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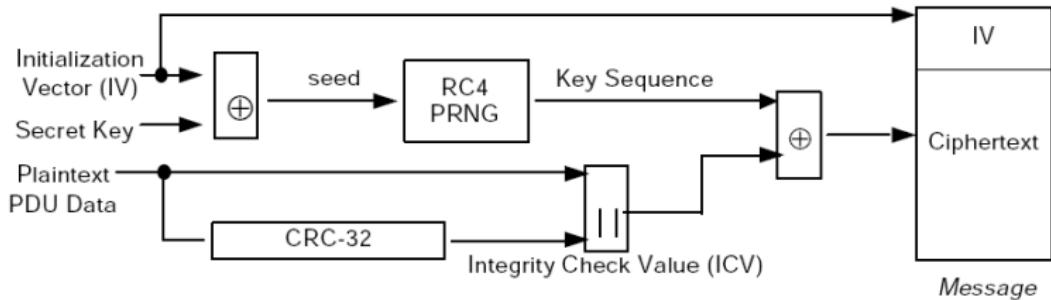
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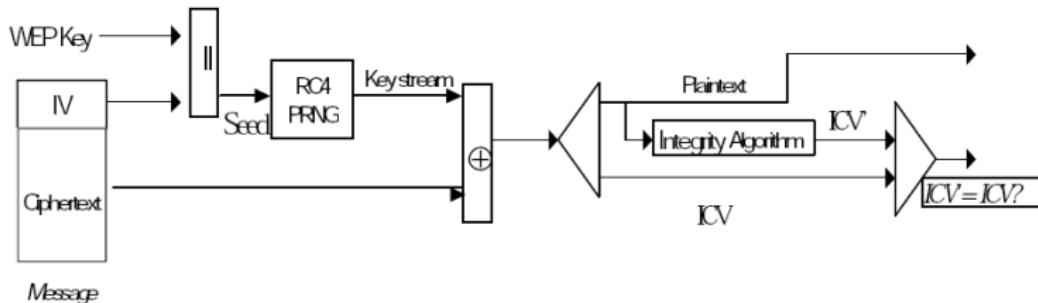
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- Response of IEEE to WEP problem: 802.11i
 - But was not ready in time!
- Intermediate response of Wi-Fi Alliance: WPA
 - Subset of a draft (D3) of 802.11i backward compatible with WEP hardware
 - Allow firmware upgrades to WPA TKIP
 - Keys and IVs larger, dynamically changed every 10k, derived from PMK
 - CRC replaced by a keyed-MIC based on "Michael", including a frame counter
 - Replay attacks and alterations not possible anymore?

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- WPA still relies on the same RC4 algorithm than WEP
- Accelerated attack of $\mathcal{O}(2^{105})$ vs. $\mathcal{O}(2^{128})$ on TK
- "Michael" subject to packet forgery attacks if IVs reused

$$m = \text{Michael}(M, k_{mic}) \Leftrightarrow k_{mic} = \text{InvMichael}(M, m)$$

- Risk of efficient DoS due to WPA "counter-attack" measures

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- Finally ratified by IEEE in June, 2004
- WPA2 certified products in September, 2004
- WPA2 mandatory by March 1st, 2006
 - Extended EAP mandated for Enterprise Devices
- The current best Wi-Fi encryption available
 - Michael replaced by CCMP
 - RC4 replaced by AES

WPA2 with AES is eligible for FIPS 140-2 compliance

WEP/WPA/WPA2 mixed modes

- RSN (Robust Security Network):
 - CCMP/TKIP-only networks
- TSN (Transient Security Network):
 - allows pre-RSN associations (WEP in group ciphers)
- WPA2 Wi-Fi certification:
 - RSN modes: WPA2-only and WPA/WPA2 mixed mode
- WPA/WPA2 mixed mode:
 - AP:
 - supports both WPA and WPA2 clients by using TKIP as group cipher suite and CCMP/TKIP as unicast cipher suite
 - STA:
 - WPA(TKIP) for unicast and WPA(TKIP) for multicast
 - WPA2(AES) for unicast and WPA(TKIP) for multicast

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- So are the SSID, src and dst MAC-addresses
- This is still possible to spoof mgmt frames
(e.g. spoofed Disassociation or Deauthentication frames),
see [airjack](#) and [Scapy](#)
- So, still many ways of DoS (jamming, >2007 Assocs,
Disassocs, Deauths, PS-Polls)

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- Implementation-specific issues

- Driver fuzzing with [Lorcon](#)
- Black Hat 2006 and ToorCon 2006 demos
- Intel Centrino vulnerability
- Apple: 3 vulnerabilities in Airport
- NDAs, speeches, retractions, where is the fuzz? ;-)

- Other tools

- pen tool [wicrawl](#)

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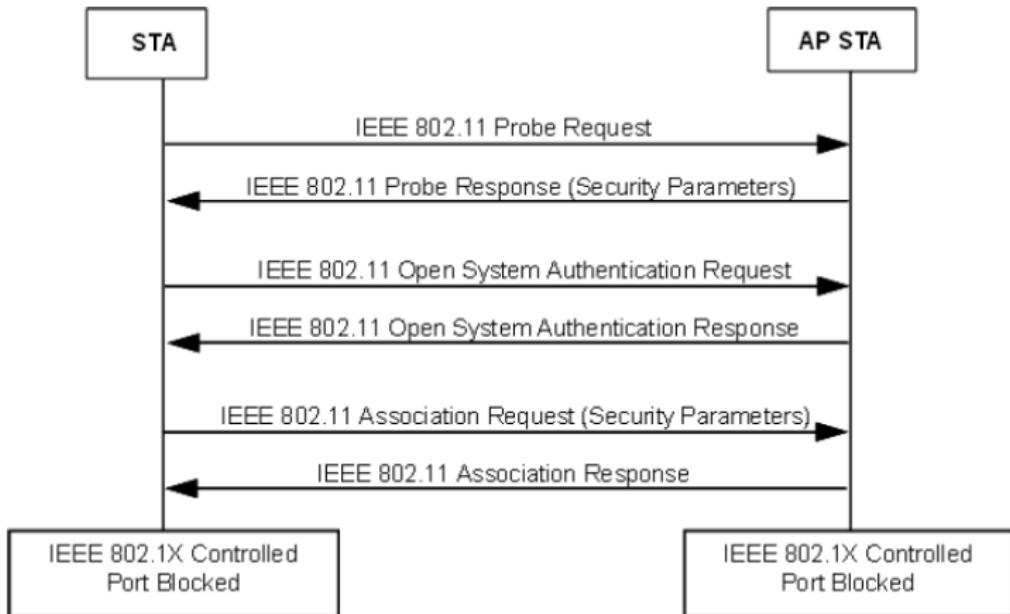
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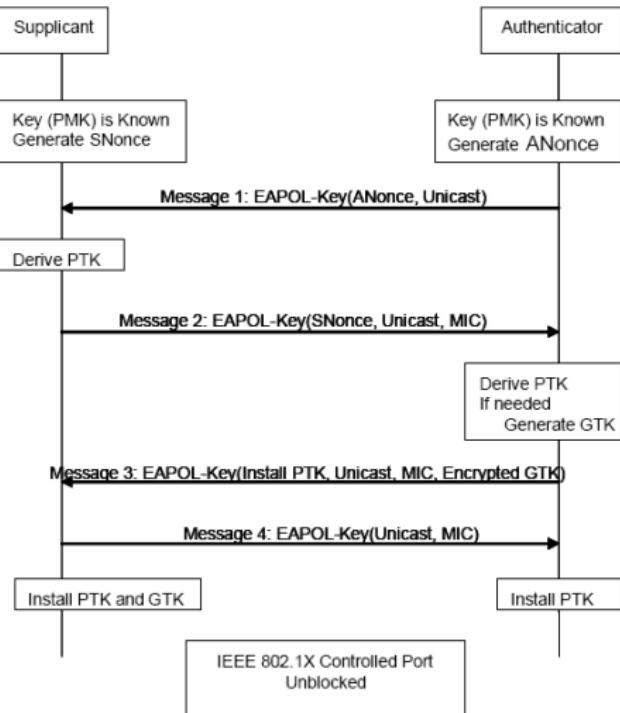
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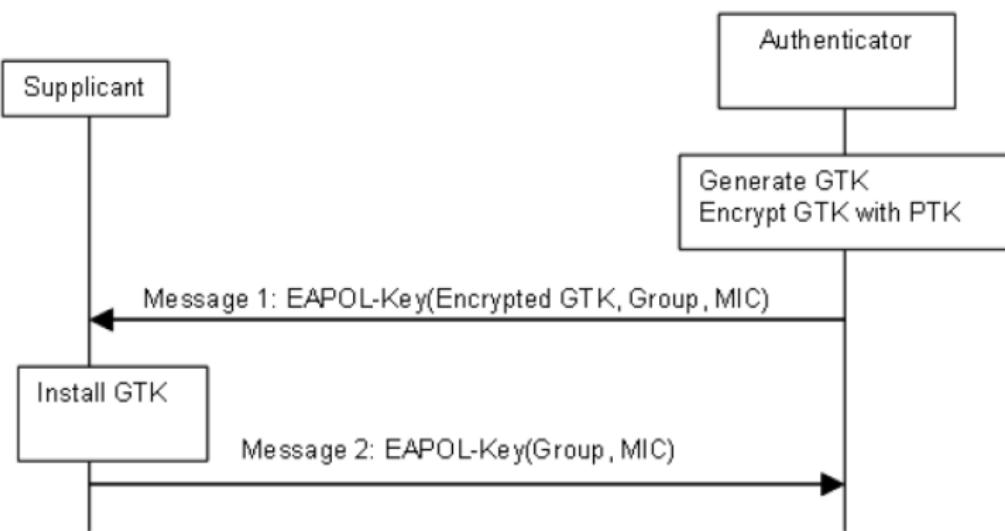
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For WPA, group keys are shared in a separate handshake



WPA: 2-Way HS follows immediately 4-Way HS

Useful before a STA joins or after a STA leaves

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4-Way Handshake

- ① AP→STA: EAPOL(..., ANonce)
- ② STA→AP: EAPOL(..., SNonce, **MIC**, RSN IE)
- ③ AP→STA: EAPOL(..., ANonce, **MIC**, RSN IE)
- ④ STA→AP: EAPOL(..., **MIC**)

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"Pairwise key expansion", ...

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- **PTK** is split in several keys

PTK $\equiv \text{KCK/MK} \parallel \text{KEK} \parallel \text{TEK/TK} \parallel \dots$

MIC = $\text{MIC}(\text{MK}, \text{EAPOL})$

- Conclusion: All secrets are derived from **PMK** and public information
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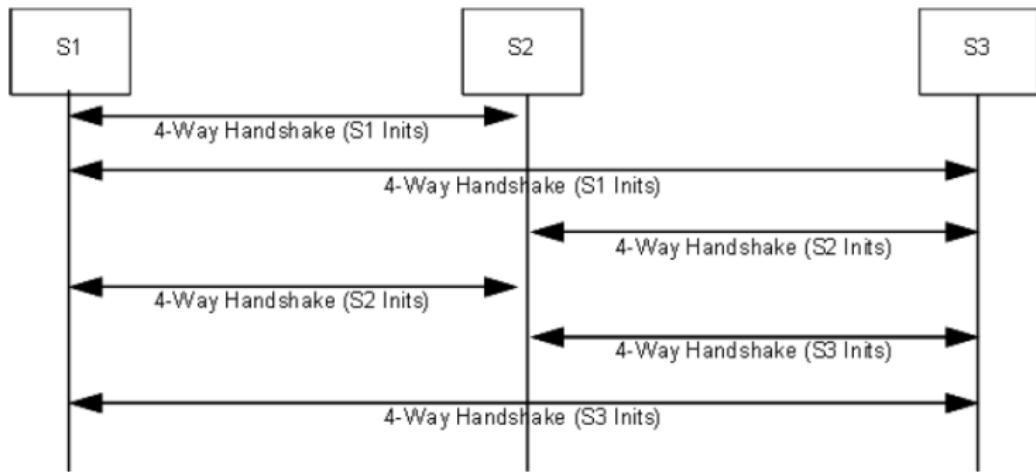
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$N*(N-1)$ 4-Way handshakes for N STAs!

Twice more than pairs because each STA propagates its own GTK
Remember, this doesn't prevent any participant to sniff others ;-)

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How to use WPA-PSK securely?

- Prefer strict WPA2-CCMP if possible
- No passphrase, only randomly-generated PSK
 - For strict Wi-Fi compliance, randomly-generated passphrase with enough entropy
(8 Diceware words or 22 random chars for >100bits)
- If guest access foreseen, individual PSKs
 - (we'll see how later...)

How to use WPA-PSK securely?

PSK:

8BE25E7B5874DEE9779A4E5632BBD573B4B8D3404AE932F8E792BC3193B07153

Diceware:

cleftcamsynodlacyyrairilylowestgloat

Random:

JBXSYITPIUBTCPJORWIOXK

g27kXwrXcrYkxVYJ3

Wi-Fi security can be achieved in Home Networks but this will become true only if it is *easy* to do!

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WPA-Enterprise

alias WPA-EAP, incl. 802.1X

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- WPA-Enterprise certification is optional, only WPA-Personal is mandatory
- Now WPA-Enterprise certification with 4 more methods certified on top of EAP-TLS
 - EAP-TTLS/MSCHAPv2
 - PEAPv0/EAP-MSCHAPv2
 - PEAPv1/EAP-GTC
 - EAP-SIM
- PSK/EAP mixed mode is possible
- Don't use EAP-LEAP (Cisco) anymore!
Cf e.g. **THC-LEAPcracker** and **asleap**

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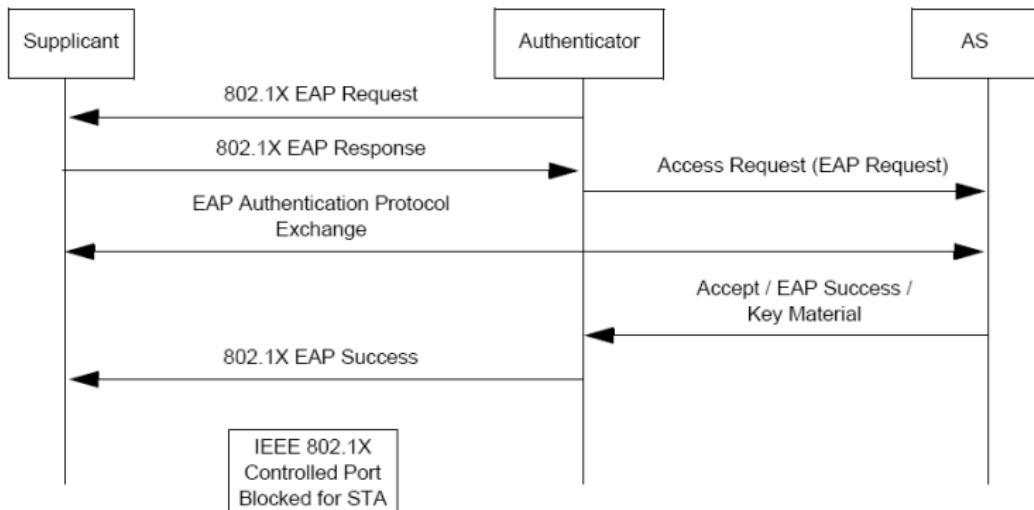
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- Wireless is not "plug and play"
 - Where to connect to?
 - Security bootstrap: distribution of the keys
- People expect setup of a Home Network and addition of devices to be easy, but till now...
 - High product return rates and support calls
 - For the others, up to 80% run without even WEP

Good security is technically feasible, but it has to be easy to install otherwise a majority won't use it.

Secure and easy setup

Numerous proprietary attempts, among others:

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Easy setup is now a Wi-Fi priority

Dedicated Wi-Fi Simple Config Task Groups in charge of specifying a solution

For the first time, Wi-Fi Alliance had to write a spec by itself

You'll hear soon about the new certification program:

Wi-Fi Protected Setup

Under embargo till 6th of November, 2006, 8 a.m. ET :-(

Wi-Fi Protected Setup

Already publicly available infos:

- Wi-Fi Alliance®
 - AUSTIN, TEXAS - August 16, 2006 - The Wi-Fi Alliance today announced Wi-Fi Protected Setup™ as the name for its upcoming consumer ease-of-use program, formerly code named "Wi-Fi Simple Config". Slated for launch in Q4 of this year, the program is planned as an optional certification based on a standardized method for security setup in home Wi-Fi networks.
- Google search for "Wi-Fi+Simple+Config" ⇒ Intel
 - Linux Reference Implementation under BSD
 - Mention optional NFC method
- DeviceScape
 - Free evaluation copy?
 - Mention PIN & Push-Button method

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Multiple PSKs support

Remember the dictionary attack:

- Possible from the 2nd message of the 4-Way Handshake
- This message is the first where one side proves the knowledge of **PSK** / **PMK** (through **MIC**) to the other side
- This message is sent from the STA to the AP
- The AP is free to "crack" itself STA's **PSK**!

Multiple PSKs support

Scenario:

- STA wants to join AP
- 1st message from AP: go on...
- 2nd message from STA: includes MIC
- AP tries several PSKs from a "dictionary" of PSKs and checks the corresponding MIC
- If MIC is valid for one of those PSKs, then takes this PSK as STA's PMK and sends 3rd message to STA

We now have a multiple-PSKs system completely transparent to the clients and Wi-Fi compliant!

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 - Sniff and seek a Probe Req from a station
(ok we don't know yet if it's for WPA(2)-PSK)
 - Setup RogueAP with this SSID, announce capa WPA(2)
 - Station attempts to connect, run until you get 2nd msg from 4-Way HS
 - We got everything to try to break the passphrase offline
 - Reconduct RogueAP attack with the right PSK

passphrase \Rightarrow PSK \Rightarrow PMK \Rightarrow PTK \Rightarrow MK \Rightarrow MIC

Enhancement for theta44.org 's Karma suite?

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