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**abstract** WiFi's dependability requirements are growing as its usage spreads to public hotspots and personal home networks. Authentication and confidentiality are crucial issues for corporate WiFi use, but privacy and availability tend to dominate pervasive usage. This article discusses dependability and its impact on WiFi usage scenarios.