

RE: Multiple Connection Attempts to Home Wireless Network

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Sometimes these things are even more innocuous than you've theorized too. My former employer used to get a **large** number of entries in the log regarding connection attempts and what we eventually boiled it down to was that users with wireless enabled PDAs (we were in the financial district of a major city) were almost always around and a lot of their devices were set up to make connection attempts to any available wireless, encrypted or otherwise.

Thanks,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Guru4u Support [<mailto:support@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx>]
Sent: Thursday, January 05, 2006 5:33 PM
To: Joe George
Cc: security-basics@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Subject: Re: Multiple Connection Attempts to Home Wireless Network

Thanks for your reply,

The 'attempts' seem to happen during the afternoon more often than not and now seem to have settled down to occurring around 1.00pm and 5.00pm, although the odd individual occurrence does appear.

Each time in the logs it shows 5 sets of repeated attempts (repeated usually 20 times) all around 5 minutes apart as below. I think you're quite right that if it was a war-driving attempt or an attempt to piggyback my Internet connection that they would have hit the unsecured network nearby.

I cannot report this to an ISP as all I have is the MAC address that is being blocked by my router (D-Link).

I dont think it is malicious but it is nice to hear others thoughts on the matter as I havent seen this behaviour before on my network.

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[INFO] Sat Dec 31 20:38:38 2005 Access denied to wireless system with MAC address 000C76C94BC4

[INFO] Sat Dec 31 20:38:38 2005 Previous message repeated 20 times

[INFO] Sat Dec 31 20:24:31 2005 Access denied to wireless system with MAC address 000C76C94BC4

[INFO] Sat Dec 31 20:24:31 2005 Previous message repeated 20 times

[INFO] Sat Dec 31 20:22:11 2005 Access denied to wireless system with MAC address 000C76C94BC4

[INFO] Sat Dec 31 20:22:11 2005 Previous message repeated 20 times

[INFO] Sat Dec 31 20:20:59 2005 Access denied to wireless system with MAC address 000C76C94BC4

[INFO] Sat Dec 31 20:20:59 2005 Previous message repeated 20 times

[INFO] Sat Dec 31 20:18:38 2005 Access denied to wireless system with MAC address 000C76C94BC4

Many thanks,

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