

Control Access Security: Wireless LAN Auditing Framework

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Abstract

Malaysian Government agencies are gradually enhancing their ICT infrastructure. The wireless network is one of the important elements in ICT infrastructure since it is famously known for the most vulnerable area of cyber-attacks. Planning a perfect access control and security protection for wireless network is one of the crucial task of network administrator and information security officer. Generally, data transfer in government agencies is highly classified and if it falls into wrong parties it could lead to a major disaster. This identified wireless network risk has to be mitigated with highly durable security and network protection. It is important to develop a highly secure network for government agencies and this could assist by a standard network security auditing framework as a guideline. This guideline can be applied by all the government agencies during their network development project and secure their network is fully protected. Therefore, an operating government agency is selected for this research for further study and development of this framework. A survey and observation activities have been conducted to collect sufficient information needed and a standard auditing framework is developed.

Keywords: Security issues; Wireless LAN; Framework; Auditing; Guideline; Government agencies

1. INTRODUCTION

Currently Malaysian Administrative Modernizations and Management Planning Unit (MAMPU) has release **Public Sector ICT Strategic Plan 2016-2020**[1]. This plans is developed by emphasizing in cybersecurity, cloud computing, data security and government digital information. The core effort of this plan is to make sure Malaysian government agencies are emphasizing towards ICT security by making sure government organizations follows a standard ICT guidelines in handling government ICT assets and data's. Pertaining to this an authority is given to all government agencies network administrators to design and deploy some of the best practices in network security strategies in their organization. Hence it will help to mitigate some real risk such as unauthorized access, network hacking, network attacks and help to achieve operational compliance consistently.

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Wireless networking is ubiquitous in government agencies and security in network access control is a vital concern in implementing wireless networks. Information disclosure are the major issues in government agencies which need to be avoid within network itself. Therefore, one of the main objectives of this paper is to develop a standard guideline consist of a wireless network auditing framework, especially for government agencies and supporting them in deploying an attack-free WLAN in their organization. This framework will ensure a list of guides to help network administrators in implementing a secure wireless network. It will also help IT officer in evaluating data confidentiality levels in their network transmission, by providing some required network access protective measures associated with the state of the art ICT technology.

In this paper, the current WLAN infrastructure of Institut Aminuddin Baki is studied and analyst. From the study, vulnerabilities are identified to distinguish the threats and associated risk in a wireless network. By outlining the appropriate countermeasure for this risk, the process will lead to identify important entities to ensure network integrity, authentication, confidentiality, and security. Once the entity is identified, it will be helpful to design the correct auditing framework. Finally, in conclusion, this paper shows the result achieved during survey, written report and analyses done in Institut Aminuddin Baki network environment, ending with some best practices suggestion on web security for the go-ahead.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1. Background

The wireless network has become universal with thriving of the state of the art ICT infrastructures and wireless access devices. User-friendly device with minimum plug and play, allow user to keep browsing the internet and access to network efficiently. Little did the user know that the wireless communications have open a new world for hackers to be specialized in creating and deploying new methods for attacks and hijacking network. This lead to serious security problem facing by business today such as security breach in wireless network and theft of data.

2.2. Wireless Lan Technology

Current WLAN technology is using three major types of spread spectrum modulation which incorporated in WLAN hardware. The foremost single is called Frequency Hopping spread spectrum (FHSS) and the second one is known as Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum (DHSS). Usually spread spectrum conquer a big percentage of the assigned radio spectrum. It is not same as radio and television stations carrier frequency which is narrowly centered and this will also help spread spectrum to become more durable from interference by narrowband signal[2]. In a very large scale integrated technology, it is possible to affordable spread spectrum on just a few or even a single integrated circuit.

FHSS is called hopping spread spectrum because of its characteristic of their constantly

changing frequency by remaining small time on each frequency within assigned range. Whereby DSSS signal like to control data with key sequence known as chipping code. Because of this DSSS can carry a higher range of data commonly than FHSS but FHSS is more intrusion tolerant than DHSS.

The third type of modulation is called orthogonal frequency division multiplexing (OFDM), which used by current high-speed wireless LANs. OFDM operate by splitting the input data into several parallel streams in the network, and each stream is modulated into separate carrier frequency. Once the data reach to end this separate carrier is demodulating and the data is combined into replica of the original[3].

2.3. IEEE Standards Wireless LAN Technologies

Institute Electrical and Electronics Engineers [IEEE] 802.3 exist since Ethernet is found. IEEE is generally the institute is the founder of 802.3 standard protocols for Ethernet, although 802.3 is not used now because the Ethernet protocol has gone through many enhancements and innovation. This protocol start is carrier in wired networked and gradually upgraded to Wireless LAN [4]. Version 802.11 is also sometimes referred as wireless Ethernet because of the added wireless functionality to the protocol structure and it is not a new network layer protocol. **Table 1** below describe some the IEEE standards release over the year and the security function encompasses by each standard. This will aid in the framework development and also can be referred to information security officer/IT officer in any organization. It will help them to identify appropriate protocols for their switches and also to upgrade current WLAN switches if it does not support strong security functions.

IEEE STANDARDS & RELEASE DATE	MAXIMUM DATA RATE	MODULATION	FREQUENCY BAND	SECURITY COMMENTS
802.11 (Jun 1997)	300Kbps	FHSS	900Mhz ISM	A uniform method for wireless communication
802.11a (Sep 1999)	54Mbps	OFDM	5Ghz	Not compatible with 802.11b; more expensive to implement than 802.11b
802.11b (Sep 1999)	11Mbps	DSSS	2.4GHz	Equipment based on 802.11b has been the dominant technology known as Wi-Fi
802.11g (Jun 2003)	54Mbps	OFDM	2.4Ghz-5Ghz	Suffer interference from other products operating in the 2.4 GHz band
802.11i (Jun 2004)	54Mbps	OFDM	2.4Ghz-5Ghz	Uses the Advanced Encryption Standard AES, instead of RC4, which was used in WEP
802.11n (Oct 2009)	54Mbps	OFDM	5Ghz	More security services, AES Advanced Encryption standard. Standard introduces the concept of a Robust Security Network (RSN)
802.11ac (Dec 2013)	780Mbps	OFDM	5Ghz	Port-based network access control. Provide mutual authentication between network and client. EAP protocol extensible authentication protocol.
802.11ad (Dec 2012)	Up to 6,912Mbps (6.75 Gbit/s)	OFDM, single carrier, Low-power single carrier	60Ghz	Widely used advanced security and power management for WiGig devices

Table 1: IEEE 802.11 WLAN Technologies[5]

2.4. Wireless Ethernet Protocol (WEP)

WEP is a Wireless Encryption protocol known as wired equivalent privacy integrated into wireless devices. The main function of WEP is preventing casual network interfering. WEP is a good method to stop many attackers because it will become more strong when integrated with other security tools and techniques[7]. Wireless network that use WEP for broadcasting is a strong network to scare hackers from attempting to hack because since WEP dealing with newer 128-bit specification, it requires at least 500,000 data packets excess to even begin the cracking process and it is highly time-consuming. But sometime WEP maybe shortfall as firewall for unauthorized access when attacks such as dictionary attacks and brute force attacks is used since it is heavily technical attacks[6]. Therefore it is advised not to use WEP as primary defense protocol for network security in big organization. Many user also found that WEP is not easy in setting up and managing because it is too difficult and confusing.

2.5. Vulnerabilities and Network Attacks

As the other network WLAN is not a wired network. WLAN processing by sending and receiving signals between networks. This often made it more vulnerable for attack and network hijack because it broadcast data and receive data out of the air. It became more vulnerable with open network, no control over access point and number of station being operated, particularly in a large organization[8]. The amount of attacks in WLAN is increasing day by day and many types of attack is emerging. **Table 2** depicts some of the attacks in WLAN and how they're functioning.

Attacks wireless network	How they function
Wireless Network Sniffing-Eavesdropping	This will allow the attacker to collect MAC addresses and the network frames to crack the WEP. It operated through passive scanning in a network and detect Service set identifier (SSID).
Wireless Spoofing	This attack will do IP, Network Frame, and Mac address spoofing.
Wireless Network Probing	This attack will detect vulnerable access point, Service Set Identifier (SSID) and any vulnerable station to launch attack.
AP Weaknesses	This attack likes to attack Access point (AP) and send Trojan AP. It will overpower the MAC filtering and any equipment flaws available.
Denial of Service	DOS attack can forge authentication and association. It also floods the association and can jam the airwaves send by WLAN.
Man-in-the-Middle Attacks	Wireless MITM can hijack a network session to get information and do ARP (Address resolution protocol) poisoning
War Driving	By randomly connecting wireless network to find any available Wi-Fi node by driving around.
Improper design	Wireless manufacturing contains many types. The router sometimes comes with different types of antennas such as broadcasting in a single direction or broadcast in all directions. Usually, the antennas with all direction broadcast (omnidirectional) is more vulnerable and

danger since it is easy to attack because ease of access.

Table 2: WLAN Vulnerabilities & Attacks[9]

2.6. Wireless Security Elements

Table 3 below explains where organization regularly falls short when implementing WLAN. By categorizing the WLAN security elements, it will be easier to find the risk associated with each element and apply proper countermeasures. Mostly many risks emerge because of lacking proper security practices in the office and missing of network monitoring system. Hence security in sending classified data through the network is compromised. Therefore table below will give some idea to IT officer and security officer in controlling their network security efficiently.

<i>Wireless security elements</i>	<i>Where organizations are falling short</i>
Access control	Most vulnerable areas in WLAN, uncontrolled AP
Authentication	Lack in proper security practices in office
Authorisation	Lack insufficient authentication procedures
Data security	Data not prioritized and secured
Intrusion detection	Lack of intrusion detection function in system
Intrusion prevention	Lack of control over access.
Monitoring	Cloud computing is the biggest impact on security

Table 3: Wireless security basics

2.6.1. Some basic protection for wireless network

TYPE	METHOD
Don't use the device default configuration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once network device is bought always change the default password given by the service provider. Try to off the SSID (Service Set Identifier) in the broadcast option. Always configure custom WLAN broadcasting channel and don't use the default.
Blocking MAC Address	Can prevent unauthorized access to hardware by blocking MAC address.
Wireless Encryption Protocol (WEP)	Strong encryption method in WEP control unauthorized user and network snooping
Controlling Reset	One of the simple action to aid great security is by controlling the reset function, this will reduce the potential of risk and hacking of the network.
Beacon Intervals	Usually, client's stations operating by initiating beacon interval signal to join the network. Changing the interval configuration will uniquely identify the client's situation.
Using MAC ACL's (MAC Address Access List)	If a set of MAC ACL is configured and distributed to all AP, only authorized NIC's can connect to the network creates another difficulty to hack a network.
Disable the DHCP	Disabling DHCP will stop assigning IP address to hacker and indirectly it is an effective and simple method to block hacker.

Table 4: Basic network protection for wireless network

2.7. Accomplishing wireless security fundamentals in the organization.

In organization, a standard processes to safeguard their wireless security is significantly important. Besides improving their security mechanism an organization can also adapt to

some fundamentals security process. As a start off an organization can develop an operational procedure to assist with the appropriate security program by determining requirements align with goals. Then IT staffs may regularly pilot risk assessment activities in the office such as identifying the threats, vulnerabilities and potential incident impact in WLAN. Frequently reviewing the security program is important to mitigate new threats and vulnerabilities. Therefore improving business function, security, monitoring and data security processes by considering the potential technologies influence need to be implemented. This will help in identifying the suitable countermeasures for the risks listed and deploying the countermeasure. Considering the performance perspective and threats in wireless vulnerabilities and regularly maintaining all the device integrated with WLAN is crucial steps. Selecting the correct technology is crucial in physical security, WLAN infrastructures, WLAN application, and cybersecurity. In constructing WLAN infrastructure contractor must achieve organization security requirement design, deployment, and effective action. Finally, some important process is important such as maintenance, security auditing, and testing on a regular basis and continues monitoring.

2.8. Detecting Network Interference And Auditing

IT staff needs to always prepare with suitable tools for troubleshooting and auditing WLAN[10] since detecting intrusions in WLAN is a heavy process which need more time and dedicated monitoring resources. Hence IPS (Intrusion Prevention Systems) and IDS (Intrusion Detection System) is two leading systems in measuring network security. IDS is dedicated to monitor and inform network administrator when detecting any interference in network whereby IPS is more in advance by ending the attacks before it starts. This help network administrators to perform other task until they are notify for a need of action in network management. IDS normally send report when it detect occurrence of new wireless transmitter or unusual data packets in the area and traffic encrypted with unknown WEP keys.

Many smaller business are deploying IDS and IPS systems nowadays in their organizations. This is because it is more flexible to use and easy to deploy in existing infrastructure in lower cost with minimum expertise. IDS and IPS also help in passive 802.11 monitoring that guard over any and all WLAN events and all the data recorded by sensors is sent to one central processing and analysis server. This provide proficiency in detecting rogue access points and more comprehensive assessment of wireless activity. Another method use by IPS and IDS is deploying sensor base processing, which sensor does not send report back to central server unless they notice something doubtful.

There are wide variety freely available tools in market now to secure WLAN in organization. This tool help to audit own network by trying to hack or launch an attacks against own enterprise WLAN setup. Example of such tools is SysInternals, Windows GodMode, Microsoft Enhanced Mitigation Emergency Toolkit (EMET), IBM's Q-Radar, HP's ArcSight, Splunk, Privileged Identity Management (PIM), and Patch management, Cyphort, Bluebox, and FireEye.

3. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

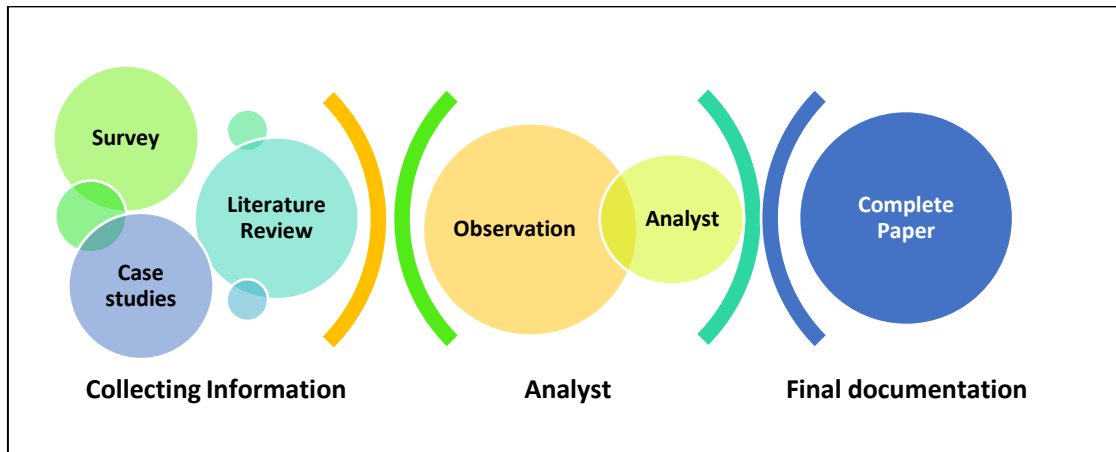


Figure 1 Research Methodology Process

For this paper, the research has been initiated by few different approaches. The following Figure 1 depicting the process for research methodology used for this paper.

As the initial stage to collect appropriate information for this paper, a literature review of more than 10 journal paper is selected. The process starts with reviews of research papers to collect information on wireless network security. These papers are cited from few popular search engine such as IEEE Xplore Digital Library, Scopus, Google Scholar, Taylor & Francis Online, SpringerLink. Only the papers published within the previous five years are identified since technological advancement may dictate implementation practices. Hence, it is crucial to review only papers discussing the security of wireless Lan and not some other issues. After that, the process is continued by doing some case studies to obtain a better understanding of how auditing could be done in Wireless LAN to maintain the integrity and what are the best practices of wireless Lan security. As the third method, a survey is conducted in Institut Aminuddin Baki. Since the IT department in Institut Aminuddin Baki consist of more than 15 IT staff, only the IT personnel is targeted to answer this questions. Furthermore, the questions in this survey is design more technically related to IT component which may be difficult to answer by none IT personnel.

Further, a direct observation is done in Institut Aminuddin Baki to understand on how the current wireless Lan has been implemented. How the security protocol is implemented and how the network manager are managing the security. This observation help to collect some information for analyst purpose. Information such as types of switches, types of security mechanism implemented, network security deployment, is collected during observation.

Finally, all the information and data collected is analyst. During analyst process, gathered information is prioritized by which is more related to security standard. Hence a framework is developed using this collected information which may assist government agencies in implementing and guarding their Wireless Lan.

4. RESEARCH FINDINGS AND RESULT

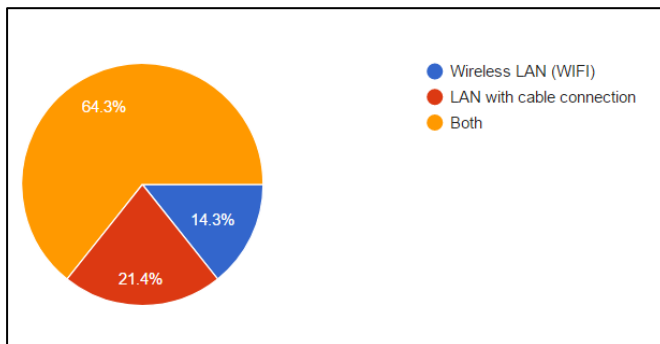


Figure 2 Network type in IAB

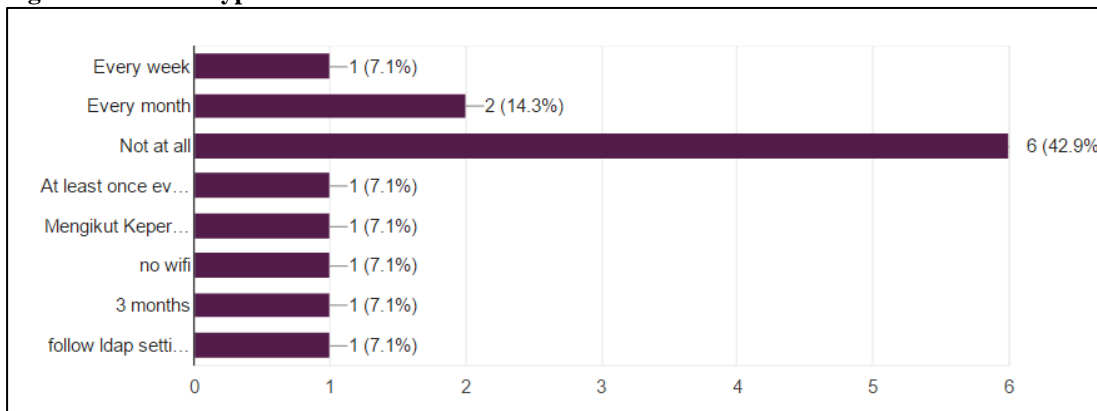


Figure 3 How often IAB user change password

According to a survey done in the IAB and also observation, the IAB is using wireless networks interconnected with wired LAN connection (**Figure 2**). Almost 42% of network user never update their password and only 14% update their password every month (**Figure 3**). Device use to connect is a laptop, computer and mobile. IAB divided the wireless network in segment, one for staff and one more for guest. Guest are allowed to access by requesting a password from authority personnel. Usage of guest network is high risk in organisation if it is not monitored regularly. Outsider can access to the network if the password is not changed every day and network security is not efficient. IAB currently has over 70 access points for wireless and over 200 LAN connections around the organization. Hence, these access points are not guarded, especially for wireless it is crucial to secure it. One of the solution to secure access control hardware is by implementing centralized intelligence mechanisms. This will reside between access point and network, while regulating network traffic and open wireless network resources. This regulator uses authentication and authorisation based on the network subscriber plan, and it also aids in barring hacker who tries to access classified information by sitting in the parking lot or somewhere around the wireless network perimeter in IAB.

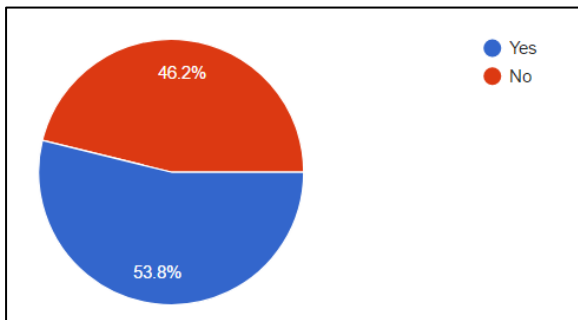


Figure 4 IAB user experienced Hacker Attacks, Trojan, virus

In IAB the equipment such as a router and network card are using default configuration which may lead to higher threat to the network. The IAB does not have any network monitoring system which can cause more network risk for the user. This allows an attacker and hijacker to easily penetrate this network. Almost more than 53.8% of user (**Figure 4**) has experience in hacker attack, a Trojan and received virus file through email, and all the staff is using either Microsoft Outlook or other tools to open their mail in daily routine. The only security using by staff to protect their computers and network is antivirus. Antivirus normally are known to be poor in handling attackers and hijackers in the network. Therefore, authority in IAB needs a strongest network protection system, and it can be a customised system to full fill their network security needs.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

To implement an efficient secured WLAN, the entire process of developing WLAN from policy to operate should be incorporated with appropriate security elements. Thus, each phase is integrated with different types of recommendations and security solutions. It is crucial to identify best practices for each process and create a complete set of auditing standard. Usually, a project will have to go through 4 main processes, Planning, Analyst, Design, and Implementation. Therefore the framework developed is also segregated into 3 different levels include Initiation (**Appendix 1**), Planning and Design (**Appendix 2**) and Framework (**Appendix 3**) as the third phase. All this 3 levels will help government agencies to deploy a strong WLAN at any level needed and use relevant practice's needs anytime to assess and audit their network. It might also aid them in creating a network monitoring system for their office.

Government organization is strongly encouraged to use standard auditing for their network to reduce the risk associated with WLAN. This practice will guard all the information and network transaction since they are dealing with highly classified information every day. Any of the identified recommendations should only neglect if the implementation does not justify its cost and unfeasible in reducing threats.

6. CONCLUSION

Information security officer plays an important roles in government agencies to ensure network protection and durable security. Continuous monitoring of network behavior

and adhering all the security policies is important activities to mitigate risk and taking sufficient action during the attack. Hence auditing will help with identified risk associated and threats. The audit process will help the organization to identify significant changes need in network to enhance security and deal with sudden crises arises. In order to implement a complete audit functionality, a baseline of current network protection must be recognized. This will simplify the process of implementation by measuring the future activity with the current network technology and enhancing according to the changes needed. Continues risk assessment assists by review of log data constantly, attention to all servers and equipment, educating staff regarding network risk is important to maintain network security. To increase the effectiveness of the risk management process it is significant to consume technologies, high in cyber security and also protected WLAN infrastructures. Furthermore, IT market facilities such as apps and software that facilitate WLAN risk management may assist security officer. It is also feasible to develop a customized network risk management system that caters all the needs of government agencies.

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APPENDIX**Appendix 1- Initiation**

No	Security Recommendation	Audit Discussion
1	Perform a risk assessment	Identifies which WLAN activities pose an acceptable risk to the organization's information resources and which do not.
2	Establish a WLAN usage policy	Identify WLANs, resources and information which are available or not available to business partners, customers, and other guests
3	Establish or enhance operating system and application security configuration standards	The configuration standard should require 4personal firewall and anti-virus software for all STA platforms for which such security products are commercially available. Remote connectivity to the devices (e.g., file sharing, open network ports) should be limited where feasible.
4	Enhance operating system and application security configuration standards for the Authentication Server (AS)	Special emphasis should be placed on preventing exposure of cryptographic keys to unauthorized parties.
5	Strong authentication and encryption of all communication(i.e., APs and ASs)	IEEE 802.11i does not specify any requirements related to the management and administrative interfaces of WLAN equipment, so it cannot be assumed that these interfaces are secure.
6	Educate users	Security awareness and training helps users to establish good security practices to prevent inadvertent or malicious intrusions into an organization's information systems.
7	Require two-factor authentication	Two-factor authentication could include use of biometrics or smart cards, enhances the strength of the authentication procedure.
8	WLAN intrusion detection system	Intrusion detection systems deployed on the wireless network can detect and respond to potential malicious activities, including unauthorized WLAN vulnerability scanning and the installation of rogue APs.

Appendix2- Planning and Design

No	Security Recommendation	Audit Discussion
1	Determine the AP's location and regularly conduct site visit.	Report in the location for each AP, graphically notes its usable coverage area, and assigns it an IEEE 802.11 radio channel. To best achieve this result, APs should be located near the centre of rooms and away from exterior walls and windows. In addition, APs should be located in areas that can be physically secured to prevent unauthorized tampering.
2	A dedicated WLAN is appropriate to support AP connection in distributed network	Dedicated VLANs facilitate the use of network access control lists, which identify the protocols and services that are allowed to pass from WLANs to the DS.
3	Ensure that network management information between APs/ASs and network management servers or consoles are transmitted	A dedicated management VLAN can be used to transfer pre-shared keys, execute management commands, and transmit audit data without the risk that non-administrative users can eavesdrop on that communication

	over a dedicated management VLAN.	
4	install a network firewall between each WLAN and its distribution system	Necessary if access to members of the general public.
5	Install a personal firewall on each mobile device.	A personal firewall can enforce a security policy on the information flow between the Station(STA) and other parties, allowing only authorized protocols and services to access the STA.
6	Develop wireless security audit processes and procedures	Both APs and ASs should send log data to a secure audit server in real time so that the integrity of previously captured audit data is protected even when the AP or AS is compromised.
7	Determine the fall back strategy when WLAN authentication fails	Fall back strategy to provide access to authorized user but fail authentication to WLAN
8	Deploy wireless intrusion detection systems	To identify and respond to attacks on systems or information resources before maximum potential damage.

Appendix 3- Summary Figure

This table describes the appendix 3 in summary.

DESCRIPTION	AUDITING METHOD	MECHANISM AND SUGGESTED COMPONENT
MANAGEMENT CONTROLS		
Policy and Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop Wireless Network policies and procedures on security. Policies and procedure approved and endorsed by higher management. Distribute to all employees Review periodically 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify who may use wireless LAN technology in the organization Describe who is responsible to install wireless access points and other wireless equipment's for the organization. Provide limitations on the location of physical security for wireless access points. Describe the type of information that may be sent over a wireless network. Describe conditions under which wireless devices are allowed. Define standard security settings for wireless access points. Describe hardware and software configurations for all wireless devices. Provide guidelines for the protection of wireless to clients. Provide guidelines on the use of encryption and key management to wireless clients.
Risk Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess all the Access Point All wireless transaction All user in location perimeter Any other dependency system on Wireless LAN Review and assess all policies implemented and procedure implemented 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check the existing organization's policies and procedure that allow staffs to access organization's network remotely from public wireless hot spot. Check if it describe adequate protection on the wireless network, i.e. encryption and authentication mechanisms Identify types of data will the wireless LAN transmit. Define who should have access to the

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> organization's wireless LAN. Define how critical is a wireless LAN in the organization.
Wireless Network Assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define security requirements needed for wireless network assessment Define objective, scope Define assessment frequency Define roles and responsibilities (employees, contractors, and/or 3rd party users) any others parties involved in the assessment. Conduct the assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> War Driving Computer (or notebook) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wireless NIC Software Antenna Global Positioning System (GPS) unit Wireless switches or router
TECHNICAL CONTROLS		
Wireless Client Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install Encryption software Intercept valid MAC addresses Configure code protection Configure auto update security patches regularly. Password change regularly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Configure Strong Encryption Schedule full scan for malicious codes periodically Change your Client Adapter's MAC address to an authorized MAC address
Access Point Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detection of Wireless network Assess channels and SSID Assess beacon broadcast frame and broadcast recording Test rouge access from outside perimeter Configure IP address collection Configure MAC address collection Enabled WEP access points Capture WEP encrypted data Ensure IDS and IPS periodically update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check for screen and Scan outside the facilities. Conduct Site Survey Ensure that the web-based configuration portal for AP management uses strong authentication protocol Impersonate an authorized MAC address in your Client Adapter with other credentials such as SSID and if possible WEP Keys. Deploy RF interface monitoring through wireless IDS and IPS. These systems are intended to detect Anomalous traffic and prevent any unusual frequency of attacks.
Encryption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine types of authentication methods Collect data transmitted over the wireless networks Network Login functions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scan the services running in the Access Point. Collect WEP packets and decode them to see data packets.
Threat detection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disassociation attack MITM Attack Brute force Base station 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sending Association or Disassociation of frames. Capture the packet, modify it and send it

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Password • Identifying the services through clients and trying to exploit them. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • back. • Default Passwords • Network Scanning.
OPERATIONAL CONTROLS		
Physical and environmental protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical and environmental security policies and procedures approved and endorsed by senior management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor periodically and retain logs related to physical security controls such as CCTV footage and server room access logs for a period of time
Human Resources Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define terms and conditions (staffs, contractors, and third party) • Define responsibilities and roles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry out background verification checks, screening, and vetting procedures in accordance to relevant laws.
Training and Awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct awareness training • Provide regular updates in organizational policies and procedures to staffs, contractors and third party users such as student, trainees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff awareness training • Review of policies and update • Assess training outcome
Incident Handling Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wireless network security incidents are reported through a dedicated and appropriate channel immediately. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create reporting procedures. • Create emergency incidents action plan • Assign staff roles and responsibilities. • Training for staff on incident action.
Patch Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify relevant patches to be implemented. • Authorized personnel should apply patches and security enhancements for wireless equipment's whenever updates are available and published by the vendor. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure patches and security enhancements are completed in a reliable and timely manner • Validate and check procedures to assess the implementation of patches and security enhancements.
Wireless Equipment Inventory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure all wireless equipment's and configurations are recorded. • Keep track of lost or stolen hardware. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inventory should be reviewed periodically. • Change all passwords of APs in the web-based configuration portal immediately in the event of theft.