

# Wifi Security

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# What's wifi?

- Communicate using the MAGICAL POWER OF THE ÆTHER!
- 802.11: 1997, 2mbit/sec, 2.4GHz
- 802.11b: 1999, 11mbit/sec, 2.4GHz
- 802.11a: 1999, 54mbit/sec, 5GHz
- 802.11g: 2003, 54mbit/sec, 5GHz
- 802.11n: 2009, 72-300mbit/sec, 2.4/5GHz
- 802.11ac: 2013, 100-1300mbit/sec, 5GHz

# What's a gigzahurt?

- Cycles/second (Hertz) of a radio signal
- Wifi is channelized, 20/40/80/160MHz wide channels
- 2.4GHz has 70MHz bandwidth in 11 channels
  - Only 3 non-overlapping (1, 6, 11)
- 5GHz has 665MHz bandwidth, in 45 non-overlapping channels
  - 30 are DFS, have special requirements to prevent interference with RADAR

# What do I need for teh wifis?

- Ad-hoc
- Bridged
- Infrastructure
  - AP
    - ESSID
  - Client(s)
  - All traffic goes via AP

# MOAR DETAIL PLZ

- Management frames
  - Association request/response, beacon, auth/deauth...
- Control frames
  - Power save, RTS/CTS...
- Data frames
  - Payload, QoS, ACKs...

# How do I keep people from mooching?

- Security!
  - MAC filtering
  - WEP
  - WPA
  - WPA2

# What's WEP?

- “Wired Equivalent Privacy” (lol)
- 64/128-bit seed (24-bit IV + 40/104-bit shared key)
- RC4 stream cipher
- CRC32 integrity check
- Open or handshake authentication
- “[Weaknesses in the Key Scheduling Algorithm of RC4](#)”, Fluhrer, Mantin and Shamir, 2001
  - Related key attack, exploits small IV keyspace (16.7M)
  - Key recovery in a short time (minutes on a busy network)

# Well that's terrible...how about WPA?

- “Wifi Protected Access”
- Sort of fixes WEP...kinda?
- Uses TKIP
  - Key mixing instead of straight concatenation
    - Dynamic session key
    - Session key + IV  $\rightarrow$  RC4
  - Sequence numbering
  - 64-bit message integrity check
    - 2 invalid MICs in 60 seconds triggers session key rotation
    - Rotation requires a 60-second timeout, DoS anyone?



# Didn't you mention WPA2?

- Totally new design
- CCMP
  - Counter Cipher Mode with Block Chaining Message Authentication Code Protocol
  - AES block cipher
  - PBKDF2 to generate encryption key from PSK

# That sounds great!

- Well...
- WPS
  - Wifi Protected Setup
  - PIN-based key exchange

# What about large environments?

- 802.1x
  - LEAP
  - PEAP
  - EAP-TTLS
  - EAP-TLS

# How are they broken?

- aircrack-ng
  - WEP, WPA, WPA2
  - deauth, replay, injection, fake AP, capture
- John the Ripper
  - Wordlist
- hashcat
  - GPGPU brute-forcing
  - Wordlist, rule engine
- crunch

# How do I keep others out?

- WEP – Yeah, no chance, don't use it
- WPA – Meh. Why bother?
- WPA2 – Long, strong passphrase or random string
  - Except “correct horse battery staple”
  - pa9ieweesuphaeRoo0eephoo2ahdohgo1leZ3QuohVoo1ithiel0ooZieng2iec
  - COOK^feed&middle\_shine!December
- WPA2-Enterprise
  - PKI + RADIUS

# Where do I learn more?

- <http://etutorials.org/Networking/802.11+security.+wi-fi+protected+access+and+802.11i/>
- 802.11, 802.1x, and Wireless Security  
<https://www.sans.org/reading-room/whitepapers/wireless/80211-8021x-wireless-security-171>
- Hacking 802.11 Basics:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zxs0sclPEfg>
- Wireless Pentesting:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kMq7uzWY\\_jl](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kMq7uzWY_jl)
- Aircrack-ng tutorials: <http://www.aircrack-ng.org/doku.php?id=tutorial>

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