

Etherify

Leak data from an air-gapped computer

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- <https://github.com/sq5bpf/etherify>

Goal

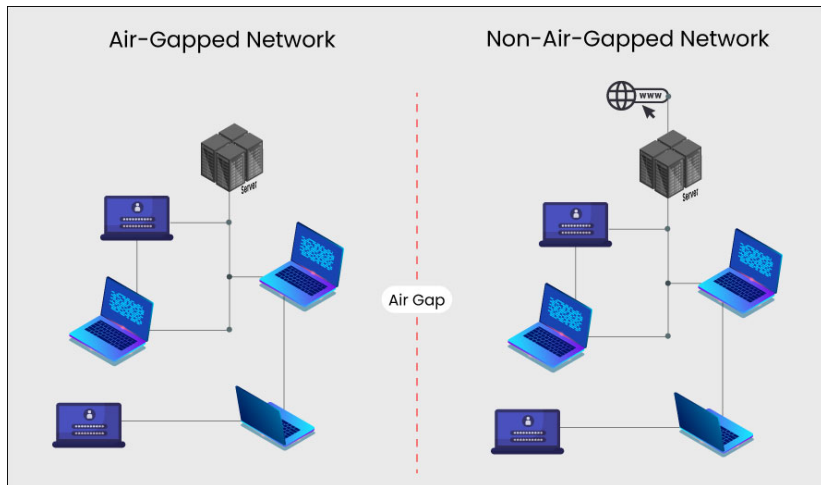


Figure: Illustration of an air-gapped network

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Software

- `ethtool` allows to change Ethernet mode.

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- No packets -> send an idle sequence
-> we receive a constant signal!