

# what is Reaver

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Reaver implements a brute force attack against Wifi Protected Setup (WPS) registrar PINs in order to recover WPA/WPA2 passphrases, as described in [Brute forcing Wi-Fi Protected Setup](#).

Reaver has been designed to be a robust and practical attack against WPS, and has been tested against a wide variety of access points and WPS implementations.

On average Reaver will recover the target AP's plain text WPA/WPA2 passphrase in 4-10 hours, depending on the AP. In practice, it will generally take half this time to guess the correct WPS pin and recover the passphrase.

## Reaver Features

- Brute force attack against Wifi Protected Setup
- Detects and reacts to lock outs
- Pixie Dust Attack
- WPS Registrar PINs are locked after 0-11 attempts

## WPS

WPS stands for Wi-Fi Protected Setup. It is a wireless network security standard that tries to make connections between a router and wireless devices faster and easier. WPS works only for wireless networks that use a password that is encrypted with the WPA Personal or WPA2 Personal security protocols.



## WPS PIN

A WPS PIN is an eight-digit number used to connect a device to the router. A successful WPS PIN bruteforce attack provides an attacker access to the router's WPS functionality and the network's WPA/WPA2 passphrase.



## How to use Reaver

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### Install Reaver

```
sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get install aircrack-ng libssl-dev sqlite3 libsqlite3-dev aircrack-ng pixiewps
sudo apt-get install reaver
```

install video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NLiRSowlw7E>

### Run Reaver

```
reaver -i wlan0mon -b 00:01:02:03:04:05 -vv
```

- -i: interface which is in monitor mode
- -b: BSSID of the target AP
- -vv: verbose mode
- -c: channel of the target AP
- -a: automatically detect the best advanced options for the AP
- -d: delay in seconds between pin attempts
- -e: use external registrar's PIN

### Reaver options

```
reaver --help
```

- -a: automatically detect the best advanced options for the AP
- -b: target AP's BSSID
- -c: target AP's wireless channel
- -d: delay in seconds between pin attempts
- -e: use external registrar's PIN

## wash - scan for WPS enabled APs

### what is wash

Wash is a utility for identifying WPS enabled access points. It can survey the current channel and neighboring channels, identifying WPS-enabled APs and the manufacturer set default SSID prefixes. Wash can be used to scan for WPS-enabled APs and to attack those WPS access points that are vulnerable to the WPS brute force attack.

```
wash -i wlan0mon
```

- -i: interface which is in monitor mode
- -C: colorize output
- -s: skip wash's check for a WPS locked state
- -o: output only the AP's that have WPS enabled
- -W: wait for a WPS locked state to be cleared before scanning
- -a: automatically detect the best advanced options for the

### References

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