

Conferencing -By error type eleven

Equipment:

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Tools to open the boxes the lines are in. Check your local stuff. If you have TNI's just need a flathead diver and maybe wire cutters in case they have so gay little seal on it. For big boxes, you need a certain socket wrench. Just check before you set it up. For COCOTs, you need some sort of wire cutter or razor to open up the cord coming out of the phone.

Something to access the line with, a linemans handset or beige box. A Cigarette lighter optional.

A pen and paper to write down all your info.

Players:

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You. You are the one who does all the phreaking.

The conference call person who sets it up. This person does all the conference setup. The person you need to social engineer.

The owner of the phone line that the call is billed to. This person, business, or organization is the medium of the phreaking. Their line is used to charge the conference, but they do not pay. The telco will pick up the bill. However, remember the psychological stress this will put them through. If it is just a random home, remember, they are the little guy. And they will have a nervous breakdown when they get the phone bill. I have recently decided it is not right to do this to homes. But of course it's your discretion. Small businesses would probably be even more inconvenienced. So that's out in my book too. Finally, big business and government. Screw em. They got resources to deal with the problem.

The telco. They are the conglomerates who have to not pay for, but lose profits from the conference. They are making so much excess profit on all their ridiculous rates anyways so screw em.

Numbers:

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*70 - call waiting check

(800) 487-9240 - ANI

(800) 232-1111 - AT&T conference call

(800) 232-1234 - AT&T conference call

Setting up the conference:

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1) Get a means of accessing the mediums phone line. Big cans are the best because you are not right at the building, and you have lots of lines to choose from. But I've done plenty directly from the TNI (Telephone Network Interface) or sometimes called SNI (System Network Interface) right on the building, or the little box in the backyard in some areas. There was a lame article on SNI's in 2600, but it just like explained how to use a beige box with the 'new' type of interface.

To access the lines once you've found them, just clip beige box or linemans handset to the wires. Remember, red and green is the first pair (line) of 2, and yellow and black is the second pair of 2. If the nuts that hold the wires down are plastic, and there is no exposed wire, you can bring a cigarette lighter along, and melt off a section of the insulation. I do it always, just cause it's cool.

You can also use COCOTs, but you have to beige them too, because they don't accept incoming calls. Just follow the wire until you can cut it open and tap the line. Yes if you didn't know, COCOTs are just normal lines, with a payphone at the end, all toll stuff is handled by the phone itself, there is no special network.

2) Now you need to get their number. Call an ANI (Automatic Number Identification) number. A really cool one at the moment is (800) 487-9240. This number tells you all sorts of info. I'm not gonna go into it. You want to hear ANI, then 00, and then the voice says the number.

3) Now you need to decide how daring you want to be. If you are doing this late, and just want to do it while they medium is sleeping, you can just go on to step 4. But if you're doing this in the day or there is any other situation where someone could be inside and you don't want anyone there, there a few ways you can check. If your area has revertive calling, simple call the number you are at, remember you dialed the ANI to get it. First, make sure the ringer on your phone is off. You don't want it ringing. Now after you've called the number, the phones inside will start doing this wierd double ring. If someone is there, they'll probly pick it up and the ringing will stop. If your area doesn't have revertive calling, you'll need to select the number you want to use to set up the conference, and then get on another line and just call it. If someone picks up, well, there is someone there.

4) Next you need to find out if they have call waiting, you'll see why later. Just dial *70, if you get a busy signal, they don't, if you hear 3 beeps, they do. If you know that there is no one inside this isn't essential, if you can turn the ringer off on your phone, and still know that it is ringin via like a blinking light or something. If not, your phone is gonna ring and you gotta be ready to pick it up real fast, and make sure no one will hear it.

5) Now call the AT&T conference ordering line at (800) 232-1111 or (800) 232-1234. Tell them you want to set up a conference. Say billed to this number, and tell them what number you're at. Then they will call you back.

This is where the call waiting comes in. Right after you hang up, call the time number or something, you know "at the tone the time will be 11:20 and 30 seconds... BEEP". The operator will call back shortly, and you just switch over. You do this so that the phones inside the house don't ring. Then she will go through the details with you. you tell her how many ports you want to open (phone lines, number of people who can call). Then you will be assinged a number and an operator passcode and a user passcode. Then you're all set to use the conference.

Sometimes lines have restricted billing. When this happened to me, they didn't tell me that when I set it up. So I had to call back and find out. When this happens it just won't let the charges go through and you can't have a conference.

Calling the conference:

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To get into the conference, just simply call the number you were given and enter the access code. Conference lines have ANI. When someone calls one, their number is recorded.

Do not use the operator code. If you use that, they will assume that the number you call from set up the conference and will nail you. The operator features aren't especially cool, just use the user code. I've never tried it, but it might be okay to use the operator code if everyone does, but that could get chaotic.

Do not call from your line if you set up the conference. If a caller calls the conference from the same area that it was set up in, They will assume that it was that person. you need to call a friend out of state and 3 way to it.

Do not call someone who will be calling the conference with the line it is set up on. Then they will have a link to you and the person you called will get checked out.

If a bunch of your friends all live in the same area and you all call, they can't tell who set it up. They can't do a thing to someone who calls out of the area, cause they obviously didn't set it up, and how do they know it is not legit? Only the person who set it up can get into trouble. But you were careful about that.

Conference advice:

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Don't talk at all about how the conference was set up. Sometimes operators listen in, and they will get cancel the conference if they find out it is illegit, and they also might wait and try and figure out who set it up.

Don't act crazy either. If everyone is yelling and doind wierd stuff, or you are playing music over the conference, they will assume that it is illegit, becuase who would pay so much money to do that. Also don't make prank calls on it and stuff, they will assume the same.