

Client A

Broadcast

Cisco AP 1

bridge_uwgb_open_wlan.pcapng

Probe Request (0x0004)

Dst	ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
Src	54:ee:75:49:f1:3e
Seq	139

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Src	54:ee:75:49:f1:3e
Seq	140

Probe Response (0x0005)

Dst	54:ee:75:49:f1:3e
Src	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
BSS	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
Seq	2386
Capabilities Information	0x1421

Probe Response (0x0005)

Dst	54:ee:75:49:f1:3e
Src	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
BSS	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
Seq	2387
Capabilities Information	0x1421

Beacon frame (0x0008)

BSS	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
Seq	3477
Beacon Interval	0.104448 [Seconds]
DTIM count	0

Authentication (0x000b)

Dst	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
Src	54:ee:75:49:f1:3e
BSS	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
Seq	161
Auth	Open System (0)
Auth Seq	0x0001
Status	Successful (0x0000)

ACK (0x001d)

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Authentication (0x000b)

Dst	54:ee:75:49:f1:3e
Src	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
BSS	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
Seq	3479
Auth	Open System (0)
Auth Seq	0x0002
Status	Successful (0x0000)

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Src	54:ee:75:49:f1:3e
BSS	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
Seq	161
Auth	Open System (0)
Auth Seq	0x0001
Status	Successful (0x0000)

Association Request (0x0000)

Dst	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
Src	54:ee:75:49:f1:3e
BSS	84:b2:61:24:a2:00

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Beacon – AP announces its presence at Beacon Interval (usually 100 TU = 102.4ms); carries SSID, supported rates, DTIM count, RSN info; basis for passive scanning

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Frame 8 |
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Association Request – client joins BSS; carries SSID, supported rates, RSN (WPA2/WPA3) capabilities; AP assigns AID in response

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Seq	162
Capabilities Information	0x0421
Listen Interval	0x00c8

Association Response (0x0001)

Dst	54:ee:75:49:f1:3e
Src	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
BSS	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
Seq	3480
Status	Successful (0x0000)
AID	0x0001

Association Response – AP accepts/rejects client; Status 0=Success; assigns AID (Association ID) used for PS-Poll and TIM bitmap addressing