Report for: Wifi Capacity Test

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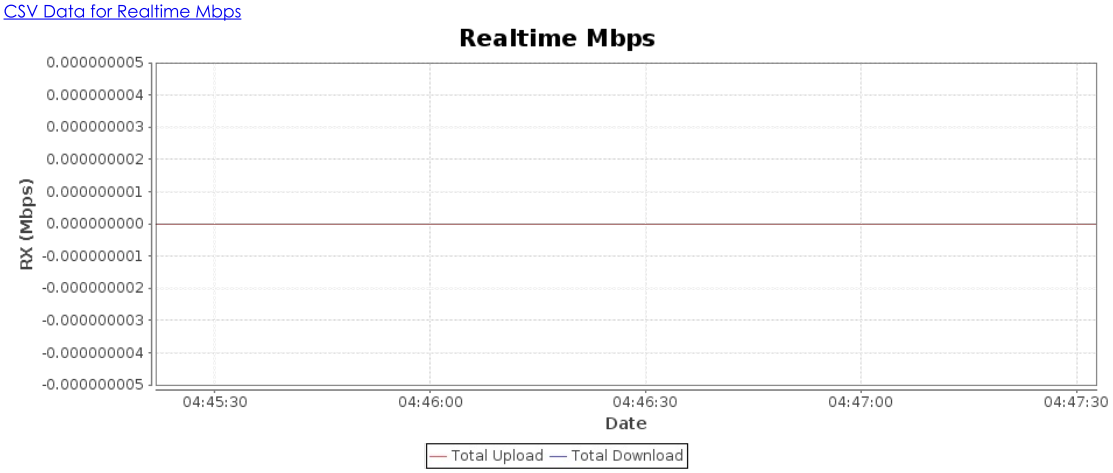
Objective

The Candela WiFi Capacity test is designed to measure performance of an Access Point when handling different amounts of WiFi Stations. The test allows the user to increase the number of stations in user defined steps for each test iteration and measure the per station and the overall throughput for each trial. Along with throughput other measurements made are client connection times, Fairness, % packet loss, DHCP times and more. The expected behavior is for the AP to be able to handle several stations (within the limitations of the AP specs) and make sure all stations get a fair amount of airtime both in the upstream and downstream. An AP that scales well will not show a significant over-all throughput decrease as more stations are added.

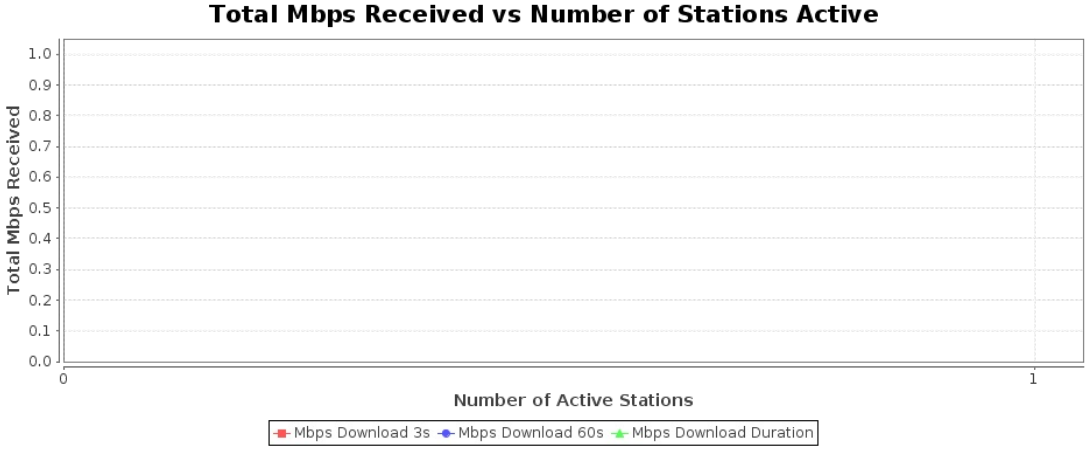
Realtime Graph shows summary download and upload RX bps of connections created by this test.

CSV Data for Realtime Mbps



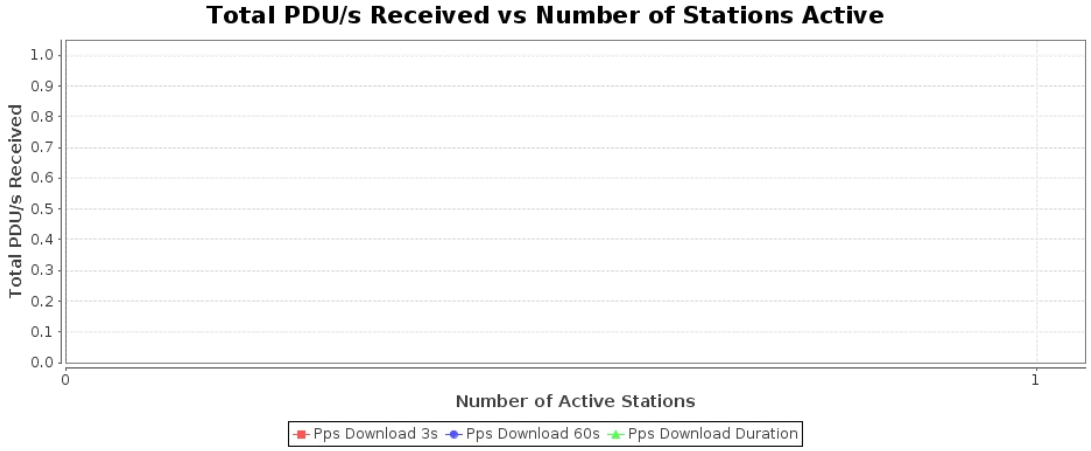
Total Megabits-per-second transferred. This only counts the protocol payload, so it will not count the Ethernet, IP, UDP, TCP or other header overhead. A well behaving system will show about the same rate as stations increase. If the rate decreases significantly as stations increase, then it is not scaling we

CSV Data for Total Mbps Received vs Number of Stations Active



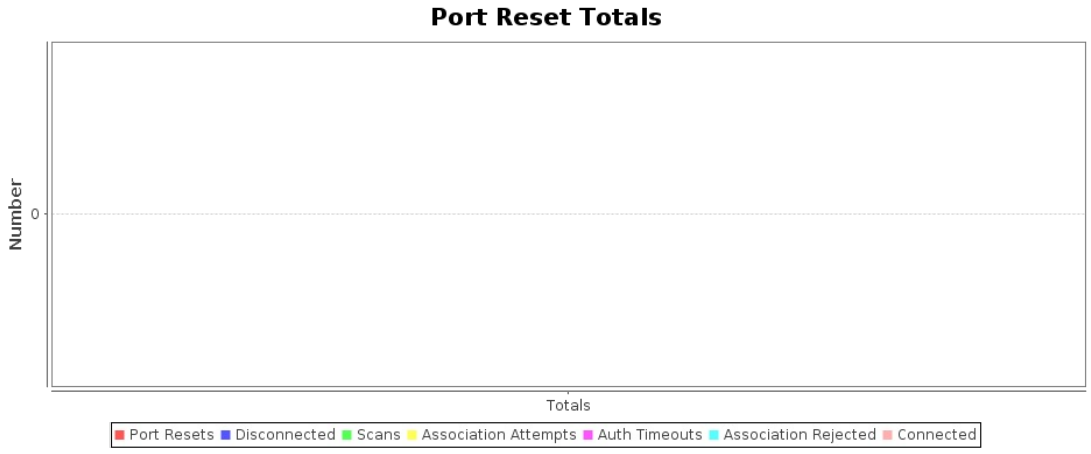
Protocol-Data-Units received. For TCP, this does not mean much, but for UDP connections, this correlates to packet size. If the PDU size is larger than what fits into a single frame, then the network stack will segment it accordingly. A well behaving system will show about the same rate as stations increase. If the rate decreases significantly as stations increase, then it is not scaling well.

CSV Data for Total PDU/s Received vs Number of Stations Active



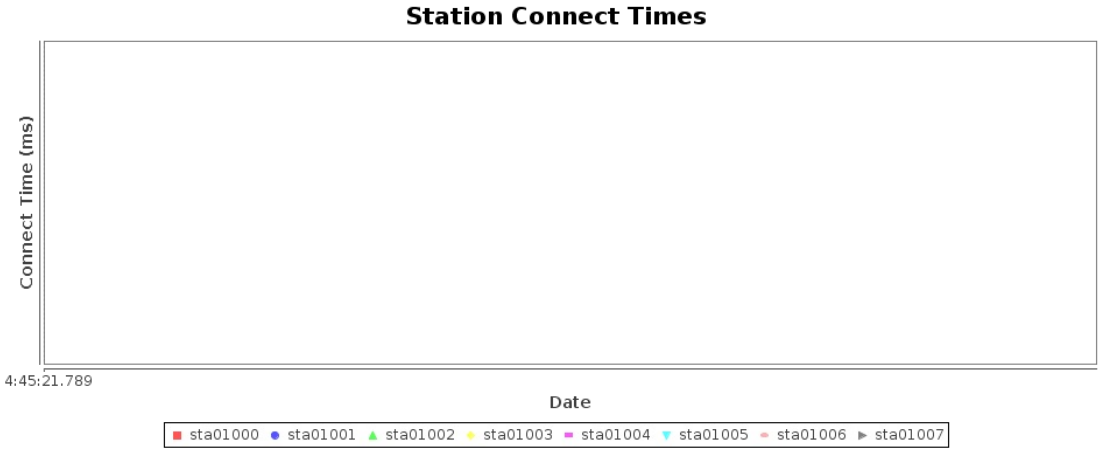
Station disconnect stats. These will be only for the last iteration. If the 'Clear Reset Counters' option is selected, the stats are cleared after the initial association. Any re-connects reported indicate a potential stability issue. Can be used for long-term stability testing in cases where you bring up all stations in one iteration and then run the test for a longer duration.

CSV Data for Port Reset Totals



Station connect time is calculated from the initial Authenticate message through the completion of Open or RSN association/authentication.

CSV Data for Station Connect Times



Wifi-Capacity Test requested values

Station Increment:	8
Loop Iterations:	Single (1)
Duration:	2 min (2 m)
Protocol:	UDP-IPv4
Layer 4-7 Endpoint:	NONE
Payload Size:	AUTO
MSS	AUTO
Per-Station Download Rate:	8Mbps
Total Upload Rate:	Zero (0 bps)
Percentage TCP Rate:	10% (10%)
Set Bursty Minimum Speed:	Burst Mode Disabled (-1)
Randomize Rates	true
Leave Ports Up	false
Socket buffer size:	OS Default
Settle Time:	5 sec (5 s)
Rpt Timer:	fast (1 s)
IP ToS:	Best Effort (0)
Multi-Conn:	AUTO
Show-Per-Iteration-Charts	true
Show-Per-Loop-Totals	true
Hunt-Lower-Rates	false
Show Events	true
Clear Reset Counters	false
CSV Reporting Dir	/home/lanforge/report-data/wifi-cap-csv-data-2022-02-16_04.45
Build Date	Thu 13 Jan 2022 01:27:32 PM PST
Build Version	5.4.4
Git Version	c419229103db6f1917b40d5169b2c9926b273e51
Ports	1.1.eth2 1.1.sta01000 1.1.sta01001 1.1.sta01002 1.1.sta01003 1.1.sta01004 1.1.sta01005 1.1.sta01006 1.1.sta01007
Firmware	10.4b-ct-9984-xtH-13-b1b524c8e5 0x80000aef, 1.1876.0
Machines	ct523c-3011

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Maximum Stations Connected: 0
Stations NOT connected at this time: 8
Maximum Stations with IP Address: 0
Stations without IP at this time: 8
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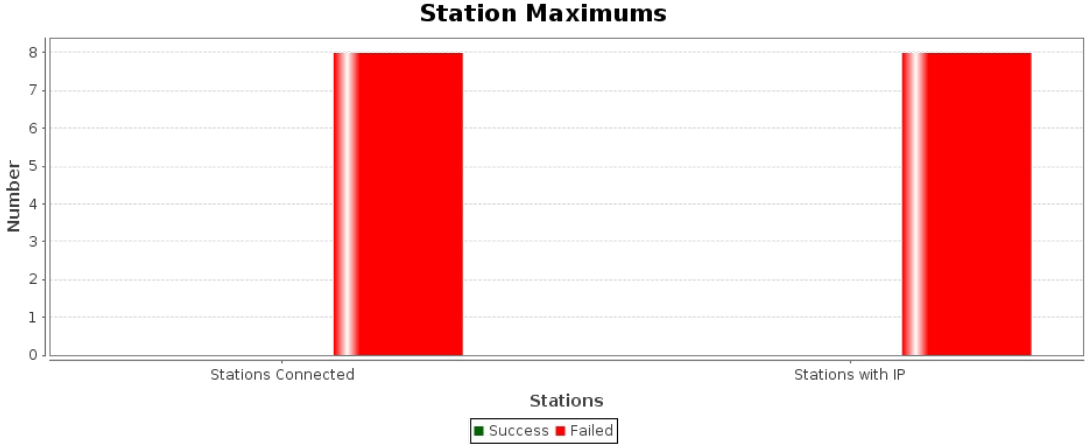
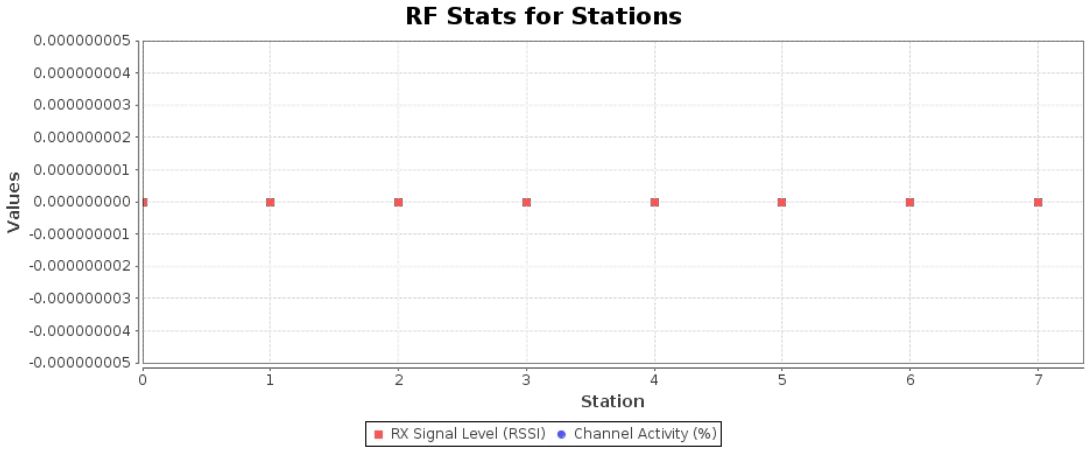
CSV Data for Station Maximums



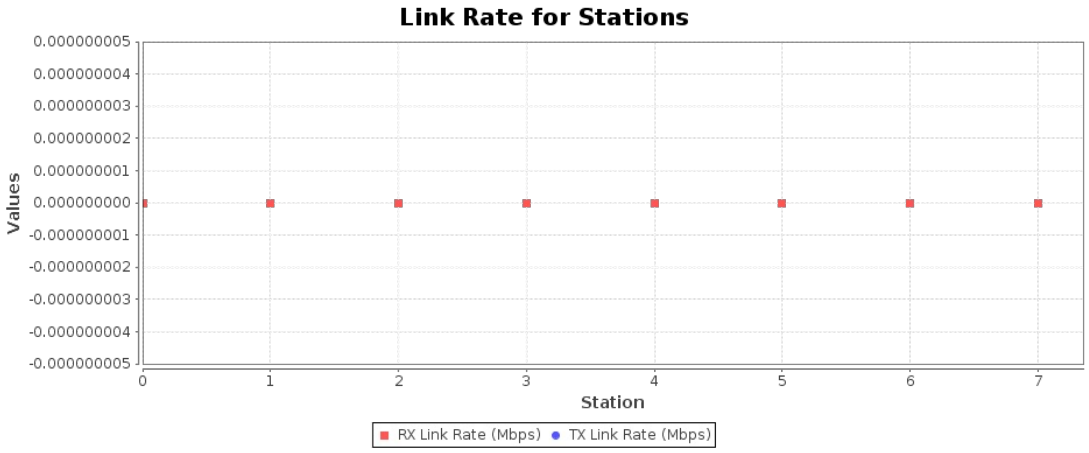
RF stats give an indication of how well how congested is the RF environment. Channel activity is what the wifi radio reports as the busy-time for the RF environment. It is expected that this be near 100% when LANforge is running at max speed, but at lower speeds, this should be a lower percentage unless the RF environment is busy with other systems.

CSV Data for RF Stats for Stations



Link rate stats give an indication of how well the rate-control is working. For rate-control, the 'RX' link rate corresponds to what the device-under-test is transmitting. If all of the stations are on the same radio, then the TX and RX encoding rates should be similar for all stations. If there is a definite pattern where some stations do not get good RX rate, then probably the device-under-test has rate-control problems. The TX rate is what LANforge is transmitting at.

CSV Data for Link Rate for Stations



Key Performance Indicators CSV

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Scan Results for SSIDs used in this test.
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Auxiliary files: wifi-cap-csv-data

META Information for Report for: Wifi Capacity Test