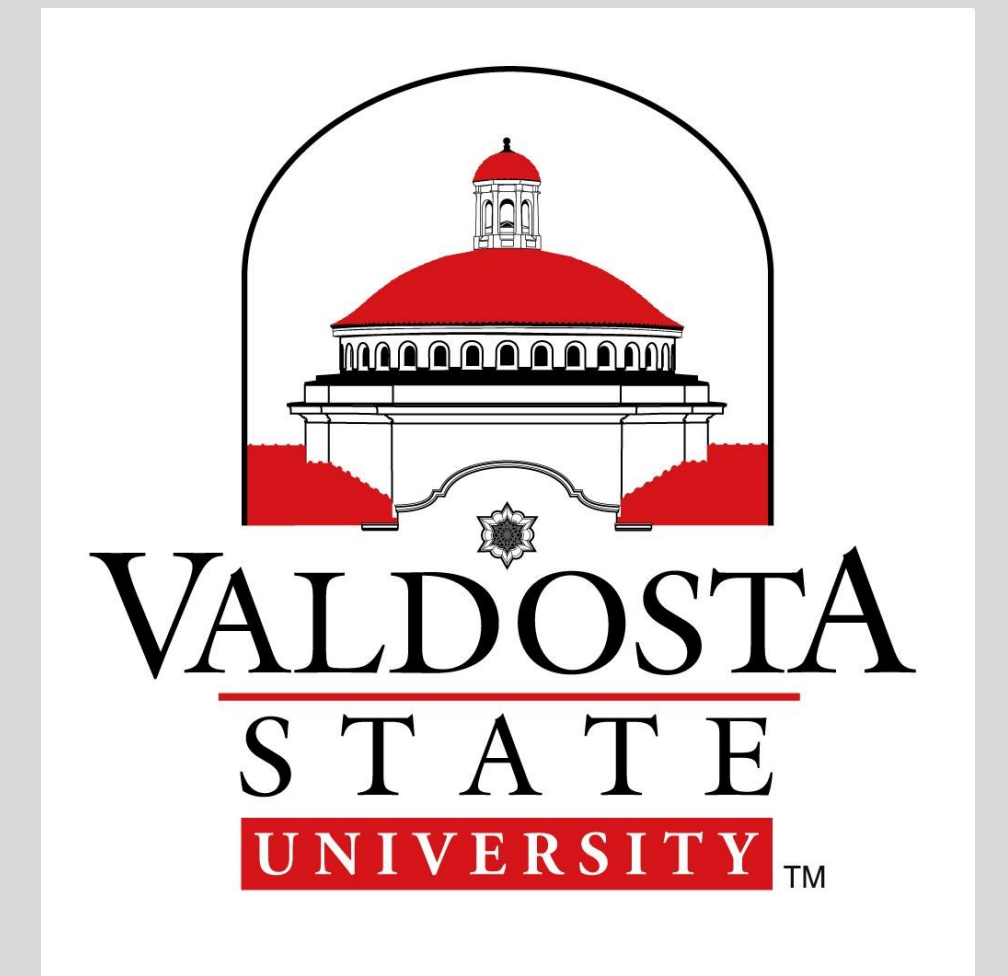




Malicious Vectors of Networking in Standard Computing Environments

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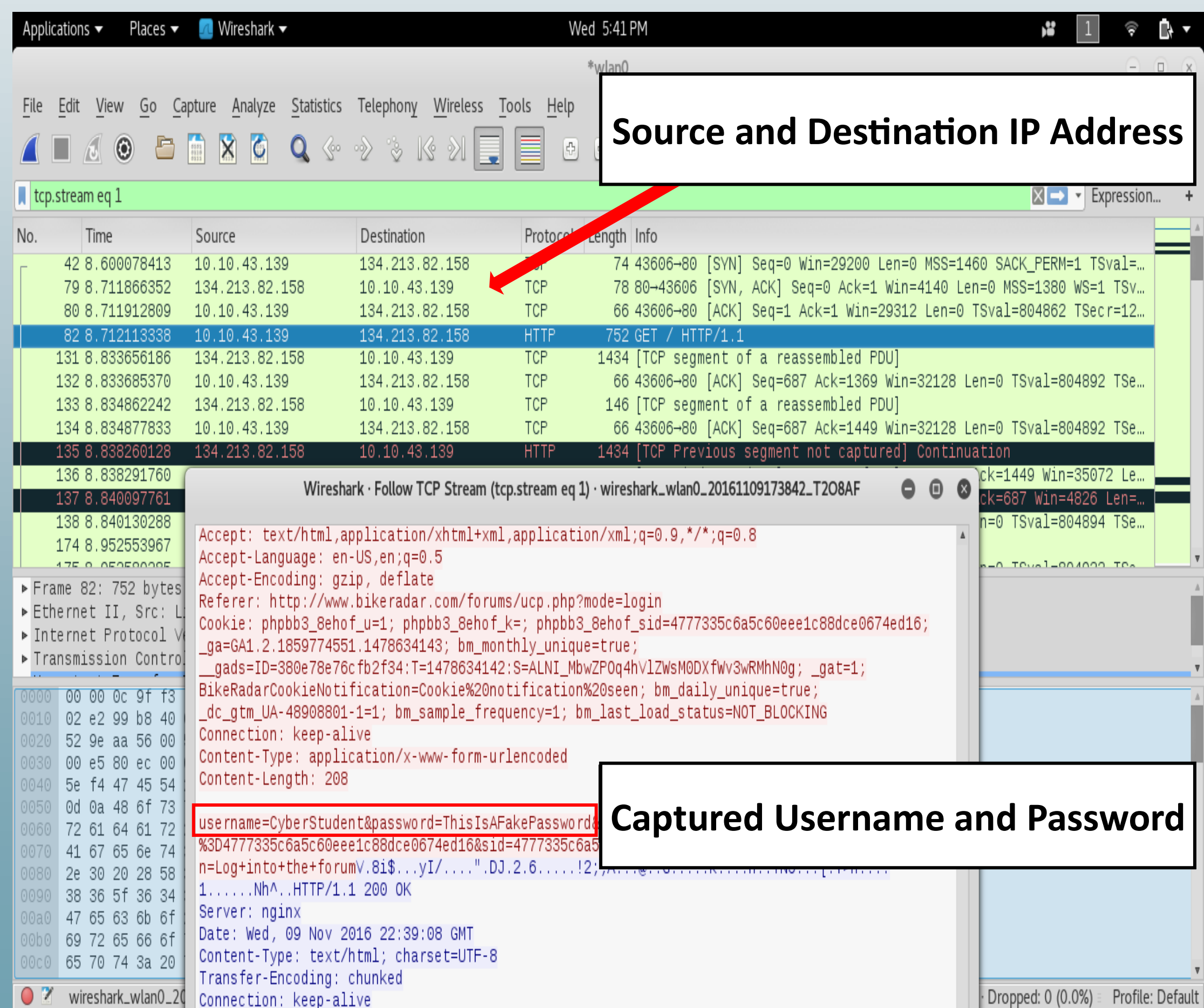


ABSTRACT

This poster surveys several methods that hackers could use to obtain personal information and gain unauthorized access to private networks. It outlines details and prevention techniques that can be used to protect networks and private information while using the Internet. The poster demonstrates examples of network penetration and information collection. In particular, it shows how an attacker may use the Wireshark tool to retrieve data that is being sent across a network. The poster also demonstrates techniques of gaining access to a wireless network including the use of, but not limited to, dictionary attacks. It discusses how the issues can be mitigated after an attacker finds and exploits the weakness of the network. The objective of this work is to better inform the average computer user of the risks they can be susceptible to while online and connected to a network, and how to protect themselves better.

PACKET SNIFFING USING WIRESHARK

Every time someone types their username and password, they are sending it across the web. When a website allows authentication using HTTP only, their credentials are vulnerable to password hacking by *sniffing*. We used Wireshark to capture packets in our network, followed by launching a dictionary attack and ARP spoofing to crack the password of a selected target.



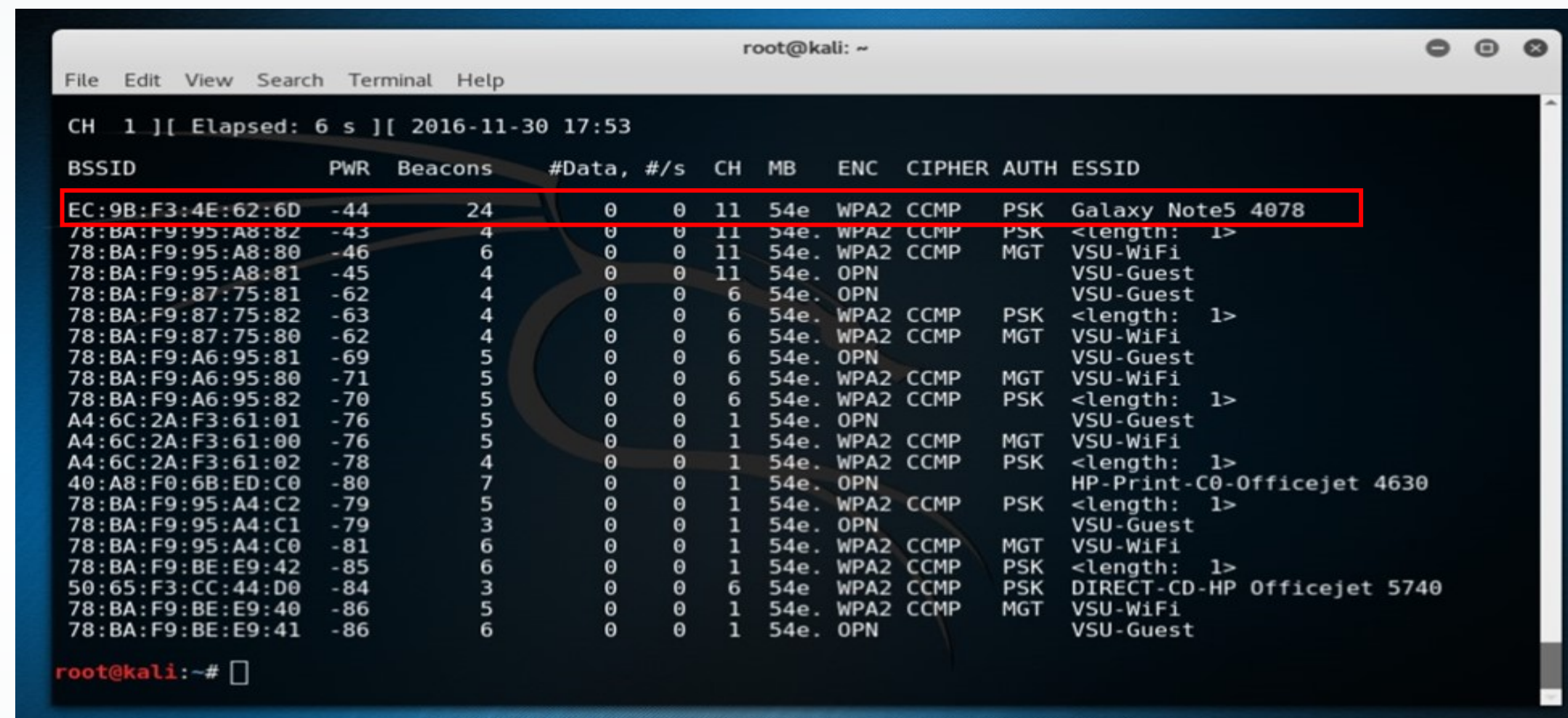
CRACKING THE PASSWORD

Using the following commands we can put our NIC in monitor mode and begin to pick a target:

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>> airmon-ng
>> airmon-ng start wlan0
>> airodump-ng wlan0
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We selected the target, the Galaxy Note5, with this command and implement the wordlist file we built:

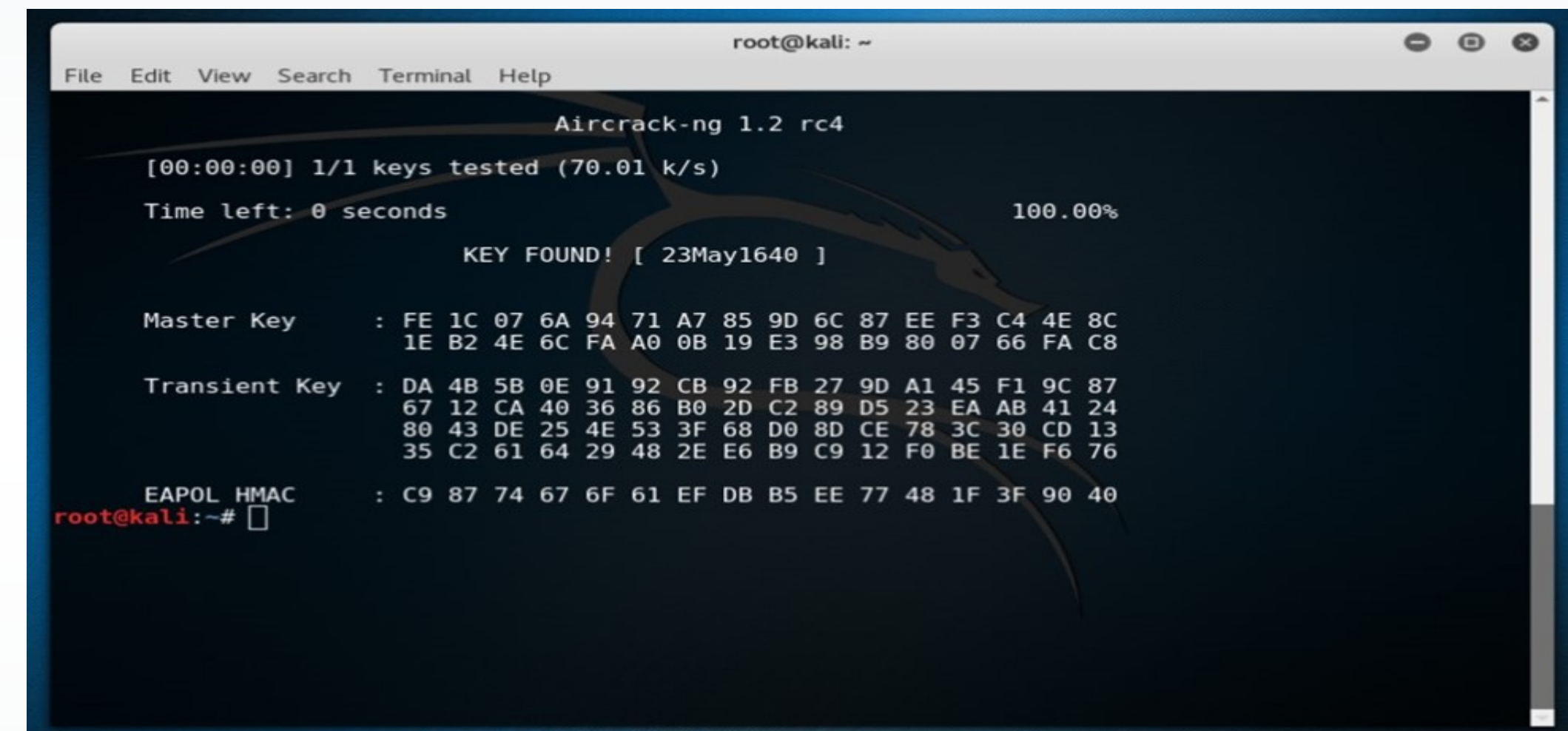
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>> airodump-ng --bssid EC:9B:F3:4E:62:6D --channel 11 -w /root/Desktop/HackerFile.txt wlan0
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DICTIONARY ATTACK RESULTS

A *dictionary attack* is a password hacking method that uses a file containing millions of words, numbers, and combinations of both. After initiating the handshake and running our wordlist file against our victim's phone, we extracted the password and successfully compromised the network connection by issuing the following command:

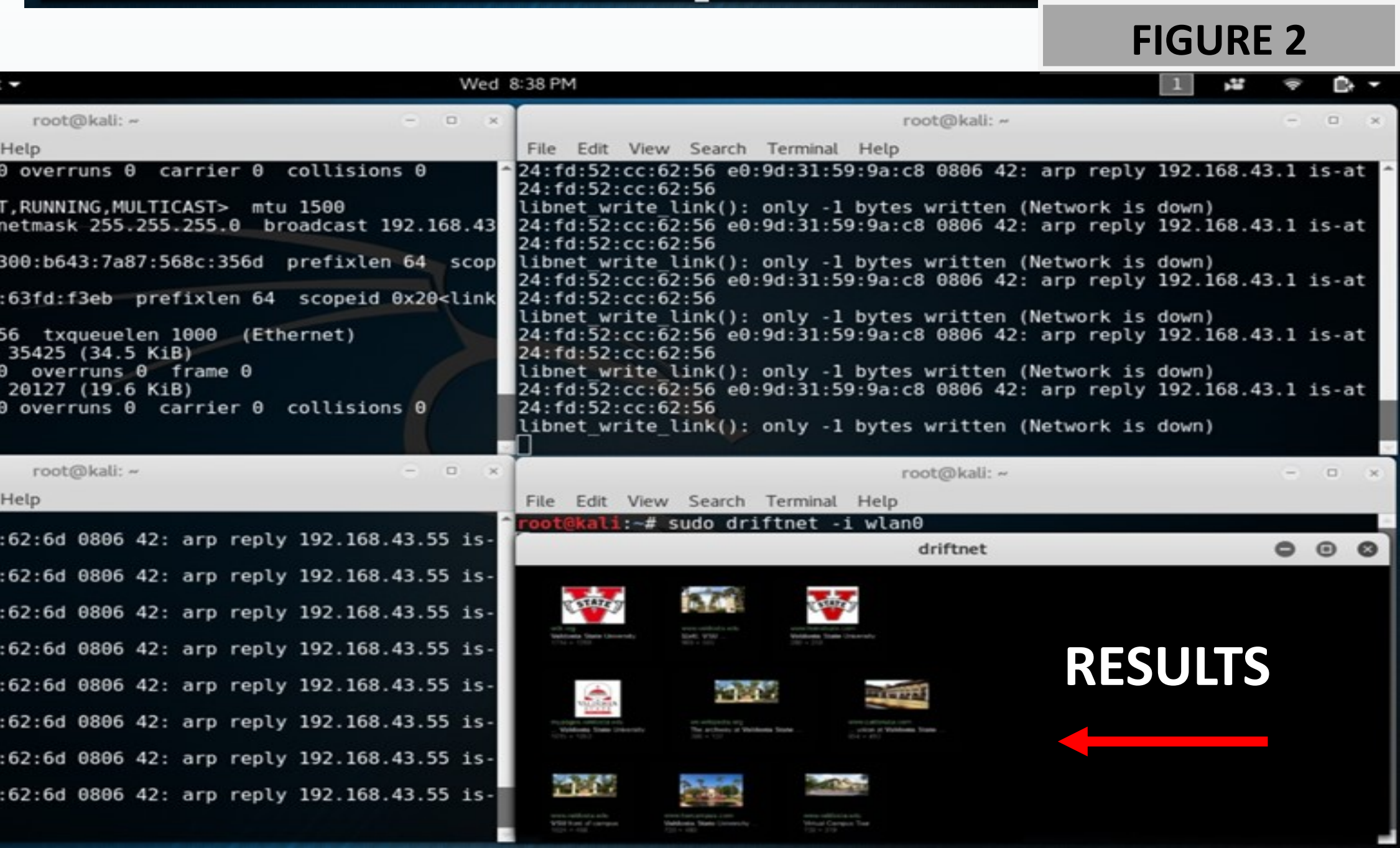
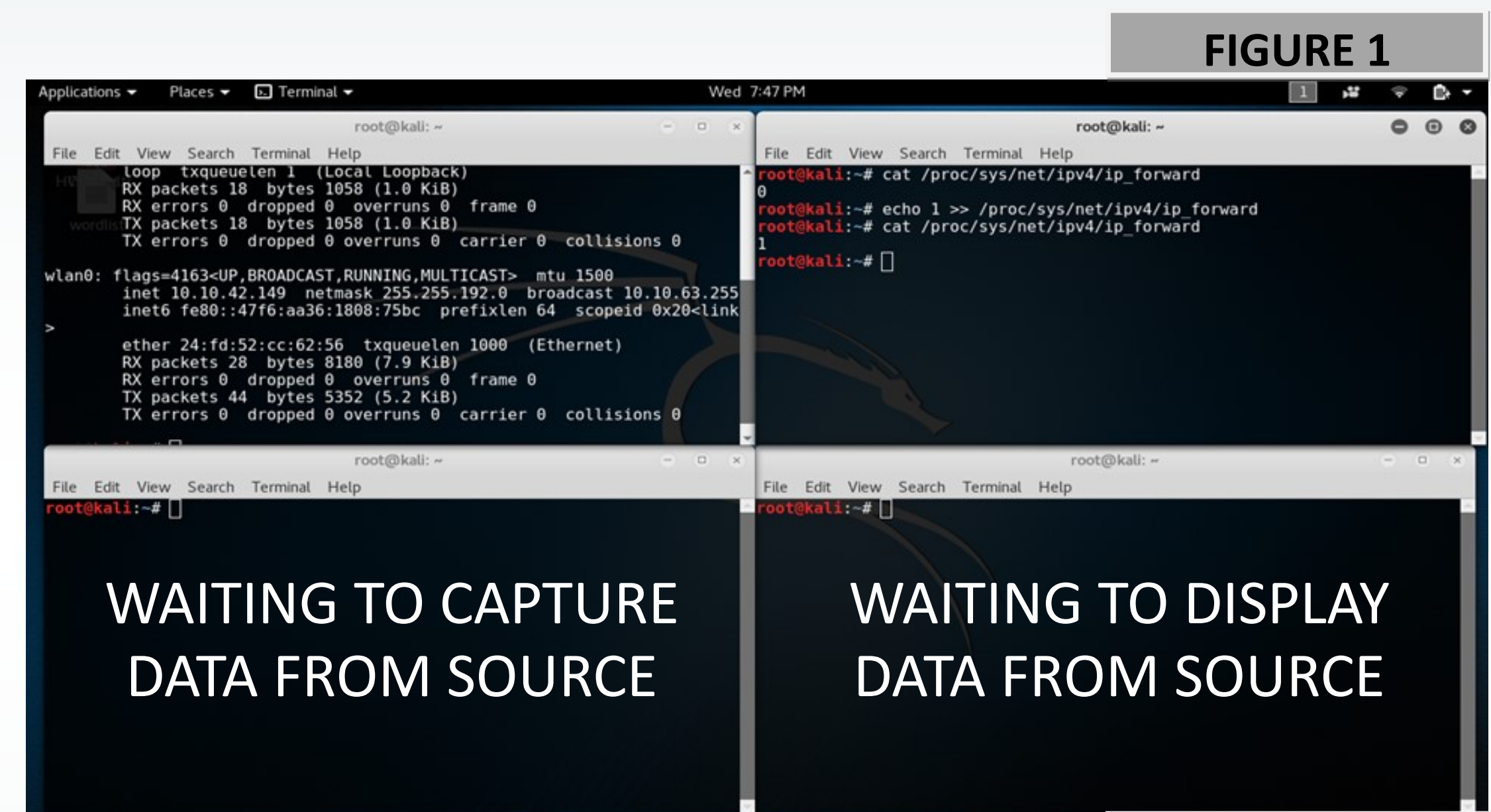
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>> aircrack-ng -b EC:9B:F3:4E:62:6D -a 11 -w /root/Desktop/HackerFile.txt /root/Desktop/wordlist.cap
```



ARP SPOOFING WITH LINUX

Figures 1 and 2 show a *man-in-the-middle* attack with ARP spoofing to intercept network traffic. The results show a Google Image search of Valdosta State. Commands to spoof the ARP cache:

```
>> cat /proc/sys/net/ipv4/ip_foward
>> echo 1 >> /proc/sys/net/ipv4/ip_foward
>> cat /proc/sys/net/ipv4/ip_foward
```



CONCLUSION ON NETWORK SECURITY

Our research shows that using public resources (information available on the Internet) along with a few basic tools and commands how easily network security can be circumvented. Keys to preventing such attacks and hacks include using VPNs to protect against ARP spoofing, setting a static ARP cache, increasing the complexity of passwords, putting in place physical security measures such as locks, and safeguarding personal information. However, we conclude that there is no real 100% security.

