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WiFiProbe Case study on ConnectBrowse scripted test





ConnectBrowse scripted test

- The goal of the test is to carry-out and measure the steps and protocol interactions that happen when a smartphone connects to a Wi-Fi network and browses Internet sites
- Whenever Android connects to a Wi-Fi network carries-on a series of actions in order to determine the icon to show on the top status bar:





Connected to Wi-Fi without connect to the Internet



step 1: CONN

- and connect to the network are issued by way of the wpa_cli command interface
- are logged

Using the same wpa_supplicant software stack used in Android, the commands to scan, configure

The complete outputs of the wpa_supplicant daemon and of the wpa_cli command line interface

The elapsed time from the issue of the "*select_network*" wpa_cli command to the reception of the "Associated with <bssid mac>" event message is measured and plotted as time of the CONN phase, it corresponds to the time used to establish the radio connection with the Access Point

Not receiving the "Associated with <bssid mac>" event in 20 sec is considered failure for the step



step 1: CONN log

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Logs from wpa_supplicant:
1518775130.512565: Successfully initialized wpa_supplicant
1518775136.332418: RT8811prb4: Trying to associate with 00:1e:52:6c:91:5f (SSID='ic_t' freq=2472 MHz)
1518775136.466021: RT8811prb4: Associated with 00:1e:52:6c:91:5f
1518775136.964431: RT8811prb4: WPA: Key negotiation completed with 00:1e:52:6c:91:5f [PTK=CCMP GTK=CCMP]
1518775136.964619: RT8811prb4: CTRL-EVENT-CONNECTED - Connection to 00:1e:52:6c:91:5f completed [id=0 id_str=]
CLI wpa_cli log:
wpa_cli v2.3
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See README for more details.
Interactive mode
> status
wpa_state=DISCONNECTED
p2p_device_address=40:a5:ef:de:e6:7e
address=40:a5:ef:de:e6:7e
uuid=96436da6-d771-5af6-b45f-c84bedc4a6b9
> scan
0K
<3>CTRL-EVENT-SCAN-STARTED
>
<3>CTRL-EVENT-SCAN-RESULTS
>
***** Scan time: 4486 ms
> scan_results
bssid / frequency / signal level / flags / ssid
00:1e:52:6c:91:5f 2472
                             -60
                                        [WPA2-PSK-CCMP] [ESS]
                                                                     ic_t
68:72:51:66:11:e1 2432
                             -82
                                       [WPA2-PSK-CCMP][ESS]
                                                                     bandidos
00:18:4d:2d:e3:10 2447
                                       [WPA2-PSK-CCMP][ESS]
                              -86
                                                                     ic_s
28:cf:da:b2:14:2f 2422
                                        [WPA2-PSK-CCMP] [ESS]
                             -89
                                                                     ic_1
> bss 00:1e:52:6c:91:5f
id=0
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bssid=00:1e:52:6c:91:5f freq=2472 beacon_int=100

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capabilities=0x0411
qual=0
noise=0
level=-60
tsf=0000030471767500
age=1
9301660001dd06001018020100
flags=[WPA2-PSK-CCMP][ESS]
ssid=ic_t
> add_network
0
> set_network 0 ssid "ic_t"
0K
> set_network 0 key_mgmt WPA-PSK
0K
> set_network 0 psk "********"
0K
> bssid 0 00:1e:52:6c:91:5f
0K
> list_network
network id / ssid / bssid / flags
               00:1e:52:6c:91:5f [DISABLED]
0
        ic_t
> select_network 0
0K
<3>Trying to associate with 00:1e:52:6c:91:5f (SSID='ic_t' freq=2472 MHz)
>
<3>Associated with 00:1e:52:6c:91:5f
>
***** Connect time: 137 ms
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step 2: AUTH

- and connect to the network are issued by way of the wpa_cli command interface
- are logged

Using the same wpa_supplicant software stack used in Android, the commands to scan, configure

The complete outputs of the wpa_supplicant daemon and of the wpa_cli command line interface

The elapsed time from the completion of the radio connection with the Access Point to the reception of the "CTRL-EVENT-CONNECTED" event message is measured and plotted as time of the AUTH phase, it corresponds to the time used to authenticate with the Access Point

Not receiving the "CTRL-EVENT-CONNECTED" event in 20 sec is considered failure for the step



step 2: AUTH log

CLI wpa_cli log:

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>
<3>CTRL-EVENT-CONNECTED - Connection to 00:1e:52:6c:91:5f completed [id=0 id_str=]
>
***** Auth time: 499 ms
> status verbose
bssid=00:1e:52:6c:91:5f
freq=2472
ssid=ic_t
id=0
mode=station
pairwise_cipher=CCMP
group_cipher=CCMP
key_mgmt=WPA2-PSK
wpa_state=COMPLETED
p2p_device_address=40:a5:ef:de:e6:7e
address=40:a5:ef:de:e6:7e
uuid=96436da6-d771-5af6-b45f-c84bedc4a6b9
> signal_poll
RSSI=-60
LINKSPEED=54
NOISE=9999
FREQUENCY=2472
> quit
```





step 3: DHCP

- Once connected to the Wi-Fi network the next step is to get the network configuration parameters using the Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP)
- The ISC DHCP open source dhclient Linux command, has been instrumented to measure the time to complete the "DHCP offer/request/acknowledgement" messages exchange following a "DHCP discovery" sent by the Wi-Fi Probe
- The complete verbose output of the dhclient command is logged
- The elapsed time returned by the dhclient command is plotted as time of the DHCP phase
- Not receiving a DHCP offer in 20 sec is considered failure for the step, as well as not receiving configuration data for the Domain Name Server(s)



step 3: DHCP log

dhclient log:

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Internet Systems Consortium DHCP Client 4.3.1
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For info, please visit https://www.isc.org/software/dhcp/
```

```
***** reason=PREINIT
***** interface=RT8811prb4
Listening on LPF/RT8811prb4/40:a5:ef:de:e7:3f
Sending on LPF/RT8811prb4/40:a5:ef:de:e7:3f
Sending on Socket/fallback
DHCPDISCOVER on RT8811prb4 to 255.255.255.255 port 67 interval 8
DHCPREQUEST on RT8811prb4 to 255.255.255.255 port 67
DHCPOFFER from 192.168.138.254
DHCPACK from 192.168.138.254
***** reason=BOUND
***** interface=RT8811prb4
***** new_ip_address=192.168.138.203
***** new_network_number=192.168.138.0
***** new_subnet_mask=255.255.255.0
***** new_broadcast_address=192.168.138.255
***** new_routers=192.168.138.254
***** new_domain_name=base.inrete.it
***** new_domain_name_servers=192.168.138.254
***** new_netbios_name_servers=192.168.138.254
bound to 192.168.138.203 -- renewal in 1098491 seconds.
```



step 4: PING

- For a first assessment of the quality of the connection, a set fo 20 ICMP ping packets with a delay of 0.5 sec from one packet to next, are sent to the default router IP address received by the DHCP server
- The complete output of the ping command is logged
- The average rtt time of the ping command is plotted as time of the PING phase
- A packet with a rtt above 2 seconds is considered in the packet loss count
- Not receiving back at least 16 of the 20 ICMP packets in 15 sec (having more than 20% packet loss) is considered failure for the step



step 4: PING log

ping log:

/bin/ping -c 20 -i 0.5 -n -q -s 512 -w 15 -W 2 -I RT8811prb2 192.168.255.1 PING 192.168.255.1 (192.168.255.1) from 192.168.255.205 RT8811prb2: 512(540) bytes of data.

--- 192.168.255.1 ping statistics --20 packets transmitted, 20 received, 0% packet loss, time 9521ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 2.743/10.197/62.067/12.660 ms



step 5: GDNS

- address
- To validate the DNS service of the Wi-Fi network, instead of a low level system call "*gethostbyname*", the Linux command dig is used in a verbose mode
- The complete output of the dig command is logged
- The elapsed time of the dig command is plotted as time of the GDNS phase
- Not resolving the hostname to an IP address in 10 sec is considered failure for the step



To verify if the Wi-Fi network provides Internet connection, the Android OS tries to contact the specific Google server "*clients3.google.com*", which hostname must be resolved to the IP



step 5: GDNS log

| dig log: | | | | | | |
|--|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| <pre><<>> DiG 9.9.5-9+deb8u14-Debian <<>> @192.168.138.254 -4 -t (1 server found) ; global options: +cmd ; Sending: ; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 41606 ; flags: rd ad; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 0, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL</pre> | | | | | | |
| <pre>;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION: ; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; u ;; QUESTION SECTION: ;clients3.google.com.</pre> | udp: 4096 | IN | A | | | |
| <pre>;; Got answer: ;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 41606 ;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 2, AUTHORITY: 4, ADDITIC</pre> | | | | | | |
| <pre>;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION: ; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 4096 ;; QUESTION SECTION: ;clients3.google.com. IN A</pre> | | | | | | |
| <pre>;; ANSWER SECTION: clients3.google.com. clients.l.google.com.</pre> | 90 91 | IN IN | CNAME A | cl 21 | | |
| ;; AUTHORITY SECTION: google.com. google.com. google.com. google.com. | 117742 117742 117742 117742 117742 | IN IN IN IN | NS NS NS NS | ns ns ns ns | | |
| ;; ADDITIONAL SECTION: ns1.google.com. ns2.google.com. ns3.google.com. ns4.google.com. | 290543 290543 290543 290543 290543 | IN IN IN IN | A A A A | 21 21 21 21 | | |
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step 6: G204

- Internet connectivity it expects to receive a response having the headers:
 - HTTP/1.1 204 No Content
 - Content-Length: 0
- mode
- The complete output of the curl command is logged
- The "time_total" measured by the curl command is plotted as time of the G204 phase
- Not having an HTTP response 20 sec, or not receiving the "204 No Content" header is considered failure for the step

The Android OS does access the URL "http://clients3.google.com/generate_204", to validate the

To measure the access to the above URL, it the Linux command curl is used in verbose timing



step 6: G204 log

curl log:

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* Added clients3.google.com:80:216.58.205.78 to DNS cache
* Hostname was found in DNS cache
* Trying 216.58.205.78...
* Local Interface RT8811prb4 is ip 192.168.138.203 using address family 2
* Local port: 0
* Connected to clients3.google.com (216.58.205.78) port 80 (#0)
> GET /generate_204 HTTP/1.1
> Host: clients3.google.com
> Accept: */*
> User-Agent: Dalvik/2.1.0 (Linux; U; Android 7.1.1; Nexus 5X Build/N4F26T)
> Connection: Keep-Alive
>
< HTTP/1.1 204 No Content
< Content-Length: 0
< Date: Wed, 08 Nov 2017 11:50:45 GMT
<
* Connection #0 to host clients3.google.com left intact
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***** url_effective : http://clients3.google.com/generate_204
***** time_connect : 0.548
***** time_namelookup : 0.000
***** time_pretransfer : 0.549
***** time_starttransfer : 0.647
***** time_total : 0.648
***** http_code : 204
***** size_header : 83
***** size_bodydownload : 0
```



step 6: BROWSE

- To gave a measurement for the experience of a human user, browsing the web over the WiFi Internet connection, the access time to the Bing search engine page is measured
- The access and download time of the static content of the page at the URL "http://www.bing.com", is measured using the Linux command wget
- The output of the wget command in verbose mode is parsed and collapsed to provide the relevant information about the number of files, total size, elapsed time and speed
- To have a value congruent with the other steps, given the KB/s speed measured by the wget command, the equivalent time in msec per megabyte of download is computed and plotted as time of the BROWSE phase
- Not receiving the complete static page in 20 sec, is considered failure for the step



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step 6: BROWSE log

wget log on 'http://www.bing.com/': FINISHED --2018-02-16 14:51:18--Total wall clock time: 0.8s Downloaded: 6 files, 115K in 0.2s (756 KB/s) 1291 msec per megabyte





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Overall time of test ConnectBrowse





21/02/2018 08:17 - 21/02/2018 12:16

| | Total errors: | 8 | |
|---------|---------------|---|--|
| CONN: | | 6 | |
| PING: | | 1 | |
| BROWSE: | | 1 | |



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