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Attacks on LANs (L2) 2
MAC flooding (active attack)
 <u>even in a bridged/switched environment</u> you can get all traffic of the given LAN appearing on your card by performing so called "MAC flooding"
 get your machine producing a huge number of MAC frames -> every single frame carrying a different MAC address as source address
 E.g. "macof" utility which comes with "dsnift" suite bridging (owitching table will overrup)
 will cause the bridge/switch to perform a "Flooding Decision" for every frame received
 hence to will see every frame on your LAN
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Attacks on LANs (L2) 4	
VLAN hopping	
 An intruder station sends VLAN tagged frames instead of normal frames 	
 You need a PC Ethernet card which supports 802.1Q VLAN tagging 	
 Kind of DoS attack possible 	
VLAN break in	
 An intruder station makes a switch belief that it is switch 	
 Switch may enter trunk mode on that port delivering traffic for all VLAN's on that port 	;
 Your PC card have to speak the switch special trunking protocols like VTP or ISL 	
 Sniffing on all traffic is possible 	
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LAN Attacks	Mitigation	1
Repeater or wire	eless environment	
 Solution only pos 	sible with cryptographic means	
Switched enviro	nment	
 Plug and play mo table) 	ode (MAC source address learning, dynamic br	idging
 Ethernet switch on user (access 	nes must be resistant against MAC bridging table floo s) ports	oding
 May be achieve on a port within 	ed by limiting the amount of different MAC addresse a certain time interval (e.g. Cisco's port security fea	s seen ature)
 MAC authenticati 	ion mode (static bridging table)	
 Control who att 	taches on an access port	
 Maintenance p addresses 	roblems may be eased by "freezing" learned MAC	
 MAC filter mode 		
 Explicitly define based on the M 	e filter rules who is allowed to communicate with who IAC addresses	om
Hard to maintain	in, typically achieved by VLAN techniques nowadays	S
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IEEE 802.	1x	
 IEEE 802 Port-bas Authenti LAN por Framew such an needed) Defining message EAPO EA EA EA 	.1x sed network access control cation and authorization of devices attached to a t with point-to-point connection characteristics ork for describing the functions and procedures fo infrastructure (an AAA server like Radius is and coding the transport container of EAP es L (EAP encapsulation Over Lan) P-Packet POL-Start, EAPOL-Logoff POL-Encapsulated-ASF-Alert POL-Key	r
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BootP/DHCP Message Format (cont.)			
 Server IP addres Set by the serv Router IP addres 	ss: er -> IP address of a TFTP server ss:		
 The address of Client HW address Set by the client 	a BOOTP (DHCP) relay agent :ss: In DHCP uses special IDs or the MAC address to i	identify the	
Server host nan Name of the set	10:		
 Boot file name: Set by the clier 	nt to zero, or specifies a boot file. In a DHCPDISCO	OVER also	
zero, in the DH VENDOR SPECI	CPOFFER a full directory path from the server will FIC AREA:	be returned.	
 may optionally according to RI hostname, don the default gate Here DHCP co 	FC 2132 it is also possible to mention the subnet-n nain name, IP-address of the DNS-server (opt. 6), I eway (Router opt. 3), etc. mes in (opt. 53) !!!	nask (opt. 1), IP-address of	
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DHCP Messa	ge Types (cont.)
– DHCPACK (c	ppt. 53 / type 5):
 Acknowledge parameters. 	ement from server to client, with IP address and
– DHCPNACK	(opt. 53 / type 6):
 Negative AC 	K from server to client.
 Clients lease 	expired or requested IP address is invalid.
– DHCPDECLI	NE (opt. 53 / type 4):
 Message fro 	m a client to a server indicating an error.
– DHCPRELEA	SE (opt. 53 / type 7):
 Message fro and relinquis 	m a client to a server cancelling remainder of a lease shing network address.
- DHCPINFOR	M (opt. 53 / type 8):
 Message fro 	m a client that has already an externally configured IP
address, ask	ing for more local configuration parameters
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802.11 Standard	
 802.11 (oldest (1997), decommissioned, "legacy 1 and 2 Mbit/s in the 2,4 GHz-Band 	")
 – FHSS and DSSS 	
• 802.11a (2001, 2003)	
- Up to 54 Mbit/s in the 5 GHz-Band	
 802.11b (first (1999) and most widespread) 	
- 5,5 and 11 Mbit/s in the 2,4 GHz-Band	
 Using only DSSS 	
• 802.11g (newest, 2003)	
- 20+ Mbit/s in the 2,4 GHz-Band (b-compatibility)	
- Vendors decided to use 54 Mbit/s, OFDM	09





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