

iPhone Client

Broadcast

Cisco AP 1

clientassoc_wpa2psk_wlan.pcapng

Probe Request (0x0004)

Dst	ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
Src	00:56:cd:ee:f1:71
Seq	3862

Probe Request – active scanning: client solicits responses from APs; directed (specific SSID) or wildcard (broadcast SSID); faster than passive scanning (beacon-only)

Probe Response (0x0005)

Dst	00:56:cd:ee:f1:71
Src	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
BSS	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
Seq	1490
Capabilities Information	0x1431

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

Authentication (0x000b)

Dst	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
Src	00:56:cd:ee:f1:71
BSS	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
Seq	3863
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	00:56:cd:ee:f1:71
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Authentication (0x000b)

Dst	00:56:cd:ee:f1:71
Src	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
BSS	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
Seq	3933
Auth	Open System (0)
Auth Seq	0x0002
Status	Successful (0x0000)

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

Association Request (0x0000)

Dst	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
Src	00:56:cd:ee:f1:71
BSS	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
Seq	3864
Capabilities Information	0x1431
Listen Interval	0x0014
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	00:56:cd:ee:f1:71
Src	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
BSS	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
Seq	3934
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

EAPOL Key

Dst	00:56:cd:ee:f1:71
Src	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
BSS	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
Seq	6
Key Descriptor Type	EAPOL RSN Key (2)
Key Information	0x008a
Key Length	16
Replay Counter	0
WPA Key Nonce	7cfe6d07fa7cd85dc901776ad8addafe49e43c9d2e1cb65cbb676e1c1e9f12b8

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

Action (0x000d)

Dst	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
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Src	00:56:cd:ee:f1:71
BSS	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
Seq	3865
Category	Block Ack (3)
Action	Add Block Ack Request (0x00)

Action (0x000d)

Dst	00:56:cd:ee:f1:71
Src	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
BSS	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
Seq	3935
Category	Block Ack (3)
Action	Add Block Ack Response (0x01)

EAPOL Key

Dst	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
Src	00:56:cd:ee:f1:71
BSS	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
Seq	0
Key Descriptor Type	EAPOL RSN Key (2)
Key Information	0x010a
Key Length	16
Replay Counter	0
WPA Key Nonce	5eda7b69db4fda7b96104f7f3dffe9803300ce0676e6243122c48a122b6ea5

Block Ack Req (0x0018)

Policy	Immediate Acknowledgement Required
Type	Compressed BlockAck

Block Ack (0x0019)

Policy	Immediate Acknowledgement Required
Type	Compressed BlockAck
Bitmap	0000000000000000
Last ACK	1

EAPOL Key

Dst	00:56:cd:ee:f1:71
Src	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
BSS	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
Seq	7
Key Descriptor Type	EAPOL RSN Key (2)
Key Information	0x13ca
Key Length	16
Replay Counter	1
WPA Key Nonce	7cfe6d07fa7cd85dc901776ad8addafe49e43c9d2e1cb65cbb676e1c1e9f12b8

Beacon frame (0x0008)

BSS	84:b2:61:24:a2:00
Seq	3936
Beacon Interval	0.104448 [Seconds]
DTIM count	0

RTS (0x001b)

Duration	194 µs
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CTS (0x001c)

Duration	154 µs
RA	00:56:cd:ee:f1:71

QoS Data (0x0028)

Dst	ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
Src	00:56:cd:ee:f1:71
BSS	84:b2:61:24:a2:00

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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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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

RTS (Request to Send) – collision avoidance for large frames; reserves the medium via NAV (Network Allocation Vector); receiver replies with CTS to grant access

Frame 21 |
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802.11 QoS Data – TID (Traffic Identifier) maps to WMM Access Category: TID 0-2=Best Effort (AC_BE), 3=Background (AC_BK), 4-5=Video (AC_VI), 6-7=Voice (AC_VO)

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Seq	2
TID	0
Priority	Best Effort (Best Effort) (0)
Len	344

Block Ack (0x0019)

Policy	Immediate Acknowledgement Required
Type	Compressed BlockAck
Bitmap	0700000000000000
Last ACK	3

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