

Pagers Aren't Safe



What is a Pager?

Page... those ubiquitous "beepers" that always seem to be going off during meetings.

Have you ever wondered:

- ⌘ how they work
- ⌘ how secure are they
- ⌘ how easy it would be to intercept messages
- ⌘ what type of information is it safe to send
- ⌘ what is the risk in using them as part of your SIRT process

How to Intercept Pager Messages

To Intercept pager messages you need:

- ⌘ A hand held radio receiver to pickup the pager signals
- ⌘ A hardware decoder to demodulate the signal i.e. convert the audio signal to a data signal
- ⌘ Software to function like your pager software and decoding the pager transmissions so you can monitor who is getting paged.

Lots of detailed instructions on the web i.e.

http://www.hackcanada.com/2600/articles/2600_16-4_p24.txt

The Radio Receiver

The scanner must be able to pick up the frequencies used to transmit pager messages.

In the UK these are:

138.150 - 153.275

454.675 - 466.075

Good signals found on 153.1750

An example scanner is the **Yupiteru MVT-7100**

Cost - £215.00

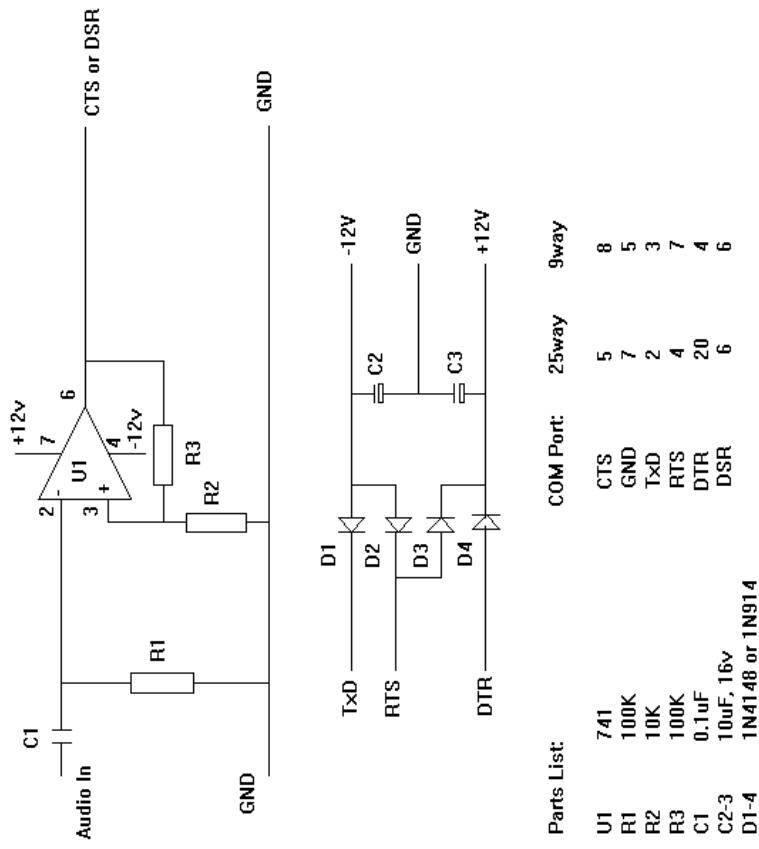


Hardware Decoder

Building a hardware decoder is not difficult and instructions are easily obtained on the internet.

If your soldering skills are rusty you can purchase one from

<http://www.pervisell.com/>



Cost - £19.99

Decoding software

Software to decode pager messages is available on the internet.

Some of the easiest to use are:

PD - POCSAG Decoder

<http://www.bearnnet.demon.co.uk/pocsag/>

Winflex

<http://members.es.tripod.de/COMPSEEK/buscas.htm>

POC32

<http://home.nikocity.de/go/poc32/>

Cost - Free

Putting it all together



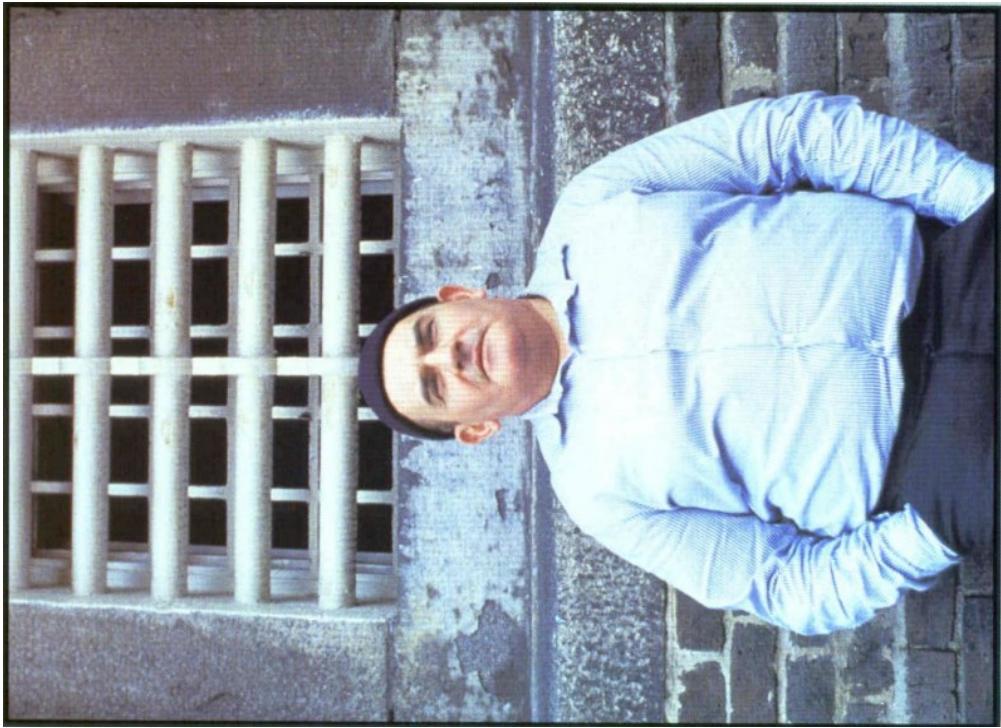
Time taken to set-up system, install software, and learn how to use it:

90 minutes

Cost £234.99 (Excluding PC)

File Edit Setup Filters... Monitor Help

T 116.1 -3.4 TSCO 257.8 +1.8 STAN 995.0 -15 SSE 654.8 +11.8 SPW 515.9 -2.1 1/1
[0175667] 3:07:12 PM A ALPHA 9:(850) 11-06-01 14:52 New:R040:2913691:L B OF GREENW
{19988888} 3:07:18 PM 1 1200 27:9922
{0295443} 3:07:18 PM 4 1200 1:9922
{1873933} 3:07:18 PM 4 1200 9:Please call [REDACTED] BankLine, WTR/CHAPS PYMT REC message(s) awaiting download
{1455678} 3:07:19 PM 4 1200 26:7121
{1752236} 3:07:19 PM 4 1200 6 093140
{1750354} 3:07:19 PM 4 1200 5:Ticket No#01137008 MALLORY BRADSHAW [REDACTED] OUTLOOK INSUFFICIENT SPACE
{1874570} 3:07:20 PM 4 1200 7:Test message for Andy [REDACTED]
{1795600} 3:07:20 PM 4 1200 8:Please Ring 2216
{1549779} 3:07:20 PM 4 1200 7121
{1529176} 3:07:21 PM 4 1200 26:Normal services resumed on the Bakerloo Line NCC
{1524198} 3:07:22 PM 4 1200 13:013272629952
{1713755} 3:07:22 PM 4 1200 DSN: 01137009 1dngc3a.uk. com Alarm #1 of global parameter 'NFSSNull' triggered
{1673504} 3:07:23 PM 4 1200 17:Ticket No#01136958 SIMON [REDACTED] 867 [REDACTED] mesadns alias
{1818688} 3:07:24 PM 4 1200 26:Normal services resumed on the Bakerloo Line NCC
{1799456} 3:07:25 PM 4 1200 31:Ticket No#01136958 SIMON [REDACTED] 867 [REDACTED] mesadns alias
{1529685} 3:07:26 PM 4 1200 32:ASN:LFI10248,BULLN CHRIS,[REDACTED] 01872 [REDACTED] 5,HIT,Problems,15:08 SRH
{6578950} 3:07:36 PM 4 1200 4:PLEASE CALL ANN E[REDACTED]
{1781159} 3:07:37 PM 4 1200 13:2MIR LONDON WEST SECTOR SDH Transmission Failure 1340 INITIAL
[0177993] 3:07:50 PM C ALPHA BT-A 432.9 +0.9 BUS 1.4 -0.4 BUC 91.5 -5.5 CCC 387.5 -4.0 CCG 195.0 +0
.6 GED 177.5 -12.5 CS- 67.3 -1.5 CTB 0.0 +0.0 DAG 55.0 -1.5 DGO 30.3 +0.0 1/1
[0175835] 3:07:50 PM C ALPHA 13:2MIR LONDON WEST SECTOR SDH Transmission Fail
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{1524347} 3:08:04 PM 4 1200 9::Incident #69161 Has reached its at Risk Escalation
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{1549779} 3:08:05 PM 4 1200 7122
{1870692} 3:08:05 PM 4 1200 2:DSM: 01137009 1dngc3a..com Alarm #1 of global parameter 'NFSSNull' triggered
{1455678} 3:08:07 PM 4 1200 27:7122
{1608889} 3:08:07 PM 1 1200 28:9923
{1713771} 3:08:07 PM 4 1200 18:DSM: 01137009 1dngc3a..com Alarm #1 of global parameter 'NFSSNull' triggered
{0295443} 3:08:08 PM 4 1200 2:9923
{1482770} 3:08:08 PM 4 1200 26:CAWU3001 TRANS 3600 PGM GSOM0010 ABEND 4038 PAL1
{0691982} 3:08:09 PM 4 1200 20:root: Fax1 FAX for 19 mins 4 failures
{1708145} 3:08:09 PM 4 1200 29:root: Fax1 FAX for 19 mins 4 failures
{1867283} 3:08:10 PM 4 1200 26:root: Fax1 FAX for 19 mins 4 failures
{1496172} 3:08:18 PM 4 1200 10:root: Fax1 FAX for 19 mins 4 failures
{1342488} 3:08:36 PM 4 1200 29:PLEASE RING STINE ON 5[REDACTED]
{6954639} 3:08:36 PM 4 1200 1
{0684364} 3:08:36 PM 4 1200 2:25557
{1818963} 3:08:36 PM 4 1200 4:01765[REDACTED]
{0570471} 3:08:37 PM 4 1200 29:DIAUD [REDACTED] 5
{1714717} 3:08:38 PM 4 1200 11:Incident #69161 Has reached its at Risk Escalation
{1528669} 3:08:38 PM 4 1200 17:Ticket No#01137007 EILEEN [REDACTED]
{1506833} 3:08:39 PM 4 1200 17:MRS LINDSEY 1 STONE [REDACTED]
{06538883} 3:08:40 PM 4 1200 8:02 PLEASE RING NICKI ON 8[REDACTED]
{0956655} 3:08:41 PM 4 1200 17:RECRUIT COULD YOU PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE ASAP 01698 [REDACTED]



Warning!!

Don't try this at home

Receiving or Decoding certain
signal might be against the law,
so please check local, state,
and federal law's before doing
any of it