

adapt to rapidly changing
needs and technologies
wireless

5
4 types:

WPAN

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Personal

Ex: Bluetooth
Zigbee

WLAN

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Local

WWAN

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Wireless
Wide

WMAN

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Metropolitan

WAN
- ~~Wireless~~ Area Net.
Wireless

Wireless technologies:

Bluetooth: mesh, point-to-point

WiMAX: Alt. broadband wired internet
connections with a long range.

Cellular Broadband: phones, tablets, laptops,
automobiles

→ GSM and CDMA standards

Satellite Broadband: rural areas

AP 2 types

- Autonomous
- Controller based

Antennas 3 types

- Omnidirectional
- directional
- MIMO (multiple input multiple output)

Wireless Standard Organizations

1) ITU

2) IEEE

3) Wi-Fi Alliance

5) Internet Pont

6) Autonomous and controller-based access points

WLAN Components:

- 1) Wireless NIC
- 2) " Home Router
- 3) " Access point
- 4) " Antennas

access point
switch
router

serves as

WLAN Operation:

1) Wireless Topology modes:

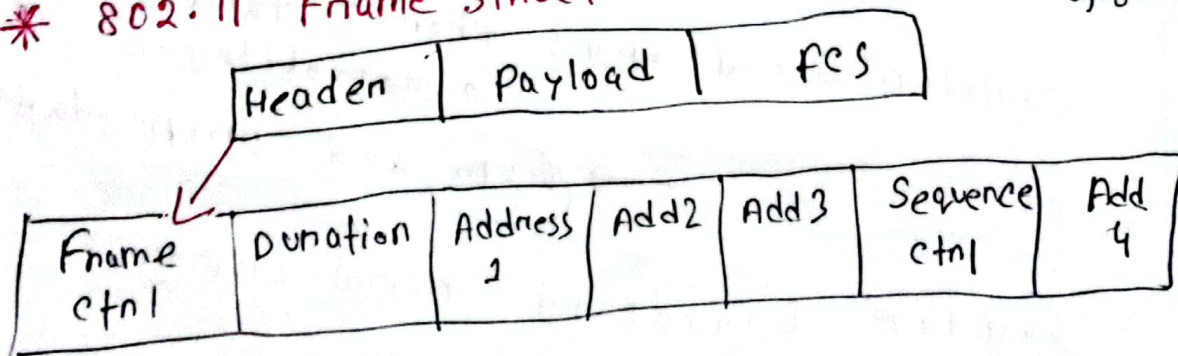
- Ad hoc mode (peer to peer, no AP)
- Infrastructure (use AP)
- Tethering → personal hotspot

2) BSS and ESS

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Basic Service set

→ Extended Sen. Set.

* 802.11 Frame Structure → similar to ethernet frame format



In WLAN, wireless devices associate with an AP (access point)

This association process has 3 stages
dca

1) discover a wireless AP

2) authenticate with AP

3) associate " "

2 scanning (probing) processes:

1) Passive 2) Active

→ 5 parameters → AP agrees on

1) SSID (service set identification)

2) Password

3) Network mode

4) security "

5) Channel ~~the~~ setting
read/modify data

Wireless Networks' Threats:

1) Data interception

2) Wireless intruders

3) Denial of service (DoS) attacks

4) Rogue APs

→ - data interception
- wireless intruders

MITM (man in the middle)
→ hacker positioned between 2 legitimate entities

Reason → - improperly configured devices
- malicious user
- accidental interference

Secure WLANs:

- 1) Open System authentication
- 2) Shared key "
 → WEP, WPA, WPA2, WPA3
- 3) SSID cloaking
- 4) MAC Address filtering
- 5) Home User authentication → personal, enterprise
- 6) Encryption
 → TKIP, AES (2 methods)
 → used by WPA and WPA2