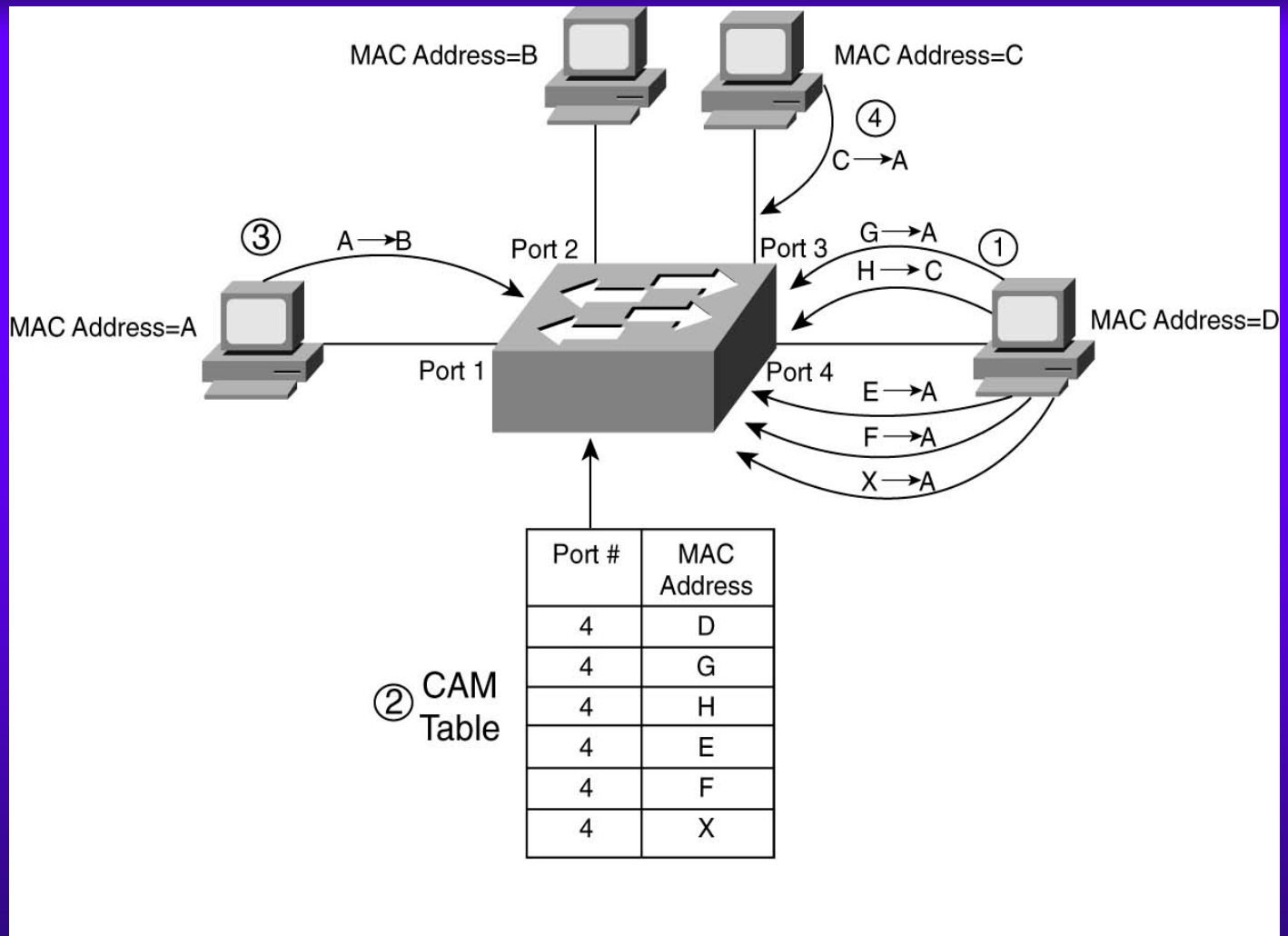




Chapter 5

Secure LAN Switching



- ◆ MAC Address Flooding Causing CAM Overflow and Subsequent DOS and Traffic Analysis Attacks



Port Security

◆ Example

- Set port security 2/1 enable
- Set port security 2/1 00-90-2b-03-34-08
- Set port security 3/2 maximum 1



Restricting Access to a Switch via IP Permit List

◆ Example

- Set ip permit enable
- Set ip permit 172.16.0.0 255.255.0.0 telnet
- Set ip permit 172.20.52.2 255.255.255.255 snmp
- Set ip permit 172.20.52.3 all



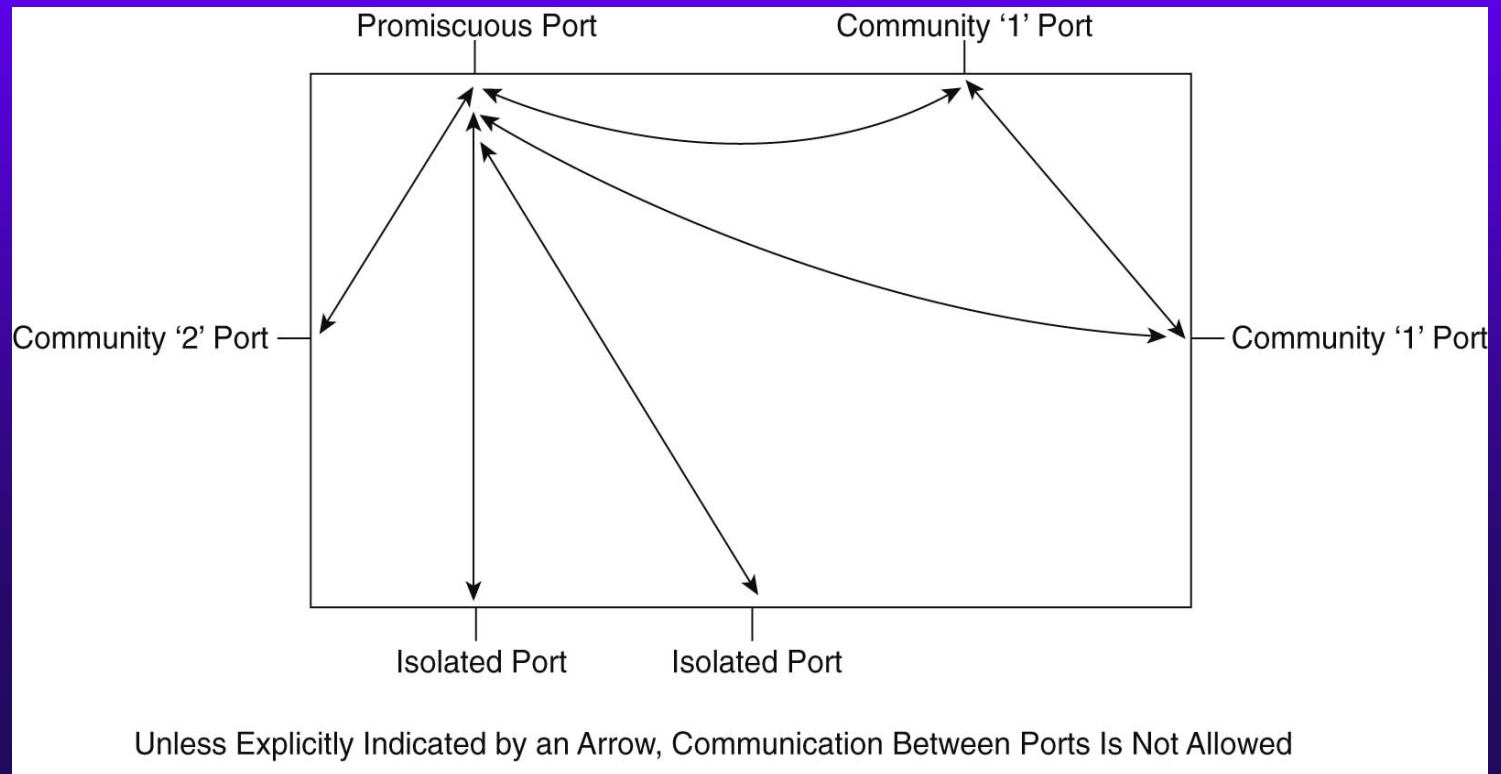
Controlling LAN Floods

◆ Example

- Set port broadcast 2/1-6 75%

Private VLANs on the Catalyst 6000

- ◆ Restricts intra VLAN traffic on a per port basis
- ◆ Solves ARP spoofing

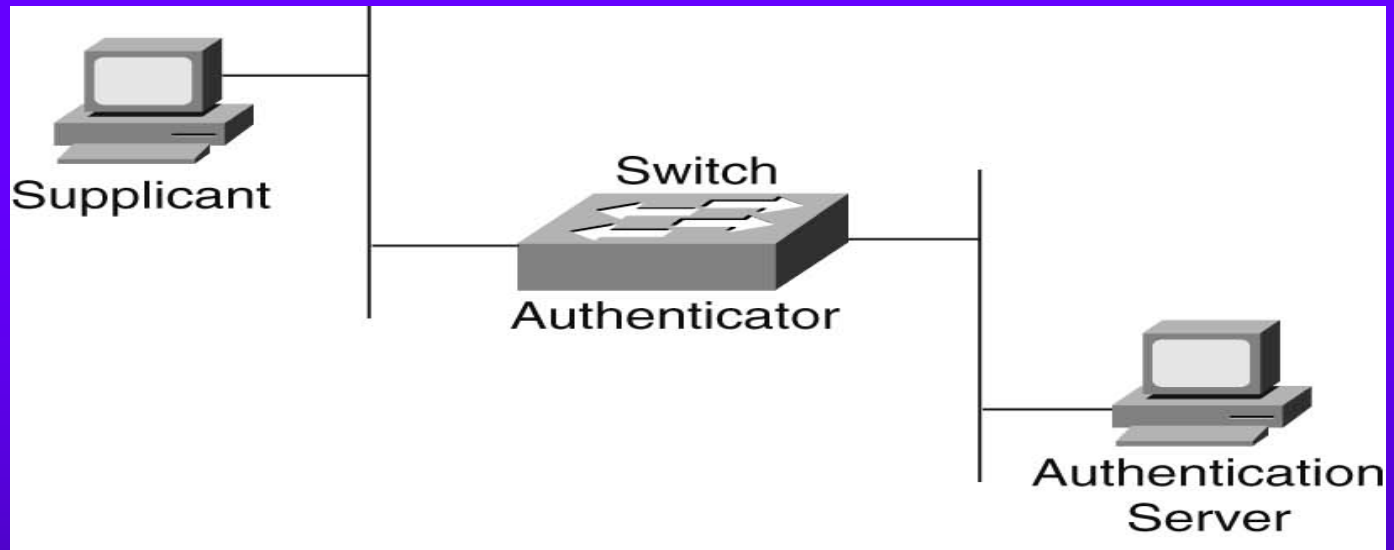




IEEE 802.1x Standard

- ◆ Provides authentication of devices connecting to a physical port on a layer 2 switch or a logical port on a wireless access point

802.1x Entities



- ◆ Supplicant: a device (eg. Laptop) that needs to access the LAN
- ◆ Authenticator: a device that initiates the authentication process between the supplicant and the authentication server
- ◆ Authentication server: a device (eg. Cisco ACS) that can authenticate a user on behalf of an authenticator



802.1x Communication

- ◆ Uses Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP) described in [RFC 3748](#)
- ◆ Authentication data is transmitted in EAP packets
 - encapsulated in EAPOL frames between supplicant and authenticator
 - encapsulated TACACS+ or RADIUS packets between authenticator and authentication server

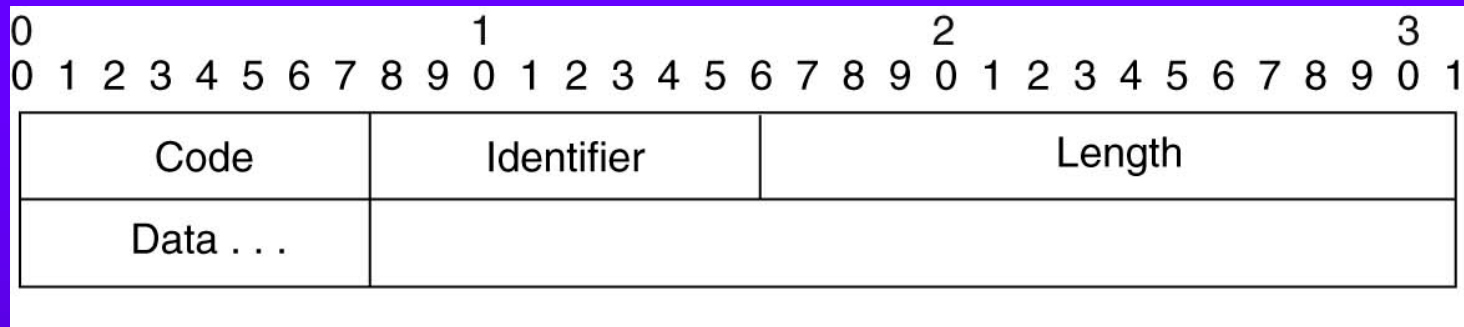


Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP)

- ◆ Carries authentication data between two entities that wish to set up an authenticated channel for communication
- ◆ Supports one-time password, MD5 hashed username and password, and transport layer security



EAP Packet Format (RFC 2284)



- ◆ Code: identifies EAP packet type such as request, response, success, or failure
- ◆ Identifier: used to match responses with requests
- ◆ Length: length of EAP packet

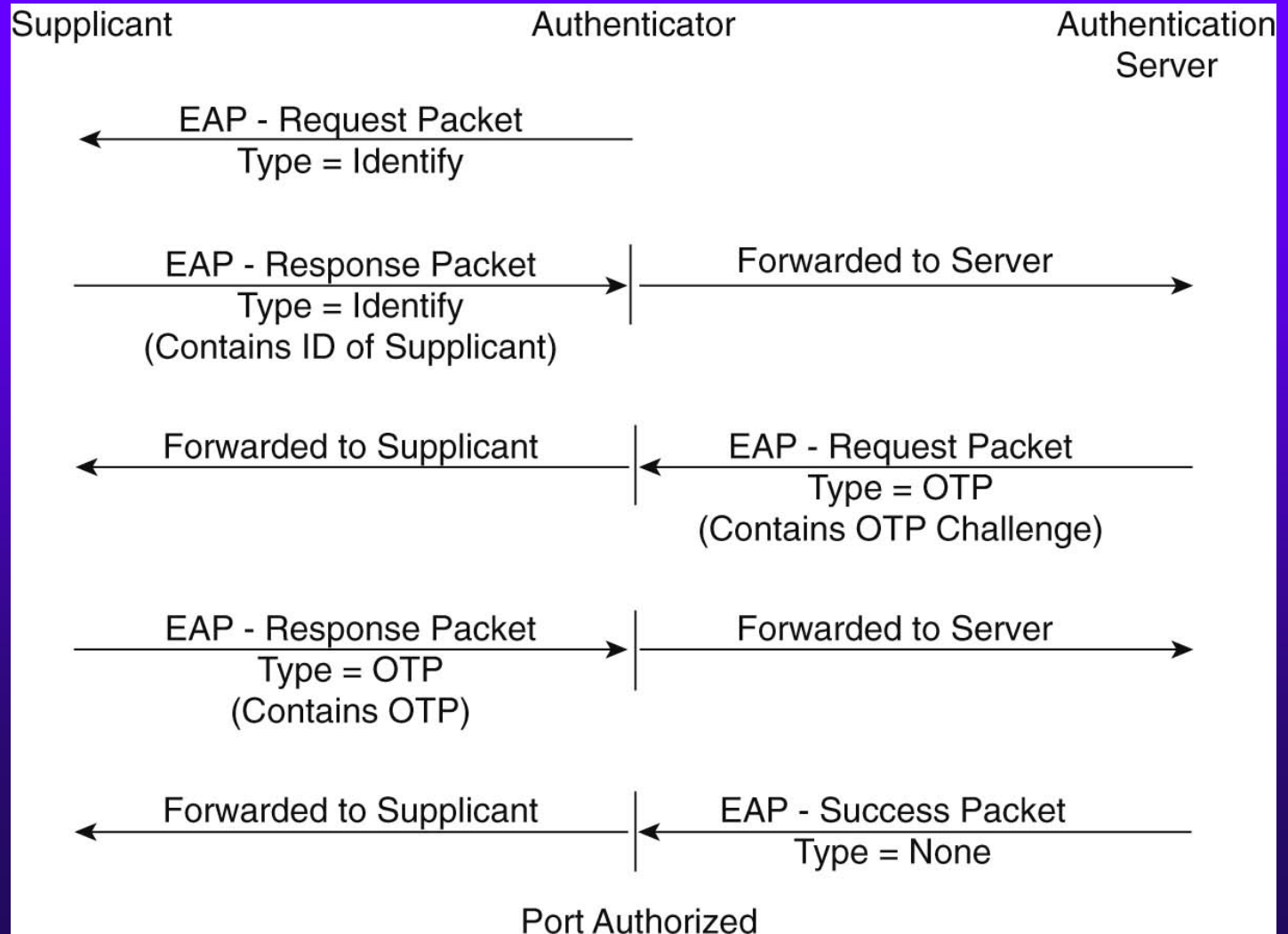


Types of EAP

Request/Response messages

- ◆ Identity message
- ◆ Notification message
- ◆ NAK message
- ◆ MD-5 challenge message
- ◆ One-time password message
- ◆ Transport-Layer Security (TLS) message

EAP Exchange Involving Successful OTP Authentication





Frame Format for EAPOL Using Ethernet 802.3

PAE Ethernet Type = 88-8E
Protocol Version = 0000 0001
Packet Type EAP Packet or EAP-OL Start or EAPOL - Logoff or EAPOL-Key or EAPOL-Encapsulated-ASF-Alert
Packet Body Length = Length of Body Field in Octets
Packet Body (Only present if EAP-Packet, EAPOL-key or EAPOL-Encapsulated- ASF-Alert)



Relationship between Supplicant, Authenticator, Authentication server, EAPOL, and TACACS+/Radius

Supplicant ← EAP Over EAPOL → Authenticator

Authenticator Authentication Server
← TACACS+/Radius etc. →

802.1x Architecture and Flow using EAP over EAPOL and EAP over TACACS+/RADIUS

