

# **2550 Intro to cybersecurity**

**L25: net + wifi security & Review**

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# NMAP

Nmap ("Network Mapper") is an open source tool for network exploration and security auditing. It was designed to rapidly scan large networks, although it works fine against single hosts. Nmap uses raw IP packets in novel ways to determine what hosts are available on the network, what services (application name and version) those hosts are offering, what operating systems (and OS versions) they are running, what type of packet filters/firewalls are in use, and dozens of other characteristics. While Nmap is commonly used for security audits, many systems and network administrators find it useful for routine tasks such as network inventory, managing service upgrade schedules, and monitoring host or service uptime.

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abhi@ry1:~$ sudo nmap -O shelat.khoury.northeastern.edu
Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-12-02 21:29 UTC
Nmap scan report for shelat.khoury.northeastern.edu (129.10.111.166)
Host is up (0.0015s latency).
rDNS record for 129.10.111.166: vista.khoury.northeastern.edu
Not shown: 995 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT      STATE SERVICE
80/tcp    open  http
113/tcp   closed ident
443/tcp   open  https
2000/tcp  open  cisco-sccp
5060/tcp  open  sip
Device type: general purpose|firewall
Running (JUST GUESSING): Linux 4.X|3.X|2.6.X (94%), IPFire 2.X (88%)
OS CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:4 cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:3 cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:2.6.32 cpe:/
o:ipfire:ipfire:2.25
Aggressive OS guesses: Linux 4.0 - 4.4 (94%), Linux 3.11 - 4.9 (89%), Linux 2.6.32 (89%), Linux 2.6.32 or 3.10
(89%), Linux 3.10 (89%), Linux 3.10 - 3.16 (89%), Linux 4.15 (89%), Linux 4.19 - 5.15 (89%), IPFire 2.25 firewall
(Linux 4.14) (88%), Linux 3.10 - 3.12 (87%)
No exact OS matches for host (test conditions non-ideal).

OS detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 9.63 seconds
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# OS fingerprinting

subtle differences in implementations allows an attacker to determine OS and version numbers.

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MacBook-Pro:p8 abhi$ sudo nmap -O localhost
Password:
Starting Nmap 7.91 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-04-20 05:23 EDT
Nmap scan report for localhost (127.0.0.1)
Host is up (0.00014s latency).
Other addresses for localhost (not scanned): ::1
Not shown: 993 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE
22/tcp    open  ssh
1025/tcp   open  NFS-or-IIS
1080/tcp   open  socks
1110/tcp   open  nfsd-status
3000/tcp   open  ppp
8086/tcp   open  d-s-n
49161/tcp  open  unknown
Device type: general purpose
Running: Apple macOS 10.14.X
OS CPE: cpe:/o:apple:mac_os_x:10.14
OS details: Apple macOS 10.14 (Mojave) (Darwin 18.2.0 - 18.6.0)
Network Distance: 0 hops
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# lsdf - list open files

Lsdf revision 4.93.2 lists on its standard output file information about files opened by processes for the ... UNIX dialects...

An open file may be a regular file, a directory, a block special file, a character special file, an executing text reference, a library, **a stream or a network file**  
(Internet socket, NFS file or UNIX domain socket.)

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abhi@ry1:~$ sudo lsof -i
COMMAND      PID          USER          FD  TYPE  DEVICE  SIZE/OFF  NODE  NAME
systemd-n    1886 systemd-network 15u IPv4 1276970  0t0  UDP  ry1:bootpc
systemd-r    1889 systemd-resolve 13u IPv4  23769    0t0  UDP  localhost:domain
systemd-r    1889 systemd-resolve 14u IPv4  23770    0t0  TCP  localhost:domain (LISTEN)
tailscale    2093          root          16u IPv6  31905    0t0  UDP  *:41641
tailscale    2093          root          17u IPv4  31906    0t0  UDP  *:41641
tailscale    2093          root          18u IPv4  39850    0t0  TCP  ry1:35048→ec2-3-124-108-117.eu-central-1.compute.amazonaws.com:https (ESTABLISHED)
tailscale    2093          root          19u IPv4  28766    0t0  TCP  ry1.wolf-arctic.ts.net:44994 (LISTEN)
tailscale    2093          root          20u IPv6  28767    0t0  TCP  ry1.wolf-arctic.ts.net:44994 (LISTEN)
tailscale    2093          root          21u IPv4 1275046  0t0  TCP  ry1:44416→ec2-54-161-152-147.compute-1.amazonaws.com:https (ESTABLISHED)
tailscale    2093          root          28u IPv4  774732  0t0  TCP  ry1:45764→derp1f.tailscale.com:https (ESTABLISHED)
rsync        2156          root           5u IPv4  16996    0t0  TCP  *:rsync (LISTEN)
rsync        2156          root           6u IPv6  16997    0t0  TCP  *:rsync (LISTEN)
sshd         2208          root           3u IPv4  40020    0t0  TCP  *:ssh (LISTEN)
sshd         2208          root           4u IPv6  40022    0t0  TCP  *:ssh (LISTEN)
coder        2851          coder          3u IPv4  44134    0t0  TCP  ry1.wolf-arctic.ts.net:3000 (LISTEN)
coder        2851          coder          8u IPv4  56336    0t0  UDP  *:56264
coder        2851          coder          9u IPv4  44138    0t0  TCP  ry1:54576→74.118.138.247:https (ESTABLISHED)
coder        2851          coder         10u IPv6  56337    0t0  UDP  *:56264
coder        2851          coder         15u IPv4  45781    0t0  TCP  localhost:36334→localhost:42441 (ESTABLISHED)
coder        2851          coder         19u IPv4 1249989  0t0  TCP  localhost:59988→localhost:42441 (ESTABLISHED)
coder        2851          coder         20u IPv4 1271353  0t0  TCP  localhost:41842→localhost:42441 (ESTABLISHED)
coder        2851          coder         21u IPv6  31496    0t0  UDP  *:33124
coder        2851          coder         22u IPv4  31497    0t0  UDP  *:53141
coder        2851          coder         25u IPv4 1255207  0t0  TCP  localhost:58202→localhost:42441 (ESTABLISHED)
postgres     2872          coder          7u IPv4  55553    0t0  TCP  localhost:42441 (LISTEN)
postgres     2872          coder          9u IPv4  55555    0t0  UDP  localhost:47759→localhost:47759
postgres     2874          coder          9u IPv4  55555    0t0  UDP  localhost:47759→localhost:47759
postgres     2875          coder          9u IPv4  55555    0t0  UDP  localhost:47759→localhost:47759
postgres     2876          coder          9u IPv4  55555    0t0  UDP  localhost:47759→localhost:47759
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postgres     2879          coder          9u IPv4  55555    0t0  UDP  localhost:47759→localhost:47759
postgres     2899          coder          9u IPv4  55555    0t0  UDP  localhost:47759→localhost:47759
postgres     2899          coder         10u IPv4  43557    0t0  TCP  localhost:42441→localhost:36334 (ESTABLISHED)
postgres    102309          coder          9u IPv4  55555    0t0  UDP  localhost:47759→localhost:47759
postgres    102309          coder         10u IPv4 1241905  0t0  TCP  localhost:42441→localhost:58202 (ESTABLISHED)
postgres    104478          coder          9u IPv4  55555    0t0  UDP  localhost:47759→localhost:47759
postgres    104478          coder         10u IPv4 1271290  0t0  TCP  localhost:42441→localhost:59988 (ESTABLISHED)
postgres    104809          coder          9u IPv4  55555    0t0  UDP  localhost:47759→localhost:47759
postgres    104809          coder         10u IPv4 1250011  0t0  TCP  localhost:42441→localhost:41842 (ESTABLISHED)
sshd         105250          root           4u IPv4 1278337  0t0  TCP  ry1.wolf-arctic.ts.net:ssh→mbp.wolf-arctic.ts.net:63349 (ESTABLISHED)
sshd         105308          abhi           4u IPv4 1278337  0t0  TCP  ry1.wolf-arctic.ts.net:ssh→mbp.wolf-arctic.ts.net:63349 (ESTABLISHED)
abhi@ry1:~$

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# Network Anonymity

*My browser essentially determines my identity.*

Go back one page (⌘←)  
Pull down to show history

# COVER YOUR TRACKS

See how trackers view your browser

[Learn](#)

[About](#)

Test your browser to see how well you are protected from tracking and fingerprinting:

**TEST YOUR BROWSER**

Test with a real tracking company?

**STOP ANIMATION**

Browser data exposed through APIs provides a pseudo-identifier.



## Your Results

Your browser fingerprint **appears to be unique** among the 184,780 tested in the past 45 days.

Currently, we estimate that your browser has a fingerprint that conveys **at least 17.5 bits of identifying information**.

The measurements we used to obtain this result are listed below. You can [read more about our methodology, statistical results, and some defenses against fingerprinting here](#).

### User Agent

Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10.15; rv:133.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/133.0

Bits of identifying information: 8.93

One in x browsers have this value: 487.55

### HTTP\_ACCEPT Headers

text/html, \*/\*; q=0.01 gzip, deflate, br, zstd en-US,en;q=0.5

Bits of identifying information: 2.07

One in x browsers have this value: 4.21

### Screen Size and Color Depth

1440x900x30

Bits of identifying information: 7.12

One in x browsers have this value: 138.83

### System Fonts

Andale Mono, Arial, Arial Black, Arial Hebrew, Arial Narrow, Arial Rounded MT Bold, Arial Unicode MS, Comic Sans MS, Courier, Courier New, Geneva, Georgia, Helvetica, Helvetica Neue, Impact, LUCIDA GRANDE, Microsoft Sans Serif, Monaco, MYRIAD, Palatino, Tahoma, Times, Times New Roman, Trebuchet MS, Verdana, Wingdings, Wingdings 2, Wingdings 3 (via javascript)

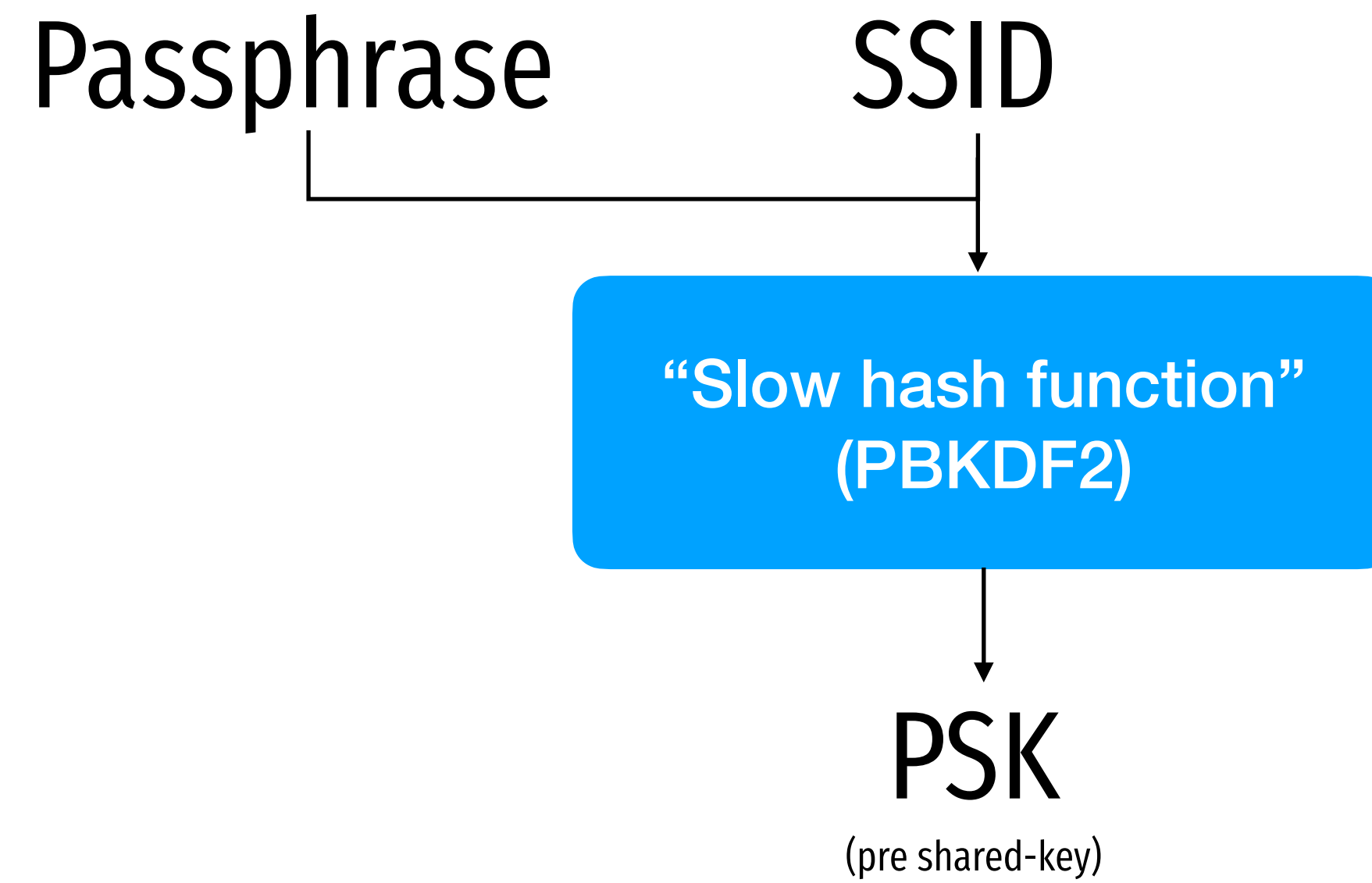
Bits of identifying information: 17.5

One in x browsers have this value: 184780.0



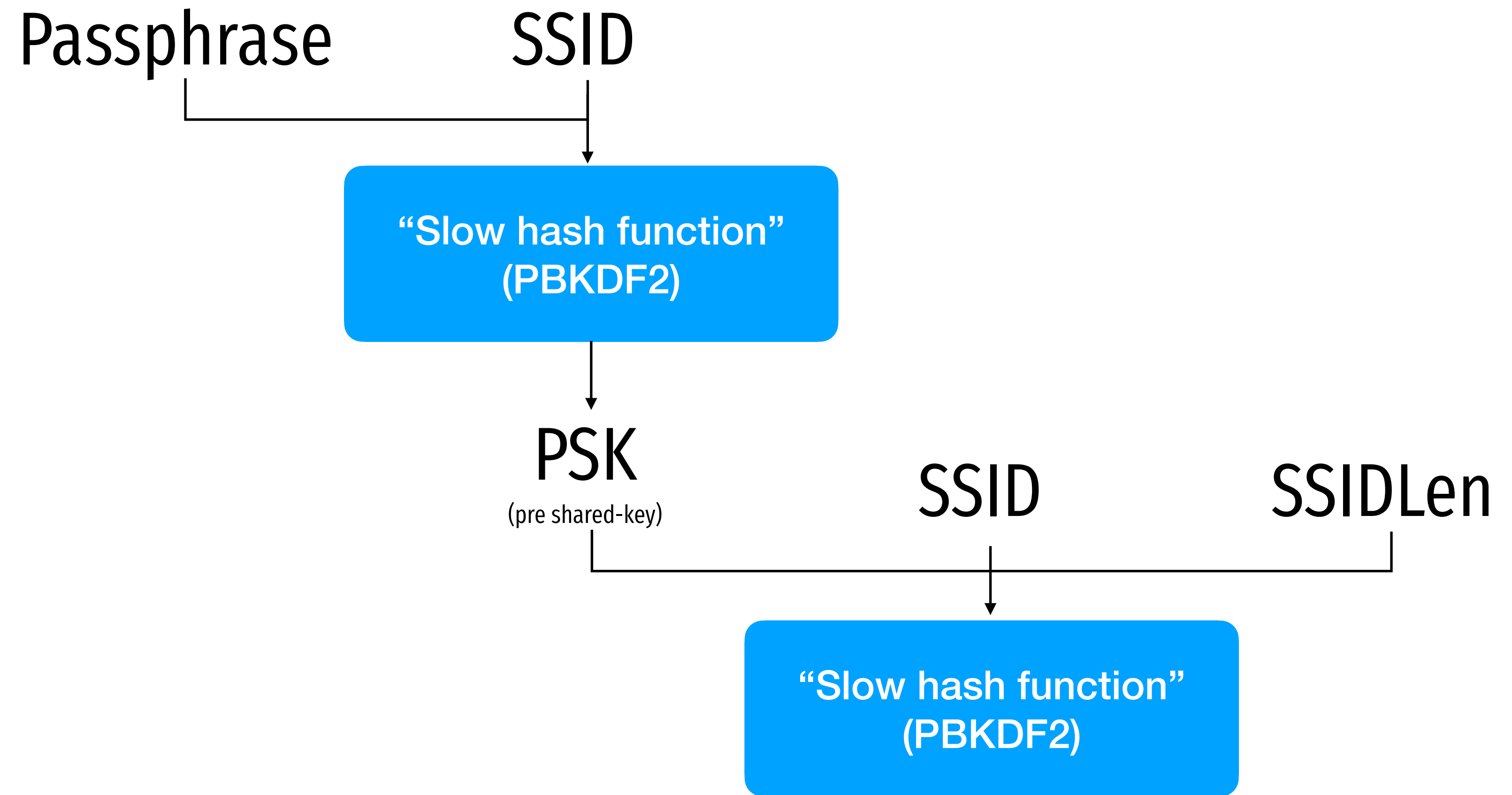
# WPA2

WPA2 uses a passphrase to generate a PSK, which is used to generate a PMK and PTK.



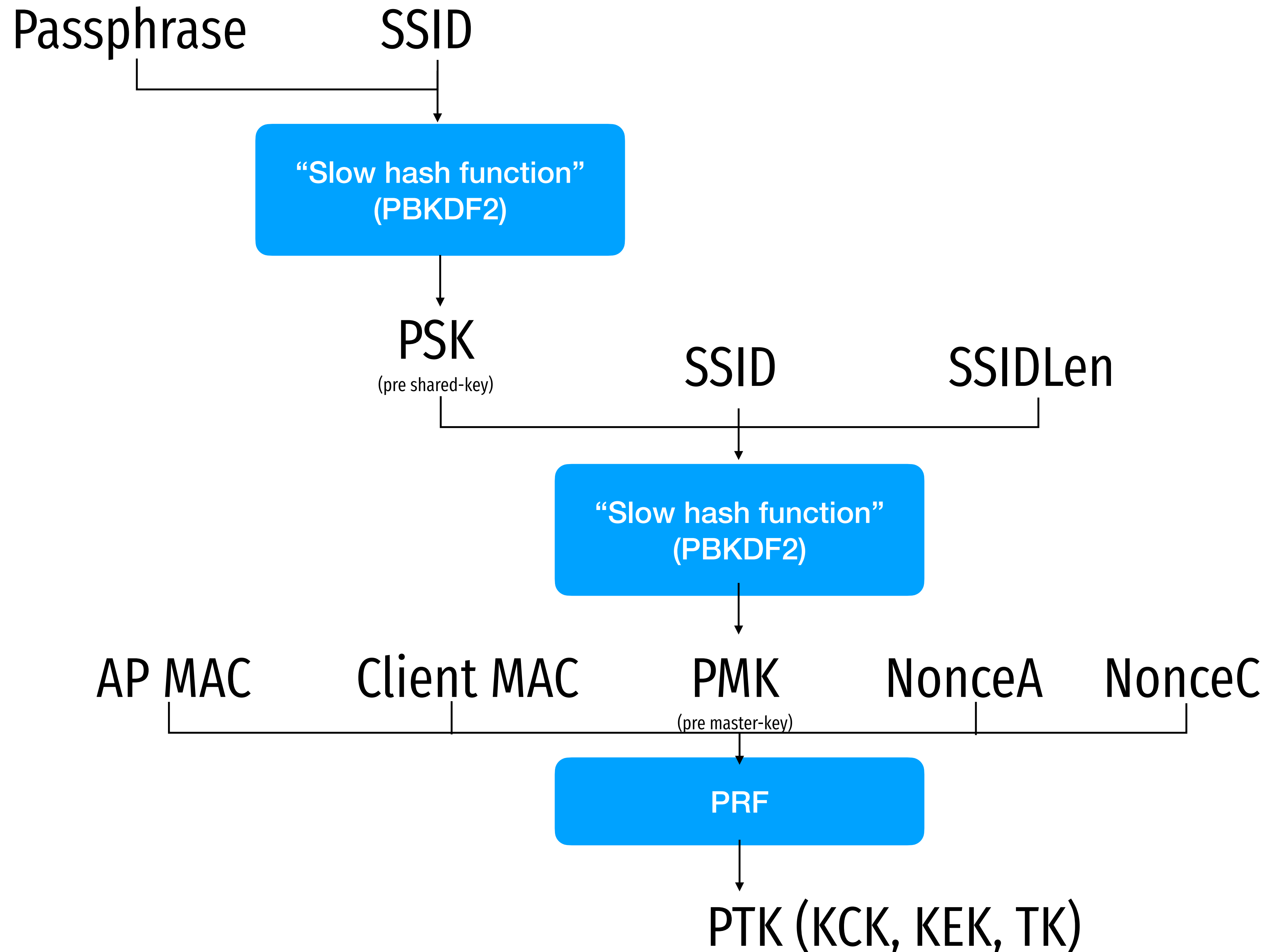
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# Wifi 4-way handshake

passphrase



[calculate PMK]

passphrase



[calculate PMK]



# Wifi 4-way handshake

passphrase



[calculate PMK]

[compute PTK]

passphrase



[calculate PMK]

NonceA



# Wifi 4-way handshake

passphrase



[calculate PMK]

[compute PTK]

passphrase



[calculate PMK]

[compute PTK,  
Verify MIC]

NonceA

NonceC + MsgIntCode

The KCK is used to compute MIC.



# Wifi 4-way handshake

passphrase



[calculate PMK]

[compute PTK]

[verify MIC]

passphrase



[calculate PMK]

[compute PTK,  
Verify MIC]

NonceA

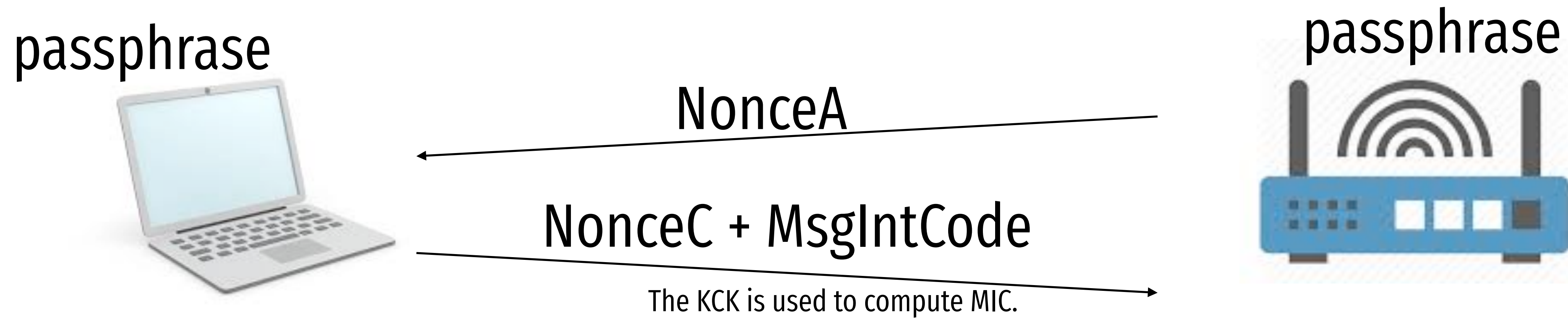
NonceC + MsgIntCode

The KCK is used to compute MIC.

KeyInstall + MsgIntCode

KeyInstalled + MsgIntCode

# How to attack a WPA2 session



Listen for the NonceA, NonceC, MIC value, AP MAC, client MAC, SSID.

For each passphrase in the dictionary:

- Use passphrase to compute PMK, PTK.

- Use PTK to compute a MIC and test whether it is equal to captured one.

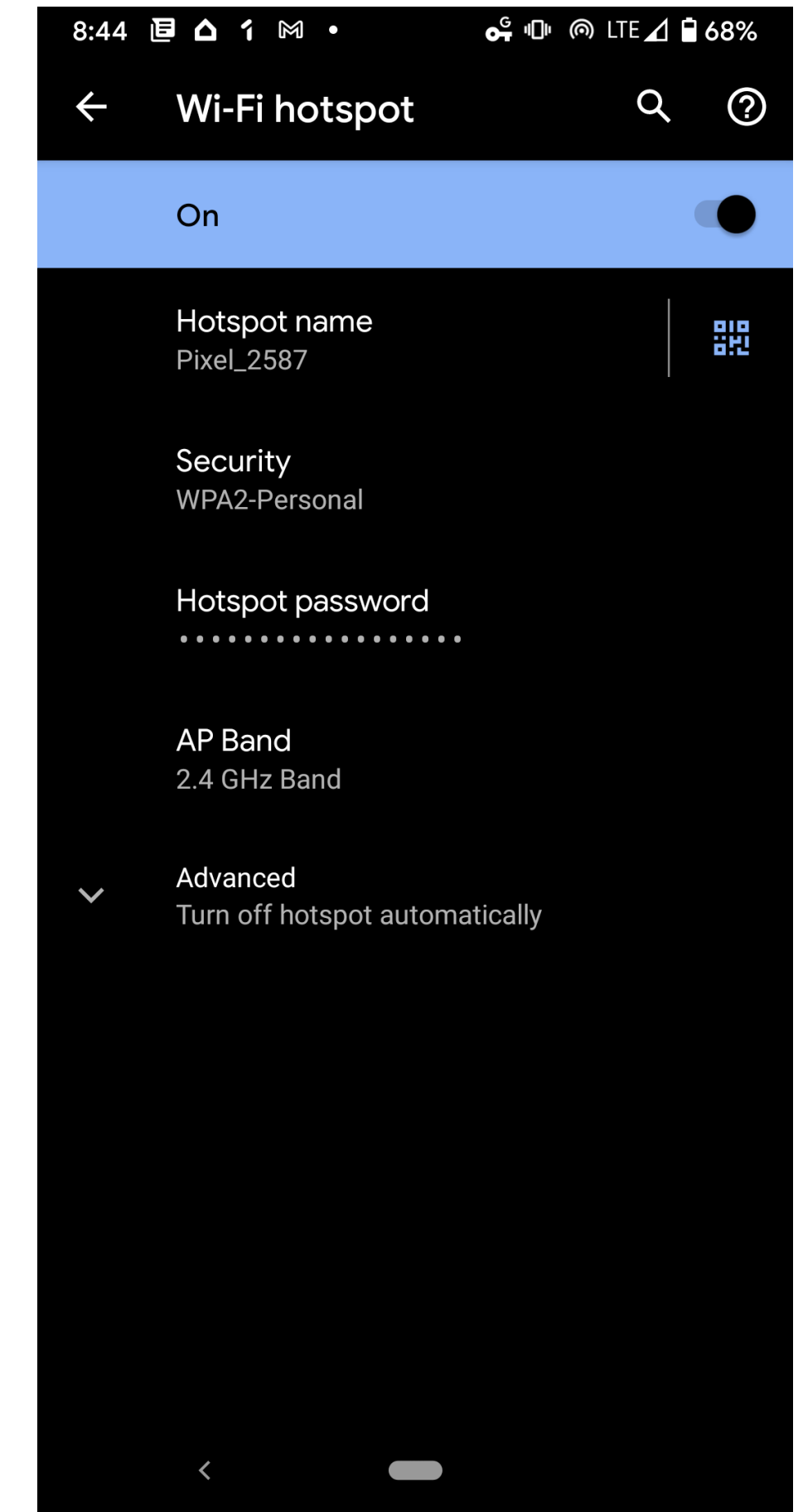
# Demo



Honest user  
trying to connect

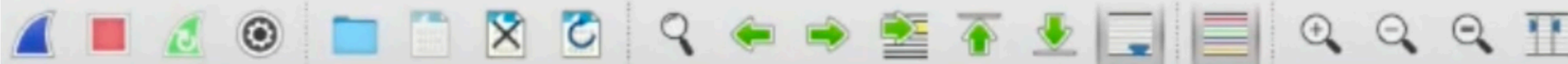


Attacker using packet capture over wifi



Pixel phone sharing wifi





wlan.sa == 7e:8f:c0:a2:e4:78 or wlan.da == 7e:8f:c0:a2:e4:78

| No. | Time     | Source            | Destination       | Protocol | Length | Info                         |
|-----|----------|-------------------|-------------------|----------|--------|------------------------------|
| 309 | 2.398687 | 7e:8f:c0:a2:e4:78 | Broadcast         | 802.11   | 294    | Beacon frame, SN=541, FN=0,  |
| 318 | 2.464229 | 7e:8f:c0:a2:e4:78 | f8:ff:c2:5e:55:48 | 802.11   | 70     | Authentication, SN=2166, FN= |
| 320 | 2.467608 | f8:ff:c2:5e:55:48 | 7e:8f:c0:a2:e4:78 | 802.11   | 187    | Association Request, SN=292, |
| 322 | 2.476789 | 7e:8f:c0:a2:e4:78 | f8:ff:c2:5e:55:48 | 802.11   | 167    | Association Response, SN=216 |
| 329 | 2.497417 | 7e:8f:c0:a2:e4:78 | f8:ff:c2:5e:55:48 | EAPOL    | 195    | Key (Message 1 of 4)         |
| 331 | 2.500132 | f8:ff:c2:5e:55:48 | 7e:8f:c0:a2:e4:78 | EAPOL    | 217    | Key (Message 2 of 4)         |
| 333 | 2.506448 | 7e:8f:c0:a2:e4:78 | Broadcast         | 802.11   | 294    | Beacon frame, SN=542, FN=0,  |
| 350 | 2.709634 | 7e:8f:c0:a2:e4:78 | Broadcast         | 802.11   | 294    | Beacon frame, SN=544, FN=0,  |
| 355 | 2.810966 | 7e:8f:c0:a2:e4:78 | Broadcast         | 802.11   | 294    | Beacon frame, SN=545, FN=0,  |
| 364 | 2.913370 | 7e:8f:c0:a2:e4:78 | Broadcast         | 802.11   | 294    | Beacon frame, SN=546, FN=0,  |
| 372 | 3.015855 | 7e:8f:c0:a2:e4:78 | Broadcast         | 802.11   | 294    | Beacon frame, SN=547, FN=0,  |
| 379 | 3.118222 | 7e:8f:c0:a2:e4:78 | Broadcast         | 802.11   | 294    | Beacon frame, SN=548, FN=0,  |
| 392 | 3.220487 | 7e:8f:c0:a2:e4:78 | Broadcast         | 802.11   | 294    | Beacon frame, SN=549, FN=0,  |

Length: 95

Key Descriptor Type: EAPOL RSN Key (2)

[Message number: 1]

Key Information: 0x008a

.... .010 = Key Descriptor Version: AES Cipher, HMAC-SHA1 MIC (2)

.... .1... = Key Type: Pairwise Key

.... ..00 .... = Key Index: 0

.... .0.. .... = Install: Not set

.... .1... .... = Key ACK: Set

.... ..0 .... = Key MIC: Not set

.... ..0. .... = Secure: Not set

.... .0.. .... = Error: Not set

.... 0... .... = Request: Not set

...0 .... = Encrypted Key Data: Not set

..0. .... = SMK Message: Not set

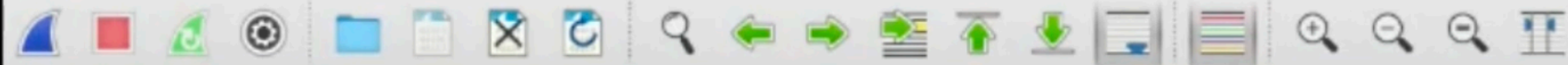
Key Length: 16

Replay Counter: 1

WPA Key Nonce: 0e7b4419985831f67470ca290133218af47e47c72e5d0c25...

Key IV: 00000000000000000000000000000000





wlan.sa == 7e:8f:c0:a2:e4:78 or wlan.da == 7e:8f:c0:a2:e4:78

| No. | Time     | Source            | Destination       | Protocol | Length | Info                     |
|-----|----------|-------------------|-------------------|----------|--------|--------------------------|
| 309 | 2.398687 | 7e:8f:c0:a2:e4:78 | Broadcast         | 802.11   | 294    | Beacon frame, SN=541, FI |
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| 329 | 2.497417 | 7e:8f:c0:a2:e4:78 | f8:ff:c2:5e:55:48 | EAPOL    | 195    | Key (Message 1 of 4)     |
| 331 | 2.500132 | f8:ff:c2:5e:55:48 | 7e:8f:c0:a2:e4:78 | EAPOL    | 217    | Key (Message 2 of 4)     |
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| 392 | 3.220487 | 7e:8f:c0:a2:e4:78 | Broadcast         | 802.11   | 294    | Beacon frame, SN=549, FI |

Key Descriptor Type: EAPOL RSN Key (2)

[Message number: 2]

Key Information: 0x010a

.... .010 = Key Descriptor Version: AES Cipher, HMAC-SHA1 MIC (2)

.... 1... = Key Type: Pairwise Key

.... ..00 .... = Key Index: 0

.... ..0.. .... = Install: Not set

.... 0... .... = Key ACK: Not set

.... ...1 .... = Key MIC: Set

.... ..0. .... = Secure: Not set

.... .0.. .... = Error: Not set

.... 0... .... = Request: Not set

...0 .... .... = Encrypted Key Data: Not set

..0. .... .... = SMK Message: Not set

Key Length: 16

Replay Counter: 1

WPA Key Nonce: 55c8dfcd381a9a3288aeb8726d347e8c55db7ae5a498ebf6...

Key IV: 00000000000000000000000000000000

WPA Key RSC: 0000000000000000

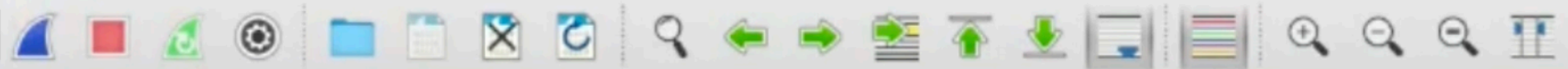
WPA Key ID: 0000000000000000

WPA Key MIC: 31a779273f0a5defafed1194055b8bbf

WPA Key Data Length: 22

> WPA Key Data: 30140100000fac040100000fac040100000fac020c00





wlan.sa == 7e:8f:c0:a2:e4:78 or wlan.da == 7e:8f:c0:a2:e4:78

| No.  | Time      | Source            | Destination       | Protocol | Length | Info                          |
|------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|----------|--------|-------------------------------|
| 9690 | 67.192989 | 7e:8f:c0:a2:e4:78 | 86:aa:3e:d3:aa:9b | 802.11   | 70     | Authentication, SN=2180       |
| 9692 | 67.192997 | 7e:8f:c0:a2:e4:78 | 86:aa:3e:d3:aa:9b | 802.11   | 70     | Authentication, SN=2180       |
| 9694 | 67.193004 | 86:aa:3e:d3:aa:9b | 7e:8f:c0:a2:e4:78 | 802.11   | 198    | Association Request, SN=2180  |
| 9697 | 67.201995 | 7e:8f:c0:a2:e4:78 | 86:aa:3e:d3:aa:9b | 802.11   | 167    | Association Response, SN=2180 |
| 9699 | 67.220541 | 7e:8f:c0:a2:e4:78 | Broadcast         | 802.11   | 294    | Beacon frame, SN=1188, SSID=  |
| 9703 | 67.223920 | 7e:8f:c0:a2:e4:78 | 86:aa:3e:d3:aa:9b | EAPOL    | 195    | Key (Message 1 of 4)          |
| 9707 | 67.231381 | 86:aa:3e:d3:aa:9b | 7e:8f:c0:a2:e4:78 | EAPOL    | 217    | Key (Message 2 of 4)          |
| 9709 | 67.237723 | 7e:8f:c0:a2:e4:78 | 86:aa:3e:d3:aa:9b | EAPOL    | 251    | Key (Message 3 of 4)          |
| 9711 | 67.237980 | 86:aa:3e:d3:aa:9b | 7e:8f:c0:a2:e4:78 | EAPOL    | 195    | Key (Message 4 of 4)          |
| 9713 | 67.263756 | 86:aa:3e:d3:aa:9b | 7e:8f:c0:a2:e4:78 | 802.11   | 64     | Null function (No data)       |
| 9715 | 67.263812 | 86:aa:3e:d3:aa:9b | 7e:8f:c0:a2:e4:78 | 802.11   | 64     | Null function (No data)       |
| 9717 | 67.265065 | 86:aa:3e:d3:aa:9b | 7e:8f:c0:a2:e4:78 | 802.11   | 64     | Null function (No data)       |
| 9720 | 67.271561 | 86:aa:3e:d3:aa:9b | 7e:8f:c0:a2:e4:78 | 802.11   | 64     | Null function (No data)       |

Key Descriptor Type: EAPOL RSN Key (2)  
[Message number: 3]

Key Information: 0x13ca

- .... .010 = Key Descriptor Version: AES Cipher, HMAC-SHA1 MIC (2)
- .... .1... = Key Type: Pairwise Key
- .... ..00 .... = Key Index: 0
- .... .1.. .... = Install: Set
- .... .1... .... = Key ACK: Set
- .... .1 .... .... = Key MIC: Set
- .... .1. .... .... = Secure: Set
- .... .0.. .... .... = Error: Not set
- .... 0... .... .... = Request: Not set
- .... 1 .... .... = Encrypted Key Data: Set
- .... 0. .... .... = SMK Message: Not set

Key Length: 16

Replay Counter: 2

WPA Key Nonce: 232f349772858f904b01ae0715137a94248b82ee73bba410...

Key IV: 00000000000000000000000000000000

WPA Key RSC: 0000000000000000

WPA Key ID: 0000000000000000

WPA Key MIC: 2acccf56274e3286928085dcfb086708

WPA Key Data Length: 56

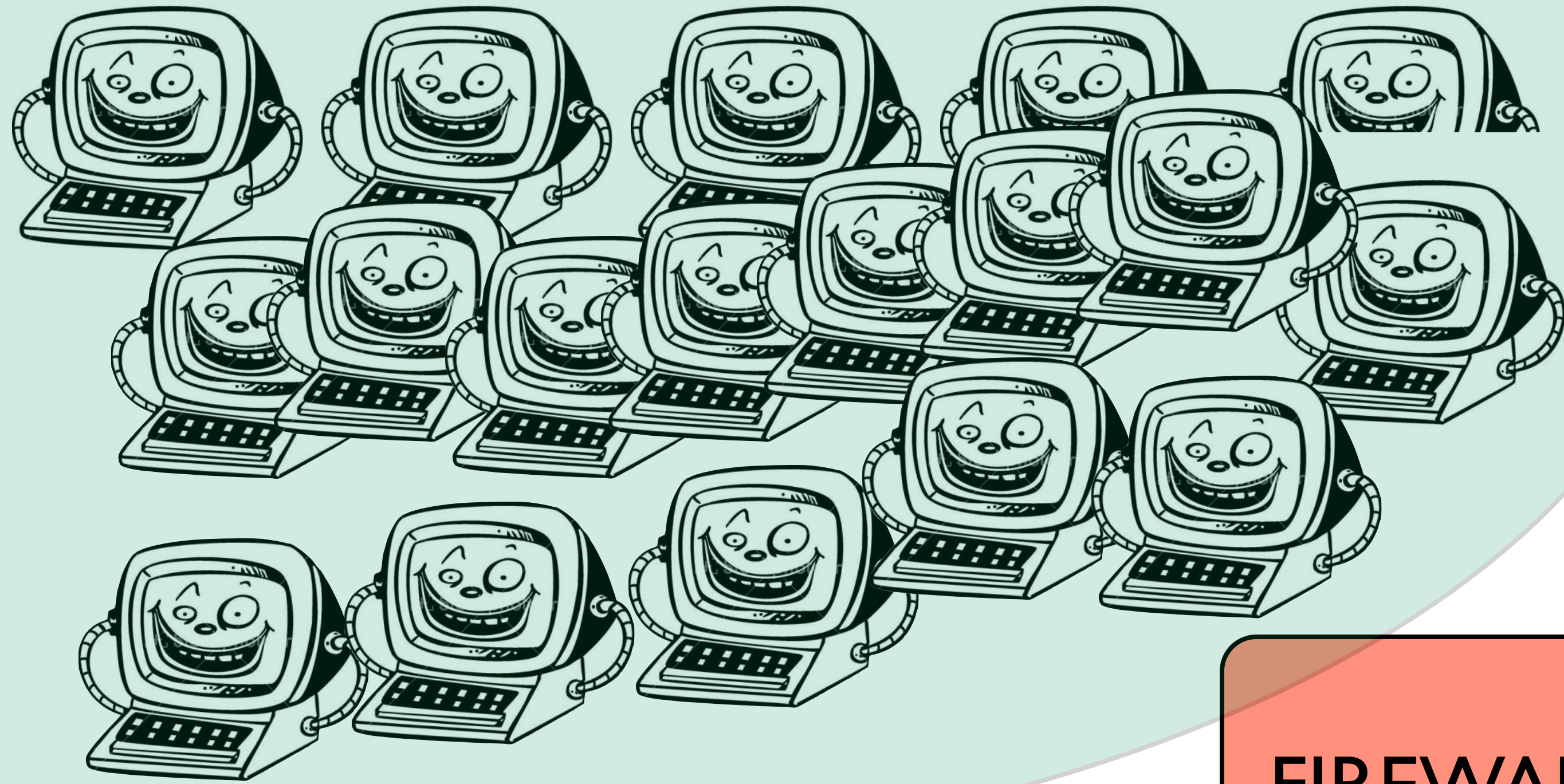
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Why does this attack succeed?

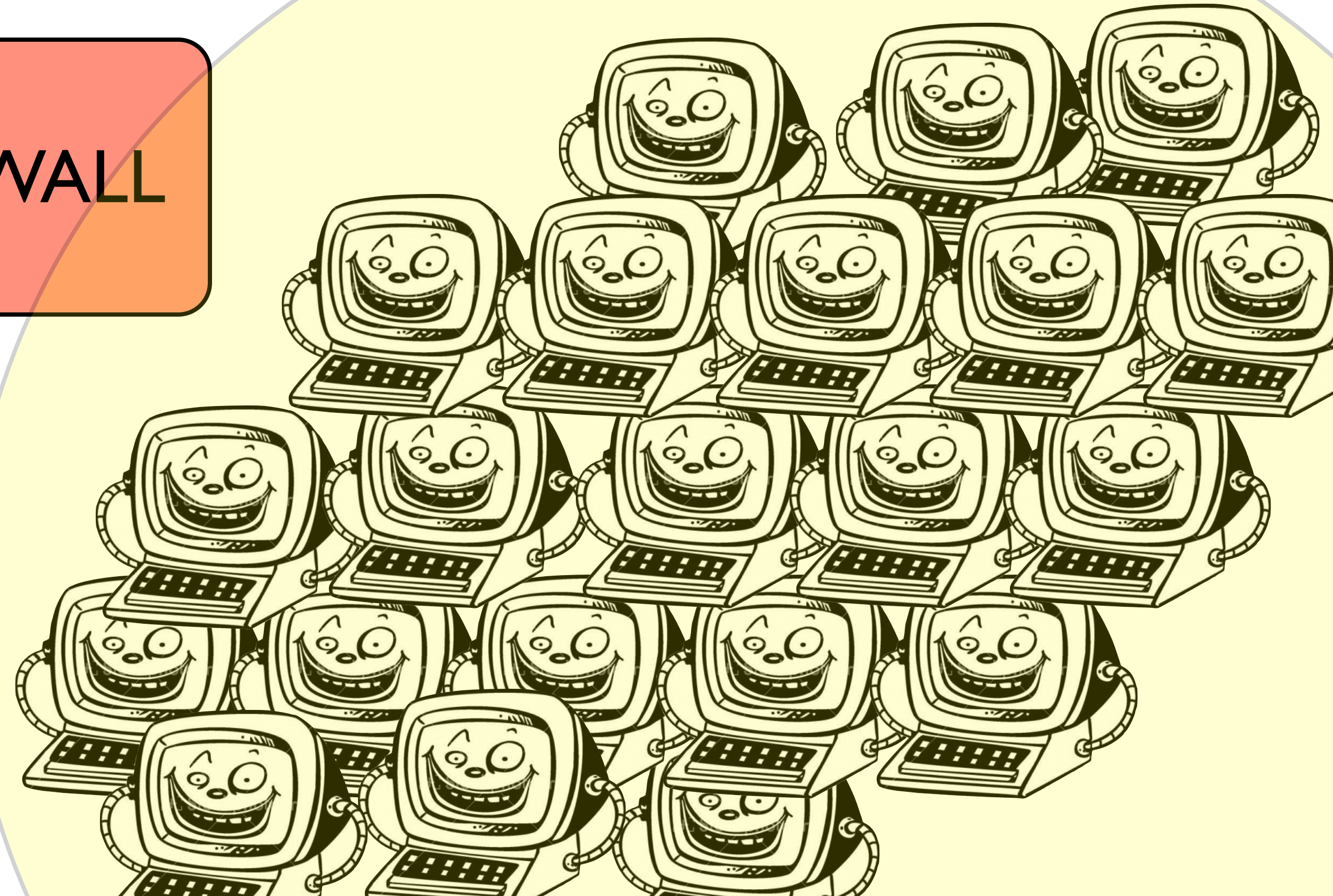
Most people use bad passwords for wifi.

How to mitigate network attacks?





**FIREWALL**





# Firewalls

Stateless Packet Filter

Rules based on addr/port + header info

Statefull Packet Filter

above + state between each packet

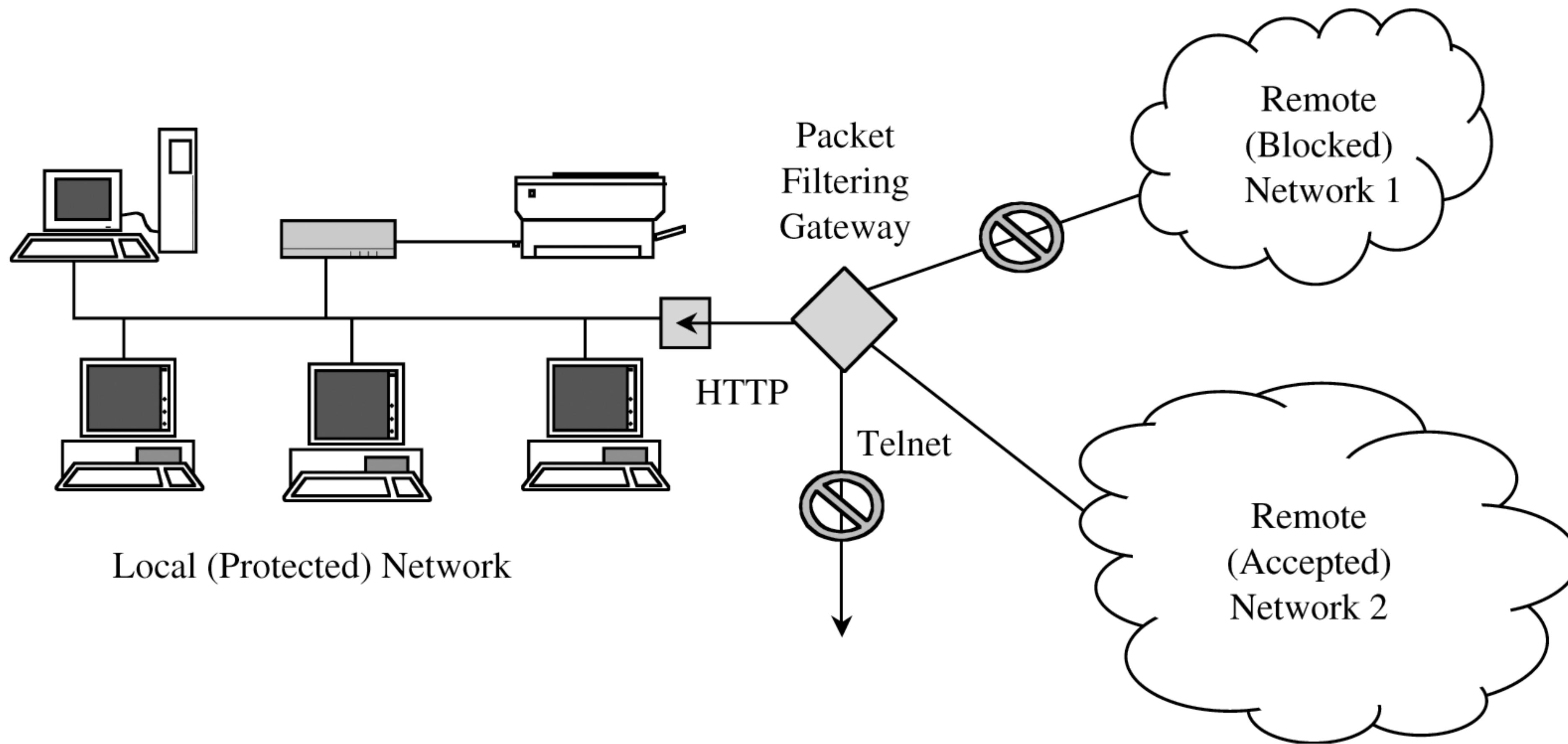
Statefull Packet Inspection

above + can inspect the data of the package

# StateLESS Packet Filter

Rules based on addr/port + header info

Look at the packet and decide immediately whether to drop or forward.



- Local subnet has all traffic from remote network 1 blocks (say, network with IP address 253.128.x.x)

- Allow some traffic from Remote Network 2 (say, 253.127.x.x), but only if it is destined for port 80 (web-traffic), Drop all other ports

Review

# Our main topics

Authentication, passwords

Authorization

Cryptography

Systems security

Web

Network

# Passwords and Authentication

What is authentication?

Classes of secrets?

Methods and attacks against passwords?

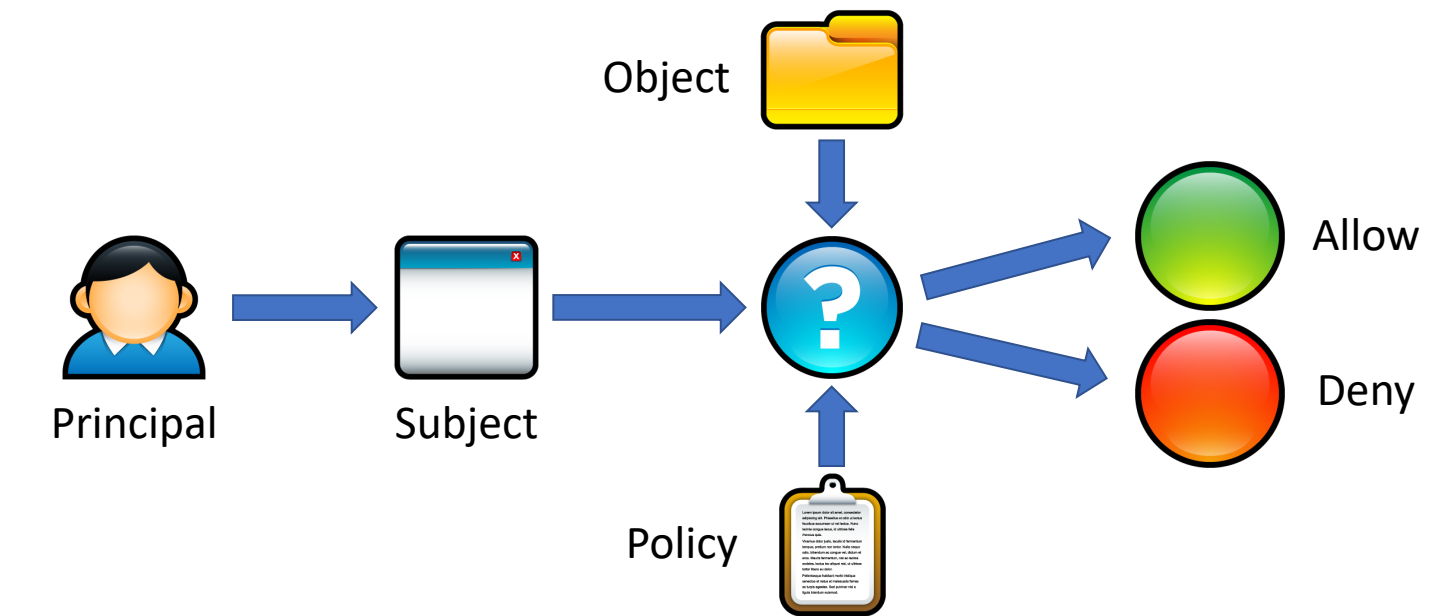
Passwords in the real (distributed) world, OAuth, 2fa.

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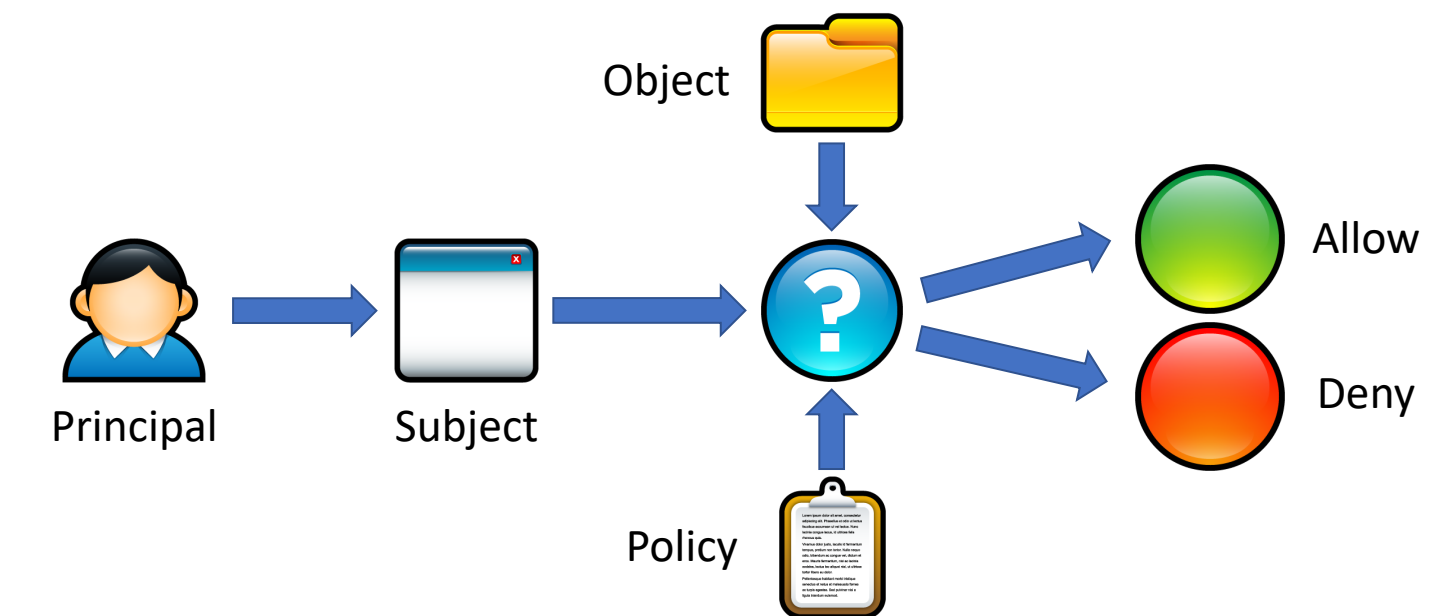


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## Two types

### Access Control Models

- Discretionary Access Control (DAC)**
  - The kind of access control you are familiar with
  - Access rights propagate and may be changed at subject's discretion
  - Implemented in Windows and Linux
  - Main issues:
    - Ambient authority (subjects inherit all permissions of principals)
    - Confused deputies (subject doesn't know which principal it serves); setuid
- Mandatory Access Control (MAC)**
  - Access of subjects to objects is based on a system-wide policy managed by admin  $\delta$
  - Denies users full control over resources they create
  - Bell-LaPadula: MAC for confidentiality (uses Multi Level Security)
  - Biba: MAC for integrity
  - Main issues:
    - Inflexible and complicated to manage
    - Do not prevent side channel attacks

# Cryptography

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SHA-256, collision resistance

# System Security: Attack Surfaces

- Steal the device and use it
- **Social Engineering**
  - Trick the user into installing malicious software
  - Spear phishing
- **OS-level attacks**
  - Backdoor the OS
  - Direct connection via USB
  - Exploit vulnerabilities in the OS or apps (e.g. email clients, web browsers)
- **Network-level attacks**
  - Passive eavesdropping on the network
  - Active network attacks (e.g. man-in-the-middle)



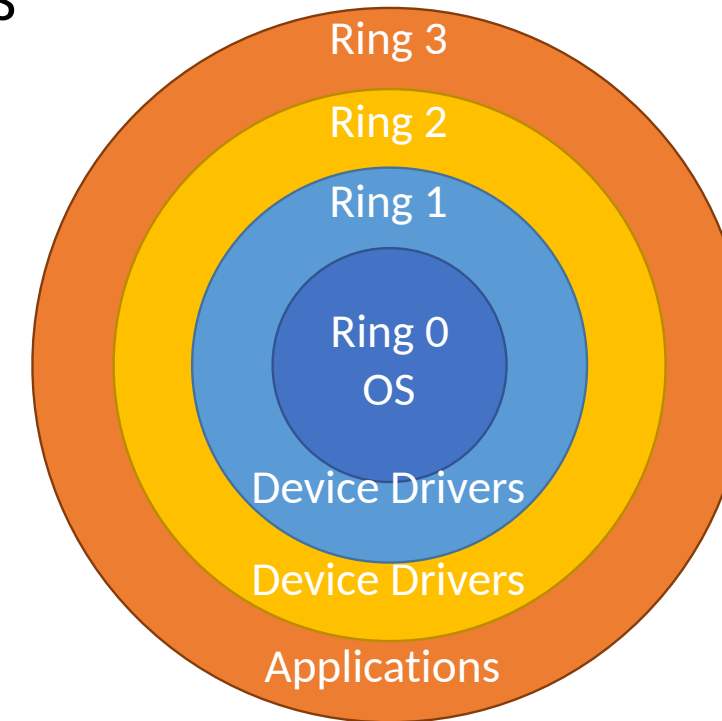
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- Ring 1, 2: device drivers
  - Code in these rings may directly access some devices
  - May not change the protection level of the CPU
- Ring 3: userland
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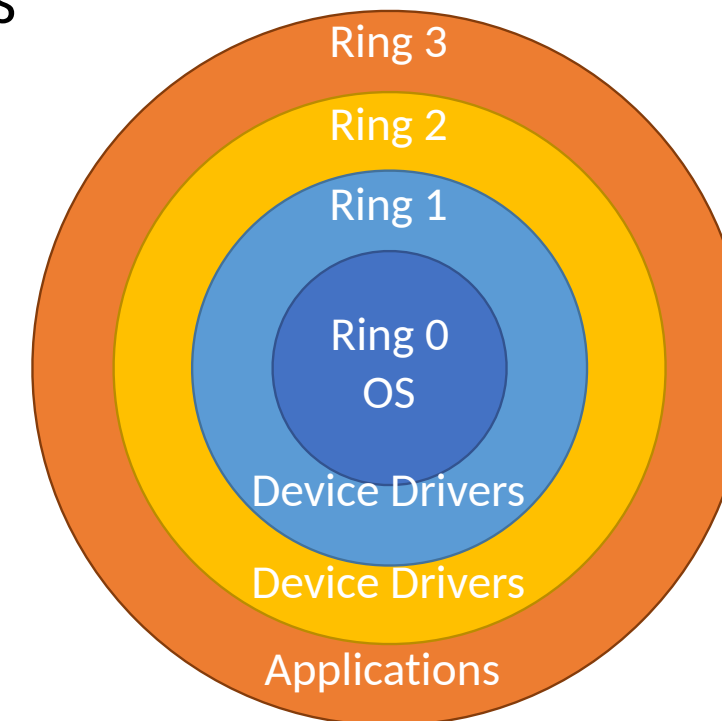


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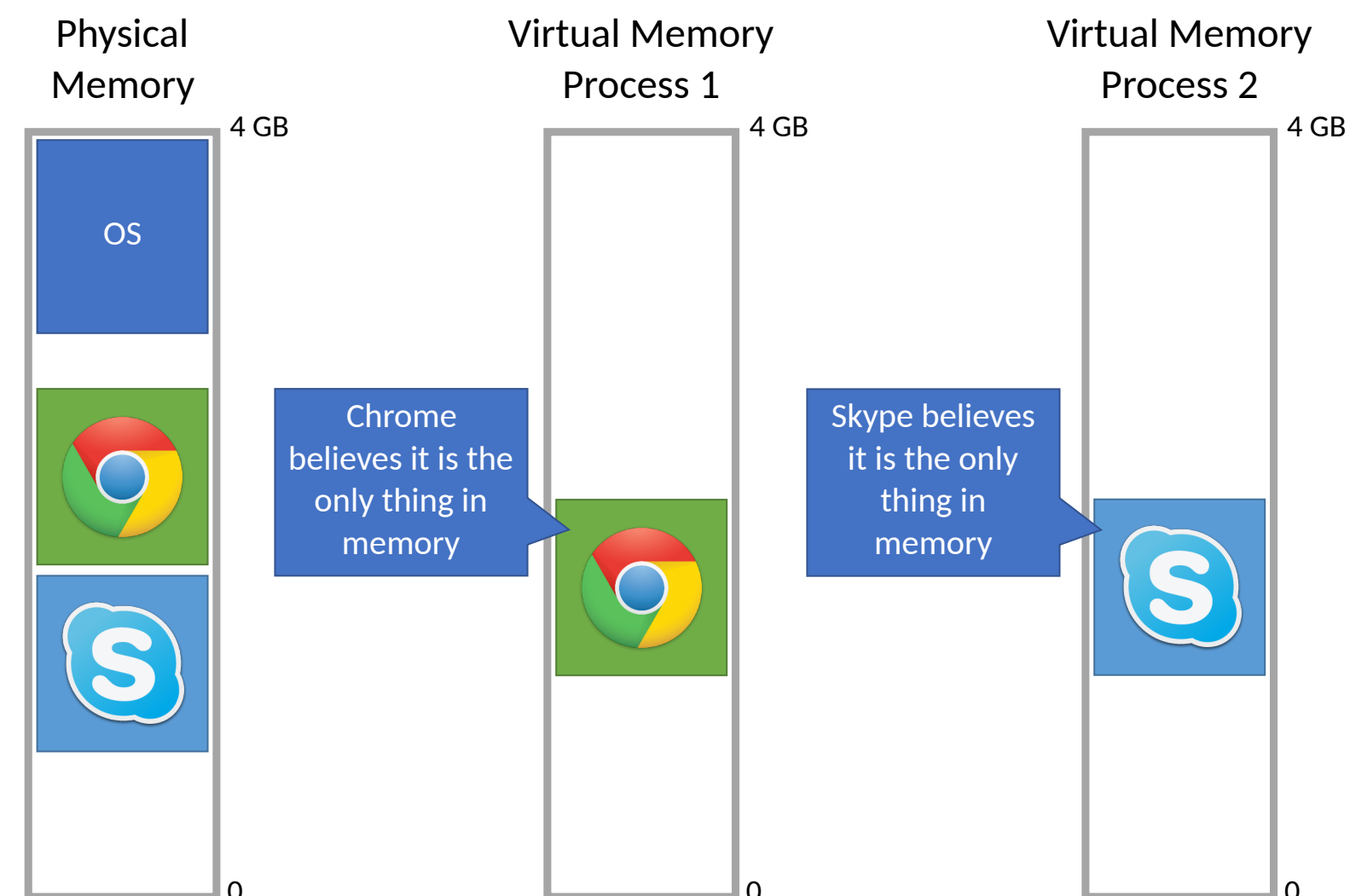
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## Virtual Memory:



# Basis for tools

## Security Technologies



### Authentication

- Physical and remote access is restricted



### Access control

- Processes cannot read/write any file
- Users may not read/write each other's files arbitrarily
- Modifying the OS and installing software requires elevated privileges



### Firewall

- Unsolicited communications from the internet are blocked
- Only authorized processes may send/receive messages from the internet



### Anti-virus

- All files are scanned to identify and quarantine known malicious code



### Logging

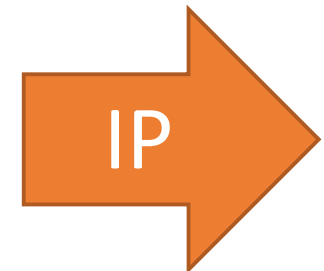
- All changes to the system are recorded
- Sensitive applications may also log their activity in the secure system log

# Exploits

# Anatomy of an exploit

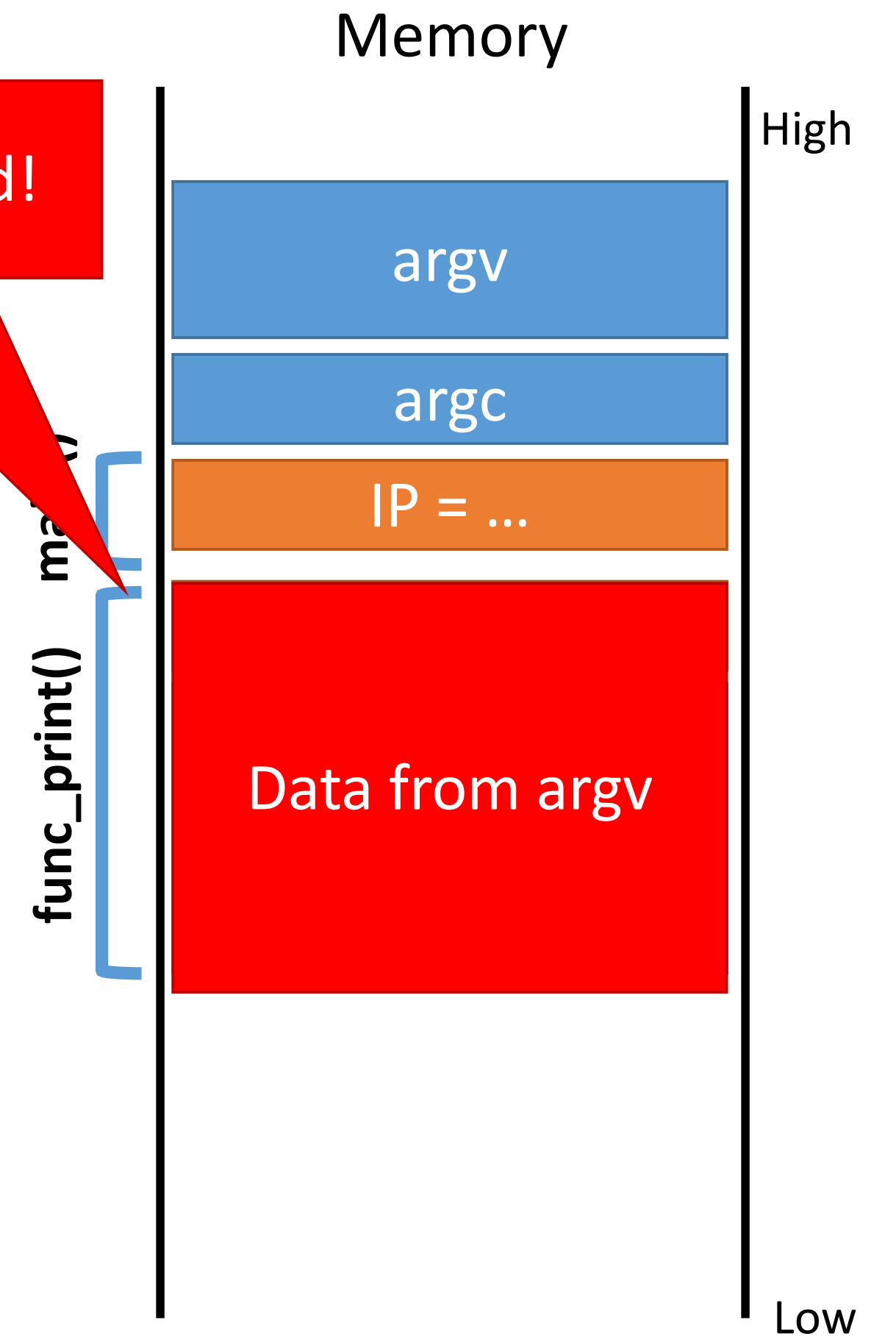
## Program Crash

```
0: void func_print(char s[]) {  
    // only holds 32 characters, max  
    char buffer[32];  
1: strcpy(buffer, s);  
2: printf("%s\n",buffer);  
3: }  
4: void main(int argc, char* argv[]) {  
5:     for (int i=1; i < argc; i++) {  
6:         func_print(argv[i]);  
7:     }  
8: }
```



Program crashes :(

Saved IP is destroyed!





# Mitigations

- **Stack canaries**

- Compiler adds special sentinel values onto the stack before each saved IP
- Canary is set to a random value in each frame
- At function exit, canary is checked
- If expected number isn't found, program closes with an error

- **Non-executable stacks**

- Modern CPUs set stack memory as read/write, but no eXecute
- Prevents shellcode from being placed on the stack

- **Address space layout randomization**

- Operating system feature
- Randomizes the location of program and data memory each time a program executes

# SQL Injection

```
'SELECT * FROM user_tbl WHERE user="%s" AND pw="%s";'
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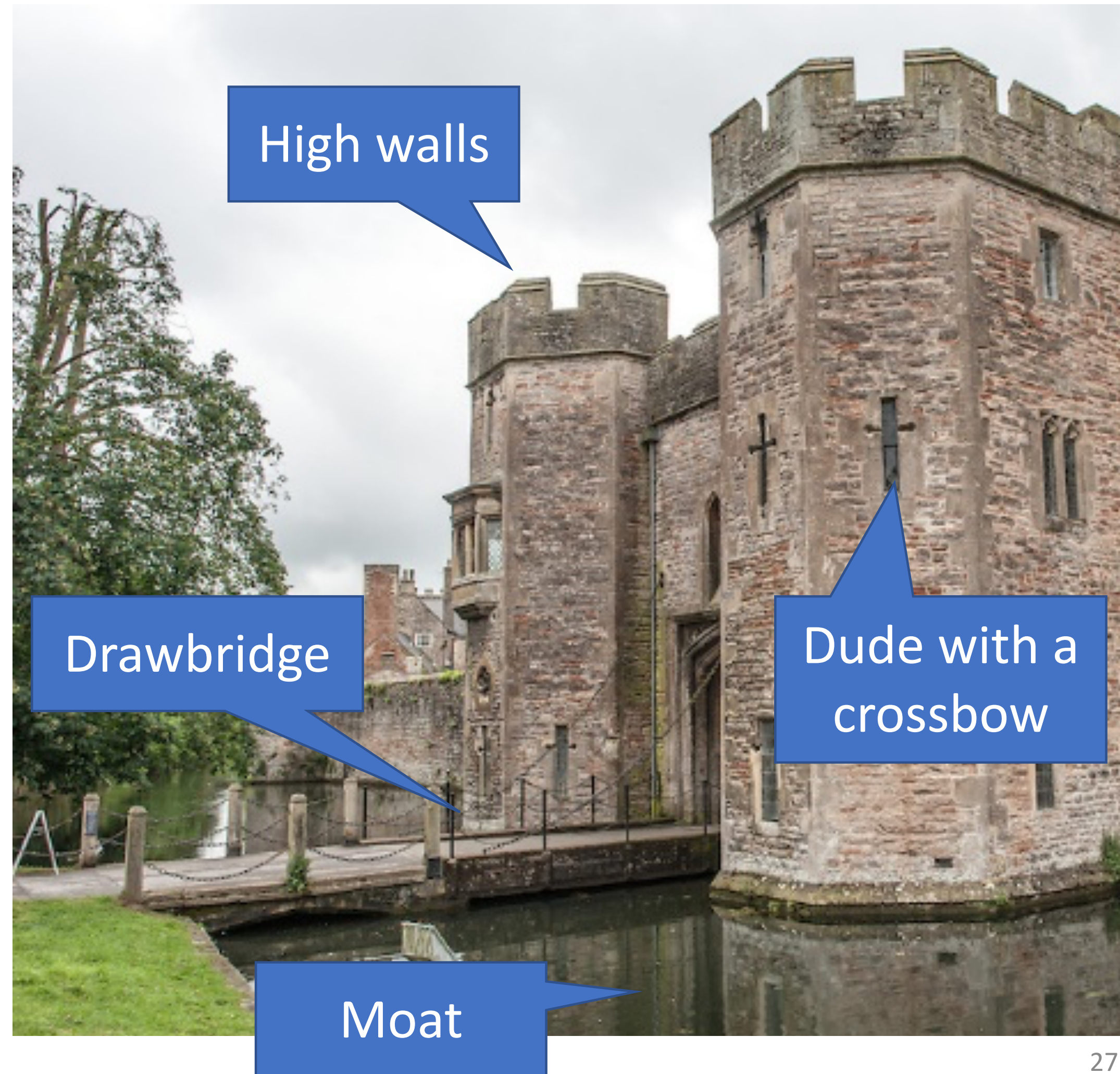
| form['username'] | form['password'] | Resulting query                                    |
|------------------|------------------|--|
| alice            | 123456           | '... WHERE user="alice" AND pw="123456";'          |
| bob              | qwerty1#         | '... WHERE user="bob" AND pw="qwerty1#";'          |
| goofy            | a"bc             | '... WHERE user="goofy" AND pw="a"bc";'            |
| weird            | abc" or pw="123  | '... WHERE user="weird" AND pw="abc" or pw="123";' |
| eve              | " or 1=1; --     | '... WHERE user="eve" AND pw="" or 1=1; --";'      |
| mallory"; --     |                  | '... WHERE user="mallory"; --" AND pw="";'         |



# Systems Security Principles

## Defense in Depth

1. Fail-safe Defaults
2. Separation of Privilege
3. Least Privilege
4. Open Design
5. Economy of Mechanism
6. Complete Mediation
7. Compromise Recording
8. Work Factor





# 5 Lessons

*verify assumption about input, reject bad/unfamiliar inputs*

**Lesson 1:**

Never trust input  
from the user

**Lesson 2:**

*^ x0r*  
Never mix code  
and data  
*W^X - "write a page or execute a page"*

*X P44*

**Lesson 3:**

Use the best tools  
at your disposal

**Lesson 4:**

*(get this in 2550)*  
Awareness and  
Vigilance

**Lesson 5:**

Patch!

# Topics we did not cover

- Crimeware Botnets
- Post-quantum cryptography
- Crypto currencies and smart contracts
- Protocol Security (TLS, wireless, SDN)
- Side channel attacks
- Secure Hardware Technologies (TPM, TXT)
- Distributed System Security and Resilience
- Privacy and regulations
- Fuzzing and software testing
- Formal verification
- Mobile and IoT security
- Machine Learning for Security
- Adversarial Machine Learning



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