

# ECE 435 – Network Engineering

## Lecture 8

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# Announcements

- HW#3 was posted
- note – the warnings you were getting on `toupper()` was because you need to include `ctype.h`
- tempest – was NSA standards for keeping from being wirelessly spied on



# Wireless Frames

- Diagram?
- Frame format frame Control (2) Duration/ID (2) Addr1 (6) Addr2 (6) Addr3 (6) Sequence control(2) Address4 (6) Frame body (0-2312) FCS (4)
- Control: Version (2) Type (2) [data, control, management], subtype(4) [rts,cts], ToDS/FromDS(1,1), MF (1) more fragments to follow, Retry(1)



powermanagement(1), More(1) [more coming], W(1)  
WEP [encryption], O(1) frames must be in-order

- Duration says how long will occupy channel
- Addresses source, destination transmitter address , receiver addr. Last two optional, usually if bridge.
- Sequence: 12 for frame, 4 for fragment
- Up to 2312 byte of Data
- Checksum



# 802.11 – Why not just Ethernet over the Air

- Hidden station/terminal problem A in range of B, B in range of C, but A cannot see C. If A and C transmit at same time, they'll not get collision, only way of knowing is if not get ACK.
- Exposed station problem. A and C not overlap, but B does not know this so holds out
- To deal with this, Distributed Coordination Function



(DCF) and point coordination function (PCF)



# DCF – Distributed Coordination Function

- Basic DCF
  - No central control
  - Carrier Sense Multiple Access with Collision Avoidance (CSMA/CA)
  - Different from Ethernet CSMA/CD.
  - Every time ready to transmit, looks to see if can transmit (listen to see if channel clear)
  - If clear, waits DIFS (inter frame) time and transmits
  - If busy, waits until clear and then also a random backoff



time before starting

- There is a short inter-frame interval (SIFS) which gives time for receiver to transmit an ACK packet.
- If source does not get an ACK, then it backs off and retries
- Optional RTS/CTS mode
  - Before sending data, sends short RTS (request to send) packet
  - Receiver responds with short CTS (clear to send)
  - Data only sent if CTS sent properly
  - All stations can see both CTS \*and\* RTS, this and





hopefully avoids collisions.

- There's a duration field too to hint how long it will take



# Wireless Networks

- Ad-hoc mode – peer to peer
- Infrastructure mode – many to access point (AP) which has a wired connection
- In infrastructure mode all access goes through the AP



# Service Sets

- A basic service set (BSS) is a group of nodes that all recognize each other
- An extended service set (ESS) is a group of overlapping BSSes with APs that are connected together
- An AP keeps the BSSes in line by periodically transmitting beacon frames



# PCF – Point Coordination Function

- PCF provides central control. A point coordinator in the AP periodically transmits a beacon to announce a contention-free period (CFP). Stations keep quiet.
- Sort of like time-division multiplexing
- For power saving, base station can tell receiver to go to sleep, and buffer packets for it until wakes up
- Can combine PCF and DCF in same cell.



# Wireless Services

Must provide 9 services

- intracell for dealing with things outside of a cell
  - Association – allow stations to connect to base stations. When arriving announce its identity and capability
  - Disassociation – either side may break the association, should do it before shutting down
  - Reassociation – can change preferred base station, useful for handover (but best-effort)



- Distribution – determines best way to route frames
- Integration – in case frame needs to be sent through a non-802.11 network
- Intercell
  - Authentication – check password
  - Deauthentication – to leave network
  - Privacy – encryption
  - Data delivery – modeled on Ethernet, no guarantees frames will get in



# Encryption

- WEP – Wired Equivalent Privacy  
Used RC4 and CRC32  
Deprecated 2004  
Meant to be 64 bit, originally 40 but due to export limitations  
Later 128-bit. Can enter in hex or ASCII chars  
Can be cracked fairly quickly these days
- WPA – Wi-Fi Protected Access (WPA) and Wi-Fi Protected Access II (WPA2) 64 or 128 bit encryption key



- WPA2





# Authenticated

- Three states: not authenticated, authenticated but not associated, authenticated and associated
- device sends probe requests. Advertise data rates and what version of 802.11 supported. BSSID of ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff so all access points that hear it will respond
- if an access point (AP) supports a common data rate, it will respond with SSID, data rate, encryption mode, etc
- device chooses an access point and authenticates.



Originally this would have been WEP, but deprecated so often happens in open and usually succeeds. Device sends a 802.11 open authentication frame, seq 0x01

- AP responds saying open with seq 0x02
- if AP receives frames other than auth or probe from device, responds with a deauth to make it start over
- A device can be authenticated to multiple APs but only associated with one
- device determines who to associate with and requests



- AP responds and creates association ID
- once associated then WPA/WPA2 has to happen still before data can flow



# More

- 802.11b signal typically around 32mW

Often use dBmW where 0dBm=1mW

1dBm = 0.001258925W

$$P = 1W * 10^{P_{dBm}/10} / 1000 \quad 200??? \quad -68 \text{ dBm} = 160\text{pW}$$

$$P_{dBm} = 10 * \log_{10}(1000 * P_W / 1W)$$

- 802.11b, DSSS 2.4GHz, 2412MHz as first channel, 14 channels 5MHz apart 1-14.
- 802.11g same as 802.11b when talking to b, but a modes



when talking to other g

- 802.11a 5GHz band, channels 1-199 starting at 5005MHz  
5MHz apart
- CMA/CA – uses RTS/CTS. 802.11g needs to do this  
if 802.11b present, slowing things down 20-50%



# Linux Interface

wlan0

IEEE 802.11abg ESSID:"Whatever"

Mode:Managed Frequency:2.452 GHz Acc

Bit Rate=54 Mb/s Tx-Power=200 dBm

Retry short limit:7 RTS thr:off Fra

Encryption key:XXXXX

Power Management:off

Link Quality=42/70 Signal level=-68 dB

Rx invalid nwid:0 Rx invalid crypt:0

Tx excessive retries:0 Invalid misc:0



# Bluetooth Applications

- Headsets
- Wireless controllers (Wii, PS3)



# Bluetooth

- 1994 Ericsson. With IBM, Intel, Nokia and Toshiba formed a SIG.
- Named after Harald Blaatand (Bluetooth II (940-981) a Viking king who “united” (conquered) Denmark and Norway. Unite various standards.
- Get rid of cables, specifically serial cables
- Interferes with 802.11





- IEEE came in and decided to take standard and make it 802.15.1 but no longer maintains it



# Bluetooth Architecture

- Basic unit: piconet, master node and up to seven \*active\* slave nodes within 10m
- Many can exist in an area, and can be connected by a bridge. Connected piconets are called a scatternet
- There can also be up to 255 “parked” nodes in a picnoet
- When parked, can only respond to activation on beacon
- Hold and siff?



- Slaves designed to be cheap, so dumb. Master is smart and runs them. slave/slave communication not possible
- Master broadcasts clock 312.5us. Master transmits in even, slave in odd.



# Bluetooth Applications – Profiles

Bluetooth V1.1 has 13 different application protocols.

- Required
  - generic access – link management
  - service discovery – discovering services
- ○ Serial port
- Object exchange
- Networking
  - LAN access
  - Dial-up



- Fax
- Telephony
  - Cordless phone
  - Intercom
  - Headset
- File exchange
  - Object push
  - File transfer
  - Synchronization

