NETWORK AUDIT AND SECURITY PROJECT

REALIZATION OF A "BRUTEFORCE" ATTACK FOR ACCESS TO A WPA-PSK PROTECTED WIFI NETWORK

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1 Introduction

Wireless security is a crucial aspect of staying safe online. Connecting to the internet over insecure links or networks is a security risk that could potentially lead to data loss, leaked account credentials, and the installation of malware on your network. Using the proper Wi-Fi security measures is critical – but in doing so, it's important to understand the differences between different wireless encryption standards, including WEP, WPA, WPA2, and WPA3.

Wi-Fi Protected Access (WPA) is a security standard for computing devices with wireless internet connections. It was developed by the Wi-Fi Alliance to provide better data encryption and user authentication than Wired Equivalent Privacy (WEP), which was the original Wi-Fi security standard. Since the late 1990s, Wi-Fi security types have gone through multiple evolutions to improve them.

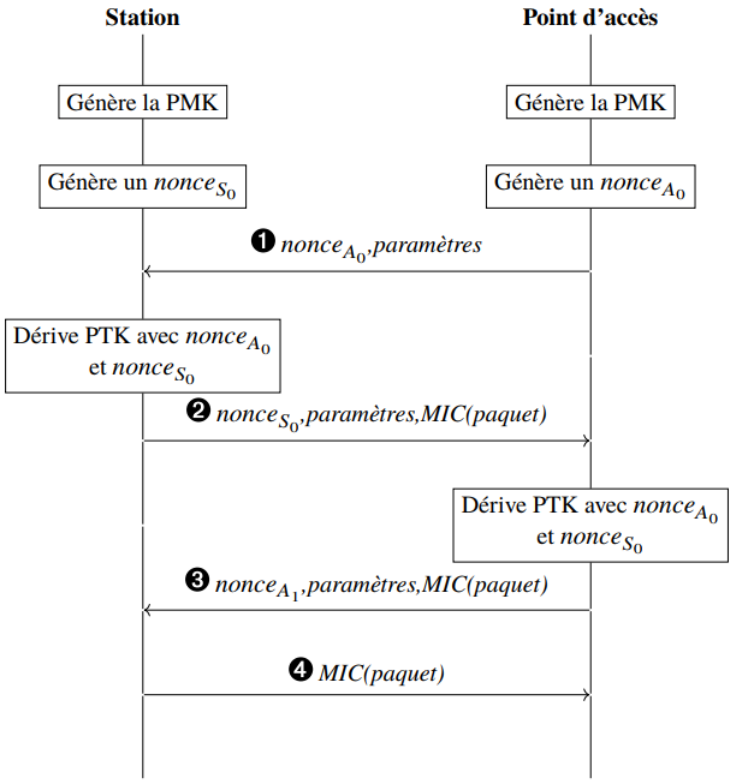

Figure 1: The 4-way handshake WPA/WPA2

In this project, we will learn how to attack WPA-PSK security by "brute force". Through the analysis of the captured packet, we will reconstruct step by step the original WPA-PSK encryption, thereby creating a password dictionary and performing the attack.

2 Analysis and Attack

In this section, we will go into detail about analyzing target packets with two types of encryption WPA (TKIP) and WPA2 (AES) respectively. From there, build an attack method and create a complete tool. And we will use Wireshark as a support tool to analyze and get information from the captured package

2.1 WPA

We'll start with the captured package **capture_wpa.pcap**. This file is taken from the **Audit & Sécurité réseaux** page at `http://p-fb.net/`.

2.1.1 Detect type of encryption

For the first, we need to detect type of encryption. We will look at the "Key Information" section in the first package to detect the type of encryption in use. And we got *RC4 Cipher, HMAC – MD5 MIC*

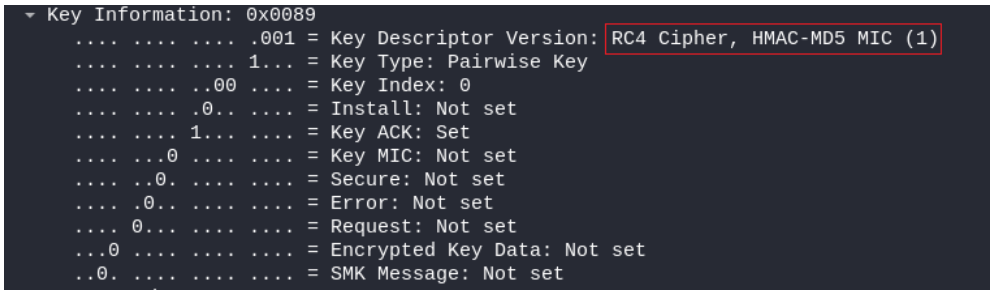

Figure 2: Encryption Type

2.1.2 PMK

The first step of WPA encryption is the calculation of the PMK. So we will build a dictionary for PSK and look up the SSID from the captured package

1. **Build PSK dictionary**
   Based on the suggestion given by the project, we know that all letters are lowercase and start with four 'a' characters, and PSK length is 8. So we will build a dictionary for PSK with any set of 4 lowercase characters. This is Python code:

```
import itertools

letters = 'abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz'

words = [''.join(x) for x in itertools.product(letters, repeat=4)]

print(len(words))
with open('pwd_list.txt', 'w') as file:
    for word in words:
        file.write(''.join(word) + '\n')

```

Listing 1: PSK generate

2. **SSID**
   After opening the package with Wireshark, we can immediately see the
   $\boxed{SSID} = \boxed{WPAM1}$

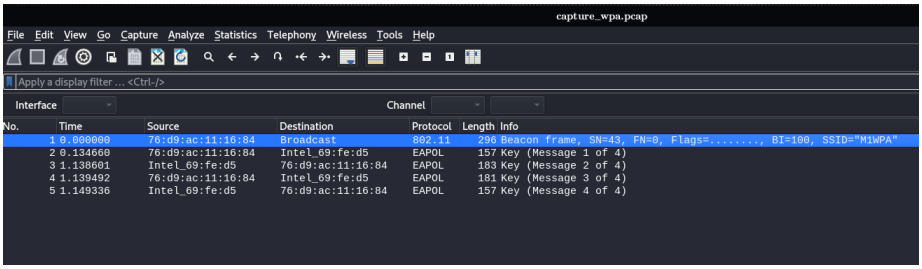

Figure 3: SSID

2.1.3 PTK

After obtaining the PMK, we will proceed to calculate the PTK. To achieve this we need to search for $Nonce_A$, $Nonce_S$, MAC_{Client}, $MAC_{Authenticator}$, Finnaly, use this information to calculate the PTK using the PRF_512 function.

$$\boxed{PTK = PRF\_512(PMK, "Pairwise\ key\ expansion", LowerMAC|||HigerMAC|||LowerNonce|||HigherNonce)}$$

1. $Nonce_A$, $Nonce_S$, MAC_{Client}, $MAC_{Authenticator}$
   Based on analyzing the captured package using Wireshark, we got the following information:
   $\boxed{Nonce_A} = \boxed{7c67f224a6e08193230feeb0eff9a07ec6cbf0163f962ba34d31dbdb2bc69d8d}$
   $\boxed{Nonce_S} = \boxed{eea4124e3facf8e0270db587fceee4da1c2a689be96b931fc26d35b4c7dbbbae}$
   $\boxed{MAC_{Client}} = \boxed{76:d9:ac:11:16:84}$
   $\boxed{MAC_{Authenticator}} = \boxed{00:0e:35:69:fe:d5}$

2. **PRF_512**
   Based on the tutorial we have built the PRF_512 calculation function as follows:

```
1    def PRFn(self, K, A, B, n = 512):
2        i = 0
3        R = b''
4        while len(R)*8 < n:
5            data = A + b'\x00' + B + bytes([i])
6            r = hmac.new(K, data, sha1).digest()
7            R += r
8            i += 1
9        return R[:n//8]
10
```

Listing 2: PRF_512

With:
A = "Pairwise key expansion",
B = $LowerMAC|||HigerMAC|||LowerNonce|||HigherNonce$

2.1.4 MIC generation

The next step, once we have the necessary information, we will proceed to calculate the MIC from the corresponding EAPOL. Continuing to use Wireshark and based on the original data exchange diagram, we look at the packages in turn and get the following target MIC values and EAPOL (include MIC):

First target MIC and First EAPOL

From second frame, we have:

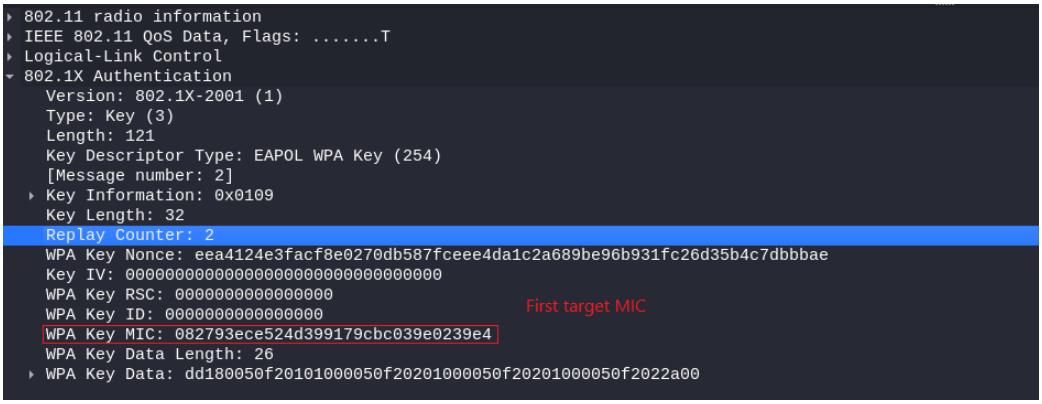

Figure 4: First target MIC

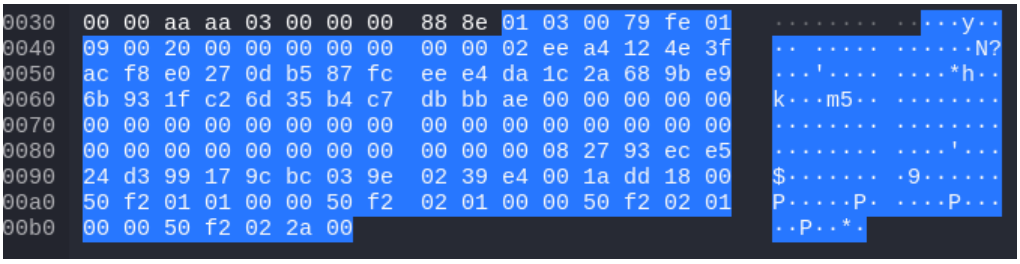

Figure 5: First EAPOL

$\boxed{MIC1} = \boxed{082793ece524d399179cbc039e0239e4}$

Second target MIC and Second EAPOL

From third frame, we have:

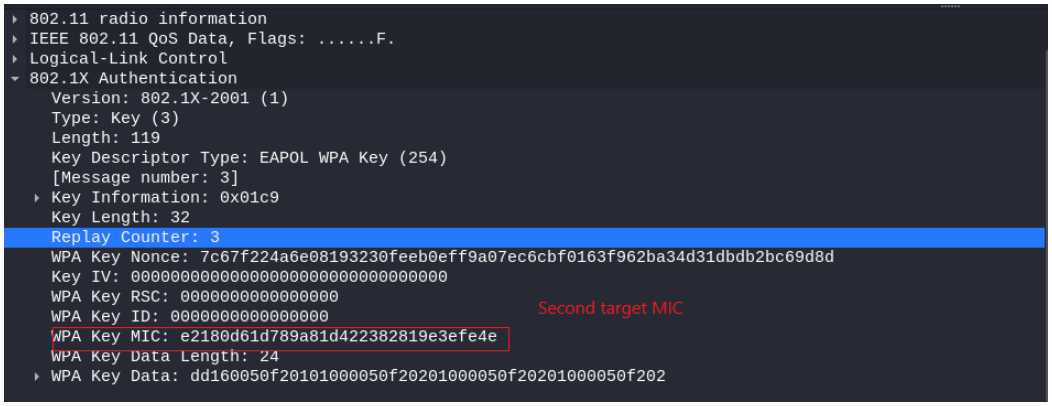

Figure 6: Second target MIC

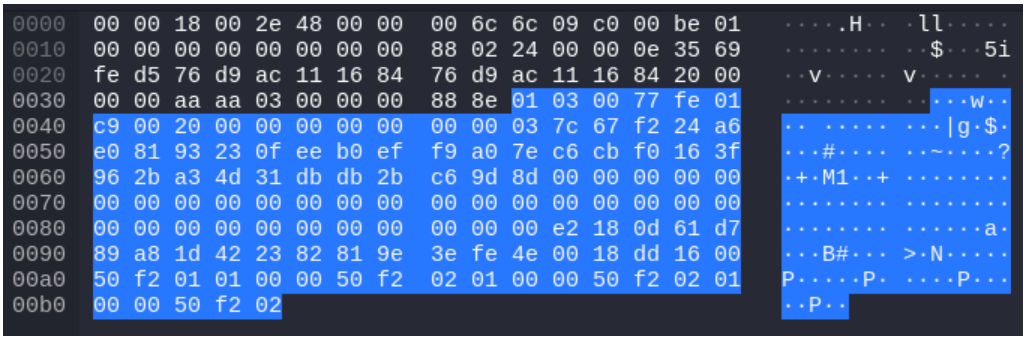

Figure 7: Second EAPOL

$$\boxed{MIC2} = \boxed{e2180d61d789a81d422382819e3efe4e}$$

Third target MIC and Second EAPOL

From fourth frame, we have:

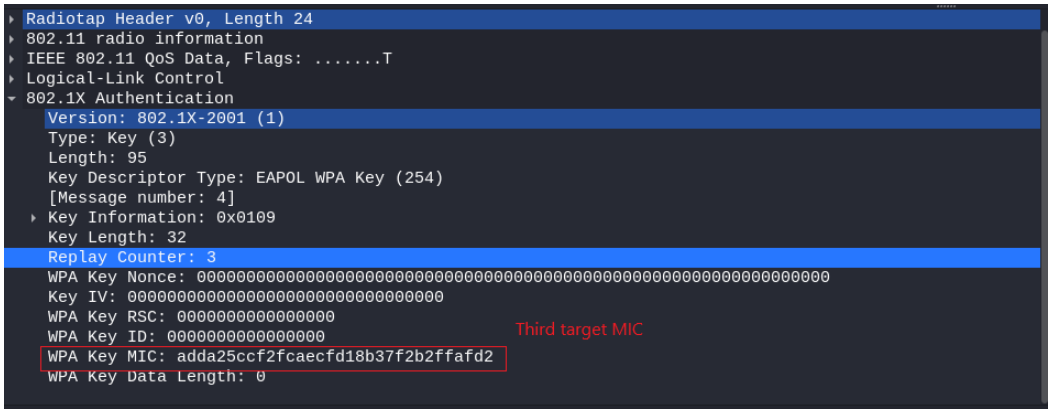

Figure 8: Third target MIC

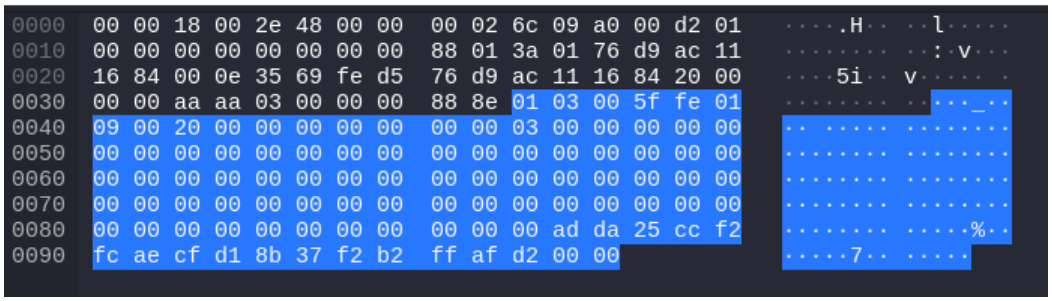

Figure 9: Third EAPOL

$$\boxed{MIC3} = \boxed{adda25ccf2fcaecfd18b37f2b2ffafd2}$$

MIC Calculation

We will calculate the MIC from each PSK in the dictionary and EAPOL without MIC, then compare it with the target MIC, thereby finding the correct password.

$$MIC = HMAC_{MD5}(KCK, EAPOL_{noMIC})$$

With KCK:

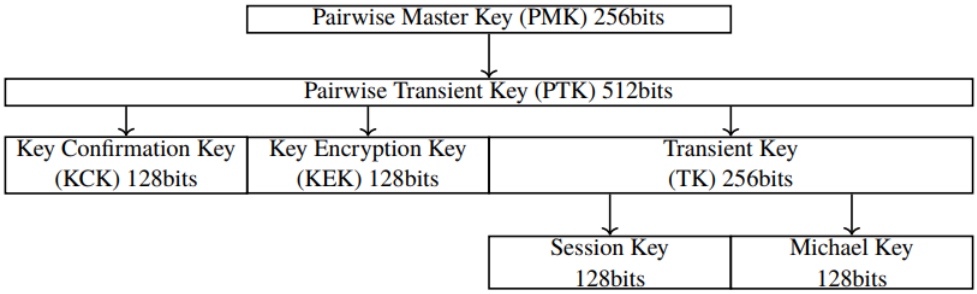

Figure 10: Key in WPA

2.1.5 Bruteforce Attacking

This is last step in our project. After getting all of information, we proceed to program script for doing brute force PSK. We obtained following result:

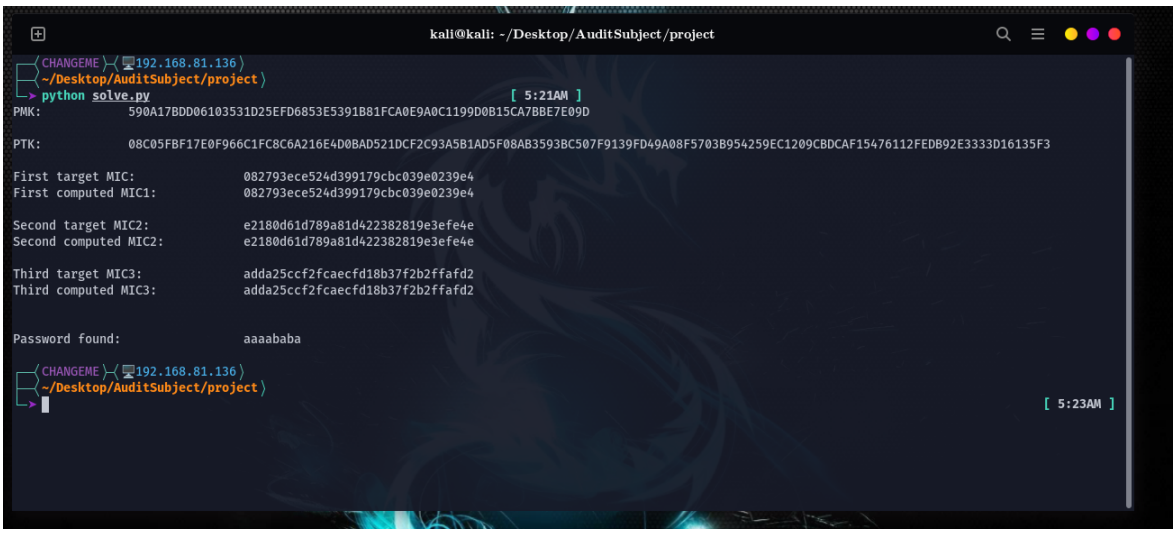

Figure 11: Final Result

As we can see, all of MICs were matched. Then we got PSK = $aaaababa$

2.2 WPA2

In this section, we'll start with the captured package **wpa-Induction.pcap**. This file is taken from `https://wiki.wireshark.org/SampleCaptures`.

Similar to the WPA part, we also follow the same steps

2.2.1 Detect type of encryption

Look at the Key Information section, we got $\boxed{AESCipher, HMAC - SHA1MIC}$

```
▾ Key Information: 0x008a
    .... .... .... .010 = Key Descriptor Version: AES Cipher, HMAC-SHA1 MIC (2)
    .... .... .... 1... = Key Type: Pairwise Key
    .... .... ..00 .... = Key Index: 0
    .... .... .0.. .... = Install: Not set
    .... .... 1... .... = Key ACK: Set
    .... ...0 .... .... = Key MIC: Not set
    .... ..0. .... .... = Secure: Not set
    .... .0.. .... .... = Error: Not set
```

Figure 12: Encryption Type

2.2.2 PMK

1. **Build PSK dictionary**
   Assume that we knew first 5 characters are "Induc". We will create PSK dictionary with the same above way

2. **SSID**
   $\boxed{SSID} = \boxed{Coherer}$

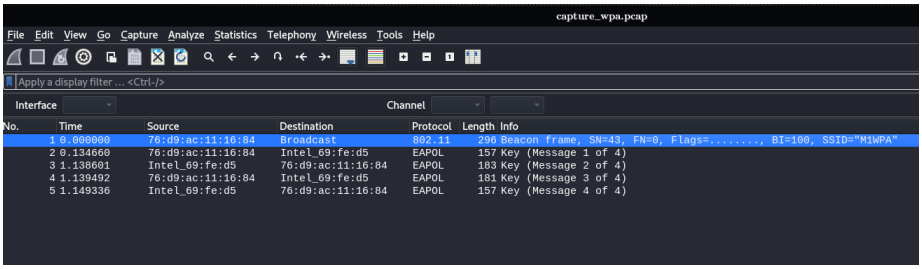

Figure 13: SSID

2.2.3 PTK

$Nonce_A$, $Nonce_S$, MAC_{Client}, $MAC_{Authenticator}$
Based on analyzing the captured package using Wireshark, we got the following information:
$\boxed{Nonce_A} = \boxed{3e8e967dacd960324cac5b6aa721235bf57b949771c867989f49d04ed47c6933}$
$\boxed{Nonce_S} = \boxed{cdf405ceb9d889ef3dec42609828fae546b7add7baecbb1a394eac5214b1d386}$
$\boxed{MAC_{Client}} = \boxed{00:0c:41:82:b2:55}$
$\boxed{MAC_{Authenticator}} = \boxed{00:0d:93:82:36:3a}$

2.2.4 MIC generation

Similar to the previous section, we capture using Wireshark:
$\boxed{MIC1} = \boxed{a462a7029ad5ba30b6af0df391988e45}$
$\boxed{MIC2} = \boxed{7d0af6df51e99cde7a187453f0f93537}$
$\boxed{MIC3} = \boxed{10bba3bdfbcfde2bc537509d71f2ecd1}$

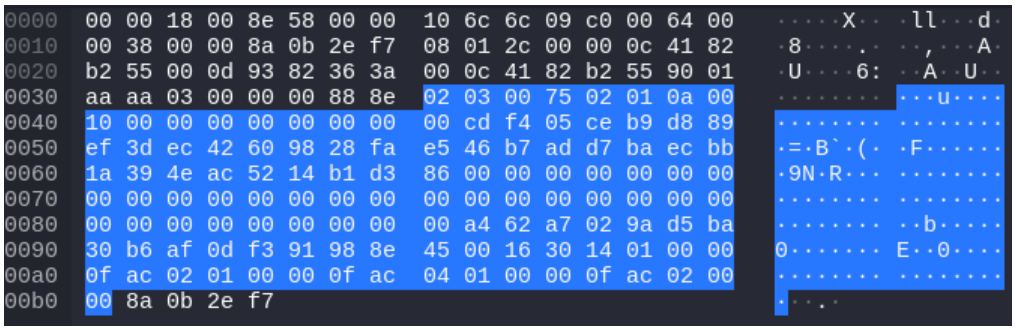

Figure 14: First target MIC

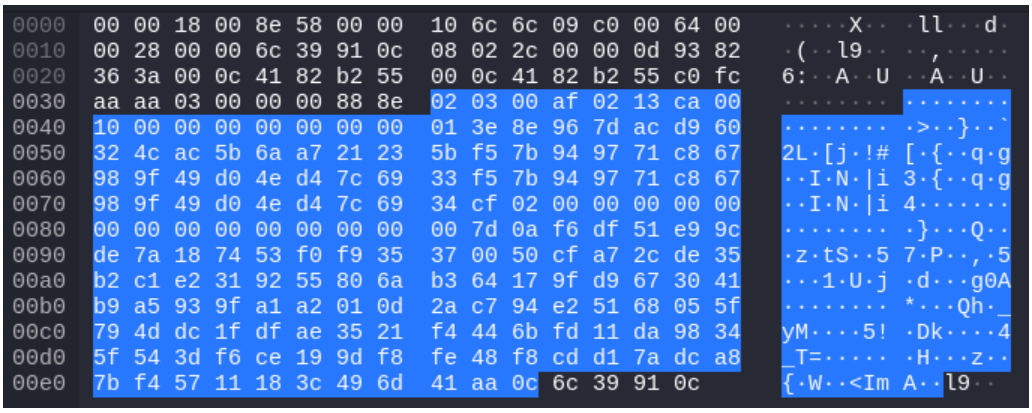

Figure 15: Second EAPOL

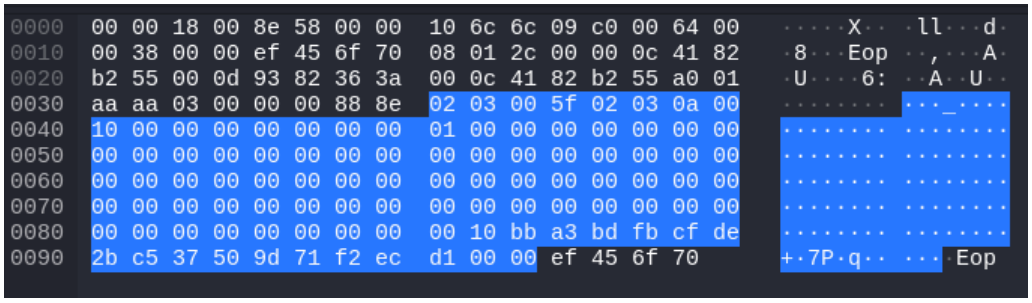

Figure 16: Third EAPOL

MIC Calculation

We will calculate the MIC from each PSK in the dictionary and EAPOL without MIC, then compare it with the target MIC, thereby finding the correct password.

$$MIC = HMAC_{SHA1}(KCK, EAPOL_{noMIC})$$

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We got result:

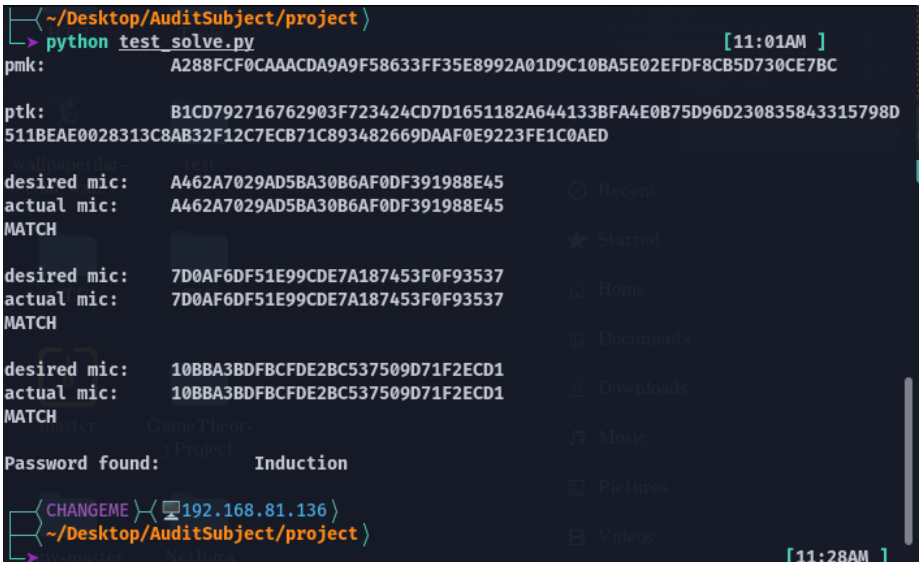

Figure 17: Final Result

As we can see, all of MICs were matched. Then we got $\boxed{PSK} = \boxed{Induction}$