

802.1x

WPA(2)

CHAP

RADIUS

AES

TKIP

802.11i

CBC-MAC

WN

EAP

# Wireless Alphabet Soup

Mixing Up A Secure  
Wireless Network

TSN

WPA(1)

AP

EAPOL

WEP

PEAP

CCMP

PAP

SP

RSN

AS



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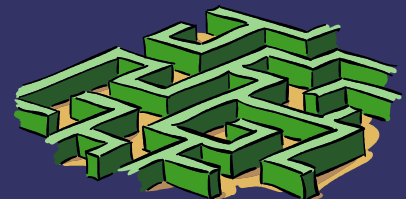
# *The Problem*

- ⇒ Wireless networks are especially prone to attack and compromise.
  - Need a way to authorize users & devices to use the network.
  - Traffic over the wireless connection must be secured.
    - Must be simple to use.
    - Must be broadly supported.
    - Must integrate with existing services.
    - Must be robust and reliable.
- ⇒ The answer is WPA
  - 802.1x/EAP + RADIUS + TSN/RSN
  - aka “802.11i”



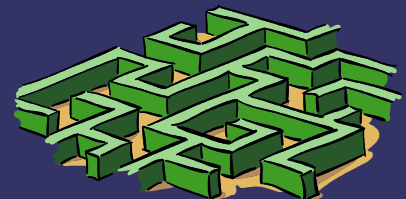
# *What is WPA?*

- ⇒ WPA was born out of frustration with the slow moving 802.11i standard.
  - WEP is broken, we need a solution NOW!
  - WPA is intended to be 802.11i compatible.
- ⇒ WPA is “Wi-Fi Protected Access”
  - WPA(1), also called TSN, is: TKIP + 802.1X
    - TSN is “Transitional Secure Network”
  - WPA(2), also called RSN is: CCMP + 802.1x
    - RSN is “Robust Secure Network”



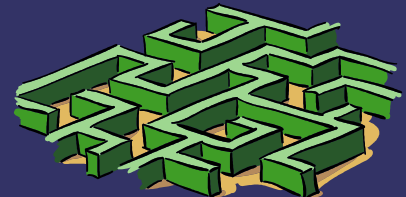
# What is 802.1x

- ⇒ 802.1x is “port based authentication”
  - In this context a “port” is a single attachment point to a network.
    - The port on an Ethernet hub.
    - The association between a SP and an AP
    - A VPN connection
    - etc....
  - Think '*gatekeeper*'
    - The gate is closed until it is opened.
    - The gate is either open or closed.
  - Port based authentication uses EAP
    - EAP was originally designed for authenticating dial-up users over PPP



# What Is EAP

- ➔ EAP is “Extensible Authentication Protocol”
  - The protocol used between client and the network access device (switch, AP, etc...)
  - The wire protocol in the case of wireless clients authenticating to an AP is EAPOL
    - EAPOL is “EAP Over LAN”
  - EAP is NOT an IP Protocol
- EAP is a way of encapsulating authentication requests.
  - An enormous variety of authentication mechanisms can be encapsulated over EAP.
    - PAP, CHAP, M\$-CHAP, OTP, Kerberos, Public Key, etc...
    - So just “*authentication over EAP*” means almost nothing.



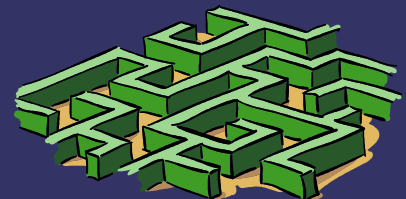
# *Encryption Terms*

## ⇒ TKIP

- The “Temporary Key Integrity Protocol” is an encryption protocol based on RC4.
  - A 'temporary' fix to the WEP train wreck.
    - Meant to be compatible with legacy 802.11 hardware.
    - Changes keys periodically.
    - Uses a 48 bit vector vs. WEPs 24 bit vector.

## ⇒ CCMP

- The “Counter Mode with CBC-MAC” is a new encryption protocol based on AES.
  - AES is “Advanced Encryption Support”
  - Demands much more CPU horsepower than RC4.
    - To support CCMP hardware needs to be designed to support CCMP, usually involves a dedicated coprocessor.



# *What is 802.11i*

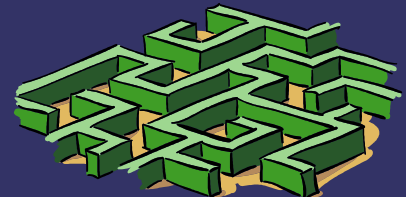
- ⇒ 802.11i is a standard for constructing robustly secure networks.
  - Requires AES encryption
    - Will not work with older [aka most current] hardware.
    - Encrypts the entire frame
      - WPA(1) only encrypts the payload
  - WPA2 is 802.11i





# *What Is RADIUS*

- ➔ RADIUS is the “Remote Authentication Dial In User Service” developed for ISPs to authenticate users.
- RADIUS was designed to provide “AAA”
  - Authentication
  - Authorization
  - Accounting
- RADIUS is an open standard.
  - <http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc2865.txt>
- RADIUS usually front-ends another authentication service.



# *Terms & Acronyms*

## ⇒ Wireless Node [ WN ]

- The device requesting network access.
  - My laptop

## ⇒ Supplicant [ SP ]

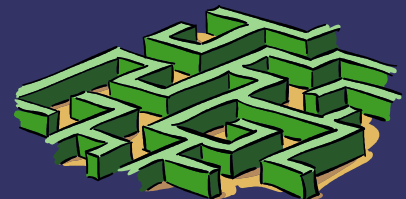
- The software on the client that manages authentication and authorization.

## ⇒ Authenticator

- The software performing the authentication,
  - Translating the EAP frames into RADIUS requests.
  - Usually this is hosted on the Access Point [ AP ]

## ⇒ Authentication Server [ AS ]

- The service or device that is performing the act accepting or rejecting user credentials.
  - Our FreeRADIUS server.



# *A Visual*

Supplicant



WN

EAP

TKIP or CCMP

Authenticator

Access  
Point

AP

RADIUS

Ethernet

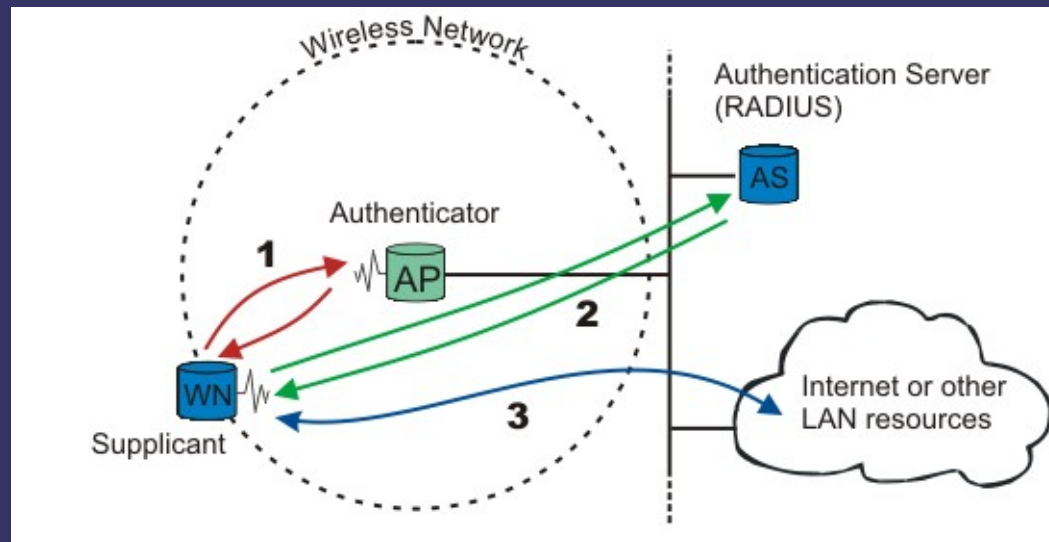
AS

Authentication Service  
(RADIUS Server)



# Authenticating

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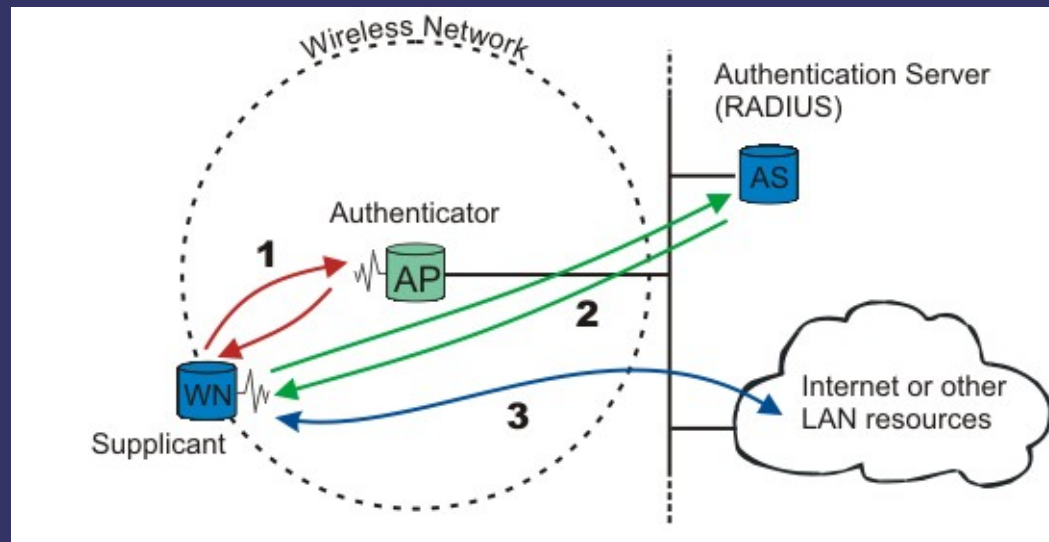
## ⇒ Step #1

- **WN** requests access
  - Only EAP traffic is permitted (No IP!)
  - This is an exchange of identity.



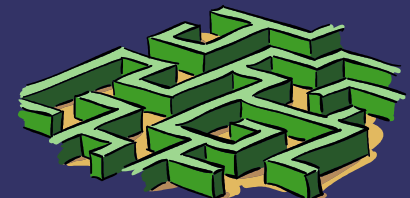
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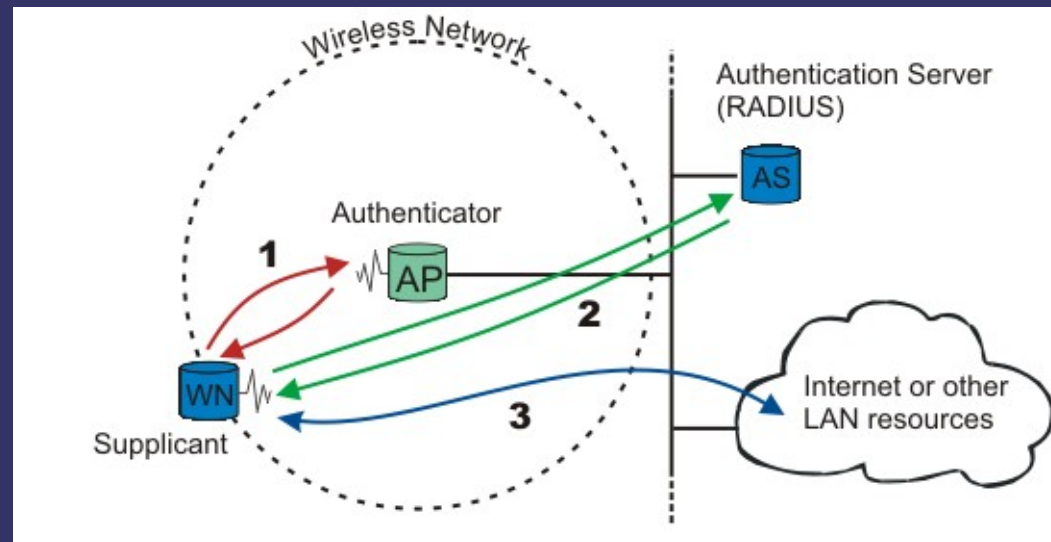
## ⇒ Step #2

- **WN** authenticates
- The AP acts as a translator and relay
- EAP (EAPOL) <-> RADIUS
  - The AP knows NOTHING about the authentication process or mechanism.



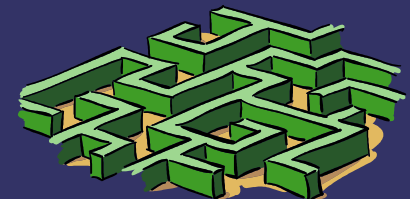
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## ⇒ Step #3

- The port is openned
- The **AS** responds with success and the port is opened.
- **WN** can now proceed with acquiring an IP address.



# *FreeRADIUS*

- ➔ FreeRADIUS is a full-featured enterprise ready RADIUS service provider (AS).
  - <http://www.freeradius.org>
  - GPL
  - Full support for RFC 2865 and 2866
  - Specific support for hardware from more than 50 vendors.
  - Supports a myriad of EAP encapsulated authentication methods.
  - Provided by main stream distributions.



# *FreeRADIUS Authorization*

➔ FreeRADIUS supports the following authorization data sources:

- Files

- Text
- DB / DBM

- LDAP

- OpenLDAP
- Novell NDS
- Sun One
- Any LDAPv3 compliant DSA

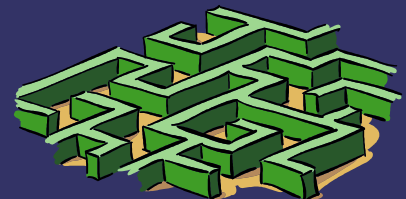
- Local Executable

- Perl script

- Python script

- ➔ SQL Database

- Oracle
- PostgreSQL
- Sybase
- IBM DB2
- MySQL
- ODBC
- iODBC
- uniXODBC





# *FreeRADIUS Mechanisms*

⇒ FreeRADIUS can authorize users using a variety of methods

- PAP (PAM, LDAP, Files)
- CHAP, M\$-CHAP, M\$-CHAPv2
- NTLM (M\$-DC, Samba-DC, LDAP)
- Proxy to another RADIUS server
- CRAM
- SIP Digest
- Netscape-MTA-MD5
- Kerberos
- X9.9 (CRYPTO Card)

⇒ Custom mechanisms can also be developed.

- Perl
- Python



# FreeRADIUS EAP

➔ FreeRADIUS supports a variety of EAP mechanisms.

- EAP-MD5
- Cisco LEAP
- EAP-MSCHAP-V2
- EAP-GTC
- EAP-SIM
- EAP-TLS
- EAP-TTLS
- EAP-PEAP

These mechanisms are considered weak.

Requires PKI (Ugh!)

These mechanisms require OpenSSL.



# Setting Up A WPA Network



# Setting Up Authenticator

## Wireless Settings

These are the wireless settings for the AP(Access Point)Portion.

Wireless Radio : ☒ **Enabled** ☐ **Disabled**

SSID :

Channel :

SSID Broadcast : ☒ Enabled ☐ Disabled

Security : ☐ None ☐ WEP ☒ **WPA** ☐ WPA-PSK

## 802.1X

RADIUS Server 1 IP

Port

Shared Secret

RADIUS Server 2 IP  
(Optional)

Port

Shared Secret



Apply



Cancel

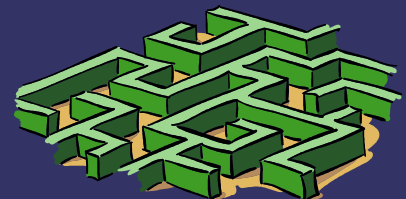


Help

Configure your AP to use WPA

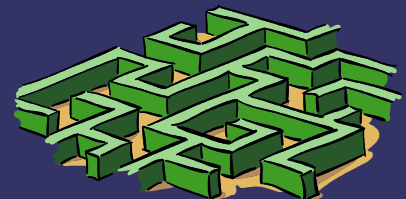
Tell the AP where the RADIUS server is.

Enter a secret passphrase.



# Select An EAP Mechanism

- ➔ We are using EAP-PEAP
  - PEAP is “Protected EAP”
  - Does not require PKI
  - User enters a username and a password
  - Uses M\$-CHAPv2
    - Password never crosses the wire.
    - Can authenticate against an NT hash of the user's password.
      - Samba DCs have this credential.
      - Also will work with an NTLM mechanism.
  - Very widely supported
    - Natively supported by that other operating system.
      - Adding ZERO software to Win32 clients was a design requirement.
    - Works well with Open Source supplicants.



# Configuring FreeRADIUS

## ⇒ Install FreeRADIUS

- Configuration files are in /etc/raddb
  - **clients.conf**
    - Enumerates the authenticators
  - **eap**
    - Configures encryption and EAP method.
  - **radiusd.conf**
    - Overall server configuration
  - **users**
    - Enumerates users or user defaults
  - **ldap.attrmap**
    - Maps RADIUS attributes to LDAP attributes

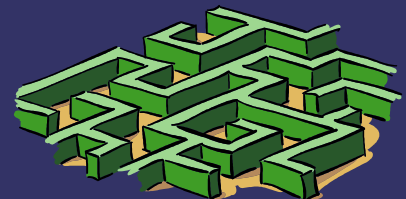
## ⇒ Open UDP Ports 1812/1813



# Configuration structure

- ➔ FreeRADIUS configuration files are nested.
- **radiusd.conf** includes the other configuration files.
- \$INCLUDE \${confdir}/eap.conf
- Nested levels are in the form of:

```
name {  
    directive = value  
    name {  
        directive = value  
        name {  
            ...  
        }  
    }  
}
```



# *radiusd.conf*

➔ **radiusd.conf** contains a variety of global configuration directives:

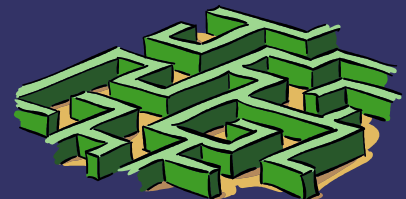
- `bind_address = 192.168.3.1`
- `$INCLUDE ${confdir}/clients.conf`
- `snmp = no`
- `$INCLUDE ${confdir}/snmp.conf`
- `max_requests = 1024`
- `port = 1812`
- *etc...*





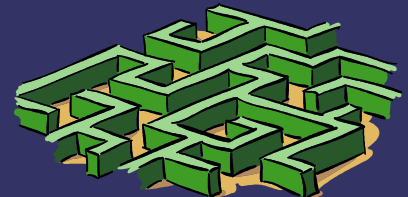
# Modules & Stacks

- ➔ The “modules” section defines the 'meat' of the configuration.
  - Within “modules” is:
    - mschap
    - eap
    - ldap
    - files
    - *etc...*
  - Stacks define the modules that will be run at each event.
    - Each entry is a module defined in “modules”
    - Modules defined in each stack is run in order.
    - authorization
    - authenticate
    - *etc...*



# *Modules*

- ➔ You only need to configure the modules you are going to use.
  - eap
    - Configures the EAP functionality
  - mschap
    - Configures M\$-CHAP options.
  - ldap
    - Configures LDAP options



# Stacks

## ⇒ authorization

- preprocess
- mschap
- suffix
- ldap
- eap
- files

Need to modify these.

Leave this one out at first

## ⇒ authenticate

- Auth-Type MS-CHAP {  
    mschap  
}
- eap

## ⇒ preacct

## ⇒ accounting

## ⇒ ....



# *mschap*

- ⇒ `mschap {`  
    `authtype = MS-CHAP`  
    `use_mppe = yes`  
    `require_encryption = yes`  
    `require_strong = yes`  
    `with_ntdomain_hack = no`  
}
- ⇒ “use\_mppe” has to be “on”.
- ⇒ You can use the “with\_ntdomain\_hack” if you need to strip a domain off the provided user name.



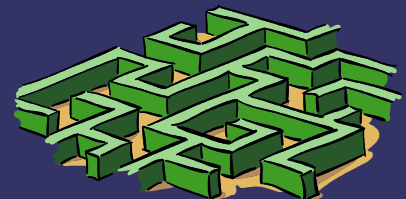
# *eap*

```
eap {  
  default_eap_type = peap  
  timer_expire     = 60  
  ignore_unknown_eap_types = no  
  cisco_accounting_username_bug = yes  
  tls {  
    private_key_password = *****  
    private_key_file = /etc/ssl/private/littleboy-key-v2.pem  
    certificate_file = /etc/ssl/certs/littleboy-cert-v2.pem  
    CA_file = /etc/ssl/certs/MorrisonIndustries-cacert-v2.pem  
    dh_file = ${raddbdir}/dh  
    random_file = /dev/urandom  
    check_crl = no  
  }  
  peap {  
    default_eap_type = mschapv2  
  }  
  mschapv2 {  
  }  
}
```

Set EAP mechanism

SSL Setup

EAP Mechanism Options



# Add Authenticators

- ⇒ The **AP** is a client of the **AS**.
  - The **AP** and the **AS** shared a secret called the “shared secret”.
  - The clients and their secrets are defined in **clients.conf**
  - This secret is used to encrypt and sign packets between the **AP** and **AS**.
- You can also set a **nastype** which is used to help interoperability with proprietary clients.

Making a client  
entry for localhost  
(used for testing)



```
client 127.0.0.1 {  
    secret      = testing123  
    shortname   = localhost  
    nastype     = other  
}
```

Making a client  
entry for AP

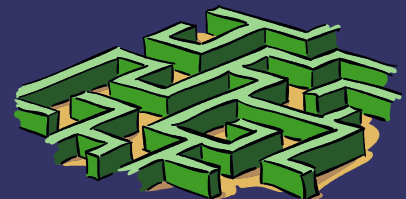


```
client 206.915.906.293 {  
    secret      = bonbon  
    shortname   = yippityskippity  
    nastype     = other  
}
```



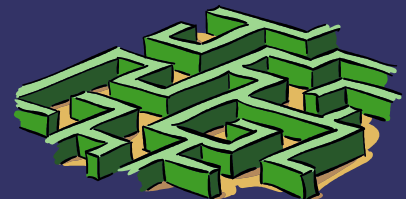
# *Adding Users*

- ⇒ By default supplicants are defined in the **users** file.
  - This is defined in the files {...} module
  - An LDAP DSA, RDBMS, DC, or KDC can also be used for authentication.
    - Use **users** to get our EAP/RADIUS working, then define you alternative authentication source.
    - Add your 'real' authentication source AFTER you get RADIUS working.
      - “ldap”



# *users file*

- ⇒ The **users** file is read from top to bottom.
  - The special **DEFAULT** user can be used to define attributes for subsequent users.
  - The first line of a users entry specifies criteria that must be matched.
  - Subsequent lines define attribute value pairs to be returned to the client.
  - There is a large number of attributes that can be assigned to an account.





# *users*

DEFAULT Auth-Type = Local

Reply-Message = "Hello, %u",

Fall-Through = Yes

DEFAULT Service-Type == Framed-User

Framed-IP-Address = 255.255.255.254,

Framed-MTU = 576,

Service-Type = Framed-User,

Fall-Through = Yes

DEFAULT Framed-Protocol == PPP

Framed-Protocol = PPP,

Framed-Compression = Van-Jacobson-TCP-IP

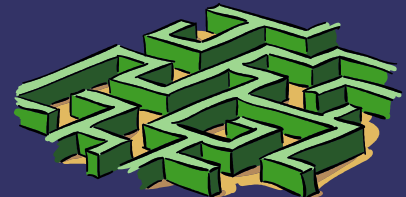
awilliam Password == "eaptest"

Username

Clear text password.

Check Items

Reply List



# *radtest*

- ➔ The **radtest** utility is used to test authentication to your RADIUS server.

```
# radtest awilliam eaptest localhost 10 testing123
```

```
Sending Access-Request of id 74 to 127.0.0.1:1812
```

```
User-Name = "awilliam"
```

```
User-Password = "eaptest"
```

```
NAS-IP-Address = localhost.localdomain
```

```
NAS-Port = 10
```

```
rad_recv: Access-Accept packet from host 127.0.0.1:1812, id=74, length=37
```

```
Reply-Message = "Hello, awilliam"
```

```
$ radtest awilliam badpassword localhost 10 testing123
```

```
Sending Access-Request of id 78 to 127.0.0.1:1812
```

```
User-Name = "awilliam"
```

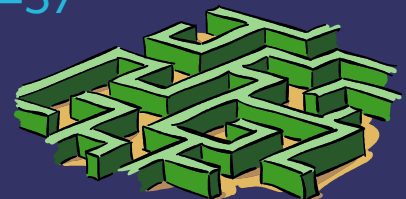
```
User-Password = "badpassword"
```

```
NAS-IP-Address = localhost.localdomain
```

```
NAS-Port = 10
```

```
rad_recv: Access-Reject packet from host 127.0.0.1:1812, id=78, length=37
```

```
Reply-Message = "Hello, awilliam"
```

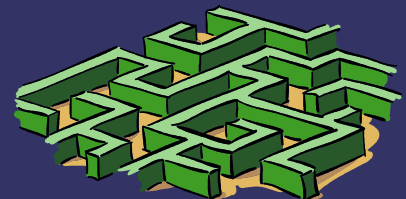


# wpa\_supplicant

- ⇒ SuSe 10.0 provides wpa\_supplicant.
  - `wpa_supplicant -d -D madwifi -i ath0 -c {config file}`
  - ```
ctrl_interface_group=root
network={
    ssid="WMMI.NET"
    scan_ssid=1
    key_mgmt=WPA-EAP
    eap=PEAP
    pairwise=CCMP TKIP
    group=CCMP TKIP
    identity="awilliam"
    password="*****"
    phase1="peaplabel=0"
    phase2="auth=MSCHAPV2"
}
```

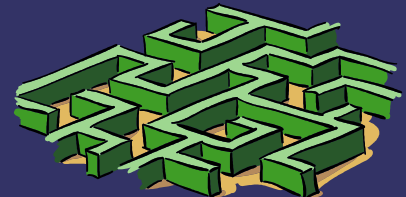
Your wireless  
interface

Your wireless  
chipset



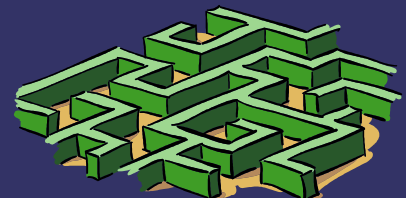
# WPA drivers

- ➔ wpa\_supplicants supports the following chipsets:
  - **hostap** = Host AP driver (Intersil Prism2/2.5/3) [default]
  - **hermes** = Agere Systems Inc. driver (Hermes-I/Hermes-II)
  - **madwifi** = MADWIFI 802.11 support (Atheros, etc.)
  - **atmel** = ATMEL AT76C5XXx (USB, PCMCIA)
  - **wext** = Linux wireless extensions (generic)
  - **ndiswrapper** = Linux ndiswrapper
  - **broadcom** = Broadcom wl.o driver
  - **ipw** = Intel ipw2100/2200 driver
  - **wired** = wpa\_supplicant wired Ethernet driver
  - **bsd** = BSD 802.11 support (Atheros, etc.)
  - **ndis** = Windows NDIS driver
- ➔ wpa\_supplicant home page:
  - [http://hostap.epitest.fi/wpa\\_supplicant/](http://hostap.epitest.fi/wpa_supplicant/)



# *Ldap*

```
⇒ Ldap {  
    server = "localhost"  
    identity = "bindDN"  
    password = bindPassword  
    basedn = "dc=whitemice,dc=org"  
    filter =  
    "(&(objectclass=account)(uid=%{Stripped-User-Name:-%{User-Name}}))"  
    base_filter = "(objectclass=radiusprofile)"  
    start_tls = no  
    default_profile = "cn=Default Profile,ou=RADIUS,ou=Sub...."  
    dictionary_mapping = ${raddbdir}/ldap.attrmap  
    ldap_connections_number = 5  
    edir_account_policy_check=no  
    groupname_attribute = cn  
    groupmembership_filter =  
    "(&(objectClass=GroupOfNames)(member=%{Ldap-UserDn}))"  
    timeout = 4  
    timelimit = 3  
    net_timeout = 1  
}
```



# *Idap.attrmap*

➔ The Idap.attrmap file maps RADIUS attributes to LDAP attributes

- checkItem LM-Password sambaLMPassword
- checkItem NT-Password sambaNTPassword
- replyItem Idle-Timeout radiusIdleTimeout
- replyItem Session-Timeout radiusSessionTimeout

➔ dn: cn=Default Profile,ou=RADIUS,ou=SubSystems,...

objectClass: top

objectClass: radiusprofile

objectClass: ipService

cn: Default Profile

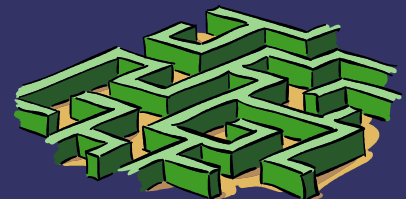
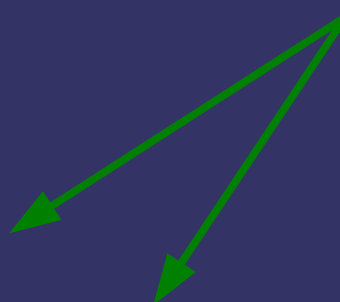
ipServicePort: 1812

ipServiceProtocol: udp

radiusIdleTimeout: 1800

radiusSessionTimeout: 28800

Seconds



# NTLM

- ➔ An alternative to LDAP is to use NTLM authentication to your CIFS DC

- mschap {  
    authtype = MS-CHAP  
    use\_mppe = yes  
    require\_encryption = yes  
    require\_strong = yes  
    with\_ntdomain\_hack = no  
    ntlm\_auth = "/usr/bin/ntlm\_auth --request-nt-key --username=%{Stripped-User-Name:-%{User-Name:-None}} --domain=BACKBONE --require-membership-of=BACKBONE\\wireless --challenge=%{mschap:Challenge:-00} --nt-response=%{mschap:NT-Response:-00}"  
}

All one long line.



# *Testing NTLM Auth*

- ➔ You can run the `ntlm_auth` command manually to make sure that it works
  - `/usr/bin/ntlm_auth --username=adam \`  
`--domain=BACKBONE`  
`--password=*****`  
`--require-membership-of=BACKBONE\\wireless`
  - Should return:  
`NT_STATUS_OK: Success (0x0)`





# *users*

## ⇒ Remove users from the **users** file

- DEFAULT Ldap-Group == "WPA Wireless"

DEFAULT Fall-Through = 1

DEFAULT Auth-Type := Reject

Reply-Message = "Please call the helpdesk."

- Try authenticating against the RADIUS server now.

## ⇒ Restart the RADIUS service

- rcradius restart



# *Debugging FreeRADIUS*

- ⇒ To debug FreeRADIUS run the server with the “-X -A” options.
  - Server will run in the foreground.
  - Will write enormous amounts of information to standard out.
- ⇒ Server writes logs to `/var/log/radius/radius.log`
- ⇒ Accounting information is written to `/var/log/radius/radacct/{client-IP}/{session-id}`

