

Test Bed Overview

Our testbed includes the following:

- WiFi framework provided by [1]
 - Includes hostap implementation that is the same as the general hostap driver but customized to handle the framework
 - Includes predefined and custom test cases for processing WiFi messages, but is expandable for further customization
 - Our modified hostap source files simply allow for denying pre-authentication messages from the access point to allow for monitoring the station's reaction

Installing the testbed

First, download the WiFi Framework at <https://github.com/domienschepers/wifi-framework>

- a. Download our customized hostap files and Python test
 - i. Files included in the submission
 - ii. Follow the README included with the customized files to understand where they must be placed
 1. They will be placed in sub directories for the hostap dependency included in the framework
- b. Follow the WiFi Framework install instructions on the main Github page (<https://github.com/domienschepers/wifi-framework>)
 - i. Run the following commands to ensure required packages are installed:
 1. apt-get update
 2. apt-get install git make gcc python3-venv net-tools
 3. apt-get install libdbus-1-dev libnl-3-dev libnl-genl-3-dev libnl-route-3-dev libssl-dev
 - ii. Change to the dependencies directory and run build.sh with sudo
 - iii. Change to the setup directory and run pysetup.sh with sudo
 1. Use git submodule init and git submodule update with sudo to enable libwifi
 - iv. WPA2 is used by default, so we must change the configuration options to use WPA3
 1. Change to the setup directory and run the following commands:
 - a. sudo mv supplicant.conf old-supplicant.conf
 - b. sudo ln -s supplicant-wpa3-personal.conf supplicant.conf
 - c. sudo ./load-config.sh wpa3-personal
 - v. The usage instructions for the framework are also included on the Github page. You can activate the Python environment using the source command, but we ran everything in the generic environment

- c. Create virtual interfaces by running the setup-hwsim.sh file in the setup directory with sudo
 - i. Ex. sudo ./setup/setup-hwsim.sh 3
 - 1. This creates 3 interfaces (1 to act as an access point, 1 to act as a station, and 1 to act as our monitor interface)
 - ii. Turn wlan2 into a monitor interface
 - 1. sudo ifconfig wlan2 down
 - 2. sudo iwconfig wlan2 mode monitor
 - 3. sudo ifconfig wlan2 up

Step-by-step instructions to reproduce the issue

- Start Wireshark with sudo and start monitoring on the wlan2 interface
- Run the desired ap denial test
 - sudo python3 run.py wlan0 [TEST NAME]
 - The test names are outlined in test-dos.py
 - ap-deny-probe-response
 - ap-deny-auth-commit
 - ap-deny-auth-confirm
 - ap-deny-assoc-resp
 - You should now see beacon frames occurring in Wireshark and occasional probe frames from wlan1
- Run the station connection test (this is one that is included in the WiFi Framework)
 - Sudo python3 run.py wlan1 example-demo

Proof-of-concept or exploit code

Each denial of service test will be further shown and outlined below. You may reference the list in the previous section to further understand how the station interacts in each test. Each test simply integrates a boolean that can be set in the Python Framework user-defined test that will change the functionality of hostap. There is a simple if statement in each section of code that would permit sending of the targeted access point messages.

Note

Access Point: 20:00:00:00:00:00

Station: 20:00:00:00:01:00

Denying Authentication Commits from the Access Point

```
static int auth_sae_send_commit(struct hostapd_data *hapd,
                               struct sta_info *sta,
                               const u8 *bssid, int update)
{
    struct wpabuf *data;
    int reply_res;

#ifdef CONFIG_FRAMEWORK_EXTENSIONS
    //If the fuzzer_skip_auth_commit boolean is set we want to return a success status that will
    // make it appear as though the auth commit has been sent, so the AP never actually sends it
    if (fuzzer_skip_auth_commit) {
        wpabuf_free(data);
        return WLAN_STATUS_SUCCESS;
    }
#endif
    data = auth_build_sae_commit(hapd, sta, update);
    if (data && sta->sae->tmp && sta->sae->tmp->pw_id)
```

Skip authentication commit in ieee802_11.c in src/ap

```
int sae_process_commit(struct sae_data *sae)
{
#ifdef CONFIG_FRAMEWORK_EXTENSIONS
    //The fuzzer variable is also needed here to prevent auth commits from being sent to static
    if (fuzzer_skip_auth_commit)
        return 0;
#endif
    u8 k[SAE_MAX_PRIME_LEN];
```

Skip authentication commit in sae.c in src/common

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
142	13.926591731	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testne...
143	14.029937796	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testne...
144	14.131541603	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testne...
145	14.234807291	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testne...
146	14.336373827	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testne...
147	14.438588881	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testne...
148	14.541164803	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testne...
149	14.643522499	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testne...
150	14.746229666	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testne...
151	14.848371322	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testne...
152	14.950672098	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testne...
153	15.053064920	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testne...
154	15.155603962	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testne...
155	15.258033259	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testne...
156	15.360588875	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testne...
157	15.463035759	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testne...
158	15.56486715	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testne...
159	15.667578479	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testne...
160	15.770343268	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testne...
161	15.872268997	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testne...
162	15.97517466	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testne...
163	16.07698708	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testne...
164	16.178395195	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testne...
165	16.282669807	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testne...
166	16.384258886	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testne...
167	16.487626826	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testne...

Last authentication commit followed by deauthentication and return to probing for retry

Denying Authentication Confirms from the Access Point

```
static int auth_sae_send_confirm(struct hostapd_data *hapd,
                                 struct sta_info *sta,
                                 const u8 *bssid)
{
    struct wpabuf *data;
    int reply_res;

#ifdef CONFIG_FRAMEWORK_EXTENSIONS
    //If the fuzzer_skip_auth_confirm boolean is set we want to return a success status that will
    // make it appear as though the auth confirm has been sent, so the AP never actually sends it
    if (fuzzer_skip_auth_confirm) {
        wpabuf_free(data);
        return WLAN_STATUS_SUCCESS;
    }
#endif
    data = auth_build_sae_confirm(hapd, sta);
    if (data == NULL)
        return WLAN_STATUS_UNSPECIFIED_FAILURE;
```

Skip authentication confirm in ieee802_11.c in dependencies/hostap_2_9/src/ap

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
36	1.43944610	02:00:00:00:01:00	Broadcast	802.11	133	Probe Request, SN=107, FN=0, Flags=....., SSID=Wildcard (Broadcast)
37	1.484803926	02:00:00:00:00:00	02:00:00:00:01:00	802.11	211	Probe Response, SN=480, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testnetwork
74	7.708418207	02:00:00:00:01:00	02:00:00:00:00:00	802.11	154	Authentication, SN=296, FN=0, Flags=.....
75	7.722768721	02:00:00:00:00:00	02:00:00:00:01:00	802.11	154	Authentication, SN=481, FN=0, Flags=.....
97	9.229355769	02:00:00:00:01:00	02:00:00:00:00:00	802.11	90	Authentication, SN=120, FN=0, Flags=.....
117	11.145210798	02:00:00:00:01:00	02:00:00:00:00:00	802.11	90	Authentication, SN=1219, FN=0, Flags=.....
126	12.234545075	02:00:00:00:01:00	02:00:00:00:00:00	802.11	92	Deauthentication, SN=117, FN=0, Flags=.....
132	12.377722057	02:00:00:00:00:00	02:00:00:00:01:00	802.11	133	Probe Request, SN=129, FN=0, Flags=....., SSID=Wildcard (Broadcast)
139	16.097176283	02:00:00:00:01:00	02:00:00:00:00:00	802.11	211	Probe Response, SN=427, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testnetwork
179	16.108482600	02:00:00:00:00:00	02:00:00:00:01:00	802.11	154	Authentication, SN=483, FN=0, Flags=.....
171	16.113129349	02:00:00:00:01:00	02:00:00:00:00:00	802.11	90	Authentication, SN=1225, FN=0, Flags=.....
182	18.125132559	02:00:00:00:01:00	02:00:00:00:00:00	802.11	90	Authentication, SN=1226, FN=0, Flags=.....
212	20.141258127	02:00:00:00:01:00	02:00:00:00:00:00	802.11	90	Authentication, SN=1227, FN=0, Flags=.....
223	21.119263953	02:00:00:00:01:00	02:00:00:00:00:00	802.11	92	Deauthentication, SN=1228, FN=0, Flags=.....
229	21.657298899	02:00:00:00:01:00	Broadcast	802.11	133	Probe Request, SN=1229, FN=0, Flags=....., SSID=Wildcard (Broadcast)
239	21.676161517	02:00:00:00:00:00	02:00:00:00:01:00	802.11	211	Probe Response, SN=484, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testnetwork
267	25.302493280	02:00:00:00:00:00	02:00:00:00:01:00	802.11	154	Authentication, SN=485, FN=0, Flags=.....
267	25.383139982	02:00:00:00:01:00	02:00:00:00:00:00	802.11	154	Authentication, SN=1240, FN=0, Flags=.....
279	25.407359755	02:00:00:00:01:00	02:00:00:00:00:00	802.11	90	Authentication, SN=1241, FN=0, Flags=.....
298	27.47725227	02:00:00:00:01:00	02:00:00:00:00:00	802.11	90	Authentication, SN=1242, FN=0, Flags=.....
311	29.453321051	02:00:00:00:01:00	02:00:00:00:00:00	802.11	90	Authentication, SN=1243, FN=0, Flags=.....
321	30.40973462	02:00:00:00:01:00	02:00:00:00:00:00	802.11	92	Deauthentication, SN=1244, FN=0, Flags=.....
333	31.443157250	02:00:00:00:01:00	Broadcast	802.11	133	Probe Request, SN=1245, FN=0, Flags=....., SSID=Wildcard (Broadcast)
334	31.443407180	02:00:00:00:00:00	02:00:00:00:01:00	802.11	211	Probe Response, SN=486, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testnetwork
371	35.155476207	02:00:00:00:01:00	02:00:00:00:00:00	802.11	154	Authentication, SN=1256, FN=0, Flags=.....
372	35.173411112	02:00:00:00:00:00	02:00:00:00:01:00	802.11	154	Authentication, SN=487, FN=0, Flags=.....
373	35.179239551	02:00:00:00:01:00	02:00:00:00:00:00	802.11	90	Authentication, SN=1257, FN=0, Flags=.....
394	37.157670091	02:00:00:00:01:00	02:00:00:00:00:00	802.11	90	Authentication, SN=1258, FN=0, Flags=.....
414	39.213485555	02:00:00:00:01:00	02:00:00:00:00:00	802.11	90	Authentication, SN=1259, FN=0, Flags=.....


Denying Association Responses from the Access Point

```
static u16 send_assoc_resp(struct hostapd_data *hapt, struct sta_info *sta,
                          const u8 *addr, u16 status_code, int reassoc,
                          const u8 *ies, size_t ies_len, int rssi)
{
    int send_len;
    u8 *buf;
    size_t buflen;
    struct ieee80211_mgmt *reply;
    u8 *p;
    u16 res = WLAN_STATUS_SUCCESS;
#ifdef CONFIG_FRAMEWORK_EXTENSIONS
    //If the fuzzer_skip_assoc_resp boolean is set we want to return a success status that will
    // make it appear as though the auth commit has been sent, so the AP never actually sends it
    if (fuzzer_skip_assoc_resp) {
        return WLAN_STATUS_SUCCESS;
    }
#endif
    buflen = sizeof(struct ieee80211_mgmt) + 1024;
#ifdef CONFIG_FILS
```

Skip association response in ieee802_11.c in dependencies/hostap_2_9/src/ap

101	10.035740751	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testnet..
102	10.139507729	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testnet..
103	10.240069093	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testnet..
104	10.342466318	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testnet..
105	10.445370951	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testnet..
106	10.562520975	02:00:00:00:01:00	02:00:00:00:00:00	802.11	154	Authentication, SN=88, FN=0, Flags=.....
107	10.536394186	02:00:00:00:00:00	02:00:00:00:01:00	802.11	154	Authentication, SN=78, FN=0, Flags=.....
108	10.542233378	02:00:00:00:01:00	02:00:00:00:00:00	802.11	90	Authentication, SN=89, FN=0, Flags=.....
109	10.547334878	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testnet..
110	10.550144927	02:00:00:00:00:00	02:00:00:00:01:00	802.11	90	Authentication, SN=79, FN=0, Flags=.....
111	10.554334099	02:00:00:00:01:00	02:00:00:00:00:00	802.11	181	Association Request, SN=90, FN=0, Flags=....., SSID=testnet..
112	10.649780183	02:00:00:00:01:00	02:00:00:00:00:00	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testnet..
113	10.657848655	02:00:00:00:01:00	02:00:00:00:00:00	802.11	181	Association Request, SN=91, FN=0, Flags=....., SSID=testnet..
114	10.752358268	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testnet..
115	10.762192733	02:00:00:00:01:00	02:00:00:00:00:00	802.11	181	Association Request, SN=92, FN=0, Flags=....., SSID=testnet..
116	10.854597508	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testnet..
117	10.957388870	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testnet..
118	11.014252185	02:00:00:00:01:00	Broadcast	802.11	133	Probe Request, SN=93, FN=0, Flags=....., SSID=Wildcard (Br..
119	11.014784735	02:00:00:00:00:00	02:00:00:00:01:00	802.11	211	Probe Response, SN=89, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=tes..
120	11.059545494	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testnet..
121	11.161978104	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testnet..
122	11.264301288	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testnet..
123	11.366452494	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testnet..
124	11.460916452	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testnet..
125	11.571592293	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testnet..
126	11.673847395	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testnet..
127	11.776171193	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testnet..
128	11.878461687	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=....., BI=100, SSID=testnet..

Association request being resent but eventually returning to probing



No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
145	13.619467864	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=..., BI=100, SSID=testne..
146	13.721911499	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=..., BI=100, SSID=testne..
147	13.824245166	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=..., BI=100, SSID=testne..
148	13.926631119	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=..., BI=100, SSID=testne..
149	14.028868501	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=..., BI=100, SSID=testne..
150	14.131637210	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=..., BI=100, SSID=testne..
151	14.234122942	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=..., BI=100, SSID=testne..
152	14.336953482	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=..., BI=100, SSID=testne..
153	14.438455895	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=..., BI=100, SSID=testne..
154	14.540864477	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=..., BI=100, SSID=testne..
155	14.643448887	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=..., BI=100, SSID=testne..
156	14.731763777	02:00:00:00:01:00	02:00:00:00:00:00	802.11	56	Authentication, SN=104, FN=0, Flags=...
157	14.737130985	02:00:00:00:00:00	02:00:00:00:01:00	802.11	56	Authentication, SN=81, FN=0, Flags=...
158	14.745708910	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=..., BI=100, SSID=testne..
159	14.746196281	02:00:00:00:01:00	02:00:00:00:00:00	802.11	197	Association Request, SN=105, FN=0, Flags=..., SSID=testne..
160	14.785713188	02:00:00:00:01:00	Broadcast	802.11	123	Probe Request, SN=106, FN=0, Flags=..., SSID=Wildcard (B..
161	14.785966730	02:00:00:00:00:00	02:00:00:00:01:00	802.11	211	Probe Response, SN=82, FN=0, Flags=..., BI=100, SSID=tes..
162	14.848348206	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=..., BI=100, SSID=testne..
163	14.959484085	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=..., BI=100, SSID=testne..
164	15.053196364	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=..., BI=100, SSID=testne..
165	15.155553525	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=..., BI=100, SSID=testne..
166	15.258340141	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=..., BI=100, SSID=testne..
167	15.360448372	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=..., BI=100, SSID=testne..
168	15.463181756	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=..., BI=100, SSID=testne..
169	15.564917555	02:00:00:00:00:00	Broadcast	802.11	217	Beacon frame, SN=0, FN=0, Flags=..., BI=100, SSID=testne..

Authentication success being sent, followed by association request and returning to probing

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