



# KrØØk: Serious Vulnerability Affected Encryption of Billion+ Wi-Fi Devices

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# IoT research

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Are Expanding The  
Enterprise Attack  
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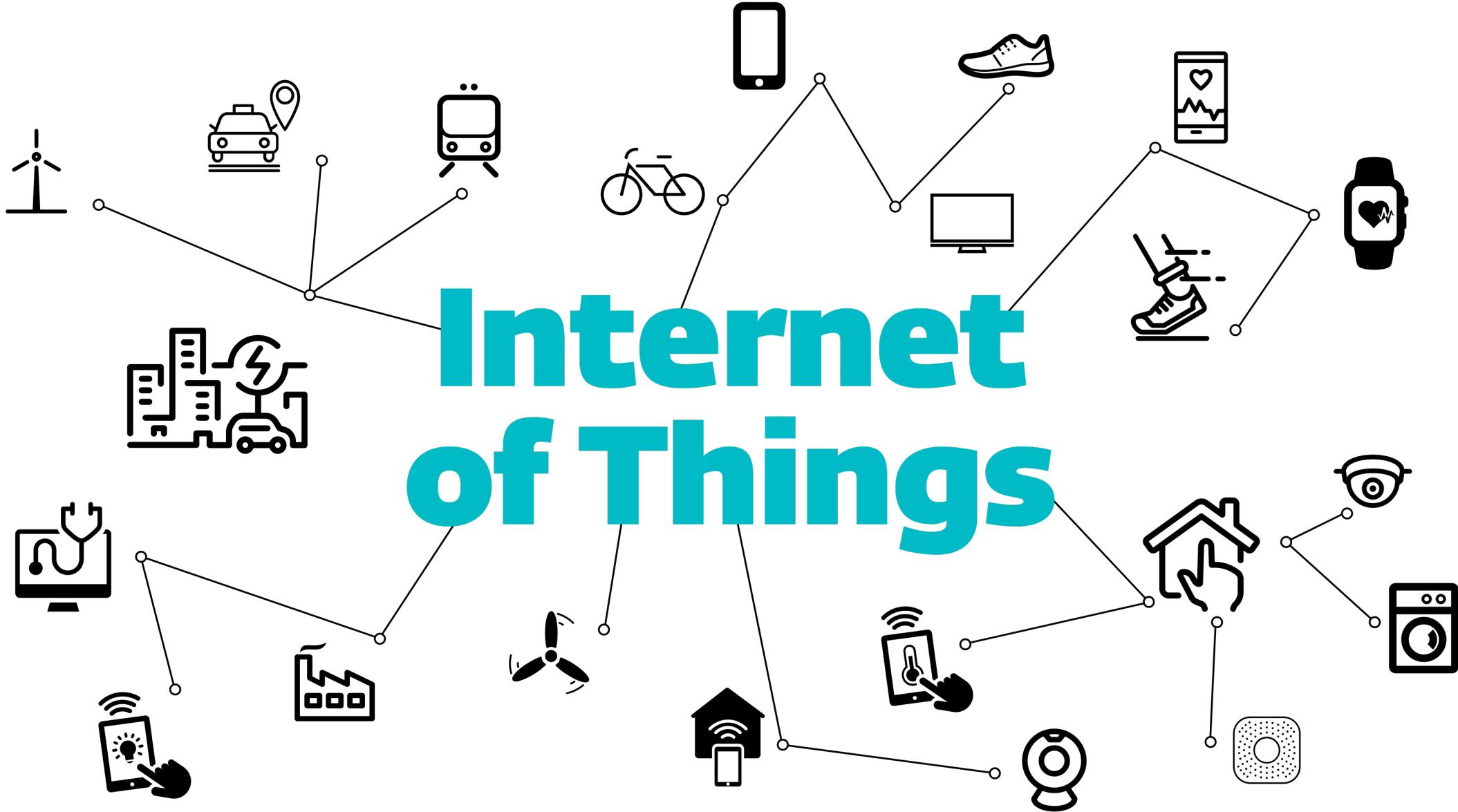
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*Most Consumer IoT  
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# Internet of Things





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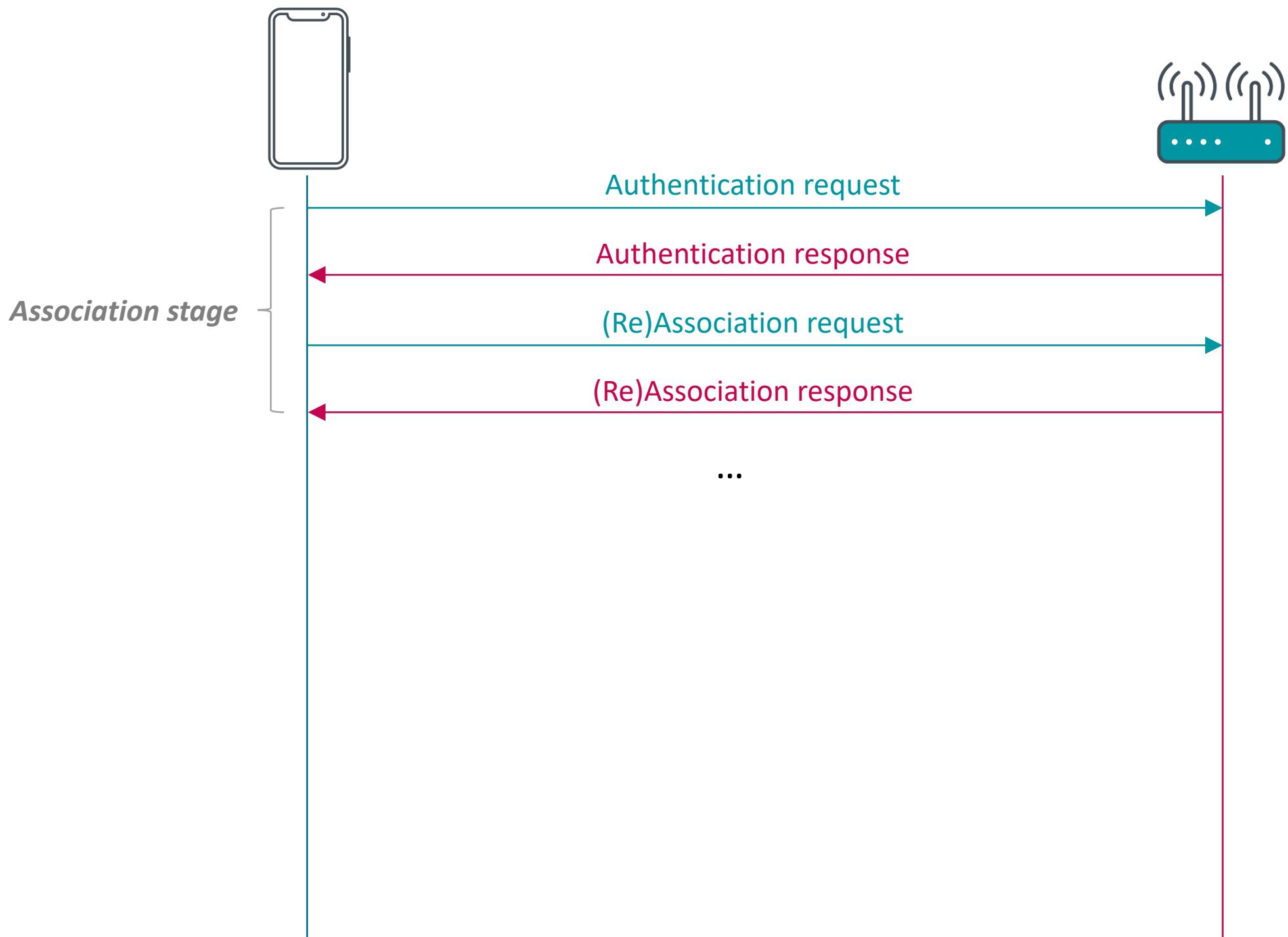
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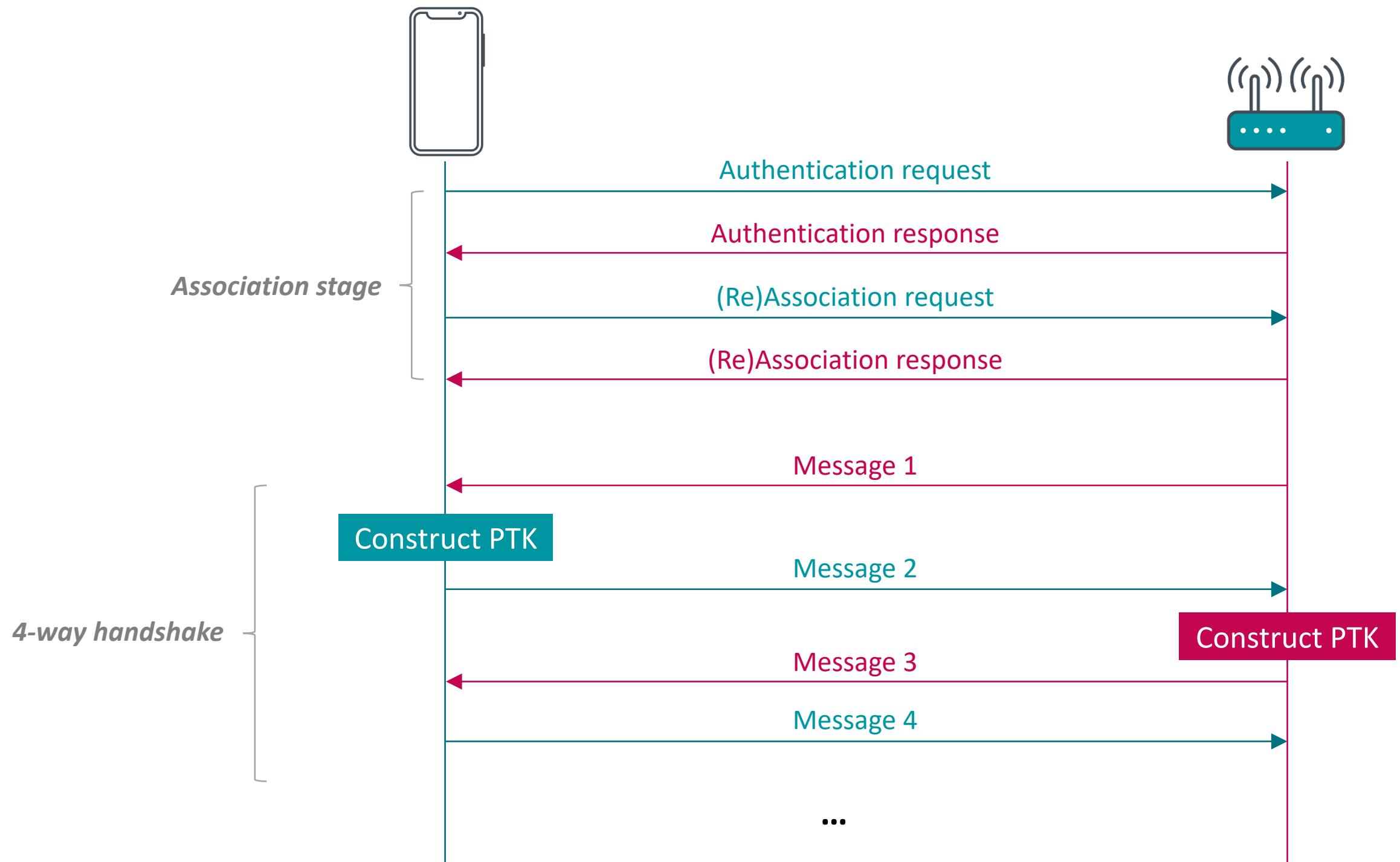
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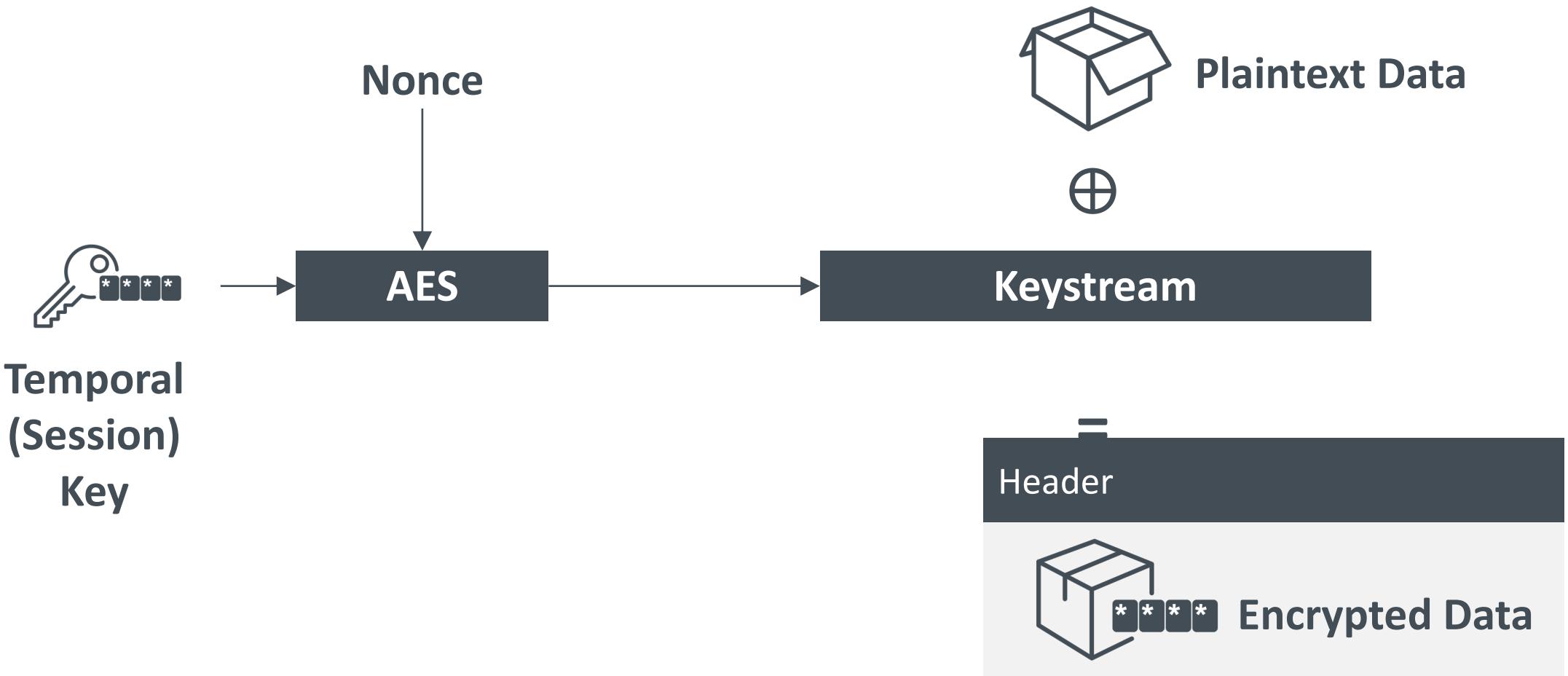
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and Amazon devices?**
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# Wi-Fi Security Primer





## Encryption in WPA2-CCMP

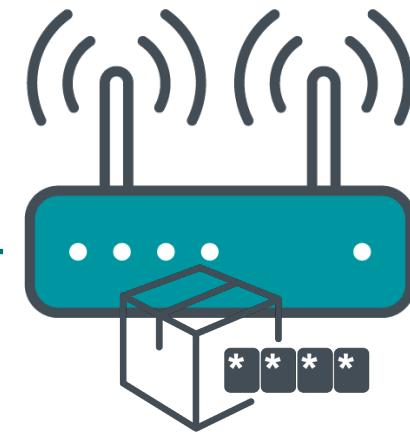
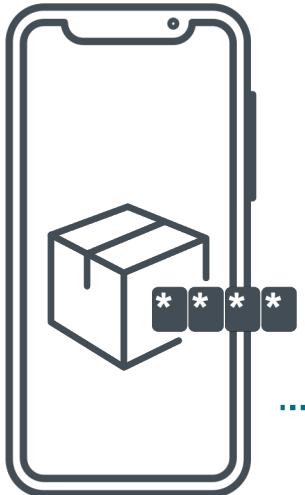




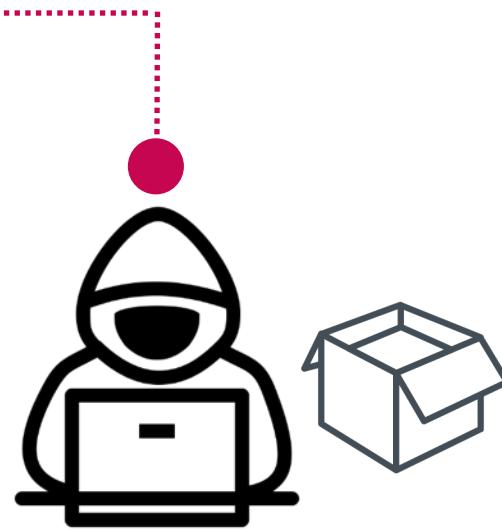
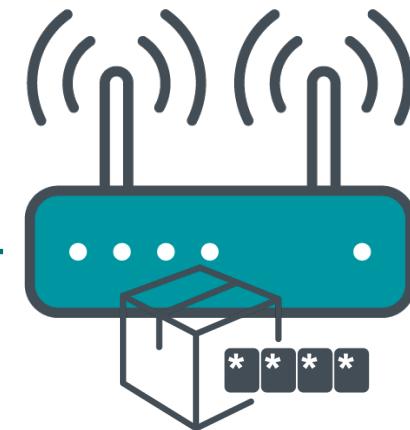
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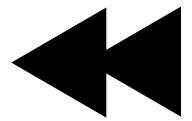
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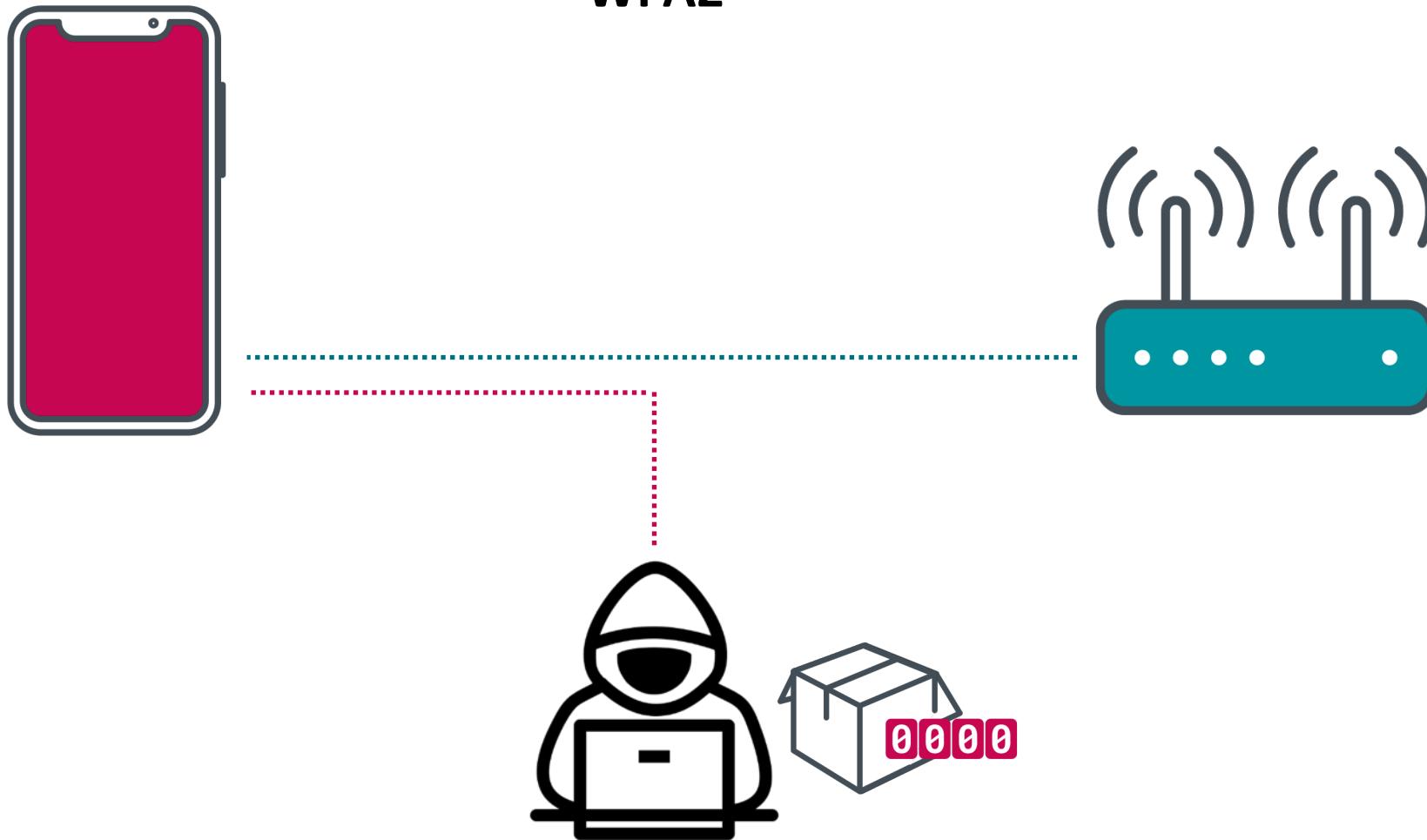
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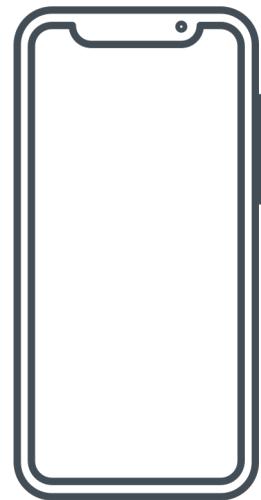




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WPA2

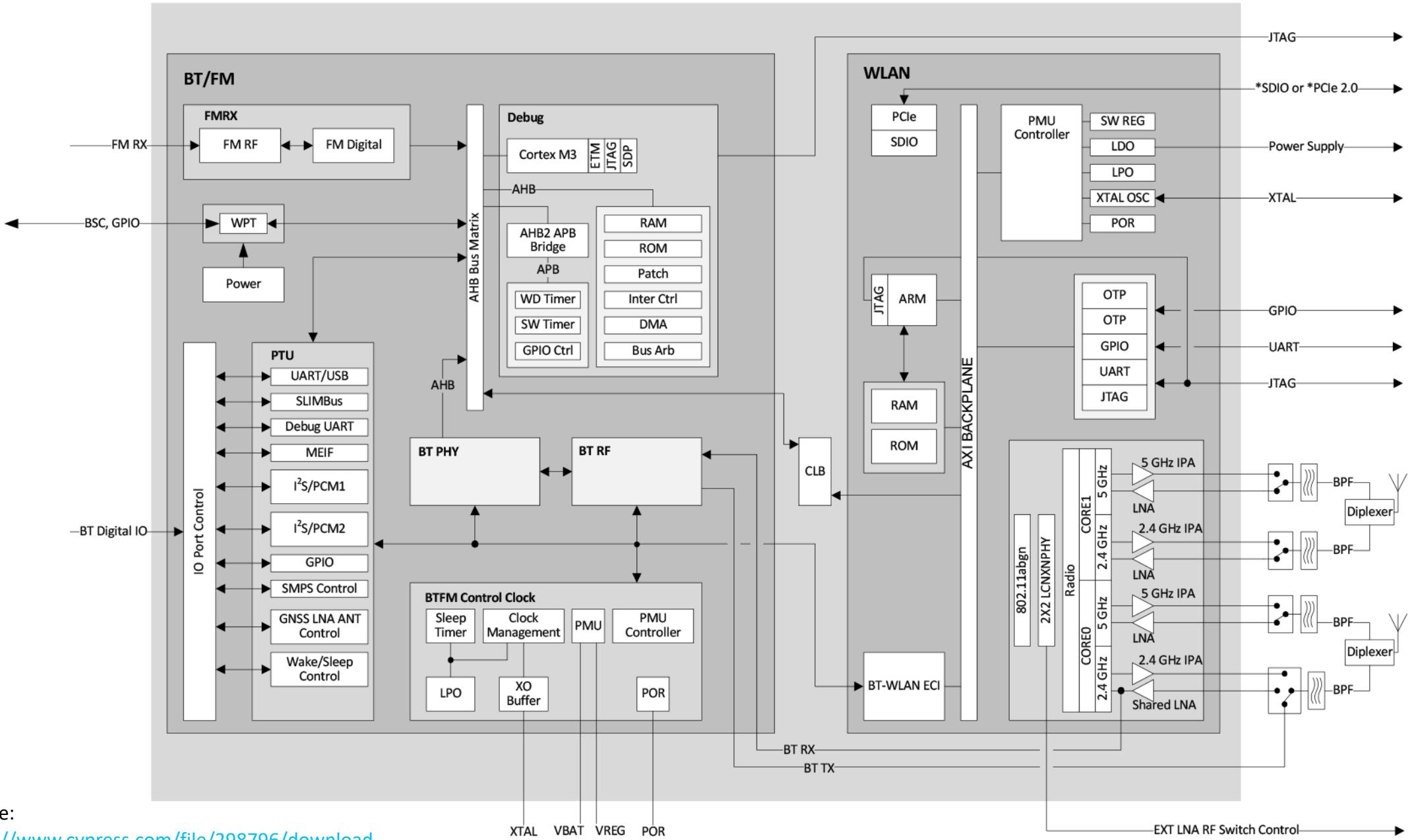




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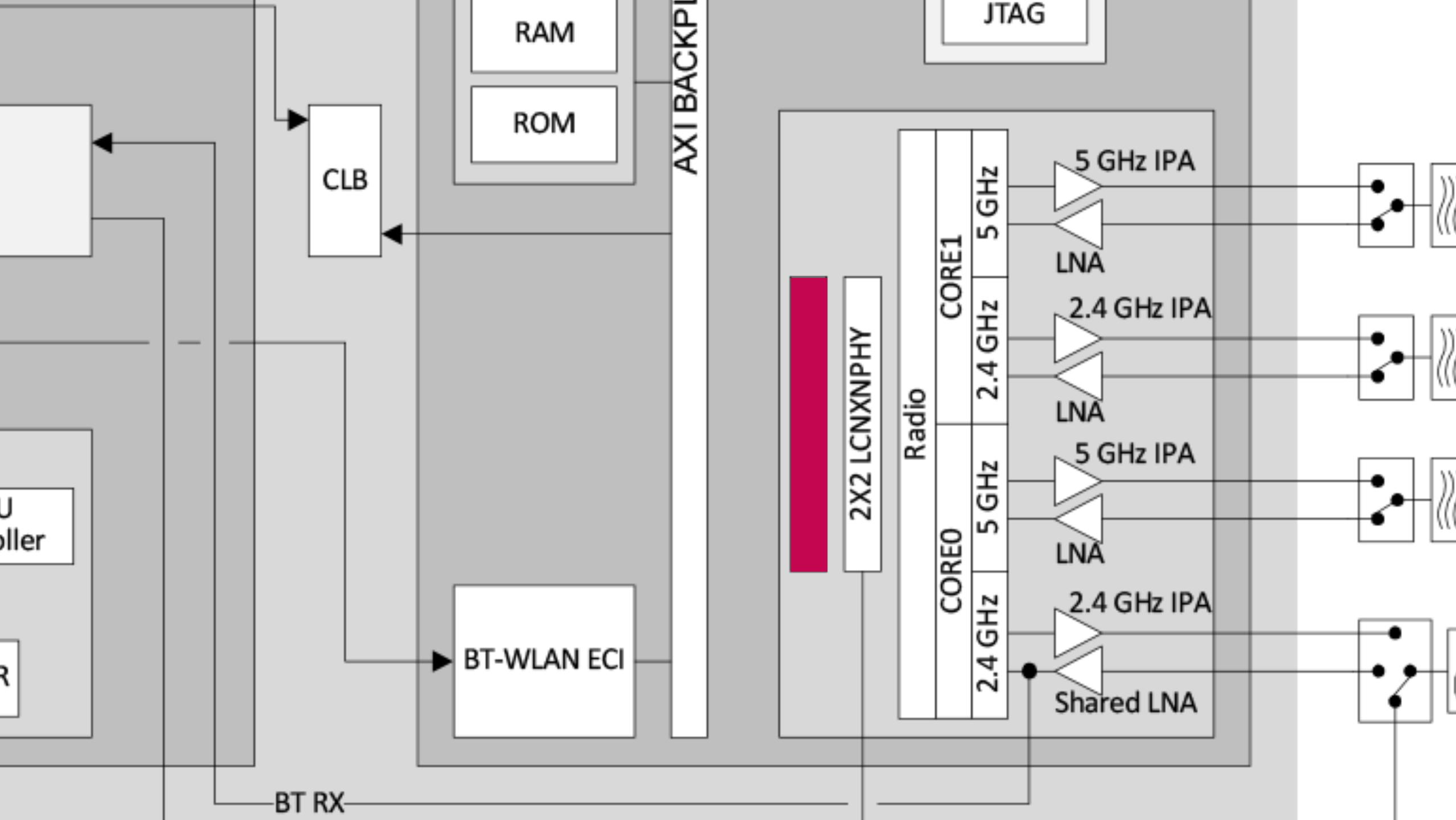
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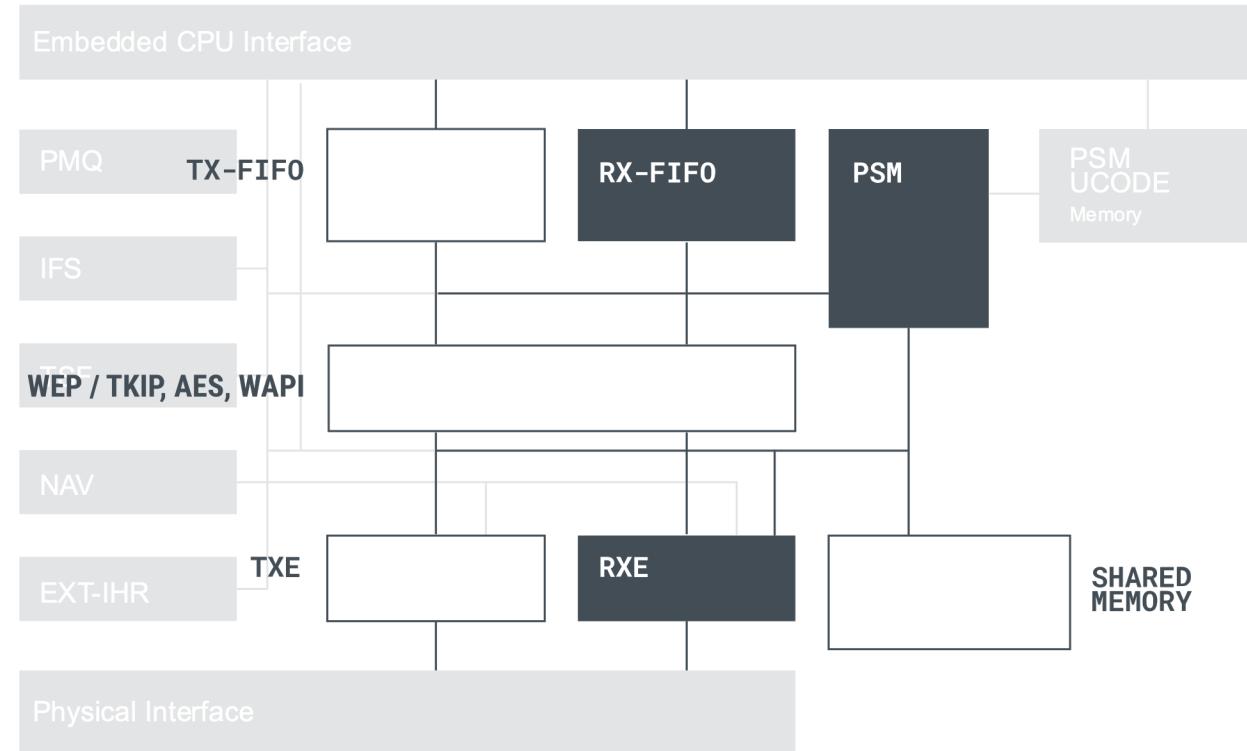
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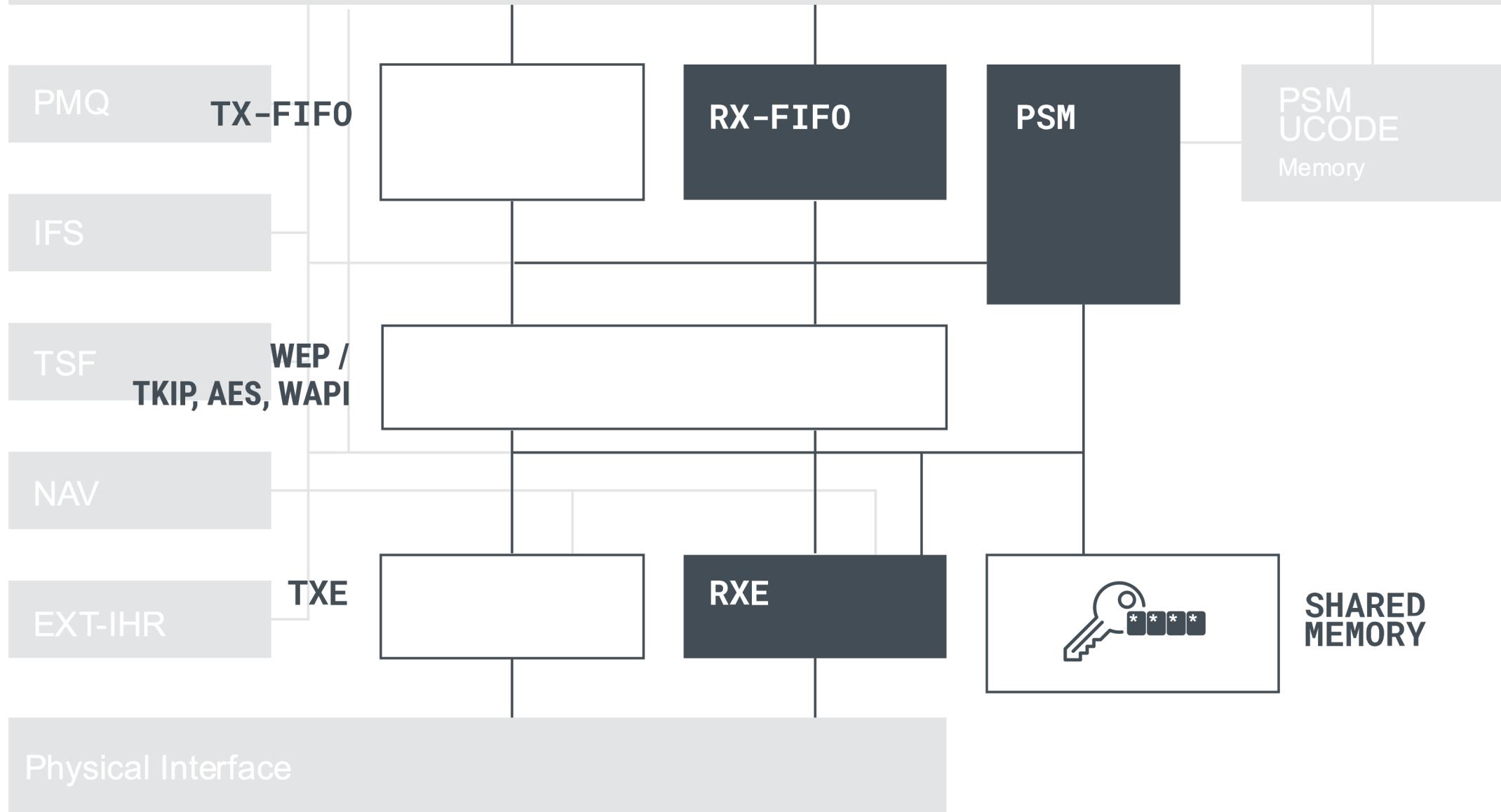
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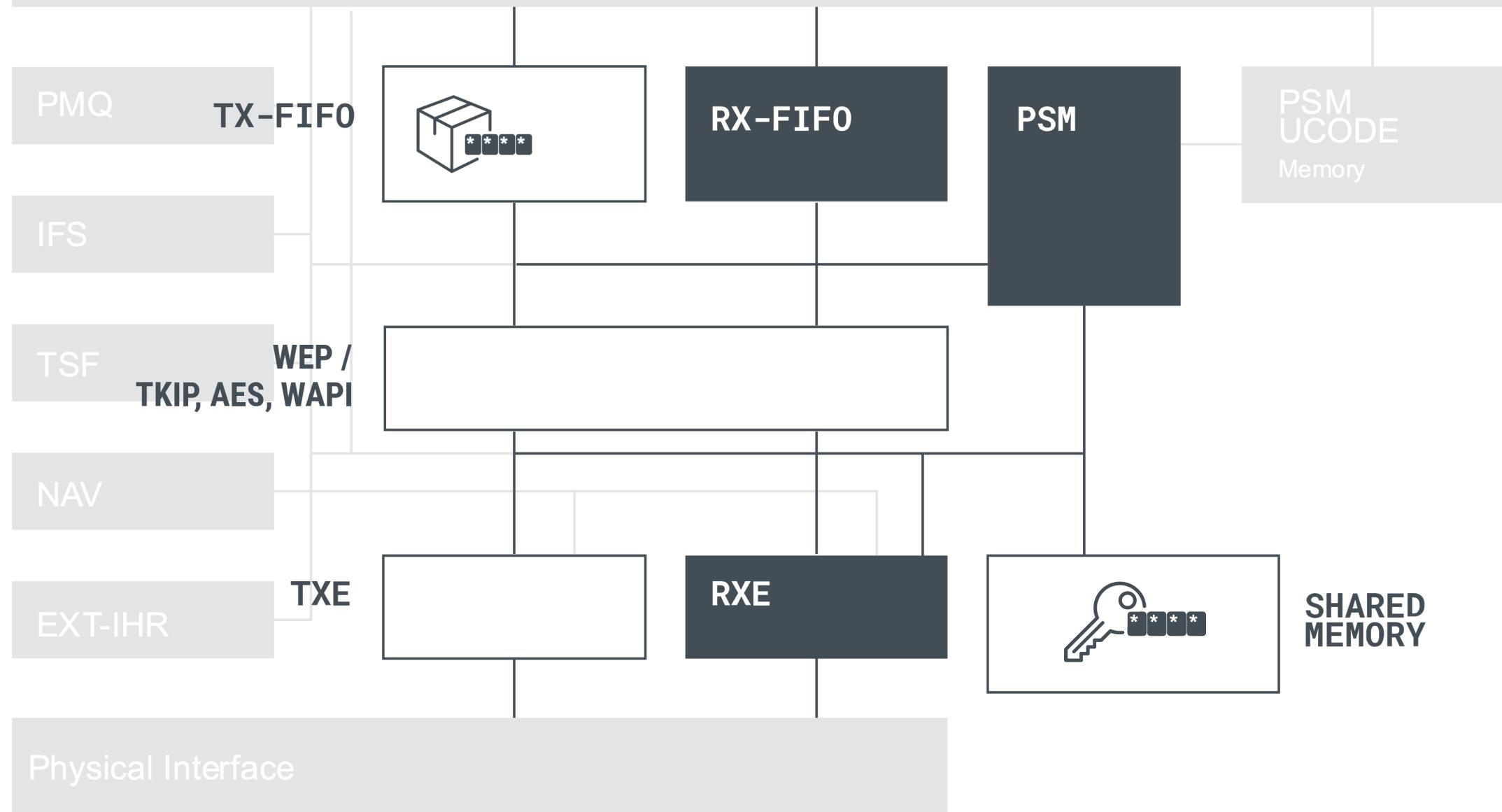




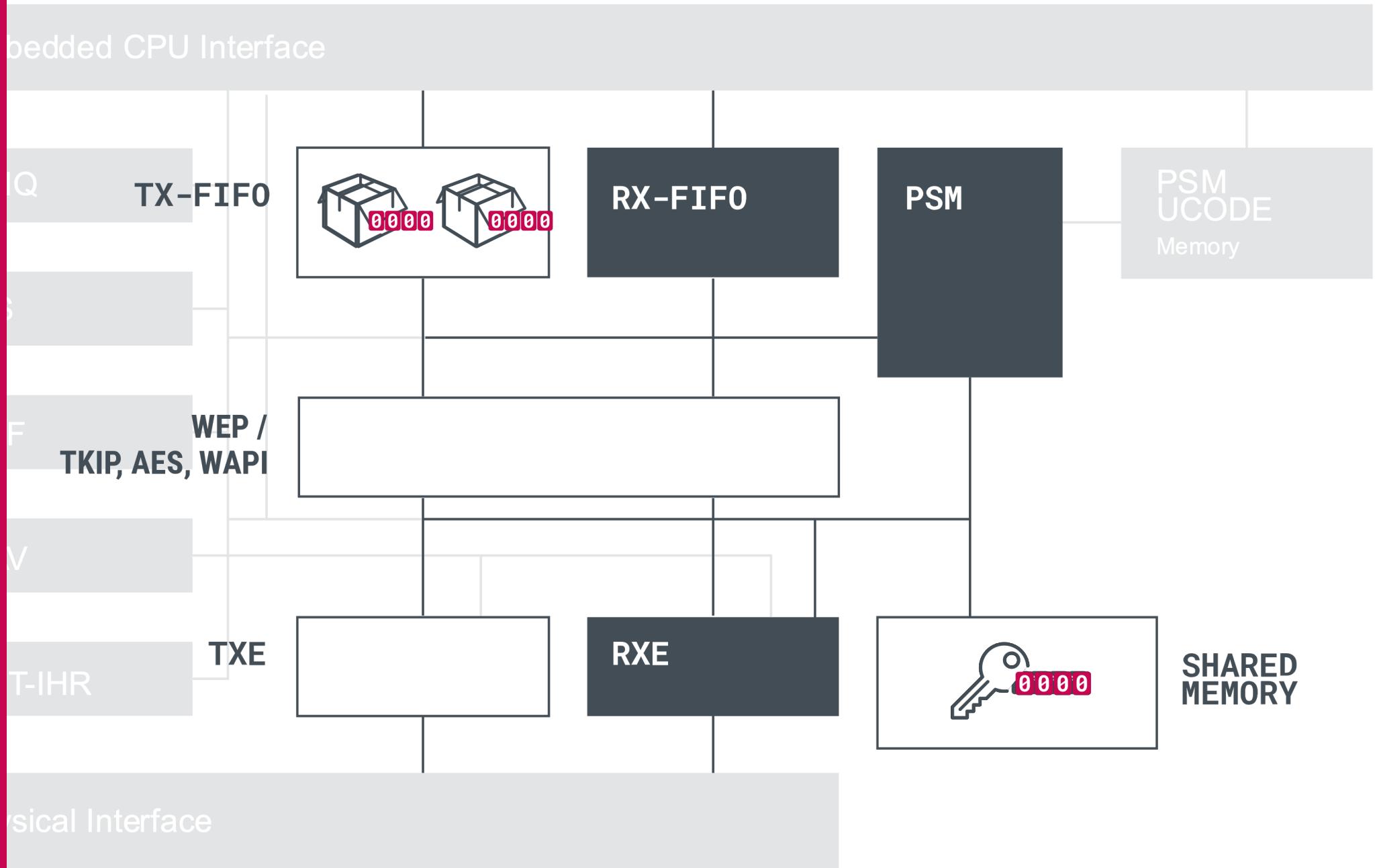
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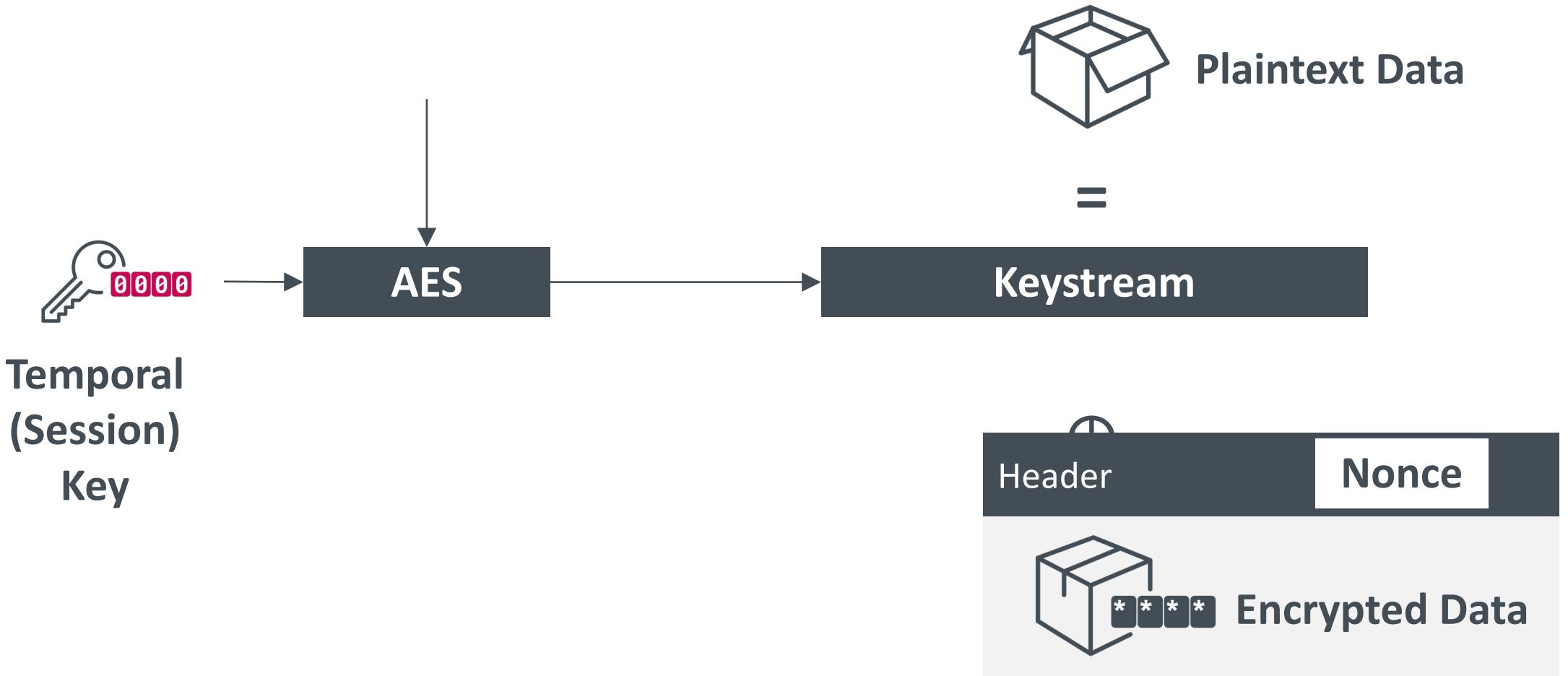
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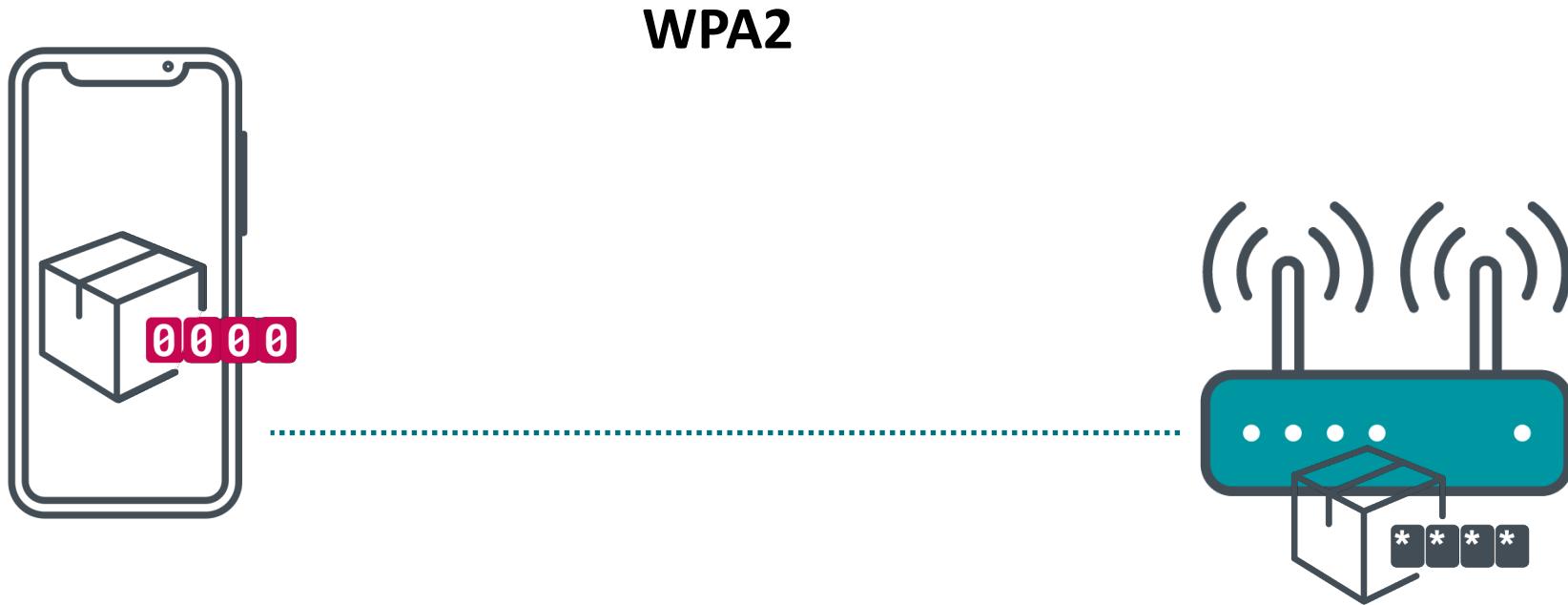
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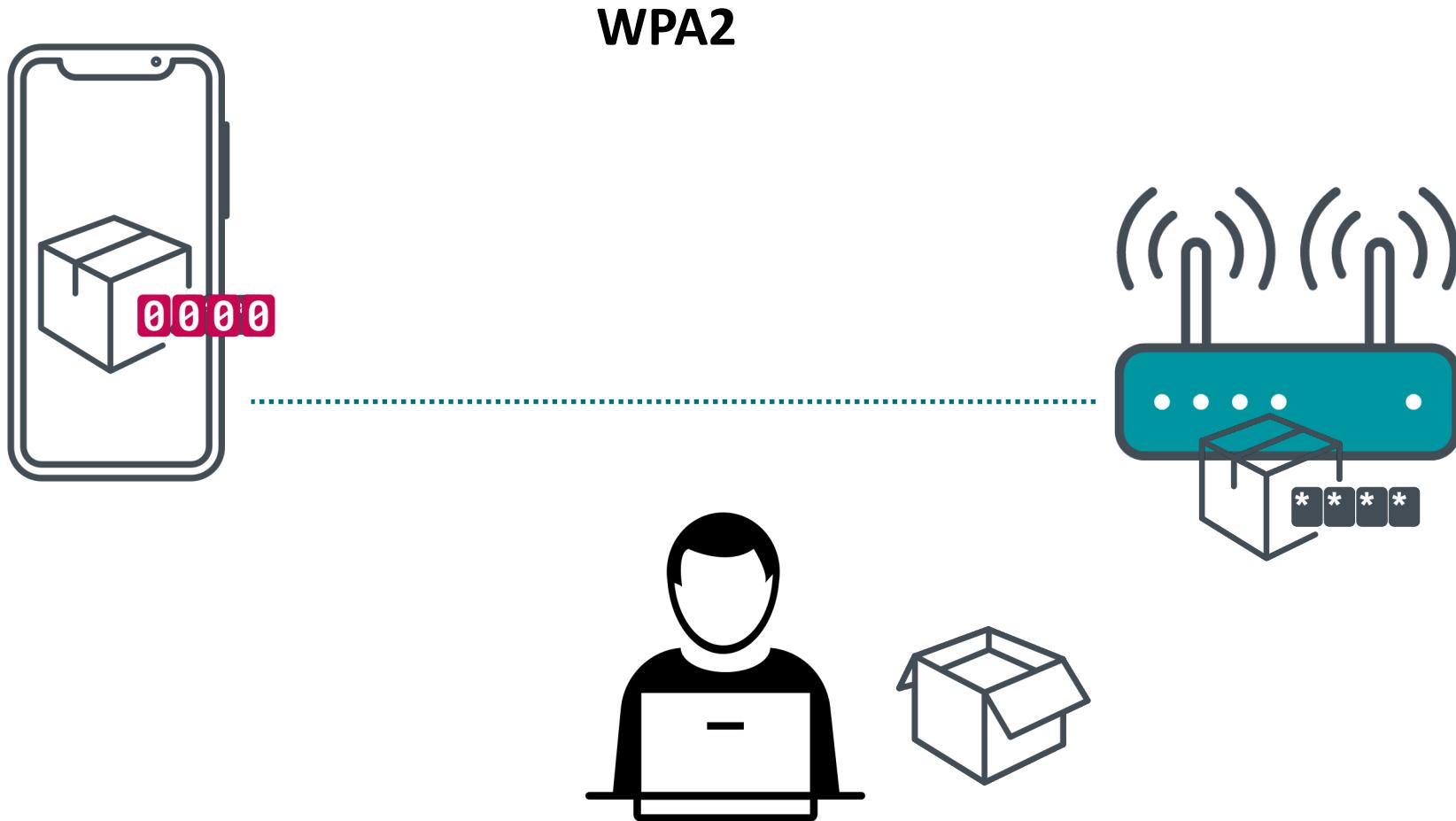
# Impact

What can an attacker do with this  
vulnerability?

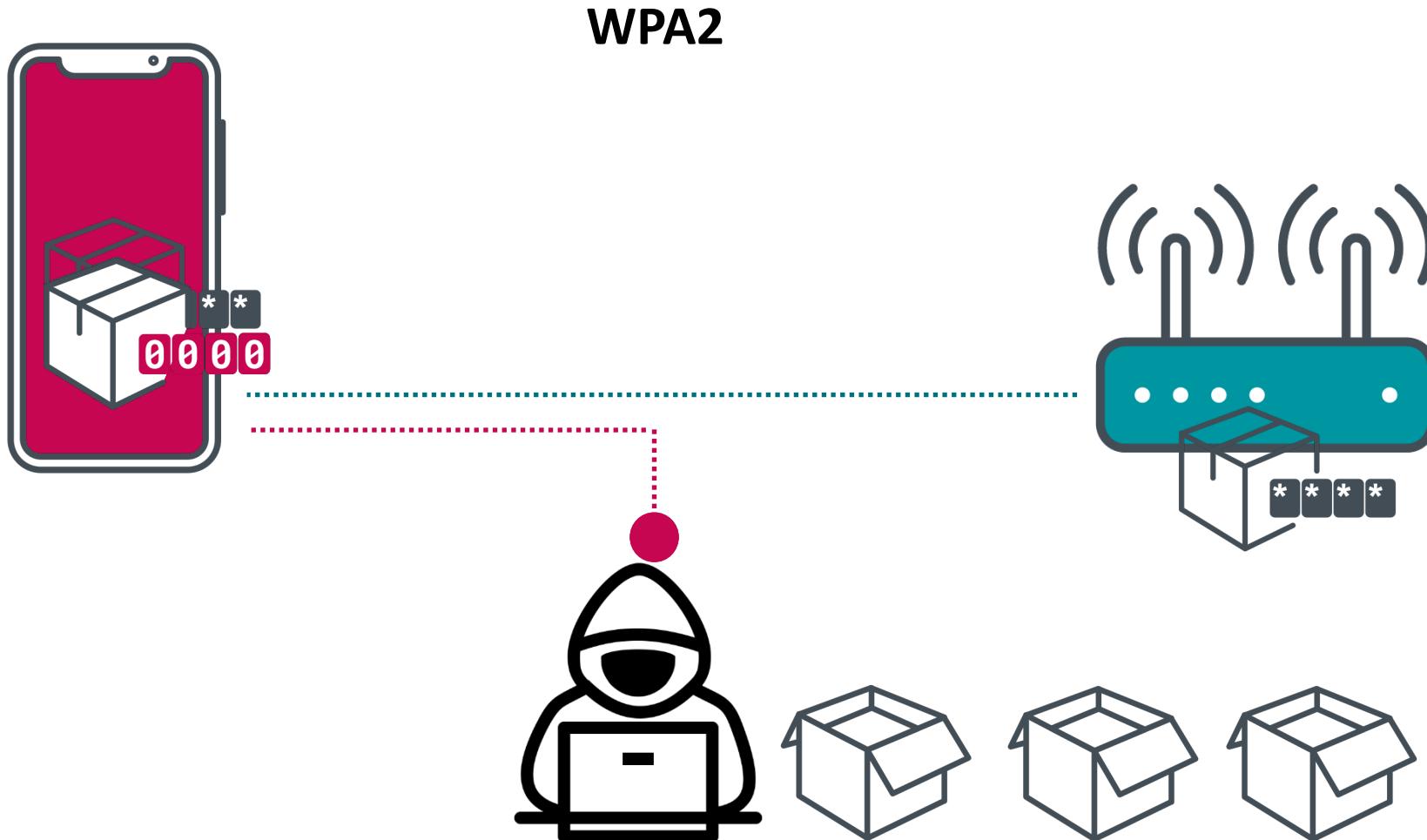
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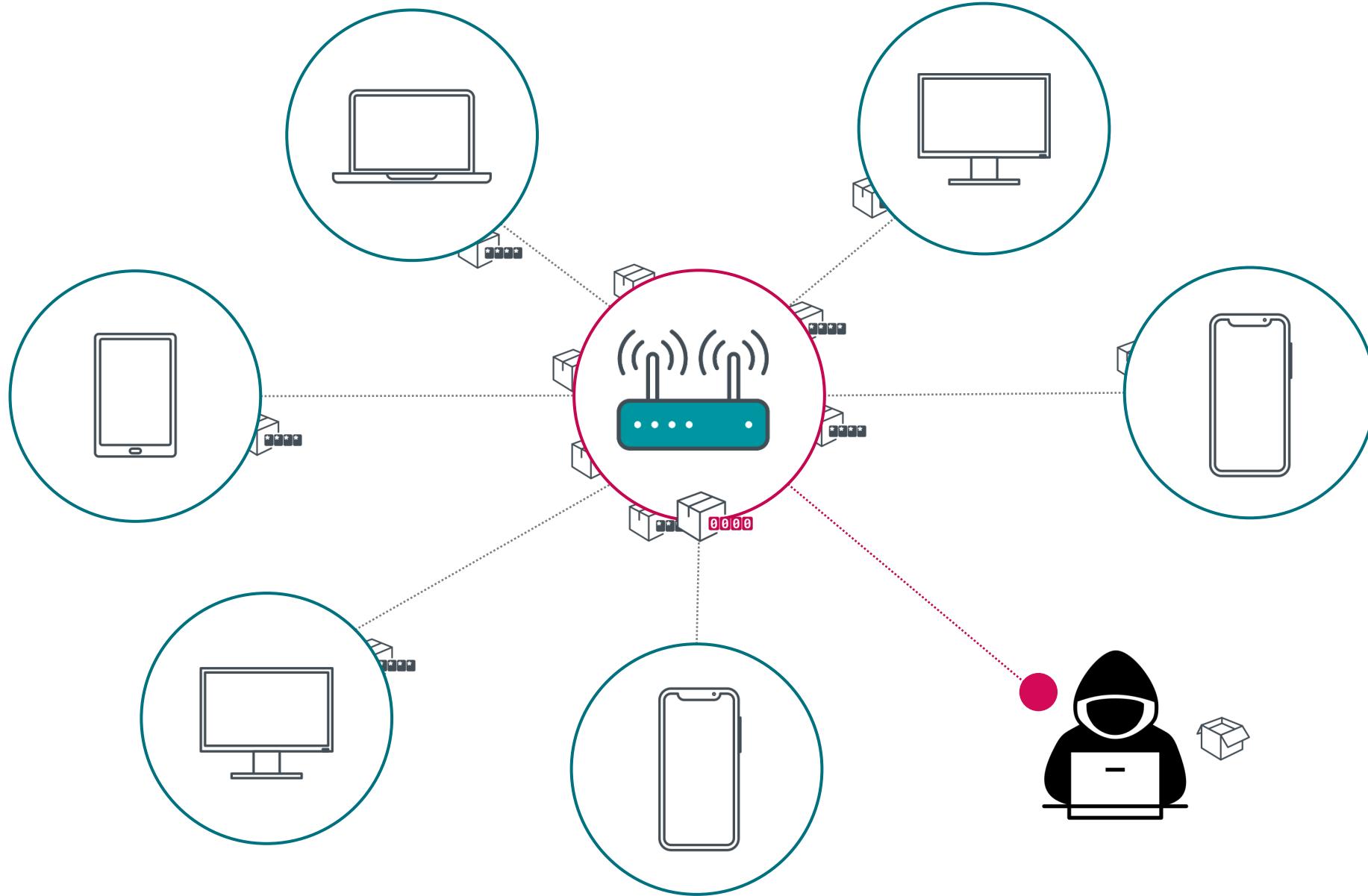


## Eavesdropping – Active



# DEMO

# Vulnerable Access Point vs. Secure Devices



## What devices are affected?

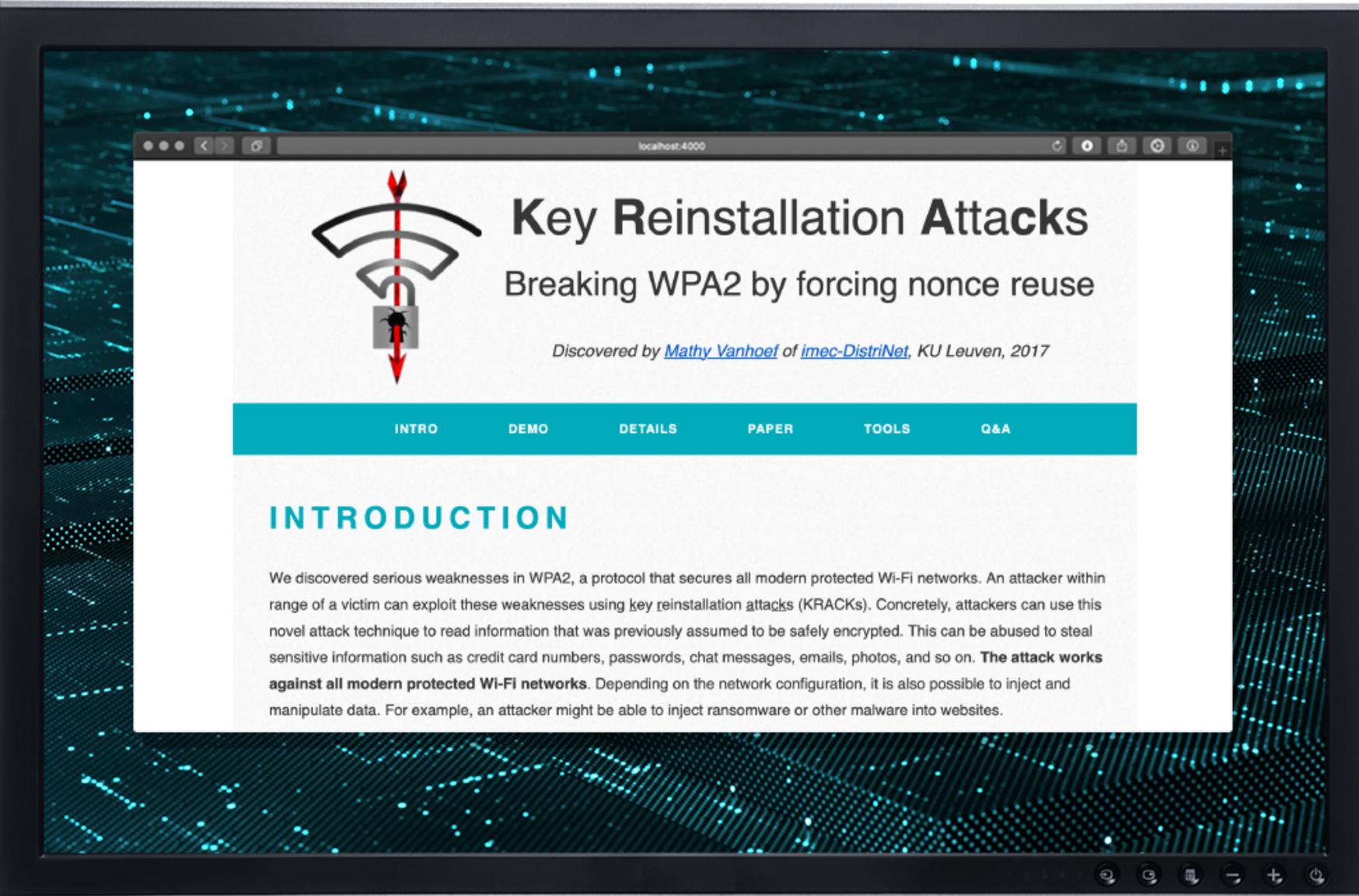
- Devices with Broadcom and Cypress FullMAC Wi-Fi chips
- We positively tested:
  - Apple iPhones
  - Apple MacBooks
  - Samsung Galaxy phones
  - Google Nexus phones
  - Raspberry Pi 3
  - Amazon Echo 2
  - Amazon Kindle 8
  - ASUS Wi-Fi routers
  - Huawei Wi-Fi routers

## What was done about this?

- ESET responsibly disclosed to Broadcom and Cypress
  - Granted 120 day grace period
- Broadcom and Cypress pushed patches to individual device manufacturers
- ESET worked with ICASI to ensure all possibly affected parties were aware of the bug

# KRACKing Amazon Echo

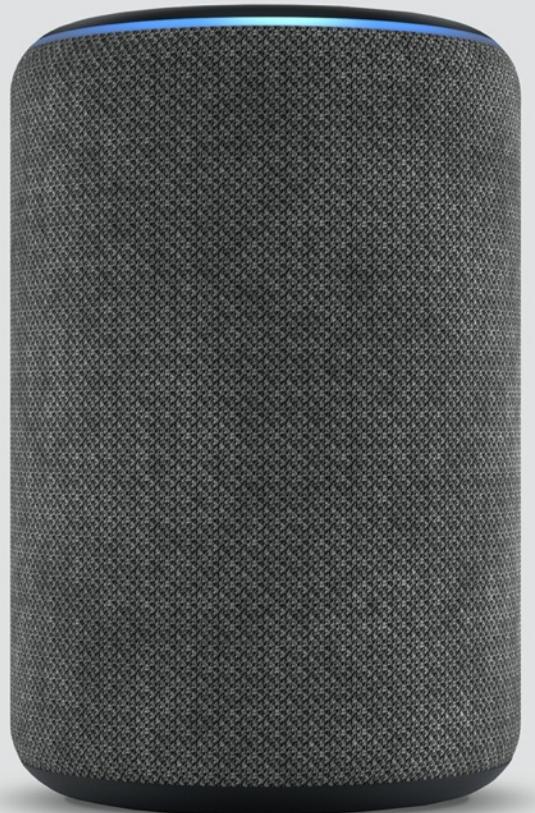
How it all started...



# AMAZON ECHO 1<sup>ST</sup> GEN

Vulnerable to KRACK attack





# AMAZON ECHO 2<sup>ND</sup> GEN

Vulnerable to... Kr00k

## KRACK vs. KR00K

### KRACK

Attack / exploit

Nonce reused to acquire keystream

Triggered during the 4-way handshake

Affects most Wi-Fi capable devices

### KR00K

Vulnerability / bug

Data encrypted with all-zero session key

Triggered after a disassociation

Affects the most widespread Wi-Fi chips  
(Broadcom & Cypress)



# Follow-up research

File Edit View Go Capture Analyze Statistics Telephony Wireless Tools Help

Apply a display filter ... <Ctrl-/>

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1	0.000000	D-LinkIn_ed:e2:17	Tp-LinkT_08:8b:dd	802.11	1256	QoS Data, SN=151, FN=0, Flags=.p....F.

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> Frame 1: 1256 bytes on wire (10048 bits), 1256 bytes captured (10048 bits)
> Radiotap Header v0, Length 18
> 802.11 radio information
< IEEE 802.11 QoS Data, Flags: .p....F.
  Type/Subtype: QoS Data (0x0028)
< Frame Control Field: 0x8842
  .... ..00 = Version: 0
  .... 10.. = Type: Data frame (2)
  1000 .... = Subtype: 8
< Flags: 0x42
  .... ..10 = DS status: Frame from DS to a STA via AP(To DS: 0 From DS: 1) (0x2)
  .... .0.. = More Fragments: This is the last fragment
  .... 0... = Retry: Frame is not being retransmitted
  ....0 .... = PWR MGT: STA will stay up
  .... .... = More Data: No data buffered
  .... .1.. .... = Protected flag: Data is protected
  .... 0... - Order flag: Not strictly ordered
  .000 0000 0111 0101 = Duration: 117 microseconds
  Receiver address: Tp-LinkT_08:8b:dd (84:16:f9:08:8b:dd)
  Transmitter address: D-LinkIn_ed:e2:17 (e4:6f:13:ed:e2:17)
  Destination address: Tp-LinkT_08:8b:dd (84:16:f9:08:8b:dd)
  Source address: D-LinkIn_ed:e2:17 (e4:6f:13:ed:e2:17)
  BSS Id: D-LinkIn_ed:e2:17 (e4:6f:13:ed:e2:17)
  STA address: Tp-LinkT_08:8b:dd (84:16:f9:08:8b:dd)
  .... .... .... 0000 = Fragment number: 0
  0000 1001 0111 .... = Sequence number: 151
< CCMP parameters
  CCMP Ext. Initialization Vector: 0x000000000099
< Data (1204 bytes)
  Data: aaaa030000000800450004a4657717d940017461c0a8017a...
  [Length: 1204]

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0000	00 00 12 00 2e 48 00 00	00 16 85 09 a0 00 d3 01	.....H.....
0010	00 00 88 42 75 00 84 16	f9 08 8b dd e4 6f 13 ed	....Bu....o....
0020	e2 17 e4 6f 13 ed e2 17	70 09 00 00 99 00 00 20	....o....p....
0030	00 00 00 00 aa aa 03 00	00 00 08 00 45 00 04 a4	.....E....
0040	65 77 17 d9 40 01 74 61	c0 a8 01 7a c0 a8 01 dd	ew...@.ta...z....
0050	64 65 66 67 68 69 6a 6b	6c 6d 6e 6f 70 71 72 73	defghijk lmnopqrss
0060	74 75 76 77 61 62 63 64	65 66 67 68 69 6a 6b 6c	tuvwabcd efgijkl1
0070	6d 6e 6f 70 71 72 73 74	75 76 77 61 62 63 64 65	mnopqrst uvwabcde
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0230	61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68	69 6a 6b 6c 6d 6e 6f 70	abcdefg hijklmnop

## Qualcomm WLAN chips

- **CVE-2020-3702**
- Affected chip: **QCA9531**
- Mitigation:
  - **Proprietary driver** patched July 2020
  - **Open source drivers?!**

## Mediatek WLAN chips

- Affected tested devices:
  - **ASUS RT-AC52U router**
  - **Azure Sphere MT3620 (OS ver.20.05)**
- Mitigation:
  - SW patches issued March - April 2020
  - Azure Sphere – patch in latest/upcoming OS update





Wrapping up...

Kudos to





What should you do?

- Update all your devices ~~with Broadcom & Cypress chips~~

Even APs / Wi-Fi routers!      Not just Personal – but Enterprise too!

- As a manufacturer of Wi-Fi capable devices:

- Contact the Wi-Fi Alliance and check with your Wi-Fi chip manufacturer that your devices have been patched



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DEEP INSIDE YOUR  
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