

# Tools of the NSA Playset

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**What is the NSA Playset?**



# HACKRF

## Software Defined Radio Peripheral

**(U//FOUO)** HACKRF is a Software Defined Radio peripheral capable of transmission or reception of arbitrary radio signals from 10 MHz to 6 GHz.

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**(U//FOUO)** HackRF One with optional enclosure

**(U//FOUO)** HACKRF is an open source hardware platform designed to enable education, experimentation, and deployment of Software Defined Radio (SDR) technology.

**(U//FOUO)** HackRF One Features:

- 10 MHz to 6 GHz operating frequency
- half-duplex transceiver
- portable
- Hi-Speed USB 2.0, bus powered
- low cost
- open source
- works with GNU Radio
- 20 MHz bandwidth
- 8 bit resolution
- external clock input and output

**(U//FOUO)** Applications:

- spectrum analysis
- vector signal analysis
- vector signal generation
- reverse engineering
- spectrum sensing
- wireless security testing
- radio research and development

**(U//FOUO)** HACKRF makes cutting edge SDR technology available to everyone. Now you can build any radio you want.

**Status:** Available Q1 2014

<http://greatscotgadgets.com/hackrf/>

**Unit Cost:** \$300 estimated

**POC:** [REDACTED], S32242, [REDACTED], [REDACTED]@nsa.ic.gov

HackRF is open source hardware and software.  
Anyone may use it, build it, or modify it,  
not just the NSA.

# nsaplayset.org

## NSA Playset

### Site Information

Contributions  
Project Requirements  
Open Problems

### Passive Radio Interception

TWILIGHTVEGETABLE (GSM)  
LEVITICUS  
DRIZZLECHAIR  
PORCUPINEMASQUERADE (WiFi)

### Physical Domination

SLOTSCREAMER (PCI)  
ADAPTERNOODLE (USB)

### Hardware Implants

BROKENGlass  
CHUCKWAGON  
TURNIPSCHOOL

CACTUSTUTU  
TINYALAMO (BT)

### RETROREFLECTORS

CONGAFLOCK

### Welcome to the home of the NSA Playset.

In the coming months and beyond, we will release a series of dead simple, easy to use tools to enable the next generation of security researchers. We, the security community have learned a lot in the past couple decades, yet the general public is still ill equipped to deal with real threats that face them every day, and ill informed as to what is possible.

Inspired by the NSA ANT catalog, we hope the NSA Playset will make cutting edge security tools more accessible, easier to understand, and harder to forget. Now you can play along with the NSA!

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NSA\\_ANT\\_catalog](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NSA_ANT_catalog)

If you feel like you can contribute, please join the discussion here:

<https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/nsaplayset>

Check out Mike's HITB2014 talk here:

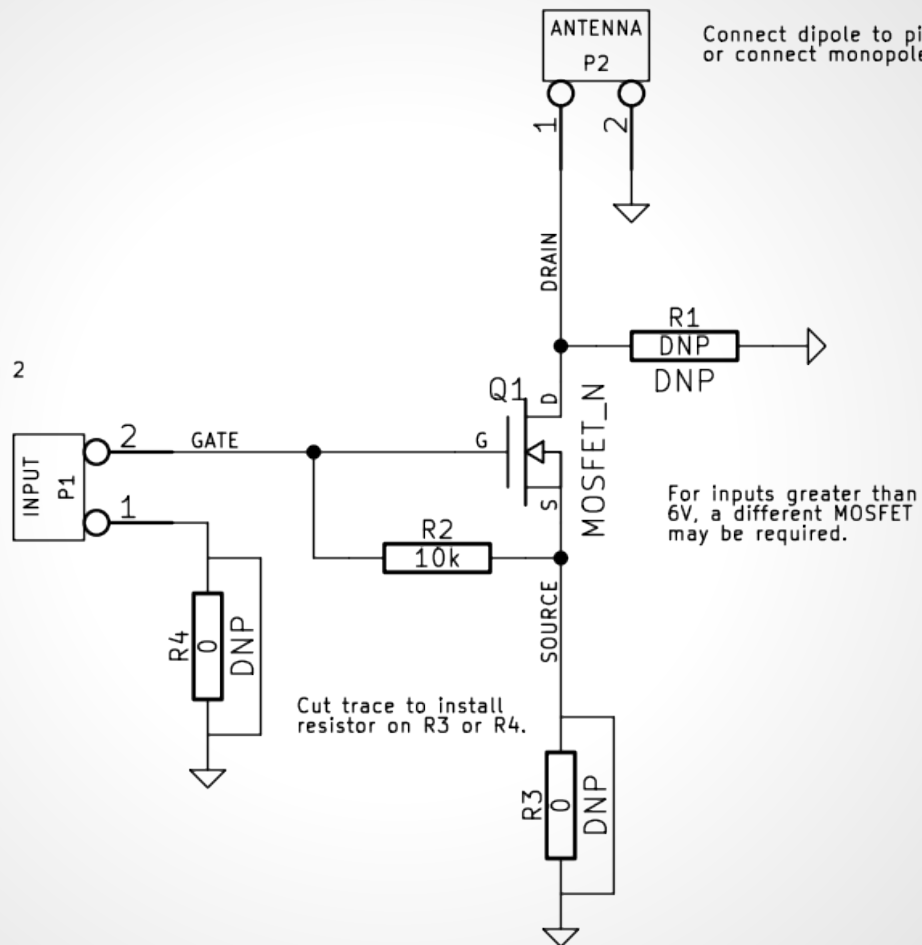
[http://www.nsaplayset.org/ossmann\\_hitb2014.pdf](http://www.nsaplayset.org/ossmann_hitb2014.pdf)

# NSA Playset Price Sheet

## **CONGAFLOCK - <\$1**

A 'Retroreflector', which is a passive device that reflects differently when a monitored wire changes

Connect target signal to pin 2  
and target ground to pin 1.



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## TWILIGHTVEGETABLE - \$50

Custom Boot environment for basic GSM monitoring

- Sandisk 16G Extreme USB
- NooElec RTL-SDL dongle + antenna

# TWILIGHTVEGETABLE





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## LEVITICUS - \$50

OsmocomBB Phone for use with TWILIGHTVEGETABLE

- Motorola C139 phone
- Osmocom Cable

# LEVITICUS



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## **DRIZZLECHAIR - \$100**

A5/1 Rainbow Tables + Kraken for use with TWILIGHTVEGETABLE

- WD Elements 2TB USB 3.0 Hard Drive

# DRIZZLECHAIR

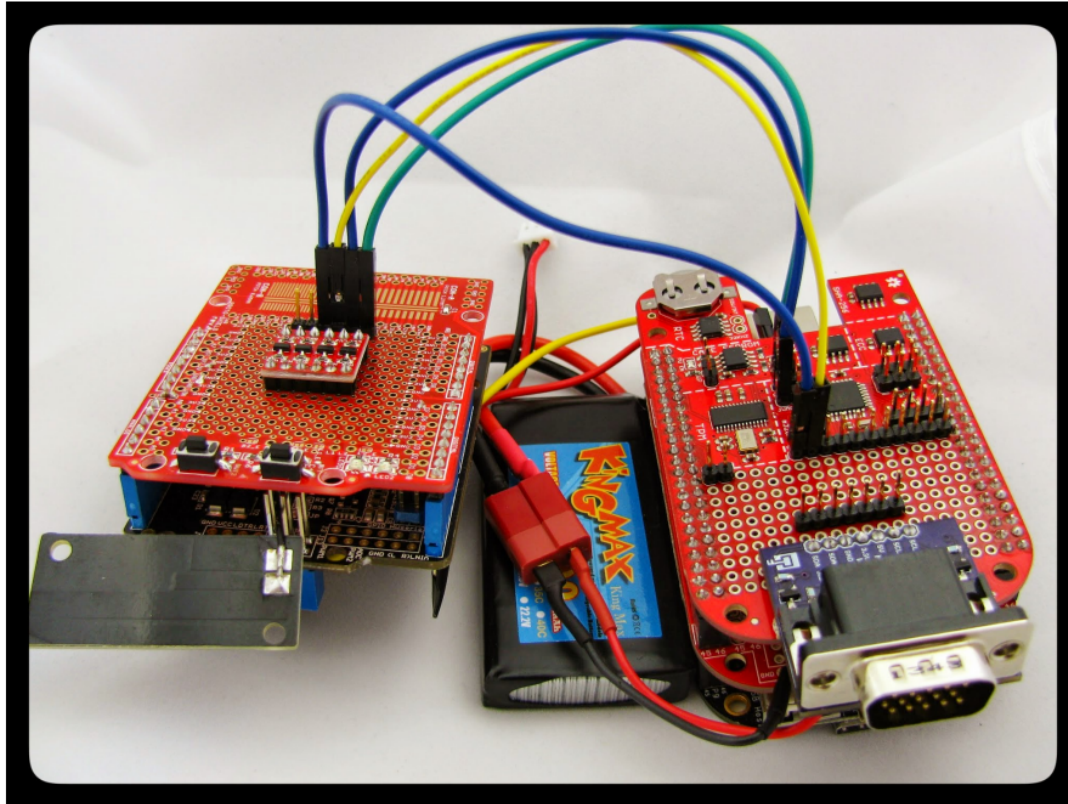


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**CHUCKWAGON - \$25**

I2C implant

# CHUCKWAGON



# Upcoming Toys in the NSA Playset

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**FLEABRAIN - \$10**

USB Cable implant that can store and transmit USB data





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**DUCHESSRIDE - \$45**

USB Implant that allows for USB middling

# DUCHESSRIDE



# Our Favorite NSA Playset Toys:

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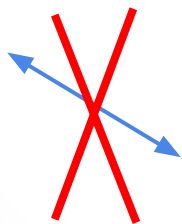
**TINYALAMO - \$10**

Bluetooth keystroke surveillance and injection

# TINYALAMO



+ PyBT



# TINYALAMO Demo!



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## SLOTSCREAMER - \$100

PCIe Attack Platform

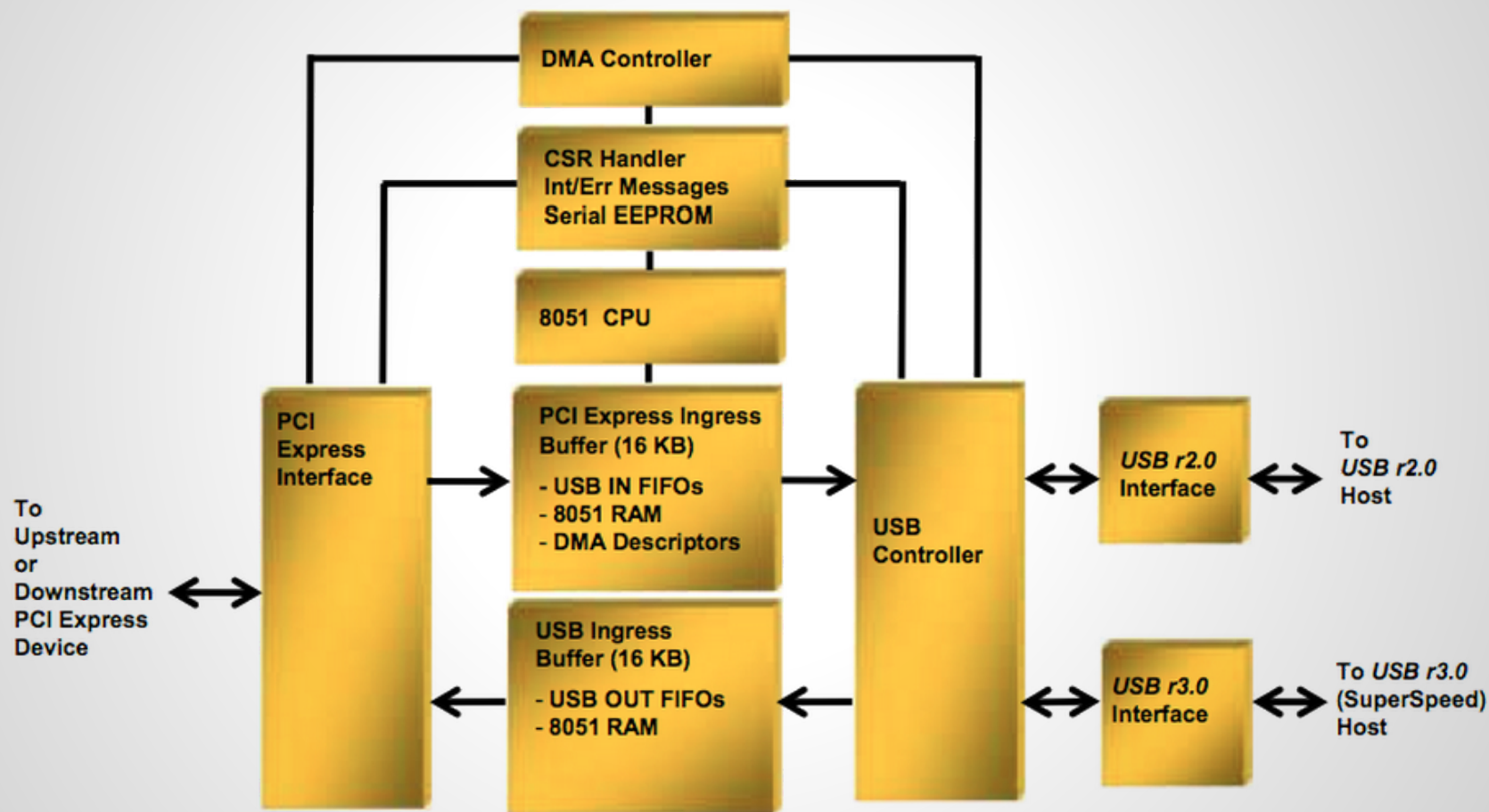
- USB3380-AB Evaluation Board with custom firmware

# SLOTSCREAMER Hardware



<http://www.hwtools.net/PLX.html>

**Figure 1-1. USB 3380 Block Diagram**



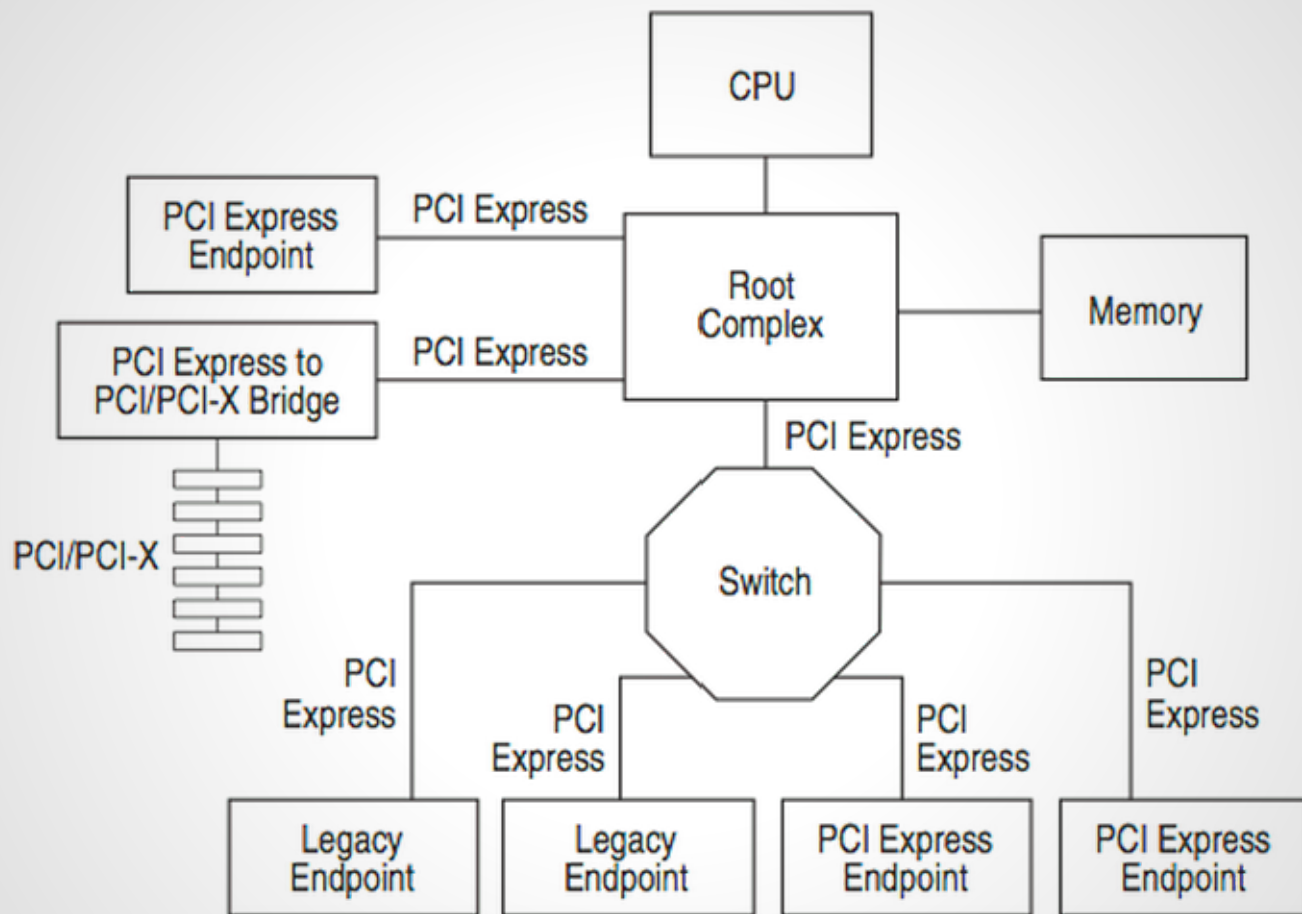


Diagram: PCIe 2.1 specification

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**HALIBUTDUGOUT - \$300**

PCIe Attack Platform

- SLOTSCREAMER enclosed in a Thunderbolt Enclosure

# HALIBUTDUGOUT



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## GUPPYDUGOUT - \$200

PCIe Attack Platform

- Expresscard SLOTSCREAMER in a tiny thunderbolt enclosure

# GUPPYDUGOUT





# **SLOTSCREAMER**

## **Demo!**

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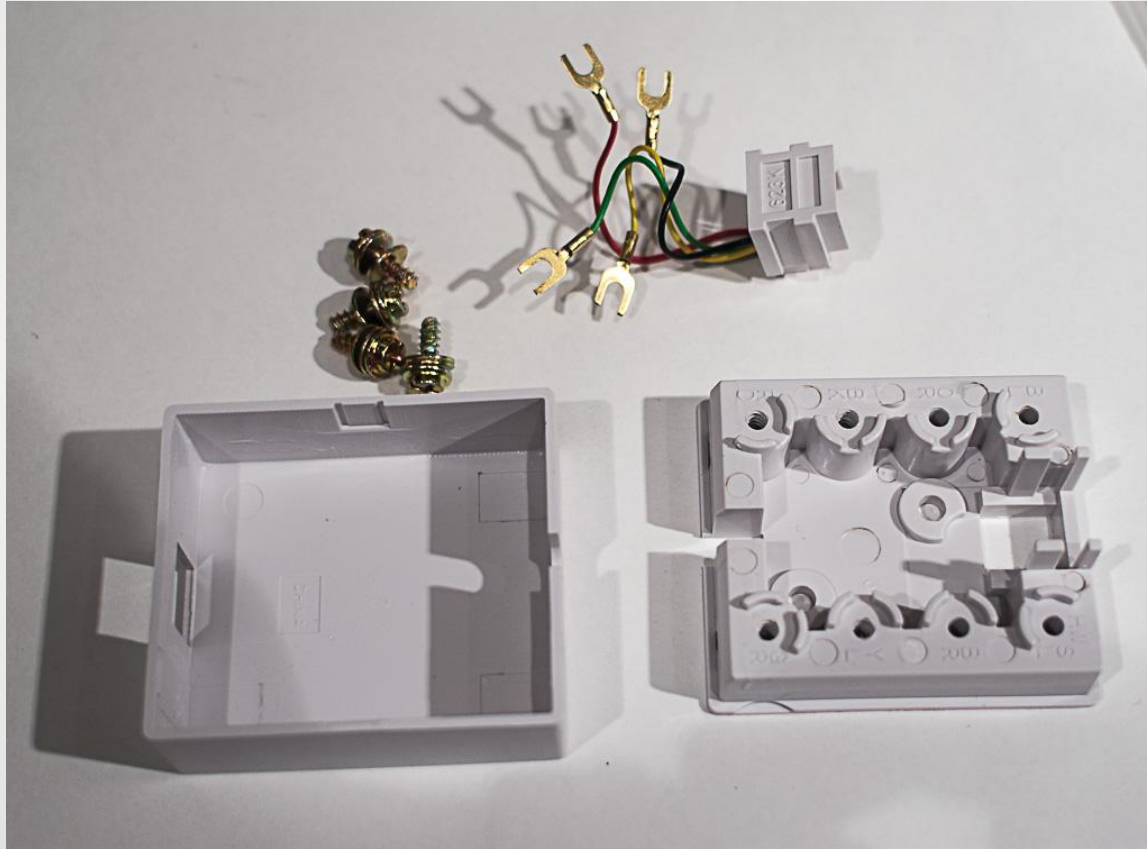
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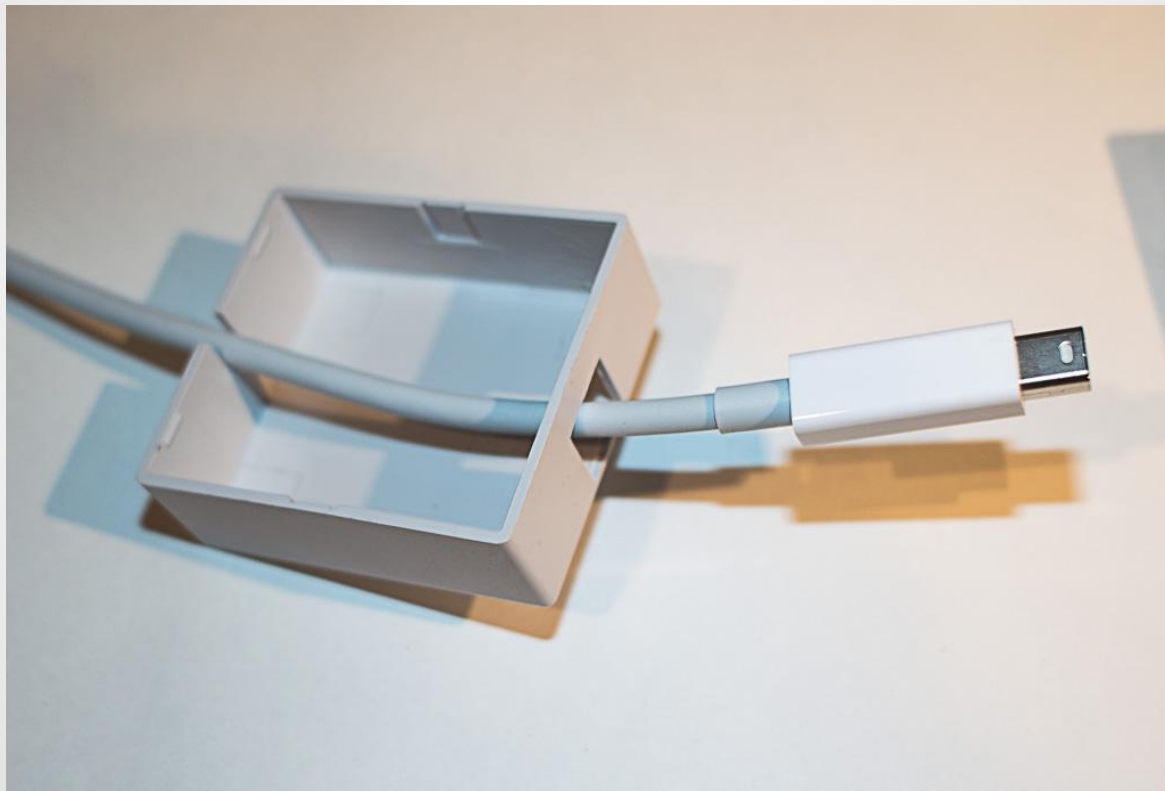
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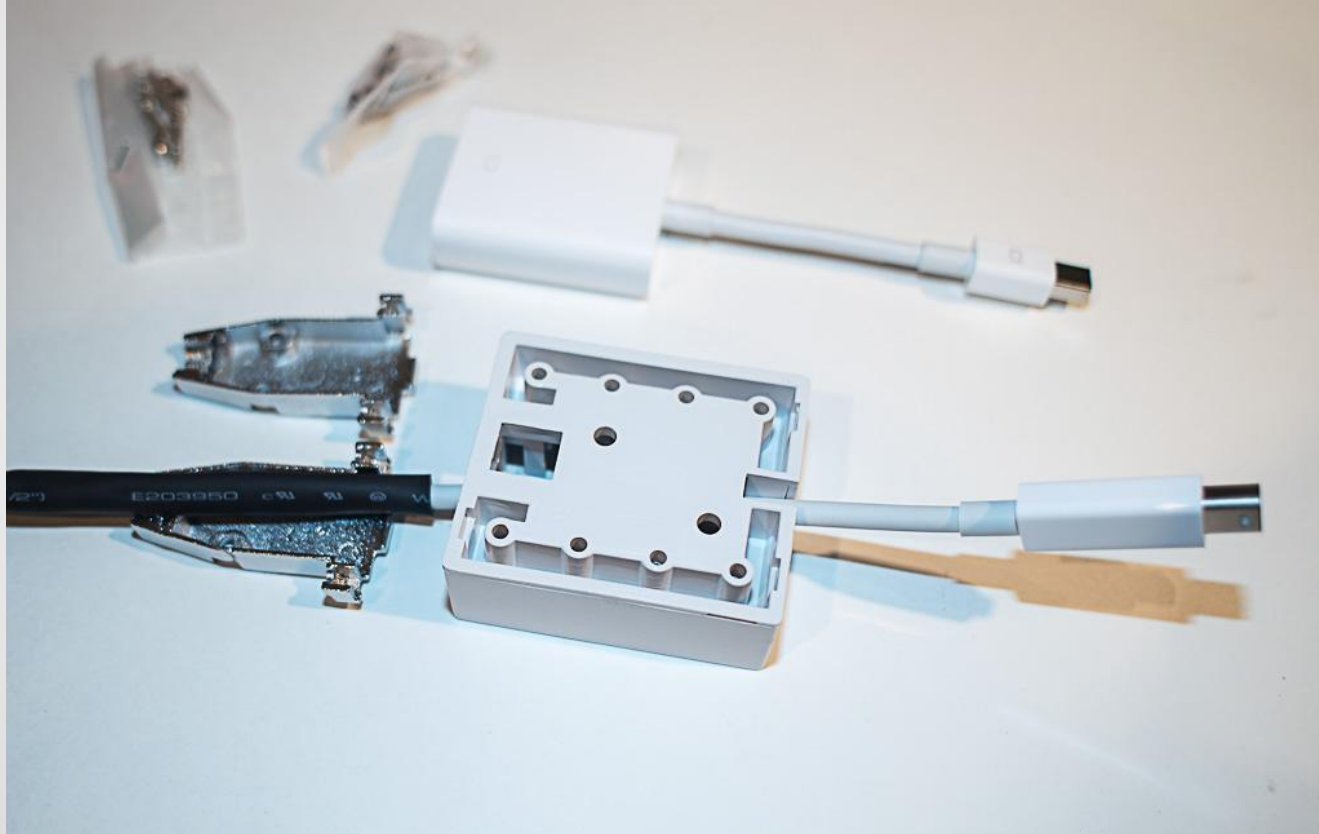


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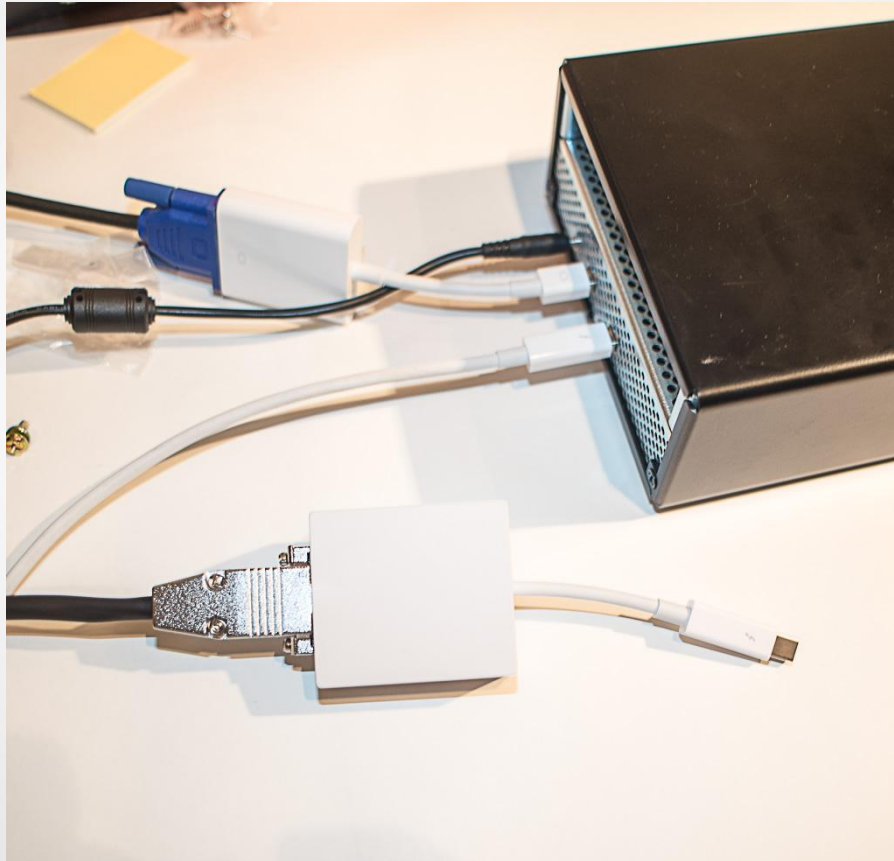




# Building ALLOYVIPER



# MITMing



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## ALLOYVIPER - \$50

PCIe Attack Platform

- Decoy cable for use with HALIBUTDUGOUT

# Who?

Security Researchers

Hardware Hackers

Hardware Developers

Hobbyists

Other Nerds, Geeks, and Dorks\*

An undercover agent or two\*

Tinfoil hat wearers\*

# But Why?

Intelligence agencies are not magic

# But Why?

If the capability exists, designers need to know  
to protect against it

# But Why?

‘Nation-state’ capabilities are out of scope.  
Cheap DIY hacker tools should not be.

# But Why?

If any 12-year old can do it,  
the design flaw will be fixed



# Questions?

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