

Re: Questions on GSM Penetration test

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On Sat, 26 Jan 2002, M Lister wrote:

> > 2. *You can copy a sim card.*

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> *Please forgive me if this sounds naive, but I was under a *STRONG*
> impression that it is practically impossible to copy a smart card. [Isn't
> that what is used as a SIM card]. From the little that I know of smart*

You really might want to look around at all of the resources people have devoted to cracking, breaking, and emulating smart cards for Direct TV, Dish network, and DSS. If it's any indication of what we're to expect when we use smart cards as the sole authentication factor in a security (or currently for that matter) then we still have a long way to go before smart cards can be widely used as a secure means of authentication.

GSM security has been cracked as well, nearly days after it released in europe.

-john

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