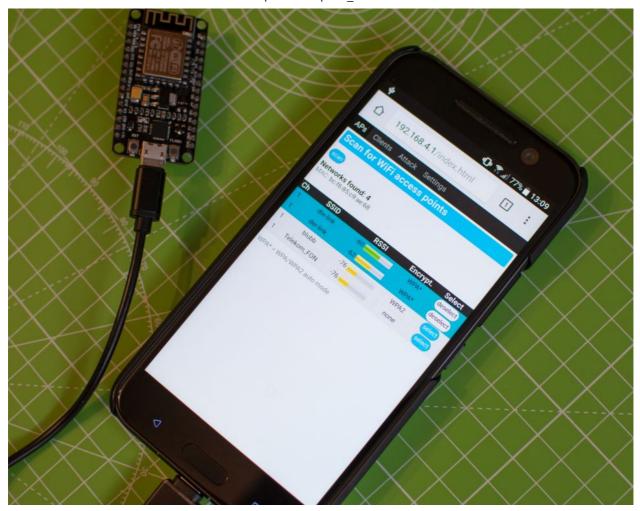


# **ESP8266** Deauther

Build your own WiFi jammer with an ESP8266.



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# Introduction

# What it is

Basically it's a device which performs a deauth attack.

You select the clients you want to disconnect from their network and start the attack. As long as the attack is running, the selected devices are unable to connect to their network.

# How it works

The 802.11 WiFi protocol contains a so called deauthentication frame. It is used to disconnect clients safely from a wireless network.

Because these packets are unencrypted, you just need the mac address of the WiFi router and of the client device which you want to disconnect from the network. You don't need to be in the network or know the password, it's enough to be in its range.

#### What an ESP8266 is

The ESP8266 is a very cheap micro controller with build in WiFi. It contains a powerfull 160 MHz processor and you can program it with the Arduino IDE. This makes it perfect for this project.

You can buy these chips for under \$2 from China!

# How to protect against it

With 802.11w-2009 WiFi got an update to encrypt management frames. So make sure your router is up to date and has management frame protection enabled. But be sure that your client device supports it too, both ends need to have it enabled!

The only problem is that most devices don't use it. I tested it with different WiFi networks and devices, it worked every time! It seems that even newer devices which support frame protection don't use it by default.

### Disclaimer

Use it only for testing purposes on your own devices!

Please check the legal regulations in your country before using it. Jamming transmitters are illegal in most countries and this device can fall into the same category (even if it's technically not the same).

My intention with this project is to draw attention to this issue. This attack shows how vulnerable the 802.11 WiFi standard is and that it has to be fixed. A solution is already there, why don't we use it?

### Installation

The only thing you will need is a computer and an ESP8266.

I recommend you to buy a USB breakout/developer board, because they have 4Mb flash and are very simple to use. It doesn't matter which board you use, as long as it has an ESP8266 on it.

You have 2 choices here. Uploading the bin files is easier but not as good for debugging, so keep that in mind in case you want to open an new issue.

# Uploading the bin files

Note: the 512kb version won't have the full MAC vendor list.

0 Download the current release from here

1 Upload using the ESP8266 flash tool of your choice. I recommend using the nodemcu-flasher. If this doesn't work you can also use the official esptool from espressif.

That's all! :)

Make sure you select the right com-port, the right upload size of your ESP8266 and the right bin file.

# Compiling the source with Arduino

0 Download the source code of this project.

1 Install Arduino and open it.

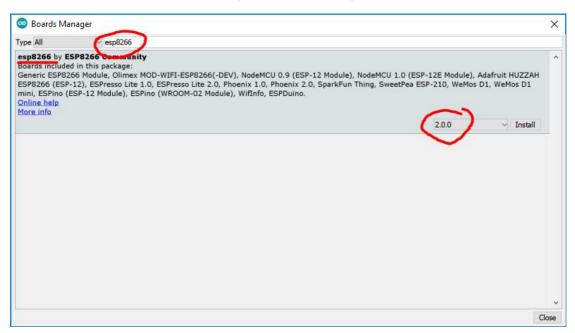
2 Go to File > Preferences

**3** Add http://arduino.esp8266.com/stable/package\_esp8266com\_index.json to the Additional Boards Manager URLs. (source: https://github.com/esp8266/Arduino)

4 Go to Tools > Board > Boards Manager

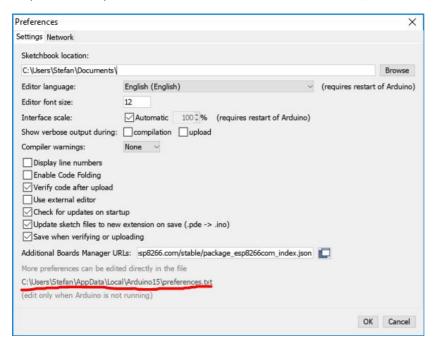
5 Type in esp8266

6 Select version 2.0.0 and click on Install (must be version 2.0.0!)



#### **7** Go to File > Preferences

8 Open the folder path under More preferences can be edited directly in the file



- $9 \, \text{Go}$  to packages > esp8266 > hardware > esp8266 > 2.0.0 > tools > sdk > include
- 10 Open user\_interface.h with a text editor
- 11 Scroll down and before #endif add following lines:

```
typedef void (*freedom_outside_cb_t)(uint8 status);
int wifi_register_send_pkt_freedom_cb(freedom_outside_cb_t cb);
void wifi_unregister_send_pkt_freedom_cb(void);
int wifi_send_pkt_freedom(uint8 *buf, int len, bool sys_seq);
```

```
void wifi_set_event_handler_cb(wifi_event_handler_cb_t cb);
        typedef enum wps_type {
    WPS_TYPE_DISABLE = 0,
 430
              WPS TYPE PBC,
 431
              WPS TYPE PIN
             WPS_TYPE_DISPLAY, WPS_TYPE_MAX
       } WPS TYPE t;
       enum wps_cb_status {
 436
             WPS_CB_ST_SUCCESS = 0,
WPS_CB_ST_FAILED,
WPS_CB_ST_TIMEOUT,
 439
 440
              WPS_CB_ST_WEP,
 441
442
        bool wifi_wps_enable(WPS_TYPE_t wps_type);
bool wifi_wps_disable(void);
 444
        bool wifi_wps_start(void);
        typedef void (*wps_st_cb_t)(int status);
        bool wifi_set_wps_cb(wps_st_cb_t cb);
        typedef void (*freedom_outside_cb_t) (uint8 status);
int wifi_register_send_pkt_freedom_cb(freedom_outside_cb_t cb);
          oid wifi_unregister_send_pkt_freedom_cb(void);
at wifi_send_pkt_freedom(uint8 *buf, int len, bool sys_seq);
        #endif
C++ source file
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#### don't forget to save!

- 12 Go to the SDK\_fix folder of this project
- 13 Copy ESP8266WiFi.cpp and ESP8266WiFi.h
- 14 Past these files here packages > esp8266 > hardware > esp8266 > 2.0.0 > libraries > ESP8266WiFi > src
- 15 Open esp8266\_deauther > esp8266\_deauther.ino in Arduino
- **16** Select your ESP8266 board at Tools > Board and the right port at Tools > Port If no port shows up you may have to reinstall the drivers.
- 17 Upload!

Note: If you use a 512kb version of the ESP8266, you need to comment out a part of the mac vendor list in data.h.

Your ESP8266 Deauther is now ready!

# How to use it

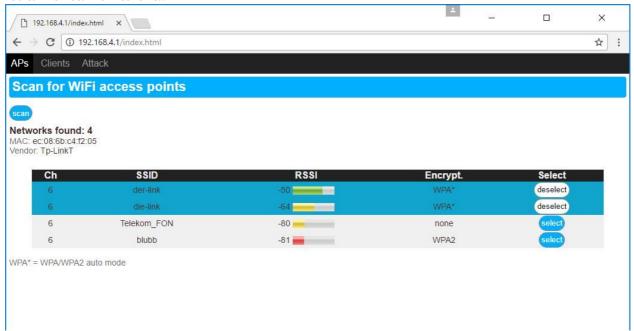
First start your ESP8266 by giving it power.

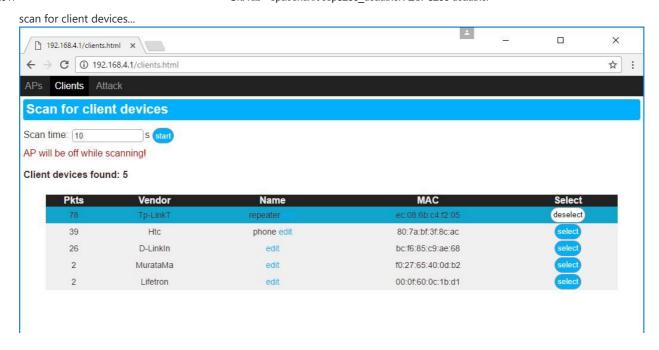
You can use your smartphone if you have a USB OTG cable.



Scan for WiFi networks and connect to  $\ \ pwned$ . The password is deauther. Once connected, you can open up your browser and go to 192.168.4.1.

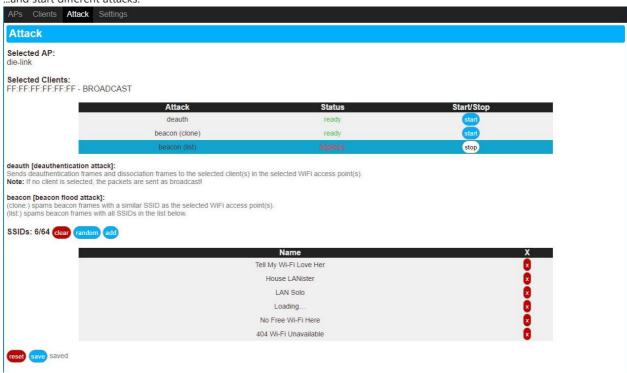
You can now scan for networks...





Note: While scanning the ESP8266 will shut down its access point, so you may have to go to your settings and reconnect to the WiFi network manually.

...and start different attacks.



Happy hacking:)

# **FAQ**

### Could it auto-deauth all APs in the range?

Yes, but I will not implement this 'feature' for ethical and legal reasons.

# Can it sniff handshakes?

The ESP8266 has a promiscuous mode in which you can sniff packets, but handshake packets are dropped and there is no other way to get them with the functions provided by the SDK.

Maybe someone will find a way around this barrier but I wasn't able to.

espcomm\_sync failed/espcomm\_open when uploading

The ESP upload tool can't communicate with the chip, make sure the right port is selected! You can also try out different USB ports and cables.

If this doesn't solve it you may have to install USB drivers.

Which drivers you need depends on the board, most boards use a cp2102, cp2104 or ch340.

#### AP scan doesn't work

There is a reported issue on this: https://github.com/spacehuhn/esp8266\_deauther/issues/5 Try out switching the browser or open the website with another device.

#### Deauth attack won't work

If you see 0 pkts/s on the website you have made a mistake. Check if you have followed the the installation steps correctly and that the right SDK installed, it must be version 2.0.0!

If it can send packets but your target don't loose its connection then the WiFi router uses 802.11w and it's protected against such attacks or they communicate via 5 GHz WiFi, which the ESP8266 doesn't support.

###If you have other questions or problems with the ESP8266 you can also check out the official community forum.

# License

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# Sources and additional links

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