

# I Know Where You Live

*Sniffing & geolocating saved SSIDs*

*OWASP Czech Chapter Meeting*

August 5, 2021 | By [@vavkamil](#)

# Whoami?

- Kamil Vavra (@vavkamil)
  - Application Security Engineer @ Kiwi.com
  - Offensive Web Application Security
  - Burp Suite Certified Practitioner
  - Moderator of reddit.com/r/bugbounty

# Proof of Concept



# Agenda

- Revisiting KARMA attacks
  - History & Defense
- Building custom AP (Raspberry Pi & Python & PHP)
  - Sniffing 802.11 Probe Requests
  - SSID geolocation using OSINT
  - Rogue captive portal to fingerprint the victims

# Wtf is the KARMA attack ?

- Details were first published in 2004
  - by *Dino Dai Zovi & Shaun Macaulay*
- Vulnerable client devices broadcast a "preferred network list" (PNL) containing previously connected SSIDs of access points to which they have previously connected and are willing to reconnect automatically
- These broadcasts are not encrypted and hence may be received by any Wi-Fi access point in the range

# Wtf is "evil twin" attack ?

- The client receives the malicious access point's signal more strongly than that of the genuine access point
- Once the victim is connected, the attacker continues with MiTM or phishing via Captive Portal
- How to clone the SSID?
  - Plain Evil Twin targeting any network in range
  - KARMA: sniff PNL and respond with any SSID
  - Known Beacons: broadcast a list of most common SSIDs (CDWiFi, Regiojet - zluty, ...)
- You can check if you were victim of the attack by comparing history of BSSIDs

```
$ nmcli connection show CDWiFi | grep -i seen-bssids
```

# Defenses applied by vendors

- Apple became the first major Vendor to deploy MAC address randomization (iOS 8, in 2014)
  - each probe request would appear to be unique
- Linux & Windows 10 support for MAC randomization arrived in 2016
- Google added an option for pre-association MAC address randomization (Android 8, in 2017)
  - made them the default for Android 10 in 2019

# Defense applied by vendors

- Each Vendor does MAC address randomization differently
  - the lack of a standard approach has led to inconsistent implementations
- Some devices ...
  - randomize only the second part of the MAC
  - keep the prefix indicating the Vendor
  - keep the same MAC across re-connections
  - randomize MAC based on a predefined list
  - change randomized MAC only after an X period of time
  - randomize MAC only when switching channel

tldr; it might be still possible to track the victims

# Defense applied by vendors

- Using a hidden SSID network may create a security risk
  - your phone will regularly broadcast its signal to find the network
- Using custom `wpa_supplicant.conf` - `scan_ssid=0` (default) or 1
  - option 1 uses a directed Probe Request frame
  - many tutorials suggest using "insecure" option 1
- Older devices broadcast probe requests all the time
  - especially when walking
  - when opening network settings
  - or when the screen is off
- Interval of scanning is different based on many indicators

# Building custom AP

- Main idea is to scan for 802.11 Probe Requests
  - to see if they are still being broadcasted in the wild
  - try to identify the vendors
  - try to de-anonymize clients based on poor MAC randomization
- If the SSID is being broadcasted, try to geolocate it
  - I don't know who you are, but I might know where you live :)
- Create WLAN forcing clients to visit Captive Portal when connected
  - Present the victim with a list of saved SSIDs based on MAC
  - just as a Proof of Concept (you might try with hidden SSID)

It "might" be possible to de-anonymize the victim

# Sniffing 802.11 Probe Requests

- Using Python (Scapy)
  - Awesome library that enables the user to send, sniff and dissect and forge network packets
- Wi-Fi adapter supporting monitor mode

```
# Directory /sys/class/net/<interface>/type contains
# the mode in which the interface is operating:
#   1  -> managed
#   803 -> monitor

os.system("ifconfig " + interface + " down")
os.system("iw " + interface + " set type monitor")
os.system("ifconfig " + interface + " up")

os.system("iw " + interface + " set channel " + str(channel))
```

- Change channel every 0.5 seconds
- Save Date & Time, Channel, SSID, MAC, Vendor

# Sniffing 802.11 Probe Requests

```
vavkamil@xexexe: ~/Documents/Research/SpyPortal$ ./sniff.sh
[ - ] [ ! ] [ O / / ]
[ - ] [ - ] [ - ] [ - ] [ - ] [ - ]
802.11 Probe Requests Sniffer ~ v0.1

[i] Available network interfaces:
[1] -> wlp6s0 (managed)
[2] -> wlx18d6c7109e21 (managed)

[?] Select network interface > 2

[i] Configuring network interface ...
[i] Monitor mode configured successfully

[i] Network interface in use: wlx18d6c7109e21

[i] Listening for Probe Request (Ctrl+C to stop)

DATETIME      | CHANNEL | CLIENT           | SSID          | VENDOR
-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
21-08-04 18:25:15 |       6 | 0E:F2:42:95:13:7C | test_hidden   | ?
21-08-04 18:26:07 |       7 | 0E:F2:42:95:13:7C | hidden_network | ?
```

# Sniffing 802.11 Probe Requests

- It might be possible to identify
  - SSID of your home network
  - where you work
  - where and how often are you shopping (welcome@kaufland)
  - which public transport do you use
  - pubs that you usually visit
  - where you were on vacation (Resort Kranjska Gora, Hotel XYZ :)

Make sure to use latest OS from reputable Vendor

# SSID geolocation using OSINT

- WiGLE: Wireless Network Mapping ([wigle.net](http://wigle.net))
  - All the networks. Found by Everyone.
- Android app: *WiGLE WiFi Wardriving*
  - Uses GPS to estimate locations of observed networks
  - Observations logged to the local database to track your networks
  - Upload and compete on the global WiGLE.net leaderboard
  - collecting and mapping network data since 2001
  - currently has over 350m networks
- WiGLE API ([api.wigle.net/swagger](http://api.wigle.net/swagger))
  - Search, upload, and integrate statistics from WiGLE
  - You can search for any location, SSID, BSSID, ESSID, ...
  - Limit of 5 API requests for new users

# SSID geolocation using OSINT

- How to find my old address

```
vavkamil@xexexe: ~/Documents/Research/SpyPortal
vavkamil@xexexe:~/Documents/Research/SpyPortal$ python ssid_osint.py -ssid "Highway Internet"
[!] Starting search for ESSID: Highway Internet
[i] Searching ESSID: Highway Internet
[i] Found 2 results
[i] Highway Internet -> wpa2 (11) -> 54:67:51:DB:89:48 -> Compal Broadband Network
[i] Brno (61200) -> CZ -> https://www.google.com/maps/search/?api=1&query=49.2322
[i] 2019-05-04T11:00:00.000Z
[i] Highway Internet -> wpa2 (5) -> 74:4D:28:35:8C:D9 -> Routerboard.com
[i] Brno (61200) -> CZ -> https://www.google.com/maps/search/?api=1&query=49.2334
[i] 2020-08-17T23:00:00.000Z
vavkamil@xexexe:~/Documents/Research/SpyPortal$
```

# SSID geolocation using OSINT

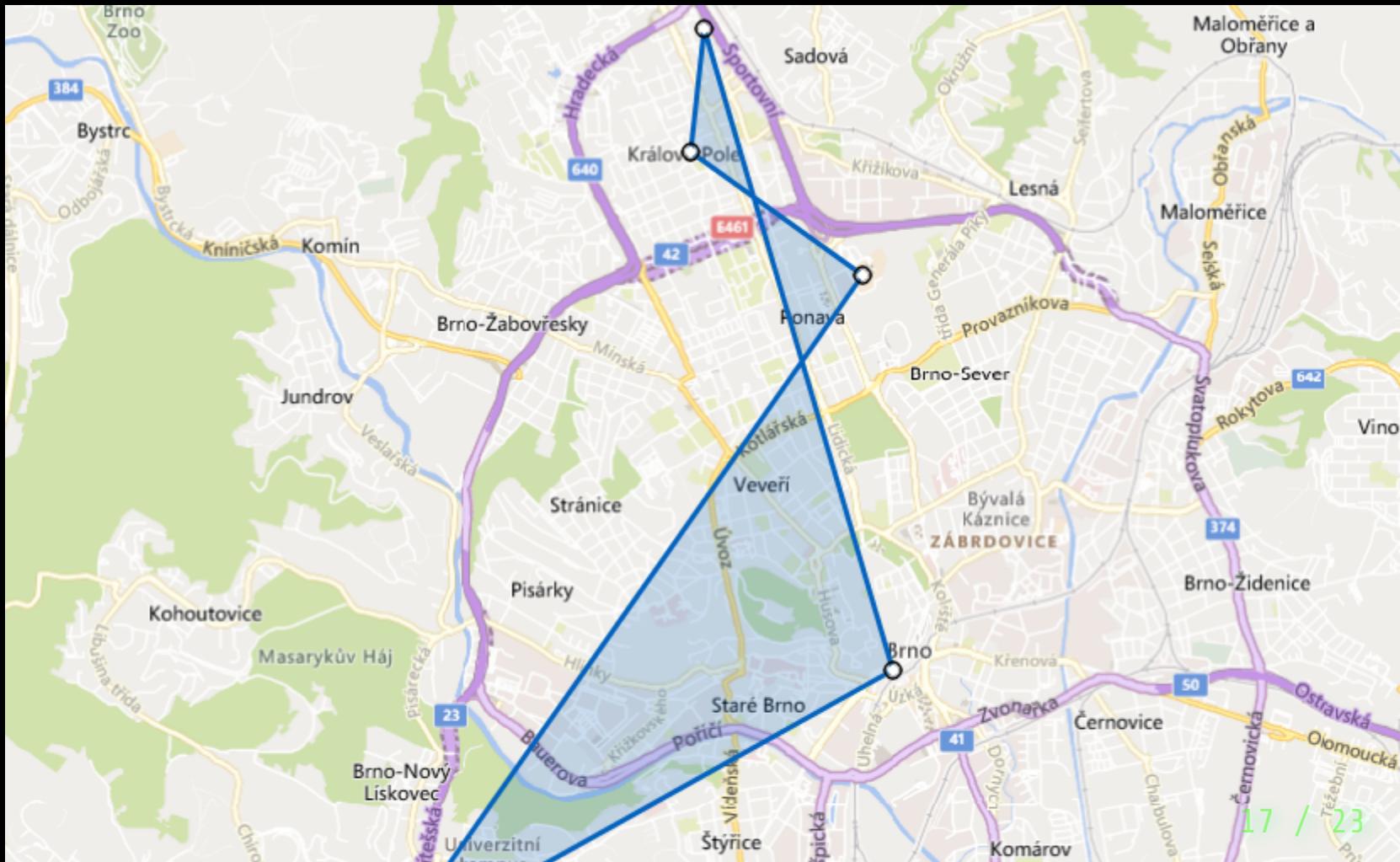
- It might be possible to
  - geolocate "any" SSID with a good enough proximity
  - track where you moved if you reuse router (BSSID)
  - check if you renamed your ESSID
  - check if you bought a new router
  - potentially find out where you created a mobile hotspot

Don't use identifiable SSID (e.g.: surname)

Randomize MAC of your router, if possible

# Map area measurements

- Proof of Concept: tracking usual movements of the victim



# Captive "Spy" Portal

- Work in progress (TODO: port to Python :)
  - Reused an awesome project by *@jerryryle* to save time
  - *Building a Rogue Captive Portal with the Raspberry Pi*
- Serving custom Captive Portal is an awesome idea
  - Browsers & devices will automatically request HTTP URLs such as

<http://www.msftncsi.com/ncsi.txt>  
<http://www.apple.com/library/test/success.html>  
<http://detectportal.firefox.com/success.txt>  
[http://google.com/generate\\_204](http://google.com/generate_204)  
[http://www.gstatic.com/generate\\_204](http://www.gstatic.com/generate_204)  
[http://connectivitycheck.android.com/generate\\_204](http://connectivitycheck.android.com/generate_204)  
[http://connectivitycheck.gstatic.com/generate\\_204](http://connectivitycheck.gstatic.com/generate_204)

- You can immediately present them with a phishing page
  - Especially useful to target work colleagues returning from HO

# Captive "Spy" Portal

- Main idea is to present "captured" data to the victim
  - It's possible to get the MAC of the connected client from the ARP table
    - Look up the data from sniffing and show it to them
- Captive Portal might be used to further de-anonymize the victim
  - An attacker could
  - detect hostname / scan open ports
  - fingerprint installed browser extensions & installed apps
  - check if the victim is logged-in to various websites
  - steal passwords from bad passwords managers ;)

Connecting to an unknown SSID might compromise your privacy!

# Captive "Spy" Portal

- Get MAC address of the connected client

```
# https://stackoverflow.com/questions/1420381

$ipAddress = $_SERVER['REMOTE_ADDR'];
$macAddr = false;

#run the external command, break output into lines
$arp = `arp -a $ipAddress`;
$lines = explode("\n", $arp);

#look for the output line describing our IP address
foreach($lines as $line) {
    $cols = preg_split('/\s+/', trim($line));
    $cols_ip = str_replace( array("(", ")"), "", $cols[1]);

    if ($cols_ip == $ipAddress) {
        $macAddr = $cols[3];
    }
}
```

# Captive "Spy" Portal

- Fingerprinting and possibly de-anonymizing the victim

You must log in to this network before you can access the internet.

## Captive Spy Portal

### Proof of Concept

---

**Connected client info**

IP address: **10.1.1.59**

MAC: **94:e6:f7:da:32:c0**

Vendor: **Intel Corp**

**Saved SSID networks:**

SSID: **hidden\_test, test\_hidden\_network**

**JavaScript Browser Information**

User-Agent: **Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Ubuntu; Linux x86\_64; rv:90.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/90.0**

Screen Resolution: **1920,1080**

Timezone: **Europe/Prague**

Locale: **en-US**

Installed applications (Mozilla): **Slack, Zoom,**

[Try it!](#)

Installed extensions (Chrome):



# Don't Be Evil

Proof of Concept:

Connect to the "OWASP" Wi-Fi network

---

- I will try my best to publish everything as soon as possible
  - Slides available at [xss.vavkamil.cz/owasp](http://xss.vavkamil.cz/owasp)
  - Source code: [github.com/vavkamil](https://github.com/vavkamil)

# Thank you!

Any questions?