

UNIT-II

INTRODUCTION TO WIRELESS SECURITY PROTOCOLS AND CRYPTOGRAPHY

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→ Removing the FUD

- The Abbreviation of FUD is fear, uncertainty and doubt in wireless security solutions.
- The threats like eavesdropping, Jamming, Routing attacks, IP Address spoofing etc are not unique to wireless.
- The Security professionals and academics have devoted large amounts of time and resources, tackling these problems.
- we need to do clearly identify the ways to mitigate threats and this can be done by applying technology and applications that are already used for applications in Internet.
- The OSI (Open System Interconnection) model can identify at what layer common security technologies can be used to secure a wireless network.

OSI Model

- This standard developed in the mid 1970's that defines a frame work for developing networking protocols that are Seven layers.
- Not all protocols are based on the OSI model and in many cases a single application will perform the functions of many layers of the OSI Model.

Application Layer: It is the Interface to network communication programs such as browsers, e-mail, and file transfer S/W are on this layer.

Presentation Layer: This layer negotiates Syntax, so the applications communicating will be able to understand each other.

Session Layer: This layer is responsible for Coordinating communications between applications as well as tracking what data belongs to what data connection.

Transport Layer: This layer primarily provides the organization for network communications • Reliability and ordering are primary functions.
 → Portions of data are commonly called Segments.

Network Layer: The routing and logical addressing are handled.
 → The portions of data are commonly called packets

Data Link Layer: The physical addressing such as Media Access Control (MAC) address are part of this. The portions of data are commonly called frames.

Physical Layer: It is responsible for the actual communication, changing the zeros and ones into voltages for wires or radio signals for the air.

OSI Simplifier

- In many large enterprises, different groups handle different networking functions.
- For example a large financial institution from the perspective the customer service applications.
- The Telecom group handles network cabling.
- The desktop / server group is responsible for the NIC cards in the end user pc's and servers as well as hubs and switches.
- The NOG (Network Operations group) is responsible for the routers in the group, connections, assigning IP addressing, operations of DNS of the network.
- The ADG (Application Development Group) handles the customer account program that runs over the network.
- The Customer Service representatives use the application and are responsible for inputting customer data.
- It maps to the OSI model rather well use.
- The organizations seem overly complicated trouble shooting & applications easier.
- pulling wires through the drop ceiling and debugging code.
- are two very different applications.

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Application	Customer Service
presentation.	Application development
Session	Application development
Transport	Network Operations
Network	Network operations
Data Link	Desktop / Server
physical	Teleo

Internet Model

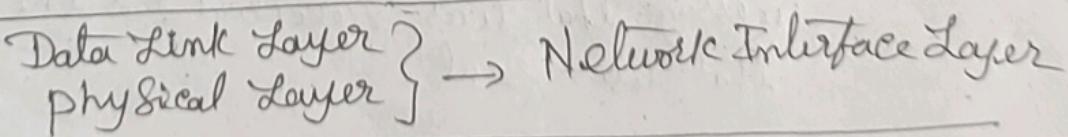
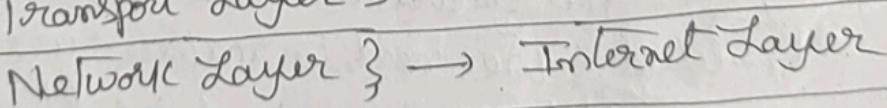
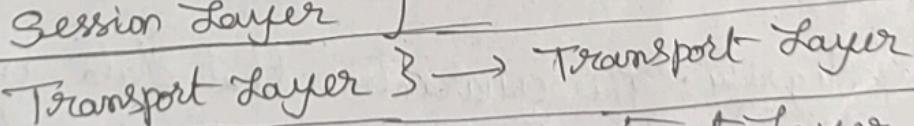
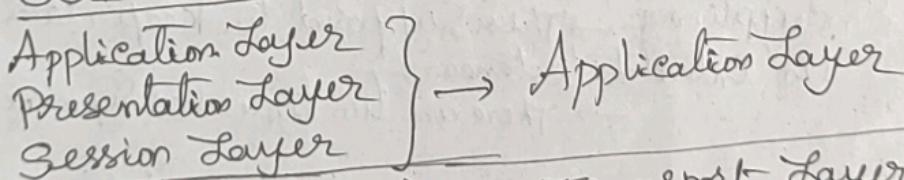
- For many developers, the OSI model is too complex for practical use with regard to implementation.
- This Internet model sometimes called as TCP/IP model, simplification of OSI model.
- It is used more accurately reflects how Internet applications are built.

Wireless Local Area Network (LAN) Security Protocols

- Wireless Ethernet was designed to be a drop-in replacement for wired Ethernet.
- The entire protocol exists on the physical and data link layers of OSI model.
- As a result, no specific security protocol could be directly implemented in the physical or data link layers.
- Many manufacturers and standards bodies are working feverishly to improve 802.11 security mechanisms.
- The different layers between OSI and Internet model are

OSI model

Internet model



Cryptography

- Cryptography is commonly defined as the process or skill of communicating or deciphering secret writings or ciphers.
- One famous historical example of cryptography is the Caesar Cipher, which was used by Julius Caesar.
- It was based on Substitution of each letter in the encoded message with another letter in the alphabets.
- In fact, much of the cryptography that is used today is based on research that was first done to keep govt. information safe during times of war.
- Due to the value of the treasure, you decide to spend a significant amount of money protecting it.
- Therefore, the storage of keys and the methods used to lock the valuables are equally as important as the protection scheme.
- The Cryptography is to help to solve some security problems but the overall security will be impacted by choosing the correct process for encrypting & algorithms and by choosing the best protection for our keys.
- We deal some of the most common cryptographic methods that can be easily used with wireless technology to solve security problems.

There are Three primary areas where cryptography used.

- (a) Authentication: This is used to reliability determine someone or something Identity.
 - This is to prevent someone from impersonating a legitimate user.
- (b) Encryption: → This supposed to keep data safe from unintended listeners.
 - There are two types (a) Symmetric (b) Asymmetric
- (c) Integrity: This guarantees that data has not been modified. We need to make sure that the message that was received is the message that was sent.

Secure Sockets Layer / Transport Layer Security (SSL/TLS)

- SSL was originally designed to solve the security problems with web browsers.
- At that time the Internet boom was a great commercial opportunity, but the security concerns of sending personal and credit card info.
- Netscape was the first browser to offer SSL and the web safe for commercial transactions.
- It is transparent, which means that the data arrives at the destination unchanged by encryption/decryption process. It will be used for many applications.
- In 1994 SSL/TLS is implemented for Transport layer security for security protocols on the Internet was developed.
- This is the basis for other security protocols including Microsoft Private Communication Technology (PCT), Secure Transport Layer Protocol (STLP) and eTLS (Wireless Transport Layer Security) were developed.
- The SSL was originally a Netscape defacto standard, but was adopted by IETF (Internet Engineering Task Force) as TLS.
- The primary application for web traffic on the HTTP.
- Then the TCP Connection is made, a request is sent for a document, and sent back.
- With an SSL/TLS HTTP Connection was established. Then HTTP Connection proceeds over this Connection and does not change the HTTP Communication.
- SSL/TLS is used to authenticate and encrypt a connection.
- The Authentication is accomplished by using public key cryptography and referred to as handshake.
- The most common implementations are based on known TCP Communication such as e-mail, news, telnet and FTP.

Secure Shell (SSH)

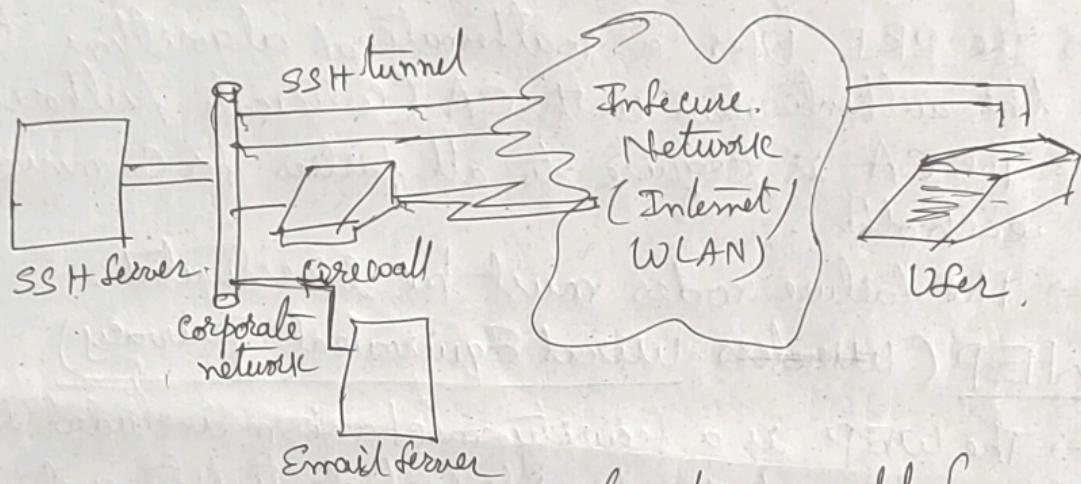
- Like SSL/TLS the SSH was created out of necessity for secure communication when only protocols being used were unsecured protocols.
- SSH was developed in 1995 by Tatu Ylonen after his University network fell victim to a password-sniffing attack earlier that year.
- It was originally developed to replace some UNIX programs such as telnet, FTP, remote login (rlogin), rshell (remote shell) and remote copy (rcp).
- Due to the flexibility and ease of use, SSH is a highly used security protocol and comes with the standard installation with many OS.
- It also uses a public key exchange to secure the initial connection and negotiates symmetric key for data transfer.
- It also configures to authenticate both server and client.
- The SSH protocol is the UNIX ssh program.
- Some of these programs are Open Source and some are distributed for free.

Terminal Access and File Transfer

- The common use of SSH is for replacing telnet.
- The telnet application to manage network hosts.
- The telnet sessions can be easily snipped, hijacked and data can be injected and to be executed.
- Telnet is replaced with SSH immediately.
- Most FTP, the Trivial FTP and Common Internet File System (CIFS) are very insecure.
- SSH includes the capability to transfer files over an encrypted authenticated system.

Port Forwarding

- Some manufacturers are not supporting SSH as a telnet or FTP replacement.
- The SSH can be used to secure otherwise insecure applications such as telnet, FTP, the POP (post office protocol) & HTTP.
- This can be accomplished by using the port forwarding feature of SSH.
- The firewall is configured to only allow traffic from the insecure network to the SSH server.



- No traffic will be allowed to or from the email server to the insecure network.
- In addition to using SSH for terminal access to the SSH server, port forwarding can be used to tunnel email traffic over the insecure network to the SSH server.
- Then SSH server forwards the packets to the email server.
- The SSH server and packets would be returned to the User by tunneling back to the User.
- Due to the flexibility and ubiquitous access that SSH enables, great care must be taken when implementing SSH.
- This may be used by legitimate users or by malicious attackers.
- The SSH servers and clients are adequately secured.

Man-in-the Middle (MITM) of SSL/TLS and SSH

- The SSL/TLS and SSH may also be vulnerable to MITM attacks.
- It uses public key algorithm for establishing Symmetric keys for data transfer.
- The malicious attacker could intercept the handshake and replace the public keys exchanged with Counterfeit keys. It is able to attack on SSL/SSH based.
- To prevent this type of attack PKI (public key Infrastructure) is used.
- The PKI uses a mathematical algorithms to verify the authentication with CA (Certificate Authority) given.
- The CA is required to all parties for communicate to each other.
- The failure nodes must be investigated.

WEP (Wireless Equivalent Privacy)

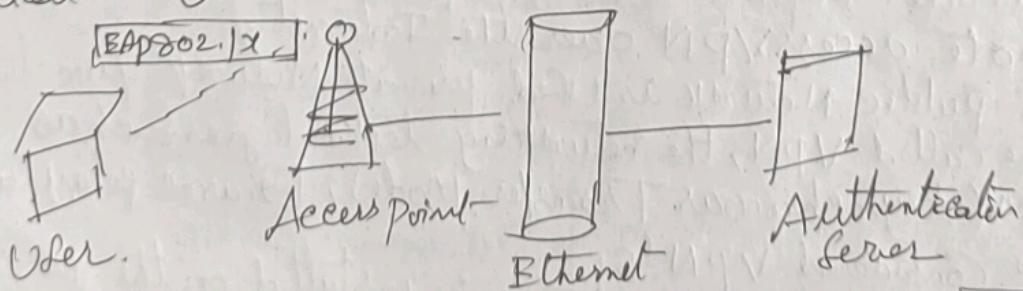
- The WEP is a security mechanism included in 802.11 to provide Confidentiality and authentication services.
- It is based on RC4 algorithm, which is referred to as a stream cipher.
- The packets are encrypted by generating RC4 stream with the combination of 24-bit IV (Initialization Vector) and a shared key different for different transactions.
- The data is then XORed with generated stream and transmitted in a WEP frame with IV in the header.
- The receiver can also generate the same RC4 stream to XORed for decryption.
- But it faces some problems about security.
- A typical wireless network the WEP key can be compromised using S/W on the Internet for a few hours.
- Also it is very difficult to protect the key. WEP keys would need to be changed every frequently.

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- It is often bundled in 802.1x functional upgrades
- negotiate a WEP key at the time of initial authentication.
- Advanced implementations also get key during the session without awareness of the end users.

802.1x

- The 802.1x and its associated protocols are an attempt to increase the security of networks before layer 3 protocols (IP layer) are set up.
- This technology is not specific to 802.11 and can be used on Ethernet, Token Ring and so on.
- The 802.1x is a layer 2 protocol that can be used for a no. of operations.
- The basic purpose of 802.1x is to authenticate users. Can optionally be used to establish encryption keys.
- When connection is established only 802.1x traffic is allowed to pass.
- The protocols such as DHCP (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol), IP are not permitted.
- The EAP (Extensible Authentication Protocol) used for authentication. It was originally designed to solve some of authentication issues in PPP (Point-to-Point).
- The EAP packets are sent to the access point with user login information.
- The access point can authenticate the user by means of vendor choose to support.
- It will be identified also by Remote Authentication Dial-in User Service (RADIOS).



[Authentication protocols of RADIOS]

IP Security (IPSec)

- It was developed by IETF and it is lower in the protocols stack than SSL/TLS, SSH & TLS.
- The most common implementations are using a tunnel mode that enables IP traffic to be encrypted and optionally authenticated.
- It is the enabling technology behind most VPN Used on the Internet today.
- Because of its flexibility to application support for securing their wireless applications are Used.
- It can be Used to provide encryption by Using ESP (Encapsulated Security payload) and Authentication by AH (Authentication Header).
- AH is Used without ESP to provide Confidentiality against sniffing, to prevent tampering of data, damaging in transmission.
- The ESP Used without AH to provide Confidentiality and basic authentication services of data, but many administrator choose to implement both.
- It has different Cryptographic algorithms Can be Used in both such as AH & ESP such as DES, Triple DES and AES..
- There are Standards that implemented at all.
- The most commonly authenticated algorithms such as MD5 and SHA.
- There are two modes are Used. Transport mode and tunnel mode.
- Transport mode only encrypts the data of IP packet without header information, whereas in tunnel mode both header and IP packet are Encrypted. It is a best mode for many enterprises Utilize Private Networks.
- The another implementation of IPSec is communication for remote access VPN over the Internet.
- When Public Network is Used private Network functions, it can be called VPN, the networking technologies such as ATM (Asynchronous Transfer Mode), Frame Relay and X.25 can be Considered VPN's.
- In this applications, a gateway is installed on the perimeter of the Corporate Network.

