

\*\*\*The ART of Phreaking: v1.0\*\*\*

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## 1. Introduction

So you want to be a phreaker, eh? Well your gonna need to know the basics first. As boring and stupid as that may sound to some people, it's the truth. So I wrote this text file so people could actually know what they are talking about. That's about it for the introduction, so just keep reading and feel you head expand with knowledge, because after all....knowledge is power.

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## 2. The Art of Phreaking

Ok...your first lesson in phreaking is going to be how to make a beige box. This is a very simple box and will be good for you beginners out there. First you need a regular telephone cord (the kind that runs from the wall to the back of your fone). Then you will need 2 strands of insulated 16 gauge wire (other wire will work but this is what I use). Next you will need 2 small alligator clips. If you want to put it in a box that is optional (looks better in a box) so just run down to Radio Shack® and get a test box for like 2 bucks. Ok, here are the instructions....First take your phone cord and cut it in half in the middle with scissors....then strip the plastic coating at the cut end of the cord....for now disregard the black and yellow wires that you see at the cut end.....strip the small red and green wires (this might be difficult considering how small they are).....then take your first strand of insulated wire and strip one end of it.....attach the stripped end of the wire to the red wire on the fone cord.....then strip the other piece

of insulated wire and attach that end to the green wire...MAKE SURE that the green wire and red wire aren't touching so wrap each wire separately with electrical tape.....then strip the other ends of both insulated wires and attach each end to an alligator clip.....now make sure you have insulated everything securely with electrical tape.....if you have a box go ahead and put it in there, drilling 1 hole in one side and 2 holes in the other side.....then just fit it in accordingly.....now you are ready to use your beige box!! Just hook your beige box to a phone and go outside to your yard to test it...usually there is a tall skinny phone box in each person's yard with a picture of a bell on it. When you get to the box slide the cover off...(if it is secured with bolts just use a wrench).....after you have slid the cover off there should be a jumble of wires and a bunch of bolts with wires connected to them.....attach the two alligator clips to the bolts with the red and green wires connected to them....then pick up the phone and see if you get a dial tone....if you don't then just switch the alligator clips.....if that still doesn't do the trick check your wiring again (maybe two wires are touching or something...)....this box can be very useful because it now gives you remote access to everyone else's phones...

Well now that you know how to make a simple box I will go into pay phone

phreaking. Although the art of payfone phreaking is pretty much dead after bell decided to fix the little tone problem, there still are a couple of tricks that you can do to get free fone calls....

-1st method- (basic tones)

These only work on old bell fones that are um...really old, or are owned by nynex :).....the basic way that tone phreaking works is that a tone is played into the receiver imitating the sound of a quarter, dime, or nickel being inserted.....this way was found out by finding out exactly what tones a quarter, dime and nickel made when you inserted them into the fone....but anyway...you can obtain these tones by either downloading a program that produces them (try "Home of Warez" on Hotline) or producing them yourself with a red box....the easy way to make a red box is to use a tape recorder....what you do is go up to one of those dual phone stations and look at both of the numbers on the phones.....if there are incoming calls that is good, if there are no incoming calls then find a dual phone station that does allow incoming calls....then insert your 35¢ into the phone (I can't believe that they raised the price!) have your tape recorder and some tape ready....call the phone next to you and answer it.....then tape your recorder to the ear piece of the second fone (so the microphone can hear the phone)...then press record on the tape recorder....quickly pick up the first fone and insert a quarter..dime...or nickel into the slot....go over to the tape recorder and press stop. You know successfully have your own redbox tones.

There is also a nother way to make PURE redbox tones by buying a tone dialer at radio shack and then replacing the crystal inside with a 6.5536 hz crystal. Then just program in 5 \*'s on the fone pad and you've got a quarter tone. Each \* represents a nickel.

-2nd method-(3rd party billing)

If you've got a friend with you go to one of those dual phone systems

again and pick up the phone.....dial 0 and after a few seconds you will hear an operator say "How may I direct your call?" You say "I would like to dial (whatever number you want to call), but I would like to bill it to a 3rd party" ....She will ask you for your name and the phone number in which to bill the call to.....tell her some fake name and tell her the number of the pay fone right next to you....she will say "Please hold.." ...let your friend answer the fone next to you when it rings...the operator will ask him "Would you like to accept 3rd party billing charges from John Wilkes Booth?" ....have your friend say yes....then the operator will connect your call and the bill will be courtesy of Ma Bell....

\*That is it for the art of phreaking section of The Art of Phreaking....there will be a lot more in the next issue\*

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### 3. Neccisary items list

- phone cords (and lots of em'!)
- spst and dpdt switches
- experimental boxes
- wire
- Alligator clips
- keypads
- soldering iron
- solder
- screw drivers and other various tools
- old telephones
- resistors
- pots (not the kind you put a plant in! Electronic Potkotometers)
- transistors
- and other stuff that I forgot to add

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### 4. How NOT to get caught

If you are going to become a serious phreaker you need to know how not to get caught and thrown in jail...here is a list of do's and don'ts when you are phreaking...

1. NEVER phreak in public out in the brightness of day...especially on payfones....don't you think people would get suspicious if they saw a kid running around a phone taping tape recorders to it and switching from fone to fone??

2. ALMOST NEVER use a beige box on someone's fone when they are home....well...you can but I wouldn't recommend it...chances are that they will see you using their fone box and call the cops..

3. ALWAYS phreak at night and wear dark clothing....be prepared to run at any second if someone spots you..

4. NEVER brag about your accomplishments to your friends or at BBS's or at your school...chances are that it will leak out and you will be in deep shit.

5. Well I can't think of anything else but remember...always look over your shoulder...watch your back.....and remember...Big Brother is ALWAYS watching you...

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#### 5. What to say if you DO get caught

So...you were phreaking one day and despite my rules you were careless and got CAUGHT by the cops!!! Well if you are a young person you've got the hometown advantage....if you are over 21, oops...your goin to jail. Anyway if you get caught act like you have no idea what the hell anything is (i.e. ACT RETARTED!!) then say that your friends made you do it and that you had no idea what you were doing...then tell the cops some bogus sad story about how horrible your life is and how your dad beats you....if you are lucky they will let you go with a warning.....if you are not so lucky get a VERY good lawyer (I suggest Dorsey Morrow, Jr., Attourney at Law (334) 265-6602) Then after they let you go....sue the state and the police department...make a million dollars....then buy a Macintosh G3..hehe..:-)

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#### 6. Conclusion: How Ma Bell rips off society

Well...I'll go into that in a later version of the Art of the Phreak. That's it for this version of the Art of Phreaking.....hope all you newbies enjoyed it cause it was for you! Well the title of my conclusion really explains itself....so until next time this is LiTHiuM logging off...

(BTW: They are selling original Captain Crunch whistles for \$99.95....just mail-)

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