Computer Security Capstone

Project II: MITM and Pharming Attacks in Wi-Fi Networks

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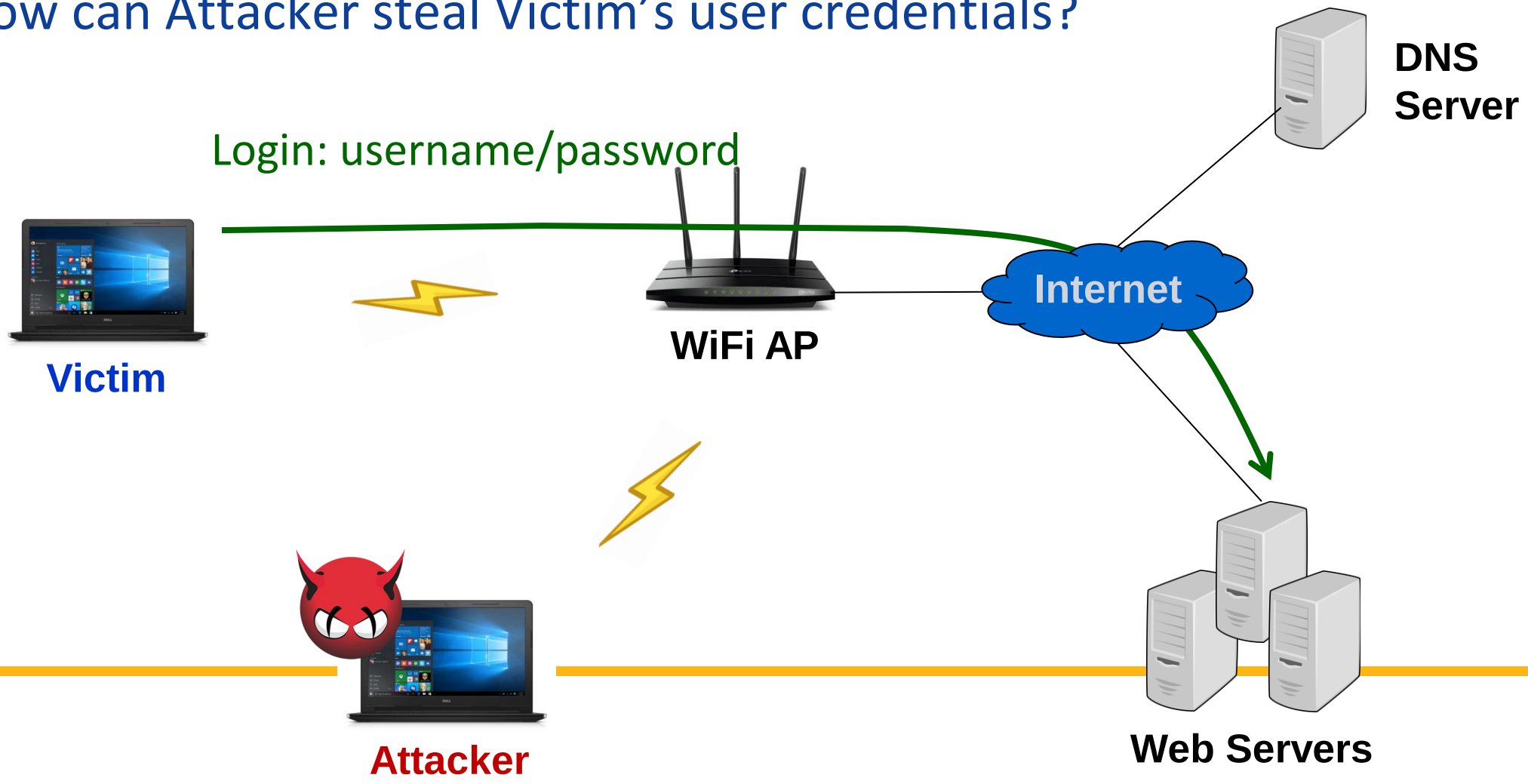
Goal

- Understand how user credentials can be leaked by a man-in-the-middle (MITM) attack over Wi-Fi networks

- You will learn how to
  - scan IP/MAC addresses of the devices in a Wi-Fi network
  - launch an ARP spoofing attack
  - launch a man-in-the-middle attack
  - launch a pharming attack

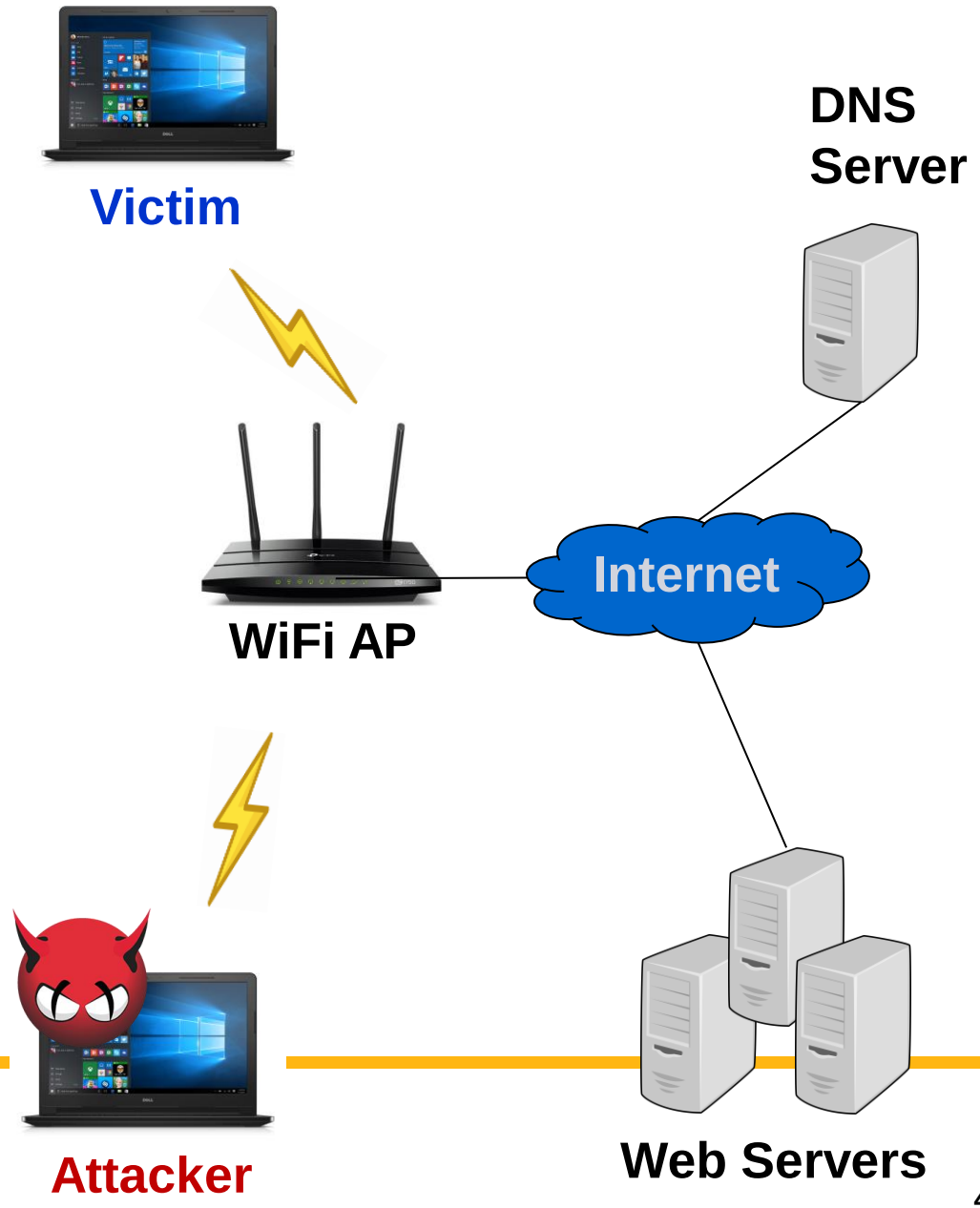
Attack Scenario

- How can Attacker steal Victim's user credentials?



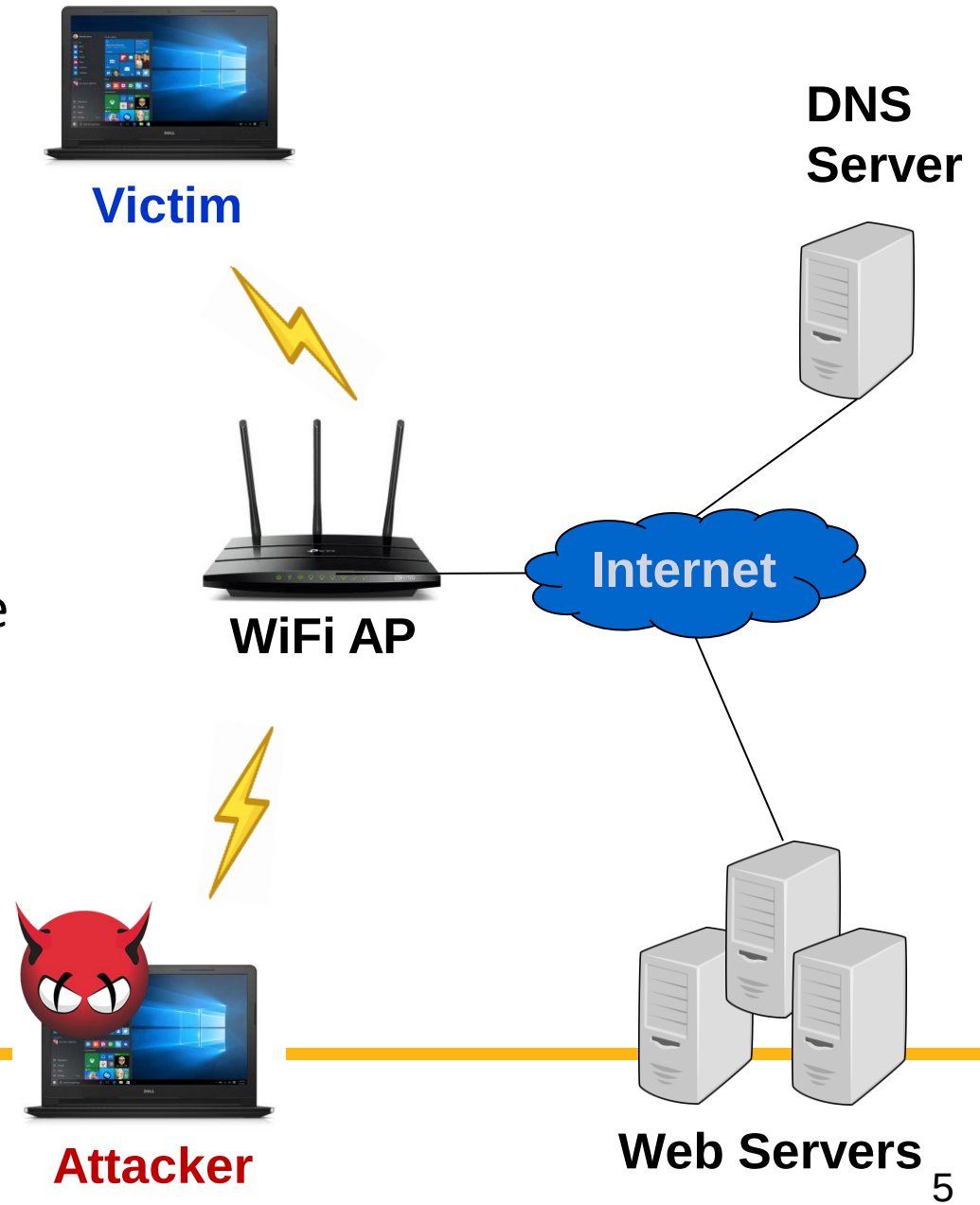
Major Ideas

- Redirect Victim's traffic to Attacker
  - Man-in-the-middle based on ARP spoofing
  - How to know Victim's IP/MAC address?
- How about encrypted sessions?
  - MITM attack: split the encrypted sessions
  - Pharming attack: redirect HTTP requests to a phishing web page



Tasks: MITM and Pharming

- MITM Attack (50%)
  - Obtain all other client devices' IP/MAC addresses in a connected Wi-Fi network (Task I: 20%)
  - ARP spoofing for all other client devices in the Wi-Fi network (Task II: 15%)
  - Split SSL/TLS encrypted sessions and get the inputted username/password strings from HTTPS sessions (Task III: 15%)



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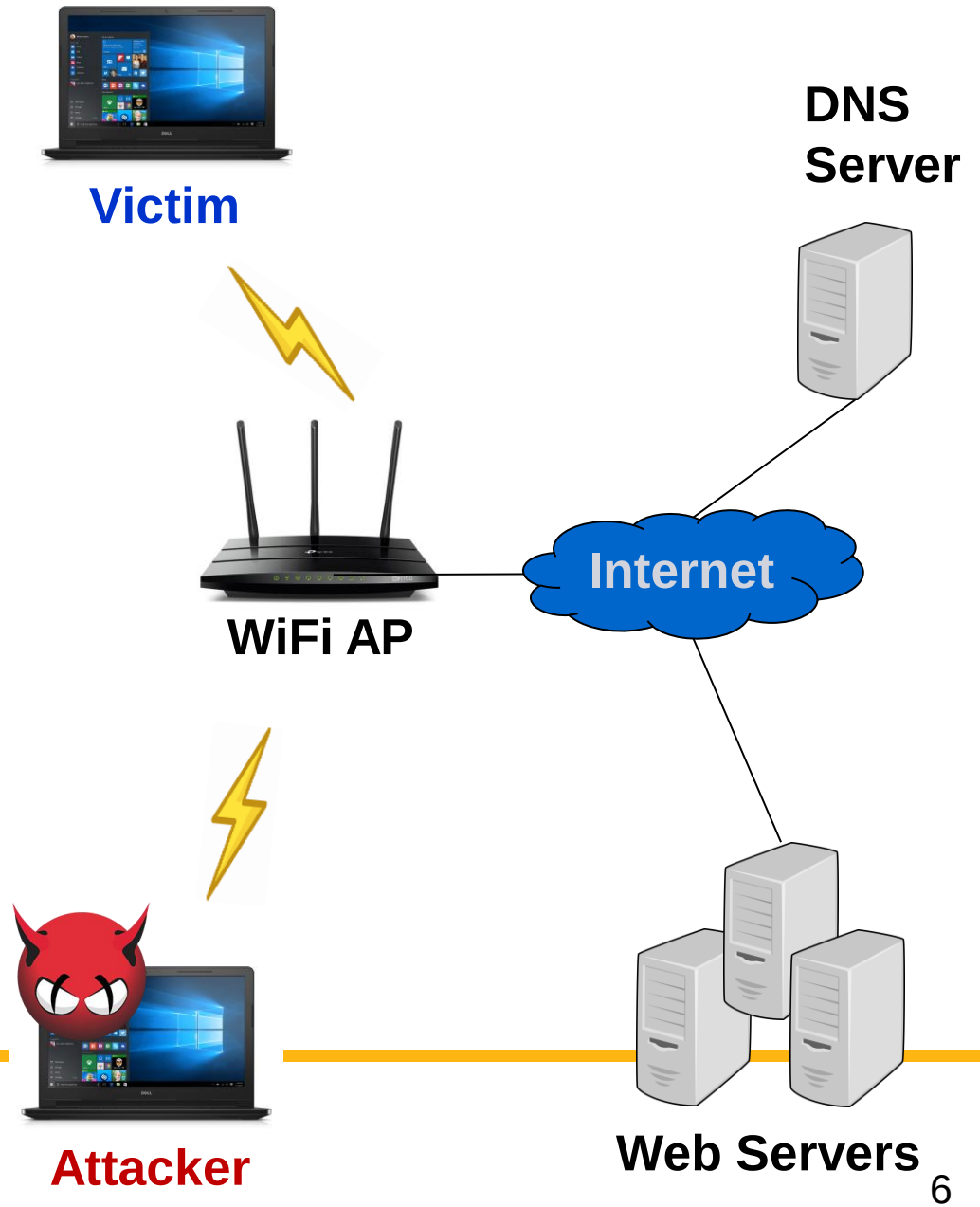
- Pharming Attack (30%)
  - Obtain all other client devices' IP/MAC addresses in a connected Wi-Fi network
  - DNS spoofing attack for web services (Task IV: 30%)



Task I: Device Address Information Collection

- Scan all the devices' IP/MAC addresses in the Wi-Fi network
  - You can use 'scapy' and 'netifaces' library in Python or commands 'nmap', 'arp', and 'route'

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cs2021@ubuntu:~/Desktop/project2$ sudo ./mitm_attack
Available devices
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IP                  MAC
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172.16.186.1        00:50:56:c0:00:08
172.16.186.141      00:0c:29:f2:d2:ab
172.16.186.254      00:50:56:ed:bd:5e
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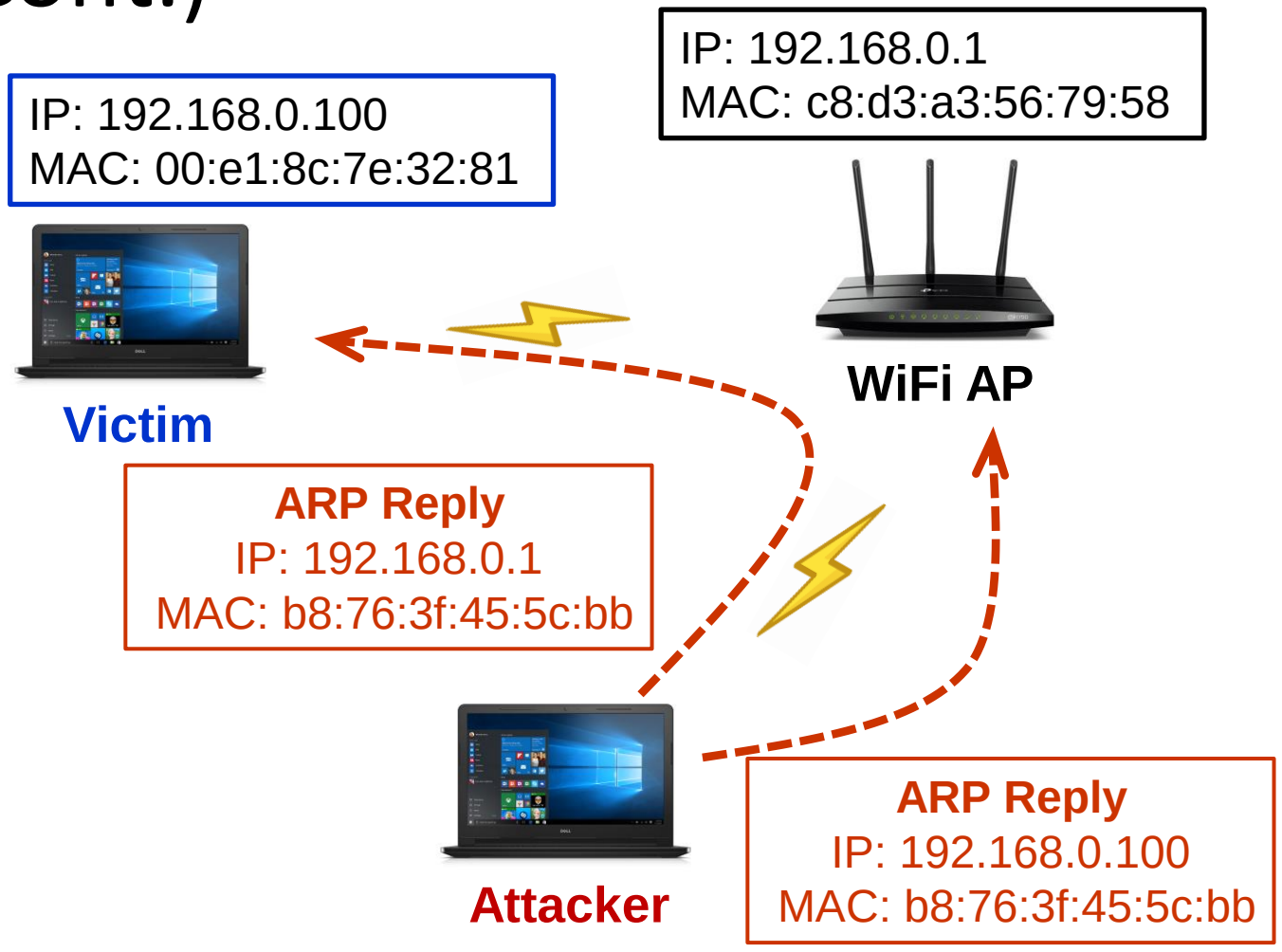
- Fetch the IP/MAC addresses of all the other client devices

Task II: ARP Spoofing

- What is ARP (Address Translation Protocol)?
  - A communication protocol: discovering the link layer (or MAC) address associated with a given IP
  - A request-response protocol: messages are encapsulated by a link-layer protocol
    - ARP request: broadcast
    - ARP response: unicast
  - Never routed across internetworking nodes

Task II: ARP Spoofing (Cont.)

- Generate spoofed ARP replies for all other client devices
  - You can use ‘scapy’ library in Python
- Both uplink and downlink should be considered
  - Other client devices’ network services can work normally



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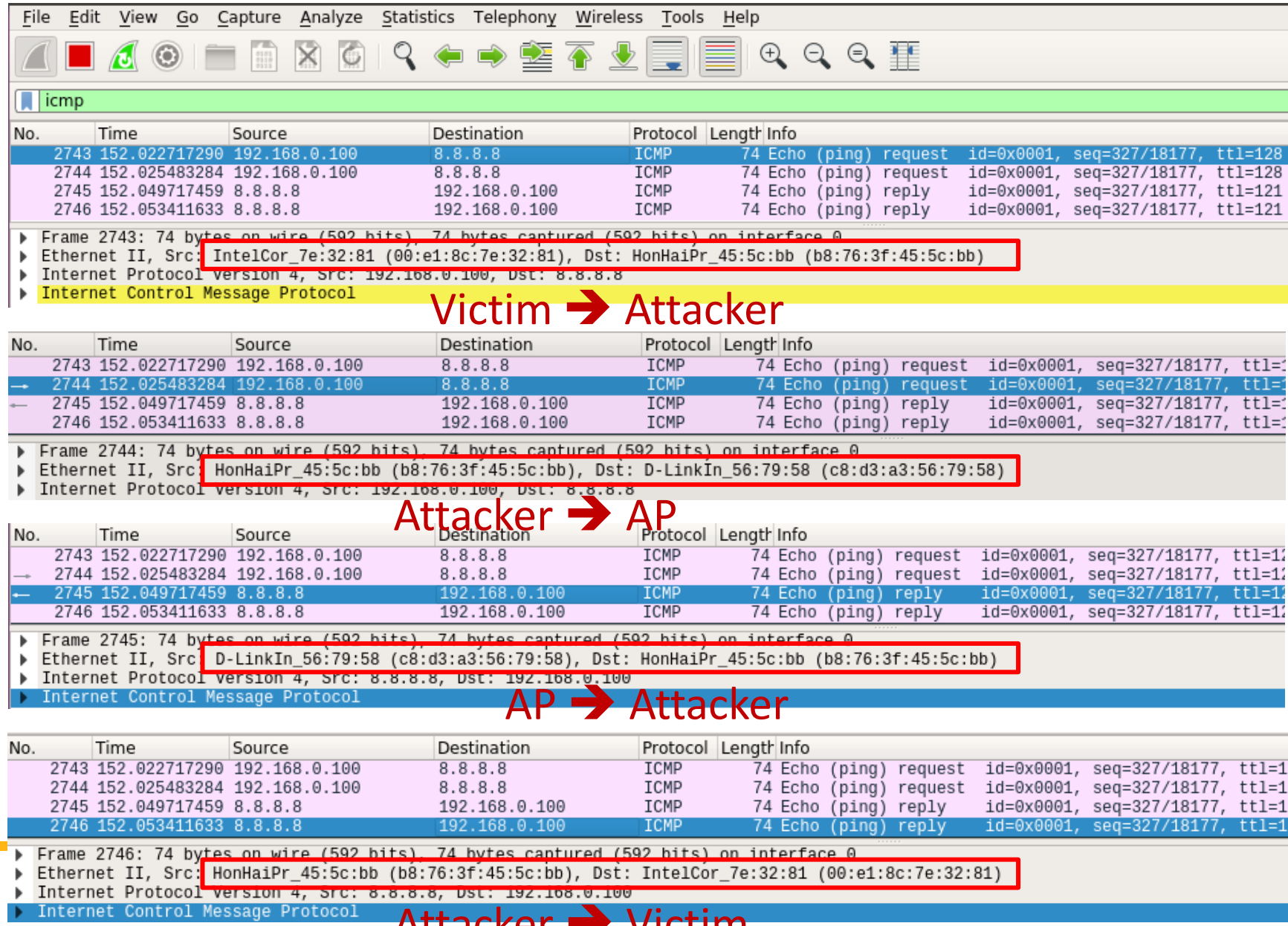
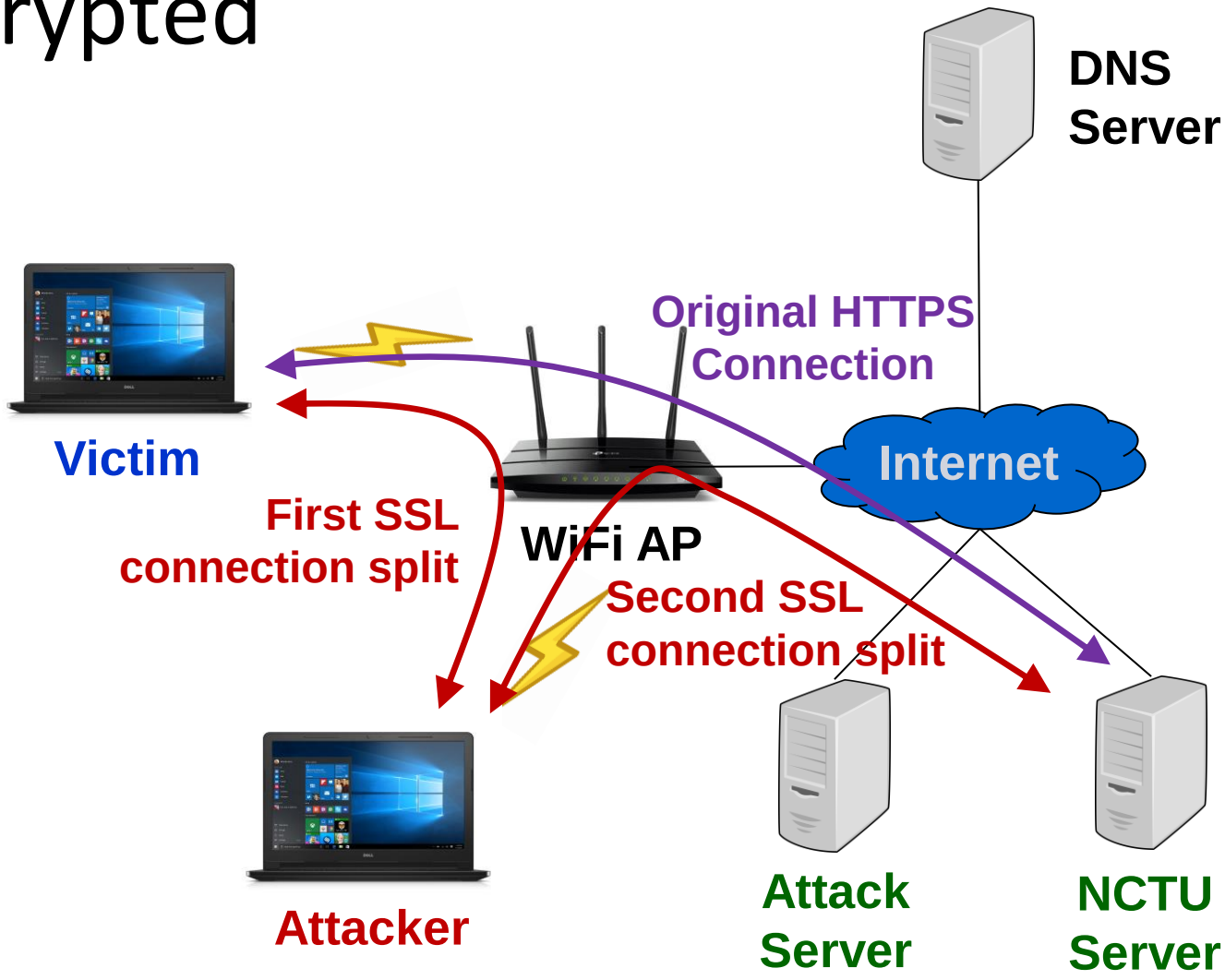
- An example trace of the successful ARP spoofing at Attacker



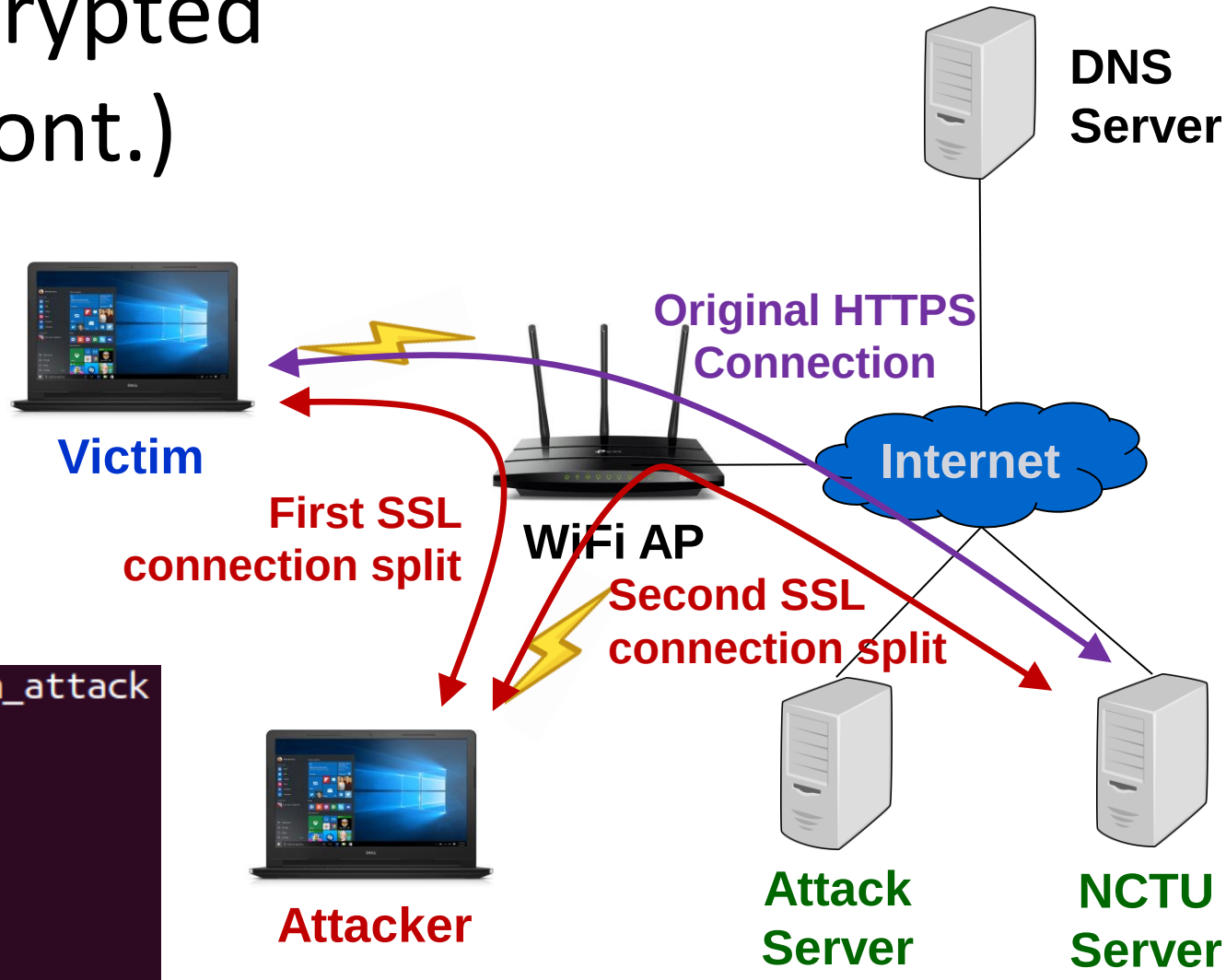
Task III: SSL Split on Encrypted SSL/TLS Connections

- Split SSL/TLS connections
  - You can use ‘sslsplit’ command as a tool for this attack against encrypted network connection
  - You are allowed to install certificates on the victim



Task III: SSL Split on Encrypted SSL/TLS Connections (Cont.)

- Fetch all the inputted usernames/passwords on a specific web page
  - Parse HTTP content to print out usernames/passwords

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Username:  this_is_demo_username
Password:  this_is_demo_password
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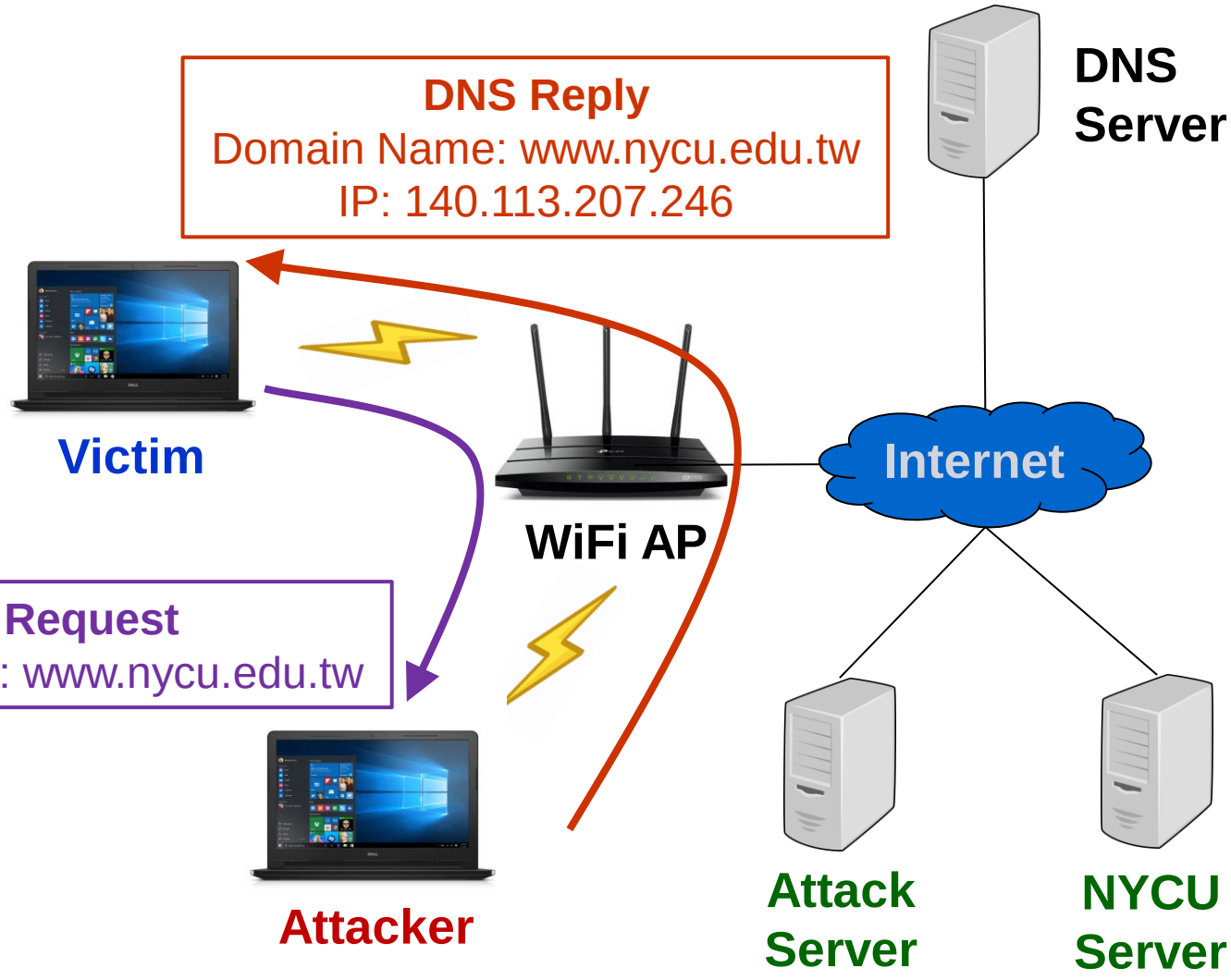
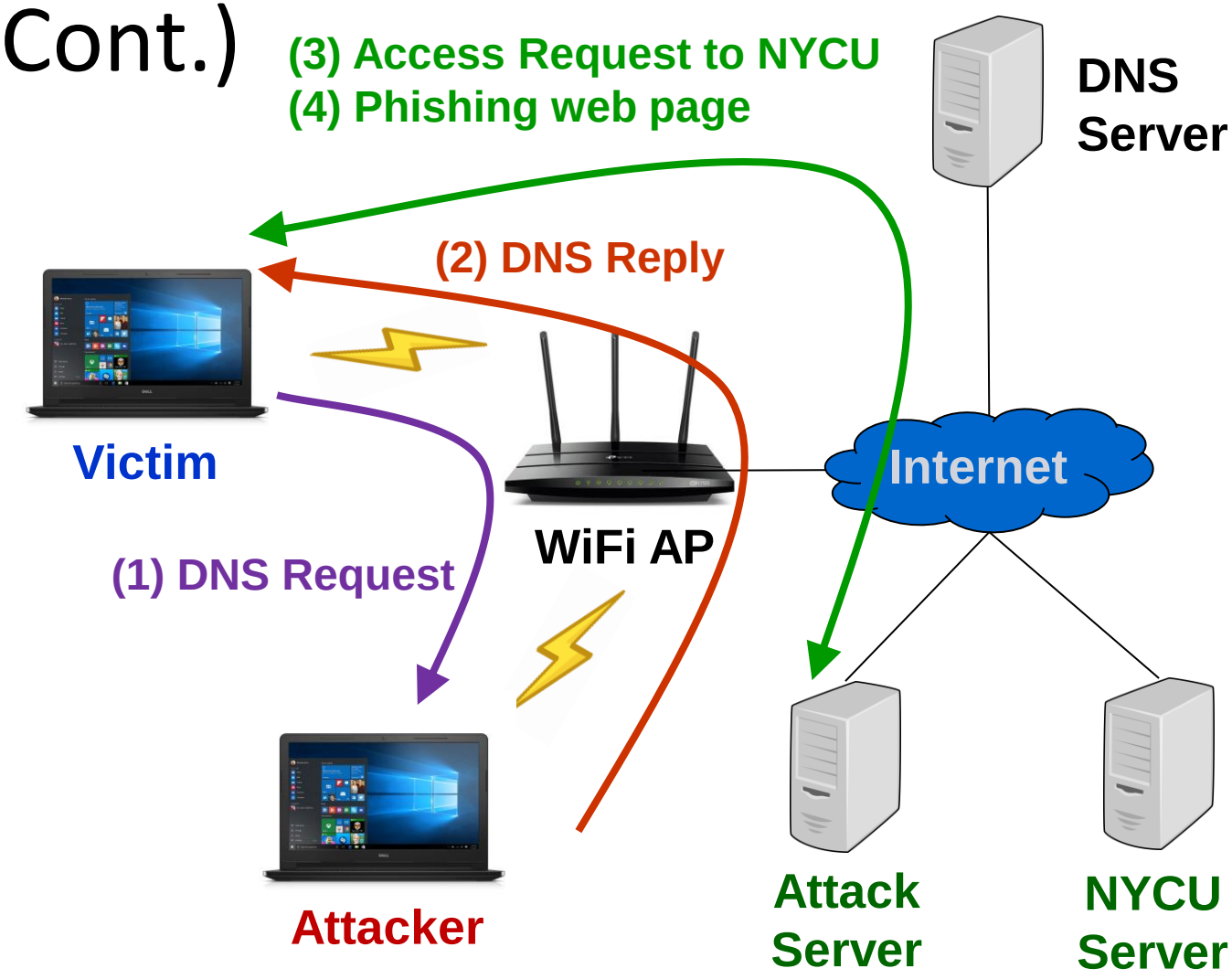
Task IV: DNS Spoofing

- Intercept DNS requests for a specific web page and generate spoofed DNS replies with the attack server's IP
  - You can use 'scapy' and 'NetfilterQueue' library in Python



Task IV: DNS Spoofing (Cont.)

- Successful attack
  - An access request to NYCU home page will be redirected to the attack server (140.113.207.246)
  - A phishing web page will be shown to Victim

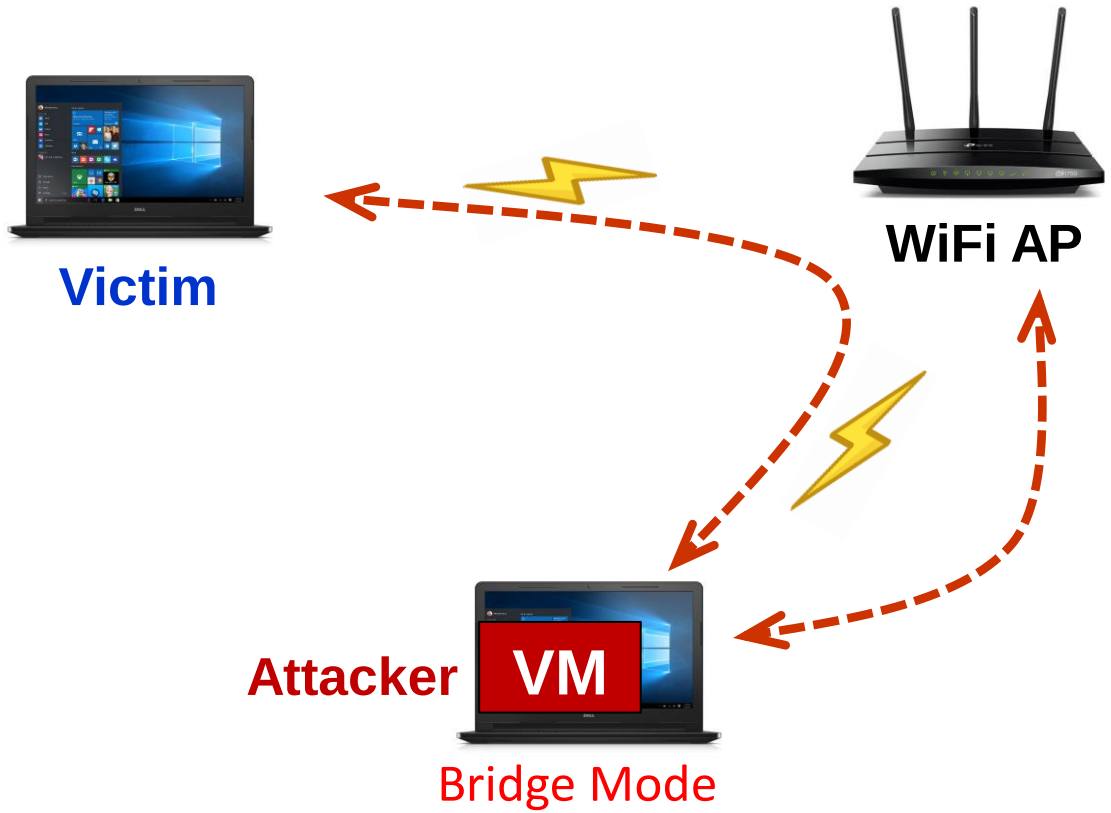


Requirements

- You need to develop/run your program in a given virtual machine
  - VM image: Please download it from Link
    - Username/password: cs2021/cs2021
- You are allowed to use C/C++ and Python
- You are allowed to team up. Each team has at most 2 students
  - Teams: discussions are allowed, but no collaboration
- Please submit your source codes and report to New E3

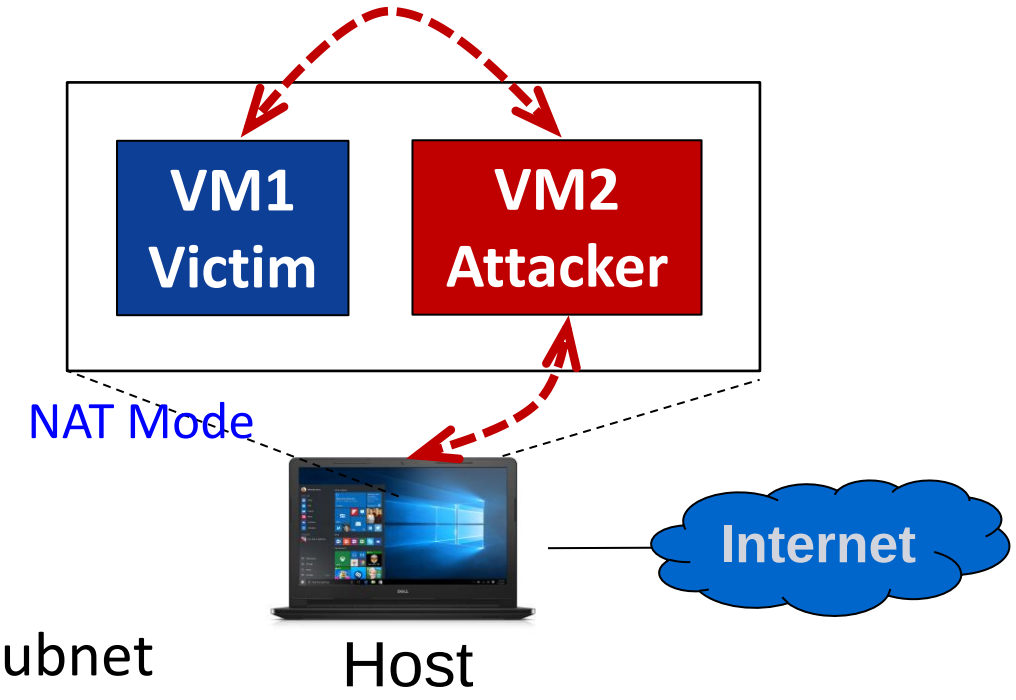
Test Scenario I: Target Scenario

- However, this scenario does not work for all the combinations of OS and VM software
  - Working: Linux + VirtualBox/VMware
  - Not working properly
    - Windows + VirtualBox/Vmware
    - MacOS + VirtualBox
- You can choose Test Scenario II



Test Scenario II: Alternative Scenario

- VM2 (Attacker) launches attacks on VM1 (Victim)
  - NAT mode shall be used for VMs
- Host is similar to the role of the AP in Test Scenario I
  - Scenario I: The Wi-Fi devices are in the same subnet
  - Scenario II: The VMs are in the same subnet
- Host can be connected to the Internet via Wi-Fi or wired Ethernet



Important: How to Prepare Your Attack Programs?

- Must provide a **Makefile** which compiles your source codes into two executable files, named **mitm_attack** and **pharm_attack** (Missing: -20%)
- Test requirements for the programs
  - Must be run in the given VM without any additional tools or libraries
  - Must use the following parameters
    - Test web page in the man-in-the-middle attack: https://e3.nycu.edu.tw/login/index.php
    - DNS spoofing for the NYCU home page: http://www.nycu.edu.tw
    - Attacker server IP in the DNS spoofing: 140.113.207.246
  - Must work for the test commands: ./mitm_attack and ./pharm_attack

Important: How to Prepare Your Attack Programs?

- Results from the MITM attack (./mitm_attack)
  - Print out the IP/MAC addresses of all the Wi-Fi devices or VMs except for Attacker and AP/Host
  - Print out the username and password which a user submits to the website https://e3.nycu.edu.tw/login/index.php using any of the Wi-Fi devices or VMs
- Results from the pharming attack (./pharm_attack)
  - Print out the IP/MAC addresses of all the Wi-Fi devices or VMs except for Attacker and AP/Host
  - Redirect the NYCU home page (www.nycu.edu.tw) to the phishing page (140.113.207.246)
- Demo
  - Verify the MITM attack by giving inputs on the website using one Wi-Fi device or VM
  - Verify the pharming attack by accessing the NYCU page on one Wi-Fi device or VM

Important: How to Prepare Your Report?

- Item 1 (5%): please give evidence that you have finished the MITM attack
  - Specify your scenario (I or II) and Illustrate your results based on some snapshots
- Item 2 (5%): please give evidence that you have finished the pharming attack
  - Specify your scenario (I or II) and Illustrate your results based on some snapshots
- Item 3 (10%): please propose a solution that can defend against the ARP spoofing attack
  - No more than 200 English words
- Note: the report must be written in English with font size 11 or 12 in Times New Roman. It must be submitted in one PDF file with a name “report.pdf.”

Project Submission

- Due date: 4/23 11:55pm
- Makeup submission (75 points at most): TBA (After the final)
- Submission rules
  - Put all your files into a directory and name it using your student ID(s)
    - If your team has two members, please concatenate your IDs separated by “-”
  - Zip the directory and upload the zip file to New E3
  - A sample of the zip file: 01212112-02121221.zip
    - Makefile
    - mitm_attack.cpp
    - report.pdf
    - mitm_attack.h
    - ….

Project Demo

- Date: TBA
- Makeup submission (75 points at most): TBA (After the final)
- TA will prepare your zip file for you to demo
- You will
  - be asked to reproduce your MITM and pharming attacks
  - be only allowed to “make” to compile all your files, and run your attack binary programs or scripts
  - be not allowed to modify your codes or scripts
  - be asked some questions
    - E.g., How did you implement the SSL split? How did you resolve the certificate issue?
  - be responsible to show the outcome to TA and explain why you have successfully achieved the goals

Bonus: Finding Insecure Wi-Fi IoT Devices (TBA)

- Some IoT devices have no security protocol support or no resource to check the servers' certificates or
- Final score +2.5 points for each identified vulnerable IoT device (at most two)
- Deadline: at the end of May (TBA)

Smart plug: no security support → Hijacking attack

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00 04 00 01 00 06 84 16  f9 19 9c ba 00 00 08 00   ........ ........
45 00 00 7c 04 f9 00 00  7f 11 8d 43 c0 a8 0a 6b   E..|.... ...C...k
c0 a8 1d 79 10 01 27 11  00 68 49 13 50 4f 53 54   ...y..'. .hI.POST
3a 4e 33 37 36 30 26 4d  41 43 3d 35 43 43 46 37   :N3760&M AC=5CCF7
46 41 44 42 43 46 44 26  49 44 3d 41 44 42 43 46   FADBCFD& ID=ADBCF
44 26 50 57 44 3d 31 32  33 34 26 4c 41 4e 3d 30   D&PWD=12 34&LAN=0
30 26 4d 4f 44 45 4c 49  44 3d 53 4a 41 2d 30 35   0&MODELI D=SJA-05
26 56 45 52 3d 30 30 30  31 26 61 6c 61 72 6d 3d   &VER=000 1&alarm=
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00 04 00 01 00 06 84 16  f9 19 9c ba 00 00 08 00   ........ ........
45 00 00 79 6a f9 00 00  34 06 ca ee 2d 4f 4b 9d   E..yj... 4...-OK.
c0 a8 17 03 43 79 a7 50  c3 d4 f7 1e 00 00 1d 1c   ....Cy.P ........
50 18 79 70 81 55 00 00  81 4f 7b 22 75 72 69 22   P.yp.U.. .O{"uri"
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6f 6e 22 3a 22 62 72 65  61 6b 22 2c 22 63 69 64   on":"bre ak","cid
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2d 34 33 61 30 2d 38 37  62 36 2d 30 33 62 36 64   -43a0-87 b6-03b6d
34 39 62 64 64 37 31 22  7d                        49bdd71" }
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Camera: no certificate check → Spying attack

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Content-Disposition: form-data; name="confinfo"

{"tokenid": "xU6jQndJOxIRaE9zAS0ItLrSNF1Hix", "physical_id":
"ZMD13EMDA002853", "device_type": "0", "gateway_mac":
"F4:F2:6D:FC:1B:A1", "device_version": "V8.0.0.0; V8.0.0.0; V8.0.0.22",
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Reference: Lei et al. "SecWIR: Securing Smart Home IoT Communications via Wi-Fi Routers with Embedded Intelligence," ACM Mobisys 2020.

Questions?