



Lab 7: Wireless Exploitation & Defenses

Introduction

In this lab students will explore ways to perform wireless attacks and understand potential defenses. The attacks that will be covered are inspecting & modifying wireless card parameters, changing the wireless transmission channel, flooding attacks, and cracking keys of WPA2 protected networks.

Software Requirements

All required files are packed and configured in the provided virtual machine image.

- The VMWare Software
<http://apps.eng.wayne.edu/MPStudents/Dreamspark.aspx>
- The Kali Linux, Penetration Testing Distribution
<https://www.kali.org/downloads/>
- Wireshark: Network protocol analyzer
<https://www.wireshark.org/#download>
- Aircrack- ng: a suite of tools to assess WiFi network security
<http://aircrack-ng.en.softonic.com/>



Setup an Access Point

In this lab, we use a TP-LINK Wireless N300 Home Router. Next, it explains the basic steps to setup the access point's Service Set Identifier (SSID) and security mechanism. If you have done this before, skip this section. Figure below shows a TP-LINK Wireless N300 Home Router that we are using in the classroom.



Step 1: Connect your laptop or desktop to a router.

This step depends on routers. Some routers require using Ethernet cable to physically connect the router. Some other routers may be able to connect via wireless using its Service Set Identifier (SSID). For the router that we are using in the classroom need to physically connect to one of the router's LAN ports. (Note: Think about the security implications for these two types of routers.)

Step 2: Open the web-based setup page

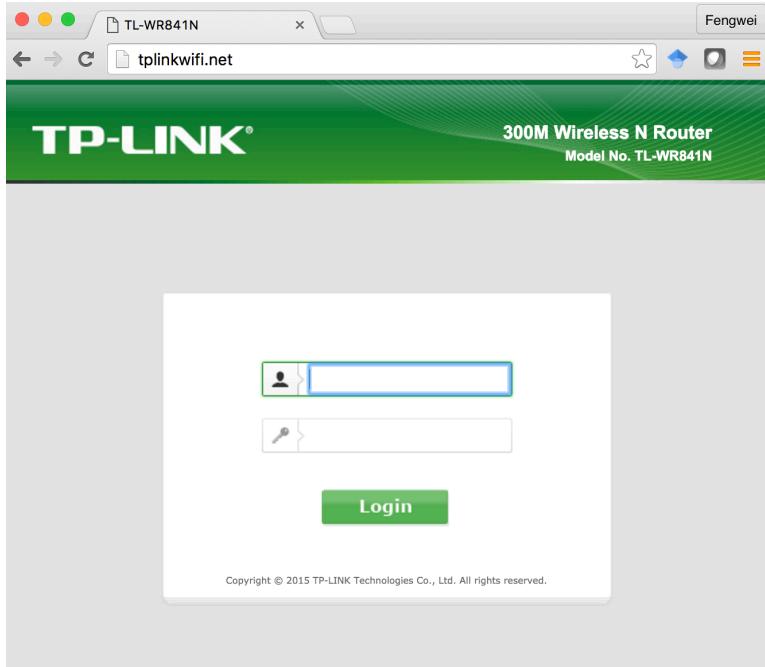
Open a web browser, and type the login IP or hostname in the address field to log in the web-based management page. Normally, you can find the IP address or the hostname from the back of the router. The IP address for our router is 192.168.1.1, and hostname is <http://www.tplinkwifi.net>

Step 3: Enter the username and password to login

Enter the default username and password to login. For our router, its default username and password are admin and admin.



Figure below shows the login page of the router that we are using.



Step 4: Configure the SSID

In our router, go to Wireless -> Wireless settings. Here you can rename your wireless network (i.e., SSID). The SSID for our router is “Hack3r”

A screenshot of the TP-LINK router's configuration interface. The left sidebar shows navigation options like Status, Quick Setup, WPS, Network, Wireless (selected), Wireless Settings (sub-selected), Wireless Security, Wireless MAC Filtering, Wireless Advanced, Wireless Statistics, Guest Network, DHCP, Forwarding, Security, Parental Control, and Access Control. The main content area is titled "Wireless Settings". It shows the "Wireless Network Name:" field set to "Hack3r" (with a note "(Also called the SSID)". The "Mode:" dropdown is set to "11bgn mixed". Under "Channel Width:", "Auto" is selected. Under "Channel:", "6" is selected. Below these are three checkboxes: "Enable Wireless Router Radio" (checked), "Enable SSID Broadcast" (checked), and "Enable WDS Bridging" (unchecked). A "Save" button is at the bottom right.



Step 4: Configure the passphrase and wireless security.

In our router, go to Wireless -> Wireless Security. Then you can configure the security for the router. In the screenshot below, we configure the security protocol to WPA/WPA2, use AES as the encryption, and the passphrase is “password”. Other Security protocols are available such as WEP.

The screenshot shows the TP-LINK router's Wireless Security configuration page. The left sidebar menu is visible, showing various settings like Status, Quick Setup, WPS, Network, Wireless (selected), Wireless Settings, Wireless Security (selected), Wireless MAC Filtering, Wireless Advanced, Wireless Statistics, Guest Network, DHCP, Forwarding, Security, Parental Control, Access Control, Advanced Routing, Bandwidth Control, IP & MAC Binding, Dynamic DNS, IPv6 Support, System Tools, and Logout.

The main configuration area is titled "Wireless Security". It includes three radio button options: "Disable Security", "WPA/WPA2 - Personal (Recommended)", and "WPA/WPA2 - Enterprise".

WPA/WPA2 - Personal (Recommended) Configuration:

- Version: Automatic
- Encryption: AES
- Wireless Password: password (Note: You can enter ASCII characters between 8 and 63 or Hexadecimal)
- Group Key Update Period: 0 Seconds (Note: Keep it default if you are not sure, minimum is 30, 0 means no update)

WPA/WPA2 - Enterprise Configuration:

- Version: Automatic
- Encryption: Automatic
- Radius Server IP: (Input field)
- Radius Port: 1812 (Note: 1-65535, 0 stands for default port 1812)
- Radius Password: (Input field)
- Group Key Update Period: 0 (in second, minimum is 30, 0 means no update)

WEP Configuration:

- Type: Automatic
- WEP Key Format: Hexadecimal
- Key Selected: Key 1 (radio button selected)
- WEP Key: (Input field)
- Key Type: Disabled
- Key 2: (radio button)
- WEP Key: (Input field)
- Key Type: Disabled
- Key 3: (radio button)
- WEP Key: (Input field)
- Key Type: Disabled
- Key 4: (radio button)
- WEP Key: (Input field)
- Key Type: Disabled



Capturing Wireless Packets via Wireshark

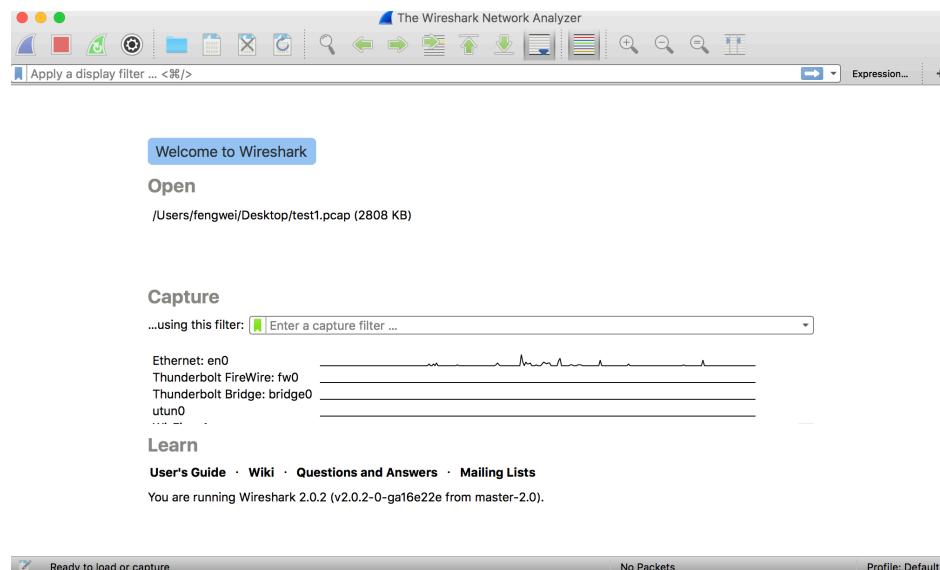
To capture wireless packets, you need to have a wireless network card installed on your machine. There are two kinds of wireless network interface: One is the internal NIC. Most of the laptops will have an internal NIC; the other one is the external NIC. The picture below shows an external network. This is a Wi-Fi USB Adapter from Alfa Network (1000mW High Power Wireless G 802.11g with 5dBi Antenna).



Once you have a wireless network card, you can run packet-sniffing tool to capture the packets as we did in Lab 1.

Step 1: Start the Wireshark program.

In order to sniff the packets, you may need to grant Wireshark root privilege by typing \$ sudo wireshark in a terminal. Below is the screenshot of the Wireshark interface on my iMac desktop.





Step 2: Select the WiFi Interface

Click the Capture -> Options in the Wireshark program. Look for the interface for WiFi. Normally, the interface name is wlan0, but it may be a different name that depends on your configuration. For instance, the name of the WiFi interface on my iMac is “Wi-Fi:en1”.

Step 3: Enable the Monitor Mode

In Monitor Mode, it captures all packets from all SSID in its distance range. Please note that Monitor Mode is different from Promiscuous Mode. For the purpose of this lab, we need to capture all the traffic so that we need to enable the monitor mode. The screenshot below shows the configuration of the capture interface in Wireshark program on my iMac. You need to enable monitor mode and configure the Link-layer Head as 802.11.

The screenshot shows the Wireshark 'Capture Interfaces' dialog. The 'Input' tab is selected. A table lists various network interfaces:

Interface	Traffic	Link-layer Header	Promiscuous	Snaplen (B)	Buffer (MB)	Monitor Mode	Capture Filter
Ethernet: en0		Ethernet	disabled	default	2	n/a	
Loopback: lo0		BSD loopback	disabled	default	2	n/a	
Thunderbolt 1: en2		Ethernet	disabled	default	2	n/a	
Thunderbolt 2: en3		Ethernet	disabled	default	2	n/a	
Thunderbolt Bridge: bridge0		Ethernet	disabled	default	2	n/a	
Thunderbolt FireWire: fw0		Apple IP-over-IEEE 1394	disabled	default	2	n/a	
utun0		BSD loopback	disabled	default	2	n/a	
vmnet1		Ethernet	disabled	default	2	n/a	
vmnet8		Ethernet	disabled	default	2	n/a	
Wi-Fi: en1		802.11	disabled	default	2	enabled	

At the bottom of the dialog, there are several buttons and checkboxes:

- Enable promiscuous mode on all interfaces
- Manage Interfaces...
- Capture filter for selected interfaces:
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Step 4: Start Capturing

Click on start in the capture interfaces window and start capture. The screenshot below shows the interface of Wireshark program while capturing in Monitor Mode.

The screenshot shows the Wireshark interface in Monitor Mode, capturing traffic on the 'Wi-Fi: en1' interface. The packet list pane displays several frames, mostly IEEE 802.11 Beacon frames from various access points. The details pane shows the raw hex and ASCII data for Frame 1, which is identified as an IEEE 802.11 Probe Response. The bottom status bar indicates 'Packets: 3085 · Displayed: 3085 (100.0%)' and 'Profile: Default'.

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
3073	15.311477	fe80::8634:97ff:feac:b61a	ff02::1:2	DHCPv6	182	Solicit XID: 0x49df32 CID: 00030
3074	15.312063		SenaoNet_16:57:74 ...	802.11	14	Clear-to-send, Flags=.....
3075	15.312140		SenaoNet_16:57:74 ...	802.11	14	Acknowledgement, Flags=.....
3076	15.313600	fe80::a2:ed94:1dff:feac:b61a	ff02::0:80:4800::2d...	DHCPv6	182	Solicit XID: 0x49df32 CID: 00030
3077	15.346313	5e:8f:e0:ca:07:dc	Broadcast	802.11	231	Beacon frame, SN=2371, FN=0, Flag
3078	15.348764	Technico_c2:37:1a	Broadcast	802.11	253	Beacon frame, SN=596, FN=0, Flag
3079	15.351170	ce:03:fa:c2:37:1b	Broadcast	802.11	196	Beacon frame, SN=597, FN=0, Flag
3080	15.369674	SenaoNet_16:57:76	Broadcast	802.11	186	Beacon frame, SN=1751, FN=0, Flag
3081	15.379047		SenaoNet_16:57:74 ...	802.11	14	Clear-to-send, Flags=.....
3082	15.407124	Tp-LinkT_b2:fa:da	Broadcast	802.11	261	Beacon frame, SN=1580, FN=0, Flag
3083	15.451011	Technico_c2:37:1a	Broadcast	802.11	253	Beacon frame, SN=598, FN=0, Flag
3084	15.452842	ce:03:fa:c2:37:1b	Broadcast	802.11	196	Beacon frame, SN=599, FN=0, Flag
3085	15.509380	Tp-LinkT_b2:fa:da	Broadcast	802.11	261	Beacon frame, SN=1581, FN=0, Flag



Capturing the Four-way Handshake

To crack the WPA/WPA2 passphrase, we first need to capture the four-way handshake that contains

Step 1: Start to capture all the traffic

This is what we just did in our previous step. Just the Wireshark program into Monitor Mode and run

Step 2: Connect to the access point using its passphrase

Use your cell phone or laptop connects to the access point. For the purpose of this lab, the SSID of the router in our classroom is “Hack3r”.

Step 3: Stop Wireshark program and identify the four-way handshake

Press the stop button to stop capturing in Wireshark; type keyword “EAPOL” in the filter to identify the four-way handshake. Screenshot below shows the example.

The Wireshark interface is shown with the following details:

- Interface:** Wi-Fi: en1
- Filter:** eapol
- Packets:** 8459 · Displayed: 4 (0.0%) · Dropped: 0 (0.0%) · Profile: Default

Packet List:

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
4223	13.051622	Tp-LinkT_b2:fa:da	Apple_2d:7d:0c	EAPOL	137	Key (Message 1 of 4)
4224	13.053079	Tp-LinkT_b2:fa:da	Apple_2d:7d:0c	EAPOL	137	Key (Message 1 of 4)
4232	13.063941	Tp-LinkT_b2:fa:da	Apple_2d:7d:0c	EAPOL	217	Key (Message 3 of 4)
4238	13.072599	Apple_2d:7d:0c	Tp-LinkT_b2:fa:da	EAPOL	137	Key (Message 4 of 4)

Details Pane:

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▶ Frame 4223: 137 bytes on wire (1096 bits), 137 bytes captured (1096 bits) on interface 0
▶ IEEE 802.11 QoS Data, Flags: .....F.
▶ Logical-Link Control
▶ 802.1X Authentication
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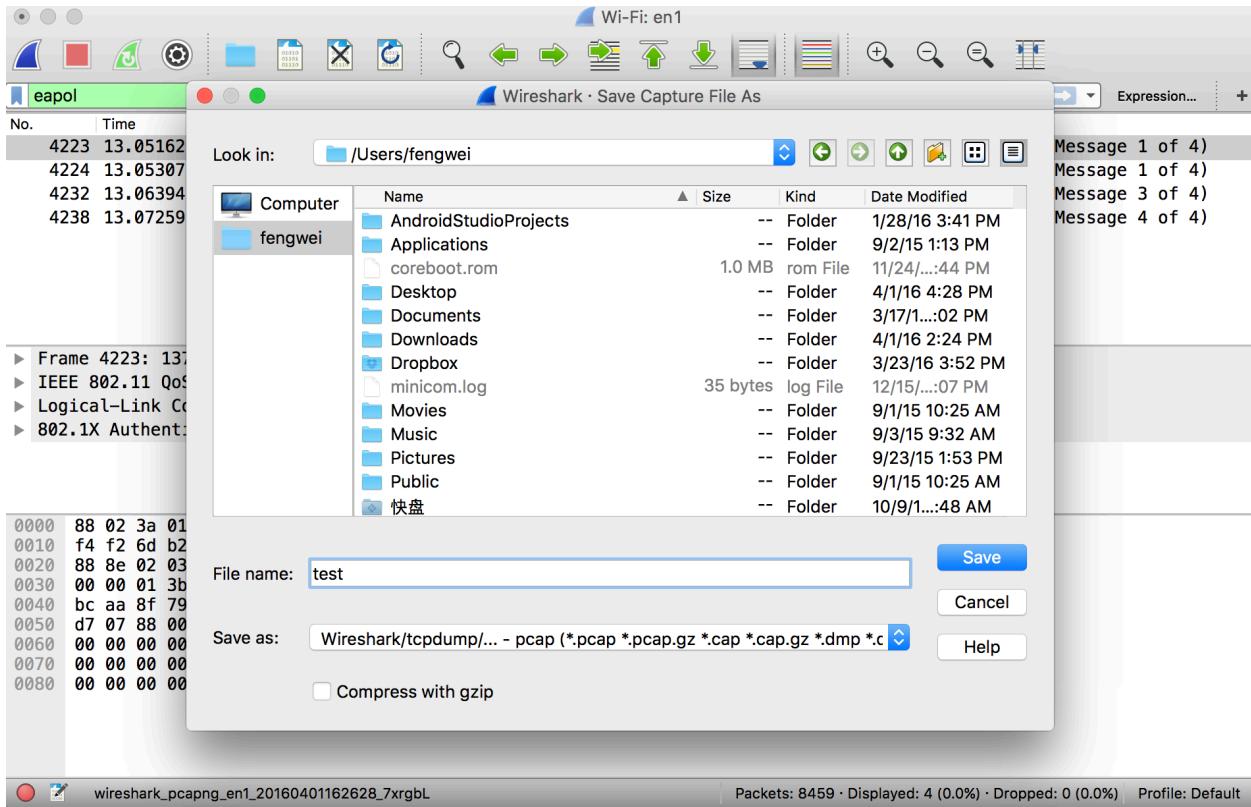
Bytes Pane:

Offset	Hex	Dec	ASCII
0000	88 02 3a 01 04 db 56 2d 7d 0c f4 f2 6d b2 fa daV- }....m...	
0010	f4 f2 6d b2 fa da 00 00 06 00 aa aa 03 00 00 00	..m.....	
0020	88 8e 02 03 00 5f 02 00 8a 00 10 00 00 00 00 00	
0030	00 00 01 3b fd 43 af f3 42 ad 00 2e 77 d3 e7 e4	...;C. B...w...	
0040	bc aa 8f 79 42 8a 3f c0 23 c6 1b c4 e8 f6 01 8c	...yB.? #.....	
0050	d7 07 88 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	
0060	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	
0070	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	
0080	00 00 00 00 00 4f 3c 95 630<. c	



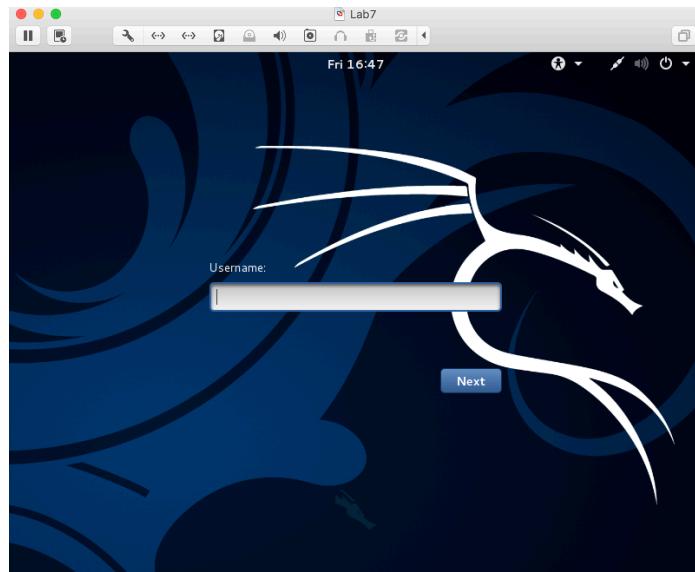
Step 4: Save the captured traffic

Click File -> Save as option to save the captured traffic to a pcap file. Screenshot below shows the example. The saved pcap file name is: test.pcap

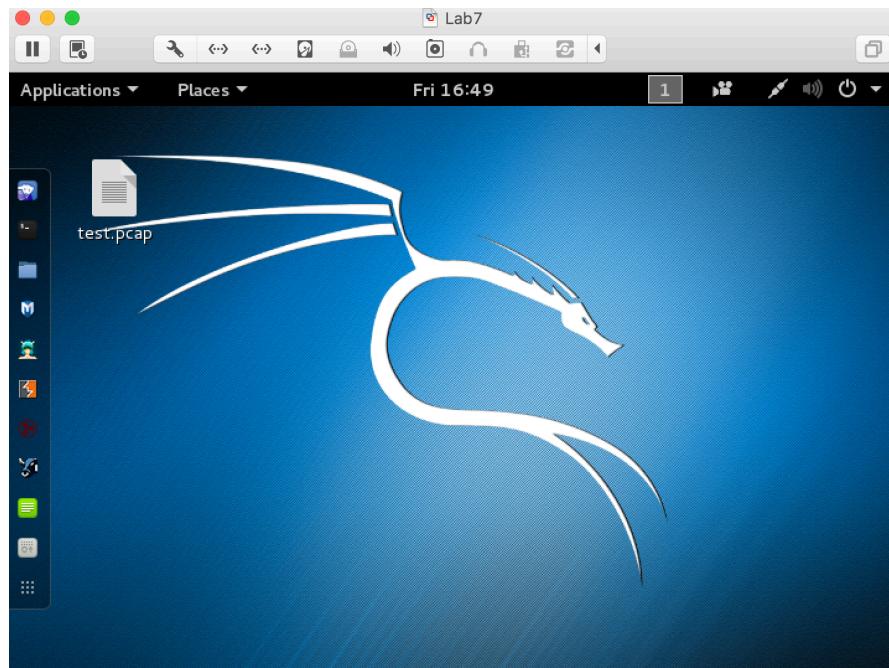


Cracking WPA2 WiFi Passphrase Using Kali Linux

In this lab, we use a Kali Linux to crack the WPA2 WiFi passphrase. Select the VM image named “Lab7”.



Login the Kali image with username root, and password [TBA in the class]. Below is the screen snapshot after login.





Step 1: Copy the test.pcap file into the Kali Linux

In our Kali Linux image, there is a copy of the test-instructor.pcap file. If you do not have your copy of test.pcap, you can also use the test-instructor.pcap file.

Step 2: Use aircrack-ng to crack the passphrase

Aircrack-ng is a network software suite consisting of a detector, packet sniffer, WEP and WPA/WPA2-PSK cracker and analysis tool for 802.11 wireless LANs. Kali Linux has installed it as default.

You can type `$ man aircrack-ng` to see the manual page of the tool

The screenshot shows a terminal window with a dark background and light-colored text. At the top, it says "root@kali-csc5991: ~". Below that is a menu bar with "File", "Edit", "View", "Search", "Terminal", and "Help". A red command prompt "root@kali-csc5991:~# man aircrack-ng" is visible. The main area displays the man page for aircrack-ng. The title is "AIRCRACK-NG(1)". The page is divided into sections: NAME, SYNOPSIS, DESCRIPTION, and OPTIONS. The SYNOPSIS section shows the command "aircrack-ng [options] <.cap / .ivs file(s)>". The DESCRIPTION section provides a detailed explanation of the program's functionality, mentioning the PTW and FMS/KoreK methods for cracking WEP keys. The OPTIONS section lists common options like "-a <amode>" and "-w <wordlist>". A status message at the bottom right indicates "Manual page aircrack-ng(1) line 1 (press h for help or q to quit)".

Run the following command to crack the passphrase

```
$ aircrack-ng -w /usr/share/wordlists/fern-wifi/common.txt ~/Desktop/test-instructor.pcap
```

-w: specify the path to the wordlist

Followed by the pcap file. The screenshot below shows the execution of the command.

```
root@kali-csc5991:~# aircrack-ng -w /usr/share/wordlists/fern-wifi/common.txt ~/Desktop/test-instructor.pcap
Opening /root/Desktop/test-instructor.pcap
Read 25786 packets.

#       BSSID           ESSID          Encryption
1 60:FE:20:6C:6D:5A  ATT896        No data - WEP or WPA
2 5E:8F:E0:CA:07:DC  C^           No data - WEP or WPA
3 10:86:8C:98:2E:04  NDI          No data - WEP or WPA
4 5E:8F:E0:90:E6:30  No data      No data - WEP or WPA
5 F4:F2:6D:B2:FA:DA Hack3r         WPA (1 handshake)
6 6E:8F:E0:CA:07:DC  xfinitywifi   None (0.0.0.0)
7 12:86:8C:95:85:DC  ??           No data - WEP or WPA
8 6D:E2:06:E5:7E:9F  HOME-371A    No data - WEP or WPA
9 CE:03:FA:C2:37:1B  p             None (0.0.0.0)
10 1C:87:2C:E4:B8:18 lighthouse    WPA (0 handshake)
11 54:BE:F7:F4:BD:D8  HOME-F224-2.4 No data - WEP or WPA
12 5C:8F:E0:CA:07:DC  DetroitLiving  No data - WEP or WPA
13 A0:63:91:83:DE:5F  Bill Wi the Science Fi  No data - WEP or WPA
14 A0:63:91:B7:71:D9  IIMD          No data - WEP or WPA
15 12:86:8C:98:2E:04  ??           None (0.0.0.0)
16 5C:8F:E0:90:E6:30  AbrahamLinksy  No data - WEP or WPA
17 A0:63:91:9B:E7:6B  NETGEAR38    No data - WEP or WPA
```

Then, we choose index for the WPA2 handshake. We can identify the index by using the SSID. From the screenshot we can see that the index for “Hack3r” is 5.

After enter 5, we can see that aircrack has successfully crack the passphrase as shown in the screenshot below.

```
root@kali-csc5991:~# aircrack-ng 1.2 rc2
[00:00:00] 72 keys tested (1144.87 k/s)

KEY FOUND! [ password ]

Master Key      : 41 B8 8E 6A 8A DD E7 D1 C0 AE BB 3E E9 A6 EC 06
                   EE F9 08 7A 69 DE EA 23 63 55 9D B6 09 69 7C 5A

Transient Key   : FA DB 76 3D 12 6E E6 A9 00 4D F5 FE CE 04 89 CD
                   CC 5D 5D DD 93 0A 5D F3 03 1B D7 0D 4C A8 14 53
                   8B 32 3E BE FC 0D 42 D0 8B D6 BA E5 11 2A A8 10
                   5D B5 F3 D0 3F 2E 63 61 4F 67 09 55 9D 93 2F 9C

EAPOL HMAC     : CC C4 EA C6 63 DF D0 19 C6 B6 77 E1 78 19 BA 2F
root@kali-csc5991:~#
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Assignments for Lab 7

1. Read the lab instructions above and finish all the tasks.
2. Answer the questions in the Introduction section, and justify your answers.
Simple yes or no answer will not get any credits.
 - a. What is the difference between Monitor Mode and Promiscuous Mode
 - b. What lessons we learned from this lab about setting the WiFi password?
3. Change your router to a different passphrase, and use the Wireshark and Aircrack-ng to crack the passphrase. Show screenshots of the result.

Extra Credit (5pt): Send a broadcast de-authentication packet to force clients to reconnect. Then you can capture the four-way handshake.

Happy Hacking!