Lesson 9

Implementing Secure Network Designs

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Topic 9A

Implement Secure Network Designs

Syllabus Objectives Covered

- 3.3 Given a scenario, implement secure network designs

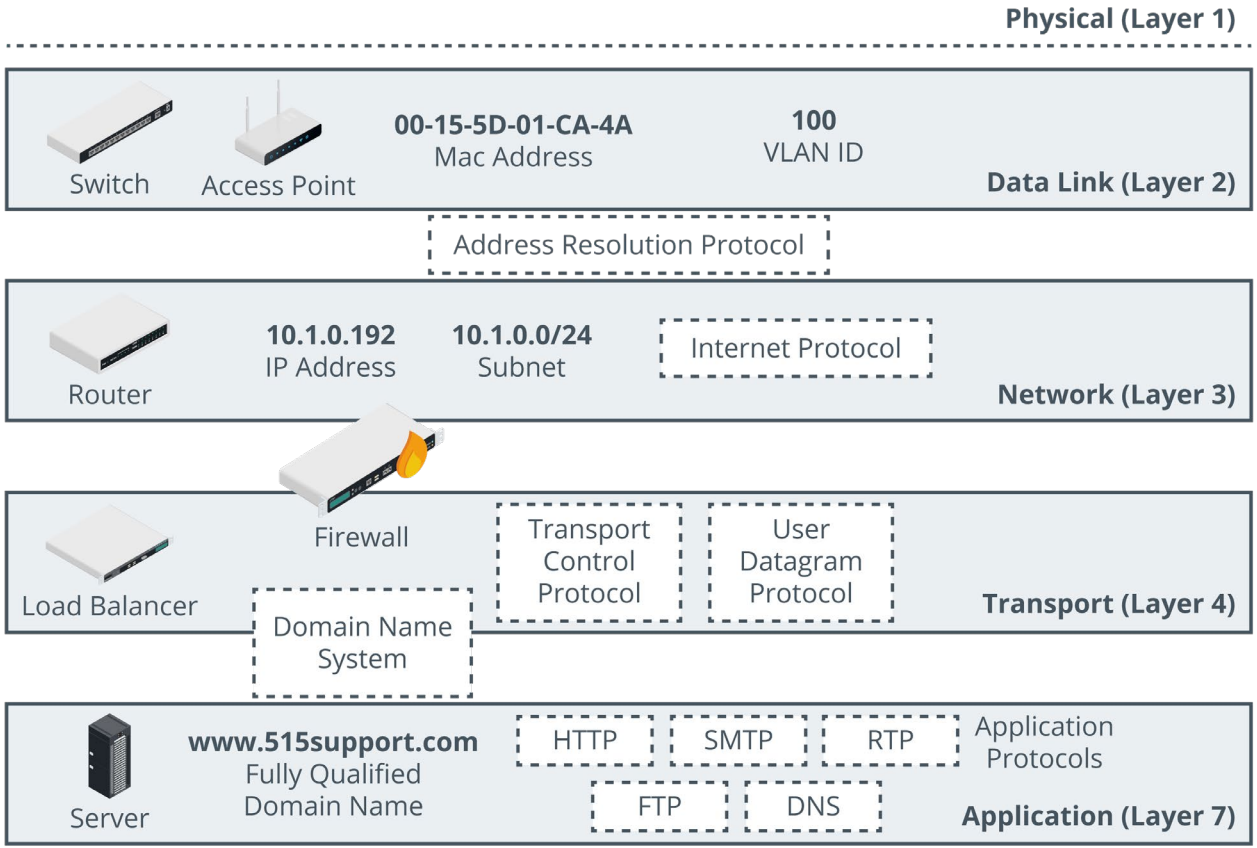
Secure Network Designs

- What problems arise from weaknesses in the network design/architecture?
  - Single points of failure
  - Complex dependencies
  - Availability over confidentiality and integrity
  - Lack of documentation and change control
  - Overdependence on perimeter security
- Best practice design and architecture guides
  - Cisco's SAFE Architecture
  - Places in the Network

Business Workflows and Network Architecture

- Corporate network
  - Access
  - Email mailbox server
  - Mail transfer server
- Segmentation
- Data flows and access controls

Network Appliances



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Routing and Switching Protocols

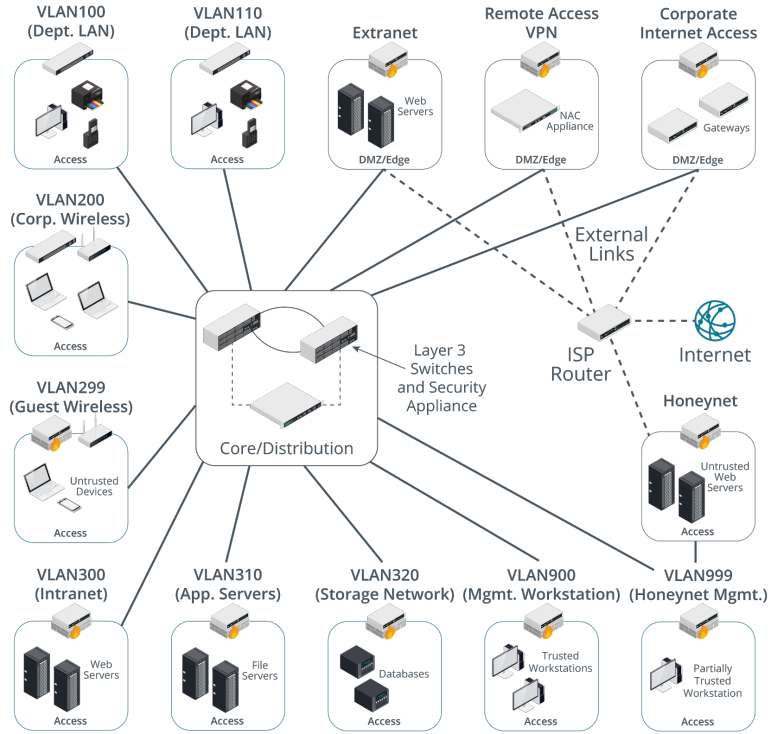
- Forwarding
  - Layer 2 forwarding
  - Layer 3 forwarding
- Address Resolution Protocol (ARP)
  - Map IP addresses to MAC addresses
- Internet Protocol (IP)
  - IPv4 and IPv6
  - Network prefix/subnet mask
- Routing protocols
  - Communicate routing table updates

Network Segmentation

- Network segment
  - Nodes can communicate at layer 2
  - Broadcast domain
- Implementing network segments
  - Separate unmanaged switches
  - Configure virtual LANs (VLANs) on managed switches
- Layer 3 subnets
  - Map subnets to VLANs

Network Topology and Zones

- Physical and logical topologies
- Zones represent isolated segments for hosts that have the same security requirement
- Traffic between zones is subject to filtering by a firewall
- Main zone types
  - Intranet (private)
  - Extranet
  - Internet (public)
- Enterprise architecture zones
  - Access blocks representing host groups



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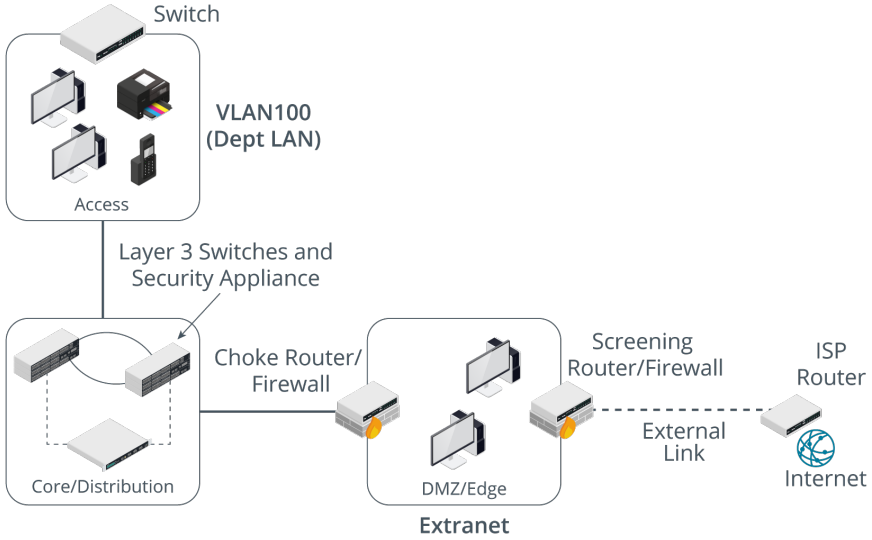
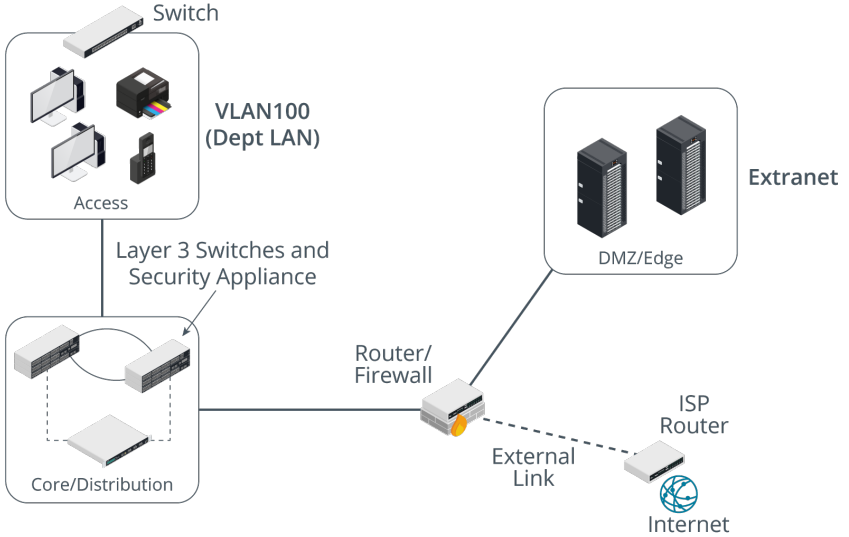
Demilitarized Zones

- Demilitarized zones (DMZs) isolate hosts that are Internet-facing
- Communications through the DMZ should not be allowed
- Ideally use proxies to rebuild packets for forwarding
- Bastion hosts
  - Not fully trusted by internal network
  - Run minimal services
  - Do not store local network account credentials
- Using different types of DMZ for different functions

Demilitarized Zone Topologies





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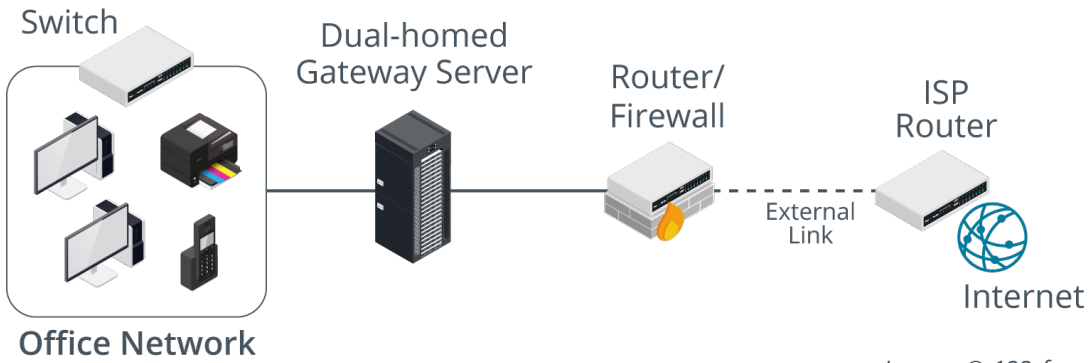
Screened Host

- Screened host
  - Local network screened by a single firewall
- “SOHO DMZ”
  - SOHO router configuration option
  - Host configured to accept connections from the Internet



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Implications of IPv6

- Enabled by default configuration issues
  - Risks of unmanaged configurations
  - IPv6-specific attack vectors
- Map IPv6 address space to appropriate security zones
- Configure IPv6 firewall rules
- Typically no need for address translation

Other Secure Network Design Considerations

- Data center and cloud design requirements
- East-west traffic
  - North-south traffic enters and leaves data center
  - East-west traffic is between servers within the data center
  - Problem for security inspection and filtering
- Zero trust
  - Do not rely on perimeter security
  - Continuous/context-based authentication
  - Microsegmentation
    - Single host zones

Topic 9B

Implement Secure Switching and Routing

Syllabus Objectives Covered

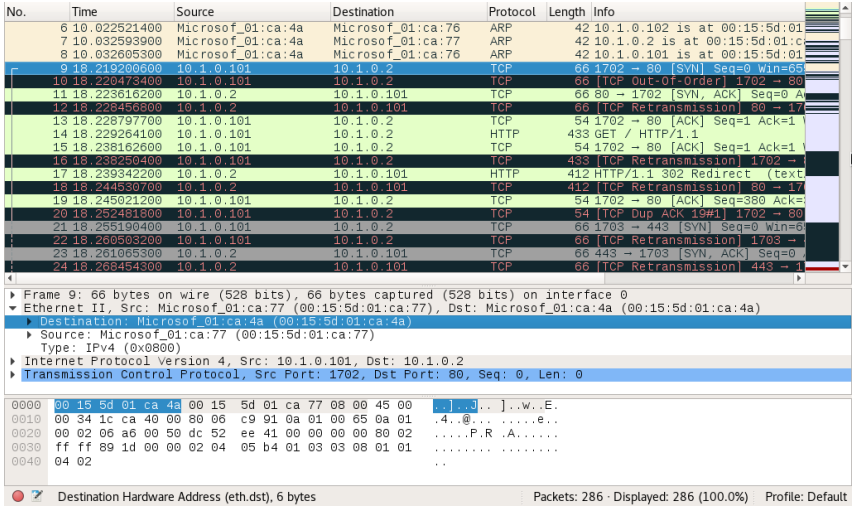
- 1.4 Given a scenario, analyze potential indicators associated with network attacks
- 3.1 Given a scenario, implement secure protocols
  - Routing and switching only
- 3.3 Given a scenario, implement secure network designs

Man-in-the-Middle and Layer 2 Attacks

- Man-in-the-Middle (MitM) attacks
  - Threat actor can intercept and modify communications
  - On-path attack
  - Snooping
  - Spoofing
- MAC address cloning/spoofing
  - Media Access Control (MAC) hardware interface address
  - Easy to change for a different value

ARP Poisoning and MAC Flooding Attacks

- Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) poisoning
  - Broadcasting unsolicited ARP replies to poison the cache of local hosts with spoofed MAC address
  - Attacker usually tries to masquerade as default gateway
- MAC flooding
  - Overwhelm switch memory to trigger unicast flooding
  - Facilitates sniffing



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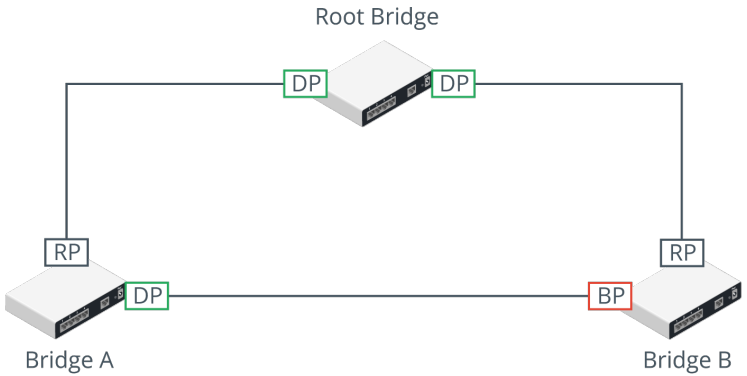
Loop Prevention



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- Spanning Tree Protocol (STP)
- Broadcast storm prevention
  - Broadcast and flooded unicast getting amplified as it loops continually around network
  - Storm control if STP has failed
- Bridge Protocol Data Unit (BPDU) guard
  - Configure switches to defeat attempts to engineer a loop
  - Portfast setting configured for access ports
  - BPDU guard disables port if STP traffic is detected

Physical Port Security and MAC Filtering

- Physical port security
  - Secure switch hardware
  - Physically disconnect unused ports
  - Disable unused ports via management interface
- MAC address limiting and filtering
  - Configure permitted MACs
  - Limit number of MAC changes
- DHCP snooping
  - Dynamic ARP inspection

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NYCORE1>
NYCORE1#
*Mar  1 00:02:27.991: %SYS-5-CONFIG_I: Configured from console by console
*Mar  1 00:02:46.287: %LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN: Line protocol on Interface Vlan1, changed state to up
NYCORE1#configure terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line.  End with CNTL/Z.
NYCORE1(config)#ip arp inspection vlan 1,999
NYCORE1(config)#
*Mar  1 00:07:20.561: %SW_DAI-4-DHCP_SNOOPING_DENY: 1 Invalid ARPs (Req) on Fa1/0/23, vlan 1.([0023.04
0.0000/192.168.16.21/00:07:20 UTC Mon Mar 1 1993])
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Network Access Control

- Endpoint security/defense in depth
- IEEE 802.1X/port-based network access control (PNAC)
- Can also enforce health policy
- Posture assessment
  - Agent-based
    - Persistent versus non-persistent
  - Agentless
    - Scanning software
    - Device polling

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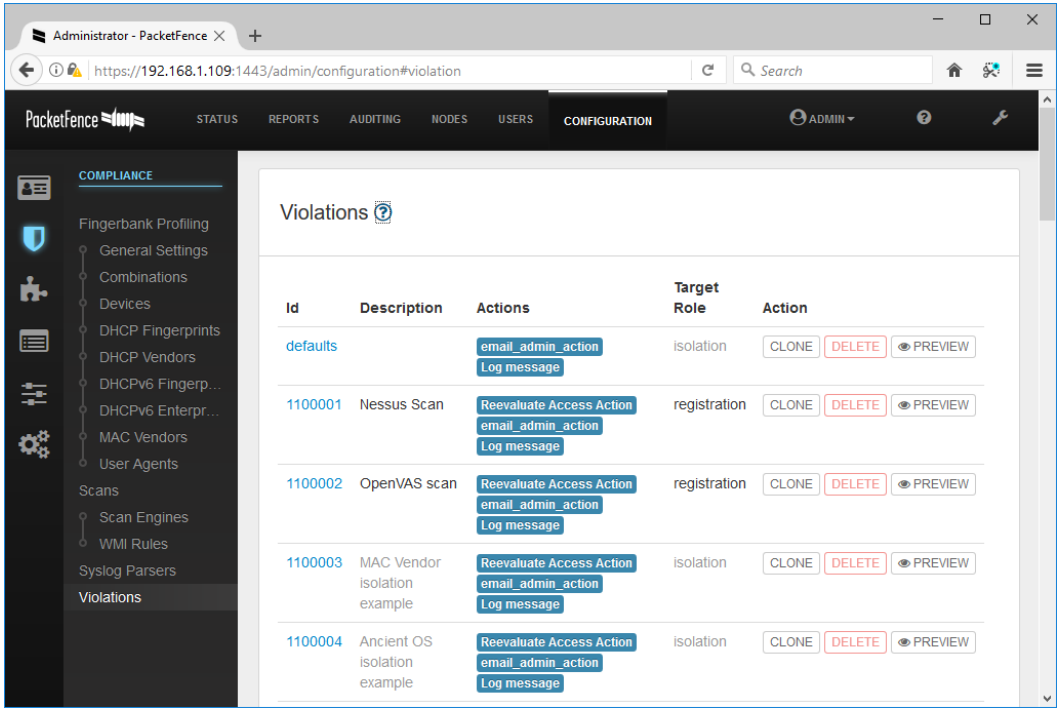

Route Security

- Sources of routing table updates
- Preventing route injection
- Source routing
- Patch management and router appliance hardening

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vyos@RT3-INT:~$ show ip route
Codes: K - kernel route, C - connected, S - static, R - RIP, O - OSPF,
       I - ISIS, B - BGP, > - selected route, * - FIB route

S>* 0.0.0.0/0 [1/0] via 192.168.1.253, eth1
B>* 10.1.0.0/24 [20/0] via 172.16.1.253, eth0, 00:10:25
C>* 127.0.0.0/8 is directly connected, lo
B>* 172.16.0.252/30 [20/1] via 172.16.1.253, eth0, 00:10:25
C>* 172.16.1.252/30 is directly connected, eth0
C>* 192.168.1.0/24 is directly connected, eth1
C>* 192.168.2.0/24 is directly connected, eth2
vyos@RT3-INT:~$
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Lesson 9C

Implement Secure Wireless Infrastructure

Syllabus Objectives Covered

- 1.4 Given a scenario, analyze potential indicators associated with network attacks
- 3.4 Given a scenario, install and configure wireless security settings

Wireless Network Installation Considerations

- Ensure maximum availability from legitimate access points
- Wireless access point (WAP) placement
  - Service set identifier (SSID) and basic service set identifier (BSSID)
  - Frequency bands and channels
  - Co-channel interference (CCI)
  - Adjacent channel interference (ACI)
- Site surveys and heat maps
  - Architectural plan
  - Wi-Fi analyzer
  - Heat map plots signal strength from high (red) to low (green/blue)
  - Channel layout shows overlapping usage

Controller and Access Point Security

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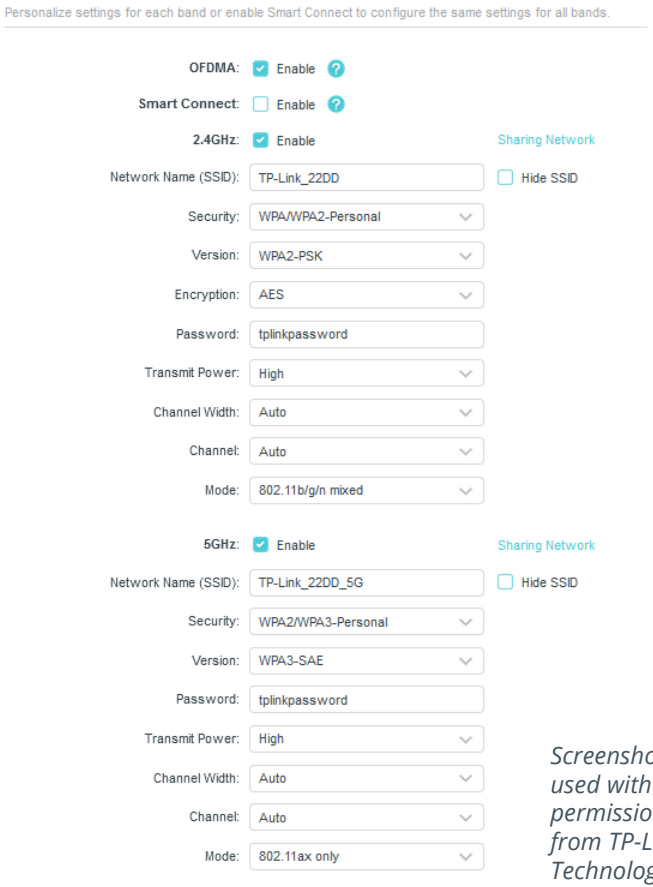
- Configuration of multi-WAP WLANs
- Hardware and software controllers
- Fat versus thin WAPs
- Physical security and management interfaces

Wi-Fi Protected Access

- WPA (v1)
  - RC4 with Temporal Key Integrity Protocol (TKIP)
- Wi-Fi protected access 2 (WPA2)
  - Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) replaces RC4
  - Counter Mode with Cipher Block Chaining Message Authentication Code (CBC-MAC) Protocol (CCMP) replaces TKIP
  - Also enables enterprise authentication options
- Wi-Fi protected access 3 (WPA3)
  - Simultaneous Authentication of Equals (SAE)
  - Enhanced Open
  - Updated cryptography
  - Management protection frames



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Wi-Fi Authentication Methods

- WPA2 pre-shared key authentication
  - Passphrase used to generate a pairwise master key (PMK)
  - 4-way handshake
  - PMK is used to derive session keys
- WPA3 personal authentication
  - Password Authenticated Key Exchange (PAKE)
  - Simultaneous Authentication of Equals (SAE) protocol replaces the 4-way handshake
  - Dragonfly handshake

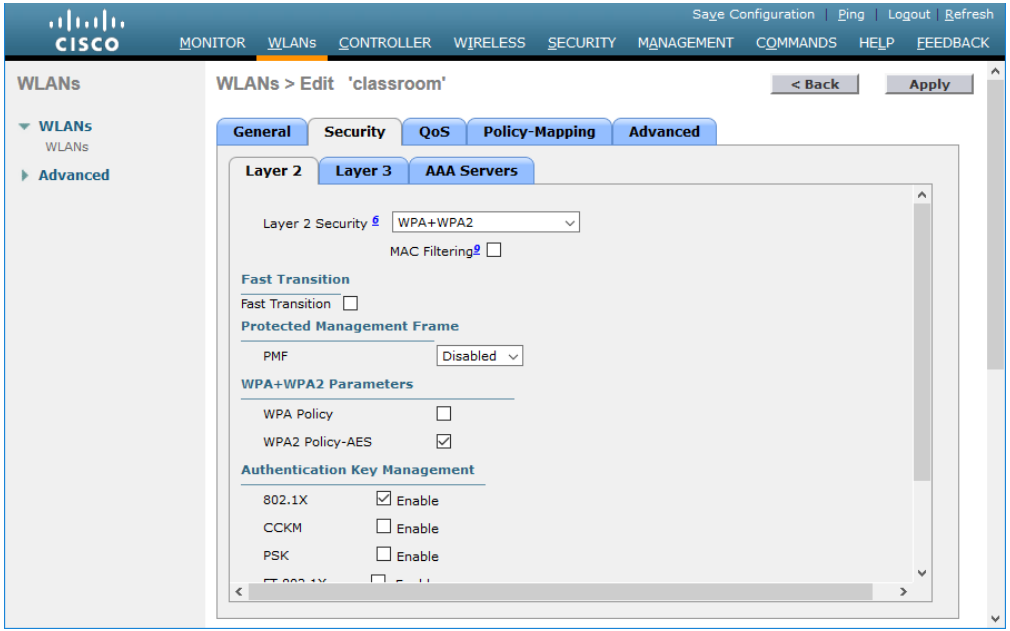
Wi-Fi Protected Setup (WPS)

- Pushbutton or passcode autoconfiguration of access points and clients
- Brute-force vulnerability in passcode algorithm
- Access point may support lockout to mitigate
- Make sure access point firmware is up-to-date
- EasyConnect and Device Provisioning Protocol (DPP)

Open Authentication and Captive Portals

- Use an access point without authentication (or encryption)
- Secondary authentication via captive portal or splash page
- Everything sent over link can be snooped
- Use secure protocols for confidential data (HTTPS, Secure IMAP, FTPS)
- Use a Virtual Private Network (VPN) to create a secure tunnel
- Wi-Fi Enhanced Open

Enterprise/IEEE 802.1X Authentication



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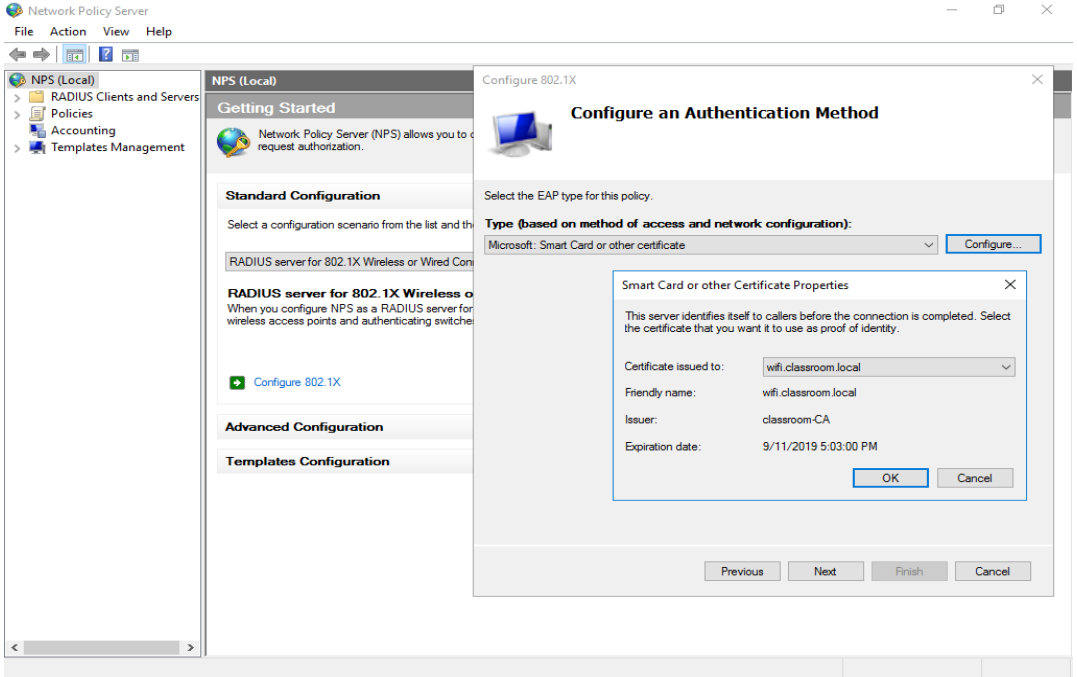
- Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP) over Wireless (EAPoW)
- Network directory authorization via RADIUS or TACACS+
- User credential is used to generate session encryption key

Extensible Authentication Protocol

- Designed to provide for interoperable security devices and software
- EAP-TLS
  - Transport Layer Security (TLS) to authenticate via device certificates/smart cards
  - Both server and supplicant must have certificates
  - Mutual authentication



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PEAP, EAP-TTLS, and EAP-FAST

- Secure tunneling for user credentials
- Protected EAP (PEAP)
  - Password authentication through a TLS-protected tunnel
  - Server certificate only
  - PEAPv0 (EAP-MSCHAPv2)
  - PEAPv1 (EAP-GTC)
- EAP with Tunneled TLS (EAP-TTLS)
  - Similar to PEAP but with more flexibility on inner authentication method
- EAP with Flexible Authentication via Secure Tunneling (EAP-FAST)
  - Cisco alternative to PEAP that can be set up without certificate infrastructure

RADIUS Federation

- Federated identity solution
- Mesh network for RADIUS servers operated by different institutions
- Eduroam

Rogue Access Points and Evil Twins

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- Rogue access point
  - Troubleshooting access point misconfiguration
  - Disable unused devices and interfaces
- Evil twin
  - Masquerade as legitimate AP
  - Use similar SSID
  - Capture authentication information
- Wi-Fi analyzers

Disassociation and Replay Attacks

- Deauthentication attack
  - Attacker sends spoofed deauth packet
  - DoS and assists other attacks
- Disassociation attack
  - Similar but just causes station to disassociate
- Configure Management Frame Protection (MFP/802.11w)
- Initialization vector (IV) attack
  - Generate packets to strip IV
  - KRACK/key reinstallation

Jamming Attacks

- Environmental versus malicious interference
- Jamming attacks
  - Denial of service
  - Promote evil twin
- Use spectrum analyzer to locate source

Topic 9D

Implement Load Balancers

Syllabus Objectives Covered

- 1.4 Given a scenario, analyze potential indicators associated with network attacks
- 3.3 Given a scenario, implement secure network designs

Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS)

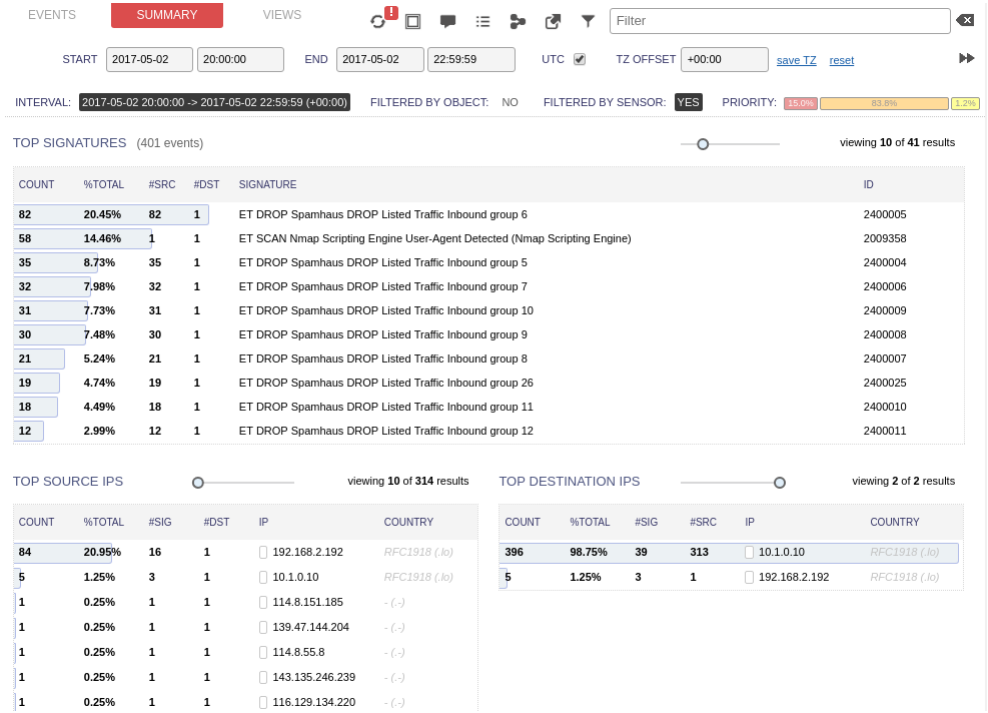
- Leverage bandwidth from compromised hosts/networks
  - Handlers form a command and control (C&C) network
  - Compromised hosts installed with bots that can run automated scripts
  - Co-ordinated by the C&C network as a botnet
- Overwhelm with superior bandwidth (number of bots)
- Consume resources with spoof session requests (SYN flood)

Amplification, Application, and OT Attacks

- Distributed Reflection DoS (DRDoS)
- Amplified SYN flood
  - Spoof victim's IP address and attempt to open connections with multiple servers
  - Those servers direct their SYN/ACK responses to the victim
- Application attacks
  - Bogus DNS/NTP queries
  - Direct responses at victim
  - Queries can be constructed to generate large response packets
- Operational technology (OT) networks
  - DoS against embedded systems
  - Can be more vulnerable to miscrafted packets than computing hosts

Distributed Denial of Service Attack Mitigation

- Attacks use spoofed addresses, making them hard to block
- Drop traffic to protect other hosts in the routing domain
  - Access control list (ACL)
  - remotely triggered blackhole (RTBH)
  - Sinkhole routing
- Cloud DDoS mitigation services



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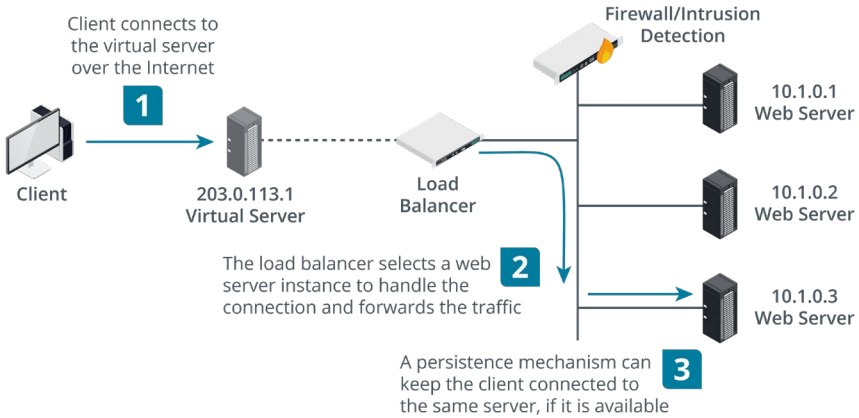

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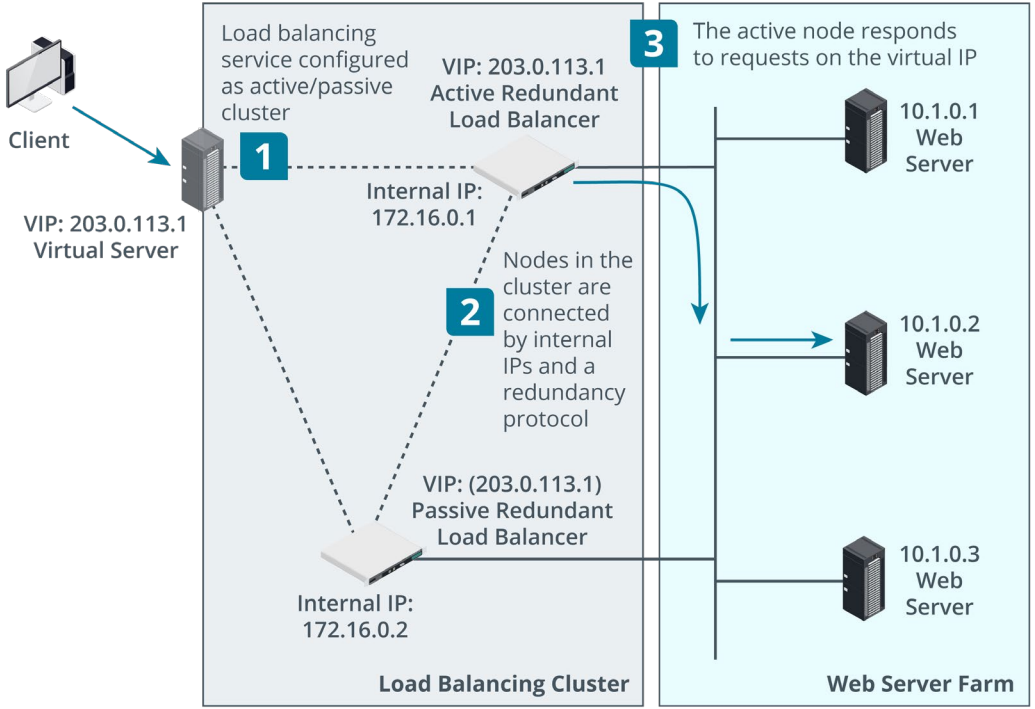
- Distributes requests across farm or pool of servers (nodes)
  - Layer 4 load balancer
  - Layer 7 load balancer (content switch)
- Scheduling
  - Round robin
  - Fewest existing connections / best response time
  - Weighting
  - Heartbeat and health checks
- Source IP affinity
- Session persistence

Clustering

- Configure nodes for failover
- Virtual IP
  - Common Address Redundancy Protocol (CARP)
- Active/passive versus active/active
- Application clustering
  - Provides stateful fault tolerance



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Quality of Service

- Compared to best effort and first in, first out (FIFO)
- Quality of service (QoS) to prioritize traffic with certain characteristics
  - Bandwidth
  - Latency and jitter
- Traffic marking
  - DiffServ and 802.1p
- Traffic policing
- Denial of service and trust boundaries for traffic marking
  - Ensure bandwidth for management and security monitoring traffic

Lesson 9

Summary