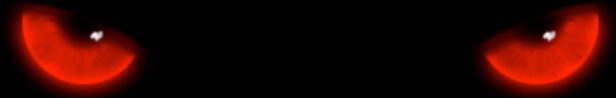


# When the Lights go out

Hacking Cisco EnergyWise

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## Agenda

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- Introduction
- Architecture & Protocol
- Attacks, Controls & Conclusions



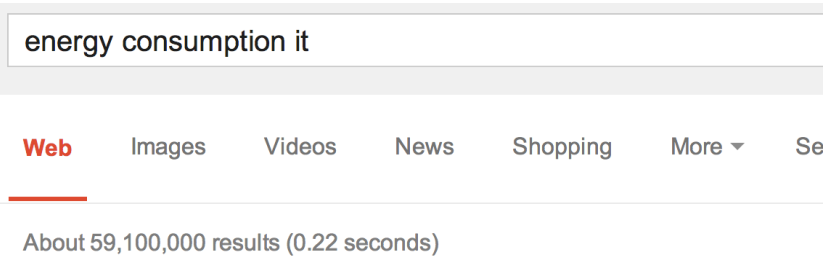


# Introduction

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## Energy Management

- IT equipment usually the biggest power consumer in (non-producing) corporate environments
- Energy savings is a relevant topic:
  - Big deal in data center design
    - DCIE-awareness, consolidation, AC technologies like Kyoto wheels...
  - Still relevant and a challenge in endpoints
    - Don't you wish your smartphone would live for a week? ;)



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<http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/products/switches/energywise-technology/index.html>

## Same girl, different dress?



- Smart homes offer power control capabilities
- “Embedded” world offers energy management protocols
  - e.g. HDMI CEC contains power control commands, power consumption enumeration over USB
- Certain IPMI implementations/BMCs offer power management capabilities

## Cisco EnergyWise -vvv

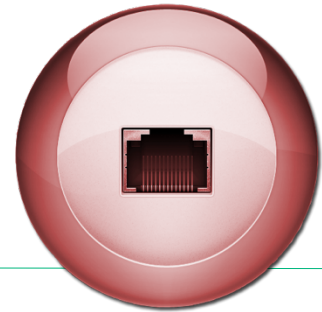
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- Cisco-proprietary, IP-based EnergyManagement Protocol
- Provides support for PoE endpoints and arbitrary endpoints, that implement the EW API
- Allows energy management throughout the (Cisco) network.
  - Monitoring
  - Retriving & setting power levels
- Phase 1 vs. Phase 2

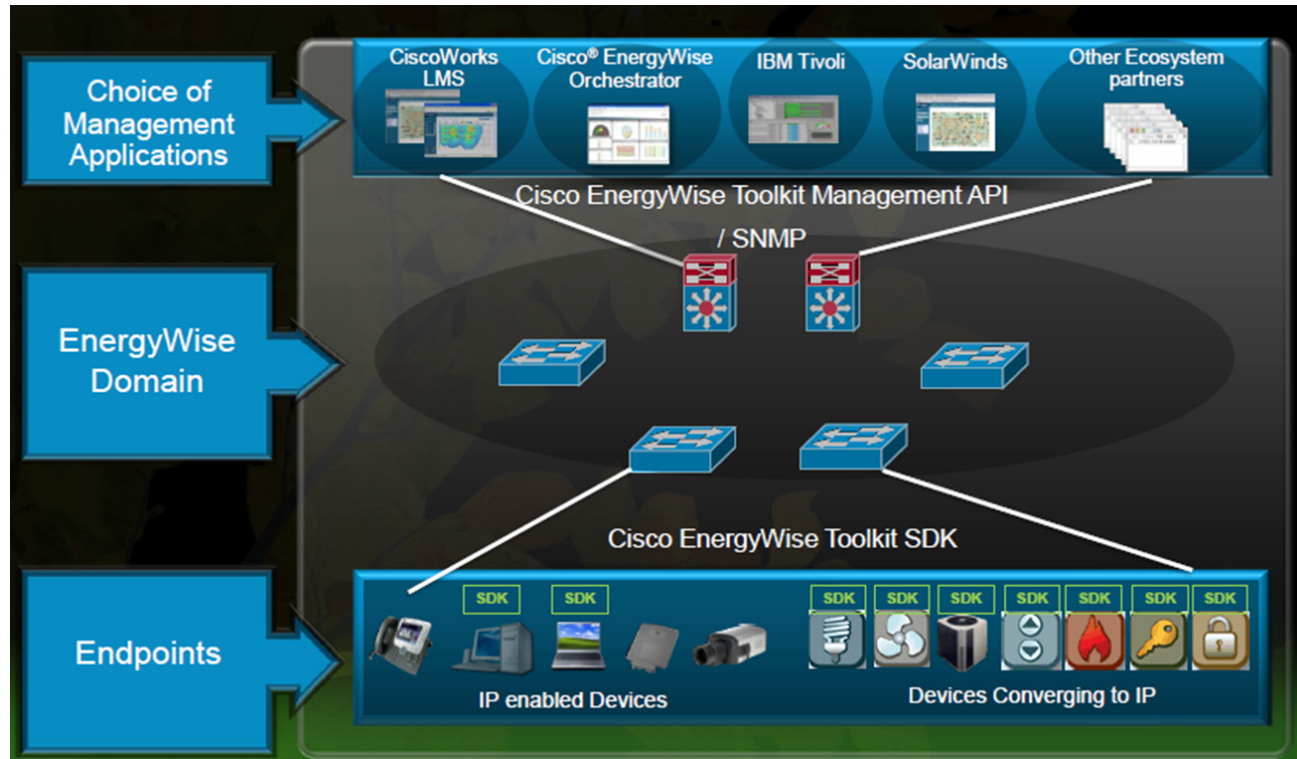
# How does it work?

Overview

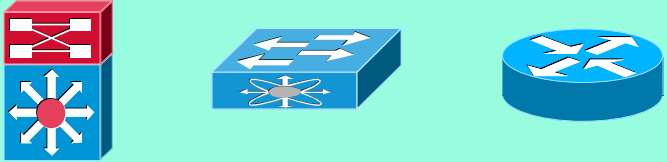




# Cisco EnergyWise Architecture




# Relevant Entities



Switches, Routers  
Domain Members

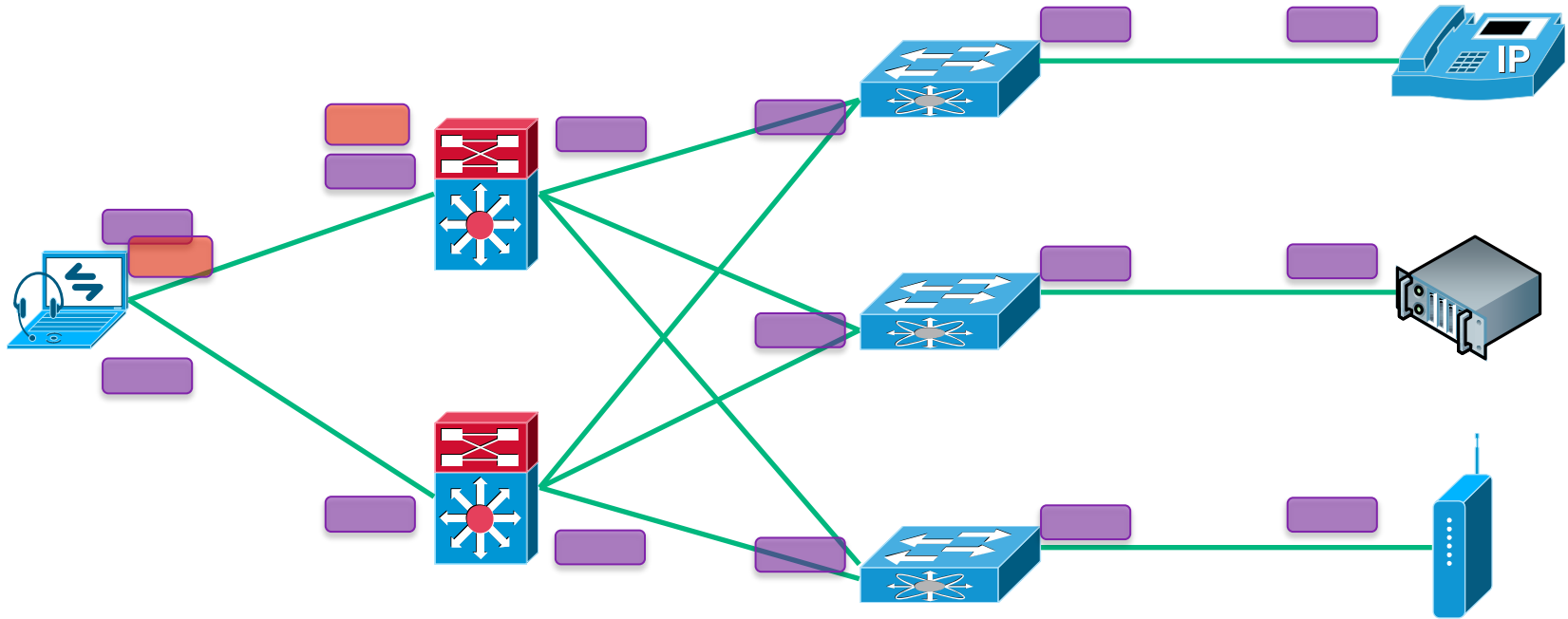
Endpoints/Children  
Servers, Access Points, Phones



Management  
Applications



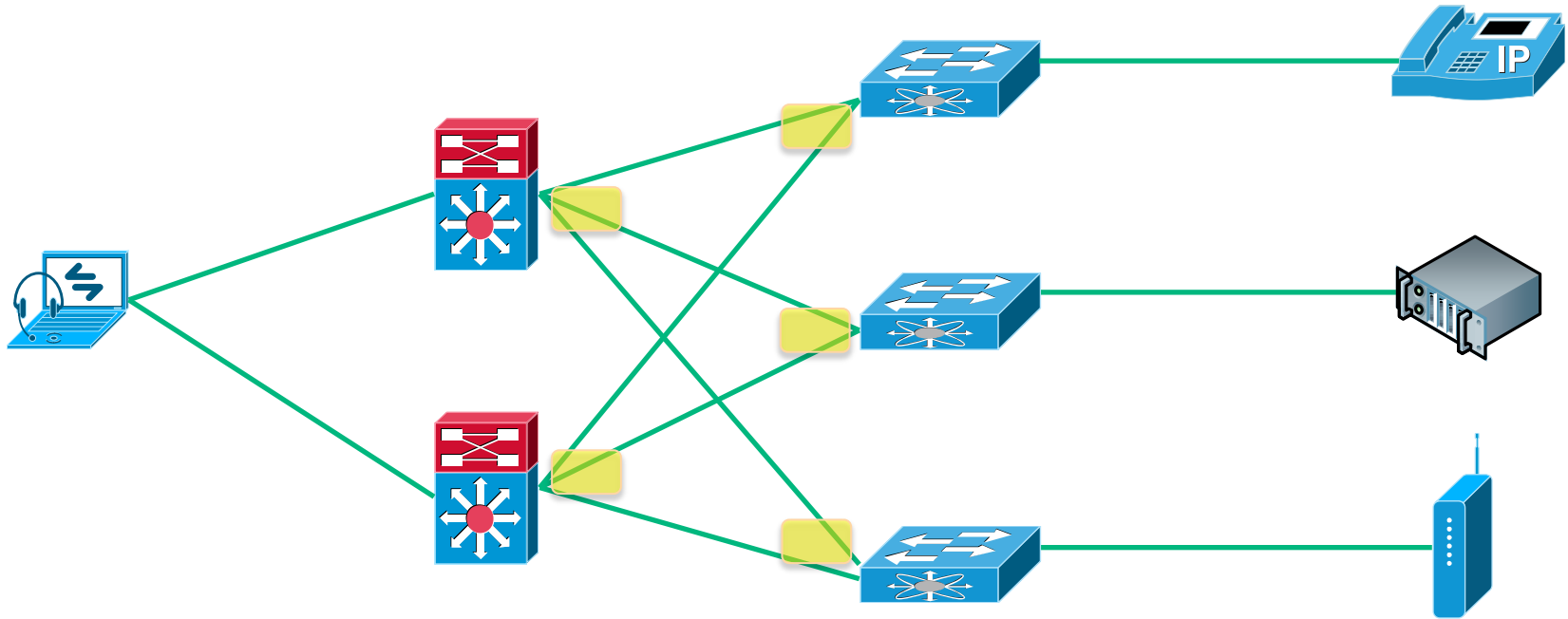
# Neighbor Discovery – UDP



UDP Broadcast

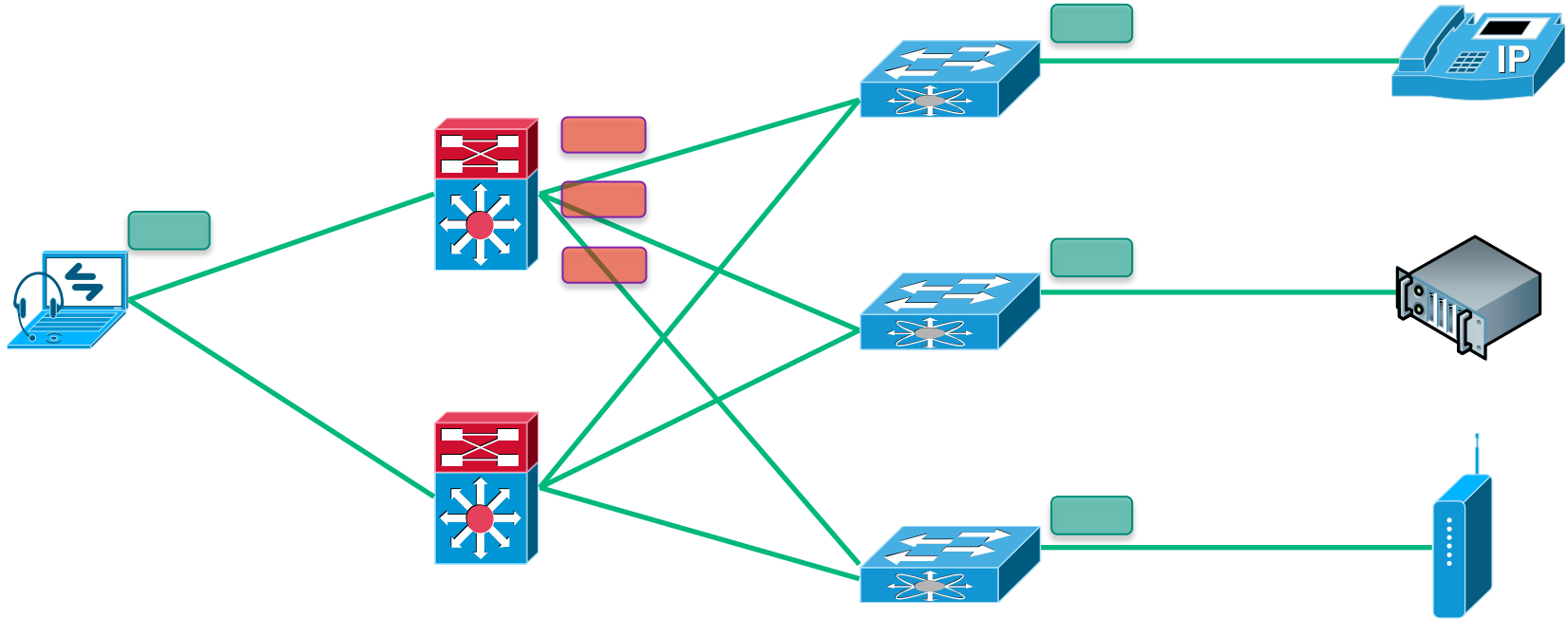
UDP Unicast

# Neighbor Discovery – CDP



CDP

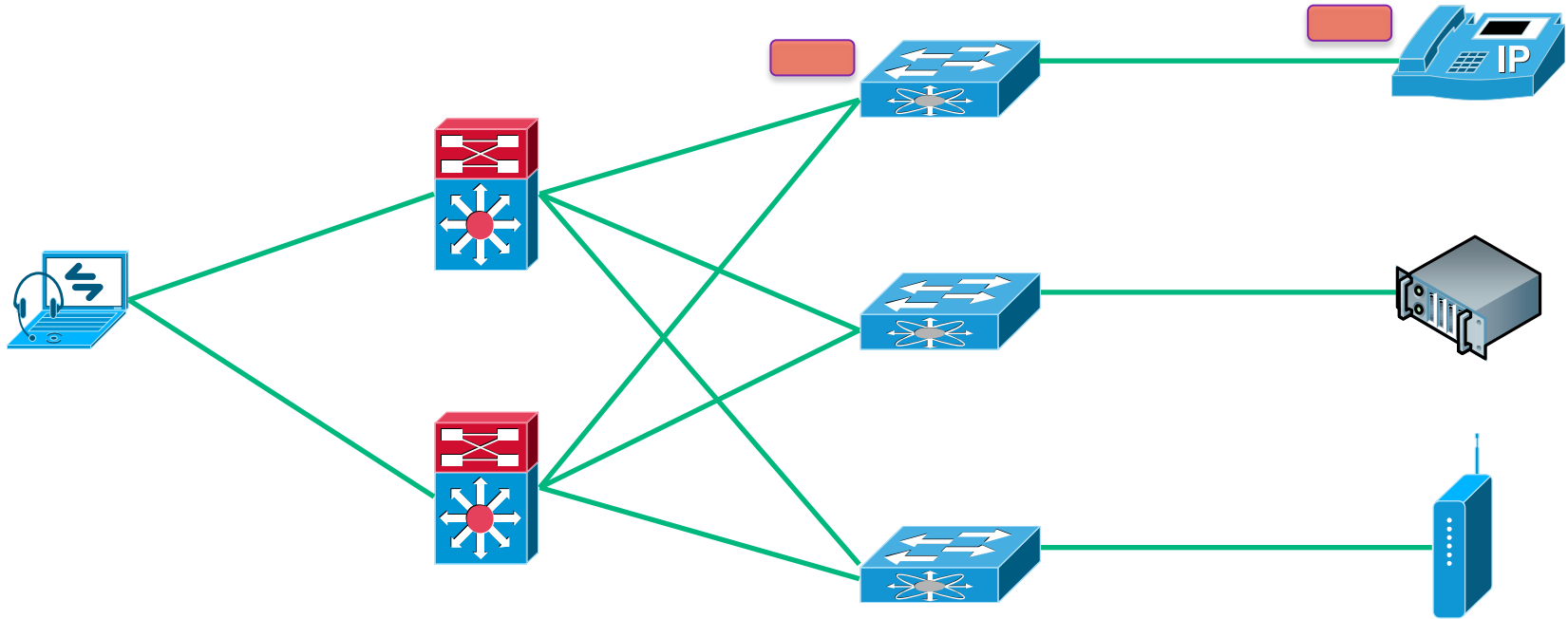
# Queries



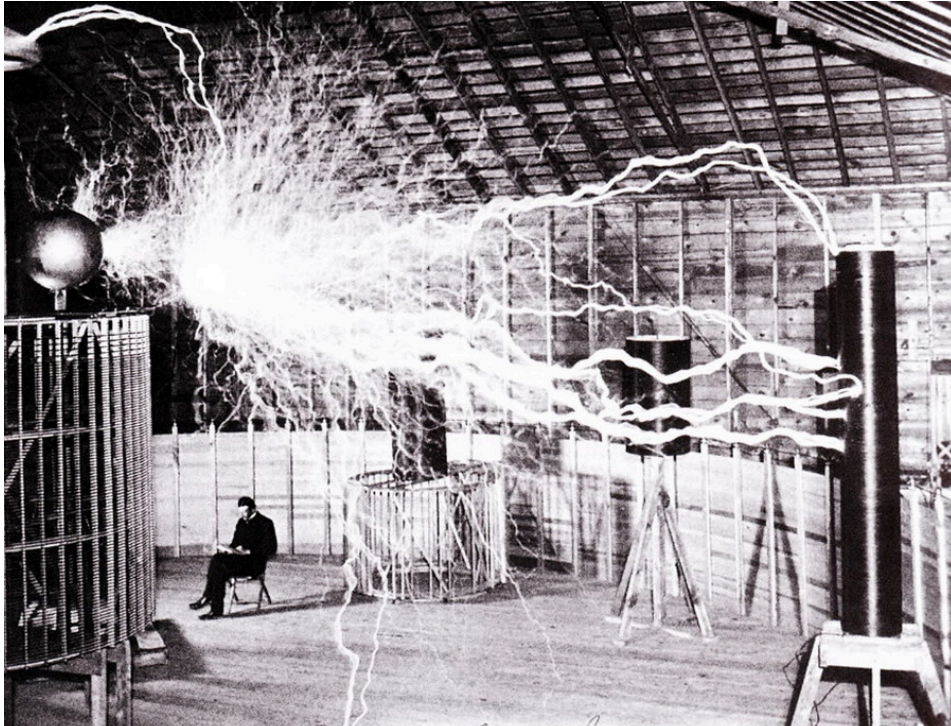
TCP Unicast

UDP Unicast

# Queries – Answers



UDP Unicast



## Demo

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## EW Attributes

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- Importance
- Role
- Keyword
- Level
- Name



# Levels

Category	Level	Description
Operational	10	Full
	9	High
	8	Reduced
Standby	7	Medium
	6	Frugal
	5	Ready
	4	Low
	3	Standby
Non-operational	2	Sleep
	1	Hibernate
	0	off

# Well said...

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... but does it matter?



## Relevance?

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- [SmartCities] will be at least interact with/require Energy Management Protocols
- Already a relevant number of [SmartBuildings] out there.
- Two of the five biggest companies in Germany are thinking about deploying EngeryWise at this very moment.

# From a German Train

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
36	12.034912000	10.56.150.165	10.56.150.255	BROWSER	253	Domain/Workgroup Announcement MUC, NT Workstation,
37	12.631900000	Men-Mikr_02:40:94	Broadcast	ARP	56	Who has 10.56.150.232? Tell 10.56.150.129
38	12.827369000	10.56.150.168	10.56.150.255	NBNS	92	Name query NB ACHILLES<20>
39	13.059263000	10.56.150.152	255.255.255.255	UDP	510	Source port: 52897 Destination port: ew-disc-cmd
40	13.421932000	3c:a9:f4:52:f5:54	Men-Mikr_02:40:94	ARP	42	Who has 10.56.150.129? Tell 10.56.150.235
41	13.425307000	Men-Mikr 02:40:94	3c:a9:f4:52:f5:54	ARP	56	10.56.150.129 is at 00:c0:3a:02:40:94

```

> Frame 39: 510 bytes on wire (4080 bits), 510 bytes captured (4080 bits)
> Ethernet II, Src: IntelCor_af:93:2c (00:24:d7:af:93:2c), Dst: Broadcast (ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff)
> Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.56.150.152 (10.56.150.152), Dst: 255.255.255.255 (255.255.255.255)
> User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 52897 (52897), Dst Port: ew-disc-cmd (43440)

```

## EnergyWise

```

Unknown: 0002
Pad: 000000000000
Unknown: 0011
Unknown: 0014

```

```
Hash: 8a474988ecc228b09ebd80d9fadcd89398d28eaea
```

```
Sequence Number: 176819
```

### EnergyWise ID

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Message Type: 0100
Importance: 100
Unknown Field: 0a110e000a
Length of TLV table: 388
Number of TLVs in table: 16

```

### EnergyWise Domain

## Internet-wide Scan

- We also performed an Internet-wide scan for EnergyWise
  - Problem: No simple discovery possible (HMAC + further device details needed, handshake necessary)
  - Approach: Search for Port 43440 and perform host discovery (ie to check for Cisco devices)
    - Slow!



## Some numbers

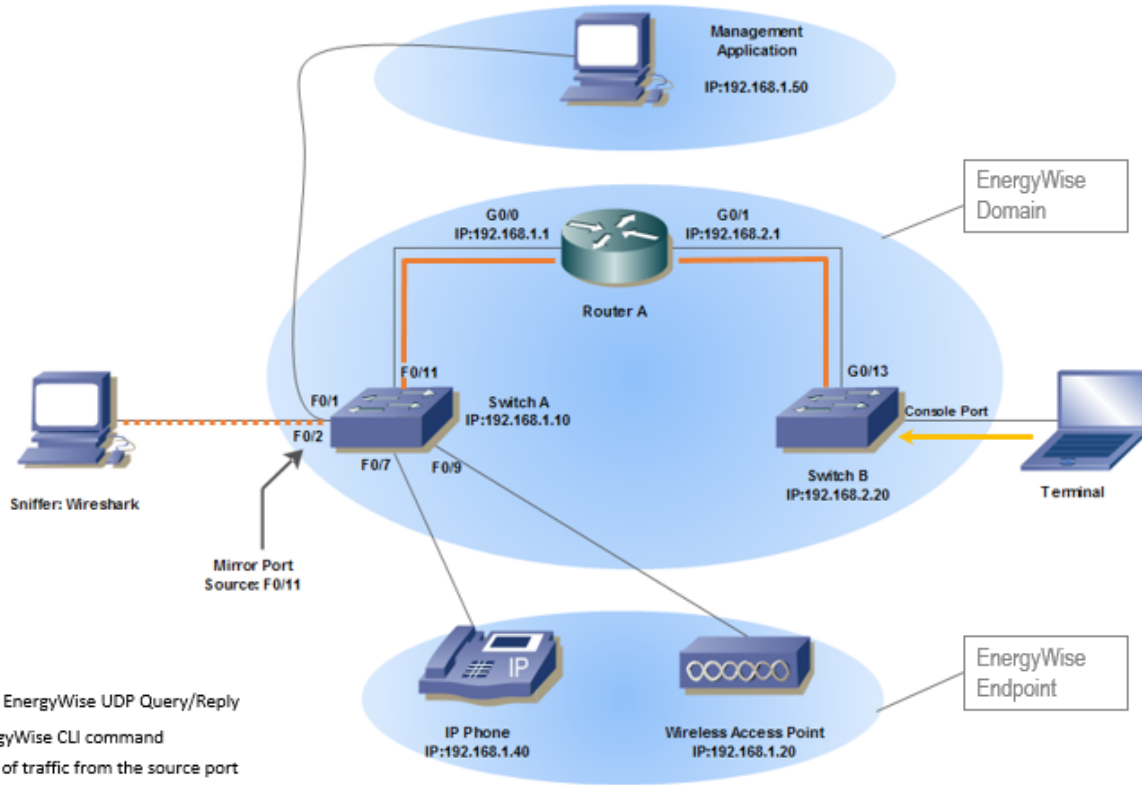


- 1.7mio hosts with TCP 43440 open
- Host discovery 5% done
- In those 5%, four identified Cisco devices
- => EnergyWise most likely already available on some Internet-exposed systems.

# How does it actually work?

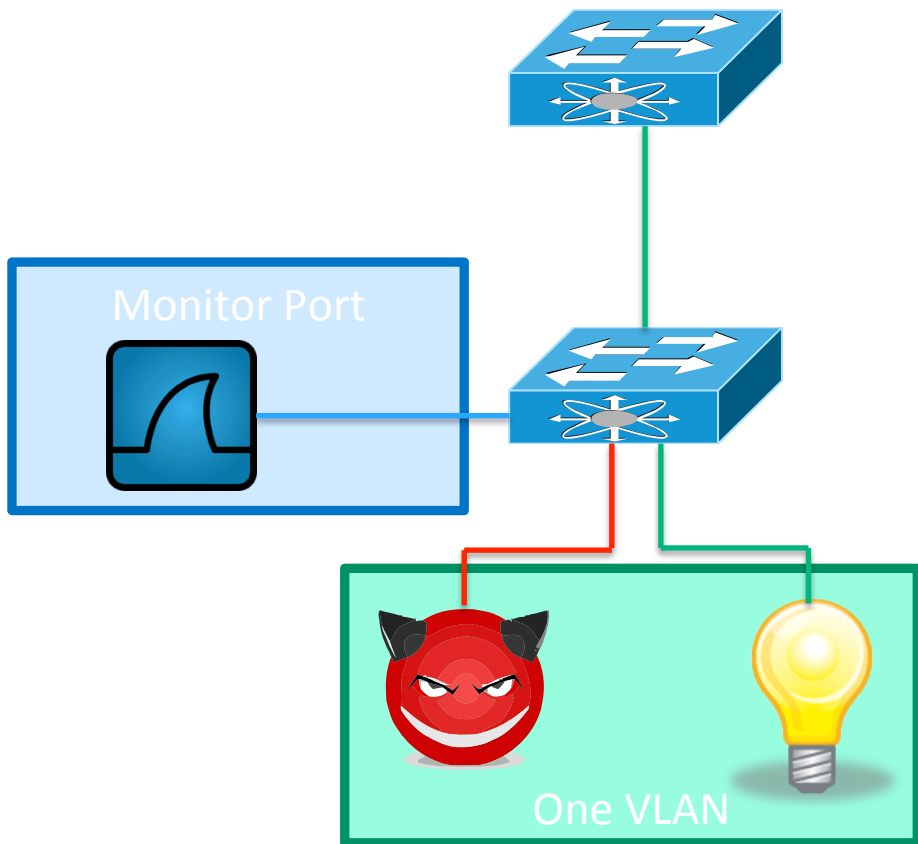
Protocol Reversing & Packet Structure





## Our Lab





## BlackHat Lab

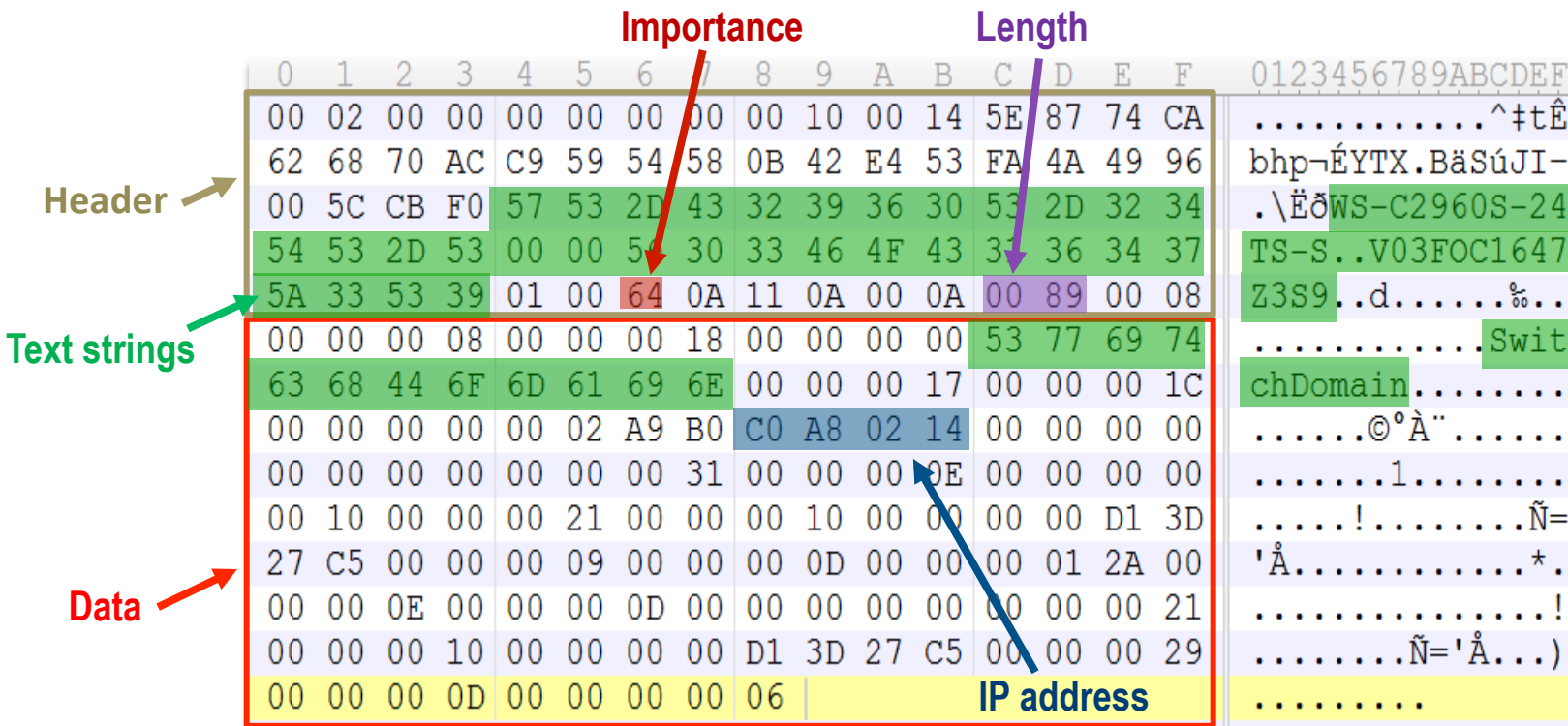
## Protocol RE

Main Idea

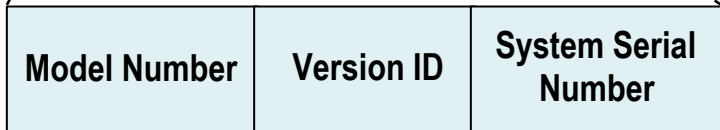
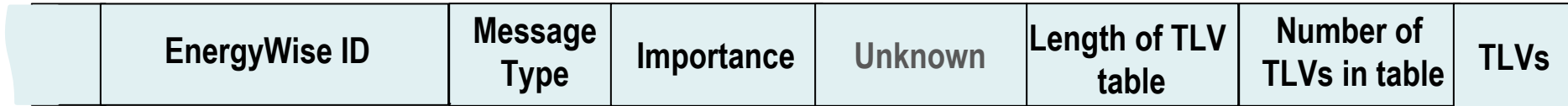
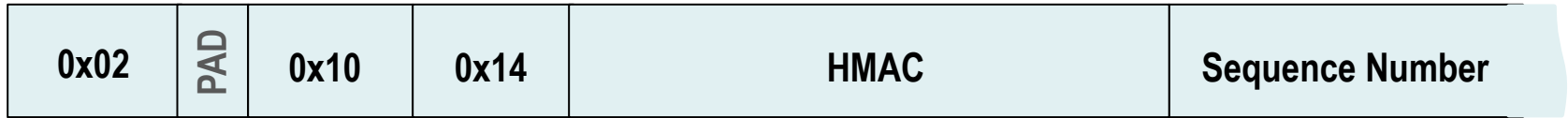
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62	68	70	AC	C9	59	54	58	0B	42	E4	53	FA	4A	49	96	bhp-ÉYTX.BâSúJI-	
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- Identifying text strings
- Identifying environmental dependencies (IP, MAC, Date, Time)
- Identifying Cisco EnergyWise parameter (Importance, Name, Level)
- Identifying meta fields (fields describing other fields)

# Protocol Reverse Engineering



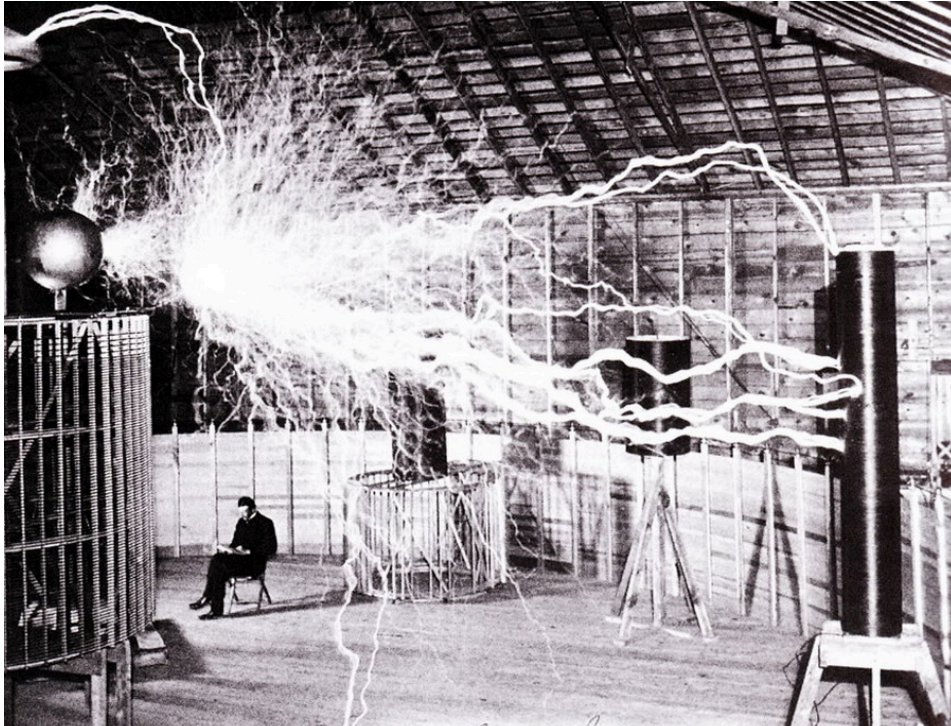
# UDP Packet



# TCP Packet

0x02	PAD	0x12	0x14	HMAC	Sequence Number
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	UUID	Message Type	Importance	Unknown	Length of TLV table	Number of TLVs in table	TLVs
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## Demo

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## Relevant Protocol Details

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- Authentication: HMAC
  - Management Secret vs. Domain Secret vs. Endpoint Secret
- Sequence number
- UUID vs. EW-ID

# Hacking EnergyWise

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```
+ Ethernet II, Src: Dell_e3:df:4e (00:24:e8:e3:df:4e), Dst: Ci
+ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.2.65 (192.168.2.65)
+ User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 54252 (54252), Dst Port: e
- Energywise
  Unknown: 0002
  Pad: 000000000000
  Unknown: 0010
  Unknown: 0014
  Encrypted Data: 0000000000000000000000000000000000000000
  Sequence Number: 6081520
+ Energywise ID
  Message Type: 0100
  Importance: 100
  Unknown Field: 0a110a000a
  Length of TLV table: 137
  Number of TLVs in table: 8
+ Energywise Domain
+ Energywise Reply To
+ Energywise ???
+ Energywise ???
+ Energywise Name (query)
+ Energywise Level (query)
+ Energywise ???
- - -
```

## TLV Protocol?

How would you not fuzz this?

## Dizzy Script (dizzy: c0decafe.de)

```
field("Unknown", 16, "\x00\x02", full),  
field("PAD", 48, "\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00", none),  
field("Unknown", 16, "\x00\x10", full),  
field("Unknown", 16, "\x00\x14", full),  
field("Encrypted_Data", 160, "\x5E\x87\x74\xCA\x62\x68\x70\xAC",  
field("Sequence_Number", 32, "\x00\x5c\xcb\xf0", none),  
field("EnergyWise_ID", 256, "\x57\x53\x2D\x43\x32\x39\x36\x30\x",  
field("Message_Type", 16, "\x01\x00", none),  
field("EnergyWise_Importance", 8, "\x64", none),  
field("Unknown_Field", 40, "\x0A\x11\x0A\x00\x0A", none),  
field("Length_of_TLV_table", 16, "\x00\x89", none),  
field("Number_of_TLVs_in_table", 16, "\x00\x08", none),
```

## Fuzzing Results

```
Switch8#  
01:33:23 UTC Wed Mar 30 2011: Unexpected exception to CPUvector  
-Traceback= 0x10BC0CCz 0x539408z 0x538028z 0x538128z 0xE8642Cz 0x  
Writing crashinfo to flash:/crashinfo_ext/crashinfo_ext_2
```

- A system crash can be caused by a malformed packet.
- The devices crashes when the following query is sent:
  - the tenth byte in the header has the value 0x15.
  - The valid value is 0x10.
- <http://tools.cisco.com/security/center/content/CiscoSecurityAdvisory/cisco-sa-20140806-energywise>

## Fuzzing Results

- A system crash can be caused by a malformed packet.

```
SwitchB#  
  
01:33:23 UTC Wed Mar 30 2011: Unexpected exception to CPUvector  
-Traceback= 0x10BC0CCz 0x539408z 0x538028z 0x538128z 0xE8642Cz 0x  
  
Writing crashinfo to flash:/crashinfo_ext/crashinfo_ext_2
```

sa-20140806-energywise

## Authentication?

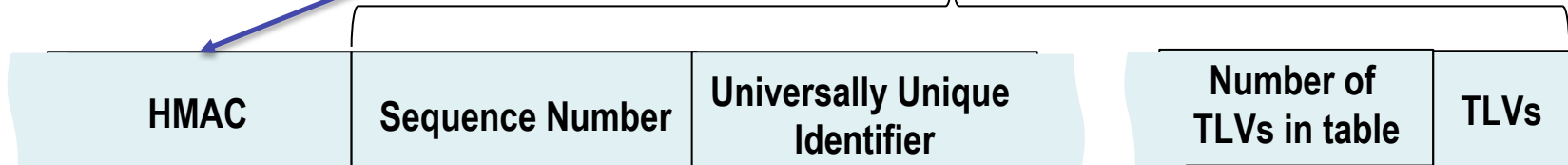
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- Shared-secret based
- First naïve approach: Replay
  - Which worked!

# Results

## - Authentication EnergyWise over TCP

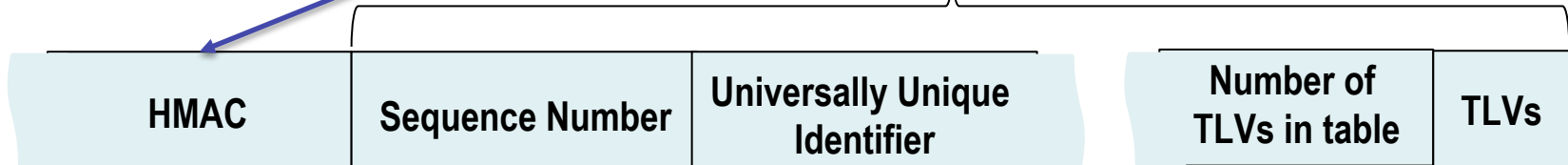
```
KEY = HMAC_SHA1 (UUID, SECRET)
HMAC = HMAC_SHA1 (KEY, DATA)
```



# Results

- Authentication EnergyWise over UDP

`HMAC = HMAC_SHA1 (SECRET, DATA)`



## Resulting Problems

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- Reverse engineered HMAC algorithm allows cracking.
- Resulting attack path:
  - ① Sniff an HMAC
  - ② Crack the Secret
  - ③ Hijack the Domain

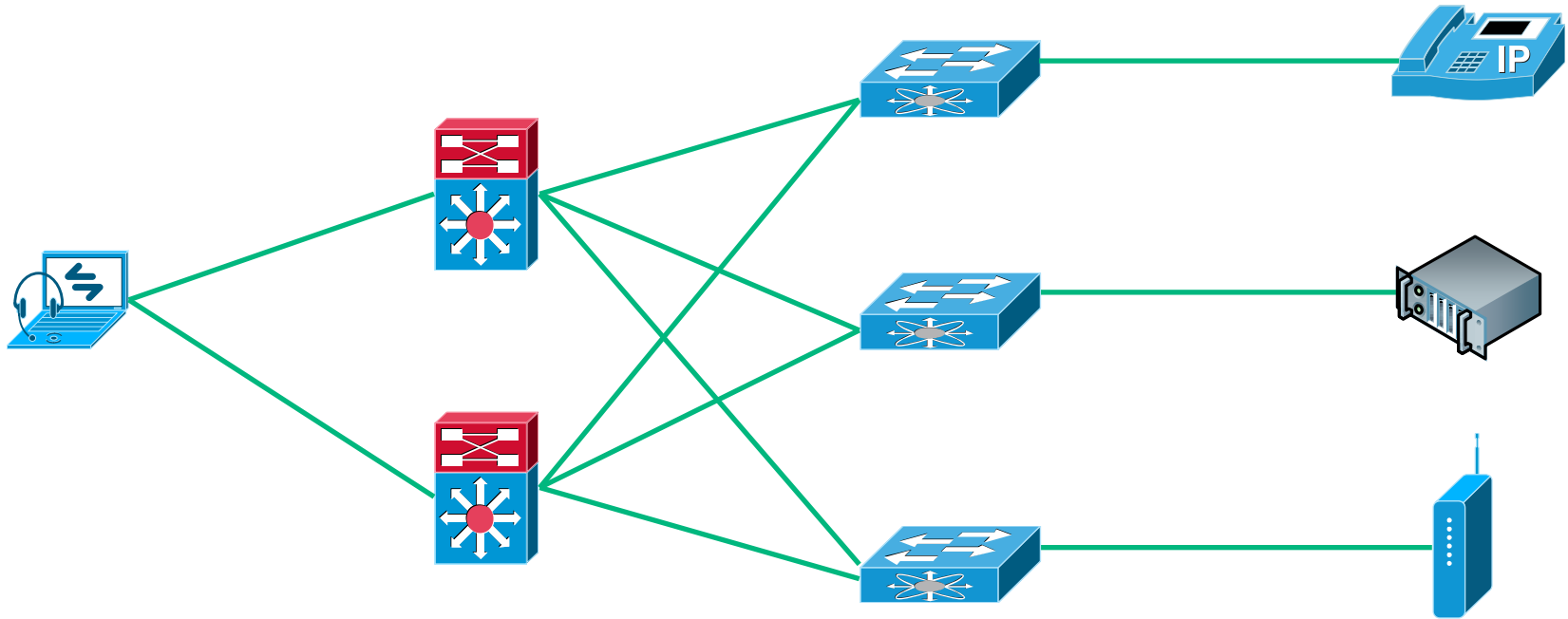


## Sniff the Secret

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- Flooding-based protocol
  - Sniffing is almost too easy
- However:
  - Management Secret vs. Domain Secret vs. Endpoint Secret

# Different Types of Secrets



## Crack the Secret

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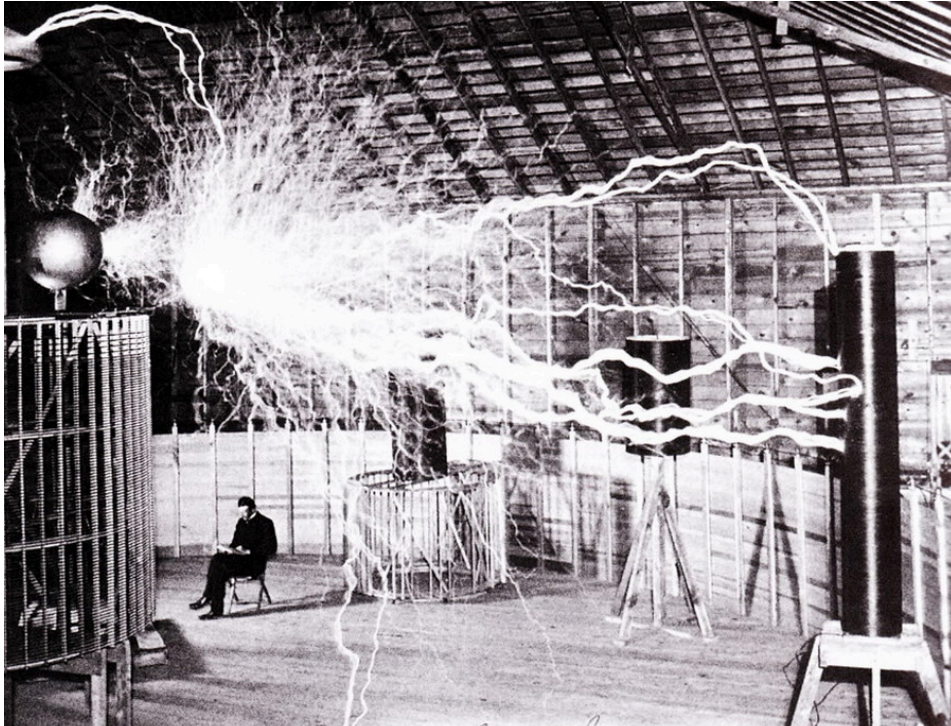
- EW is supposed to cover the whole data center – how likely is a key change on a regular base?
  - Device can only be members of one domain – at least according to design guide, does not apply to our tools ;)
- **Still, strong secrets will help.**
  - However, not giving any numbers on SHA1 cracking speeds – guess the guys over at Passwords<sup>14</sup> will improve that again anyways ;)

## Hijack the Domain

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- This is where our tools come into play... ;-)





## Demo

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## Problems

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- Compromised server/domain member
  - Best case: No hijacking possible, 43440 filtered in local packet filters
  - Most likely case (at least): Shut down all servers in your segment
  - Worst case: Shut down the whole data center

## Organizational Problems

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- Devices sold on eBay?
  - Experienced 7-10 times over the last 10 years buying a device on eBay including its configuration.
    - => one time even from one of our customers!

# Controls

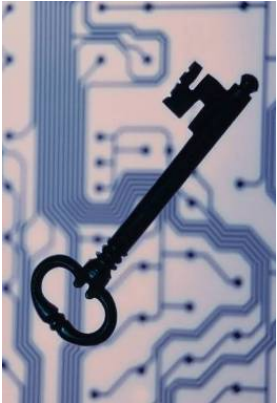
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## The obvious ones...

- Use strong shared-secrets.
- Use ntp-shared-secrets
- Use different secrets
  - Management vs. Domain vs. Endpoint



## More specific...

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- Purge configurations during decommissioning
- If EnergyWise is only used for monitoring power usage, disable the ability to set power levels
  - no energywise allow query set
- Or of course, actual crypto...

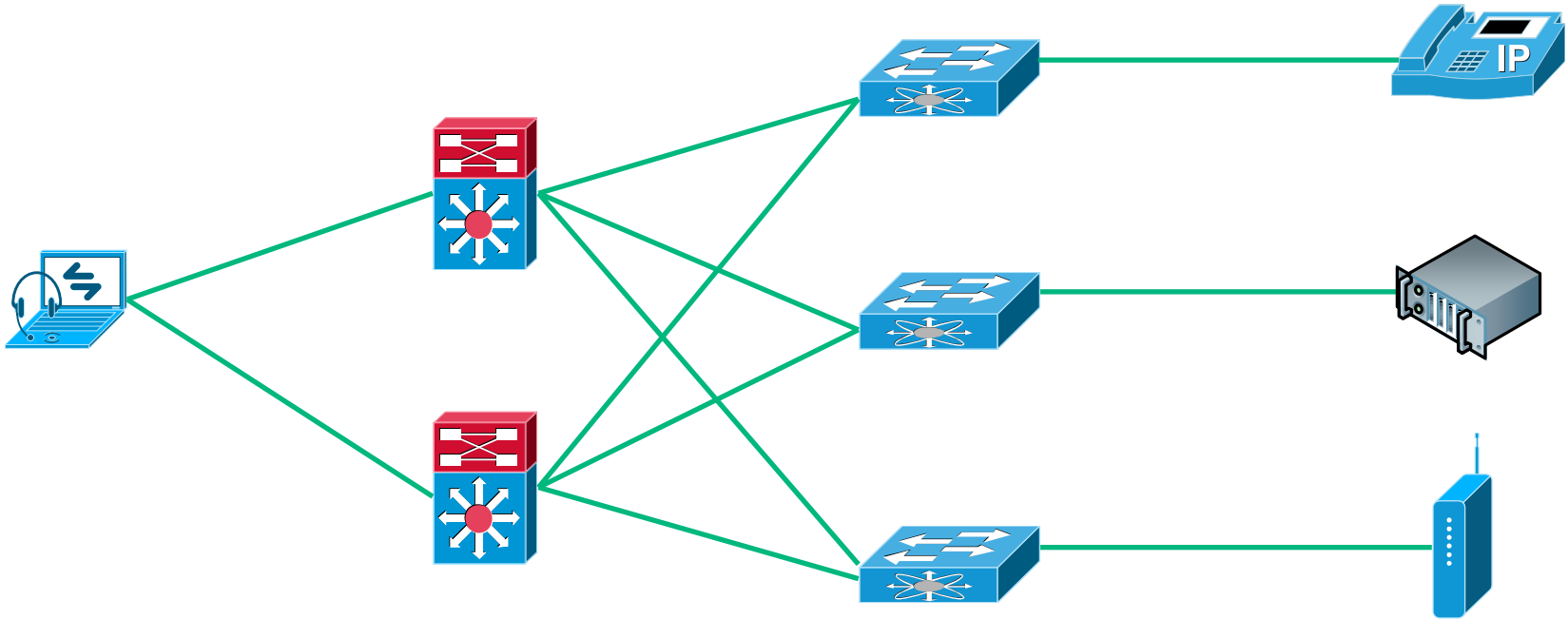
## Segmentation

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- Segmentation: Use different EnergyWise domains, where possible
  - “Take your IP Phone with you”
- Segmentation & Filtering: restrict EnergyWise ports to the local subnet.
- Currently talking about including this in the EW design guide with cisco



# Segmentation



# Future Work & Conclusions

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## Future Work



- Port tools to Loki modules
- Analyze few missing protocol details
- More efficient cracker
- Hardening guide

## Conclusions



- EnergyWise contains Security Mechanisms
  - However, pure PSK-based security is not appropriate anymore for 2014 infrastructure protocols
- Good old basic principles still apply: Segmentation!
- You got the toolset to assess EnergyWise domains if you encounter them ;-)
  - ... and probably some arguments when someone wants to introduce EW in your environment.

There's never enough time...

**THANK YOU...**



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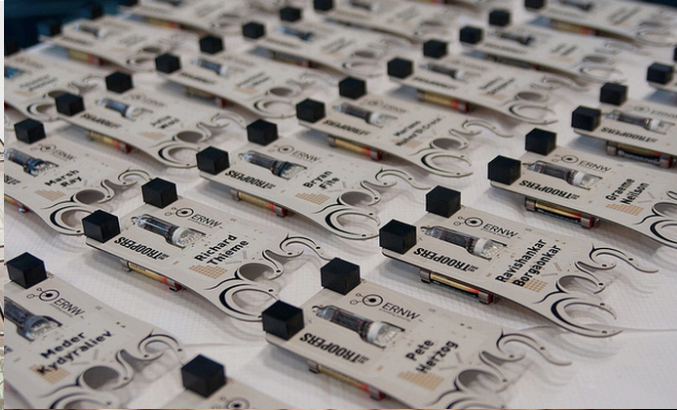
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