

ASSIGNMENT 7

Wireshark for Wireless Networks

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TASK1 : WIFI

1.

a. How many beacon frames are present, How do you find this?. List the SSIDs and the BSS IDs of all the access points that are issuing Beacon frames at various times.

Solution :

To observe the beacon frames captured use the filter “**wlan.fc.type_subtype == 0x08**”. We are comparing it to 0x8 because beacons are included in management frames that have the type field set to 0, and beacons are represented by the hex value 0x8, meaning that their sub-type is 8.

Wireshark packet capture showing beacon frames filtered by `wlan.fc.type_subtype == 0x08`. The packet list shows 187 beacon frames from various sources. The packet details pane shows the structure of a beacon frame.

Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Identification	Type	Info
0.000030847	02:6a:e3:90:00:5f	Broadcast	802.11	404	5	Beacon frame, SN=1346, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=Green1	
0.000057657	Actionte_d8:98:93	Broadcast	802.11	348	6	Beacon frame, SN=2674, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=CenturyLink5256	
0.000126206	Actionte_d8:98:93	Broadcast	802.11	348	17	Beacon frame, SN=2675, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=CenturyLink5256	
0.000140981	02:6a:e3:90:00:5f	Broadcast	802.11	404	18	Beacon frame, SN=1347, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=Green1	
0.000238815	02:6a:e3:90:00:5f	Broadcast	802.11	404	41	Beacon frame, SN=1348, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=Green1	
0.000260541	Actionte_d8:98:93	Broadcast	802.11	348	42	Beacon frame, SN=2676, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=CenturyLink5256	
0.000335841	02:6a:e3:90:00:5f	Broadcast	802.11	404	70	Beacon frame, SN=1349, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=Green1	
0.000366669	Actionte_d8:98:93	Broadcast	802.11	348	73	Beacon frame, SN=2679, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=CenturyLink5256	
0.000438777	02:6a:e3:90:00:5f	Broadcast	802.11	404	95	Beacon frame, SN=1350, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=Green1	
0.999480156	Actionte_d8:98:93	Broadcast	802.11	348	97	Beacon frame, SN=2680, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=CenturyLink5256	
0.999539147	02:6a:e3:90:00:5f	Broadcast	802.11	404	109	Beacon frame, SN=1351, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=Green1	
0.999543048	Actionte_d8:98:93	Broadcast	802.11	348	110	Beacon frame, SN=2681, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=CenturyLink5256	
0.999641063	02:6a:e3:90:00:5f	Broadcast	802.11	404	124	Beacon frame, SN=1352, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=Green1	
0.999664587	Actionte_d8:98:93	Broadcast	802.11	348	125	Beacon frame, SN=2682, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=CenturyLink5256	
0.999737578	Actionte_d8:98:93	Broadcast	802.11	348	139	Beacon frame, SN=2684, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=CenturyLink5256	
0.999741006	02:6a:e3:90:00:5f	Broadcast	802.11	404	141	Beacon frame, SN=1353, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=Green1	
0.999864021	02:6a:e3:90:00:5f	Broadcast	802.11	404	151	Beacon frame, SN=1354, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=Green1	
0.999945733	02:6a:e3:90:00:5f	Broadcast	802.11	404	169	Beacon frame, SN=1355, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=Green1	
0.999972976	Actionte_d8:98:93	Broadcast	802.11	348	174	Beacon frame, SN=2685, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=CenturyLink5256	
1.000057701	02:6a:e3:90:00:5f	Broadcast	802.11	404	189	Beacon frame, SN=1356, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=Green1	
1.000090735	Actionte_d8:98:93	Broadcast	802.11	348	191	Beacon frame, SN=2686, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=CenturyLink5256	
1.000170899	02:6a:e3:90:00:5f	Broadcast	802.11	404	206	Beacon frame, SN=1357, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=Green1	
1.000191563	Actionte_d8:98:93	Broadcast	802.11	348	207	Beacon frame, SN=2688, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=CenturyLink5256	

Frame 5: 404 bytes on wire (3232 bits), 404 bytes captured (3232 bits)
> Radiotap Header v0, Length 48
> 802.11 radio information
> IEEE 802.11 Beacon frame, Flags:
> IEEE 802.11 Wireless Management

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rts-cts3.pcap | Packets: 2556 | Displayed: 187 (7.3%) | Profile: Default

As we can see, a total of **187 beacon frames** are present.

This can also be seen under Wireless → WLAN Traffic.

Wireshark · Wireless LAN Statistics · rts-cts3.pcap

BSSID	Channel	SSID	Percent Pack	Percent Retry	Retry	Beacons	Data Pkts	Probe Reqs	Probe Resp	Auths	Deauths	Other	Protection
> 02:6a:e3:90:00:5f	6	Green1	85.6	10.5	105	102	900	0	0	0	0	0	0
> 70:f2:20:d8:98:93	6	CenturyLink5256	14.0	39.0	64	85	0	0	79	0	0	0	0
> ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff		<Broadcast>	0.2	0.0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
> ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff	6	Debo.Speed	0.3	0.0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0

The SSID and BSS ID of different access points are as follows:

SSID	BSS ID
Green1	02:6a:e3:90:00:5f
CenturyLink5256	70:f2:20:d8:98:93

b. Prepare a table showing one of the beacon frames from each of the different SSIDs visible in the trace, Receiver address, and Transmitter address. Comment about your understanding of these fields in the beacon frame. Are all addresses as per the 802.11 frame structure present here? If yes, why? If not, why?

Solution :

SSID	RECEIVER ADDRESS	TRANSMITTER ADDRESS
Green1	Broadcast (ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff)	02:6a:e3:90:00:5f (02:6a:e3:90:00:5f)
CenturyLink5256	Broadcast (ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff)	Actionate_d8:98:93 (70:f2:20:d8:98:93)

Below screenshot shows the Receiver Address and Transmitter Address of SSID “Green1”.

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> Frame 5: 404 bytes on wire (3232 bits), 404 bytes captured (3232 bits)
> Radiotap Header v0, Length 48
> 802.11 radio information
▼ IEEE 802.11 Beacon frame, Flags: .....
  Type/Subtype: Beacon frame (0x0008)
  > Frame Control Field: 0x8000
    .000 0000 0000 0000 = Duration: 0 microseconds
    Receiver address: Broadcast (ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff)
    Destination address: Broadcast (ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff)
    Transmitter address: 02:6a:e3:90:00:5f (02:6a:e3:90:00:5f)
    Source address: 02:6a:e3:90:00:5f (02:6a:e3:90:00:5f)
    BSS Id: 02:6a:e3:90:00:5f (02:6a:e3:90:00:5f)
    .... .... 0000 = Fragment number: 0
    0101 0100 0010 .... = Sequence number: 1346
  ▼ IEEE 802.11 Wireless Management
    > Fixed parameters (12 bytes)
    ▼ Tagged parameters (320 bytes)
      > Tag: SSID parameter set: Green1
      > Tag: Supported Rates 1(B), 2(B), 5.5(B), 11(B), 6, 9, 12, 18, [Mbit/sec]
      > Tag: DS Parameter set: Current Channel: 6
      > Tag: Traffic Indication Map (TIM): DTIM 0 of 2 bitmap
      > Tag: Country Information: Country Code US, Environment Any
      > Tag: ERP Information
      > Tag: Extended Supported Rates 24, 36, 48, 54, [Mbit/sec]
      > Tag: RM Enabled Capabilities (5 octets)
      > Tag: Supported Operating Classes
      > Tag: HT Capabilities (802.11n D1.10)

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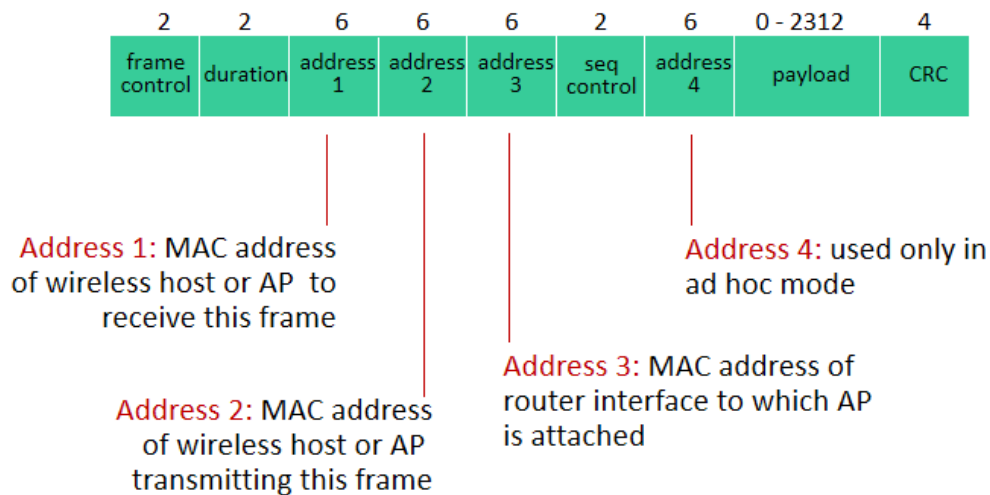
Below screenshot shows the Receiver Address and Transmitter Address of SSID “CenturyLink5256”.

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> Frame 6: 348 bytes on wire (2784 bits), 348 bytes captured (2784 bits)
> Radiotap Header v0, Length 48
> 802.11 radio information
▼ IEEE 802.11 Beacon frame, Flags: .....
  Type/Subtype: Beacon frame (0x0008)
  > Frame Control Field: 0x8000
    .000 0000 0000 0000 = Duration: 0 microseconds
    Receiver address: Broadcast (ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff)
    Destination address: Broadcast (ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff)
    Transmitter address: Actionte_d8:98:93 (70:f2:20:d8:98:93)
    Source address: Actionte_d8:98:93 (70:f2:20:d8:98:93)
    BSS Id: Actionte_d8:98:93 (70:f2:20:d8:98:93)
    .... .... 0000 = Fragment number: 0
    1010 0111 0010 .... = Sequence number: 2674
  ▼ IEEE 802.11 Wireless Management
    > Fixed parameters (12 bytes)
    ▼ Tagged parameters (264 bytes)
      > Tag: SSID parameter set: CenturyLink5256
      > Tag: Supported Rates 1(B), 2(B), 5.5(B), 11(B), 18, 24, 36, 54, [Mbit/sec]
      > Tag: DS Parameter set: Current Channel: 6
      > Tag: Traffic Indication Map (TIM): DTIM 0 of 1 bitmap
      > Tag: Country Information: Country Code US, Environment Any
      > Tag: ERP Information
      > Tag: Extended Supported Rates 6, 9, 12, 48, [Mbit/sec]
      > Tag: RSN Information
      > Tag: QBSS Load Element 802.11e CCA Version
      > Tag: HT Capabilities (802.11n D1.10)

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As we know 802.11 frame structure is as shown below



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> Frame 5: 404 bytes on wire (3232 bits), 404 bytes captured (3232 bits)
> Radiotap Header v0, Length 48
> 802.11 radio information
✓ IEEE 802.11 Beacon frame, Flags: .....
  Type/Subtype: Beacon frame (0x0008)
  > Frame Control Field: 0x8000
    .000 0000 0000 0000 = Duration: 0 microseconds
    Receiver address: Broadcast (ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff)
    Destination address: Broadcast (ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff)
    Transmitter address: 02:6a:e3:90:00:5f (02:6a:e3:90:00:5f)
    Source address: 02:6a:e3:90:00:5f (02:6a:e3:90:00:5f)
    BSS Id: 02:6a:e3:90:00:5f (02:6a:e3:90:00:5f)
    .... 0000 = Fragment number: 0
    0101 0100 0010 .... = Sequence number: 1346
✓ IEEE 802.11 Wireless Management
  > Fixed parameters (12 bytes)
  ✓ Tagged parameters (320 bytes)
    > Tag: SSID parameter set: Green1
    > Tag: Supported Rates 1(B), 2(B), 5.5(B), 11(B), 6, 9, 12, 18, [Mbit/sec]
    > Tag: DS Parameter set: Current Channel: 6
    > Tag: Traffic Indication Map (TIM): DTIM 0 of 2 bitmap
    > Tag: Country Information: Country Code US, Environment Any
    > Tag: ERP Information
    > Tag: Extended Supported Rates 24, 36, 48, 54, [Mbit/sec]
    > Tag: RM Enabled Capabilities (5 octets)
    > Tag: Supported Operating Classes
    > Tag: HT Capabilities (802.11n D1.10)
    > Tag: HT Information (802.11n D1.10)
    > Tag: Overlapping BSS Scan Parameters
  
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It has the **Receiver Address**, **Source Address**, and **BSS Id**, as we can see, but not Address 4 as it is only used in adhoc mode.

c. Pick any SSID of your choice. What are the data rates supported by this SSID?

How do you know this from the trace?

Solution :

Let us pick the SSID “ **CenturyLink5256** ”. The data rates supported by this SSID is as shown below.

Filter: wlan.fc.type_subtype==0x0005

Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Identification	Type	Info
0.000296939	Actionte_d8:98:93	ASUSTekC_e8:d5:53	802.11	421	57	Probe Response	SN=2677, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=CenturyLink5256
0.999736248	Actionte_d8:98:93	ASUSTekC_e8:d5:53	802.11	421	138	Probe Response	SN=2683, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=CenturyLink5256
0.999786738	Actionte_d8:98:93	ASUSTekC_e8:d5:53	802.11	421	147	Probe Response	SN=2683, FN=0, Flags=....R..., BI=100, SSID=CenturyLink5256
0.999879580	Actionte_d8:98:93	ASUSTekC_e8:d5:53	802.11	421	153	Probe Response	SN=2683, FN=0, Flags=....R..., BI=100, SSID=CenturyLink5256
0.999927088	Actionte_d8:98:93	ASUSTekC_e8:d5:53	802.11	421	164	Probe Response	SN=2683, FN=0, Flags=....R..., BI=100, SSID=CenturyLink5256
0.999995681	Actionte_d8:98:93	ASUSTekC_e8:d5:53	802.11	421	177	Probe Response	SN=2683, FN=0, Flags=....R..., BI=100, SSID=CenturyLink5256
1.000105304	Actionte_d8:98:93	ASUSTekC_e8:d5:53	802.11	421	193	Probe Response	SN=2683, FN=0, Flags=....R..., BI=100, SSID=CenturyLink5256
1.000117320	Actionte_d8:98:93	ASUSTekC_e8:d5:53	802.11	421	195	Probe Response	SN=2683, FN=0, Flags=....R..., BI=100, SSID=CenturyLink5256
1.000138643	Actionte_d8:98:93	ASUSTekC_e8:d5:53	802.11	421	203	Probe Response	SN=2687, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=CenturyLink5256
1.000197939	Actionte_d8:98:93	ASUSTekC_e8:d5:53	802.11	421	208	Probe Response	SN=2687, FN=0, Flags=....R..., BI=100, SSID=CenturyLink5256
1.000342713	Actionte_d8:98:93	ASUSTekC_e8:d5:53	802.11	421	242	Probe Response	SN=2687, FN=0, Flags=....R..., BI=100, SSID=CenturyLink5256
1.000392425	Actionte_d8:98:93	ASUSTekC_e8:d5:53	802.11	421	249	Probe Response	SN=2687, FN=0, Flags=....R..., BI=100, SSID=CenturyLink5256
1.000395978	Actionte_d8:98:93	ASUSTekC_e8:d5:53	802.11	421	250	Probe Response	SN=2687, FN=0, Flags=....R..., BI=100, SSID=CenturyLink5256

> Radiotap Header v0, Length 48
> 802.11 radio information
▼ IEEE 802.11 Probe Response, Flags:
Type/Subtype: Probe Response (0x0005)
Frame Control Field: 0x5000
.000 0001 0011 1010 = Duration: 314 microseconds
Receiver address: ASUSTekC_e8:d5:53 (10:7b:44:e8:d5:53)
Destination address: ASUSTekC_e8:d5:53 (10:7b:44:e8:d5:53)
Transmitter address: Actionte_d8:98:93 (70:f2:20:d8:98:93)
Source address: Actionte_d8:98:93 (70:f2:20:d8:98:93)
BSS Id: Actionte_d8:98:93 (70:f2:20:d8:98:93)
.... 0000 = Fragment number: 0
1010 0111 1011 = Sequence number: 2683
▼ IEEE 802.11 Wireless Management
> Fixed parameters (12 bytes)
> Tagged parameters (337 bytes)
Tag: SSID parameter set: CenturyLink5256
Tag: Supported Rates 1(B), 2(B), 5.5(B), 11(B), 18, 24, 36, 54, [Mbit/sec]
Tag: DS Parameter set: Current Channel: 6

2. How many RTS and CTS frames are present? How do you find this? Also, mention the size of these frames.

Solution:

RTS:

Apply the filter “**wlan.fc.type_subtype==27**” to observe the RTS frames.

As seen in the below screenshot the number of RTS frames present are **1341** and the size of each frame is **64 bytes**.

Filter: wlan.fc.type_subtype==27

Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Identification	Type	Info
0.999638212	Performa_20:00:0a (... 02:6a:e3:90:00:5f (... 802.11			64	123		Request-to-send, Flags=.....
0.999667359	Performa_20:00:1d (... 02:6a:e3:90:00:5f (... 802.11			64	126		Request-to-send, Flags=.....
0.999667580	Performa_20:00:1f (... 02:6a:e3:90:00:5f (... 802.11			64	127		Request-to-send, Flags=.....
0.999668178	Performa_20:00:20 (... 02:6a:e3:90:00:5f (... 802.11			64	128		Request-to-send, Flags=.....
0.999668510	Performa_20:00:0b (... 02:6a:e3:90:00:5f (... 802.11			64	129		Request-to-send, Flags=.....
0.999668792	Performa_20:00:15 (... 02:6a:e3:90:00:5f (... 802.11			64	130		Request-to-send, Flags=.....
0.999675593	Performa_20:00:03 (... 02:6a:e3:90:00:5f (... 802.11			64	131		Request-to-send, Flags=.....
0.999681071	Performa_20:00:26 (... 02:6a:e3:90:00:5f (... 802.11			64	132		Request-to-send, Flags=.....
0.999689215	Performa_20:00:23 (... 02:6a:e3:90:00:5f (... 802.11			64	133		Request-to-send, Flags=.....
0.999706002	Performa_20:00:0d (... 02:6a:e3:90:00:5f (... 802.11			64	134		Request-to-send, Flags=.....
0.999710963	Performa_20:00:1a (... 02:6a:e3:90:00:5f (... 802.11			64	135		Request-to-send, Flags=.....
0.999716059	Performa_20:00:02 (... 02:6a:e3:90:00:5f (... 802.11			64	136		Request-to-send, Flags=.....
0.999726410	Performa_20:00:27 (... 02:6a:e3:90:00:5f (... 802.11			64	137		Request-to-send, Flags=.....

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> Frame 137: 64 bytes on wire (512 bits), 64 bytes captured (512 bits)
 > Radiotap Header v0, Length 48
 > 802.11 radio information
 > IEEE 802.11 Request-to-send, Flags:
 Type/Subtype: Request-to-send (0x001b)
 > Frame Control Field: 0xb400
 .000 1000 0010 0101 = Duration: 2085 microseconds
 Receiver address: 02:6a:e3:90:00:5f (02:6a:e3:90:00:5f)
 Transmitter address: Performa_20:00:27 (00:10:94:20:00:27)

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Type and subtype combined (first byte: type, second byte: subtype) (wlan.fc.type_subtype), 1 byte

Packets: 2556 · Displayed: 1341 (52.5%)

Filter: wlan.fc.type_subtype==27

Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Identification	Type	Info
0.000000000	Performa_20:00:14 (... 02:6a:e3:90:00:5f (... 802.11			64	1		Request-to-send, Flags=.....
0.000003158	Performa_20:00:18 (... 02:6a:e3:90:00:5f (... 802.11			64	2		Request-to-send, Flags=.....
0.000011156	Performa_20:00:06 (... 02:6a:e3:90:00:5f (... 802.11			64	3		Request-to-send, Flags=.....
0.000023813	Performa_20:00:12 (... 02:6a:e3:90:00:5f (... 802.11			64	4		Request-to-send, Flags=.....
0.000057904	Performa_20:00:0c (... 02:6a:e3:90:00:5f (... 802.11			64	7		Request-to-send, Flags=.....
0.000058434	Performa_20:00:10 (... 02:6a:e3:90:00:5f (... 802.11			64	8		Request-to-send, Flags=.....
0.000064351	Performa_20:00:0f (... 02:6a:e3:90:00:5f (... 802.11			64	9		Request-to-send, Flags=.....
0.000065559	Performa_20:00:28 (... 02:6a:e3:90:00:5f (... 802.11			64	10		Request-to-send, Flags=.....
0.000066044	Performa_20:00:1b (... 02:6a:e3:90:00:5f (... 802.11			64	11		Request-to-send, Flags=.....
0.000074585	Performa_20:00:17 (... 02:6a:e3:90:00:5f (... 802.11			64	12		Request-to-send, Flags=.....
0.000090820	Performa_20:00:16 (... 02:6a:e3:90:00:5f (... 802.11			64	13		Request-to-send, Flags=.....

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Encapsulation type: IEEE 802.11 plus radiotap radio header (23)
 Arrival Time: May 14, 2020 20:47:18.000522918 India Standard Time
 [Time shift for this packet: 0.000000000 seconds]
 Epoch Time: 1589469438.000522918 seconds
 [Time delta from previous captured frame: 0.000000000 seconds]
 [Time delta from previous displayed frame: 0.000000000 seconds]
 [Time since reference or first frame: 0.000000000 seconds]
 Frame Number: 1
 Frame Length: 64 bytes (512 bits)
 Capture Length: 64 bytes (512 bits)
 [Frame is marked: False]
 [Frame is ignored: False]
 [Protocols in frame: radiotap:wlan_radio:wlan]
 > Radiotap Header v0, Length 48
 > 802.11 radio information
 > IEEE 802.11 Request-to-send, Flags:
 Type/Subtype: Request-to-send (0x001b)
 > Frame Control Field: 0xb400
 .000 0101 1110 1110 = Duration: 1518 microseconds
 Receiver address: 02:6a:e3:90:00:5f (02:6a:e3:90:00:5f)
 Transmitter address: Performa_20:00:14 (00:10:94:20:00:14)

CTS:

Apply the filter “**wlan.fc.type_subtype==28**” to observe the CTS frames.

As seen in the below screenshot the number of RTS frames present are **9** and size of each CTS frame is **58 bytes**.

wlan.fc.type_subtype==28							
Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Identificati	Type	Info
2.999809662		Performa_20:00:21 (...)	802.11	58	499		Clear-to-send, Flags=.....
4.999638489		Performa_20:00:24 (...)	802.11	58	875		Clear-to-send, Flags=.....
4.999643549		Performa_20:00:23 (...)	802.11	58	988		Clear-to-send, Flags=.....
6.000444739		Performa_20:00:28 (...)	802.11	58	1404		Clear-to-send, Flags=.....
7.999492769		Performa_20:00:06 (...)	802.11	58	1662		Clear-to-send, Flags=.....
10.999616655		Performa_20:00:17 (...)	802.11	58	2051		Clear-to-send, Flags=.....
10.999626351		Performa_20:00:27 (...)	802.11	58	2171		Clear-to-send, Flags=.....
11.000384707		Performa_20:00:1d (...)	802.11	58	2359		Clear-to-send, Flags=.....
11.999646126		Performa_20:00:0c (...)	802.11	58	2516		Clear-to-send, Flags=.....

▼ Frame 499: 58 bytes on wire (464 bits), 58 bytes captured (464 bits)
Encapsulation type: IEEE 802.11 plus radiotap radio header (23)
Arrival Time: May 14, 2020 20:47:21.000332580 India Standard Time
[Time shift for this packet: 0.000000000 seconds]
Epoch Time: 1589469441.000332580 seconds
[Time delta from previous captured frame: 0.00002005 seconds]
[Time delta from previous displayed frame: 0.000000000 seconds]
[Time since reference or first frame: 2.999809662 seconds]
Frame Number: 499
Frame Length: 58 bytes (464 bits)
Capture Length: 58 bytes (464 bits)
[Frame is marked: False]
[Frame is ignored: False]
[Protocols in frame: radiotap:wlan_radio:wlan]
> Radiotap Header v0, Length 48
> 802.11 radio information
▼ IEEE 802.11 Clear-to-send, Flags:
Type/Subtype: Clear-to-send (0x001c)
> Frame Control Field: 0xc400
.000 0111 1111 0001 = Duration: 2033 microseconds
Receiver address: Performa_20:00:21 (00:10:94:20:00:21)

Type and subtype combined (first byte: type, second byte: subtype) (wlan.fc.type_subtype), 1 byte

Packets: 2556 • Displayed: 9 (0.4%)

Task2: 4G-based Cellular Networks

1. Using the attached lte.pcap and the attached LTE attach call flow document lte-attach.pdf, answer the following questions. Note: S1AP is the protocol that carries various attach-related NAS messages between eNodeB and MME. Clearly show the screenshots along with answering each of the questions.

a. List the IP addresses of eNodeB and MME seen in the pcap and explain why so?

Solution :

Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Identifier	Type	Info
0.000000	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL	148	1		InitialUEMessage, Attach request, PDN connectivity request
0.023223	192.168.20.11	192.168.20.190	S1AP/NL	144	2		SACK (Ack=0, Arwnd=64000), DownlinkNASTransport, Authentication request
0.063787	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL	140	3		SACK (Ack=0, Arwnd=48000), UplinkNASTransport, Authentication response
0.065495	192.168.20.11	192.168.20.190	S1AP/NL	124	4		SACK (Ack=1, Arwnd=64000), DownlinkNASTransport, Security mode command
0.159634	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL	148	5		SACK (Ack=1, Arwnd=48000), UplinkNASTransport, Security mode complete
0.300160	192.168.20.11	192.168.20.190	S1AP/NL	116	6		SACK (Ack=2, Arwnd=64000), DownlinkNASTransport, ESM information request
0.358909	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL	152	7		SACK (Ack=2, Arwnd=48000), UplinkNASTransport, ESM information response
0.388727	192.168.20.11	192.168.20.190	S1AP/NL	292	8		SACK (Ack=3, Arwnd=64000), InitialContextSetupRequest, Attach accept, Activate default EPS bearer
0.480041	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP	156	9		SACK (Ack=3, Arwnd=48000), UECapabilityInfoIndication, UECapabilityInformation
0.482011	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL	148	10		InitialUEMessage, Attach request, PDN connectivity request
0.505756	192.168.20.11	192.168.20.190	S1AP/NL	128	11		DownlinkNASTransport, Authentication request
0.582930	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP	120	12		SACK (Ack=4, Arwnd=48000), InitialContextSetupResponse
0.584808	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL	124	13		UplinkNASTransport, Authentication response
0.586496	192.168.20.11	192.168.20.190	S1AP/NL	108	14		DownlinkNASTransport, Security mode command
0.598856	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL	140	15		SACK (Ack=5, Arwnd=48000), UplinkNASTransport, Attach complete, Activate default EPS bearer
0.600297	192.168.20.11	192.168.20.190	S1AP/NL	140	16		SACK (Ack=8, Arwnd=64000), DownlinkNASTransport, EMM information
0.680859	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL	148	17		SACK (Ack=6, Arwnd=48000), UplinkNASTransport, Security mode complete
0.684889	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL	148	18		UplinkNASTransport, PDN connectivity request

By observing the above screenshot we can see that the IP address of eNodeB and MME are **192.168.20.190** and **192.168.20.11** respectively.

Initial UE Message contains an Attach Request and PDN Connectivity Request. Attach request is initiated by UE to MME. The PDN connectivity procedure is an important process when the LTE communication system accesses to packet data network.

b. How many Attach requests are sent from the user to MME? How do you find this in Wireshark? Also, list the number of Attach Accepts and Attach Completes.

Attach requests can be found using the filter “**nas_eps.nas_msg_emm_type == 0x41**”

Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Identificati	Type	Info
0.000000	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL	148	1	1	InitialUEMessage, Attach request, PDN connectivity request
0.482011	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL	148	10	10	InitialUEMessage, Attach request, PDN connectivity request
1.003814	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL	148	33	33	InitialUEMessage, Attach request, PDN connectivity request
1.525917	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL	148	53	53	InitialUEMessage, Attach request, PDN connectivity request
1.968997	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL	148	68	68	InitialUEMessage, Attach request, PDN connectivity request
2.489826	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL	164	82	82	SACK (Ack=29, Arwnd=48000) , InitialUEMessage, Attach request, PDN connectivity request
3.061574	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL	148	98	98	InitialUEMessage, Attach request, PDN connectivity request
3.627573	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL	148	117	117	InitialUEMessage, Attach request, PDN connectivity request
4.149458	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL	148	129	129	InitialUEMessage, Attach request, PDN connectivity request
4.555467	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL	148	138	138	InitialUEMessage, Attach request, PDN connectivity request
5.037980	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL	148	147	147	InitialUEMessage, Attach request, PDN connectivity request
5.558291	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL	148	164	164	InitialUEMessage, Attach request, PDN connectivity request
6.081405	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL	148	173	173	InitialUEMessage, Attach request, PDN connectivity request
7.118392	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL	148	200	200	InitialUEMessage, Attach request, PDN connectivity request
7.529450	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL	148	212	212	InitialUEMessage, Attach request, PDN connectivity request
8.027132	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL	148	221	221	InitialUEMessage, Attach request, PDN connectivity request
17.078070	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL	156	272	272	InitialUEMessage, Attach request, PDN connectivity request
20.648915	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL	156	292	292	InitialUEMessage, Attach request, PDN connectivity request

> Frame 1: 148 bytes on wire (1184 bits), 148 bytes captured (1184 bits)
 > Linux cooked capture v1
 > Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.20.190, Dst: 192.168.20.11
 > Stream Control Transmission Protocol, Src Port: 36412 (36412), Dst Port: 36412 (36412)
 > S1 Application Protocol

Frame (148 bytes) bistring tlv (+4 bytes)
 NAS EPS Mobility Management Message Type: Unsigned integer, 1 byte Packets: 377 · Displayed: 23 (6.1%) Profile

The number of Attach Requests sent are **23** as shown in the above screenshot.

Attach Accept can be found using the filter “nas_eps.nas_msg_emm_type == 0x42”

Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Identificati	Type	Info
0.388727	192.168.20.11	192.168.20.190	S1AP/NL	292	8	8	SACK (Ack=3, Arwnd=64000) , InitialContextSetupRequest, Attach accept, Activate default EPS bea
0.785840	192.168.20.11	192.168.20.190	S1AP/NL	276	23	23	InitialContextSetupRequest, Attach accept, Activate default EPS bearer context request
1.319828	192.168.20.11	192.168.20.190	S1AP/NL	276	47	47	InitialContextSetupRequest, Attach accept, Activate default EPS bearer context request
2.190854	192.168.20.11	192.168.20.190	S1AP/NL	292	75	75	SACK (Ack=46, Arwnd=64000) , InitialContextSetupRequest, Attach accept, Activate default EPS be
2.800341	192.168.20.11	192.168.20.190	S1AP/NL	292	95	95	SACK (Ack=59, Arwnd=64000) , InitialContextSetupRequest, Attach accept, Activate default EPS be
3.424674	192.168.20.11	192.168.20.190	S1AP/NL	292	115	115	SACK (Ack=72, Arwnd=64000) , InitialContextSetupRequest, Attach accept, Activate default EPS be
3.967507	192.168.20.11	192.168.20.190	S1AP/NL	292	127	127	SACK (Ack=80, Arwnd=64000) , InitialContextSetupRequest, Attach accept, Activate default EPS be
4.888466	192.168.20.11	192.168.20.190	S1AP/NL	292	145	145	SACK (Ack=92, Arwnd=64000) , InitialContextSetupRequest, Attach accept, Activate default EPS be
5.922159	192.168.20.11	192.168.20.190	S1AP/NL	292	171	171	SACK (Ack=109, Arwnd=64000) , InitialContextSetupRequest, Attach accept, Activate default EPS b
6.426314	192.168.20.11	192.168.20.190	S1AP/NL	276	188	188	InitialContextSetupRequest, Attach accept, Activate default EPS bearer context request
7.873191	192.168.20.11	192.168.20.190	S1AP/NL	292	219	219	SACK (Ack=148, Arwnd=64000) , InitialContextSetupRequest, Attach accept, Activate default EPS b
8.367427	192.168.20.11	192.168.20.190	S1AP/NL	276	237	237	InitialContextSetupRequest, Attach accept, Activate default EPS bearer context request
17.429115	192.168.20.11	192.168.20.190	S1AP/NL	292	279	279	SACK (Ack=186, Arwnd=64000) , InitialContextSetupRequest, Attach accept, Activate default EPS b
20.984860	192.168.20.11	192.168.20.190	S1AP/NL	292	299	299	SACK (Ack=199, Arwnd=64000) , InitialContextSetupRequest, Attach accept, Activate default EPS b
23.076698	192.168.20.11	192.168.20.190	S1AP/NL	292	317	317	SACK (Ack=212, Arwnd=64000) , InitialContextSetupRequest, Attach accept, Activate default EPS b

> value
 MME-UE-S1AP-ID: 2093
 > Item 1: id-eNB-UE-S1AP-ID
 > ProtocolIE-Field
 id: id-eNB-UE-S1AP-ID (8)
 criticality: reject (0)
 > value
 ENB-UE-S1AP-ID: 30
 > Item 2: id-uAggregateMaximumBitrate
 > Item 3: id-E-RABToBeSetupListCtxtSUReq
 > Item 4: id-UESecurityCapabilities
 > ProtocolIE-Field
 id: id-UESecurityCapabilities (107)
 criticality: reject (0)
 > value
 > UESecurityCapabilities
 > encryptionalgorithms: c000 [bit length 16, 1100 0000 0000 0000 decimal value 49152]

Frame (276 bytes) bistring tlv (+4 bytes) bistring tlv (4 bytes) bistring tlv (2 bytes) bistring tlv (32 bytes)
 lte.pcap Packets: 377 · Displayed: 16 (4.2%) Profile

The number of Attach Accepts are **16** as shown in the above screenshot.

Attach Complete can be found using the filter “**nas_eps.nas_msg_emm_type == 0x43**”.

Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Identificati	Type	Info
0.598856	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL...	140	15	SACK	(Ack=5, Arwnd=48000) , UplinkNASTransport, Attach complete, Activate default EPS bearer context a
1.000742	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL...	124	31	UplinkNASTransport	, Attach complete, Activate default EPS bearer context accept
1.522874	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL...	124	51	UplinkNASTransport	, Attach complete, Activate default EPS bearer context accept
2.366881	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL...	124	78	UplinkNASTransport	, Attach complete, Activate default EPS bearer context accept
3.064438	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL...	124	99	UplinkNASTransport	, Attach complete, Activate default EPS bearer context accept
3.659491	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL...	140	120	SACK (Ack=42, Arwnd=48000)	, UplinkNASTransport, Attach complete, Activate default EPS bearer context
4.237258	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL...	124	132	UplinkNASTransport	, Attach complete, Activate default EPS bearer context accept
5.117914	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL...	124	150	UplinkNASTransport	, Attach complete, Activate default EPS bearer context accept
6.164288	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL...	124	176	UplinkNASTransport	, Attach complete, Activate default EPS bearer context accept
6.677182	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL...	124	194	UplinkNASTransport	, Attach complete, Activate default EPS bearer context accept
7.366338	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL...	140	208	SACK (Ack=83, Arwnd=48000)	, UplinkNASTransport, Attach complete, Activate default EPS bearer context
8.124310	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL...	140	226	SACK (Ack=90, Arwnd=48000)	, UplinkNASTransport, Attach complete, Activate default EPS bearer context
8.624102	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL...	124	242	UplinkNASTransport	, Attach complete, Activate default EPS bearer context accept
17.686869	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL...	124	282	UplinkNASTransport	, Attach complete, Activate default EPS bearer context accept
21.247312	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL...	124	302	UplinkNASTransport	, Attach complete, Activate default EPS bearer context accept
23.328923	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL...	124	320	UplinkNASTransport	, Attach complete, Activate default EPS bearer context accept
74.909422	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL...	124	373	UplinkNASTransport	, Attach complete, Activate default EPS bearer context accept

Frame 15: 140 bytes on wire (1120 bits), 140 bytes captured (1120 bits) on interface 0
 Linux cooked capture v1
 Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.20.190, Dst: 192.168.20.11
 Stream Control Transmission Protocol, Src Port: 36412 (36412), Dst Port: 36412 (36412)
 S1 Application Protocol

As seen in above screenshots, the number of Attach Complete is **17**.

c. Which message confirms the successful attach for a user from MME ? Which message confirms the successful attach from user to MME ?

A user from MME receives a "**Attach Accept**" message to indicate a successful attach. The user's IP address is sent by MME to the UE through eNodeB in the "Attach Accept" message.

The "**Attach Complete**" notification verifies that the user successfully attached to the MME. To recognise and accept the Attach Accept message, UE sends the Attach Complete message. This is sent to the MME.

d. Pick any attach procedure. Calculate the time taken to complete this attach procedure from the user perspective using the Wireshark. Similarly the time taken to complete this attach procedure at MME. Explain how do you find this on

Wireshark

Solution:

REF	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL	148	1	InitialUEMessage, Attach request, PDN connectivity request
0.023223	192.168.20.11	192.168.20.190	S1AP/NL	144	2	SACK (Ack=0, Arwnd=64000) , DownlinkNASTransport, Authentication request
0.063787	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL	140	3	SACK (Ack=0, Arwnd=48000) , UplinkNASTransport, Authentication response
0.065495	192.168.20.11	192.168.20.190	S1AP/NL	124	4	SACK (Ack=1, Arwnd=64000) , DownlinkNASTransport, Security mode command
0.159634	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL	148	5	SACK (Ack=1, Arwnd=48000) , UplinkNASTransport, Security mode complete
0.300160	192.168.20.11	192.168.20.190	S1AP/NL	116	6	SACK (Ack=2, Arwnd=64000) , DownlinkNASTransport, ESM information request
0.358909	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL	152	7	SACK (Ack=2, Arwnd=48000) , UplinkNASTransport, ESM information response
0.388727	192.168.20.11	192.168.20.190	S1AP/NL	292	8	SACK (Ack=3, Arwnd=64000) , InitialContextSetupRequest, Attach accept, Activate default EPS bea
0.480041	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP	156	9	SACK (Ack=3, Arwnd=48000) , UECapabilityInfoIndication, UECapabilityInformation
0.482011	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL	148	10	InitialUEMessage, Attach request, PDN connectivity request
0.505756	192.168.20.11	192.168.20.190	S1AP/NL	128	11	DownlinkNASTransport, Authentication request
0.582930	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP	120	12	SACK (Ack=4, Arwnd=48000) , InitialContextSetupResponse
0.584808	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL	124	13	UplinkNASTransport, Authentication response
0.586496	192.168.20.11	192.168.20.190	S1AP/NL	108	14	DownlinkNASTransport, Security mode command
0.598856	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL	140	15	SACK (Ack=5, Arwnd=48000) , UplinkNASTransport, Attach complete, Activate default EPS bearer co
0.600297	192.168.20.11	192.168.20.190	S1AP/NL	140	16	SACK (Ack=8, Arwnd=64000) , DownlinkNASTransport, EMM information
0.680859	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL	148	17	SACK (Ack=6, Arwnd=48000) , UplinkNASTransport, Security mode complete

According to the user, the attach process begins with UE sending an Attach Request to MME and finishes with UE sending an Attach Complete to MME. Consequently, estimating the time needed to execute this process using wire shark.

Using the Attach Request time as a reference, the amount of time needed for UE to deliver an Attach Complete packet to MME is **0.598856 seconds**.

REF	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL	148	1	InitialUEMessage, Attach request, PDN connectivity request
0.023223	192.168.20.11	192.168.20.190	S1AP/NL	144	2	SACK (Ack=0, Arwnd=64000) , DownlinkNASTransport, Authentication request
0.063787	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL	140	3	SACK (Ack=0, Arwnd=48000) , UplinkNASTransport, Authentication response
0.065495	192.168.20.11	192.168.20.190	S1AP/NL	124	4	SACK (Ack=1, Arwnd=64000) , DownlinkNASTransport, Security mode command
0.159634	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL	148	5	SACK (Ack=1, Arwnd=48000) , UplinkNASTransport, Security mode complete
0.300160	192.168.20.11	192.168.20.190	S1AP/NL	116	6	SACK (Ack=2, Arwnd=64000) , DownlinkNASTransport, ESM information request
0.358909	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP/NL	152	7	SACK (Ack=2, Arwnd=48000) , UplinkNASTransport, ESM information response
0.388727	192.168.20.11	192.168.20.190	S1AP/NL	292	8	SACK (Ack=3, Arwnd=64000) , InitialContextSetupRequest, Attach accept, Activate default EPS bea
0.480041	192.168.20.190	192.168.20.11	S1AP	156	9	SACK (Ack=3, Arwnd=48000) , UECapabilityInfoIndication, UECapabilityInformation

When MME delivers an Attach Accept message to UE, the Attach Procedure at MME is finished. Using the Attach Request time as a reference, the amount of time needed for UE to deliver an Attach Complete packet to MME is **0.388727 seconds**.

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