
SANS Institute presents:

Four Ways To Monitor Your Wireless Network

Today's Speakers

- Joshua Wright, SANS Institute
- Bryan Wargo, AirWave
- Q/A session with today's speakers
- Send questions to 'q@sans.org'



Wi-Fi Monitoring Made Easy

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AirWave Overview

Security “If Wi-Fi isn’t managed, it’s not secure” <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Policy definition & enforcement• Automated audit & compliance• Enforce access control policies• Rogue AP detection & elimination	Management “One console does it all” <ul style="list-style-type: none">• End-to-end management• Discovery & provisioning• Configuration & firmware Management• Monitoring, diagnostics & reporting
Visibility “Nothing’s invisible – not even the air” <ul style="list-style-type: none">• See everything that is happening• Visualize the RF airspace• Know who, what and WHERE• Real-time health-check of the network	WiFi ROI “Make wireless pay” <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fewer network problems• 75% faster troubleshooting• Usable by the entire staff• Capacity planning and reporting

Key Wireless Issues

- Monitoring must be both *real-time* and *automated*
- For scalability, solution must be easy enough for your Help Desk to use
- Everything must be VISIBLE – you cannot manage what you cannot see
- If the WLAN is not managed, it's not secure

User-based Monitoring

- User "greg" complains that of a slow connection
- Help Desk uses AMP to locate the "greg" on the WLAN by username:

The screenshot shows the AMP Searchable User List interface. A callout box highlights the user 'greg' with the following details:

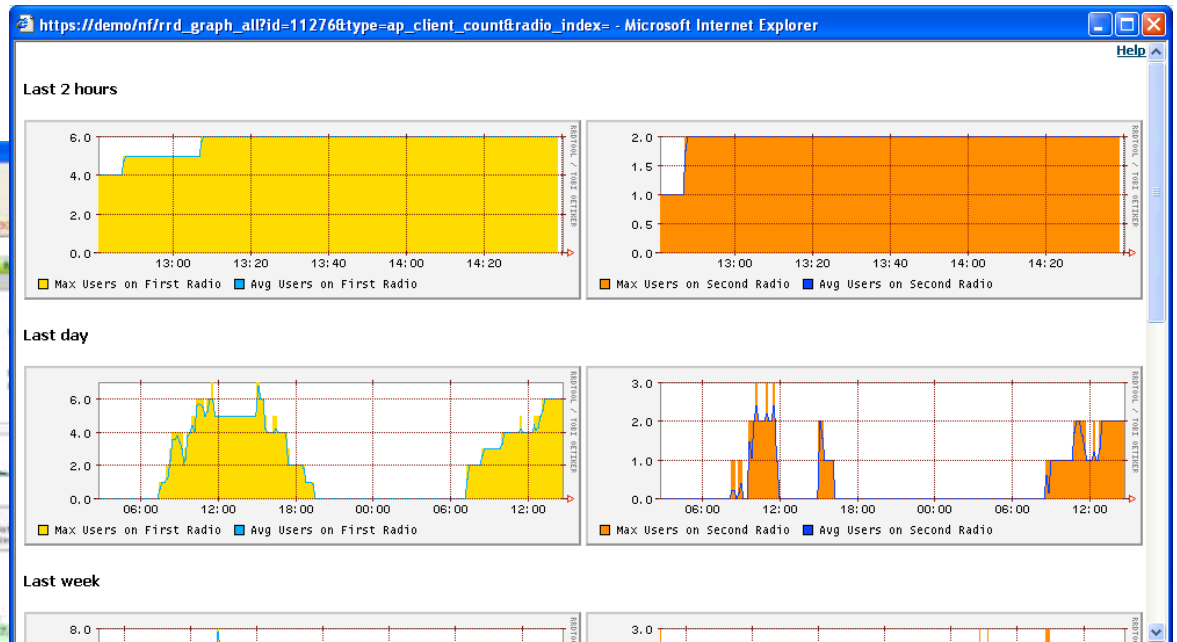
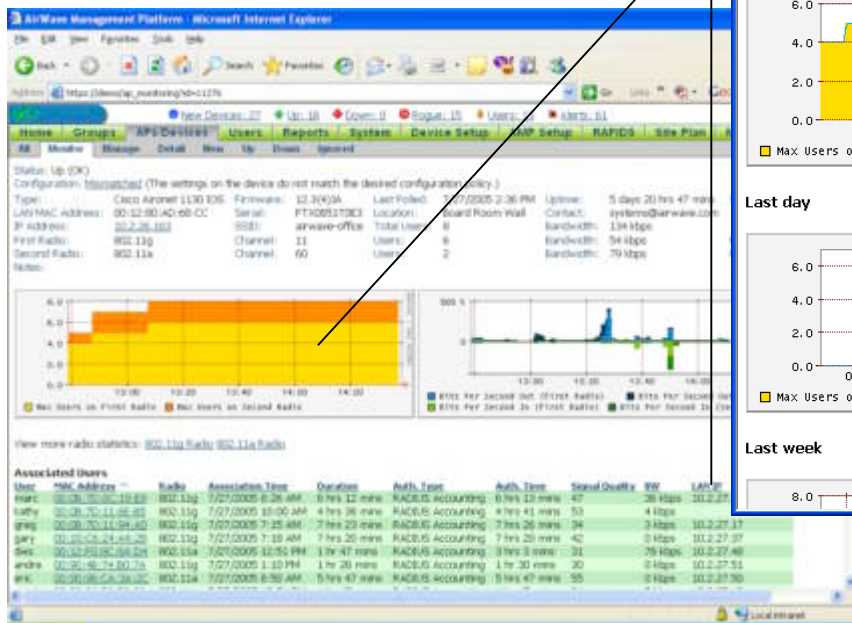
Username	MAC Address	SSID	AP
greg	00:0B:7D:11:94:A0	ap3.corp.airwave.com	802.11g

The main table in the AMP interface lists all users with columns: User, MAC Address, AP, SSID, Association Time, Duration, Auth. Type, and Auth. Time. The user 'greg' is highlighted in the list.

AMP Searchable User List

AP-level Drill Down

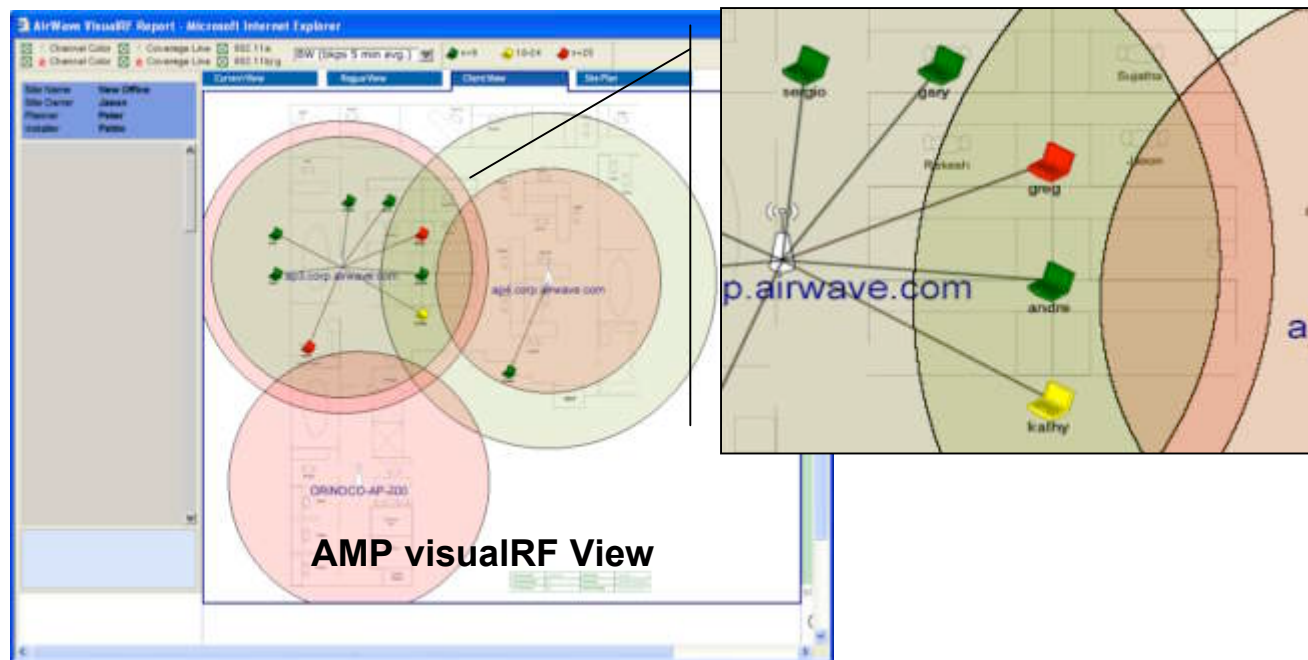
- Help Desk drills into "AP View", examining current usage conditions



Real-time AP Monitoring Screen

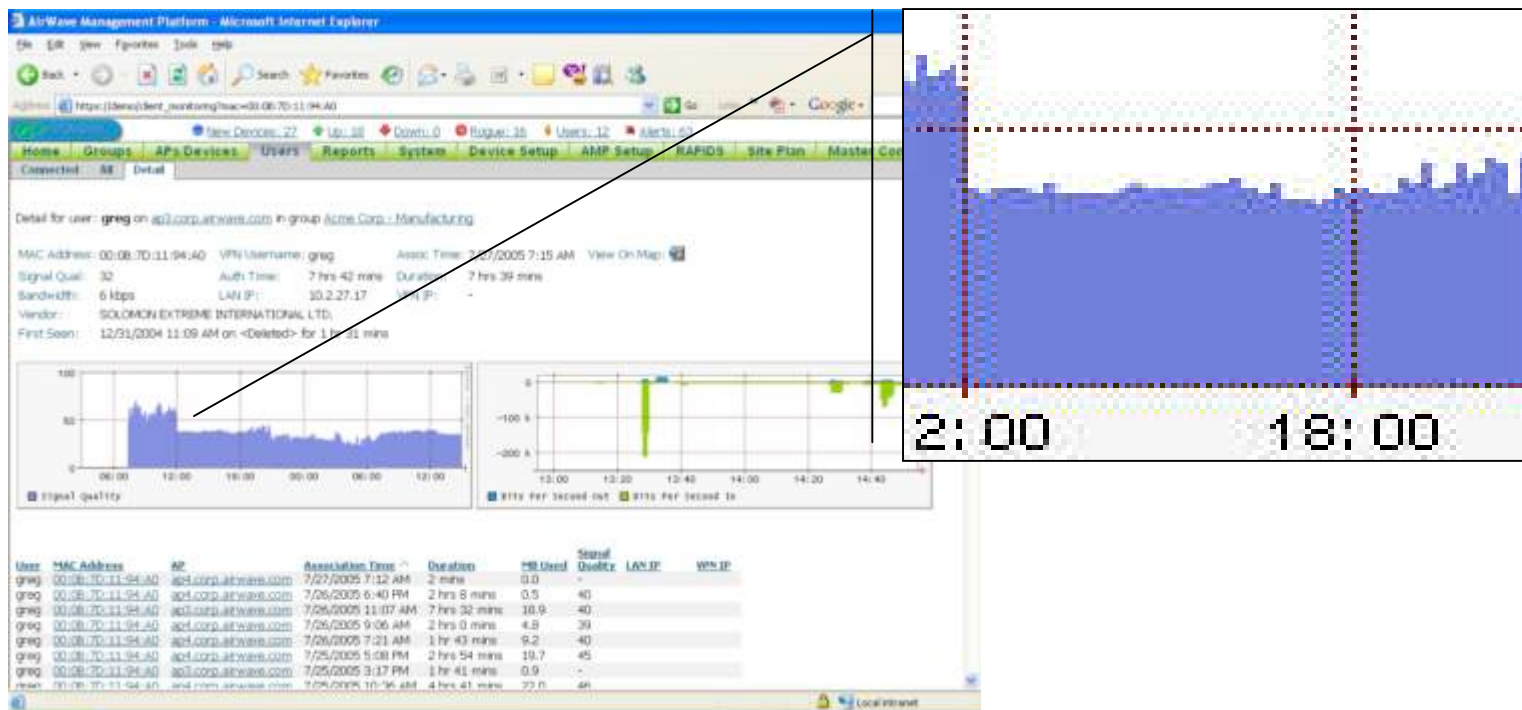
Wi-Fi Visualization

- Help Desk toggles to AMP's visualRF™ view to assess real-time RF and usage conditions in the area



Real-time RF Diagnostics

- Help Desk drills into detailed "User View" to see real-time and historical data for user "greg," noting steep drop in RF signal strength



AMP Detailed User View

Configuration Monitoring

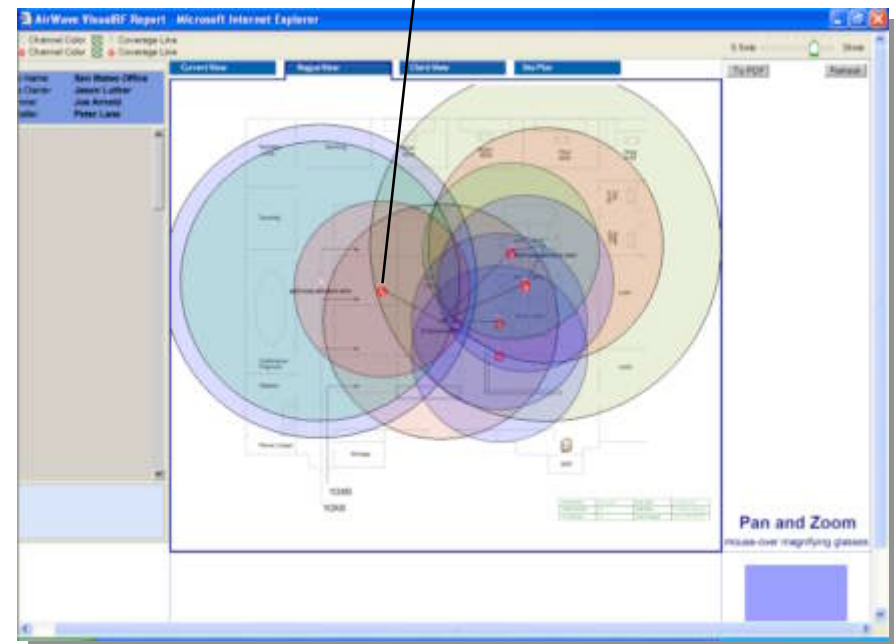
- Manual configuration audits simply do not get done
- AMP automatically audits each AP on your network
- Alert & “auto-repair” when any configuration violations are detected

 switch100-3000-2	Up	0	2 days 4 hrs 36 mins	Mismatched		
 Cisco350-2	Up	0	82 days 13 hrs 23 mins	Good		
 cisco1100	Up	0	82 days 11 hrs 41 mins	Mismatched		
 ap4.corp.atlassian.com	Up	4	26	5 days 23 hrs 53 mins	Mismatched	

Rogue Detection & Monitoring

- RAPIDS scans the wired network to detect unknown APs
- Uses existing APs to conduct wireless RF scans
- Correlates data to locate rogues in physical space

Name:	3Com Rogue AP	Type:	-
Radio MAC Address:	00:0A:5E:08:A5:7B	IP Address:	10.51.3.3
Radio Vendor:	3COM	SSID:	3comradio
LAN MAC Address:	00:0A:5E:08:A5:7B	Channel:	1
LAN Vendor:	3COM	WEP:	No
Current Score:	5	Network Type:	AP
OUI Score:	3		



Monitoring Value Proposition

- AirWave will **SAVE YOU MONEY** by reducing the cost of operating your wireless network
- AirWave will **MAKE YOUR NETWORK MORE SECURE** by automatically enforcing security policies and auditing your infrastructure
- AirWave will **KEEP YOUR USERS HAPPY** by improving the performance of your network
- AirWave will **FUTURE-PROOF YOUR NETWORK** by supporting leading hardware vendors and all industry standards

AirWave's Customers



Special Offer for SANS

- Email sales@airwave.com or call 866.802.1121
- Mention “SANS” and receive a 30-day evaluation copy of the AirWave Management Platform at no cost

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The Need to Monitor Wireless

- "The network perimeter is dead"
- Centralized monitoring mechanisms often unhelpful at network edge
- Wireless networks expanding, growing at an alarming rate
 - Netgear ME102 802.11b AP - \$16
- Wireless attacks can be subtle

Webcast Focus

- Four techniques for monitoring wireless networks
- Leveraging open-source/free tools
- Some tools are Linux-only
- Commercial tools simplify monitoring, come with support!

Change Management

- Unplanned downtime often due to misconfiguration issues
- Monitor AP for signs of unauthorized change
 - IT staff not following change mgmt.
 - Adversary that has compromised AP
- Assess config. regularly, report changes

Subtle Configuration Issue

```
interface Dot11Radio0
  encryption mode ciphers wep128 tkip
  !
  encryption vlan 101 ciphers tkip
  encryption vlan 102 ciphers tkip
  !
  ssid petnet101
    vlan 101
    authentication network-eap eap_methods
  !
  ssid petnet102
    authentication network-eap eap_methods
```

What encryption mechanism is used for "petnet102"?

Change Monitoring Goals

1. Identify unauthorized changes to configuration
2. Alert administrators to changes
 - Careful not to transmit sensitive info.
3. Save changes to revert to previous configuration when troubleshooting
4. Automate configuration restoration following unauthorized change

RANCID

"Really Awesome New Cisco confIg Differ"

- Open-source tool for Linux, Unix systems
- Supports IOS, CatOS, JunOS, others
- Grabs configuration file, compares to previous capture
 - Sends *diff* output to administrator
 - Stores new configuration in CVS repository
- Automate by running with cron

<http://www.shrubby.net/rancid/>

Installing RANCID

- "Easy" 12-step installation
 - Unix skills needed here!
- RANCID needs Expect, TCL, Perl, CVS and GNU diff installed
- Follow install instructions in README
 - Edit router.db "ap-address-host:cisco:up"
 - Supply login name and pass in ~/.cloginrc
- Run "rancid-run" until logs in \$BASE/rancid/var/logs are error-free

RANCID Results

New entries are
prefixed with "+"



Removed lines are
prefixed with "-"



```
!username jwright password <removed>
+ !username leethax0r password <removed>
ip subnet-zero
no ip domain lookup
!
aaa new-model
@@ -124,9 +125,8 @@
 logging snmp-trap alerts
 logging snmp-trap critical
 logging snmp-trap errors
 logging snmp-trap warnings
- logging 172.16.0.99
```

Sensitive information
removed before
storing, transmitting

Retrieving Historical Configs

- CVS can reproduce configuration from any previously gathered data
- Stores changes, little disk needed
- Must manually restore sensitive data (passwords, shared secrets, keys)

```
$ CVSROOT=/usr/local/rancid/var/CVS
$ cvs co -D "last friday" pvd-wlan
cvs checkout: Updating pvd-wlan
cvs checkout: Updating pvd-wlan/configs
$ more pvd-wlan/configs/172.16.0.94
```

Utilization Monitoring

- SNMP MIBs provide a wealth of information about AP
 - Utilization/throughput on interfaces
 - Number of connected users
 - Retransmitted packets, errored packets
- Establish standard data collection, graph
- Use data to identify network anomalies

MRTG

- Multi-Router Traffic Grapher
- Collects SNMP statistics, generates graphs at 5 minute intervals
- More sophisticated collection exists (Cricket), but not for Windows+Unix

www.mrtg.org

Installing MRTG

- Requires Perl, Windows users can download from activestate.com
- Schedule to run every 5 minutes, or specify "RunAsDaemon"
 - Windows users can run as a service with FireDaemon
 - www.firedaemon.com/HOWTO/MRTG/
- No automated tools to configure wireless statistical data collection

SNMP OID

- SNMP Object Identifiers specify data location within SNMP MIB
- 802.11 MIBS provide useful data
- Can also extract from vendor-proprietary MIB data
- Edit mrtg.cfg to specify OID, options for collection

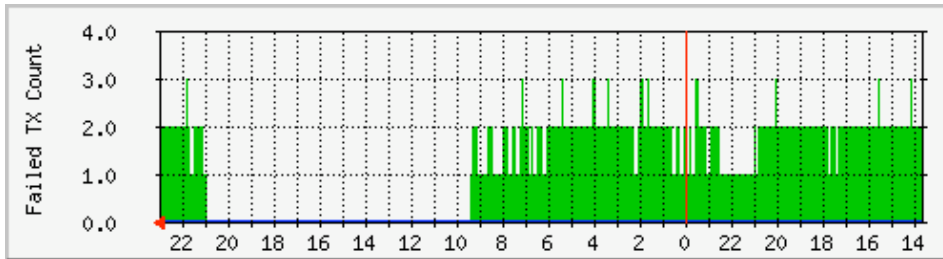
```
$ snmpget -c public 172.16.0.92 .1.2.840.10036.2.2.1.3.1  
iso.2.840.10036.2.2.1.3.1 = Counter32: 94119
```

802.11 OID Data

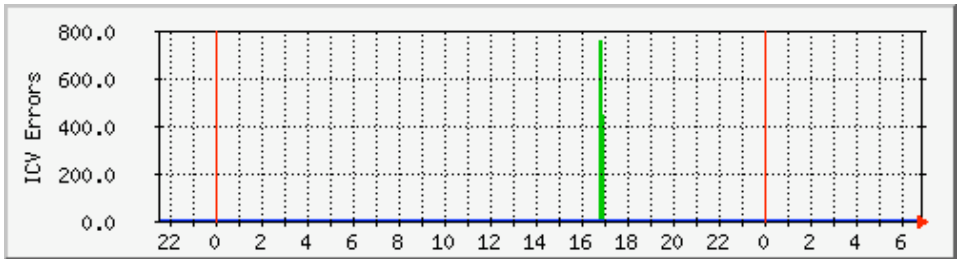
- dot11FailedCount - excessive retries on network
 - Interference, or potential DoS attack
- dot11WEPICVErrorCount - bad ICVs observed on WEP network
 - Characteristic of "chopchop" attack
- dot11ReceivedFragmentCount - number of fragmented packets received
 - Characteristic of 802.11 fragment attack
- Cisco proprietary MIB - # of connect users

MRTG Graphs

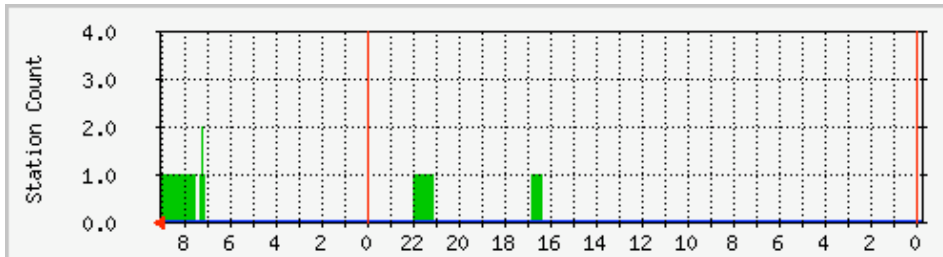
Failed TX



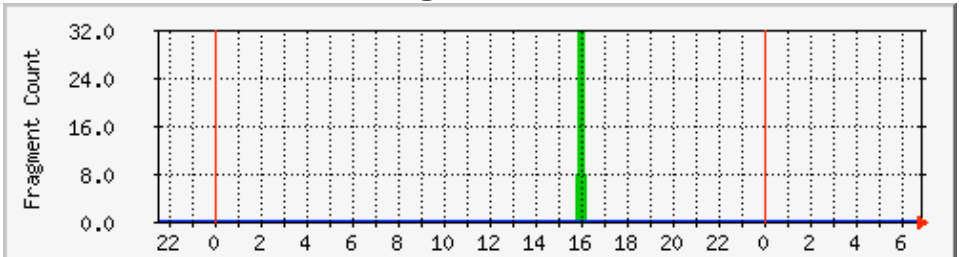
ICV Errors



Number of Users



Fragment Count



Sample mrtg.cfg, tested with Cisco IOS at
<http://files.sans.org/webcasts/20051005/mrtg.cfg>

Logging Messages

- Many AP's generate logging data that can help identify misuse
- Aggregate logging data in a central repository over Syslog
 - Examine data for anomalies with Swatch, Unix/Linux only
 - Can use custom Perl/VBScript for Windows
- Identify failed authentication attempts, invalid packets, attacks against AP

Installing Swatch

- Download Swatch from swatch.sf.net
- Requires Perl and CPAN modules

```
# tar xzf swatch-3.1.1.tar.gz
# cd swatch-3.1.1
# perl -MCPAN -e 'install Date::Calc'
# perl -MCPAN -e 'install Date::Parse'
# perl -MCPAN -e 'install Date::Manip'
# perl Makefile.PL
# make && make install
# swatch --version
This is swatch version 3.1.1
Built on 19 Jul 2004
Built by E. Todd Atkins <Todd.Atkins@StanfordAlumni.ORG>
```

Sample Swatch Config File

```
$ cat $HOME/.swatchrc
# Error in 802.11 association state table, could represent
# malicious traffic attacking AP
watchfor /DOT11-3-BADSTATE/
# STAs with Cisco client drivers can report rogue AP's
watchfor /DOT11-6-ROGUE_AP/
# Unexpected error conditions indicate an IOS bug or an attack
# against the AP (such as a buffer-overflow attack)
watchfor /SCHED-3-UNEXPECTED/
# A station has failed 802.1x authentication
watchfor /DOT11-AUTH_FAILED/
# TKIP errors seldom happen with regular use, are usually an
# indicator of an attack against TKIP to cause a DoS attack
watchfor /DOT11-TKIP_MIC_FAILURE/
      mail=admin@xyz.org,subject=Aironet Logging Alert Message
```


Running Swatch

- Direct all logging data for AP's to one log file
- Create swatchrc file with watchfor statements, actions
- Test Swatch, then run in background

```
$ swatch --examine /var/log/aironet-aggregated
*** swatch version 3.1.1 (pid:29007) started at Thu Sep 15
14:10:16 EDT
$ swatch --tail-file /var/log/aironet-aggregated &
[1] 29022
```

Swatch Logging Alert



Wireless Traffic Capture

- Wireless-side monitoring provides comprehensive data for analysis
- Provides lots of data, requires protocol understanding
- Typically requires local access

How can we get detailed wireless analysis data that can be assessed centrally (using free/inexpensive tools)?

Kismet

www.kismetwireless.net

- Wonderfully powerful wireless analysis tool (Mike Kershaw)
- Written for Linux/BSD systems
 - Not ported to Windows due to lack of native 802.11 packet capture support
- Client-server architecture, includes lightweight capture engine (drone)
- Drone can run on Linksys WRT54G

Linksys WRT54G



- Common, inexpensive SOHO AP
- Runs Linux! Alternate firmware available from openwrt.org (~\$50)
- Re-flash AP into general-purpose Linux device
- Load kismet_drone to capture traffic
- Use locally or send to remote locations

Running Kismet on WRT54G (1)

- Download new firmware
 - downloads.openwrt.org/whiterussian/rc2/bin/openwrt-wrt54g-squashfs.bin
- Upgrade WRT with firmware
 - May void warranty!
- Telnet to WRT to access root prompt
- Change password with "passwd", then logout and login over SSH
 - Then change password again!

Running Kismet on WRT54G (2)

```
# echo 'nameserver 10.10.10.10' >/etc/resolv.conf
# route add default gw 10.10.10.1
# ipkg update
# ipkg install kismet-drone wl
# vi /etc/kismet/kismet_drone.conf
```

Edit as shown:

```
source=wrt54g,eth1:prism0,wrt54g
allowedhosts=127.0.0.1,10.10.10.0/24
```

```
# wget http://files.sans.org/webcasts/20051005/wrt-files.tar
-O /wrt-files.tar
# cd / ; tar xf wrt-files.tar ; rm wrt-files.tar
# chmod 755 /etc/init.d/S60* /etc/init.d/S70*
/usr/bin/kismet_hopper.sh
# reboot
```

Kismet for Windows

- Compiled Kismet code using Cygwin
- Tested with WinXP SP2
- Download kiswin32 zip file, extract to local directory
 - Extract terminfo.zip to %HOMEPATH%
- Double-click "kiswin32.vbs"
- Unsigned code, will generate warning

<http://files.sans.org/webcasts/20051005/kiswin32-2005-08-R1.zip>

kiswin32

Drone Address

Please enter the Kismet drone IP address

OK

Cancel

172.16.0.3

C:\Z:\kiswin32-2005-08-R1\bin\kismet_client.exe

Network List—(Autofit)							Info
Name	T	W	Ch	Pkts	Flags	IP Range	Ntwrks
tmobile	A	N	006	1602		0.0.0.0	7
somethingclever	A	O	011	5006		0.0.0.0	Pkts
wepnet	A	Y	011	930		0.0.0.0	16225
default	A	N	006	339		0.0.0.0	Cryptd
wireless	A	N	006	32		0.0.0.0	3821
Suzzie	A	Y	001	1		0.0.0.0	Weak
linksys	A	N	006	2	F	192.168.1.1	0
							Noise
							0
							Discrd
							0
							Pkts/s
							0
							Elapsd
							00:02:42

Status

Associated probe network "00:04:23:63:88:D7" with "00:40:96:47:86:CE" via probe response.

Found new network "Suzzie" bssid 00:13:46:16:B0:EC Crypt Y Ch 1 @ 36.00 mbit

Found new network "linksys" bssid 00:0C:41:AC:8A:89 Crypt N Ch 6 @ 54.00 mbit

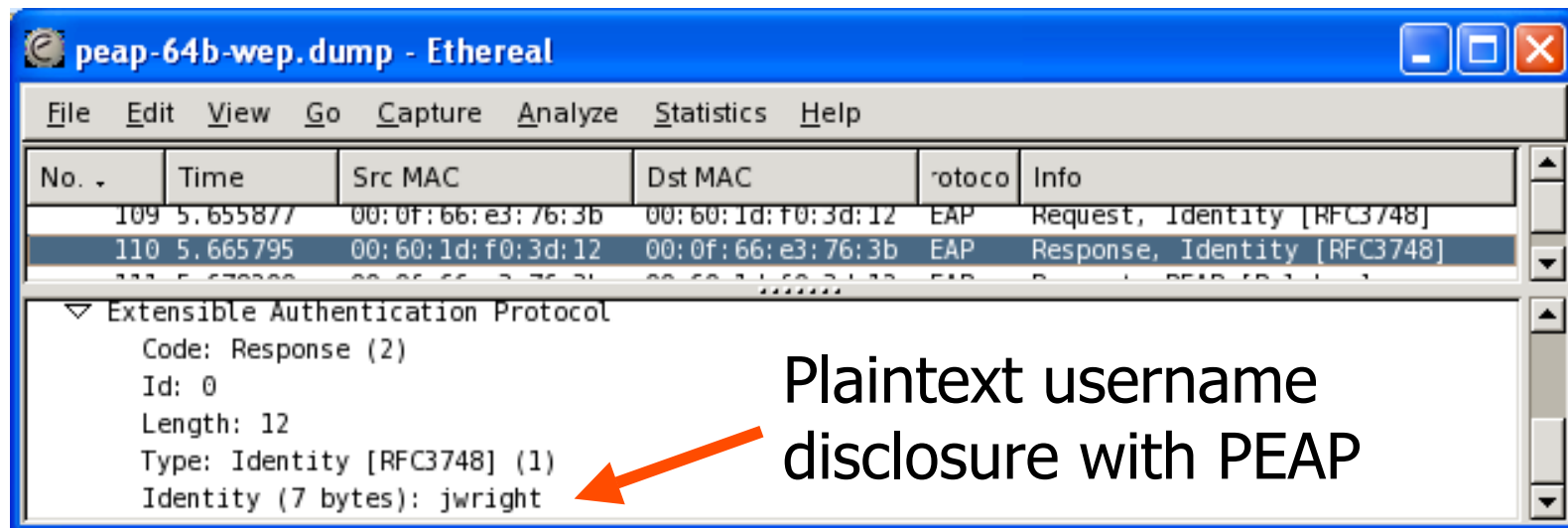
Battery: unavailable

Monitoring with Kismet

- WRT collects wireless packets, transmits them to the Kismet server
- Lots of great uses:
 - _ Identifying rogue threats
 - _ Wireless network monitoring
 - _ Identifying plaintext information disclosure
 - _ WLAN IDS
 - _ Identifying nearby networks for optimum channel selection
 - _ Wardriving
 - _ Enumerating clients

Assessing with Ethereal

- Ethereal augments Kismet for post-capture analysis
 - Opens Kismet ".dump" files



Summary

- 90% of users leverage 10% of features
- Existing wireless AP's can provide more detailed information
 - Helpful for security and operational/troubleshooting issues
- Change management, SNMP MIB data, logging records, traffic collection
- Select the tools that best suit your needs

Questions?

- Email your questions to q@sans.org
- We'll answer as many as time allows!
- Thank you for attending!

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