# Hack Wi-Fi using ESP32

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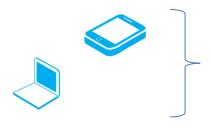
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# Wi-Fi introduction



**Station** 

(STA)

Any device, which support PHY & MAC 802.11



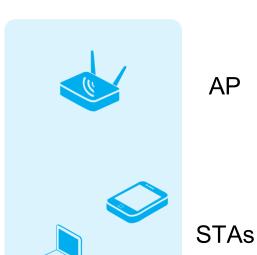
Access point (AP)

Any entity that has station functionality and provides access to the distribution services, via the wireless medium for associated STAs



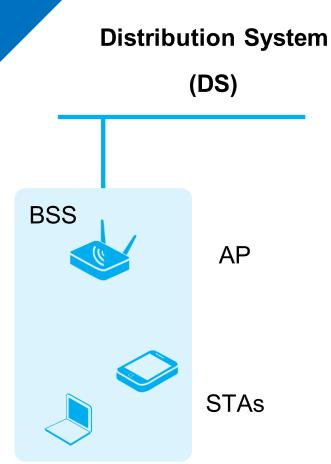
STA

## Basic Service Set (BSS)



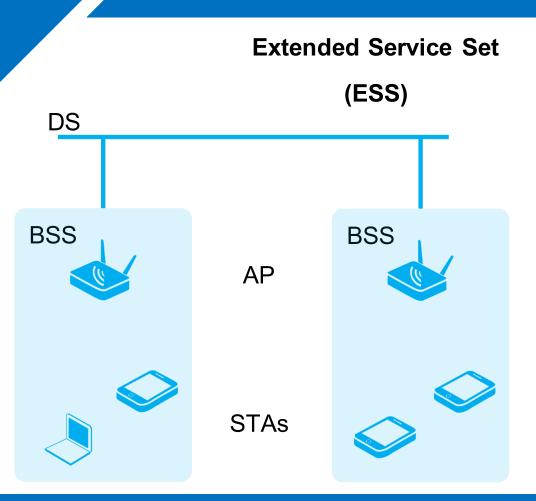
A set of stations (STAs) that have successfully synchronized for 802.11 communications.

All basic service sets can be identified by a 48-bit (6-octet) MAC address known as the "BSSID" (basic service set identifier)



A system used to interconnect a set of basic service sets and integrated local area networks (LANs) to create an extended service set (ESS)

**Ethernet** 



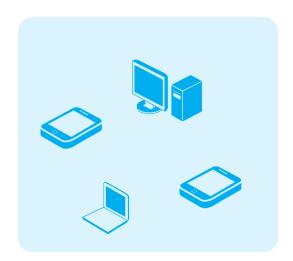
An extended service set is one or more basic service sets connected by a distribution system medium.

The logical network name of an ESS is often called an extended service set identifier (ESSID), or, more simply, the service set identifier (**SSID**)

SSID – max 32 bytes

**Ethernet** 

## Independent basic service set (IBSS)



**STAs** 

An IBSS consists solely of client stations that use **peer-to-peer communications**. An IBSS is a self-contained network that does not use an access point and has no access to a distribution system.

#### **MSDU**

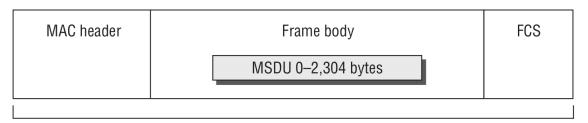
#### **MAC Service Data Unit**

When the Network layer (layer 3) sends data to the Data-Link layer (layer 2), the MSDU === data payload(IP packet + some LLC data) data is handed off to the LLC and becomes known as the MAC Service Data Unit (MSDU)

#### **MPDU**

#### **MAC Protocol Data Unit**

When the LLC sends the MSDU to the MAC sublayer, the MAC header **MPDU === 802.11 frame** information is added to the MSDU to identify it.



MPDU-802.11 data frame

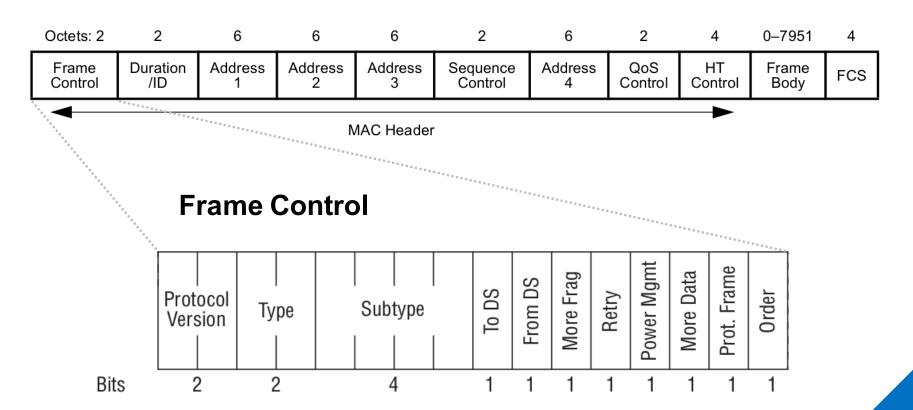
J V	LLC (Logical Link Control)								
MAC	MAC - Media Access Control								
	802.11	802.11a	802.11b		802.11g		802.11n		802.11ac
PHY	FHSS, DSSS PHY	OFDM PHY	HR/DSSS PHY		ERP PHY		HT PHY		VHT PHY

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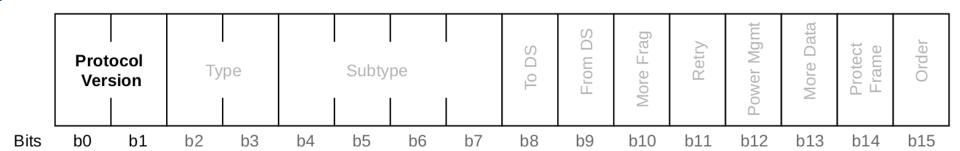
Standard	Max Speed	Frequency	Backwards Compatible
802.11a	54 Mbps	5 GHz	No
802.11b	11 Mbps	2.4 GHz	No
802.11g	54 Mbps	2.4 GHz	802.11b
802.11n	600 Mbps	2.4 GHz or 5 GHz	802.11b/g
802.11ac	1300 Mbps	2.4 GHz or 5 GHz	802.11b/g/n
802.11ad	7000 Mbps	2.4 / 5 / 60 GHz	802.11b/g/b/ac
802.11ax	<b>Up to 10747 Mbps</b>		

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## 802.11 frame



#### **Protocol Version**

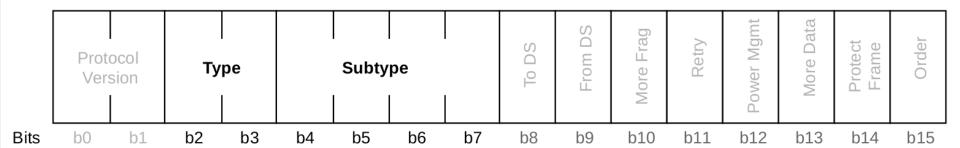


To indicate which protocol version of 802.11 technology is being used by the frame

All 802.11 frames have the value of the

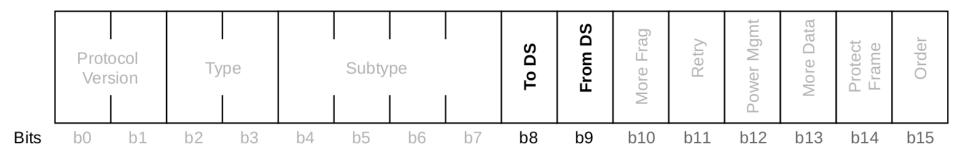
"Protocol Version" field always set to 0

## Type & Subtype



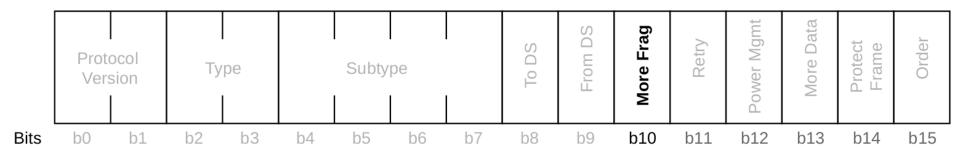
Bits	Frame type	
0, 0	Management frame	
0, 1	Control frame	+ Subtype
1, 0	Data frame	
1, 1	Reserved	

#### "To DS" and "From DS"



used in combination to change
the meaning of the four MAC addresses in an 802.11 MPDU

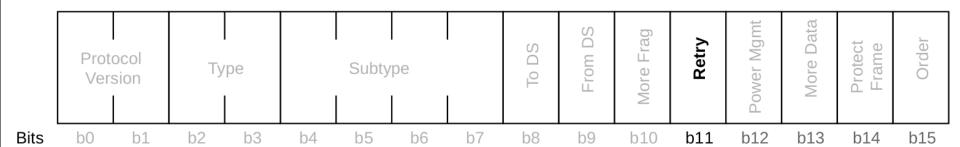
### More frag



Only on "Data" or "Mgmt" frame

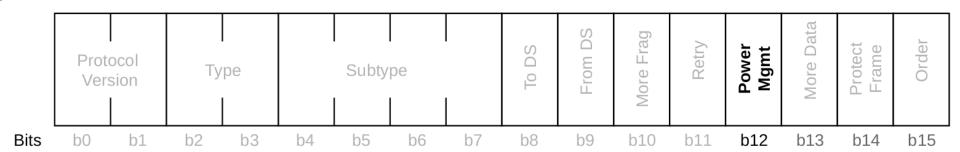
that have another fragment of the current MSDU or current MMPDU to follow

## Retry



Only on "Data" or "Mgmt" frame
that is a retransmission of an earlier frame

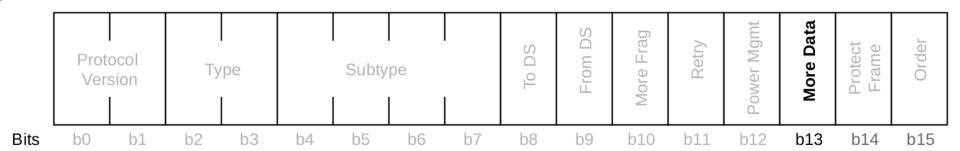
## **Power Mgmt**



## to indicate the power management mode of a STA

- 1 Power Save mode
- 0 Active mode

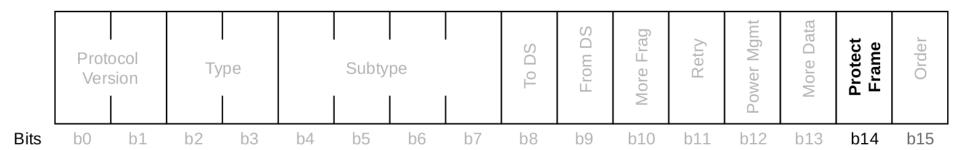
#### **More Data**



Only on "Data" or "Mgmt" frame

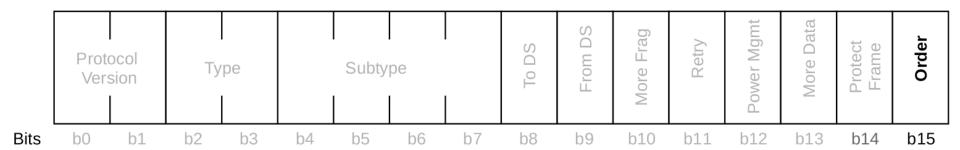
AP indicate to a STA in PS mode that more data available to STA

#### **Protect Frame**



indicate whether the MSDU payload of a data frame is encrypted

#### Order



"non-QoS data frame" indicate that the frame contains an MSDU, or fragment thereof, that is being transferred using the StrictlyOrdered service class

"QoS data or mgmt frame" to indicate that the frame contains an "HT Control" field

#### **MAC** Header

## **Duration/ID**

Virtual Carrier Sense

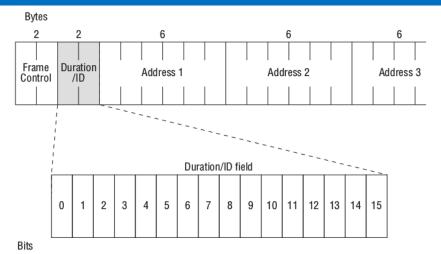
This is the main purpose which used to reset the NAV timer of the other stations

Legacy Power Management

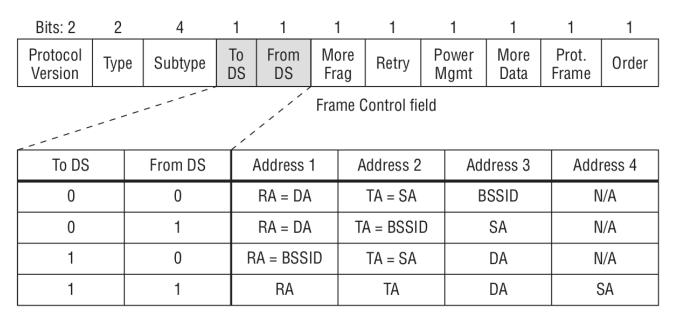
PS Poll frames use this field as an association identifier (AID)

Contention-free Period

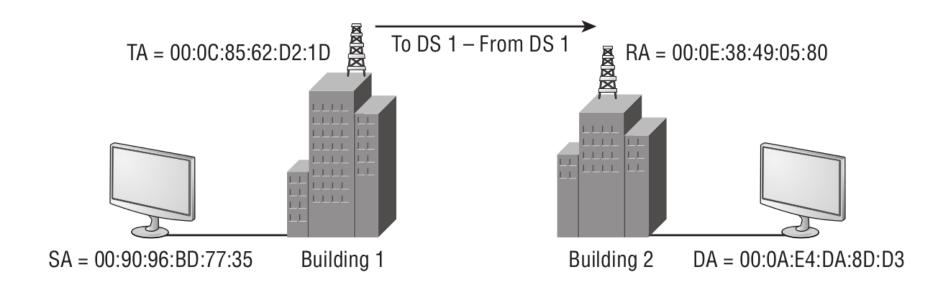
This field is used as an indicator that a point coordination function (PCF) process has begun



## **MAC Layer Addressing**



- **SA** MAC address of the original sender
- **DA** MAC address of final destination
- TA MAC address of the transmitting 802.11 radio
- **RA** MAC address of the receiving 802.11 radio
- **BSSID** L2 identifier of the basic service set (BSS)



## **Sequence Control**

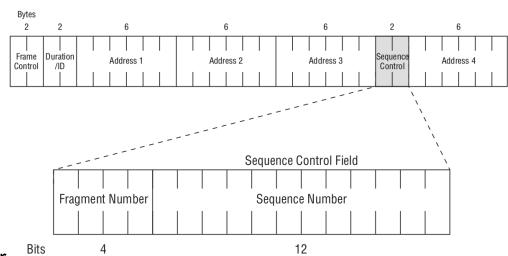
Not present in "Control frame"

#### Sequence Number

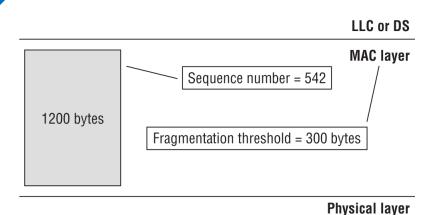
12-bit field indicating the sequence number of an MSDU, A-MSDU, or MMPDU

#### Fragment Number

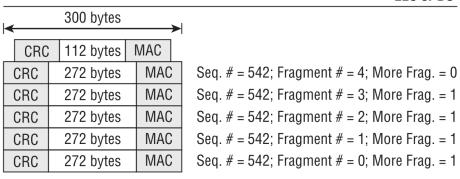
4-bit field indicating the number of each fragment of an MSDU or MMPDU



## MAC Header -> Sequence Control

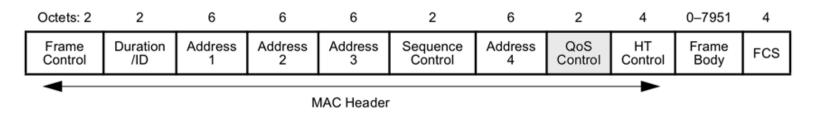


#### LLC or DS



**Physical layer** 

#### MAC Header -> QoS Control



The 802.11-2007 standard states, "The QoS Control field is present in all data frames in which the QoS subfield of the Subtype field is set to 1

#### **MAC Header -> HT Control**

Add in 802.11n

Frame Control	Duration ID	Address 1	Addres	Addres	Sequei Contr			QoS Control	HT Cont		FCS
Link Adaptatio Contro	<sup>)  </sup> Pociti	Calibration Calibr Position Sequ		Reserved	CSI/ Steering	Ann	NDP nounceme	nt Rese	rved	AC Constraint	RDG/ More PPDU
Bits: 16	5 2	2 2		2	2		1	5		1	1

HT Control present, when

MAC header -> FC.order = 1

**QoS** data & management frames

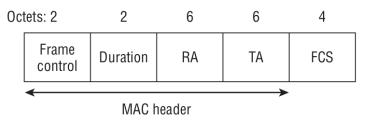
## **Control Frame**

Type value b3 b2	Type description	Subtype value b7 b6 b5 b4	Subtype description		
01	Control	0000-0110	Reserved		
01	Control	0111	Control wrapper		
01	Control	1000	Block ack request (BlockAckReq)		
01	Control	1001	Block ack (BlockAck)		
01	Control	1010	PS-Poll		
01	Control	1011	RTS		
01	Control	1100	CTS		
01	Control	1101	ACK		
01	Control	1110	CF-End		
01	Control	1111	CF-End and CF-Ack		

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#### RTS frame

(Request to send)

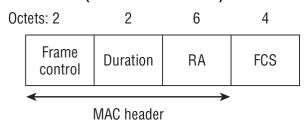


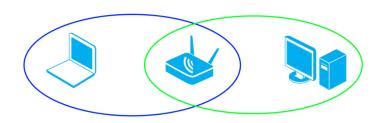
RA - receiver address

TA - transmitter address

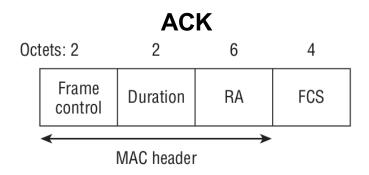
CTS frame

(Clear to send)





**Duration** - the time needed for the subsequent frames in the transmit operation to be transmitted

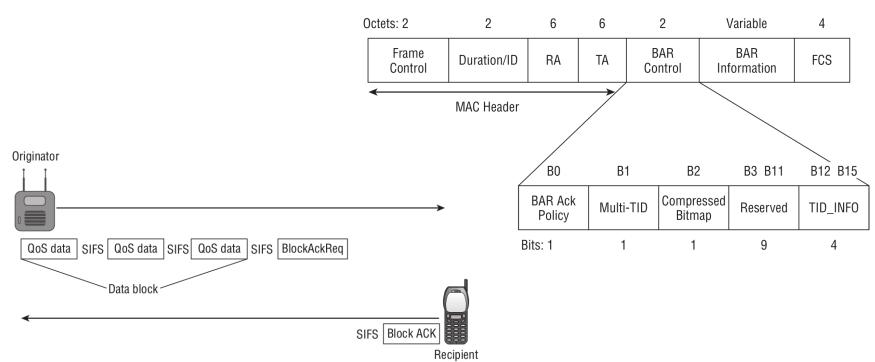


RA - receiver address,

is copied from the address 2 field of the frame that is being acknowledged

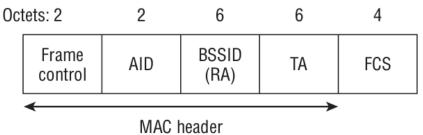
All unicast 802.11 frames must be acknowledged

#### **BlockAck frame**



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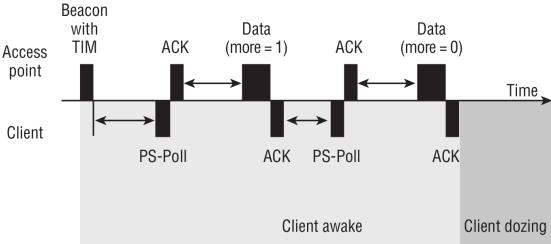
NAV of other stations



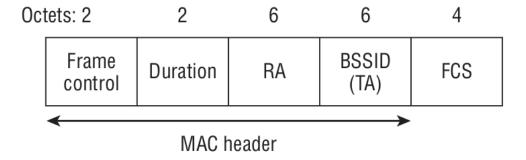
#### **PS-Poll frame**

AID - association identifier

The **AP** uses this **AID** to keep track of the stations that are associated and the members of the BSS

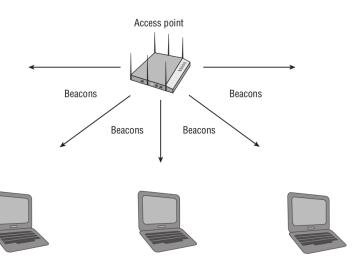


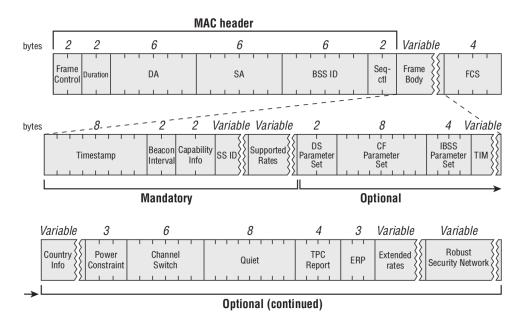
## **CF-End / CF-End + CF-Ack frame** (Contention Free)



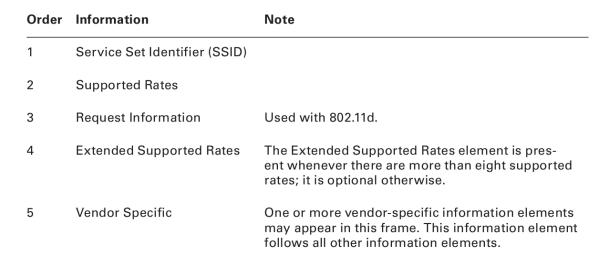
Subtype bits	Subtype description
0000	Association request
0001	Association response
0010	Reassociation request
0011	Reassociation response
0100	Probe request
0101	Probe response
1000	Beacon
1001	Announcement traffic indication message (ATIM)
1010	Disassociation
1011	Authentication
1100	Deauthentication
1101	Action
1110	Action no ack

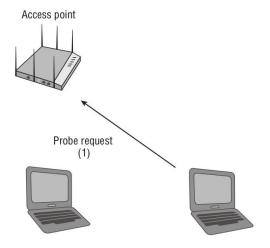
#### **Beacon frame**





#### **Probe Request frame**

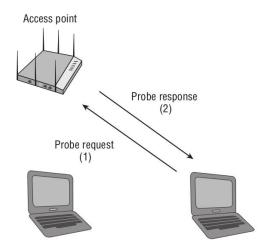




Probe Request are sent to the broadcast DA address (ff:ff:ff:ff:ff)

#### **Probe Response frame**

Upon receiving a probe request frame, a station in an IBSS or an AP will respond with a probe response frame, which contains information about itself and the cell



```
Packet Number:
                         exeggggggg
  Flags:
                         0x00000000
  Status:
  Packet Length:
                         14:34:51.149949800 10/05/2014
  Data Rate
  Signal Level:
                         54%
  Signal dBm:
  Noise Level:
                         52%
  Noise dBm:
802.11 MAC Header
                         88:38:61:99:1A:AF [10-15
  BSSID:
                         88:38:61:99:1A:AF [16-21]
  Seq Number:
                        1570 [22-23 Mask 0xFFF0]
  Frag Number:
                        0 [22 Mask 0x0F]
802.11 Management - Probe Response
  Probe Timestamp:
                        23996945615 Microseconds [24-31]
  Beacon Interval:
                        102 Time Units (104 Milliseconds, and 448 Microseconds) [32-33]
 T Capability Info=%00010000000000000
    Element ID:
                           1 Supported Rates [42]
    Length:
                           4 [43]
    Supported Rate:
                           24.0 Mbps (BSS Basic Rate) [44]
    Supported Rate:
                           36.0 Mbps (Not BSS Basic Rate) [45
    Supported Rate:
                           48.0 Mbps (Not BSS Basic Rate) [46
    Element ID:
                           7 Country [48]
    Country Code:
                           AU [50-51]
    Enviroment:
                           0x20 Any [52]
    Starting Channel:
    Number of Channels: 4 [54]
    Max Tx Power (dBm):
    Starting Channel:
                           52 [56]
    Number of Channels: 4 [57]
    Max Tx Power (dBm): 23 [58]
    Starting Channel:
    Number of Channels: 5 [60]
    Max Tx Power (dBm):
    Starting Channel:
    Number of Channels:
    Max Tx Power (dBm):
    Starting Channel:
    Number of Channels: 5 [66]
    Max Tx Power (dBm)
    Blement ID:
                           11 OBSS Load [68]
    Length:
                           5 [69]
    Station Count:
                           1 [70-71]

③ Channel Utilization: 0 % [72]

    Avail Admission Capacity: 26562 [73-74]
HT Cap- ID-45 HT Cap: Len-26
HT Info: ID=61 HT Info: Len=22 Primary Channel=149
⊕ T Cisco Proprietary ID=133 Cisco Proprietary Len=30 OUI=01-00-8F Value=0x003F00FF035900 AP Name=3702

    ₩ VHT Capabilities element ID=191 VHT Capabilities element Len=12

    ₩ VHT Operation element ID=192 VHT Operation element Len=5

# VHT Transmit Power Envelope ID-195 VHT Transmit Power Envelope Len-4 Local Maximum Transmit Power
■ To=221 MMM Len=24 OUI=00-50-F2 MICROSOFT CORP. OUI Type=2 OUI SubType=1 Parameter Element Vers

■ Vendor Specific ID=221 Vendor Specific Len=6 OUI=00-40-96 Cisco Systems Data=(3 bytes)

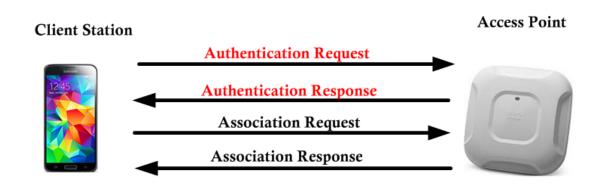
⊞ ▼ Vendor Specific ID-221 Vendor Specific Len-5 OUI-00-40-96 Cisco Systems Version-3 CCX Version-5

₩ Vendor Specific ID=221 Vendor Specific Len=5 OUI=00-40-96 Cisco Systems Data=(2 bytes)

₩ ¥ Vendor Specific ID=221 Vendor Specific Len=5 OUI=00-40-96 Cisco Systems Data=(2 bytes)
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#### **Authentication frame**

	MAC header						Frame b	ody			
bytes	2	2	6	6	6	2	2	2	2	Variable	4
	Frame Control	Duration	DA	SA	BSS ID	Seq- ctl	Authentication Algorithm Number	Authentication Transaction Seq. No.	Status Code	Challenge }	FCS

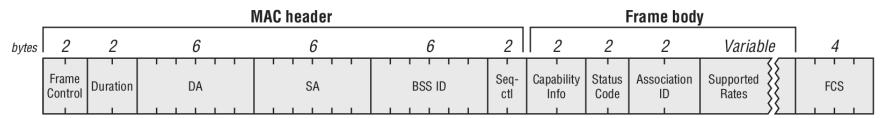


# **Association Request Frame**

	MAC header					Frame body				_	
bytes	2	2	6	6	6	2	2	2	Variable	Variable	4
	Frame Control	Duration	DA	SA	BSS ID	Seq- ctl	Capability Info	Listen Interval	SS ID	Supported Rates	FCS

Order	Information	Notes	Order	Information	Notes
1	Capability Information		9	QoS Capability	Used with 802.11e QoS.
2	Listen interval		10	RRM Enabled Capabilities	Used with 802.11k.
3	SSID		11	Mobility Domain	Used with 802.11r.
4	Supported rates		12	Supported Regulatory Classes	Used with 802.11r.
5	Extended Supported Rates	Present whenever there are more than eight supported rates; it is optional otherwise.	13	HT Capabilities	Used with 802.11n.
6	Power Capability	Used with 802.11h.	14	20/40 BSS Coexistence	Used with 802.11n.
7	Supported Channels	Used with 802.11h.	15	Extended Capabilities	The Extended Capabilities element may be present if any of the fields in this element are nonzero.
8	RSN	Used with 802.11i.	Last	Vendor Specific	One or more vendor-specific information elements may appear in this frame. This information element follows all other information elements.

# **Association Response Frame**

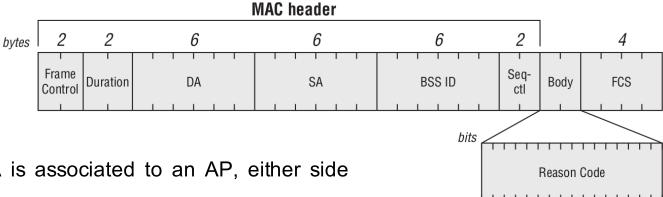


Order	Information	Notes
1	Capability Information	
2	Status Code	
3	Association ID	
4	Supported rates	
5	Extended Supported Rates	The Extended Supported Rates element is present whenever there are more than eight supported rates; it is optional otherwise.
6	EDCA Parameter Set	

Order	Information	Notes
7	RCPI	Used with 802.11k.
8	RSNI	Used with 802.11k.
9	RRM Enabled Capabilities	Used with 802.11k.
10	Mobility Domain	Used with 802.11r.
11	Fast BSS Transition	Used with 802.11r.
12	DSE Registered Location	Used with 802.11y.
13	Timeout Interval (association comeback time)	Used with 802.11w.
14	HT Capabilities	Used with 802.11n.
15	HT Operation	Used with 802.11n.
16	20/40 BSS Coexistence	Used with 802.11n.
17	Overlapping BSS Scan Parameters	Used with 802.11n.
18	Extended Capabilities	The Extended Capabilities element may be present if any of the fields in this element are nonzero.
Last	Vendor Specific	One or more vendor-specific information elements may appear in this frame. This information element

follows all other information elements.

#### **Disassociation Frame**



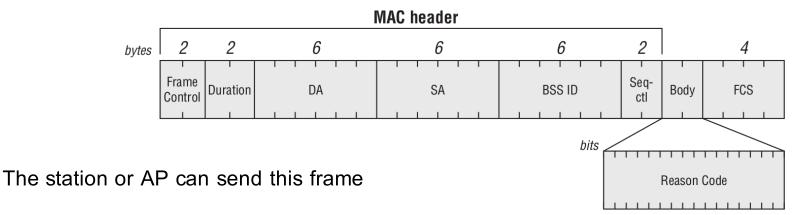
Once a STA is associated to an AP, either side can terminate the association at any time by sending a disassociation frame





A disassociated station is still authenticated

#### **Deauthentication Frame**



#### This frame is used when all communications are terminated





Type	Subtype	
00	1010	disassociation frame
00	1100	deauthentication frame

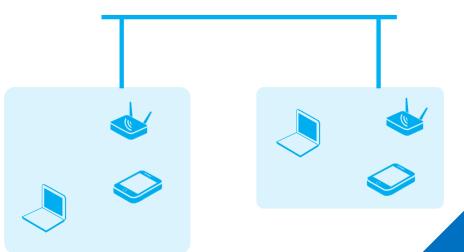
# Reassociation Request/Response frame

	MAC header					_	Frame body	
bytes	2	2	6	6	6 2	2 2	6 Variable	e Variable   4
	Frame Control	Duration	DA	SA	BSS ID Sec		Current AP Address SS ID	Supported FCS Rates



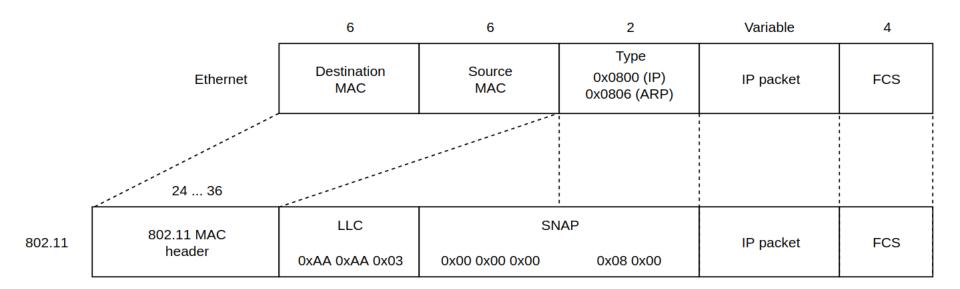






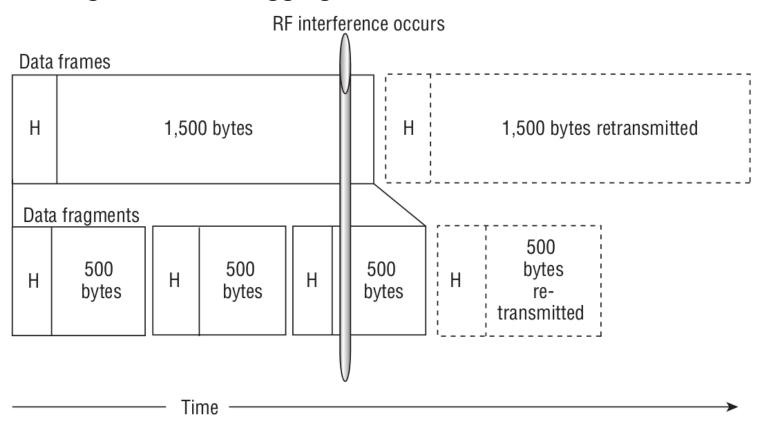
# **Data Frame**

Type value b3 b2	Type description	Subtype value b7 b6 b5 b4	Subtype description
10	Data	0000	Data
10	Data	0001	Data + CF-Ack [PCF only]
10	Data	0010	Data + CF-Poll [PCF only]
10	Data	0011	Data + CF-Ack + CF-Poll [PCF only]
10	Data	0100	Null (no data)
10	Data	0101	CF-Ack (no data) [PCF only]
10	Data	0110	CF-Poll (no data) [PCF only]
10	Data	0111	CF-Ack + CF-Poll (no data) [PCF only]
10	Data	1000	QoS Data [HCF]
10	Data	1001	QoS Data + CF-Ack [HCF]
10	Data	1010	QoS Data + CF-Poll [HCF]
10	Data	1011	QoS Data + CF-Ack + CF-Poll [HCF]
10	Data	1100	QoS Null (no data) [HCF]
10	Data	1101	Reserved
10	Data	1110	QoS CF-Poll (no data) [HCF]
10	Data	1111	QoS CF-Ack + CF-Poll (no data) [HCF]

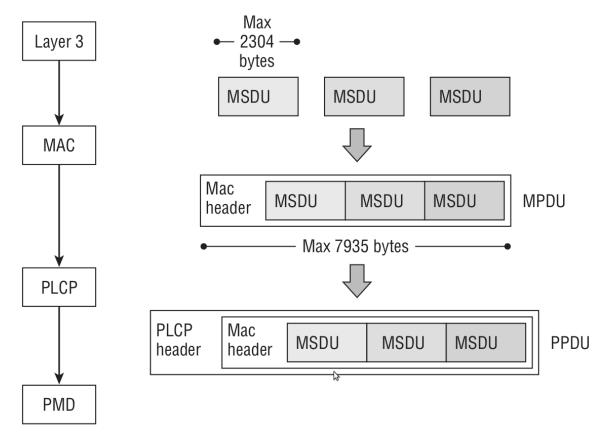


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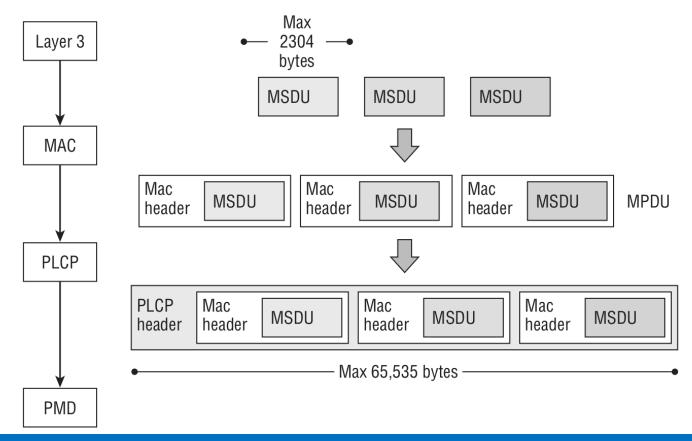
# **Fragmentation & Aggregation**



# Aggregate MAC service data unit (A-MSDU)



# Aggregate MAC protocol data unit (A-MPDU)



A-N	ISDU
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#### A-MPDU

Encryption	all the MSDUs are encrypted	each MPDU is encrypted
is enabled	together as a single payload	individually

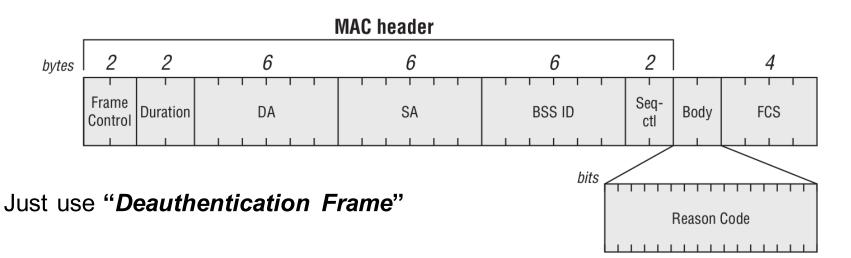
shall contain only MSDUs whose DA and SA parameter values map to the same RA and TA values

require the use of Block Ack

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# Wi-Fi Attack

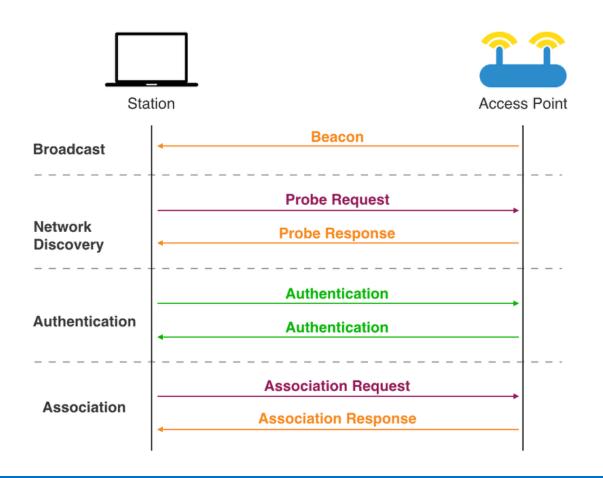
#### Wi-Fi deauthentication attack



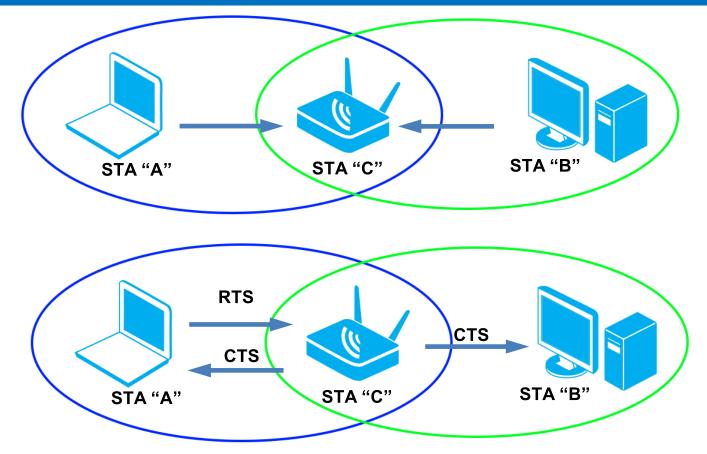
00-1010	disassociation f	rame
00-1100	deauthentication	n frame

Order	Notes
1	Reason code.
2 – (Last – 1)	One or more vendor-specific information elements may appear in this frame.
Last	Used with 802.11w.

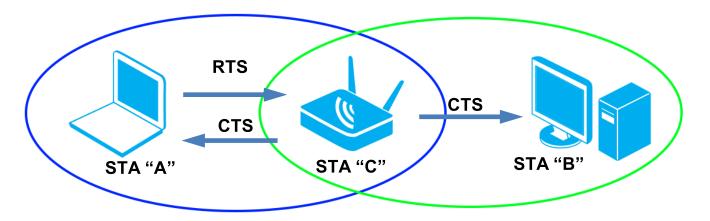
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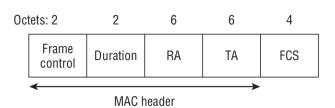
# **Hidden station**



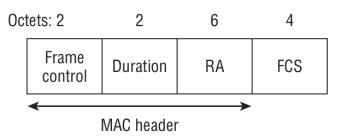
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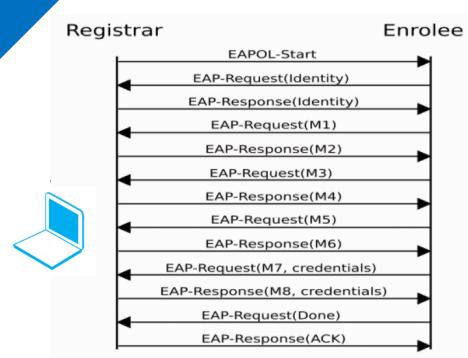


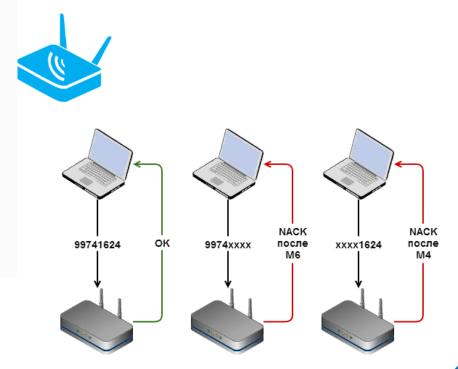
#### **RTS** frame



#### **CTS** frame



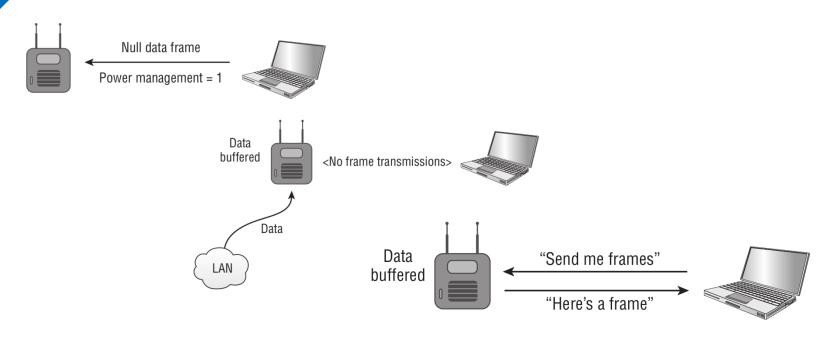




# **WPS**

BSSID	Channel	RSSI	Auth Mode	Е	3 G	iN	LR	WPS		SSID
):10	2	-66	WPA WPA2-PSK	0	1	. 1	0	0	Domashniy	
:3C	10	-67	WPA2-PSK	1	. 1	. 1	0	0	WirelessNet	
:D8	7	-69	WPA WPA2-PSK	1	. 1	. 1	0	0	WiFi	
:08	13	-77	WPA2-PSK	1	. 1	. 1	0	0		
:B8	13	-82	WPA2-PSK	1	. 1	. 1	0	0	Kain	
:36	4	-83	WPA WPA2-PSK	1	. 1	. 1	0	0	izet95	
:28	13	-83	WPA2-PSK	1	. 1	. 1	0	0	Kain	
:50	13	-84	WPA2-PSK	1	. 1	. 1	0	0	ASUS-B950	
:A8	9	-85	WPA2-PSK				0			
:B8	6	-86	WPA2-PSK				0		wacheslav	
:08	6	-94	WPA2-PSK				0		Room246	

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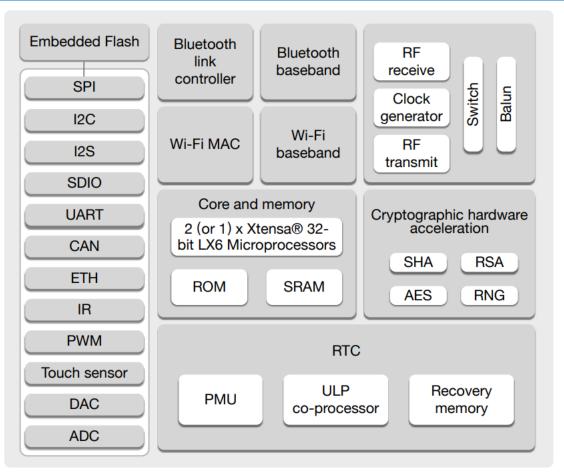


FC -> More Data bit

STA don't go to Doze State

# ESP32

# **ESP32 Functional Block Diagram**



# **ESP32 Key Features**

#### • Processors:

Tensilica Xtensa 32-bit LX6 microprocessor

Clock frequency: up to 240 MHz

Performance: up to 600 DMIPS

#### • Memory:

#### **Internal memory:**

ROM: 448 KiB (for booting and core functions)

SRAM: 520 KiB (for data and instruction)

eFuse: 1 Kibit

#### **Embedded flash:**

0 ... 4 MiB

#### External flash:

Up to 16 MiB



# **ESP32 Key Features**

#### Wireless connectivity:

Wi-Fi



802.11 b/g/n (802.11n @ 2.4 GHz up to 150 Mbit/s)



#### **Bluetooth**



v4.2 BR/EDR Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE)

# Scan Type

Mode	Description
Active Scan	Scan by sending a probe request. The default scan is an active scan.
Passive Scan	No probe request is sent out. Just switch to the specific channel and wait for a beacon. Application can enable it via the scan_type field of wifi_scan_config_t.
All-Channel Scan	It scans all of the channels. If the channel field of wifi_scan_config_t is set to 0, it is an all-channel scan.
Specific Channel Scan	It scans specific channels only. If the channel field of wifi_scan_config_t set to 1, it is a specific-channel scan

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#### **Sniffer Mode**

#### **ESP32** support\* :

- 802.11 Management frame
- 802.11 Data frame, including MPDU, AMPDU, AMSDU, etc.
- 802.11 MIMO frame, for MIMO frame, the sniffer only dumps the length of the frame.
- 802.11 Control frame

#### **ESP32 DON'T support\*:**

802.11 error frame, such as the frame with a CRC error, etc.

\* ESP-IDF SDK latest version

# Wi-Fi internal buffer

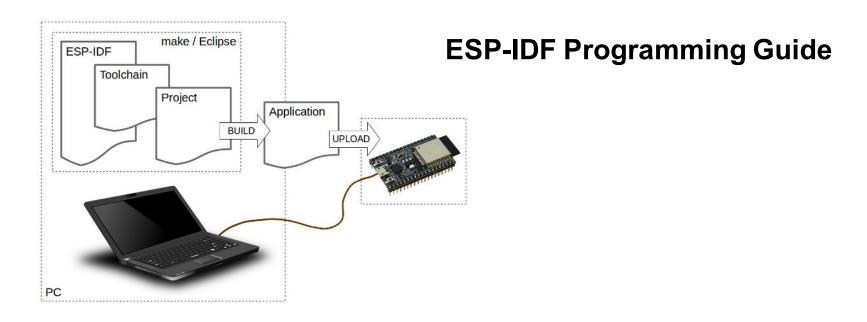
Buffer Type	Default value	Description
Static RX buf	10 x 1600 bytes	kind of DMA
Dynamic RX buf	32	the length is variable, depends on the Rx 802.11 frame
Static TX buf	16 x 1600 bytes	kind of DMA
Dynamic TX buf	32	This is a kind of DMA memory. It is allocated to the heap

#### Wi-Fi internal buffer

#### To change configuration:

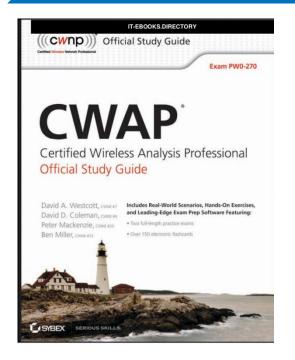
- \$ cd path/you/project
- \$ make menuconfig

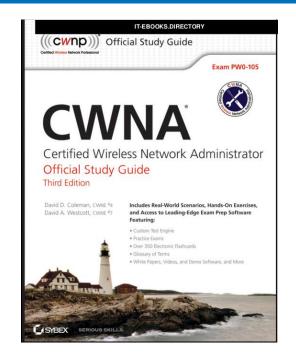
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sdkconfig - Espressif IoT Development Framework Configuration
Arrow keys navigate the menu. <Enter> selects submenus ---> (or empty submenus ----). Highlighted letters are hotkeys. Pressing <Y>
includes, <N> excludes, <M> modularizes features. Press <Esc> to exit, <?> for Help, </> for Search. Legend: [*] built-in []
excluded <M> module < > module capable
                                (10) Max number of WiFi static RX buffers
                                 (32) Max number of WiFi dynamic RX buffers
                                     Type of WiFi TX buffers (Dynamic) --->
                                 (32) Max number of WiFi dynamic TX buffers
                                 [ ] WiFi CSI(Channel State Information)
                                 [*] WiFi AMPDU TX
                                      WiFi AMPDU TX BA window size
                                 [*] WiFi AMPDU RX
                                      WiFi AMPDU RX BA window size
                                 [*] WiFi NVS flash
                                    WiFi Task Core ID (Core 0) --->
                                 (752) Max length of WiFi SoftAP Beacon
                                 [ ] Enable WiFi debug log
                                        <Select>
                                                   < Exit >
                                                               < Help >
                                                                           < Save >
                                                                                       < Load >
```



https://docs.espressif.com/projects/esp-idf/en/stable/index.html

#### Additional info





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#### **IEEE STANDARDS ASSOCIATION**



IEEE Standard for Information technology—
Telecommunications and information exchange between systems
Local and metropolitan area networks—
Specific requirements

Part 11: Wireless LAN Medium Access Control (MAC) and Physical Layer (PHY) Specifications



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