Sniffers

Module 8

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Interclick purchases anonymous audience data from several vendors for the purpose of targeting advertising campaigns. Consequently, it has a number of quality control measures in place to understand the quality and effectiveness of this data. The code observed in the paper was a quality measure being tested.

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Study of the Day: Which Websites Spy on Your Stuff?

According to a new study, your browsing history may be even *less* safe than the last time you heard about how your browsing history is not safe.

Researchers at the University of California trolled through a wide range of popular websites to determine which ones were collecting information ("history sniffing" or "history hijacking") about visitors.

Though it's not surprising that YouPorn tops the list of spying sites, less racy sources like Technorati, TheSun.co.uk, and *Wired* were all fingered for tapping into your browsing habits. (Perez Hilton was on there too—but again, not that surprising.)

The information is often used to target advertising campaigns—a very lucrative field that companies like Interclick are capitalizing on. Their official statement is that the guilty script is meant only as a form of quality control

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- Lawful Intercept
- Wiretapping
- Sniffing Threats
- Types of Sniffing
- Hardware Protocol Analyzers
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Lawful Intercept

Lawful intercept is a process that enables a **Law Enforcement Agency (LEA)** to perform electronic surveillance on a target as authorized by a judicial or administrative order

The LEA delivers a request for a wiretap to the target's service provider, who is responsible for intercepting **data communication** to and from the individual

The service provider then intercepts the target's traffic as it passes through the **router and sends** a copy of the intercepted traffic to the LEA without the **target's knowledge**

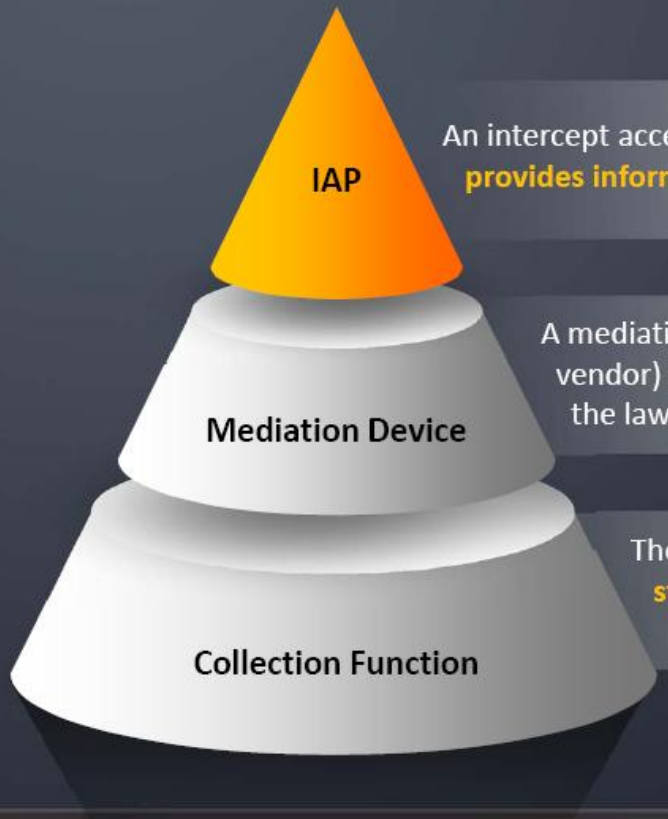
The surveillance is performed through the use of **wiretaps** on the traditional telecommunications and Internet services in voice, data, and multiservice networks

The service provider uses the target's IP address or session to determine which of its edge routers **handles the target's traffic** (data communication)

Benefits of Lawful Intercept

- Allows multiple LEAs to run a lawful intercept on the same target without each other's knowledge
- Hides information about lawful intercepts from all but the most privileged users
- Supports wiretaps in both the input and output direction
- Does not affect the subscriber's services on the router
- Supports wiretaps of the individual subscribers who share a single physical interface
- Neither the administrator nor the calling parties are aware that packets are being copied or that the call is being tapped
- Provides two secure interfaces: one for setting up the wiretap and one for sending the intercepted traffic to the LEA

Network Components Used for Lawful Intercept



An intercept access point (IAP) is a device that **provides information** for the lawful intercept

A mediation device (supplied by a third-party vendor) handles **most of the processing** for the lawful intercept

The collection function is a program that **stores and processes the traffic** intercepted by the service provider

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Wiretapping

- Wiretapping is the process of monitoring the **telephone** and **Internet** conversations by a third party
- Attackers **connect a listening device** (hardware, software or combination of both) to the circuit carrying information between two phones or hosts on Internet

Types of Wiretapping

Active Wiretapping

It only monitors and records the traffic

Passive Wiretapping

It monitors and records and also alters the traffic

Note: Wiretapping without a warrant or the consent of the concerned person is a criminal offense in most countries

Sniffing Threats

By placing a packet sniffer on a network in promiscuous mode, an attacker can capture and analyze all of the network traffic

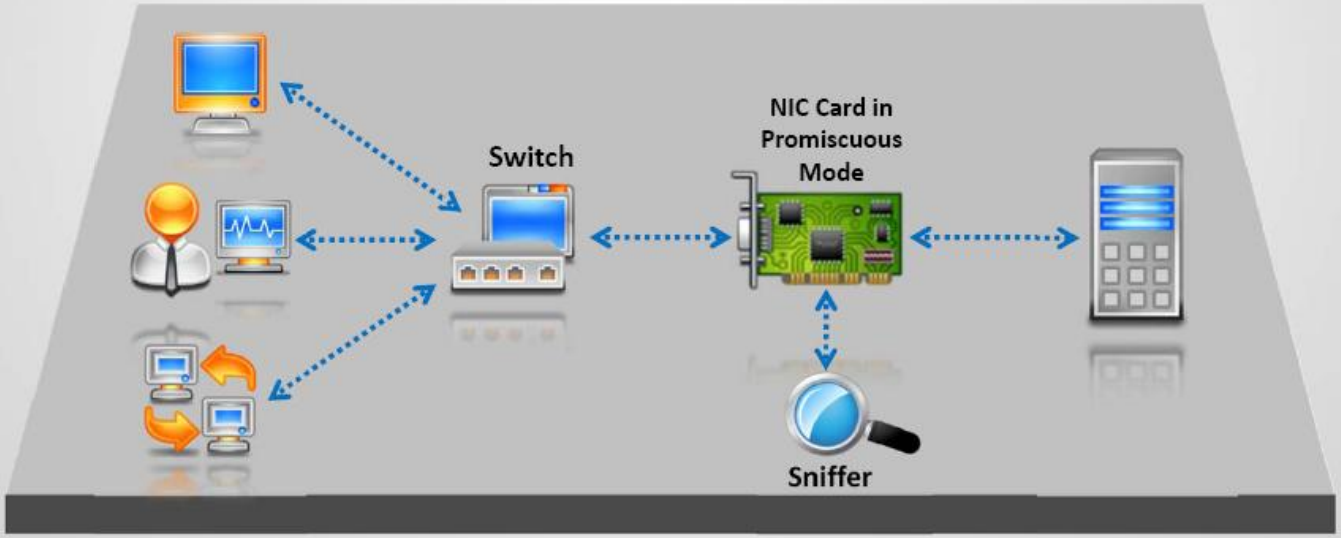
A packet sniffer can only capture packet information within a given subnet

Many enterprises' switch ports are open

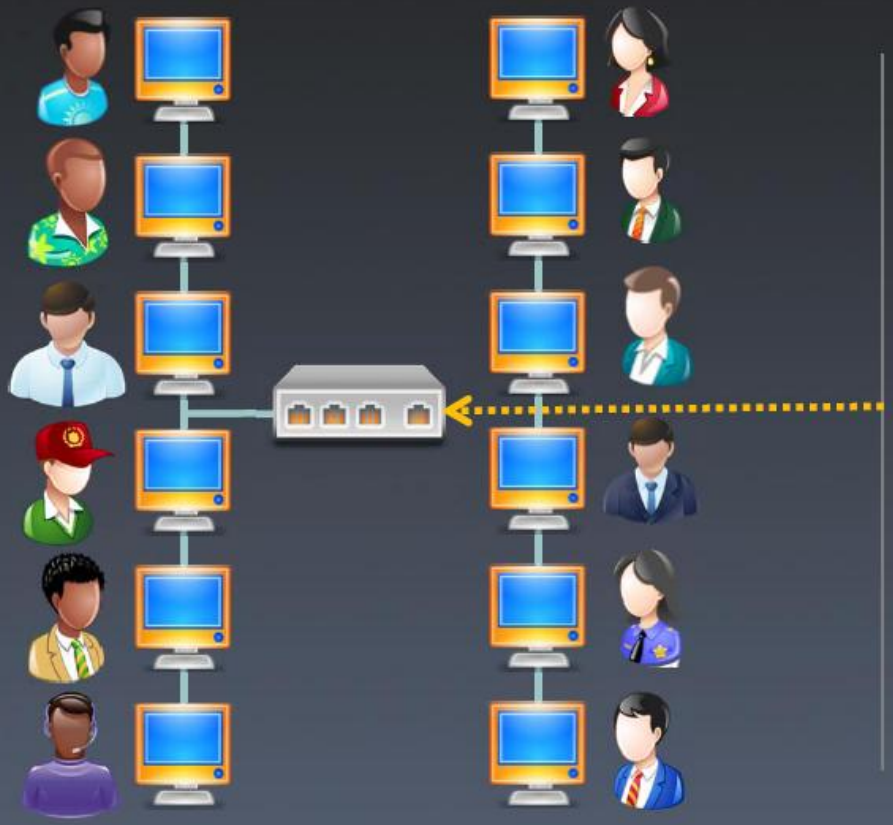
Usually any laptop can plug into the network and gain access to the network

How a Sniffer Works?

- Sniffer turns the NIC of a system to the promiscuous mode so that it listens to all the data transmitted on its segment
- Sniffer can constantly read all information entering the computer through the NIC by decoding the information encapsulated in the data packet



Hacker Attacking a Switch

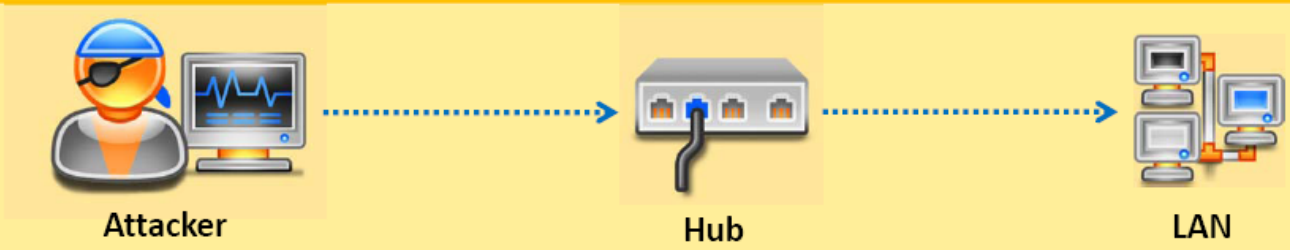


- MAC Flooding
- DNS Poisoning
- ARP Poisoning

- DHCP Attacks
- Password Sniffing
- Spoofing Attack

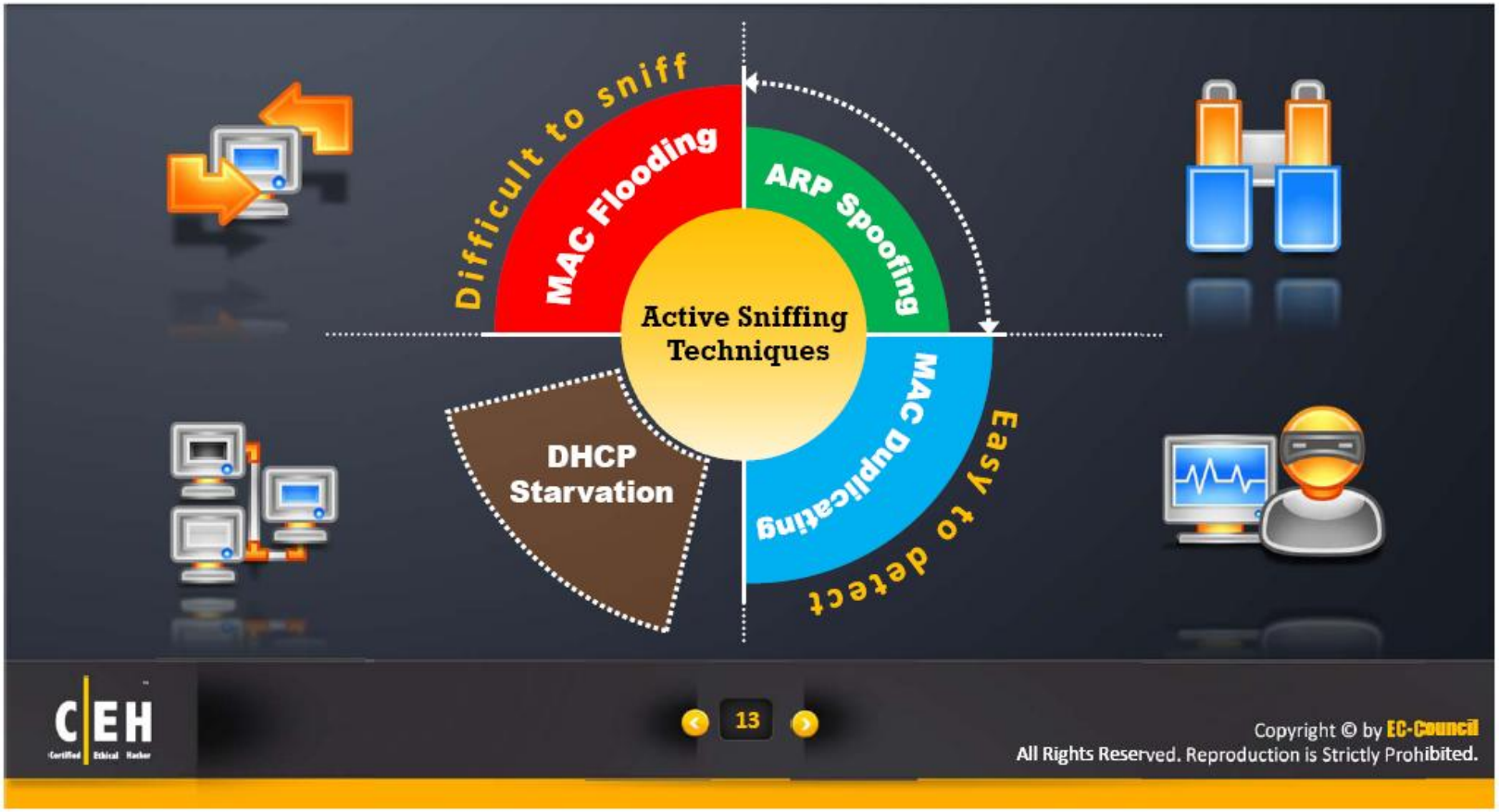
Types of Sniffing: Passive Sniffing

- "Passive sniffing" means sniffing through a hub. On a hub the traffic is sent to all ports.
- Passive sniffing involves sending no packets, and monitoring the packets sent by the others
- Active sniffing involves sending out multiple network probes to identify APs. Hub usage is outdated today.

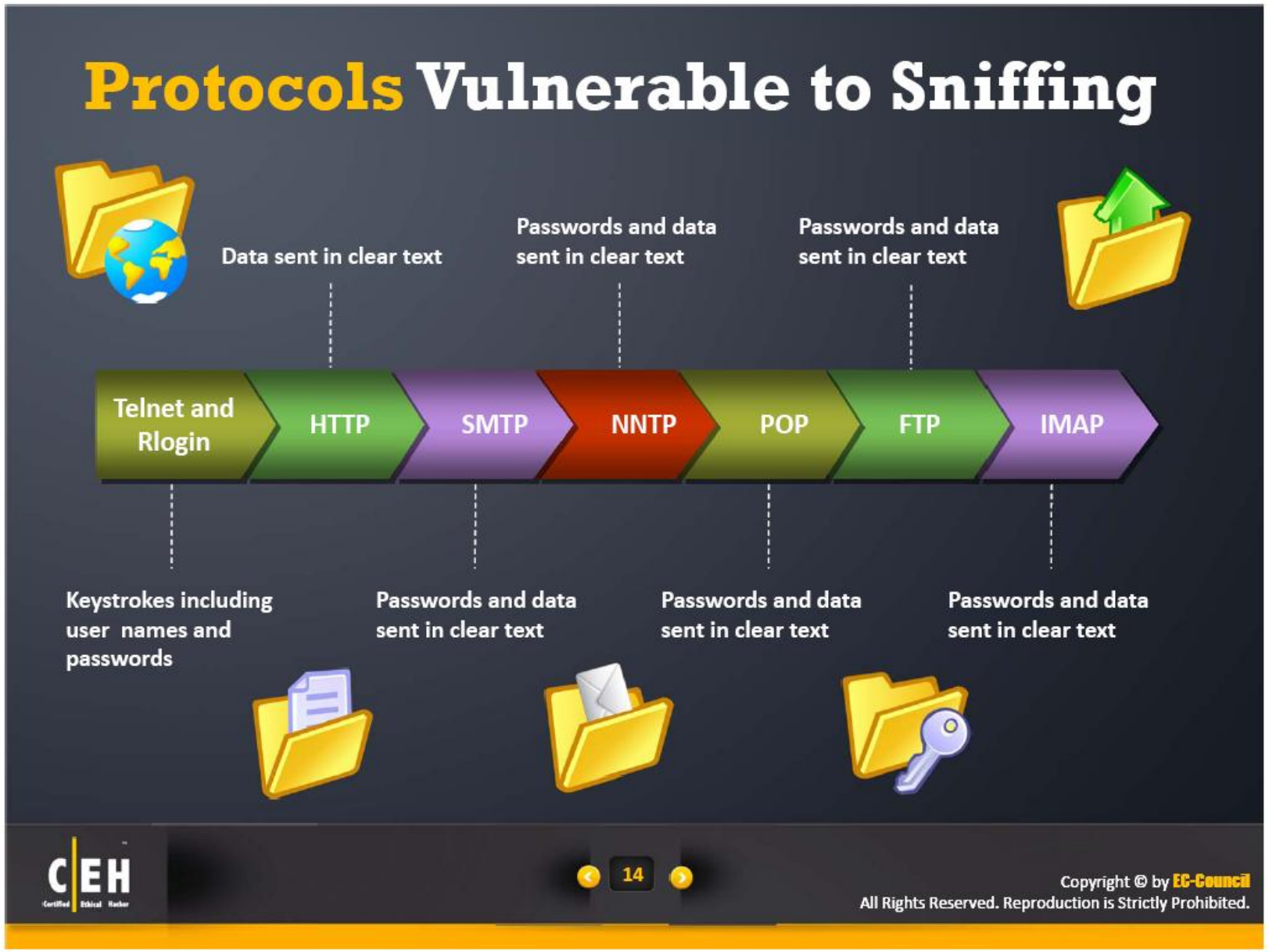


Types of Sniffing: Active Sniffing

- When sniffing is performed on a switched network, it is known as active sniffing
- Active sniffing relies on injecting packets (ARP) into the network that causes traffic

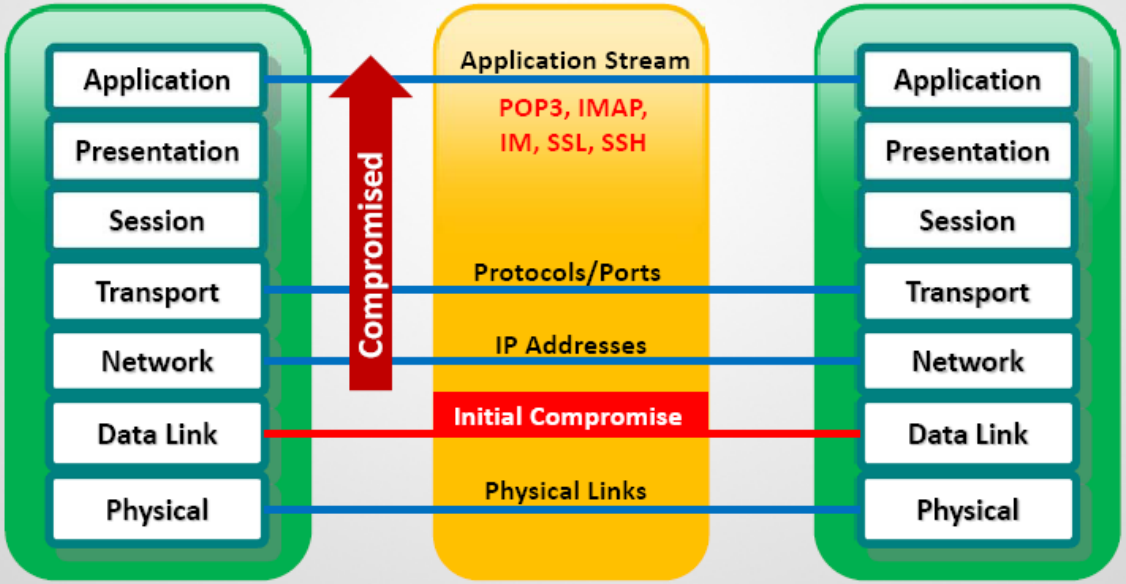


Protocols Vulnerable to Sniffing



Tie to Data Link Layer in OSI Model

- Sniffers operate at the Data Link layer of the OSI model. They do not adhere to the same rules as applications and services that reside further up the stack.
- If one layer is hacked, communications are compromised without the other layers being aware of the problem



Hardware Protocol Analyzers

A hardware protocol analyzer is an a piece of equipment that captures signals without altering the traffic in a cable segment

It captures data packet and decodes and analyzes its content according to certain predetermined rules

It can be used to monitor network usage and identify malicious network traffic generated by hacking software installed in the network

Agilent N2X N5540A

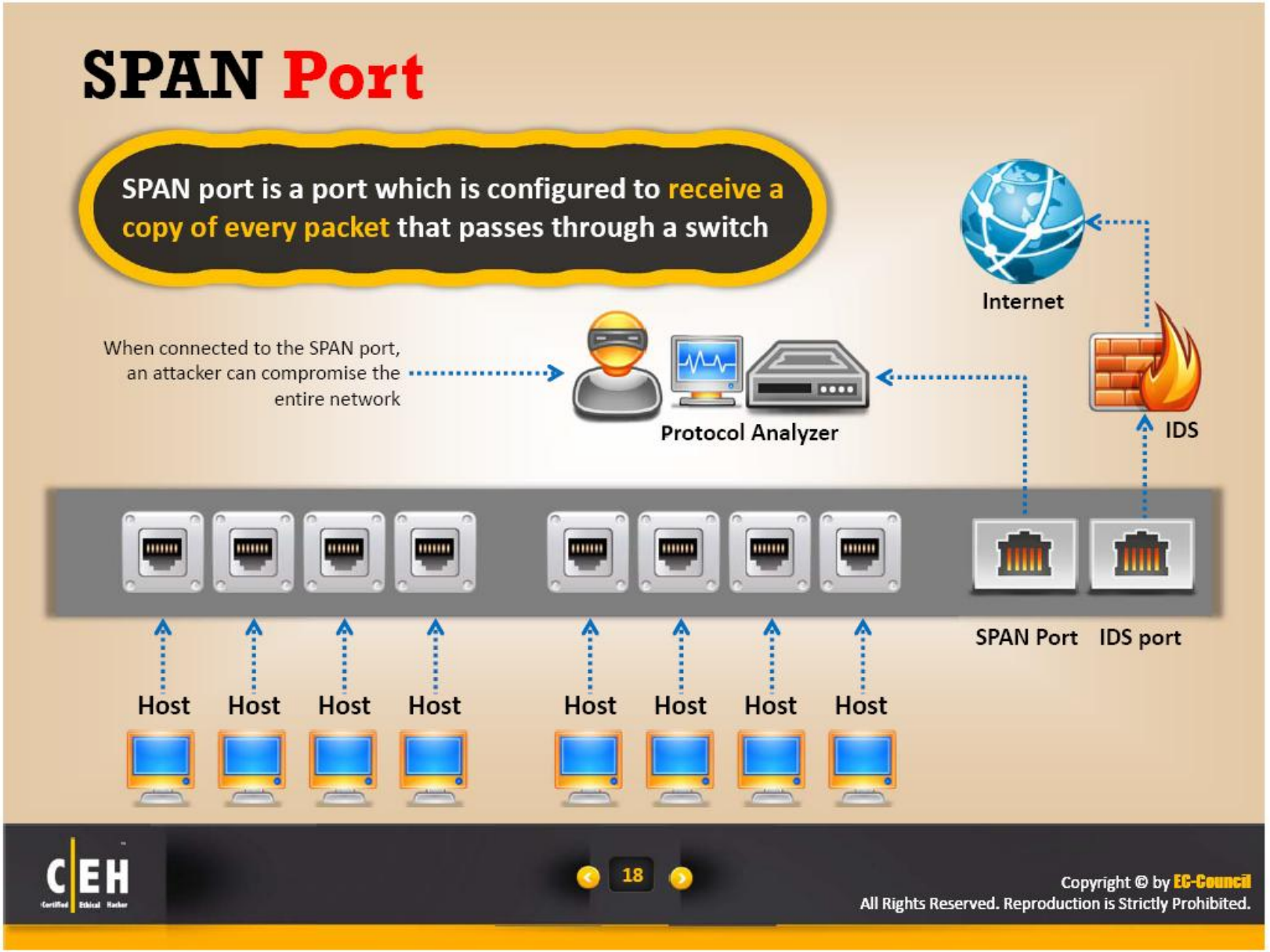
Agilent E2960B

RADCOM PrismLite Protocol Analyzer

RADCOM Prism UltraLite Protocol Analyzer

FLUKE Networks OptiView® Network Analyzer

FLUKE Networks EtherScope™ Series II Network Assistant


SPAN Port
SPAN port is a port which is configured to receive a copy of every packet that passes through a switch
Internet
When connected to the SPAN port, an attacker can compromise the entire network
Protocol Analyzer
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SPAN Port
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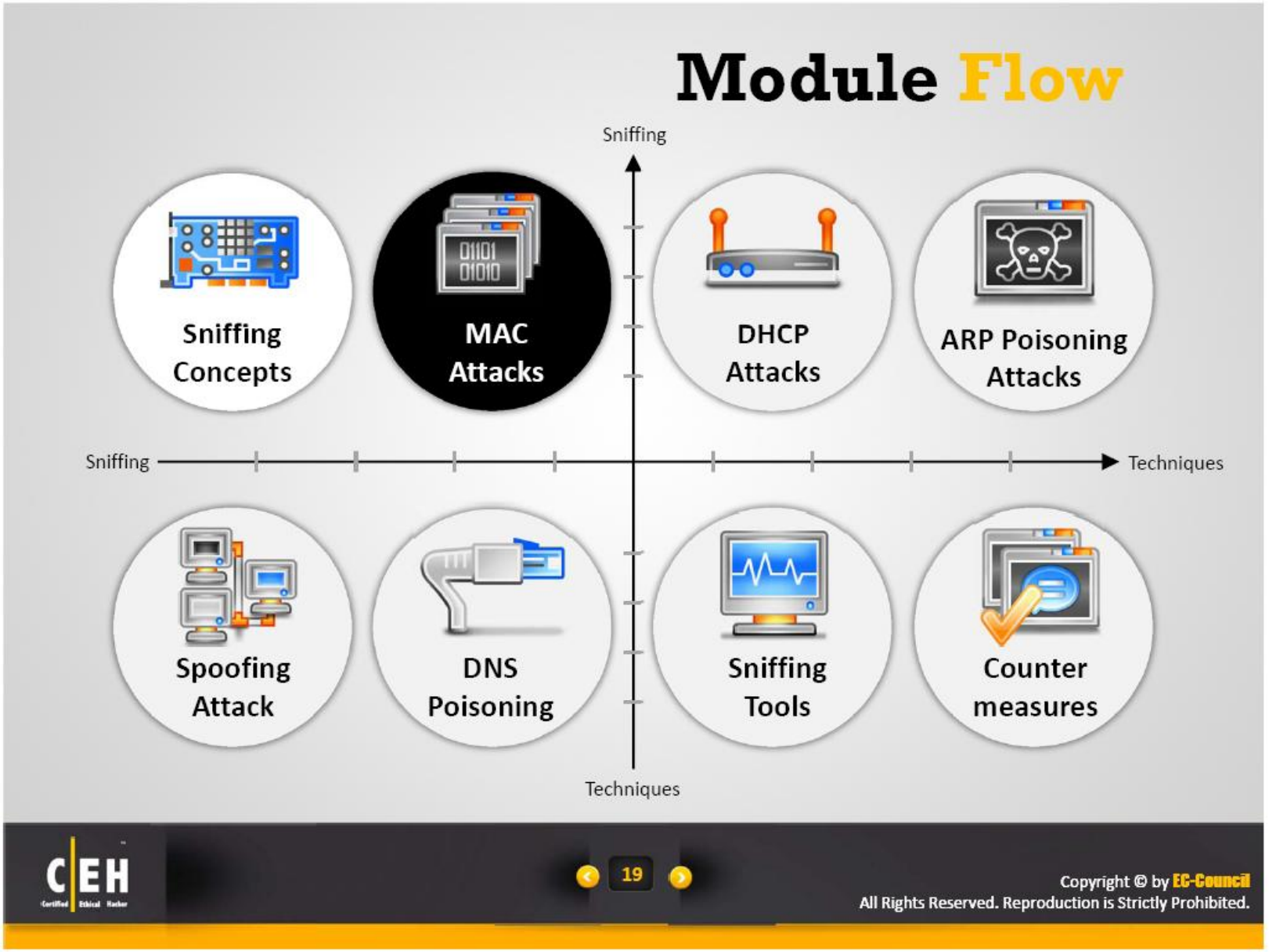
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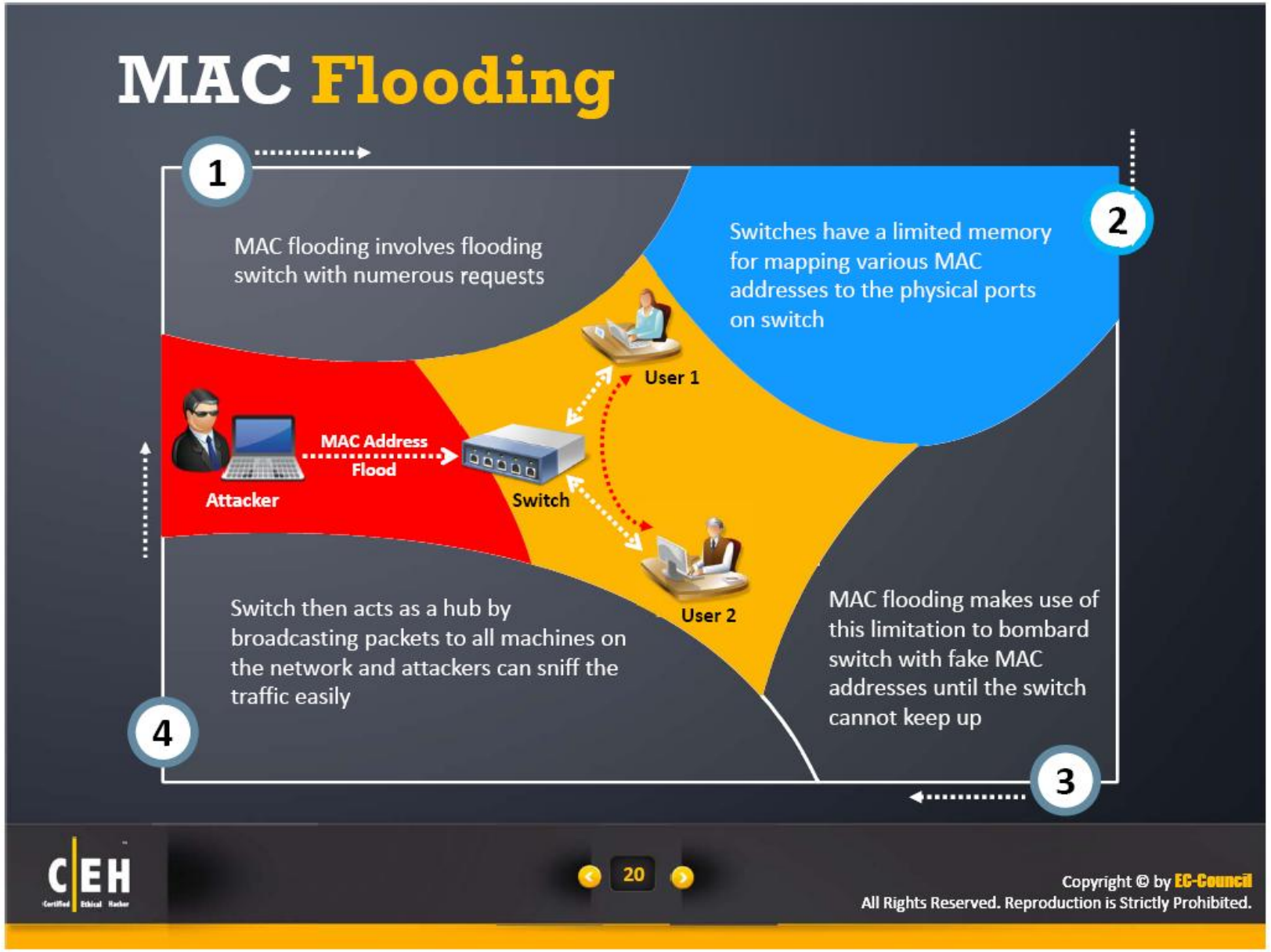
MAC Flooding
1
MAC flooding involves flooding switch with numerous requests
2
Switches have a limited memory for mapping various MAC addresses to the physical ports on switch
User 1
MAC Address Flood
Attacker
Switch
User 2
3
MAC flooding makes use of this limitation to bombard switch with fake MAC addresses until the switch cannot keep up
4
Switch then acts as a hub by broadcasting packets to all machines on the network and attackers can sniff the traffic easily
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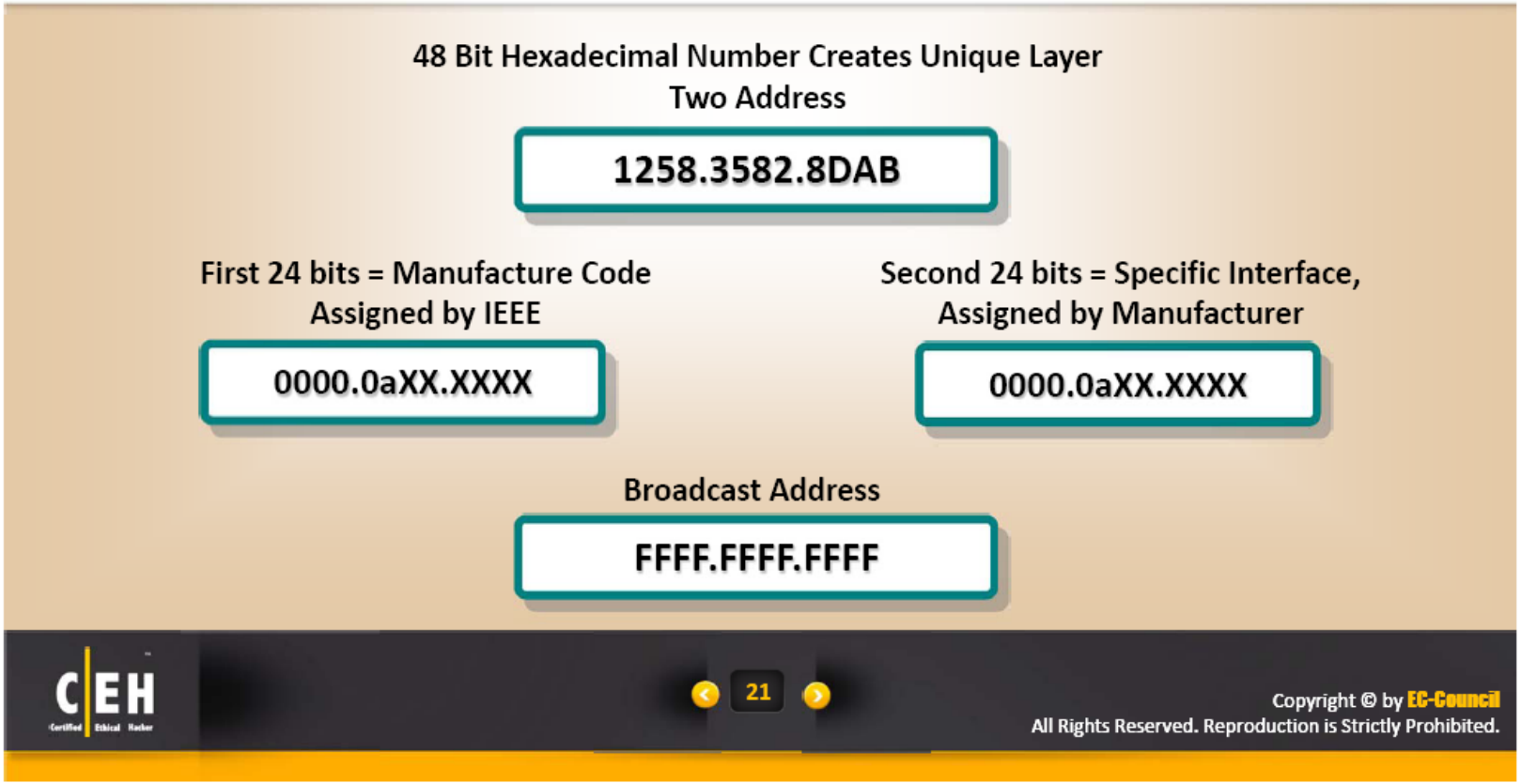
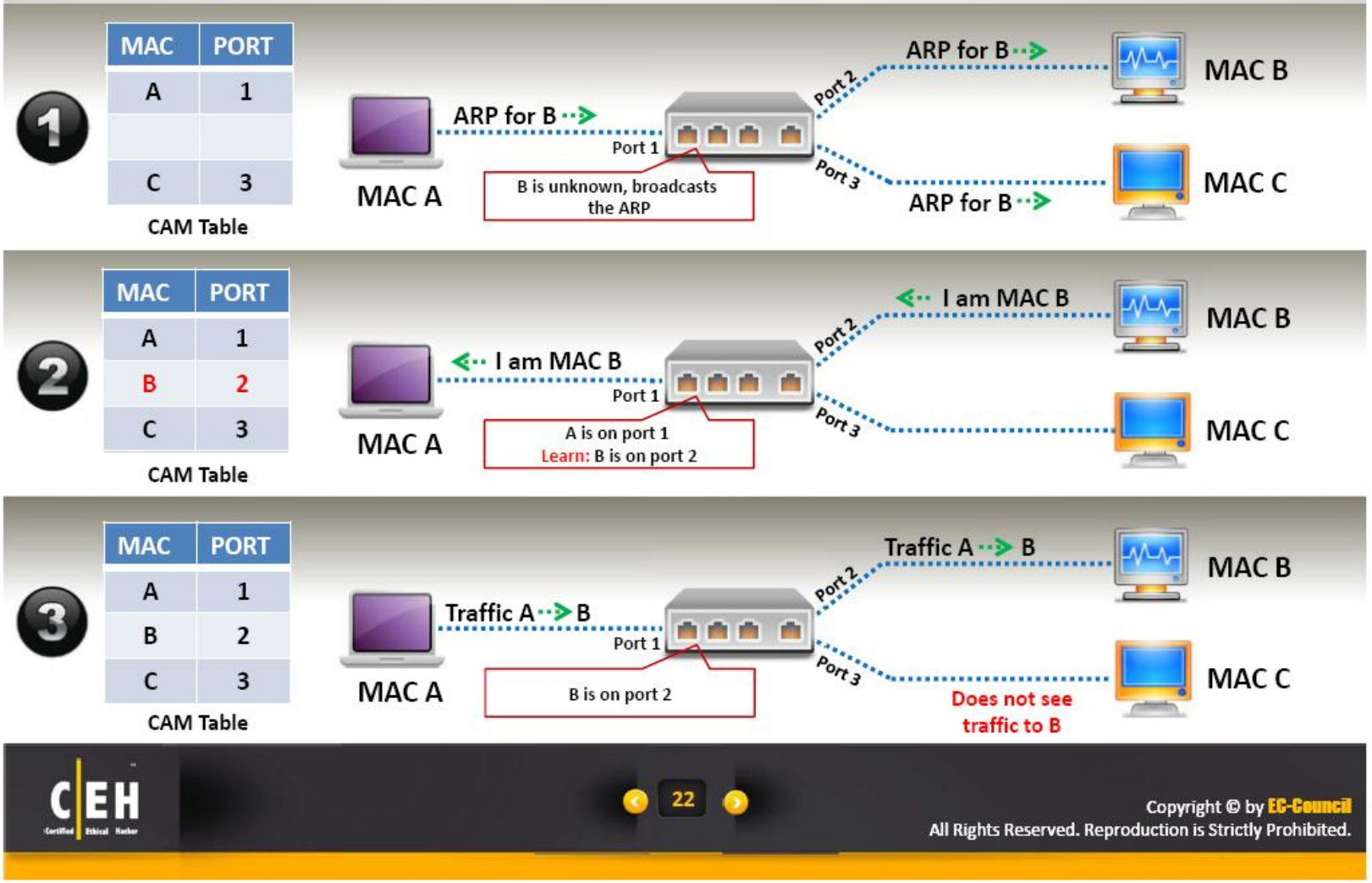
MAC Address/CAM Table

- All Content Addressable Memory (CAM) tables have a **fixed size**
- It **stores information** such as MAC addresses available on physical ports with their associated VLAN parameters

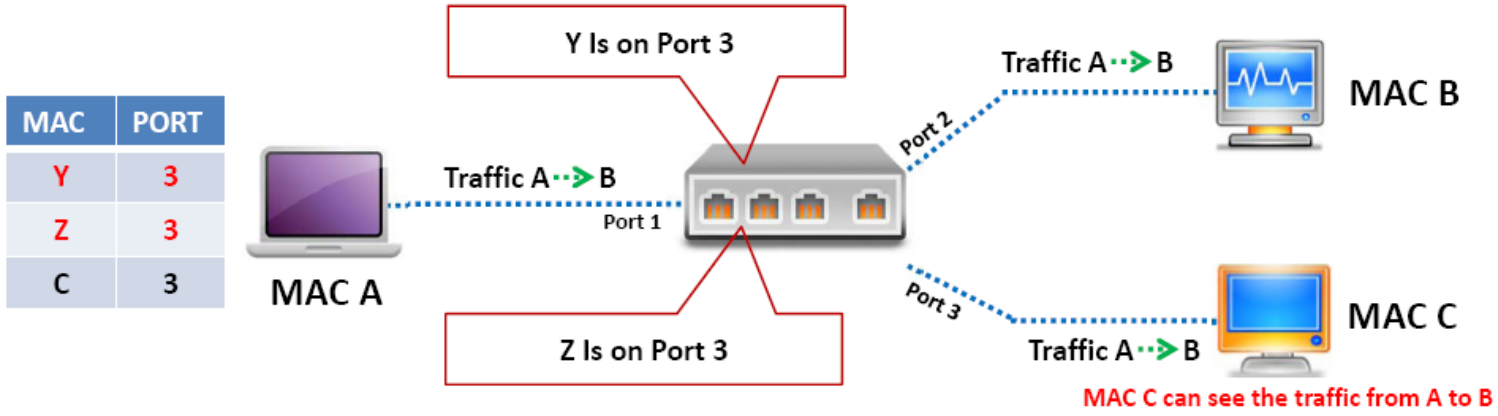


How CAM Works?



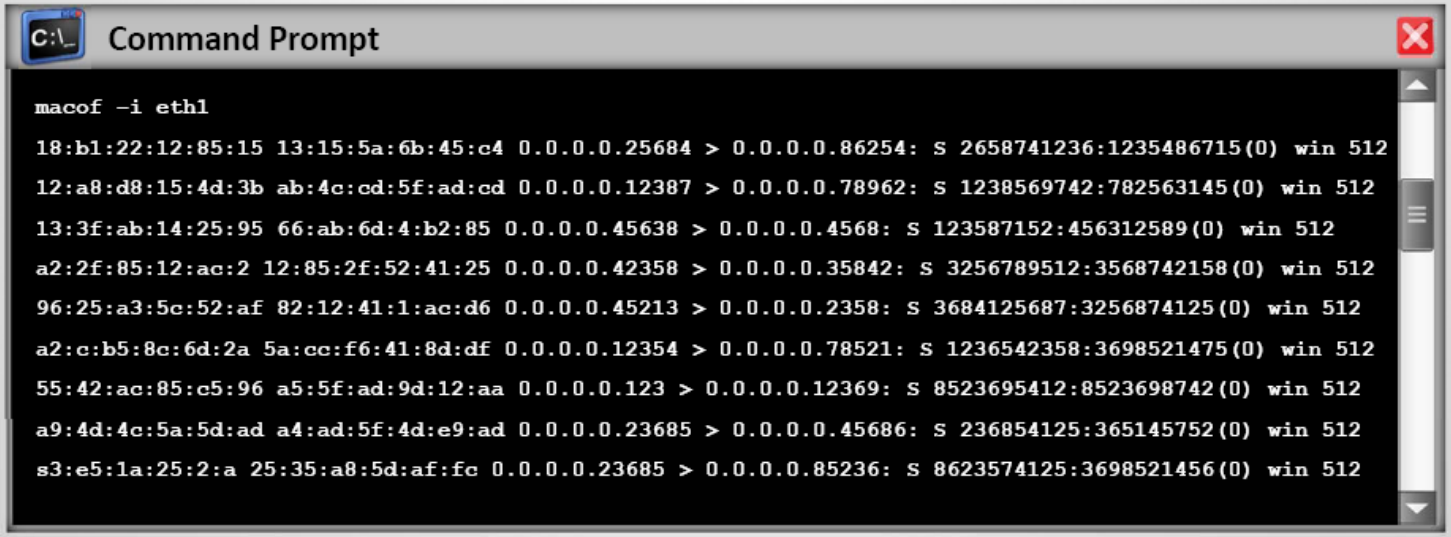
What Happens When CAM Table is Full?

- Once the CAM table on the switch is full, additional ARP request traffic will flood every port on the switch
- This will basically turn a switch into a hub
- This attack will also fill the CAM tables of adjacent switches

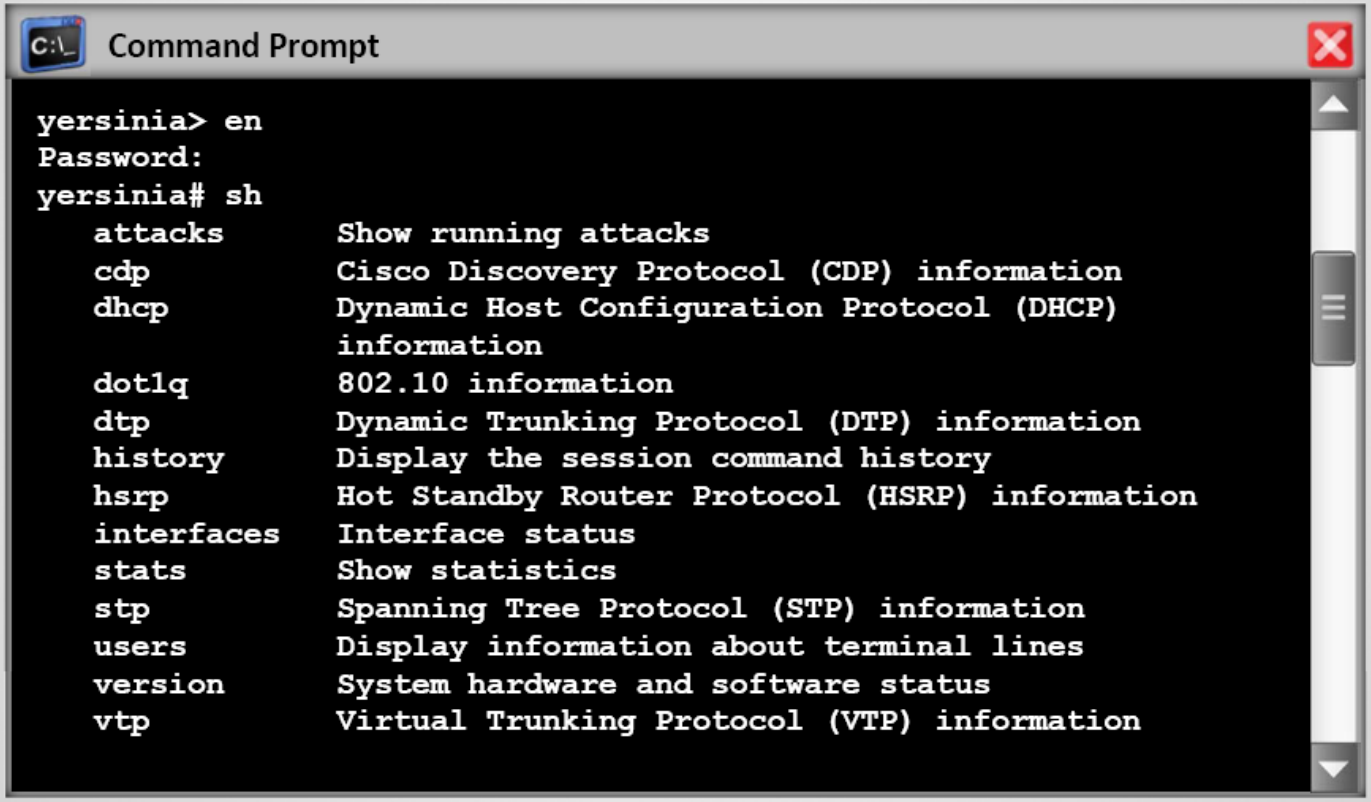


Mac Flooding Switches with macof

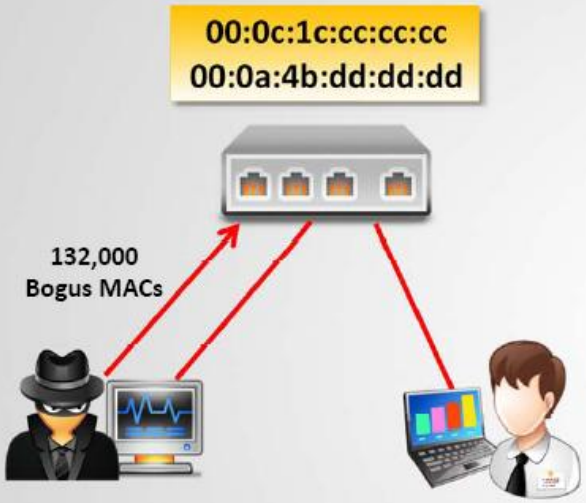
- macof is a Linux tool that is a part of dsniff collection
- Macof sends random source MAC and IP addresses
- This tool floods the switch's CAM tables (131,000 per min) by sending bogus MAC entries



MAC Flooding Tool: Yersinia



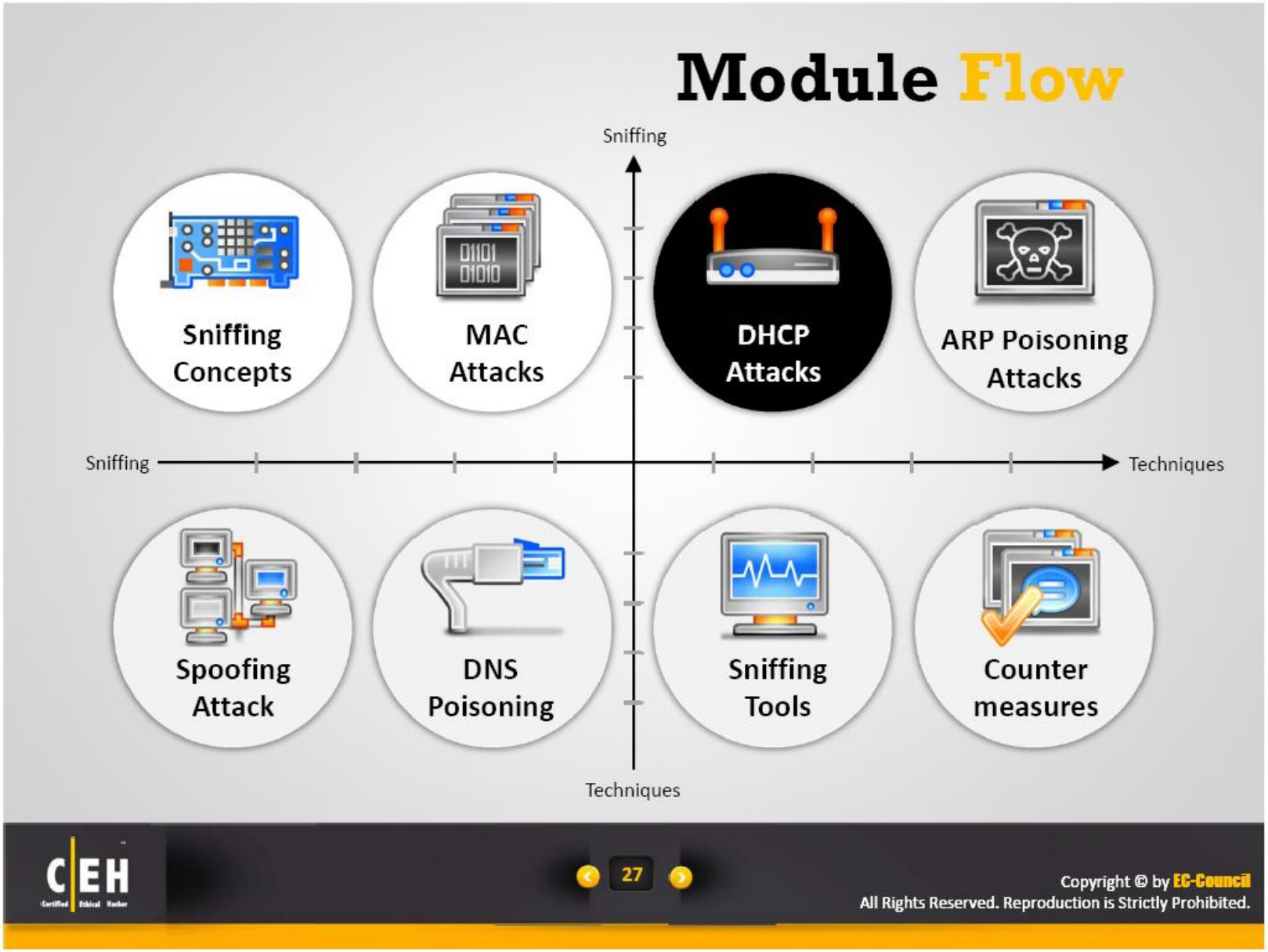
How to Defend against MAC Attacks?



Configuring Port Security on Cisco switch:

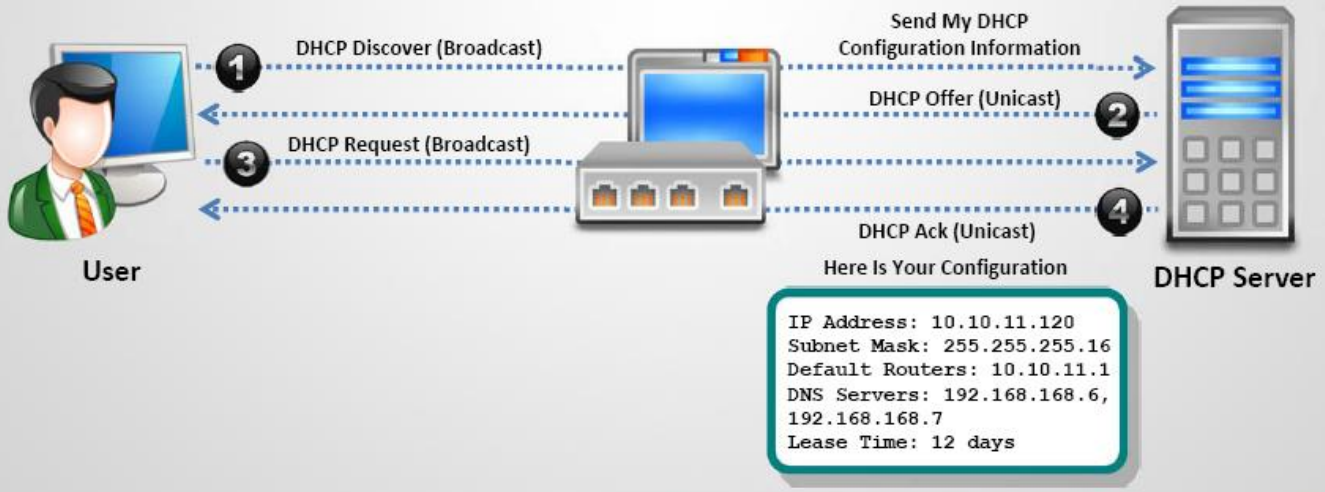
1. switchport port-security
2. switchport port-security maximum 1 vlan access
3. switchport port-security violation restrict
4. switchport port-security aging time 2
5. switchport port-security aging type inactivity
6. snmp-server enable traps port-security trap-rate 5

Port security limits MAC flooding attack and locks down port and sends an SNMP trap



How DHCP Works?

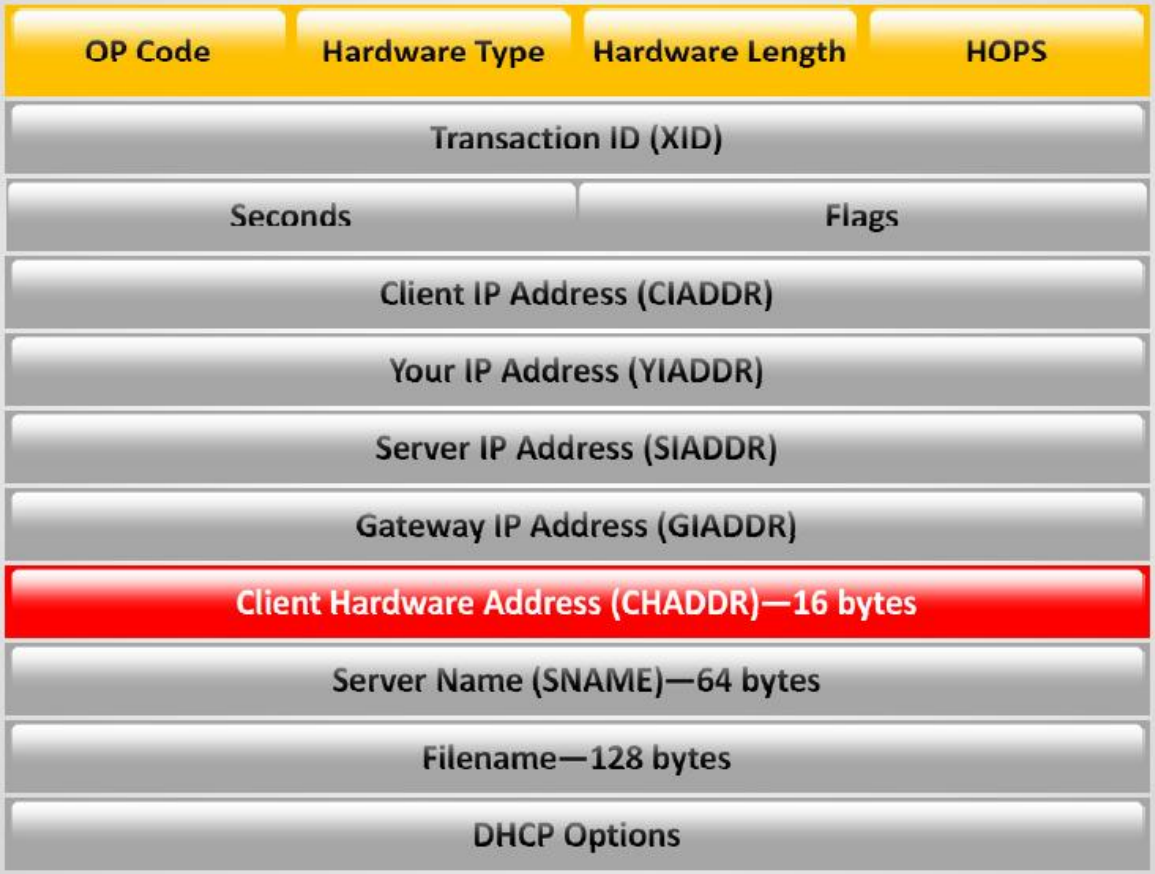
- DHCP servers maintain TCP/IP configuration information in a database such as valid TCP/IP configuration parameters, valid IP addresses, and duration of the lease offered by the server
- It provide address configuration to DHCP-enabled clients in the form of a lease offer



DHCP Request/Reply Messages

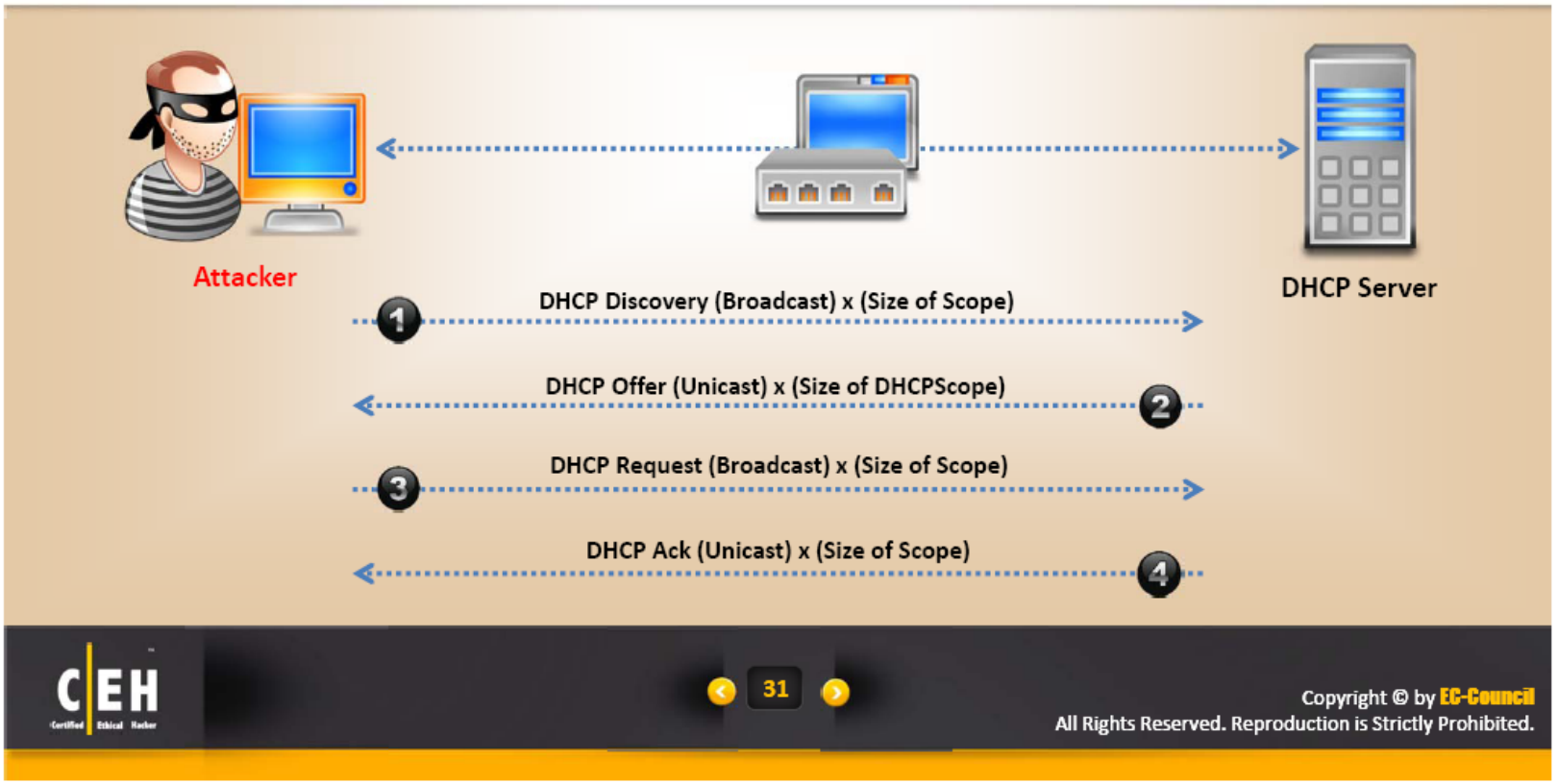
Message	Use
DHCPDISCOVER	Client Broadcast to Locate Available Servers
DHCPOFFER	Server to Client in Response to DHCPDISCOVER with Offer of Configuration Parameters
DHCPREQUEST	Client Message to Servers Either (a) Requesting Offered Parameters, (b) Confirming Correctness of Previously Allocated Address, or (c) Extending the Lease period
DHCPACK	Server to Client with Configuration Parameters, Including Committed Network Address
DHCPNAK	Server to Client Indicating Client's Notion of Network Address Is Incorrect (e.g., Client Has Moved to New Subnet) or Client's Lease As Expired
DHCPDECLINE	Client to Server Indicating Network Address Is Already in Use
DHCPRELEASE	Client to Server Relinquishing Network Address and Canceling Remaining Lease
DHCPINFORM	Client to Server, Asking Only for Local Configuration Parameters; Client Already Has Externally Configured Network Address

IPv4 DHCP Packet Format



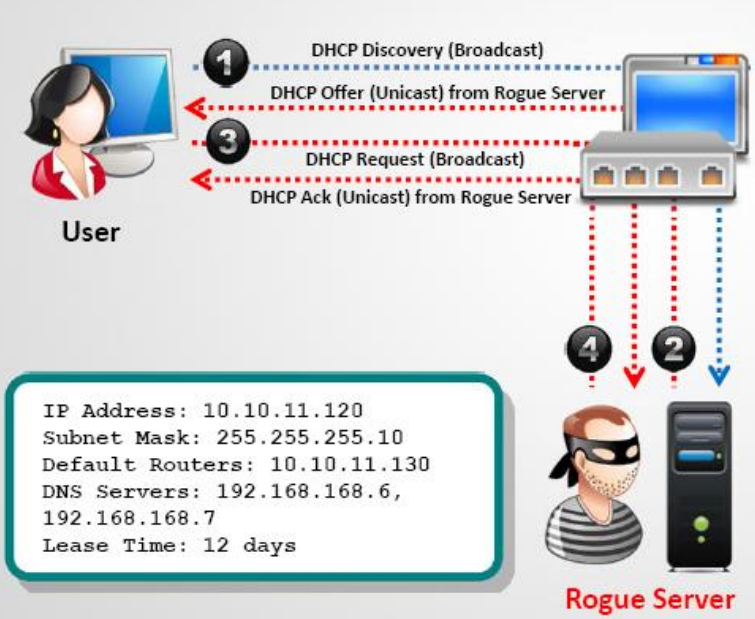
DHCP Starvation Attack

- Attacker broadcasts **discovery request for the entire DHCP scope** and tries to lease all of the DHCP addresses available in the DHCP scope
- This is a **Denial of Service (DoS)** attack using DHCP leases



Rogue DHCP Server Attack

- Attacker sets **rogue DHCP server** in the network and provides DHCP address to the user



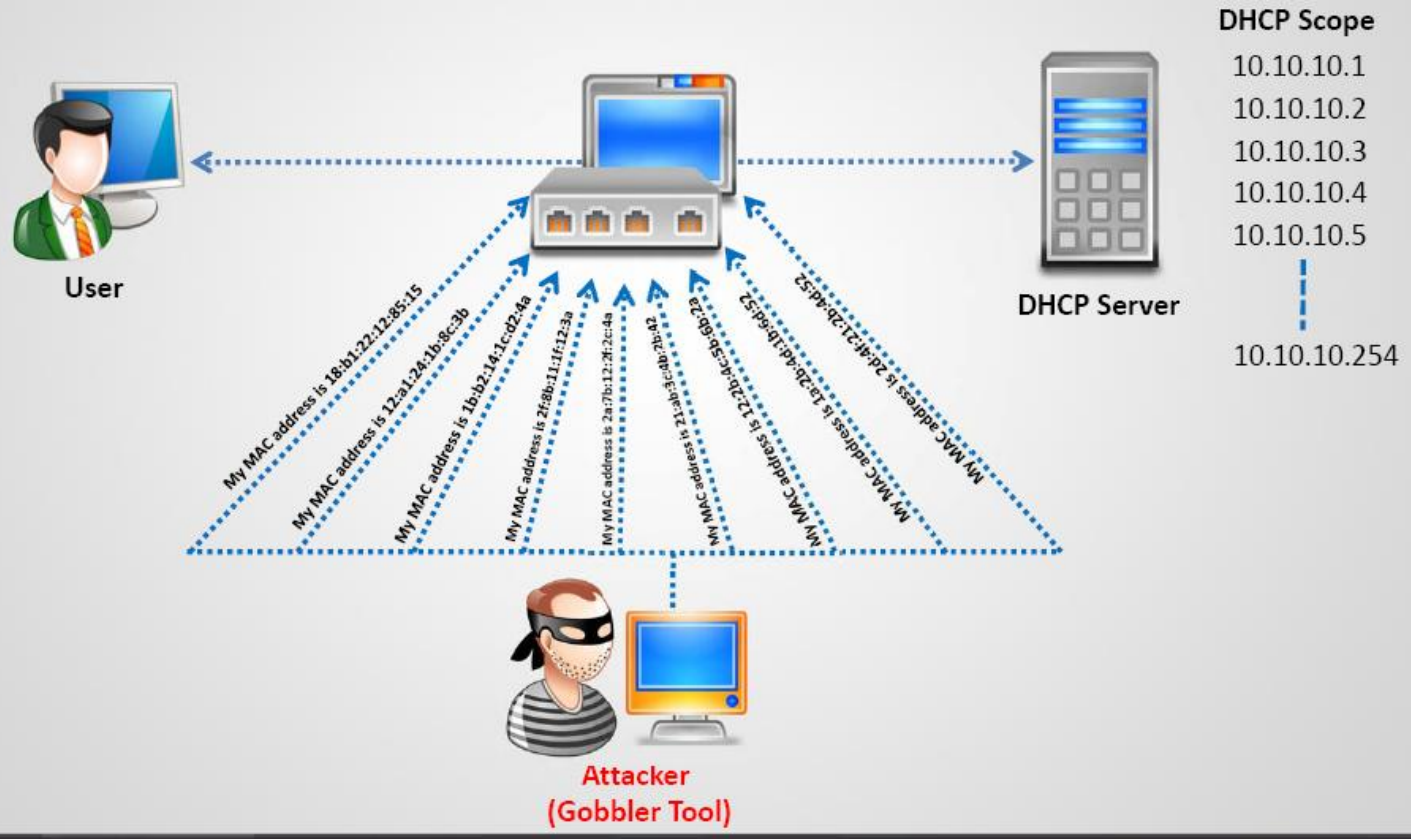
By running a rough DHCP server, an attacker can send incorrect TCP/IP setting

Wrong Default Gateway → Attacker is the gateway

Wrong DNS server → Attacker is DNS server

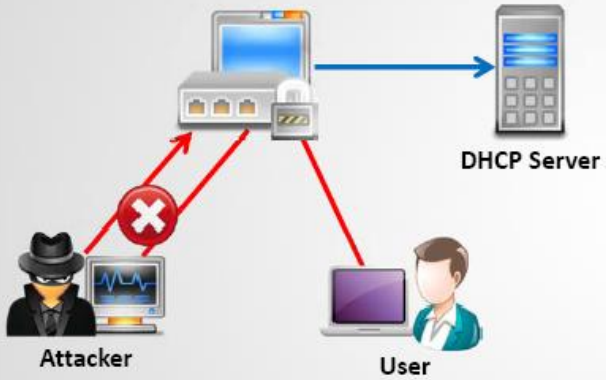
Wrong IP Address → Denial-of-Service with incorrect IP

DHCP Starvation Attack Tool: Gobbler



How to Defend Against DHCP Starvation and Rogue Server Attack?

Enable port security to defend against DHCP starvation attack



Enable DHCP snooping to defend against DHCP rogue server attack

IOS Switch Commands

```
switchport port-security
switchport port-security maximum 1
switchport port-security violation restrict
switchport port-security aging time 2
switchport port-security aging type inactivity
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IOS Global Commands

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ip dhcp snooping vlan 4,104
no ip dhcp snooping information option
ip dhcp snooping
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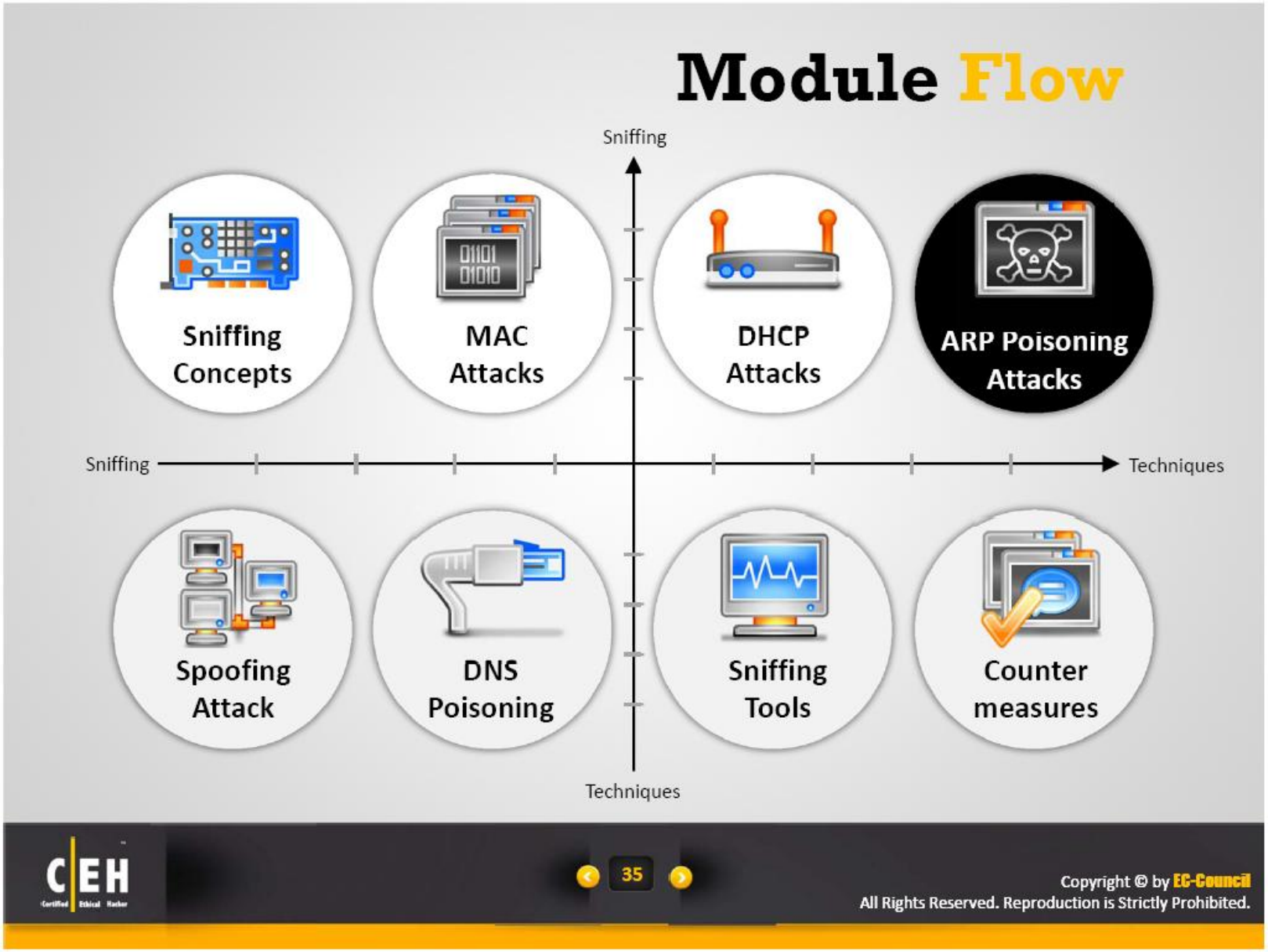
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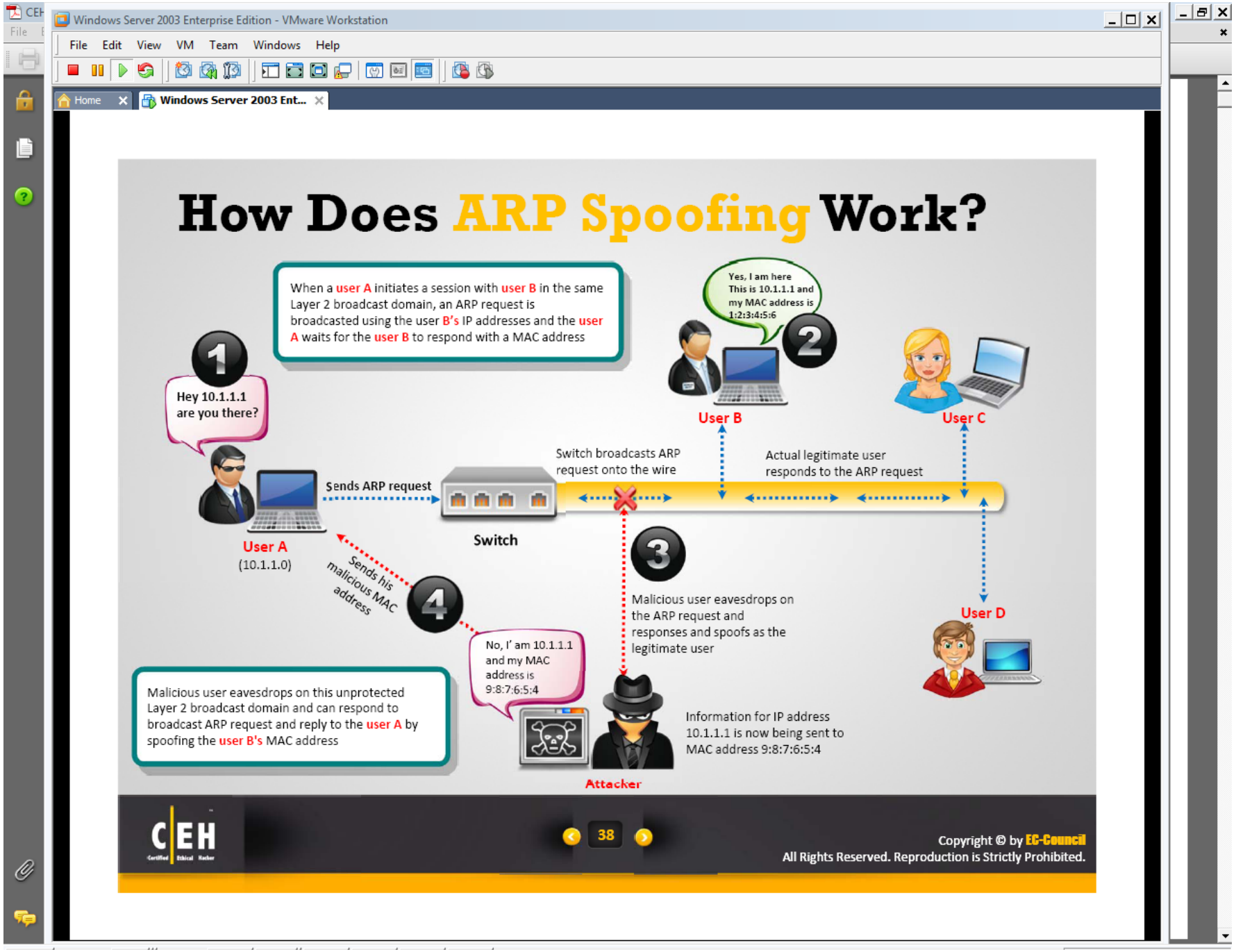
What is Address Resolution Protocol (ARP)?

1. Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) is a protocol for mapping an IP address to a physical machine address that is recognized in the local network
2. The ARP protocol broadcasts the network machines to find out their physical MAC address
3. When one machine needs to communicate with another, it looks up the ARP table. If the MAC address is not found in the table, the ARP is broadcasted over the network.
4. All machines on the network will compare this IP address to their MAC address
5. If one of them identifies with this address, the machine will respond to ARP which will store the address pair in the ARP table and communication will take place

ARP Spoofing Attack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How Does ARP Spoofing Work?
When a user A initiates a session with user B in the same Layer 2 broadcast domain, an ARP request is broadcasted using the user B's IP addresses and the user A waits for the user B to respond with a MAC address
1
Hey 10.1.1.1 are you there?
User A
(10.1.1.0)
Sends ARP request
Switch
Switch broadcasts ARP request onto the wire
Yes, I am here This is 10.1.1.1 and my MAC address is 1:2:3:4:5:6
2
User B
User C
Actual legitimate user responds to the ARP request
3
Malicious user eavesdrops on the ARP request and responses and spoofs as the legitimate user
User D
Sends his malicious MAC address
4
No, I' am 10.1.1.1 and my MAC address is 9:8:7:6:5:4
Malicious user eavesdrops on this unprotected Layer 2 broadcast domain and can respond to broadcast ARP request and reply to the user A by spoofing the user B's MAC address
Attacker
Information for IP address 10.1.1.1 is now being sent to MAC address 9:8:7:6:5:4
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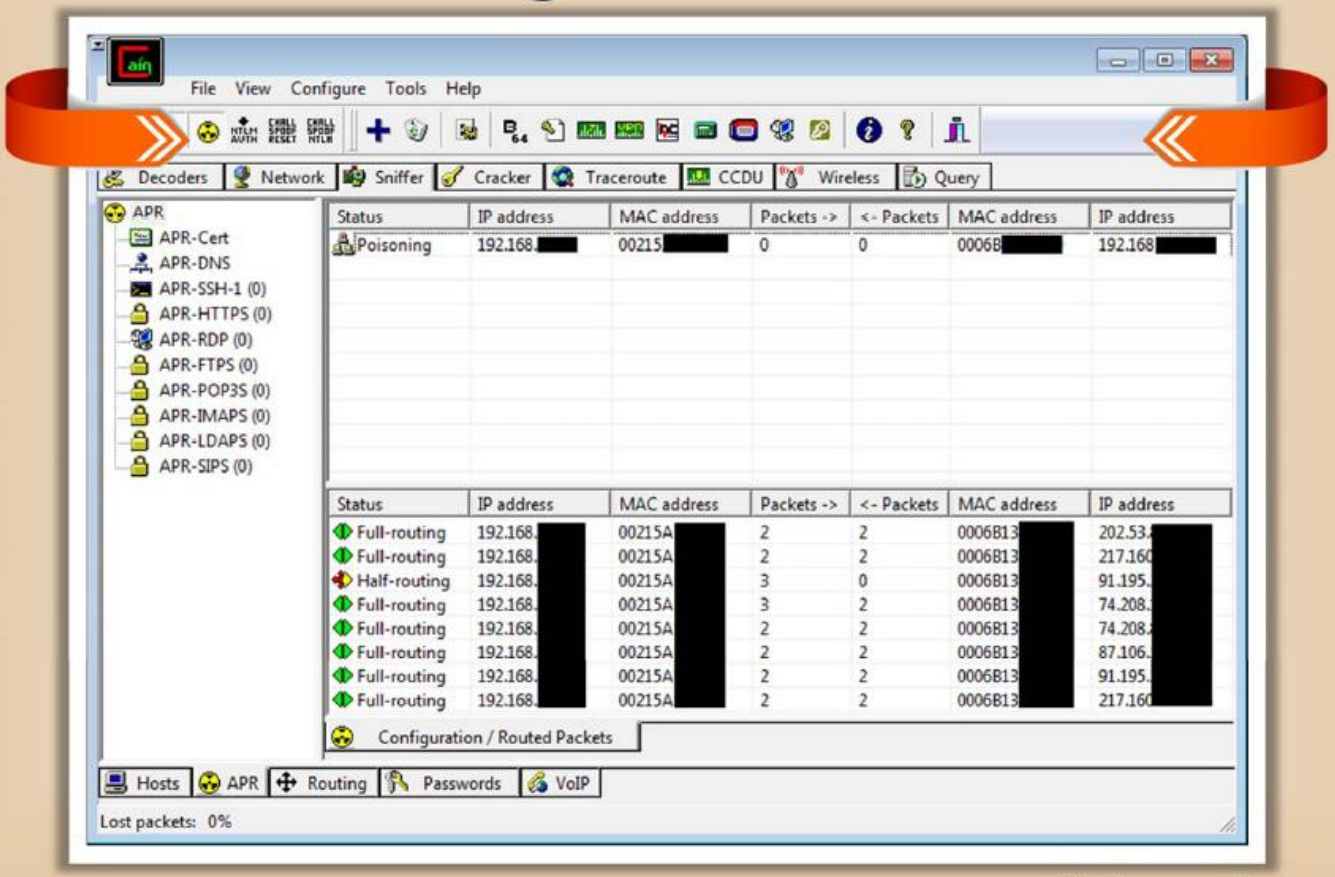
Threats of ARP Poisoning

Using fake ARP messages, an attacker can **divert all communications** between two machines so that all traffic is exchanged via his/her PC

- Denial of Service (DoS) Attack
- Data Interception
- VoIP Call Tapping
- Stealing Passwords
- Manipulating Data

ARP Poisoning Tool: Cain and Abel



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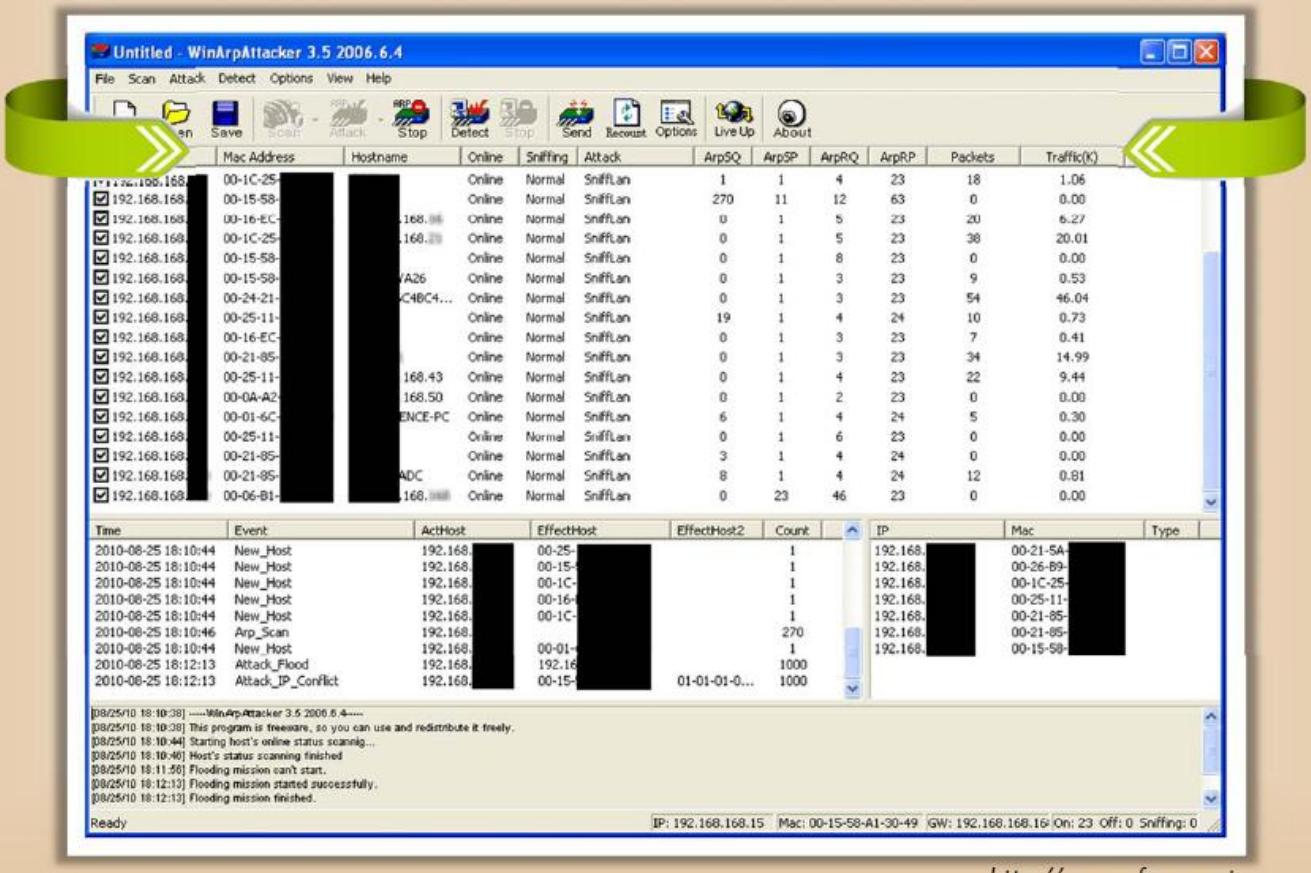
ARP Poisoning Tool: WinArpAttacker



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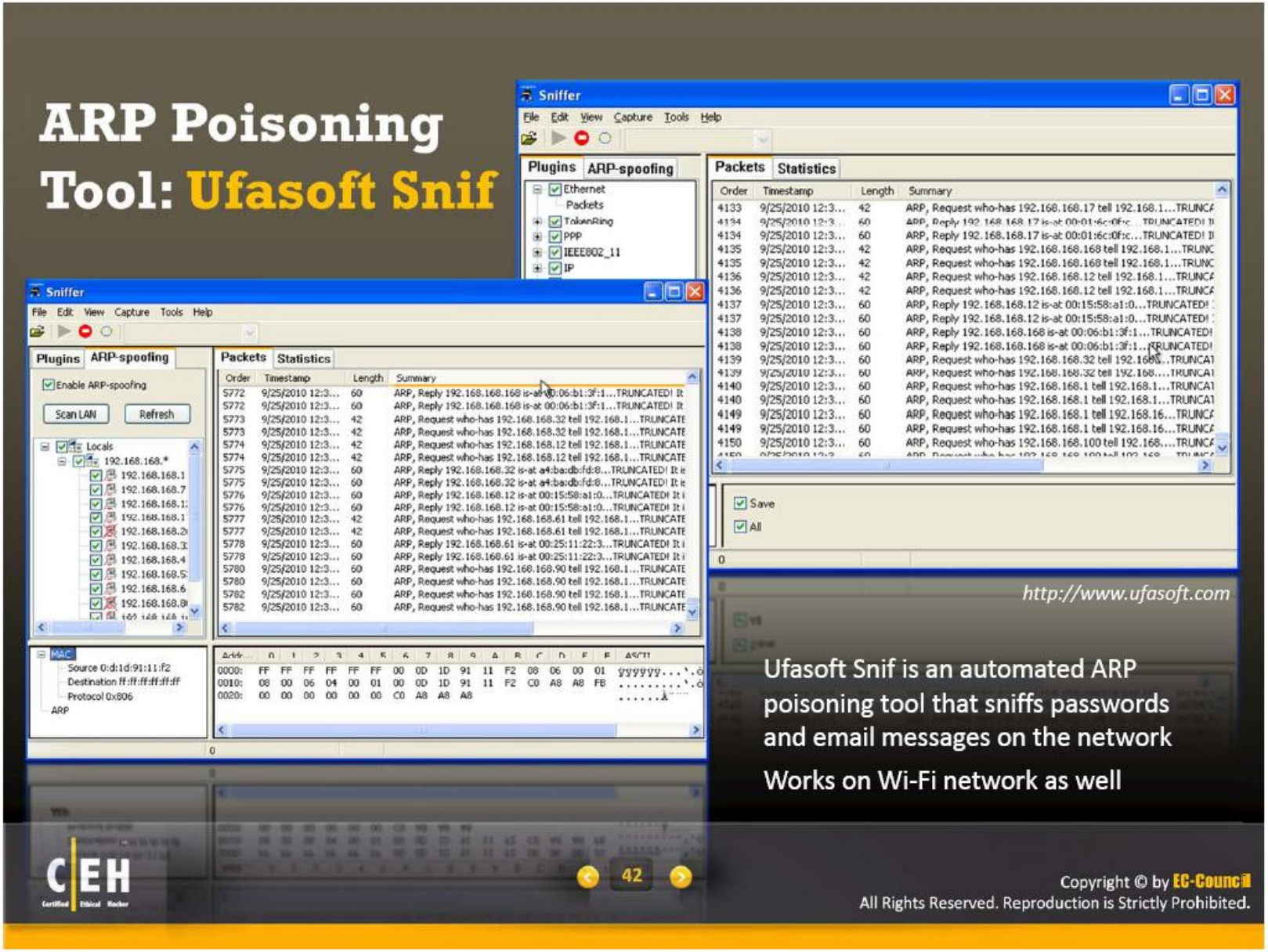
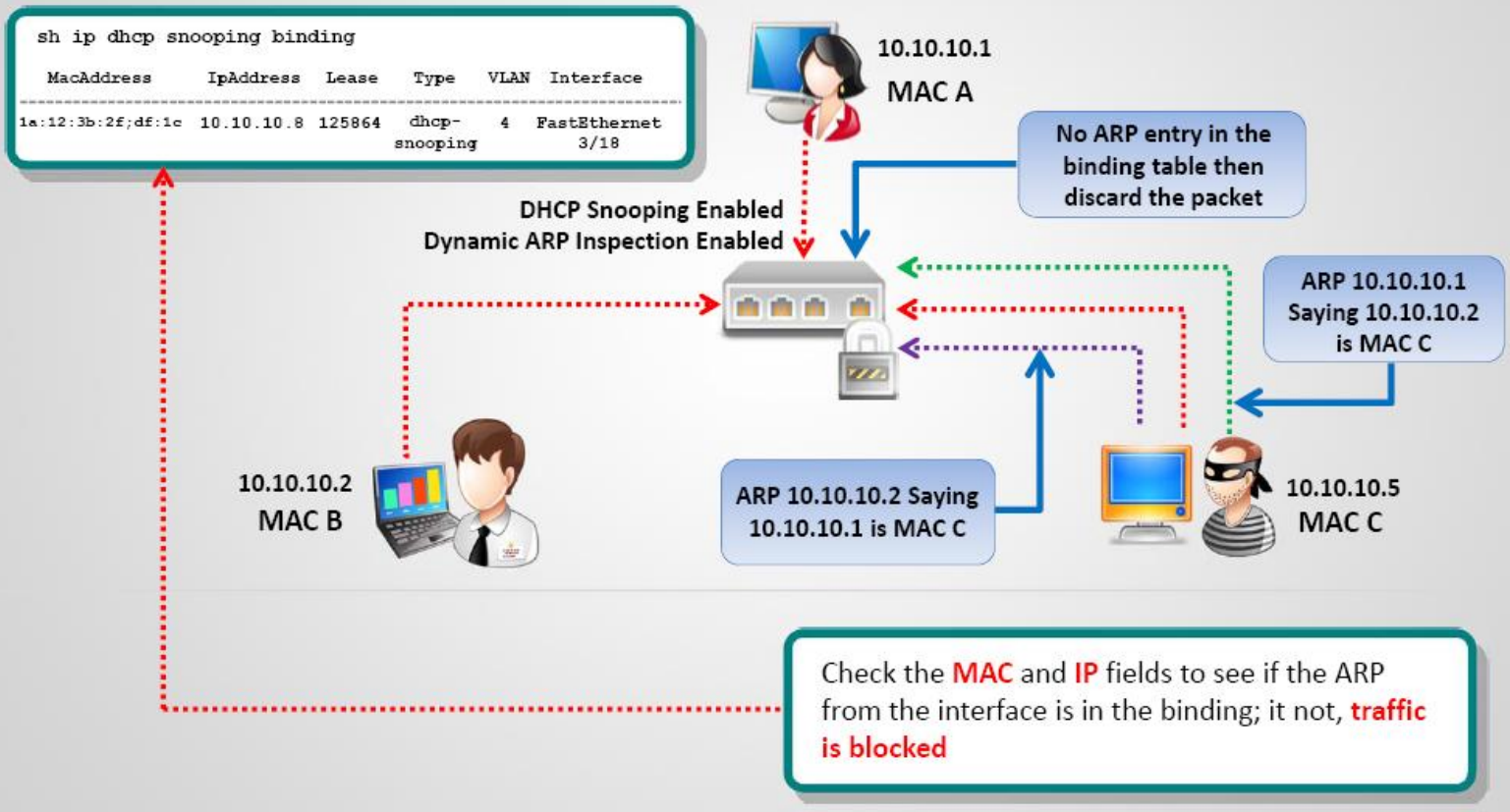
ARP Poisoning Tool: Ufasoft Snif



How to Defend Against ARP Poisoning?

Use DHCP Snooping Binding Table and Dynamic ARP Inspection



Configuring DHCP Snooping and Dynamic ARP Inspection on Cisco Switches

```
Switch(config)# ip dhcp snooping
Switch(config)# ip dhcp snooping vlan 10
Switch(config)# ^Z
Switch# show ip dhcp snooping
Switch DHCP snooping is enabled
DHCP snooping is configured on following VLANs: 10
DHCP snooping is operational on following VLANs: 10
DHCP snooping is configured on the following L3
Interfaces:
--
DHCP snooping trust/rate is configured on the
following Interfaces:

Interface            Trusted     Rate limit (pps)
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```

```
Switch(config)# ip arp inspection vlan 10

Switch(config)# ^Z

Switch# show ip arp inspection
Source Mac Validation      : Disabled
Destination Mac Validation : Disabled
IP Address Validation      : Disabled
Vlan  Configuration  Operation  ACL Match   Static ACL
 10     Enabled       Active
Vlan  ACL Logging  DHCP Logging  Probe Logging
 10     Deny          Deny           Off
Vlan  Forwarded  Dropped  DHCP Drops  ACL Drops
 10       0         0         0          0
Vlan  DHCP Permits  ACL Permits  Probe Permits  Source MAC Failures
 10       0             0             0                  0
Vlan  Dest MAC Failures IP Validation Failures Invalid Protocol Data
 10          0                   0                       0
```

```
Switch# show ip dhcp snooping binding
   MacAddress      IpAddress  Lease   Type    VLAN   Interface
 ------------------------------------------------------------------
1a:12:3b:2f:df:1c 10.10.10.8 125864  dhcp-     4  FastEthernet
                                     snooping       0/3
Total number of bindings: 1
```

```
%SW_DAI-4-DHCP_SNOOPING_DENY: 1 Invalid ARPs
(Res) on Fa0/5, vlan
10.([0013.6050.acf4/192.168.10.1/ffff.ffff.ffff/
192.168.10.1/05:37:31 UTC Mon Mar 1 1993])
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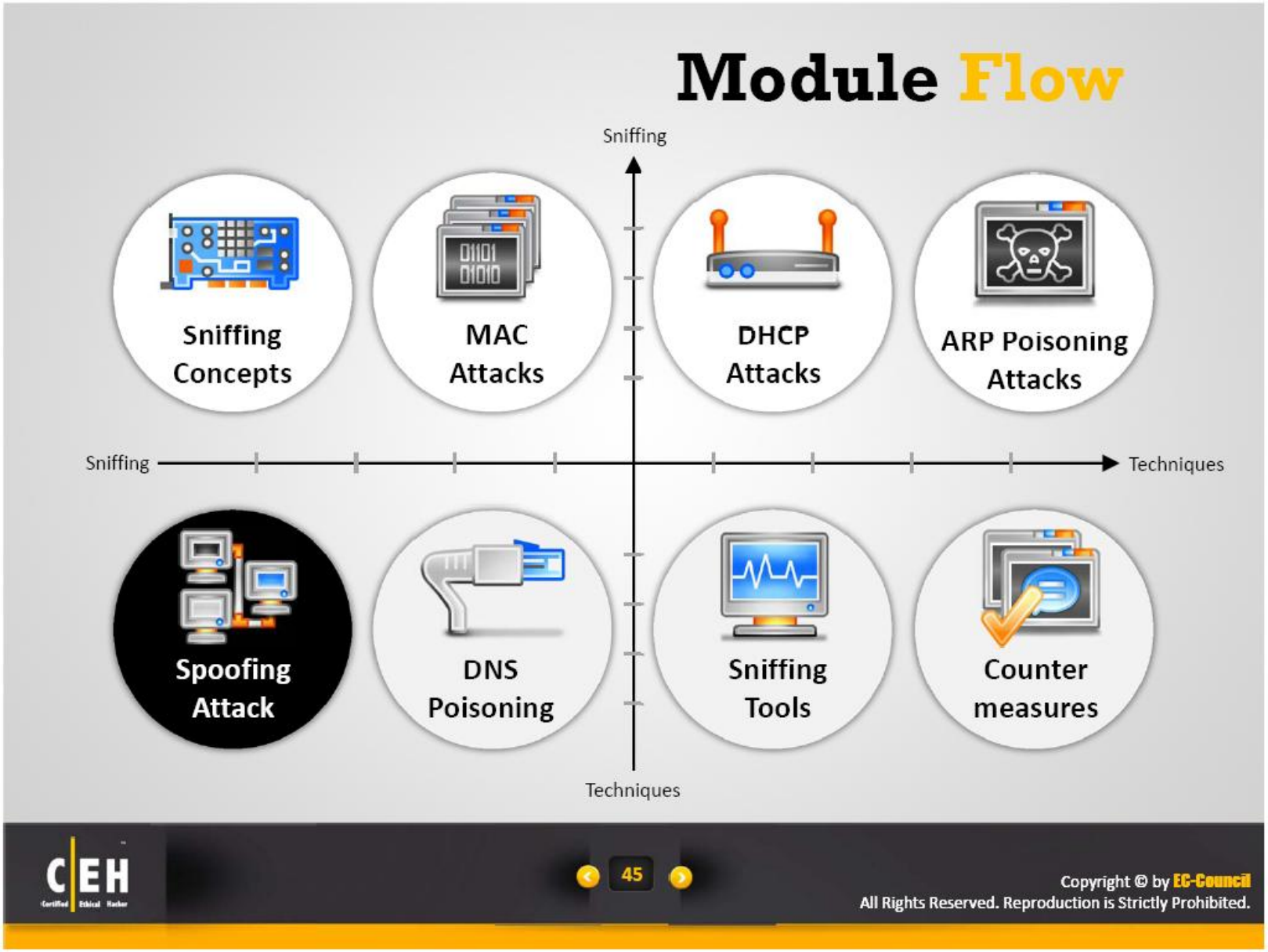
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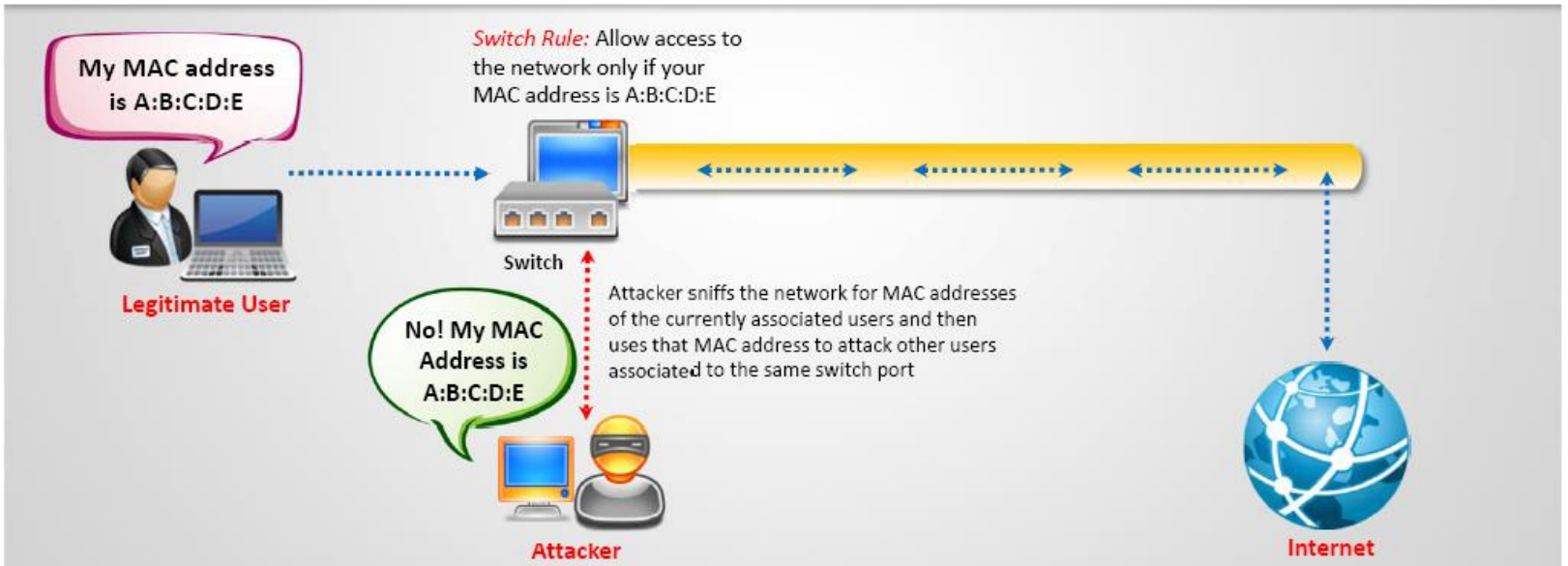
MAC Spoofing/Duplicating

- MAC duplicating attack is launched by **sniffing network for MAC addresses** of clients who are actively associated with a switch port and re-using one of those addresses
- By listening to the traffic on the network, a malicious user can **intercept and use a legitimate user's MAC address** to receive all the traffic destined for the user



Note: This technique works on Wireless Access Points with MAC filtering enabled

Spoofing Attack Threats

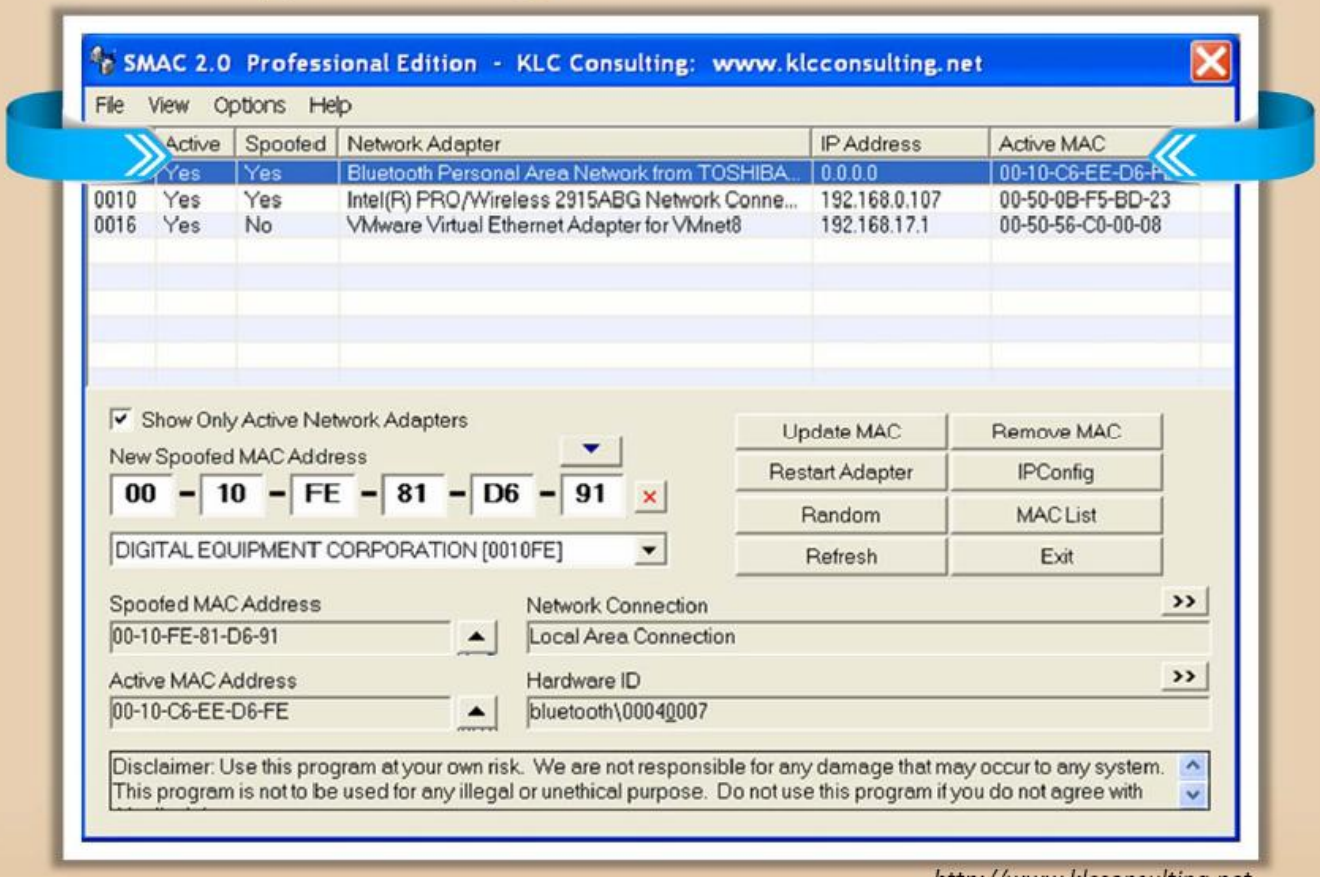
MAC spoofing

- If MACs are used for network access an attacker can gain access to the network
- An attacker can take over someone's identity already on the network

IP spoofing

- Ping of death
- ICMP unreachable storm
- SYN flood
- Trusted IP addresses can be spoofed

MAC Spoofing Tool: SMAC



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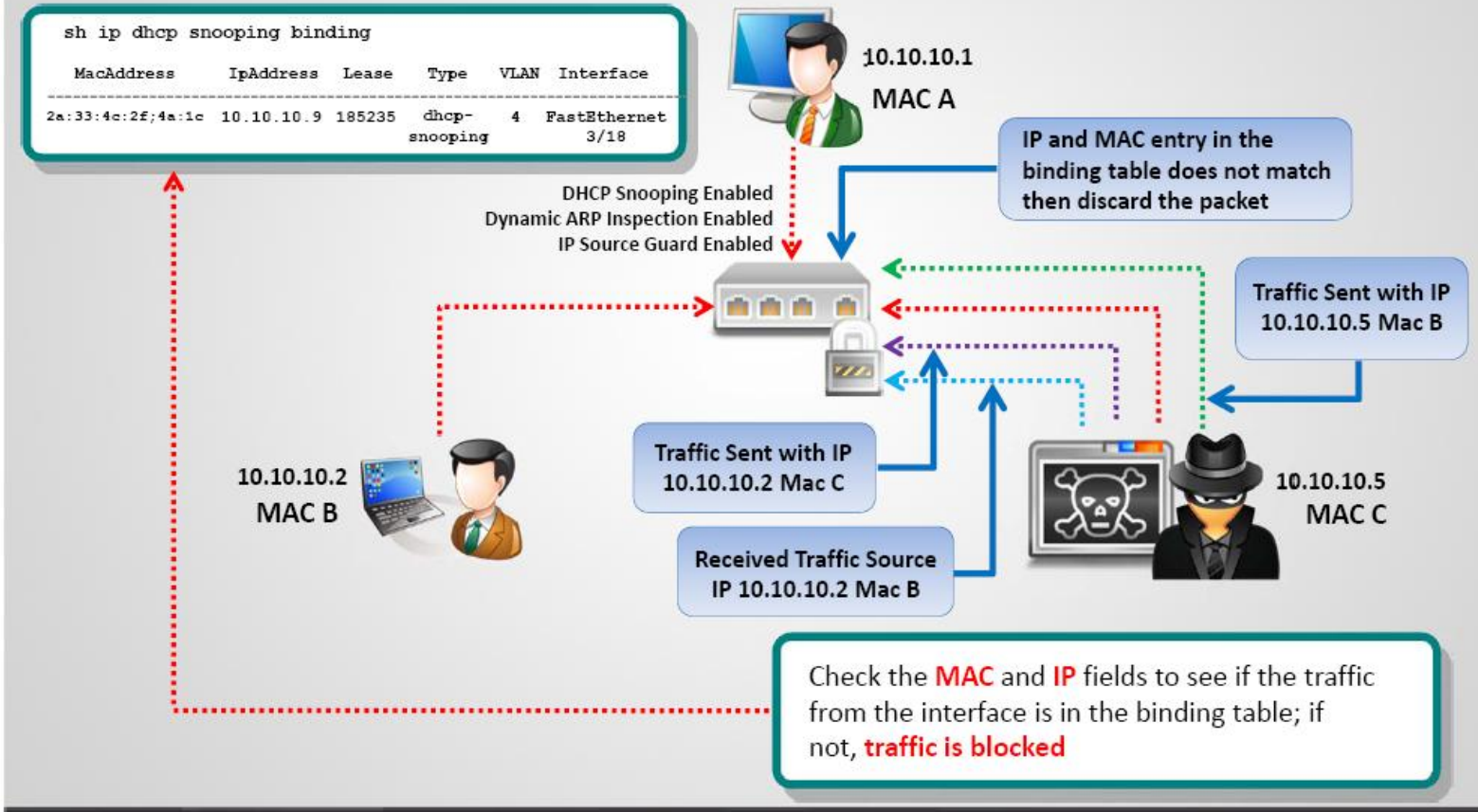
How to Defend Against MAC Spoofing?

Use DHCP Snooping Binding Table, Dynamic ARP Inspection and IP Source Guard



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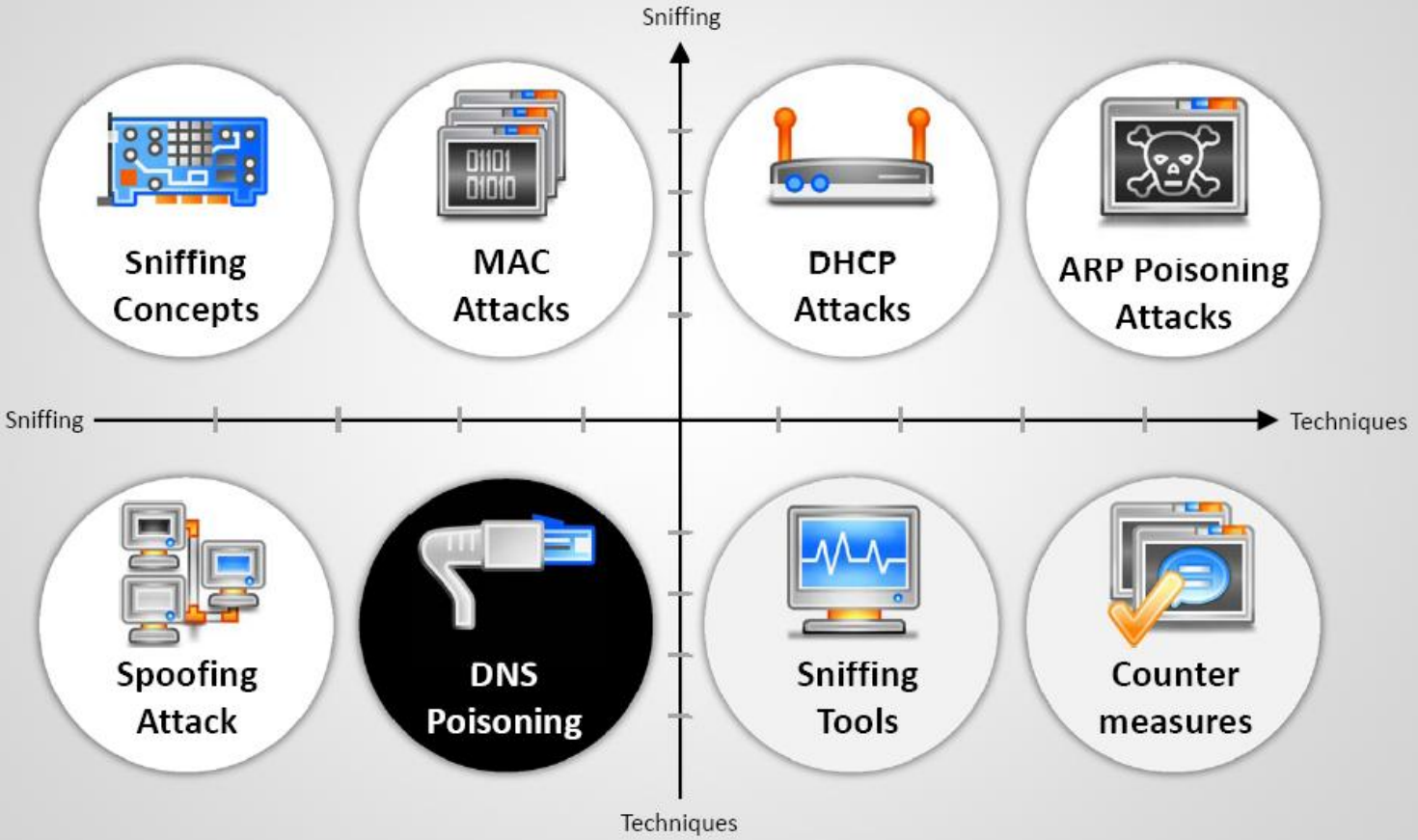
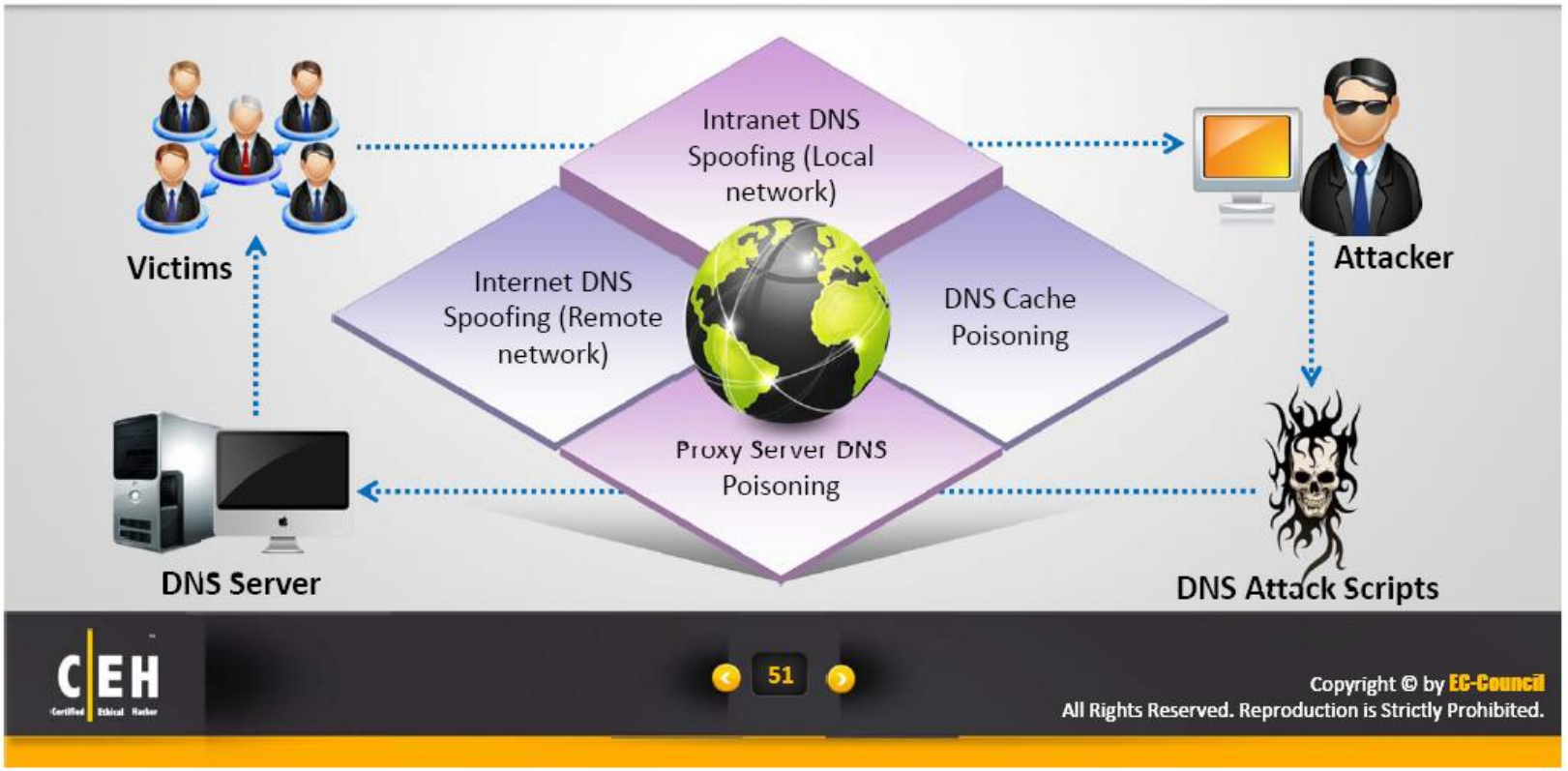


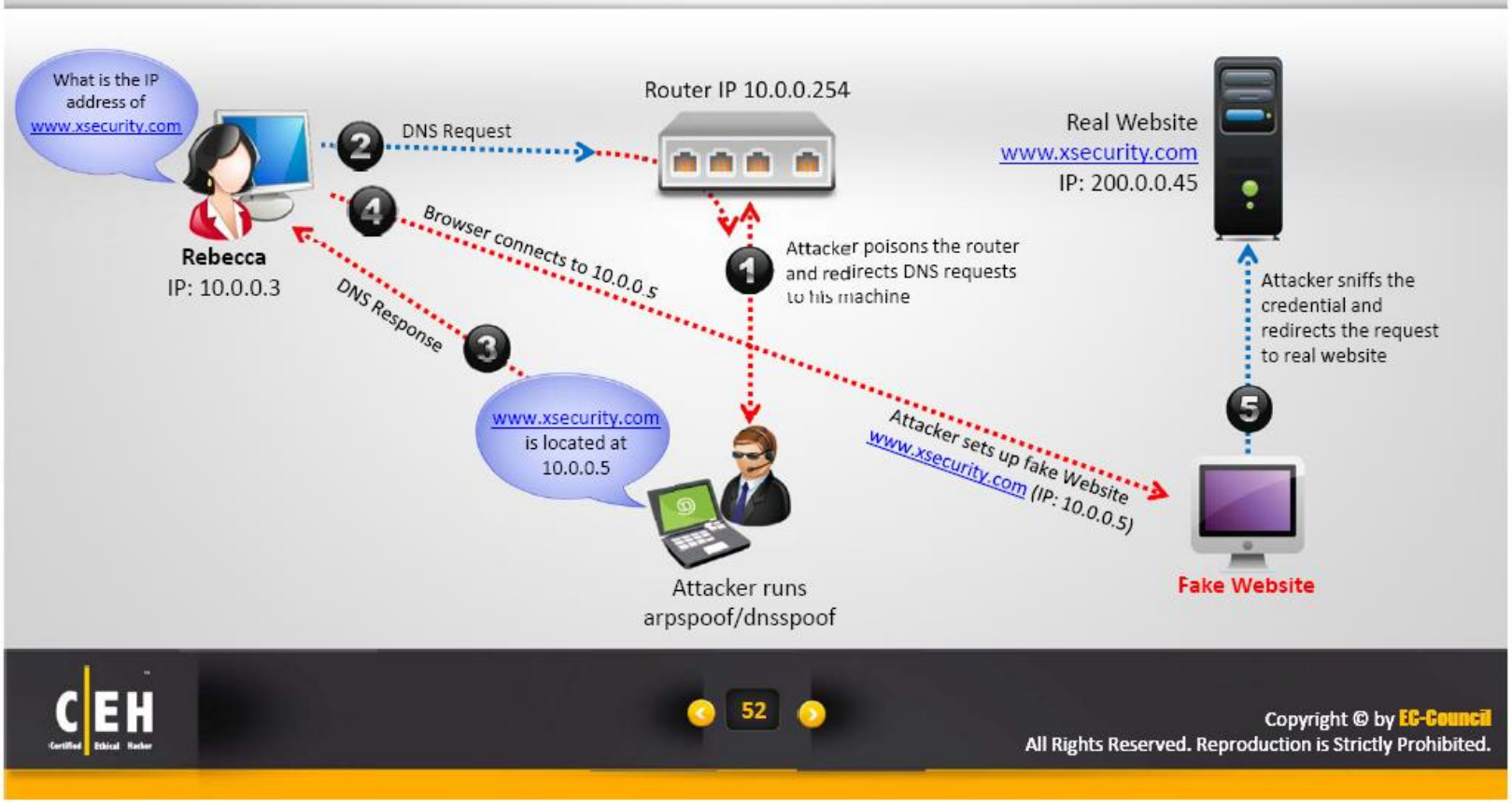
DNS Poisoning Techniques

1. DNS poisoning is a technique that **tricks a DNS server** into believing that it has received authentic information when, in reality, it has not
2. It results in **substitution of a false Internet provider address** at the domain name service level where web addresses are converted into numeric Internet provider addresses



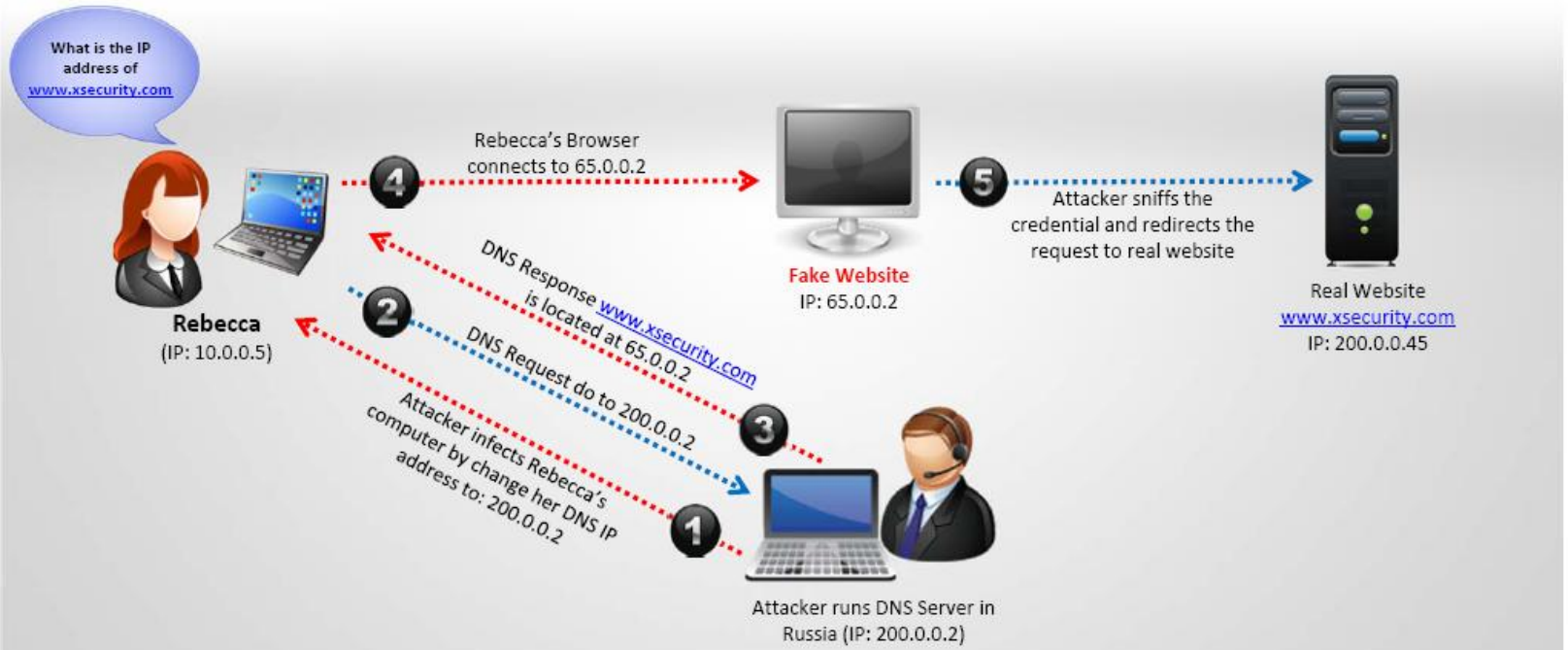
Intranet DNS Spoofing

- For this technique, you must be connected to the local area network (LAN) and be able to sniff packets
- It works well against switches with ARP poisoning the router



Intranet DNS Spoofing

Internet DNS Spoofing, attacker **infects Rebecca's machine** with a Trojan and **changes her DNS IP address** to that of the attacker's

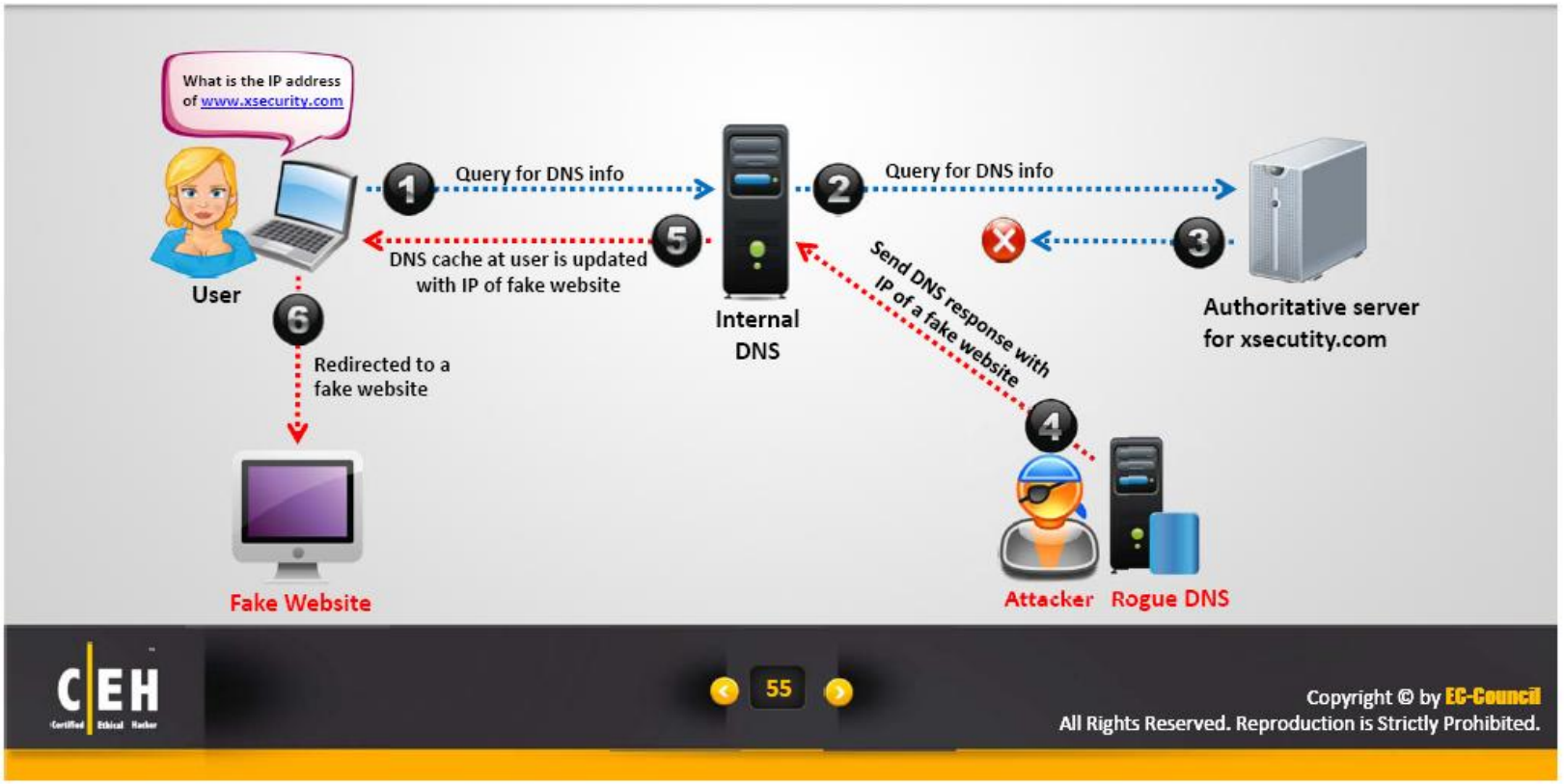


Proxy Server DNS Poisoning

- Attacker sends a Trojan to Rebecca's machine and change her proxy server settings in Internet Explorer to that of the attacker's

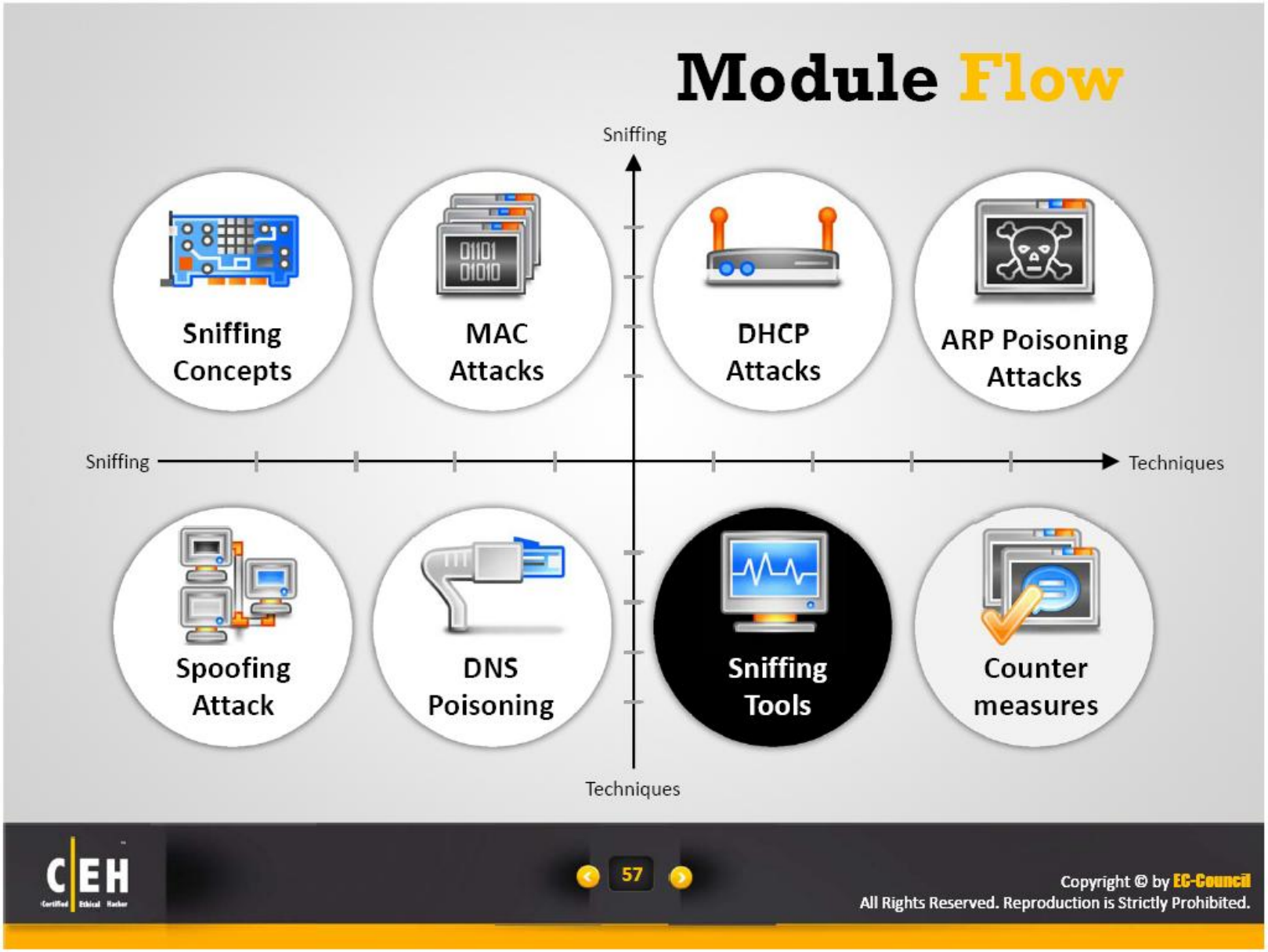
DNS Cache Poisoning

- DNS cache poisoning involves **changing or adding records** in the resolver cache of a DNS, so that a DNS query for a domain returns an IP address of a fake website set by the attacker
- If the server can not validate that DNS responses have come from an authoritative source, it will **cache the incorrect entries** locally and serve them to users who make the same request



How to Defend Against DNS Spoofing?

01	Resolve all DNS queries to local DNS server
02	Block DNS requests from going to external servers
03	Implement DNSSEC
04	Configure DNS resolver to use a new random source port from its available range for each outgoing query
05	Configure firewall to restrict external DNS lookup
06	Restrict DNS recursing service, either full or partial, to authorized users
07	Use DNS Non-Existent Domain (NXDOMAIN) Rate Limiting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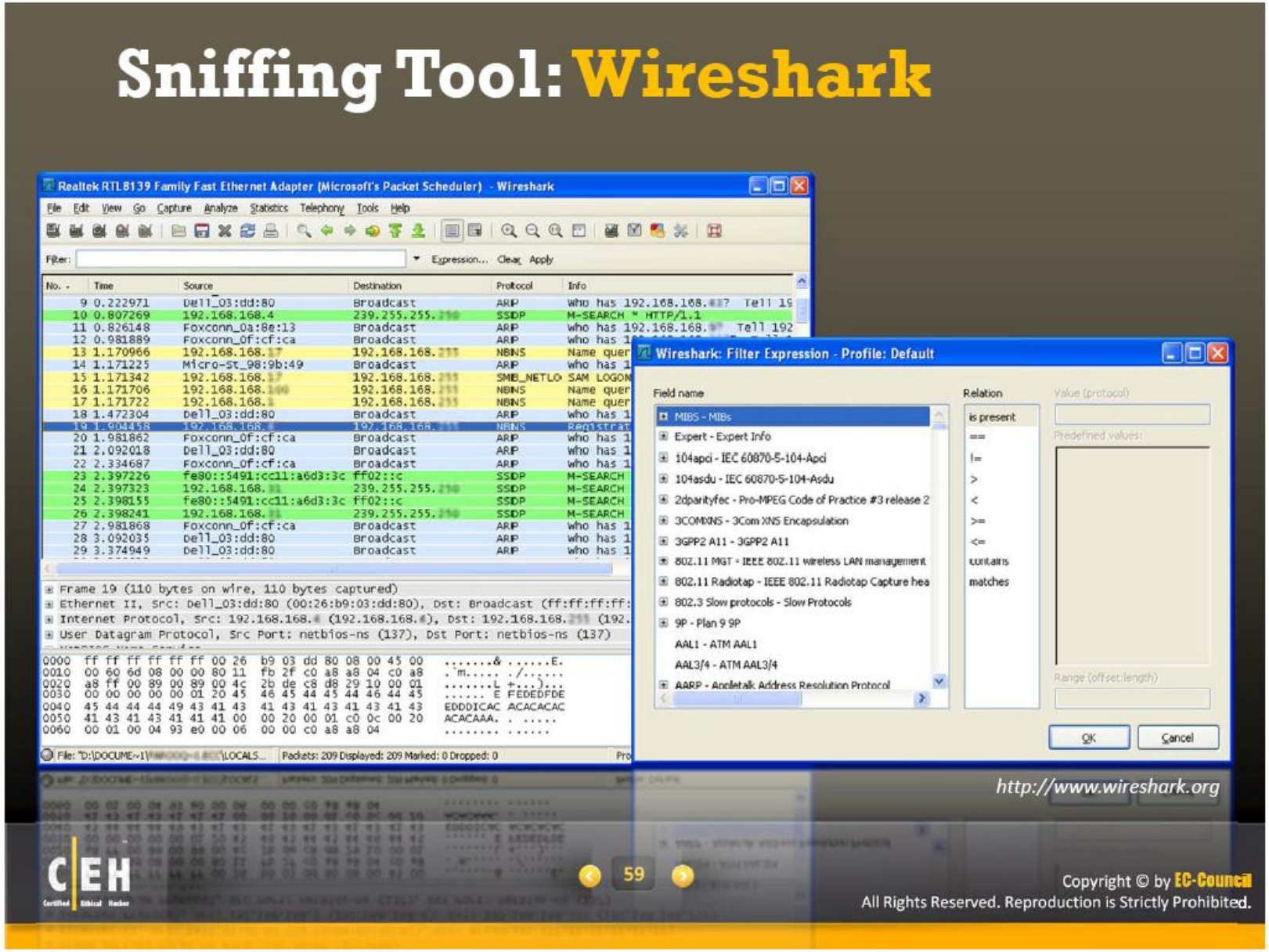
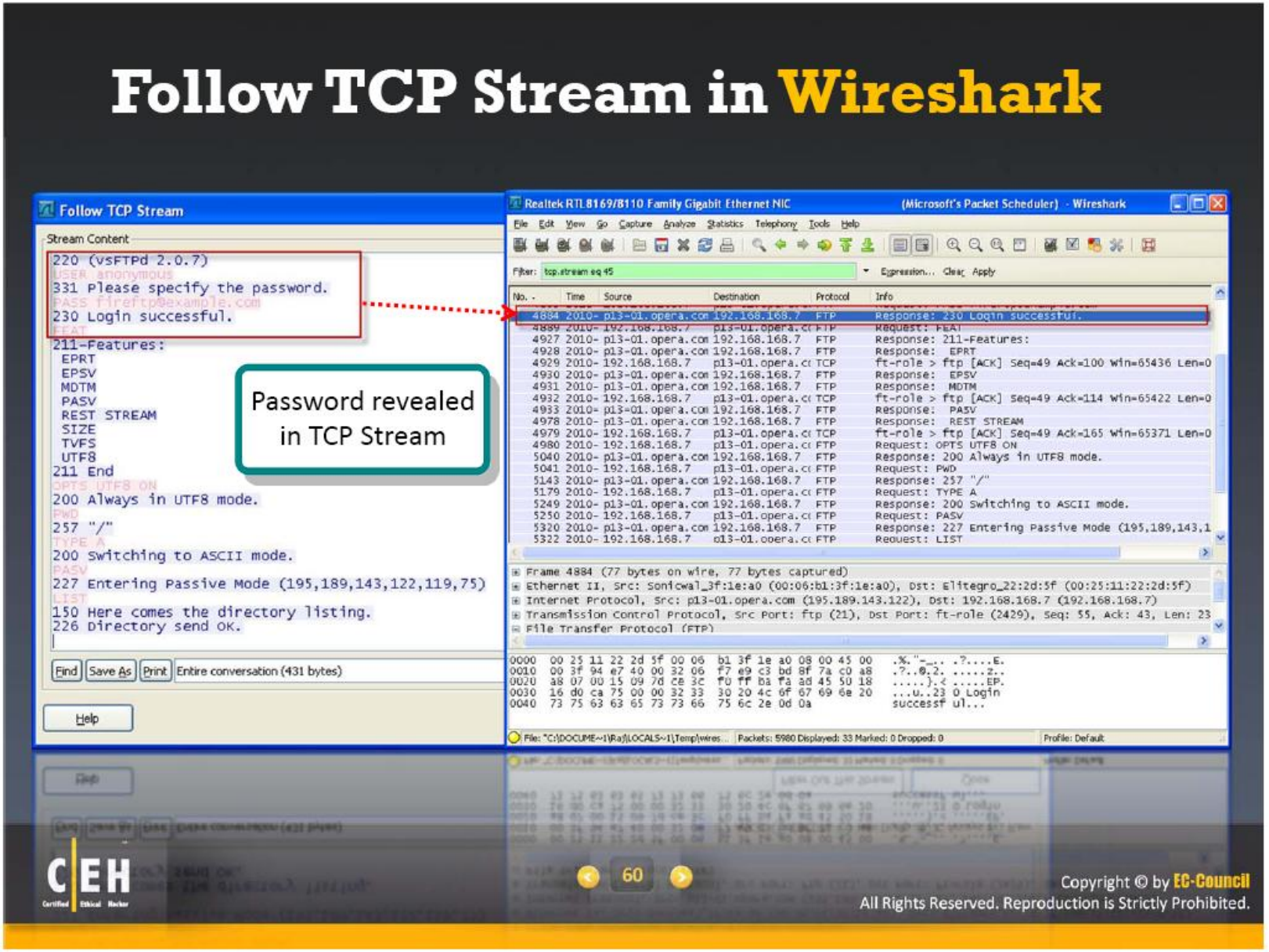
Sniffing Tool: Wireshark

1. Wireshark is a free packet sniffing tool
   Wireshark uses Winpcap to capture packets, so it can only capture the packets on the networks supported by Winpcap
2. Captures live network traffic from Ethernet, IEEE 802.11, PPP/HDLC, ATM, Bluetooth, USB, Token Ring, Frame Relay, FDDI networks
3. Captured files can be programmatically edited via command-line
   A set of filters for customized data display can be refined using a display filter

Sniffing Tool: Wireshark



Follow TCP Stream in Wireshark



Display Filters in Wireshark

Display filters are used to change the view of packets in the captured files

Example: Type the protocol in the filter box; arp, http, tcp, udp, dns

```
tcp.port==23
ip.addr==192.168.1.100
machine
ip.addr==192.168.1.100 &&
tcp.port=23
```

```
ip.dst == 10.0.1.50 && frame.pkt_len >
400
ip.addr == 10.0.1.12 && icmp &&
frame.number > 15 && frame.number < 30
ip.src==205.153.63.30 or
ip.dst==205.153.63.30
```

Addresses

```
ip.addr == 10.0.0.4 or
ip.addr == 10.0.0.5
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Filtering by IP Address

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ip.addr == 10.0.0.4
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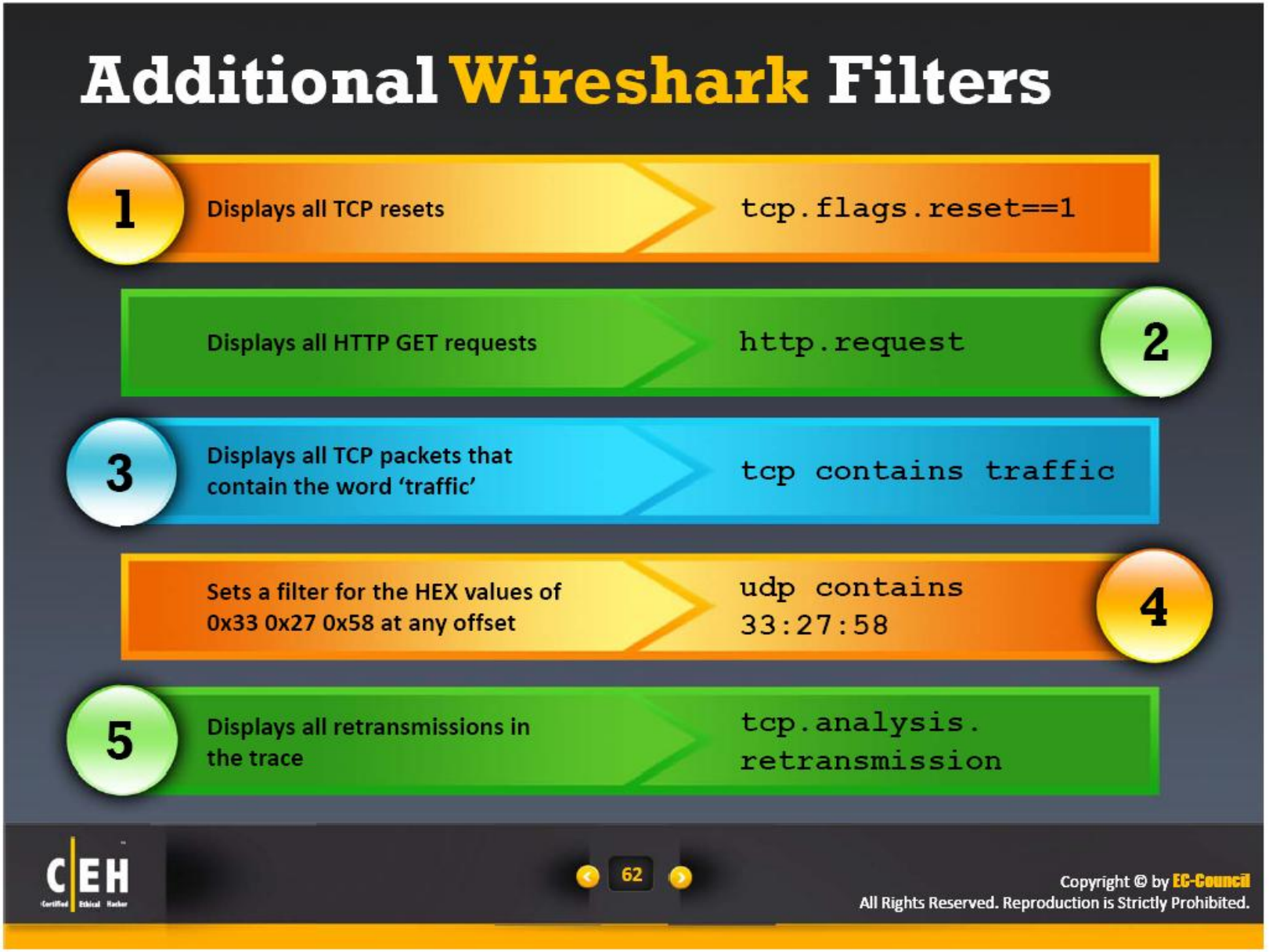
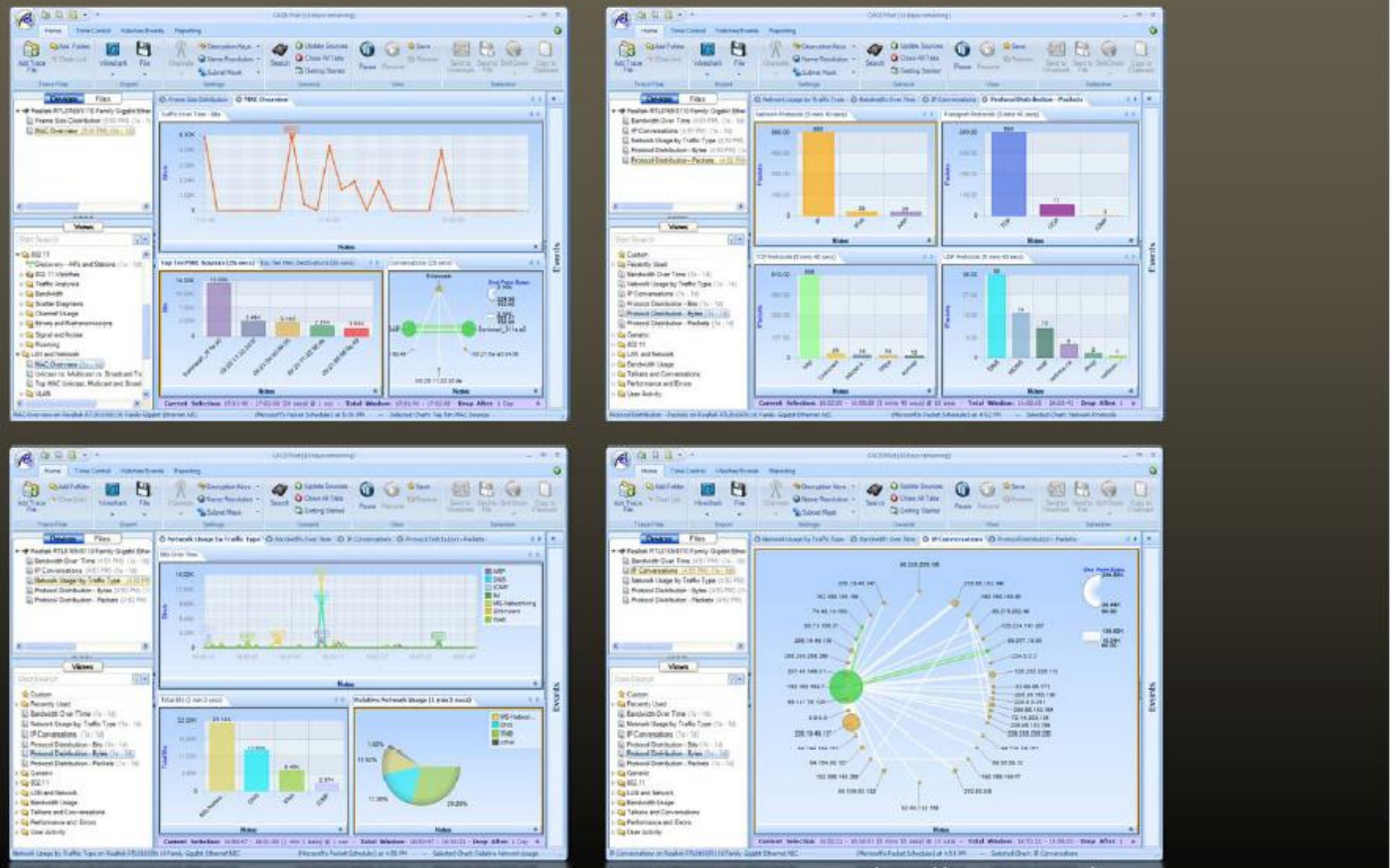
Additional Wireshark Filters



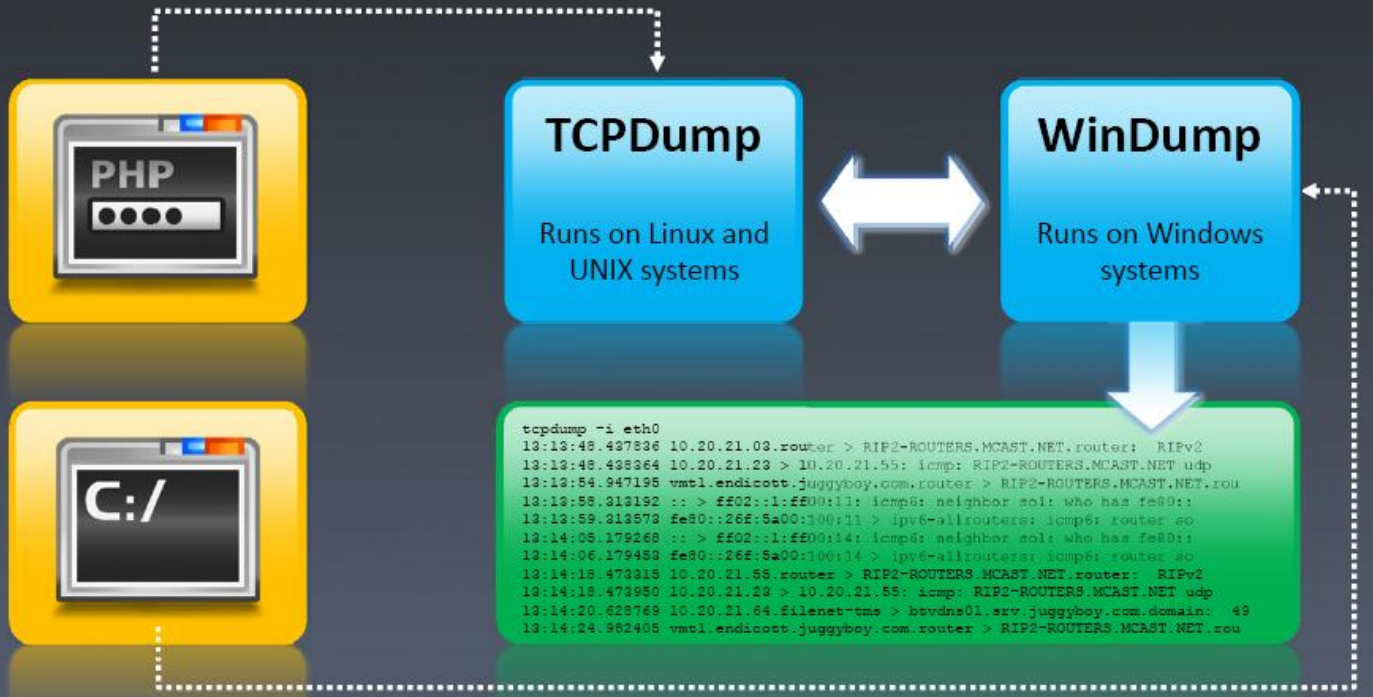
Sniffing Tool: CACE Pilot



http://www.cacetech.com

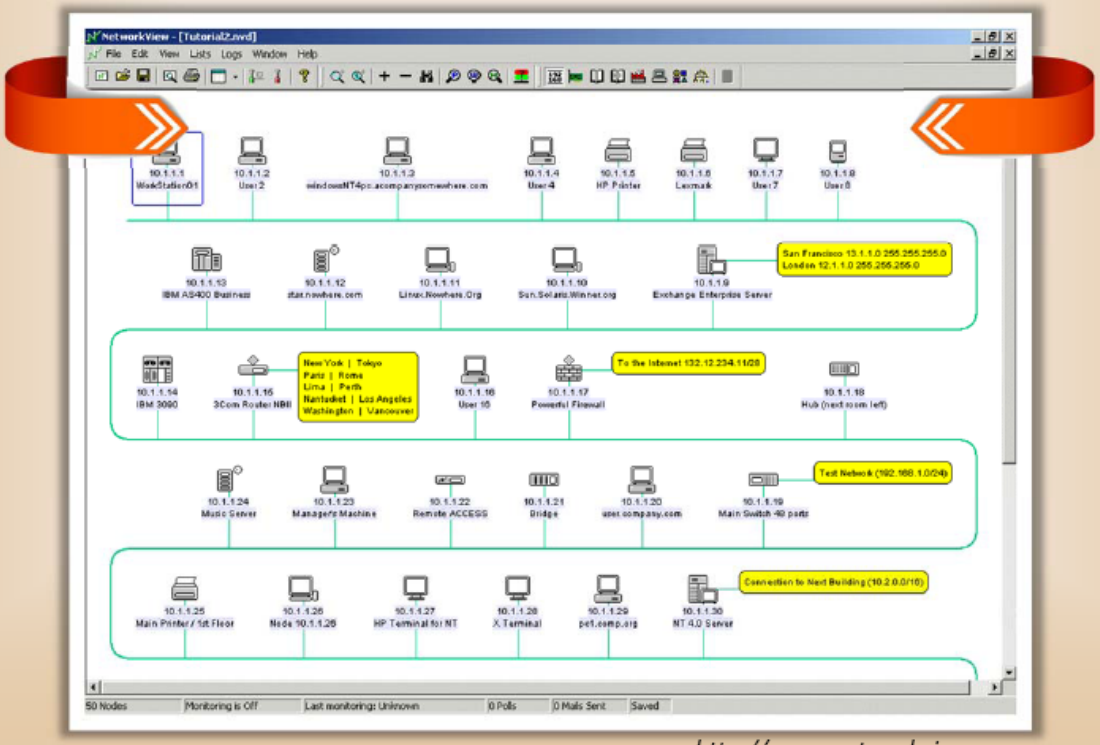
Sniffing Tool: Tcpdump/Windump

TCPdump is a very powerful command line interface packet sniffer which runs on Linux and Windows



Discovery Tool: NetworkView

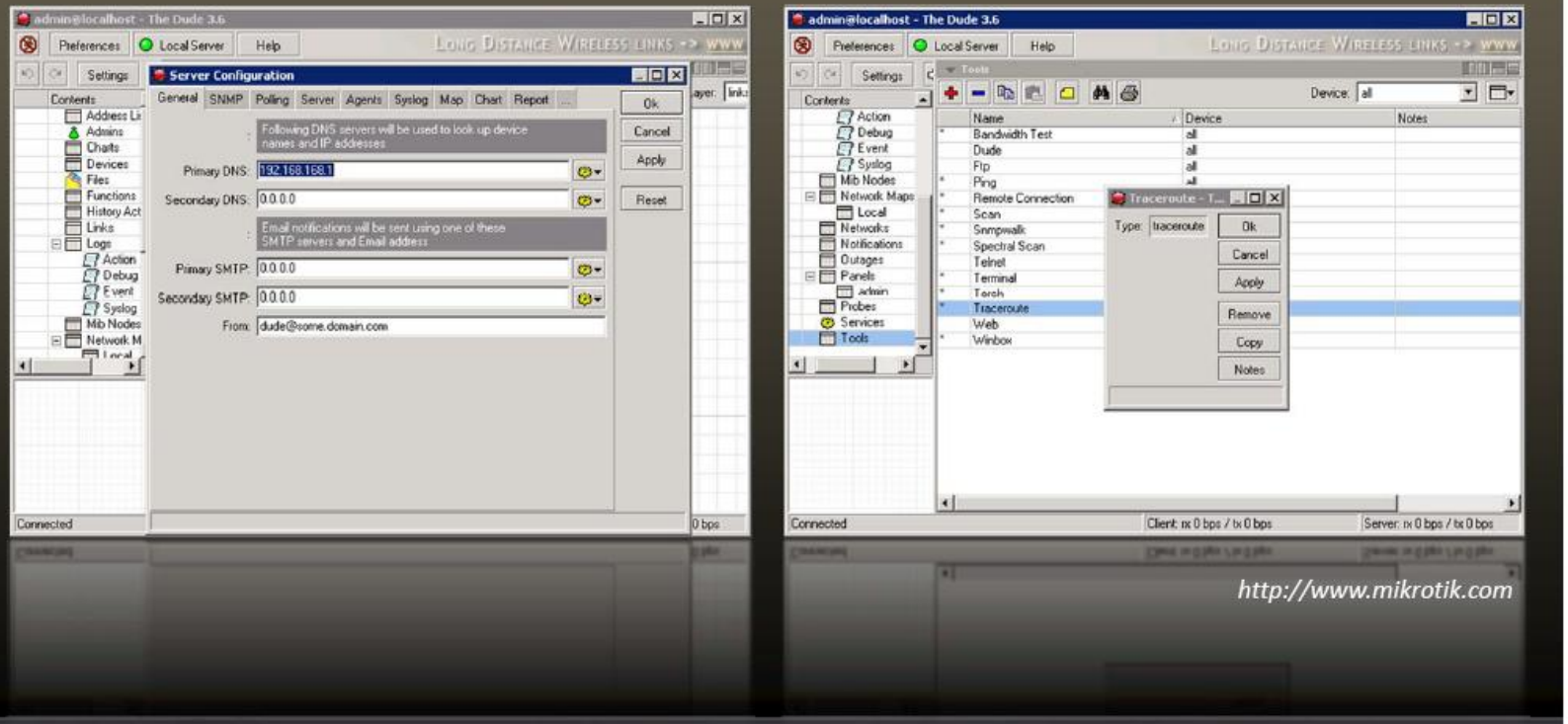
- NetworkView is a network discovery and management tool for Windows
- Discover TCP/IP nodes and routes using DNS, SNMP, Ports, NetBIOS and WMI



http://www.networkview.com

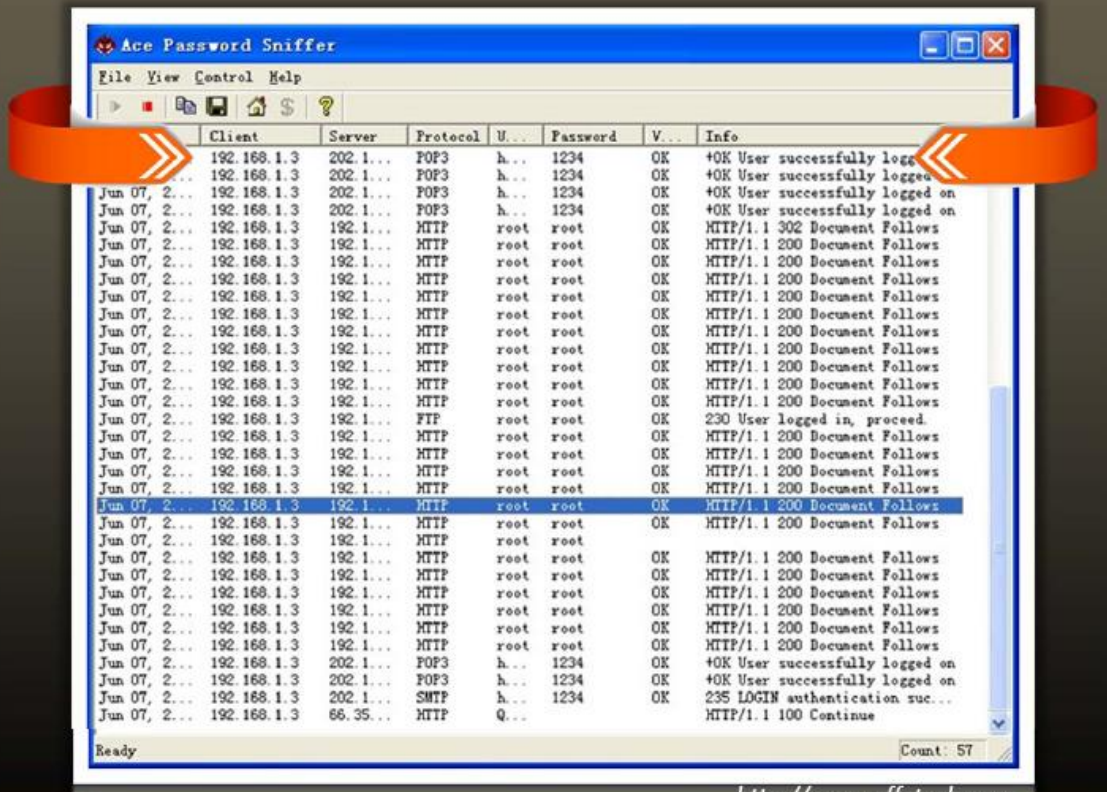
Discovery Tool: The Dude Sniffer

The Dude sniffer scans all devices within the specified subnets and draws a detailed layout map



Password Sniffing Tool: Ace

Ace Password Sniffer can monitor and capture passwords through FTP, POP3, HTTP, SMTP, Telnet, and webmail passwords



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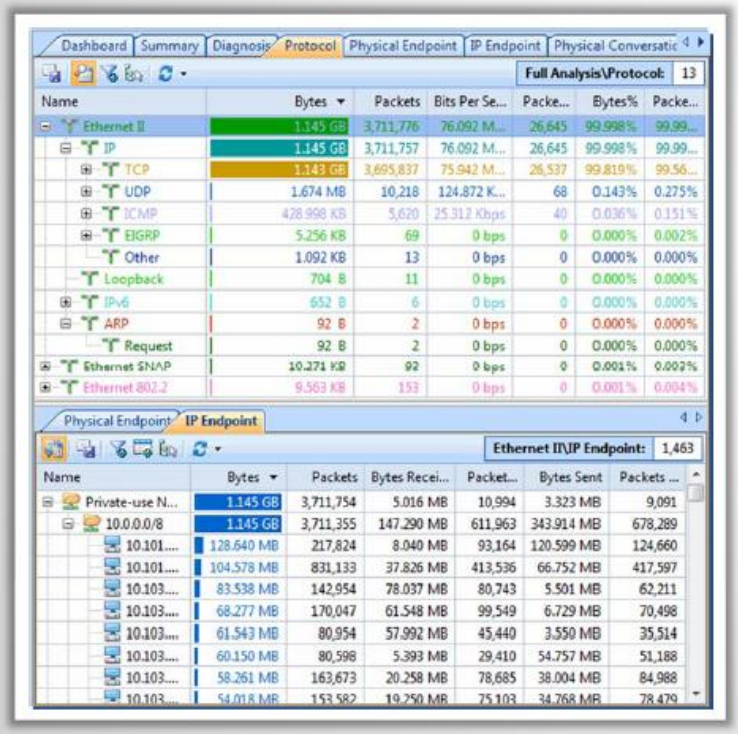
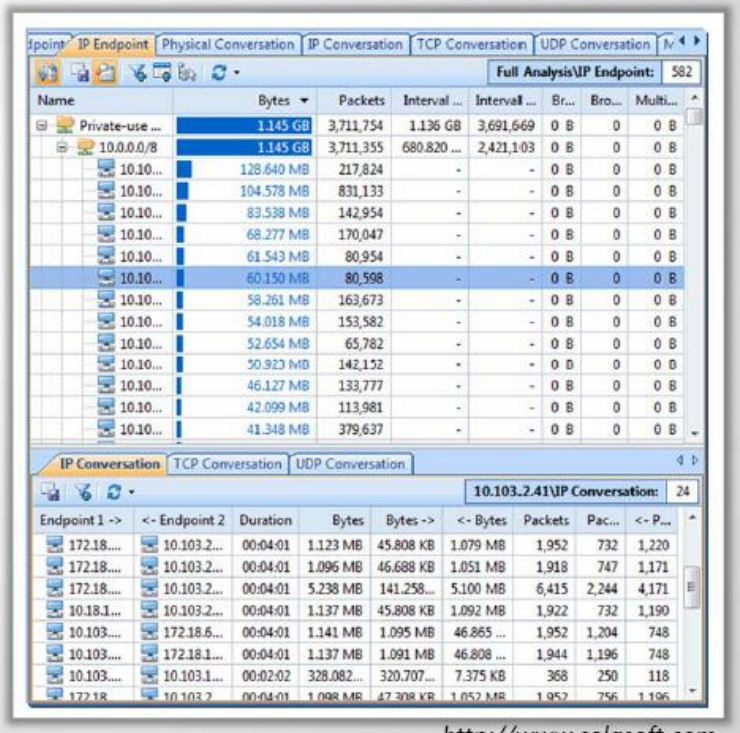
Packet Sniffing Tool: Capsa Network Analyzer

Capsa network analyzer **captures all data transmitted over the network** and provides a wide range of analysis statistics in an intuitive and graphic way





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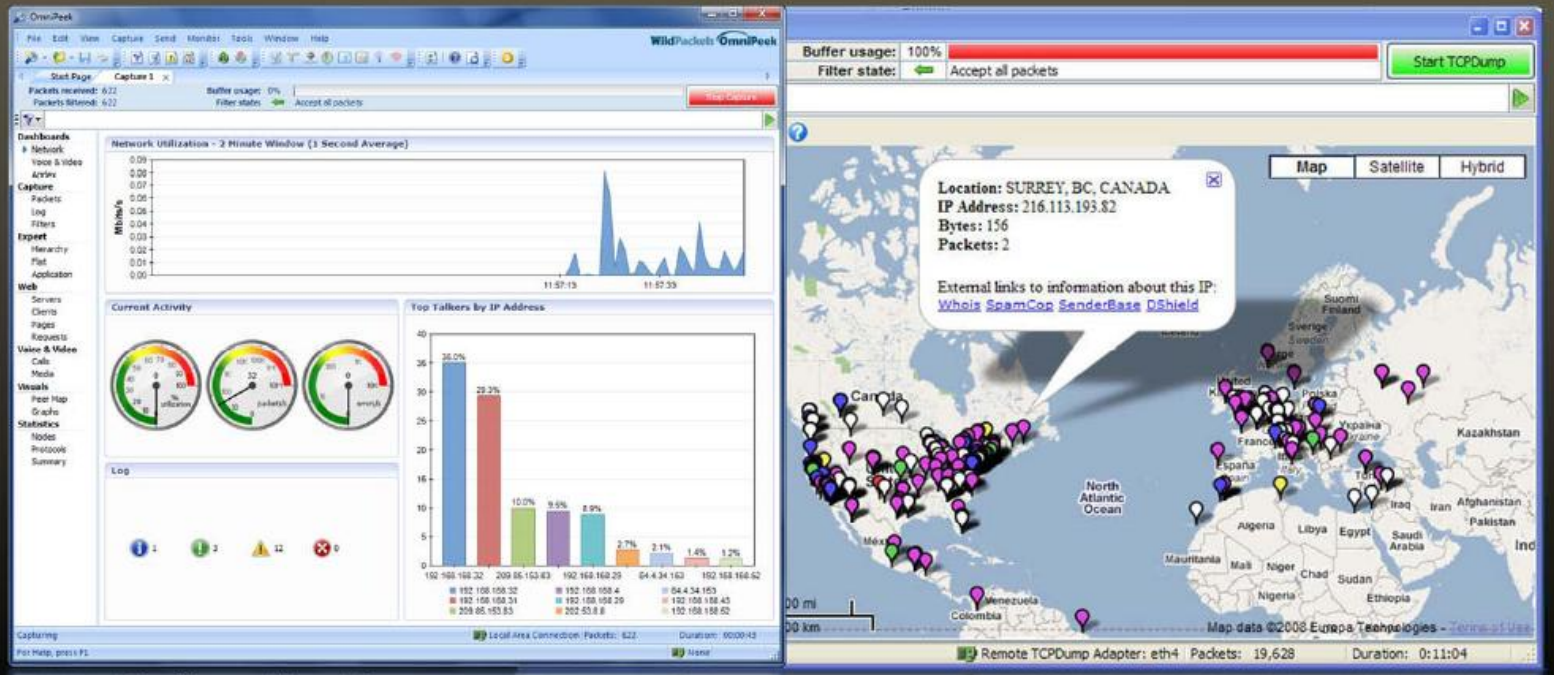
OmniPeek Network Analyzer

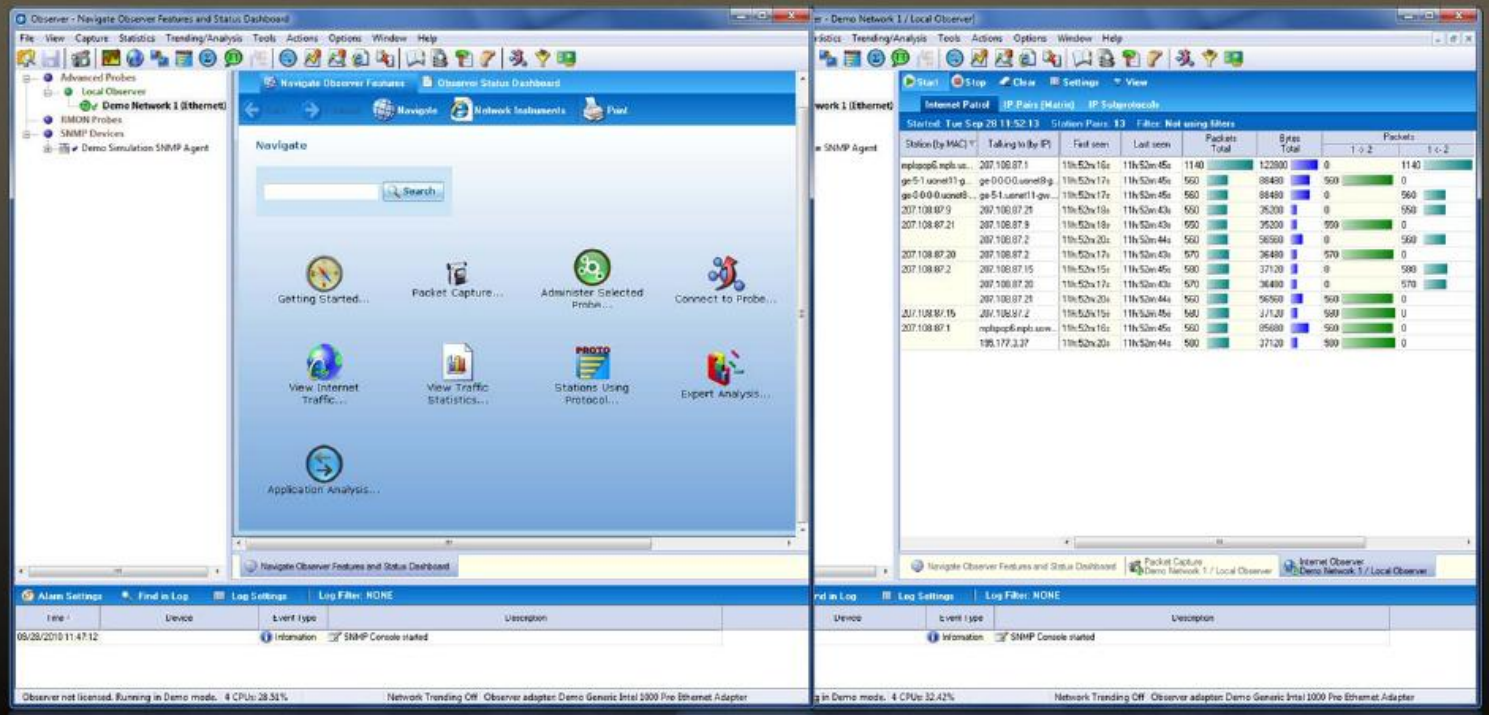
- OmniPeek sniffer displays a Google Map in the OmniPeek capture window showing the **locations of all the public IP addresses of captured packets**
- This feature is a great way to monitor the network in real time, and show from where in the world that **traffic is coming**



http://www.wildpackets.com

Network Packet Analyzer: Observer

Observer provides a comprehensive drill-down into network traffic and provides back-in-time analysis, reporting, trending, alarms, application tools, and route monitoring capabilities



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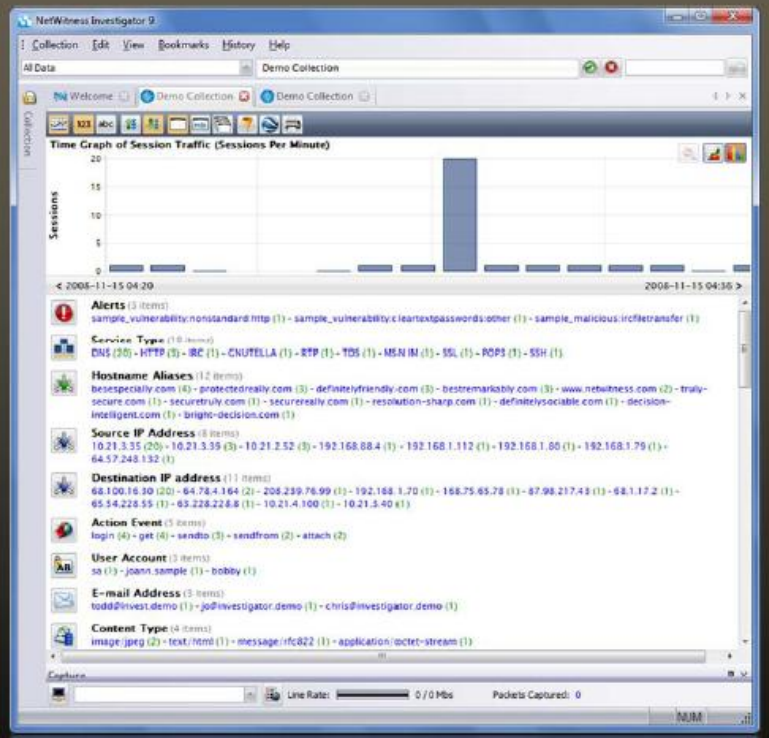
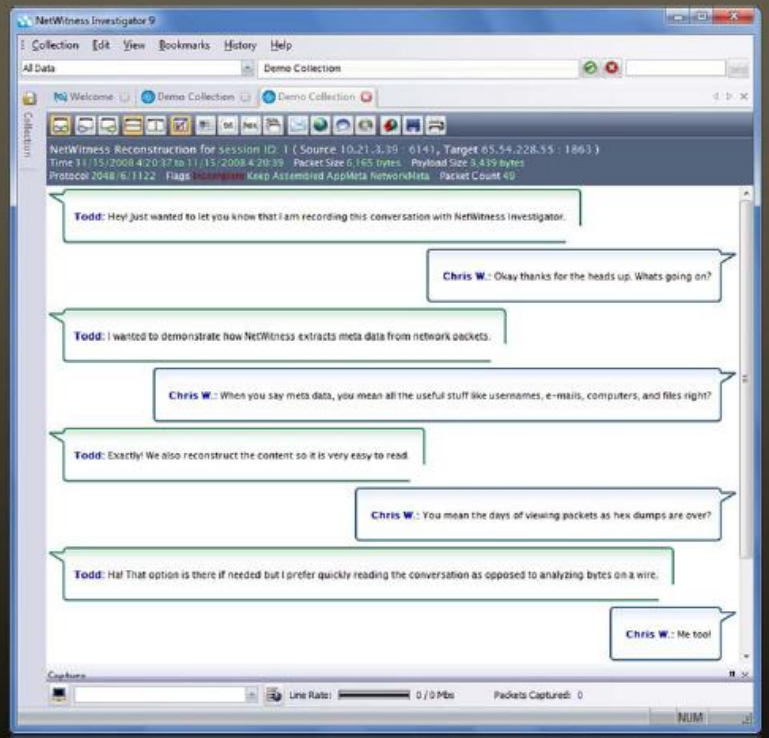
Session Capture Sniffer: NetWitness



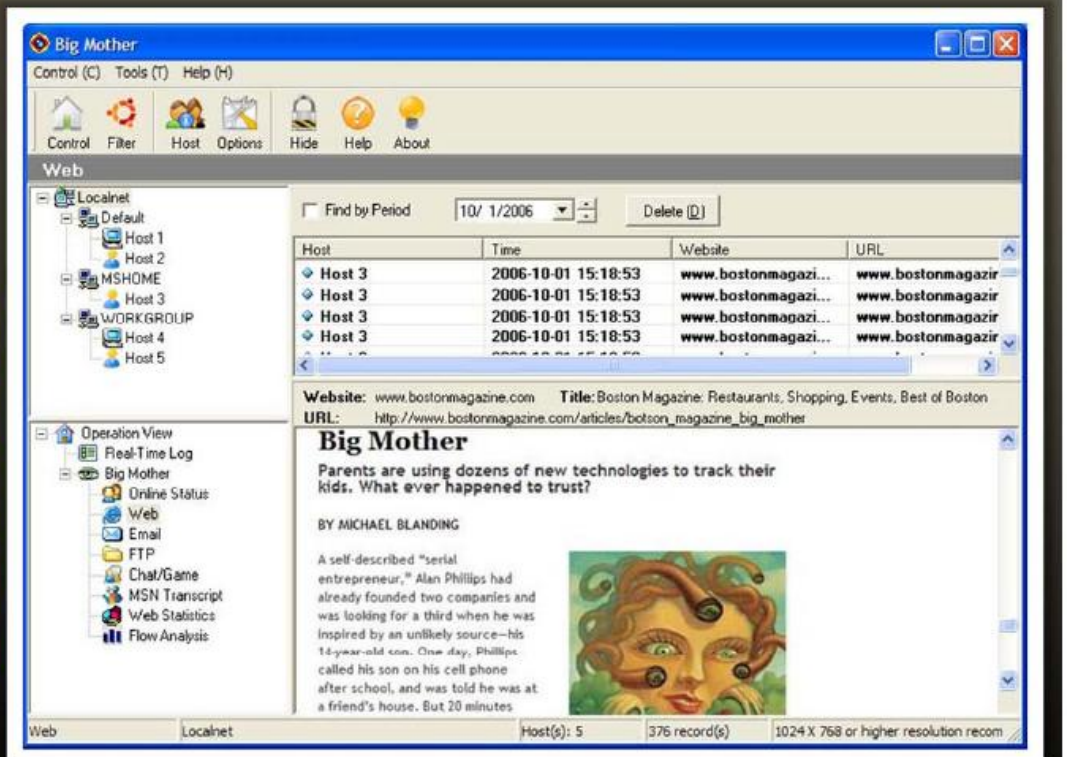


http://www.netwitness.com

Email Message Sniffer: Big-Mother

Big-Mother is an eavesdropping program that uses a switch sniffer to **capture and analyze communication traffic** over a home network

It **logs in real time** URL visits, Email, chats, games, FTP, and data flows, and also takes webpage snapshots, duplicates Email and FTP copies, records MSN messenger content, and gives statistical reports



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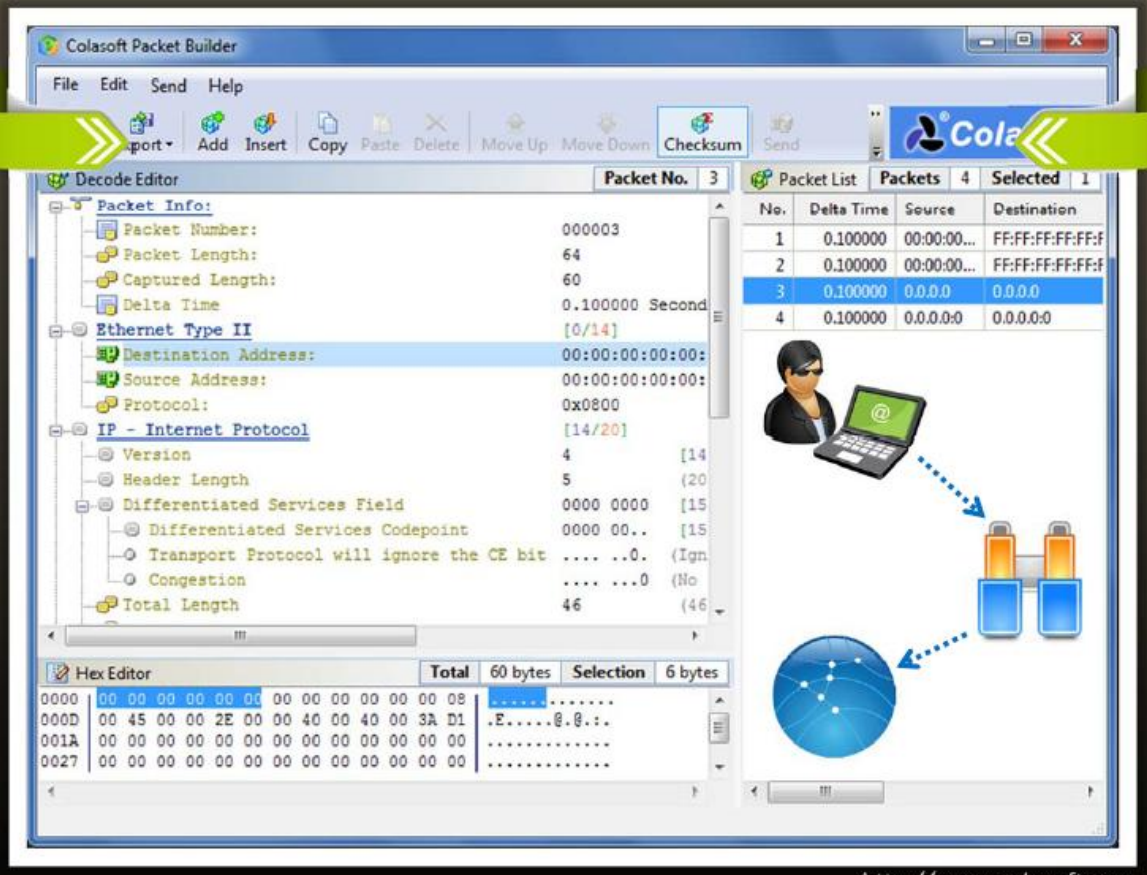
TCP/IP Packet Crafter: Packet Builder



http://www.colasoft.com

Additional Sniffing Tools

EtherDetect Packet Sniffer
http://www.etherdetect.com

Ettercap
http://ettercap.sourceforge.net

dsniff
http://monkey.org

Windump
http://www.winpcap.org

EffeTech HTTP Sniffer
http://www.effetech.com

SmartSniff
http://www.nirsoft.net

Ntop
http://www.ntop.org

EtherApe
http://etherape.sourceforge.net

Additional Sniffing Tools

Network Probe
http://www.objectplanet.com

MaaTec Network Analyzer
http://www.maatec.com

Snort
http://www.snort.org

Alchemy Network Monitor
http://www.mishelpers.com

Colasoft MSN Monitor
http://www.colasoft.com

CommView
http://www.tamos.com

Sniff'em
http://www.sniff-em.com

NetResident
http://www.tamos.com

Additional Sniffing Tools

Kismet
http://www.kismetwireless.net

IE HTTP Analyzer
http://www.ieinspector.com

AIM Sniffer
http://www.effetech.com

MiniStumbler
http://www.stumbler.net

Netstumbler
http://www.stumbler.net

PacketMon
http://www.analogx.com

Packet Sniffer
http://erwan.l.free.fr

EtherScan Analyzer
http://www.etherscan.com

Additional Sniffing Tools

NADetector
http://www.nsauditor.com

PRTG Network Monitor
http://www.paessler.com

Microsoft Network Monitor
http://www.microsoft.com

Sniff-O-Matic
http://www.kwakkelflap.com

NetworkMiner
http://networkminer.sourceforge.net

Network Security Toolkit
http://www.networksecuritytoolkit.org

Jitbit Network Sniffer
http://www.jitbit.com

Atelier Web Ports Traffic Analyzer (AWPTA)
http://www.atelierweb.com

How an Attacker Hacks the Network Using Sniffers?

1. An attacker connects his laptop to a switch port

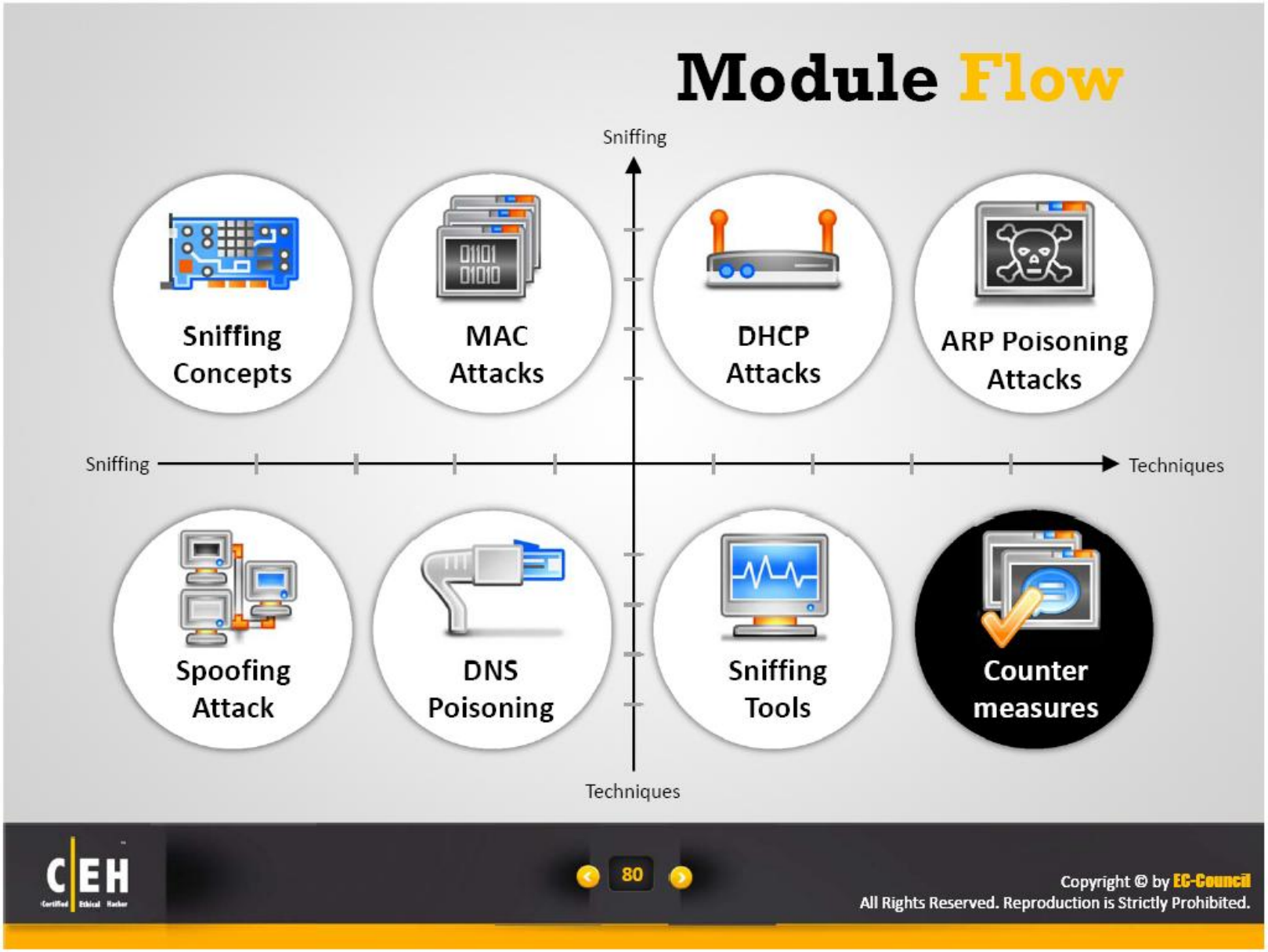
2. He runs discovery tools to learn about network topology

3. He identifies victim's machine to target his attacks

4. He poisons the victim machine by using ARP spoofing techniques

5. The traffic destined for the victim machine is redirected to the attacker

6. The hacker extracts passwords and sensitive data from the redirected traffic



How to Defend Against Sniffing?

Restrict the physical access to the network media to ensure that a packet sniffer cannot be installed

Use encryption to protect confidential information

Permanently add the MAC address of the gateway to the ARP cache

Use static IP addresses and static ARP tables to prevent attackers from adding the spoofed ARP entries for machines in the network

Turn off network identification broadcasts and if possible restrict the network to authorized users in order to protect network from being discovered with sniffing tools

Use IPv6 instead of IPv4 protocol

Use encrypted sessions such as SSH instead of Telnet, Secure Copy (SCP) instead of FTP, SSL for e-mail connection, etc to protect wireless network users against sniffing attacks

Sniffing Prevention Techniques

How to Detect Sniffing?

Promiscuous Mode

You will need to check which machines are running in the promiscuous mode

Promiscuous mode allows a network device to intercept and read each network packet that arrives in its entirety

IDS

Run IDS and notice if the MAC address of certain machines has changed (Example: router's MAC address)

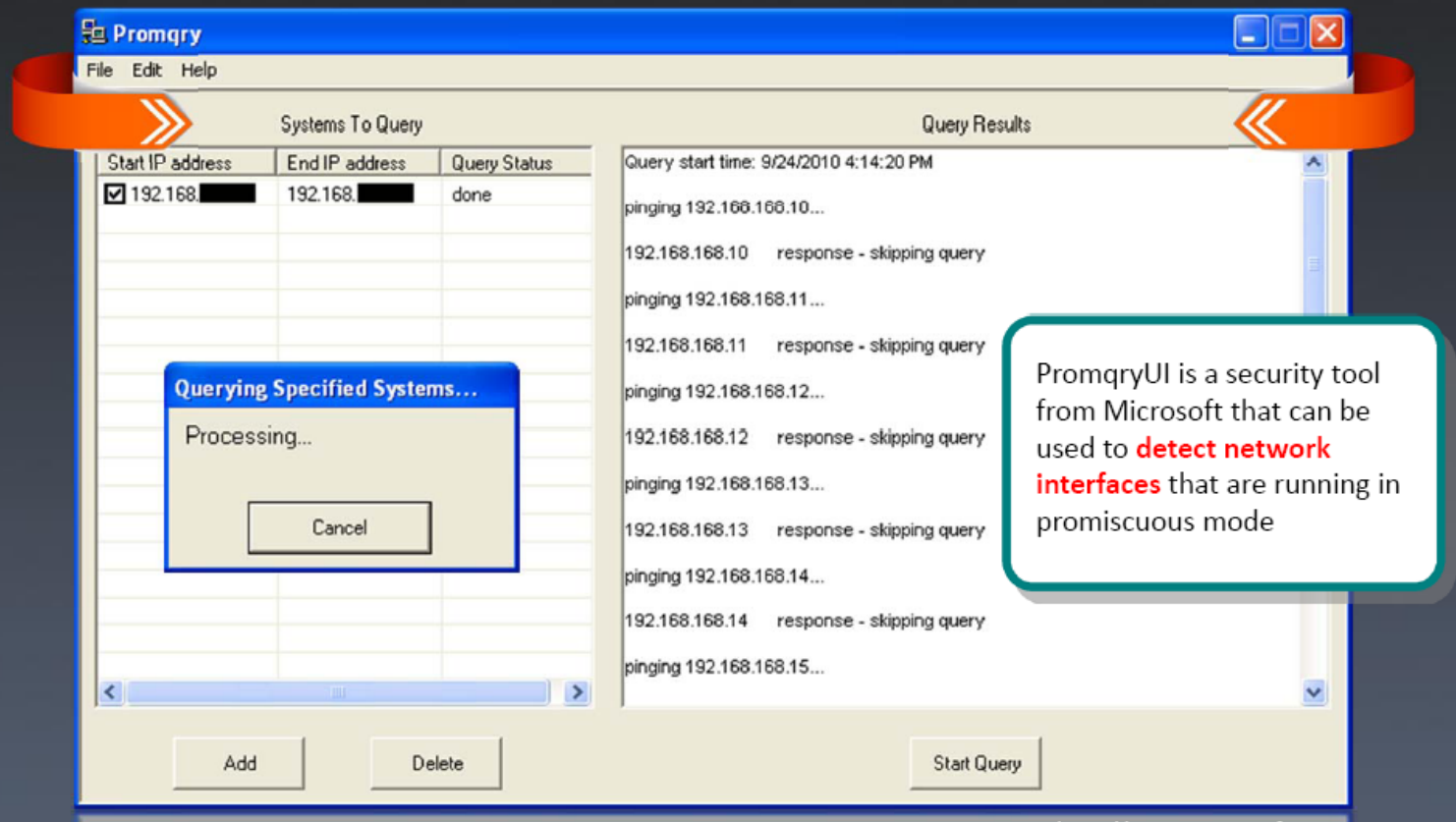
IDS can alert the administrator about suspicious activities

Network Tools

Run network tools such as HP Performance Insight to monitor the network for strange packets

It enables you to collect, consolidate, centralize and analyze traffic data across different network resources and technologies

Promiscuous Detection Tool: PromqryUI



PromqryUI is a security tool from Microsoft that can be used to **detect network interfaces** that are running in promiscuous mode

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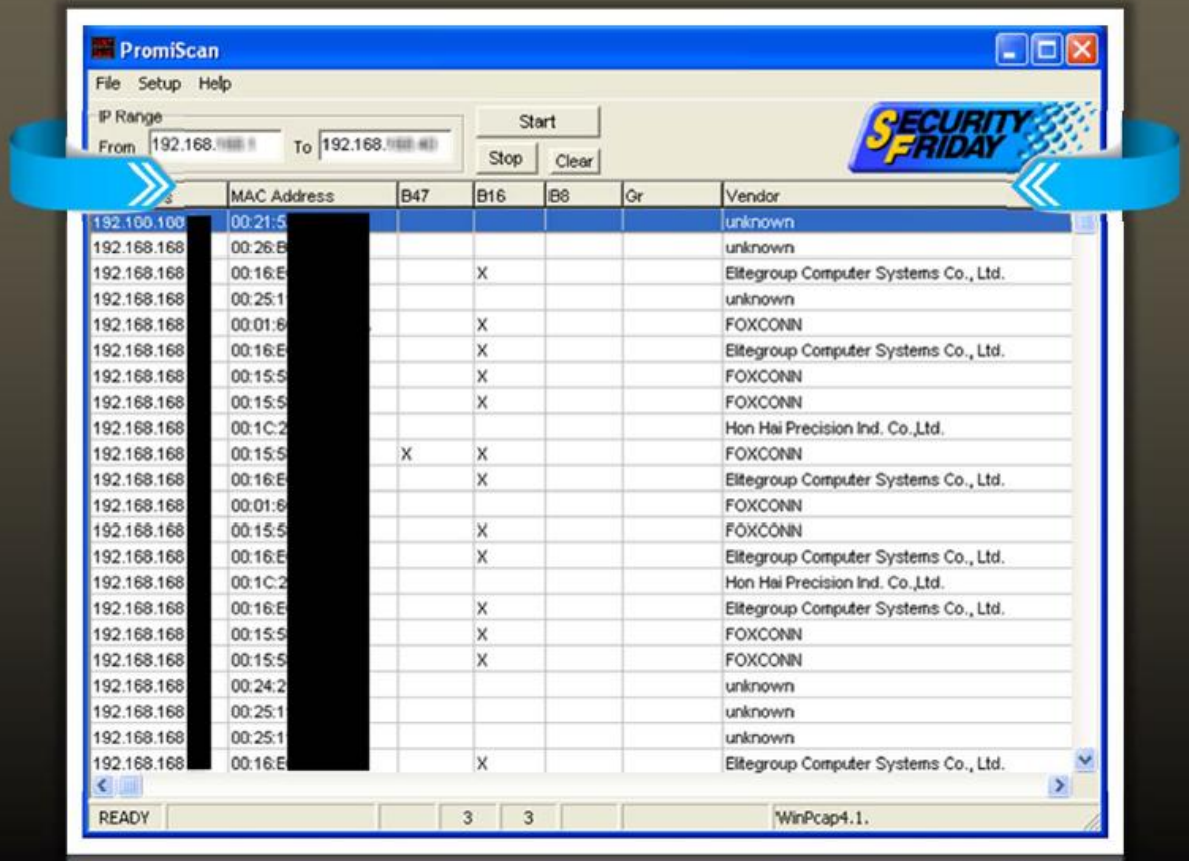
Promiscuous Detection Tool: PromiScan



Module Summary

- By placing a packet sniffer in a network, attackers can capture and analyze all the network traffic
- Attackers can sniff confidential information such as email and chat conversations, passwords, and web traffic
- Sniffing is broadly categorized as passive and active; passive sniffing refers to sniffing from a hub-based network whereas active sniffing refers to sniffing from a switch-based network
- Sniffers operate at the Data Link layer of the OSI model and do not adhere to the same rules as applications and services that reside further up the stack
- Attackers use MAC Attacks, DHCP Attacks, ARP Poisoning Attacks, Spoofing Attack and DNS Poisoning techniques to sniff network traffic
- Major countermeasures for sniffing include using static IP addresses and static ARP tables, and using encrypted sessions such as SSH instead of Telnet, Secure Copy (SCP) instead of FTP, SSL for data transmission

Quotes

"The young security pro knows the rules, but the old security pro knows the exceptions."

- **Oliver Wendell Holmes**, An American Physician, Professor, Lecturer, and Author