

Probe Request

What are probe requests?

- Used to establish connections
- Client-side alternative to beacon frames
- Client searches for "known" access points
- Leaking the PNL

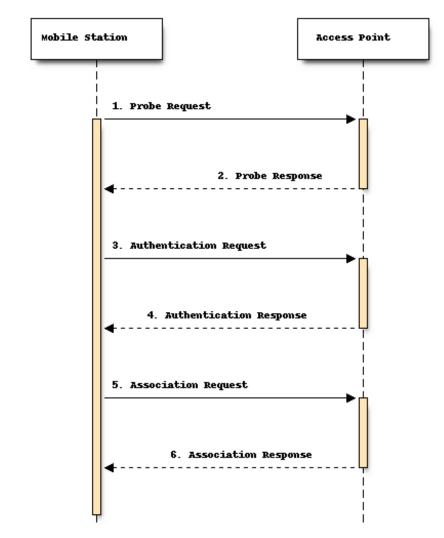


Image source:

https://probequest.readthedocs.io/en/stable/probe_requests.html

Probe Request Frame

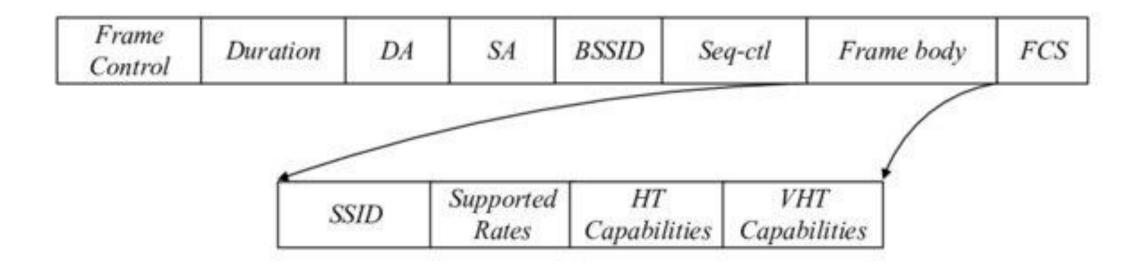


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Useful Information

- Destination Address (DA)ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
- Source Address (SA)
 unique device identifier
- BSSID

 ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
- SSID location identifier*

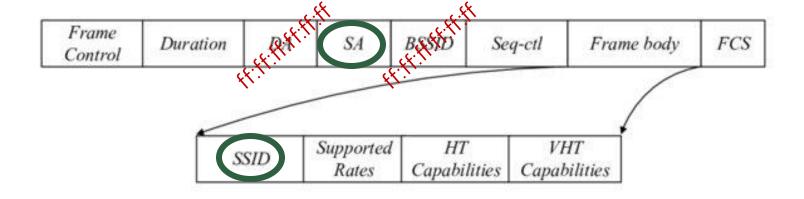
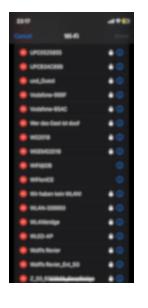
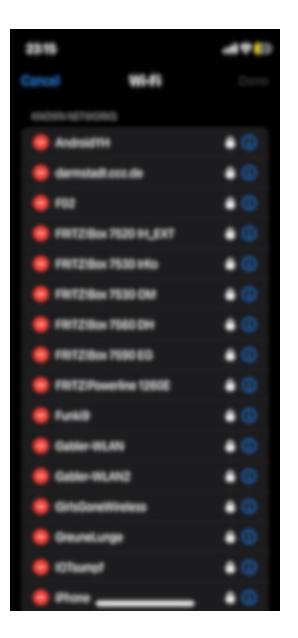


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Preferred Network List (PNL)

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Collection tool: probequest

- Installation pip3 install --upgrade probequest
- Can create fake data for testing
- Output to csv
- Alternatives:
 - Wi-Fi Pineapple
 - Tcpdump

SSID --??? --> Location

wigle.net

- Over 1 Billion unique networks
- Germany 2nd place (77 million)
- Larger databases (google, mozilla)
- API (interactive and free with swagger)
- Higher API limit for "research purposes"

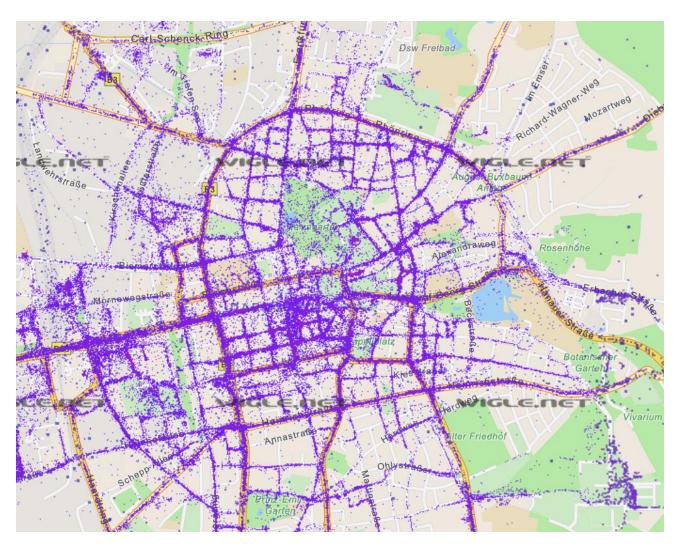


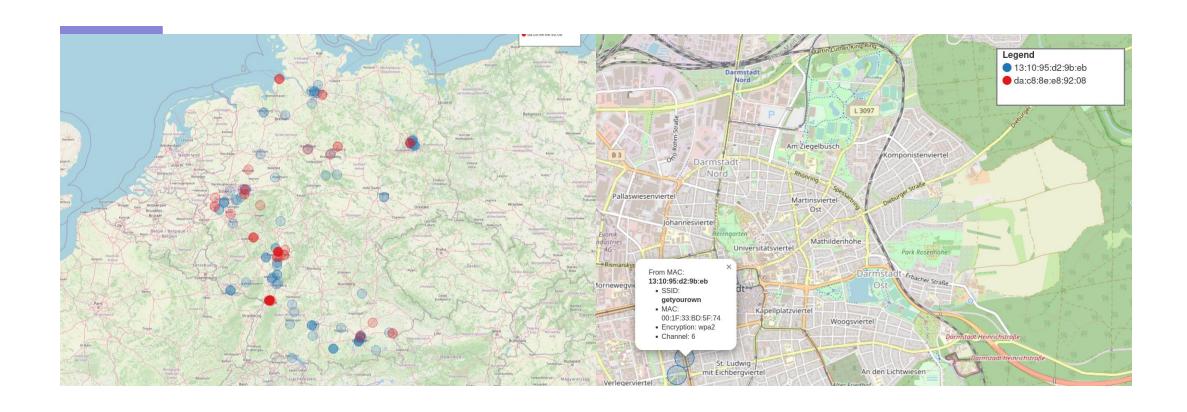
Image creation source: https://wigle.net/map

My Implementation

- Set Wi-Fi Adapter to Mointoring Mode
- Collect Data with probequest
- Parse Data to hierachical Structure unique MAC –1:m-> SSID
- API Requests to wigle.net for every SSID
- Parse Location Data unique MAC --1:m--> SSID --1:n--> Locations (+ Additonal Data)
- Visualize Locations on Map

DEMO

https://github.com/MeNoSmartBrain/wifiTracking



In Case Demo doesn't Demo

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Further Reading

- Probe Request Based Device Identification Attack and Defense https://dx.doi.org/10.3390/s20164620
- Your Mobile Phone is a Traitor! -- Raising Awareness on Ubiquitous Privacy Issues with SASQUATCH
 https://www.researchgate.net/publication/278739961_Your_Mobile_Phone_is_a_Traitor_--
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- Wigle swagger API https://api.wigle.net/swagger