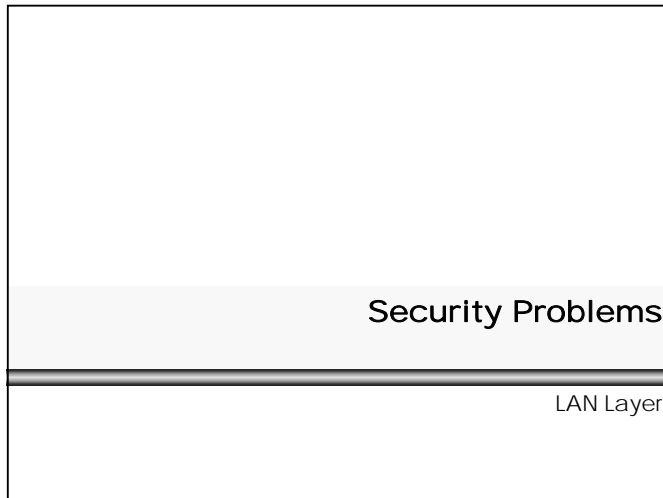


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L1 Security

- **Conventional physical protection**
 - Access control for buildings, rooms
 - Guards, cards, ...
 - Technical equipment in locked environment to avoid unauthorized access like direct attachment via management console
 - Hubs, switches, routers
 - WLAN access points (?)
 - Must be monitored (camera) and should produce an alarm in case of manipulation especially in public areas
 - Don't forget infrastructure security for the technical equipment
 - Electricity (e.g. UPS)
 - Environment (humidity, temperature)
 - e.g. air-condition, positive air flow

L1 Security

- **Remaining problems**
 - For a given wired LAN port (RJ45 10Base-T/100Base-T) you can't be sure who's equipment is really connected to it
 - MAC address recording of visitor notebook may not be convenient or can't be reasonably managed
 - Wireless LAN ports may be reached outside a protected area

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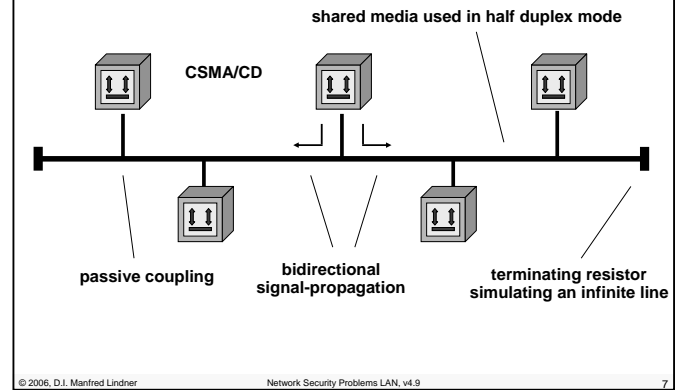
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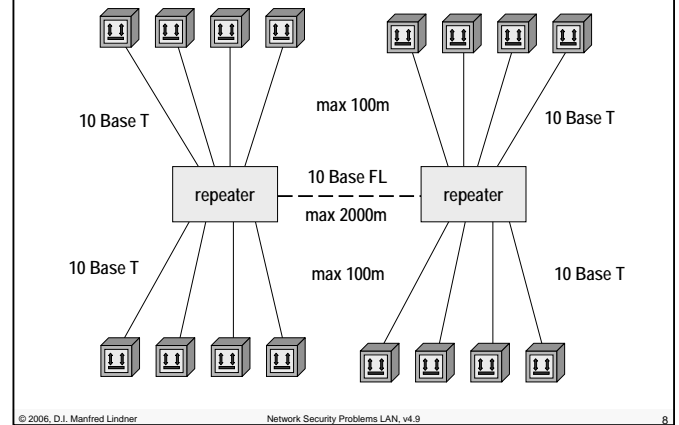
- **Ethernet**
 - LAN
 - Originally shared media (cable)
 - CSMA/CD as conflict solution if more than one network station access the cable
 - Limited distance
- **Repeater**
 - Amplifier
 - Expansion of LAN
 - Collision domain

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Basic Idea of Ethernet



Multiport Repeater as „Hub“



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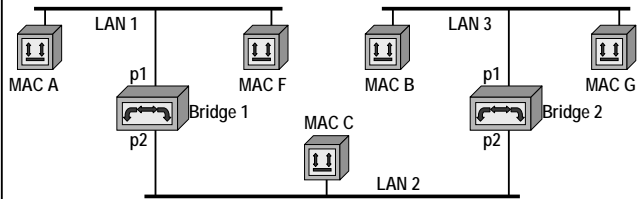
• **Bridge**

- Packet switch based on store and forward of frames
- Bridging table based on MAC addresses
- "Transparent Bridging"
 - Learning, Forwarding, Filtering, Flooding
- Broadcast domain
- "Spanning Tree Protocol" (STP)

• **Ethernet Switch**

- Fast transparent bridge

Example for Studying Effects



p1	p2

bridging table of bridge 1

p1	p2

bridging table of bridge 2

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Learning / Flooding

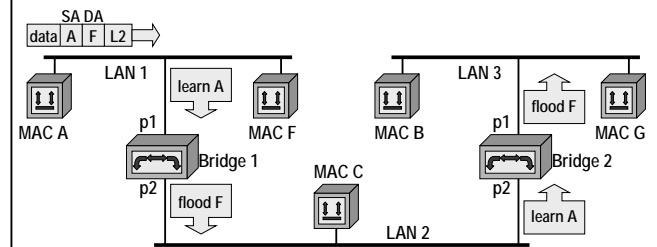


table of Bridge 1

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A	

table of Bridge 2

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Learning / Filtering

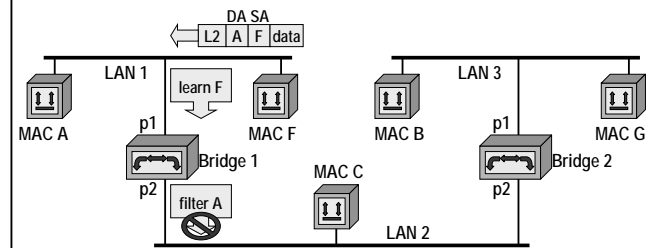


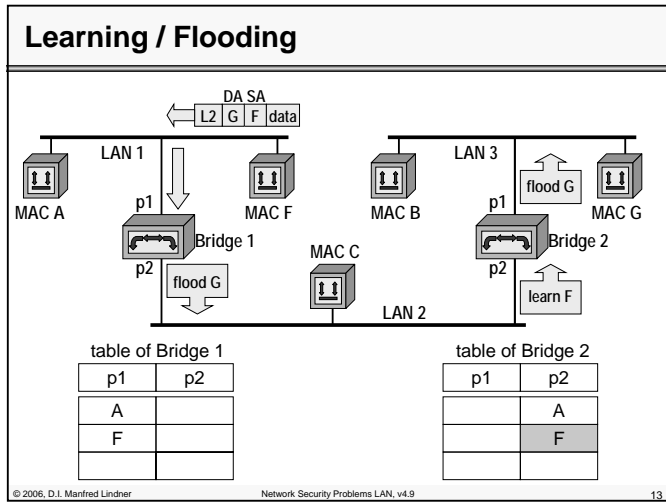
table of Bridge 1

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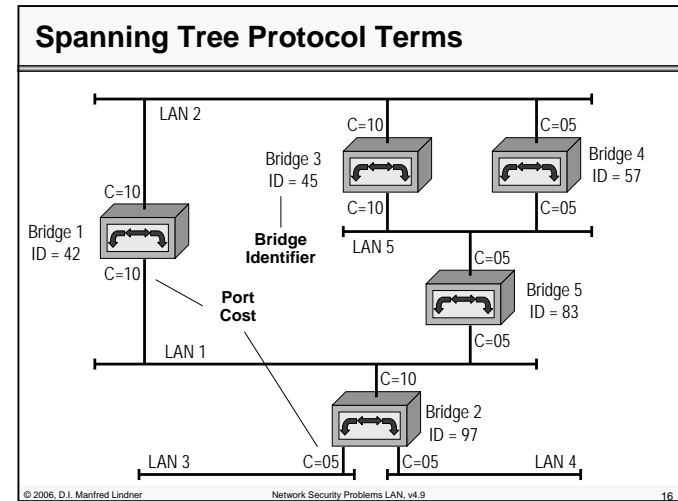
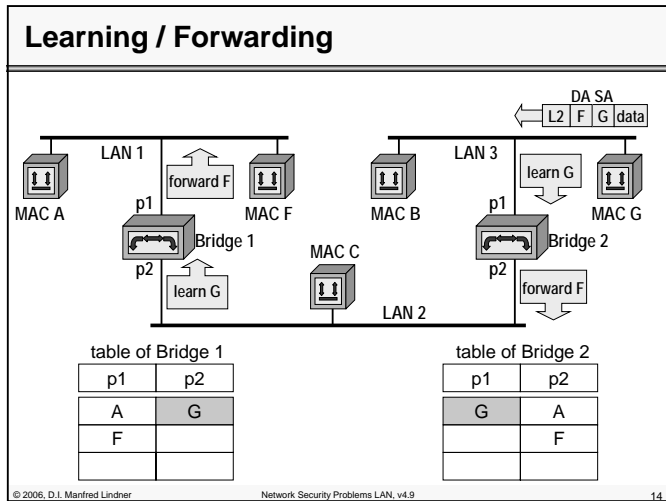
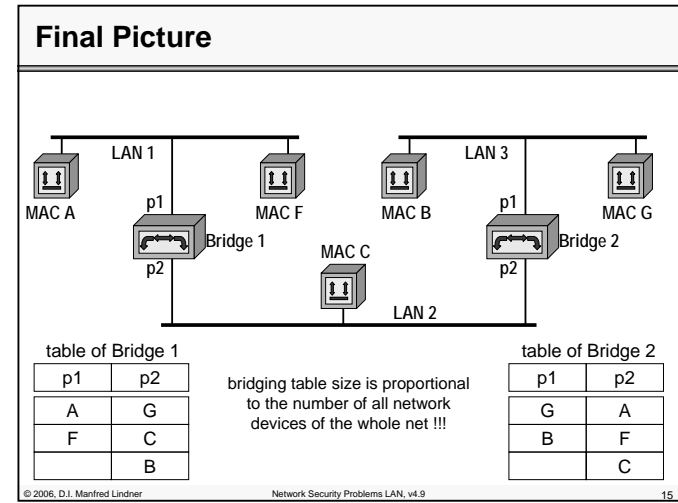
table of Bridge 2

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Format of STP Messages - BPDU Format

Prot. ID	Prot. Vers.	BPDU Type	Flags	Root ID	Root Path Costs	Bridge ID	Port ID	Mess. Age	Max Age	Hello Time	Fwd. Delay
2 Byte	1 Byte	1 Byte	1 Byte	8 Byte	4 Byte	8 Byte	2 Byte	2 Byte	2 Byte	2 Byte	2 Byte

BPDU Bridge Protocol Data Unit (OSI term for this kind of message)

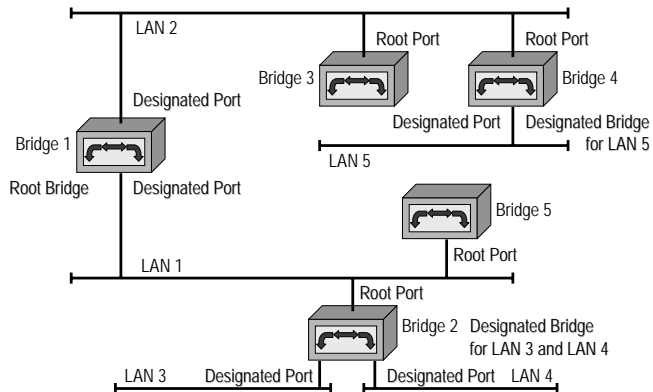
Root ID Who seems to be or who is the root bridge (R-ID)?

Root Path Cost How far is the root bridge away from me (RPC)?

Bridge ID ID of bridge transmitting this BPDU (O-ID)

Port ID port over which this BPDU was transmitted (P-ID)

Spanning Tree Applied



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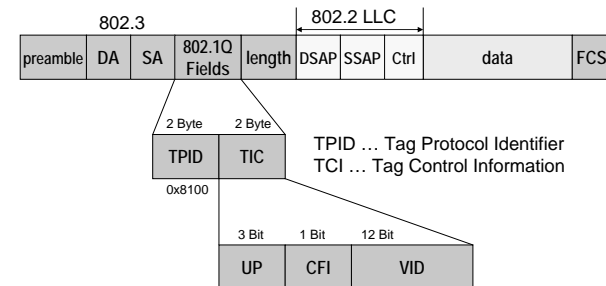
Review L2 Network Components

• VLAN Switch

- Several virtual Ethernet switches in one physical box
- Each of them implementing a separate Virtual LAN to corresponding connected LAN user ports (access ports)
 - A separate bridging table per VLAN
- Trunk ports used for interconnection of VLAN switches
 - VLAN Tagging (IEEE 802.1Q or Cisco ISL)
 - VLAN management protocols (like Cisco's VTP, DTP)
- Sometimes access ports
 - Use VLAN tagging to connect a network station (PC, router, firewall, etc...) to several VLAN's
- "Spanning Tree Protocol"
 - One Single STP for all VLAN's (802.1D)
 - Per VLAN STP (Cisco)
 - MIST (802.1w)

802.1Q VLAN Tagging

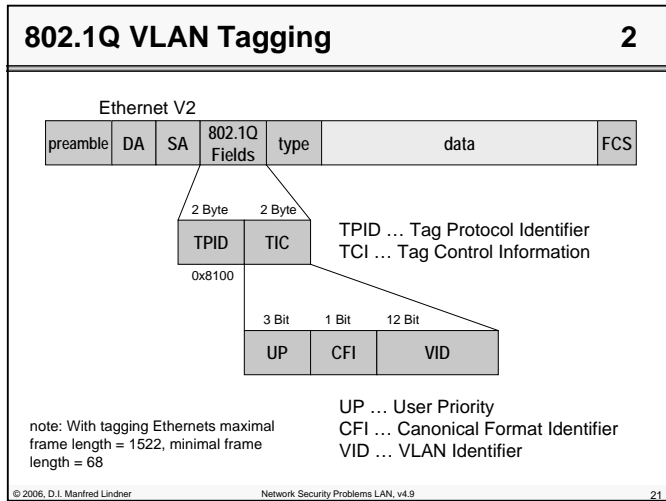
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note: With tagging Ethernet's maximal frame length = 1522, minimal frame length = 68

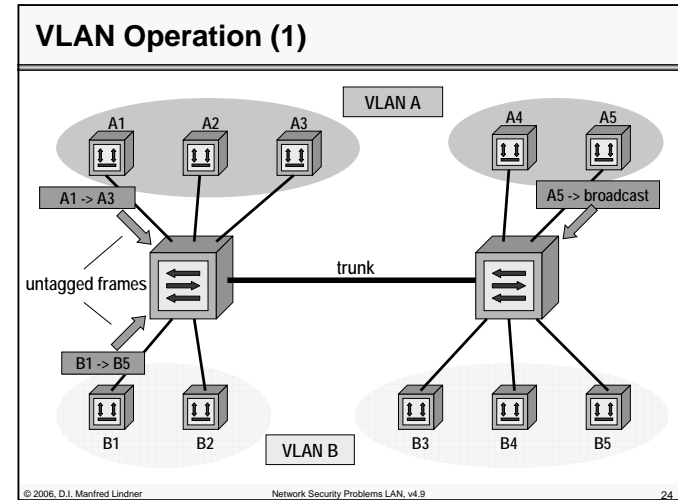
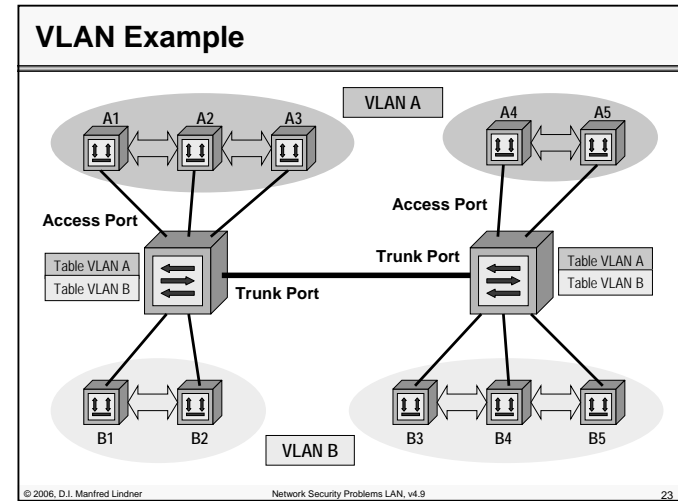
UP ... User Priority
CFI ... Canonical Format Identifier
VID ... VLAN Identifier

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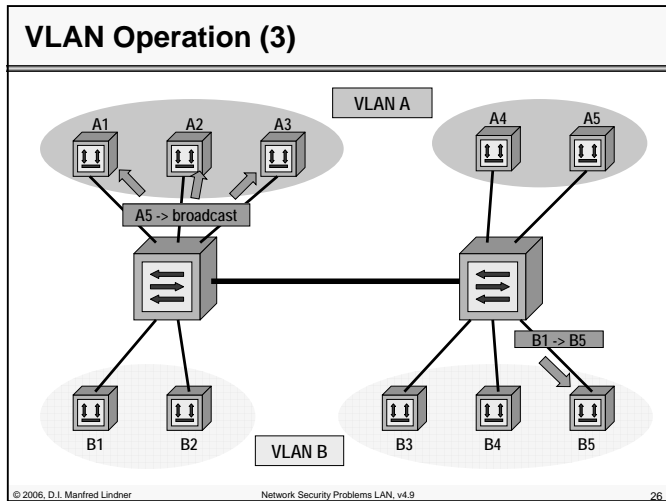
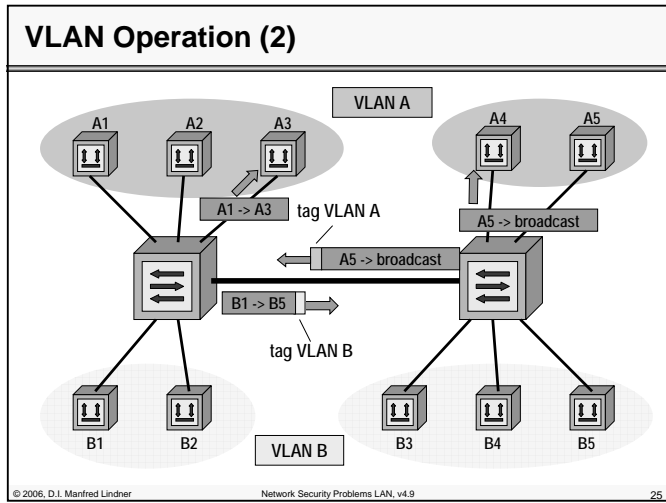


- #### VLAN Assignment
- a station may be assigned to a VLAN
 - port-based
 - fixed assignment port 4 -> VLAN x
 - most common approach
 - a station is member of one specific VLAN only
 - MAC-based
 - MAC A -> VLAN x
 - allows integration of older shared-media components and automatic location change support
 - a station is member of one specific VLAN only
 - protocol-based
 - IP-traffic, port 1 -> VLAN x
 - NetBEUI-traffic, port 1 -> VLAN y
 - a station could be member of different VLANs
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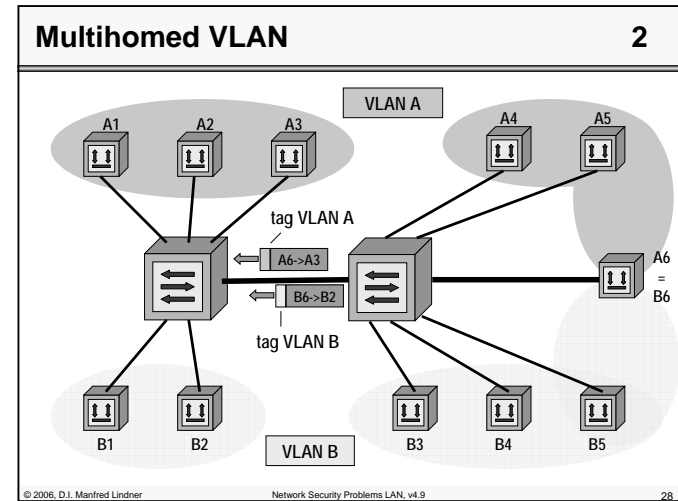
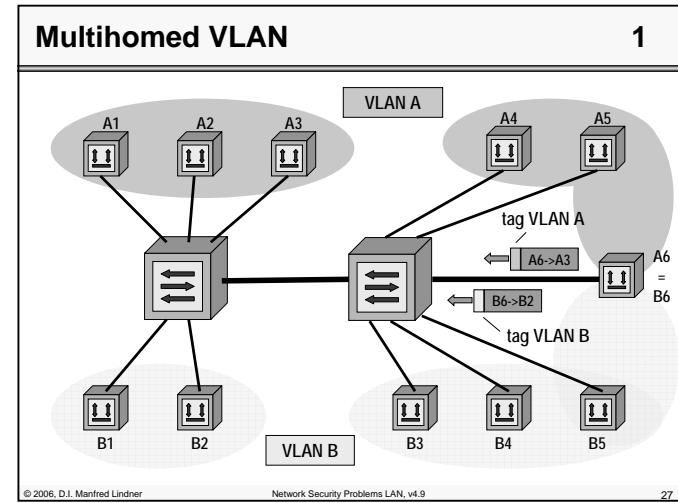
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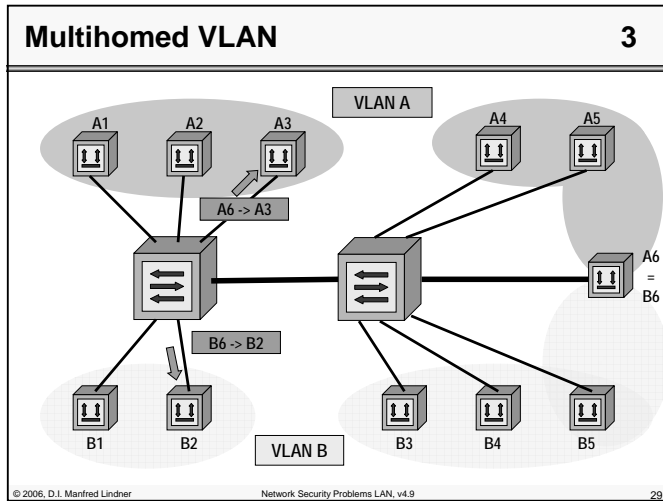
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Overview Attacks on L2

- **Network Sniffing**
 - Capturing traffic
- **MAC Flooding**
 - Overloading bridging/switching table
- **MAC Spoofing**
 - Falsifying MAC address
- **STP Spoofing**
 - Disturbing/manipulating BPDU messages
- **VLAN Spoofing**
 - Disturbing/manipulation 802.1Q tagging

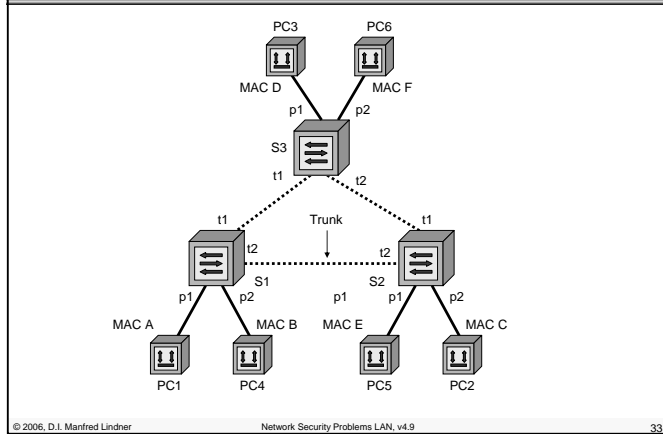
Attacks on LANs (L2)

1

- **Network sniffing (passive attack)**
 - enable "promiscuous mode" on your Ethernet card and you will receive all traffic which appears at your card
 - in a repeater environment or wireless environment you will see every frame carried over the shared media
 - in a bridged/switched environment you will see only Ethernet frames destined to your MAC address and broadcast / multicast frames
 - assumption: bridge has already learned all MAC addresses of the given LAN and hence flooding is not used any longer
 - often part of a "Trojan" software which will sniff on a far remote LAN and will report to the intruder station over a so called covert-channel

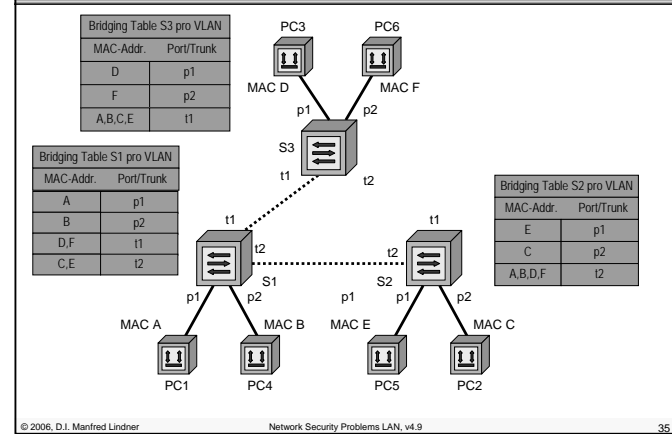
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Topology L2 Switching

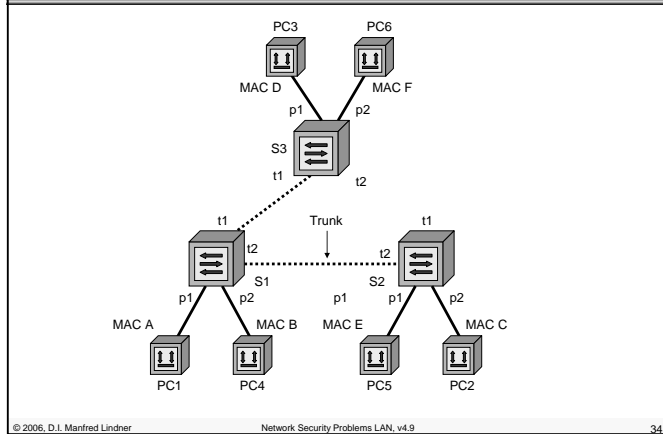


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Bridging/Switching Table (L2)



Spanning Tree Applied



Attacks on LANs (L2)

2

- **MAC flooding (active attack)**
 - even in a bridged/switched environment 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 "dsniff" suite
 - bridging / switching table will overrun
 - 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)

3

- **MAC address spoofing**

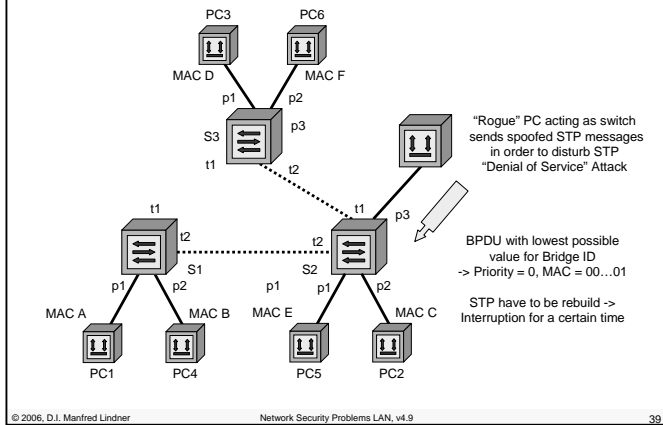
- BIA address of your Ethernet adapter can be changed
- so you can impersonate another station
 - either send frames in the name of the impersonated station
 - or receive frames originally destined for this station

- **STP disturbance**

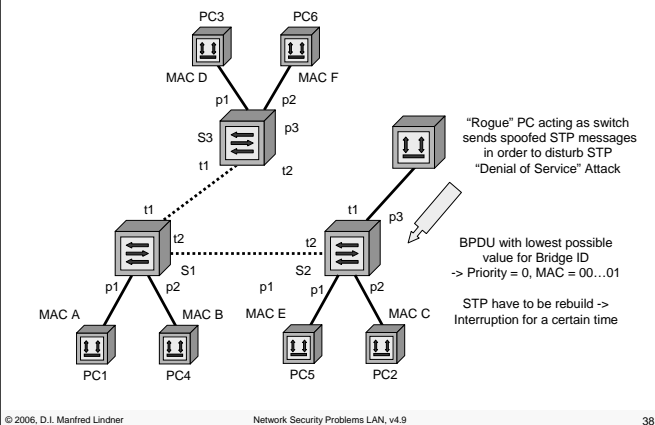
- An intruder station manipulate BPDU messages to disturb STP operation
 - Kind of DoS (Denial of Service) attack
- An intruder station with two Ethernet ports manipulate BPDU messages in such a way that it becomes the root bridge
 - All traffic will flow through this machine
 - Kind of "man-in-the-middle" attack

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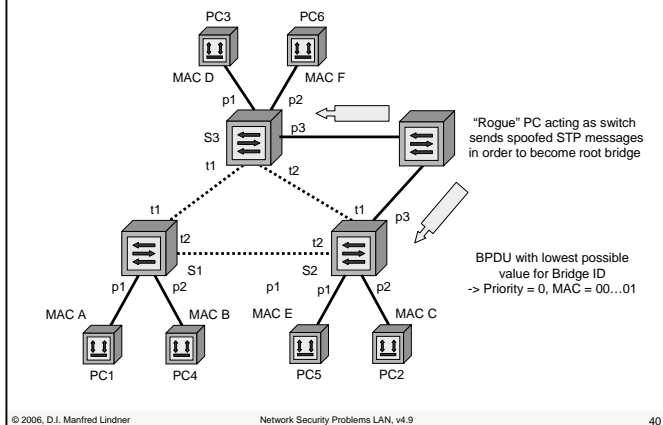
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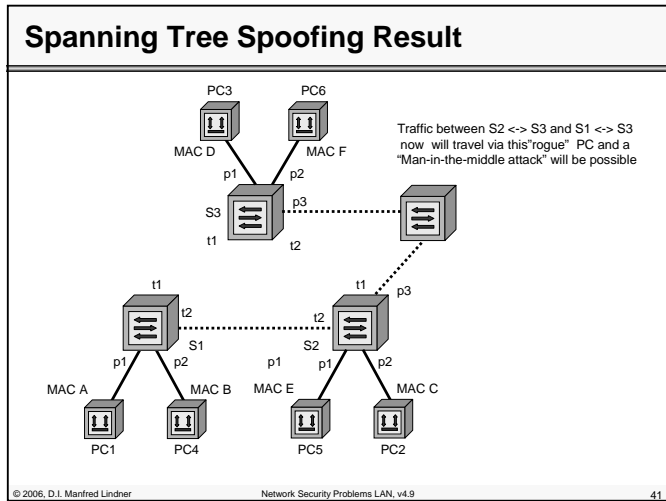
Spanning Tree Disturbance



Spanning Tree Spoofing



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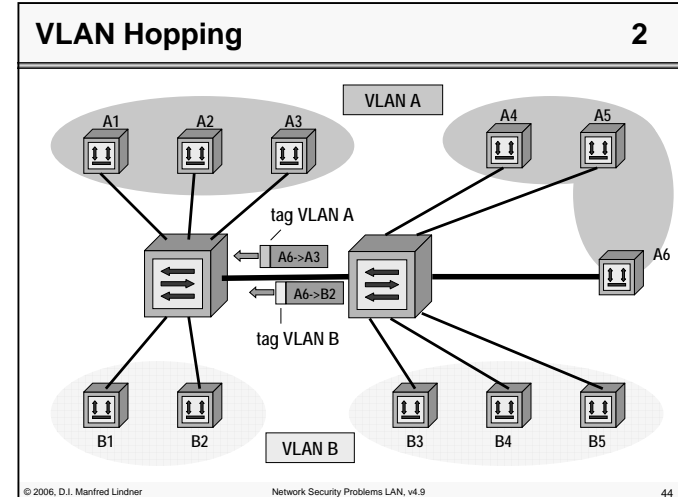
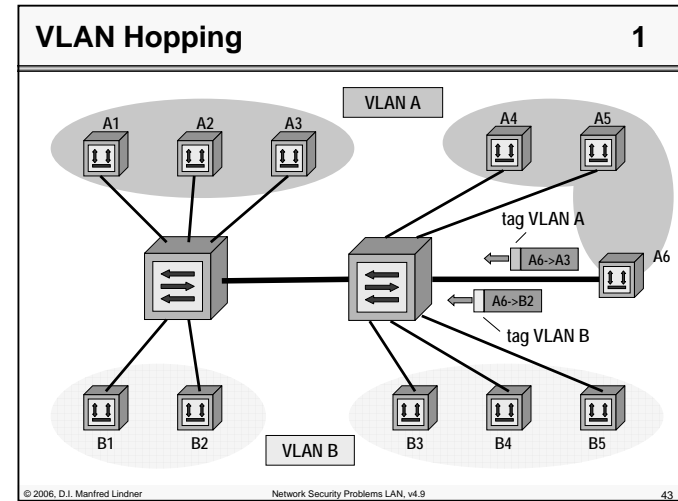


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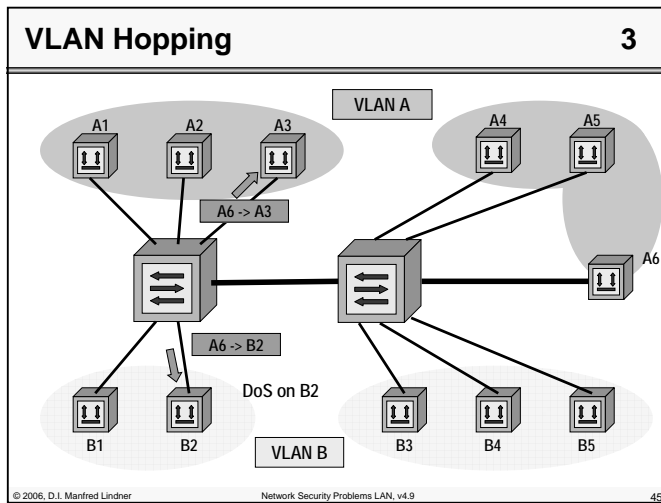
- VLAN hopping**
 - An intruder station sends VLAN tagged frames instead of normal frames
 - You need a PC Ethernet card which supports 802.1Q VLAN tagging
 - Kind of DoS attack possible
- VLAN break in**
 - An intruder station makes a switch believe that it is switch
 - Switch may enter trunk mode on 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

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- **Repeater or wireless environment**
 - Solution only possible with cryptographic means
- **Switched environment**
 - Plug and play mode (MAC source address learning, dynamic bridging table)
 - Ethernet switches must be resistant against MAC bridging table flooding on user (access) ports
 - May be achieved by limiting the amount of different MAC addresses seen on a port within a certain time interval (e.g. Cisco's port security feature)
 - MAC authentication mode (static bridging table)
 - Control who attaches on an access port
 - Maintenance problems may be eased by "freezing" learned MAC addresses
 - MAC filter mode
 - Explicitly define filter rules who is allowed to communicate with whom based on the MAC addresses
 - Hard to maintain, typically achieved by VLAN techniques nowadays

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LAN Attacks Mitigation

2

• Switched environment (cont.)

- In all mentioned modes still broadcasts and multicast are seen on all ports
 - Because of the broadcast domain
- This may provide even in a controlled environment enough information about MAC addresses used by other systems in the switched LAN
- MAC address can be spoofed
 - Disturbs communication if two systems with same MAC address are active at the same time
 - In case of learning mode, last seen address will overwrite table entry
 - Intruder may takeover role of another machine in times of its absence if authentication is based on MAC address only

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LAN Attacks Mitigation

3

• General rules in today's switched environment:

- Restrict access at user ports to authenticated users only
 - MAC address authentication because of MAC address spoofing may be too weak
 - Usage of 802.1x / EAP (Extensible Authentication Protocol) together with a security server like RADIUS or TACACS+ is a possible solution
- Restrict authorization rights (what is allowed to do) at user (access) ports to that what is really necessary
 - Disable VLAN trunk facilities on access port
 - In case of several VLAN's per access port restrict VLAN-IDs to the intended values
 - Disable (?) handling of STP messages on access port
 - But be careful avoiding the famous broadcast storm by establishing redundant connections between L2 switches

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- **General rules in today's switched environment (cont.):**
 - Arrange a management VLAN for remote management of switches totally separated from all other VLAN's
 - Use SNMPv3 instead of SNMPv1 if possible
 - Use SSH instead of Telnet if possible
 - Use HTTPS instead of HTTP if possible

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IEEE 802.1x

- **IEEE 802.1x**
 - Port-based network access control
 - Authentication and authorization of devices attached to a LAN port with point-to-point connection characteristics
 - Framework for describing the functions and procedures for such an infrastructure (an AAA server like Radius is needed)
 - Defining and coding the transport container of EAP messages
 - EAPOL (EAP encapsulation Over Lan)
 - EAP-Packet
 - EAPOL-Start, EAPOL-Logoff
 - EAPOL-Encapsulated-ASF-Alert
 - EAPOL-Key

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IETF EAP

- **EAP (RFC 3748 (RFC 2284, 2484 are obsoleted))**
 - Extensible Authentication Protocol
 - Flexible replacement for PAP and CHAP already known in the RAS area (PPP link)
 - What does flexibility mean?
 - EAP permits the use of a backend authentication server
 - EAP is used to select a specific authentication mechanism
 - Authenticator (e.g. L2 switch or RAS) acting as a pass-through for some or all mechanism
 - Does not require the authenticator to be updated to support each new authentication method
 - Framework for different authentication methods
 - EAP messages and base methods are defined
 - Runs over classical PPP and 802 LANs
 - Using EAP-Packet format of 802.1x in case of 802 LAN

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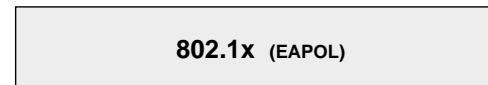
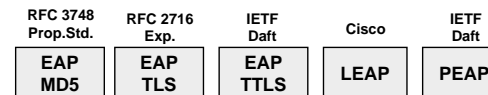
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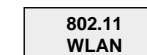
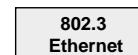
Overview 802.1X / EAP

TLS ... Transport Level Security (based on SSL), TTLS ... Tunneled TLS
LEAP ... Lightweight EA, PEAP ... Protected EAP

Authentication Algorithms



Authentication
Method



Access
Method

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LAN Attacks Mitigation

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• How detect a “Sniffer”?

- How to detect that an Ethernet card is in promiscuous mode?
- If performed on an stand-alone system theoretically impossible
- But in most cases “sniffing” performed on normal machines as add-on to normal IP stack
- For details see
 - Robert Graham's famous Sniffing (network wiretap, sniffer) FAQ
 - → http://www.seconf.net/misc/Sniffing_network_wiretap_sniffer_FAQ_.html
 - Daiji Sanai's article: "Detection of promiscuous nodes using ARP"
 - → http://www.securityfriday.com/promiscuous_detection_01.pdf

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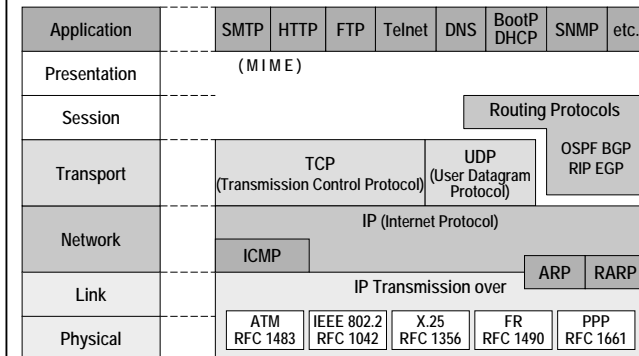
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TCP/IP Protocol Suite



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ARP Request/Reply Format

Hardware		Protocol (IP = 0x0800)
hln	pln	Operation
Source Hardware Address (byte 0 - 3)		
Source HW Addr. (byte 4 - 5)		Source IP Addr. (byte 0 - 1)
Source IP Addr. (byte 2 - 3)		Dest. HW Addr. (byte 0 - 1)*
Destination Hardware Address (byte 2 - 5)*		
Destination IP Address (byte 0 - 3)		

*) Destination hardware address is left empty (hex FF FF FF FF FF FF) for ARP request.

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ARP Request/Reply Fields

- **Hardware**

- Defines the type of network hardware, e.g.:
 - 1 Ethernet DIX
 - 6 802.x-LAN
 - 7 ARCNET
 - 11 LocalTalk

- **Protocol**

- Selects the layer 3 protocol (uses the values which are defined for the Ethernet type field, e.g. 0x800 for IP)

- **hlen**

- Length of hardware address in bytes

ARP Request/Reply Fields

- **plen**

- Length of layer 3 address in bytes

- **Operation**

- 1 ARP Request
- 2 ARP Reply
- 3 RARP Request
- 4 RARP Reply

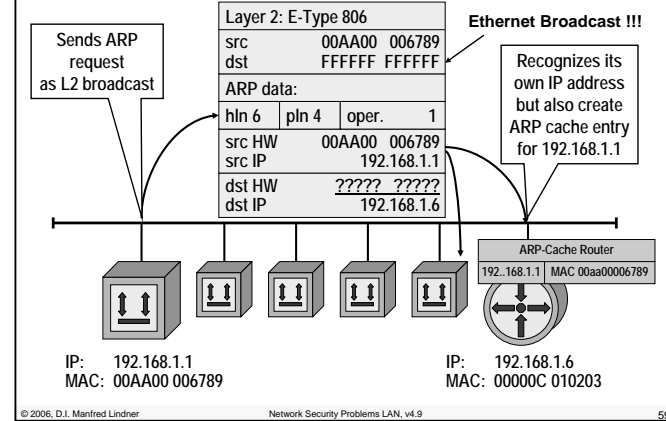
- **Addresses**

- Hardware addresses: MAC addresses (src. and dest.)
- IP addresses: layer 3 addresses (src. and dest.)

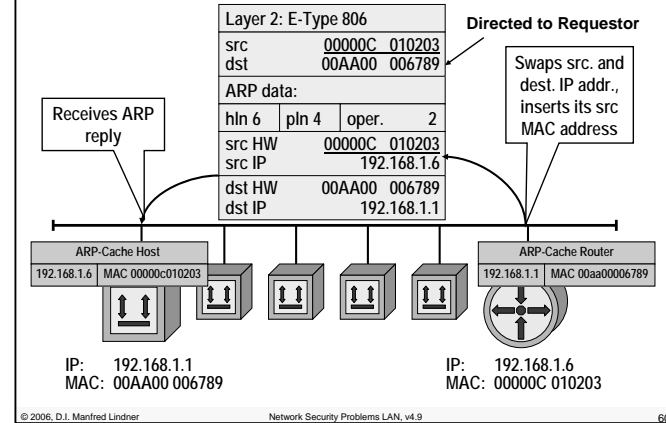
- **ARP request and replies are never forwarded by routers (only LAN broadcast used)**

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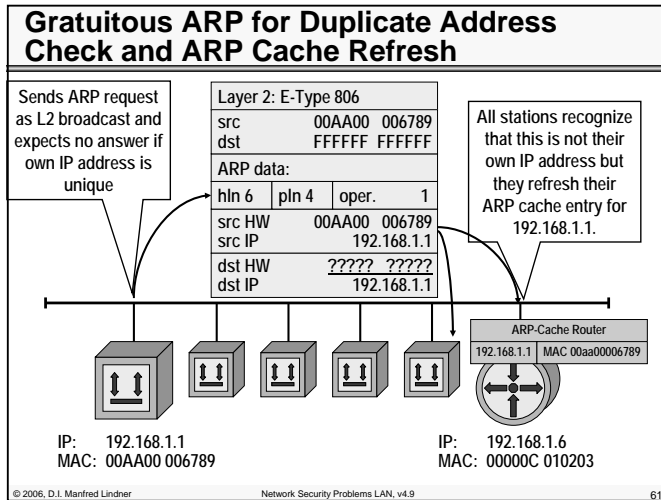
ARP Request in Detail



ARP Reply in Detail



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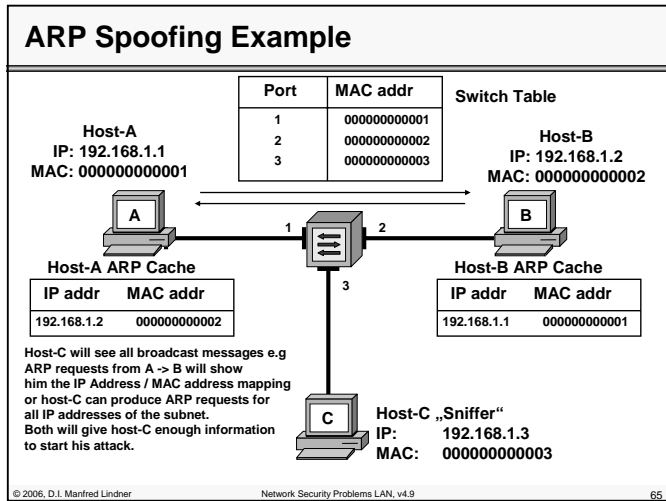
Attacks on L2/L3 (ARP, IP)

- **ARP Spoofing**
 - Falsify MAC address
 - Man-in-the-middle attack

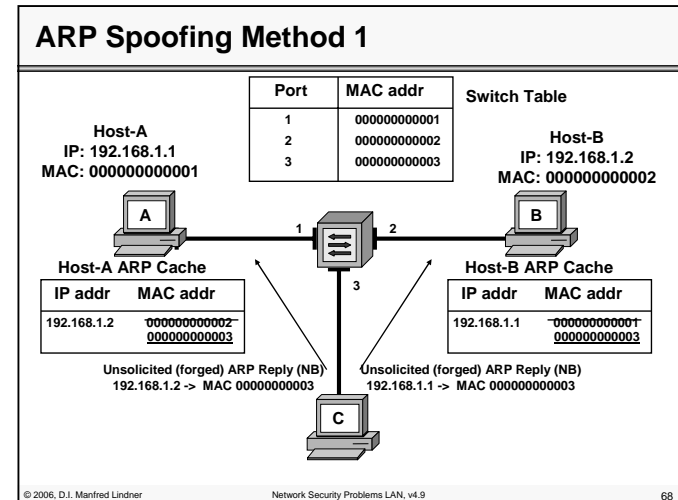
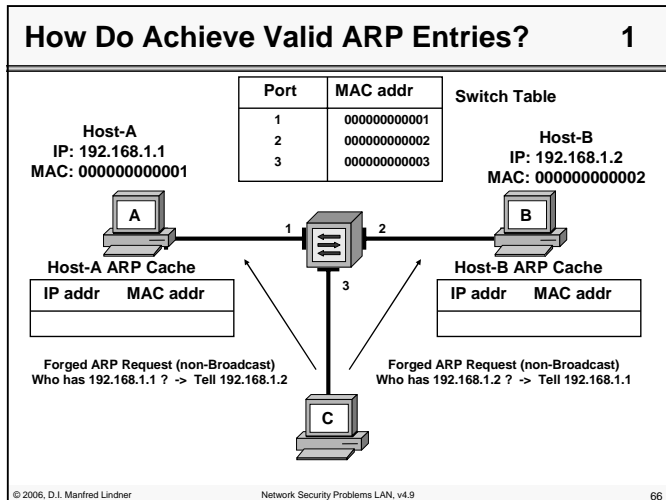
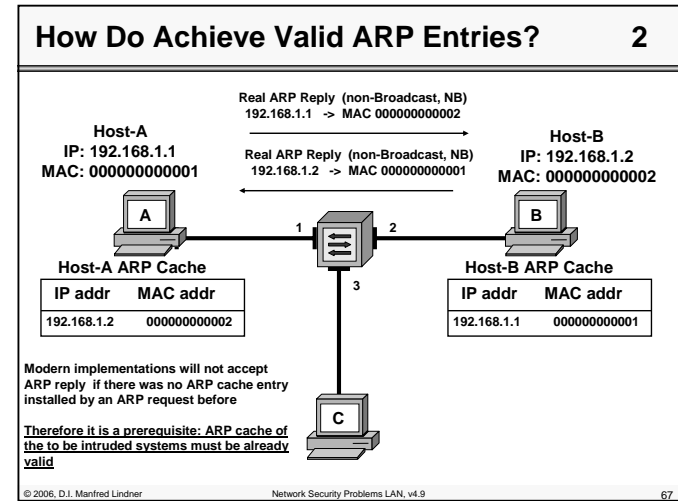
ARP Spoofing

- **Aka ARP Poisoning**
 - well know weakness in TCP/IP is the ARP (Address Resolution Protocol)
 - no authentication, stateless
 - ARP Spoofing:
 - Control the ARP Cache of foreign machines A and B in such a way (faked ARP entries) that all IP packets from A to B and vice versa are redirected to the MAC address of an intruder machine
 - a hacker with the right tools (e.g. „Cain and Able“) can exploit ARP and take control of the LAN/WLAN
 - see <http://www.oxid.it/topics.html> for details
 - if one of the faked machines is the default gateway
 - all traffic of a IP subnet to the Internet and vice versa could be redirected to the intruder

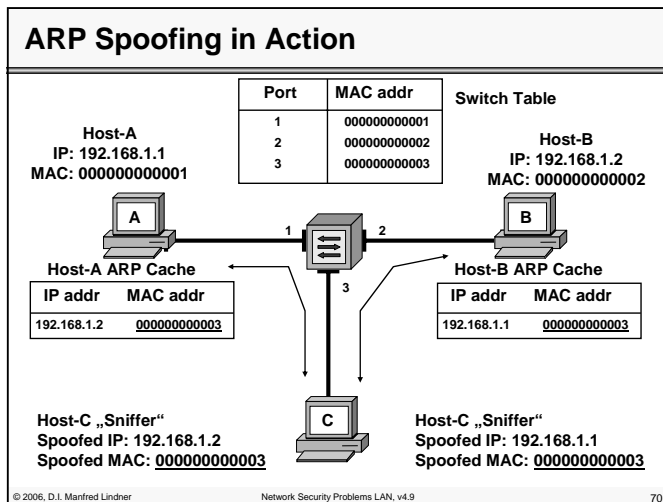
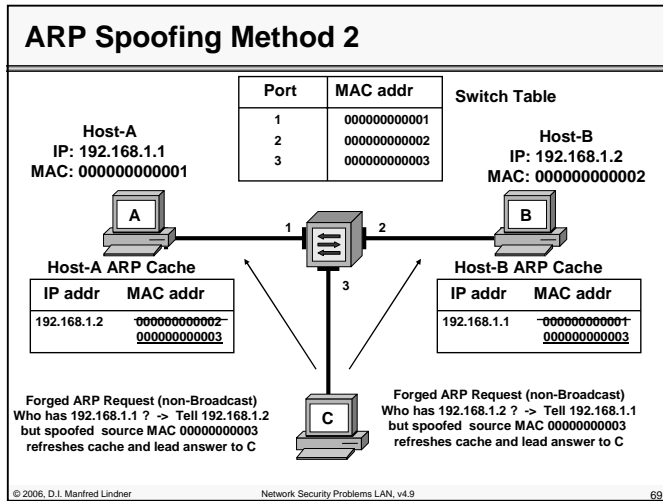
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Hijacking L2

- **ARP Spoofing together with sniffing and appropriate software running on the intruders machine**
 - Allows to hijack the passing traffic
 - Every packet can be manipulated by the intruder
 - Classical “Man-in-the-middle” attack in a LAN environment
- **There are some means to prevent that**
 - See following slides
- **But the real solution for security**
 - Is end-system to end-system security
 - Crypto-graphical “signatures” for authentication and message integrity of packets

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ARP Spoofing Mitigation

- **Allow only static ARP Cache entries in end-systems**
 - Not a practicable solution
- **Install special programs on end-systems**
 - E.g. ArpWatch und XArp
- **Solve the problem at the switch, not at every individual end-system**
 - E.g. Cisco's “Dynamic ARP Inspection” (DAI) together with DHCP snooping
 - On switches ports are categorized as trusted (where the real DHCP server resides) and non-trusted (where the end users reside)
 - DHCP bindings (IP address -> MAC address on which port) are stored in the switch
 - On non-trusted ports certain DHCP messages are not accepted (DHCP ACK, DCP NAK, DHCP Offer)
 - Forged ARP replies are filtered by the switch based on the information of DHCP bindings

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DHCP (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol)

- **DHCP (RFC 2131, 3396) build on two components:**
 - Protocol to deliver host specific configurations from a server to its client
 - Mechanism to allocate temporary or permanent host addresses
- **Temporary address allocation**
 - DHCP server receives a request from a DHCP client and picks out an IP address from a configurable address pool and offers this address to the client
 - the client can use this leased address for a period of time
 - after the end of this lease, the address must again be requested by the client or is returned to the address pool

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DHCP Configurable Parameters

- **A DHCP client can asks for:**
 - IP address
 - Subnet Mask
 - DNS Server, NetBIOS-Name Server
 - default TTL, Source Routing Option, MTU
 - max. Fragment Size, Broadcast Address
 - List of Default Gateways + Preferences, Static Routes
 - ARP Cache Timeout, TCP Keepalives
 - Ethernet Encapsulation
 - Path MTU Discovery (RFC1191)
 - Router Discovery (RFC 1256)
- **DHCP is based on BootP using the options field (opt. 53) of the BootP header**
 - port 67 UDP (BootP Server) and port 68 (BootP Client).

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BootP/DHCP Message Format

code	HWtype	length	hops
Transaction ID			
seconds		Flags field	
Client IP address			
Your IP address			
Server IP address			
Router IP address (DHCP Relay Agent Address !!!)			
Client HW Address 64 byte			
Server host name 64 byte			
Boot file name 128 byte			
Options variable length (at least 312 byte) (here are the DHCP messages !!!)			

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BootP/DHCP Message Format (cont.)

- **Code:**
 - Indicates Request (1) or Reply (2).
- **HWtype:**
 - Type of hardware, Ethernet (1) IEEE 802 (6).
- **Length:**
 - MAC Address length
- **Hops:**
 - Is set by the client to zero, incremented by a BootP (DHCP) Relay Agent who requests to another server and is used to identify loops.
- **Transaction ID:**
 - Random number used to match this boot request with the response it generates.
- **Seconds:**
 - Is the elapsed time in sec. since the client started booting.
- **Flags field:**
 - MSB is used as a broadcast flag. Other bits are set to zero.
- **Client IP address:**
 - Set by the client. Either its known IP address, or 0.0.0.0.
- **Your IP address:**
 - Set by the server, if the clients address is set to 0.0.0.0.

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BootP/DHCP Message Format (cont.)

- **Server IP address:**
 - Set by the server -> IP address of a TFTP server
- **Router IP address:**
 - The address of a BOOTP (DHCP) relay agent
- **Client HW address:**
 - Set by the client. DHCP uses special IDs or the MAC address to identify the client
- **Server host name:**
 - Name of the server
- **Boot file name:**
 - Set by the client to zero, or specifies a boot file. In a DHCPDISCOVER also zero, in the DHCPPOFFER a full directory path from the server will be returned.
- **VENDOR SPECIFIC AREA:**
 - may optionally contain vendor information of the BootP-server
 - according to RFC 2132 it is also possible to mention the subnet-mask (opt. 1), hostname, domain name, IP-address of the DNS-server (opt. 6), IP-address of the default gateway (Router opt. 3), etc.
 - Here DHCP comes in (opt. 53) !!!

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DHCP Message Types in Option Field

- DHCPDISCOVER (opt. 53 / type 1):
 - Client broadcast to find DHCP server(s).
- DHCPPOFFER (opt. 53 / type 2):
 - Response to a DHCPDISCOVER, offering an IP address and other parameters.
- DHCPREQUEST (opt. 53 / type 3):
 - Message from the client to the server to get the following:
 - Requests the parameters offered by one server, declines all other offers.
 - Verification of a previously allocated address after a system reboot, or network change.
 - Request the extension of the lease time.

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DHCP Message Types (cont.)

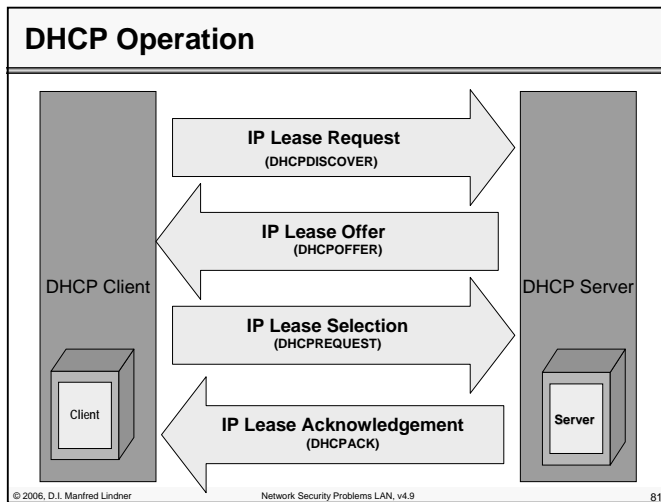
- DHCPACK (opt. 53 / type 5):
 - Acknowledgement from server to client, with IP address and parameters.
- DHCPNACK (opt. 53 / type 6):
 - Negative ACK from server to client.
 - Clients lease expired or requested IP address is invalid.
- DHCPDECLINE (opt. 53 / type 4):
 - Message from a client to a server indicating an error.
- DHCPRELEASE (opt. 53 / type 7):
 - Message from a client to a server cancelling remainder of a lease and relinquishing network address.
- DHCPINFORM (opt. 53 / type 8):
 - Message from a client that has already an externally configured IP address, asking for more local configuration parameters

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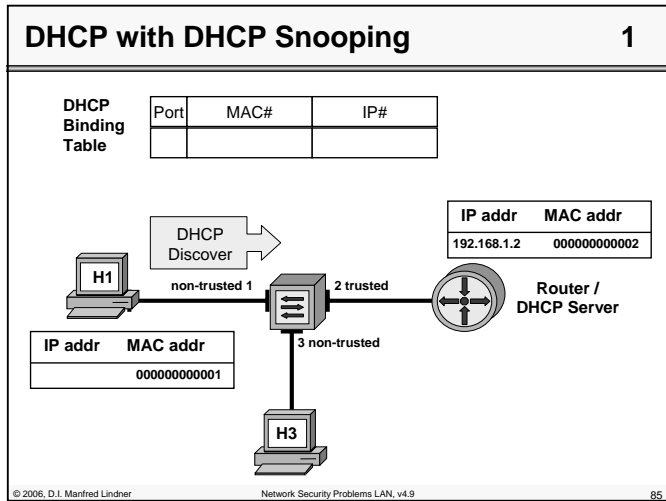
Attacks on L2/L3/L7

- **DHCP Spoofing**
 - Man-in-the-middle attack
 - Falsify Default Gateway IP Address (L3)
 - Falsify DNS Server IP Address (L7)
- **DHCP Starvation**
 - Denial of Service Attack
 - Paralyze real DHCP server by exhausting IP address pool with spoofed MAC addresses in order to install a (rogue) DHCP server of the intruder

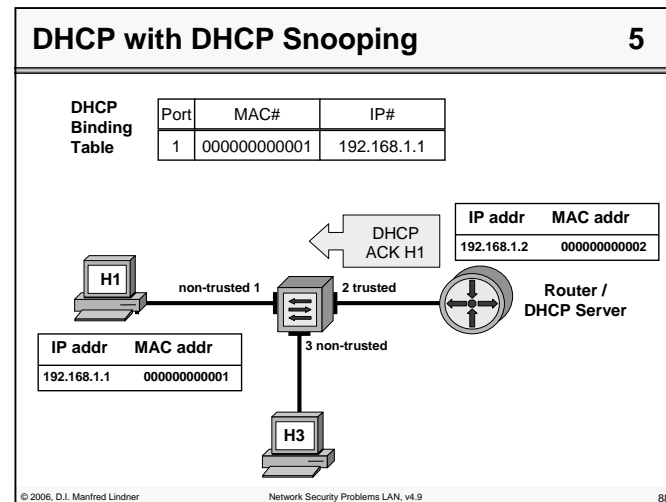
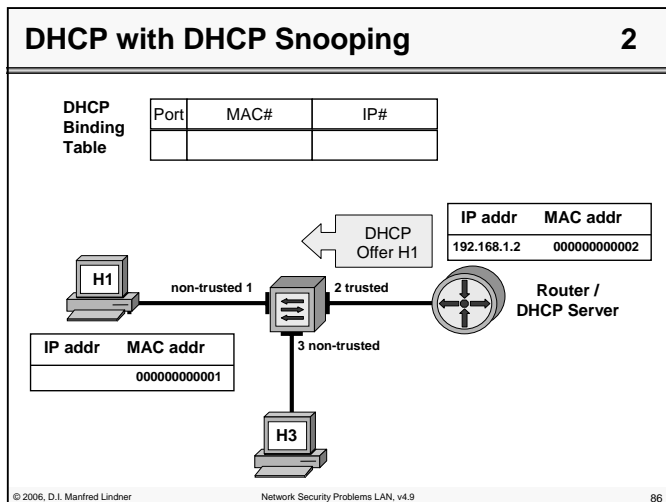
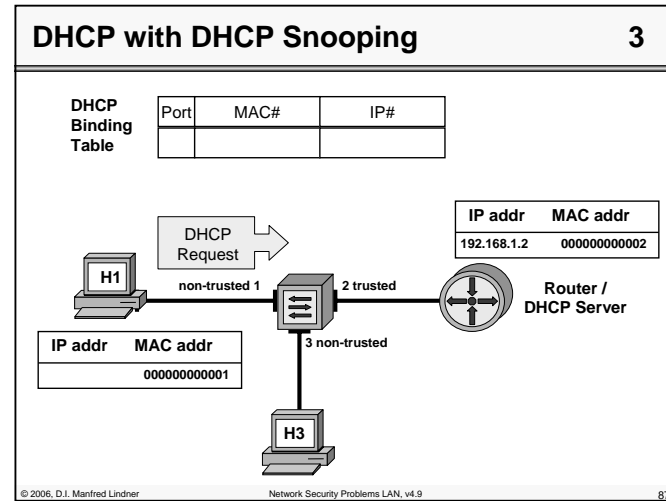
DHCP Spoofing / Starvation Mitigation

- **DHCP snooping against DHCP spoofing**
 - Cisco solution
 - On switches ports are categorized as trusted (where the real DHCP server resides) and non-trusted (where the end users reside)
 - On non-trusted ports certain DHCP messages are not accepted (DHCP ACK, DCP NACK, DHCP Offer)
 - Forged DHCP replies are filtered by the switch
- **MAC flooding prevention and/or MAC authentication against DHCP starvation**
 - E.g. Cisco's "Port Security" feature

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DHCP with DHCP Snooping 6

Port	MAC#	IP#
1	000000000001	192.168.1.1
3	000000000003	192.168.1.3

IP addr	MAC addr
192.168.1.2	000000000002

IP addr	MAC addr
192.168.1.3	000000000003

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ARP Spoofing Mitigation with Dynamic ARP Inspection (DAI) 91

Port	MAC#	IP#
1	000000000001	192.168.1.1
3	000000000003	192.168.1.3
4	000000000004	192.168.1.4

IP addr	MAC addr
192.168.1.2	000000000002

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Static Entry with DHCP Snooping 7

Port	MAC#	IP#
1	000000000001	192.168.1.1
3	000000000003	192.168.1.3
4	000000000004	192.168.1.4

Static entry for non-DHCP clients possible

IP addr	MAC addr
192.168.1.2	000000000002

IP addr	MAC addr
192.168.1.4	000000000004

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DHCP Spoofing Mitigation 92

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4	000000000004	192.168.1.4

IP addr	MAC addr
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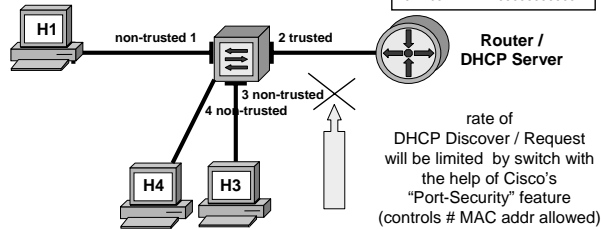
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DHCP Starvation Mitigation

DHCP Binding Table

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Wireless LAN

- **Again a shared media for a lot of stations**
 - located around a WLAN access point
 - Infrastructure Mode
 - sharing done by combination of TDM (CSMA/CA) and FDM
 - TDM ... Time Division Multiplexing
 - FDM ... Frequency Division Multiplexing
 - CA ... Collision Avoidance
- **Everybody equipped with the proper equipment (WLAN card)**
 - can listen to the traffic going on
 - can sent traffic to the access point

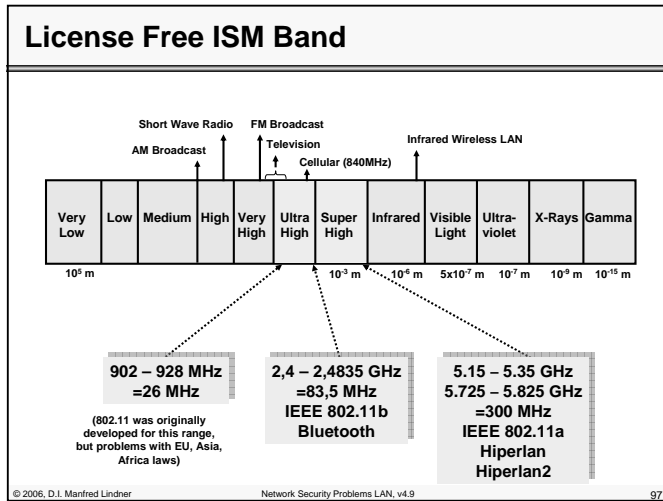
IEEE 802.11 Standard

- **Another IEEE working group**
- **Most successful WLAN standard**
 - Easy and robust wireless LAN
 - Infrared and radio transmission
 - Worldwide use (2,4 GHz)
 - "WIFI-Standard"
 - 1-54 Mbit/s
- **Infrastructure and Ad-hoc design**

IEEE Working Groups

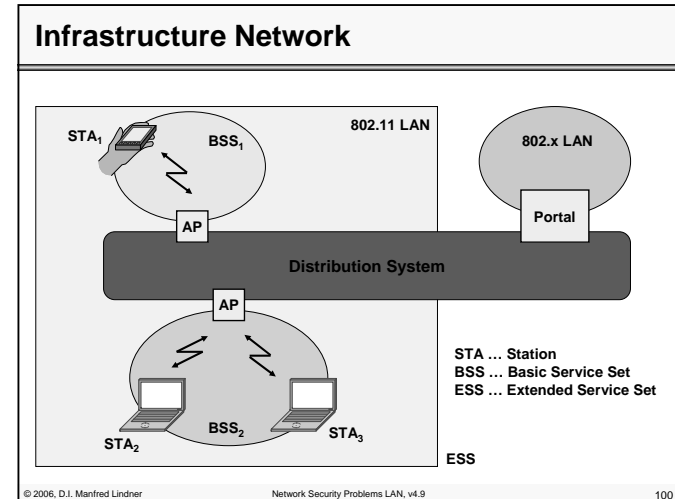
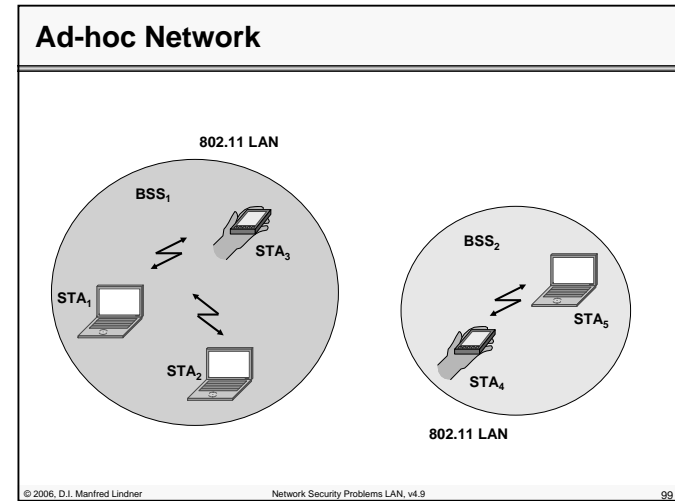
- 802.1 Higher Layer LAN Protocols
- 802.2 Logical Link Control
- 802.3 Ethernet
- 802.4 Token Bus
- 802.5 Token Ring
- 802.6 Metropolitan Area Network
- 802.7 Broadband TAG
- 802.8 Fiber Optic TAG
- 802.9 Synchronous LAN
- 802.10 Security
- 802.11 Wireless LAN
- 802.12 Demand Priority
- 802.13 Not Used
- 802.14 Cable Modem
- 802.15 Wireless Personal Area Network
- 802.16 Broadband Wireless Access
- 802.17 Resilient Packet Ring

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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
 - New OFDM technology
 - **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
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Attacks on WLANs 1

- **Classical shared media**
 - Network sniffing is easily possible and can not be prevented
 - You need no physical access to it
 - Distance of reachability (range) can not exactly be determined
 - Power of sender
 - Sensitivity of receiver (antenna)
 - Location conditions
- **Dangers**
 - Getting sensitive information (username, passwords) in order to impersonate legitimate users
 - Using IP infrastructure (Internet access) on behalf of legitimate users
 - “Play and Play” mode of wireless components is very “helpful” to provide instant open access

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Attacks on WLANs

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- **Man-in-the-middle attack**
 - By ARP spoofing and similar techniques may be successfully prevented
 - How?
 - Don't let a wireless end-station talk to another wireless end-station either directly (ad-hoc) or via the access-point (e.g. with filter rules)
 - So the default gateway on the wired LAN cannot be spoofed
- **Still it is critical to protect the access-point**
 - Physically protection of access point management console
 - Protection of remote management of access point
 - E.g. allowed only via wired LAN port (kind of firewall)
 - E.g. SSH or HTTPS (SSL) used instead of simple Telnet or HTTP

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Wireless LAN – Security 1

- **Protection achievable only by crypto-graphical methods**
- **Following possibilities:**
 - Encryption for privacy
 - WEP (Wired Equivalent Privacy, shared secret-key)
 - part of the original 802.11 standard
 - Very insecure, “DESASTER”
 - TKIP (Wi-Fi, Temporal Key Integrity Protocol, shared secret-key)
 - Still WEP based but avoids known WEP vulnerabilities
 - AES (Advanced Encryption Standard)
 - Authentication
 - Open (WEP)
 - Shared (WEP)
 - WPA (Wi-Fi Protected Access)
 - Together with 802.1x / EAP / AAA infrastructure (Radius)
 - Dynamic WEP keys
 - WPA PSK (Pre Shared Key)
 - SOHO area

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Wireless LAN – Security

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- **Following possibilities (cont.):**
 - Real strong solutions still on the way
 - IEEE 802.11i end of 2004 released
 - WPA-2
 - WPA2-Personal (PSK)
 - WPA2-Enterprise (EAP, AAA Server)
- **Even with crypto-graphical methods**
 - Discovery of WLAN infrastructure is possible
 - WLAN management frames
 - Beacons, Probe Request/Response
 - Authentication Request/Response
 - Association Request/Response
 - SSID, MAC in clear-text, L3 maybe secured
 - Denial of Service (DoS) is possible
 - E.g. high power RF signal generator

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Wireless LAN - Sniffing

- **Discovery Tools**
 - NetStumbler (Windows)
 - <http://netstumbler.com>
 - MAC address
 - SSID
 - Access point name
 - Channel
 - Vendor
 - Security
 - Kismet (Linux)
 - <http://www.kismetwireless.net>
 - Dstumbler
 - <http://www.openbsd.org> -> [bsd-airtools](#)

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Wireless LAN – Security by VPN

- **VPN based on IPsec**
 - As alternative until final solution for wireless security is found
 - Either end-to-end or end-station to access-point
 - Maybe will complement or replace wireless security techniques
 - Question: How many different security techniques you want to configure and maintain in the IT/Network infrastructure of your company?

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Wireless LAN - WEP Cracking

- **Cracker Tools**
 - AirSnort (Windows, Linux)
 - <http://sourceforge.net/projects/airsnort>
 - WEPCrack (Linux)
 - <http://sourceforge.net/projects/wepcrack>

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