

Stop WiFi Pineapple and Other Attacks Cold with Intelligent WIPS

WLPC Phoenix 2019

Robert Ferruolo
Technical Solutions Engineer
@raferruolo
RF@arista.com

Survey

- WIPS auto **detection** enabled on customer networks or networks you managed?
- WIPS auto **prevention/mitigation** enabled on customer networks or networks you managed?

Threat Categories

Rogue AP: May allow attackers to bypass perimeter security and gain access to data, systems, etc.

Evil-Twin / Honeypot AP: Users may unwittingly fall prey to a Man-in-the-Middle (MITM) attacks enabling hackers to spy on traffic, steal data / login credentials and infect systems.

Misconfigured AP: Opens networks to attack as a result of configuration errors, such an authorized / encrypted SSID accidentally deployed with encryption disabled.

Rogue Client: Clients that have connected to rogue APs may have become compromised (e.g. infected with malware).

Misassociated Client: Allows client to circumvent security perimeter and content filters. Client may become compromised.

Ad-Hoc AP: Uses peer-to-peer connections that enables users to circumvent security controls and risk exposure to malware.

Recent Attack Using WiFi Pineapple

US Justice Department's Indictment

Related to:

- Olympic doping scandal
- Nuclear power operations
- Novichok gas attack

"Serebriakov's **backpack**, in particular, included "additional technical equipment that the team could also use to surreptitiously intercept Wi-Fi signals and traffic," the indictment reads. Though it doesn't spell out how that equipment could penetrate password-protected WiFi networks, it does mention that Serebriakov carried a **Wi-Fi Pineapple**. Those book-sized devices are designed to spoof Wi-Fi networks so that victims connect to them rather than the intended, legitimate one, acting as a "**man-in-the-middle**" capable of spying on or altering their subsequent internet traffic."

Source: wired.com

<https://www.wired.com/story/russian-spies-indictment-hotel-wi-fi-hacking/>

Detecting Threats

What Works

- Wire-side packet injection / Marker Packets
- Wireless-side packet injection / Marker Packets

What Works Sometimes...

- Wireless-side tracing
- CAM table lookups
- Passive MAC address correlation
- Signatures

Preventing/Mitigating Threats

What Works

- Wire-side ARP poisoning
- Over-the-air ARP poisoning
- Cell splitting

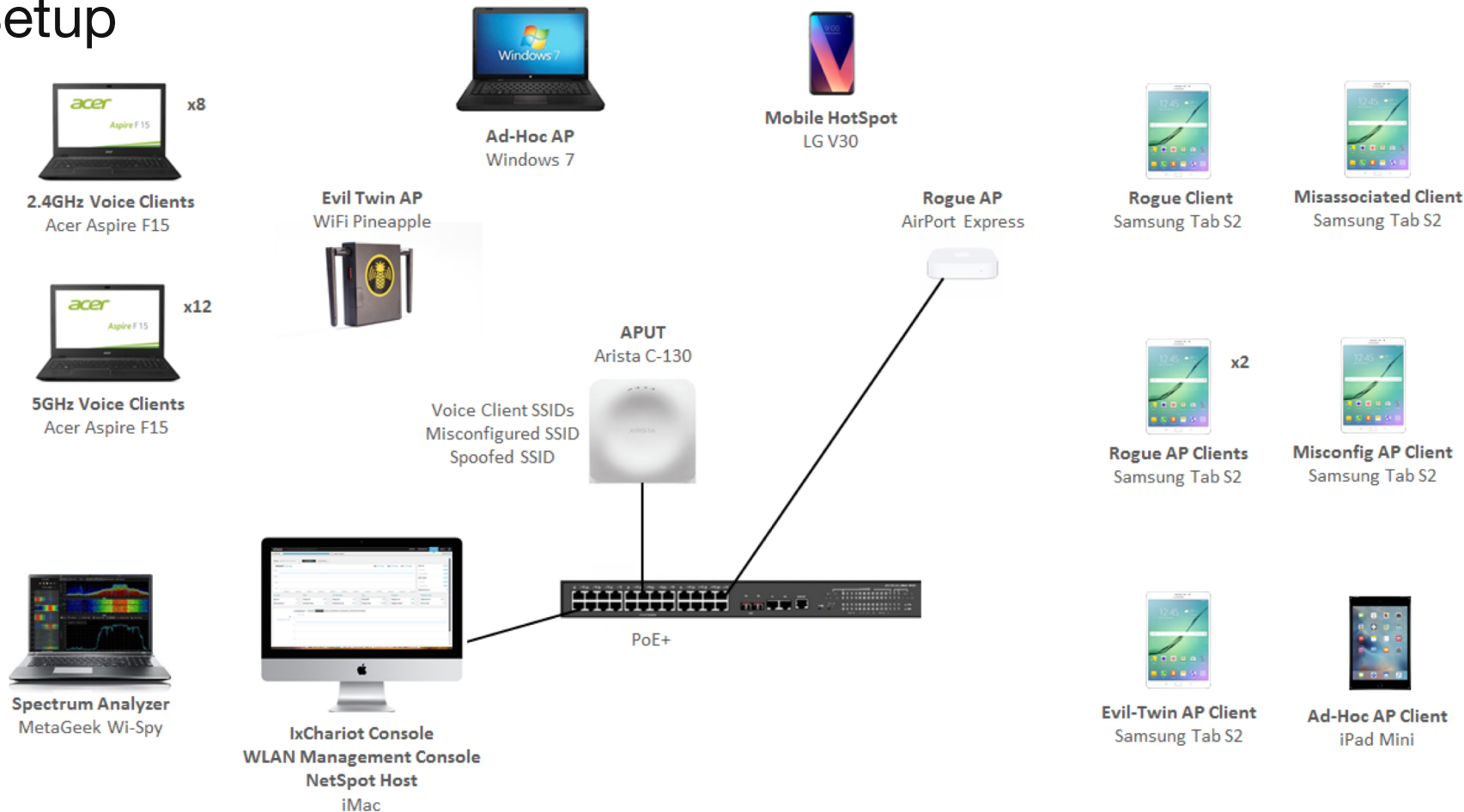
What Works Sometimes...

- Switch port blocking
- Tarpitting
- Over-the-air prevention (e.g. deauthentication if PMF is not used)

Tests

Test	Detection	Prevention
Rogue AP + Voice	Marker Packet	Wire-side ARP poisoning
Evil-Twin AP + Voice	Marker Packet + Authorized SSID Match	Over-the-air prevention
Misconfigured AP + Voice	Configuration compliance	All associations disallowed
Rogue Client + Voice	Marker Packet (to classify rogue AP) + Auto client classification	Rogue client associations disallowed
Misassociated Client + Voice	Auto client classification	Over-the-air prevention
Ad-Hoc AP + Voice	Marker Packet + To DS: 0 From DS: 0	ARP poisoning / cell splitting
All Threats Simultaneously + Voice	All of the above	All of the above

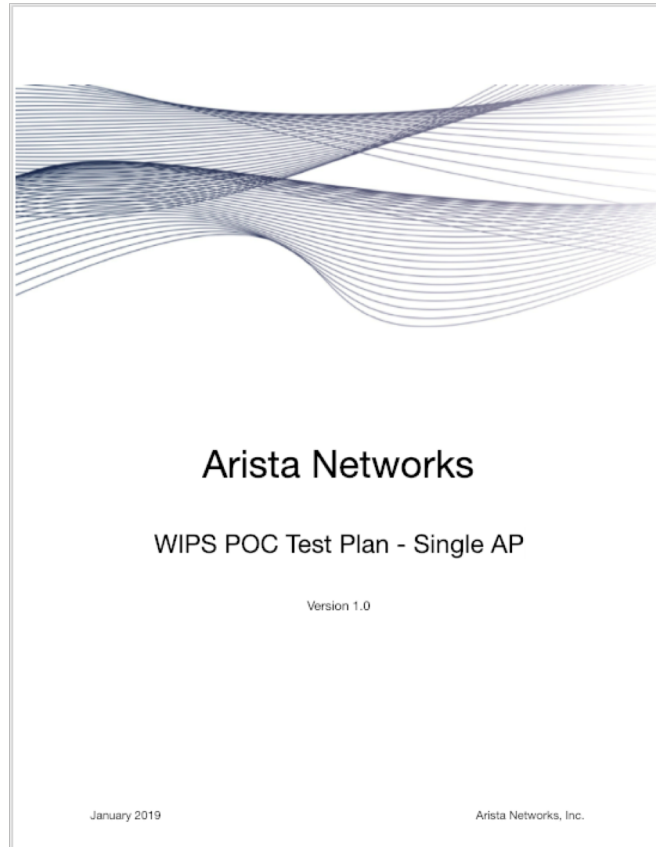
Setup



Lab Mates



Resources



Demo Video



Thank You!