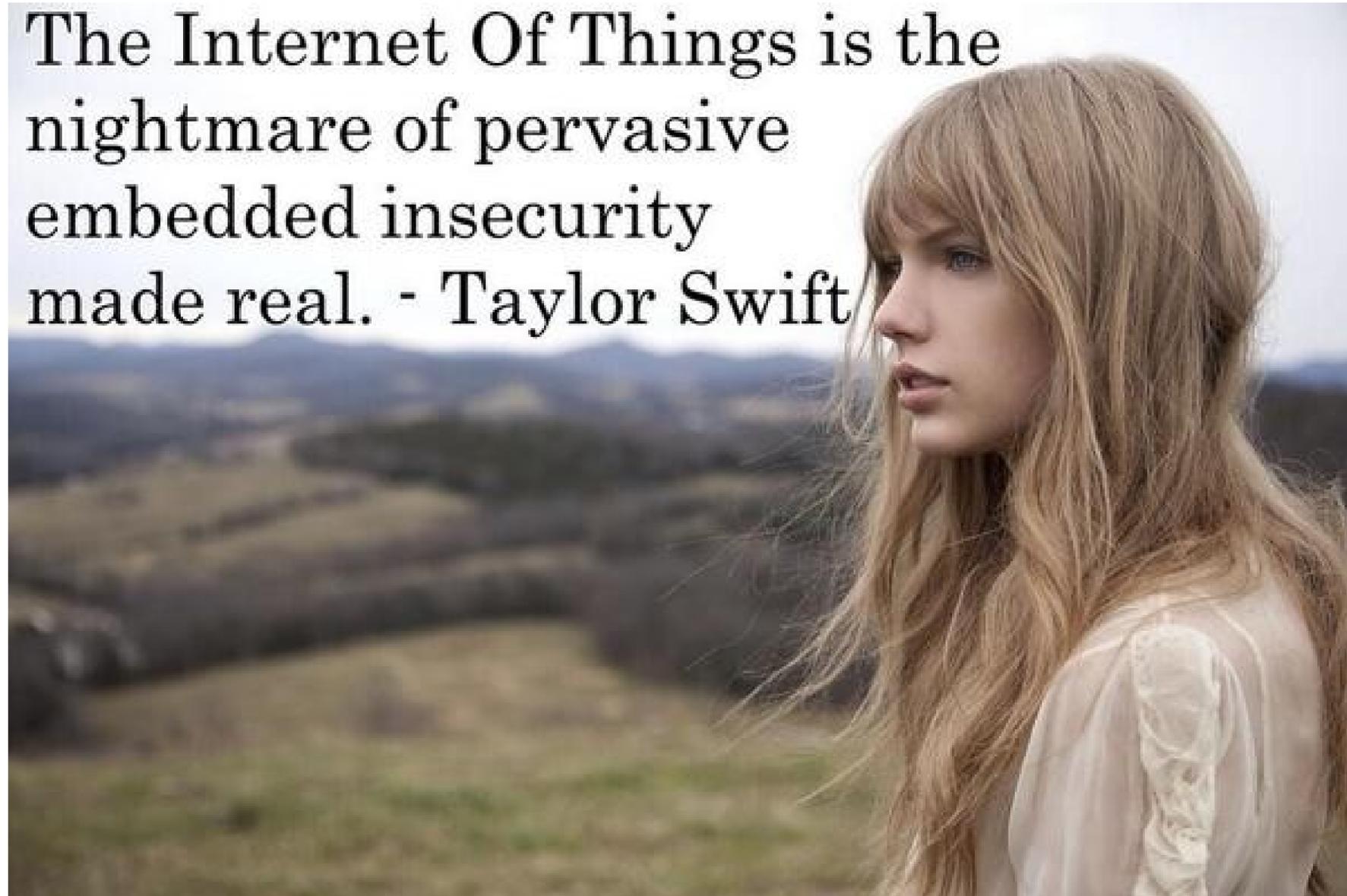


# Network Security 2

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# Announcements

- MT1 grades released
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  - Design Doc draft due Monday
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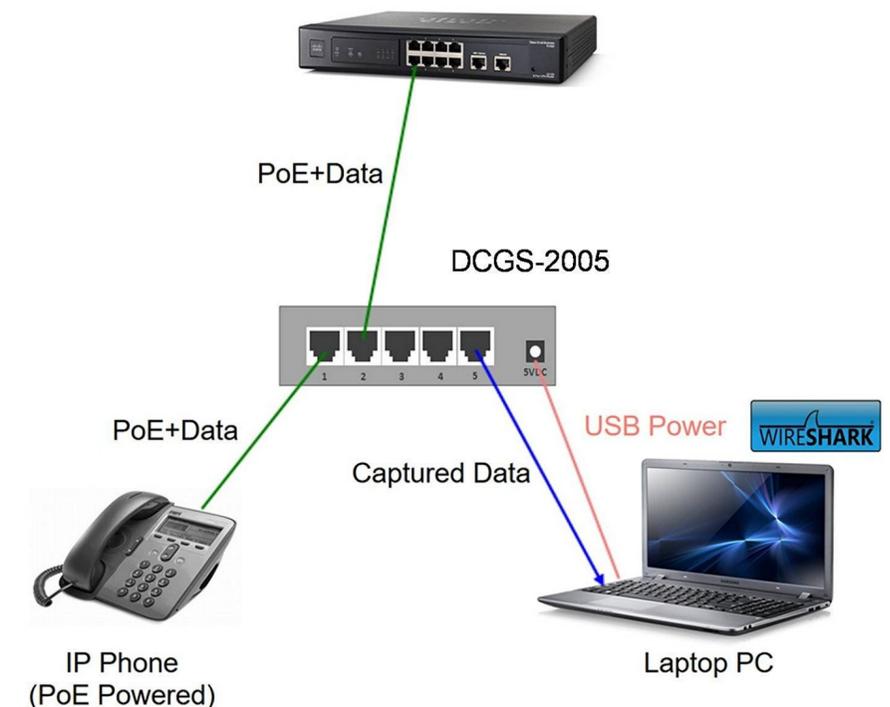
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  - Zeek (previously called Bro): scriptable real-time network analysis; see [zeek.org](http://zeek.org)
- You can also “tap” (mirror) a link or configure a “mirror port”

# One Cool Toy: DualComm DCGS-2005

- A \$200, 5-port Ethernet switch...
- With some bonus features
- Built in port "mirror"
  - All traffic to and from port 1 is copied to port 5
- Powered through a USB connection
  - So no need for an extra power supply
- Power-Over-Ethernet passthrough
  - Port 2 can send power to port 1 so you can tap IP phones...



Setup Diagram of DCGS-2005



## Operation Ivy Bells

By Matthew Carle  
Military.com

At the beginning of the 1970's, divers from the specially-equipped submarine, USS Halibut (SSN 587), left their decompression chamber to start a bold and dangerous mission, code named "Ivy Bells".



The Regulus guided missile submarine, USS Halibut (SSN 587) which carried out Operation Ivy Bells.



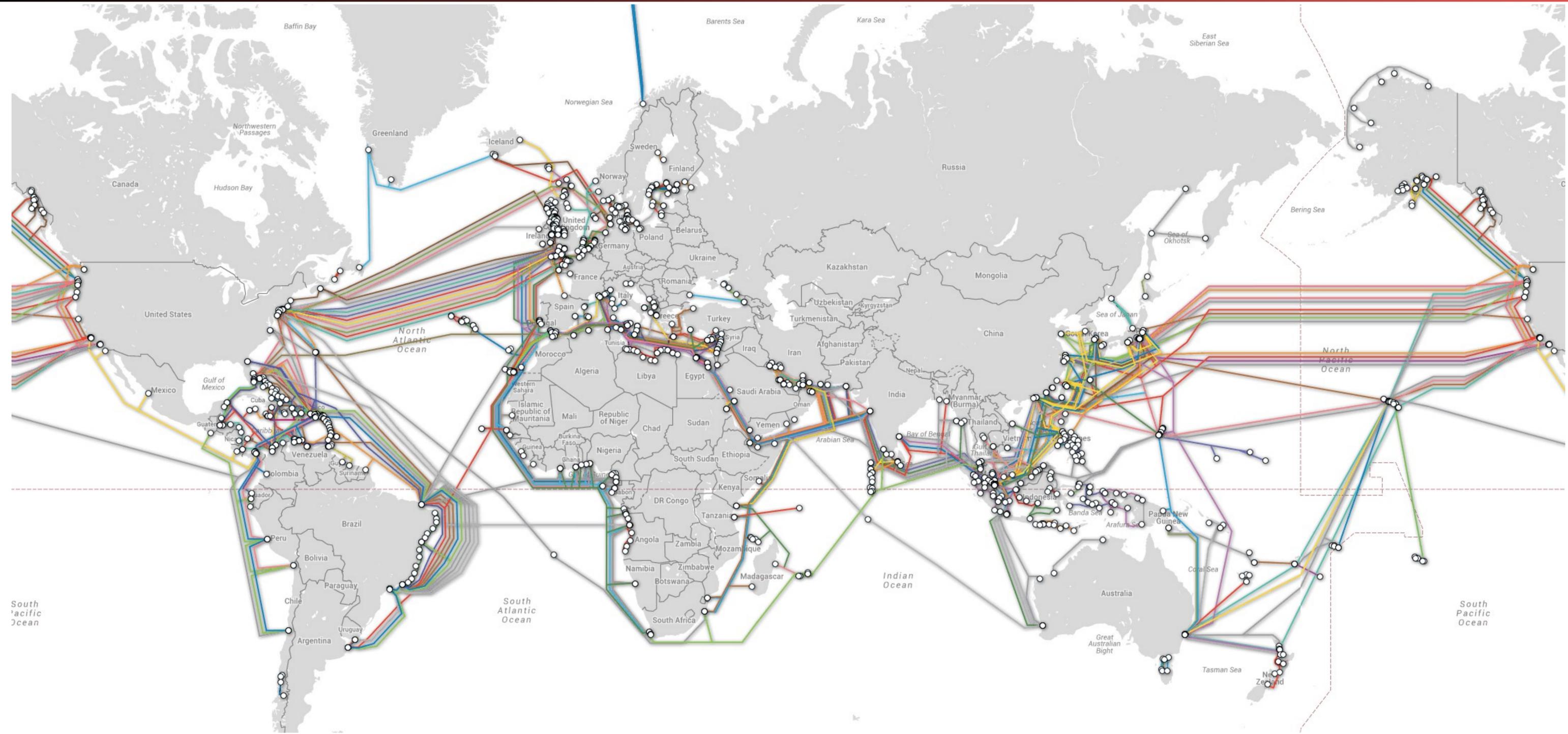
In an effort to alter the balance of Cold War, these men scoured the ocean floor for a five-inch diameter cable carry secret Soviet communications between military bases.

The divers found the cable and installed a 20-foot long listening device on the cable. designed to attach to the cable without piercing the casing, the device recorded all communications that occurred. If the cable malfunctioned and the Soviets raised it for repair, the bug, by design, would fall to the bottom of the ocean. Each month Navy divers retrieved the recordings and installed a new set of tapes.

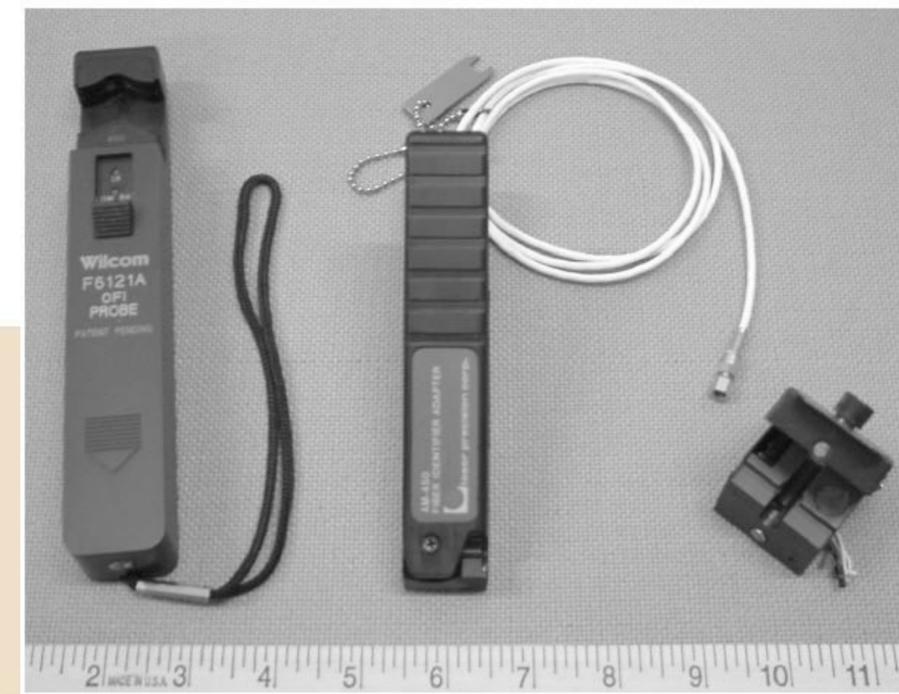
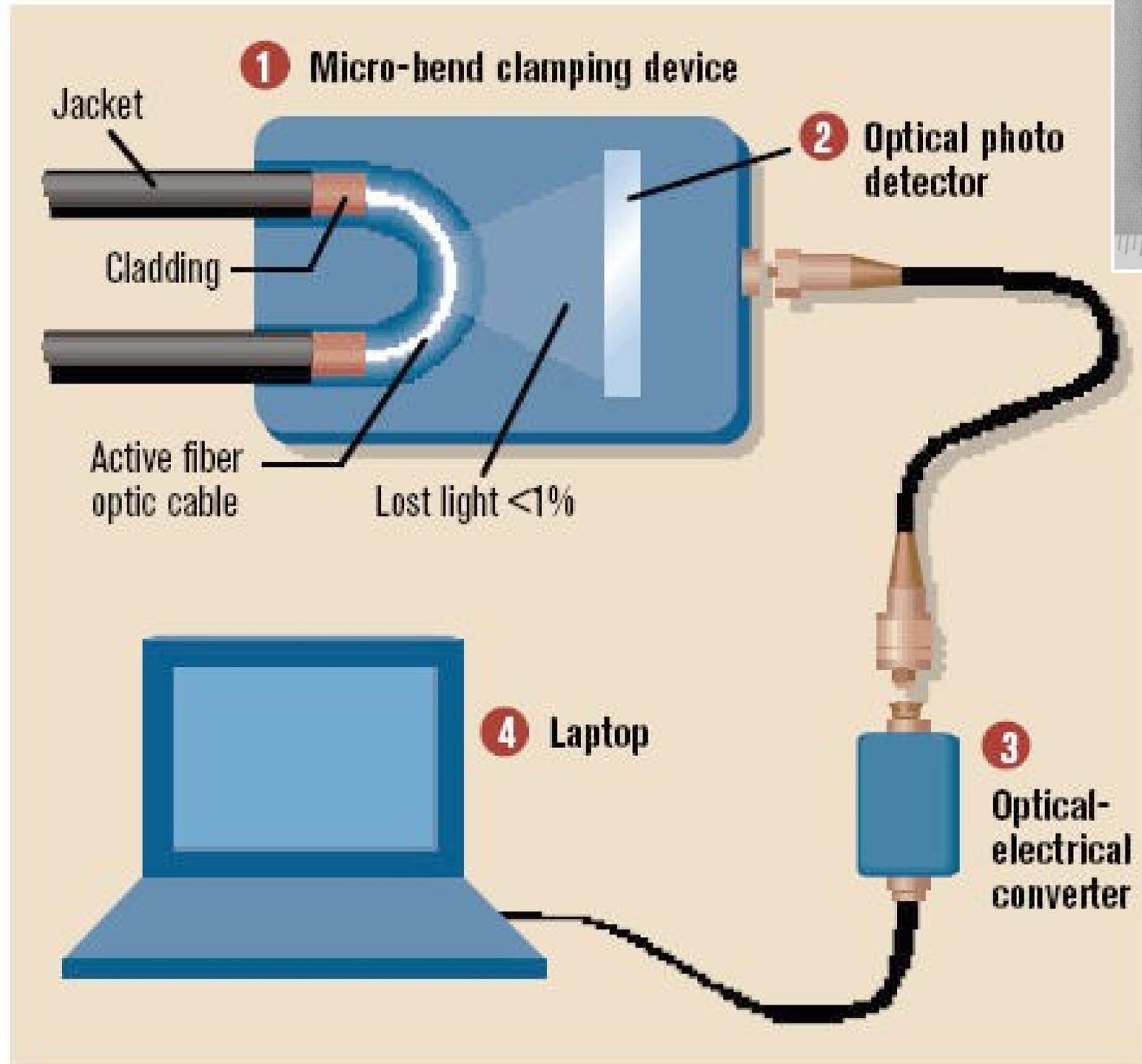
Upon their return to the United States, intelligence agents from the NSA analyzed the recordings and tried to decipher any encrypted information. The Soviets apparently were confident in the security of their communications lines, as a surprising amount of sensitive information traveled through the lines without encryption.

prison. The original tap that was discovered by the Soviets is now on exhibit at the KGB museum in Moscow.

# Tapping the Whole Planet



# Stealing Photons



# The Rogue AP...

- Your phone/computer keeps broadcasting "Is network X available"?
- If there is no password, why not just say "Yeah, I'm here!!!"
- Your phone happily connects...
  - To the ***attacker's internet connection***
- The attacker as a man-in-the-middle...
  - Can now extract pretty much all non-encrypted communication data...
  - "Hey web-browser, spit up effectively all cookies that are sent on non-TLS connections..."

# Wireless Ethernet Security Option: WPA2 Pre Shared Key

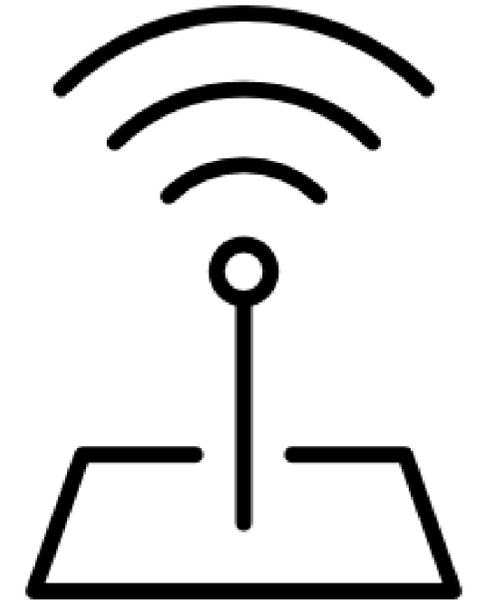
- This is what is used these days when the WiFi is “password protected”
  - The access point and the client have the same pre-shared key (called the PSK key)
  - Goal is to create a shared key called the PTK (Pairwise Transient Key)
- This key is derived from a combination of both the password and the SSID (network name)
  - $PSK = PBKDF2(SHA1, \text{passphrase}, \text{ssid}, 4096, 256)$
- Use of PBKDF
  - The SSID as salt ensures that the same password on different network names is different
  - The iteration count assures that it is **slow**
    - Any attempt to brute force the passphrase should take a lot of time per guess

# The WPA 4-way Handshake



**SNonce + MIC**

**Computed PTK =  
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# Remarks

- This is **only** secure if an eavesdropper doesn't know the pre shared key
- Otherwise an eavesdropper who sees the handshake can perform the same computations to get the transport key
  - However, by default, network cards don't do this:  
This is a "do not disturb sign" security. It will keep the maid from entering your hotel room but won't stop a burglar
- Oh, and given ANonce, SNonce, MIC(SNonce), can attempt an offline **brute-force attack**
  - And since people don't chose good passwords, it will almost certainly succeed:  
People have built single systems that can try ~8M passwords/second!
  - And can execute a "**deauthentication attack**" to cause the client to disconnect and then reconnect:  
Running another handshake
- The MIC is really a MAC, but as MAC also refers to the MAC address, they use MIC in the description
- The GTK is for broadcast
  - So the AP doesn't have to rebroadcast things, but usually does anyway

# Rogue APs and WPA2-PSK...

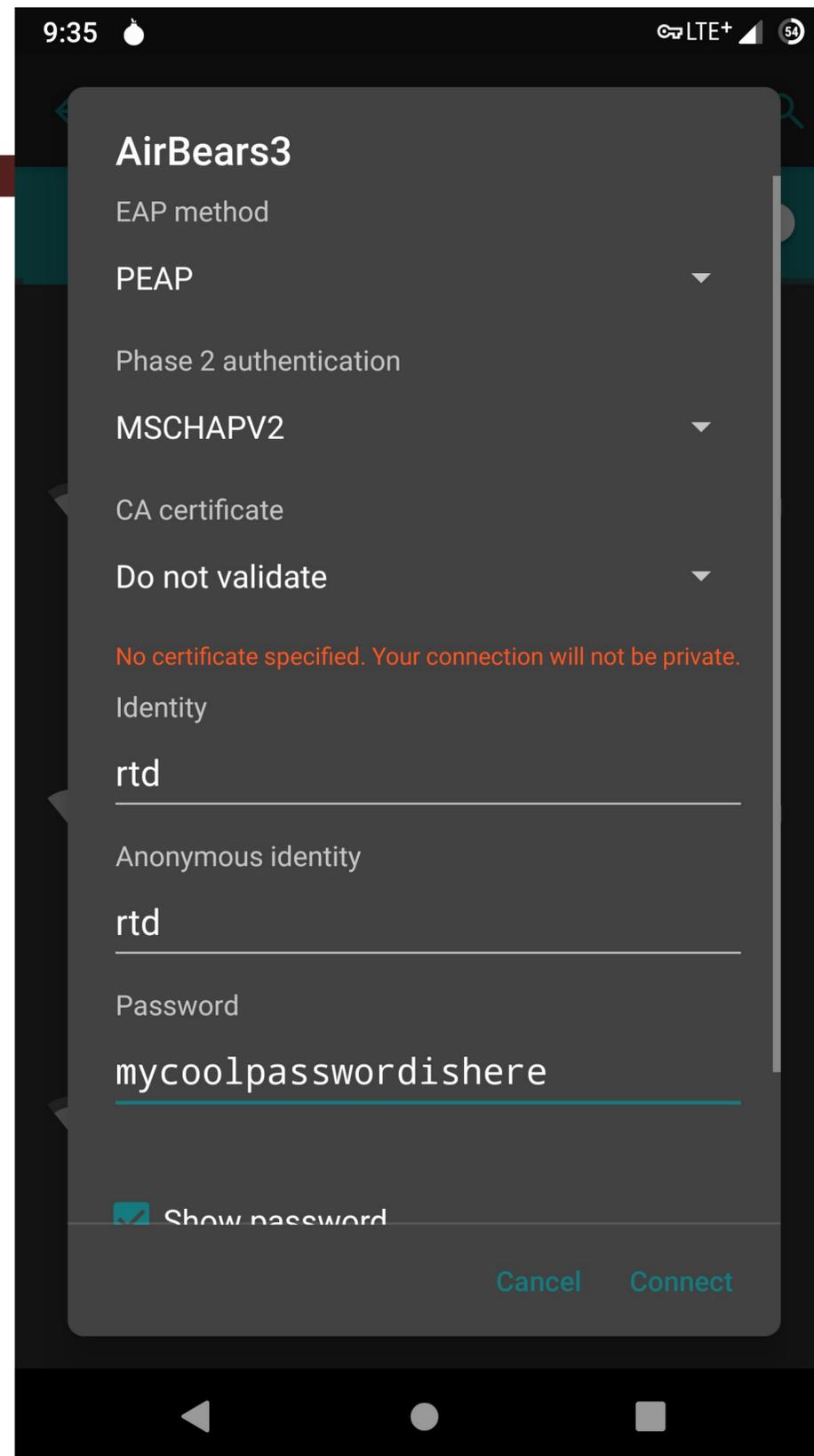
- You can ***still do a rogue AP!***
  - Just answer with a random ANonce...
  - That gets you back the SNonce and MIC(SNonce)
    - Which uses as a key for the MIC =  $F(\text{PSK}, \text{ANonce}, \text{SNonce}, \text{AP MAC}, \text{Client MAC})$
- So just do a brute-force dictionary attack on PSK
  - Since  $\text{PSK} = \text{PBKDF2}(\text{SHA1}, \text{pw}, \text{ssid}, 4096, 256)$ 
    - So 8192 SHA-1 invocations... Yawn.
  - Verify the MIC to validate whether the guess was correct
- Because lets face it, people don't chose very good passwords...
  - Anyone want to build a full hardware stack version to do this for next DEFCON?
    - Using a Xilinx PYNQ board? Dual core ARM Linux w a 13k logic cell FPGA

# Actually Making it Secure: WPA Enterprise

- When you set up Airbears 2, it asks you to accept a public key certificate
  - This is the public key of the **authentication** server, not the access point
- Now before the 4-way handshake:
  - Your computer first handshakes with the authentication server
    - This is secure using public key cryptography
  - Your computer then authenticates to this server
    - With your username and password
- The server now generates a unique key that it both tells your computer and tells the base station
  - So the 4 way handshake is now secure since its a unique PSK

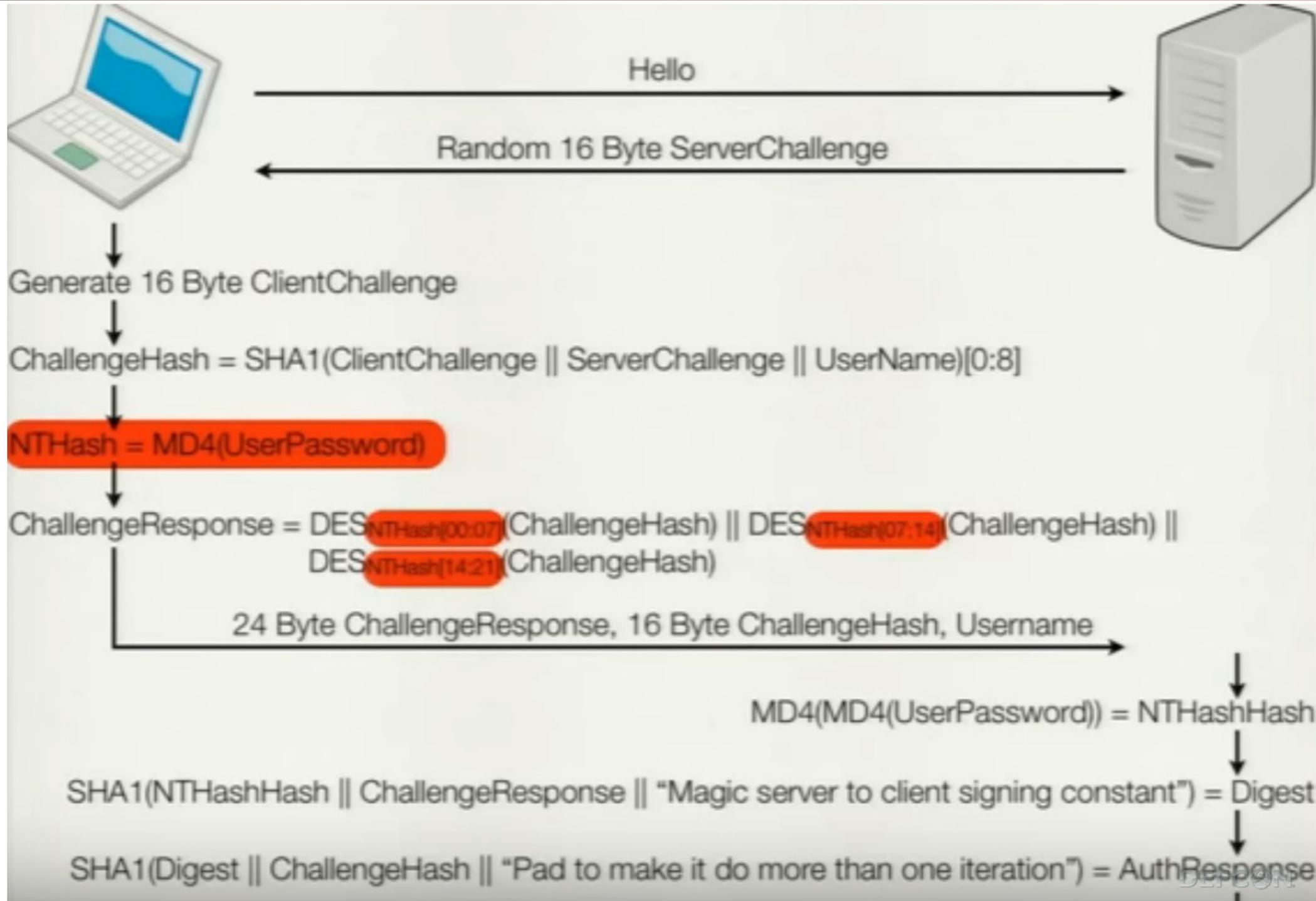
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## WPA Enterprise



# MS-CHAPv2

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gkPvZDcrLFk>

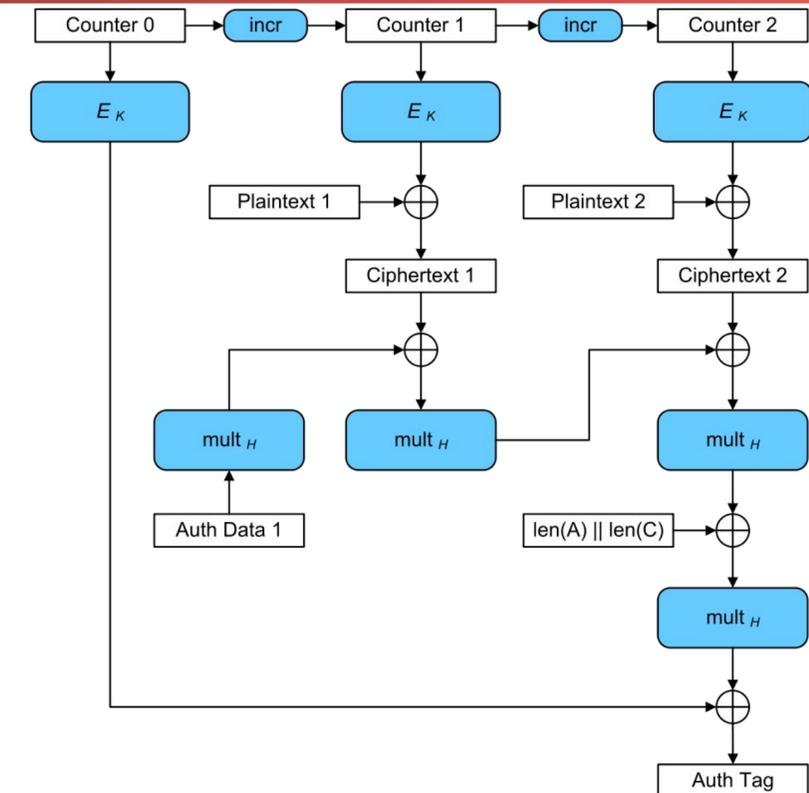


# The Latest Hotness: KRACK attack...

- To actually encrypt the individual packets: IV of a packet is {Agreed IV || packet counter}
- Thus for each packet you only need to send the packet counter (48 bits) rather than the full IV (128b)
- Multiple different modes
  - One common one is CCM (Counter with CBC-MAC)
    - MAC the data with CBC-MAC
    - Then encrypt with CTR mode
  - The highest performance is GCM (Galois/Counter Mode)
- But if you thought CTR mode was bad on IV reuse...
  - GCM is worse: A couple of reused IVs can reveal enough information to forge the authentication!
- Discovered a year ago, fairly quickly patch, but...

# GCM...

- GCM is like CTR mode with a twist...
- The confidentiality is pure CTR mode
- The "Galois" part is a hash of the cipher text
  - The only secret part being the "Auth Data"
- Reuse the IV, what happens?
  - Not **only** do you have CTR mode loss of confidentiality...
  - But if you do it enough, you lose confidentiality on the Auth Data...
  - So you lose the integrity that GCM supposedly provided!



# And Packets Get "Lost"

- Even a wired network will "drop packets"
  - A message is sent but simply never delivered
- Its far worse on wireless
  - A gazillion things can go wrong, including other transmitters
    - And noise like a microwave oven!
- So you have to design for packets to be rebroadcast...
- In the WPA handshake, what do you do when you receive the 3rd packet?
  - Initialize the key you use for encrypting the packets
  - Set the packet counter to 0

# And A Replay Attack...

- What if the attacker listens for the third step in the handshake...
  - And then repeats it?
- Why, the client is supposed to reinitialize the key and agreed IV...
  - Which on many implementations, ***also resets the packet counter...***
  - Oh, and Linux (and Android 6) is worse... It reinitializes the key ***to zero!***
- So what does that mean?

# Attack Scenario...

- Attacker is close to target
- Attacker captures the 3rd step in the handshake
- Attacker repeatedly replays this to the client
- Client now repeats IVs for encryption...
- Other modes. Annoyance: the damage is minor
- CCM-mode: Attacker can now decrypt in practice thanks to IV reuse
- GCM-mode...
  - Attacker can now decrypt **and forge packets**:  
Reusing the IV also reveals the MAC-secret!

# Mitigations...

- Like all attacks on WiFi, it requires a "close" attacker...
  - 100m to a km or two...
- If you use WPA2-PSK, aka a "WiFi Password", who cares?
  - Unless your WiFi password sounds like a cat hawking up a hairball, you don't have enough entropy to resist a brute-force attacks
- If you use WPA2-Enterprise, this **may** matter...
  - But lets face it, there are so many more critical things to patch first...
  - And why are you treating the WiFi as trusted anyway?

# But Broadcast Protocols Make It Worse...

- By default, both DHCP and ARP broadcast requests
  - Sent to **all** systems on the local area network
- DHCP: Dynamic Host Control Protocol
  - Used to configure all the important network information
    - Including the DNS server:  
If the attacker controls the DNS server they have complete ability to intercept all traffic!
    - Including the Gateway which is where on the LAN a computer sends to:  
If the attacker controls the gateway
- ARP: Address Resolution Protocol
  - "Hey world, what is the Ethernet MAC address of IP X"
  - Used to find both the Gateway's MAC address and other systems on the LAN

# Broadcast Protocols And The LAN

- A rogue device on the LAN can respond to these
  - As long as it arrives first, the attacker wins
- DHCP: Give "bad" gateway...
  - Can directly intercept all traffic to the Internet
- DHCP: Give "proper" gateway but a bad DNS server...
  - Now can intercept all desired traffic by just giving bad DNS response
- ARP: Give "bad" answer for ARP requests to gateway...
  - Can directly intercept all traffic to the Internet

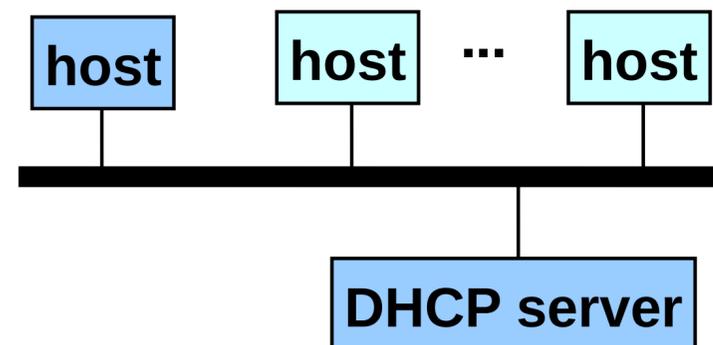
# Coffee Shop

## 2. Configure your connection



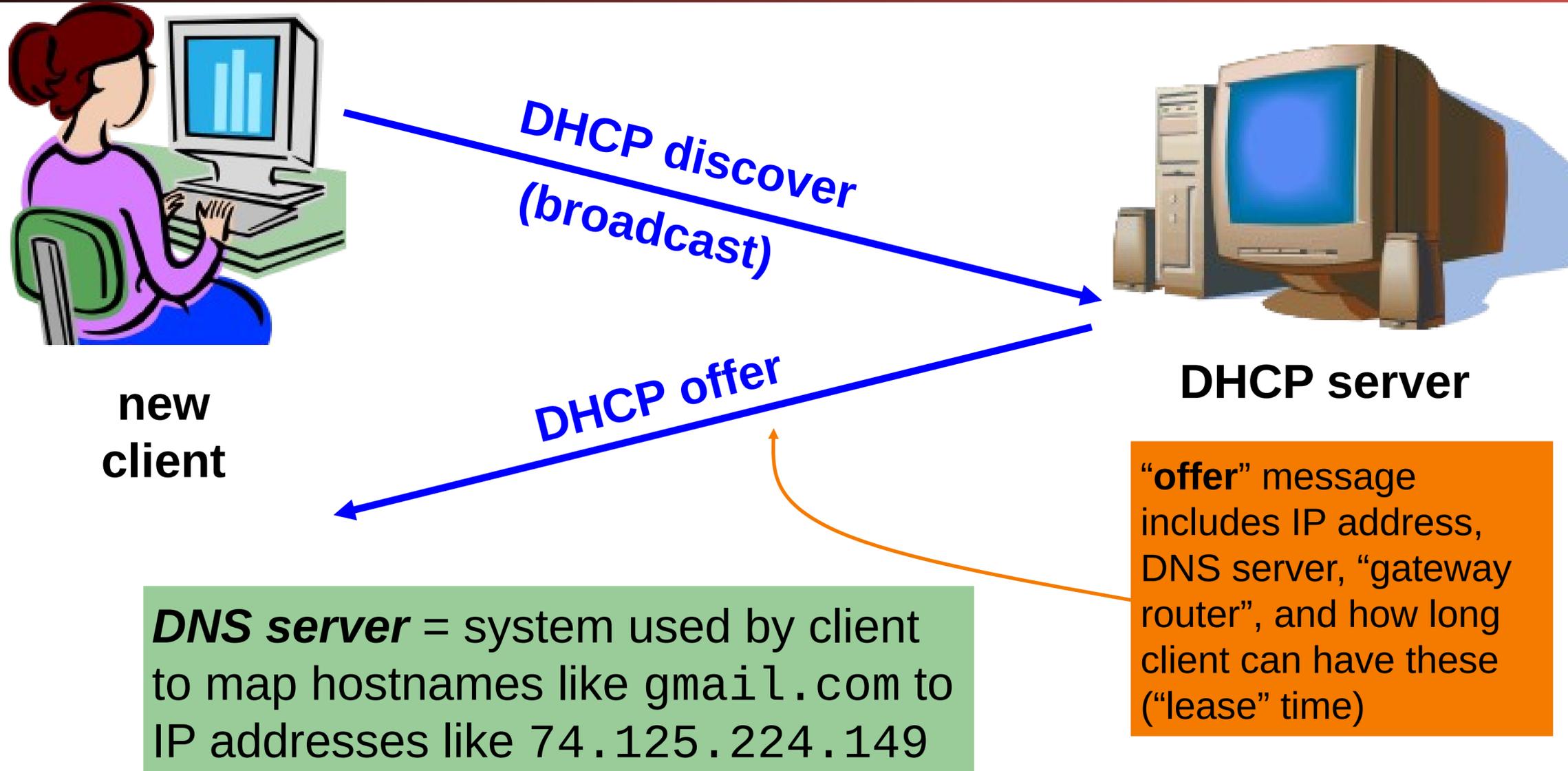
# Internet Bootstrapping: DHCP

- New host doesn't have an IP address yet
  - So, host doesn't know what **source address** to use
- Host doesn't know *who to ask* for an IP address
  - So, host doesn't know what **destination address** to use
- (Note, host does have a separate WiFi address)
- Solution: *shout* to “**discover**” server that can help
  - **Broadcast** a server-discovery message (layer 2)
  - Server(s) sends a reply offering an address



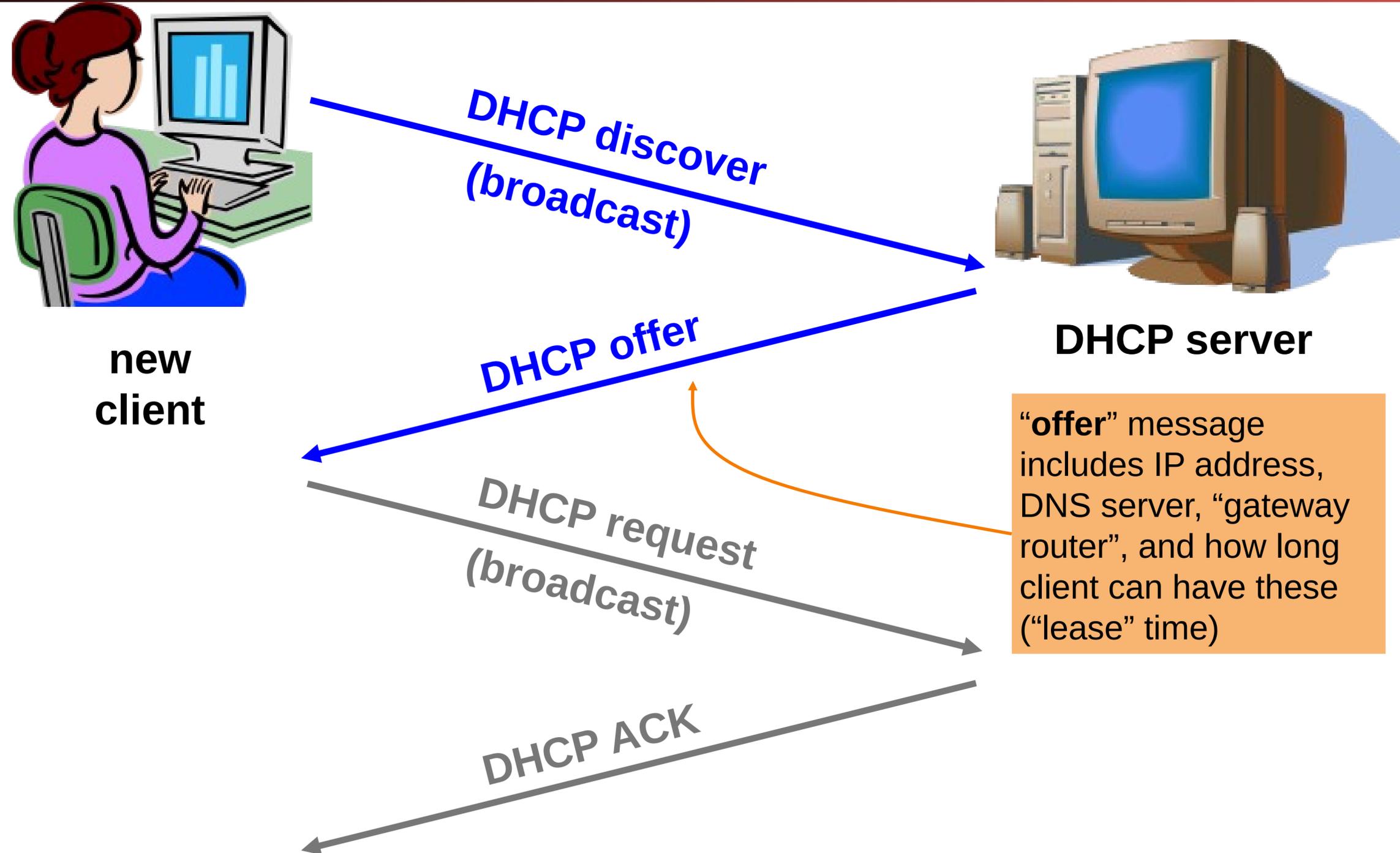
DHCP = Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol

# Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol

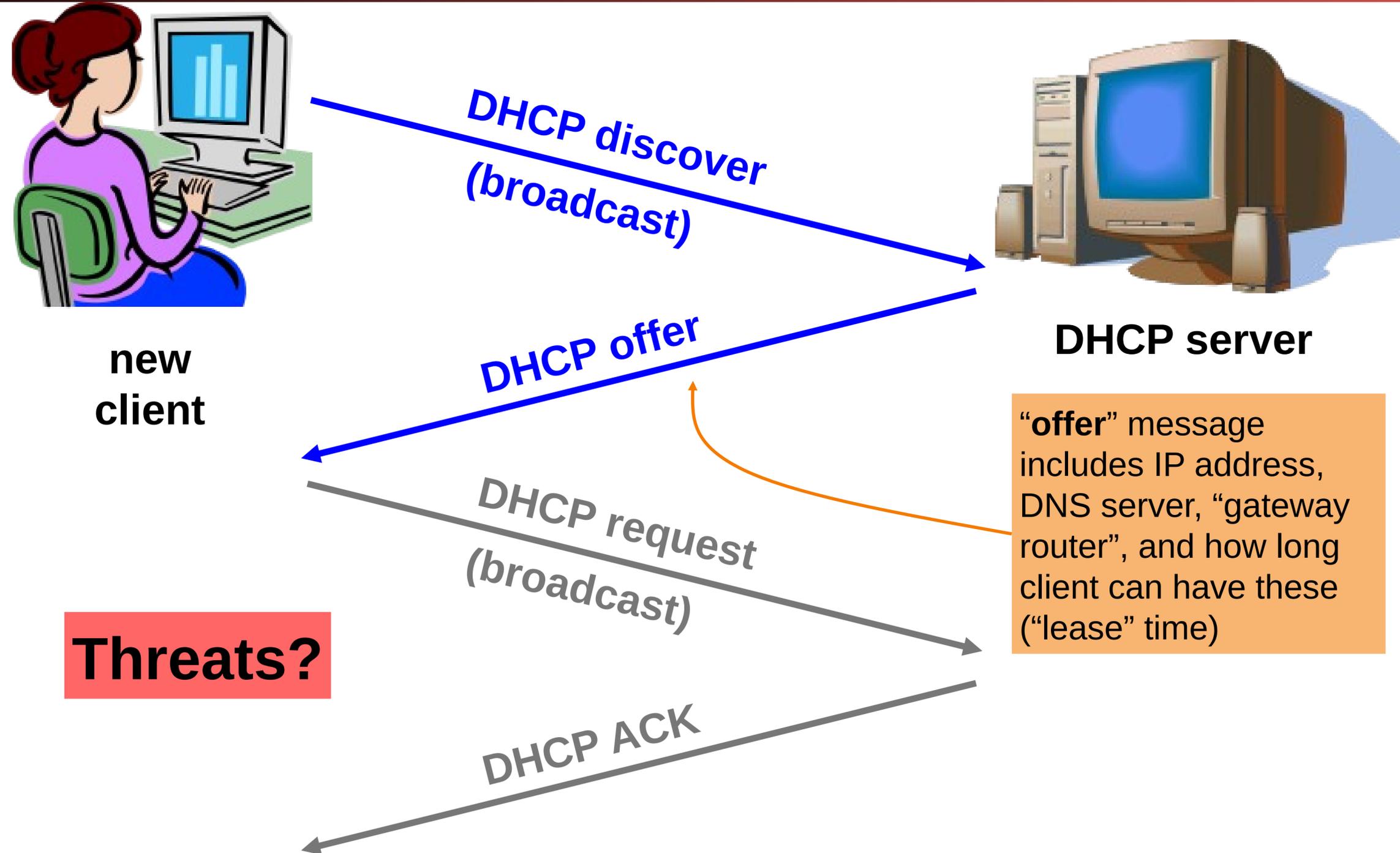


**Gateway router** = router that client uses as the first hop for all of its Internet traffic to remote hosts

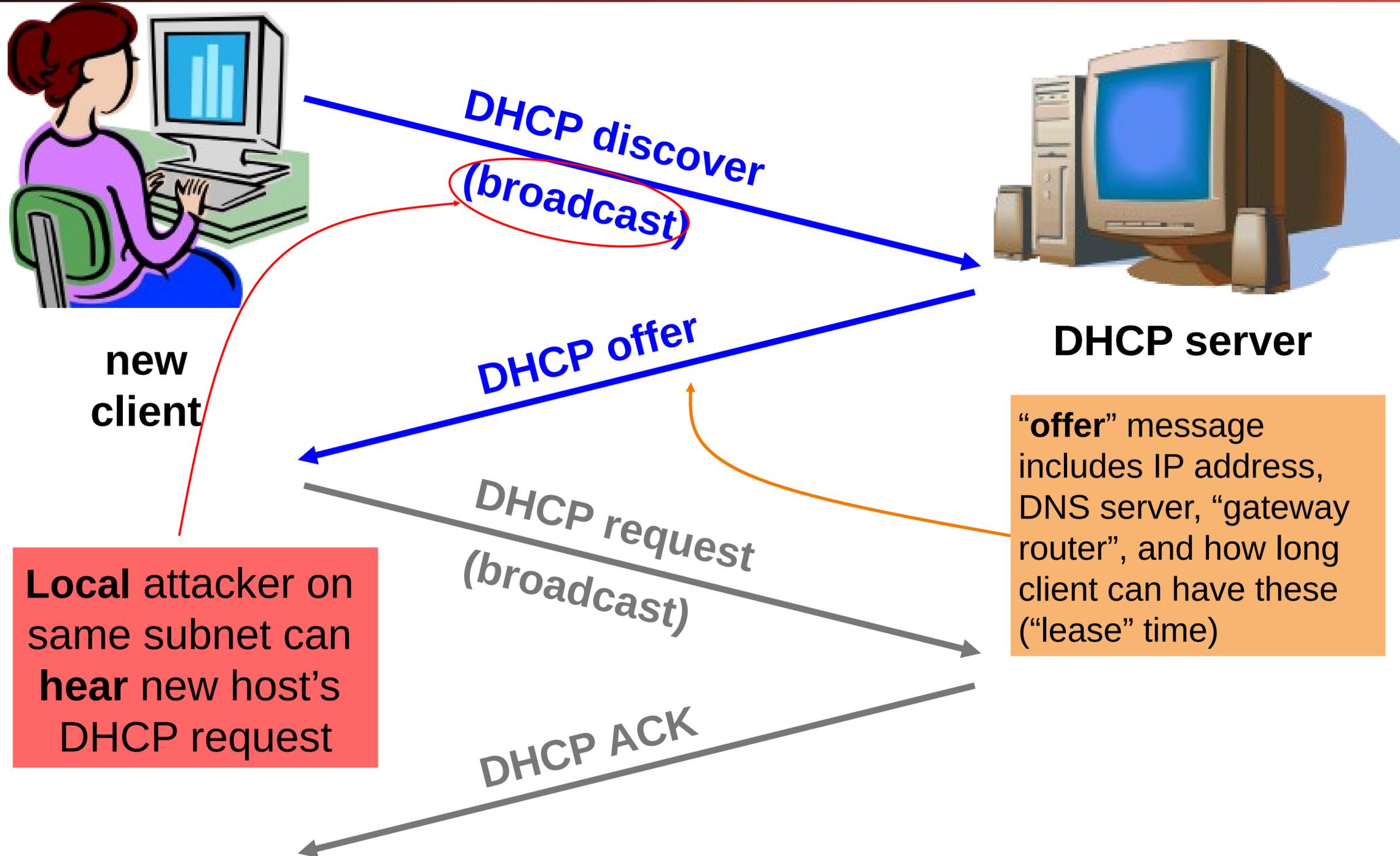
# Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol



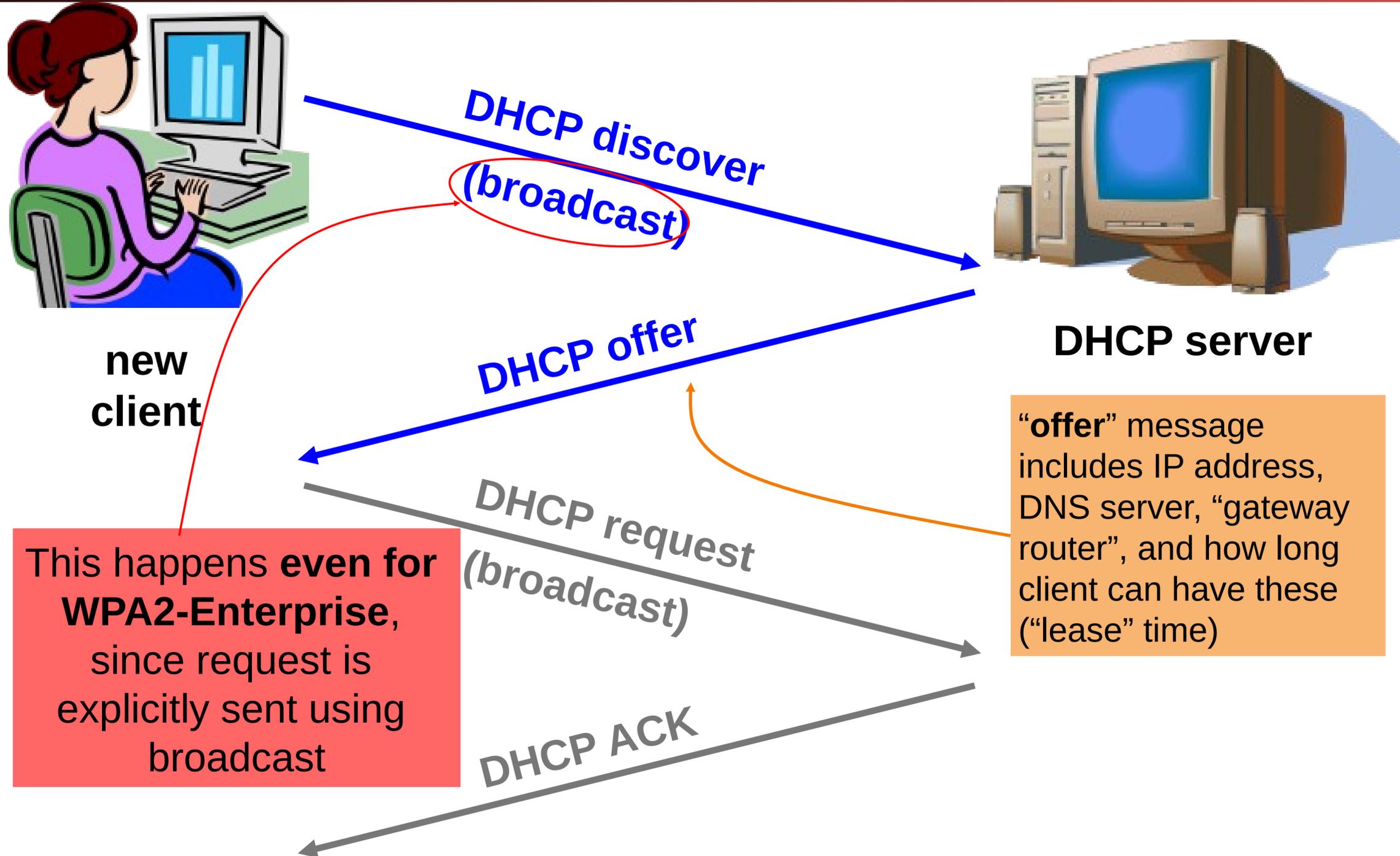
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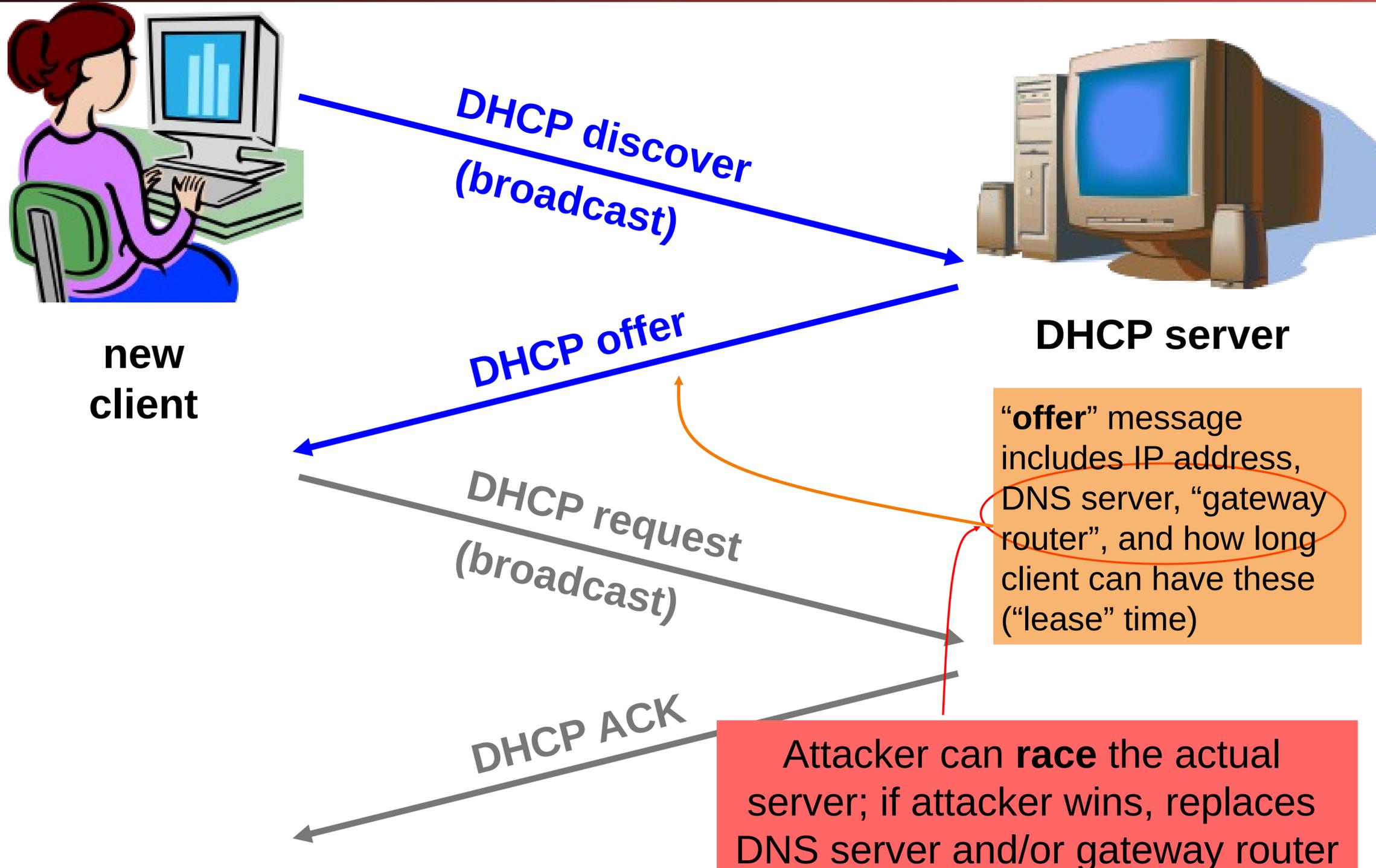
# Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol



# Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol



# Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol



# DHCP Threats

- Substitute a fake DNS server
  - Redirect any of a host's lookups to a machine of attacker's choice (e.g., `gmail.com = 6.6.6.6`)
- Substitute a fake gateway router
  - Intercept all of a host's off-subnet traffic
  - Relay contents back and forth between host and remote server
    - Modify however attacker chooses
  - This is one type of invisible Man In The Middle (MITM)
    - Victim host generally has no way of knowing it's happening! 😞
    - (Can't necessarily alarm on peculiarity of receiving multiple DHCP replies, since that can happen benignly)
- How can we fix this?

***Hard***, because we lack a ***trust anchor***

# DHCP Conclusion

- DHCP threats highlight:
  - Broadcast protocols inherently at risk of local attacker spoofing
    - Attacker knows exactly when to try it ...
    - ... and can see the victim's messages
  - When initializing, systems are particularly vulnerable because they can lack a trusted foundation to build upon
  - Tension between **wiring in trust** vs. **flexibility and convenience**
  - MITM attacks insidious because no indicators they're occurring

# So How Do We Secure the LAN?

- Option 1: We don't
  - Just assume we can keep bad people out
  - This is how most people run their networks:  
"Hard on the outside with a goey chewy caramel center"
  - Option 1 variant:  
The LAN is a festering pool just like the rest of the Internet, so treat everything as hostile always all the time!
- Option 2: **smart** switching and active monitoring

# The Switch

- Hubs are very inefficient:
  - By broadcasting traffic to all recipients this greatly limits the aggregate network bandwidth
- Instead, most Ethernet uses switches
  - The switch keeps track of which MAC address is seen where
- When a packet comes in:
  - If there is no entry in the MAC cache, broadcast it to all ports
  - If there is an entry, send it just to that port
- Result is vastly improved bandwidth
  - All ports can send or receive at the same time

# Smarter Switches: Clean Up the Broadcast Domain

- Modern high-end switches can do even more
  - A large amount of potential packet processing on items of interest
- Basic idea: constrain the broadcast domain
  - Either filter requests so they only go to specific ports
    - Limits other systems from listening
  - Or filter replies
    - Limits other systems from replying
- Locking down the LAN is very important practical security
  - This is **real** defense in depth:  
Don't want 'root on random box, pwn whole network'
  - This removes "**pivots**" the attacker can try to extend a small foothold into complete network ownership
- This is why an Enterprise switch may cost \$1000s yet provide no more real bandwidth than a \$100 Linksys.

# Smarter Switches: Virtual Local Area Networks (VLANs)

- Our big expensive switch can connect a lot of things together
  - But really, many are in **different** trust domains:
    - Guest wireless
    - Employee wireless
    - Production desktops
    - File Servers
    - etc...
- Want to isolate the different networks from each other
  - Without actually buying separate switches

# VLANs

- An ethernet port can exist in one of two modes:
  - Either on a single VLAN
  - On a trunk containing multiple specified VLANs
- All network traffic in a given VLAN stays only within that VLAN
  - The switch makes sure that this occurs
- When moving to/from a trunk the VLAN tag is added or removed
  - But still enforces that a given trunk can only read/write to specific VLANs
- VLAN tag is ***automatically*** added internally when appropriate to constrain internal traffic

# Putting It Together: If I Was In Charge of UC networking...

- I'd isolate networks into 3+ distinct classes
  - The plague pits (AirBears, Dorms, etc)
  - The mildly infected pits (Research)
  - Administration
- Administration would be locked down
  - Separate VLANs
  - Restricted DHCP/system access
  - Isolated from the rest of campus

# Addressing on the Layers On The Internet

- Ethernet:
  - Address is 6B MAC address, Identifies a machine on the local LAN
- IP:
  - Address is a 4B (IPv4) or 16B (IPv6) address, Identifies a system on the Internet
- TCP/UDP:
  - Address is a 2B port number, Identifies a particular listening server/process/activity on the system
    - Both the client and server have to have a port associated with the communication
  - Ports 0-1024 are for privileged services
    - Must be root to accept incoming connections on these ports
    - Any thing can do an outbound request to such a port
  - Port 1025+ are for anybody
    - And high ports are often used ephemerally

# UDP: Datagrams on the Internet

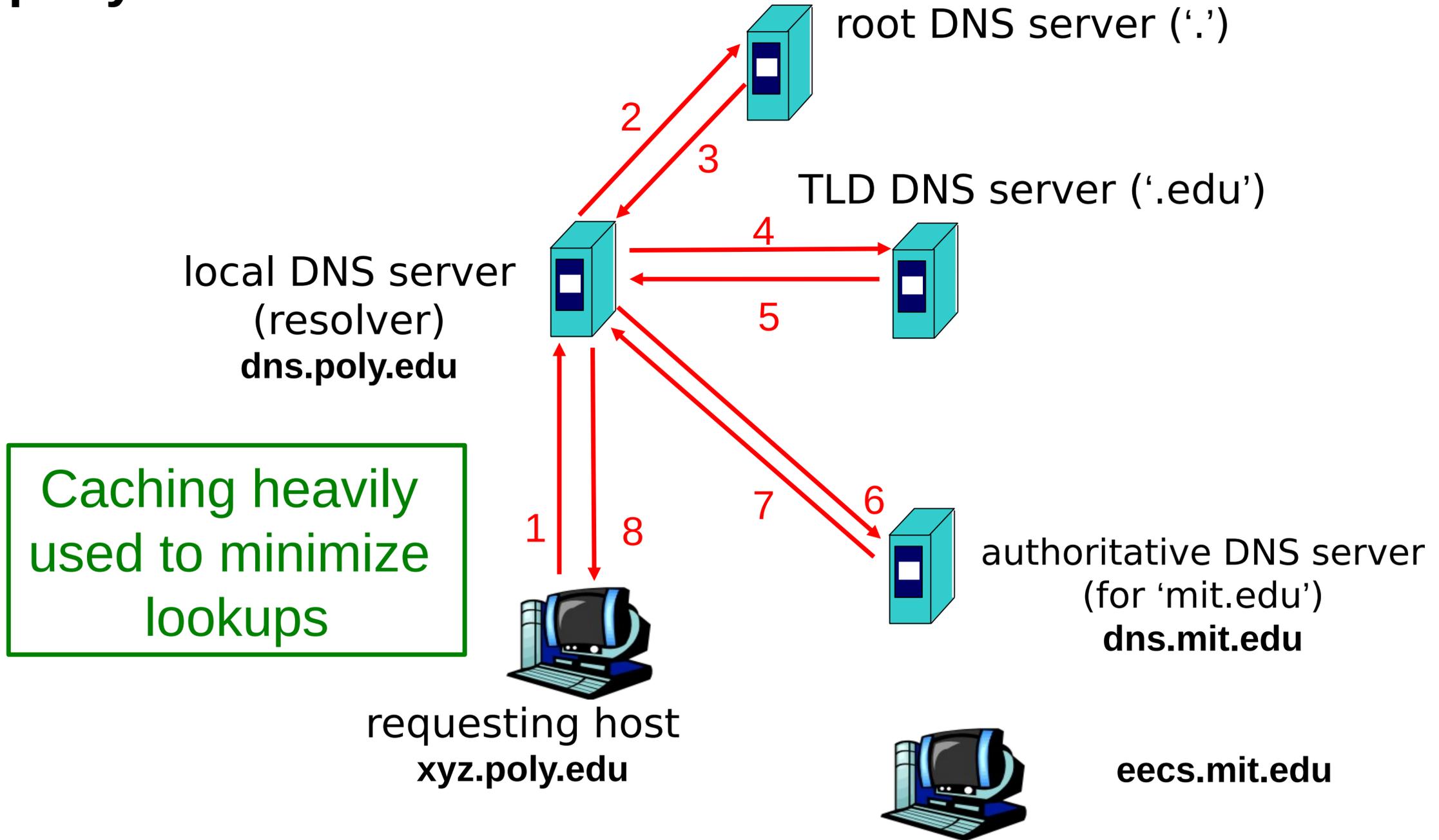
- UDP is a protocol built on the Internet Protocol (IP)
- It is an "unreliable, datagram protocol"
  - Messages may or may not be delivered, in any order
  - Messages can be larger than a single packet
    - IP will fragment these into multiple packets (mostly)
- Programs create a socket to send and receive messages
  - Just create a datagram socket for an ephemeral port
  - Bind the socket to a particular port to receive traffic on a specified port
  - Basic recipe for Python:  
<https://wiki.python.org/moin/UdpCommunication>

# DNS Overview

- DNS translates `www.google.com` to `74.125.25.99`
  - Turns a human abstraction into an IP address
  - Can also contain other data
- It's a performance-critical distributed database.
- DNS security is critical for the web.  
(Same-origin policy ***assumes*** DNS is secure.)
  - Analogy: If you don't know the answer to a question, ask a friend for help (who may in turn refer you to a friend of theirs, and so on).
- Based on a notion of hierarchical trust:
  - You trust `.` for everything, `com.` for any `com`, `google.com.` for everything `google`...

# DNS Lookups via a *Resolver*

Host at `xyz.poly.edu` wants IP address for `eeecs.mit.edu`



Caching heavily used to minimize lookups

# Security risk #1: malicious DNS server

- Of course, if *any* of the DNS servers queried are malicious, they can lie to us and fool us about the answer to our DNS query
- (In fact, they used to be able to fool us about the answer to other queries, too. We'll come back to that.)

# Security risk #2: on-path eavesdropper

- If attacker can eavesdrop on our traffic... we're hosed.
- Why? We'll see why.

# Security risk #3: off-path attacker

- If attacker can't eavesdrop on our traffic, can he inject spoofed DNS responses?
- This case is especially interesting, so we'll look at it in detail.

# DNS Threats

- DNS: path-critical for just about everything we do
  - Maps hostnames  $\Leftrightarrow$  IP addresses
  - Design only **scales** if we can minimize lookup traffic
    - #1 way to do so: **caching**
    - #2 way to do so: return not only answers to queries, but **additional info** that will likely be needed shortly
      - The "glue records"
- What if attacker eavesdrops on our DNS queries?
  - Then similar to DHCP, ARP, AirPwn etc, can spoof responses
- Consider attackers who **can't** eavesdrop - but still aim to manipulate us via *how the protocol functions*
- Directly interacting w/ DNS: **dig** program on Unix
  - Allows querying of DNS system
  - Dumps each field in DNS responses

**dig eecs.mit.edu A**

Use Unix "dig" utility to look up IP address ("A") for hostname eecs.mit.edu via DNS

```
; ; <<>> DiG 9.6.0-APPLE-P2 <<>> eecs.mit.edu a
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 19901
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 3, ADDITIONAL: 3

;; QUESTION SECTION:
;eecs.mit.edu.                IN      A

;; ANSWER SECTION:
eecs.mit.edu.                21600   IN      A      18.62.1.6

;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
mit.edu.                     11088   IN      NS     BITSY.mit.edu.
mit.edu.                     11088   IN      NS     W20NS.mit.edu.
mit.edu.                     11088   IN      NS     STRAWB.mit.edu.

;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:
STRAWB.mit.edu.             126738  IN      A      18.71.0.151
BITSY.mit.edu.              166408  IN      A      18.72.0.3
W20NS.mit.edu.              126738  IN      A      18.70.0.160
```

# dig eecs.mit.edu A

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; ; <<>> DiG 9.6.0-APPLE-P2 <<>> eecs.mit.edu a
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 19901
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 3, ADDITIONAL: 3
```

## ;; QUESTION SECTION:

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;eecs.mit.edu.          IN      A
```

## ;; ANSWER SECTION:

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eecs.mit.edu.          21600   IN      A      18.62.1.6
```

## ;; AUTHORITY SECTION:

```
mit.edu.               11088   IN      NS     BITSY.mit.edu.
mit.edu.               11088   IN      NS     W20NS.mit.edu.
mit.edu.               11088   IN      NS     RAWB.mit.edu.
```

The question we asked the server

## ;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:

```
STRAWB.mit.edu.       126738  IN      A      18.71.0.151
BITSY.mit.edu.        166408  IN      A      18.72.0.3
W20NS.mit.edu.        126738  IN      A      18.70.0.160
```

# dig eecs.mit.edu A

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;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 19901
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 3, ADDITIONAL: 3
```

```
;; QUESTION SECTION:
```

```
;eecs.mit.edu.          IN          A
```

```
;; ANSWER SECTION:
```

```
eecs.mit.edu.          2160
```

A 16-bit **transaction identifier** that enables the DNS client (dig, in this case) to match up the reply with its original request

```
;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
```

```
mit.edu.               11088      IN         NS         BITSY.mit.edu.
mit.edu.               11088      IN         NS         W20NS.mit.edu.
mit.edu.               11088      IN         NS         STRAWB.mit.edu.
```

```
;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:
```

```
STRAWB.mit.edu.       126738     IN         A          18.71.0.151
BITSY.mit.edu.        166408     IN         A          18.72.0.3
W20NS.mit.edu.        126738     IN         A          18.70.0.160
```

# dig eecs.mit.edu A

```
; ; <<>> DiG 9.6.0-APPLE-P2 <<>> eecs.mit.edu a
```

```
;; global options: +cmd
```

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;; Got answer:
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;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode
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```
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUI
```

“Answer” tells us the IP address associated with eecs.mit.edu is 18.62.1.6 and we can cache the result for 21,600 seconds

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ONAL: 3
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;; QUESTION SECTION:
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;eecs.mit.edu.
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IN A
```

```
;; ANSWER SECTION:
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eecs.mit.edu.
```

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21600
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IN A
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```
18.62.1.6
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;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
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mit.edu.
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11088
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IN NS
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BITSY.mit.edu.
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mit.edu.
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W20NS.mit.edu.
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mit.edu.
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STRAWB.mit.edu.
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;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:
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# dig eecs.mit.edu A

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; ; <<>> DiG 9.6.0-APPLE-P2 <<>> eecs.mit.edu a
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 19901
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 3, ADDITIONAL: 3
```

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;; QUESTION SECTION:
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;eecs.mit.edu.          IN      A
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;; ANSWER SECTION:
```

```
eecs.mit.edu.          21600   IN      A      18.62.1.6
```

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;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
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mit.edu.
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mit.edu.
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mit.edu.
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```
;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:
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STRAWB.mit.edu.      126738  IN      A      18.71.0.151
```

```
BITSY.mit.edu.      166408  IN      A      18.72.0.3
```

```
W20NS.mit.edu.      126738  IN      A      18.70.0.160
```

In general, a single Resource Record (RR) like this includes, left-to-right, a DNS name, a time-to-live, a family (IN for our purposes - ignore), a type (A here), and an associated value

# dig eecs.mit.edu A

```
; ; <<>> DiG 9.6.0-APPLE-P2 <<>> eecs.mit.edu a
```

```
;; global options: +cr
```

```
;; Got answer:
```

```
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode
```

```
;; flags: qr rd ra; QU
```

```
;; QUESTION SECTION:
```

```
;eecs.mit.edu.
```

```
;; ANSWER SECTION:
```

```
eecs.mit.edu.
```

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21600
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A
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```
18.62.1.6
```

```
;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
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mit.edu.
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11088
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BITSY.mit.edu.
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W20NS.mit.edu.
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mit.edu.
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STRAWB.mit.edu.
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;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:
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A
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```
18.70.0.160
```

“**Authority**” tells us the name servers responsible for the answer. Each RR gives the **hostname** of a different name server (“NS”) for names in `mit.edu`. We should cache each record for 11,088 seconds.

If the “**Answer**” had been empty, then the resolver’s next step would be to send the original query to one of these name servers.

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# dig eecs.mit.edu A

```
; ; <<>> DiG 9.6.0-APPLE-P2 <<>> eecs.mit.edu a
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 19901
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 3, ADDITIONAL: 3
```

```
;; QUESTION SECTION:
```

```
;eecs.mit.edu.
```

```
;; ANSWER SECTION:
```

```
eecs.mit.edu.
```

```
;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
```

mit.edu.	11088	IN	NS	BITSY.mit.edu.
mit.edu.	11088	IN	NS	W20NS.mit.edu.
mit.edu.	11088	IN	NS	STRAWB.mit.edu.

```
;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:
```

STRAWB.mit.edu.	126738	IN	A	18.71.0.151
BITSY.mit.edu.	166408	IN	A	18.72.0.3
W20NS.mit.edu.	126738	IN	A	18.70.0.160

“Additional” provides extra information to save us from making separate lookups for it, or helps with bootstrapping.

Here, it tells us the IP addresses for the hostnames of the name servers. We add these to our cache.

# DNS Protocol

Lightweight exchange of *query* and *reply* messages, both with **same** message format

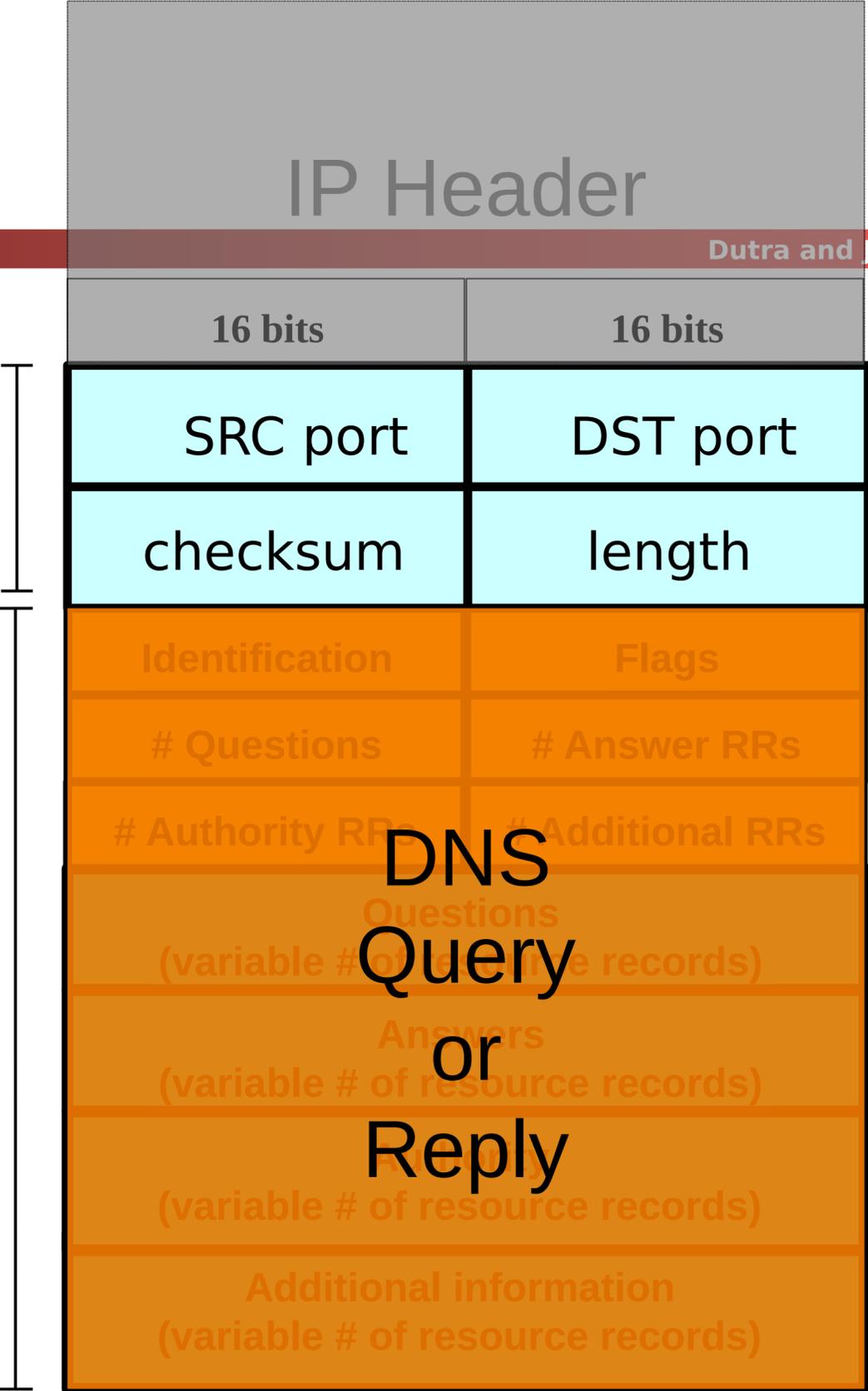
Primarily uses UDP for its transport protocol, which is what we'll assume

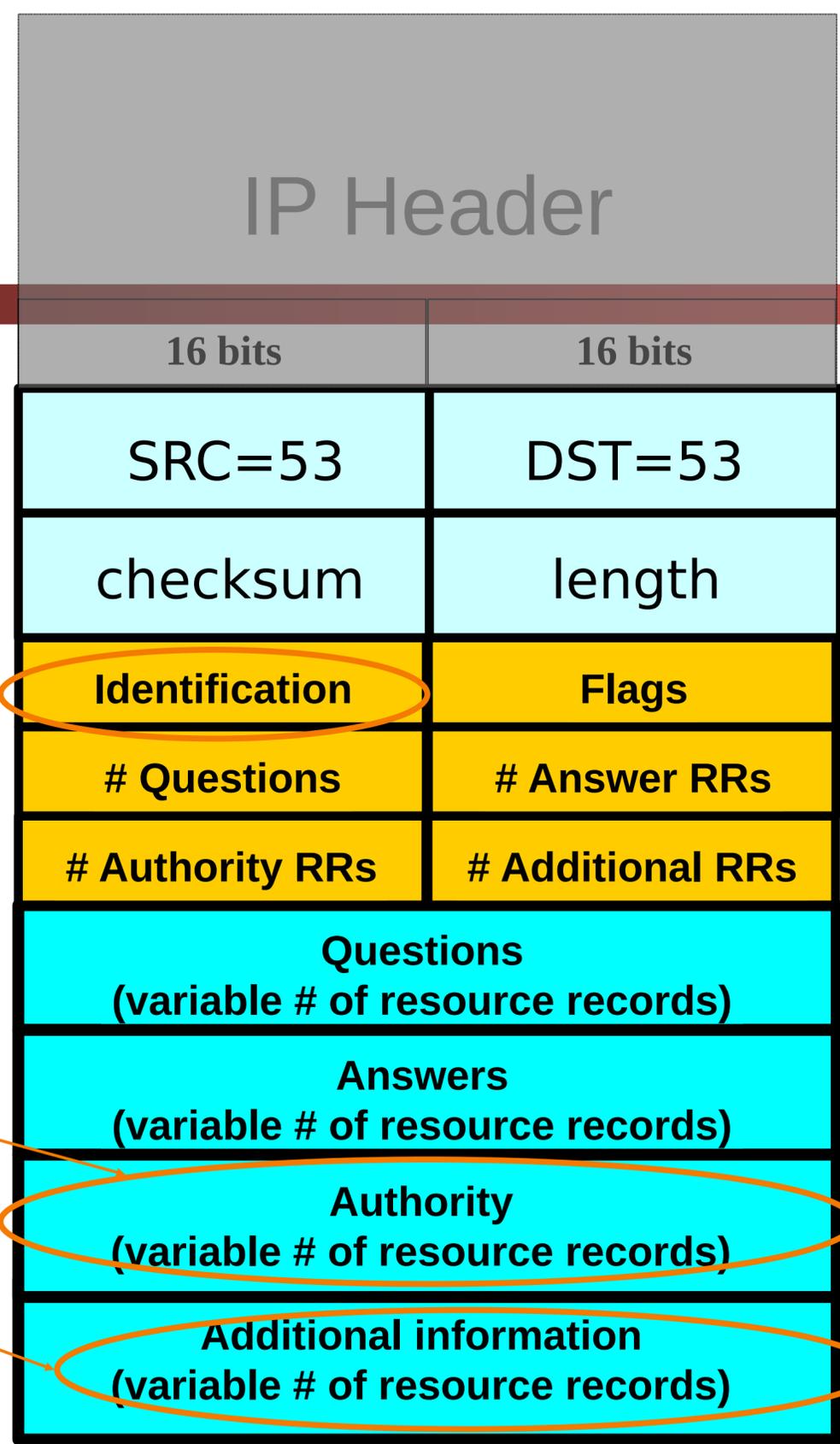
Servers are on port 53 always

Frequently, clients used to use port 53 but can use any port

UDP Header

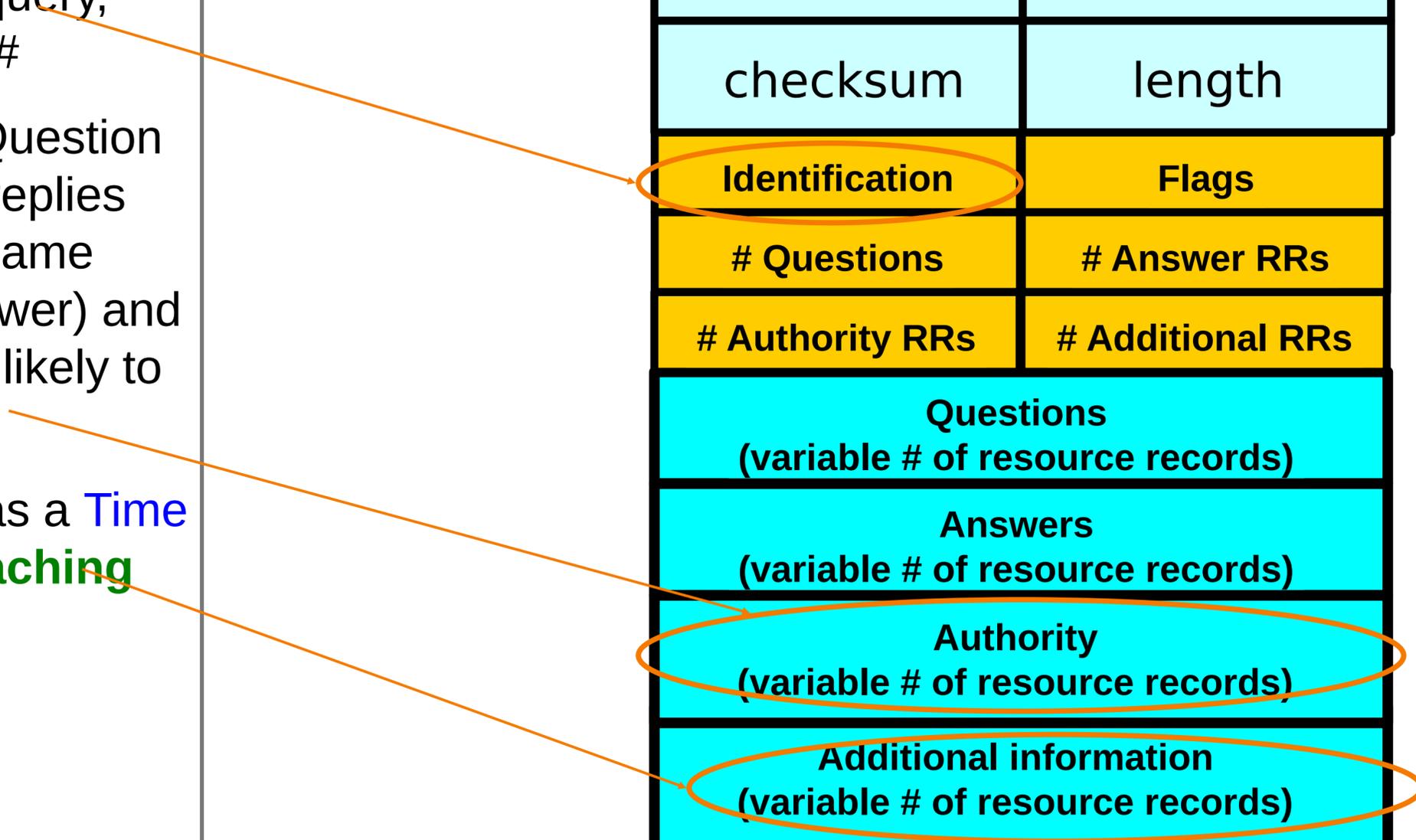
UDP Payload





### Message header:

- **Identification:** 16 bit # for query, reply to query uses same #
- Along with repeating the Question and providing Answer(s), replies can include “**Authority**” (name server responsible for answer) and “**Additional**” (info client is likely to look up soon anyway)
- Each Resource Record has a **Time To Live** (in seconds) for **caching** (not shown)



# dig eecs.mit.edu A

```
; ; <<>> DiG 9.6.0-APPLE-P2 <<>> eecs.mit.edu a
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QU 001
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 21 ADDITIONAL: 3

;; QUESTION SECTION:
;eecs.mit.edu.

;; ANSWER SECTION:
eecs.mit.edu. 21 L.6

;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
mit.edu. 11088 IN NS BITSY.mit.edu.
mit.edu. 11088 IN NS W20NS.mit.edu.
mit.edu. 11088 IN NS STRAWB.mit.edu.

;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:
STRAWB.mit.edu. 126738 IN A 18.71.0.151
BITSY.mit.edu. 166408 IN A 18.72.0.3
W20NS.mit.edu. 126738 IN A 18.70.0.160
```

What if the mit.edu server is untrustworthy? Could its operator steal, say, all of our web surfing to berkeley.edu's main web server?

# dig eecs.mit.edu A

```
; ; <<>> DiG 9.6.0-APPLE-P2 <<>> eecs.mit.edu a
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 19901
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 3, ADDITIONAL: 3
```

```
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;eecs.mit.edu.
```

```
;; ANSWER SECTION:
eecs.mit.edu.      21600    IN      A       18.62.1.6
```

```
;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
mit.edu.          11088    IN      NS      BITSY.mit.edu.
mit.edu.          11088    IN      NS      W20NS.mit.edu.
mit.edu.          11088    IN      NS      STRAWB.mit.edu.
```

```
;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:
STRAWB.mit.edu.  126738   IN      A       18.71.0.151
BITSY.mit.edu.   166408   IN      A       18.72.0.3
W20NS.mit.edu.   126738   IN      A       18.70.0.160
```

Let's look at a flaw in the original DNS design (since fixed)

# dig eecs.mit.edu A

```
; ; <<>> DiG 9.6.0-APPLE-P2 <<>> eecs.mit.edu a
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 19901
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 3, ADDITIONAL: 3
```

```
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;eecs.mit.edu.
```

What could happen if the mit.edu server returns the following to us instead?

```
;; ANSWER SECTION:
eecs.mit.edu.      21600    IN      A      18.62.1.6
```

```
;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
```

```
mit.edu.          11088    IN      NS     BITSY.mit.edu.
mit.edu.          11088    IN      NS     W20NS.mit.edu.
mit.edu.          11088    IN      NS     www.berkeley.edu.
```

```
;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:
```

```
www.berkeley.edu. 100000   IN      A      18.6.6.6
BITSY.mit.edu.    166408   IN      A      18.72.0.3
W20NS.mit.edu.    126738   IN      A      18.70.0.160
```

# dig eecs.mit.edu A

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;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 19901
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 3, ADDITIONAL: 3
```

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;; QUESTION SECTION:
;eecs.mit.edu.
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;; ANSWER SECTION:
eecs.mit.edu.
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;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
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mit.edu.	11088	IN	NS	BITSY.mit.edu.
mit.edu.	11088	IN	NS	W20NS.mit.edu.
<b>mit.edu.</b>	<b>11088</b>	<b>IN</b>	<b>NS</b>	<b>www.berkeley.edu.</b>

```
;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:
```

<b>www.berkeley.edu.</b>	<b>100000</b>	<b>IN</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>18.6.6.6</b>
BITSY.mit.edu.	166408	IN	A	18.72.0.3
W20NS.mit.edu.	126738	IN	A	18.70.0.160

We'd dutifully store in our cache a mapping of `www.berkeley.edu` to an IP address under MIT's control. (It could have been any IP address they wanted, not just one of theirs.)

# dig eecs.mit.edu A

```
; ; <<>> DiG 9.6.0-APPLE-P2 <<>> eecs.mit.edu a
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 19901
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 3, ADDITIONAL: 3
```

```
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;eecs.mit.edu.
```

```
;; ANSWER SECTION:
eecs.mit.edu.
```

```
;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
mit.edu.
mit.edu.
mit.edu.
```

```
;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:
www.berkeley.edu.
BITSY.mit.edu.
W20NS.mit.edu.
```

11088	IN	NS	BITSY.mit.edu.
11088	IN	NS	W20NS.mit.edu.
11088	IN	NS	www.berkeley.edu.
100000	IN	A	18.6.6.6
166408	IN	A	18.72.0.3
126738	IN	A	18.70.0.160

In this case they chose to make the mapping last a long time. They could just as easily make it for just a couple of seconds.

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# dig eecs.mit.edu A

```
; ; <<>> DiG 9.6.0-APPLE-P2 <<>> eecs.mit.edu a
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 19901
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 3, ADDITIONAL: 3
```

```
;; QUESTION SECTION:
```

```
;eecs.mit.edu.          IN      A
```

```
;; ANSWER SECTION:
eecs.mit.edu.
```

How do we fix such cache poisoning?

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;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
```

```
mit.edu.      11088  IN      NS      BITSY.mit.edu.
mit.edu.      11088  IN      NS      W20NS.mit.edu.
mit.edu.      30     IN      NS      www.berkeley.edu.
```

```
;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:
```

```
www.berkeley.edu.  30     IN      A       18.6.6.6
BITSY.mit.edu.    166408 IN      A       18.72.0.3
W20NS.mit.edu.    126738 IN      A       18.70.0.160
```

# dig eecs.mit.edu A

```
; ; <<>> DiG 9.6.0-AP
;; global options: +c
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode
;; flags: qr rd ra; Q

;; QUESTION SECTION:
;eecs.mit.edu.

;; ANSWER SECTION:
eecs.mit.edu.                21600    IN      A      18.62.1.6

;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
mit.edu.                    11088    IN
mit.edu.                    11088    IN
mit.edu.                    11088    IN

;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:
www.berkeley.edu.         100000   IN
BITSY.mit.edu.             166408   IN
W20NS.mit.edu.            126738   IN
```

Don't accept **Additional** records unless they're for the domain we're looking up

E.g., looking up eecs.mit.edu ⇒ only accept additional records from \*.mit.edu

No extra risk in accepting these since server could return them to us directly in an **Answer** anyway.

This is called "**Bailiwick** checking"

21600 IN A 18.62.1.6

## bail·i·wick

/'bālə,wɪk/ 

noun

- one's sphere of operations or particular area of interest.  
"you never give the presentations—that's my bailiwick"
- LAW**  
the district or jurisdiction of a bailie or bailiff.