

# PV204 Security technologies LABS



Introduction to smart cards



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## The masterplan for this lab

1. Communicate with smart card (GPPro tool)
    - ATR, basic info, CPLC
  2. Communicate with card programmatically
    - Java `java.smartcardio.*` or C/C++ PC/SC API
    - CPLC data
    - Obtain list of supported instructions from unknown card
- Project work

# 1. Communicate with smart card (GPPro)

- Contact PC/SC readers + cards
- GlobalPlatformPro tool
  - <https://github.com/martinpaljak/GlobalPlatformPro/releases>
  - Basic smart card commands, sending APDUs
  - Management of GlobalPlatform cards (JavaCard)
  - Type `gp --help` for all functionality
  - We will use basic functionality now, rest next week

## gp --info

- Obtain information about smart card
  - gp --info
  - Obtain ATR (Answer To Reset)
  - Parse using <https://smartcard-atr.appspot.com/parse?ATR=xxx>
- Who is the probable manufacturer of card?
- What is the probable environment for this card?
- Is it an open JavaCard?
- What is this card's circuit serial number?
- When was the card produced?
- What is different if 'gp --info --debug' is executed?



## gp --apdu APDU\_in\_hexa --debug

- Send APDU command from command line
- Try gp --info --debug
  - Can you spot APDU command to obtain CPLC info?
- Send get CPLC APDU separately
  - gp --apdu 80CA9F7F00 --debug
- Can you relate card's response data and gp --info?
- What is the response status word?



## 2. Communicate with card programmatically

- SimpleAPDU project (IS, NetBeans)
  - Uses Java's javax.smartcardio.\* API
  - CardMngr.java – utility functions for card communication
- Obtain list of available readers
  - List readers = TerminalFactory.getDefault().terminals().list();
- Connect to card
  - CardTerminal.isCardPresent(), CardTerminal.connect("\*");
- Obtain ATR: Card.getATR().getBytes()
- Send APDU:
  - ResponseAPDU resp = CardChannel.transmit(apdu)

### 3. Communicate with card programmatically

- Try to send get CPLC command
  - Pre-prepared in GetCPLCData() method
  - Necessary to set proper APDU
- Parse response buffer
- Can you relate card's response data and gp --info?
- What is value of response status word?



## Supported commands

- Card responds to some APDU commands
  - Generic ones (e.g., get CPLC data)
  - Custom ones (what card's owner wants)
  - Usually CLA/INS/P1 only (P2 sometimes)
- How to get list of commands supported by a card?
  - Look into documentation / standard (e.g., SIM commands)
  - Try to probe card (limited number of possible commands)
    - Be careful – many failed attempts may block your card!
- Task: find at least one ADU supported by card





## Optional: BF complete list of all supported commands

- Write code that will try all combination of CLA/INS
- Observe response codes
- Make list of CLA/INS which returns interesting code
- Analyse with curiosity!

**IMPORTANT:** use only with the provided blue card or card you can afford to brick (e.g., old unused banking card)



**SOLUTIONS (KIND OF 😊)  
(VALID FOR BLUE CARDS FROM LAB)**

## gp --info

- Who is probable manufacturer of card?
  - Gemplus/Gemalto
- What is probable environment for this card?
  - Possibly JavaCard with MPCOS applet
- Is it open JavaCard?
  - No (no CardManager with known keys)
- What is card's circuit serial number?
  - ICSerialNumber: 02006FC1 (Note: your card will be different)
  - Good to consider also other ICxxx values for uniqueness
- When was card produced?
  - ICFabricationDate: 1105
  - Probably 15<sup>th</sup> May 2011 (105<sup>th</sup> day of year ending with 1)

## Probing unknown commands

- Probing possible because of:
  - limited space of command values
  - error message side channel
  - missing failed tries counter