

**SSN College of Engineering,  
Department of Computer Science and Engineering  
CS6711 Security Laboratory**

**Exercise 12:**

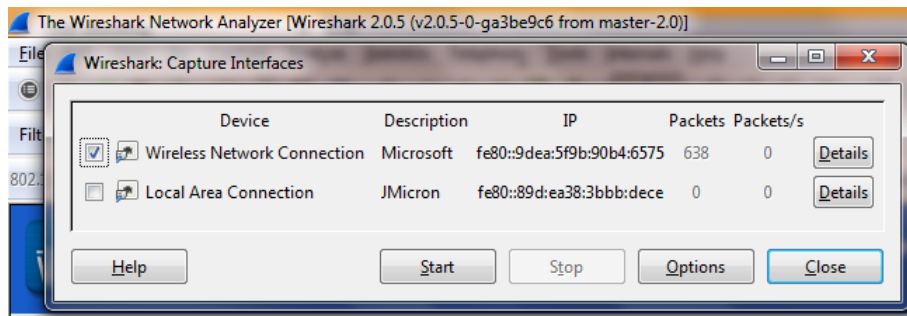
To perform wireless audit on an access point or a router and decrypt WEP

**Introduction:**

- Components of a Wireless Network
  - Wireless network interface cards (WNICs), which transmit and receive wireless signals,
  - Access points (APs), which are the bridge between wired and wireless networks. An access point (AP) is a radio transceiver that connects to a network via an Ethernet cable and bridges a wireless LAN (WLAN) with a wired network. An AP is where RF channels are configured.
  - APs are what hackers look for when they drive around with an antenna and a laptop computer scanning for access.
  - A service set identifier (SSID) is the name used to identify a WLAN, much the same way a workgroup is used on a Windows network.
  - An SSID is configured on the AP as a unique, 1-to 32-character, case-sensitive alphanumeric name.
  - The AP usually beacons (broadcasts) the SSID several times a second so that users who have WNICs can see a display of all WLANs within range of the AP's signal
  - WEP is the acronym for Wired Equivalent Privacy. It was developed for IEEE 802.11 WLAN standards. Its goal was to provide the privacy equivalent to that provided by wired networks. WEP works by encrypting the data been transmitted over the network to keep it safe from eavesdropping.
  - WPA is the acronym for Wi-Fi Protected Access. It is a security protocol developed by the Wi-Fi Alliance in response to the weaknesses found in WEP. It is used to encrypt data on 802.11 WLANs. It uses higher Initial Values 48 bits instead of the 24 bits that WEP uses. It uses temporal keys to encrypt packets.
  -
- Wireless network surveys, or audits aim at both identifying security and performance issues in the network.
- Wireshark is network protocol analyzer that captures packets, decodes & analyzes contents

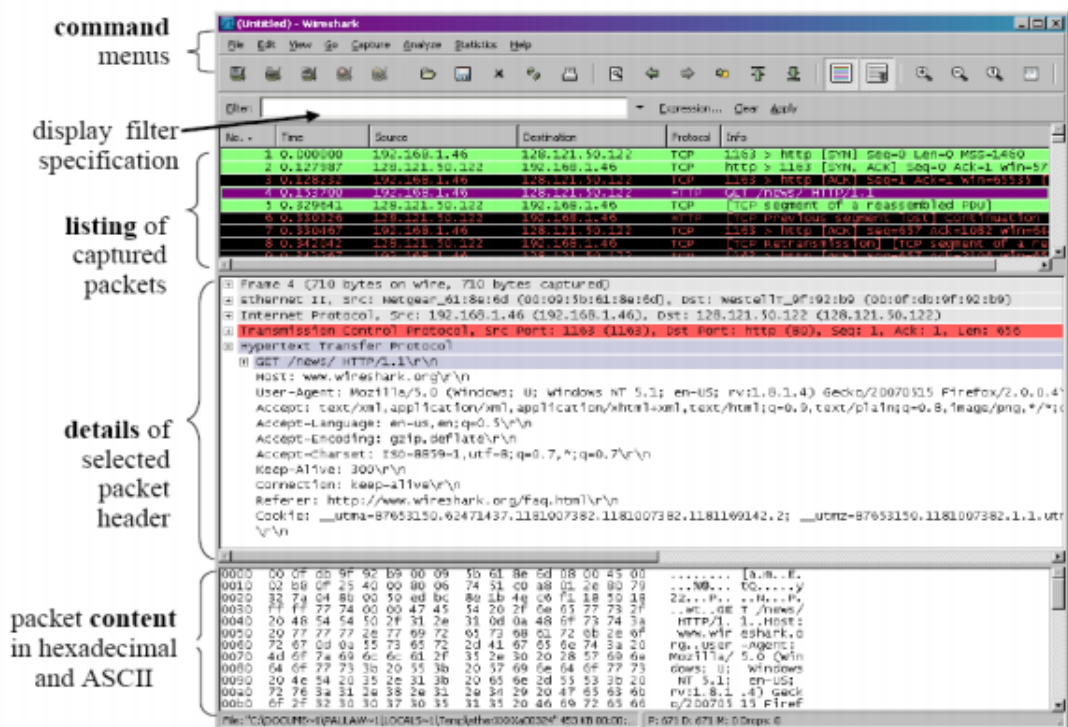
## Setting Up a wireshark

1. Step 1: Start Wireshark  
download wireshark for windows and follow the install instructions.
2. Capture data and Hack WiFi using Wireshark:
  - First of all, we have to configure Wireshark. For proper configuration, change the wireless interface to 802.11 client device. To do this, click the Capture menu, choose Options, and select the appropriate interface.
  -



3. You can also choose filters if you need one. Filters are used to capture a particular packet data for outgoing traffic. To set a filter, click the Capture menu, choose Options, and click Capture Filter. The Wireshark Capture Filter window will appear and now you can set various filters according to your needs.
4. We are now ready for capturing network traffic to hack WiFi using Wireshark.
5. Now we will start Packet capturing process to Hack WiFi. To do so, click the capture menu and choose start. You will see that **Wireshark is capturing traffic** and it will continue until its buffer is filled up. If you think that you have enough packets, click the Capture menu and choose Stop.

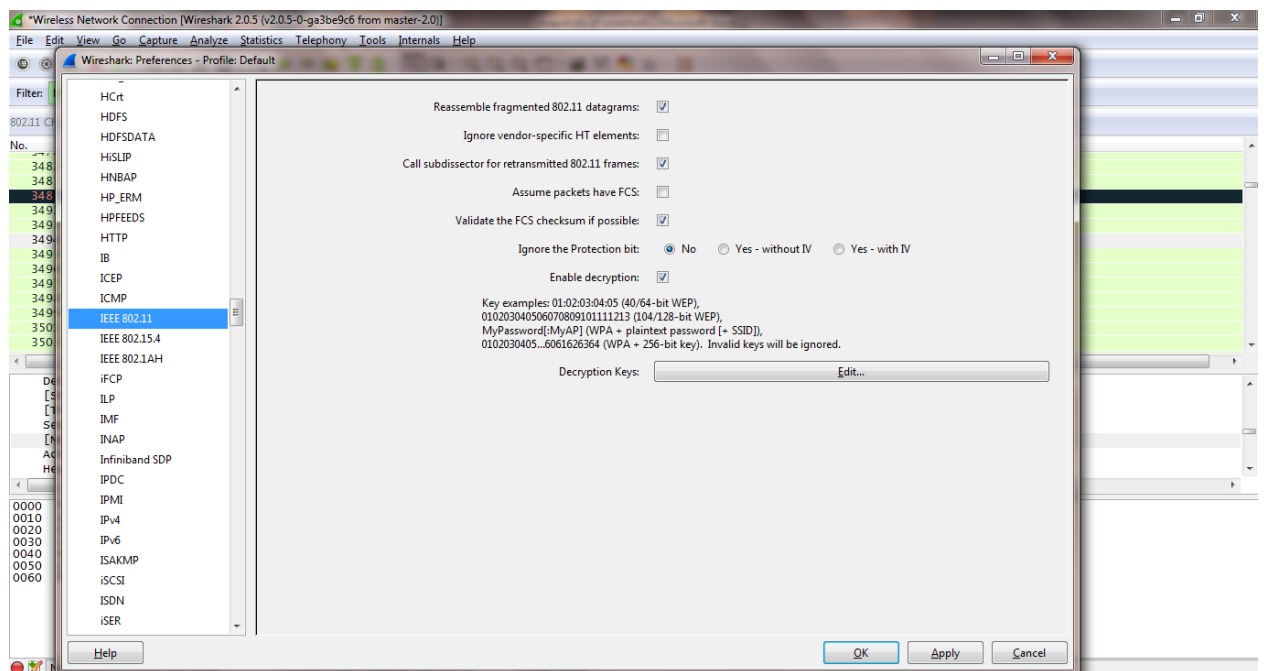
## 6. Capture Interface Options



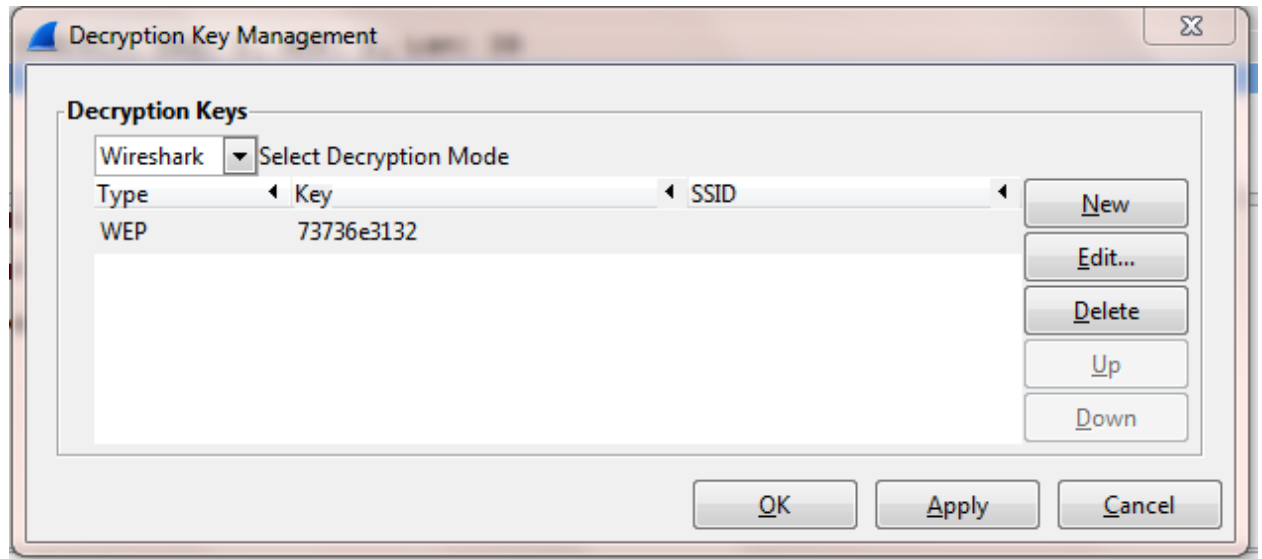
## 7. How to Decrypt 802.11: Wireshark can decrypt WEP and WPA/WPA2.

- You can add decryption keys using Wireshark's 802.11 preferences or by using the wireless toolbar. Up to 64 keys are supported.

## 8. Adding Keys: 802.11 Preferences: Go to *Edit->Preferences->IEEE 802.11* or choose wireless tool bar in view menu.



9. Select enable decryption and press the edit button against decryption keys. You will get a display as follows. Select the key type as WEP and provide the password of the wireless network under the key tab and press Apply and ok.



10. Selecting **Wireshark** uses Wireshark's built-in decryption features and will pass the keys on to the AirPcap adapter so that 802.11 traffic is decrypted before it's passed on to Wireshark.