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“Can You Hear Me Now?”

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Checking In

- Last week we looked at the question, “Do You Trust Me?” (Secure Network Design, Network Trust, Least Privileges, Firewalls)
- And since our last meeting, you have taken the second quiz.
- What were the muddiest points of the lecture on trust? We will review the quiz Thursday, but what are your thoughts on the quiz?





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Wireless Communications

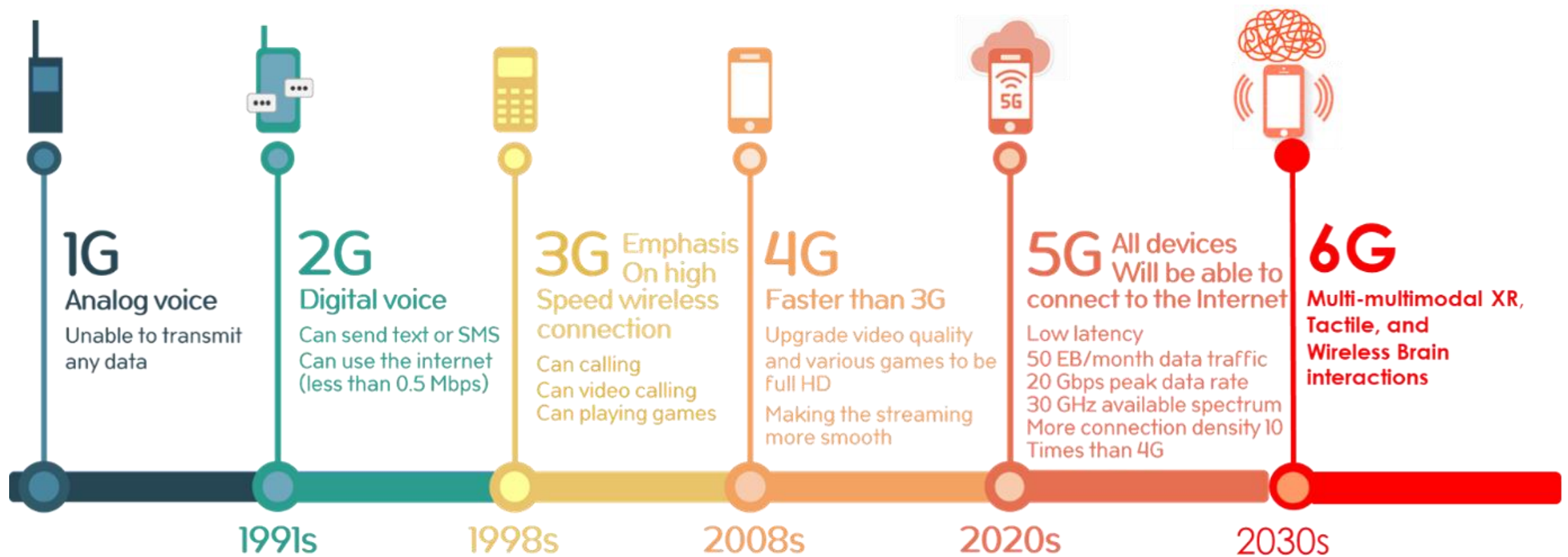
- Transmission of voice and data without cable or wires. Instead, it uses electromagnetic signals.
- **Wi-Fi** (often used in WLANs): Provides high-speed internet access with limited range.
- **Bluetooth**: designed for short-range communication.
- **Cellular Networks** (2G, 3G, 4G, 5G): Used by mobile devices to connect to internet.

Wireless Communications

- A wireless network uses devices that send and receive data over radio frequencies (RF).
- **Frequency:** Measured in hertz (Hz), it is the number of cycles per second. The higher the frequency, the faster the data (5 GHz).
- **Wavelength:** Measured in meters, it is the distance over which the wave repeats (2.4GHz vs 5 GHz). But higher means shorter distance.

Wi-Fi Connectivity

- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)
 - 802.11n (Wi-Fi 4) – 2009
 - 802.11ac (Wi-Fi 5) – 2013
 - 802.11ax (Wi-Fi 6) - 2019
- Wi-Fi Alliance
 - Wi-Fi is Wi-Fi Alliance's certification indicating a WLAN product meets an IEEE technical standard.



Wireless Communication

Difference Between Wi-Fi and Cellular Networks?

Wi-Fi

- Wi-Fi Generations (like 802.11ac or Wi-Fi 6) are used for local networks, providing internet connectivity in smaller areas with higher speeds and typically lower cost. Devices connect to the internet by communicating with a router, which is usually connected to a broadband or fiber internet service.

Cellular

- Cellular Network Generations (like 4G, 5G) provide wide-area coverage for mobile devices, offering more mobility but often at higher costs and potentially slower speeds than the latest Wi-Fi standards.
- GSM – Global System for Mobile
- CDMA – Code Division Multiple Access (3G)
- LTE – Long-term Evolution (4G)
- Fifth Gen – 5G

WLAN Security Standards

- Subset of network security that involves designing, implementing, and ensuring security.
- Strategies are designed to preserve the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of wireless networks and their resources.
- WEP, WPA, WPA2, and the latest WPA3 are the four types of wireless network security protocols.
- Wired Equivalent Privacy (WEP) – 1997; very vulnerable security.
- Wi-Fi Protected Access (WPA) – 2003; uses Temporal Key Integrity Protocol (TKIP) encryption (insecure).
 - WPA – Personal (for home) – what's the password?
 - WPA – Enterprise (uses RADIUS) – individual pwds.
- WPA2 – 2004; most popular; uses Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) encryption (highly secure).
- WPA3 – 2018; greater protection against brute force.
 - Personal; Enterprise; Enhanced Open
 - Compatibility issues with older equipment



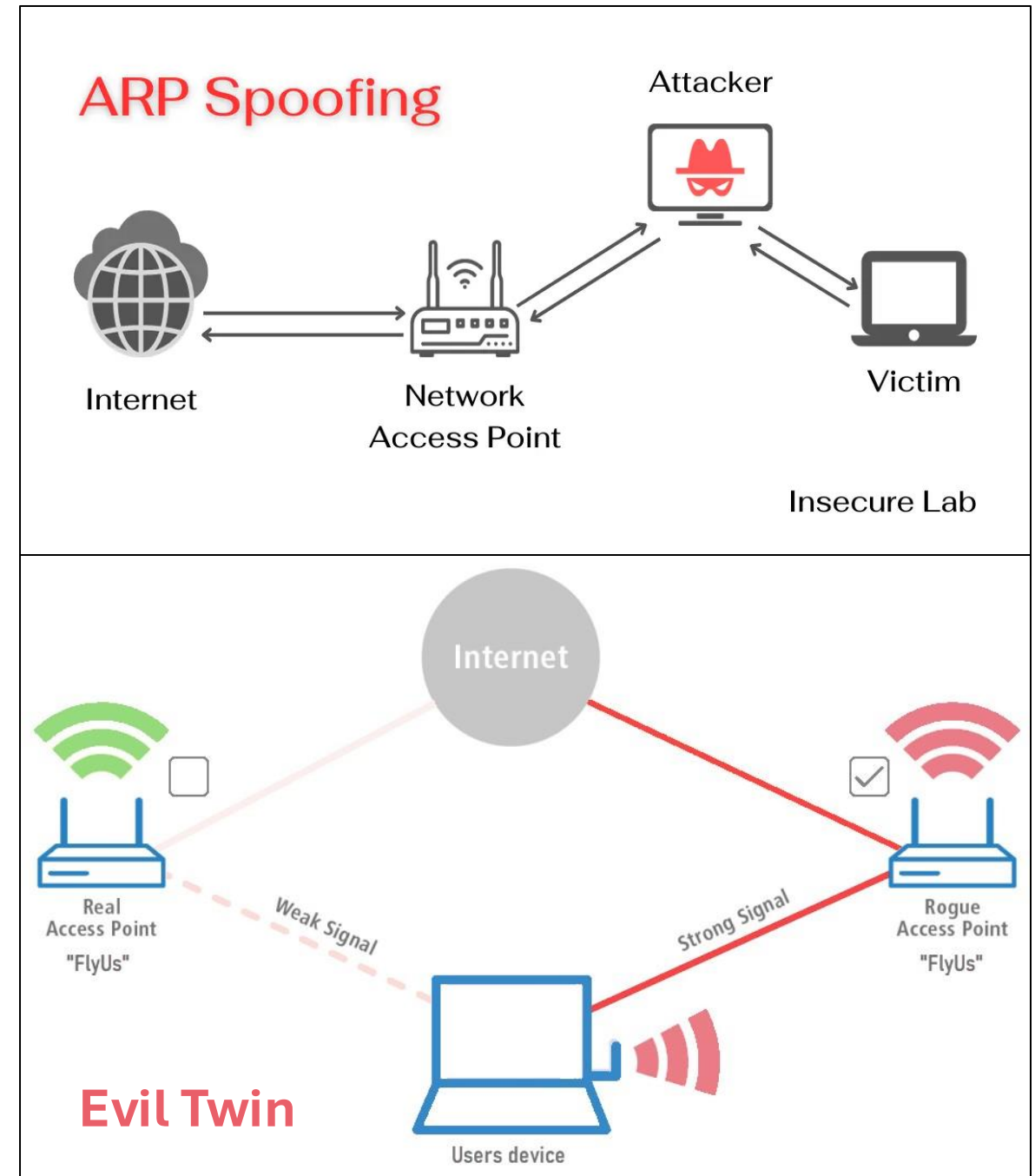
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WLAN Authentication

- Pre-shared key (PSK) is a shared password used for device authentication. Provides authentication.
- Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP) is an authentication framework that allows various methods (like passwords, digital certificates, or tokens) to be used.
- IEEE 802.1X is an IEEE standard for port-based access control.
- Remote Authentication Dial-In User Service (RADIUS) is a networking protocol for centralized authentication, authorization, and accounting (AAA) services.
- Terminal Access Controller Access-Control System Plus (TACACS+) is a proprietary networking protocol developed by Cisco for centralized authentication, authorization, accounting, and auditing (AAAA) services

Attack!

- Passive attacks - attacker is within range of a wireless network to eavesdrop; most common is packet sniffing (DNS spoofing; malware)
- Active attacks – rogue access points (“Free Wi-Fi”) (MitM; Evil Twin; ARP spoofing).





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Wireless Technologies: Bluetooth, RFID, NFC

Bluetooth:

1. Use Case: Short-range communication (up to 30 feet)
2. Security Risks:
 - a. Bluejacking: Sending unsolicited messages to nearby Bluetooth devices.
 - b. Bluesnarfing: Gaining unauthorized access to data on a Bluetooth-enabled device.

RFID (Radio Frequency Identification):

1. Use Case: Uses electromagnetic fields to automatically identify and track tags attached to objects. Used in access control (e.g., keycards), inventory management, and pet identification.
2. Security Consideration: Without encryption, RFID tags can be cloned or spoofed.

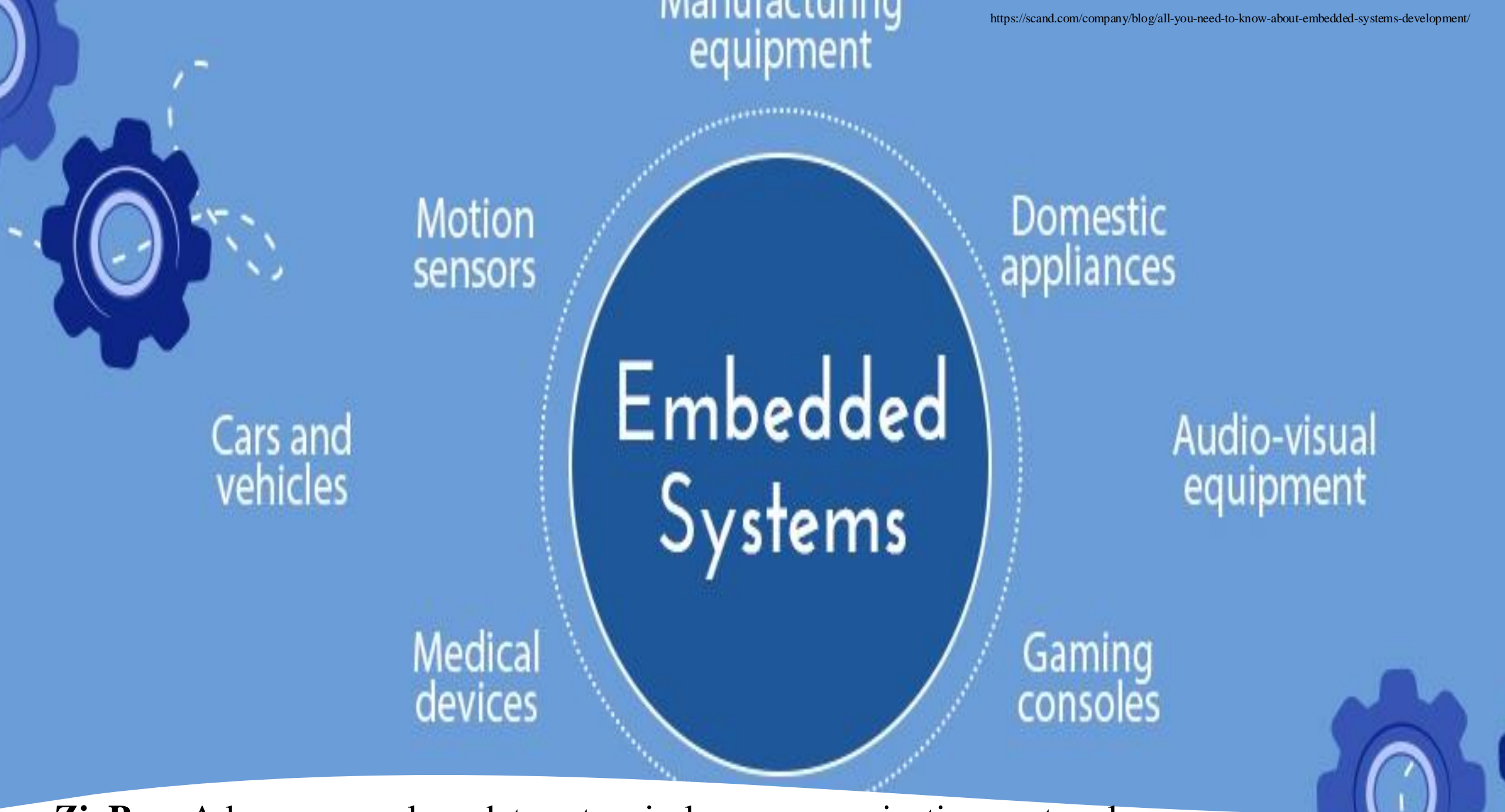
NFC (Near-Field Communication):

1. Use Case: Used for contactless payments (e.g., Apple Pay, Google Pay) and data exchanges

What Are Embedded Systems?

- The connection between embedded systems and wireless communication lies in the integration of wireless technologies into devices to enable connectivity, data exchange, and control over a network without the need for physical connections.
- An embedded system is a specialized computer system within a larger device, consisting of a processor, memory, and input/output components. It is designed to perform a specific task with dedicated hardware and software.

Internet of Things



ZigBee: A low-power, low-data-rate wireless communication protocol.

SCADA and ICS

Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition

- Controls operation of electric, water, and similar industrial control systems (ICS).
- Growing reliance on wireless technologies to control, monitor, and manage industrial processes



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**Review of Last Quiz
Review of PowerPoint Slides
Review for Mid-Term Exam**

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