

GAINING ACCESS

WEP CRACKING

- Wired Equivalent Privacy
- Old encryption.
- Uses an algorithm called RC4.
- Still used in some networks.
- Can be cracked easily.

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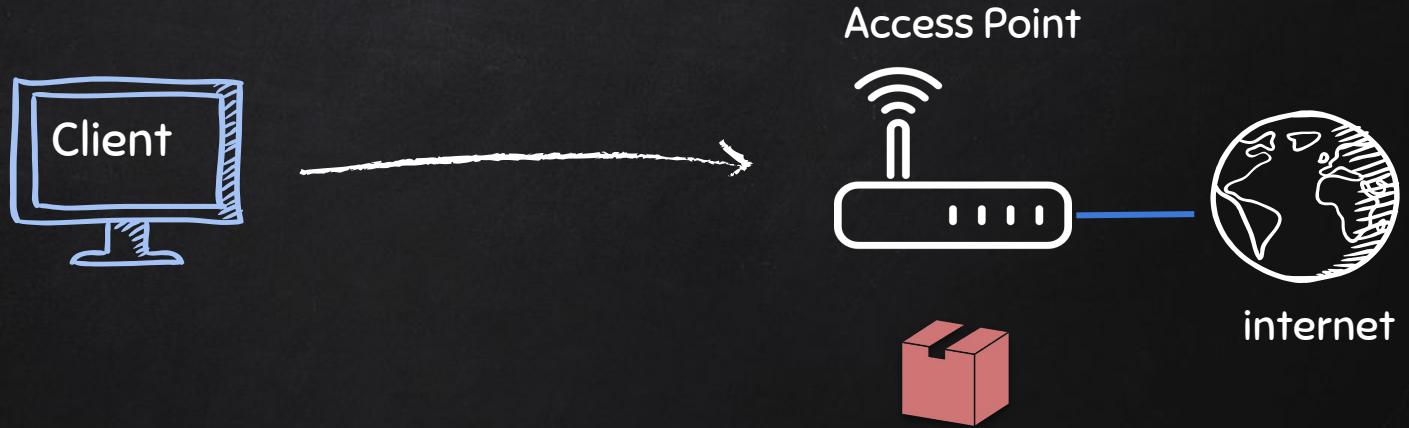
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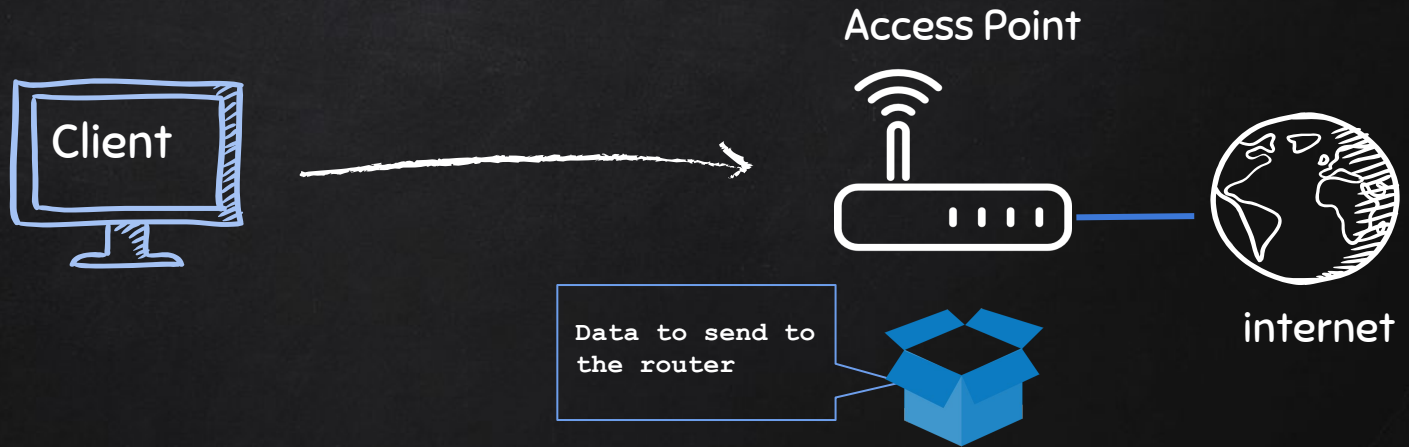
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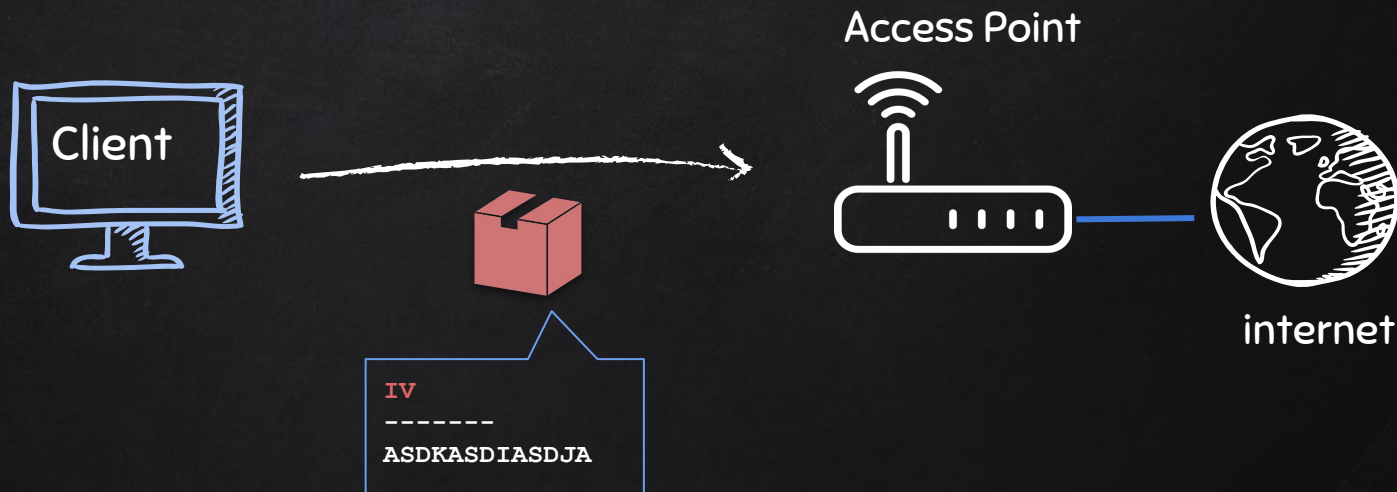
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Keystream + "Data to send to the router" = ASDKASDIASDJA

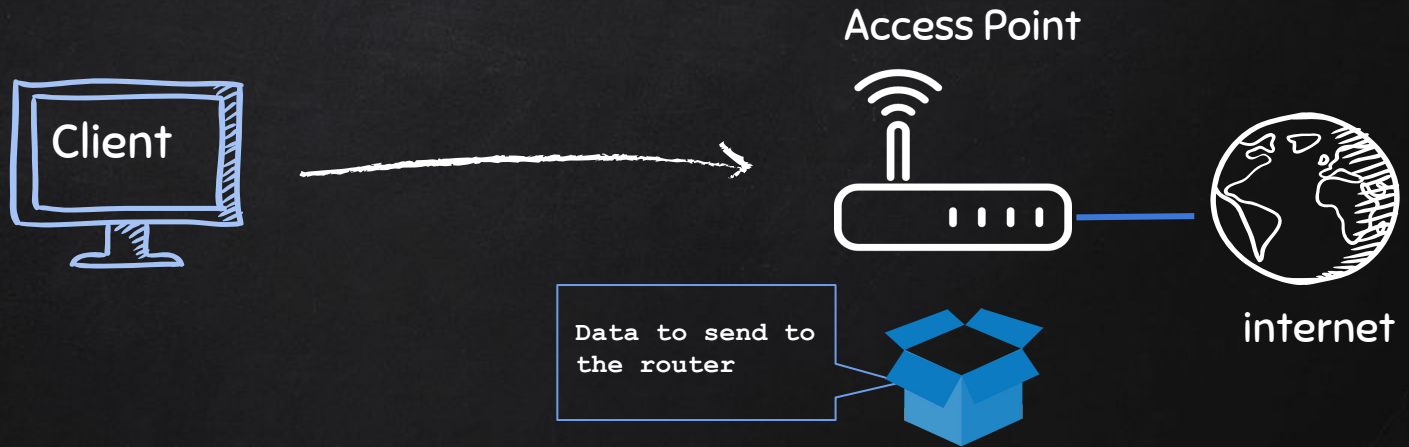
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- IV is **too small** (only 24 bits).
- IV is sent in **plain text**.

Result:

- IV's will **repeat on** busy networks.
- This makes WEP vulnerable to statistical attacks.
- Repeated IVs can be used to determine the key stream;
- And break the encryption

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2. Analyse the captured IVs and crack the key. → using `aircrack-ng`

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Problem:

- If network is not busy.
- It would take some time to capture enough IVs.

Solution:

→ Force the AP to generate new IVs.

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FAKE AUTHENTICATION

Problem:

- APs only communicate with connected clients.
- We can't communicate with it.
- We can't even start the attack.

Solution:

- Associate with the AP before launching the attack.

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ARP REQUEST REPLAY

- Wait for an ARP packet.
- Capture it, and replay it (retransmit it).
- This causes the AP to produce another packet with a **new IV**.
- Keep doing this till we have enough IVs to crack the key.

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WPA / WPA2 CRACKING

- Both can be cracked using the **same methods**
- Made to address the issues in WEP.
- Much more secure.
- Each packet is encrypted using a unique temporary key.

→ Packets contain no useful information.

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EXPLOITING WPS

- WPS is a feature that can be used with WPA & WPA2.
- Allows clients to connect without the password.
- Authentication is done using an 8 digit pin.
 - 8 Digits is very small.
 - We can try all possible pins in relatively short time.
 - Then the WPS pin can be used to compute the actual password.

PS: This only works if the router is configured not to use PBC (Push Button Authentication).

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- Fixed all weaknesses in WEP.
- Packets contain no useful data.
- Only packets that can aid with the cracking process are the **handshake** packets.
 - These are 4 packets sent when a client connects to the network.

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- The handshake does **not** contain data that helps recover the key.
- It contains data that can be used to **check** whether a key is valid or not.



Handshake

CREATING A WORDLIST

Crunch can be used to create a wordlist.

Syntax:

```
> crunch [min] [max] [characters] -t [pattern] -o [FileName]
```

Example:

```
> crunch 6 8 123abc$ -i wordlist -t a@@@@b
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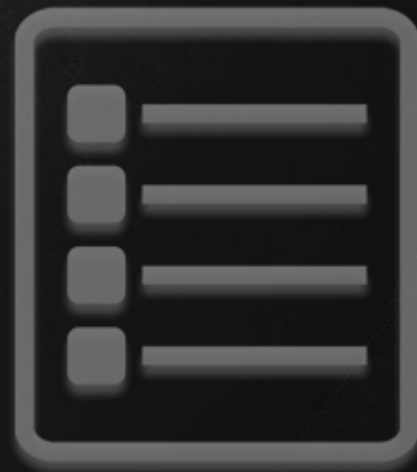
Generated passes:

aaaaab

aabbbb

aan\$\$b

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Two things needed to crack WPA/WPA2 :

1. 4-way handshake.
2. Wordlist.

123456789
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Wordlist



Handshake

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STA Address
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EAPOL
Payload
MIC

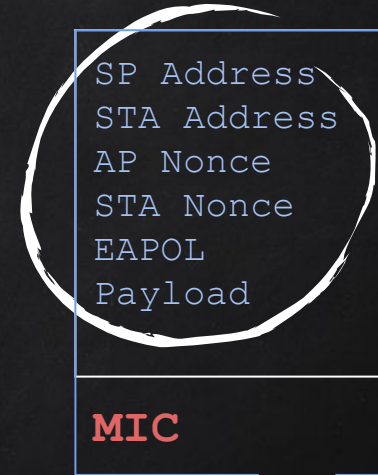


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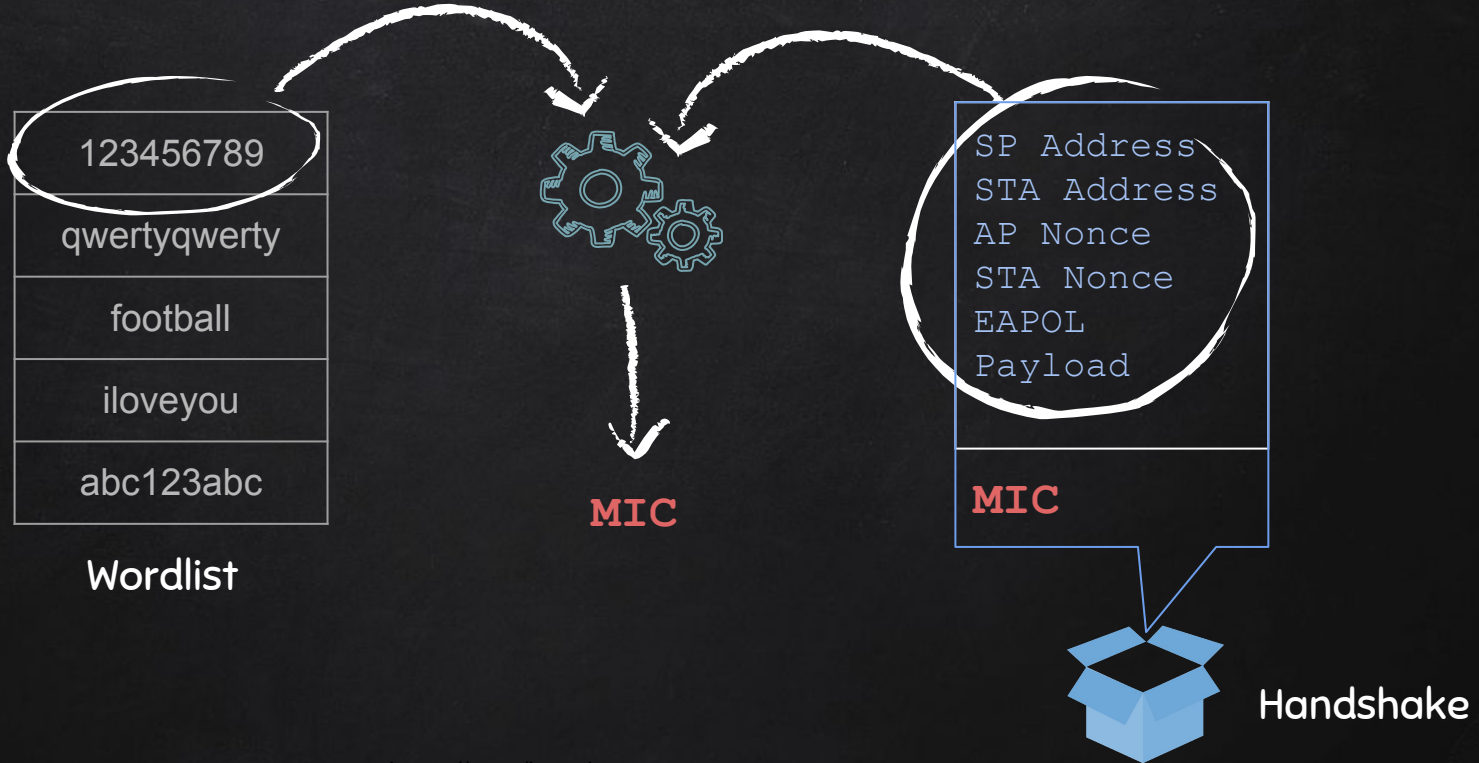
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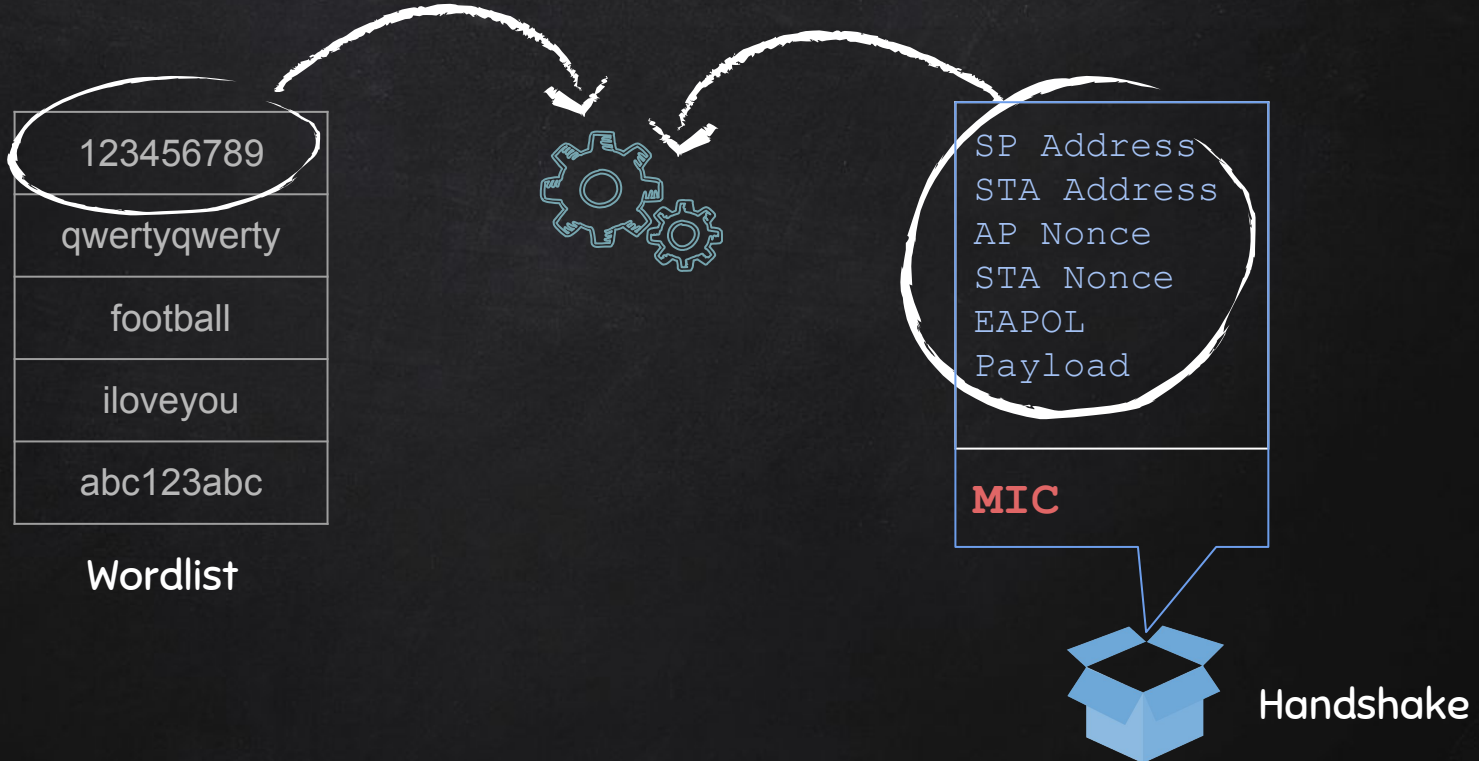


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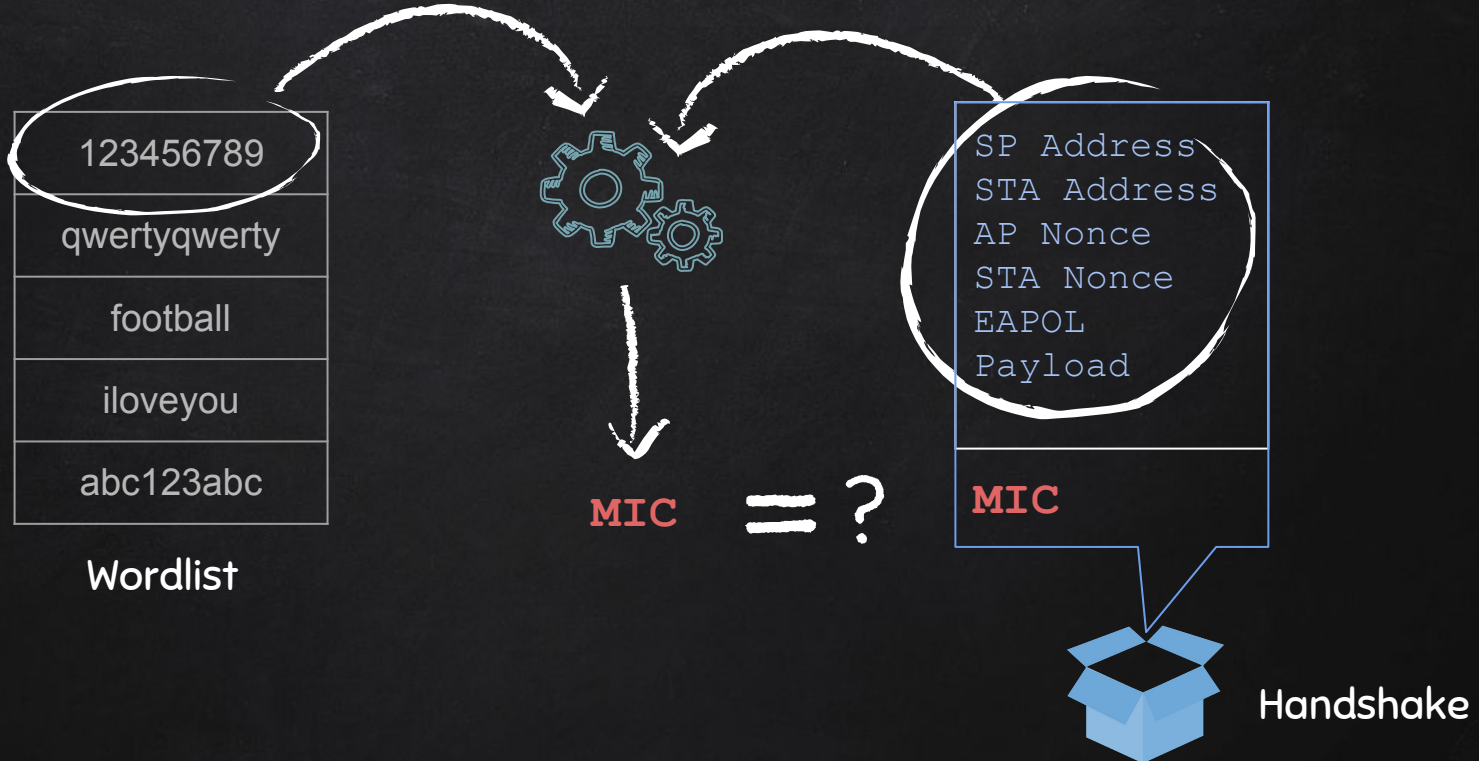
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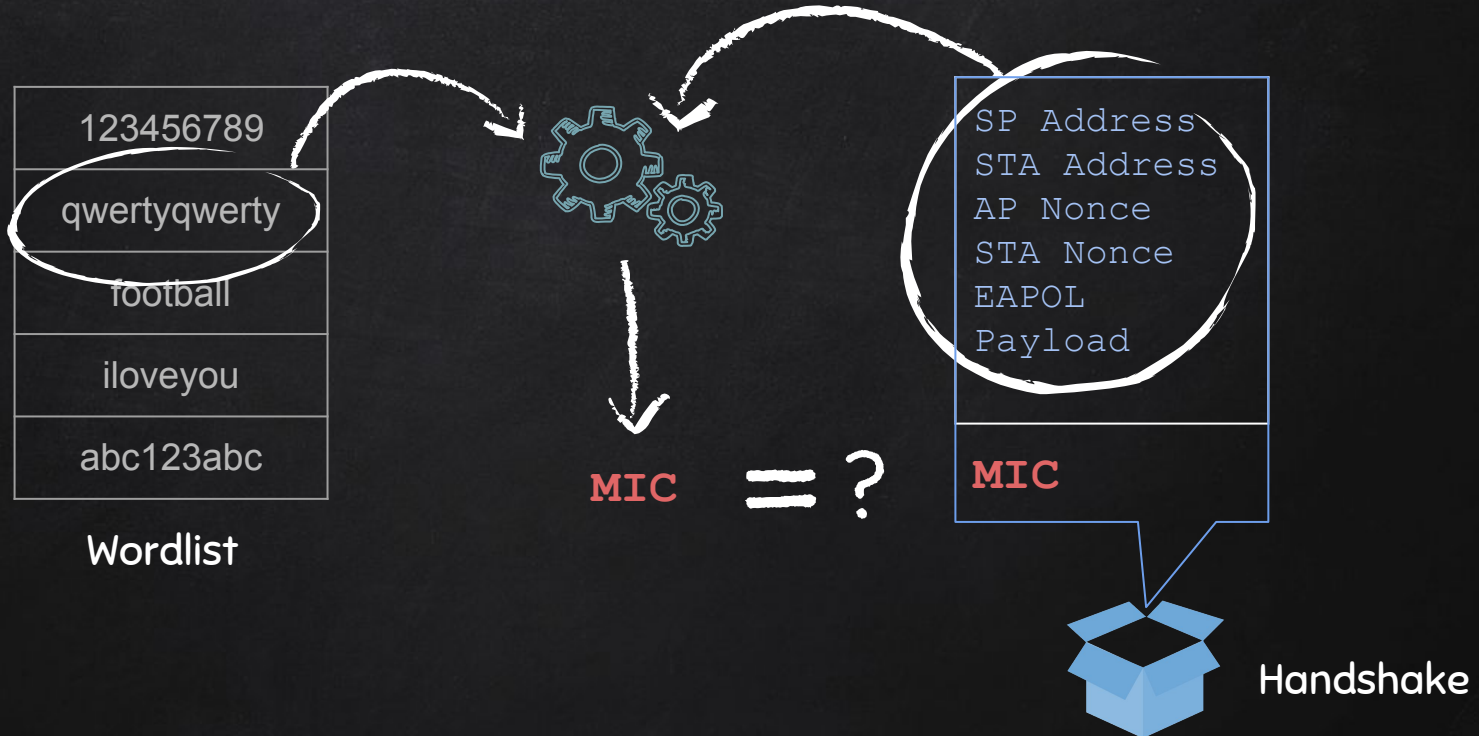
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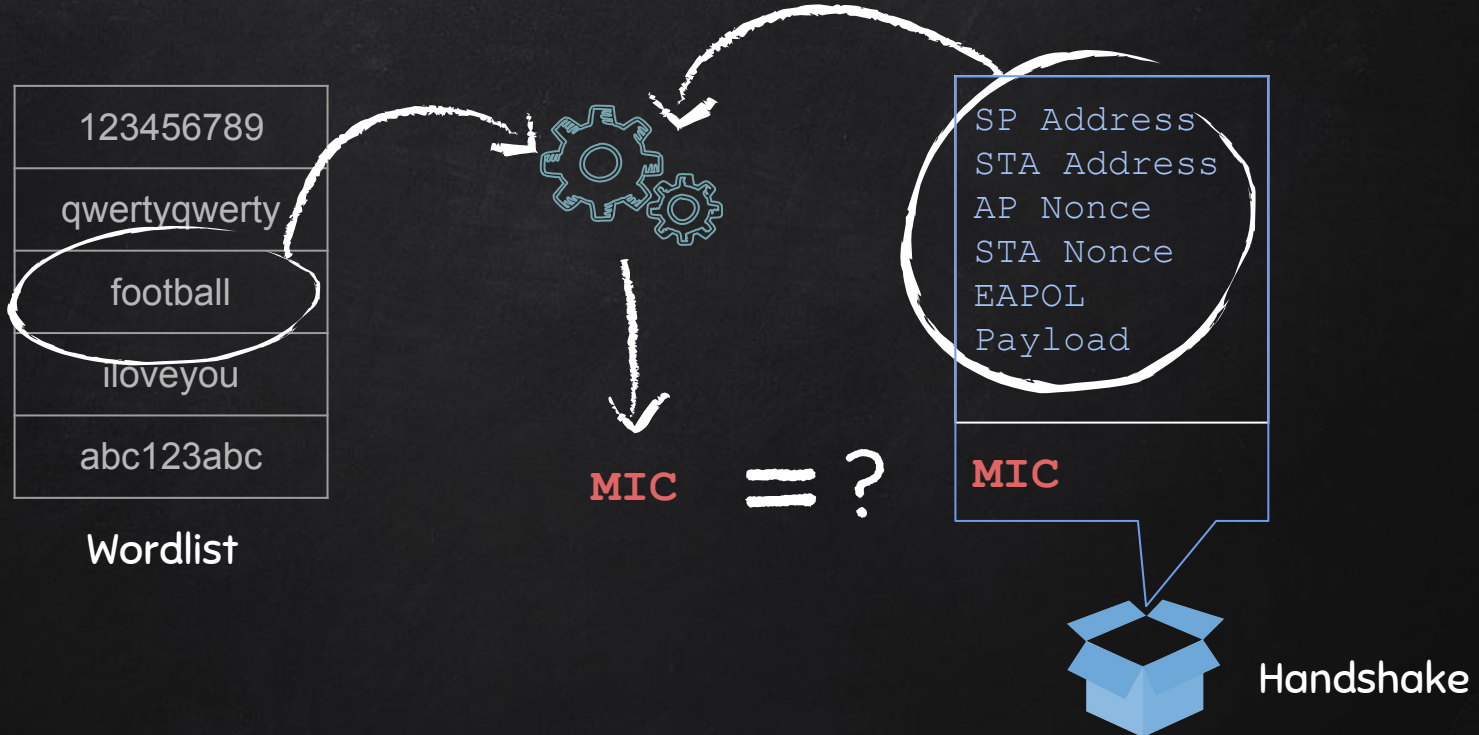
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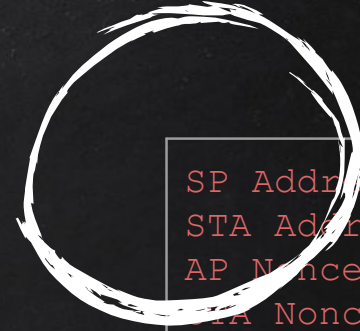


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