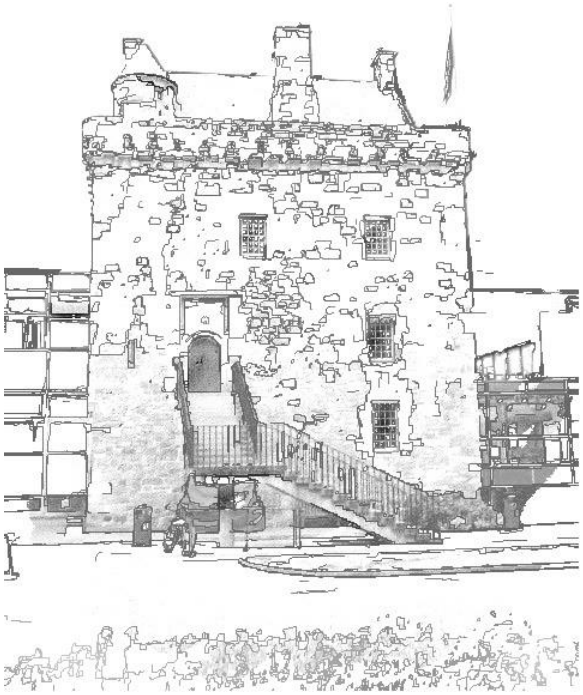
Wireless LAN

Unit 5: Wireless Authentication



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Wireless connections … which technology?

Areas covered:

Authentication methods

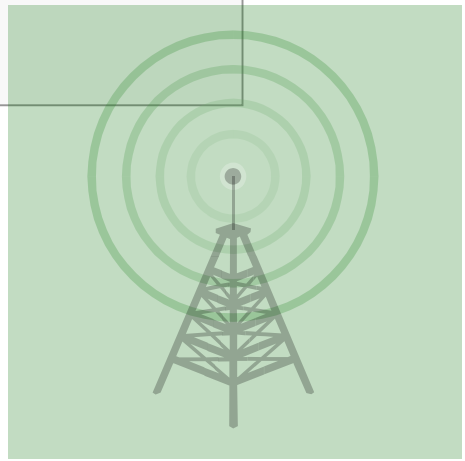
Ways?

LEAP, PEAP, EAP, and so on

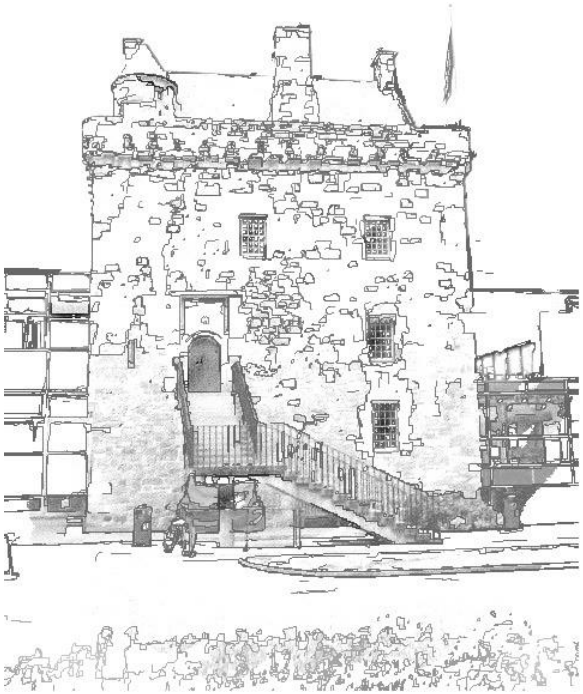
Methods and weaknesses.

Configurating authentication on an Aironet

A simple example with local Radius

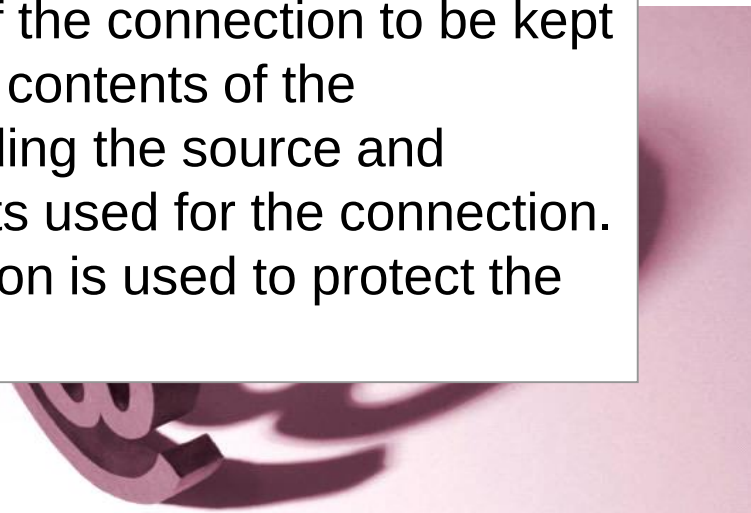


Security



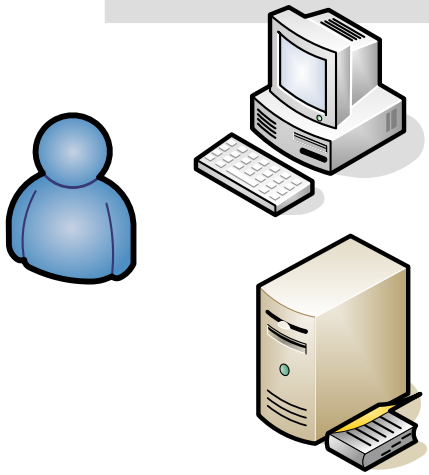
Fundamental Elements of Security

Authentication. This is used to identify the user, the wireless client and the wireless access point.
Authorization. This is used to determine that users and wireless devices have the authorization to connect to the network.
Accounting. This is used to log information on the usage of the network, and may set restrictions of the access.
Assurance. This defines that the data that is received and transmitted has not been changed in any way. This is often known as Integrity.
Confidentiality. This allows the details of the connection to be kept secret. It typically involves preserving the contents of the transmitted data, but may also include hiding the source and destinations addresses, and the TCP ports used for the connection. Most often, in wireless networks, encryption is used to protect the confidentiality.



Fundamental Principles of Security

Authentication (Device, User, Servers, Connections, etc)



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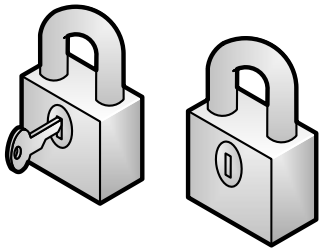
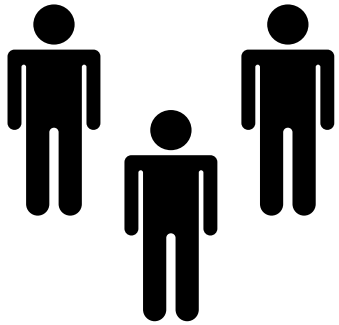
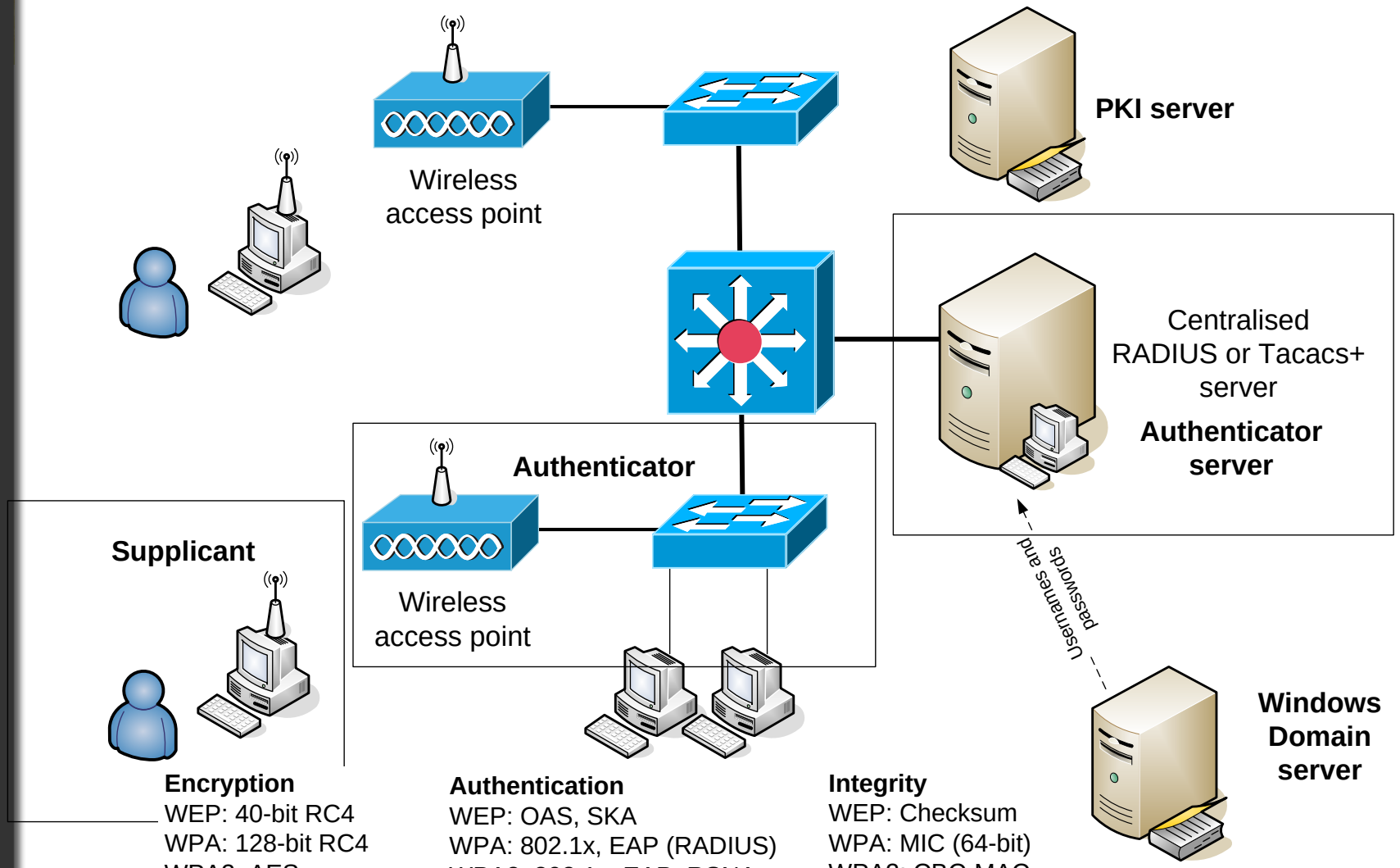
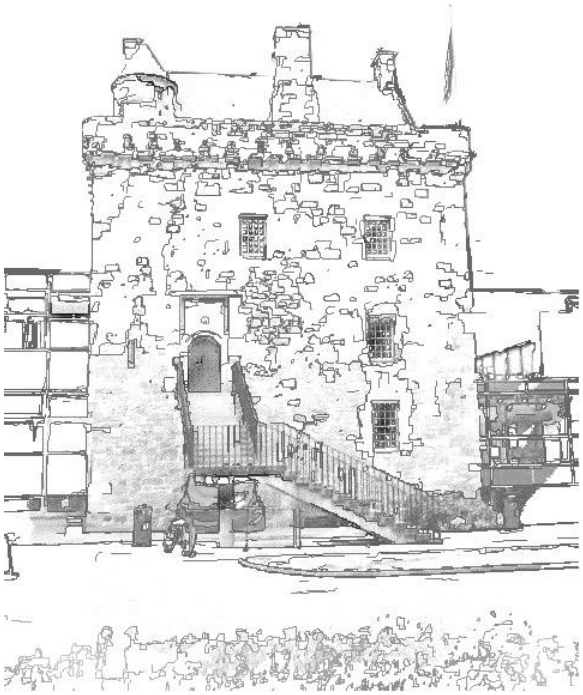


Assurance (Integrity)




Wireless access point
PKI server
Centralised RADIUS or Tacacs+ server
Authenticator server
Authenticator
Supplicant
Wireless access point
Usernames and passwords
Windows Domain server
Encryption
WEP: 40-bit RC4
WPA: 128-bit RC4
WPA2: AES
Authentication
WEP: OAS, SKA
WPA: 802.1x, EAP (RADIUS)
WPA2: 802.1x, EAP, RSNA
Integrity
WEP: Checksum
WPA: MIC (64-bit)
WPA2: CBC-MAC

Ways to Authenticate



Authentication methods

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Username/ password

Network/ physical address

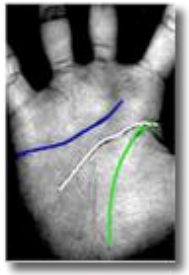
Digital certificate

Retina scan

Finger print

Smart card

Palm print



RFID tags

Retina scan

USB stick with encrypyion keys

Users

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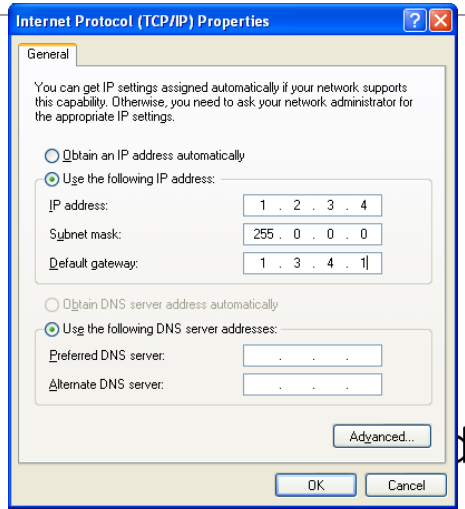
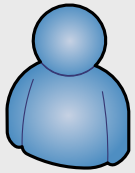
Authentication methods

Network/physical addresses. These are simple method of verifying a device. The network address, such as the IP address can be easily spoofed, but the physical address is less easy and is a more secure implementation. Unfortunately the physical address can also be spoofed, either through software modifications of the wireless data frame, or by reprogramming the network interface card. Methods include DHCP.

Username and password. The use is usernames and passwords are well known but are open to security breaches, especially from dictionary attacks on passwords, and from social engineering attacks. Methods include PEAP, EAP-FAST and EAP-SRP.





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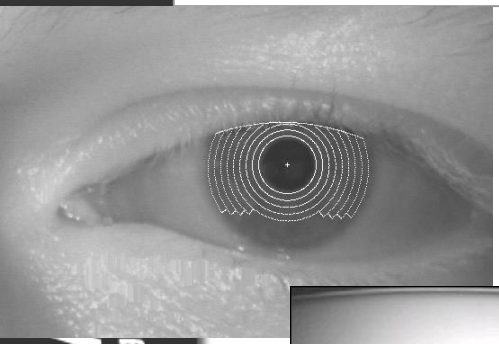
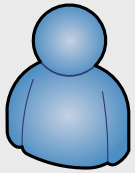
Pre-shared keys. This uses a pre-defined secret key. Methods include EAP-Archie.

Biometrics. This is a better method than a smart card where a physical feature of the user is scanned. The scanned parameter requires to be unchanging, such as fingerprints or retina images.





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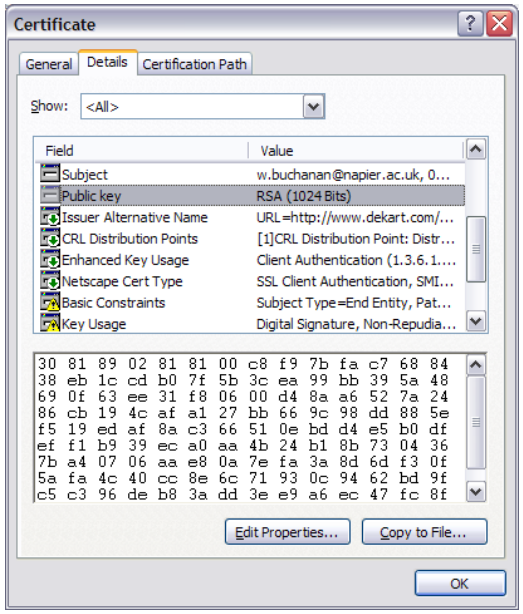
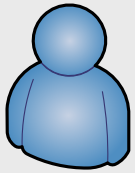
Authentication certificate. This certificate verifies a user or a device by providing a digital certificate which can be verified by a reputable source. Methods include EAP-TLS.

Tokens/Smart cards. With this method a user can only gain access to the system after they have inserted their personal smart card into the computer and then entered their PIN code. Methods include RSA SecurID Token Card and Smartcard EAP.





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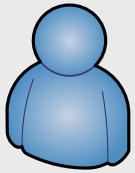
Physical port connection. Maps users to ports, so that they cannot connect to any other port.

Mobile Phone SIM Cards. Maps mobile phones to users.



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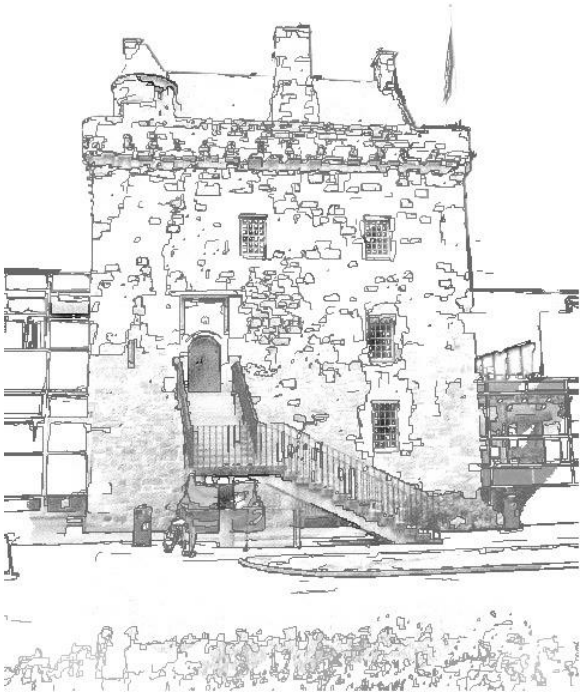
Usernames and passwords



The problem with passwords is ...

Top 10 Passwords (Brown, 2006)		
10.	Thomas	0.99%
9.	arsenal	1.11%
8.	monkey	1.33%
7.	charlie	1.39%
6.	qwerty	1.41%
5.	123456	1.63%
4.	letmein	1.76%
3.	liverpool	1.82%
2.	password	3.780%
1.	123	3.784%

Usernames and passwords are used by many systems as a way of authenticating users.

Suffer from many problems, especially that the full range of available passwords is hardly ever used.

For example a 10 character password has 8 bits per character, thus it there should be up to 80 bits used for the password, which gives 1,208,925,819,614,629,174,706,176 possible permutations.

Unfortunately the actual number of useable passwords is typically less than 1.3 bits per character, such as the actual bit size is less than **13 bits** (8192).

Brown, http://www.modernlifeisrubbish.co.uk/article/top-10-most-common-passwords, 2006.

The problem with passwords is ...

Password length, Schneier (2006)	
Less than 5	0.82 %
5	1.1 %
6	15 %
7	23 %
8	25 %
9	17 %
10	13 %
11	2.7 %
12	0.93 %
13-32	0.93 %

He also found 81% used a mixture of alphanumeric characters, whereas only 9.6% used only letters, and 1.3% used just numbers.

Also his Top 10 was: password1, abc123, myspace1, password, blink182, qwerty1, #uck$ou, 123abc, baseball1, football1, 123456, soccer, monkey1, liverpool1, princess1, jordan23, slipknot1, superman1, iloveyou1 and monkey. The MySpace password was popular as the survey was done over the MySpace domain.

Schneier, http://www.schneier.com/blog/archives/2006/12/realworld_passw.html

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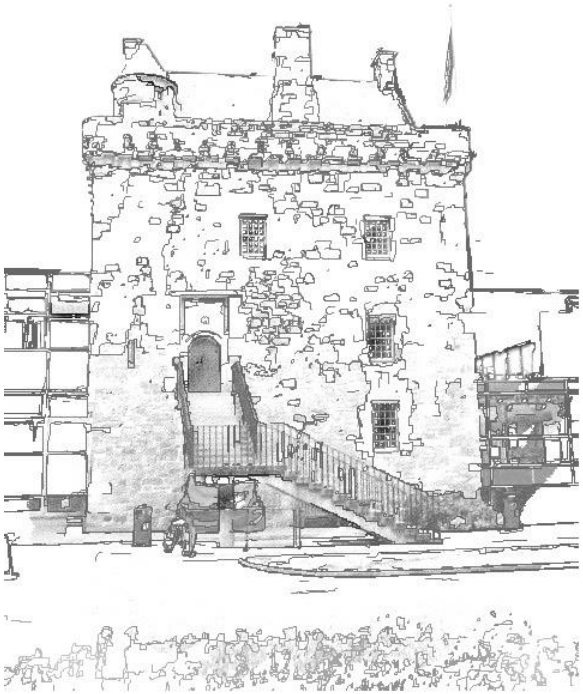

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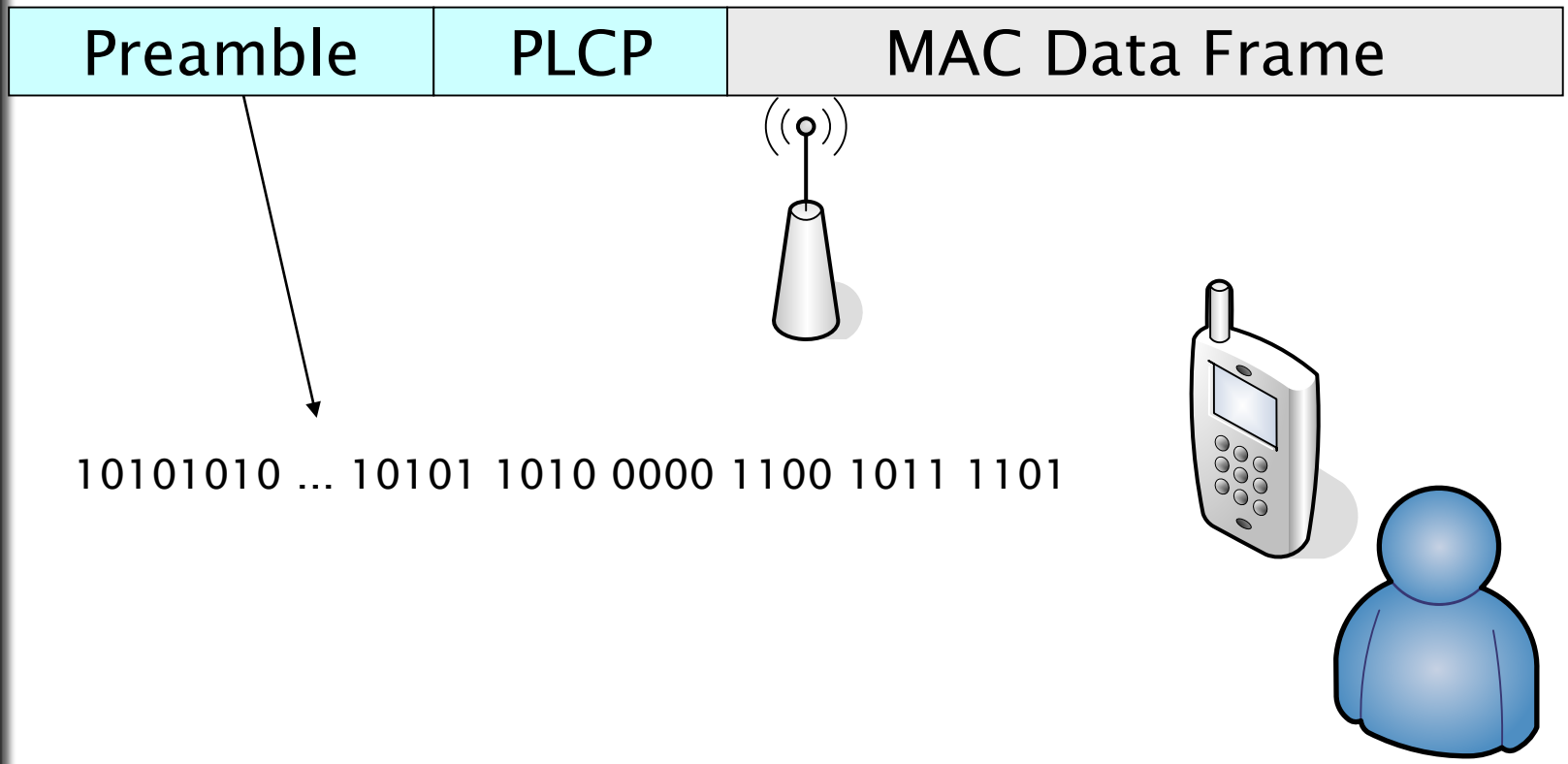

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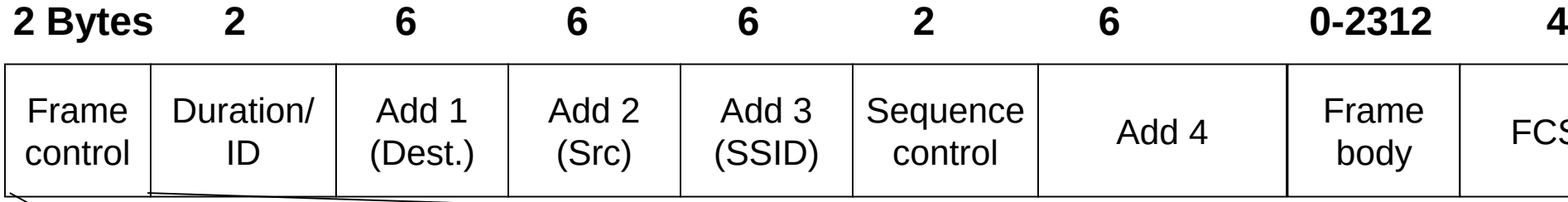

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Subtype
Management:
0000 – Association Request
0001 – Association Response
0100 – Probe request (0x4)
1011 – Authentication (0xB)
Control:
1011 – RTS
1100 – CTS
1101 - ACK

Frame type
00 Management Frame (0x0)
01 Control
10 Data

Protocol version
00 (0x0)

Order
0 Not ordered

WEP
0 – No WEP
1 - WEP

MoreData
0 No more data

PowerManagement

Retry

MoreFrag

FromDS

ToDS

IEEE 802.11 data frame

2 Bytes	2	6	6	6	2	6	0-2312	4
Frame control	Duration/ ID	Add 1 (Dest.)	Add 2 (Src)	Add 3 (SSID)	Sequence control	Add 4	Frame body	FCS

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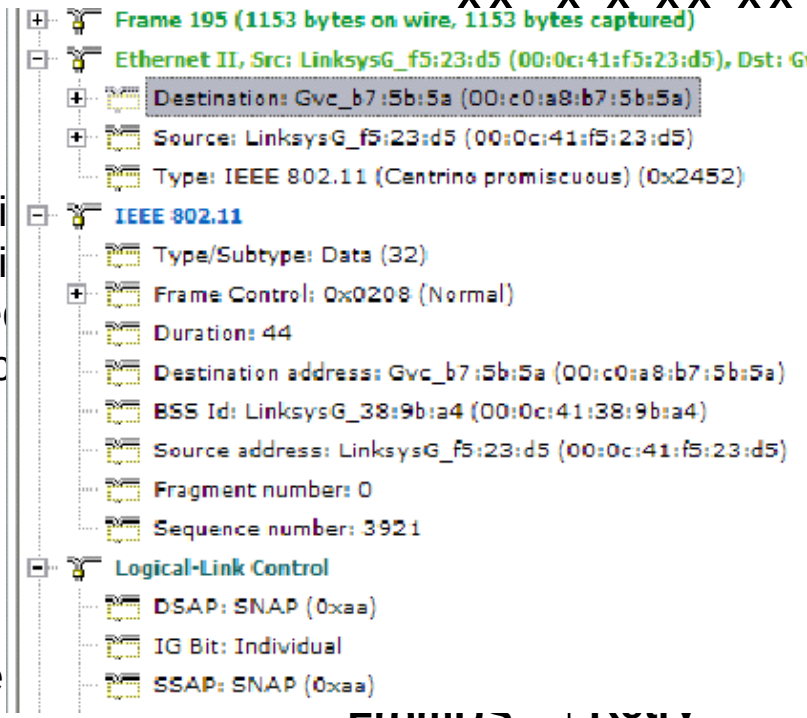

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Frame control. This contains control information.
Duration/ID. This contains information on how long the data frame will last.
Address fields. This contains different types of address, such as an individual address of group addresses. The two main types of group addresses are broadcast and multicast.
Sequence control. This identifies the sequence number of the data frames, and allows the recipient to check for missing or duplicate data frames.
Frame body. This part contains the actual data. The maximum amount is 2312 bytes, but most implementations use up to 1500 bytes.
FCS (Frame Check Sequence). This is a strong error detection code.

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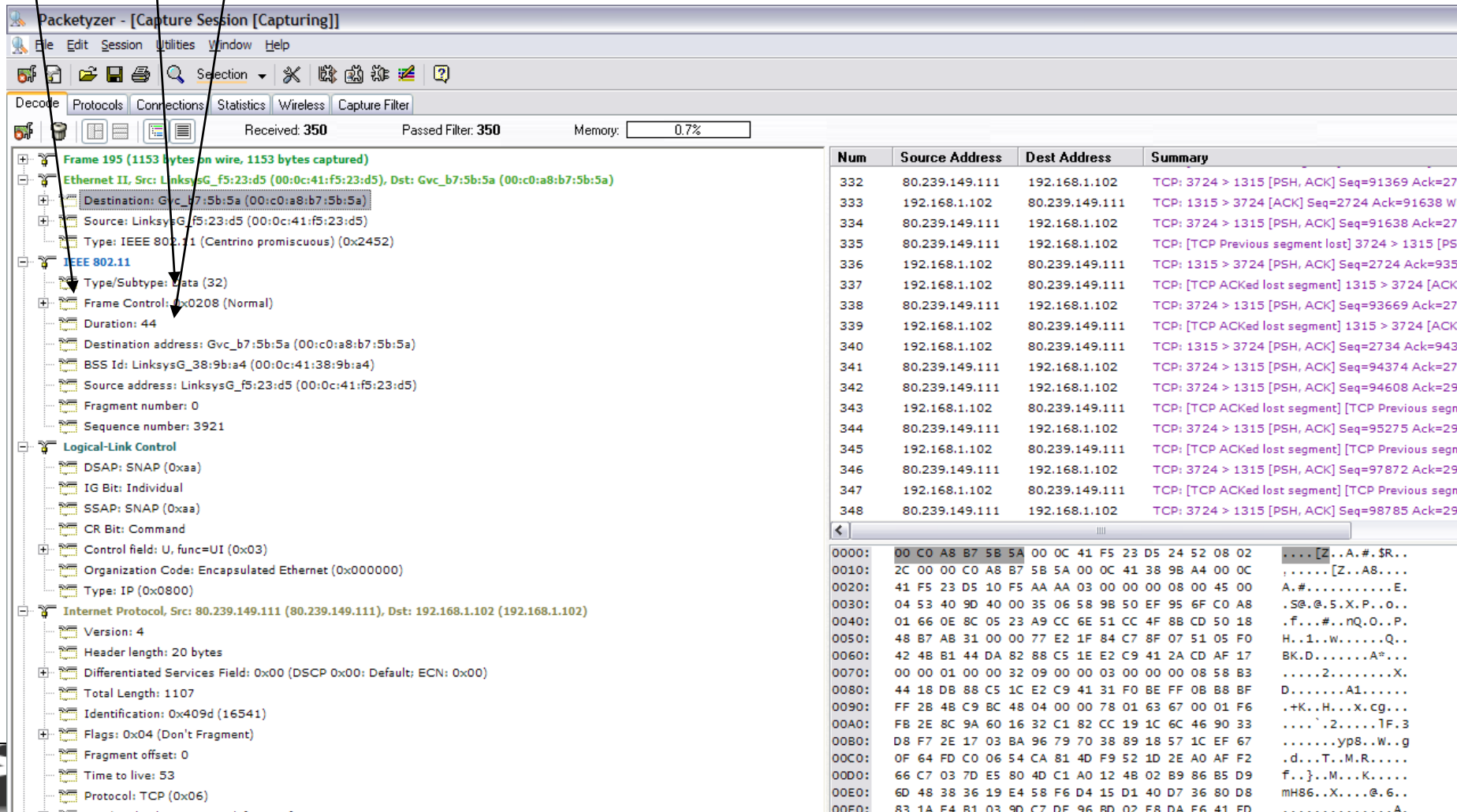

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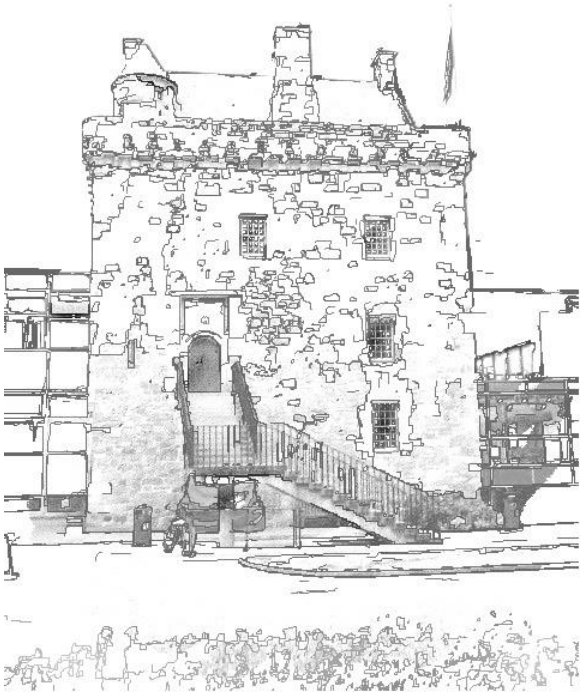

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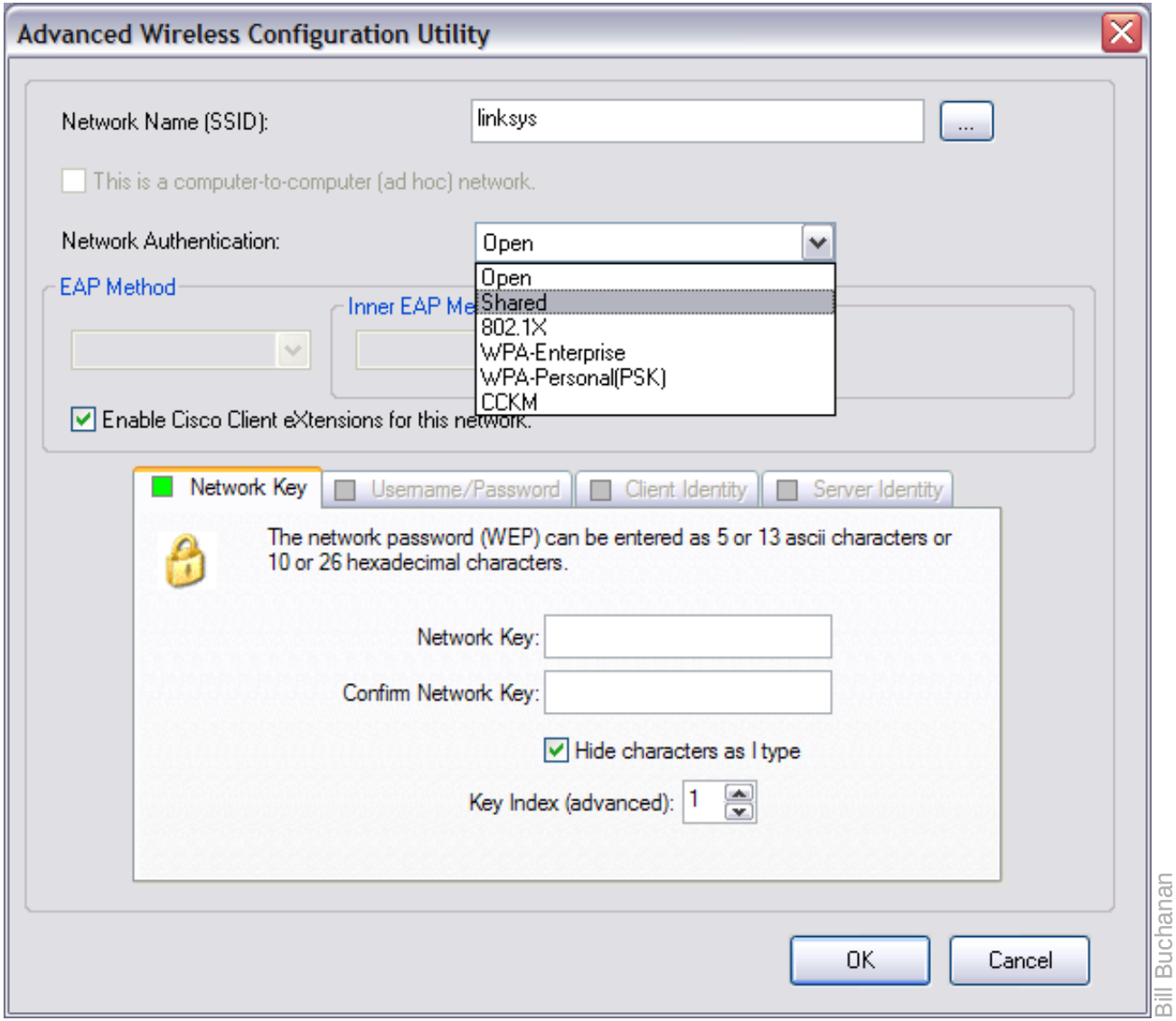

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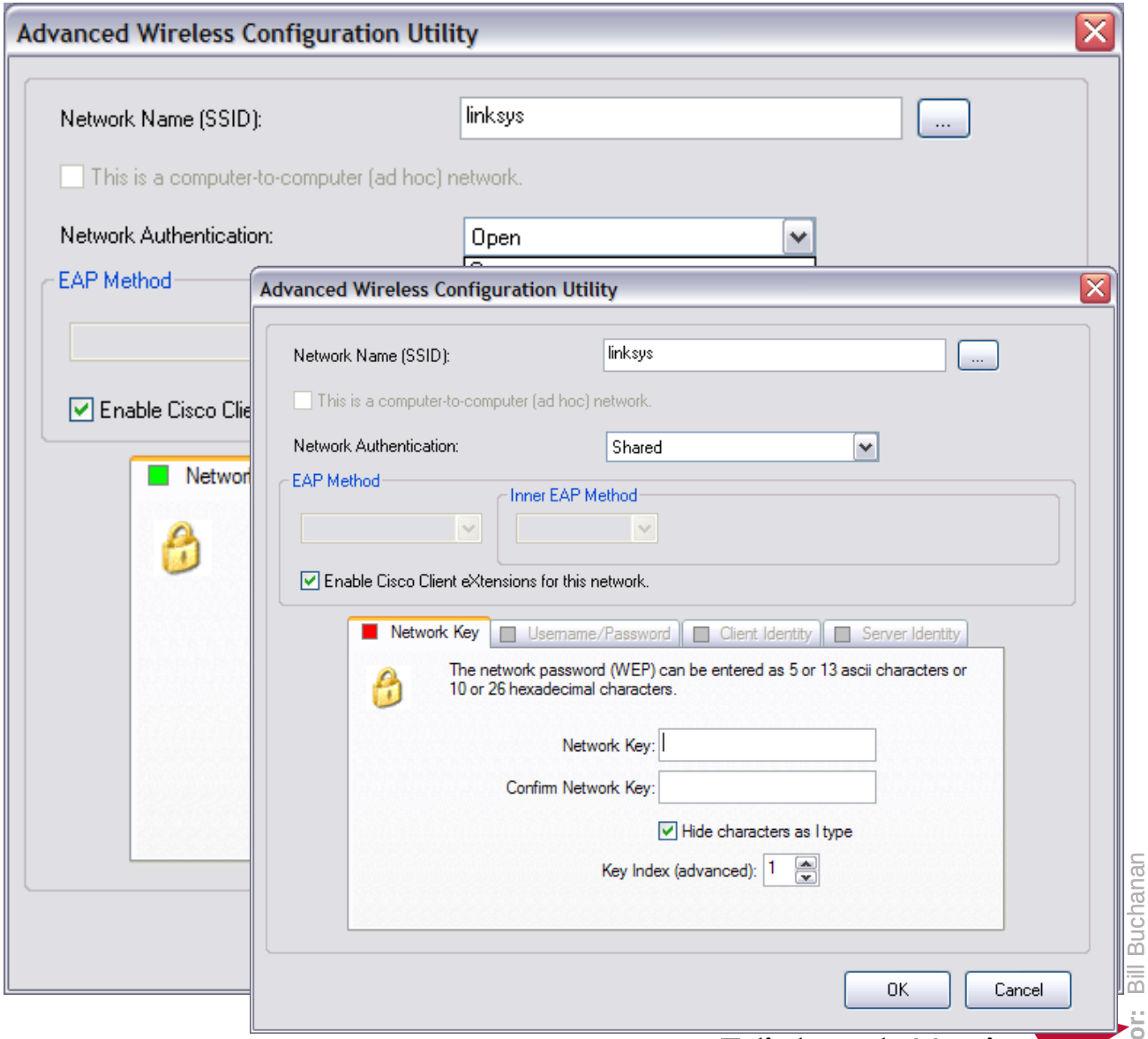
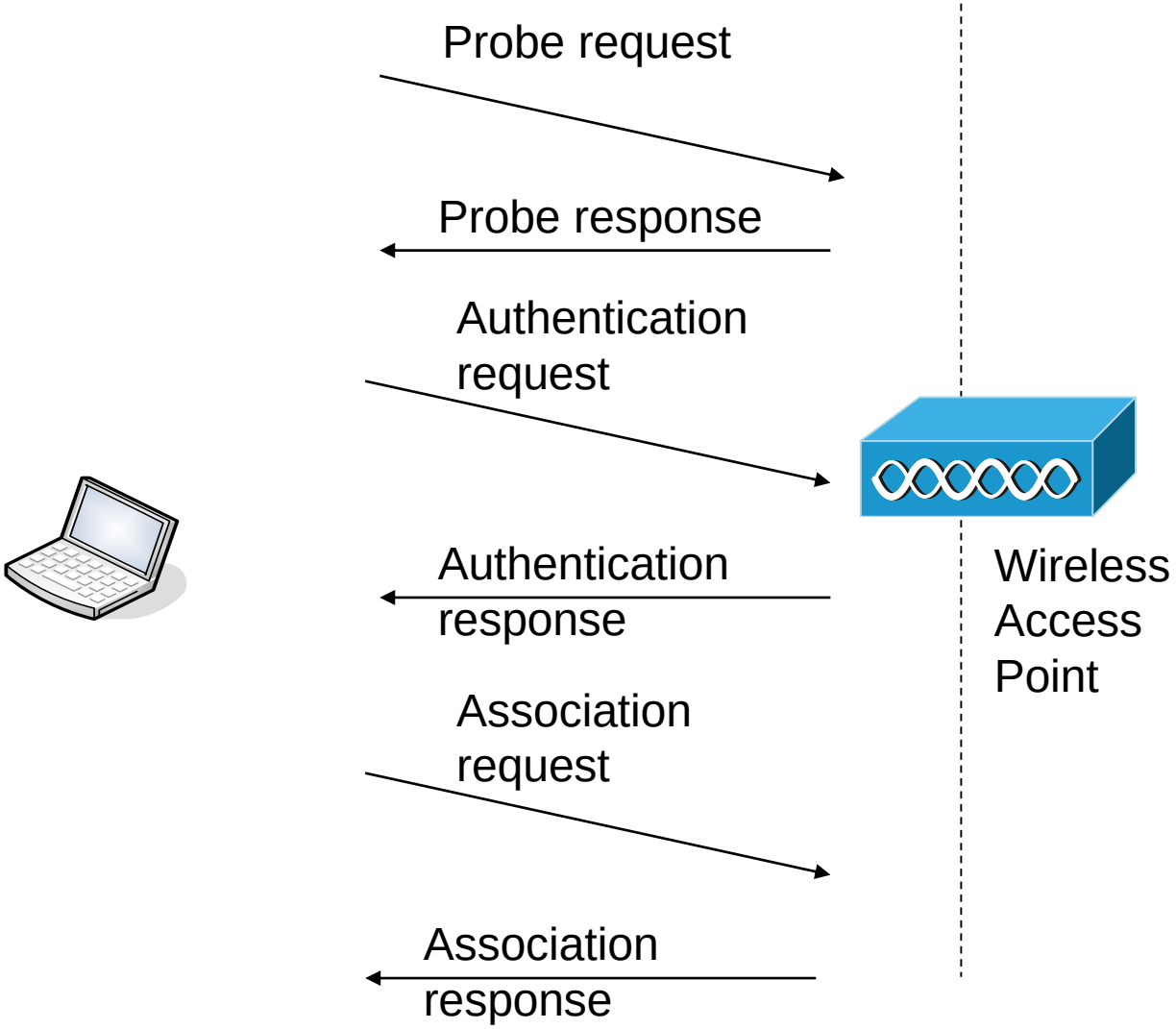



Probe request
Probe response
Authentication request
Authentication response
Association request
Association response
Wireless Access Point

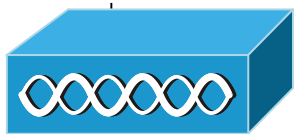
Open authentication

Device is always allowed access to the network

Probe request

Probe response

Authentication request



Wireless Access Point

Authentication response

Association request

Association response

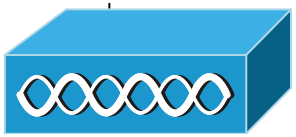
Open authentication (based on WEP)

Key: ABCDEF

Probe request

Probe response

Authentication request



Wireless Access Point

Authentication response

WEP data frame

Shared WEP key is used to authenticate the client

Key: ABCDEF

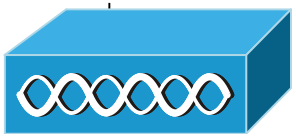
Shared-key authentication

Key: ABCDEF

Probe request

Probe response

Authentication request



Wireless Access Point

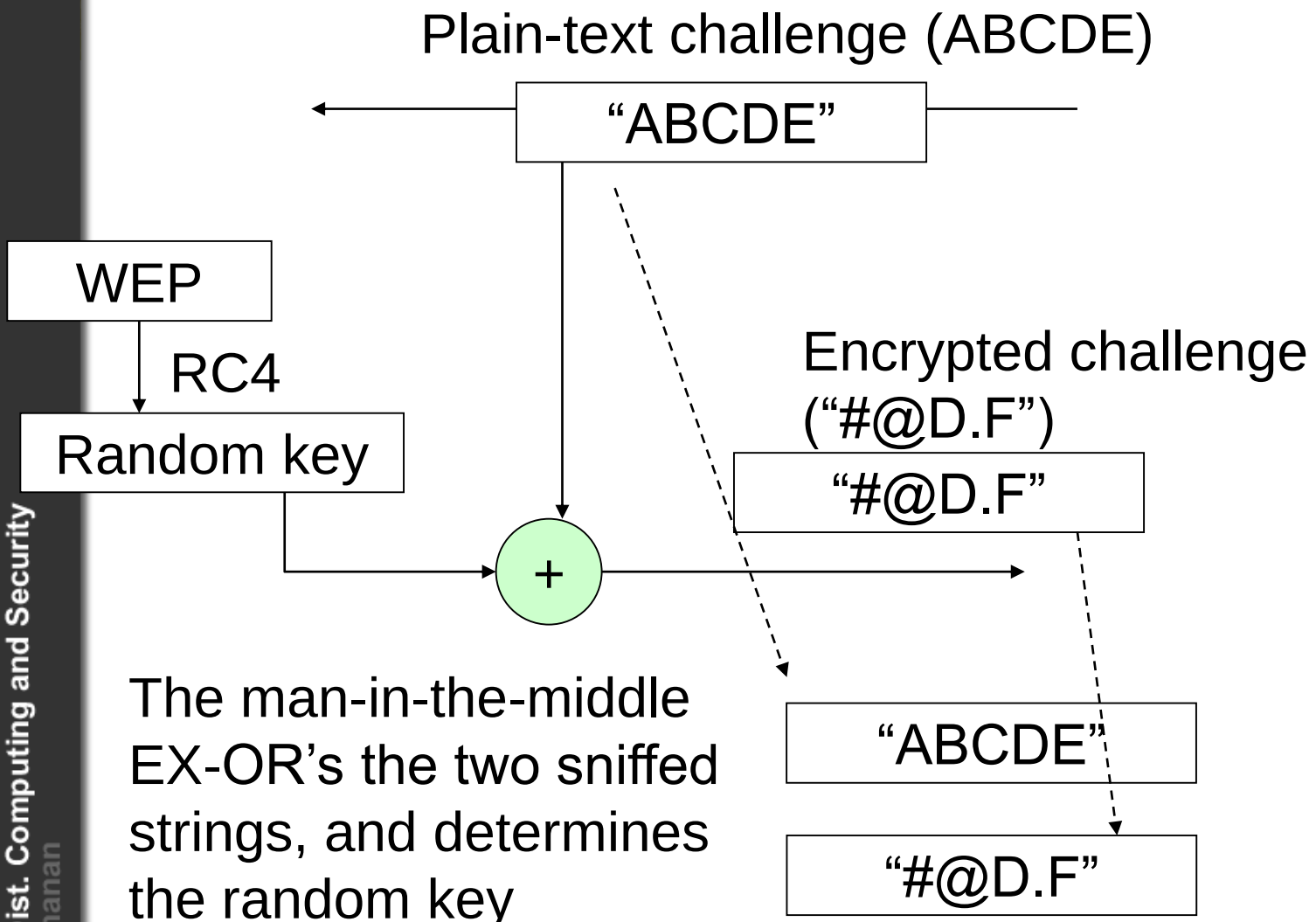
Authentication response (Challenge)

Authentication request (Encrypted challenge)

Authentication response (success)

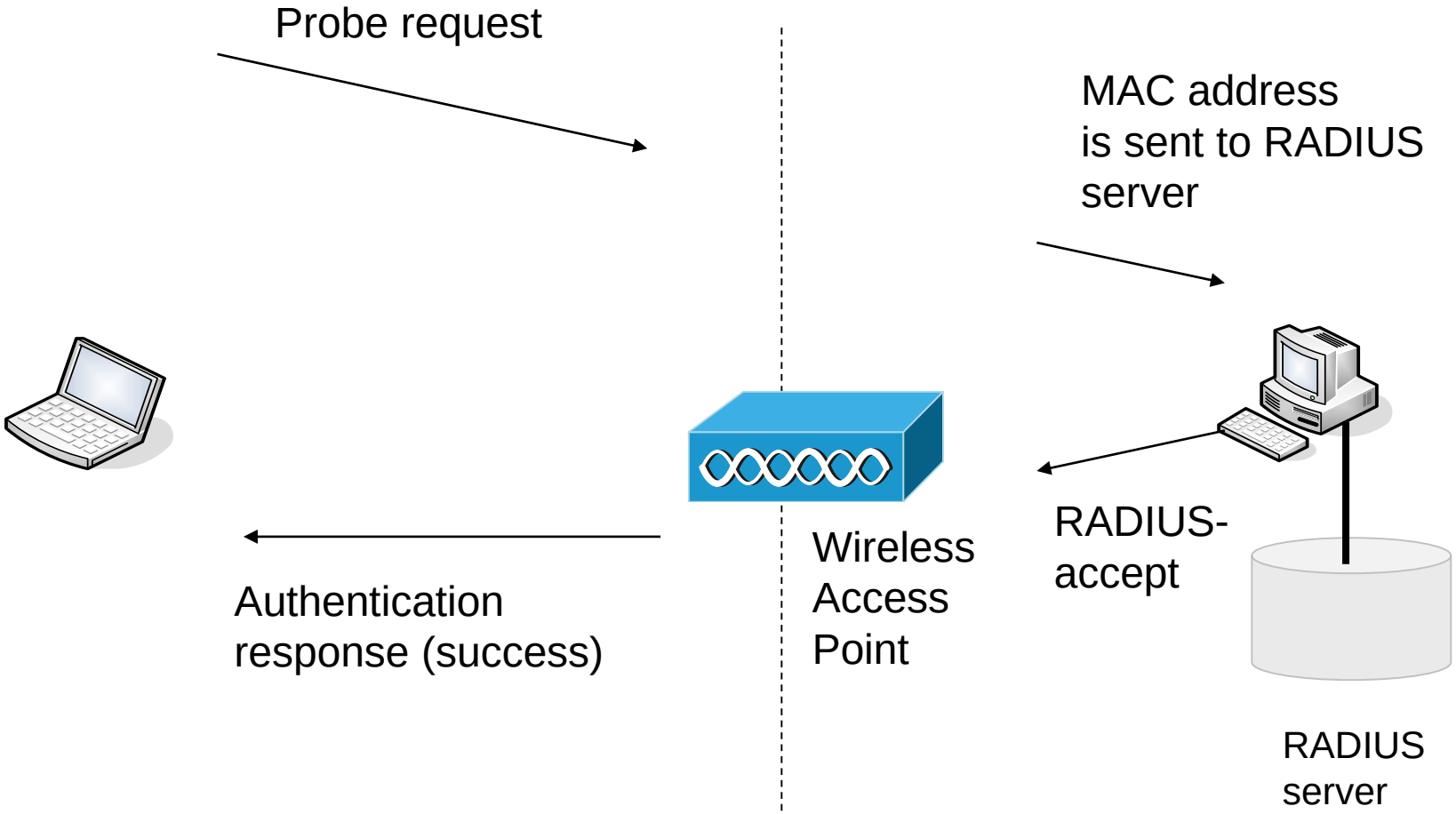
Key: ABCDEF

Weakness of shared-key authentication



The man-in-the-middle EX-OR’s the two sniffed strings, and determines the random key

MAC address-based authentication



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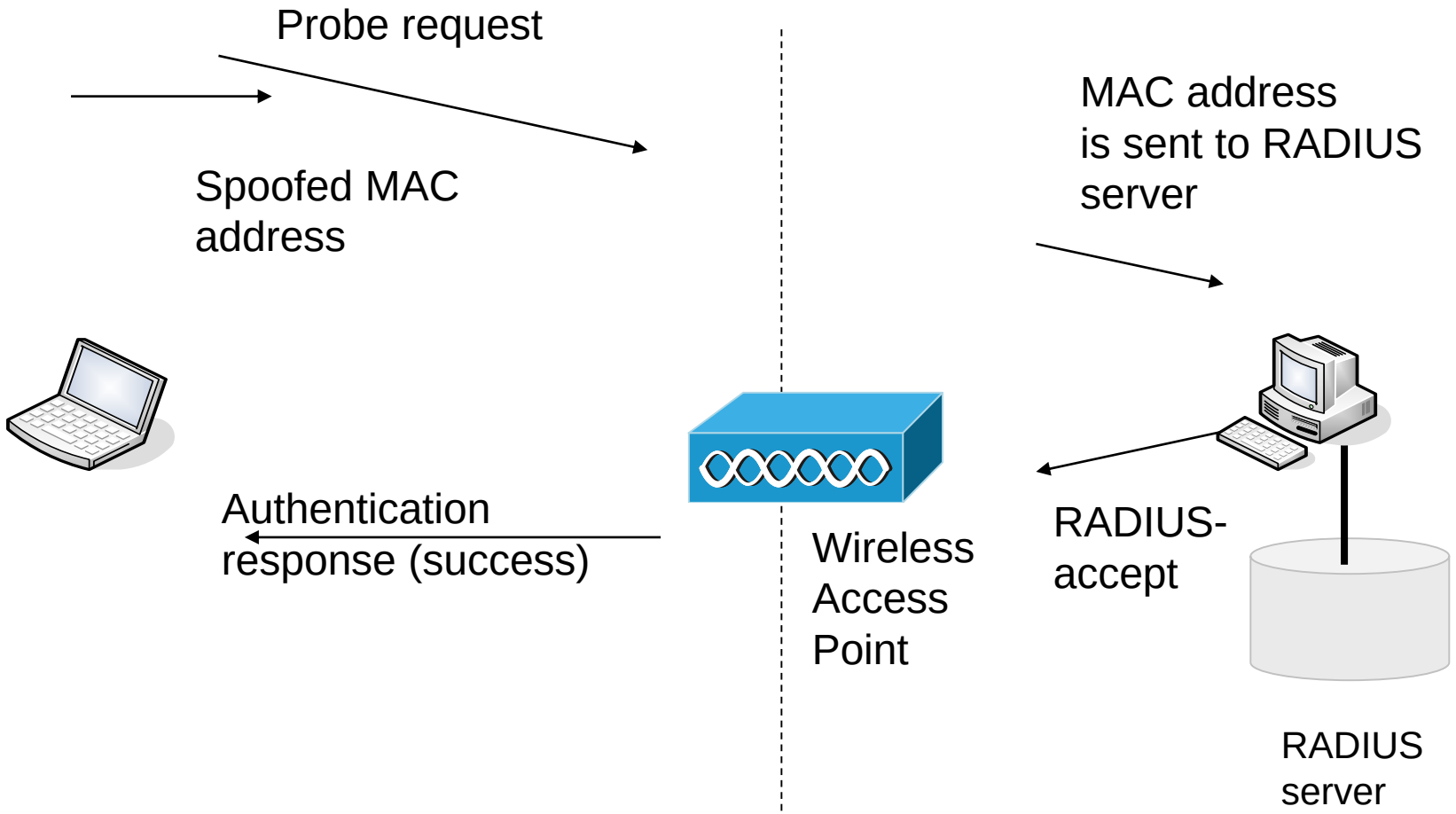

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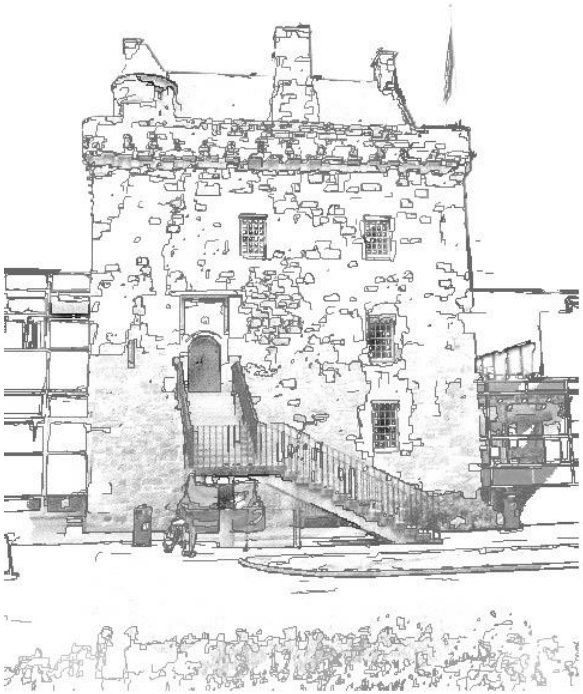

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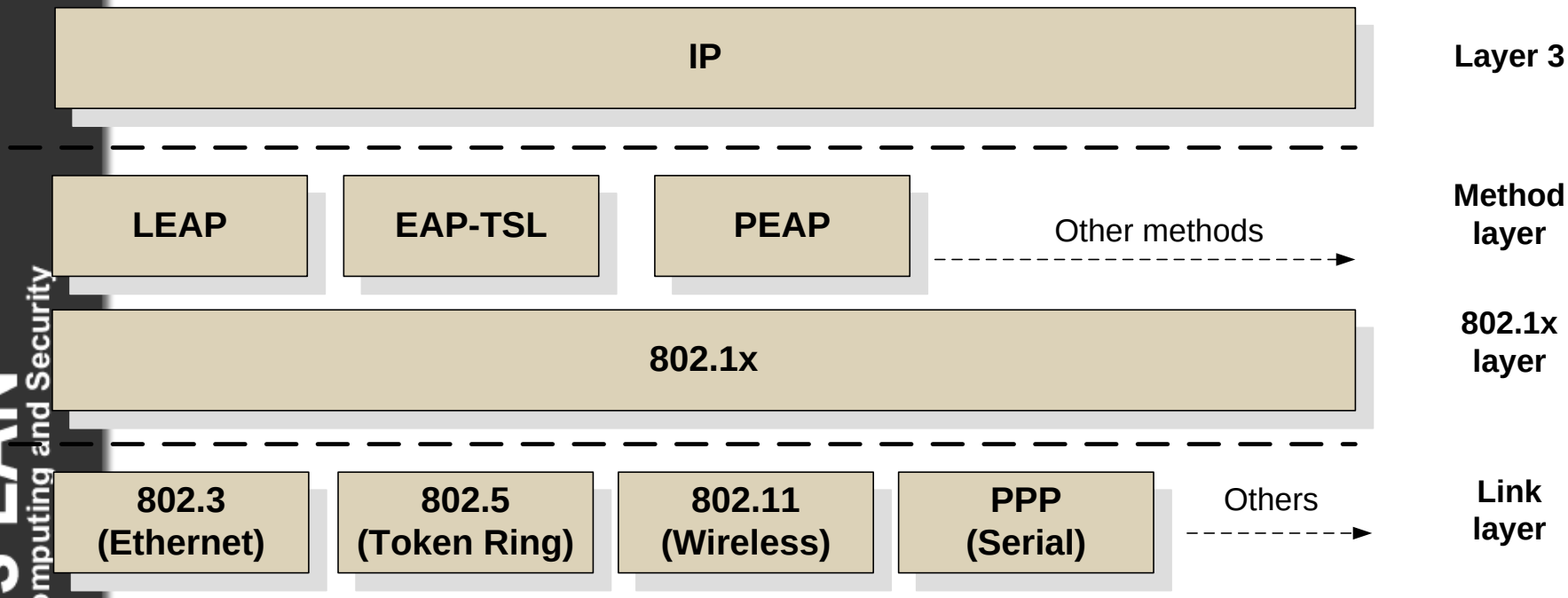

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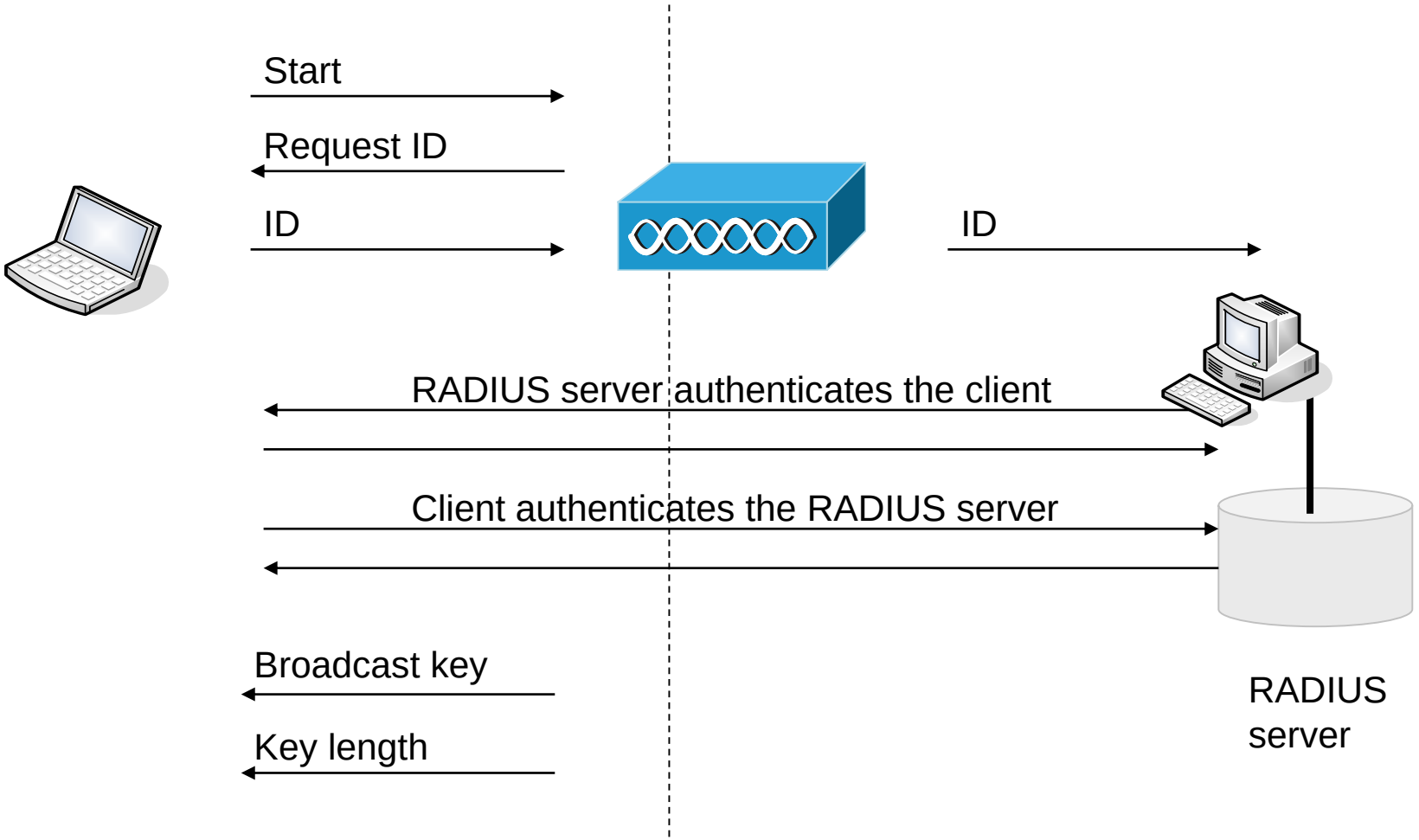
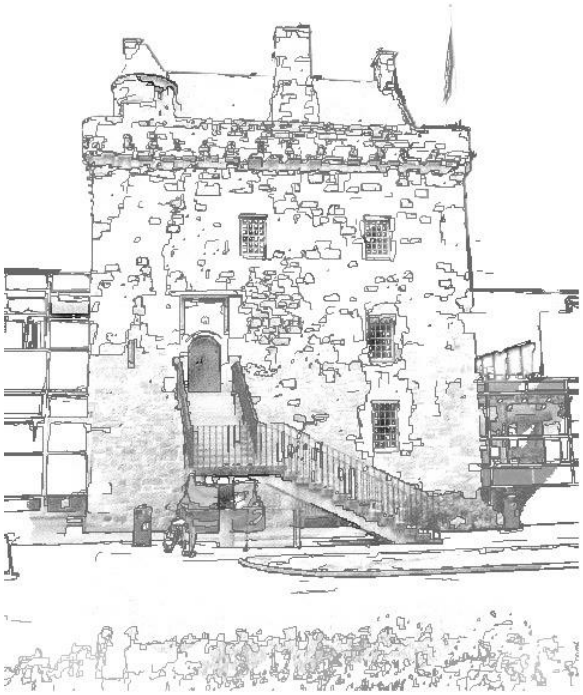
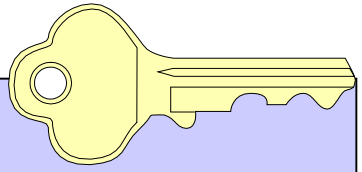


Authenticating using a Digital Certificate



Public key



Some data

Encrypted data

"fred"

Encrypted authentication

Private key

Sender

Receiver

Private key

Encrypted data

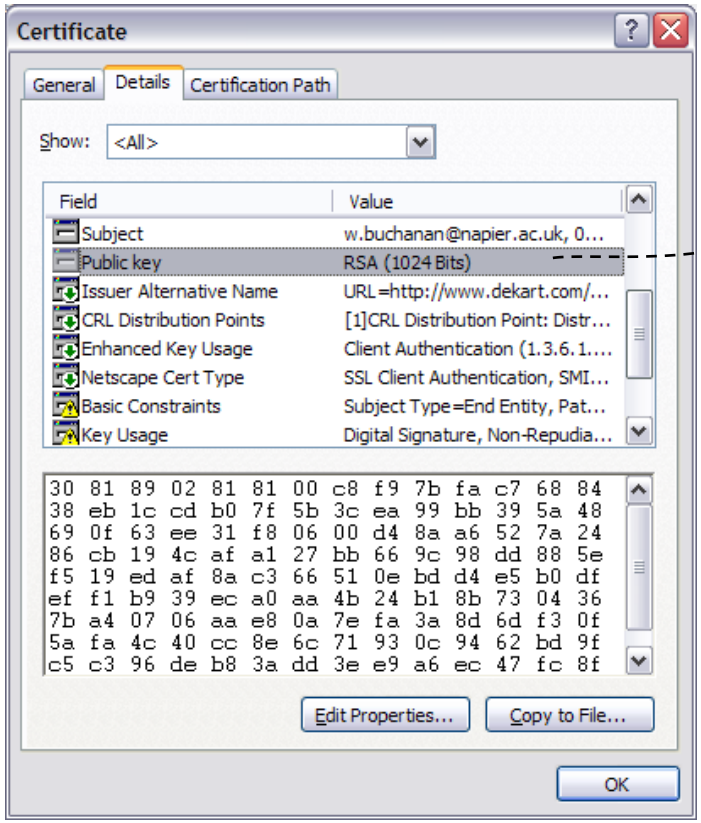
Some data

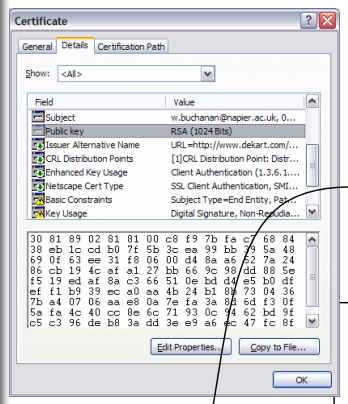
Encrypted authentication

"fred"

Public key is used to decrypt authentication

Digital certificate





Certificate issued to the user/device

Certificate Passed to Authenticator

PKI server

Authenticator checks validity of certificate

Centralised RADIUS or Tacacs+ server

Authenticator server

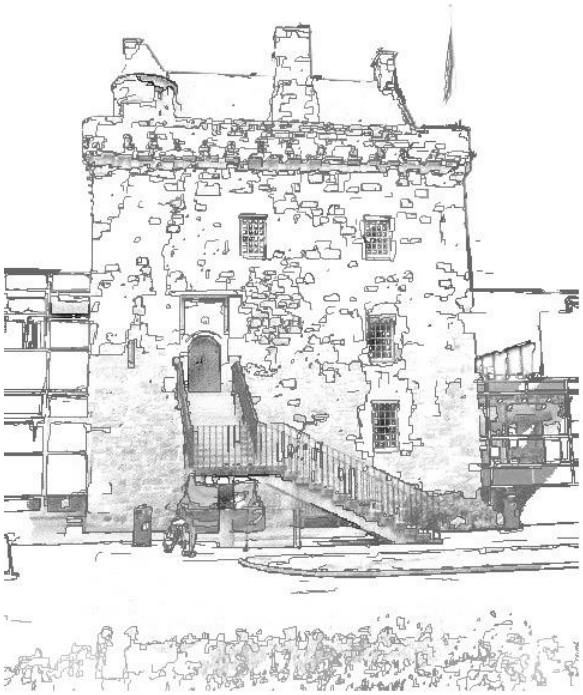
Authenticator

Wireless access point

Usernames and passwords

Windows Domain server

EAP



EAP - Efficient Application Protocols

EAP provides centralized authentication and dynamic key distribution.

It has been developed by the IEEE 802.11i Task Group as an end-to-end framework and uses 802.1X and EAP.

This is:

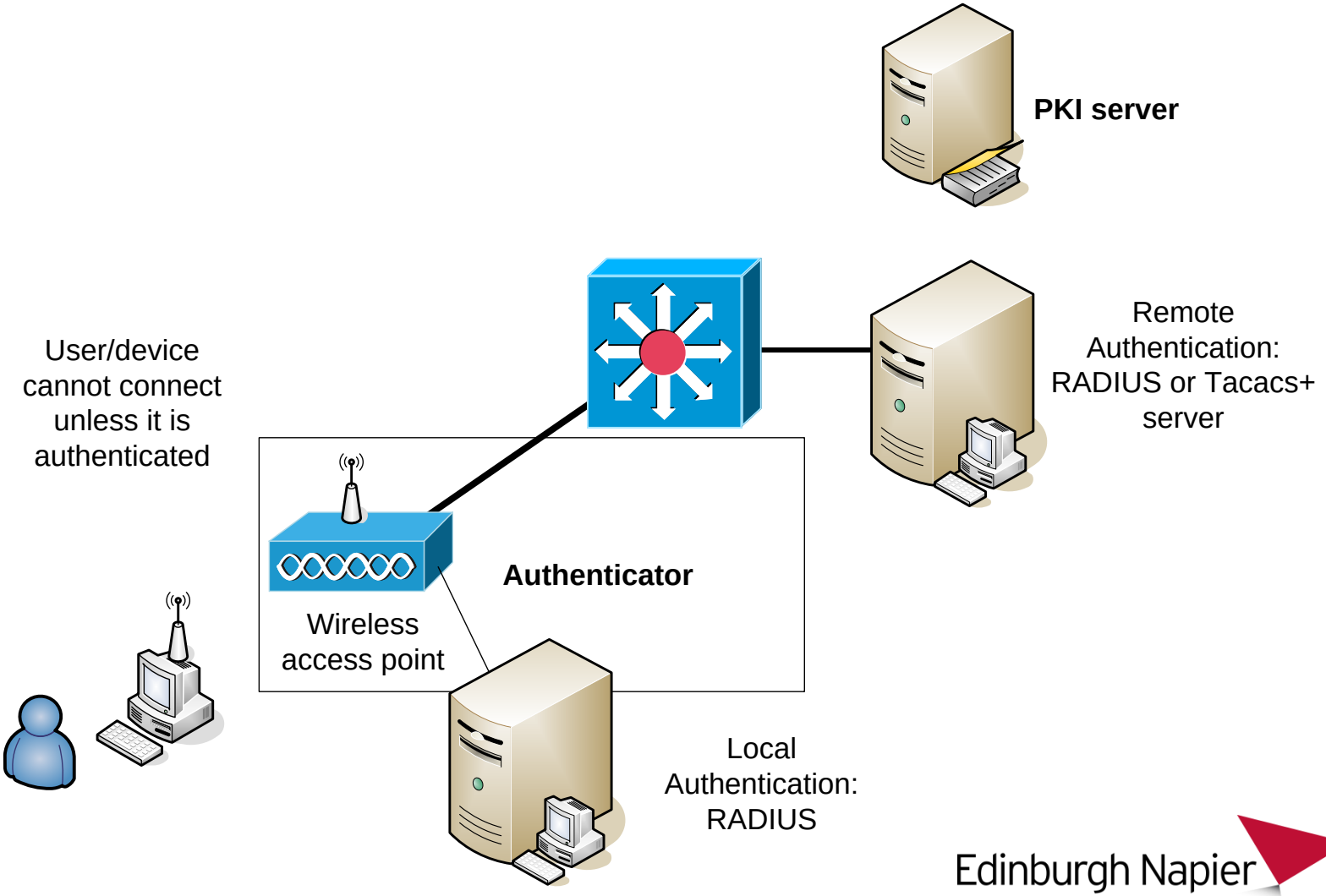
Authentication. This is of both the client and the authentication server (such as a RADIUS server).
Encryption keys. These are dynamically created after authentication. They are not common to the whole network.
Centralized policy control. A session time-out generates a reauthentication and the generation of new encryption keys.

A wireless client cannot gain access to the network, unless it has been authenticated by the access point or a RADIUS server, and has encryption keys.

There are many versions of EAP, including:

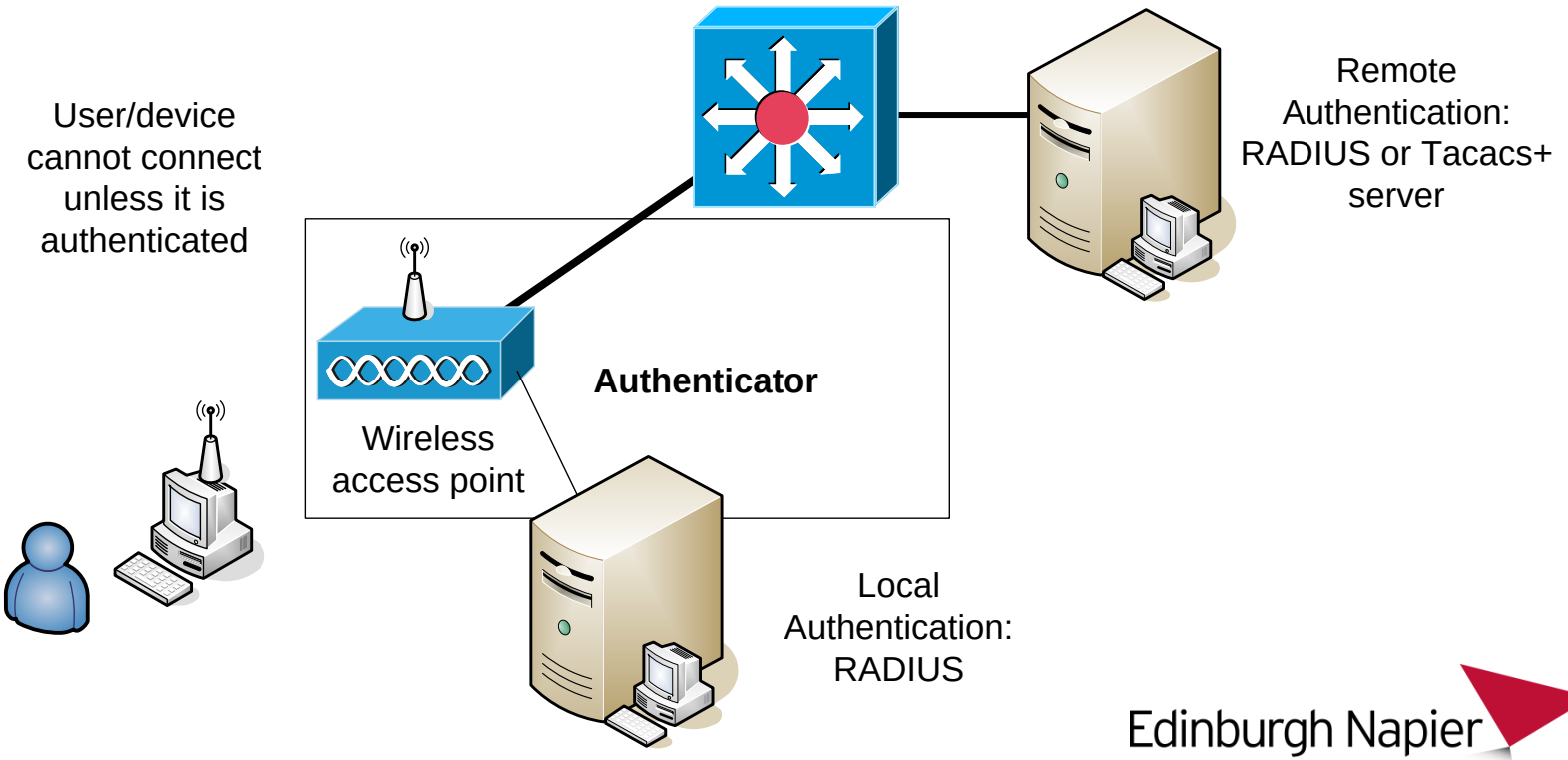
- **LEAP** - Lightweight EAP … EAP-FAST (Flexible Authentication Secure Tunnelling).
- **EAP-TLS** - EAP-Transport Layer Security.
- **PEAP** - Protected EAP.
- **EAP-TTLS** - EAP-Tunnelled TLS.
- **EAP-SIM** - EAP-Subscriber Identity Module.
- **EAP-MD5** – Simple authentication.

EAPs


PKI server
User/device cannot connect unless it is authenticated
Remote Authentication: RADIUS or Tacacs+ server
Authenticator
Wireless access point
Local Authentication: RADIUS

EAPs

1. Client associates with the access point.
2. Client provides authentication details.
3. RADIUS server authenticates the user.
4. User authenticates the RADIUS server.
5. Client and RADIUS server derive unicast WEP key.
6. RADIUS server gives broadcast WEP key to access point.
7. Access point sends broadcast WEP key to client using unicast WEP key.



EAPs

Client details:

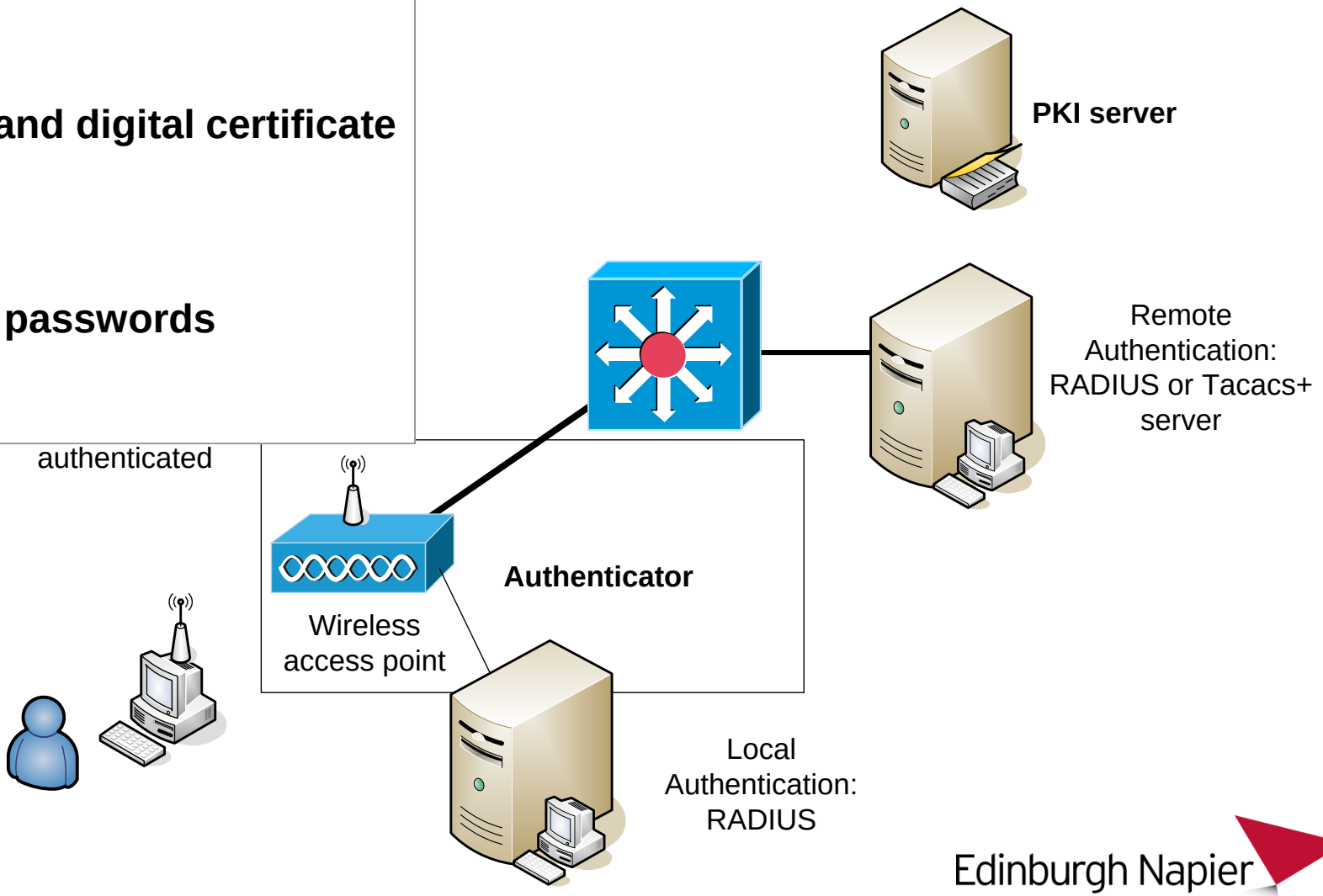
User ID and password.

Or

User ID and digital certificate

Or

On-time passwords



EAP-TLS

User Authentication:	User ID and digital certificate
Key size:	128 bits
Encryption:	RC4
Device Authentication:	Client Certificate
Open Standard:	Yes
User differentiation:	Group
Certificate:	RADIUS server/WLAN client

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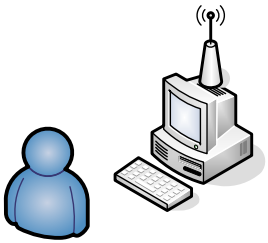
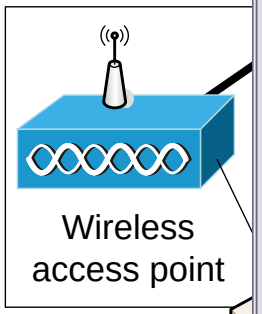
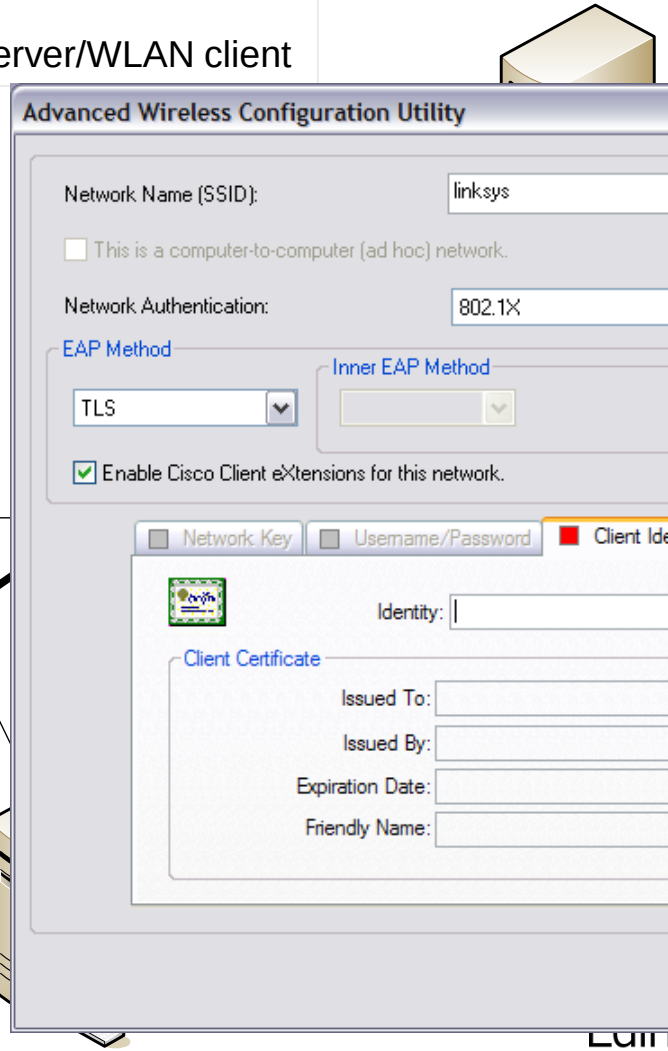


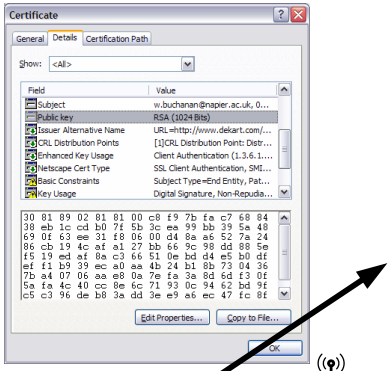


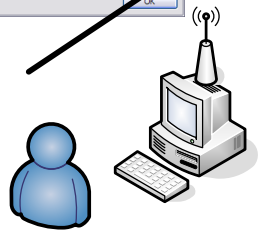


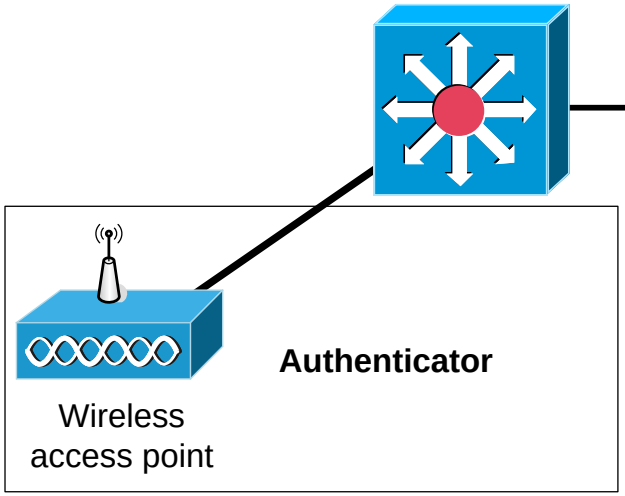
EAP-TLS

EAP-TLS (EAP-Transport Layer Security):
Digital Certificate is sent to Access Point to authentication the client

EAP-TLS -> Authenticates client
But certificate required for client







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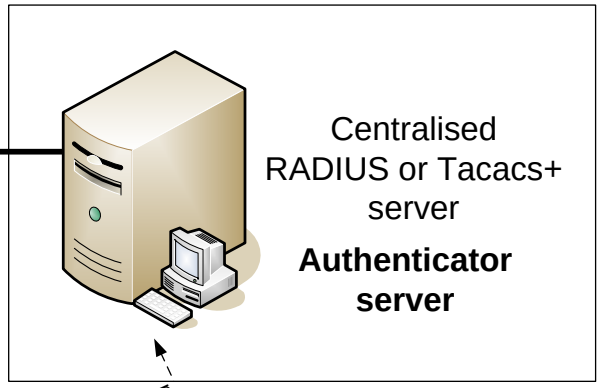
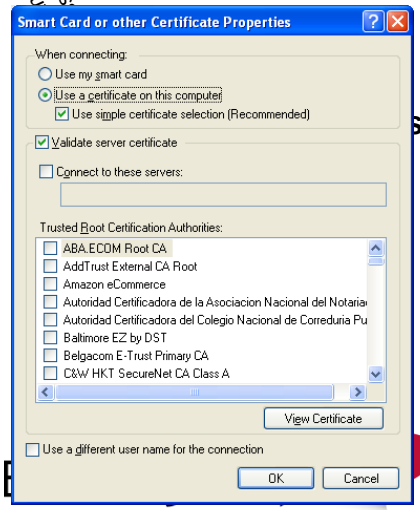
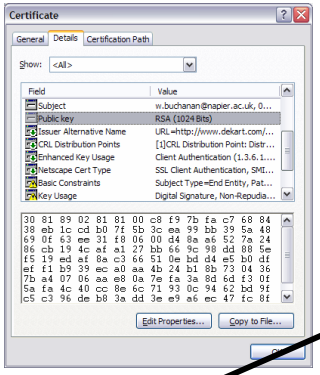




Strengths: Good security.
Weaknesses: Spoof Access Point

EAP-TTLS

EAP-TTLS (EAP-Tunnel Transport Layer Security): Digital Certificate is sent from access point to authentication itself



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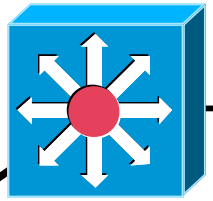
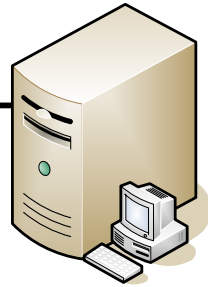
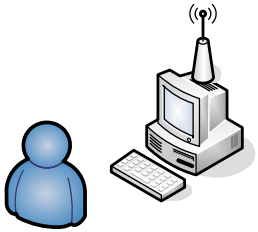


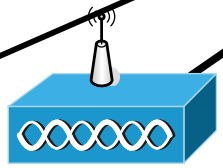


Centralised RADIUS or Tacacs+ server

Authenticator server

Do you accept this Certificate (Y/N)?





Authenticator

Wireless access point

Usernames and passwords

Windows Domain server

EAP-TTLS -> Authenticates access point
Certificate required for access point, and a tunnel is created to pass username/password

Strengths: Good security.
Weaknesses: Spoof Client

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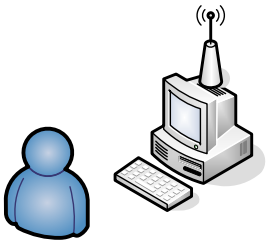
LEAP

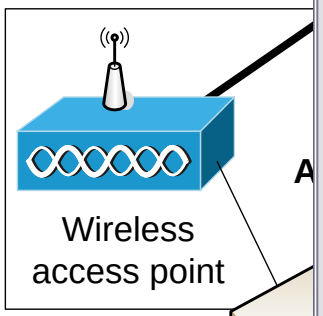
User Authentication:	User ID and password
Key size:	128 bits
Encryption:	RC4
Device Authentication:	Not Supported
Open Standard:	No (Cisco-derived)
User differentiation:	Group
Certificate:	None

LEAPs is open to attack from a dictionary attack.
Use strong passwords!!!

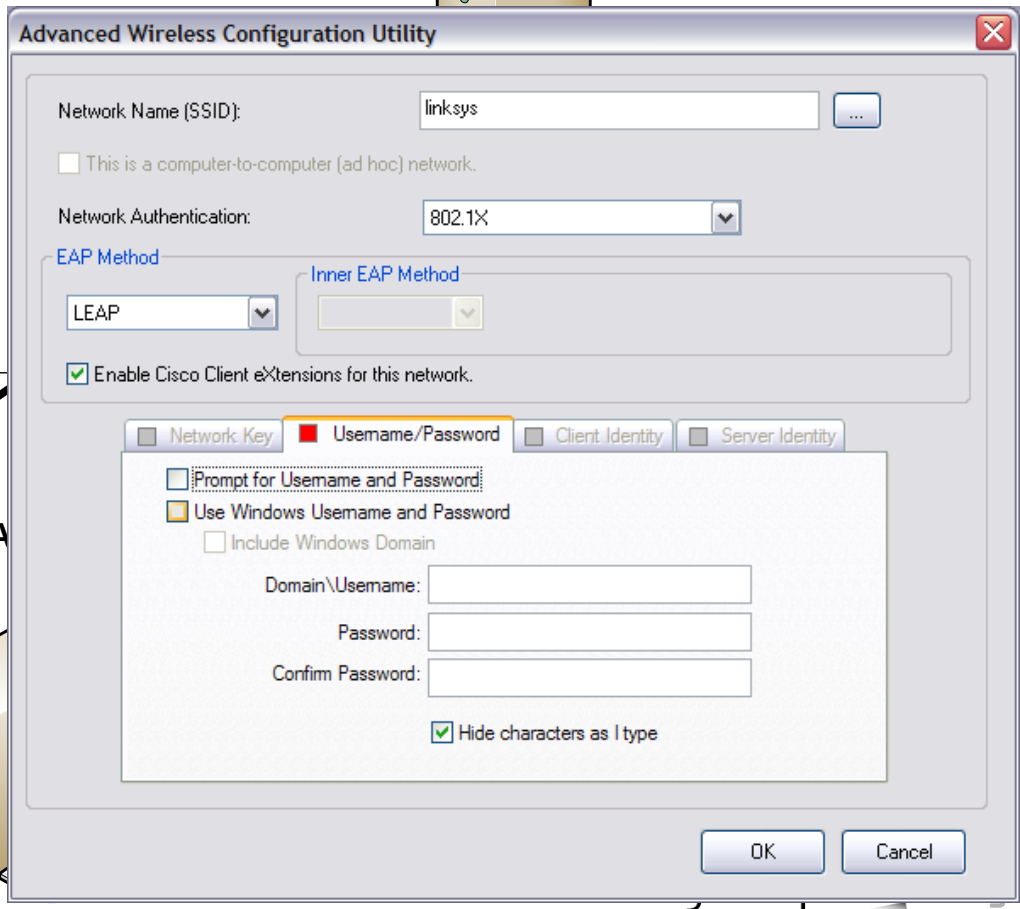
PKI server

User/device cannot connect unless it is authenticated





Wireless access point



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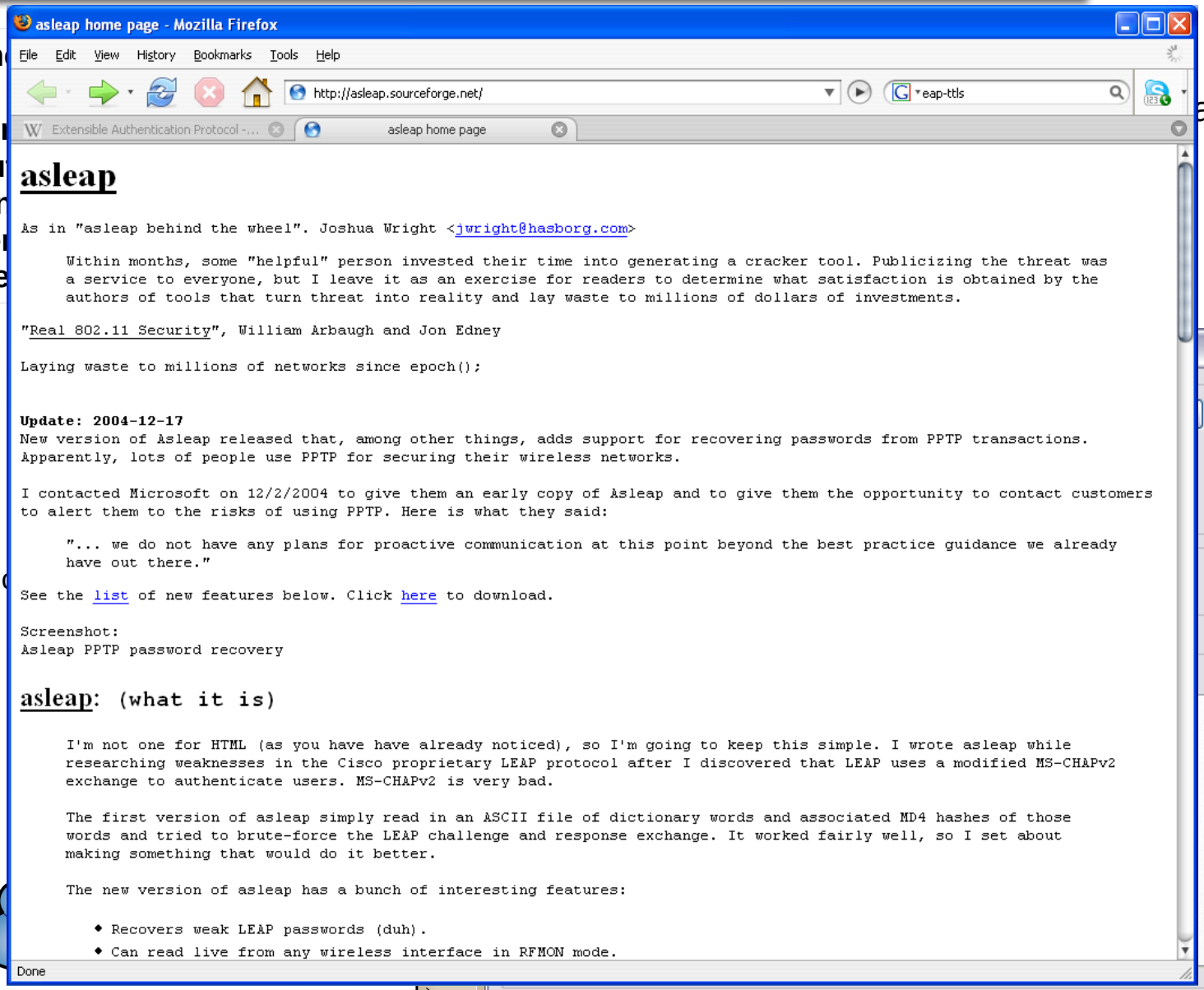

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LEAP

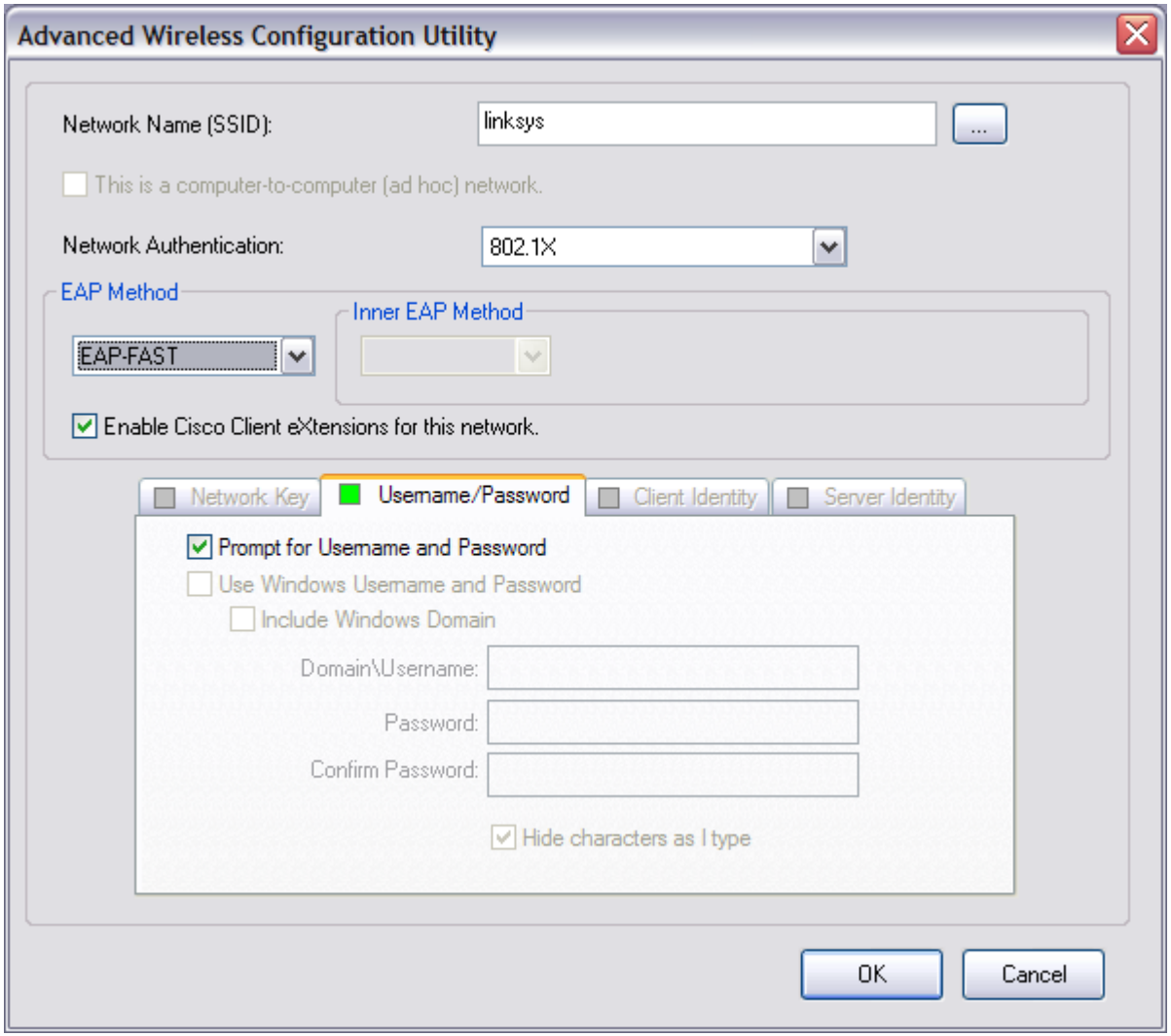
LEAPs uses MS-CHAP (Microsoft Handshake Authentication Protocol) to continually challenge the device for its ID. It uses a challenge-response, mutual authentication protocol using Message Digest 4 (MD4) and Data Encryption Standard (DES) algorithms to encrypt responses. The authenticating device challenges the client and vice-versa. If either challenge is incorrect, the connection is rejected. The password is converted into password hash using MD4. It is thus not possible for an intruder to listen to the password.

The **hashed password** is then converted into a Windows NT key, which has the advantage of being compatible with Microsoft Windows systems. Normally authentication is achieved using the Microsoft login screen, where the user name and the Windows NT key are passed from the client to the access point.

LEAPs is open to attack from a **dictionary attack**, thus strong passwords should be used. There are also many programs which can search for passwords and determine their hash function.

… upated by Cisco with … EAP-FAST (Flexible Authorization Secure Tunnel) so that details are passed through a tunnel.

EAP-FAST

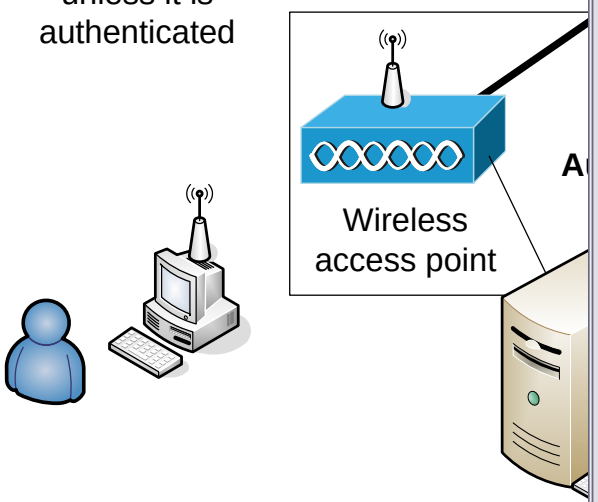

Advanced Wireless Configuration Utility
Network Name (SSID):
linksys
...
This is a computer-to-computer (ad hoc) network.
Network Authentication:
802.1X
EAP Method
EAP-FAST
Inner EAP Method
Enable Cisco Client eXtensions for this network.
Network Key
Username/Password
Client Identity
Server Identity
Prompt for Username and Password
Use Windows Username and Password
Include Windows Domain
Domain\Username:
Password:
Confirm Password:
Hide characters as I type
OK
Cancel

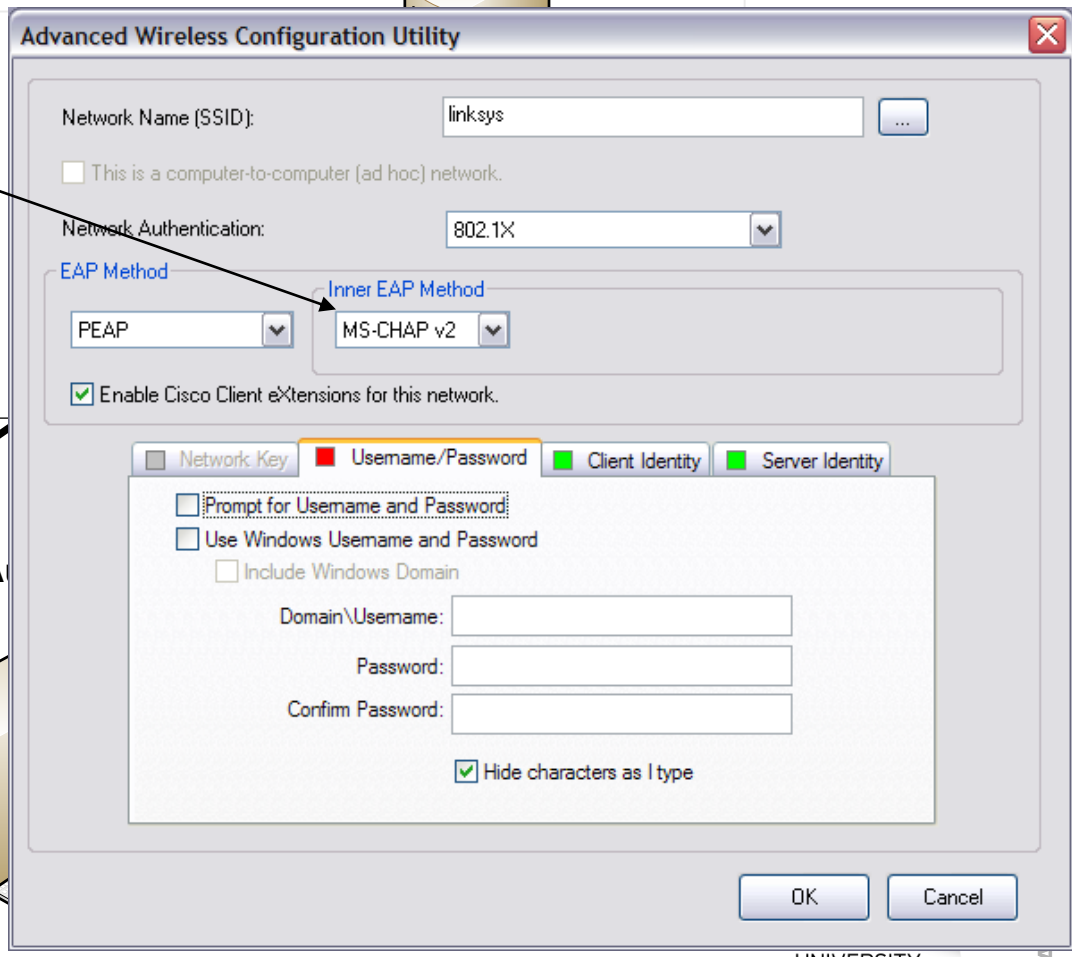
EAP - PEAP

User Authentication:	User ID and password or **OTP** (one-time password)
Key size:	128 bits
Encryption:	RC4
Device Authentication:	Not supported
Open Standard:	Yes (dev… Cisco, Microsoft and RSA Labs)
User differentiation:	Group
Certificate:	Yes

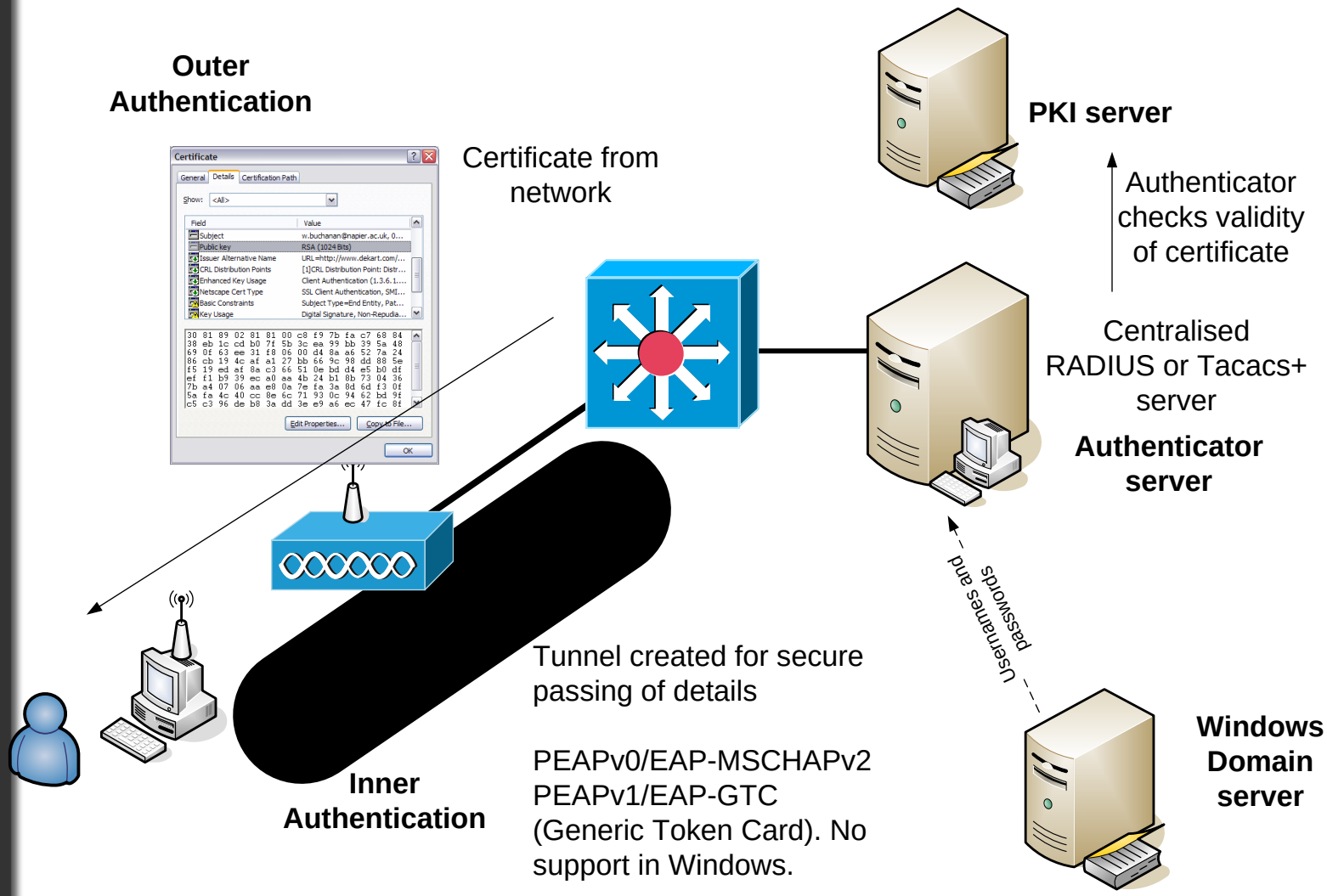
MS-CHAP v2
Gives Username/ Password … as Napier

User/device cannot connect unless it is authenticated

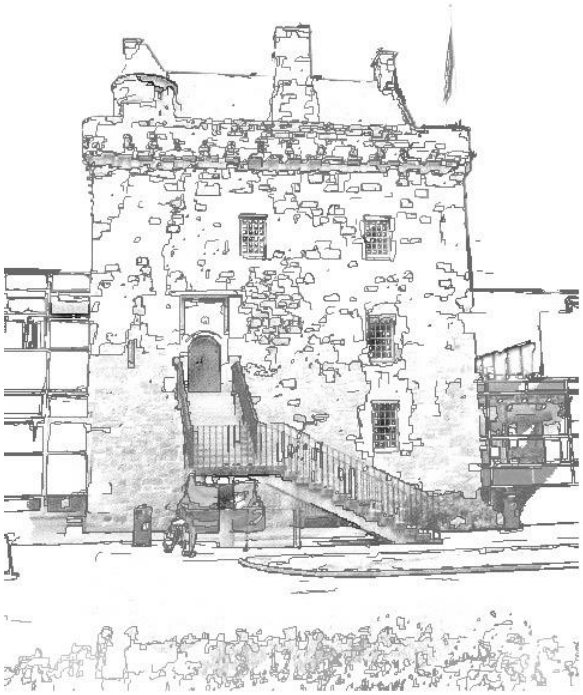




EAP- PEAP


Outer Authentication
Certificate from network
PKI server
Authenticator checks validity of certificate
Centralised RADIUS or Tacacs+ server
Authenticator server
Usernames and passwords
Windows Domain server
Tunnel created for secure passing of details
PEAPv0/EAP-MSCHAPv2
PEAPv1/EAP-GTC
(Generic Token Card). No support in Windows.
Inner Authentication

Configuration – Local RADIUS server



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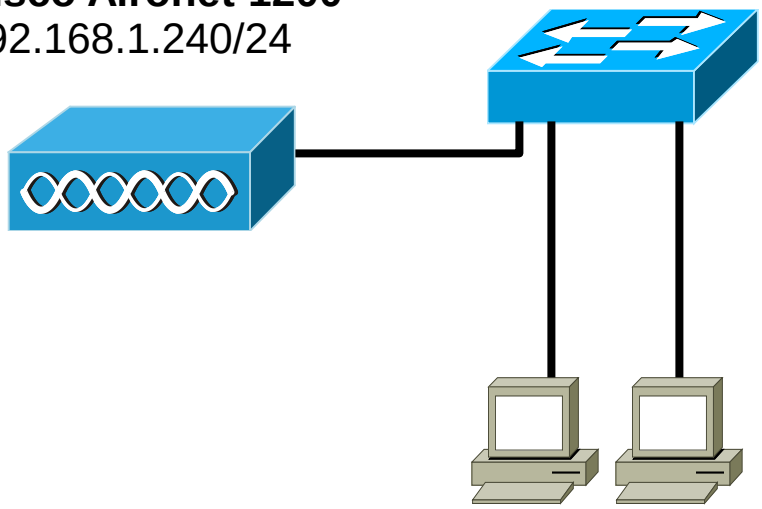

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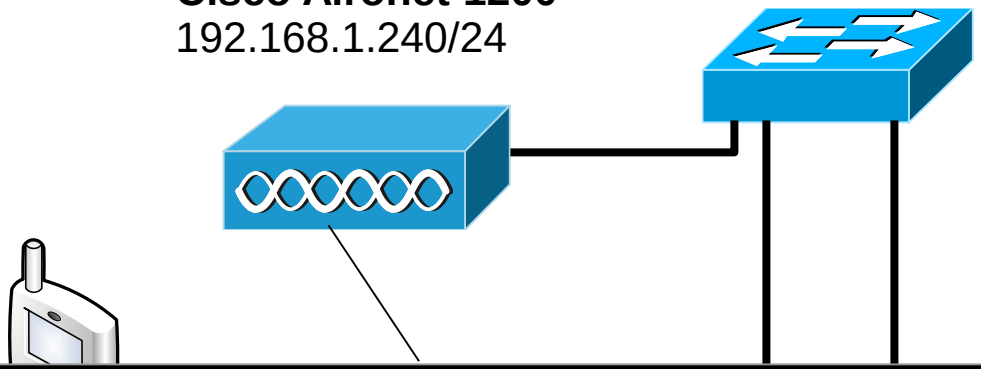

```
(config) # dot11 ssid NapierSSID
(config-ssid) # authentication network-eap eap_methods
(config-ssid) # exit

(config) # interface Dot11Radio0
(config-if) # encryption key 1 size 40bit AAAAAAAAAA transmit-key
(config-if) # encryption mode ciphers wep40
(config-if) # no ssid tsunami
(config-if) # ssid NapierSSID
(config-if) # channel 1
(config-if) # guest-mode
(config-if) # station-role root
(config-if) # exit
(config) # interface BVI1
(config-if) # ip address 192.168.1.240 255.255.255.0
(config-if) # exit
(config) # ip http server
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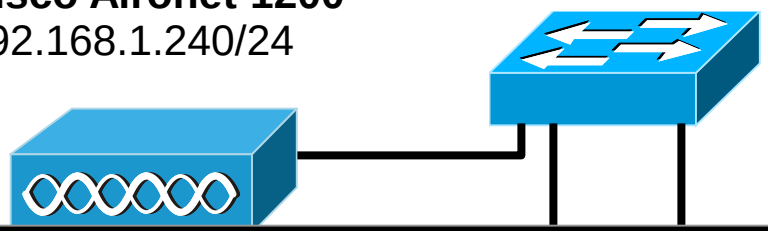

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node
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hostname ap
aaa new-model
aaa group server radius rad_eap
        server 192.168.1.240 auth-port 1812 acct-port 1813
exit
aaa group server radius rad_mac
aaa group server radius rad_acct
aaa group server radius rad_admin
aaa group server radius dummy
        server 192.168.1.240 auth-port 1812 acct-port 1813
exit
aaa group server radius rad_pmip
aaa authentication login eap_methods group rad_eap
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aaa authorization exec default local
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aaa accounting network acct_methods start-stop group rad_acct
aaa session-id common
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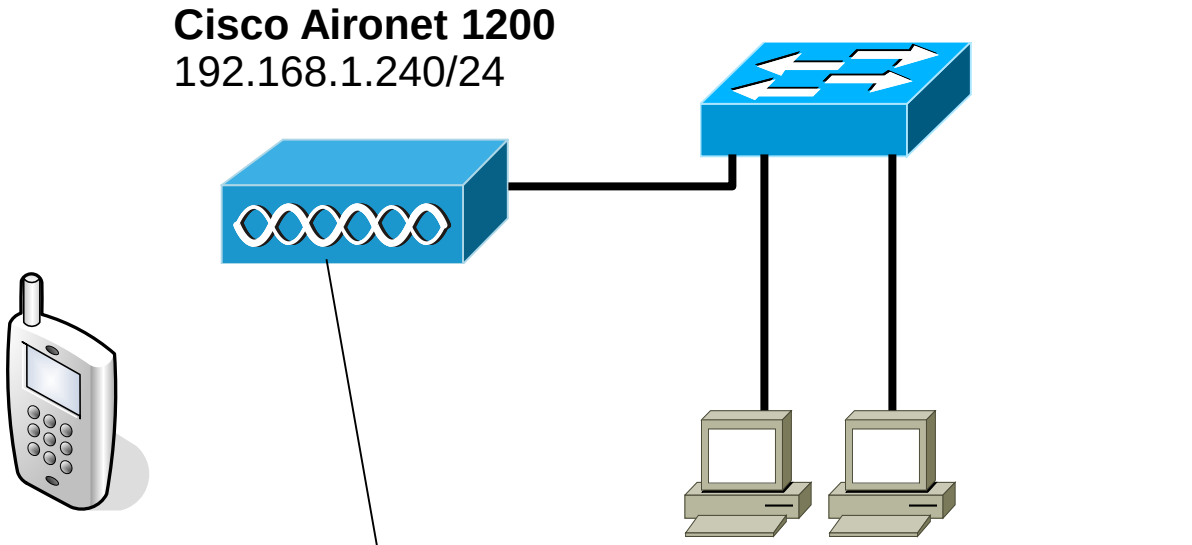


```
(config)# radius-server local
(config-radsrv)# nas 192.168.1.240 key sharedkey
(config-radsrv)# user aaauser password aaapass
(config-radsrv)# user bbbuser password bbbpass
(config-radsrv)# exit
(config)# radius-server host 192.168.1.240 auth-port 1812
                    acct-port 1813 key sharedkey
(config)# exit
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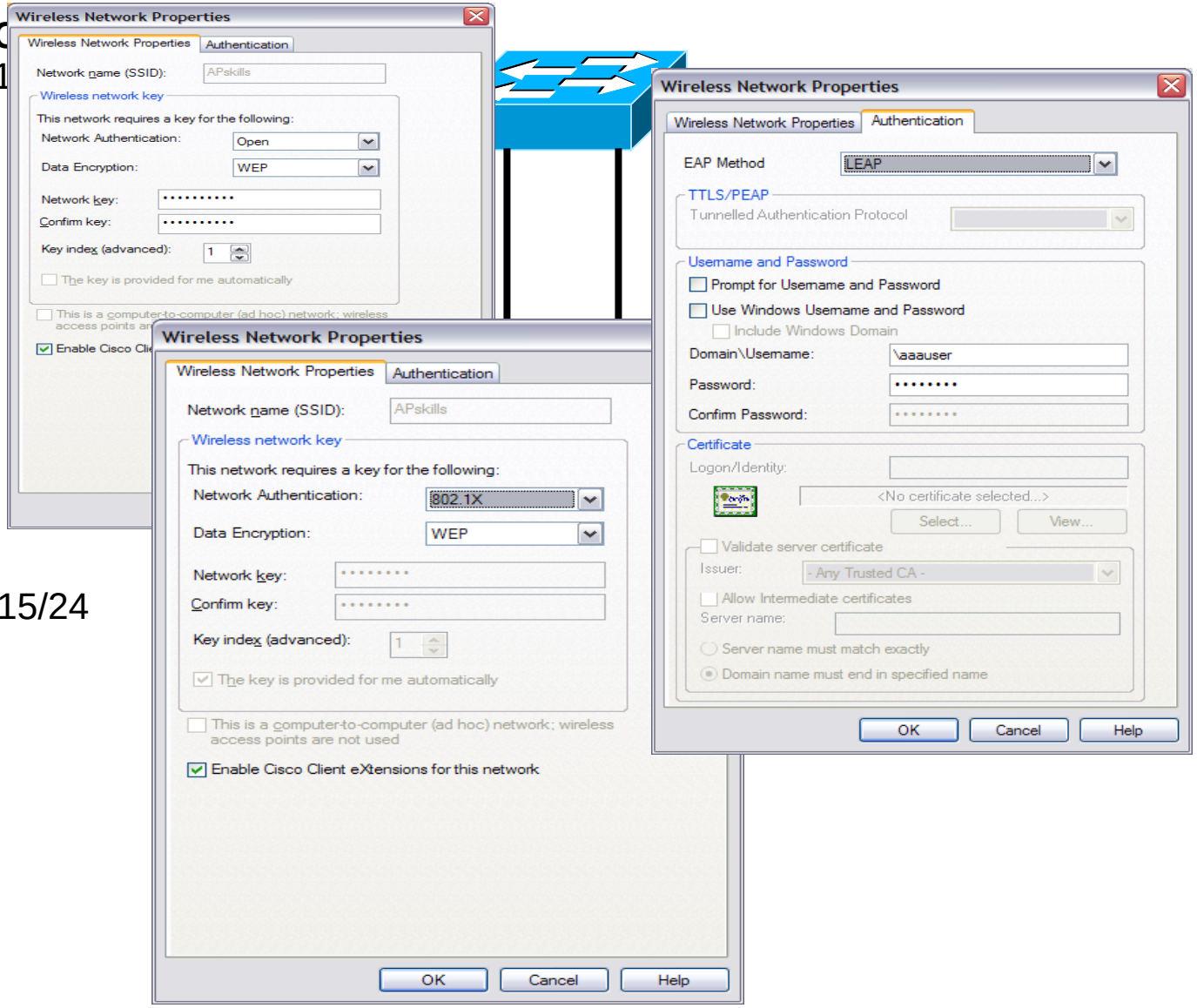
Wireless node
192.168.1.115/24



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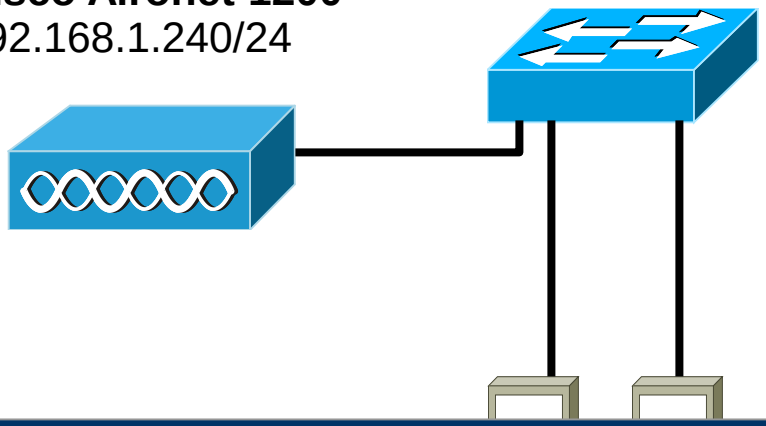

Wireless node
192.168.1.11

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C:\>ping 192.168.1.240
Pinging 192.168.1.240 with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 192.168.1.240: bytes=32 time=2ms TTL=255
Ping statistics for 192.168.1.240:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
    Minimum = 1ms, Maximum = 2ms, Average = 1ms
C:\>ping 192.168.1.115
Pinging 192.168.1.115 with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 192.168.1.115: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=128
Ping statistics for 192.168.1.115:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
    Minimum = 0ms, Maximum = 0ms, Average = 0ms
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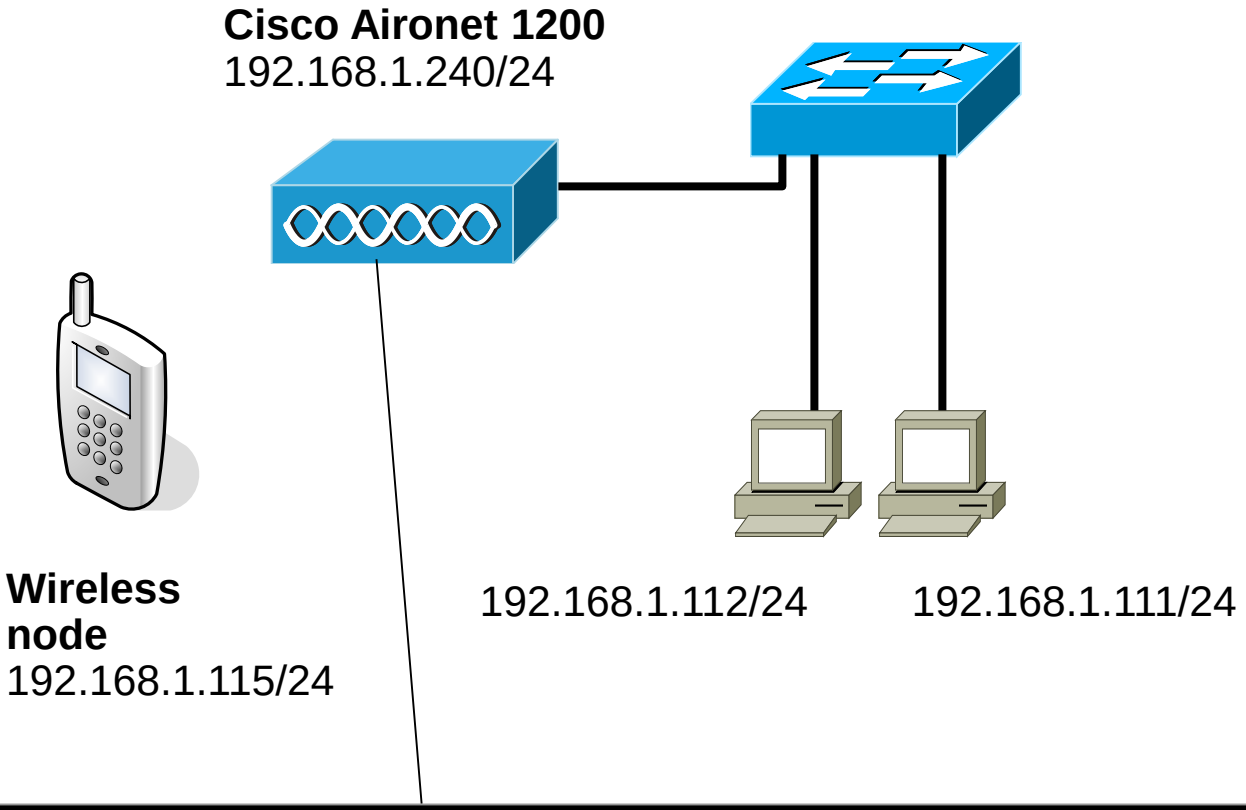


```
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802.11 Client Stations on Dot11Radio0:
SSID [NapierSSID] :
MAC Address    IP address      Device          Name    Parent State
0090.4b54.d83a 192.168.1.115   4500-radio      -       self   EAP-Assoc
Others:  (not related to any ssid)
```

Wireless node
192.168.1.115/24

Cisco IOS Series AP - Home

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

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Address http://192.168.1.110/ap_home.htm

Close Window

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Cisco 1200 Access Point

HOME
EXPRESS SET-UP
NETWORK MAP +
ASSOCIATION
NETWORK INTERFACES +
SECURITY +
SERVICES +
WIRELESS SERVICES +
SYSTEM SOFTWARE +
EVENT LOG +

Hostname ap — ap uptime is 2 minutes

Home: Summary Status

Association		
Clients: 1		Repeaters: 0
Network Identity		
IP Address		192.168.1.110
MAC Address		000d.65a9.cb1b
Network Interfaces		
Interface	MAC Address	Transmission Rate
FastEthernet	000d.65a9.cb1b	
Radio0-802.11B	000d.6572.c1fe	11.0Mb/s
Event Log		
Time	Severity	Description
Mar 1 00:01:31.185	Information	Interface Dot11Radio0, Station 0090.4b54.d83a Associated KEY_MGMT[NONE]
Mar 1 00:01:17.753	Notification	Configured from console by console
Mar 1 00:01:15.516	Error	Interface Dot11Radio0, changed state to up
Mar 1 00:01:15.498	Notification	Interface Dot11Radio0, changed state to reset
Mar 1 00:01:15.402	Error	Interface Dot11Radio0, changed state to up

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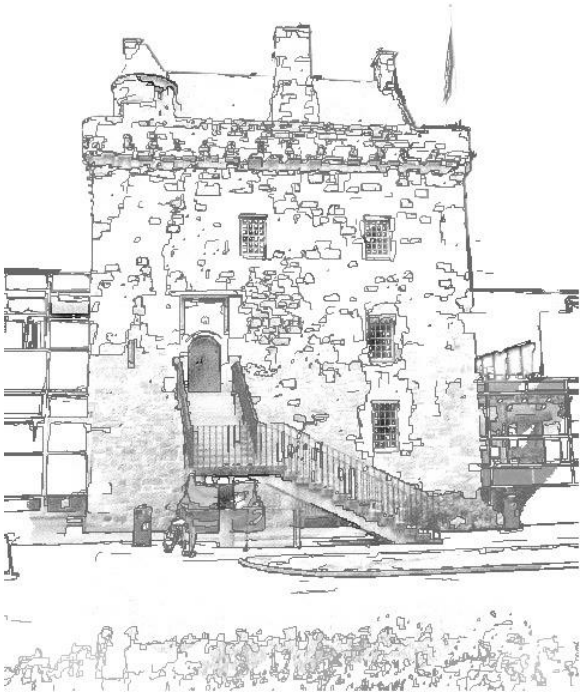
Configure for Remote TACACS+ Server



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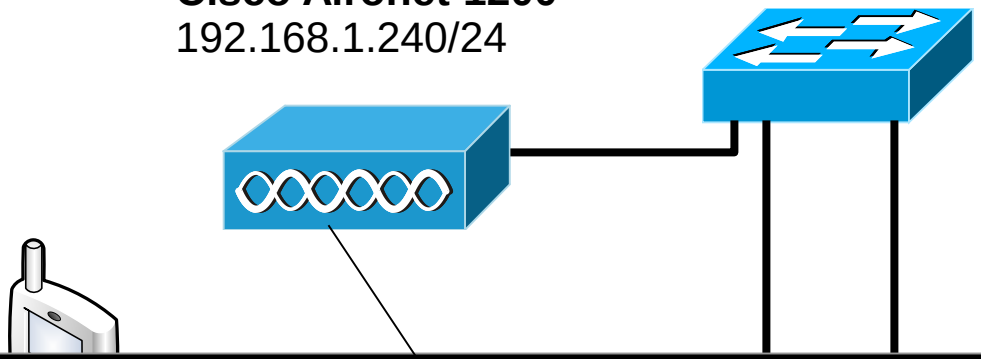

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> en
# config t
(config)# hostname test
(config)# aaa new-model
(config)# tacacs-server host 39.100.234.1
(config)# tacacs-server key krinkle
(config)# aaa authentication login default group tacacs
(config)# aaa authentication ppp default group tacacs
(config)# aaa authorization network default group tacacs
(config)# aaa authorization exec default group tacacs
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