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[A Complete Guide to Hacking and Use of ASpEN Voice Mail Systems: Part II]
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[Introduction]

I wrote this second text file to clarify some points that I did not express in my last file: CAVEASP.ZIP. If you have not read that, I suggest you do so before proceeding with this file. It is the bulk of my experience with ASpEN voice mail systems, while this article is more issues that have been brought to my attention since the first text file was released.

[800 Exchange: Part II]

As stated in the first file, 800 voice mail boxes do not last for more than a month due to the fact that each time the box is called, the system itself foots the bill. However, Mr. Black (partner in crime) recently talked with one of the live operators sometimes reached after numerous logon errors, and from the information that he received, the OWNER of the box is charged per month. A voice mail box costs approximately \$6.00 per month, and on some systems there is a 20 cent charge every time someone calls the box. Thus, there is very little chance that your 800 box will last after the end of the month.

However, there are exceptions. Months after the "McGill Specialized Carriers" voice mail system eliminated its hacker problem (Reflector, Hellraiser, Night Ranger) the Synergist's box remained for several months. This is an indication that:

- 1] The box did not receive too many calls (and too many charges)
- 2] The company owning the voice mail system was rich and did not give a flying fuck about the charges to the system

These cases are rare as shit and thus cannot be relied on. Although your 800 voice mailbox has the potential to last a month (if you take it over at the beginning of the month) it is unlikely that it will last longer than that.

[ASpEN Software Upgrades]

Just as all computer programs such as BBS software have various intermittent upgrades to improve upon glitches and errors in the system,

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ASpEN, being a computer-run software program, accordingly has come out with numerous upgrades, although unlike BBS software upgrades which most people get immediately after their release, the owners of the voice mail systems could care less about upgrades, and therefore there exist a number of different types of ASpEN voice mail systems out there. Each is different in a small (sometimes minute) way, but some new upgrades have made it increasingly more difficult to hack boxes. Different voice mail systems (even though they are all running ASpEN voice mail software) may have varying (some useful, some annoying) features.

The first upgrades included the removal of the annoying ASpEN voice telling the caller each time he/she calls how to leave a message, when in reality it is so simple that my sperm could figure it out. Other smaller additions really have no effect on the voice mail hackers at all.

However, the real killer was the upgrade which eliminated the 3-digit error described in CAVEASP.ZIP the first text file. This upgrade, which I personally have encountered more and more in recent months, sets the system up so that no longer does the ASpEN generic voice warn you when you have dialed a 3 digit extension in which no mailboxes exist. Therefore, with this improvement, the boxes will be more difficult to find for hackers. This upgrade has not been installed in nearly all of the ASpEN voice mail systems out there, but for those systems that it has been installed in, the 3-digit error described in the last file no longer works.

[Direct Dial ASpEN Boxes]

Once you have taken an ASpEN box over (this method also works for other systems), you should next check to see if it may be a direct dial. It is likely that your box is direct dial if its last four numbers of the box you have taken begin with the same two numbers as the last four numbers of the system itself. For instance (stay with me now) when I first hacked my box out, I accessed the system itself, at 202-637-1897. I hacked out a box, which started with the same two numbers as the system itself (look at the diagram below.) By combining the prefix exchange from the voice mail system with your personal box number, you may have a direct dial. Try calling the number, if you reach YOUR recorded message, you got a direct dial box. Press pound (#) from your message to access the box.

DIAGRAM:

System Number: 202-637-1897 Both the same

 ^^AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA^

My Personal Box Number: 1808 3

 ^^AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAU

My direct dial number:

Prefix exchange (202-637) + Box number (1808) = (Direct dial box) 202-637-1808

The reasoning behind this direct dial method is the fact that the system

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number that you reach is nothing more than a box on the system that has been enabled by the system operator to reach other boxes from the system. If you think of 202-637-1897 as nothing more than another box, and you can reach this box directly, then therefore there must be other boxes nearby (in the 18XX range) that can also be reached directly, thus giving you a direct dial mailbox.

[Forwarding]

I have recently come across some ASpEN systems in which whenever a user attempts to access a voice mail box, the familiar ASpEN computer generated voice comes on and says "One moment please..." followed by a ringing. Whenever you come across a system like this, leave it alone. This result means that the system operator has integrated the ASpEN voice mail system into a PBX resulting in a system that forwards calls to individual offices, and the only way in which you can access the voice mailbox is if the person is NOT in the office at the time of call. Therefore, even if you did hack a box on this system, you or anyone else could not access or leave a message for the box during normal business hours. Therefore, you would have to tell everyone attempting to call your box of this condition, and a box that can only be accessed early in the morning or at night is impractical.

[Commands: Part II]

All of the commands once inside an ASpEN box were covered in the first file. However, I forgot to add one set of features. These are the features of the "send" command.

From the main menu in the ASpEN box, the features (explained in first file) are send, check receipts, personal options, restart, and disconnect. I went into great detail about all of these options, except for send. Send is the option used to send messages from your box to another box on the voice mail system, say if you have an amigo on the same system as yourself. After completeing the message, the ASpEN voice will say:

"Send message now, press pound (#). More options, press zero."

The commands offered by pressing zero at this prompt are as follows:

(Note: All commands below in quotes are exactly what the ASpEN computer voice will ask or tell you.)

[MORE OPTIONS MENU]

"Private, press 1" - This will tag your message as "private", meaning that if the person receiving the message has assigned multiple

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passwords and given his/her

friends access to the box, only the owner of the box will receive this message. Usually not necessary if the owner of the box is the only user of the box.

"Urgent, press 2" - This feature is only used if the owner of the box that you are sending the message to has activated the notification feature of the box (see CAVEASP.ZIP) If so, a couple of minutes after you leave the message on the person's box, the system will call their house with the message. Of course, only used in "urgent" situations.

"Confirmation, press 3" - This is message confirmation (see CONFIRMATION SUBMENU)

"Future Delivery, press 4" - (see FUTURE DELIVERY SUBMENU)

[CONFIRMATION SUBMENU]

"Message Confirmation, press 1" - This feature will send you a notice of confirmation stating that the message you sent was indeed received. When the message is listened to by the person you sent the message to, the next time you logon to your box, the system will tell you:

"Your message to [NAME] sent [DATE SENT] at [TIME SENT] was received [DATE RECEIVED] at [TIME RECEIVED].
To repeat confirmation, press 1, to continue, press 2"

This computer message will be given to you immediately when you logon to your box, before you may listen to any messages waiting for you.

"Notification of Non-Receipt, press 2" - This option sends a message back to you after a period of 20 days if the message you sent has not been received.

[FUTURE DELIVERY SUBMENU]

"Specify Date of Future Delivery, press 1" - This enables you to specify what date your message is sent to its destination. You will do this through use of your telephone touchpad.

"Spell Day of the Week, press 2" - This option allows you to designate the day of the week that the message will be sent on. You

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will enter the first two letters of the day of the week
from your touchtone telephone pad for this feature.

Keep in mind that any command described above can be cancelled at any time
by pressing the star (*) key.

[Disclaimer]

Anything written in this file was written for informational purposes
only, which make it easier for you to hack an ASpEN box for yourself. However
this was not the intention of the author. I claim no responsibility for the
actions taken by anyone reading this article who is slow enough to actually
get caught by any kind of law enforcement agency.

[Bullshit]

If you STILL have questions or comments after reading this, go FUCK yourself.
I have explained everything possible in this article. However, if you still
got something to say, you can reach me (Caveman) at 202-637-1808, or
301-921-3361.

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Mr. Black [Partner in Crime]
Tomellicas
Nat X
G-Spot
Albatross

[The Boards]

Legion [202][Will be back]
The Empire [301]
Nat's Atomic Dregg Bin [301]
Solsbury Hill [301]

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