

Design Principles for Secure Enterprise Campus Networks

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Disclaimer

“This presentation provides a bit for bit description of a fictional electronic war between a disgruntled and determined employee and an overworked, but well funded, IT staff. Any similarities to your current environment is purely coincidental.

Cisco does not recommend such reactionary security design. Rather we suggest you pay close attention to the later half of this presentation and take a systematic approach to the network security problem.”

“Finally, sorry for all the acronyms.”

The Authors at Cisco Systems

Let's Get Started!

- **Welcome to HackFest (Campus) 2003!**

The Aggressor

- **Milton**

Middle aged, mid-life crisis

Just bought a Miata

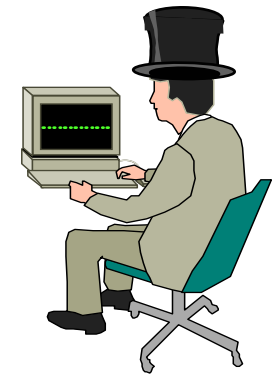
**Former computer
science major**

**Passed up for promotion by
a witty go-getter named Chet**

Wants revenge



Milton



The Defenders

- **Netgamesrus.com**

Web-based gaming company

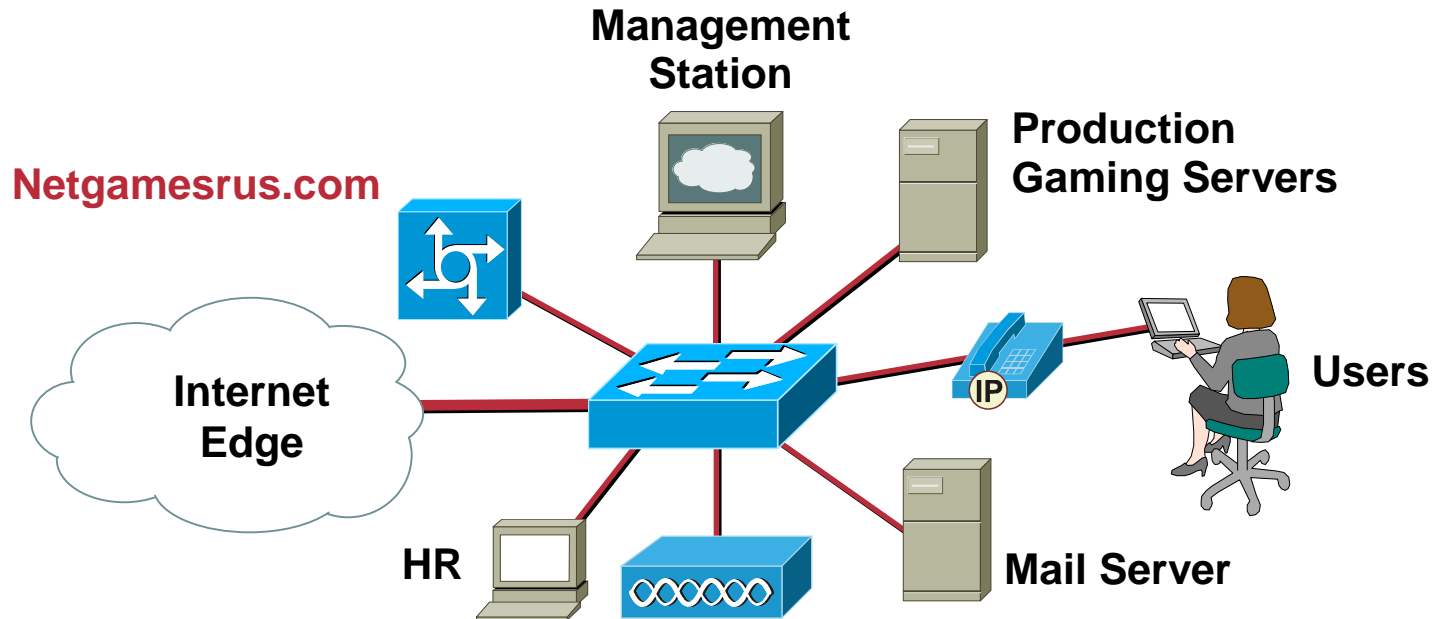
Experienced explosive growth and hasn't had much time to think about security

IT staff is minimal, and most have occupied their time play-testing their newest creation

Just went through a second round of funding that hasn't been spent yet

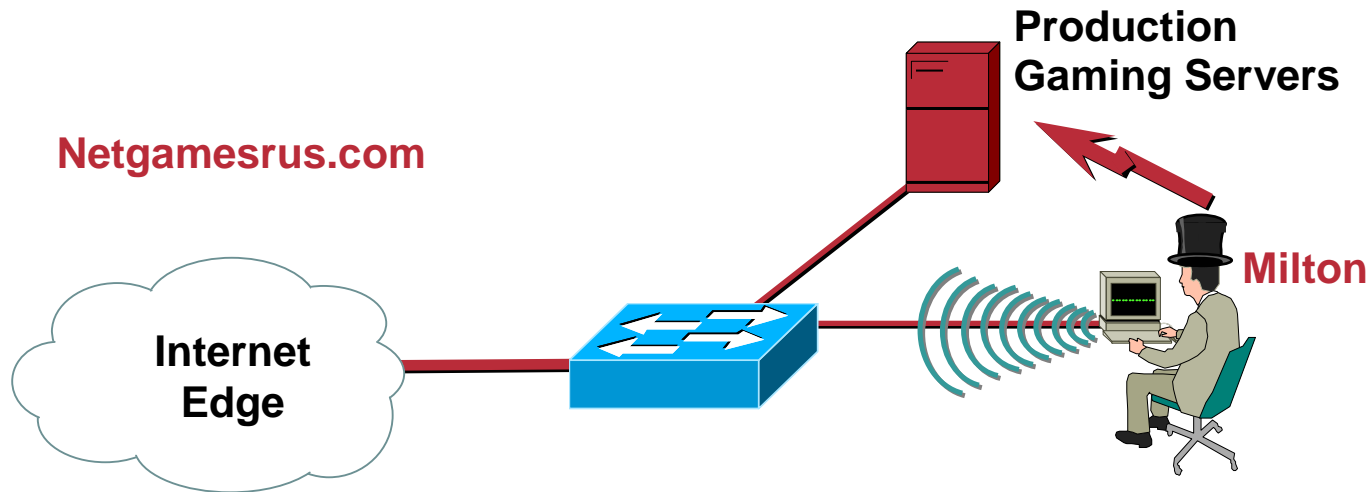


Initial Solution



- **Campus is one flat network**
- **Management is done in-band (over the company's user network) and in the clear (telnet, tftp, syslog, SNMP)**
- **Dial-in access available (reusable passwords)**
- **WLAN access available via rogue AP (default SSID, static WEP)**
- **A single router in the edge provides reachability to the outside world**

During My Coffee Break



- Use sniffers to map network and addressing schemes
- Selectively scans network for exploitable services
- Finds unauthenticated network share on gaming server
- Next logon causes root kit and Secure Shell (SSH) server installation
- With hidden remote access, on occasion Milton logs in and changes the gameplay
- “That will teach you!”

Nessus

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- **Vulnerability assessment**

Plug-ins supported

Any-port inspection

Custom script/C language

Updated daily

Client/server model

Smart assessing

Reporting

SSL/certificate support

“Non-destructive” mode

<http://www.nessus.org>

Nessus "NG" Report

| Subnet | Port | Severity |
|------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| 10.163.155 | unknown (1035/tcp) | Security Warning |
| 10.163.156 | unknown (1028/tcp) | Security Note |
| | snmp (161/udp) | Security Hole |
| | smtp (25/tcp) | |
| | qotd (17/udp) | |
| | qotd (17/tcp) | |
| | printer (515/tcp) | |
| | nntp (563/tcp) | |
| | nntp (119/tcp) | |
| | netinfo (1033/tcp) | |
| | netbios-ssn (139/tcp) | |
| | netbios-ns (137/udp) | |
| | nameserver (42/tcp) | |
| | ms-term-serv (3389/tcp) | |

Host

| |
|----------------|
| 10.163.156.1 |
| 10.163.156.9 |
| 10.163.156.10 |
| 10.163.156.16 |
| 10.163.156.205 |

The host SID could be used to enumerate the names of the local users of this host.
(we only enumerated users name whose ID is between 1000 and 1020 for performance reasons)
This gives extra knowledge to an attacker, which is not a good thing :

- Administrator account name : Administrator (id 500)
- Guest account name : Guest (id 501)
- TsInternetUser (id 1000)
- NetShowServices (id 1001)
- NetShow Administrators (id 1002)
- IUSR_GABBO (id 1003)
- IWAM_GABBO (id 1004)
- DHCP Users (id 1005)
- DHCP Administrators (id 1006)
- WINS Users (id 1007)

Risk factor : Medium
Solution : filter incoming connections this port

CVE : CVE-2000-1200
BID : 959

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Increased Activity Targeting Windows Shares

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- Also, SANS W4: Unprotected Windows Networking Shares and SANS W5: Anonymous Logon—Null Sessions

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Overview

In recent weeks, the CERT/CC has observed an increase in the number of reports of systems running Windows 2000 and XP compromised due to poorly protected file shares.

I. Description

Over the past few weeks, the CERT/CC has received an increasing number of reports of intruder activity involving the exploitation of Null (i.e., non-existent) or weak *Administrator* passwords on Server Message Block (SMB) file shares used on systems running Windows 2000 or Windows XP. This activity has resulted in the successful compromise of thousands of systems, with home broadband users' systems being a prime target. Recent examples of such activity are the attack tools known as W32/Deloder, GT-bot, sdbot, and W32/Slackor, which are described in more detail below.

Background

Microsoft Windows uses the SMB protocol to share files and printer resources with other computers. In older versions of Windows (e.g., 95, 98, Me, and NT), SMB shares ran on NetBIOS over TCP/IP (NBT) on ports 137/tcp and udp, 138/udp, and 139/tcp. However, in later versions of Windows (e.g., 2000 and XP), it is possible to run SMB directly over TCP/IP on port 445/tcp.

Windows file shares with poorly chosen or Null passwords have been a recurring security risk for both corporate networks and home users for some time:

- [IN-2002-06: W32/Lioten Malicious Code](#)
- [CA-2001-20: Continuing Threats to Home Users](#)
- [IN-2000-07: Exploitation of Unprotected Windows Networking Shares](#)

Newer Root Kits

- The “NT Root Kit”:

http://www.megasecurity.org/Tools/Nt_rootkit_all.html

- Propagated by W32/Lioten in December, 2002

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Rootkit threats move beyond Linux to Windows systems

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Sample rootkits

Many rootkits can be installed on various operating systems. I'll describe a proof-of-concept rootkit that is available for Windows and one of the most popular Linux rootkits, Rootkit IV.

The NT RootKit

A proof-of-concept rootkit named NT RootKit has emerged. It can:

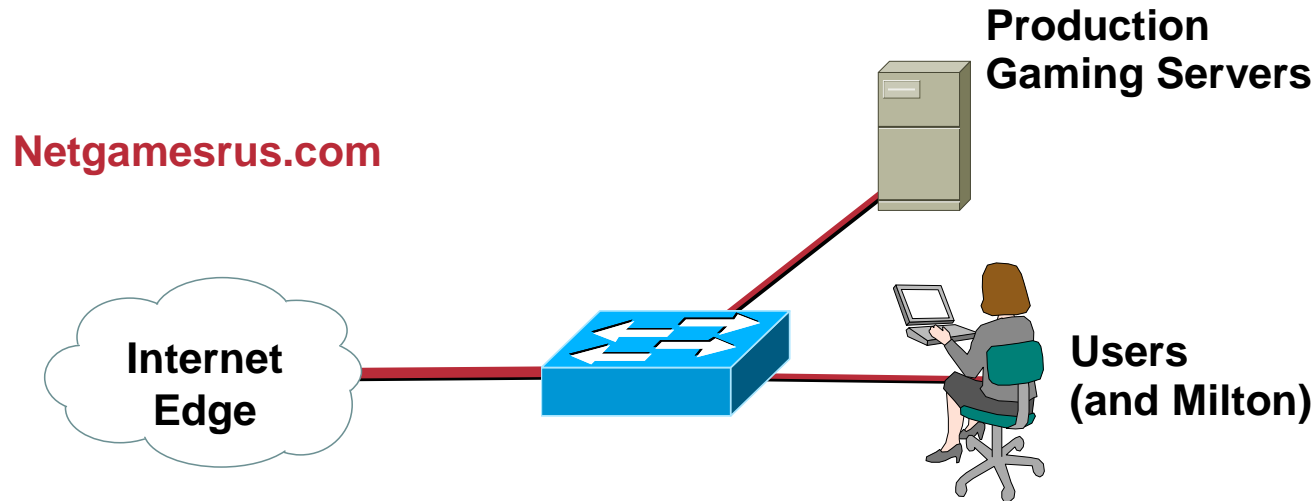
- Hide processes to keep them from being listed.
- Hide files and registry entries.
- Log keystrokes.
- Redirect executable files.
- Issue commands that result in a Blue Screen of Death.

Even at the proof-of concept stage, this rootkit is dangerous; it can hide a backdoor process that will allow continued access to the system. This rootkit also contains its own TCP/IP stack, so Windows

Source: <http://asia.cnet.com/itmanager/tech/0,39006407,39100842-2,00.htm>

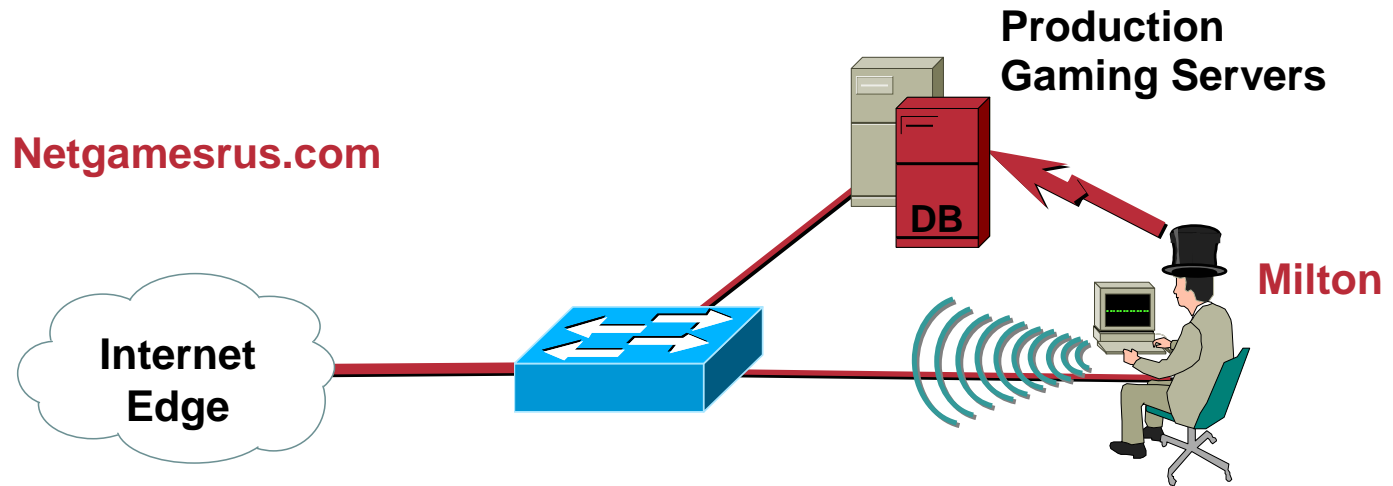
Startups Have Plenty of Bugs

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- **Players complain about game hickups**
- **The developers chalk up the errant game play to a bug and spend days debugging the software**
 - **Eventually they notice erratic file access and discover the NT root kit while debugging**
- **The administration staff turns off shares after finding remnant root kit installs and enforces authenticated account access and logging**

Hey, What Happened?



- What happened to “my” system?
- Attempts to exploit file share and learned accounts but fails
- Time to switch gears!
- Scans server segment for additional vulnerabilities and finds a vulnerable Oracle database server
- Via buffer overflow installs root kit and SSH server again, clean logs
- This time removes all game data, Milton is glad he’s not in game support!

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Systems Affected

- Systems running Oracle9i Database (Release 1 and 2)
- Systems running Oracle8i Database v 8.1.7
- Systems running Oracle8 Database v 8.0.6
- Systems running Oracle9i Application Server (Release 9.0.2 and 9.0.3)

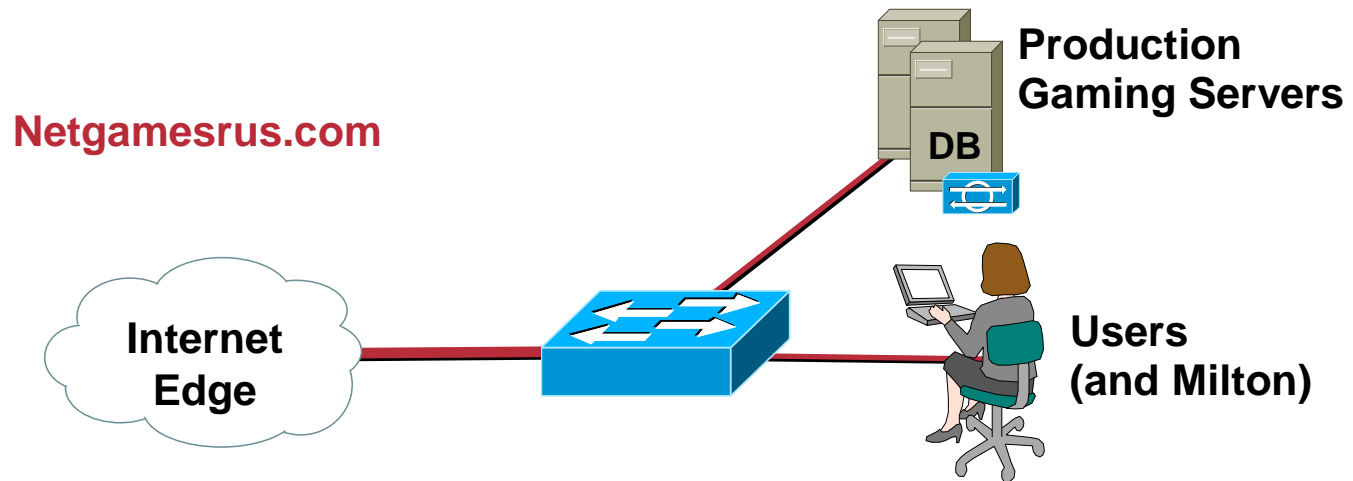
Overview

Multiple vulnerabilities exist in Oracle software that may lead to execution of arbitrary code; the ability to read, modify, or delete information stored in underlying Oracle databases; or denial of service. All of these vulnerabilities were discovered by [Next Generation Security Software Ltd.](#)

I. Description

Multiple vulnerabilities exist in Oracle software products. The majority of these vulnerabilities are buffer overflows.

Time to Get Serious



- **What happened this time?**
- **Administration staff investigates and finds their Oracle server vulnerable to multiple exploits**
- **They then fix and rebuild the gaming servers (thank goodness for tape backup!) as well as turn off unneeded services**
- **As an added precaution, they install anti-virus throughout the campus and additionally Host-based Intrusion Prevention Systems (HIPS) on the gaming servers**
- **This must be a hacker on the Internet!**

Host Intrusion Prevention (Detection)

- **Host IDS is best installed first on key servers**
- **Features vary per product, including watching for:**
 - File system**
 - Process table**
 - I/O**
 - System resource usage**
 - Memory allocation**
- **Actions include alarm and sometimes prevent**
- **Financially and operationally impractical to install on all hosts**

Monitor > Event Log

1 Event [change filter](#)

Event log generation time : 1/31/2003 11:02:45 AM
Severity : Information - Emergency
Host : All
Policy : All
Rule : [153](#)
Events per page : 50

| # | Date | Host | Severity | Event |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------------|----------|---|
| 1 | 1/31/2003 10:57:15 AM | stormserver | Warning | The application 'C:\Program Files\Microsoft SQL Server\MSSQL\Binn\sqlservr.exe' (as user NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM) tried to call the function LoadLibraryA from a buffer (the return address was 0x38c3d457). The code at this address is '6873656e 64be1810 ae428d45 d450ff16 508d45e0 508d45f0 50ff1650 be1010ae'. This either happens when a program uses self-modifying code or when a program has been subverted by a buffer overflow attack. The user chose 'Terminate'. |

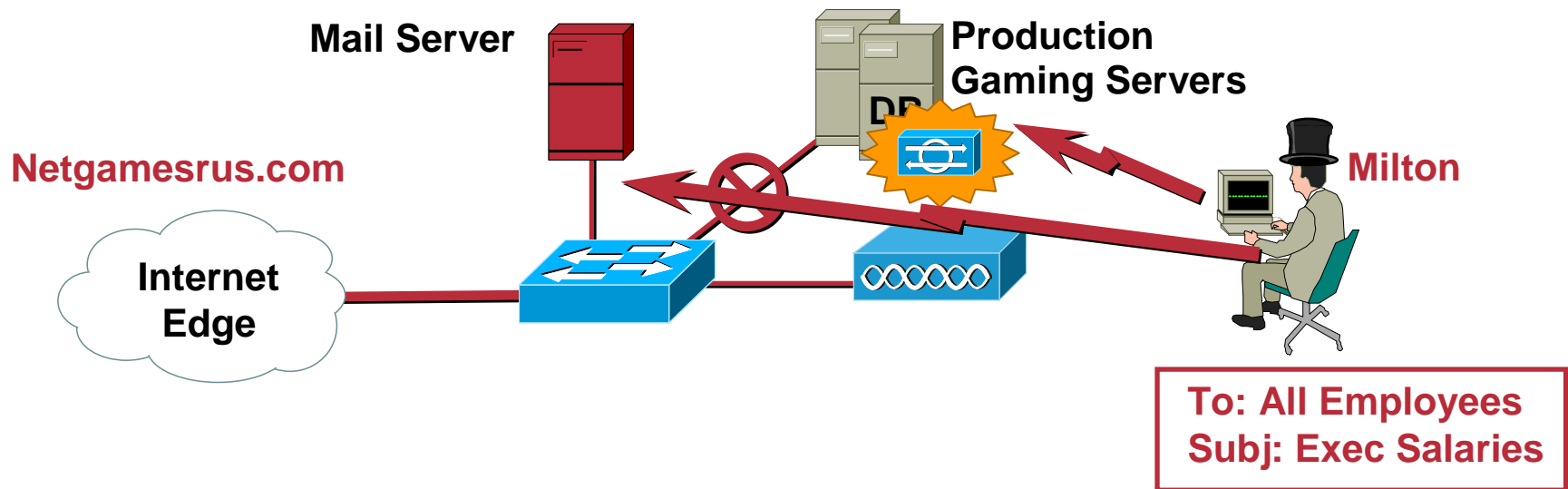
[Details](#) [Rule 153](#) [Find Similar](#)

From: stormcloud@okena.com Sent: Fri 6/14/2002 11:02 AM
To: Ted Doty
Cc:
Subject: Notification from StormWatch Management Server

From-host: NCALDWELL
Date: 6/14/2002 11:00:37 AM
Severity: Alert

The process 'C:\Program Files\Microsoft SQL Server\MSSQL\Binn\sqlservr.exe' tried to accept a connection from 10.20.20.3 on port 1433 and this was prevented by rule 402.

The Inside Line



- **Milton attempts a SSH session over the WLAN using a spoofed MAC address to “hide” his attack but is unsuccessful**
Rats! No SSH server!
- **He runs another scan, more broadly this time, and finds another vulnerable server, this time the email server**
- **Compromises the server and finds interesting email which he forwards it to everyone in the entire company**

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Buffer Overflow in Sendmail

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Also SANS U8: Sendmail

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Systems Affected

- Sendmail Pro (all versions)
- Sendmail Switch 2.1 prior to 2.1.6
- Sendmail Switch 2.2 prior to 2.2.6
- Sendmail Switch 3.0 prior to 3.0.4
- Sendmail for NT 2.X prior to 2.6.3
- Sendmail for NT 3.0 prior to 3.0.4
- Systems running open-source sendmail versions prior to 8.12.9, including UNIX and Linux systems

Overview

There is a vulnerability in sendmail that can be exploited to cause a denial-of-service condition and could allow a remote attacker to execute arbitrary code with the privileges of the sendmail daemon, typically root.

I. Description

802.11b Is Insecure

- Even though this is an inside job, WEP still has “issues”

Security of the WEP Algorithm:

<http://www.isaac.cs.berkeley.edu/isaac/wep-faq.html>

Your 802.11 Wireless Network has No Clothes:

<http://www.cs.umd.edu/~waa/wireless.pdf>

Weaknesses in the Key Scheduling Algorithm of RC4:

http://www.cs.umd.edu/~waa/class-pubs/rc4_ksaproc.ps

Using the Fluhrer, Mantin, and Shamir Attack to Break WEP:

http://www.cs.rice.edu/~astubble/wep/wep_attack.pdf

Practical implementations of the attacks:

<http://airsnort.sourceforge.net/>

<http://wepcrack.sourceforge.net/>

- Even if WEP were secure (which it's not), the standard makes no provisions for key distribution or management

Hence WPA

Airsnort



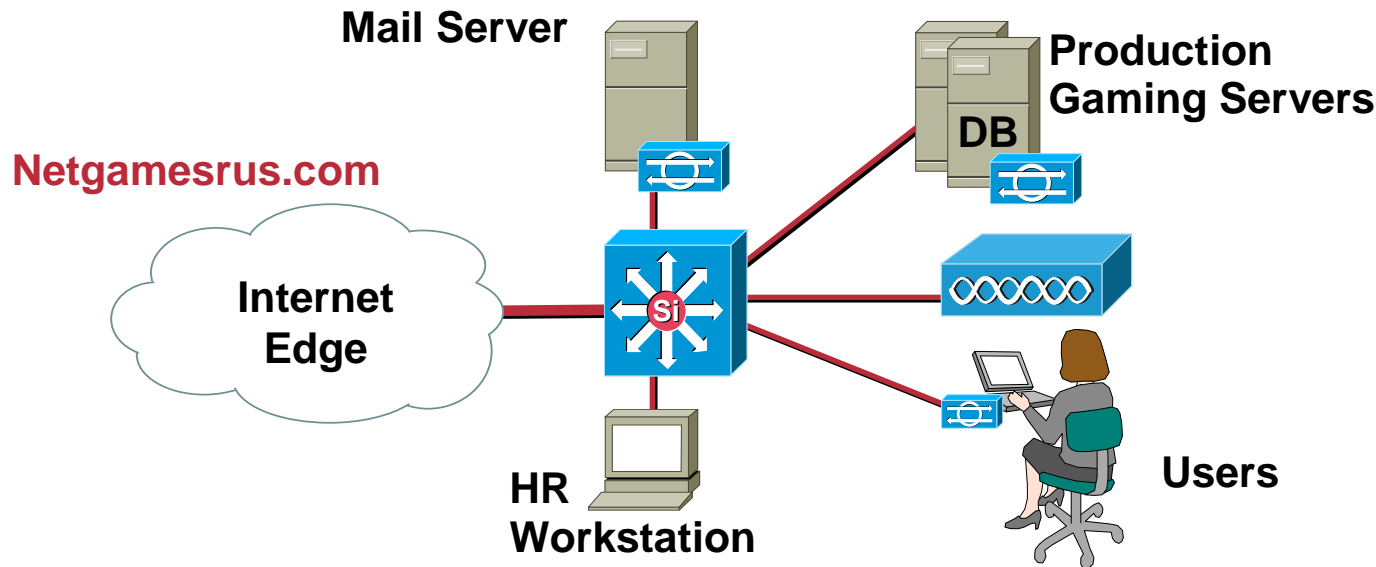
- **Easy to use exploit of the “Fluhrer” defined weakness**
- **Requires 5-10 million WEP encrypted packets**
- **Guesses the WEP key in under a second**

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<while running>
```

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Airsnort capture v0.0.9  
Copyright 2001, Jeremy Bruestle  
& Blake Hegerle
```

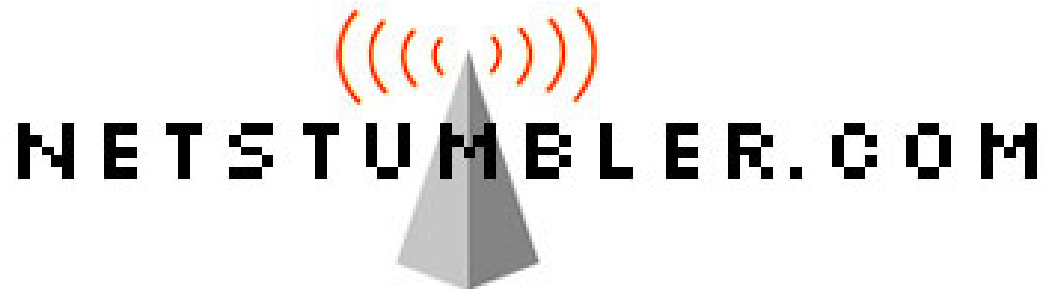
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Total Packets :      2096201300  
Encrypted Packets:  
1009835030000  
Interesting Packets: 0  
Timeouts:           0  
Last IV =           00:50:DA
```

Are You Threatening Me?



- IT is wising up but becoming more concerned at the same time
- Email sent from the server itself???
- Source of scan against DB traced to WLAN to unknown NIC
 - IDS logged the connection attempt
 - Were we hacked from the parking-lot???
- Enable WPA on WLAN infrastructure (PEAP) to mitigate the parking-lot threat
 - Scan for policy violators
- Decide to enforce segmentation between the business functions on the LAN
 - Dedicated routed segments created for users, administrators, production servers, and IP phones

Drive-By Hacking



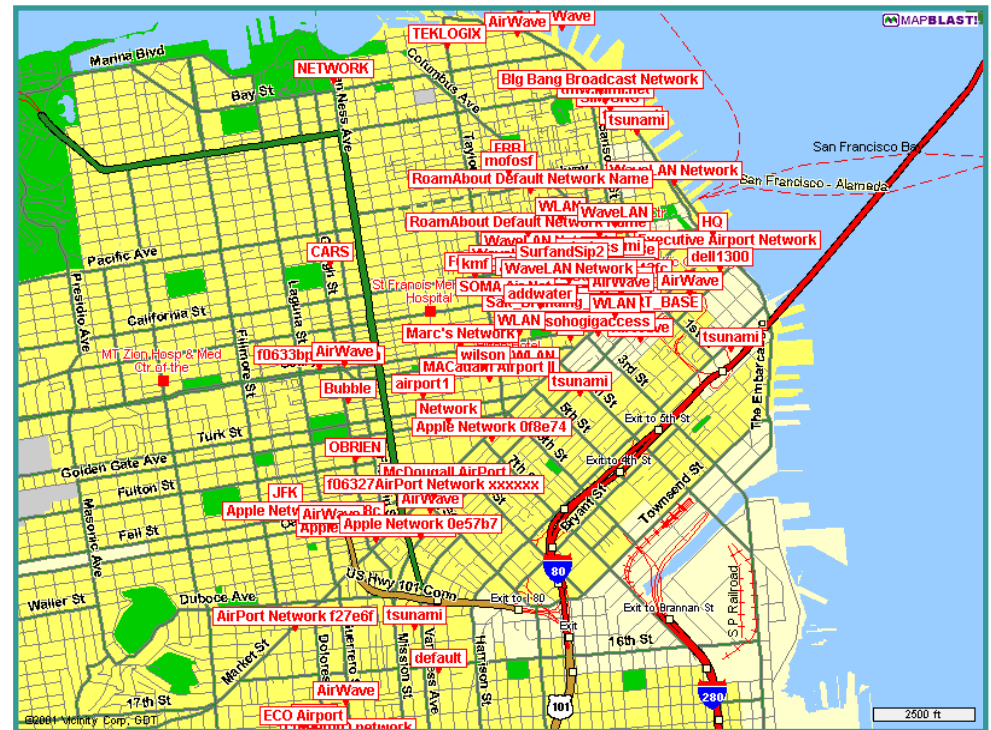
- Identifies WLAN details (SSID, AP MAC, use of WEP)
- Links directly to GPS to give AP location
- Can convert into Streetmap.co.uk format using:

<http://www.interrorem.com/software/stumbler.php3>

Drive-By Hacking

...is possible as it has been proven by “War Driving” exercises in San Francisco and Other Major Cities:

- Cruising with a car + laptop + WLAN card
- + GPS scanning for (unprotected) 802.11 wireless networks
- + PERL script to log the SSID, AP's MAC address, best S/N ratio and location (GPS)



www.personaltelco.net/index.cgi/WarDriving

Long Distance Hacking

“Over a clear line of sight, with short antenna cable runs, a 12db to 12db can-to-can shot should be able to carry an 11Mbps link well over ten miles.”

Rob Flickenger, O'Reilly Systems Administrator

- “Pringles” YAGI antenna

Cost: \$10

Range: 10 miles

Moral: Don't rely on physical isolation!

<http://www.oreillynet.com/cs/weblog/view/wlg/448>



Friday, 8 March, 2002, 09:23 GMT

Hacking with a Pringles tube



A crisp can is an effective tool for curious hackers

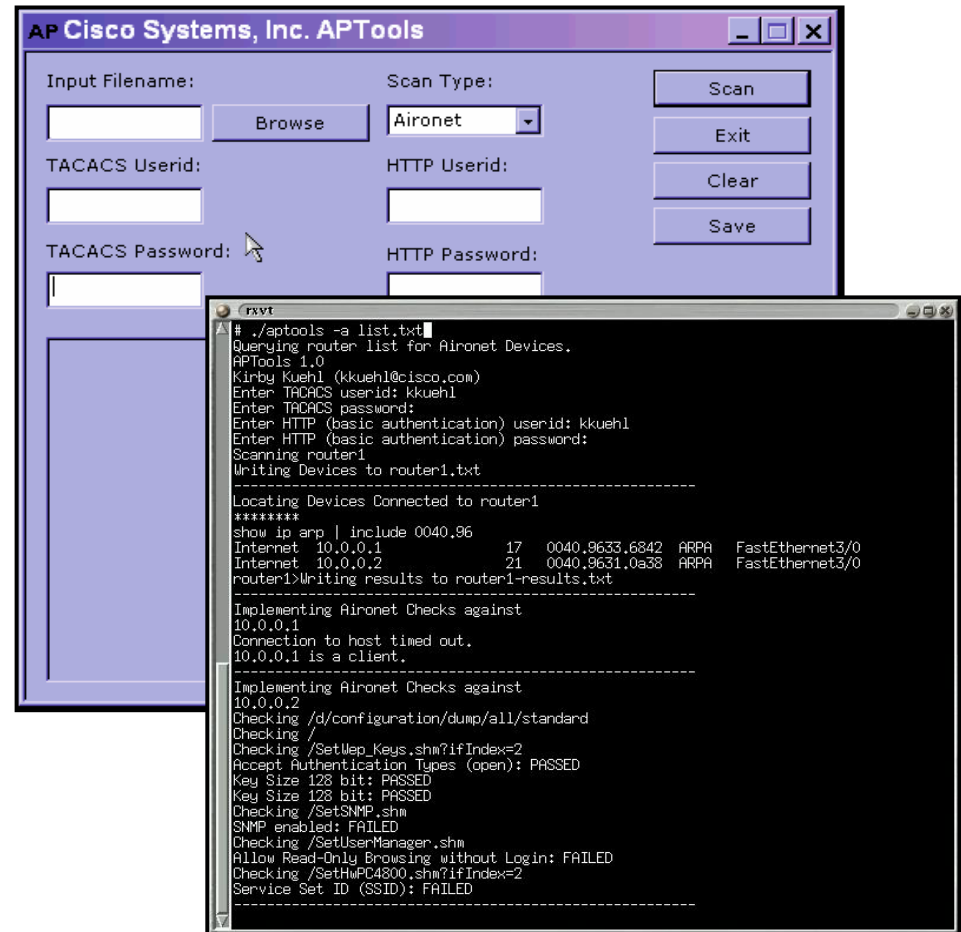
Rogue AP Detection

802.11b detection methods:

- Physical, MAC observation
- Fingerprinting (NMAP, Xprobe)
- 802.11b analyzer (War Driving, other APs)
- SNMP
- 802.1x
- Wireless analyzers
- MAC monitoring (APTools)

APTools:

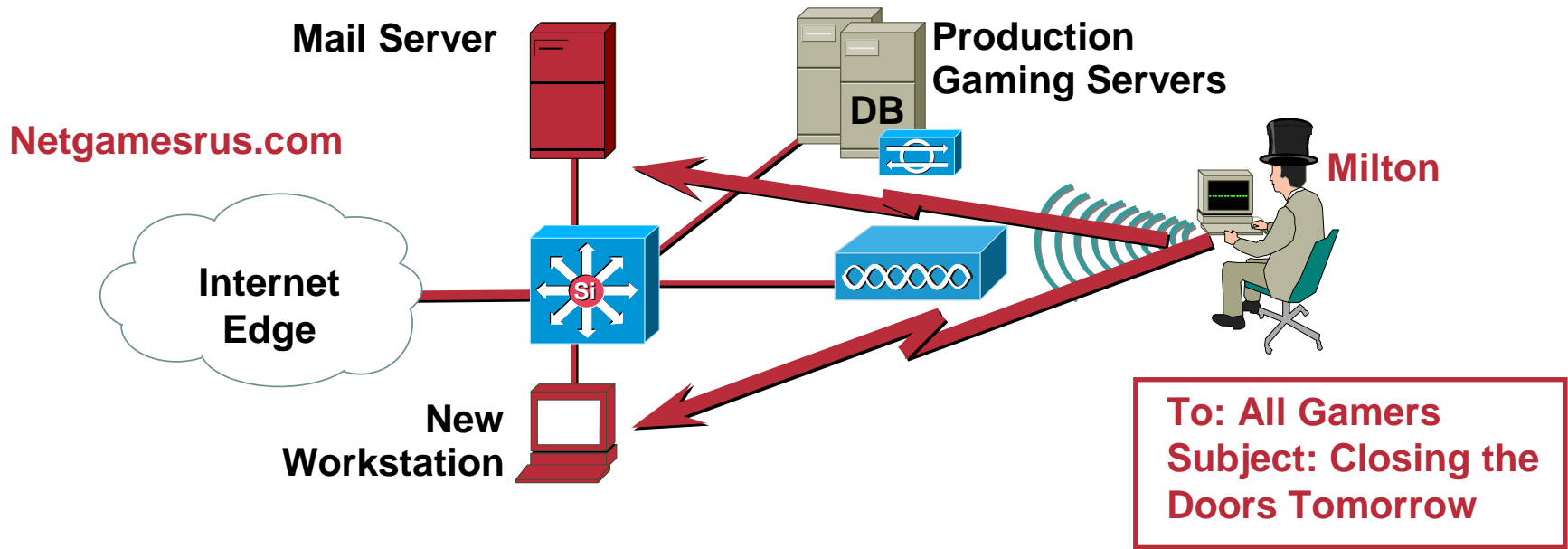
- Query routers and switches ARP tables, also NMAP input
- Identifies APs through IEEE OUI and Company_id Assignments
- Audit APs settings
- HTTP basic authentication support



<http://winfingerprint.sourceforge.net/aptools.php>

My Way or the Highway

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- With PEAP enabled Milton can no longer use his own account for WLAN hacking, then again, why bother?
- From a rogue PC on the intranet uses multiple tools (Dsniff, root kits, LC4) to capture user and insecure in-band administration traffic, right off the switch, including usernames and passwords
- Logs into mail server and creates system-wide notification to all gamers

Dsniff Is Not Your Friend

- ARP spoofing
- MAC flooding
- Selective sniffing
- SSH/SSL interception

Dug Song, Author of Dsniff

www.monkey.org/~dugsong/dsniff



SANS W6: Weak Password Hashing

W6 LAN Manager Authentication -- Weak LM Hashing

W6.1 Description

Although most current Windows environments have no need for LAN Manager (LM) support, Microsoft locally stores legacy LM password hashes (also known as LANMAN hashes) by default on Windows NT, 2000 and XP systems. Since LM uses a much weaker encryption scheme than more current Microsoft approaches (NTLM and NTLMv2), LM passwords can be broken in a very short period of time. Even passwords that otherwise would be considered "strong" can be cracked by brute-force in under a week on current hardware.

The weakness of LM hashes derives from the following:

- Passwords are truncated to 14 characters.
- Passwords are padded with spaces to become 14 characters.
- Passwords are converted to all upper case characters.
- Passwords are split into two seven character pieces.

This hashing process means that an attacker needs only to complete the trivial task of cracking two seven-character, upper-case passwords to gain authenticated access to your system. Since the complexity of cracking hashes increases geometrically with the length of the hash, each seven-character string is at least an order of magnitude simpler to attack by brute-force than would a combined fourteen-character string. Since all strings are exactly seven characters (including spaces) and entirely upper-case, a dictionary-style attack is also simplified. The LM hashing method therefore completely undermines good password policies.

In addition to the risk posed by having legacy LM hashes stored in the SAM, the LAN Manager authentication process is often by default enabled on clients and accepted by servers. As a result, Windows machines capable of utilizing stronger hash algorithms instead send weak LM hashes across the network, making Windows authentication vulnerable to eavesdropping by packet sniffing, and therefore easing the efforts of an attacker to obtain and crack user passwords.

W6.2 Operating Systems Affected

All Microsoft Windows operating systems.

W6.3 CVE Entries

N/A

SANS W7 and U10: No or Weak Passwords

W7 General Windows Authentication -- Accounts with No Passwords or Weak Passwords

W7.1 Description

Passwords, passphrases and security codes are used in virtually every interaction between users and information systems. Most forms of user authentication, as well as file and data protection, rely on user-supplied passwords. Since properly authenticated access is often not logged, or even if logged not likely to arouse suspicion, a compromised password is an opportunity to explore a system from the inside virtually undetected. An attacker would have complete access to any resources available to that user, and would be significantly closer to being able to access other accounts, nearby machines, and perhaps even root. Despite this threat, accounts with bad or empty passwords remain extremely common, and organizations with good password policy far too rare.

The most common password vulnerabilities are that (a) user accounts have weak or nonexistent passwords, (b) regardless of the strength of their password, users fail to protect it, (c) the operating system or additional software creates administrative accounts with weak or nonexistent passwords, and (d) password hashing algorithms are known and often hashes are stored such that they are visible by anyone. The best and most appropriate defense against these is a strong password policy which includes thorough instructions for good password habits and proactive checking of password integrity.

W7.2 Operating Systems Affected

Any operating system or application with user authentication.

W7.3 CVE Entries

[CAN-1999-0506](#), [CAN-1999-0504](#), [CVE-1999-0502](#)

U10 General Unix Authentication -- Accounts with No Passwords or Weak Passwords

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U10.2 Operating Systems Affected

Any operating system or application where users authenticate via a user ID and password.

U10.3 CVE Entries

[CVE-1999-0502](#)

LC4 (aka l0phtcrack)

- **Password auditing/recovery**

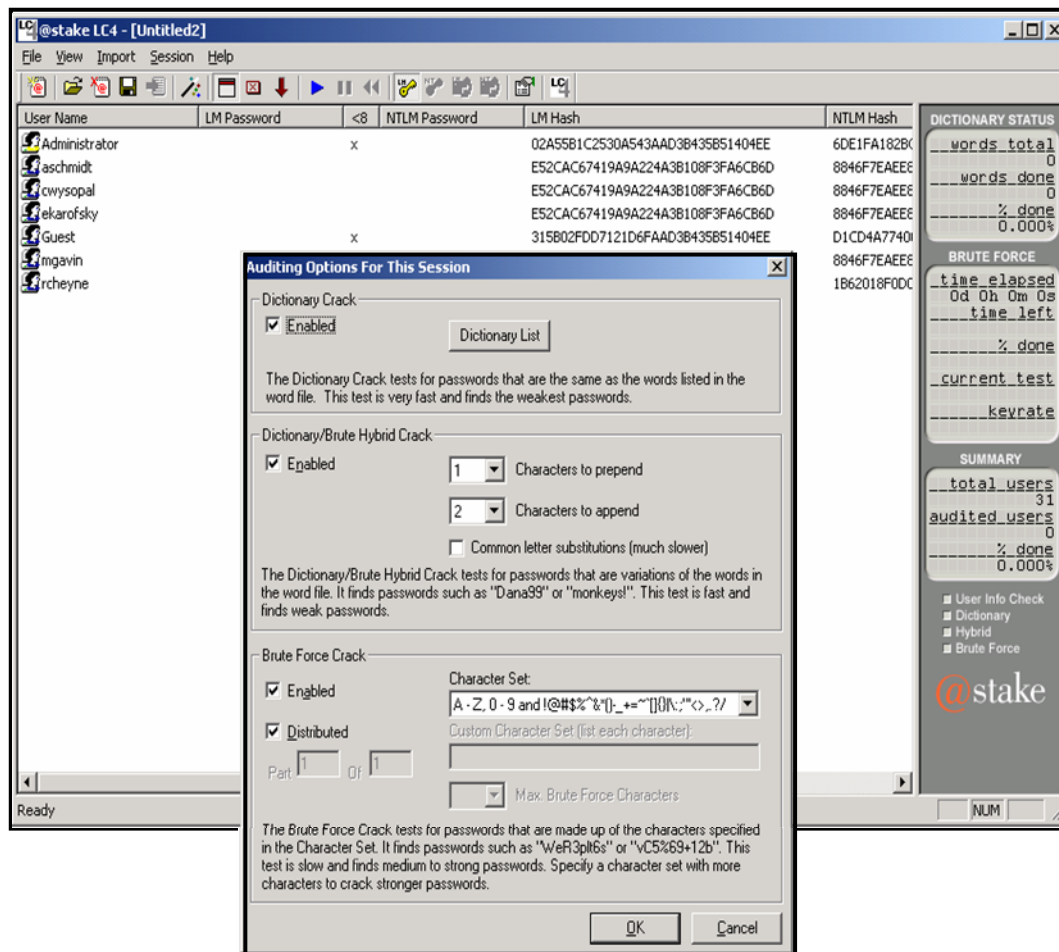
Finds weak passwords

Sampling found 18% in 10 minutes, 90% in 48 hours

Takes network input or encrypted stores

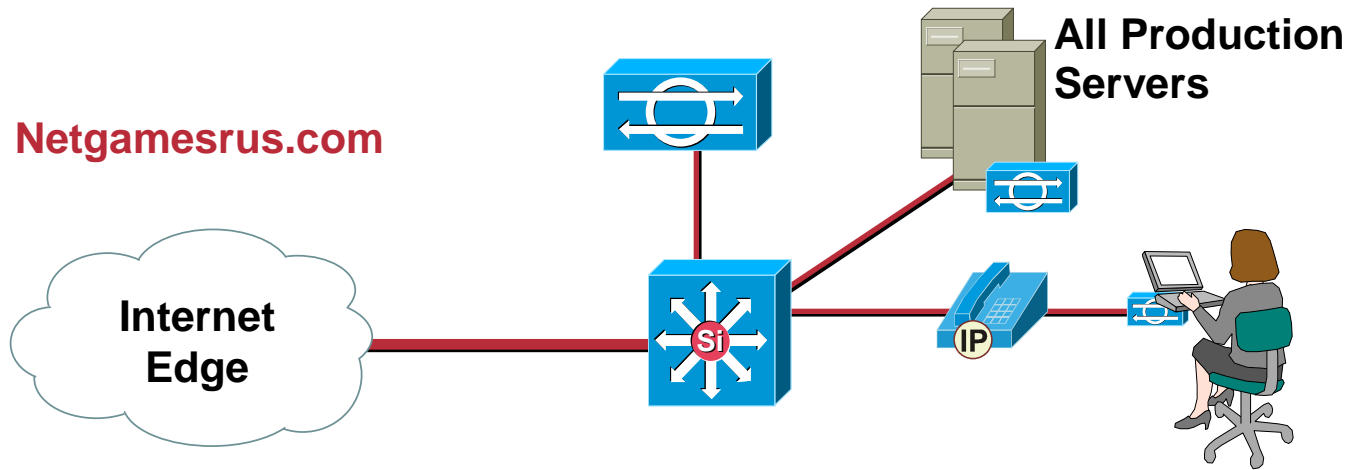
Dictionary, brute-force, and hybrid cracking support

Reporting shows time required to crack



<http://www.atstake.com/research/lc/>

Under New Management



- **After bogus email sent some staffing and operational changes occur**

Network IDS (NIDS) is deployed to inspect gaming server segment

Access control server (aka AAA) deployed to centrally manage management accounts, One-Time-Passwords (OTPs) considered

Audit all account passwords

Secure in-band management (SSH/SSL) adopted

Management Channel Security

- **In-band in the clear**
 - Optionally with strong authentication**
- **In-band secured**
 - Application layer encryption (SSH, SSL)**
 - Network layer encryption (IPsec)**
 - Good for non-configuration protocols**
 - Syslog, TFTP, SNMP**
- **Out-of-band management**
 - Strongest security**
 - Beware topology sensitive management systems**

NIDS in High Load Environments

- **NIDS value reduced when packet rate too high due to data loss (NIDS fails open)**
- **Tricks for reducing load include:**
 - Load balancing multiple NIDS devices**
 - Layer 3 and 4 pre-screening of data**
 - Unidirectional, not bi-directional, examination (some signatures do not fire properly)**
- **Beware overly sensitive alarming, don't be overwhelmed**

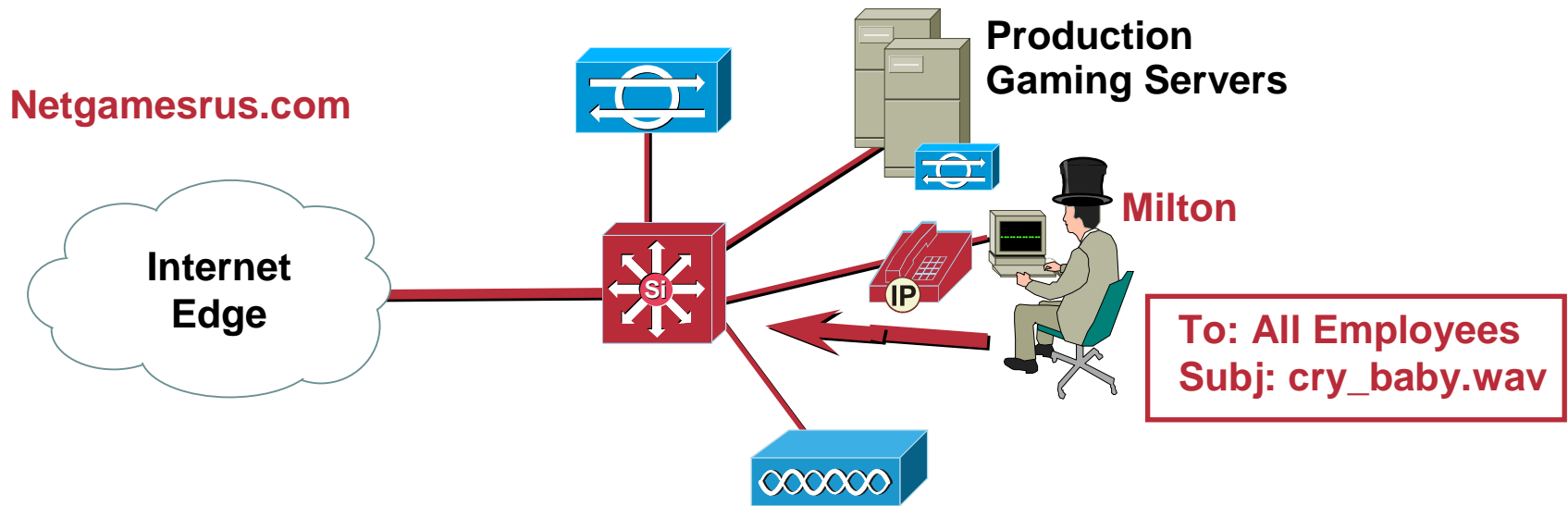
Layer 4 ACLs in Switches

- **L4 access control in switches (e.g. CAT6k)**
- **ASIC/hardware support important for Gigabit environments**
- **Logging, when available, is unwise at high data rates**
 - On a CAT6k performance drops an order of magnitude
- **Note access control is stateless**
 - Ideal for L3 use
 - L4 multi-channel protocol filtering is hard and insecure (no state tracking)
- **Stateful firewalls in switches are now available**

One-Time Passwords (OTPs)

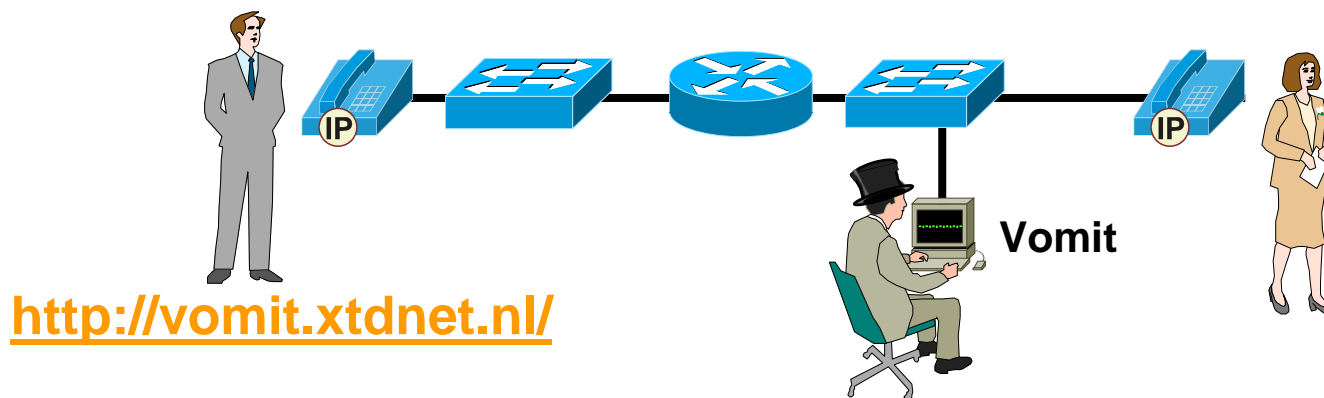
- **Commonly used for NAS, device management, and remote access VPNs (don't rely solely on device authentication)**
- **Mitigate eavesdropping and replay attacks**
- **Each password only useful once**
- **Synchronization between authentication server and client**
- **Agreement may be based on time, sequence, and a PIN**
- **Software and hardware-based**

“And Now for Something Completely Different”



- Milton escalates with Dsniff again, this time in combination with voice tools
- He pulls IP phone conversations off the wire and actually captures a discussion between the CEO and his wife nagging him for working too late
- Sends it to everyone in the company from a free Internet email account

Let's Talk about VOMIT



```
$ vomit -r phone.dump | waveplay -S8000 -B16 -C1
```

- **Voice-over-Misconfigured-IP-Telephony (VOMIT)**

Compatible with Cisco IP phones, G.711 codec only

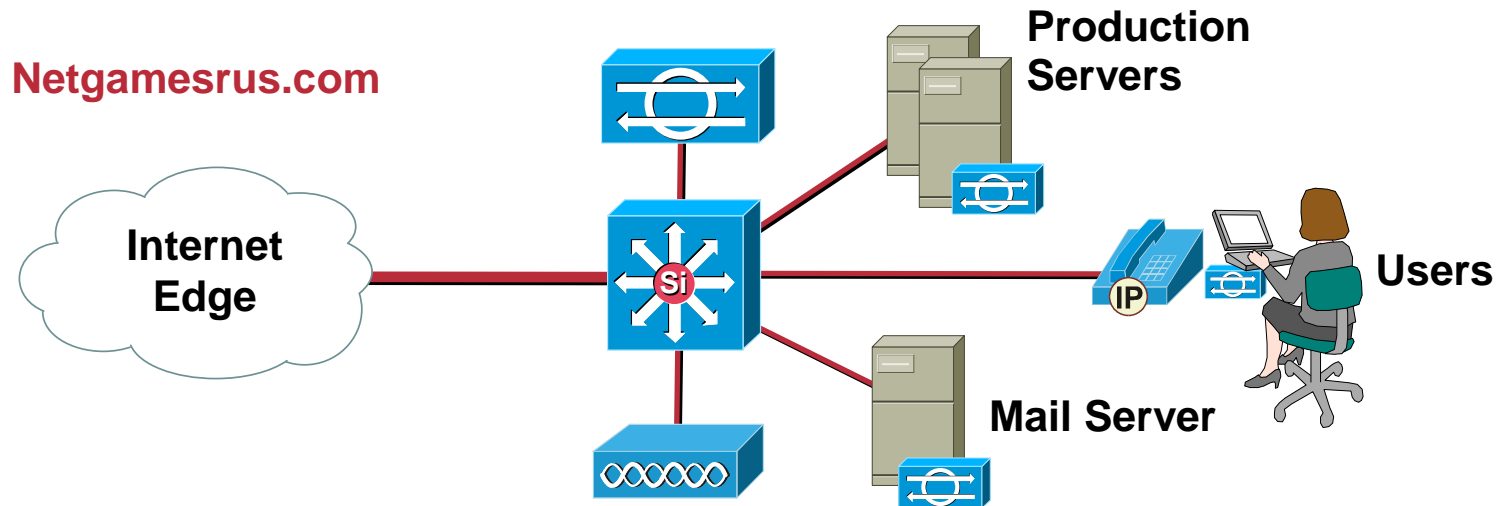
Man-in-the-middle attack carried out by Dsniff assists in providing a TCPDUMP of the conversation

VOMIT takes on input the TCPDUMP file and on output generates a WAV file for convenient listening

Other commercial tools available (e.g. DNA-323)

http://www.acterna.com/united_states/Products/data/products_voip.html

Here We Go Again



- After searching for traditional “bugs” to no avail, research reveals VOMIT and Dsniff
- IT group locks down all switches and routers in the campus
 L2 lockdown (note change)
- NIDS tuned additionally to inspect all campus VLANs for L2 exploits
- CEO is offered “how to balance your personal life and work” counseling

Layer 2 Security Best Practices 1/2

- Manage switches in as secure a manner as possible (SSH, OOB, permit lists, etc.)
- **Always** use a dedicated VLAN ID for all trunk ports
- Be paranoid: do not use VLAN 1 for anything
- Set all user ports to non trunking
- Deploy port-security where possible for user ports
- Selectively use SNMP and treat community strings like root passwords
- Have a plan for the ARP security issues in your network (ARP inspection, IDS, etc.)

Layer 2 Security Best Practices 2/2

- **Enable STP attack mitigation (BPDU Guard, Root Guard)**
- **Decide what to do about DHCP attacks (DHCP Snooping, VACLs)**
- **Use private VLANs where appropriate to further divide L2 networks**
- **Use MD5 authentication for VTP**
- **Use CDP only where necessary**
- **Disable all unused ports and put them in an unused VLAN**

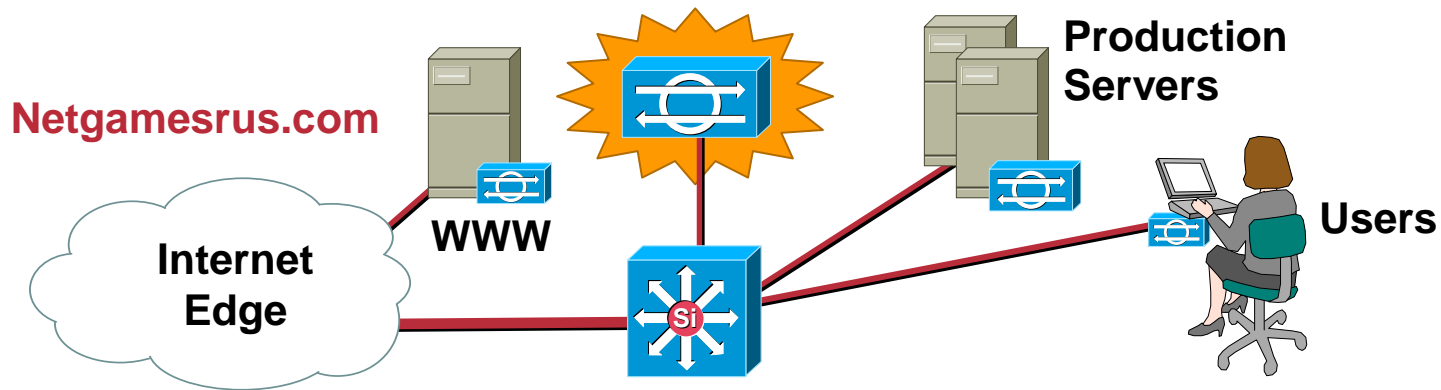
**All of the Preceding Features Are Dependent on
Your Own Security Policy**

Beware Where You Store Credentials

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<meta http-equiv="Content-Language" content="en-us">
<meta http-equiv="Content-Type" content="text/html; charset=windows-1252">
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Arial, Helvetica">
<p></p>
<p>
<%
On Error resume Next
openstr = "DRIVER={SQL Server}; server=192.168.0.10;
database=pubs;UID=pubs;PWD=password"
Set cn = Server.CreateObject("ADODB.Connection")
cn.Open openstr
sql = "SELECT sum(qty) FROM buys; "
...
```



Not Bad



- **NIDS fires, Dsniff mitigated, but strange charges appear on customer's credit cards**
 - L2 trace finds uncontrolled desktop, IT decides to deploy 802.1X
 - DB log check shows recent access from web-server for compromised accounts; in response the system is patched, HIPS is installed, and a custom NIDS signature is deployed searching for "fetchmydata;" finally, host logging is enabled
- **Administrators determine no-such worm was spreading**
 - Look into routing protocol neighbor logs and eventually locate rogue router, enable authentication of routing protocol
 - Now more clear than ever this is an inside job**, install keyboard loggers on all desktops and servers—two can play that game!

Custom SQL NIDS String

The screenshot shows the Cisco NIDS configuration interface. At the top is a toolbar with icons for Forward, Lock, Tearoff, Find, Check, Help, Context, and Start. Below the toolbar are tabs for General and Signatures. Under the Signatures tab, there are sub-tabs for General Signatures, Connection Signatures, String Signatures, and ACL Signatures. The String Signatures sub-tab is active, displaying a list of signatures. The text above the table reads: "These are the String sub-signatures for the sensor." The table has columns for String, Port, Direction, Occurr, Severity, Enable, and Actions. The last row, "fetchmydata", is highlighted with a dashed border. Below the table are buttons for Add, Delete, and Modify.

| String | Port | Direction | Occurr | Severity | Enable | Actions |
|--|------|-----------|--------|----------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| [+][]+[+] | 23 | To | 1 | Low | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | None |
| [/]etc[/]shadow | 23 | To | 1 | High | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | None |
| [+][]+[+] | 513 | To & | 1 | High | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | None |
| [+][]+[+] | 513 | To | 1 | High | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | None |
| [+][]+[+] | 513 | From | 1 | Low | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | None |
| GET.*[.]printer[\\x00-\\xff]*[\\n][Hh][C | 80 | To | 1 | High | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | None |
| fetchmydata | 80 | To | 1 | High | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Block, TCP Reset, |

802.1X and Group-Level Authorization

- **Similar technology to WLAN PEAP (based on EAP as well)**
- **Enables per-port authentication**
 - Multiple credential-types supported by EAP
- **Provides VLAN assignment capabilities**
 - VLAN assignment in combination with the distribution device enforces L3/4 policy for group-level authorization
 - E.g. accounts payable verses sales
 - Different groups, different access policies
 - Works in wired or wireless worlds

Host System Logs

The screenshot displays the Windows Event Viewer application. The 'Tree' pane on the left shows the hierarchy: Event Viewer (Local) > System Log. The main pane shows a list of 223 events in the System Log. An 'Event Properties' dialog box is open, showing details for a selected event. The event details are as follows:

| Field | Value |
|----------|---------------|
| Date | 5/7/2001 |
| Time | 21:01 |
| Type | Information |
| User | N/A |
| Computer | RUSSRICE-W2K1 |
| Source | RemoteAccess |
| Category | None |
| Event ID | 20158 |

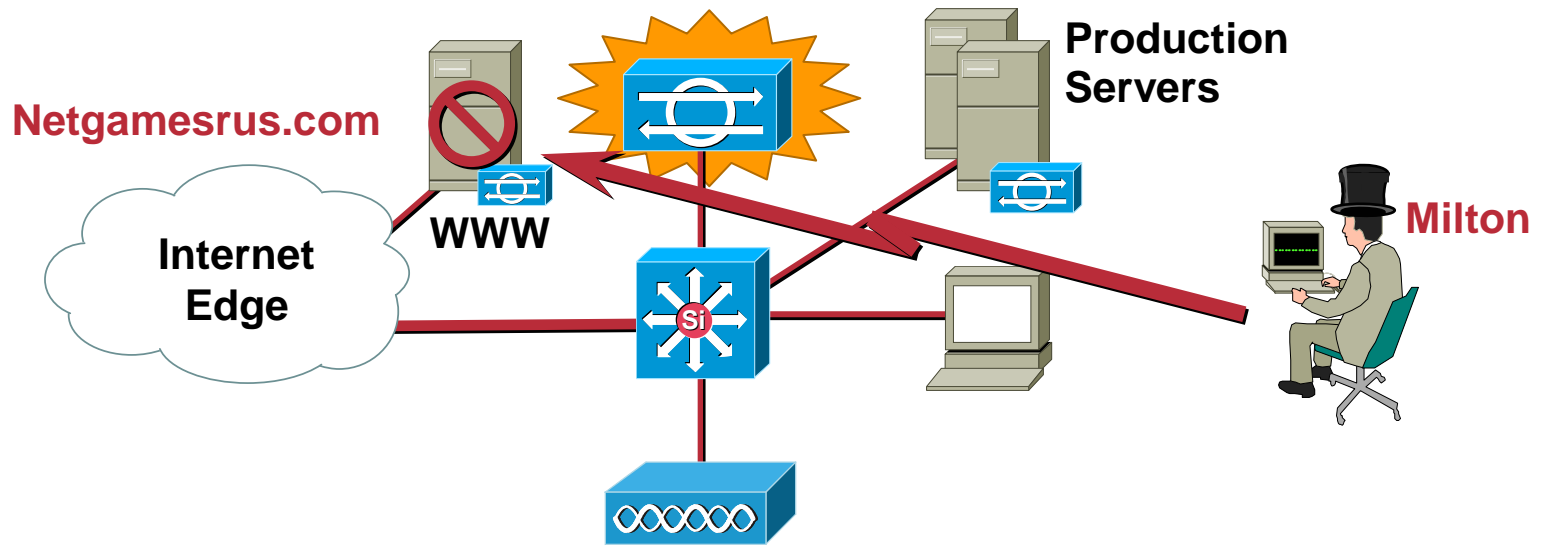
Description:
The user russrice successfully established a connection to Cisco Main using the device COM3.

Data: Bytes Words

Campus Filtering: Spoof Mitigation

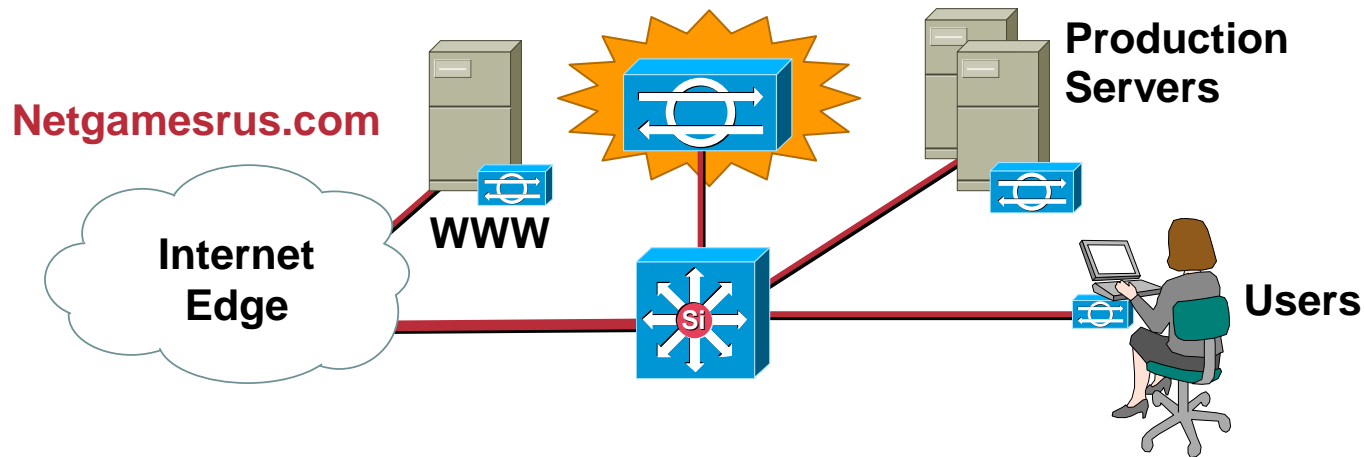
- **Consider dynamic filtering**
 - 802.1x group-ACL extensions
- **RFC 2827 has its place in the campus**
 - Given segments with known RFC 1918 subnets should filter out any off-segment sourced traffic and limit inbound and outbound traffic to known ports**
 - Port granularity more likely in network-service or management segments, not likely for desktops**
- **Filtering between telephony and data or any network segment will reduce the likelihood of attack bleed-over**
 - E.g. DoS attacks in the data network effecting the voice network**
- **Static WLAN filtering in most environments is not effective**
 - Exception IPsec**
 - Again consider 802.1x group-ACL extensions**

PayDay!



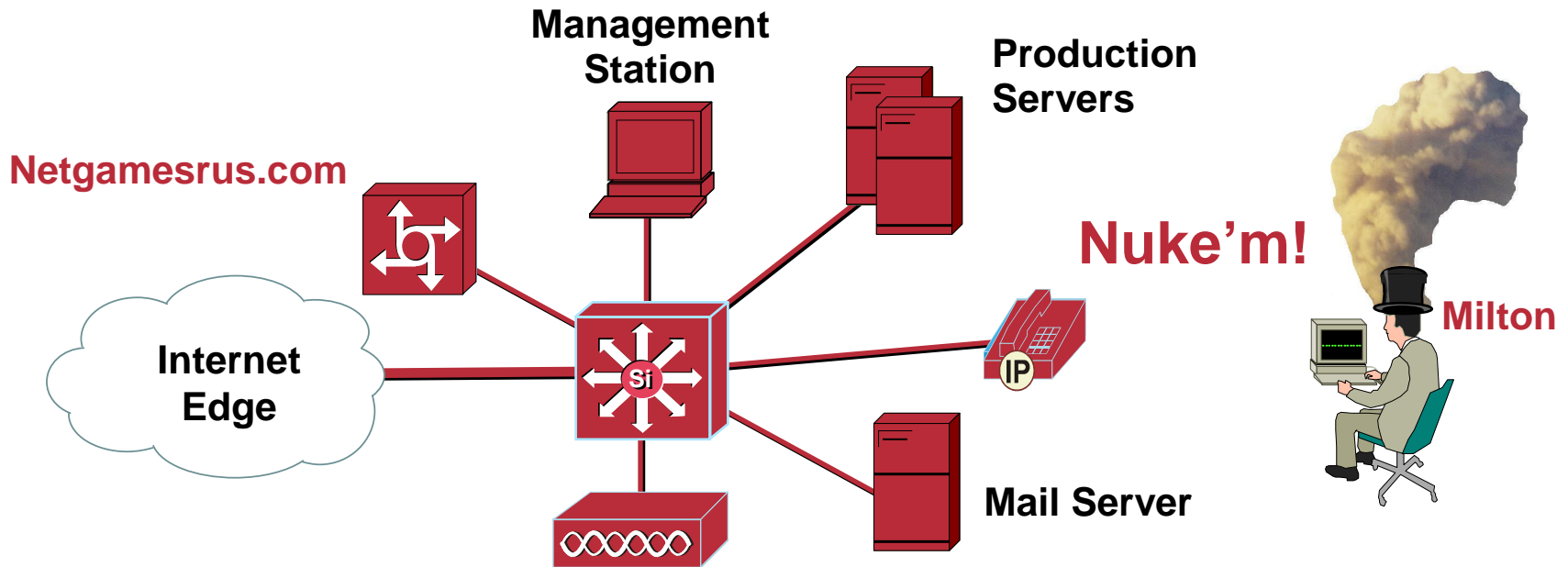
- **Milton attempts to run his script from a co-workers PC but to no avail!**
- **Thinks they may be on to him so he calls in sick for the day**

Success!



- **NIDS triggers on “fetchmydata” bogus script call (alarms ensue)**
- **IT backtracks through access logs to determine who had the specific IP at that time and initiate traceback**
- ***Success* they determine it was sourced from an uncontrolled lab system**
- **Retrieve keyboard logs, realize it’s someone in Milton’s department!**

Vengeance



- **Too many accusations**

Book a ticket to Mexico City

Finds as many available systems as possible and launches a DDoS against the entire campus LAN, using spoofed addressing to mask source of attack

“I am going to be a mushroom cloud laying (deleted) on your (deleted)”

At the End of the Day

- **Milton:**

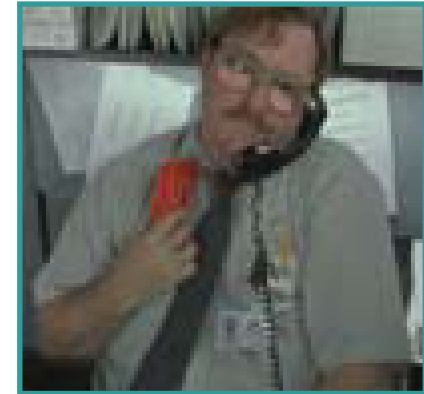
Lots of nail biting

Most likely locked up

Definitely terminated

Definitely lost his stapler

Could have profited and left the country



Milton

- **Netgamesrus.com:**

Several admins and managers

\$100K or less of gear and software

**Countless patching, re-imaging,
password refreshes**

Downtime and unhappy customers

PR nightmare

Vs.

Netgamesrus.com

Is There a Better Way?

- **Comprehensive security architecture**
 - Have a security policy
 - Technologies work together as a system
 - No single point of failure
 - Overwhelming defense
(barriers, trip-wires, reactions)
- **Skilled staff**
 - Prudent deployment and tuning of products
 - Limit how much is learned the hard way
- **Know the threat and your weaknesses**
 - Track threat tools and security technologies
 - Proactive approach to mitigation
 - Audit posture regularly
- **Cheaper to pay upfront than after the fact**
 - Stay employed and in business!



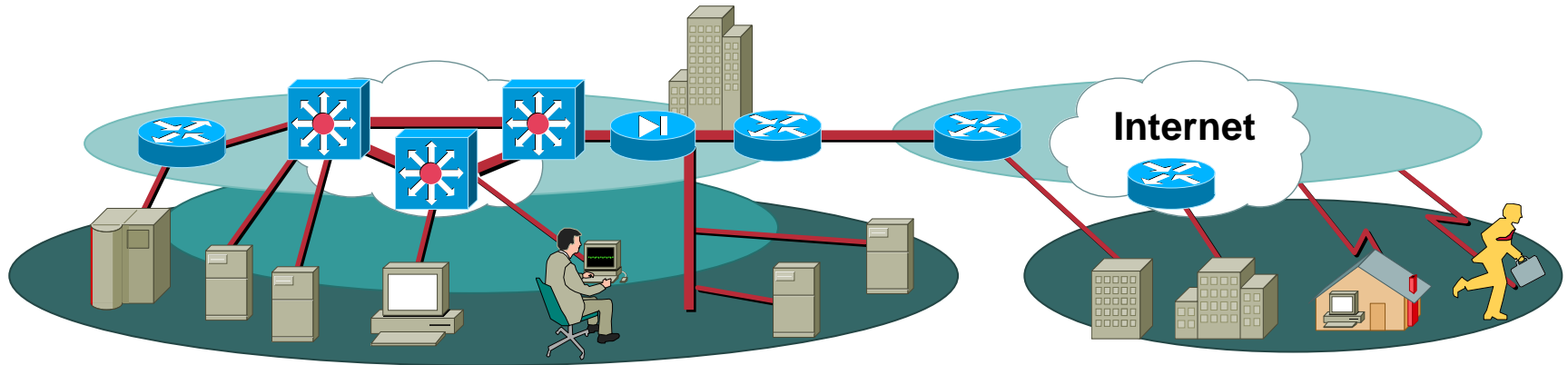
Campus Design Considerations Agenda

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- **Security Design Overview**
- **Integrated Security Solution**
- **Distributed Security Solution**
- **High-End Resilient Security Solution**

Overall Security Design Goals

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- **“Network security is a system”**
- **Security throughout the infrastructure**
- **Secure management and reporting**
- **Authentication of key users and operators**
- **Intrusion detection for critical areas**
- **Accommodation of emerging network apps**
WLAN, IP telephony

Design Considerations

- **General considerations**

Integrated vs. dedicated security functions

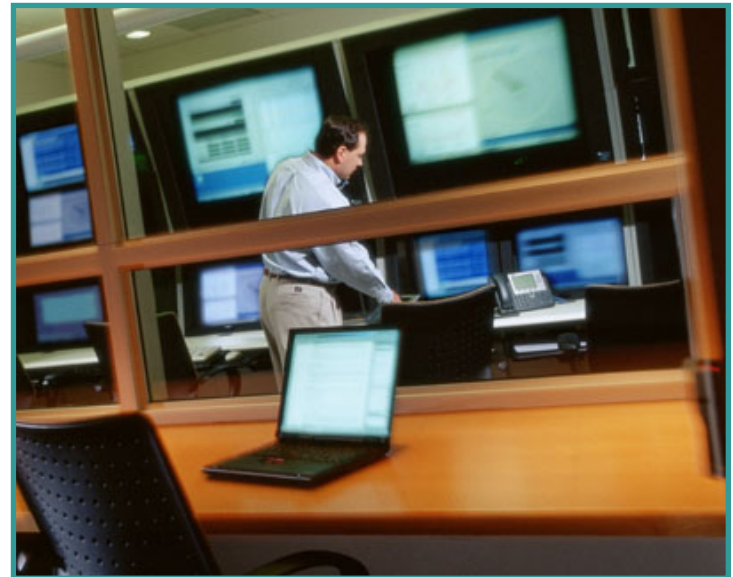
Device specific

IDS architecture

Logging architecture

- **Wireless LAN**

- **IP telephony**



Integrated vs. Dedicated

- **Performance**

Software vs. hardware

Wire-rate mostly necessary
for campus

- **Management**

Netops or Secops

- **Configuration**

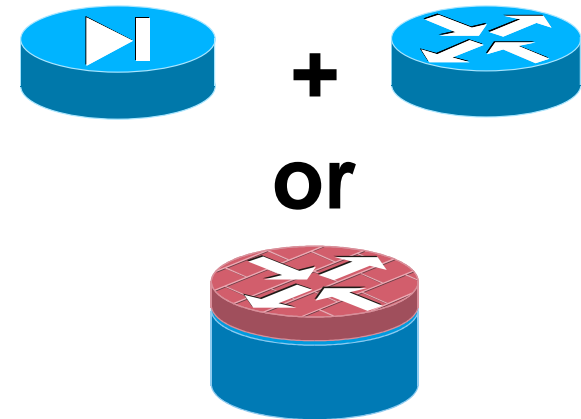
Routers and switches default open

Most security devices default closed

- **Resilience considerations**

- **Complexity**

Topology vs. device configuration



Device Specific Security: Routers

- **Potentially a hacker's best friend**
 - Effect availability of network, not just end-point services
 - Eavesdropping, man-in-the-middle
- **Protection should include:**
 - Constraining telnet access
 - SNMP read-only
 - Administrative access with TACACS+
 - ACLs to specify the management station
 - Turning off unneeded services
 - Logging unauthorized access attempts
 - Authentication of routing updates
 - Secure command and control where possible (SSH, IPsec)
- www.cisco.com/warp/public/707/21.html
- **Cisco IOS Secure Device Manager (SDM)**



Device Specific Security: Switches

- Protection needs are similar to routers
- VLANs create additional concerns:
 - VLANs should not span the distribution unless necessary (e.g. management, WLAN, etc.)**

Remove user ports from auto-trunking

Use non-user VLANs for trunk ports

Set unused ports to a non-routed VLAN

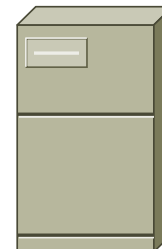
Ensure VLAN separation where appropriate

- **Remember a switch is designed to enable communications**
- **Consider per-port authentication 802.1X and enforcing group-level authorization privileges**



Device Specific Security: Hosts/Applications

- **High visibility makes them easy targets (2002 CSI/FBI survey)**
 - 47% respondents offer WWW site for e-commerce (97% have WWW sites)
 - 38% respondents had unauthorized access or misuse to sites (+50% Y-Y) (21% don't know)
 - 39% of these reported 10+ incidents (-33% Y-Y)
 - 60% attacks from outside, 32% from inside and outside
 - Attack types experienced: 70% vandalism, 55% DoS, 12% theft, 6% financial fraud
- **Ensure that host components are compatible and at the latest version**
 - Hardware platform
 - Operating system and updates
 - Standard applications, patches, and scripts
- **Limit running services to only what's necessary**
- **Audit trails matter**
- **Trust considerations**
 - Between services on the host and between hosts
- **Protect applications**
 - Complexity of applications makes them prone to human error
 - Timely patching (however there are issues)
 - Public domain, commercial, or self-developed?
- **Provide layered security though deployment of anti-virus and HIPS**



Intrusion Detection Systems

- **Host and network**

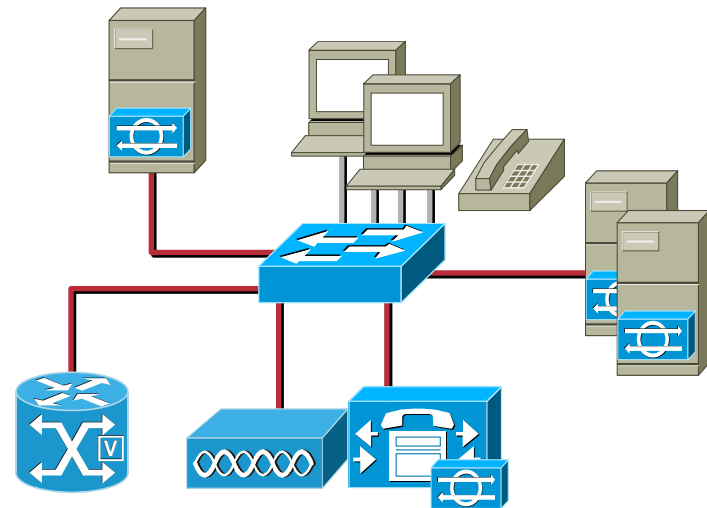
Both have their place

NIDS in campus environments may easily become overwhelmed

False positives

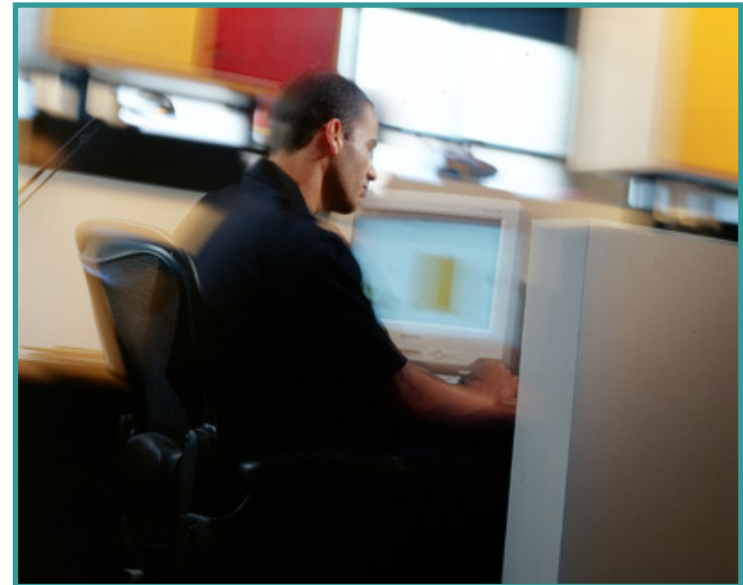
- **Placement**

- **Alarm or enforce?**



Logging Architecture

- **Device priority**
- **Where to log (multiple servers? One for historical, one for tactical? Tiered?)**
- **What to log (log levels)**
- **Some servers are log protocol and/or function specific (post office vs. syslog)**
- **Scaling considerations (per server, per network device, filtered display based on alarm level)**



Design Considerations

- **General considerations**
- **Wireless LAN**

Wireless networks are targets

WLANs are weapons

AP security options

LEAP WLAN design

VPN WLAN design

- **IP telephony**

Wireless Networks Are Targets

- **IT can't keep up with deployments**
- **WLAN devices ship with all security features disabled**
- **Generic 802.11b devices don't have effective security options**
- **WindowsXP informs users of available WLAN networks**
- **2.4 GHz jamming is trivial (cordless phones, baby monitors, microwave ovens, bluetooth devices)**
- **Most WLAN APs have only clear-text management options**

Wireless Networks Are Targets

- **Access point security recommendations:**

- **Enable user authentication for the management interface**

- **Choose strong community strings for Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) and change them often**

- **Consider using SNMP read only if your management infrastructure allows it**

- **Disable any insecure and nonessential management protocol provided by the manufacturer**

- **Limit management traffic to a dedicated wired subnet**

- **Encrypt all management traffic where possible**

- **Enable wireless frame encryption where available**

- **Client security recommendations:**

- **Disable ad hoc mode**

- **Enable wireless frame encryption where available**

WLANs Are Weapons

- APs are small and cheap
- Physical building security is weak (tailgaters)
- Most buildings allow campus connectivity on all ports
- All this adds up to a cheap, effective, and anonymous hacking opportunity
- Consider the following:
 - MAC address limitations on switches
 - Conference rooms use wireless access with authentication and privacy
 - Perform regular physical and RF sweeps for APs



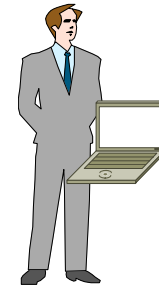
Who Installs Rogue APs?— “Focus on the Frustrated Insider”

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Frustrated insider

- User that installs wireless AP in order to benefit from increased efficiency and convenience it offers
- Common because of wide availability of low cost APs
- Usually ignorant of AP security configuration, default configuration most common

>99.9% of Rogue APs



Jones from Accounting

Malicious hacker

- Penetrates physical security specifically to install a rogue AP
- Can customize AP to hide it from detection tools
- Hard to detect—more effective to prevent via 802.1x and physical security
- More likely to install LINUX box than an AP

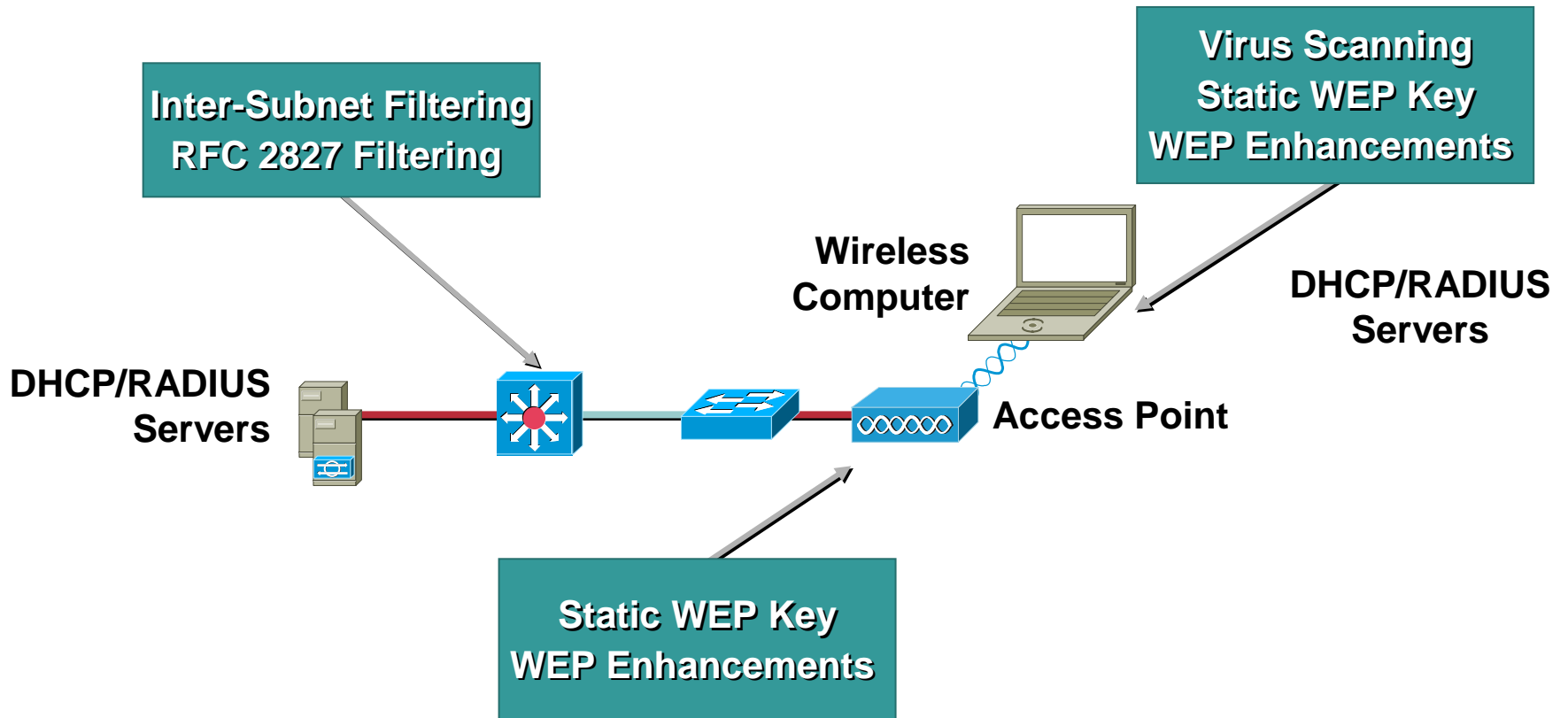
<.1% of Rogue APs



James Bond

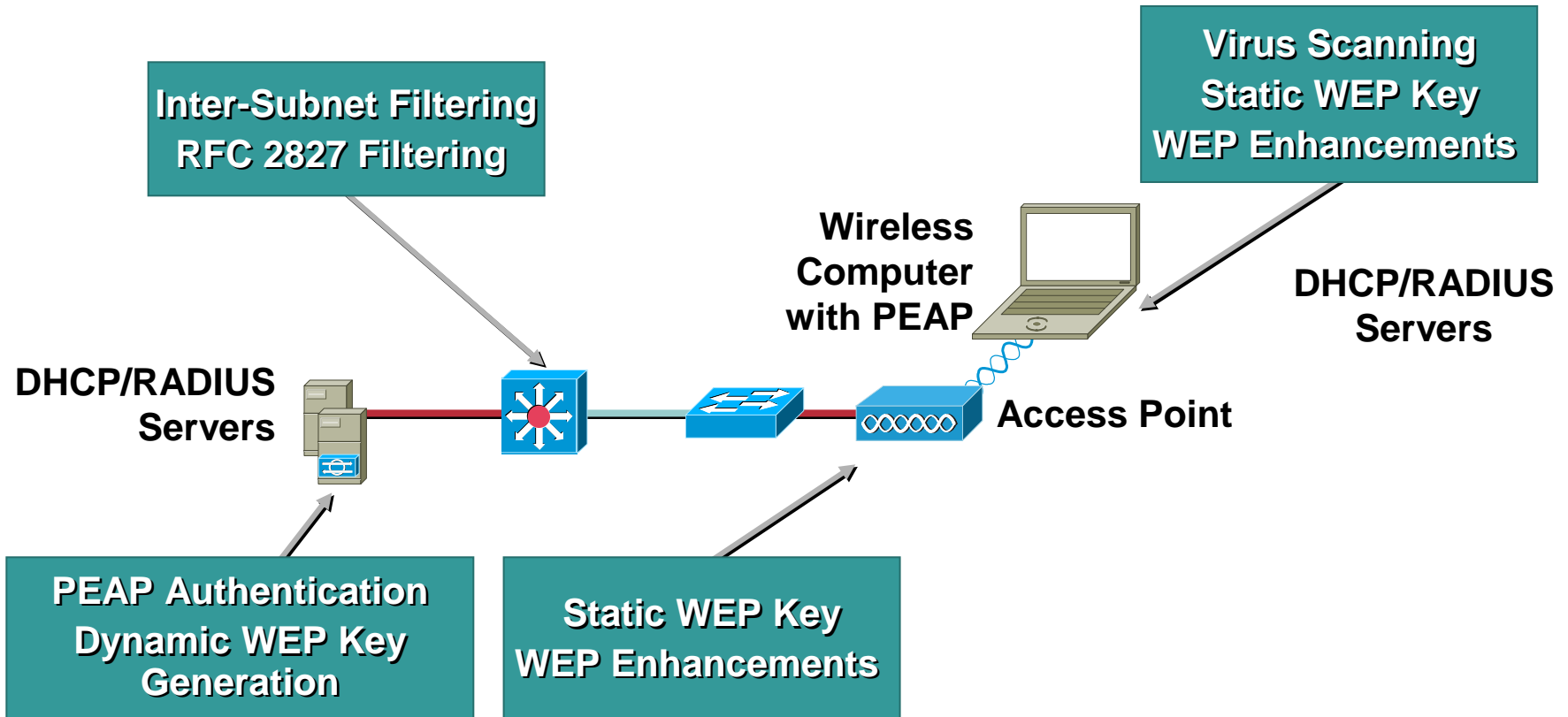
WEP WLAN Design

Be Aware of the Limitations

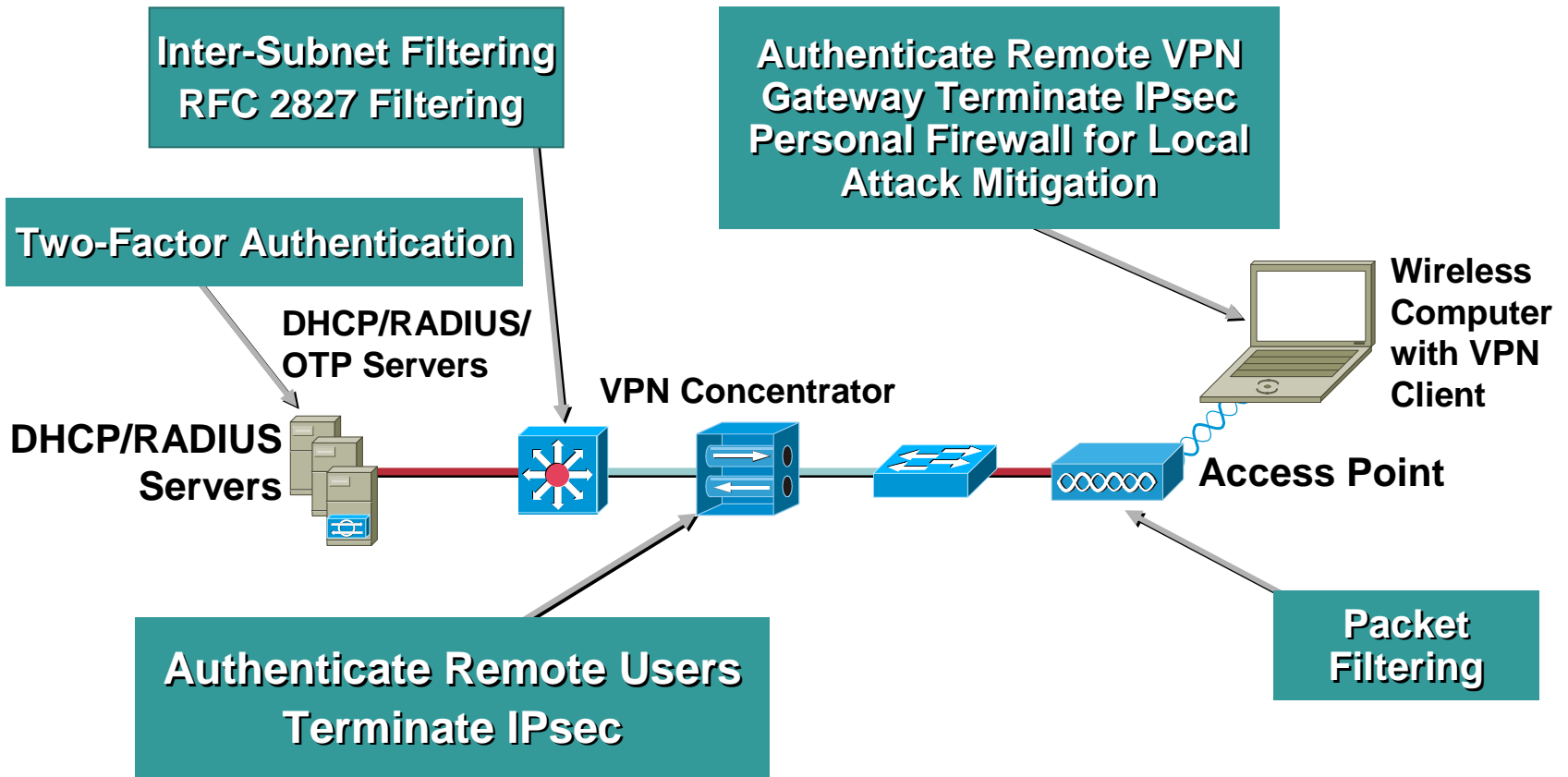


PEAP-TKIP WLAN Design

LEAP/PEAP



VPN WLAN Design



What EAP Types Are Available?

| | LEAP | EAP-TLS | EAP-PEAP |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Server Authentication | Password | Certs/PKI | Certs/PKI |
| Client Authentication | Password | Certs/PKI | Password ¹ |
| Single Sign on | Yes | Yes | No ² |
| Vulnerable to Password Attack | No ³ | No | No |
| OTP/LDAP Support | No | N/A | Yes |
| Additional Infrastructure | No | Yes/CA | Yes/CA |

¹ Not limited to password schemes, but that is what is currently available

² MS native supplicant supports SSO w/EAP-MS-CHAPv2

³ Requires strong passwords

Coming: Wi-Fi Protected Access (WPA)

- **Components of WPA:**

Authenticated key management using 802.1X:

EAP authentication and Pre-Shared Key (PSK) authentication

EAP-TLS and RADIUS are the nominated EAP test mechanism

TKIP: per-packet keying

Message Integrity Check (MIC)

Unicast and broadcast key management

IV expansion: 48 bit IVs

Migration mode—coexistence of WPA and non-WPA devices

Design Considerations

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- **IP Telephony**

The state of IP telephony

Voice attacks

Data and voice segmentation

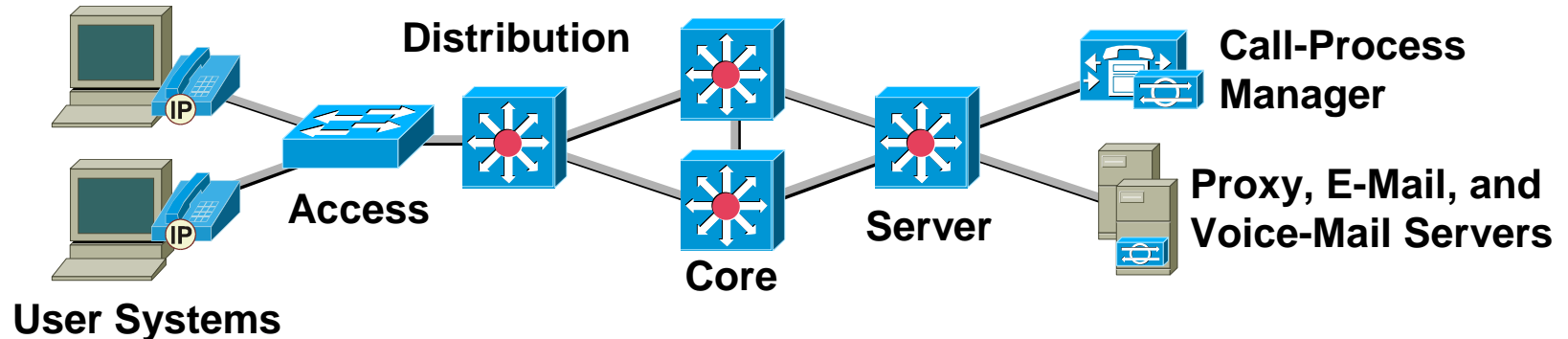
The State of IP Telephony

- **Today** there is no single widely deployed standard for call signaling
 - Virtually all vendors rely on proprietary protocols
 - Standards-based protocols lack features or have feature disparity
- **Voice protocols are still relatively new**
 - Hackers are not familiar with them yet
 - There are not many documented attacks
- **Security and IP telephony are in the initial integration phase**
 - Most protocols today do not support confidentiality or strong device/user authentication features
 - However, there are many issues than we can address today with existing technologies

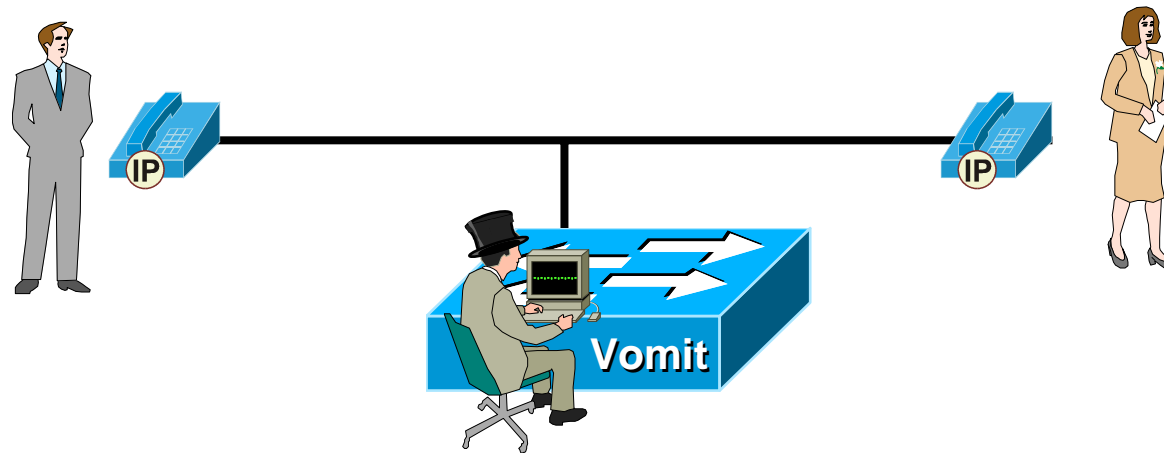
Data and Voice Segmentation

- **Use the same access, core, and distribution layers for the two segments**

Technologies such as layer 3 access control, stateful firewall, and VLANs make this possible



Voice Attacks: Back to VOMIT



- **The majority of IP telephony devices don't support confidentiality**
- **Data-voice segmentation and a switched infrastructure will greatly reduce the likelihood of eavesdropping by tools such as VOMIT**

Again, the IP phones are not really misconfigured, just lack confidentiality

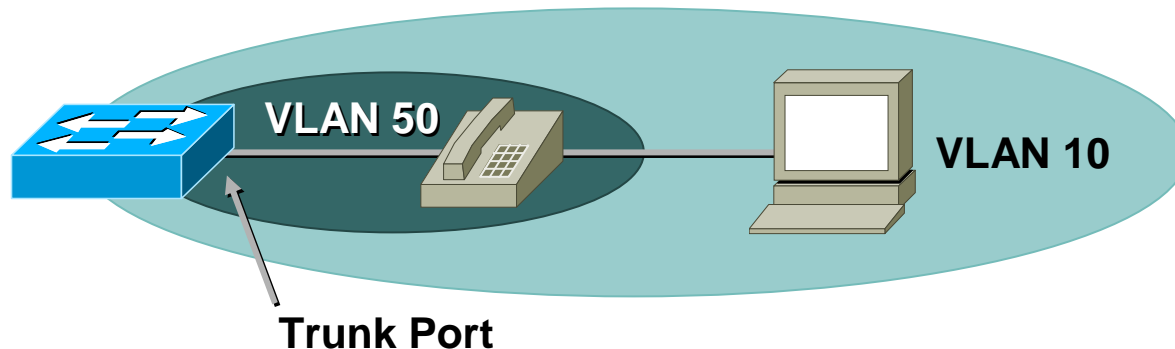
Data and Voice Segmentation II

- **IP phones typically provide access to both segments**

IP phones support a “data port” for the local PC so that only a single cable is necessary

Make sure that the phone supports separation of the two segments (e.g. via VLAN support)

We don't recommend you rely solely on VLANs for separation, in the interest of layered security you should also provide layer 3 filtering at the access layer



Data and Voice Segmentation III

- **Deploy a stateful firewall to broker the data-voice segment interaction**

Provides dynamic pinpoint access and mitigation against TCP connection starvation, UDP flood, and spoofing attacks

Feasible in front of voice services

Placement of voice and related services is key

Make certain the stateful firewall vendor you chose supports stateful inspection of the voice protocols you decided to deploy

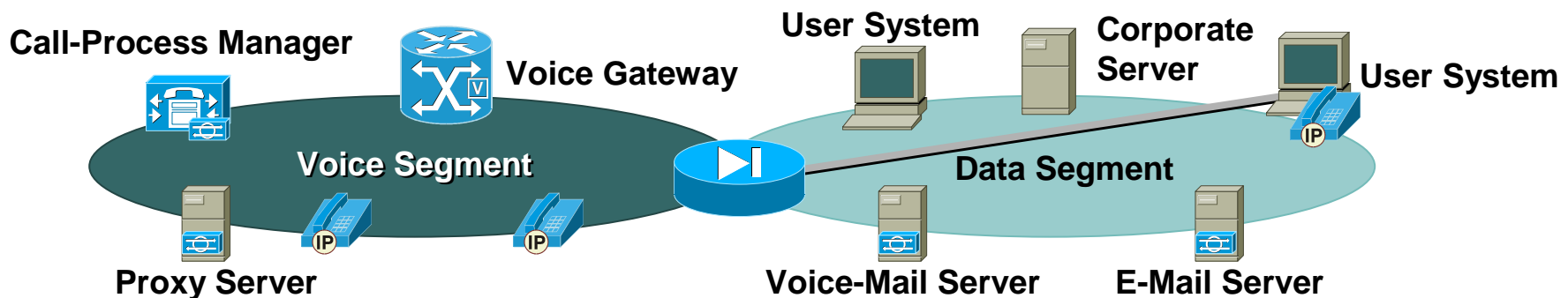
- **Use private address space for data-voice segments, such as RFC 1918**

Partitioned addressing facilitates filtering and recognition

1918 is not routeable (well, most of the time) which reduces the likelihood of reconnaissance scans even if NAT is misconfigured

Spoof mitigation filtering virtually guarantees that hosts are who they claim to be in local segments

This also eases manageability and troubleshooting



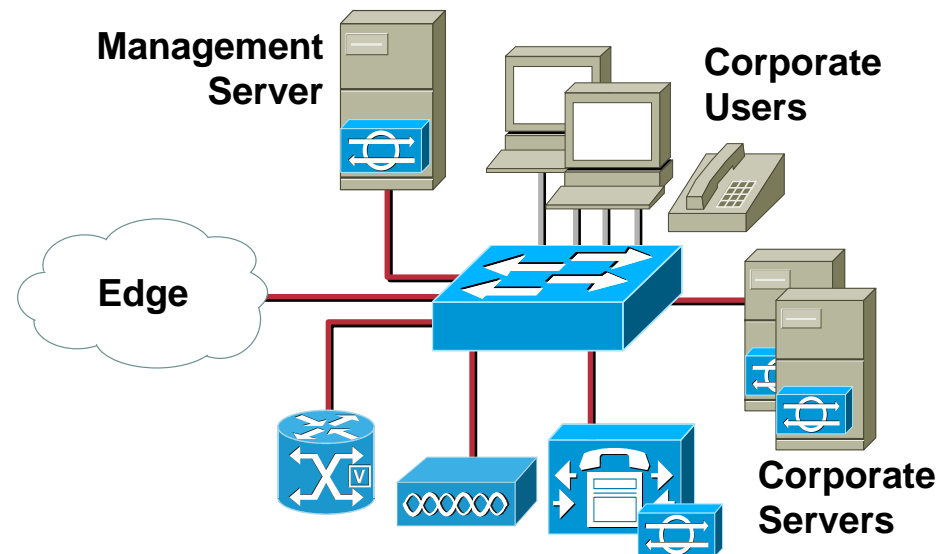
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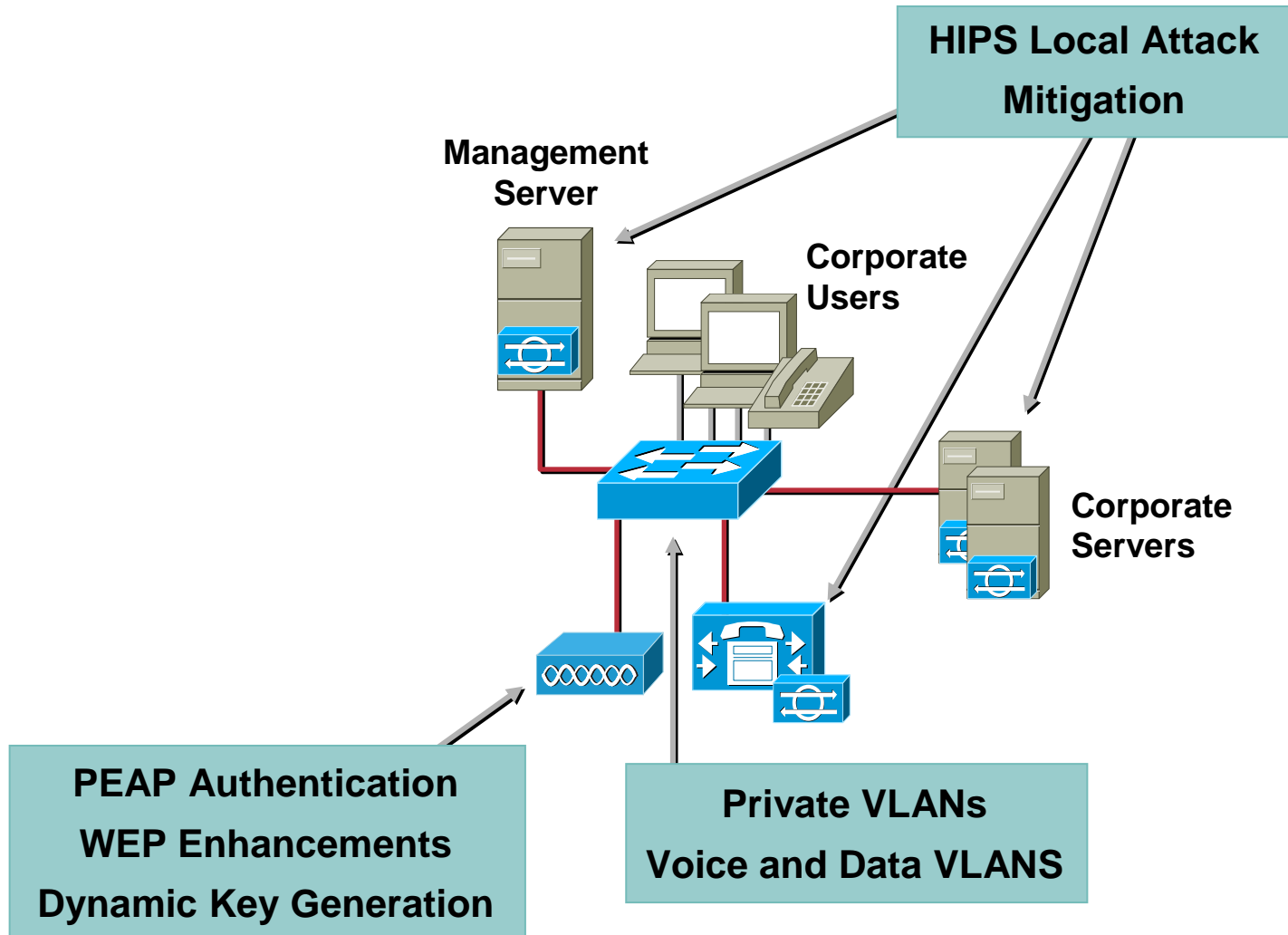
Integrated Detailed Model

Campus Module

- **Design goals**
 - Security throughout the infrastructure
 - Secure management and reporting
 - Authentication of key users and operators
 - Intrusion detection for critical areas
 - Accommodation of emerging network apps (WLAN, IPT)
 - Minimize cost
 - Integration of features
- **Alternatives**
 - How accomplish inter-vlan filtering?
 - Deploy NIDS?



Attack Mitigation



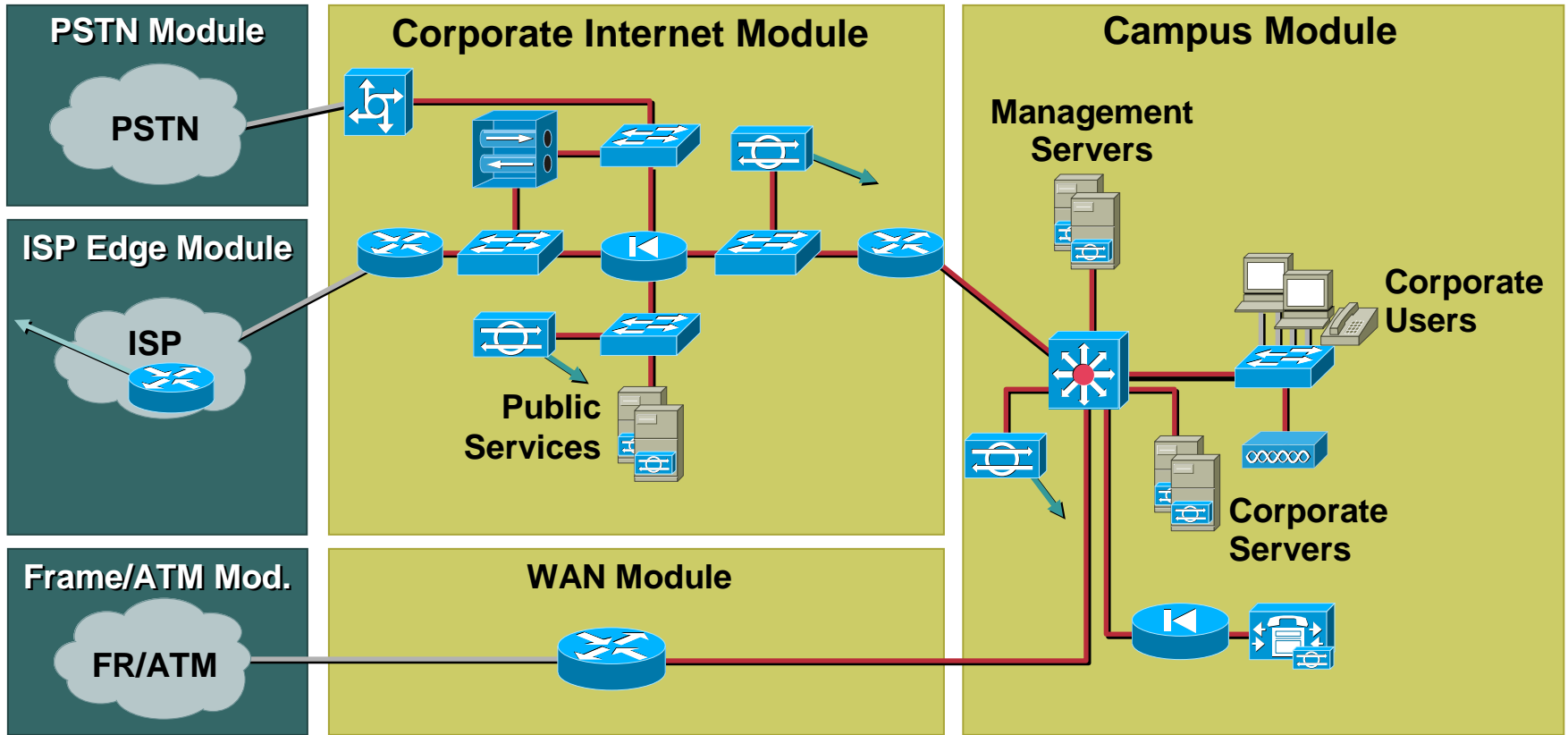
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Distributed Security Solution

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 - Intrusion detection for critical areas**
 - Accommodation of emerging network apps**
 - Performance**
 - Separation of security function**
 - No single point of total compromise**
- **Distributed security design considerations**
 - Management**
 - Configuration complexity**
 - Cost**

Distributed Security Detailed Model



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High-End Resilient Solution

- **Design Goals**

- Security throughout the infrastructure

- Secure management and reporting

- Authentication of key users and operators

- Intrusion detection for critical areas

- Accommodation of emerging network apps

- Performance**

- Resilience**

- Scalability**

- Out-of-band management**

- No single point of total compromise**

- Separation of security function**

- **Design Considerations**

- Complexity of design

- Number of devices

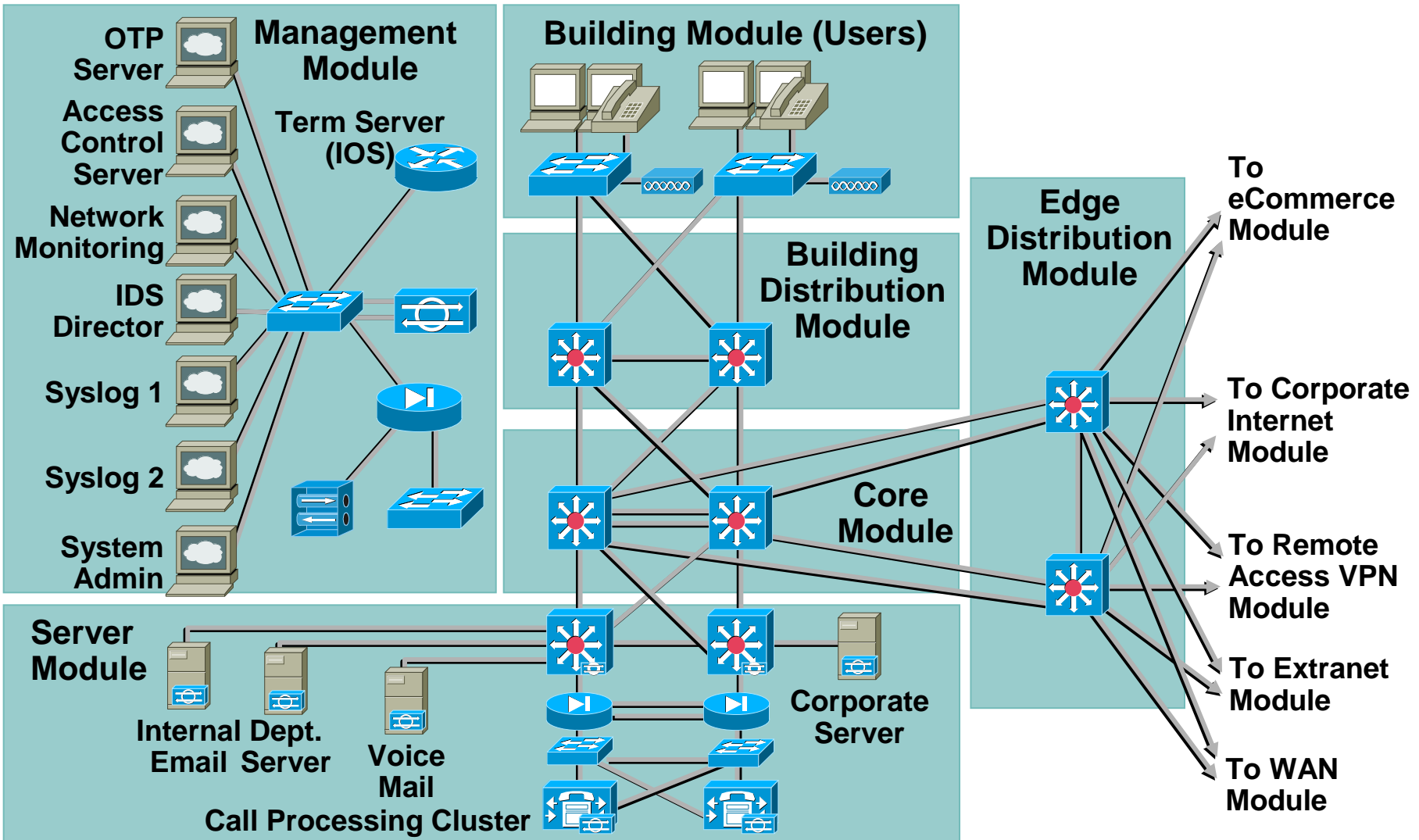
- Asymmetric routing vs. state awareness

- Management infrastructure

- Administrative roles

- Cost

High-End Resilient Campus Detail



Campus Network Section

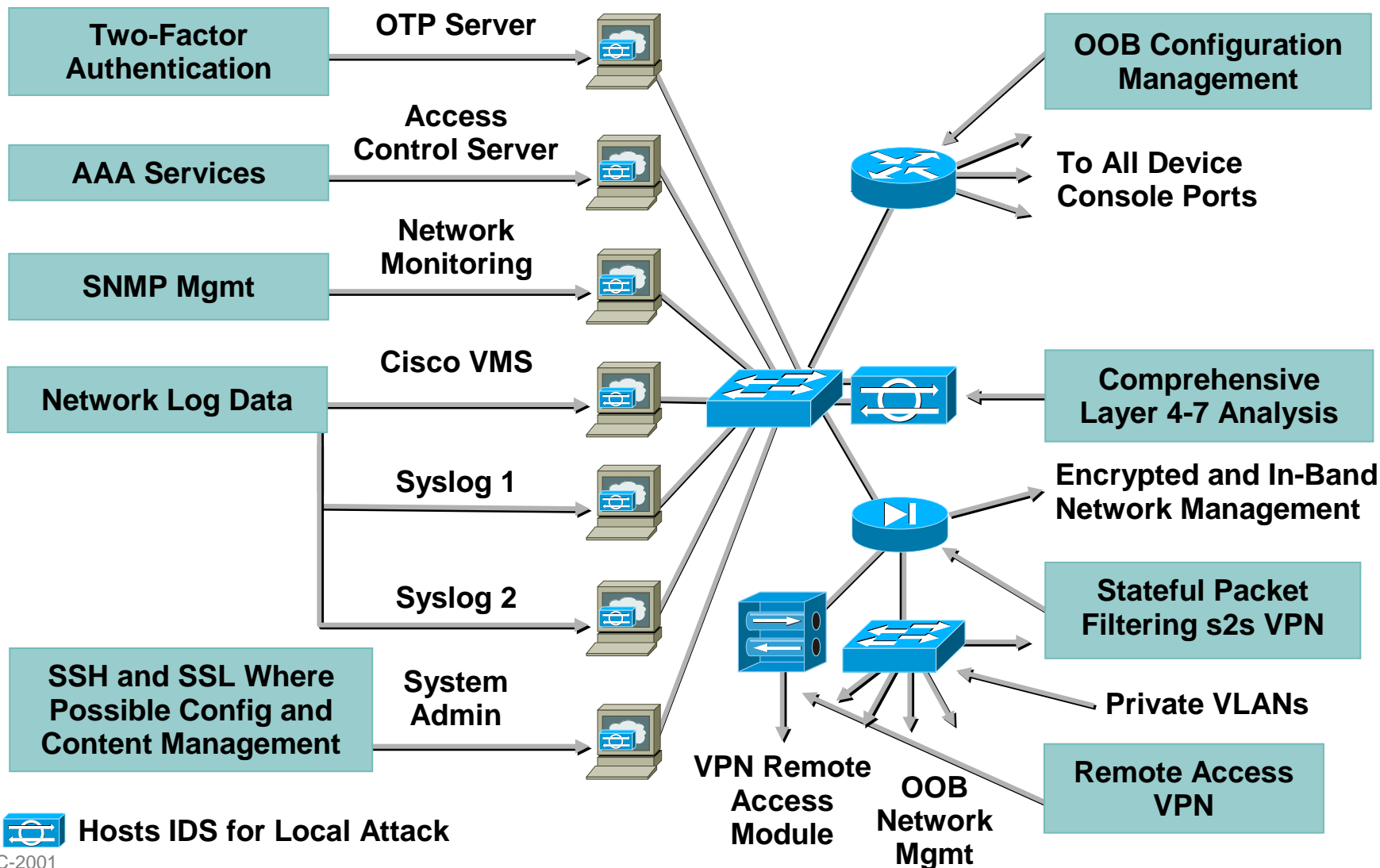
- **Management module**
- **Building access and distribution**
- **Core and server modules**

Management Module Design Goals

- **Out-of-band management**
 - Separate physical networks
 - Separate address space (i.e. 192.168.25x.xxx)
 - Use IPsec if physical separation is not possible
- **Firewall between management subnet and managed-device subnet**
- **Isolate managed ports to minimize impact of compromised device**
- **NIDS and HIPS on the management subnet**
- **One-time passwords for authentication of administrators**
- **SNMP read-only**

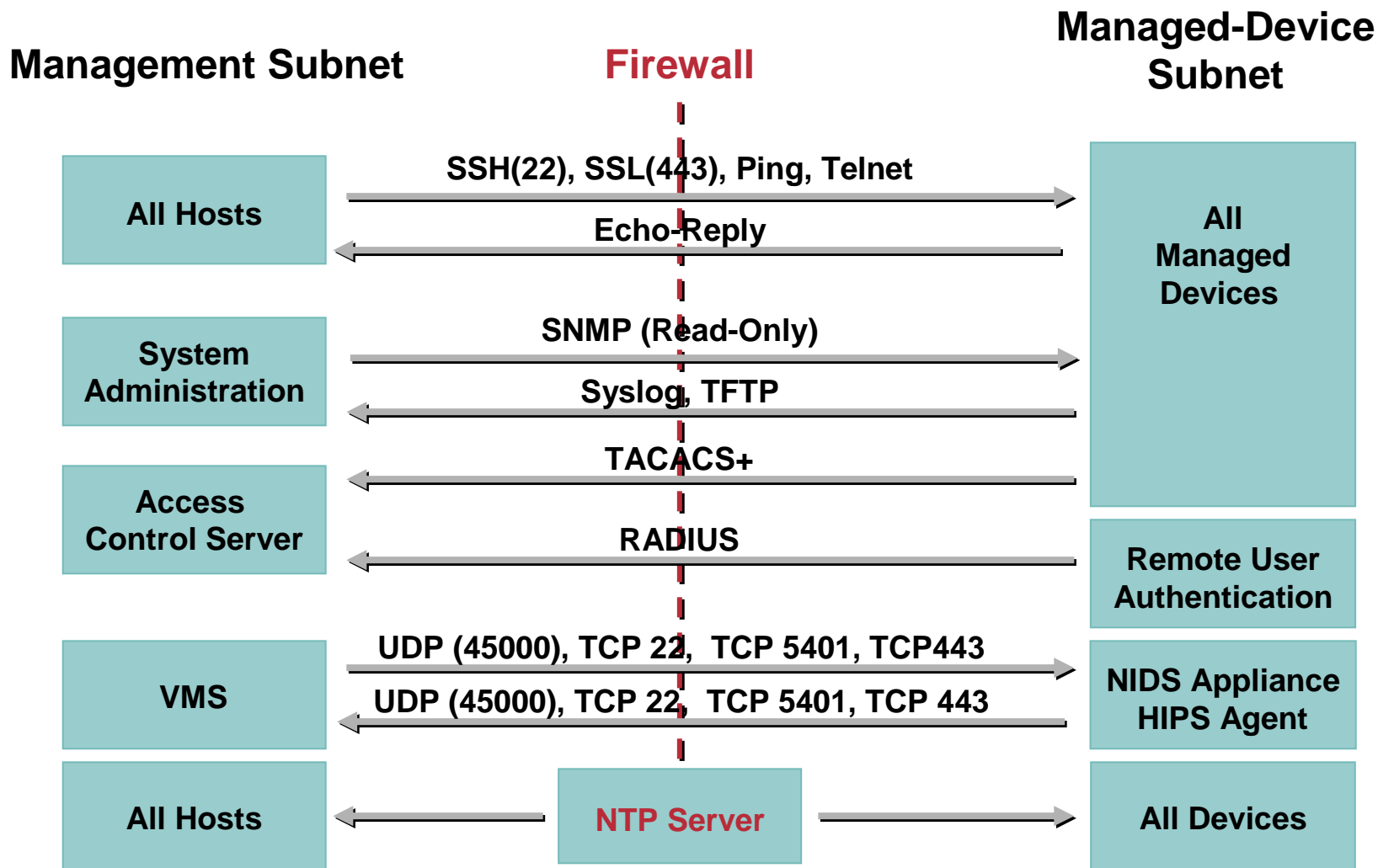
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snmp-server community Txo~QbW3XM RO 98  
access-list 98 permit host 192.168.253.51
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Attack Mitigation Roles for Management Module



 Hosts IDS for Local Attack

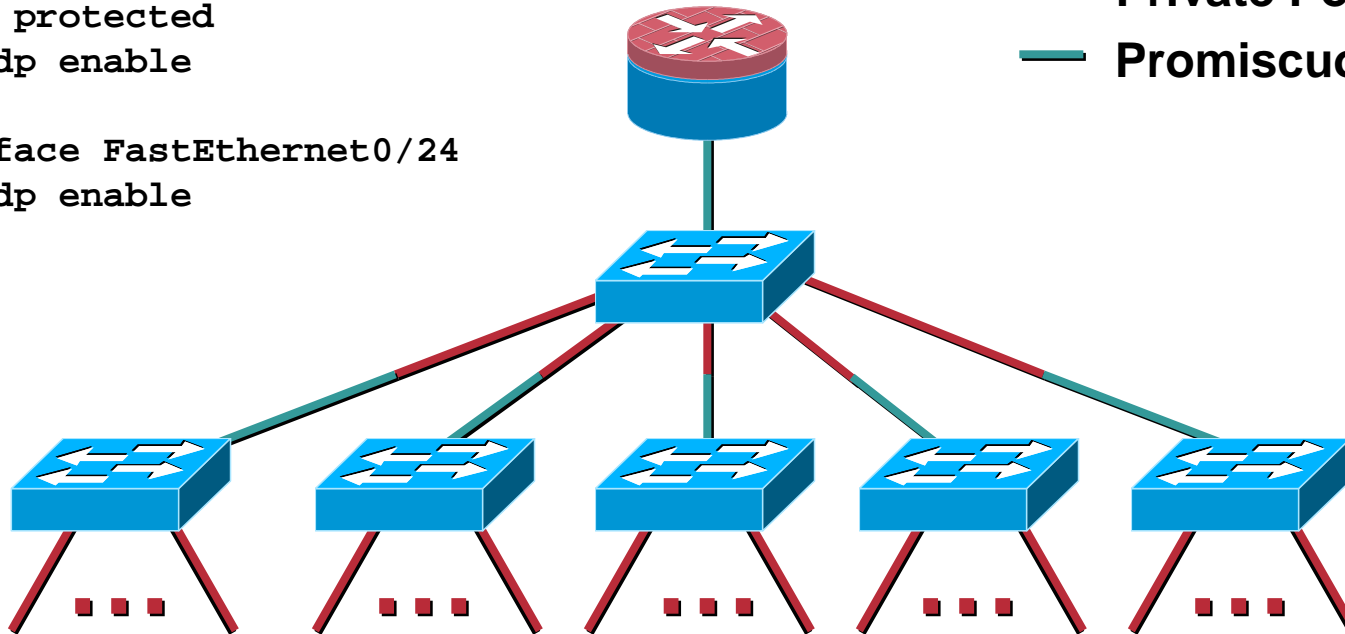
Management Firewall— Stateful Packet Filtering



Managed Device Subnet

```
interface FastEthernet0/23
  port protected
  no cdp enable
!
interface FastEthernet0/24
  no cdp enable
```

— Private Ports
— Promiscuous Ports



To Dedicated Management LAN Port on Each Device

OOB Mgmt Access Control

```
! Access control configuration for all managed routers
!
! Inbound ACL
access-list 101 permit icmp any any
! Required for Tacacs+
access-list 101 permit tcp 192.168.253.0 0.0.0.255 host 192.168.254.13 established
! Required for TFTP
access-list 101 permit udp 192.168.253.0 0.0.0.255 host 192.168.254.13 gt 1023
! Other Management Access
access-list 101 permit tcp 192.168.253.0 0.0.0.255 host 192.168.254.13 eq telnet
access-list 101 permit udp host 192.168.253.51 host 192.168.254.13 eq snmp
access-list 101 permit udp host 192.168.253.53 host 192.168.254.13 eq tftp
access-list 101 permit udp host 192.168.254.57 host 192.168.254.13 eq ntp
access-list 101 deny ip any any log
! Outbound ACL (local router isn't affected by ACLs)
access-list 102 deny ip any any log

! Management Interface Settings
interface FastEthernet0/0
 ip address 192.168.254.13 255.255.255.0
 ip access-group 101 in
 ip access-group 102 out
 no cdp enable
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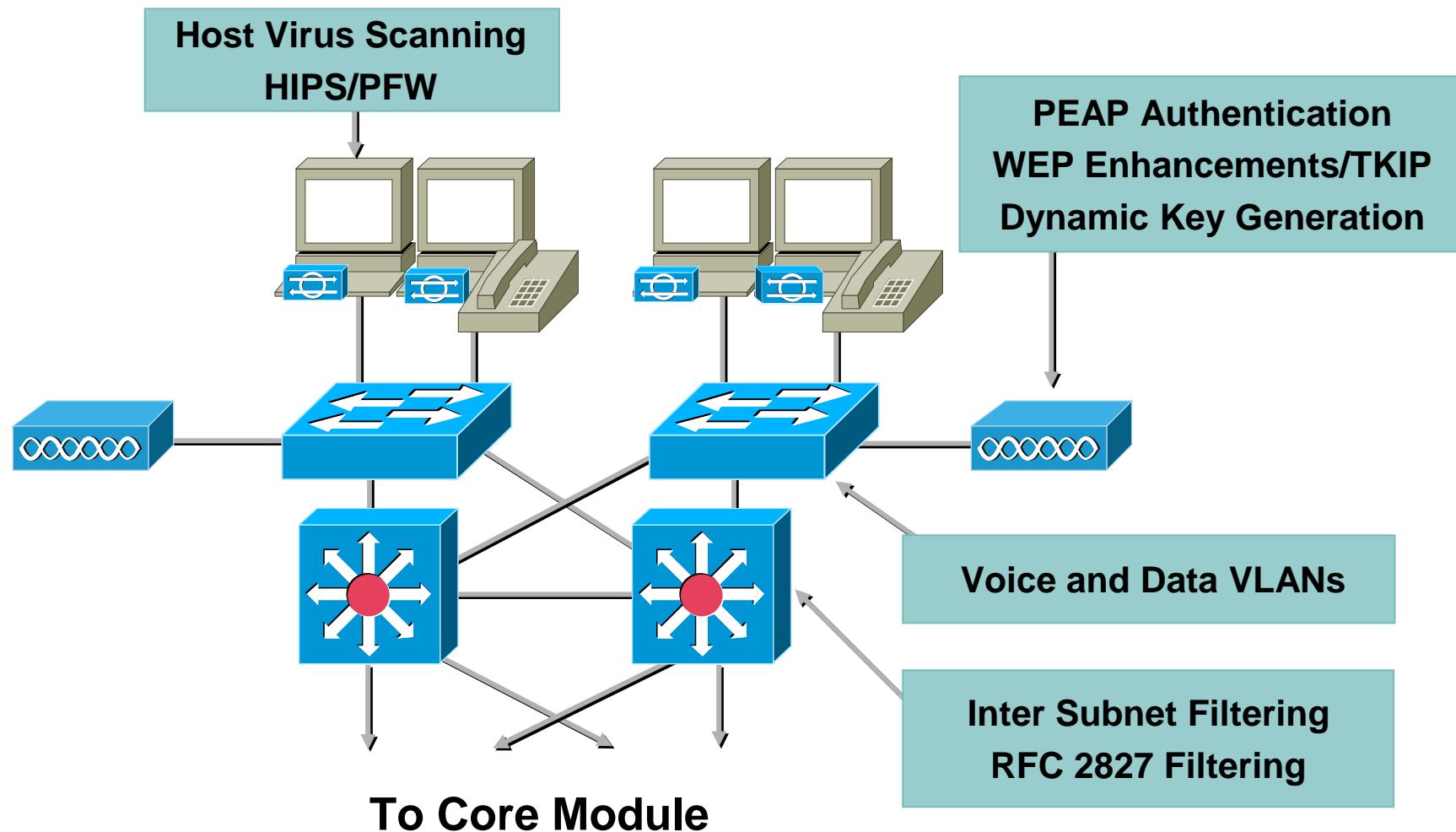
- **Management module**
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Building and Distribution Design Goals

- **Using VLANs, layer 2 separation for:**
 - Data and voice ports**
 - Ports between corporate departments**
- **Host virus scanning and end point protection for WLAN/VPN clients**
- **Layer 3 access-control at distribution prevents IP spoofing and filters traffic**
- **WLAN support**

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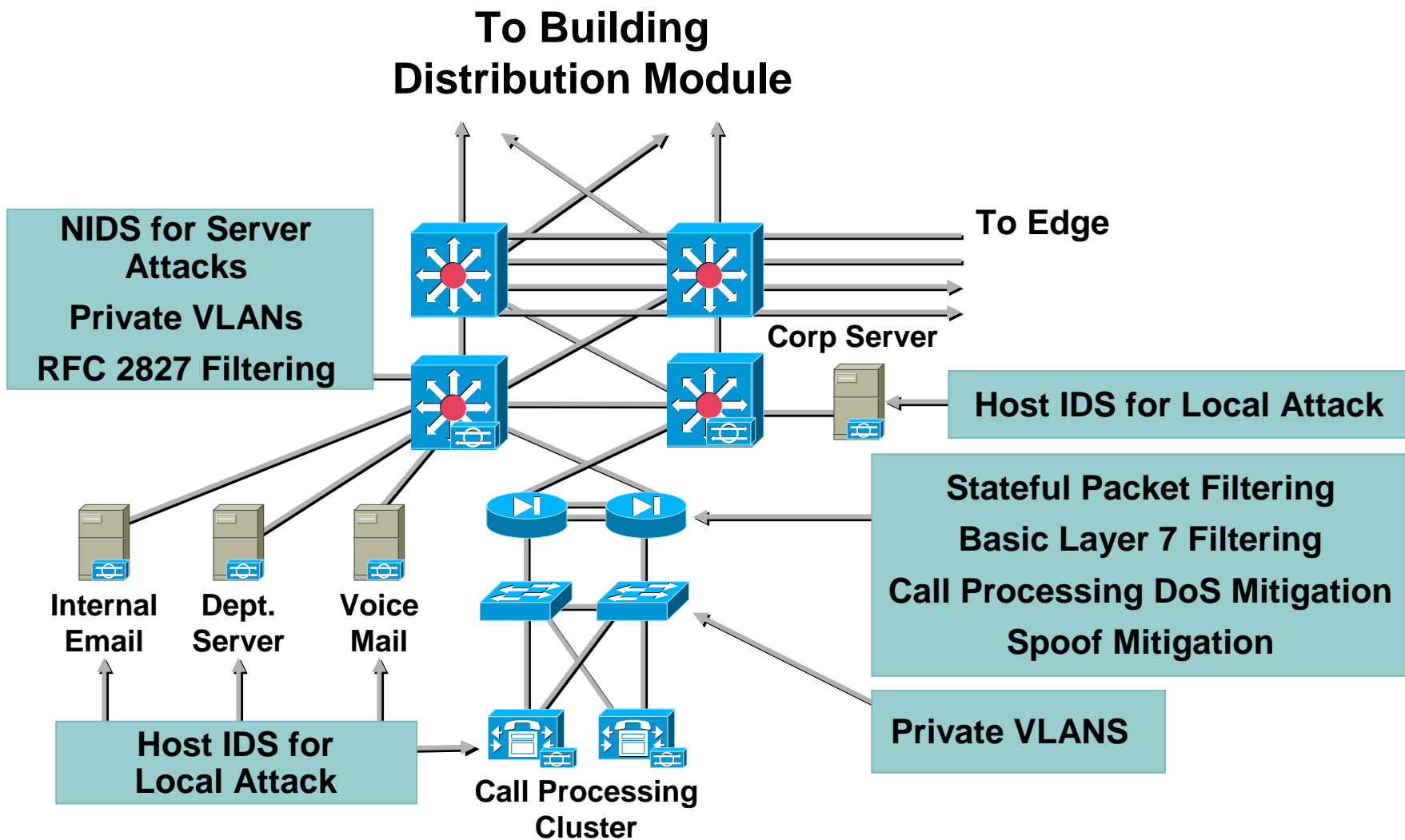
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- **Management module**
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Core and Server Module Design Goals

- **L3 switching with authenticated routing protocol**
- **Private VLANs between servers that do not need communication**
- **Layer 3 access control**
- **HIPS and NIDS to protect server resources**

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Implementing Security: Where Do I Start?

- **“Network security **is** a system”**
- **Develop a security policy based on business requirements and likely threats**
- **Perform a network vulnerability analysis**
- **Use a modular approach to designing and deploying a security solution**
- **Maintain security posture through disciplined system and network administration**

Further Reading

- **Office Space:** <http://www.foxstore.com/detail.html?item=253>
- **SAFE** <http://www.cisco.com/go/safe>
www.cisco.com/go/security
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- **Networking Professionals Connection (forums.cisco.com)**
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- **Increasing Security on IP Networks**
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