

I. Observation

- The application requires background in networks and in itself in order for it to make sense.
- We don't know what we're doing most of the time.
- Some networks are repeatedly being captured by the application regardless of its location – not sure if bug or just a mistake in our part.

II. Discussion

While in theory, the activity should have given us another perspective in networking, specifically wireless networks, it felt like that the whole period was just a waste of everyone's time (for those who expected to learn anything about wireless networks anyways). In the end nothing was gained from it, if any it's just another homework due next meeting that I'm pretty sure most of us (including me) will be rushing on a Sunday night. As mention above, the application was pretty hard to understand, and requires a lot of existing knowledge regarding the matter – the application is designed for professionals, not for students so to speak. There were many interesting functions that could've been useful or interesting if it were explained during the briefing, but there was none. And so most of the time during the activity me and my group mates had no idea what we're supposed to do. At the end of the day, we think that we were able to perform the activity successfully, and we learned nothing out of it (In my case at least).

The reports generated seemed to have very insightful data that can be gathered from by certain personnel, but definitely not us. Most of the information that are in the reports are information that we know nothing about – I haven't even heard them in lectures nor read in reading materials. Again, this would have not been the case if we knew something about it. There's even a case while attempting to interpret that reports we generated, we realized that some networks are being repeatedly captured by the application across multiple locations which are not even remotely close to the suspected source. Then there are the graphs, which only people that work in Cisco will understand. It's not even explained what those are for and what they mean. Sure we can use the current technology and search it on the Web, but there's not enough time to do that. Projects from other subjects are piling in and honestly I don't think that I can handle that amount of work.

III. Recommendations

There's only one recommendation that I can think of, and it's to give us a brief but meaningful explanation as to what we're trying to do. Explain terms that will be encountered during the activity (such as heatmaps and beacon qualities) and how it affects the integrity of a wireless network. Or for us, we can just learn them ourselves and maybe sacrifice some of the other subjects and maybe hopefully we're able to offset its damages the next term.