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| Resolution of MAC Randomization Comments | | | | |
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Abstract

This submission proposes resolutions to CIDs 10006, 10008, 10009, 10012, 10014, 10015, and 10016

***Instruct the editor to modify section 4.5.4.10 as shown:***

**4.5.4.10 MAC Privacy Enhancements**

To mitigate this sort of traffic analysis a STA can support the ability to periodically and randomly change its MAC addresses and reset counters and seeds prior to association. While discovering networks, a STA can refrain from gratuitously transmitting Probe Request frames containing SSIDs of favored BSS networks.

***Instruct the editor to modify section 12.2.10 as shown:***

**12.2.10 Requirements for support of MAC privacy enhancements**

MAC privacy enhancements are enabled when dot11MACPrivacyActivated is set to true by a non-AP STA. Such a non-AP STA shall periodically change its MAC address to a random value while not associated to a BSS. However, the non-AP STA shall not change its MAC address during a transactional exchange, for example transmitting Public Action frames for preassociation discovery, or during the creation of state on an AP using preassociation capabilities, for example RSN pre-authentication, FT over-the-DS, etc. The smaller the period of MAC address change, down to a single transmitted frame per MAC address, the greater the privacy these enhancements afford. The actual period used when changing a MAC address is implementation dependent and outside the scope of this standard.

If such a non-AP STA does not have any transactional state bound to a MAC address and elects to establish a connection to a discovered BSS, it shall check the value of dot11LocallyAdministeredMACConfig and shall configure its MAC address according to the rules of the local address space. State created with an AP using a prior MAC address, for instance RSN pre-authentication state or FT state established over-the-DS, is bound to the MAC address used when the state was created. Prior to establishing a connection to an AP using such state, the non-AP STA shall change its MAC address to the MAC address used when the state was created.

Every time a MAC address is changed to a new random value, counters in all sequence number spaces used to identify each MSDU or MMPDU shall be reset (see 10.3.2.11.2), and the OFDM data scrambler shall be reseeded per the procedure described in 17.3.5.5, if applicable.

***Instruct the editor to modify Annex C.3 as shown:***

**C.3 MIB Detail**

***In Annex C.3, insert entries at the end of the “Dot11StatonConfigEntry ::= SEQUENCE” list as follows :***

dot11FutureChannelGuidanceActivated                   TruthValue,

dot11FILSActivated                                    TruthValue,

dot11S1GOptionImplemented                             TruthValue,

dot11SolicitedPADActivated                            TruthValue,

dot11UnsolicitedPADActivated                          TruthValue,

dot11MACPrivacyActivated                              TruthValue,

dot11GASExtensionImplemented                          TruthValue,

dot11LocallyAdministeredMACConfig Unsigned32

***In Annex C.3, change OPTIONAL-GROUPS as follows:***

-- OPTIONAL-GROUPS {

-- dot11TVWSComplianceGroup,

-- dot11PADComplianceGroup }

***In Annex C.3, insert new OBJECT-TYPE definitions as follows:***

dot11SolicitedPADActivated OBJECT-TYPE SYNTAX TruthValue

MAX-ACCESS read-write STATUS current DESCRIPTION

"This is a control variable.

It is written by an external management entity or the SME. Changes take effect as soon as practical in the implementation.

This attribute when true, indicates that the capability of the STA to operate solicited PAD with external networks is enabled. The capability is dis- abled otherwise."

DEFVAL {false}

::= { dot11StationConfigEntry 167 }

dot11UnsolicitedPADActivated OBJECT-TYPE SYNTAX TruthValue

MAX-ACCESS read-write STATUS current DESCRIPTION

"This is a control variable.

It is written by an external management entity or the SME. Changes take effect as soon as practical in the implementation.

This attribute when true, indicates that the capability of the STA to operate unsolicited PAD with external networks is enabled. The capability is dis- abled otherwise."

DEFVAL {false}

::= { dot11StationConfigEntry 168 }

dot11GASExtensionImplemented OBJECT-TYPE SYNTAX TruthValue

MAX-ACCESS read-only STATUS current DESCRIPTION

"This is a capability variable. Its value is determined by device capabili- ties. This attribute, when true, indicates that the STA is capable of operating in GAS extension in GAS frame exchanges. Otherwise, it is false. The default value of this attribute is false."

DEFVAL {false}

::= { dot11StationConfigEntry 169 }

dot11MACPrivacyActivated OBJECT-TYPE SYNTAX TruthValue

MAX-ACCESS read-write STATUS current DESCRIPTION

"This is a control variable.

It is written by an external management entity or the SME. Changes take effect

as soon as practical in the implementation. This attribute when true, indicates that the STA enables MAC privacy considerations. The capability is disabled otherwise."

DEFVAL {false}

::= { dot11StationConfigEntry 170 }

dot11LocallyAdministeredMACConfig OBJECT-TYPE SYNTAX Unsigned32 (0..5)

MAX-ACCESS read-write STATUS current DESCRIPTION

"This is a control variable.

It is written by an external management entity or the SME. Changes take effect as soon as practical in the implementation.

This attribute identifies an addressing plan to use for the local address space.

0: local addresses do not use the SLAP.

1: local addresses are constructed according to the ELI SLAP identifier.

2: local addresses are constructed according to the SAI SLAP identifier.

3: local addresses are constructed according to the AAI SLAP identifier.

4: local addresses are constructed according to the Reserved SLAP identifier.

5: local addresses are constructed according to a proprietary local address plan."

DEFVAL {0}

::= { dot11StationConfigEntry [ANA] }

***In Annex C.3, insert the following after the "dot11FineTimingMeasurement object-group ":***

dot11PADComplianceGroup OBJECT-GROUP

OBJECTS {

dot11SolicitedPADActivated, dot11UnsolicitedPADActivated, dot11LocallyAdministeredMACConfig

}

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"This object group provides the objects from the IEEE 802.11 MIB required to manage pre-association discovery functionality."

::= { dot11Groups 20 }

**References:**