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MORE VAX

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So you're getting tired of the VAX hanging up on you after three tries at the system password. And your demon-daler is about to sue you for overwork. Well, obeer up, fellow hackers. There is those Assuming your target system is set up as a clustered environment, there is an interesting weakness that will allow non-privileged users unlimited guesses at any account.

A number of VAX/VMS commands are designed to accept a password, username, and a node name along with the file specification. These commands include COPY, APPEND, and DELETE.

For the sake of consistency, let's use the GOPY command. In order to copy the file LOGIN.COM from a target directory into your non-privileged account retarming it GOT.IT; use the following syntax: COPY OSHKOSH*SMITH PASSWORD**::DRC5:[SMITH]LOGIN.COM []GOT.IT

This will copy Smith's LOGIN.COM from his directory on node named OSHKOSH to your directory (on the same node and device. Just repeat the same syntax for your directory if your account resides elsewhere.) Naturally this assumes that SMITH has a LOGIN.COM in his directory in the first place, a likely assumption although this certainly is grounds to either use a different command or restructure if to copy one of your files into his directory.

Now all you have to do is keep guessing at the password. Unfortunately there is one small catch (there always is). This will leave a trace. It's called NET SERVER. LOG. This file is deposited in the target directory every time you enter this command and, yes, it has your name in it.

But there's usually more than one way to skin a VAX. Mary (not all) VAX clusters are set up to purge these NETSERVERs. This means that at least there will be fewer traces. Furthermore, if you're quick enough in guessing the password before suspicions are aroused, just login to his account and delete the nuddy logifies.

Now if the target account is not privileged

(specifically, doesn't have EXQUOTA) and these files aren't purget, you'll eventually overflow his allotted disk space and won't be able to guess ary more passwords until someone of authority straighters out the account. On the other hand, if the account has privileges (which is why you're trying to guess the password in the first place), you need not worry about this.

Most people use easily-remembered passwords that you quite likely can guess just by knowing a bit more about them. On the other hand, they might use a conglomeration of two or more words or numbers. If this is the case, you'll probably want to feed the above portmand with a password people for

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TRICKS

Below is such a generator. It was quickly put together and I'm sure you hackers out there can write up a better one. It's here purely to demonstrate a technique.

Now hare's where things get a bit sticky. Trying to execute the command from within this FORTRAN program will bomb its execution upon the first privilege violation. The way to do it then is to feed the password as a parameter to a DCL procedure that continues on error. Thus the second program.

Now perdon me while I remove my tengue planted so firmly in my cheek. As you may have guessed. I'm a system person. So what's a system manager to do about such a weakness?

system manager to do about such a weakness?

First off, simply having two passwords on all privileged accounts will make the above technique excutiatingly difficult. In this way, your hacker will need two password generators unning simultaneously (or more practically, in

the same program) and both passwords will have to be guessed simultaneously.

If this is inconvenient, impractical, or still too insecure for you, you'll want to set the audit alarm on for network logins. Then, on a periodic basis (e.g. nightly), run a batch job that closes the operator log and searches it for such failures. From here, you have your choice of evasion tochniques including parsing out the username and disusing his account.

Clusters allow a great deal more resources for the money. Unfortunately, as your access rate climbs so does your intrusion attempt rate. It's interesting that communication security has lagged system security disproportionately. Personally, I think it's a plot by the 2600s. Keep it up, fellows!

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CLASS: What

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This article will explain the newly developed LASS system (AT&T Bell Labs), and how it may affect us in the near future. Note that the service as it appears for oustomers is called "CLASS", the C standing for Custom. I assume this is just for looks. At the time during which this article was being initially researched, CLASS was only being developed for the #1A ESS switch. At the end of the research involved with this article CLASS was already implemented in data stage on ESS#5.

SSA

The telephone is destined to become a well used and powerful tool for otherwise tedious tasks. Gas meters and other metered services will be surveyed through the use of automatic data retireval employing telephone communications. All in all, there are big plans for the uses one could put the telephone system up to, and CLASS is one plan that is going to drop an introvative bombshell on the telephonemia.

At this moment, a local CCIS network feature is being developed by Bell Laboratories. This feature will change the way people use phones, and will also change the attitude in which they use them. It will give far more control of the telephone to the usor than ever before. This feature is called CLASS (Custom Local Area Signaling Services).

Everyone will find something useful in this newly developed telephone feature. Pizza parlours will no longer have to worry about fraudulent Italian food mongers, and little old ladies won't have to worry about prank calls by certain dubious characters.

What are all these fantastic features? They will include call back of the last caller, regardless of whether you have their telephone number or not. Another will be distinct call waiting tones, and presciected call forwarding (only those people whom you wish to speak to will be forwarded). This is only a rudimentary list of CLASS features to come. It is a very powerful system, and it all relies on LCCIS (Local Common Channel Interoffice Signalling), an

intra-LATA version of the ever-popular CCIS

CCIS Background

network with: CO to apply a busy signal to the customer. This is does not have the call waiting oustom calling is off-back (in this case assuming the customer but one of many features toll CCIS provides the feature), returns information to the originating status before opening the path, and if the status checks automatically for on-hook/off-hook order to open and complete the call path. SPC hardware), where stored program control routes availability of faster data communications these links at 4800 bps to the STPs (note that comprised of data links from each central office baud rates may increase due to the economic point). Signalling information is sent through data network would be used. This network is grade trucks to carry signalling information, a signalling systems. Instead of using the voice the signalling information to the needed offices in (CO) to the appropriate STP (signal transfer basically, the signalling system to ond all OCIS was originally introduced in 1976 as

Since this text is not centered on the topic of toll CCIS, technical aspects aren't as important (except for the comparison between the local and toll networks for observational purposes)—yet it is important to notice how automated and flexible this type of signalling method is, not to mention its speed and efficiency. All the software control involved with local and toll networks is called, fittingly, the "stored program control network" or ISDN (Integrated Services Digital Network).

CLASS/LCCIS Features

Using a high speed data link between local offices creates a much more flexible and more efficient way for intra-LATA central offices to communicate. Instead of using per-trunk signalling (using the same trunk used for voice transmission to send routing and billing information), such data would be sent thru a dedicated data link, which interacts with a local signal processing and transfer point. From that point, signalling information is distributed to appropriate central offices or tandem switches.

It Means To Us

LCCIS will work with the local switches using stored program control, keeping track of call data. The 1A switches will use what is called 'scretch pad' memory (also known as call store), in conjunction with LCCIS's database, to accomplish all the features that LASS provides. This memory will hold such data as 'tine history', and a 'screening list'. That information will make it possible for auto-redial, selective call forwarding, nuisance call rejection, and districtive call waiting tones.

Test stage defaults for some features:

DIMF ! Puise ! Description of Service

+66 ! 1166 ! Reconnect last caller

+63 ! 1163 ! Selective Call Forward

#60 ' 1160 ' Muisance Call Blocking

#57 ! 1157 ! Customer "Trace"

Command codes may vary in different areas. These were found in a general description of CLASS.

Selective CF

amount of numbers which may be screened. Once Operating Companies) will be able to define the acceptance of the number. Individual BOC's (Bell number, a tone will sound indicating the rooms). An access code (a list will appear at the lonwarded to the particular number. After each oustomer will then dial in the numbers he wants will be issued from the subscriber's CO. The and of the file) will be entered, and a special tone home-bound telephone (unlike migrating executing a lew simple commands on the friendly forward a call to another directory number by screening list, one will be able to selectively service). Using call store, or more specifically the conventional call forwarding to request this subscriber (the subscriber must have telephones most frequently found in hote Selective call forwarding is defined by the

> by using this service. operations can screen calls to particular numbers to a computer. Bureaus inside the various subscribe to this CLASS feature, and enter only telephone companies and other sensitive the numbers of authorized users to be forwarded could probably imagine. A company can make it very difficult on system hackers, as you the original destination. This in particular could number is forwarded. If not, the phone will ring at matches one of the numbers in 1A memory associated with the called directory number, the those stored in scratch pad memory. If the CLID compare the calling line's directory number with particular customer, the customer's switch will takes over. Now, whenever someone calls this this is done, the customer hangs up and the ESS

This is a security that's hard to beat, but of course there is a way (simple law of nature: nothing is fail-safe). There will always be the obvious way of finding numbers which are being forwarded to, like auto-dialing entire exchanges (one after the other). Unfortunately, CLASS will be providing other services which might make "scanning" seem less attractive.

Distinctive Ringing

Distinctive ringing is handled in the same fashion as selective call forwarding: the screen list in scratch pad memory. The customer may enter numbers which the ESS should give special precedence to, and whanever a call is placed to this particular customer's number, ESS checks to see whether the CLID matches a directory number listed in the switch's memory. If a match is made, the subscribor's CO gives the off-hook line a special call waiting tone, or the on-hook phone a distinctive ring (possibly using abnormally timed ringing voltage—some readers may picture a British Telecom ring as an example, although many foreign audible rings tend to be different).

Call Rejection

Nuisance call rejection, a feature making it possible to block certain idiots from ringing your phone (a feature we can all benefit from at one time or another, or all of the time), uses the information retrieved from LOCIS (CLID). Let's

the telecom informer BY JOHN PREEMAN

at airports in 30 cities. capability. These telephones are located telephones were modified for E-Card new card and 1000 AT&T public participants were selected to try out the six months. One thousand E-Card in progress. It's called the E-Card January 1987 and is scheduled to run tor (Smart Card). The trial started in A trial for a new AT&T credit card is

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on how to use the card or encounter a telephones and is also on the screen. 0088. This number is on the modified for credit are instructed to call 800-922 service difficulty resulting in a request E-Card holders who require assistance

959 Numbers

that these numbers will vary from town dialing 0+NPA+ first (note: this is not an you can't reach a 959 number without employees and test numbers galore.... by AT&I. There are lots of AT&1 about 959 numbers is that they're free to town. And of course, the best thing operator assisted call). Keep in mind Otten, in a cross-bar switching system exchange is a test number exchange used com phone test number was mentioned. This number was 9591230. The 959 Last month, in the letters column a

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959-1Y3x 959-JY2x 959-1Y1x 4ESS Test Board Position Quiet Termination Milliwat

959-IY4x responder(ROTL) Remote Office Test Line

959-IYSX ROTL(Type 105 test line)

959-1Y9x 959-1Y8x Milliwat

959-200x White Plains, NY WATS center (X=0,5,6 and 7) Always Busy

959-210x Wayne, PA WATS center (X=0,5.6 and 7)

959-225x Chicago, IL WATS center (6-0-X)

959-22xx WATS confirmation recording (xx=00-29)

959-5xxx Test postions, strange men. I haven't had time to scan this out.

anyone scans this out send what you get into us here at 2600. this is what I've found as of yet. II There are more numbers than this, but

(Dan Foley is on vacation.)



phoning home from europe

from experience in the countries mentioned. information in this article was gathered

of those countries. All of the companies were public until September of 1984, when British companies in Europe-are run by the governments are used to dealing with in the United States private companies whereas most of the telephone RBOC's (NYNEX, Southwestern Bell, etc.) are dealing with the telephone systems in other felecom International was privatized. the telephone system and that AT&T and the This is mainly due to the fact that we invented countries is that they are interior to the ones you One thing you have to keep in mind when

countries should be joining the service soon. If expand within the next year or so. Italy and other countries. The list of countries is supposed to Panama, and a lot of other Central American the one Heft here gradually becomes out of date Distance toll free number at 800-874-4000. They plan to visit, call the AT&T International Long you'd like to find out about a specific country you Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, Iran, Columbia Australia (001 488 1011), Dermark, Spain Germany (except Frankfurt) (0 130 0010) (19-0011), The Netherlands (06 022 9111) include: United Kingdom (080 089 0011), France countries are handled by the new service. They you are calling from and that is all. Over 50 operators have the country code of the country of operator position located in New York. The other countries to call the U.S. via a TSPS type offered by AT&T. The service allows people in will be able to give you a more complete list as found out about USA Direct, a new service this a bit odd, so I inquired more about it and was there the Hotel I was staying at told me they rad a "Direct Line to the United States". I found The first country I visited was England, When

generated by my portable touch-tone generator exchange in London that would accept the tones When I was there, though, I only ran into one exchanges to digital switches, namely System & are upgrading existing step by step and crossbar Unfortunately, this is not saying very much. They the most advanced equipment in all of Europe British Telecom International (BTI) has by fa

> or the BTI international operator via the hotel's PBX and you will have to give them the calling with this method is that if you are staying at a place collect calls and calls using AT&T you dial a BTI international operator (155), they and Sprint call the U.K., so it shouldn't be too card number and have them handle it. Both MCI hotel you won't be able to reach the USA Direct International Cailing Cards. The only problem believe you when you make up one. They can they do not know your telephone number and will hard for people to call you. When you do reach an international operator. with usually keep you waiting for a few minutes the standards we are used to in the U.S. When he operator services of BTI are also far below

making calls to other cities in England, besides and place the call for you. This works also in lost 20p in their phone and they will believe you you can call the 100 operator and tell them you dentification (ONI). When making local calls operator, do not have Operator Number local operator. They, like the international Another operator you will find useful is the

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available there it will be easier to make calls to are not very nice and the concept of civil rights is the U.S. from Switzerland, not understood. When USA Direct becomes exchanges) via an interpreter. They also have a modified step by step or crossbar that accepts afther dangerous since the police in Switzerland be opened by a standard square wrench. This is standard international DTMF tones (in some are staying. MCI is about the only long distance so you can't make any tree calls from where you card. They require call back on calling card calls known to me to call the U.S. is via the Switzerland. The telephone company there is a able boxes on the street that are locked and can The telephone system from what I can interpret is carrier (excluding AT&T) that calls Switzerland international operator using an AT&T calling branch of the postal service. Central offices are ocated in the post offices. The best method The next country I'd like to discuss is

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Put Letters

New Toys

Dear 2600:

Here's some interesting information that 2600 readers might be interested in

US West has introduced their new MPOW (Multi-Purpose Operator Workstation) which converts any IBM-compatible PC into a complete TSPS console with advanced capabilities. I'm sure many 2600 readers with PC's will find this concept intriguing. Perhaps there is a way to obtain and copy the board(s) and software.

Mitel's new telco product catalog describes several interesting products, including MF-tone generators and receivers, and a dialed-digit recorder. The latter is capable of "blue-box detection" and detects and prints out all 2600 hertz and MF-tone activity in red, triggers external alarms, and prints out all other line activity as well. No doubt phreaks have been busted with the help of this device.

without worrying about wiretapping snoop on whomever they choose to which means they can (and do) use it to police does *not* require a warrant expeditions." It's interesting to note register in various "fishing enforcement types will undoubtedly be available for under \$1000. Lawcoming close to this in capability was and outgoing calls. Until now nothing that the use of such equipment by using this updated version of the penthe start and end times of all incoming digits (touch tone and pulse) as well as compact device prints out all dialed version of this for under \$100. Their Radio Shack now has a budget

On a more upbeat note, I've discovered that the Mitel S200 PABX where I work is externally programmable by modem, and can be

programmed to forward calls, among other things. I suspect many businesses with WATS lines and newer electronic PABX's are vulnerable to this "roll your own" approach to WATS extending. PABX's are fascinating—they're amazingly complex, versatile...and vulnerable. With a programming manual and a little inside knowledge or hacking skill, one can manipulate a company's entire talephone system from afar. Definitely worth checking intol 1'd be interested in finding out what other 2600 readers have discovered about this subject.

Bernie S

Hanks for the info. We must edd that the new Radio Shack toy is, to say the least, incredible. See the article in this issue for a review.

Is it really true that the police don't need a warrant to use that instrument? Where do they attach it? They must meed some kind of permission from someone to either climb a telephone pole, install the thing inside the central office, or plug it into the side of a house.

Explain Yourselves

Dear 2600:

I am not a hacker or a phreak, and in fact. I'm not really literate in these matters, but I occasionally peruse your magazine. I am aware that you intend to undertake a strategy to increase your circulation, perhaps including newsstand sales. If this plan is to succeed, you are going to have to appeal to others like myself, with little or no understanding of electronics. In this connection, I would like to make a suggestion concerning the readability of your publication.

Every field of expertise inevitably develops its own jargon or lexicon which, for the most part, is impenetrable to those uninitiated in

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that particular field. This is true of theoretical physics and psychoanalysis, philosophy, and high finance, and it is true of computer hacking.

referring to the letter "N" which is operation or piece of equipment known were printed in lower case, suggesting are printed in upper case, but your n's printed with the number 6 on the question that comes to my mind is, how only to the initiated few. not, because the letters on the phone exactly does one dial "nnn"? Are you by dialing 10nnn, etc. The first that one can make long distance calls state, among other mysterious things that these letters are symbolic of some printed an article entitled Getting the telephone? Well, possibly, but I think Most Out of Equal Access in which you For example, in a recent issue you

So, after having read the article, I am left with the burning and unanswered question: Just exactly how does one dial "nnn"? Or, perhaps more to the point: Just exactly what does this thrice repeated lower case "n" symbolize? This, incidentally, is just one instance of a problem which I find recurring frequently in virtually every issue, and the fact is that people aren't going to purchase what they can't understand.

However, I believe there is a rather simple solution to this difficulty: I suggest that, in each issue, you include a glossary in which you give clear, "ordinary language" definitions of all the technical terms and symbols used in that issue. In this way you will not only broaden your readership, but you will also provide a valuable educational service to the public. I hope you will somitar alternative, as I believe it is politically dangerous for the majority of the public to be, like me, computer-

illiterate in this day and age.

You raise many good points. Let us first answer your question. Generally, whenever you see small it's or x's, they indicate variables, or single digit numbers that are as yet undefined. If you look at the article in question, you should see a list of 3-digit numbers. These numbers are in fact the mysterious num's. But, if equal access isn't installed where you are, those numbers won't do a thing except confuse your local switching center.

magazine is not a one time deal that we've been doing since Issue 1. Our of being too simplistic and elementary! so we don't have to keep repeating the same information. why we keep the back issues available at whenever the need arises. That's material that is stored away and looked things as we go along, which is what glossary. But, obviously, we can't keep you read and discard, but reference What we are trying to do is explain Some of our readers already accuse us repeating the same explanations. their articles or at the end in a type of explain their terms either throughout We are encouraging our writers to

On another note, do you really think people aren't going to buy what they can't understand? Check out all of the folks who buy computers and don't know what to do with them when they plug them in! Answering machines. VCR's, telephone systems, even TV Guide—it's all becoming incomprehensible to the average people of the world. But that mere fact doesn't seem to be affecting sales. The emphasis seems to be on possession rather than comprehension. That's why the hackers are thriving in this world—they understand the tech-

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FAX: A New Hobby

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Occasionally when scanning phone numbers you'll come across what sounds like a computer modern carrier but isn't. What it often turns out to be is a facsimile (FAX) machine. For those unaware of it, a FAX machine lets you send printed info (text, diagrams, or photos) over a phone line or radio link. Like computer moderns, they use a carrier tone, but it is a different frequency and unlike "normal" data

real old machines would fill a room with smoke! image onto the sheet. (This makes a rank shelt electrostaticly-sensitive paper, "burning" the stylus which scans over a blank sheet of translated back into an image by a hi-voltage for an 815 by 11 inch sheet uroup i transmissions typically take 6 minutes works in reverse—the modulated tone is line to another FAX machine. At the other end, it and dark sections modulate the carrier tone document is clamped to white the senso still in use) use a rotating drum that the most FAX transmissions were of the Group frequency which is transmitted over the phone traverses the length of the drum slowly. The light variety. Group I machines (many of which are in use: Group 1, 11, and III. Until fairly recently detecting light and dark sections of the paper using an optical sensor that sweeps over the print There are presently three common FAX standards A FAX machine scans a printed document

With the advent of cheap digital IC's, Group II and III standards emerged which transmit signals digitally (not unlike computer moderns). The fastest group III machines can send a document in less than a minure at 9600 baud, the limit for unconditioned dial-up phone lines. A Group IV standard now exists which is much faster but requires Bell DDS or similar dedicated digital lines. The mechanical drum is now obsolete—a sheet is simply "dropped in" a newer FAX machine in which a tight now of phototransistors scans the whole document as it's pulled in between small motor-driven rollers. For output, ink-jet or similar printing technology prints out the received document.

For experimenters with little (or no) money, a

expensive as a new FAX machine! store images on disk, but they're almost as everywhere. Expensive PC add-on cards exist that convert a PC and printer into a tax that is invented and will be a standard office machine machine to get a copy in a pinch. Eventually, a copiers, though you can cheat and use a tape compatibility. Some newer machines double as machines can be switched into Group I made for \$1000. Look around! Most Group II and III FAX machine/laser printer/copier will be recorder to "play" a document back into popular about six years ago, and sold for about newspaper for \$50, and they threw in about ten Group I and II machines for cheap-I got an reams of the special paper. This model was very Exxon Quip 1200 Group I FAX from a local ot of companies are getting rid of their older

"If you have a shortwave receiver with a BFO, you can pick up FAX images relayed from weather satellites, wire and press service photos, etc."

Now we can all send schematics, drawings, and photos over the phone for cheap—just like the big boys do. I may be the first to coin a new term: PHAXing! As an added bonus, if you have a shortwave receiver with a BFO, you can pick up FAX images relayed from weather satellites, wire and press service photos, etc. before everybody else sees them. Some minor modifications are needed to convert the speed since they use non-standard scan rates, but it's worth the effort.

I hope you're all turned on to the 'new' hobby Let's see some enthusiasm and support for FAX

CLASS

say customer A calls customer B. Customer B happens to despise customer A, and keys in a special code. ESS again takes over and looks at the CLID information, and stores the calling line directory number in a special screen list associated with customer B. The next time customer A tries calling customer B, the terminating office will reroute the call to a local (the originating CO) digitzed recording telling customer A that the call he made cannot be completed due to customer Bs request ("I'm sony, but the customer you have tried to reach wishes you were eaten by a rabid cannibal on druss").

Dial Back

To create such a feature as "dial back" (for called or calling party), the ESS scratch pad memory is used again. The same principles are used as are employed in the already established custom calling feature, auto-redial, CLID will be used in the following way.

Your ESS switch will keep track of who you called last, and who called you last, through the retrieval of calling line information provided by LCCIS in conjunction with your switch. (Your switch will know what number you called last by directly storing the digits you dialed previously. Local signalling will provide calling line information via LCCIS call information forwarding using the data link mentioned.) This way, with your access code you will have total medial service.

Stomer Trace

using the individual or bulk calling line caller. The customer originated trace, however be a display module that will sit by your phone. information are used at the discretion of the and will display calling directory numbers. other feature AT&T/Bell Labs is working on will which it will be handled through the police. The be two types of "customer originated trace". One as Bell Laboratories is concerned. There seem to other CLASS features that use the calling line will forward the number to local authorities, was afraid would abolish "phreaking". Subscriber number stored at your CO, will be available as far nitiated tracing, using the last caller directory method will also allow the feature that everyone This type of memory handling and signalling

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can and will be used in a full scale non-beta stage stages. Whether Bell Labs feets that this feature BOC situation is a different story. The economic to wait and see about that point; the desk display old Bell policy on the issue of privacy. We'll have never give the end party the privilege of retrieving possible that there will be no desk display. There equal access is fully implemented, I don't know could benefit greatly from CLASS. Why reasibility is questionable. the calling party's number directly, due to plain are those phone phreaks who feel that BOC's will Bell/AT&T should give any type of special privacy. It sears that long distance carriers all likely to have a higher priority level than your police, the military, and government agencies are customers will be able to employ a special other non-telephone companies, especially after services to OCC's (Sprint, MCI, etc.) not given to overnde this or not is obvious; of course. The end switch not to forward the calling number to a not ending...yet, in any case, Individual but then again, it is equal access). It is also desk display. Whether there will be a way to customer to view the calling number. The world is privacy code", which when dialed, tells the faridentification features ("trace") allow the in fact, operational and is being used in test

End Note

CLASS, using local CCIS, will not function on inter-LATA calls. The local CCIS network is exactly that: local, and does not extend into the realm of "toll network". This will eventually be corrected (allowing toll CCIS to interact with LCCIS as far as CLID information is concerned). How the various long distance networks will exchange information with the local BOC network is still a matter of speculation. It would seen like a monumental task to try to integrate the emerging long distance companies into the AT&T/BOC ISDN, be it because of equipment inconsistencies or lack of cooperation on the part of the OCC, etc.

CLASS is going to cause problems, as well as create a new environment for telephone users. Of course, those problems are only problems to people who will generally be reading this article, but the more you know about CLASS the more comfortable you'll feel about the service. It can

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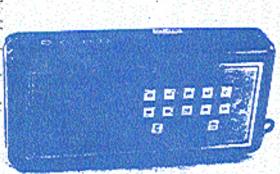
phoning home

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anywhere in Italy or anywhere in the world dialtone. Once this happens you can dial maybe twice. This should turn the re-order into a wire in the center hale of the microphone side of while to get the hang of.) If you cannot work this without any tell restrictions. (Note: this takes a the handset and tap it extremely lightly once. payphone). 1) Get a piece of conducting metal the telephone itself. 4) Put the other end of the the metal guarding the wire from the handset to get a re-order). 3) Fasten one end of the wire to could only be done on payphones (any Rome. She showed it to me and it worked. It difficult since Italcable (the long distance (wire, etc.) 2) Dial 111 on a payphone (you will operator of Italian Telephone) required call back international AT&T calling cards. This is very end of 1987). So I experimented with the use of rick that she had used while in Sicily to call friends about calling for free and she told me a restaurants and bars. I asked one of my Italian numbers written on them are the ones in the only payphores which have the prone for collect and calling card calls. Unfortunately Italy and found out it wasn't (but will be by the very easy to call the United States. I was wrong. When I went to Italy I did not think that it was turned out to be the the best country all around I tried to find out if USA Direct was available in tally, the last country I visited on my tour

> This could have something to do with the fact besides AT&T; that dalls litaly; if you do go to staying: MCI is the only long distance company. payphone and it will let you dial the U.S. It outs you can at least give the number of where you are out, you can deposit 200 Lire (10 cents) into a that they insulate their wire with paper instead of italy you will see how bad the telephone system you off very soon after you are connected, but

do is be careful and enjoy your vacation. known for this, by far, is AT&T. All you have to to backtracing the worst long distance company is because it is widely known that when it comes an extender in the States collect or use a calling available in the country you are in, use it to call card number on USA Direct. The reason I say this mends to call you. Also, if USA Direct is International Calling Cards. If you have to use a calling people using fraudulent AT&1 mends through the extender and then get your Calling Card, call an extender, and call your Remember when calling the U.S. to avoid



sold to someone who knew what it was potentiometers inside just in case it was tones but it still takes up a lot of room in a 12x2.5x5 inch case. Bell had reset the This blue box has chips to generate the

Photo by John Drake

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why we always try and answer who's interested in learning. That's reading the documentation. We speak control of it while everyone else is still questions. opportunity to enlighten a non-hacker to the hackers, but we'll never miss an nology and they use their brains to gain

Needs Blue Box Program

Tandy/Radio Shack. the following computers: IBM, Apple program written entirely in BASIC for am in desperate need of a blue box the C-64, Atari, and the 11 computers. people. I have BASIC blue box plans for obsolete and is unknown to most a book concerning computer phone since the technique is fast becoming interesting history lesson for readers section on "blue boxes" would be an phreaking and hacking. I thought a I am currently "attempting" to write

from 8 am-6 pm CST. they can reach me at (214) 693-5132 If one of your readers has such listings of such programs for these computers. Do you have any available printouts

Edward Dean Jones

Access Still Unequal

Dear 2600:

the question now is how do I lobby for area doesn't permit equal access. So access possibilities. Unfortunately my MCI and became aware of the equal Getting the Most Out of Equal Access Recently, I switched from Ma Bell to i'm grateful for the Hobbit's article

one? Have you any suggestions?

good proportion of the public, and the and magazines are available to help to educate them," what organizations call is now above the understanding procedure for placing a long distance various companies are doing very little level (sic, "level" is redundant) of a In light of the fact that "the

> consumers get through the maze? I'd like to see a list of them in 2600.

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appeared in Consumer Reports several to alternate long distance carriers, it months ago. I'm aware of a single article devoted

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A CO? An ESS? should care enough to define terms for us neophytes. What's an X-bar switch? And finally: authors and editors

casual users through the maze of phone company shenanigans. I hope to see more articles helping

done through the 950 exchange. carrier of your choice. Usually this is with free access to the long distance very least they must do is provide you might speed it up somewhat. But the with complaints fairly frequently, they on a bit and call your business office all areas of the USA by the early nineties at the very latest. If you carry Equal access should be available in

every fused incomprehensible letter simply substitute an "r" and an "n" for Until we figure out how to fix that you come across 's and n's on one of our typelaces We've noticed the problem with the

Reaching Out

Dear 2600:

addresses which work: publishing all those net addresses before became reachable due to you So, in return, here are some other ne One or two people who I couldn't reach You've helped me a bunch by

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My question for the day—what is the name of the net which uses "!" dividers, and how does it work? That is, there are addresses like:

and of a lot of privilege!

tundra!flatfoot!bingo!anywhere!bozo

I would be connected to node 'tundra', which then forwards it to flatfoot, etc., until it gets to user bozo. What's it all about? Who pays for what?

Watch for an intelligent answer to your question as soon as we track down our network experts. For some reason, they're extremely hard to reach.

More on VAX

Dear 2600:

Enjoyed your article on the VAX. I'm always looking for information on how to prevent harm.

One comment: you don't need CMKRNL privilege to gain full privileges. See below.

The Carolina Beachcomber

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A PEN REGISTER FOR PHREAKS?

Duophone CPA-1000
Dialed Number Recorder
Available at Radio Sheck
\$99

Review by Emmanuel Goldstein

The fairly new Radio Shack CPA-1000 "pen register" is a most remarkable piece of equipment and a must for those who want to know what's really happening on their phone lines.

In the past, phone phreaks have always dreaded having a pen register put on their line—a device that prints out every number dialed, including authorization codes and touchtone passwords. By having one already on your line in the comfort of your own home, you at least have the convenience of seeing what others might be seeing.

office is playing around. This device is also quite all be neatry recorded. on the pole or when the switchman at the central machine cannot tell if the line was busy or never as how long the conversation went on for. The dialed. It will also tell you how long the phone dials some of those magic numbers. Now it will convenient when a repairman comes around and when the telephone lineman hooks into your line including those not inside your house, such as work for any extension hooked up on that line, answered—it treats all calls the same.) This will CPA-1000 will tell you, as soon as the number is these devices. Have you ever wondered how a was off the hook for. (Note: that is not the same particular phone number got onto your bill? The But that's not the only reason to have one of

The CPA-1000 also keeps track of incoming calls. It will tell you how many times the phone rang and how long the phone was off the hook, if it was picked up at all. This in itself is a great supplement to an answering mechine that doesn't have a time function. Every time the phone rings,

the date and time will be printed out.

Of course, consumers can now do the same masty things that only feds or spies could do before. Simply plugging the CPA-1000 into a modular outlet anywhere (the unit can run on four "AA" batteries) will give you all activity for that fine as it happens. It will even record long distance authorization codes.

Recently, we reported a problem on one of our lines to the telephone company. Within minutes, the CPA-1000 started printing out strange information. According to its report, the phone rang zero times and someone was on the phone for thirty seconds. This happened about four or five times. We were actually able to "see" the phone company testing the line.

The CPA-1000 tooks like a small adding machine and uses the same type of paper. It doesn't make much noise when it prints, and it can be easily muffied. At the end of each day, the total number of incoming calls, non-answered incoming calls, outgoing calls, and outgoing calls exceeding ten digits is printed out. An additional feature is the accounting code. All a person has to do is dial or touch tone four digits before they hangup. Those four digits will print out below the other information—a great way to claim calls. The unit can support call waiting and works perfectly regardless of whether the caller is using touch tone or pulse or even both.

It's rather amusing that Radio Shack would come out with a product like this when it's been so busy trying to get people to stop listening to cellular phone calls. While this isn't an actual bug, one can tell an awful lot about a person or a company by the numbers they dial. It's nice to know that at last the commoners can see what's really going on inside their phone lines—and maybe inside others as well. The authorities have been doing this for years.

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