

Wireless LAN Security

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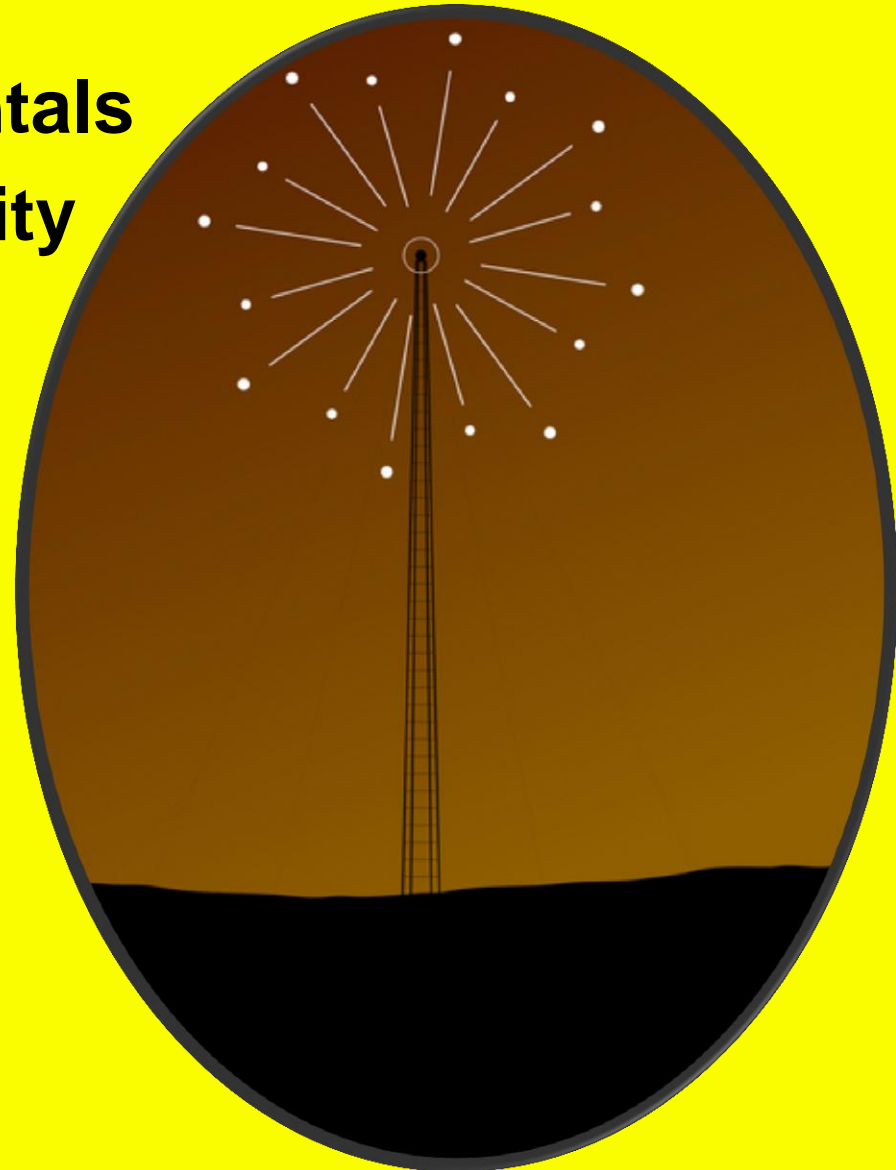
CSH6 Chapter 33

“Wireless LAN Security”

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Topics

- Introduction
- 802.11 Security Fundamentals
- IEEE 802.11 Robust Security Network
- Fundamental Wireless Threats
- Specific Wireless Security Attacks
- Mitigating Controls
- Secure Enterprise Design
- Secure Auditing Tools



Introduction

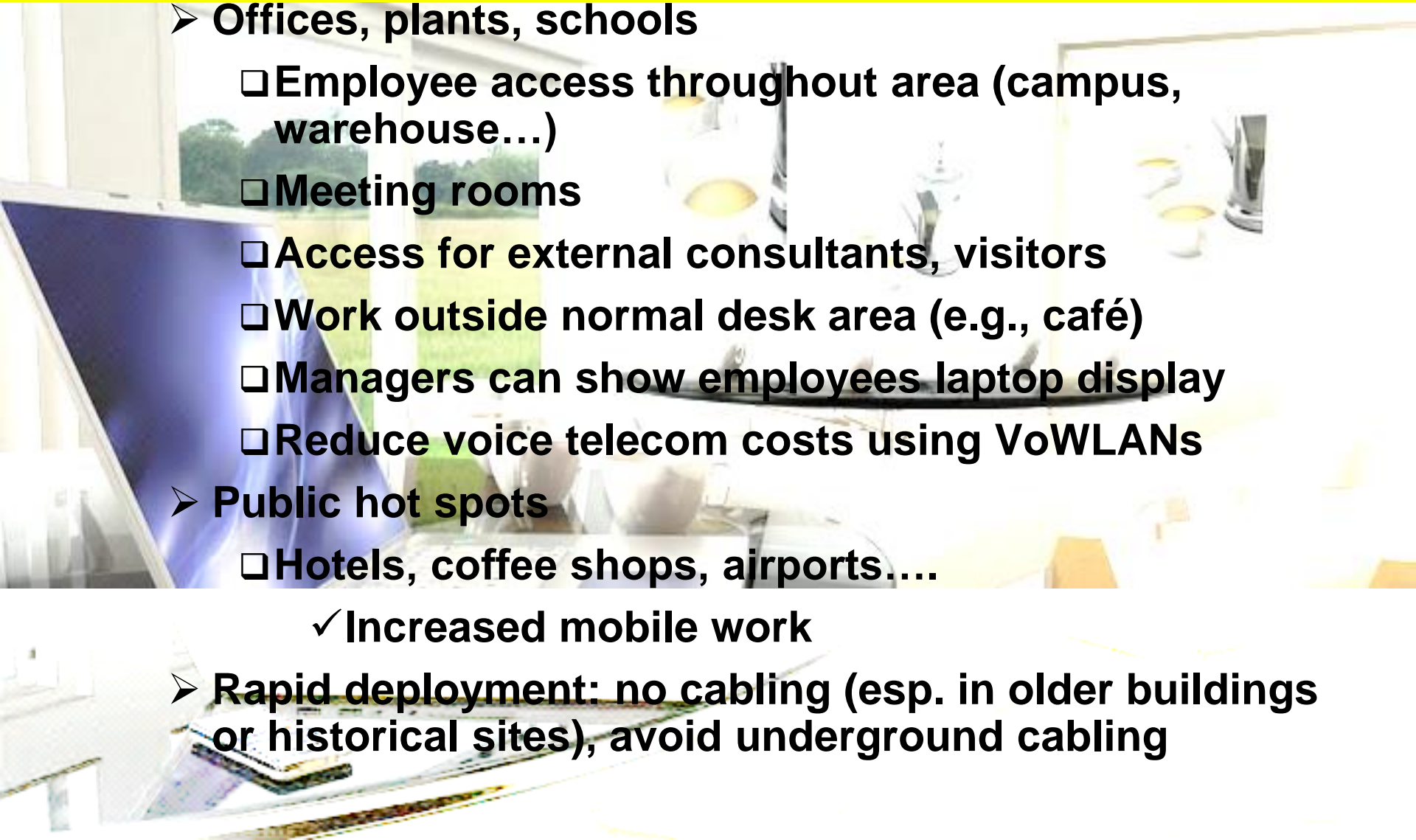
- **Scope**
- **Corporate Use of Wireless LANs**
- **Functional Benefits of Wireless**
- **Security Benefits of Wireless**
- **Centralized Management**
- **Overview & History of IEEE 802.11 Standards**

Scope

- Massive adoption of IEEE 802.11 wireless LANs
- Mobility, flexibility, rapid deployment, costs
- New opportunities for unauthorized access
- Purpose of chapter
 - ❑ Introduce wireless technologies
 - ❑ Present issues
 - ❑ Offer ways of addressing issues
 - ❑ Open-source and commercial tools for auditing wireless networks



Corporate Uses of Wireless LANs

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- **Offices, plants, schools**
 - ❑ **Employee access throughout area (campus, warehouse...)**
 - ❑ **Meeting rooms**
 - ❑ **Access for external consultants, visitors**
 - ❑ **Work outside normal desk area (e.g., café)**
 - ❑ **Managers can show employees laptop display**
 - ❑ **Reduce voice telecom costs using VoWLANs**
 - **Public hot spots**
 - ❑ **Hotels, coffee shops, airports....**
 - ✓ **Increased mobile work**
 - **Rapid deployment: no cabling (esp. in older buildings or historical sites), avoid underground cabling**

Functional Benefits

- **Mobility; e.g.,**
 - ❑ Warehouses
 - ❑ Shop floors
 - ❑ Hospitals
- **Flexibility**
 - ❑ Public hotspots widespread
 - ❑ Access outside corporate property
 - ❑ Access for visitors to corporate buildings
- **Cost reductions**
 - ❑ Reduce physical network infrastructure
 - ❑ Overloads handled automatically by shifting to nearby access points (APs)
 - ❑ Virtual LANs (VLANs) can use Service Set Identifiers (SSID) more easily than wired physical LANs

Security Benefits

➤ Physical security

- ❑ Hide and shield APs
- ❑ Contrast with physical network jacks – must be visible to all

➤ Segmentation visibility

- ❑ Wired networks usually use Media Access Control (MAC) addresses
 - ✓ Define VLANs (virtual LANs) for specific areas or groups
 - ✓ Can be spoofed
 - ✓ Limit users to specific physical area
- ❑ But wireless networks can assign per-SSID VLANs
 - ✓ Accessible anywhere in wireless environment

Centralized Management

- **Wireless controllers can configure groups of APs**
- **Configure a single image for thin-client Aps**
- **User directory through Extensible Authentication Protocol–Remote Authentication Dial In User Service (EAP-RADIUS)**
- **Mesh of APs can support security monitoring**
 - ❑ **Wireless intrusion-detection systems (IDS)**

Overview & History of IEEE 802.11 Standards

➤ History

- ❑ Early 1990s – limited use of commercial protocols
- ❑ Late 1990s – adoption of ANSI/IEEE 802.11 standard
 - ✓ Baselines for interoperable products
- ❑ 1999: 802.11b (11 Mbps)
- ❑ 802.11a (54 Mbps) & 802.11g ↑
wireless bandwidth to =
wired Ethernet LANs
- ❑ 802.11n (2009)
 - ✓ 600 Mbps bandwidth
 - ✓ Compatible with 802.11b
 - ✓ 5 GHz band



Home Use of Wireless LANs

- Wireless LAN networking grew explosively in 2000s
- Many homes use >1 computer
- Broadband Internet encourages telecommuting
- Computers can be away from telephone points
 - ❑ Avoid running cables
- Wireless equipment no longer expensive



Architecture & Product Types

- 802.11 Components
- 802.11 Network Architecture
- 802.11 Physical Layer
- Wireless LAN Product Types
- Benefits of Wireless Switch/Access Controller Architecture
- Security Benefits of Wireless Switch/Access Controller Architecture

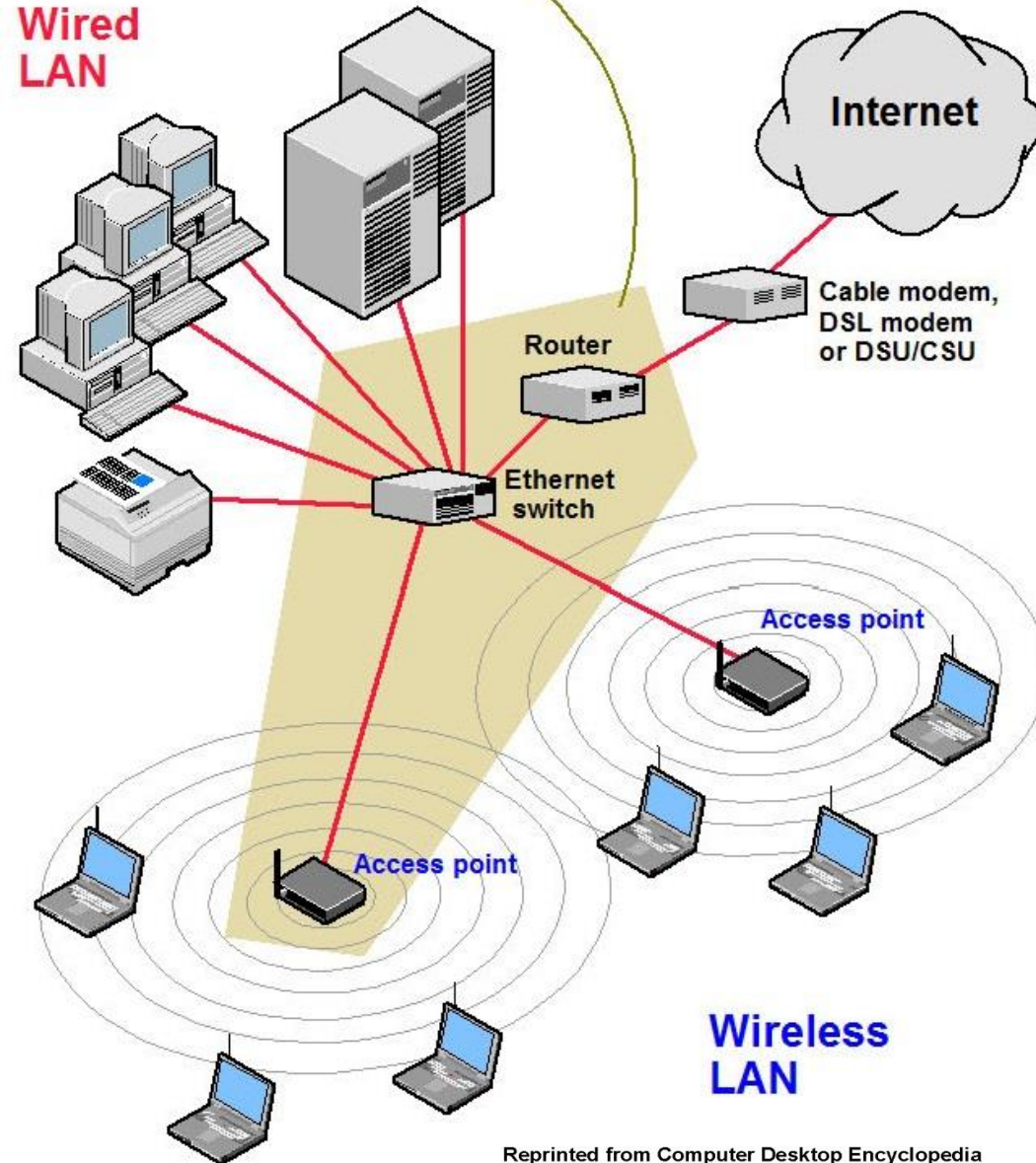


See RFC 4118 “Architecture Taxonomy for Control and Provisioning of Wireless Access Points (CAPWAP)”

<http://www.faqs.org/ftp/rfc/pdf/rfc4118.txt.pdf>

In a "wireless router," the router, a switch and one access point are built into one box.

Wired LAN



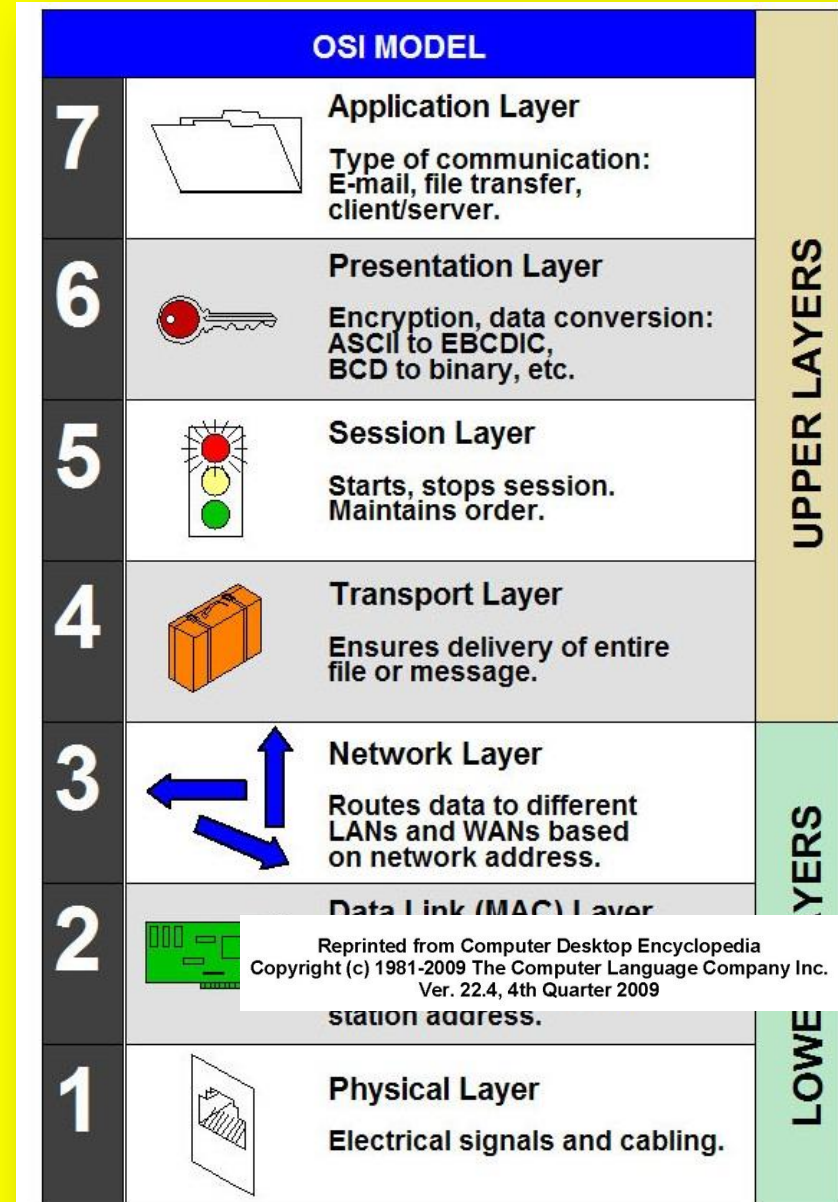
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802.11 Components

- Stations (Sta)
- Access points (AP)
- Basic service sets (BSS)
 - ❑ 1 or more Sta linked to single AP
- Independent BSS (IBSS)
 - ❑ Ad hoc NW
 - ❑ Point to point (mesh)
- Extended service set (ESS)
 - ❑ Interconnected BSS + LANs = 1 BSS to Sta
- Distribution system (DS) & portal
 - ❑ Connect APs to form ESS
 - ❑ Portal: connects wired LAN with 802.11 NW

802.11 Network Architecture

- OSI ISO reference model
 - ❑ 802.11 provides services at physical & data link layers
- 802.11 layers
 - ❑ Physical (radio)
 - ❑ Medium Access Control
 - ❑ Logical Link Control



802.11 Physical Layer

- 802.11 Infrared (2 Mbps)
- 802.11 FHSS (Frequency-hopping spread spectrum)
 - ❑ 2 Mbps radio link in 2.4 GHz band
 - ❑ Defines 79 channels (1 MHz each)
- 802.11 DSSS (Direct sequence spread spectrum)
 - ❑ Also 2 Mbps radio link in 2.4 GHz
 - ❑ Spreads data over 14 channels (5 MHz each)
 - ❑ Increases bandwidth but limits channels to 3 in practice
- 802.11b DSSS (11 Mbps)
- 802.11 OFDM (Orthogonal frequency division multiplexing) – 54 Mbps in 5 GHz band
- 802.11g – OFDM in 2.4 GHz band for 54 Mbps
- 802.11n – 600 Mbps (IEEE working group)
 - ❑ 4 streams @ 40 MHz
 - ❑ Still under development (2009)

Wireless LAN Product Types (1)

- **AP contains all functionality (“Fat” APs)**
 - ❑ **SOHO (small office/home office) users**
 - ❑ **Managing multiple fat APs became complex**
- **LWAP (lightweight AP)**
 - ❑ **Also use wireless switches in NW**
 - ❑ **Vendors developed different protocols**
 - ❑ **IETF working group: Control & Provisioning of Wireless Access Points (CAPWAP)**
 - ✓ **RFC3390 – problem definition**
 - ✓ **RFC4118 – taxonomy**
 - ✓ **Developed CAPWAP protocol for interoperability**



Wireless LAN Product Types (2)

➤ Wireless Mesh Networks

- ❑ Fat & LWAPs physically connected to wired NW (Internet access, LAN)
- ❑ But wireless mesh design has point-to-point connections among APs
- ❑ Much reduces cabling & deployment costs
- ❑ IEEE established 802.11s working group



Benefits of Wireless Switch / Access Controller Architecture

- Ease of deployment & management
- RF management
- Load-balancing users
- Simplified guest networking
- Fast roaming
- Layer 3 roaming (single IP address throughout campus)
- QOS (quality of service)
- Unification of wired & wireless
- AAA (authentication, authorization, accounting)
- Integration with older non-wired equivalent privacy (WPA/WPA2) equipment



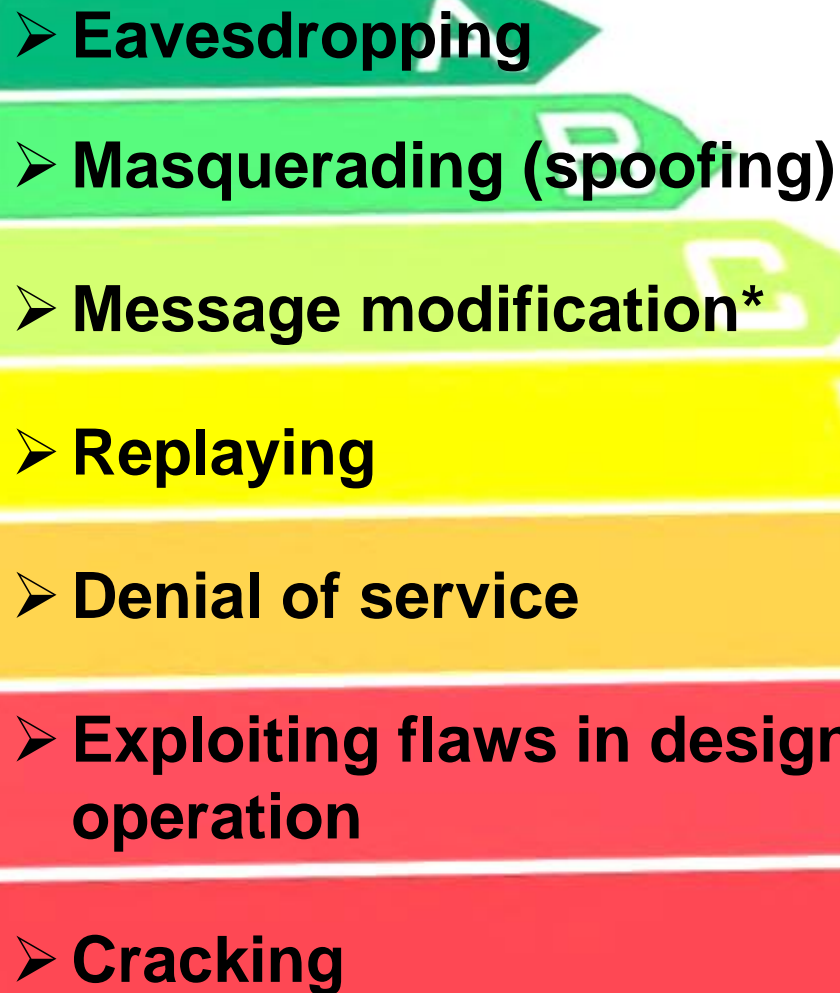
Security Benefits of Wireless Switch / Access Controller Architecture

- User & device authentication
 - ❑ Only authorized users allowed
- Access control
 - ❑ Can assign user to specific VLAN
 - ❑ Handles guest access easily
- Inbuilt wireless intrusion detection & prevention
 - ❑ Can analyze every packet
- Rogue AP detection
 - ❑ Scan for unauthorized APs
 - ❑ Triangulate signals received at several APs
 - ❑ Some products can actively remove rogue APs



Wireless LAN Security Threats

General taxonomy of threats to networks

- 
- Eavesdropping
 - Masquerading (spoofing)
 - Message modification*
 - Replaying
 - Denial of service
 - Exploiting flaws in design, implementation or operation
 - Cracking

* (MITM attacks)

Comparison Between Wired & Wireless

- **Wireless NWs subject to long-distance penetration**
 - ❑ High-gain aerials
 - ❑ Modified household satellite TV antennas
 - ❑ Cheap commercial products
- **Corporate wired NWs generally protected**
 - ❑ Firewalls
 - ❑ VPNs
- **Wireless NWs much less secure**
 - ❑ Easy to access by unauthorized people in street, parking area (or hill 20 miles away)
 - ❑ War-driving = roaming to find unprotected WAPs
- **Operational management**
 - ❑ Wired NWs usually run for professional IT personnel
 - ❑ Wireless NWs often installed by amateurs
 - ❑ Risk when WAPs attached to wireless NWs without authorization



Specific Threats Enabled by Wireless LANs

- Early 802.11 standards have security that has been completely broken
- 802.11i standard enhanced security BUT
 - ❑ New equipment includes compatibility with older standards
 - ❑ New security functionality generally not enabled by default
- Key security issues in “broken” 802.11 standards summarized on next slides



802.11 Security Issues

- Wireless NWs available outside physically controlled areas (use radio waves)
- NWs broadcast their existence
- Devices – not users – are authenticated (so stolen equipment usable)
- Original protocols easily broken
- Authentication is 1-way (client does not authenticate AP – allows rogue APs)
- WEP compromised
- Message integrity check vector (ICV) easily defeated using simple bit-flipping attacks
- Messages can be replayed without detection
- Admins install wireless LANs using default settings
- Wireless LANs use same keys for all users (so users can eavesdrop on each other)
- Public hot spots reveal confidential data



Specific Threats

- War-Driving
- War-Chalking
- Dealing with War Drivers
- Laptops with 802.11
- Neighbors
- Hot Spots



War-Driving

- Peter Shipley (2000)
- Drive/walk around with wireless NW equipment
 - ❑ Laptop or handheld computer (smart phone)
 - ❑ Wireless access card & sw
- Results of early studies
 - ❑ >60% wireless NWs: default configuration
 - ❑ 15% used WEP
 - ❑ Most WLANs linked directly to corporate backbone
 - ✓ Should have been to DMZ
 - ✓ So 85% of WLANs gave unauthorized access to core NWs



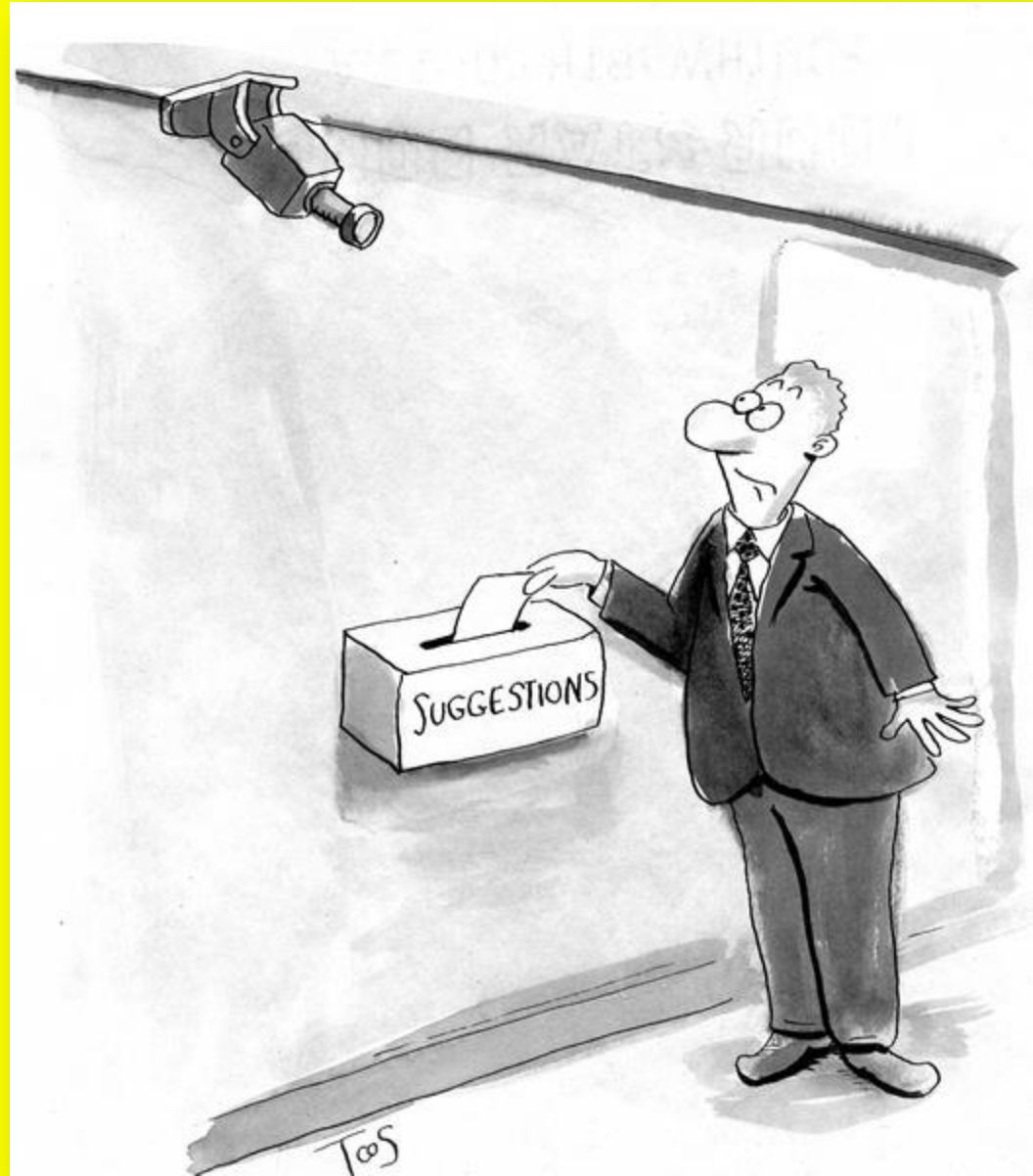
War-Chalking

- Criminal hackers were marking pavement or wall showing availability of unprotected WAPs
- Activity has pretty much died out
- So easy to locate networks using, say, smart phone



Dealing with War Drivers

- Video surveillance
- Brief physical/facilities security staff on recognizing war drivers
 - ❑ Stationary
 - ❑ Working on laptop
 - ❑ Pedestrians obvious; in car not so obvious
- Keep track of cars parked near building
- But in cities, war drivers can sit in coffee shops!
- **MUST** secure networks properly



Laptops & Phones with 802.11 (1)

- Even low-end laptops have wireless capability
- Smart phones equipped
- Windows XP/7 WLAN client monitors for networks
 - ❑ May connect automatically
 - ❑ Significant problem for employees connecting to corporate networks from home,
 - ❑ Rogue APs can take advantage of automatic connection
- Wireless units send out probes with identification of home network
 - ❑ So attacker can configure rogue AP
 - ❑ E.g., Linux-based HostAP
 - ❑ Once connected to laptop, attacker can scan for unprotected files, VPN tunnels to home system



Laptops with 802.11 (2)

➤ Microsoft ActiveSync

- ❑ Connect mobile PDAs, phones to host, NW
 - ✓ Access e-mail
 - ✓ Browse files
- ❑ Can connect over WLAN
- ❑ So attacker can use laptop as wireless proxy server

➤ Windows XP

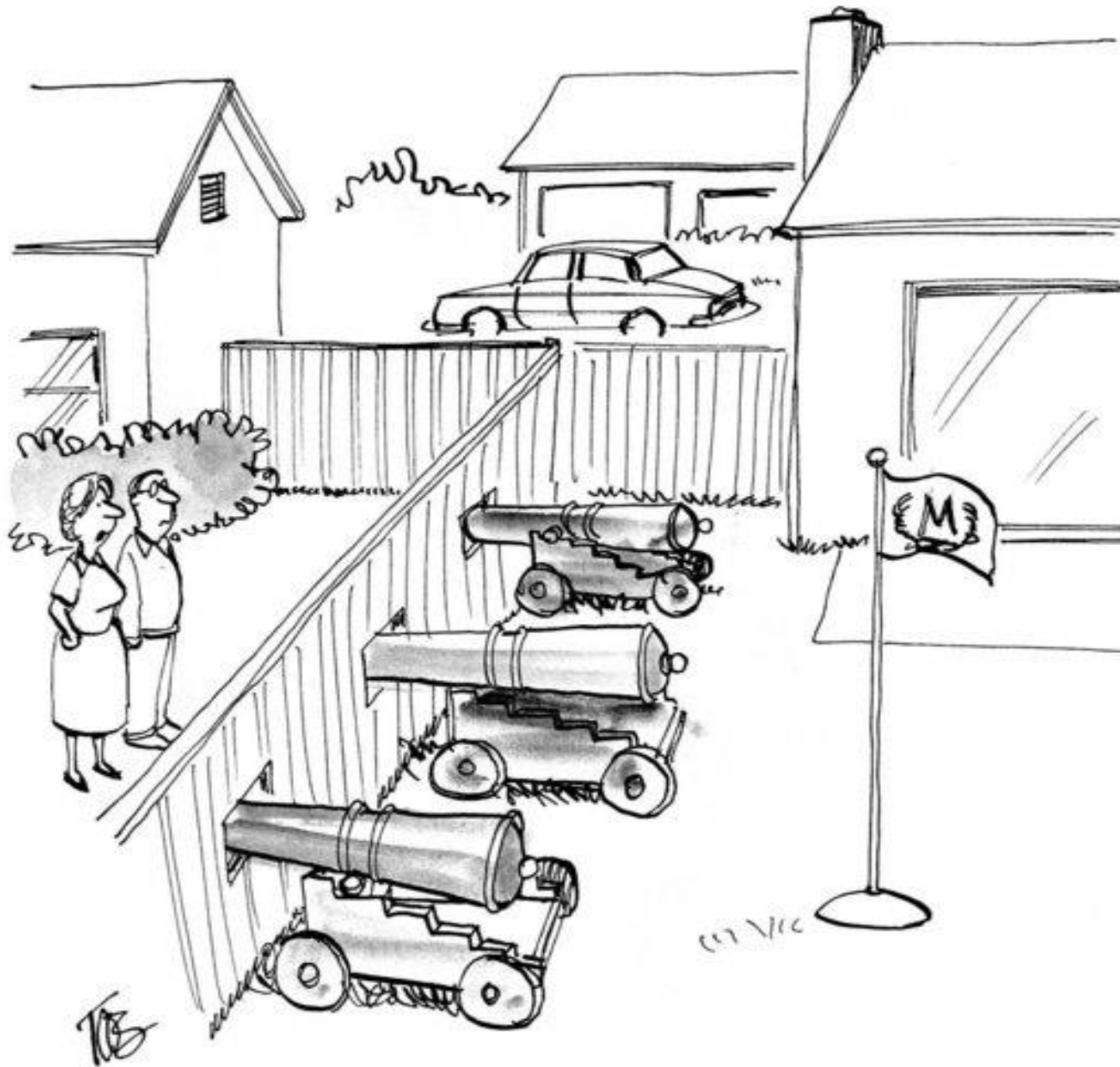
- ❑ Mesh NW (IBSS) allows connection from attacker's device to any corporate unit
- ❑ Many people inadvertently share their C: drive by default
- ❑ Even configure their firewall to allow share



Neighbors

- In cities, offices share buildings
- Can detect WLANs in adjacent buildings
- Attackers typically piggyback on other people's NWs
- Can also connect employees to wrong NW by mistake
 - ❑ Misuse of Internet bandwidth
 - ❑ Access to sensitive information
 - ❑ Vulnerability to sabotage
- Access by criminals can be serious
 - ❑ P2P file sharing or spamming can eat up bandwidth
 - ❑ Can also lead to criminal prosecution of victim of piggybacking
- Illegal ISP sharing
 - ❑ Some naïve users deliberately share their ISP connections to Internet (e.g., ADSL) using wireless router – violation of TOS (terms of service)
 - ❑ Can lead to civil prosecution for violation of contract

Neighbors



"Have we made a real effort to know the neighbors?"

Hot Spots

- Many commercial access points in restaurants, coffee shops, bookstores, airports, conferences....
 - ❑ Completely open (no encryption)
 - ❑ Therefore allows capture of confidential unencrypted data
- Research at Planet Expo (Boston, 2003)
 - ❑ Tiny % wireless traffic encrypted
 - ❑ Significant criminal-hacker activity
 - ✓ 149 active war-driving scans
 - ✓ 105 DoS attacks
 - ✓ 32 attempted MITM attacks
- Aircrack – example of program allowing criminal to become a rogue AP (steal user IDs, passwords)



Original 802.11 Functionality

➤ 2 security systems

- ❑ 802.11 (1999) defined Wired Equivalent Privacy (WEP) – inadequate
- ❑ 802.11i defined WPA (Wi-Fi Protected Access) & WPA2

➤ Topics

- ❑ Security Functionality
- ❑ Connecting to a Wireless Network & Authentication
- ❑ Defending Against the WEP Vulnerability



Security Functionality

Original 802.11 standard provided for

➤ **Authentication – 2 different algorithms:**

- ❑ Open authentication
- ❑ Shared-key authentication

➤ **Confidentiality/privacy using WEP**

- ❑ Wired Equivalent Privacy
- ❑ Encrypts data using keys on station

➤ **Integrity**

- ❑ CRC-32 Integrity Check value (ICV)
- ❑ CRC = *cyclic redundancy code*



Connecting to a Wireless NW & Authentication (1)

➤ Fundamental issue

- ❑ Wired NWs can use physical controls to prevent / reduce unauthorized connections
- ❑ Wired NWs must rely on protocol for defenses

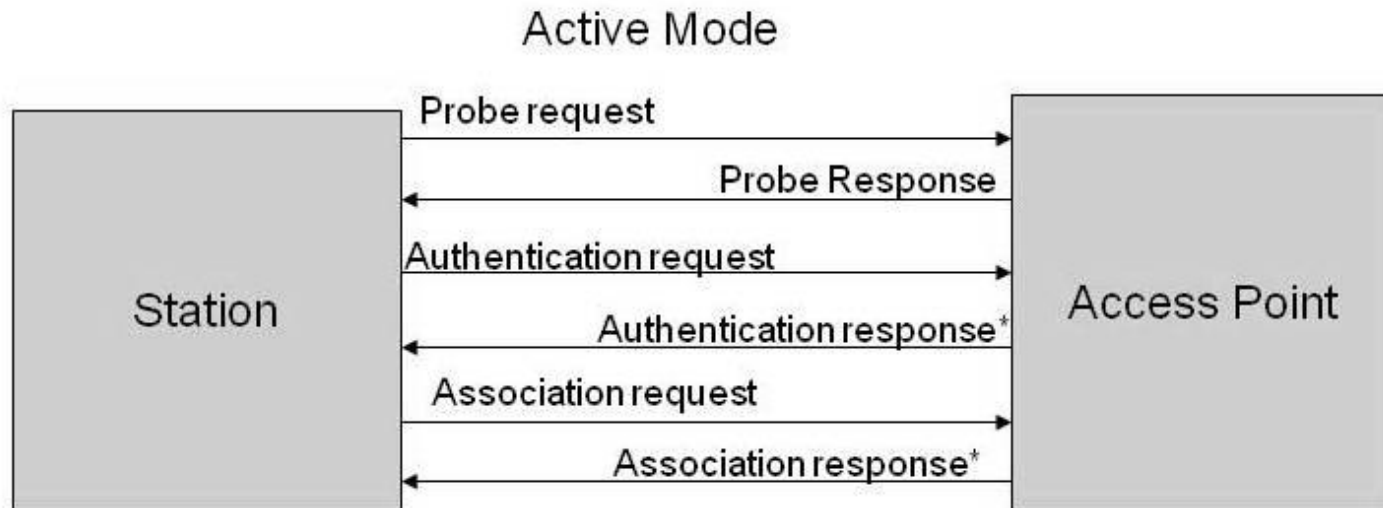
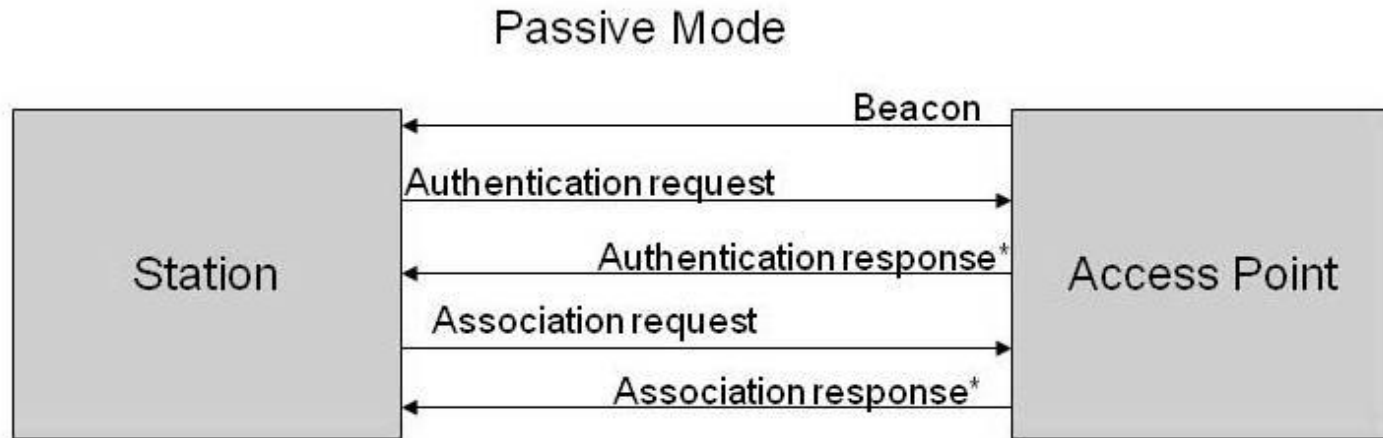
➤ Overview

- ❑ Sta* must 1st detect NW
 - ✓ Passive mode: listen for *beacon frames*
 - Regularly transmitted by APs
- ❑ Active mode: Sta sends *probe requests*
 - ✓ Sta return *probe response*
 - ✓ Often configure Sta to respond only to valid probe requests with valid NW identifier



***Station**

Connecting to a Wireless NW & Authentication (2)



*The shared key authentication protocol consists of 2 message pairs

Connecting to a Wireless NW & Authentication (3)

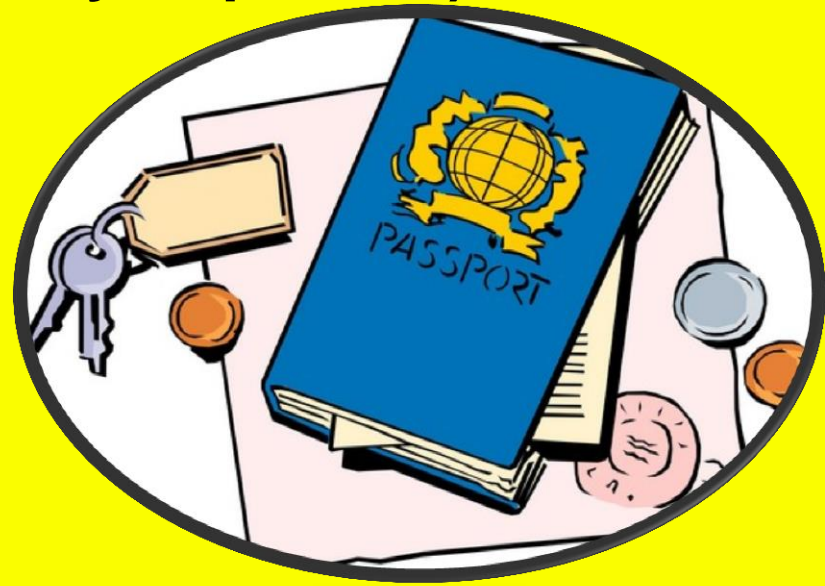
Topics on following slides

- Open Authentication
- Shared-Key Authentication
- WEP
- Fluhrer, Mantin & Shamir (FMS) Attack
- Developments Since the FMS Attack



Open Authentication

- Default mechanism in 802.11 (& only required 1)
 - ❑ Described as null algorithm
 - ❑ Sta provides identity
 - ❑ AP returns success or failure report
 - ❑ AP *does not attempt to verify identity of Sta!*
- Further refinements
 - ❑ Most implementations include ACL (*access control list*) in AP
 - ❑ Defines MAC (*media access control*) addresses for authorized Sta
 - ❑ But eavesdropper can capture MAC addresses & reprogram own Sta to *spoof authorized unit*



Shared-Key Authentication (SKA)

Optional protocol using WEP

1. Sta sends shared-secret key to AP
 - ❑ Contains IEEE MAC address
2. AP uses WEP to generate & return 128-byte random authentication challenge string
3. Sta copies challenge string into authentication data area in return message
 - ❑ Encrypts message using WEP
4. AP receives request from Sta
 - Decrypts Sta request using WEP
 - AP verifies ICV (integrity check value)
 - Compares received challenge string with sent challenge string
 - If both ICV & challenge string OK, sends *success*



Security Issues with SKA (1)

- Designers recognized flaws
- Both cleartext & encrypted versions of challenge string transmitted during negotiation
 - ❑ Thus attacker can capture both & crack pseudo-random number (PRN) sequence used to create authentication challenge (see previous slide)
 - ❑ “Implementations should therefore avoid using the same key/IV pair for subsequent frames.”
- Borisov, Goldberg, & Wagner’s analysis
 - ❑ SKA key stream established for each session between AP & specific Sta
 - ❑ But MITM attack can re-use fixed cryptographic elements without knowing original WEP key that starts process



Security Issues with SKA (2)

- 128 byte challenge can be re-used by Sta
- Therefore attacker can
 - ❑ Encrypt any string ≤ 128 bytes using known IV (initialization vector)
 - ❑ Inject messages into data stream
 - ❑ Can send commands (e.g., Ping) to generate more matching IVs & key streams
 - ❑ E.g., support dictionary attack on MACs
- **RESULT:**
SKA PROTOCOL
SHOULD NOT BE USED



WEP (Wired Equivalent Privacy)



- **Defined in**
 - ❑ **IEEE 802.11b §8.2**
 - ❑ **Also in 802.11i**
- ***Topics on next slides***
 - ❑ **Properties of RC4 Stream Cipher**
 - ❑ **WEP Protocol**
 - ❑ **WEP Keys**
 - ❑ **Problems with WEP**
 - ❑ **Key Management**
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 - ❑ **Default WEP Keys**

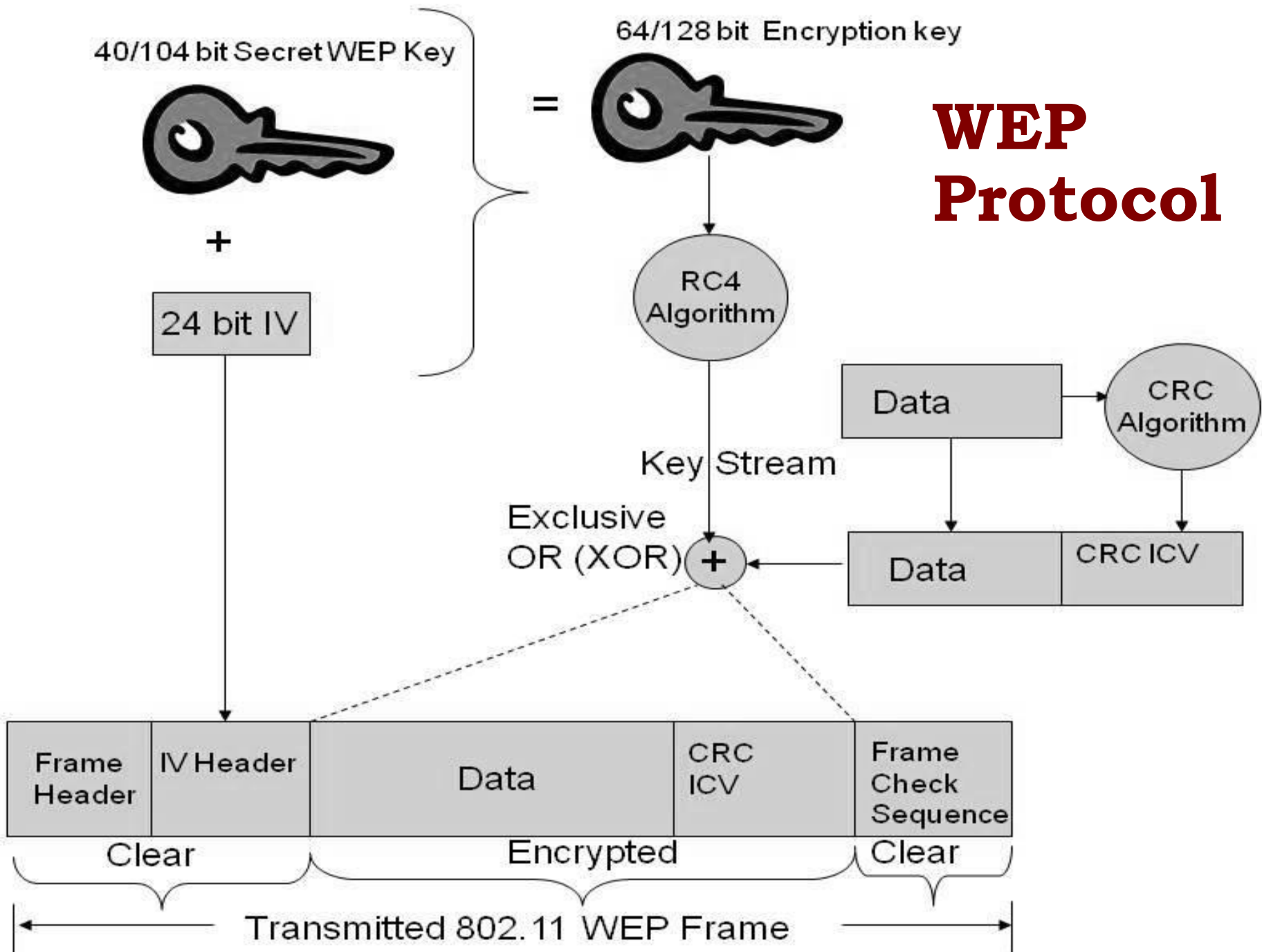
Properties of RC4 Stream Cipher

- RSA (originally named for Rivest, Shamir & Adleman)
- RC4 = “Ron’s Code” or “Rivest’s Cipher” #4
 - ❑ Stream cipher
 - ❑ XOR key bytes with plaintext
 - ❑ No propagation of errors (unlike block ciphers)
- Stream ciphers vulnerable to known-plaintext attacks
 - ❑ Encrypt *known plaintext* with key
 - ❑ Then XOR *plaintext* with *ciphertext* to recover key stream
 - ❑ Can then insert spoofed messages using key



Ron Rivest

WEP Protocol



WEP Keys

- IEEE 802.11 stipulates 4 default keys for each Sta
 - ❑ Numbered 0, 1, 2, & 3
 - ❑ Each 40 bits
- Combine 1 of keys with 24-bit IV = 64-bit key
 - ❑ Used for RC4 computations as keystream
- But modern products use non-standard 104-bit keys
 - ❑ Combined with 24-bit IV = 128-bit key



Problems with WEP

(Borisov, Goldberg & Wagner) (1)

- 40-bit standard keys too short to prevent brute-force cracking (with today's CPU speeds)
 - ❑ Solved by de facto standard of 104-bit keys
- Key stream re-used
 - ❑ Therefore open to known-plaintext attacks
 - ❑ PLUS XOR of 2 separate ciphertexts encrypted by same stream cipher = 2 plaintexts XOR'd
 - ✓ Vulnerable to cryptanalysis
- No specified key management protocol
 - ❑ And *ad hoc* vendor-supplied KM protocols often weak



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Problems with WEP

(Borisov, Goldberg & Wagner) (2)

- **Replay attacks (message modification)**
 - ❑ Demonstrated that encryption too weak to prevent changes in encrypted payload without altering checksum
 - ❑ So can inject altered payload
- **Message injection**
 - ❑ Obtain key stream by XORing known plaintext with its encrypted ciphertext version
 - ❑ Then XOR new message with key stream
 - ❑ Inject spoofed packets into data stream
 - ✓ Due to use of weak CRC-32 algorithm
 - ✓ Would be improved by using SHA-1 HMAC (hashed message authentication code)



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Problems with WEP

(Borisov, Goldberg & Wagner) (3)

➤ IP redirection

- ☐ Capture packet from Sta
- ☐ Alter destination address to send to attacker's host on Internet
- ☐ Attacker's host decrypts packet
- ☐ Returns cleartext to attacker



➤ Reaction attack vs TCP

- ☐ Flip one bit in captured TCP message
- ☐ Send to TCP-based server
- ☐ If TCP checksum still valid, server returns ACK; else no response
- ☐ Thus server tests one bit at a time for cryptographic recovery of plaintext

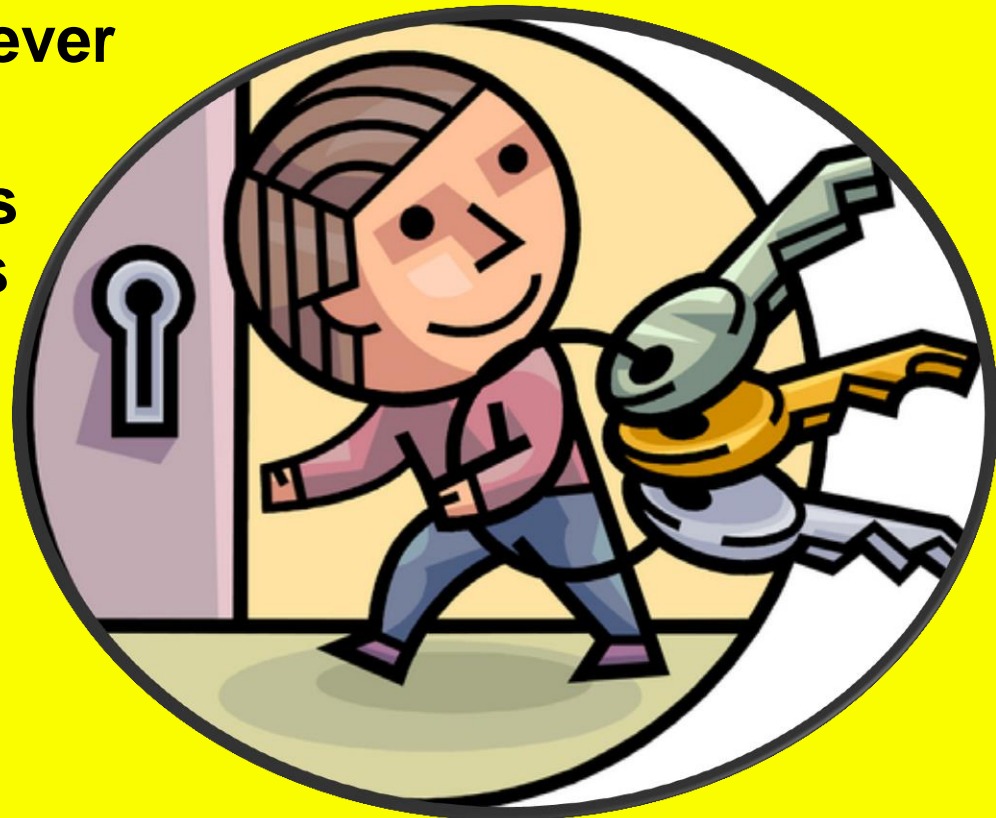
Key Management

- Most WEP NWs use only 1 (the same) shared key (out of only 4) for all Sta
- Increases chances of integrity value (IV) collisions & re-use of IV in attacks
- Lack of prescribed KM protocol has led to vendor- or implementation-specific protocols
- Many vendors rely on manual system to define keys – not manageable or scalable



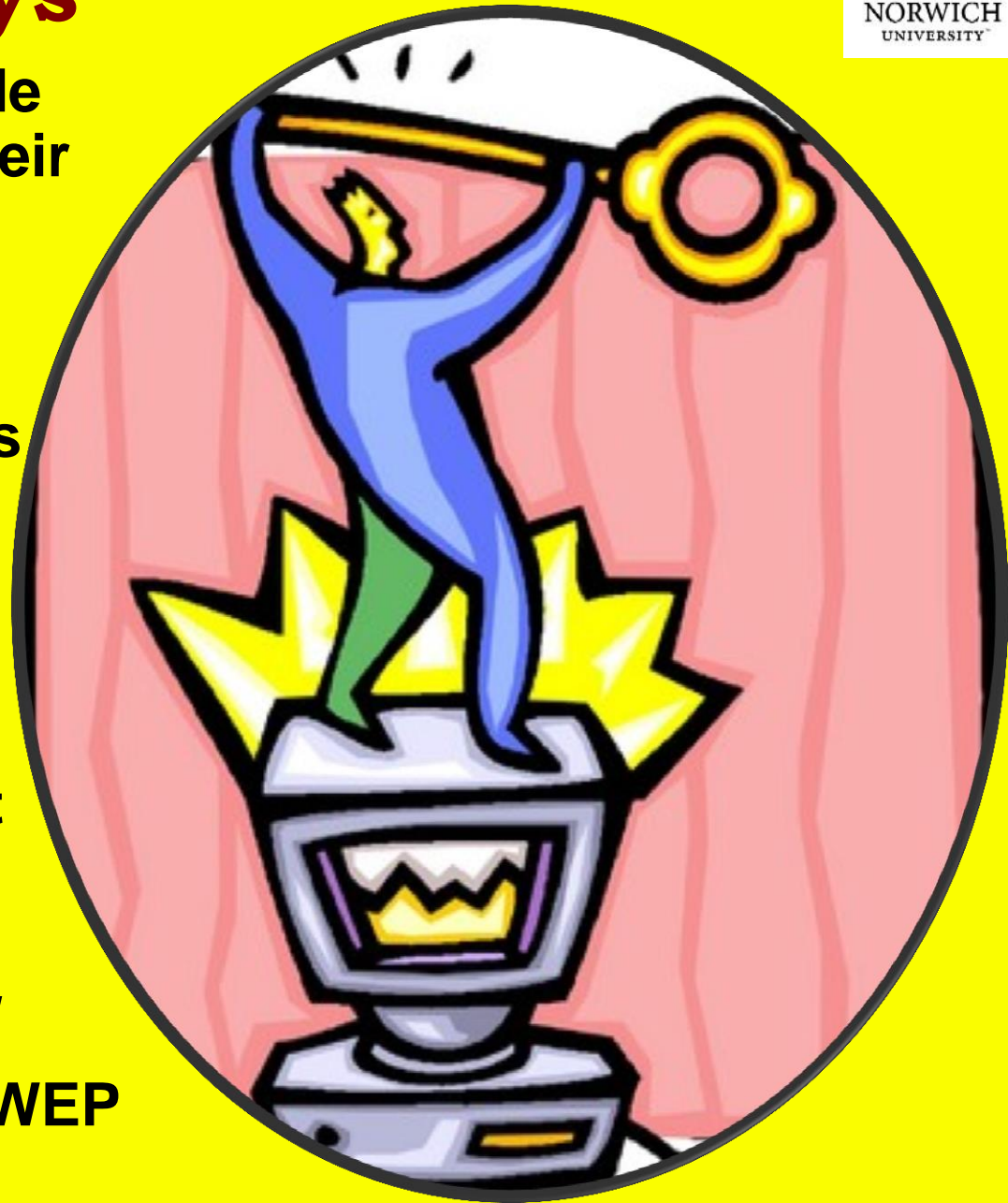
Problems with Key Management

- Keys manually entered into each Sta
 - ❑ Many products display keys in plaintext
 - ❑ So then many people get to know the keys
- Difficult or impossible to coordinate change of keys
 - ❑ So many installations never change their keys at all
 - ❑ Thus attackers have lots of time for cryptanalysis
 - ❑ Former staff may know long-standing keys after departure from organization



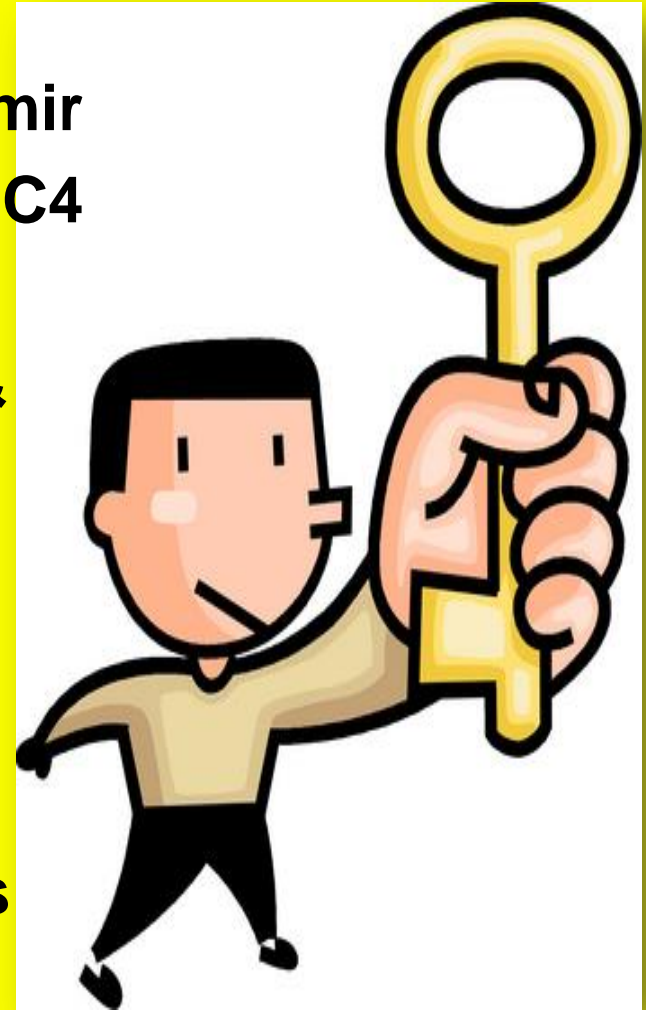
Default WEP Keys

- Many manufacturers code default WEP keys into their equipment
- Equivalent to canonical passwords in other access-control situations such as application programs
- Attackers well familiar with default values
 - ❑ Netstumbler & Kismet identify manufacturer
 - ❑ Easy to enter known keys to break into NW
- **DO NOT USE DEFAULT WEP KEYS!**



Fluhrer, Mantin & Shamir (FMS) Attack (Aug 2001)

- Scott Fluhrer, Itsik Mantin & Adi Shamir
- Published paper on weaknesses in RC4
 - ❑ Speculated on attacking WEP
- Adam Stubblefield, John Ioannidis, & Ariel Rubin (Aug 2001)
 - ❑ Described successful attack
 - ❑ Took only 2 hours to write script
 - ❑ Took few days to gather OTS HW & SW to recover WEP key
 - ❑ Need to collect ~5M packets (or as few as 1M)
 - ❑ Aircrack & WEPCrack use this attack method



Developments Since the FMS Attack

- Vendors responded to FMS & SIR papers
 - ❑ Dropped weak initialization vectors (IVs)
 - ❑ Developed new protocol: Dynamic WEP (see later)
- But attackers quickly undermined all WEP security
 - ❑ Aug 6, 2004: “Korek” posted *chopper*
 - ✓ Statistical attack does not depend on weak IVs
 - ✓ Requires only 100Ks of packets
 - ✓ Integrated into Aircsnort & Aircrack tools



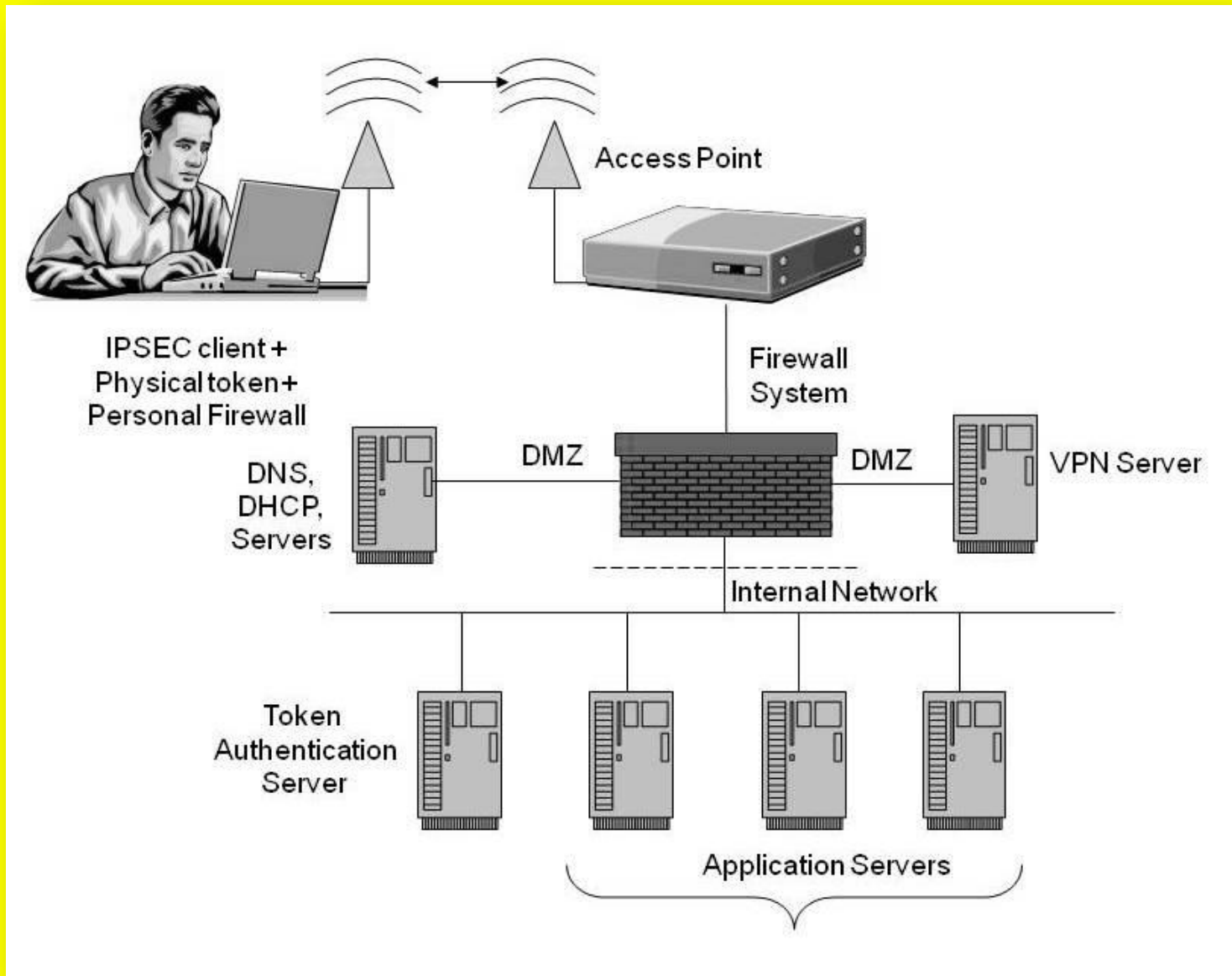
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Defending Against WEP Vulnerabilities (1)

- Best defense: don't use WEP at all!
 - ❑ Use 802.11i WPA (Wi-Fi Protected Access) or WPA2
- If you must use WEP, see Exhibit 33.7 in *CSH6* (p 33.21) for list of problems & countermeasures
- Exhibit 33.8 (next slide) summarizes safe topology for wireless networks using WEP
 - ❑ Note firewall between WAP & all other network components
- Further topics discussed below



Defending Against WEP Vulnerabilities (2)



Defending Against the WEP Vulnerabilities (3)

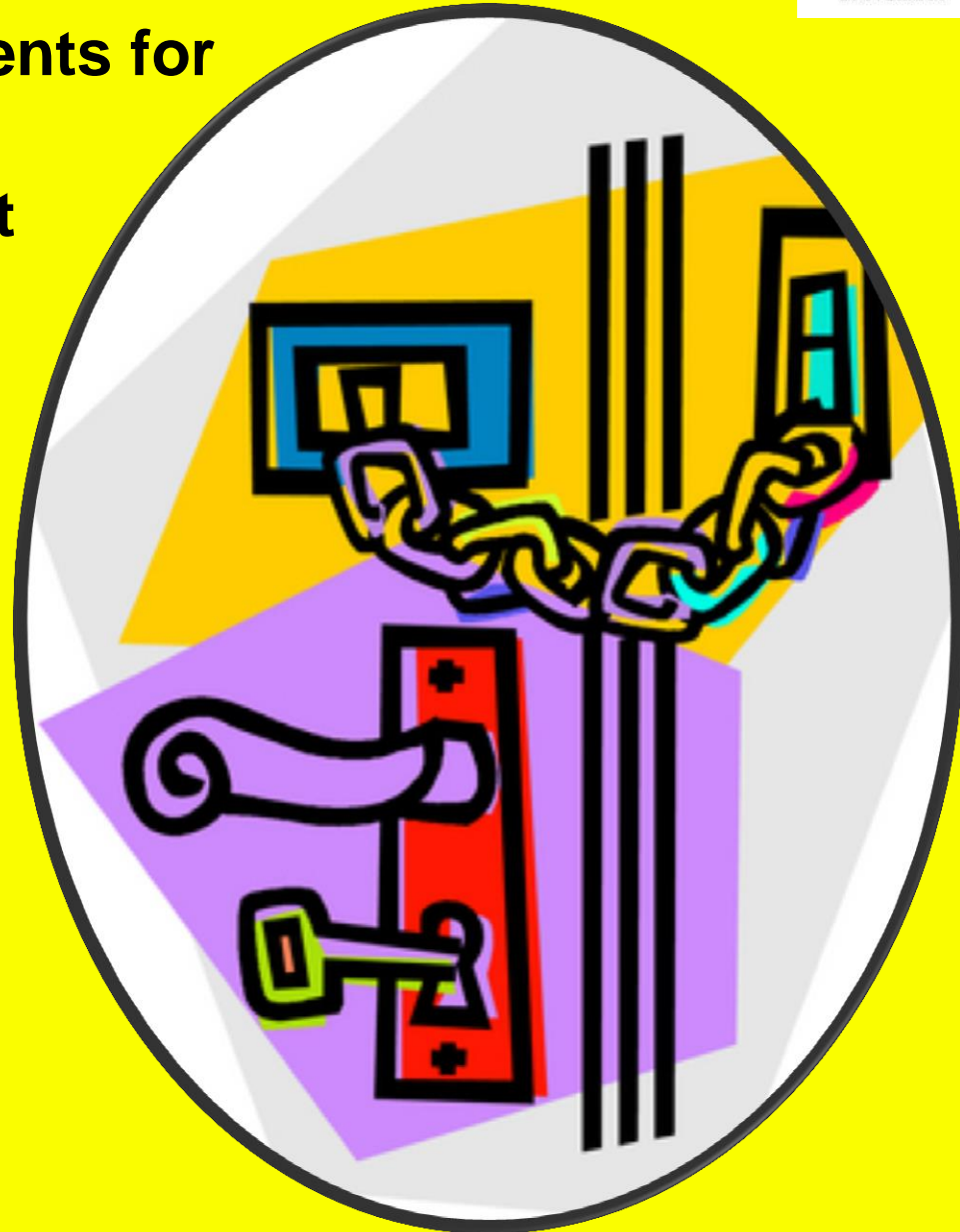
Further topics

- Additional Crucial Controls
- VPN & WEP
- AP Configuration
- AP Location
- Dynamic WEP
- Concluding Remarks on WEP
- Resolving Implementation & Operational Problems
- Remote Access & Public WAPs



Additional Crucial* Controls

- Necessary procedural elements for WLAN security
- Effective patch management
- Regularly updated antimalware solution
 - ☐Antivirus
 - ☐Antispyware
- Only security-policy-compliant Sta may be connected to WLAN
 - ☐Firewall
 - ☐Patches
 - ☐Antimalware



VPN & WEP

- Should one use WEP with a VPN?
- Not strictly necessary because VPN handles encryption satisfactorily
- But attackers may see NW without WEP as potentially unprotected
 - ❑ Can probe for weaknesses
 - ❑ Could launch / cause DoS
- So WEP serves as deterrent
 - ❑ Remember story of two hikers chased by grizzly
 - ❑ “This is crazy! We can’t outrun a grizzly bear!”
 - ❑ “I don’t have to outrun the grizzly: I just have to outrun *you*.”



AP Configuration

- Some WLANs configured to suppress SSID broadcast & not respond to broadcast probes
 - ❑ Theory is *security by obscurity*
 - ❑ Windows XP & simple war-driving tools (e.g., Netstumbler) will not see NW
- But more sophisticated attacker monitors actual traffic
- So these measures may cause more inconvenience for legitimate users than for attackers
- General principle: run secure WLAN & no unauthorized user will be able to join NW



AP Location

- Physical location of AP affects signal strength
- Places to position AP for better security:
 - ❑ Middle of room
 - ❑ 1st or 2nd floor of building
- Places to avoid placing AP:
 - ❑ Outside (street-facing) walls
 - ❑ Upper floors

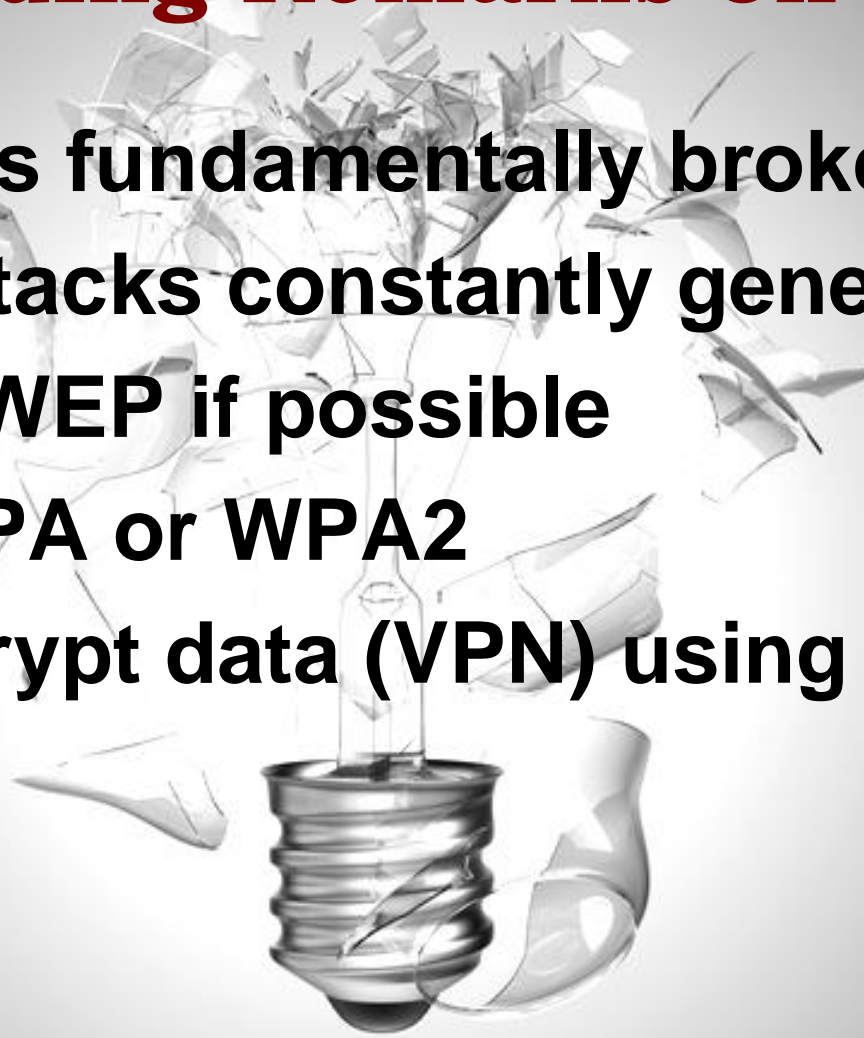


Dynamic WEP

- Vendors introduced dynamic WEP keys
 - ❑ Established in 802.1x authentication exchange
 - ❑ Every Sta has own WEP key
 - ❑ AP changes key regularly
- Standard option in Windows XP client
 - ❑ “This key is provided for me automatically”
- Evaluation
 - ❑ Massive improvement over static WEP keys
 - ❑ But does not defend against active WEP attacks
- Recommendations
 - ❑ Use dynamic WEP keys BUT
 - ❑ Plan to move to more secure WPA or WPA2

Concluding Remarks on WEP

- “WEP is fundamentally broken.”
- New attacks constantly generated
- Avoid WEP if possible
- Use WPA or WPA2
- Or encrypt data (VPN) using IPSec or SSL



Resolving Implementation & Operational Problems

- Plan for security breaches
- Defend each component of NW
- Do not allow use of default configurations & default keys
- Recommendations
 - ❑ Issue corporate policy on WLANs
 - ❑ Publicize & enforce policy
 - ❑ Develop approved WLAN
 - ✓ Architecture
 - ✓ Configuration standards
 - ✓ Operating procedures



"By the way, what's the office policy on smoking?"

Remote Access & Public WAPs

➤ Unsecured home network may circulate unencrypted traffic

❑ So connecting unsecured network to corporate systems using encrypted links will still not protect data

❑ Therefore use VPNs for connection to corporate NW



➤ But rogue hot spots dangerous

❑ Criminal's AP spoofs legitimate AP

❑ *Before* establishing VPN

➤ Vendors working to implement secure protocols in *hardware*

Wi-Fi Alliance's WPA & WPA2 Standards

➤ Wi-Fi Alliance

- ❑ Non-profit organization
- ❑ Certify interoperability of 802.11 products
- ❑ Concerned about security weakness of WEP

➤ Created Wi-Fi Protected Access (WPA)

- ❑ Subset of 802.11i (see §33.5 – not included in this IS340 curriculum and these slides)
- ❑ Uses Temporary Key Integrity Protocol (TKIP, see §33.5 33.5.5 for details)
- ❑ Vulnerable to offline dictionary attack

➤ WPA2 is equivalent to complete 802.11i

- ❑ See Wi-Fi Alliance white papers at <http://www.wi-fi.org>



802.11 Security Auditing Tools (1)

- Auditor & BackTrack
- Kismet
- Netstumbler
- Aircrack (old)
- CoWPAtty & Aircrack
- Ethereal
- Wellenreiter
- Commercial Wireless Auditing Tools



802.11 Security Auditing Tools (2)

- More detail than appropriate for IS340
- See Exhibit 33.19 for synoptic table
- Read §33.6 for details



Now go and study