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LABORATORY GUIDE NO. 5

Objectives

Wi-Fi networks:

- Joining a BSS and communication.
- Authentication.
- Open and WPA2 protected networks.

Duration

- ♦ 1 week

Wireless Networks

1. In this task you will have a computer connecting to a Access Point in the laboratory. You can use your own computer, and the access point is already configured in the laboratory. You will use a second computer (usually the laboratory's PC in Linux – PC1), that will be capturing all wireless traffic in the laboratory. To configure PC1 as a wireless monitoring node, you'll need to set up its wireless interface "to listen" at a specific channel and start a capture with Wireshark in that interface. To configure a wireless interface in *Monitor Mode*, first analyze the capabilities of the wireless interface:

```
sudo ip a (to get the name of the interface, that must be something like wlp3s0)
(Alternatively, depending on the Linux distribution and version: sudo ifconfig)
iw phy0 info (where phy0 is the name of the interface through the previous command)
```

Check that the interface is in *Manage Mode* and ready to communicate.

To capture the packets on the wireless medium at a specific channel, the interface must be configured to *Monitor Mode* and the channel.

Disconnect from any wireless network on the Network Manager:

```
sudo ip link set dev phy0 down
```

(Alternatively: `sudo ifconfig phy0 down`)

```
sudo iwconfig phy0 mode monitor
```

```
sudo ip link set dev phy0 up
```

(Alternatively: `sudo ifconfig phy0 up`)

```
sudo iwconfig phy0 channel <channel_number> (in this work the channel_number is 13)
```



2. Connect another wireless terminal (IPv4 address (use 10.0.0.#group/24 or 10.0.0.1#group/24), and test connectivity with the AP (10.0.0.100), connected to the wireless LABCOM open wireless network with the correct parameters (SSID, Security – None, static). At PC1, using a visualization filter to capture all wireless frames from (or to) PC2, **analyze the exchanged packets/frames and their content. Explain how the association process is performed.**

Filtering Wireless Layer 2 Information

Configure a Wireshark visualization filter to analyze the management packets:

```
wlan.fc.type_subtype==x
x=0 association request
10 diassociation
2 reassociation request
1 association response
3 reassociation response
4 probe request
5 probe response
8 beacon
11 authentication
12 deauthentication
13 ACK
27 RTS
28 CTS
40 Data
```

You can analyze the several management packets, configuring the following Wireshark visualization filter to your PC2:

```
wlan.fc.type_subtype==x && wlan.addr == mac_pc
```

(note: macp_pc is the actual MAC address number of the PC)

How to find the MAC address number of the PC:

Linux: ip link

Windows:

- Terminal: getmac
- Powershell (Better): get-netadapter
- GUI:
 1. Open "Settings" (windows key + I)
 2. Go to "Networks & Internet"
 3. Go to "Advanced network settings"
 4. Under "More settings" go to "Hardware and connection properties"
 5. The list that you now see contains detailed information on every single network adapter installed on your device. Scroll down to the one you're interested in and check the value of its Physical Address (MAC) field

3. Reconnect PC2 to the wireless network and test the connectivity with the AP through wireless. Exchange ICMP packets (ping) between PC2 and the AP or another wireless terminal.
>> Analyze the exchanged packets/frames during the association and authentication phase.
>> Explain how the data transmission is performed.

4. Now exchange very large ICMP packets (e.g. 1200 bytes, ping -s 1200) between PC2 and the AP or another wireless terminal. Analyze the exchanged packets/frames and their content. **Explain how the transmission is now performed and analyze the differences between this and the previous experiences.**
>> Explain the purpose of the RTS and CTS frames
Note: the AP has a RTS/CTS threshold of 1000 bytes.

5. Connect now PC2 to the LABCOM_SEC WPA2 wireless network with the correct parameters (SSID, Security – WPA2 Personal (password: netlab2024), static IPv4 address (use 10.0.1.#group/24 or 10.0.1.1#group/24), and test connectivity with the AP (10.0.1.100). Analyze the exchanged packets/frames and their content.
>> Analyze the differences during the authentication process.
>> What 802.11 frames are used by the WPA2 Authentication?