

I know your MAC Address: *Targeted tracking of individual using Wi-Fi*

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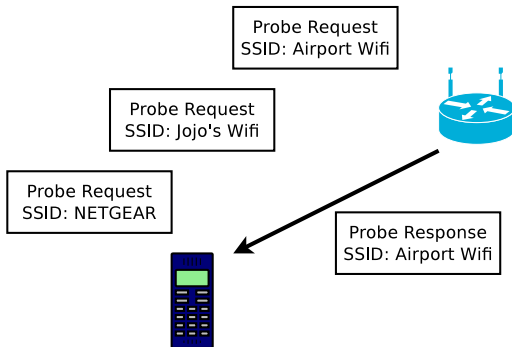
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- Your mobile phone leak sensitive informations

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- MAC address and SSIDs
- Easy to collect with appropriate hardware and software

- Active Wi-Fi service discovery





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MacDonald FreeWiFi

NETGEAR

Wi-Fi de Michel

Freebox_E3729

What can be inferred from SSIDs ?

- Link with company/organisation/university

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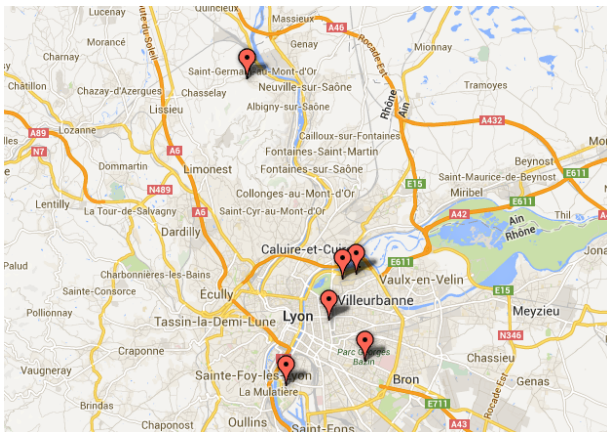


- Full Name of the owner or friend/colleague

C. Lauradoux personal network
Angela Merkel's iPhone
R. Stallman's MacBook-Pro



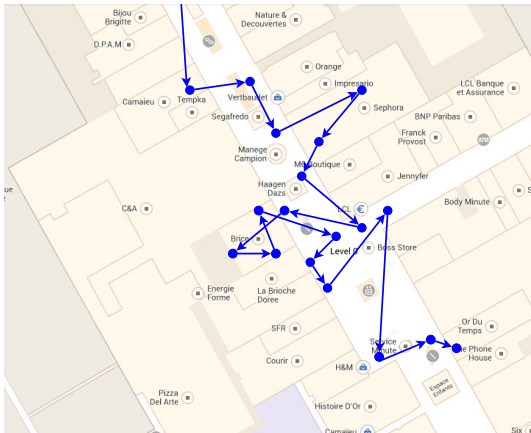
- **Geolocation** of visited places [5]
 - Using Wi-Fi geolocation DB (Wigle.net, openbmap, ...)
 - SSID → Geolocation coordinates



- **Social links** between device owners
 - By measuring the similarity between lists of SSIDs [2]



- MAC address : A unique ID perfect for tracking
 - [Wi-Fi tracking](#) and Physical analytics [6]



- Lots of information but who is behind ?



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- Getting the link between individual and a MAC @
- Forward problem: Identity \rightarrow MAC @
 - without physical access
 - without getting noticed
 - with a high probability



- How to collect Wi-Fi traffic (while on the move)
 - A Laptop or Tablet
 - Wi-Fi interface supporting monitoring mode
 - Network traffic analysis tools (tcpdump, wireshark)

- Random encounters in the street are usually short
- Filter out noise (MAC@ of random individual) to only keep your target
- The actual attack :
 - 1 Follow the target in the street for N minutes while monitoring Wi-Fi channels
 - 2 Search in the capture for the device that appear during the full capture



- How long is enough ?

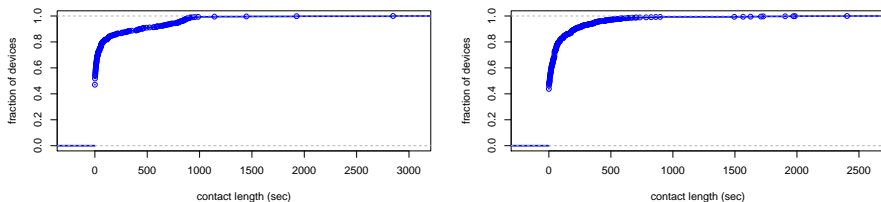
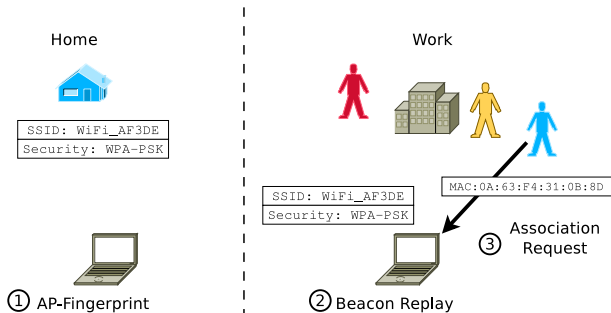


Figure: CDF of contact length during a random walk in the street

- All contact shorter than 40 minutes, and majority of them shorter than 15 minutes
- If multiple candidates: reiterate the attack to narrow down the target MAC@

- The home/work location pair [4]
- Unique identifier in most cases
- Uniquely identify your target based on its home and work address



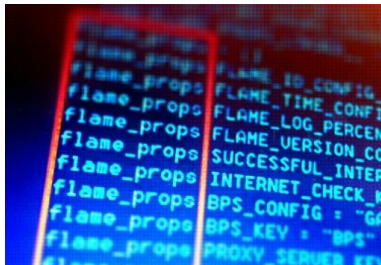
- ① Acquire target's home and work location
- ② Go at home and capture a fingerprint of the Wi-Fi environment : beacons of visible APs
- ③ Go at work and replay the beacons
- ④ Target phone will be the only device to respond to your beacons

- Limitation : only work with 'unique' SSIDs (Freebox_34567) and not with common SSIDs (FreeWiFi)

- High-profile individual tracking
 - Deploy monitoring nodes in {St Tropez, Concert venue, Airport}
 - Receive notification when target in range of a monitoring mode
 - Know at what exit you need to be to get a {Autograph, Picture, Line of shoot} (Great for paparazi and stalkers)
- Cheap and distributed monitoring platform already available : Snoopy[3] and CreepyDOL [7]



- Who were you with today ?
 - Jealous husband can plant a monitoring software on Wife phone and identify her lover
 - Spy can remotely plant a monitoring software on target's phone and discover social and professional circles
 - Actually used by Flame malware with bluetooth version¹



¹http:



- Targeted attack
 - Rogue access point
 - MiTM attacks



- Wi-Fi boobytrap
 - Trigger an action when targeted device is in close range
 - Where action \in {Detonate bomb, Play birthday song, Play prank}
 - Target \in {Best friend, professor, president}

- Wi-Fi devices are leaking a lot of information
- Identification of individual MAC@ possible
 - Stalker and Beacon-replay attack
- Lot of funny/scary applications
- Future work: solve the backward problem
 - Identity → MAC@



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