

#### **SAFE Wi-Fi @ Public Hotspots**

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### **Explosive Increase in Wi-Fi Use for Consumers**

- First in Hong Kong since 2002
- Most extensive Wi-Fi network with 8,000+ hotspots throughout Hong Kong
- Introduced high speed, up to 100M fiber hotspots

8000+ Hotspots throughout Hong Kong













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**Hotspots** 



GovWiFi 香港政府WiFi

**MTR港鐵** 





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2008

2009



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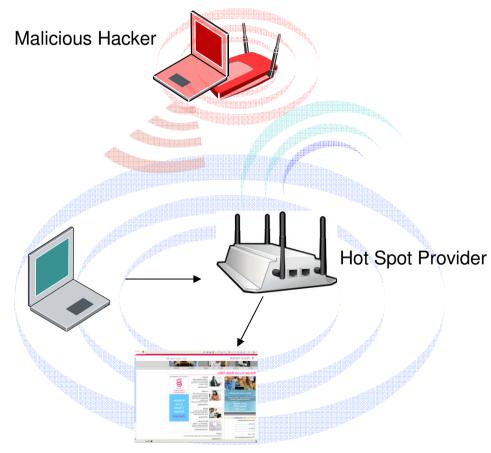
- High penetration of Wi-Fi enabled smart phones and portable gadgets (e.g. iPod, netbooks, tablets)
  - 2010 Smartphone www shipment reaches 240M, which is 18% of total mobile shipment and 40% growth from 2009;
  - More powerful tablets will be expected in 2011
- Public transports, shopping malls, restaurants and other owners of public venues are seeing Wi-Fi hotspot service as one of the basic facilities, like air-conditioning
- Continuous investment from service providers in hotspot rollout
- Mobile operators are seeing hotspots as effective means for traffic off-load





# Mobile / Wireless Devices are the new Targets of Intruders

It is not just about exposing your Wi-Fi subscription password;







- Unsecured wireless information packets can be easily captured and decoded to show passwords or contents over applications like facebook, etc.., using readily available applications;
- E.g. "Firesheep" is an application freely available on web that allows an average computer user to hack other user under the same hotspot, without wireless protection.

#### Firesheep Testing procedures:

- 1. Both victim and hacker connected to same Wi-Fi network
- Hacker using Firefox & Firesheep add-on and start to capture http packet
- 3. Victim surfs Facebook & Hotmail...etc.
- Hacker click on captured session to access victim's Facebook & Hotmail





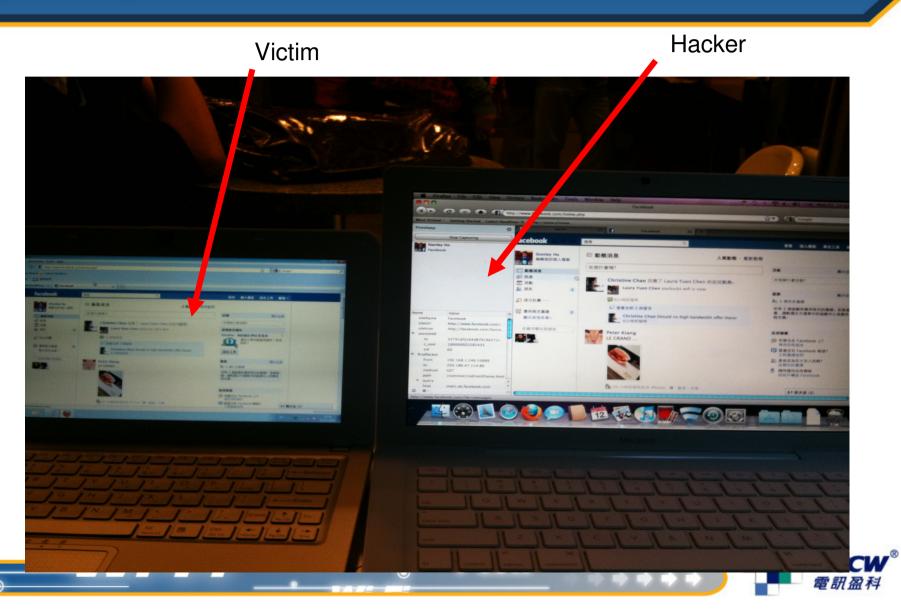
#### Hacking with Firesheep at a free, unprotected hotspot



Victim's Facebook session

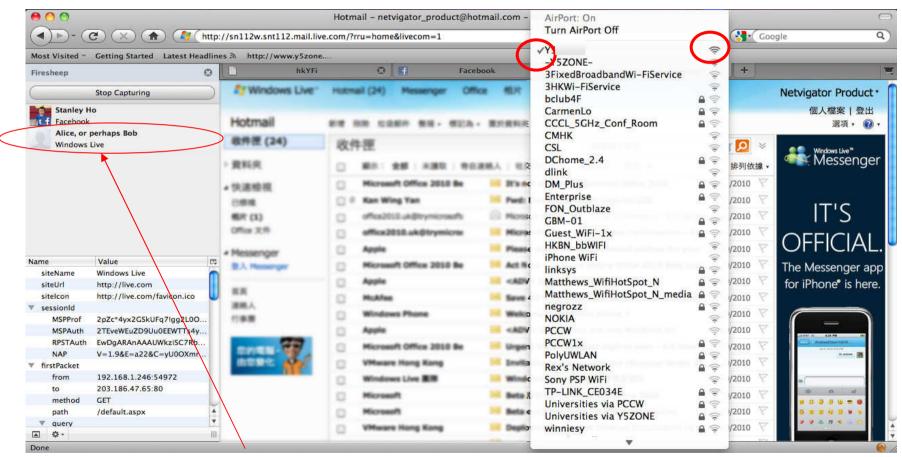








#### Using Firesheep to intrude victim's hotmail session

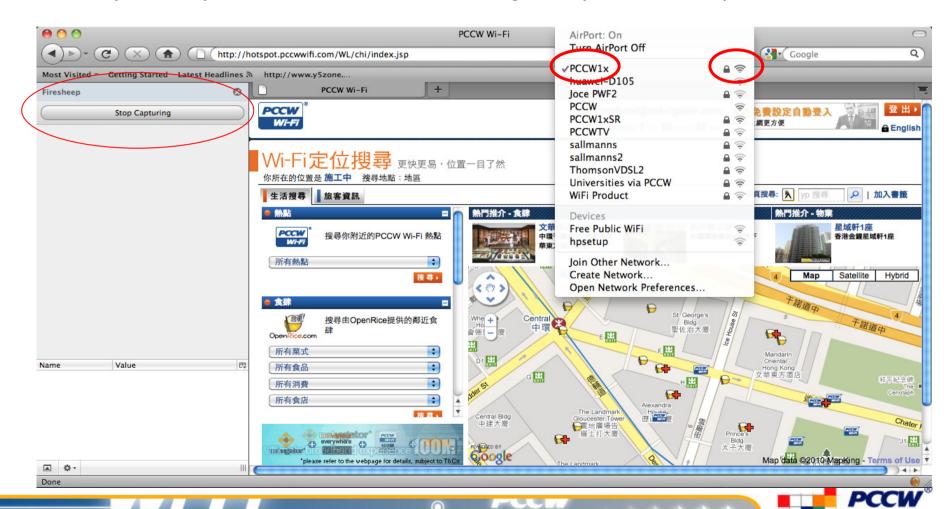


Victim's Hotmail session





Cannot capture any session when access through the protected air path on "PCCW1x"





- Hackers may also setup 'rouge AP' with SSID names like 'Free WiFi' to capture users traffic;
- Ever noticed the SSID's like "Free Public Wi-Fi" or "hpsetup"?
  - They are ad-hoc mode Wi-Fi (broadcasted from clients, without real AP infrastructure)
  - Result of a Windows OS bug
  - No direct harm to end users but hackers can further leverage on this well propagated SSID to setup rouge APs
- End users have to be careful on choosing the genuine hotspots and not to disclose sensitive / personal data at public venues





### Options are Available to the Consumers

- Free or paid hotspots are widely available, with different login/ authentication methods ...But not all are secured!
- Users could have option to turn on wireless protection or use VPN connection
  - Trade-off between performance and security strong encryption solution could be very secure, but the heavy overheads would impair network performance
  - Complexity of solution is also dependent on type of device/ OS
- Hotspot service providers should have implemented necessary network security measures
  - Firewall protection
  - Wireless Intrusion Detection & Protection system
  - User Authentication & Usage log
  - Wireless Encryption





### Options are Available to the Consumers

 PCCW offers various choices of authentication and wireless protection methods to suite different type of user requirements

IEEE 802.1x EAP-MSCHAPv2 / EAP-PEAP supported



- -Forced Portal user login with option to turn on wireless protection
- Single Device Plan: initial setup with security credential and choose SSID with protection on





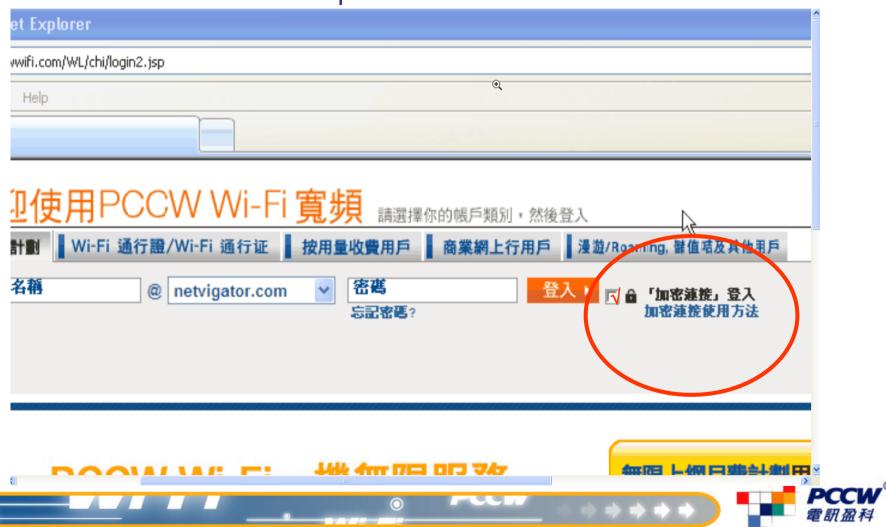
IEEE 802.1x EAP-SIM / EAP-PEAP supported

- -Mobile Auto Connect authenticate with SIM
- -Netvigator Everywhere authenticate with SIM



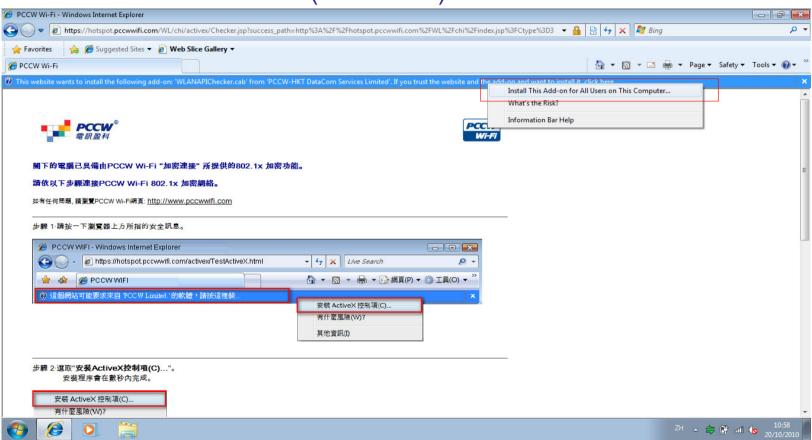


Secured connection option on Forced Portal





Active-X installation (one-time) on PC



Auto redirect to "PCCW1x" SSID after set-up





## Mobile Set-up for Auto Connect (one-time) with EAP-SIM





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登入「網頁瀏覽器」
 (Safari),輸入
 http://wap.pccwmobile.com
 到「PCCW mobile頻道」,
 並選擇「服務專區」

2. 選擇「 Auto Connect」

3. 按「下載」





# Mobile Set-up for Auto Connect (one-time) with EAP-SIM



4.按「安裝」

5. 開啟Wi-Fi後選擇 PCCW1x網絡





## Mobile Set-Up for Auto Connect (one-time)













#### **User Tips**

#### Secure Your Real-time Traffic

- Use a protected connection.
- Don't visit any private or sensitive Web site unless it's secured (for example, implementing SSL) if you are not using a VPN.

#### Prevent Others from Connecting to **Your Laptop**

- Disable any sharing of files, folders and services.
- Use personal firewall software.
- Make sure your operating system is kept up to date.









#### **THANK YOU**

