

How difficult can it be to install a Wi-Fi network for a large enterprise?

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Synopsis

Many people install their own access point at home and perceive it is that easy to do the same at a large facility.

However in both environments Wi-Fi issues exist. In this workshop attendees will learn how to troubleshoot Wi-Fi networks, which advance tools exist and to get a better Wi-Fi experience!



Agenda

- Home/residential networks
- Enterprise Level networks
- Troubleshooting Wi-Fi networks

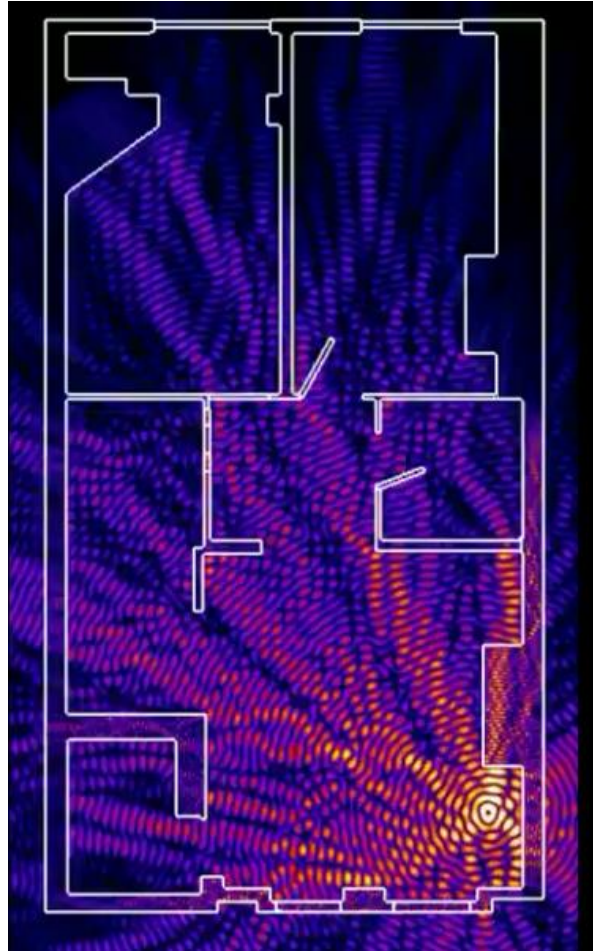


Home/residential networks growing to cities



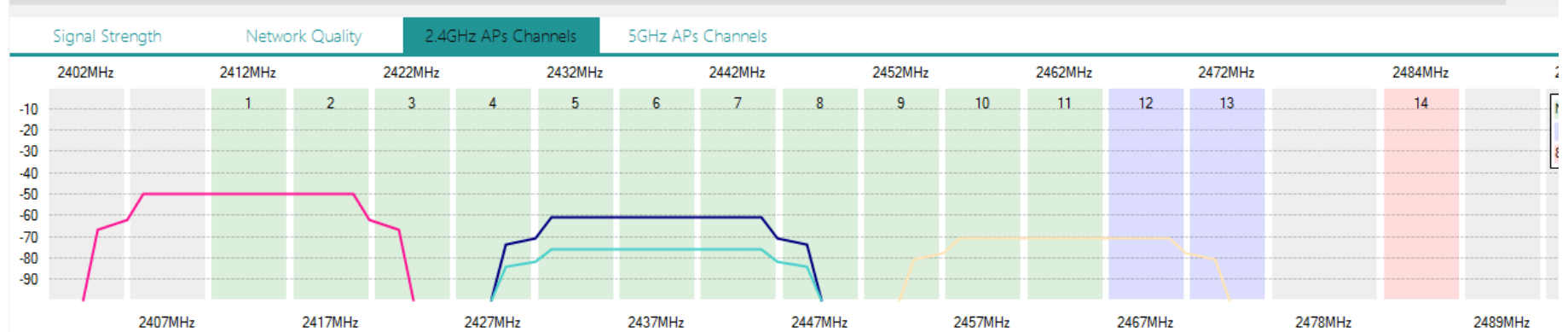
Example of Radio Frequency (RF) distribution in a home

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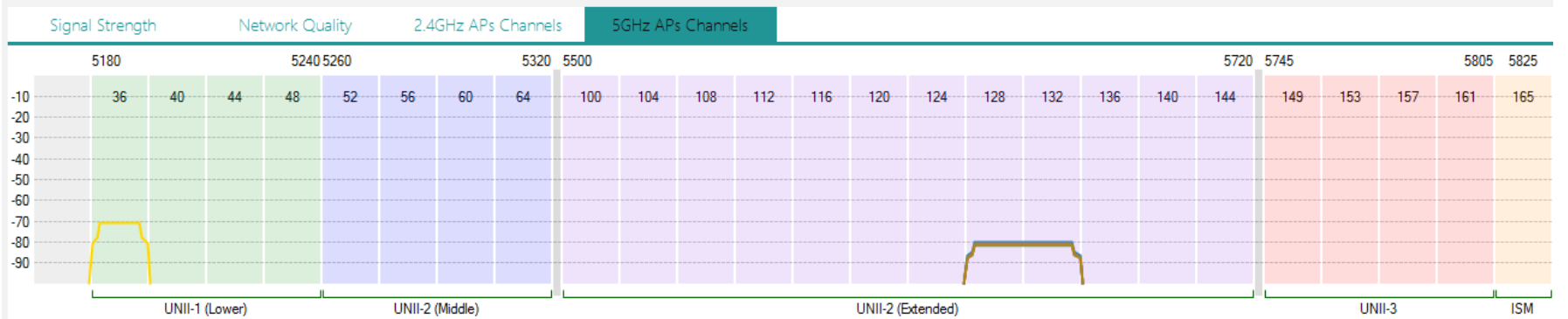
Example of 2.4 GHz at DWTC Apartments

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DTCHA - EmiratesWifi	64:70:02:A3:06:F9	-73	11	b, g, n	144.4 Mbps	Open				TP-LINK TECHNOLOGIE	12:20:07
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DWTC-Micros	84:D4:7E:05:5A:B3	-82	132+128	n, ac	1170.45 Mbps			PSK-CCMP		Aruba Networks	12:20:28



Example of 5GHz at DWTC Apartments

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But Spectrum and Channel planning
is not the only item that need to be covered...

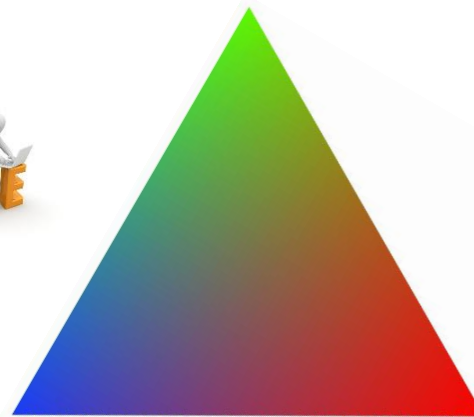
- Channel utilization / non Wi-Fi activity
- Protocols / communication / technology
- Services running on top of the network



Wi-Fi Services and Security Impact

End-User experience using Wi-Fi Services

1. Service Availability



2. Service Performance

3. Service Security



Wireless Service overview of “Configuration Items”



- Good/Bad (Rogue) clients
- Roaming
- Low/High Density
- Smartphones/Tablets/Laptops



- Internet of Things (IoT)



- Wireless
- Access Points
- Rogue APs
- Tethering / IoT



- Cabling



Firewall w/tunnel

- Infrastructure Devices
- Switches, Routers, Firewalls



Router with silicon switch



WLAN controller



File server



File server

- Content Servers
- Identity Management
- Mobile Device Management
- Logging
- Wireless Controllers
- Cooperative Controllers
- Wireless Network Management Systems
- Cloud based systems



- Facility Management
- Racks, DataCenter
- Power, Temperature, etc.



- Wireless Skills
- Business Skills
- Alignment of Skills

Wireless Service: Availability, Performance, Security and Management

Troubleshooting / analyzing Wi-Fi networks

- Connectivity / availability
- Performance
- Security



Workshop 1



Wireless Reconnaissance



Example of Tools:

Apple

- WiFi Scanner

Windows

- Metageek inSSIDer
- Acrylic WiFi

Android

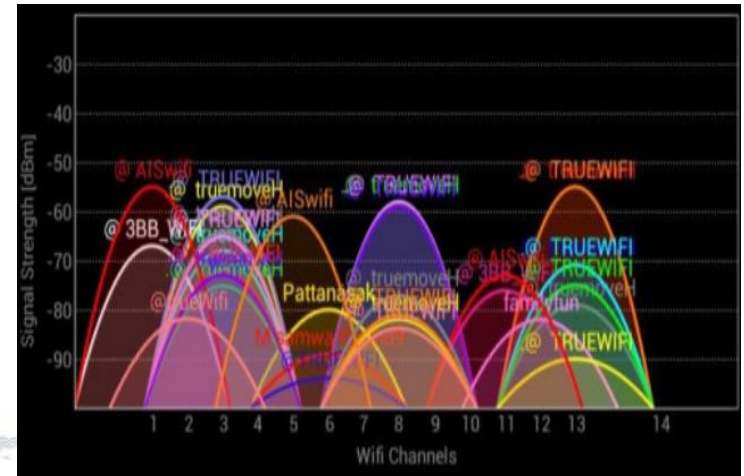
- WiFi Analyser

Dongle requirements:

built-in

built-in adapter

built-in adapter



Workshop 2



Wireless Spectrum Analysis

Note: some Enterprise solutions can use the “Sensor-mode” on the AP to do Remote Spectrum Analysis

Example of Tools:
requirements:

Apple iPad/iPhone

- WiPry (Oscium) 2.4GHz +5 GHz

Windows

- Metageek Chanalyser
- Netscout/Spectrum XT
- Cisco Cognio SpectrumExpert (3500)
- Integrated in Site Survey Software
- Ekahau,Tamosoft, Netscout

Android

- WiPry
- RF Explorer 6G Combo

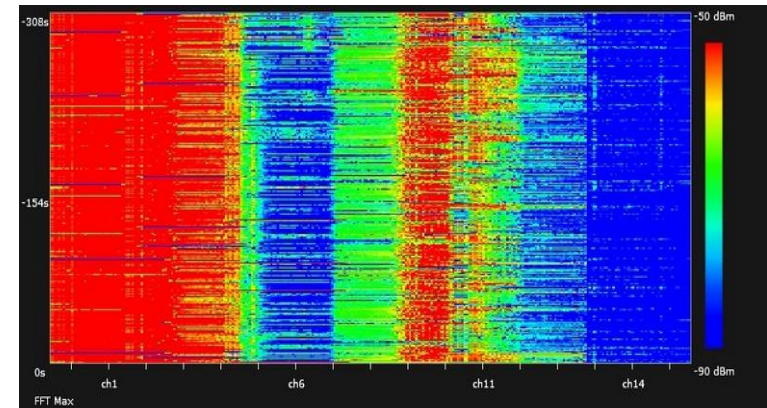
Dongle

WiPry dongle

WiSpy dongle

SpectrumXT

Use a Cisco AP



Workshop 3



Wireless Protocol Analysis

Note: some Enterprise solutions can use the “Sensor-mode” on the AP to do Remote Protocol Analysis

Example of Tools:

Apple

- MacOS X

Windows

- Wireshark
- Savvius OmniPeek
- Netscout AirMagnet
- WiFi Analyzer
- TamoSoft CommView

Android

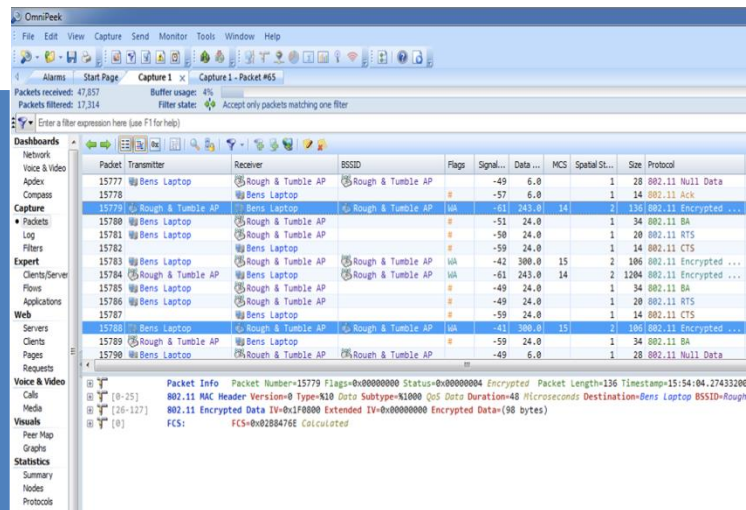
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Dongle requirements:

built-in

AirPCAP dongle
Several (Atheros, etc.)

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Workshop 4



Wireless Site Survey

Note: some Enterprise solutions can use the APs and “Sensors” to visualise the RF propagations on a map.

Example of Tools:

Apple

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Windows

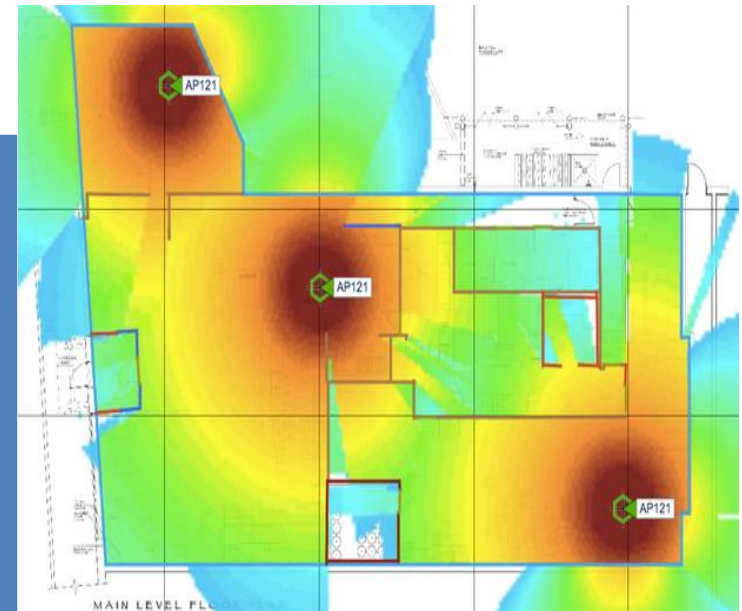
- Netscout AirMagnet Site SurveyPro
- Ekahau Site Survey (ESS)
- TamoGraph Site Survey
- iBwave WiFi
- VisiWave
- Extreme Networks LAN Planner/AirDefense

Android

- Netscout – AirMapper
- Ekahau
- iBwave Mobile

Dongle requirements:

- Several (Atheros, etc.)
- Several (Atheros, etc.)
- Several (Atheros, etc.)
- Several
- Built-in
- Several (Atheros, etc.)



Workshop 5



Wireless Security (Auditing / PenTest)



Example of Tools:

Apple

- ?

Linux Tool-kits (LiveCDs)

- Kali Linux (aka BackTrack)
- PenToo
- OSWA

Embedded

- WiFi PineApple

Dongle requirements:

Several (Atheros, Ralink)

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Workshop 6



Enterprise Level Wireless Management Service + Security + MDM (BYOD)

Example of Tools:

WLAN Management (or Cloud)

- Cisco Prime / Cisco Meraki
- HP IMC
- HPE/Aruba AirWave
- Extreme Networks AirDefense
- Mojo Networks
- Ruckus
- 7 Signals (Performance Mgmt)

WIPS solutions

- Cisco Meraki (AirMarshall)
- Netscout AirMagnet Enterprise
- Mojo Networks WIPS
- AirDefense WIPS

MDM (Mobile Dev. Mgmt)

- Mobile Iron
- Maas 360 (Fiberlink / IBM)
- AirWatch (Vmware)

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All the other configuration items
part of a wireless service

Cabling
Power (PoE), UPS
Aircon
Switches, Routers, etc.
Firewalls
Applications
Databases



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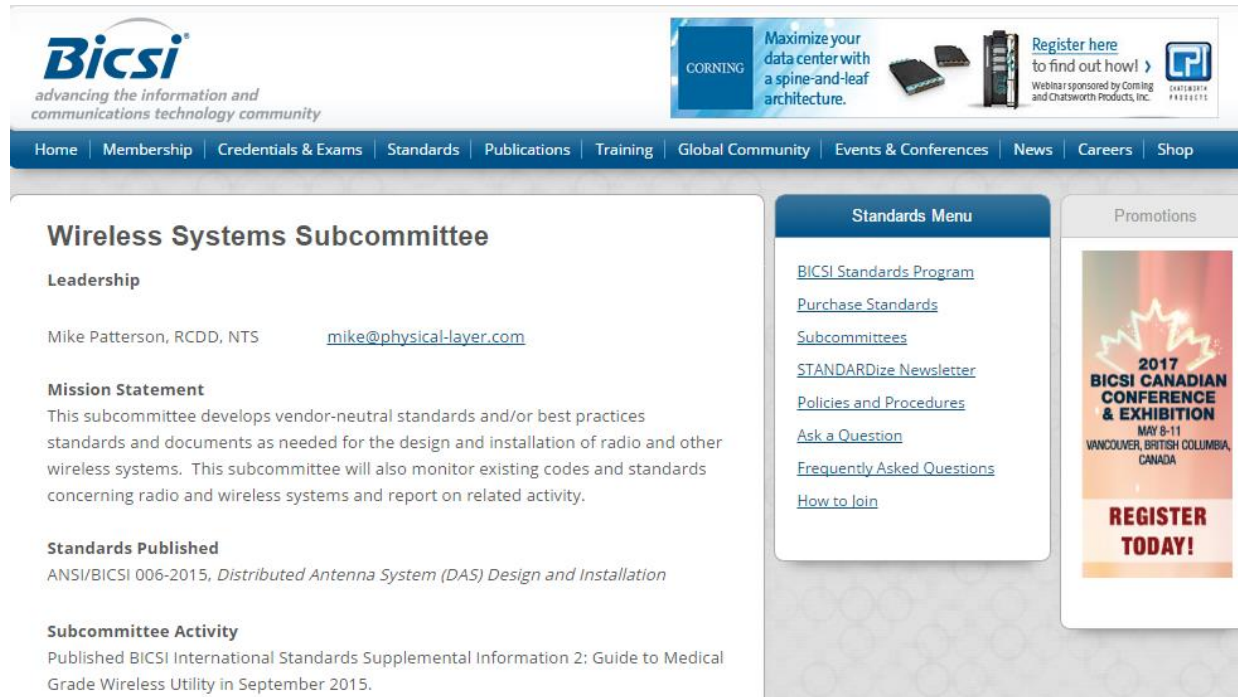
Approach

- Requirements (big list)
 - Coverage, Capacity, Devices, Security, Aesthetics, etc.
- Design
 - Many approaches, there is not 1 design fits all
- Installation
 - Who installs, which std they follow?
- Validation
 - Which thresholds to follow
- Operation / Management



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Summary

- To design and implement Wi-Fi networks should not be underestimated
- Get (certified) Wi-Fi professionals involved who understand how Wi-Fi works and can help with design, coverage, performance and troubleshooting
- Educate/train installers how to mount Wi-Fi devices
- Get Security professionals involved to validate the security of these networks.
- 24x7 Wireless network management



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