



802.11r, 802.11k, and 802.11w Deployment Guide, Cisco IOS-XE Release 3.3

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Introduction

This guide introduces IOS XE release 3.3 deployment guide for the Cisco Converged Access CT5760 and Cat3850 products. This guide is designed to help you deploy and monitor new features introduced in the 3.3 release. The features described in this document are only fully supported in 11n capable Gen2 indoor Access Points. The beacon and probe changes are only supported in the indoor 11n capable AP radios.

The document builds on previous releases with the assumption that users are familiar with the Converged Access products. Please refer to CT5760 Controller Deployment Guide and Cisco Catalyst 3850 Switch Deployment Guide for released features not covered in this guide.

CT5760 Controller

CT5760 is an innovative UADP ASIC based wireless controller deployed as a centralized controller in the next generation unified wireless architecture. CT5760 controllers are specifically designed to function as the Unified model central wireless controllers. They also support the newer Mobility functionality with Converged Access switches in the wireless architecture.

Figure 1: Cisco WLC 5760



CT5760 is an extensible and high performing wireless controller, which can scale up to 1000 access points and 12000 clients. The controller has 6 to 10 Gbps data ports. As a component of the Cisco Unified Wireless Network, the CT5760 series works in conjunction with Cisco Aironet access points, the Cisco Prime infrastructure, and the Cisco Mobility Services Engine to support business-critical wireless data, voice, and video applications.



802.11r Fast Transition Roaming

802.11r, which is the IEEE standard for fast roaming, introduces a new concept of roaming where the initial handshake with the new AP is done even before the client roams to the target AP, which is called Fast Transition (FT). The initial handshake allows the client and APs to do the Pairwise Transient Key (PTK) calculation in advance. These PTK keys are applied to the client and AP after the client does the re-association request or response exchange with the new target AP. The FT key hierarchy is designed to allow clients to make fast BSS transitions between APs without requiring re-authentication at every AP. 802.11r eliminates much of the handshaking overhead while roaming, thus reducing the handoff times between APs while providing security and QoS. This is useful for client devices that have delay-sensitive applications such as voice and video and is the key requirement for voice over Wi-Fi.

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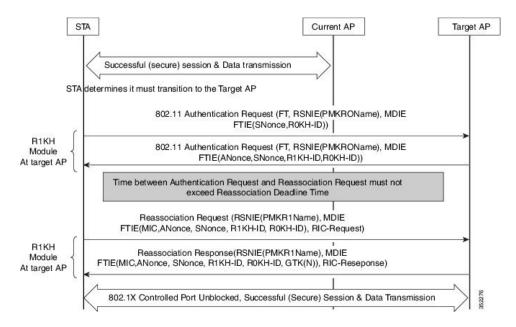
How a Client Roams

For a client to move from its current AP to a target AP using the FT protocols, the message exchanges are performed using one of the following two methods:

- Over-the-Air FT Roaming
- Over-the-DS (Distribution System) FT Roaming

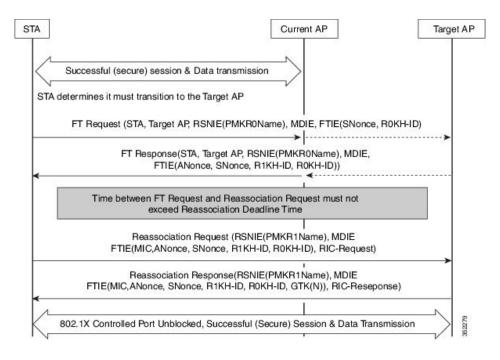
• Over-the-Air: The client communicates directly with the target AP using IEEE 802.11 authentication with the FT authentication algorithm.

Figure 2: Fast BSS Transition Over-the-Air in RSN



• Over the DS: The client communicates with the target AP through the current AP. The communication between the client and the target AP is carried in FT action frames between the client and the current AP and is then sent through the controller.

Figure 3: Fast BSS Transition Over the DS in RSN

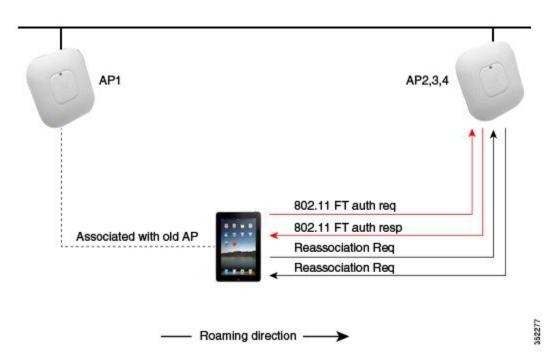


Over the Air Intra Controller Roam

The following steps describe the message exchange in the case where a client is roaming between APs, AP1, and AP2, connected to the same controller:

- 1 Client is associated with AP1 and wants to roam to AP2.
- 2 Client sends an FT Authentication Request to AP2 and receives FT Authentication Response from AP2.
- 3 Clients sends a Reassociation Request to AP2 and receives a Reassociation Response from AP2.
- 4 Client completes its roam from AP1 to AP2.

Figure 4: Over the Air Intra Controller Roam



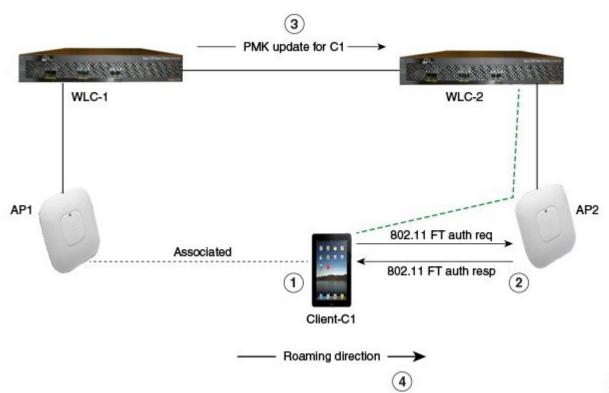
Over the Air Inter Controller Roam

The following steps describe the message exchange in the case where a client is roaming between APs, AP1, and AP2, connected to different controllers, WLC1 and WLC2 respectively, within a mobility group:

- 1 Client is associated with AP1 and wants to roam to AP2.
- 2 Client sends FT Authentication Request to AP2 and receives FT Authentication Response from AP2.
- 3 Pairwise Master Key (PMK) is sent from WLC-1 to WLC-2. WLC-1 sends a mobility message to WLC-2 about the roaming client using the mobility infrastructure.

4 Client completes its roam from AP1 to AP2.

Figure 5: Over the Air Inter Controller Roam



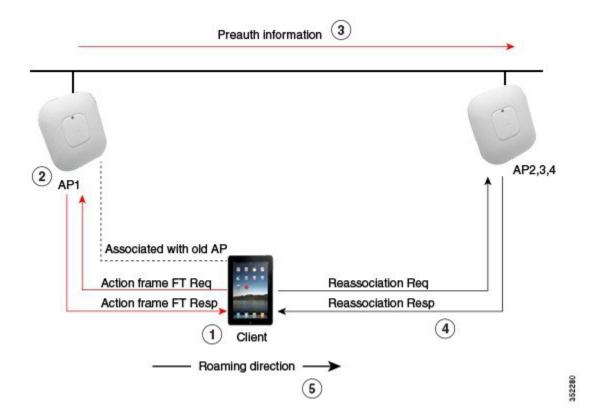
Over-the-DS Intra Controller Roam

The following steps describe the message exchange in the case where a client is roaming between APs, AP1, and AP2, connected to the same controller:

- 1 Client is associated with AP1 and wants to roam to AP2.
- 2 Client sends FT Authentication Request to AP1 and receives FT Authentication Response from AP1.
- 3 The APs are connected to same controller, hence the pre-Authentication information is sent from the controller to AP2.
- 4 Client sends a Reassociation Request to AP2 and receives a Reassociation Response from AP2.

5 Client completes its roam from AP1 to AP2.

Figure 6: Over the DS Intra Controller Roam



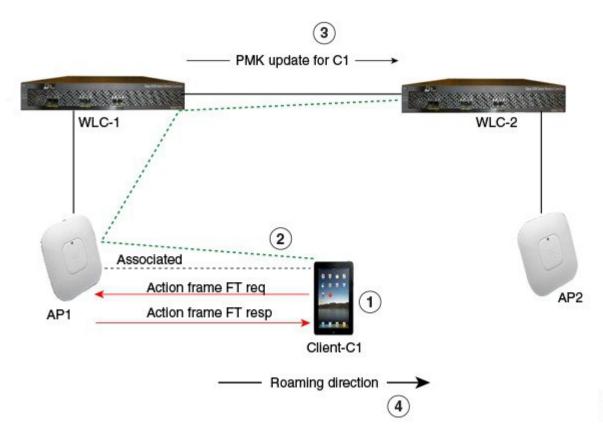
Over-the-DS Inter Controller Roam

The following steps describe the message exchange in the case where a client is roaming between APs, AP1, and AP2, connected to different controllers, WLC1 and WLC2 respectively, within a mobility group:

- 1 Client is associated with AP1 and wants to roam to AP2.
- 2 Client sends FT Authentication Request to AP1 and receives FT Authentication Response from AP1.
- 3 PMK is sent from WLC-1 to WLC-2. Controller WLC-1 sends a mobility message to WLC-2 about the roaming client.

4 Client completes its roam from AP1 to AP2.

Figure 7: Over the DS Inter Controller Roam



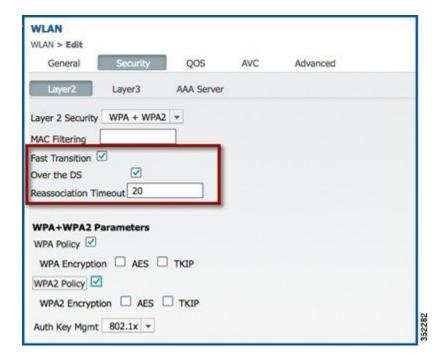
Web UI Configuration for Fast Transition Roaming

802.11r fast transition roaming can be configured using the WLAN GUI:

- 1 Choose WLAN > Security > Layer2. Make sure that Layer 2 Security is WPA+WPA2 or Open.
- 2 Check the Fast Transition checkbox. This will enable Over the Air FT for the WLAN.
- 3 To enable Over the DS FT, check the **Over the DS** checkbox.

4 Reassociation Timeout can be configured between 1-100 seconds, the default being 20 seconds. The time between FT Authentication Request and Re-association Request must not exceed the Re-association Timeout.

Figure 8: 802.11r Web UI Configuration



CLI Configuration for Fast Transition Roaming

The following command is available under the WLAN configuration to configure Fast Transition Roaming:

```
security ft [ over-the-ds | reassociation-timeout timeout-in-seconds]

Example:

Controller(config-wlan) # security ft reassociation-timeout 23
```

- over-the-ds: Enables 802.11r fast transition parameters over a distributed system.
- reassociation-timeout: Enables 802.11r fast transition reassociation timeout. The range is 1 to 100 seconds.

WLAN configuration also contains a new Authenticated Key Management (AKM) type called FT (Fast Transition).

```
Controller(config-wlan) #security wpa akm ft ?
dot1x Configures 802.1x support
psk Configures PSK support
```

Monitoring 802.11r

show wlan name wlan-name	Displays the WLAN parameters on the WLAN. The FT parameters are displayed.	
	Example:	
	FT Support :Enabled FT Reassociation Timeout :10 FT Over-The-DS mode :Enabled	

Troubleshooting Support

```
Controller#debug dot11 dot11r ?
all all
events 802.11r event
keys 802.11r keys

Controller#set trace dot11 dot11r ?
event 802.11r event debugging
filter Trace Adapted Flag Filter
keys 802.11r keys debugging
level Trace Level
```

Limitations

- Supported only on OPEN and WPA2 WLANs.
- Non 802.11r client cannot associate to WLAN which has 802.11r enabled.
- This feature will not be supported with LEAP because LEAP only comes up with a 32 byte MSK and other EAP types come up with a 64 byte MSK.
- The domain of 802.11r is confined to the Mobility Group.
- FT Resource request protocol will not be supported in this release because clients also do not have this support.
- Each controller will allow a maximum of 3 FT handshakes with different APs under its control.



802.11k Assisted Roaming

The main goal of introducing this feature in IOS XE 3.3 release is to deliver an intelligent and optimized **Neighbor List Element** to 802.11k supported (Apple) clients to optimize their channel scanning, roaming, and battery usage. 802.11k allows 11k capable clients to request for a neighbor report containing information about known neighbor APs that are candidates for roaming.

To facilitate roaming, an 11k capable client associated with an AP sends a request for a list of neighbor APs. The request is in the form of an 802.11 management frame known as an action packet. The AP responds with a list of neighbor APs on the same WLAN with their Wi-Fi channel numbers. The AP response is also an action packet. From the response frame, the client knows which APs are candidates for the next roam. The use of 802.11k radio resource management (RRM) processes allows the client to roam efficiently and quickly.

With the neighbor list information, the 11k capable client does not need to probe all of the 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz channels to find an AP it can roam to. Not having to probe all of the channels reduces channel utilization on all channels, thereby increasing bandwidth on all channels. It also reduces roam time and improves the decisions made by the client. Additionally, it increases battery life of the device because it is neither changing the radio configuration for each channel nor sending probe requests on each channel. It avoids the device having to process all of the probe response frames.

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- 802.11k Information Elements (IEs), page 12
- CLI Configuration for Assisted Roaming, page 13

Assisted Roaming with 802.11k

The 802.11k standard allows clients to request neighbor reports containing information about known neighbor access points that are candidates for a service set transition. The use of the 802.11k neighbor list can limit the need for active and passive scanning.

The assisted roaming feature is based on an intelligent and client optimized neighbor list.

The 802.11k neighbor list is generated dynamically on-demand and is not maintained on the switch. The 802.11k neighbor list is based on the location of the clients without requiring the mobility services engine

(MSE). Two clients on the same switch but different APs can have different neighbor lists delivered depending on their individual relationship with the surrounding APs.

By default, the neighbor list contains only neighbors in the same band with which the client is associated. However, the dual-list configuration allows 802.11k to return neighbors in both bands.

Clients send requests for neighbor lists only after associating with the APs that advertise the RRM capability information element (IE) in the beacon. The neighbor list includes information about BSSID, channel, and operation details of the neighboring radios.

Assembling and Optimizing the Neighbor List

When the switch receives a request for an 802.11k neighbor list, the following occurs:

- 1 The switch searches the RRM neighbor table for a list of neighbors on the same band as the AP with which the client is currently associated.
- 2 The switch checks the neighbors according to the RSSI (Received Signal Strength Indication) between the APs, the current location of the present AP, the floor information of the neighboring AP from Cisco Prime Infrastructure, and roaming history information on the switch to reduce the list of neighbors to six per band. The list is optimized for APs on the same floor.

802.11k Information Elements (IEs)

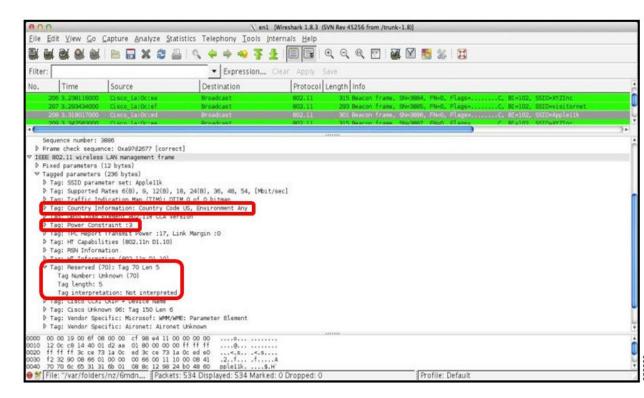
Clients send requests for neighbor lists only after associating with the APs that advertise the RRM capability information element (IE) in the beacon.

The following elements are implemented in the beacon and probe response on the AP to ensure smooth integration with Apple handheld devices:

- Country Element: The country information element contains the information required to allow a station to identify the regulatory domain in which the station is located and to configure its PHY for operation in that regulatory domain.
- Power Constraint Element
- RRM enabled Capabilities Element: The RRM Capabilities element is 5 octets long and when included in a beacon or probe response uses bit 1 to signal that the AP can provide neighbor list. When used in an association request, bit 1 signifies the client's request for a neighbor list

The presence of all three of these IEs signifies that this SSID is configured to provide a neighbor list on request. For this release, a neighbor list is sent based on the request from the client and not on the neighbor list capability of the client in the IE. The following Wireshark capture points out these information elements.

Figure 9: 802.11k Information Elements



CLI Configuration for Assisted Roaming

wireless assisted-roaming floor-bias dBm Example: Controller(config) # wireless assisted-roaming floor-bias 20	Configures neighbor floor label bias. The valid range is from 5 to 25 dBm, and the default value is 15 dBm.
assisted-roaming neighbor-list Example: Controller(wlan) # assisted-roaming neighbor-list	Configures an 802.11k neighbor list for a WLAN. By default, assisted roaming is enabled on the neighbor list when you create a WLAN. The no form of the command disables assisted roaming neighbor list.
assisted-roaming dual-list Example: Controller(wlan) # assisted-roaming dual-list	Configures a dual-band 802.11k dual list for a WLAN. By default, assisted roaming is enabled on the dual list when you create a WLAN. The no form of the command disables assisted roaming dual list.



Note

The WLC does not have a GUI configuration for 802.11k. 802.11k assisted roaming is enabled by default.

Configuration Example

This example shows how to configure Neighbor floor label bias:

Controller# configure terminal
Controller(config)# wireless assisted-roaming floor-bias 10

This example shows how to enable 802.11k on a specific WLAN:

Controller(config) # wlan test Controller(config (wlan) # assisted-roaming neighbor-list



Prediction Based Roaming: Assisted Roaming for Non-802.11k Clients

It is also possible to optimize roaming for non-802.11k clients. You can generate a prediction neighbor list for each client without the client requiring to send an 802.11k neighbor list request. When this is enabled on a WLAN, after each successful client association/re-association, the same neighbor list optimization is applied on the non-802.11k client to generate the neighbor list and store the list in the mobile station software data structure. Clients at different locations have different lists because the client probes are seen with different RSSI values by different neighbors. Because clients usually probe before any association or re-association, this list is constructed with the most updated probe data and predicts the next AP that the client is likely to roam to.

We discourage clients from roaming to those less desirable neighbors by denying association if the association request to an AP does not match the entries on the stored prediction neighbor list.

Similar to aggressive load balancing, there is a switch to turn on the assisted roaming feature both on a per-WLAN basis and globally. The following options are available:

- Denial count—Maximum number of times a client is refused association.
- Prediction threshold—Minimum number of entries required in the prediction list for the assisted roaming feature to be activated.

CLI Configuration for Prediction Based Roaming

assisted-roaming prediction Example: Controller(wlan) # assisted-roaming	Configures assisted roaming prediction list feature for a WLAN. By default, the assisted roaming prediction list is disabled.	
prediction	Note A warning message is displayed and load balancing is disabled for the WLAN if load balancing is already enabled for the WLAN.	
wireless assisted-roaming prediction-minimum count Example:	Configures the minimum number of predicted APs required for the prediction list feature to be activated. The default value is 3.	
Controller# wireless assisted-roaming prediction-minimum	Note If the number of the APs in the prediction assigned to the client is less than the number that you specify, the assisted roaming feature will not apply on this roam.	
wireless assisted-roaming denial-maximum count Example: Controller# wireless assisted-roaming denial-maximum 8	Configures the maximum number of times a client can be denied association if the association request is sent to an AP that does not match any AP on the prediction. The valid range is from 1 to 10, and the default value is 5.	
wireless assisted-roaming prediction-minimum count Example: Controller# wireless assisted-roaming	Configures the minimum number of predicted APs required for the prediction list feature to be activated. The default value is 3.	
prediction-minimum	Note If the number of the APs in the prediction assigned to the client is less than the number that you specify, the assisted roaming feature will not apply on this roam.	

Configuration Example

This example shows how to configure the prediction list on a specific WLAN:

```
Controller# configure terminal
Controller(config)# wlan test
Controller(config)(wlan)# assisted-roaming prediction
```

This example shows how to configure the prediction list based on assisted roaming prediction threshold and maximum denial count on a specific WLAN:

```
Controller(config) # wireless assisted-roaming prediction-minimum 3 Controller(config) # wireless assisted-roaming denial-maximum 3
```

Neighbor List Response

The neighbor list includes information about BSSID, channel and operation details of the neighboring radios as shown in the Wireshark capture below:

Figure 10: 802.11k Neighbor Report

```
🕝 Frag Number:
                      O [22 Mask OxOF]
802.11 Management - Action
Category Code:
                      5
                        Radio Measurement [24]
@ Action Code:
                       5 Weighbor Report Response [25]
Dialog Token
  Heighbor Report
                         52 Neighbor Report [27]
  @ Element ID:
  D Length:
                          20:3A:07:E4:9C:9F [29-34]
  BSSID:
1 [39]
  Regulatory Class:
  Channel Humber:
                         36 [40]
  PMY type:
                         7 [41]
Beighbor Report ID=52 Neighbor Report Len=13 BSSID=Cisco:1A:F5:8F Regulatory Class=1 Channel Number=35 PHY type
 "Meighbor Report ID=52 Neighbor Report Len=13 BSSID=Cisco:1A:ED:FF Regulatory Class=1 Channel Number=161 PMY type
  Meighbor Report ID=52 Neighbor Report Len=13 BSSID=Cisco:A1:1D:6F Regulatory Class=1 Channel Number=35 PHV typ
  Meighbor Report ID=52 Noighbor Report Len=13 BSSID=F0:29:29:0F:ED:2F Regulatory Class=1 Channel Number=36 PMY
 "Heighbor Report ID-52 Neighbor Report Len-13 BSSID-Cisco:93:60:AF Regulatory Class-1 Channel Number-64 PRV type
FCS - Frame Check Sequence
```

The 802.11k Neighbor list per client can be seen by running the command show wireless client mac-address <> detail

Figure 11: Nearby AP Statistics CLI Output

```
Number of Policy Errors : 0
 Radio_signal_strength Indicator : -56 dem
         to Noice Dat
ssisted-Roaming Prediction List:
AP442b.039a.9759(slot0)
antenna0: 7 seconds ago -59 dBm
antenna1: 7 seconds ago -54 dBm
 AP7081.05c9.5e72(slot0)
    antenna0: 7 seconds ago -49 dBm
antenna1: 7 seconds ago -51 dBm
 AP442b.039a.96e1(slot0)
    antenna0: 3 seconds ago -93 dBm
antenna1: 3 seconds ago -91 dBm
 APFc99.473e.11f0(slot2)
    antenna0: 6 seconds ago -59 dBm
    antennal: 6 seconds ago -51 dBm
 APFc99.473e.11f0(slot1)
    antenna0: 6 seconds ago -63 dBm
 antennal: 6 seconds ago -63 dbm
AP442b.039a.9759(slot1)
    antenna0: 6 seconds ago -49 dBm
    antennal: 6 seconds ago -55 dBm
 AP7081.05c9.5e72(slot1)
    antenna0: 6 seconds ago -73 dBm
    antenna1: 6 seconds ago -54 dBm
 AP442b.039a.96e1(slot1)
    antenna0: 19 seconds ago -84 dBm
antenna1: 19 seconds ago -89 dBm
```

Limitations

- In this release the following features are not supported:
 - oTSF Offset
 - TPC request/response
 - · Beacon request/response
 - · Quiet element with hardware beacon
 - 11v Location Tracking
- No GUI configuration support
- Since both load balancing and prediction based roaming are designed to influence the AP that a client associates with, it is not possible to enable both the options at the same time on a WLAN.

Troubleshooting Support

The following debug and trace commands can be used to troubleshoot this feature:

```
Controller# debug dot11 dot11k ?
  all
                all
  detail
                802.11k detail
  errors
                802.11k errors
                802.11k events
  events
  optimization 802.11k optimization
  simulation
                802.11k simulation
Controller# set trace dot11 dot11k ?
  detail
                Dot11k Detailed debugging
               Dot11k Errors debugging
  errors
  events
                Dot11k Events debugging
  filter
               Trace Adapted Flag Filter
  history
               Dot11k History debugging
  level
                Trace Level
  optimization Dotllk Optimization debugging
  simulation
               Dot11k Simulation debugging
```



802.11w Protected Management Frames

Wi-Fi is a broadcast medium that enables any device to eavesdrop and participate either as a legitimate or rogue device. Management frames such as authentication, de-authentication, association, dissociation, beacons, and probes are used by wireless clients to initiate and tear down sessions for network services. Unlike data traffic, which can be encrypted to provide a level of confidentiality, these frames must be heard and understood by all clients and therefore must be transmitted as open or unencrypted. While these frames cannot be encrypted, they must be protected from forgery to protect the wireless medium from attacks. For example, an attacker could spoof management frames from an AP to attack a client associated with the AP.

The 802.11w protocol applies only to a set of robust management frames that are protected by the Protected Management Frames (PMF) service. These include Disassociation, De-authentication, and Robust Action frames.

Management frames that are considered as robust action and therefore protected are the following:

- · Spectrum Management
- QoS
- DLS
- · Block Ack
- · Radio Measurement
- Fast BSS Transition
- SA Query
- Protected Dual of Public Action
- Vendor-specific Protected

When 802.11w is implemented in the wireless medium, the following occur:

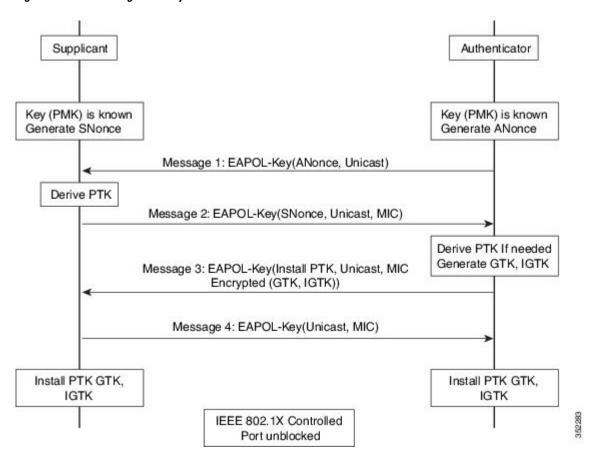
- Client protection is added by the AP adding cryptographic protection to de-authentication and dissociation frames preventing them from being spoofed in a DOS attack.
- Infrastructure protection is added by adding a Security Association (SA) tear down protection mechanism
 consisting of an Association Comeback Time and an SA-Query procedure preventing spoofed association
 request from disconnecting an already connected client.

802.11w has introduced a new IGTK Key, which is used to protect broadcast/multicast robust management frames:

• IGTK is a random value assigned by the authenticator STA (WLC) and used to protect MAC management protocol data units (MMPDUs) from that source STA.

When Management Frame Protection is negotiated, the AP encrypts the GTK and IGTK values in the EAPOL-Key frame, which is delivered in Message 3 of 4-way handshake.

Figure 12: IGTK Exchange in 4-way Handshake

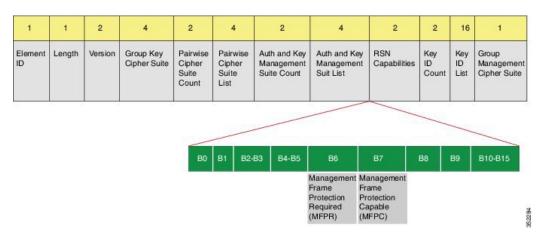


• If the AP later changes the GTK, it sends the new GTK and IGTK to the client using the Group Key Handshake .

802.11w defines a new Broadcast/Multicast Integrity Protocol (BIP) that provides data integrity and replay protection for broadcast/multicast robust management frames after successful establishment of an IGTKSA - It adds a MIC that is calculated using the shared IGTK key.

802.11w Information Elements (IEs)

Figure 13: 802.11w Information Elements



- 1 Modifications made in the RSN capabilities field of RSNIE.
 - a Bit 6: Management Frame Protection Required (MFPR)
 - **b** Bit 7: Management Frame Protection Capable (MFPC)
- 2 Two new AKM Suites, 5 and 6 are added for AKM Suite Selectors.
- 3 New Cipher Suite with type 6 is added to accommodate BIP.

The WLC adds this modified RSNIE in association and re-association responses and the APs add this modified RSNIE in beacons and probe responses.

The following Wireshark captures shows the RSNIE capabilities and the Group Management Cipher Suite elements.

Figure 14: 802.11w Information Elements

```
Auth Key Management (AKM) Suite Count: 1
Auth Key Management (AKM) List 00-0f-ac (Ieee8021) PSK (SHA256)
RSN Capabilities: 0x00e8
    .... .... ... 0 = RSN Pre-Auth capabilities: Transmitter does not
              .... .. O. = RSN No Pairwise capabilities: Transmitter can :
                   10.. = RSN PTKSA Replay Counter capabilities: 4 replay
               ..10 ....
                         = RSN GTKSA Replay Counter capabilities: 4 replay
                         = Management Frame Protection Required: True
               .1..
              1... - Management Frame Protection Capable: True
         ..0.
                         - Peerkey Enabled: False
  PMKID Count:
  PMKID List
 Group Management Cipher Suite: 00-0f-ac (Ieee8021) BIP
    Group Management Cipher Suite OUI: 00-0f-ac (Ieee8021)
Group Management Cipher Suite type: BIP (6)
Tag: HT Information (802.11n D1.10)
```

Security Association (SA) Teardown Protection

SA teardown protection is a mechanism to prevent replay attacks from tearing down the session of an existing client. It consists of an Association Comeback Time and an SA-Query procedure preventing spoofed association requests from disconnecting an already connected client.

If a client has a valid security association, and has negotiated 802.11w, the AP shall reject another Association Request with status code 30. This status code stands for "Association request rejected temporarily; Try again later". The AP should not tear down or otherwise modify the state of the existing association until the SA-Query procedure determines that the original SA is invalid and shall include in the Association Response an Association Comeback Time information element, specifying a comeback time when the AP would be ready to accept an association with this client.

The following capture shows the Association Reject message with status code 0x1e (30) and the Association comeback time set to 10 seconds.

Figure 15: Association Reject with Comeback Time

```
■ IEEE 802.11 wireless LAN management frame

■ Fixed parameters (6 bytes)
■ Capabilities Information: 0x0001

| Status code: Association request rejected temporarily; try again later (0x001e)
| .00 0000 0000 = Association ID: 0x0000
| Tagged parameters (95 bytes)
| Tag: Supported Rates 6(B), 9, 12(B), 18, 24(B), 36, 48, 54, [Mbit/sec]
| Tag: HT Capabilities (802.11n 01.10)
| Tag: HT Information (802.11n 01.10)
| Tag: vendor Specific: Microsof: wMM/wME: Parameter Element
| Tag: Timeout Interval
| Tag Number: Timeout Interval (56)
| Tag length: 5
| Timeout Interval Type: Association Comeback time (TUS) (3)
| Timeout Interval Value: 10000
```

Following this, if the AP is not already engaged in an SA Query with the client, the AP shall issue an SA Query until a matching SA Query response is received or the Association Comeback time expires. An AP may interpret reception of a valid protected frame as an indication of a successfully completed SA Query.

If a SA QUERY response with a matching transaction identifier within the time period, the AP shall allow the association process to be started without starting additional SA Query procedures.

CLI Configuration for Protected Management Frames

```
security pmf [ association-comeback
association-comeback-time-in-seconds |
mandatory | optional |
saquery saquery-time-interval-milliseconds
]
```

Example:

Controller(config-wlan) #security pmf saquery-retry-time 200

Configures the PMF parameters with the following options:

- association-comeback—Configures the 802.11w association. The range is from 1 through 20 seconds.
- mandatory—Requires clients to negotiate 802.11w MFP protection on a WLAN.
- optional—Enables 802.11w MFP protection on a WLAN.
- saquery-retry-time —Time interval identified in milliseconds in the association response to an already associated client before the association can be tried again. This time interval checks if the client is a real client and not a rogue client during the association comeback time. If the client does not respond within this time, the client association is deleted from the controller. The saquery retry time is milliseconds. The range is from 100 to 500 ms. The value must be specified in multiples of 100 milliseconds.

WLAN configuration also contains a new Authenticated Key Management (AKM) type called Protected Management Frames (PMF)

```
Controller(config-wlan) #security wpa akm pmf ? dot1x Configures 802.1x support psk Configures PSK support
```



Note

802.11w feature cannot be enabled on WLANs of None, WEP-40, WEP-104, and WPA (AES or TKIP) encryption.



Note

The WLC does not have a GUI configuration for 802.11w.

Monitoring 802.11w

Displays the WLAN parameters on the WLAN. The PMF parameters are displayed. Here is an example:		
PMF Support :Disa PMF Association Comeback Timeout PMF SA Query Time		

Configuration Example

```
wlan 11w-psk 6 11w-psk client vlan 49 security wpa akm psk set-key ascii 0 ciscocisco security wpa akm pmf psk security pmf association-comeback 10 security pmf mandatory security pmf saquery-retry-time 100 no shutdown
```

Troubleshooting Support

The following debug and Trace commands can be used to troubleshooting this feature:

```
Controller#debug pmf ?
   all debug Protected Management Frame all
   events Protected Management Frame events
   keys Protected Management Frame keys

Controller#set trace pmf ?
   events PMF events debugging
   filter Trace Adapted Flag Filter
   keys PMF keys debugging
   level Trace Level
```



References

- 802.11r support is included as part of Voice-Enterprise certification, 802.11k support is included as part of WMM Voice-Enterprise and WMM-AC certification and 802.11w support in included as part of the Protected Management Frame certification: http://www.wi-fi.org/certified-products-advanced-search
- 802.11r and 802.11k support on Apple devices running iOS 6.0 and higher: http://support.apple.com/kb/HT5535
- Enterprise Best Practices for Apple Mobile Devices on Cisco Wireless LANs: http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/wireless/technology/vowlan/bestpractices/EntBP-AppMobDevs-on-Wlans.pdf