
**CMPE 209 Network Security**

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# WIRELESS NETWORK HACKING

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# PROJECT OVERVIEW

Wireless technology can be considered as a modernization in the networking industry. As the number of users using the technology have increased, it is more susceptible to the attacks. Attackers are coming up with more sophisticated techniques to cause mayhem to the network. Wireless signals can be easily attacked. Even though there are number of security algorithms used to prevent the attacks, attackers are coming up with counter techniques to attack the networks.

In this project, we are trying to understand the various techniques used by attackers to hack the network to expose the vulnerabilities and to come up with prevention techniques.

The project has three main sections:

1. Pre-connection: This section is about gathering the information about the network to launch attacks. A fake access point is made available to attract the users to connect to it to capture any important information.
2. Gaining access: After gathering useful information from the previous section, various methods are employed to compromise the encryption method used by the target.
3. Post-connection: After gaining access to the target from the previous section, attacks are launched against the target. The aim is to prevent such attacks against the exposed vulnerabilities and to safe guard the network.

## OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE:

The main aim of this project is to provide offensive security for Wireless Networks against various wireless attacks. The wireless networks are made secured by breaking into them to examine for vulnerabilities before the attackers attack our network. Our project can be divided into following modules:

Below are the steps that are followed to perform various pre-connection attacks and password cracking:

1. **Environmental Setup**
2. **Pre-Connection Attacks**
3. **Gaining Access**
4. **Securing Wireless network**

## HISTORY:

| Sl.No | Task | Sub Tasks | Interim Status | Final Status |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Setting up the Environment | Installing the VM and dependencies | Completed | Completed |
| | | Enable monitor mode on the adapter | Completed | Completed |
| 2. | Pre-connection attacks | Traffic Sniffing | Completed | Completed |
| | | De-authentication Attack | Completed | Completed |
| | | Creating Fake access point | Completed | Completed |
| 3. | Gaining access | WEP cracking | Pending | Completed |
| | | WPA/WPA2 cracking | Pending | Completed |

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| 4. | Post-connection | Gathering information | Pending | Completed |
| | | MITM attack | Pending | Completed |
| | | Gain complete control | Pending | Completed |
| 5. | Securing Wireless Network | Understand how to protect your Network against attacks | Pending | Completed |

## BASIC SETUP:

a. **Installation of Kali Linux:** Kali Linux is installed on virtual box. Wireless adapter (AWUS036NHA) is checked for its compatibility with the Kali Linux virtual machine.

b. **Changing adapter mode to monitor**: Random MAC address is assigned to the wireless adapter using "macchanger" to safeguard from backtracking. To sniff the traffic which is not designated to our device, we change the mode of adapter from "manage" to "monitor".

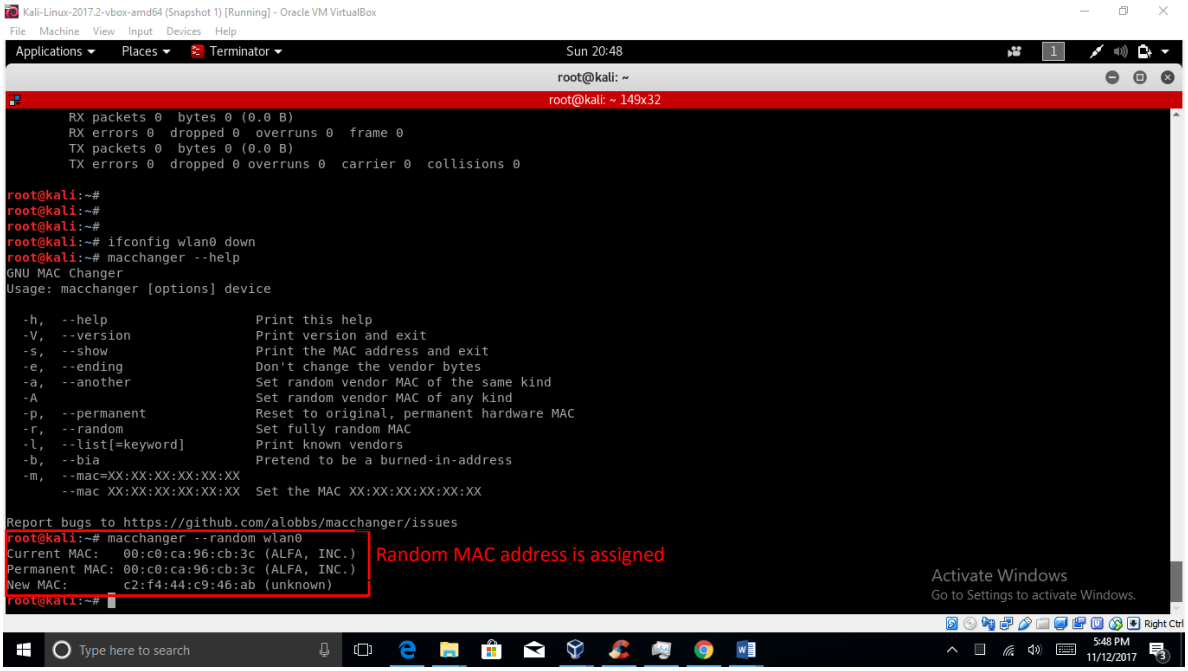
**Tools used:**

1. Wireless Adapter - AWUS036NHA.
2. Host devices(laptops) and mobile devices are used to demonstrate the process.

**Technologies used:**

1. Kali Linux is used as operating system.

2. Aircrack-ng, airodump-ng, aireplay-ng suites are used to sniff the network packets, crack the passwords, send de-auth packets and so on.

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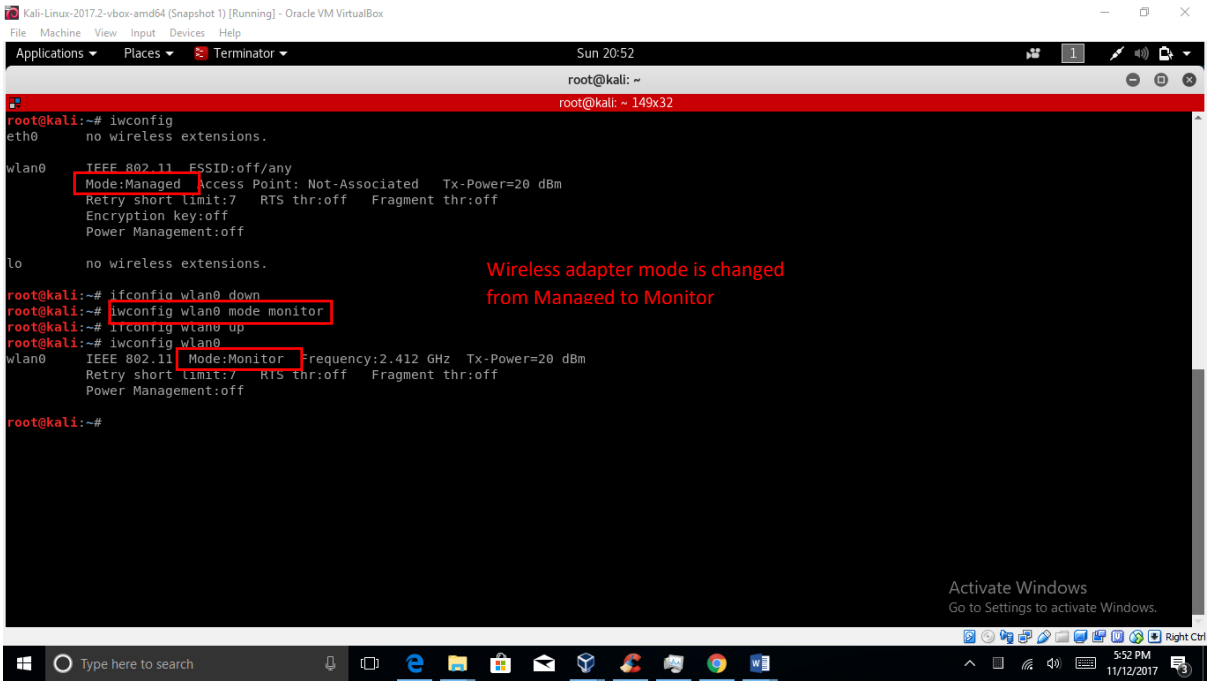

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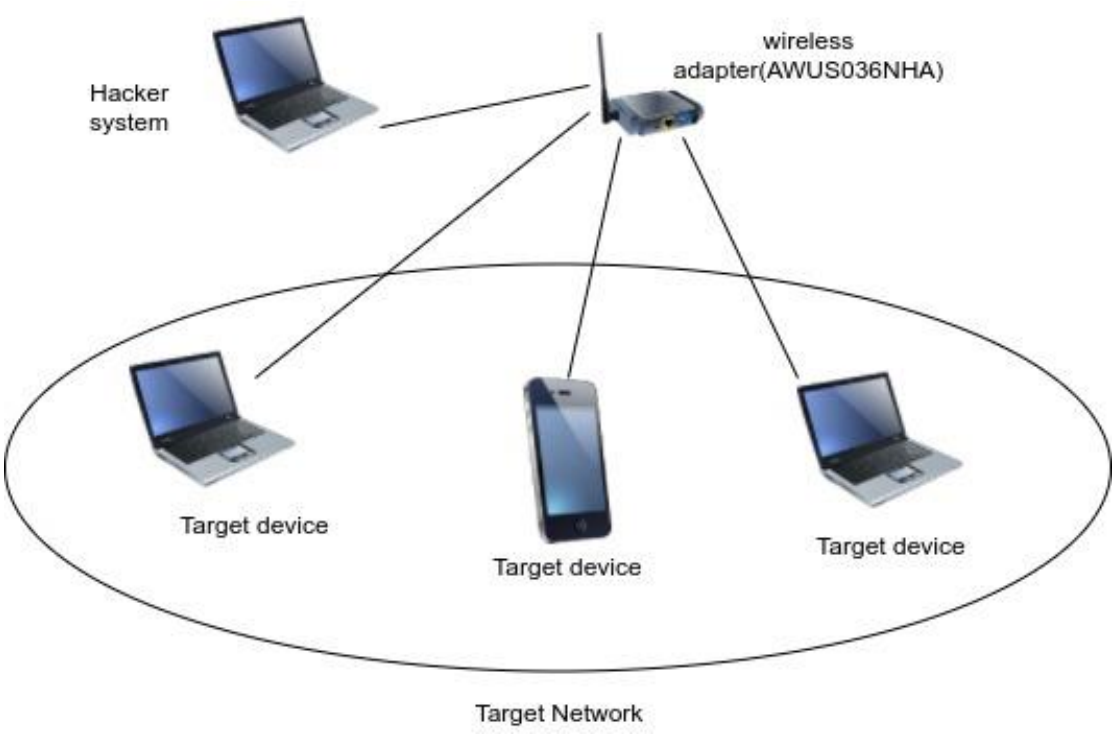


# PRE-CONNECTION ATTACKS:

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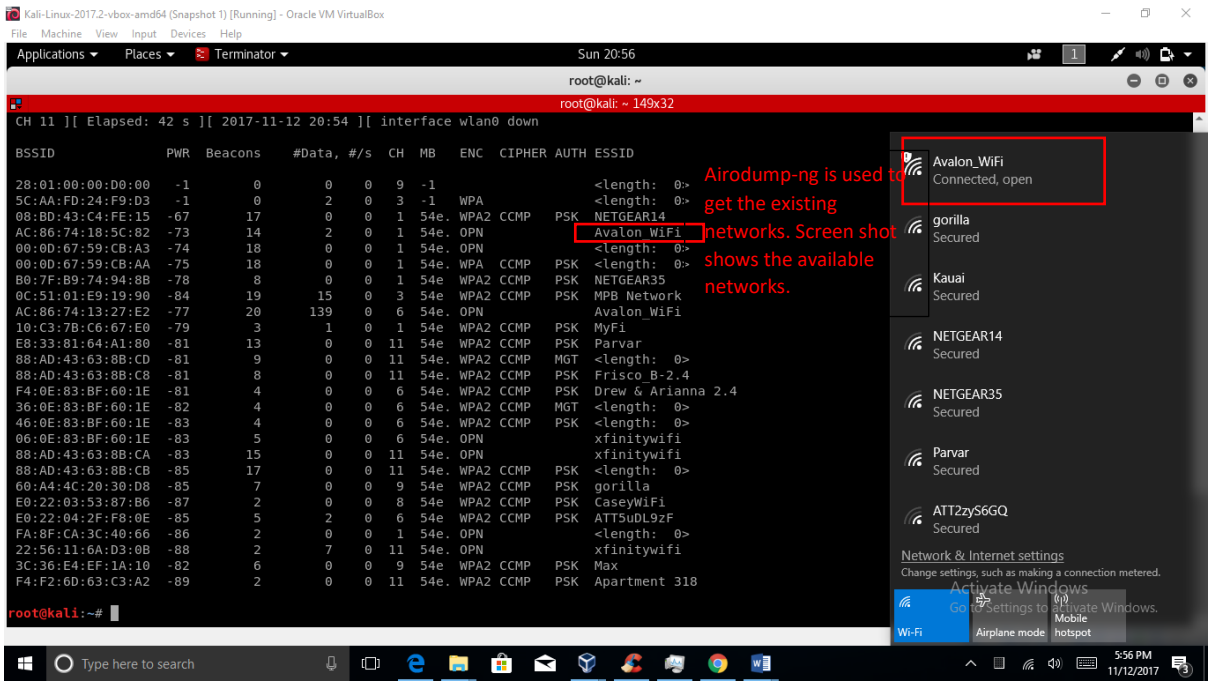
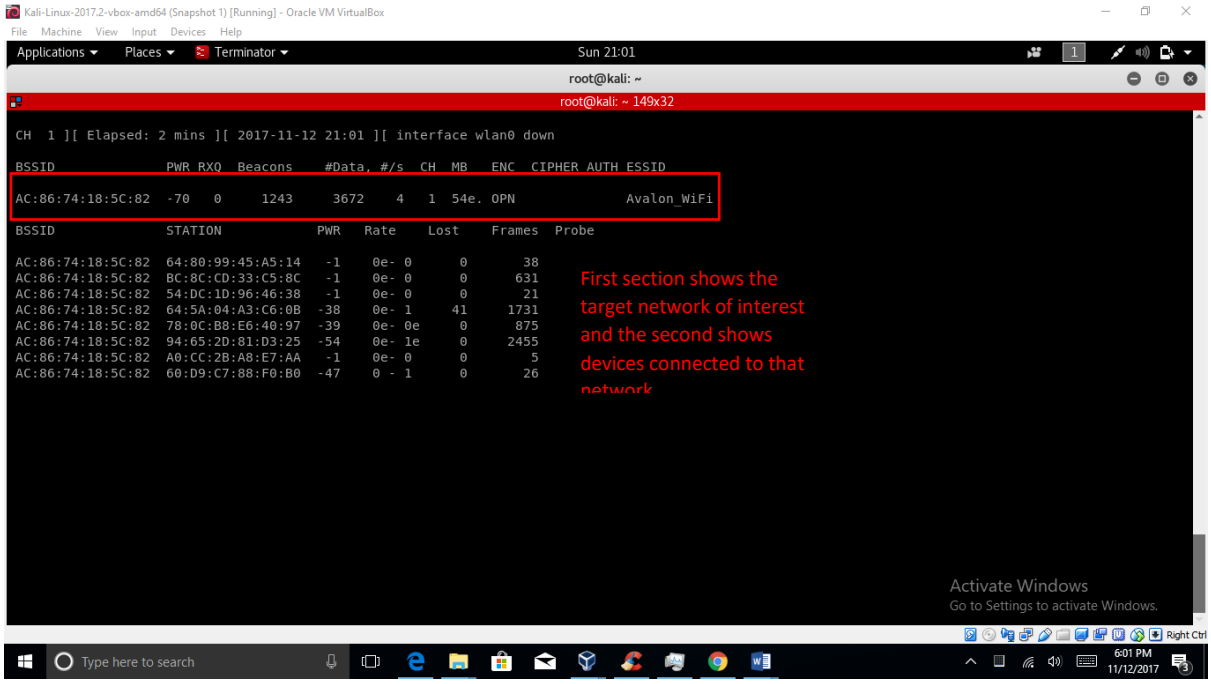
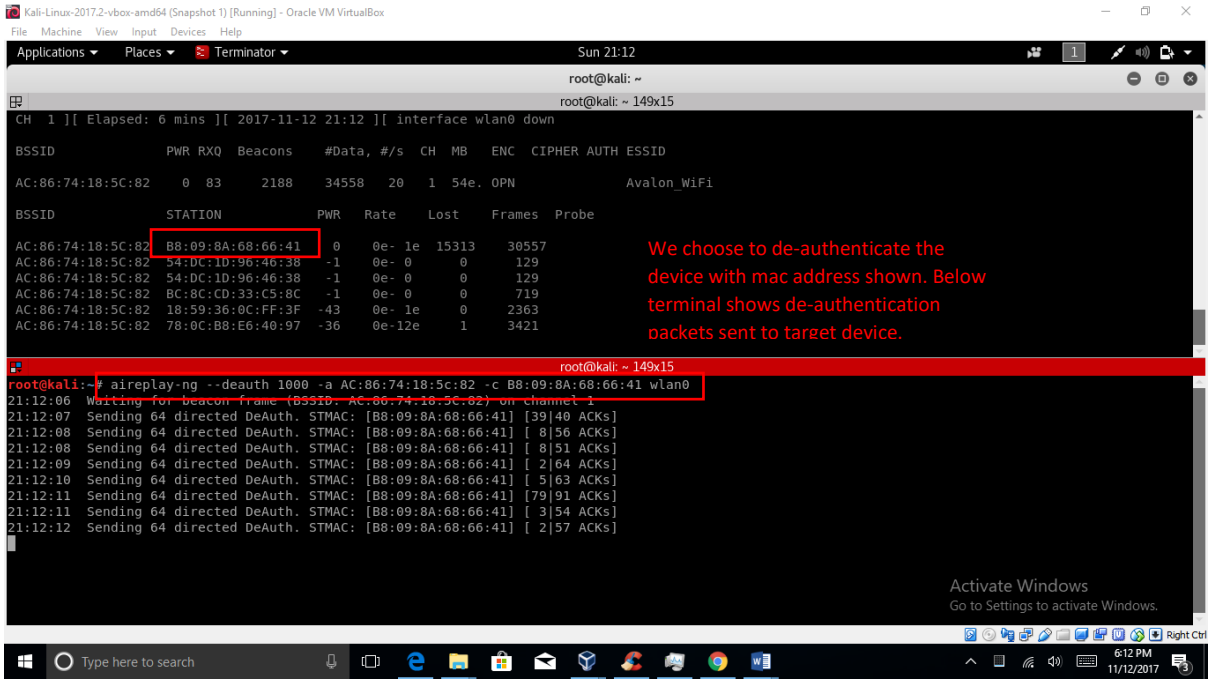
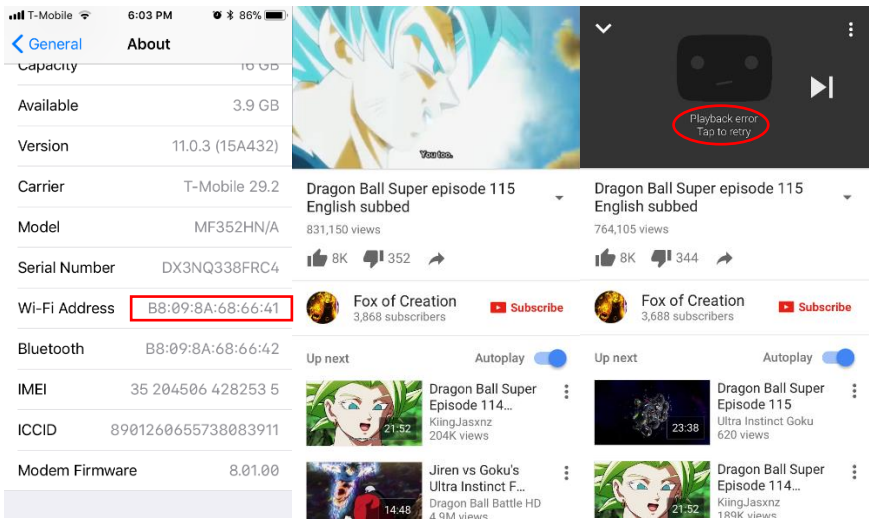





## DE-AUTHENTICATION ATTACK:

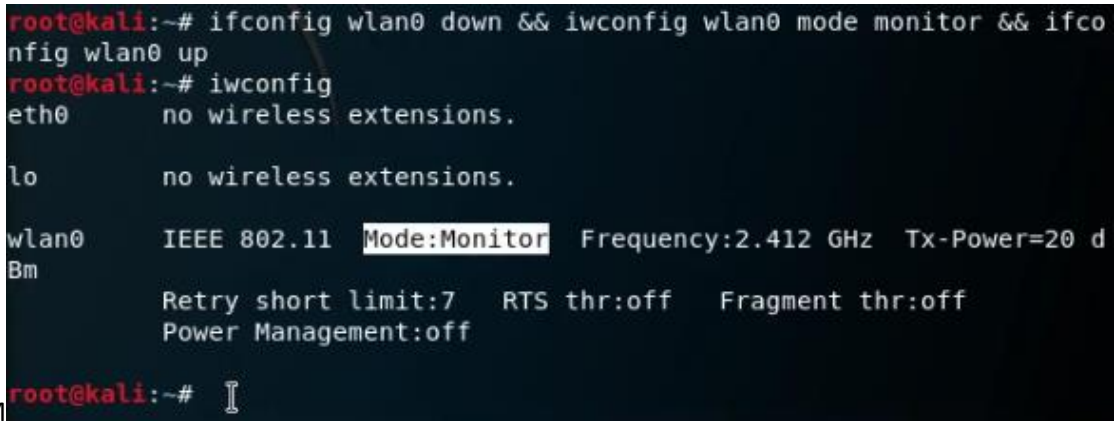
It's a type of DOS attack where the attacker sends a de-authentication frame by spoofing the victims address to disconnect it from the connected wireless access-point. The protocol doesn't need any kind of encryption to send this de-authentication frame and hence all that the attacker need to know is just the victim's MAC address which can be obtained easily from wireless network sniffing using tools like airdump-ng. Aireplay is used with "deauth" switch to send de-authentication packet to the wireless access-point to disconnect the victim machine from the connected network.




Screen shots show the MAC address and change of internet connectivity as we execute de-authenticate

More explanation is given below:

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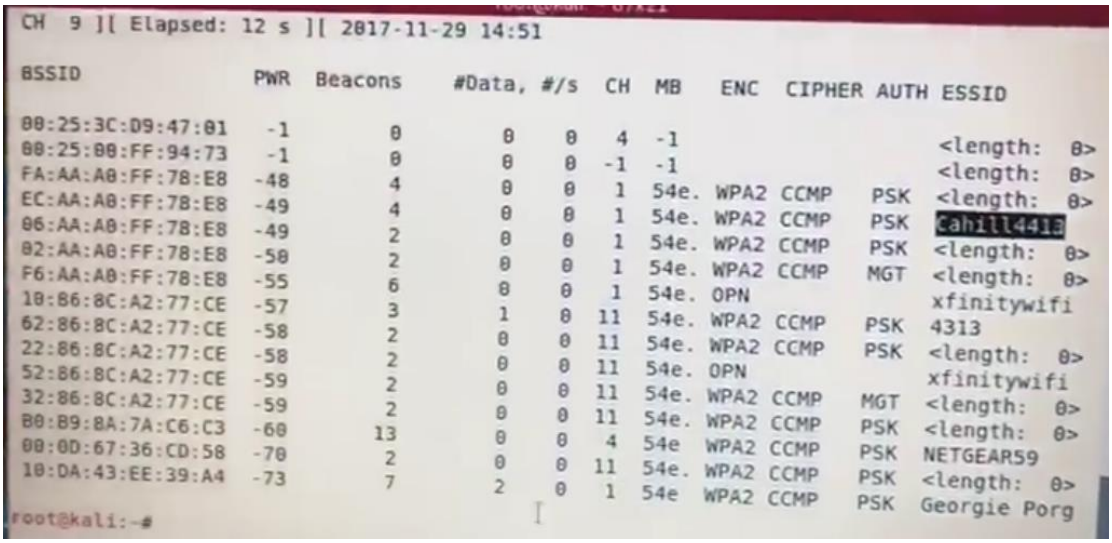


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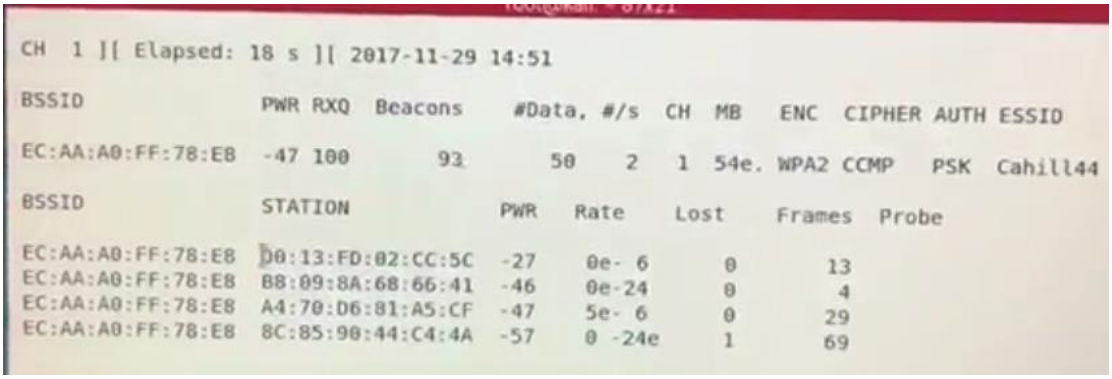
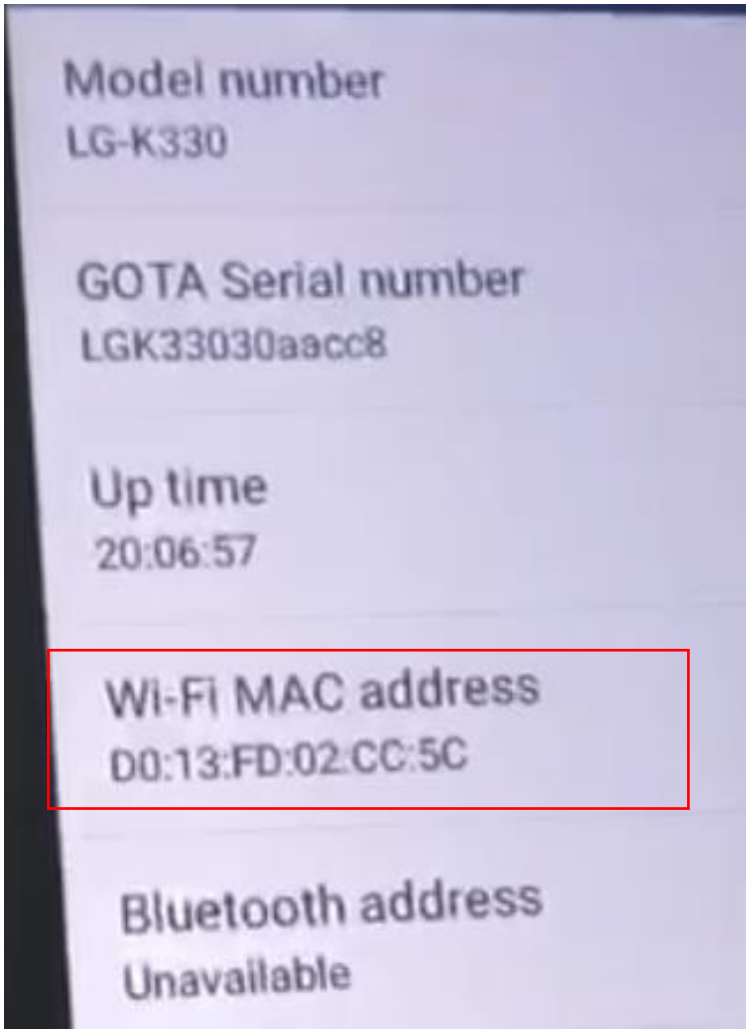


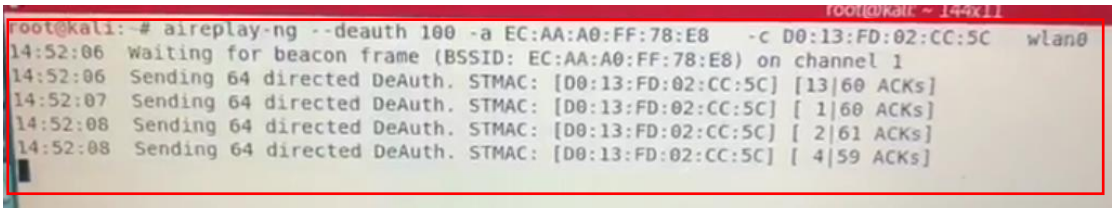

Packets are sniffed from targeted network using following commands:

airodump-ng --channel [channel] --bssid[bssid] --write[file-name] [interface].

-> airodump-ng --channel 1 --bssid EC:AA:A0:FF:78:E8 wlan0

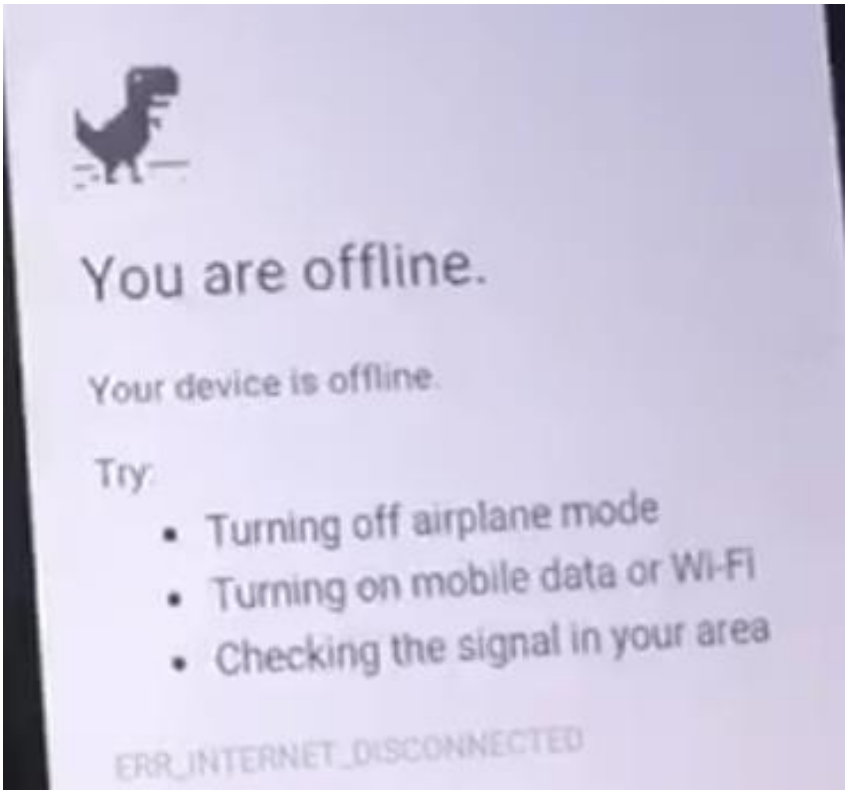



Target device with mac address shown.




De-auth packets are sent to the target mac address using following command:

aireplay-ng --deauth[number of packets] -a [AP] ][interface].




Device on receiving DE-AUTH packets loses its internet connection.

## CREATING FAKE ACCESS POINT:

Fake access point is plot created by the attackers to attract the victim machine. In our project, Fake access point is created using the wireless adapter connected the host machine. Target machines are made to connect to this access point. Internet traffic is routed to target machines through the host machine having wireless adapter connected to it. Traffic passing through host machine can easily be sniffed.

```
root@kali:~# ls /etc/dnsmasq.conf
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root@kali:~# echo -e "interface=at0\ndhcp-range=10.0.1.50,10.0.1.150,12h"> /etc/dnsmasq.conf
root@kali:~# airbase-ng -e fake-ap -c 6 wlan0
ioctl(SIOCSIWMODE) failed: Device or resource busy
21:34:32  Created tap interface at0
21:34:32  Trying to set MTU on at0 to 1500
21:34:32  Trying to set MTU on wlan0 to 1800
21:34:33  Access Point with BSSID A2:32:38:5C:38:0A started.
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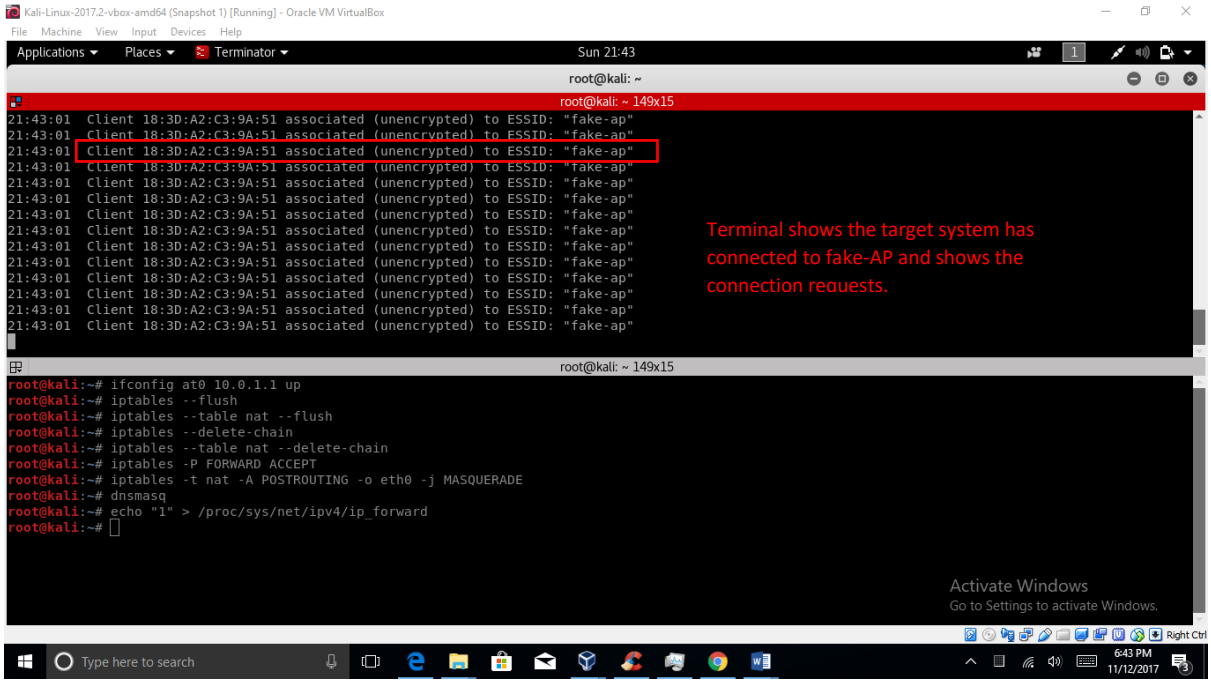
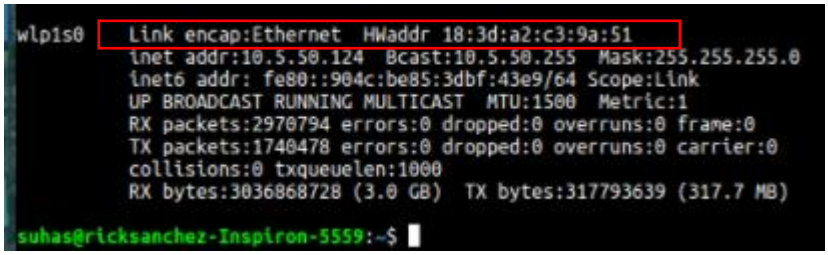
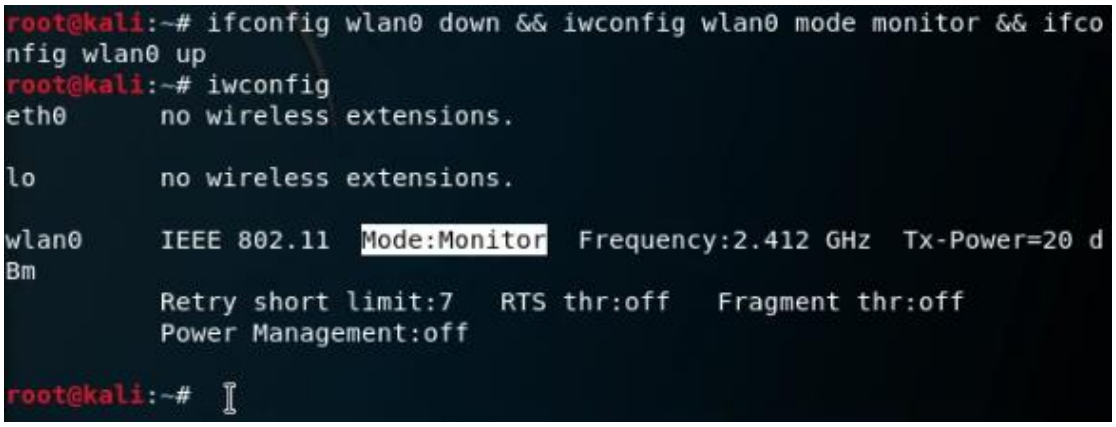
Fake access point is created.




MAC address of system connected to fake-ap




Wireless adapter mode is changed from managed to monitor using following commands:

Ifconfig wlan0 down

Ifconfig wlan0 mode monitor

Ifconfig wlan0 up

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root@kali:~# echo -e "interface=at0\ndhcp-range=10.0.1.50,10.0.1.150,12
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root@kali:~# airbase-ng -e CMPE209_AP -c 6 wlan0
12:42:42  Created tap interface at0
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12:42:42  Trying to set MTU on wlan0 to 1800
12:42:42  Access Point with BSSID FE:20:1B:6B:41:FF started.
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- echo -e "interface=at0\ndhcp-range=192.168.0.50,192.168.0.150,12h" > /etc/dnsmasq.conf
- airbase-ng -e [network name] -c [channel] [interface]
- ifconfig at0 192.168.0.1 up
    - iptables --flush
    - iptables --table nat --flush
    - iptables --delete-chain
    - iptables --table nat --delete-chain
- iptables -P FORWARD ACCEPT
- iptables -t nat -A POSTROUTING -o [internet interface] -j MASQUERADE
- dnsmasq
- echo "1" > /proc/sys/net/ipv4/ip_forward

```
suhas@ricksanchez-Inspiron-5559:~$ nmcli dev wifi
*  SSID             MODE   CHAN  RATE        SIGNAL  BARS  SECURITY
   CMPE209_AP       Infra  6     54 Mbit/s   100
   Cahill4413       Infra  1     54 Mbit/s   85            WPA1 WPA2
   NETGEAR59        Infra  4     54 Mbit/s   62            WPA2
   NETGEAR59-5G     Infra  153   54 Mbit/s   62            WPA2
   NETGEAR59-5G     Infra  153   54 Mbit/s   59            WPA2
*  Cahill4413-5     Infra  149   54 Mbit/s   58            WPA1 WPA2
   xfinitywifi      Infra  11    54 Mbit/s   57
   xfinitywifi      Infra  44    54 Mbit/s   57
   4313_5G          Infra  44    54 Mbit/s   57            WPA1 WPA2
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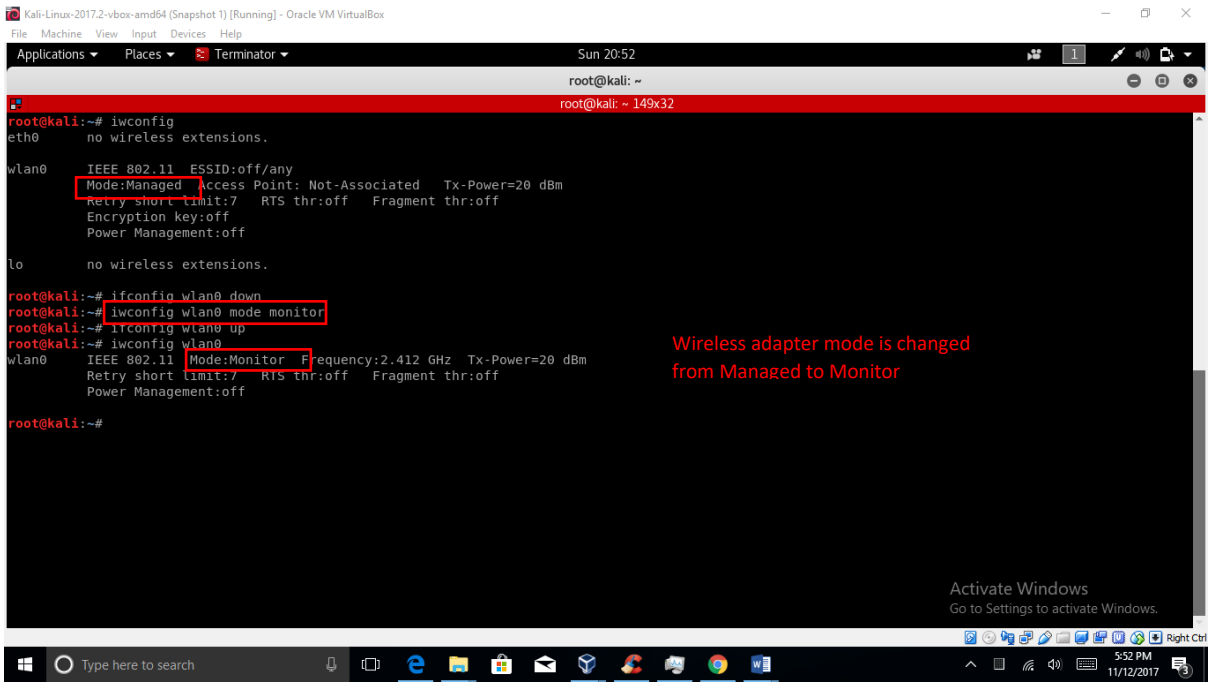
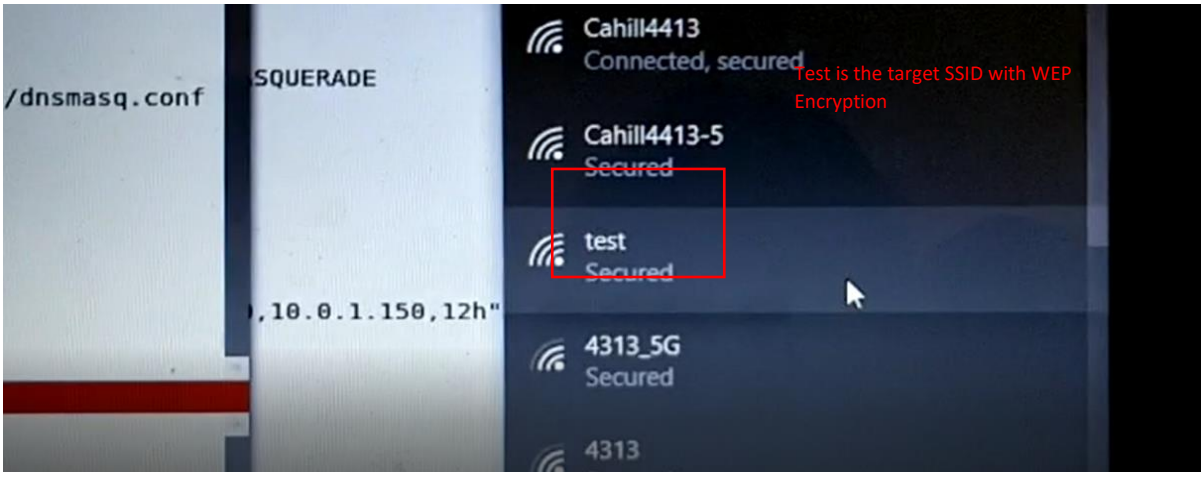
From the above screen shot one can see the access point created (highlighted).

# GAINING ACCESS:

# WEP CRACKING:

The first encryption technique introduced to secure the wireless networks was the Wired Equivalent Privacy (WEP). There are many vulnerabilities of this encryption technique leading to potential wireless network attacks. Our project aims at providing secured network by breaking into them by cracking WEP passwords to inspect for vulnerabilities before the attackers does. In our project, we have created fake access point with WEP key. A device is made to connect to the fake access point and traffic is captured at hacker's machine. Aircrack-ng is used with captured traffic to crack the WEP key.



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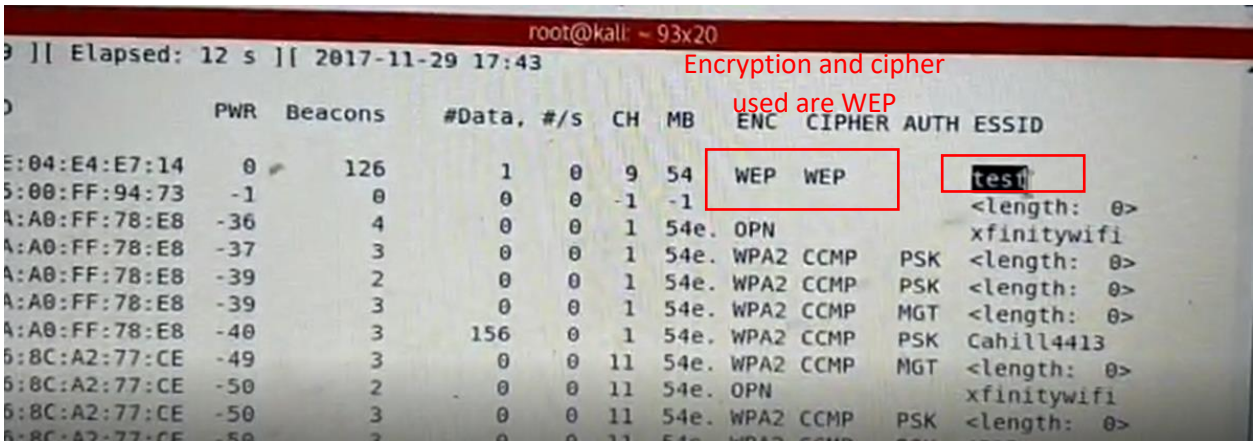
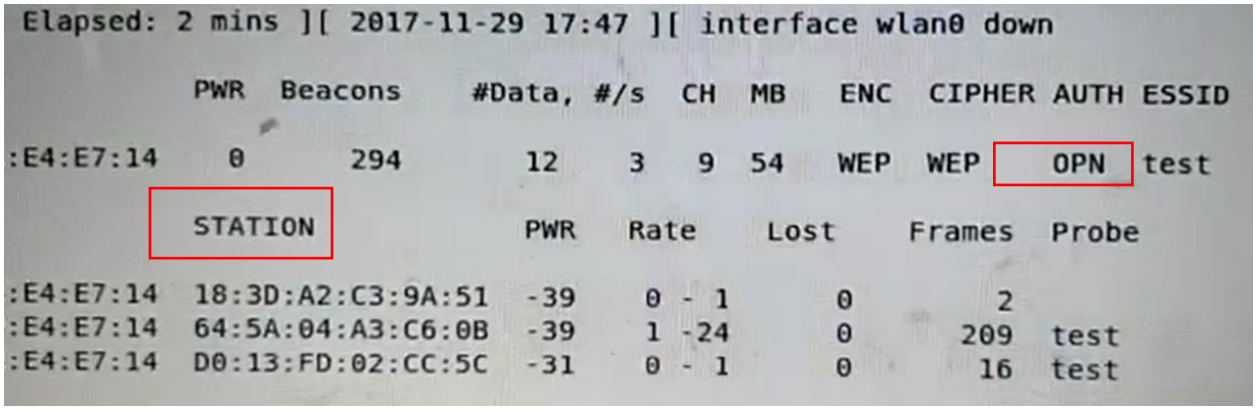
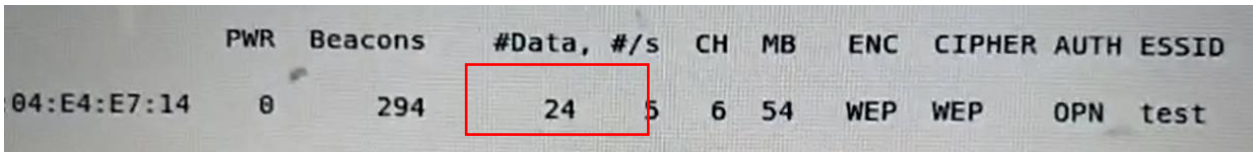


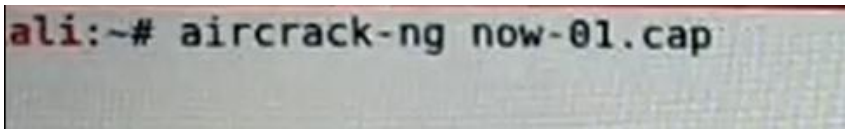

“Airodump-ng” is used on that “test” AP to sniff the stations attached using the following command Airodump-ng –bssid < Target BSSID> --channel <Target Channel ID > --write <Filename> Interface and “aireplay-ng” is used to fake authenticate using the command aireplay-ng –fakeauth -a <target station bssid> -h< Wlan Mac>Interface , If its successful then under “AUTH” column you will see as “OPN”

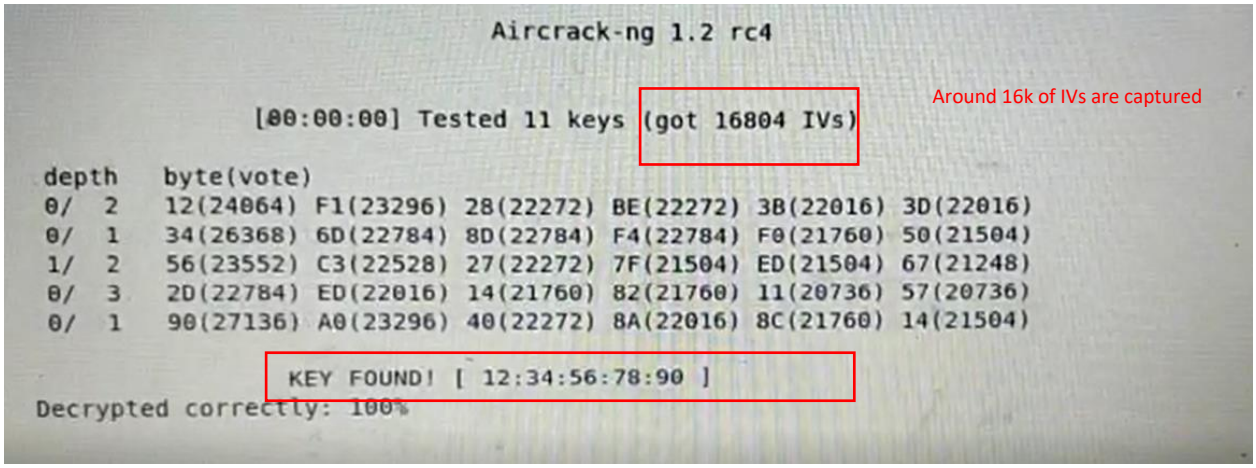



Using the “aireplay-ng” we will send arp packets to the test AP and capture as many data packets as possible , More the packets we capture more easier it will be to crack the key as it contains more number of IV .




Now, “aireplay-ng” of the aircrack suite is used to calculate the Keystream first , then that keystream is used to get the WEP key of the target AP.

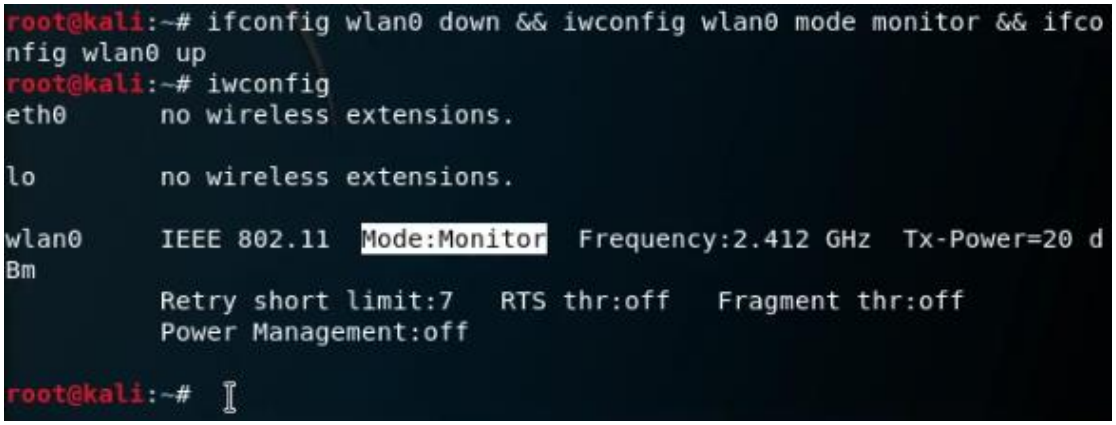



Above Key can be used without the ‘:’ to connect to the ‘Test’ Ap.

# WPA/WPA2 CRACKING:

The encryption techniques Wi-Fi Protected Access (WPA) and Wi-Fi Protected Access II (WPA2) are more secured techniques compared to WEP encryption technique. It adopts Temporal Key Integrity Protocol (TKIP), which dynamically generates 128- bit key for each packet thus provides security against the attacks that comprise WEP encryption technique. In our project, we have used handshake packets to crack WPA passwords. We first perform de-authentication attack, and then capture handshake packets when the victim machine tries to re-authenticate. Then, we have used aircrack-ng tool, which combines password in wordlist with AP name (BSSID) to compute pairwise master key which is compared against the handshake file to crack WPA/WPA2 passwords.

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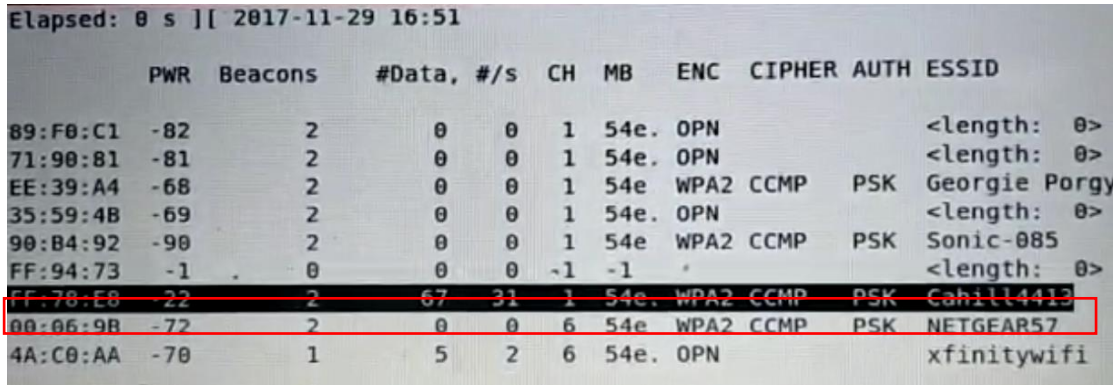


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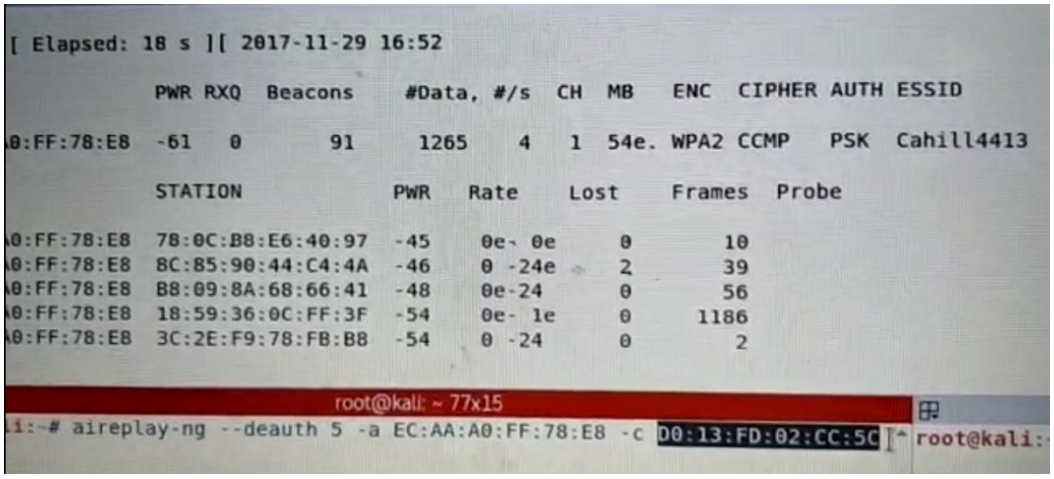
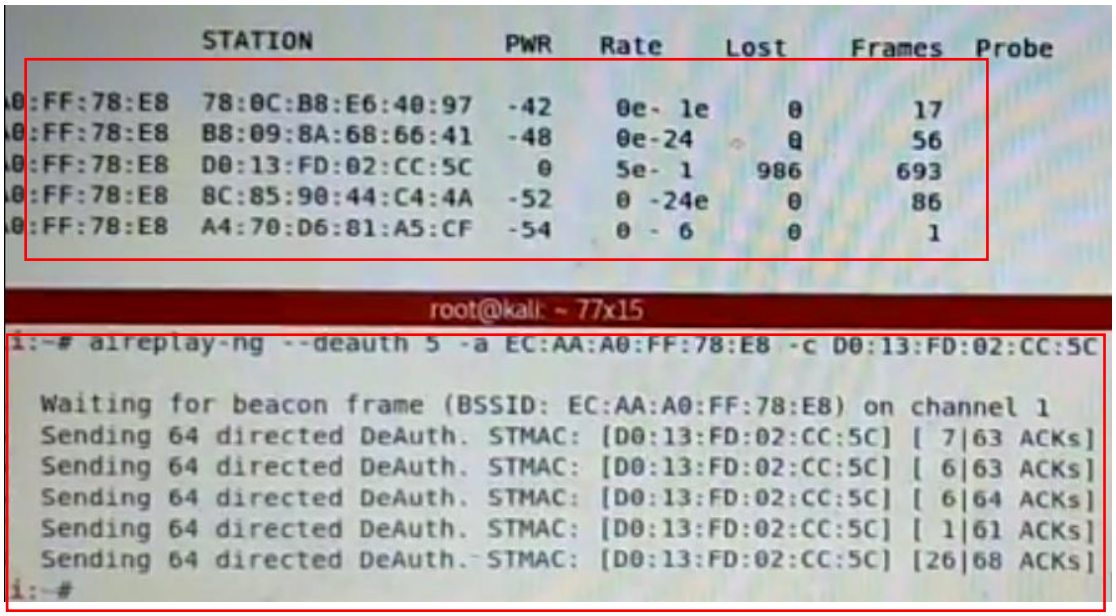
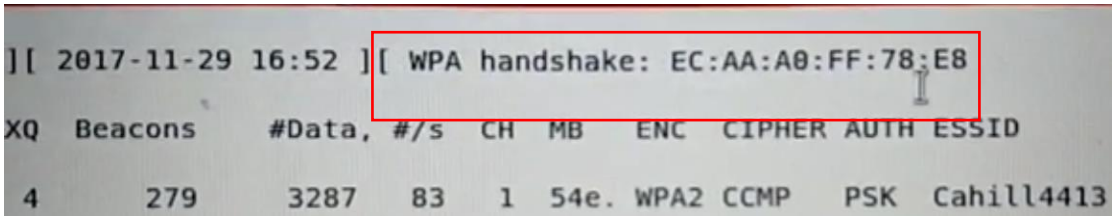


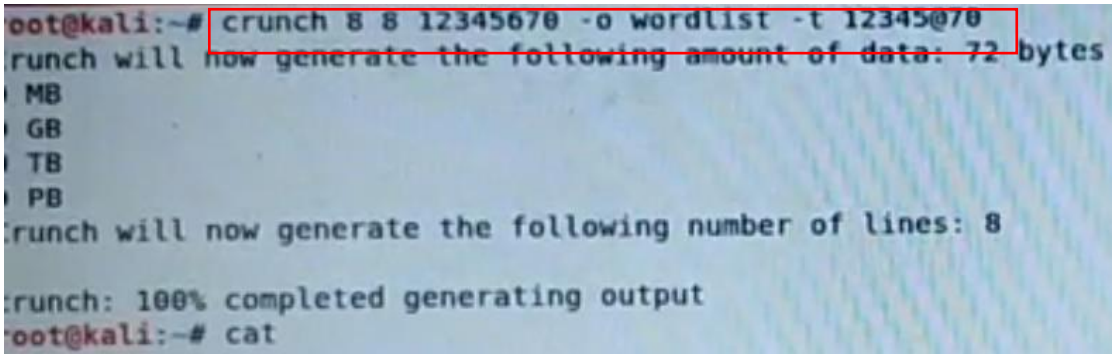

Packets are sniffed from target network. Unlike WEP not all packets can be used to crack WPA/WPA2 password. Only handshake packets can give useful information which can be used to crack the WPA password. In order to get handshake packets we manually send the de-auth packets and make the target device to re-authenticate itself to the network. During this process we capture the required handshake packets.




De-auth packets are sent as shown above.

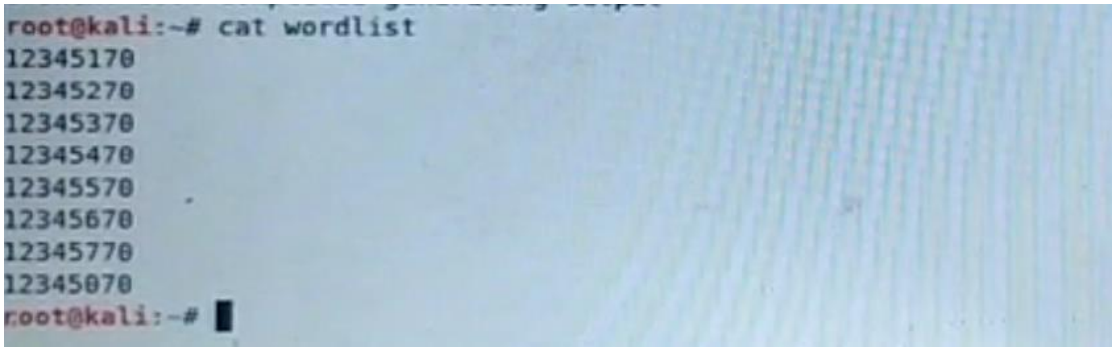



Handshake is captured.




A sample wordlist is created as shown above using crunch. Command is as follows.

Crunch [min len] [max len] [characters=lower|upper|numbers|symbols] -t [pattern] -o file

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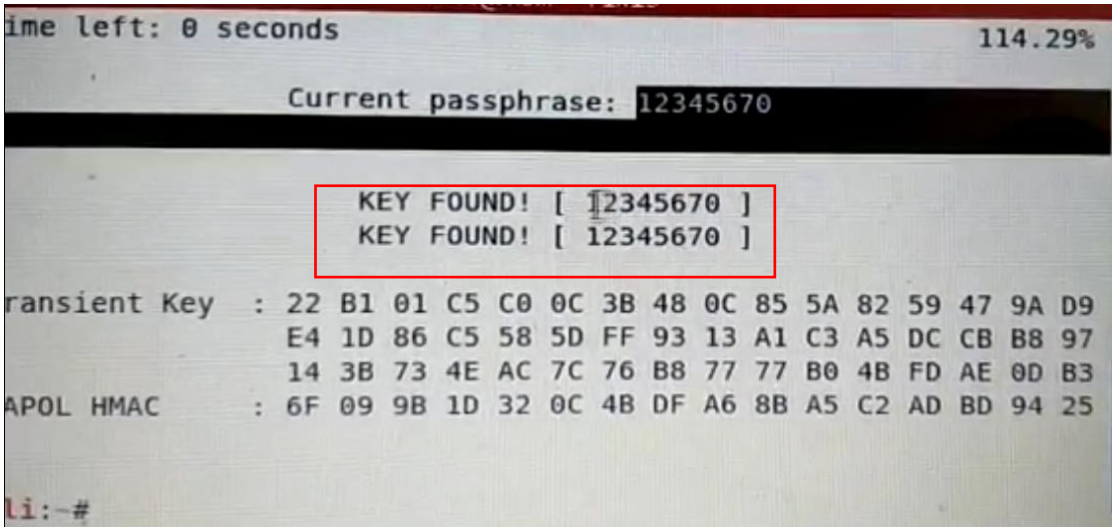
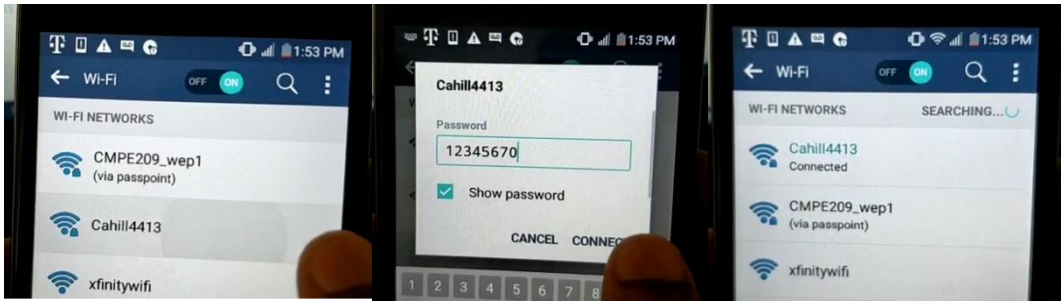


Aircrack-ng is used to crack the password. Each password in the wordlist is combined with AP name(essid) to compute a pairwise master key(PMK) using pbkdf2 algorithm. PMK is compared to handshake file.

Command: aircrack-ng [HANDSHAKE FILE] -w [wordlist] [interface]

From the above screen shot we can see that key is found.




User device is successfully logged on the network using the key which is found above.

## CONCLUSION:

In this project, we successfully perform De-authentication attack, WEP, WPA/WPA2 password cracking. Wireless adapter is used to sniff packets of surrounding networks and suites like airodump-ng, aircrack-ng and aireplay-ng is used. Results show the vulnerabilities present in the existing security measures. As a preventive measures WEP encryption method is avoided from usage, MAC addresses are filtered and the range of wireless signal is reduced.

# FUTURE WORK:

**Securing Wireless network**

After exploiting the vulnerabilities, it is very important to adopt the security measures to prevent the above attacks. Below are few preventive measures to safeguard our wireless network against network attacks:

- Avoiding WEP encryption technique to secure AP
- Using more secured encryption techniques like WPA/WPA2
- Filtering MAC address to prevent suspicious MAC address

Reducing the range of the wireless signal and using 802.11g instead of 802.11b and 802.11n

- Carry out Post-connection attack using -Man in the Middle Attacks (MITM)
  - ARP Poisoning.
  - Session Hijacking.
  - DNS Spoofing.
- Learn to Use network protocol analyzer “Wireshark” to Sniff and analyze the traffic sent /received by targets and also use it to detect suspicious activities in the network.
- To Gain full access over the device by creating undetectable backdoor
  - Fake an update for an already installed program, install backdoor instead of the update.

Learn the Safety measure, configuration and precautions to be taken to secure the Wireless Network.

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