

Cisco AP 1

Client B

Broadcast

bridge\_wgb\_wpa2psk\_wlan.pcapng

Probe Response (0x0005)

Dst	fc:99:47:be:c0:66
Src	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
BSS	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
Seq	2940
Capabilities Information	0x1431

Probe Response – AP replies with capabilities (SSID, rates, RSN, channel); client uses signal strength + capabilities to select best AP for association

Beacon frame (0x0008)

BSS	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
Seq	1725
Beacon Interval	0.104448 [Seconds]
DTIM count	0

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

Authentication (0x000b)

Dst	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
Src	fc:99:47:be:c0:66
BSS	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
Seq	774
Auth	Open System (0)
Auth Seq	0x0001
Status	Successful (0x0000)

802.11 Authentication – Open System (2 frames) or SAE/WPA3 (multiple rounds); must succeed before Association

ACK (0x001d)

RA	fc:99:47:be:c0:66
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Authentication (0x000b)

Dst	fc:99:47:be:c0:66
Src	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
BSS	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
Seq	1727
Auth	Open System (0)
Auth Seq	0x0002
Status	Successful (0x0000)

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Association Request (0x0000)

Dst	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
Src	fc:99:47:be:c0:66
BSS	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
Seq	775
Capabilities Information	0x0431
Listen Interval	0x00c8
AKM	PSK (2)

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

Association Response (0x0001)

Dst	fc:99:47:be:c0:66
Src	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
BSS	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
Seq	1728
Status	Successful (0x0000)
AID	0x0002

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

EAPOL Key

Dst	fc:99:47:be:c0:66
Src	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
BSS	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
Seq	8
Key Descriptor Type	EAPOL RSN Key (2)
Key Information	0x008a
Key Length	16
Replay Counter	0
WPA Key Nonce	6442d7b6bf4f711d39b1b701d2d93ee9f063c43b5e40f5029cec37c914ead2b3

EAPOL 4-Way Handshake – derives PTK from PMK; Msg 1: ANonce, Msg 2: SNonce+MIC, Msg 3: GTK, Msg 4: Confirm; completes encryption key installation

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