker – installation

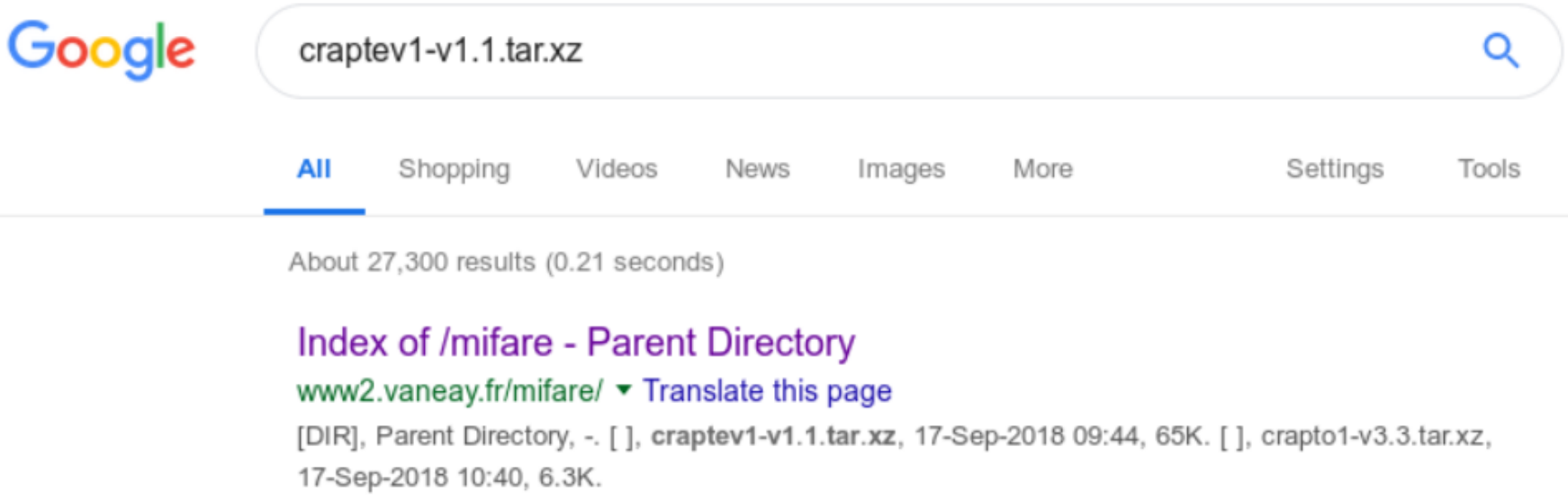
```
root@kali:~# git clone https://github.com/nfc-tools/miLazyCracker
root@kali:~# cd miLazyCracker/
root@kali:~/miLazyCracker# ./miLazyCrackerFreshInstall.sh
```

Recently may not build out of the box
(missing dependencies)

miLazyCracker – installation troubleshooting

```
root@kali:~/milazycracker# ./miLazyCrackerFreshInstall.sh
I need craptev1-v1.1.tar.xz and crapto1-v3.3.tar.xz. Aborting.
```

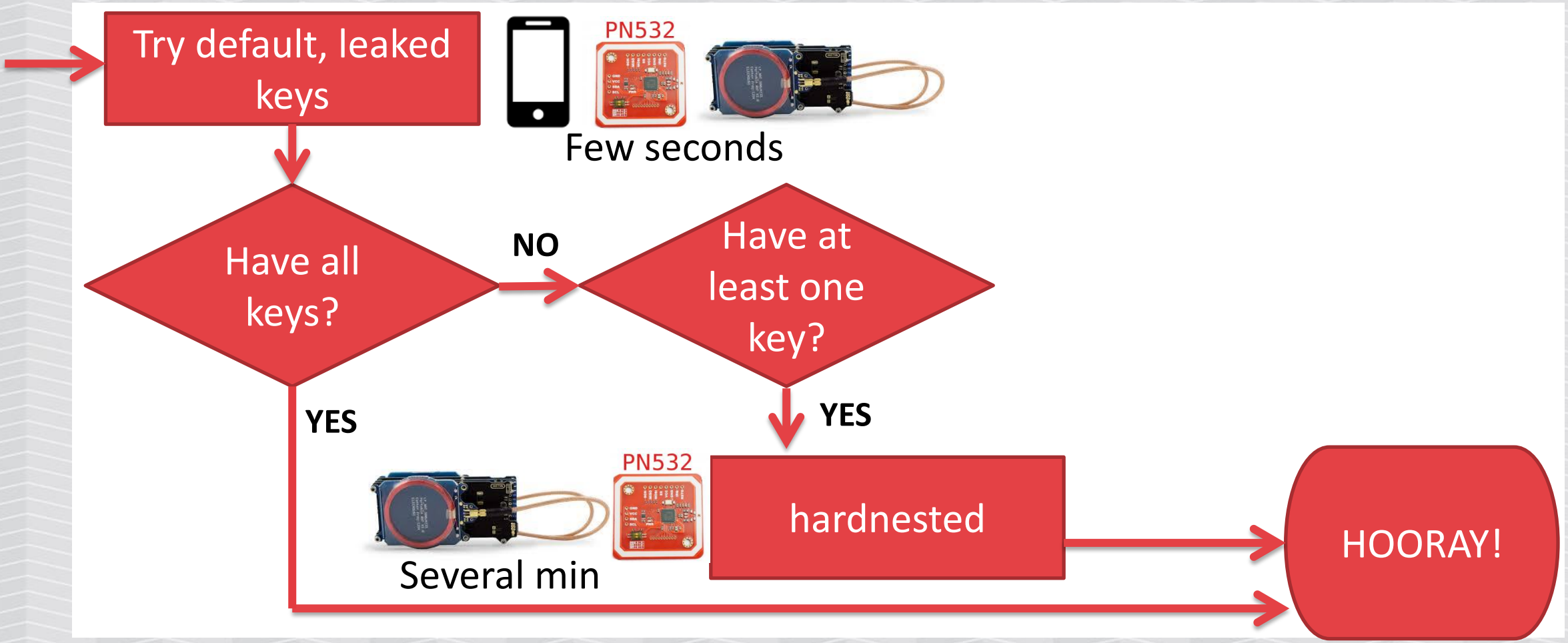
The installation depends on external sources that are not officially available any more.



miLazyCracker vs Mifare Classic EV1

```
root@kali:~# miLazyCracker
(...)
Card is not vulnerable to nested attack
MFOC not possible, detected hardened Mifare Classic
Trying HardNested Attack...
libnfc_crypto1_crack ffffffffffff 60 B 8 A mfc_de7d61c0_foundKeys.txt
(...)
Found key: 1ab2[...]
```

Mifare Classic hardened (Plus SL1, EV1) cracking



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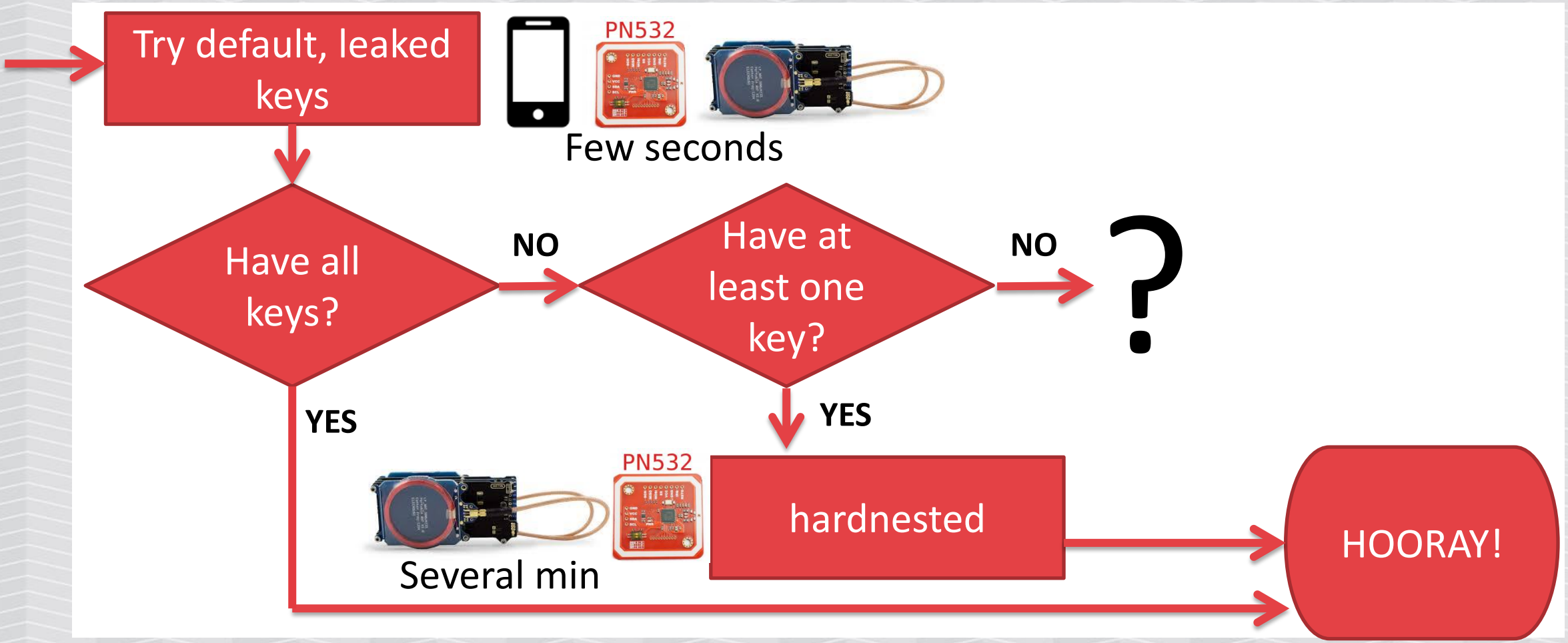


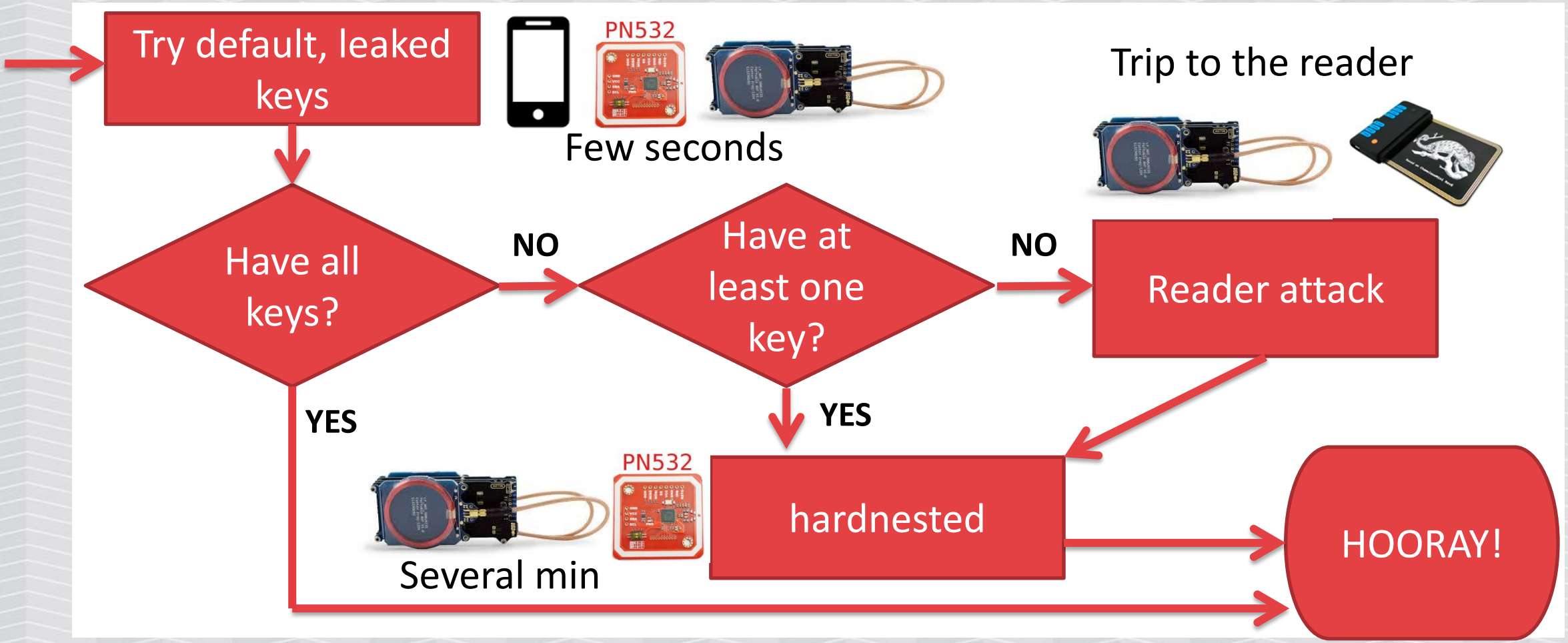
EV1 with all sectors secured?

„Hardnested" requires at least one known key.
What if all the keys are unknown?

Recover the key using online attack (mfkey) – requires to emulate/sniff the card to a valid reader.

Hardware: Proxmark, Chameleon Mini RevE „Rebooted" (starting $30), ...

Mifare Classic hardened (Plus SL1, EV1) cracking



Final NXP recommendation to upgrade (2015.10)

NXP is recommending that existing MIFARE Classic® systems are upgraded (e.g. to DESFire). Furthermore, NXP does not recommend to design in MIFARE® Classic in any security relevant application.

https://www.mifare.net/en/products/chip-card-ics/mifare-classic/security-statement-on-crypto1-implementations/

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A 2018 practical guide to hacking RFID/NFC:

http://www.smartlockpicking.com/slides/Confidence_A_2018_Practical_Guide_To_Hacking_RFID_NFC.pdf

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