ECE 435 – Network Engineering Lecture 20

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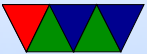
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Announcements

- Don't forget Project status reports
- Thursday (the 15th) is a reading day, no lecture
- HW#10 will be posted

Wireless

Why Wireless?

- Pros
  - Use anywhere
  - No wires
- Cons
  - Less reliability, noise
  - Less power availability
  - Less security

Wireless LAN

- What does WiFi mean? Nothing really.
- 802.11. Started in 1990, no standard until 1997
- Operates in fixed ISM bands
  - ○ Industrial/Scientific/Medical, no license needed
  - ○ 900MHz, 2.4GHz, 5GHz
  - ○ What issues come up with these bands? Microwave oven? Cordless phones, Bluetooth
  - ○ Until 2002 ISM usage had to be spread spectrum
  - ○ Up to 1W transmission power (50mW typical)

Wireless LAN Standards

- All of the various 802.11 have been sort of merged together, but people use the old letters out of habit

802.11 (1997)

- Original 802.11 (1997) 1 or 2MBps, 2.4GHz, three implementations
  - infrared(?)
  - direct-sequence spread spectrum (DSSS)
    Takes a signal and spreads it along a wider frequency band but adding pseudo-random noise, then subtracting out at the other side.
  - frequency-hopping spread spectrum (FHSS)
    rapidly switch signal among a bunch of different

frequencies in a pseudo-random fashion. Harder to jam, causes less interference?
Initial seed, dwell time

802.11b (1999)

- 802.11b (1999) 5.5Mbps and 11Mbps
  - HR-DSSS (High Rate Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum)
  - Walsh-Hadamard codes (error correction)
  - actually came to market before 802.11a
  - In the 2.4GHz frequency band, no licensing
  - Various channels, 22MHz wide. Not all available in all countries. Some channels overlap.
  - In the US have channels 1 through 11, but 1, 6, 11

are only non-overlapping ones
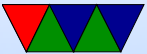
802.11a (1999)

- 802.11a (1999) 1.5 - 54Mbps
  - Not compatible with B, 54Mbps in 5GHz band
  - 5GHz less crowded, but signal doesn't go as far (7x less than b)
  - OFDM (Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing) Data is sent on multiple channels in parallel
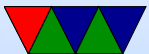 - 52 channels: 48 data channels 4 syc

802.11g (2003)

- 802.11g (2003) 54Mbps, 2.4GHz
  - Uses OFDM like 802.11a, but in the 2.4GHz band
  - Backward compatible with b, which slows it down
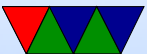
802.11n (2009)

- 802.11n (2009) 54Mbps - 600Mbps
  - MIMO (multiple input/multiple output antennas)
  - Can do spatial multiplexing, two antennas broadcast on same frequency by aiming signal

More 802.11 variants

- 802.11ac – wider channels, 256 QAM modulation, MU-MIMO (multi-user MIMO), 7Gbps
- 802.11ad – 7Gbps, 60GHz freq
- 802.11af – white wi-fi, super wi-fi, operates in vacant UHF/VHF TV bands. Receiver uses GPS to find out where it is and what channels are free
- 802.11ax – Wifi6, high efficiency?
- Many more

Wireless Frames

| FC	Duration	Addr 1	Addr 2	Addr 3	SEQ	Addr 4	Body	FCS
2	2	6	6	6	2	6	0-2312	4
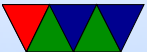
Wireless Frames – Frame Control (FC)

- Frame Control (2 bytes)
  - Protocol Version (2 bits) [only 0 in practice]
  - Type (2 bits): data, control, management
  - Subtype (4 bits) [rts,cts]
  - ToDS/FromDS(1,1) (going to or from the cell)
  - MF (1) more fragments to follow
  - Retry(1)
  - Power Management(1) (into or out of sleep)
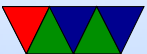 - More(1) [more coming]

- W(1) or Protection: WEP [encryption]
- O(1) frames must be in-order
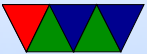
Wireless Frames – Duration

- Duration/ID (2 bytes) – how long will occupy channel

Wireless Frames – Addresses

- Addr1 (6 bytes) Receiver
- Addr2 (6 bytes) Transmitter
- Addr3 (6 bytes) Base Station Source?
- Address4 (6 bytes) Base Station Dest?
- Addr3/Addr4 optional, usually if bridge.
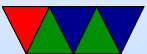
Wireless Frames – Sequence/Fragment

- Sequence control (2 bytes) Frame (12) and fragment (4)

Wireless Frames – Body

- Frame body (0-2312)

Wireless Frames − CRC

- FCS CRC (4 bytes)

Wireless Frame Types

- Management frames: similar to data frame, restricted to one cell
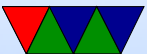- Control frames: Short, only two addresses, no data, no sequence, often just RTS/CTS/ACK

Wireless Network Topology

- Ad-hoc mode – peer to peer

- Distribution / 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

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.

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A → B ← C
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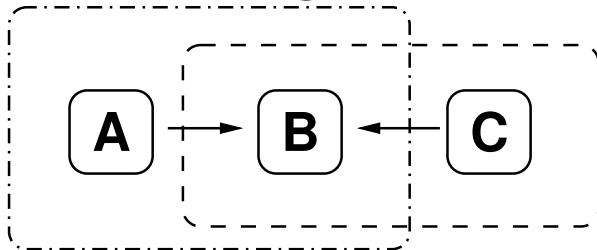
- Exposed station problem. A and C not overlap, but B

does not know this so it sees A transmitted to D and doesn't transmit to B even though it wouldn't cause collision.
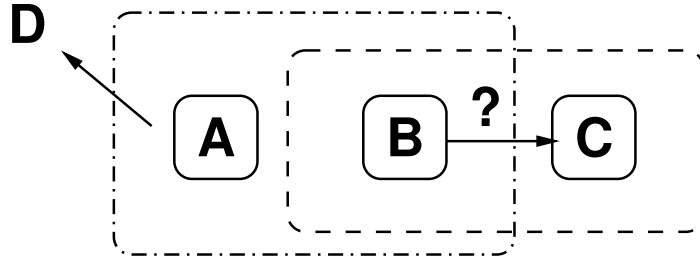
- To deal with this, Distributed Coordination Function (DCF) and point coordination function (PCF)

DCF – Distributed Coordination Function

- No central control
- Carrier Sense Multiple Access with Collision Avoidance (CSMA/CA)
- Different from Ethernet CSMA/CD (D=detection)
- 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. Then it will wait a random

backoff time before starting. Why? Multiple transmitters might have all been waiting and they would all instantly collide once clear.

- 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
- DCF not optimal, can take 60us to transmit ACK, wheras a 54MB connection could have send 3k of data in same time.

DCF: RTS/CTS Mode

- Optional (rarely used) 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

○ ACK at end

DCF: Fragmentation

- Fragmentation – the longer the packet, the more likely it is to lose bits to interference. So split things up into smaller chunks likely to get through
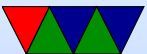
DCF: PCF – Point Coordination Function

- Also rarely used
- 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
- Guaranteed a certain fraction of bandwidth h
- 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.

Does my router use PCF or DCF

- It appears that most use DCF, PCF is somewhat uncommon
- There is 802.11e which enhances this to Enhanced distributed channel access (EDCA)
- Introduces HCF (Hybrid Coordination Function)
- Still most are using DCF

Reliability

- Wireless can be noisy and unreliable
- What do you do if there's packet loss?
  - Send slower
  - Send shorter frames
  - Fragment frames

802.11e QoS

- Leaves idle time before sending next frame
- Different sizes for different traffic
- DIFS – DCF inter-frame spacing
  - SIFS – short (control frames)
  - AIFS1 – Arbitrary (high priority)
  - DIFS – regular DIFS
  - AIFS4 – low priority
  - EIFS – extended, for errors
- TXOP – transmission opportunity

○ Usually fixed number of frames so faster devices held back

○ Instead, provide equal airtime rather than equal frames

Power Saving

- Important for mobile devices
- AP beacon frames from AP every 100ms
- Can indicate you want power saving, then go to sleep, on next beacon wake up and notice from beacon if data available to read (AP will buffer)
- APSD – auto power-save, AP will buffer frames until device sends something, send buffered data knowing it's awake

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

- Important as anyone can eavesdrop, even from a distance
- `https://arstechnica.com/gadgets/2019/03/802-ele`
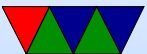
WEP (obsolete)

- 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 (10 mins on a laptop)

WPA (obsolete)

- WPA – Wi-Fi Protected Access (WPA)
  - 802.11i – Temporal Key Integrity Protocol (TKIP)
  - 64 or 128 bit encryption key
  - TKIP replace CRC, harder to crack, RC4
  - WPA-personal Pre-shared key, AKA the password. 128 bits derived from 256 bits. If ASCII, PBKDF2 applied and then SSID used as salt (to prevent rainbow tables)
  - WPA-enterprise is more complicated key setup

WPA2

- WPA2 Wi-Fi Protected Access II (WPA2)
- IEEE 802.11i-2004
  - 4-way handshake (recent issues with that on many Linux machines), Ironically had issues for too closely following IEEE standard
  - AES?
- Was broke in 2017, have to do with key exchange?

WPA3

- WPA3 – 2018
  - ○ 802.11-2016
  - ○ Replases PSK (pre-shared key exchange) with SAE
  - ○ Simultaneous Authentication of Equals instead of pre-shared key
- Supposed to help with weak passwords, and also configuring devices without displays

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.

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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

Security Issues

- Packet sniffing

- Easier to tap into a network undetected. Long range antennas

- Malicious association – go into an area with own access point that machines will connect to

- MAC spoofing, set your MAC to an existing machines

- Denial of Service – flood the router so it can't respond

- Deauthentication attack– continually spoof an "I'm leaving" packet from all MAC addresses on network

- Hide you SSID? How effective is that?

- Encryption breaking, see long list of issues on WPA wikipedia page

Transmission Power

- 802.11b signal typically around 32mW
- Often use dBmW (often shorted dBm) where 0dBm=1mW
- 1dBm $= 0.001258925$W
- Convert -68 dBm to Watts
  - $P = 1W * 10^{P_{dBm}/10}/1000$
  - -68 dBm $= 160$pW

- Convert 1W to dBm

- $P_{dBm} = 10 * log_{10}(1000 * P_W/1W)$
- $1W = 30dBm$
- Juno space probe (13 Oct 2016)
  - 8.4GHz, received -135.75dBm (2.7e-20kW) 18kb/s

Channels

- 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

- CMSA/CA – uses RTS/CTS. 802.11g needs to do this if 802.11b present, slowing things down 20-50%

Linux Interface

- iwconfig
- iwlist scanning

```
wlan0      IEEE 802.11abg  ESSID:"Whatever"
           Mode:Managed   Frequency:2.452 GHz
                     Access Point: 00:1C:10:11:B4:C6
           Bit Rate=54 Mb/s    Tx-Power=200 dBm
           Retry short limit:7   RTS thr:off   Fragment thr:off
           Encryption key:XXXXX
           Power Management:off
           Link Quality=42/70  Signal level=-68 dBm
           Rx invalid nwid:0  Rx invalid crypt:0  Rx invalid frag:0
           Tx excessive retries:0  Invalid misc:0   Missed beacon:0
```

Bluetooth

- Personal Area Network (PAN)

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.
- Symbol is runes for HB.
- Get rid of cables, specifically serial cables
- Interferes with 802.11
- IEEE came in an 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

Bluetooth Layering

- Radio layer
  - 2.4GHz, 10 meters. 79 channels of 1MHz.
  - Frequency shift keying, 1 Mbps but consumed by overhead
  - Frequency hopping spread spectrum, 1600 hops/sec dwell of 625 usec. All nodes in piconet hop at once, with master controlling this (PRNG) 1,3, or 5 slots/packet
  - Interferes with 802.11. Bluetooth hops faster so causes

more trouble.

- ○ power output class: 100mW class 1, 2.5mW class 2, 1mW class 3.
- Baseband layer
  - ○ Asynchronous Connection-less link (ACL) packet-switch data at irregular info, no guarantees. one per slice
  - ○ Synchronous Connection Oriented (SCO) – for real time data.
  - ○ Three per slave. Error correction. Each can send 64kpbs PCM audio

- L2CAP layer
  - ○ accept packets of 64kB and break into frames.
  - ○ Handles multiplexing.

Bluetooth Frames

- Several different formats
- 72 bits access (identify master, as can be in range of multiple)
- 54 bit header
  - ○ (addr(3) frame type(4), flow [buffer full](1), Ack (1) seq(1) checksum(8)
  - ○ This is repeated 3 times.
  - ○ Majority wins (redundancy, cheap small protocol)
- Data 0-2744 bits. SCO always 240 bits.

Bluetooth 1.1 (2002)

- First stable version

- Gaussian Freq-shift Keying (GFSK). Smooths signal instead of abrupt 1/0 transition

- 1Mbps peak in theory

Bluetooth 1.2

- Adaptive frequency hopping, skip busy frequencies

- Up to 721kbps

- eSCO allow retransmitting corrupted packets, at expense of audio latency

- HCI host controller interface, three wire

Bluetooth 2.0 (2004)

- 2.0
  - EDR = Enhanced Data Rate
  - BR/EDR 2 and 3Mbps
  - Pi/4 DQPSK – differential quadrature phase-shift keying
- 2.1
  - Secure simple pairing
  - Extended inquiry response

Bluetooth 3.0 (2009)

- Up to 25Mbps "HS" (high speed)

- Alternative MAC, bluetooth set up connection but 802.11 used to transmit data?

Bluetooth 4.0 (Bluetooth Low Energy) (2010)

- Entirely new stack, designed for low power rapid setup links

- 40 2MHz channels, 1Mbit/s

- Max power 10mW

- Not backwards compatible, but same frequency range

- New profiles

Bluetooth 5.0 (2017)

- Internet of things

- 2MBit/s

Setting up Connections

- In discoverable mode, will transmit name, class, services, etc on demand

- Has unique 48 bit number but that's rarely seen

- Bonding/Pairing – to avoid people stealing info from your device, require some sort of user interaction to connect for the first time. Before 2.1 it was a 16-byte pin code

- Secure simple pairing, pub key crypto

Security

- Prior to 2.1 security can be turned off, and only good for 23.5 hours

Linux Bluetooth

- Competing implementations (bluez, Affix)

- Install bluez

- bluetoothctl

```
[NEW] Controller B8:27:EB:05:9D:BB pi3 [default]
[bluetooth]# exit
[DEL] Controller B8:27:EB:05:9D:BB pi3 [default]
root@pi3:/home/vince# bluetoothctl
[NEW] Controller B8:27:EB:05:9D:BB pi3 [default]
[bluetooth]# scan on
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Discovery started
[CHG] Controller B8:27:EB:05:9D:BB Discovering: yes
[bluetooth]# power on
Changing power on succeeded
[bluetooth]# scan on
Failed to start discovery: org.bluez.Error.InProgress
[bluetooth]# scan on
Failed to start discovery: org.bluez.Error.InProgress
[NEW] Device 64:8A:44:9D:DC:FD 64-8A-44-9D-DC-FD
[NEW] Device D3:E8:9D:CA:71:63 D3-E8-9D-CA-71-63
[CHG] Device D3:E8:9D:CA:71:63 RSSI: -89
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