

WiFi Pineapple Mark VII

WiFi Pineapple Documentation

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Setup

Setting up your WiFi Pineapple

Once you've connected to the WiFi Pineapple, this guide teaches you how to navigate the Setup wizard.

Once you've connected to the WiFi Pineapple and it has fully booted, you will be able to access the WiFi Pineapple Stager at <http://172.16.42.1>.

The WiFi Pineapple ships with a slimmed down firmware called **the stager**. This approach enables you to always have the latest firmware for the out-of-the-box set-up, due to the latest firmware being downloaded.

Getting the latest firmware via Over-The-Air

To start, begin by verifying that you are in the presence of the WiFi Pineapple. You can do this by pressing the reset button in one of the ways described on-screen.



Setup by USB-C Ethernet

Quickly press the button to continue with WiFi disabled.
Recommended secure option.
Connect by the USB-C Ethernet port.



Setup by WiFi

Continue with WiFi AP Enabled.
Not recommended for insecure environments.



Setup by USB

Restart the WiFi Pineapple with a USB provisioning drive connected.
Headless setup option.
[Learn how](#)

i Continuing with the **Setup by USB-C Ethernet** option will still allow you to use WiFi to connect to a network and download the firmware.

Next, connect to an Access Point you know the credentials to. Doing this will establish an internet connection for the WiFi Pineapple, and the latest firmware will be automatically downloaded.



Download the Latest Firmware

You must download the latest firmware for your WiFi Pineapple.
Please select a WiFi network from the list below to automatically download the firmware.

Having trouble downloading? You can [upload a firmware file](#) instead.

Access Point

ACME-AP (00:20:91:34:AD:4D) (-46 dBm)



Network Passphrase

.....



Connect

⚠ Only WPA2 and WPA networks are supported in the stager.

After the connection is successfully established, the firmware will be automatically downloaded and flashed to your WiFi Pineapple. Once the upgrade is complete, you will be able to access the WiFi Pineapple at <http://172.16.42.1:1471> again.



Updating Firmware

Please wait while your WiFi Pineapple updates to the latest firmware.

Your device will automatically reboot during the update process.

Once your WiFi Pineapple has rebooted fully, visit 172.16.42.1:1471 if you are not automatically redirected.



Please do not power off your device.




Uploading the firmware manually

As an alternative to getting the firmware over-the-air, you may choose to upload the firmware to the WiFi Pineapple manually. This can be useful if you are having difficulties connecting to an Access Point, or if you don't have one available.

To start, begin by downloading the latest firmware from the [Hak5 Download Portal](#). The latest releases are always at the top of the table, and highlighted blue.

WiFi Pineapple MK7 Firmware			Search
Release Date	Version		
2021-08-30	1.1.1-stable	2647e24e0ea6f299a0715e56e59f6577a0015f27ba57fbc02c391d2288697c2a	 

Once the file is downloaded, verify the SHA256 sum with the one listed on the download portal.

 If the SHA256 sum of the downloaded file does not match the one listed on the website, do not upload it to the WiFi Pineapple, as it may be corrupted.

Next, you can upload it to the WiFi Pineapple by clicking the **upload a firmware instead** link on the Network page.



Upload Firmware

You must download and upload the latest firmware for your WiFi Pineapple.
Firmware can be obtained from the [Hak5 Download Portal](#).

Alternatively, you can [download the firmware automatically](#).

Choose file No file chosen

Upload

After uploading, the file will be checked and flashed to the WiFi Pineapple.

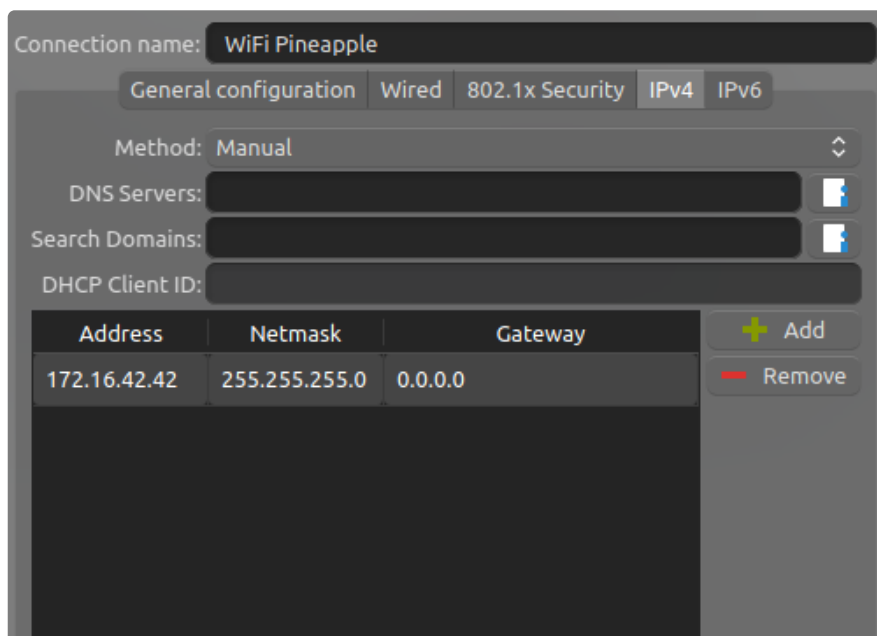
Connecting to the WiFi Pineapple on Linux

This guide teaches the basics of connecting to the WiFi Pineapple on Linux-based operating systems.

Configuration via GUI

To configure the WiFi Pineapple's USB Ethernet interface, you can use the NetworkManager GUI commonly included in Linux distributions.

1. Connect the WiFi Pineapple to your computer via the USB-C cable.
2. Once the device has fully booted, open your computers networking settings.
3. Find the new USB Ethernet device, and configure it to use the following IPv4 settings:
 1. IP: 172.16.42.42
 2. Netmask: 255.255.255.0
 3. Gateway: Unset, or 0.0.0.0



IPv4 is required for this connection

 You may need to disconnect and reconnect the interface for your changes to take place.

Configuration via CLI


To configure the WiFi Pineapple's USB Ethernet interface via the command line, you can make use of the `ip` tools commonly included in Linux distributions.

1. Connect the WiFi Pineapple to your computer via the USB-C cable.
2. Once the device has fully booted, open the Terminal emulator and run the following:

```
1 $ sudo ip link set eth0 down
2 $ sudo ip addr add 172.16.42.42/255.255.255.0 dev eth0
3 $ sudo ip link set eth0 up
```

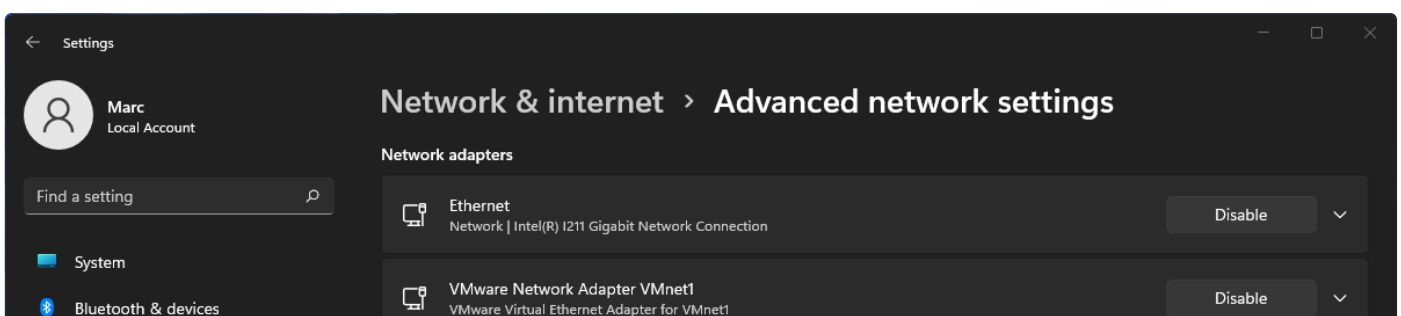
Connecting to the WiFi Pineapple on Windows

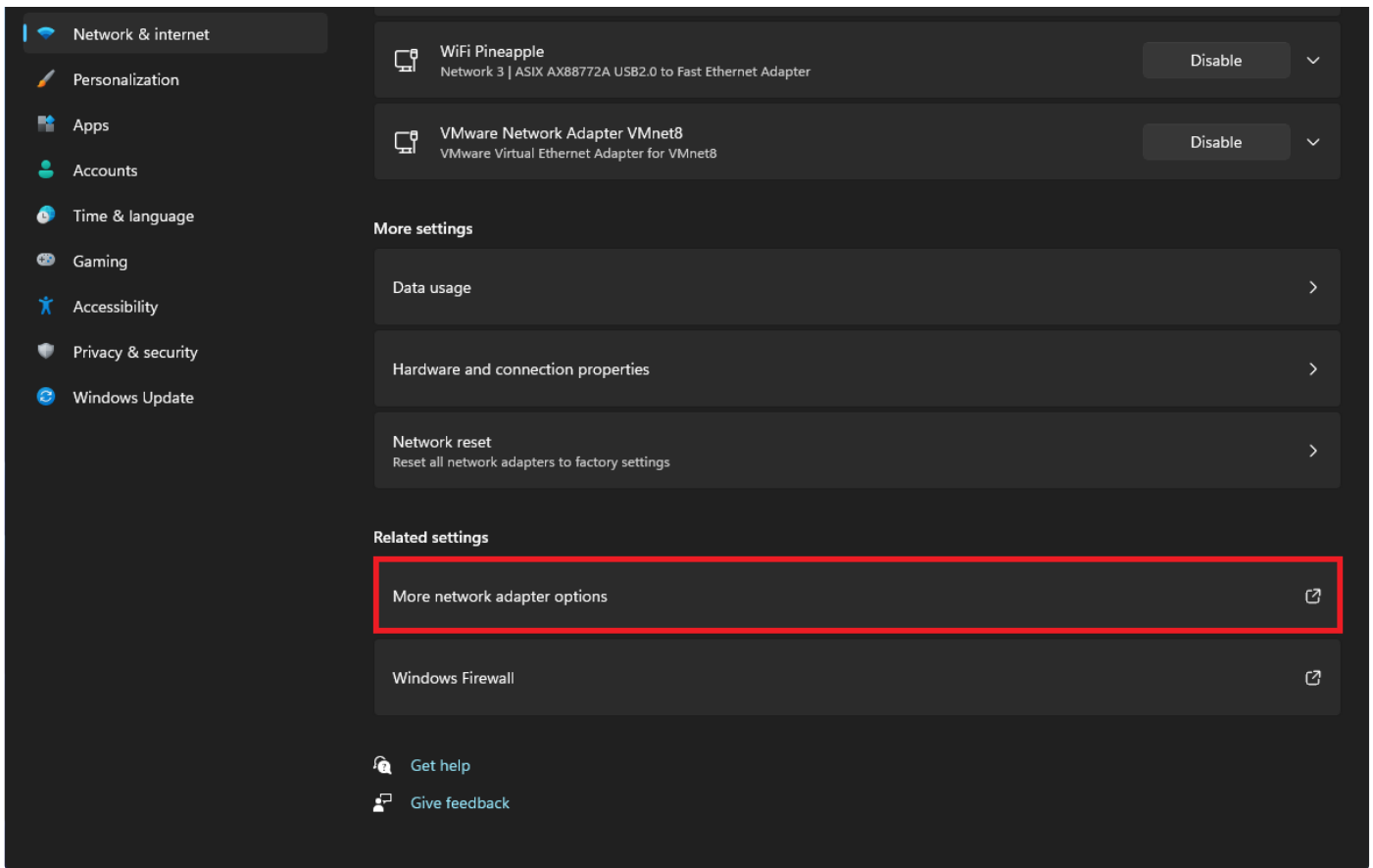
This guide teaches the basics of connecting to the WiFi Pineapple on Windows.

 The following guide is designed to work on Windows 11, although the same or similar steps apply to Windows 10/8.1/8/7 too.

Configuration via GUI

Start by opening the **Network & Internet** settings in the Windows settings application. Scroll down to **Related settings** and click **More network adapter options**.

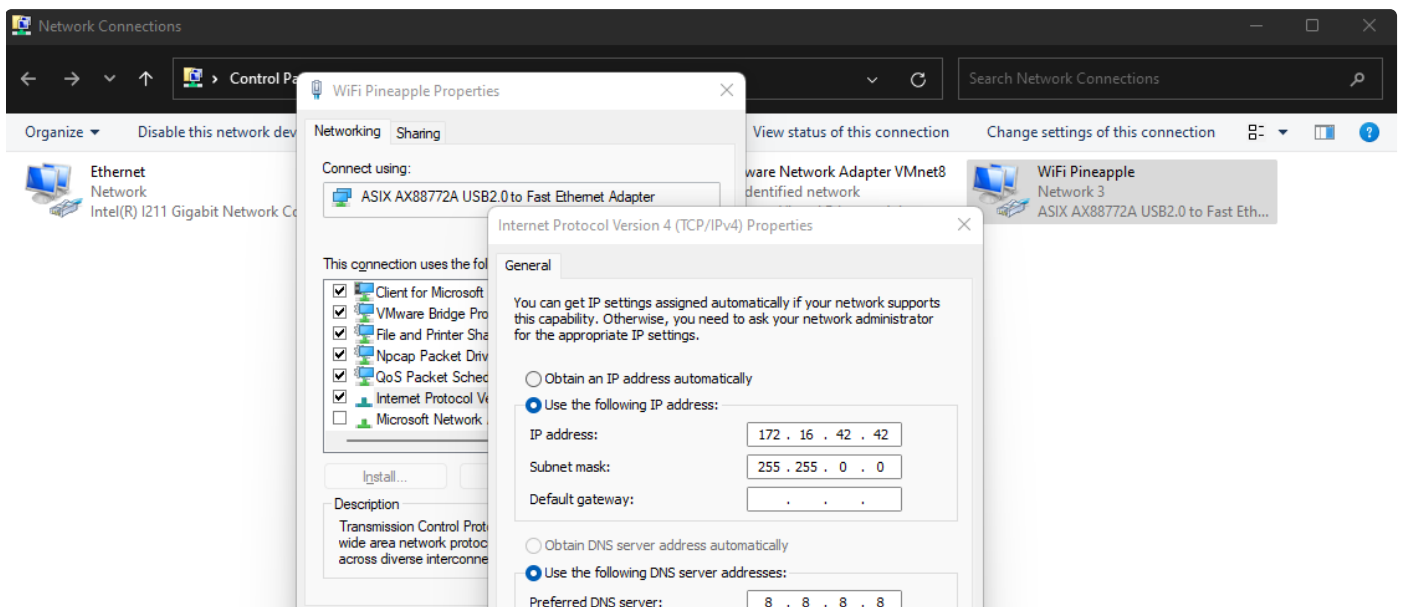


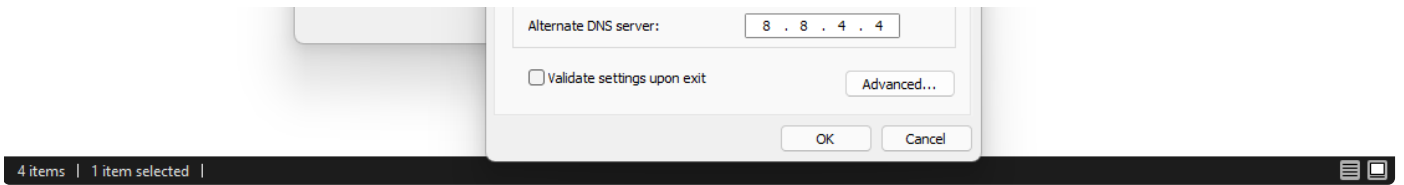



In the new window, **right click** the adapter that represent your WiFi Pineapple and select **Properties**. Then, select the text **Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4)**, and then click **Properties** again.

In the new properties window, configure the following static settings:

- IP Address: **172.16.42.42**
- Subnet Mask: **255.255.0.0**
- Default Gateway: **Blank**
- Preferred DNS: **8.8.8.8**
- Alternate DNS: **8.8.4.4**



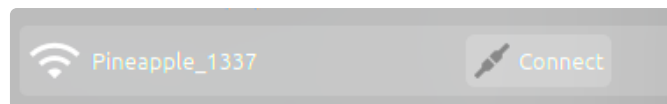


 You may set your own preferred and alternate DNS servers if desired, but Google's DNS is recommended.

Connecting to the WiFi Pineapple over WiFi

This guide instructs you on how to connect to the WiFi Pineapple's Open AP during setup.

The WiFi Pineapple serves an Open AP for you to connect to for the purposes of completing device setup. The SSID of the AP is `Pineapple_XXXX`, where the 'XXXX' is the last 4 characters of the devices MAC address.



After connecting to the AP, you will receive an IP via DHCP from the WiFi Pineapple.

Setup by USB Disk

The WiFi Pineapple may be provisioned "headless" — meaning without intervention interactively. This means that you can take a fresh WiFi Pineapple Mark VII out of its box and set it up with the latest firmware and your settings of choice without connecting it to a computer or smartphone.

Preparing the USB drive

Once prepared, the USB drive will be properly formatted and contain a `config.txt` file, an `upgrade-x.x.x.bin` file, and optionally a `device.config` file (if using with Cloud C2).

Format the drive

The USB drive must contain only a single partition and be formatted as one of the following:

- ext4
- exFAT / FAT
- NTFS

Download the firmware

Once your USB drive has been formatted with a supported filesystem, Download the upgrade file from the [Hak5 Download Portal](#) to the root of the USB drive.

⚠ Make sure you keep the original name of the file (upgrade-x.x.x.bin).

i It is best practice to validate file integrity by [verifying the SHA256 sum](#) of the download.

Create the config.txt

On the root of the USB flash disk, create a config.txt file using a standard text editor such as Notepad (Windows), textEdit (Mac), or vim/nano (Linux) containing the below information. Make sure the txt file is saved in ASCII format. Modify the settings as per your desired configuration.

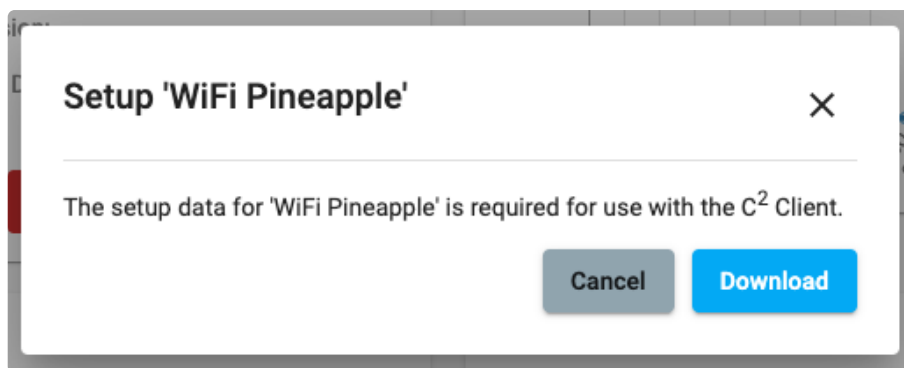
```
1 # This file automatically configures the WiFi Pineapple.
2 # To enroll your WiFi Pineapple automatically, edit the below variables.
3 # Save as config.txt on the root of an ext4/exFAT/FAT/NTFS USB flash drive.
4 # Connect to the WiFi Pineapple USB host port before applying power for the
5 # first time. During firmware installation, the LED will flash Red/Blue.
6 # DO NOT DISCONNECT POWER DURING FIRMWARE INSTALLATION!
7 # For more information, visit https://docs.hak5.org
8 #
9 # General System Configuration
10 #
11 ROOT_PASSWORD="hak5pineapple"
12 HOSTNAME="pineapple"
13 TIMEZONE="utc"
14 #
15 # Wireless AP Configuration
16 #
17 MANAGEMENT_SSID="Pineapple_Management"
18 MANAGEMENT_PSK="AGoodWPA-PSKPassphrase"
19 MANAGEMENT_HIDDEN=1
20 MANAGEMENT_DISABLED=0
21 OPEN_SSID="Open"
22 OPEN_HIDDEN=0
23 COUNTRY_CODE=US
24 #
25 # Filters Configuration
26 #
27 CLIENT_FILTER="ALLOW"
28 SSID_FILTER="ALLOW"
29 #
30 # Hak5 Cloud C2 Configuration
31 #
```

```
32 ENABLE_C2=1
33 #
34 # Software License Agreement:
35 # https://hak5.org/pages/software-license-agreement
36 #
37 ACCEPT_LICENSE=TRUE
```

Add the Cloud C2 provisioning file (optional)


In addition to the config.txt and upgrade-x.x.x.bin files on the root of the USB drive, a Cloud C2 device.config provisioning file may be included.

To generate this file, create a new WiFi Pineapple device on your Cloud C2 instance, then navigate to the device's overview page and click the Setup button from the description card.



Power on the WiFi Pineapple with the USB Drive

From a powered off state, place your USB drive into the USB Type-A port on the WiFi Pineapple, then connect it to a power source. Once the device is fully booted, it will automatically mount and find the upgrade file on the device. If the firmware file is valid, the device will then perform the firmware upgrade and reboot as indicated by the flashing red/blue LED.

 During the firmware installation process, as indicated by the red/blue LED status, DO NOT disconnect the power source. Doing so will render the device inoperable.

Once the firmware has installed, you may connect to the WiFi Pineapple network and visit the web interface at <http://172.16.42.1:1471>.


UI Overview

Introduction to the UI

An introduction to the WiFi Pineapple Web UI

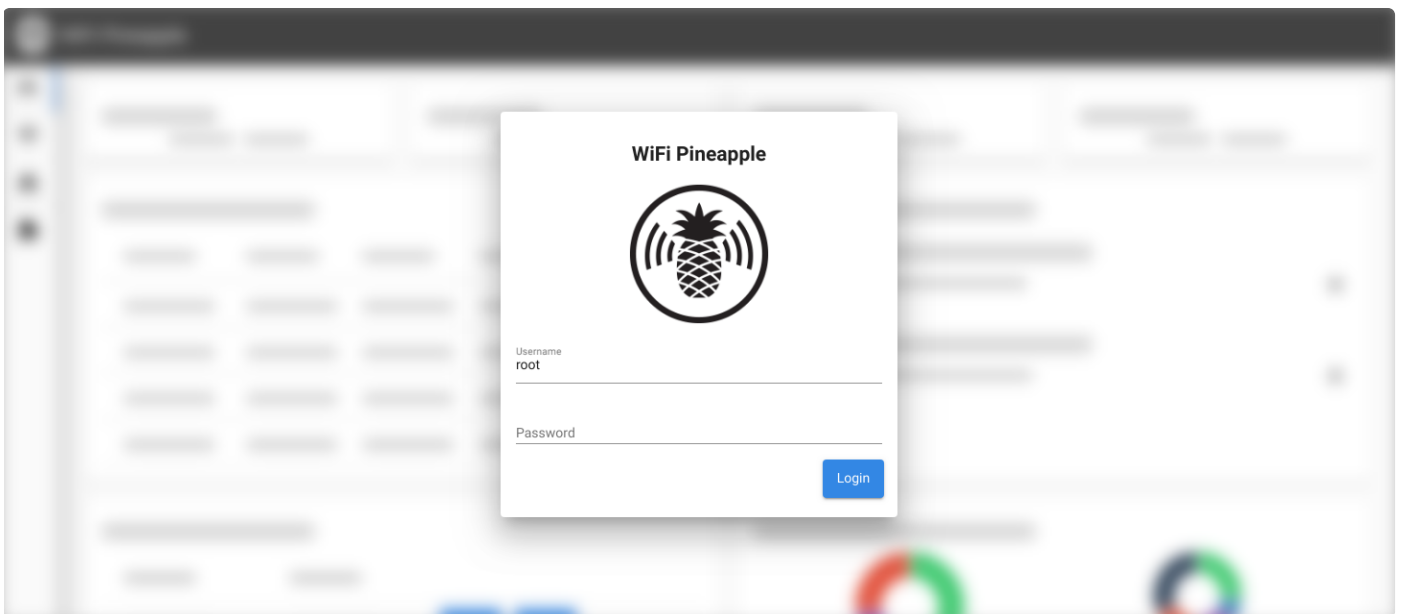
Opening the User Interface

The management interface is available at <http://172.16.42.1:1471> and is accessible from the USB Ethernet connection and the management WiFi network configured during Setup.

 Note the port in the URL: 1471. Without this port, you will get a blank page from the default webserver!

Logging In

Upon browsing to the UI, you'll be greeted with the login page. The username is root, while the password is the one you set during Setup.



Navigating the UI

Once you've logged in, you'll see the Dashboard. At the top of the page is the title bar, which includes the current firmware version and buttons to view **Notifications**, view **Informational Messages**, or open the **Web Terminal**. The context menu (three dots) holds additional, less common options.

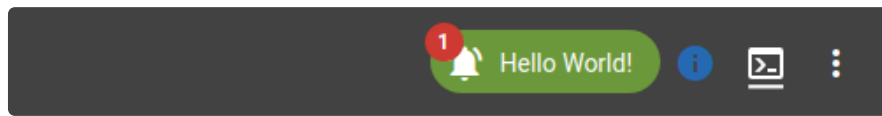


WiFi Pineapple title bar

Notifications

Notifications are a way for the system or modules to indicate a change in status or other message. They can have one of 5 notification levels: **Info**, **Warning**, **Error**, **Success** or **Unknown**. The messages are given a preview for a brief time in the title bar.

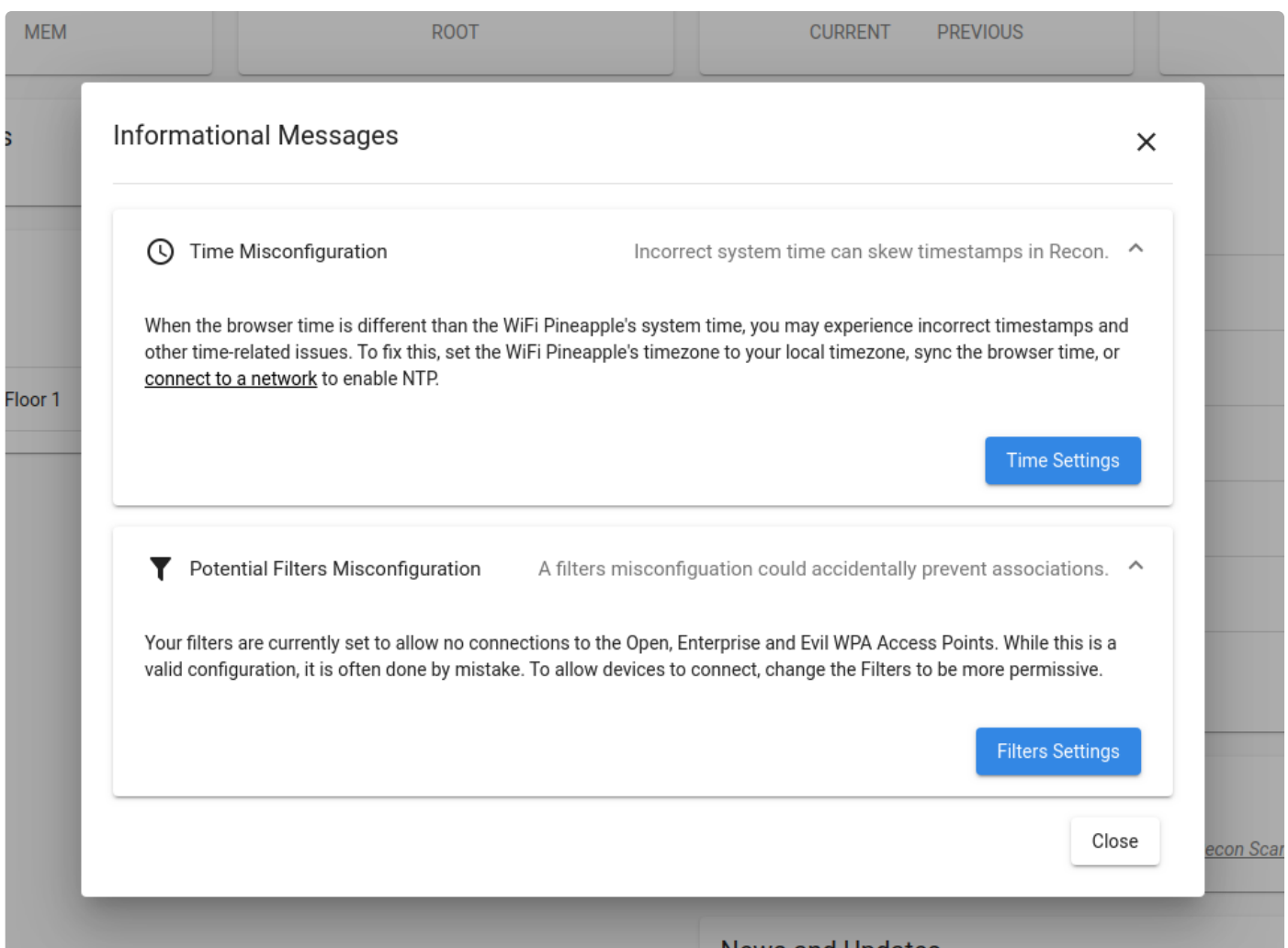
Click on the notifications icon to view all messages.



WiFi Pineapple notifications

Informational Messages

Informational Messages show you potential misconfigurations with your WiFi Pineapple, as well as telling you potential fixes for them.



Example misconfigurations

Web Terminal

The Web Terminal offers a fully featured Bash shell on the WiFi Pineapple without needing to use SSH. You can use it to completely manage the device, run tools, install packages and do anything else you would expect from a Linux computer.



The screenshot displays the WiFi Pineapple web interface. At the top, there are four summary cards: System Status (CPU 2.9%, MEM 24%), Disk Usage (3% ROOT), Connected Clients (CURRENT 0, PREVIOUS 4), and SSIDs Collected (SESSION 0, TOTAL 1). Below these is a 'Web Shell' terminal window with the following output:

```

root@mk7:~$ echo $SHELL
/bin/bash
root@mk7:~$ echo "hello world!"
hello world!
root@mk7:~$
root@mk7:~$
root@mk7:~$

```

The WiFi Pineapple web shell

Sidebar

On the side of the page, you will see the **Sidebar**. This sidebar houses convenient links to the system modules, and downloaded modules can be added to the sidebar for speedy access. You can extend the sidebar, showing the full names, by clicking the **Show More** button anchored at the bottom.

The screenshot shows the WiFi Pineapple sidebar menu. The header includes the WiFi Pineapple logo and 'Version 1.1.1'. The menu items are:

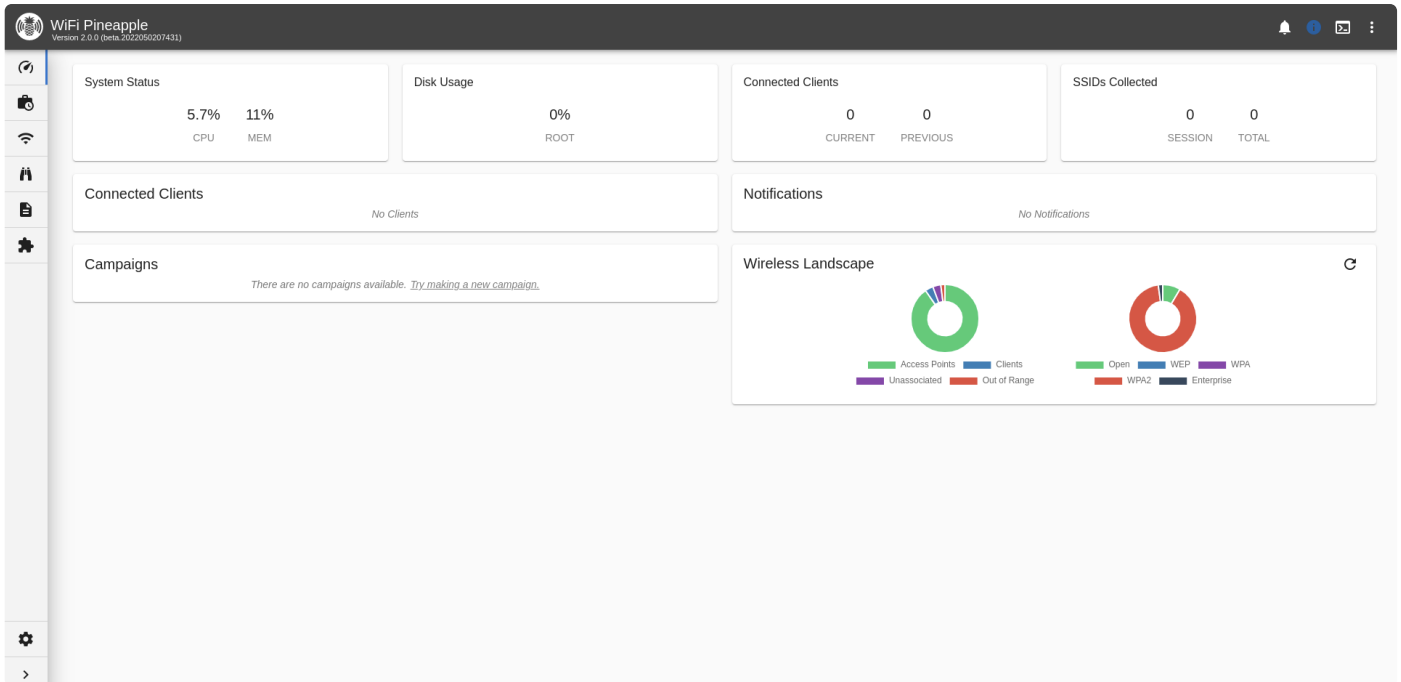
- Dashboard
- Campaigns
- PineAP
- Recon
- Logging
- Modules
- MDK4
- TCPDump
- Settings
- Close

The sidebar is currently open, and the background shows a blurred view of the main dashboard content.

Dashboard

The Dashboard is the landing page for the WiFi Pineapple management UI, and provides at a glance insights to the system and its services.

The WiFi Pineapple UI Dashboard shows an at-a-glance status of some of the components of the device.




WiFi Pineapple Dashboard

Cards

Along the top of the page, multiple cards show different system status numbers, such as CPU and RAM usage, Disk usage and Client Stats. These stats automatically update when viewing the Dashboard.

Connected Clients

MAC Address, IP Address and Connected Time can be viewed for all clients connected to non-Management access points. You can also kick a specific client by using the Kick button.

 Some clients may automatically reconnect quickly. Client's can be denied association via the Filters.

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Campaigns

The campaign **status**, **name** and **type** show a brief description of current campaigns, along with a toggle button to enable or disable them.

Wireless Landscape

Brief statistics from the latest Recon scan provide an at-a-glance view without having to dive into details of the scan.

News and Updates

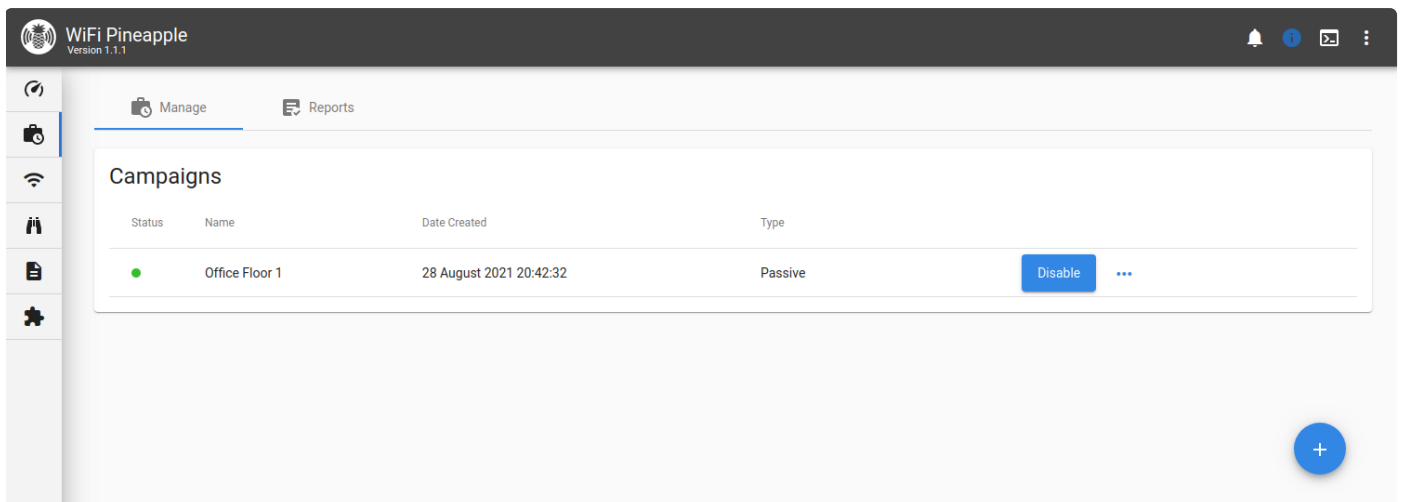
Latest news and release notes from Hak5.

Campaigns

Campaigns allow you to create automated tasks to ease an engagement, with the ability to generate a report at the end or on an interval.

Manage

Campaigns that have been created are listed in a table, showing the current status, name, creation date and campaign type. You can enable or disable your campaigns with the Enable/Disable toggle, and edit or remove them by clicking the "..." menu button.



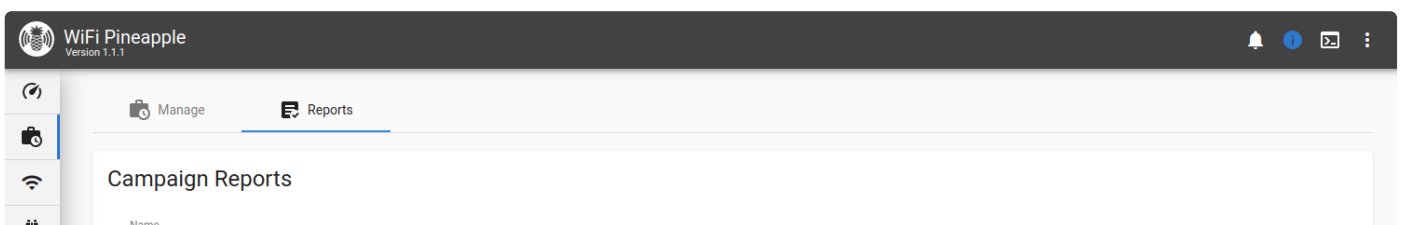
The screenshot shows the WiFi Pineapple interface with the 'Manage' tab selected. The 'Campaigns' section displays a table with the following data:

Status	Name	Date Created	Type	
●	Office Floor 1	28 August 2021 20:42:32	Passive	Disable ...

A blue '+' button is visible in the bottom right corner of the interface.

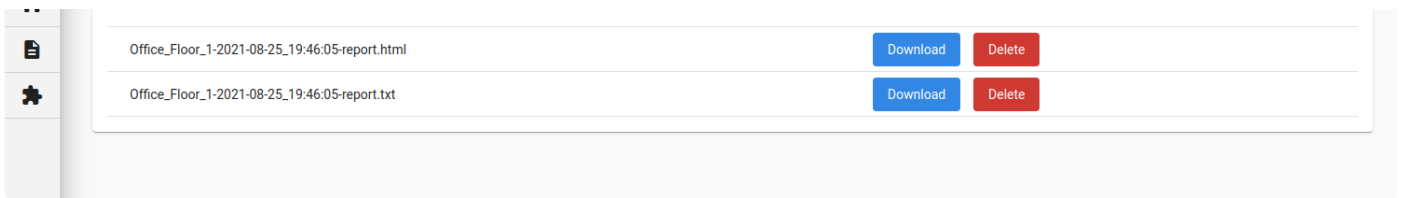
Reports

From the Reports tab, you can download and delete the reports that have been generated by your campaigns.



The screenshot shows the WiFi Pineapple interface with the 'Reports' tab selected. The 'Campaign Reports' section displays a table with the following data:

Name



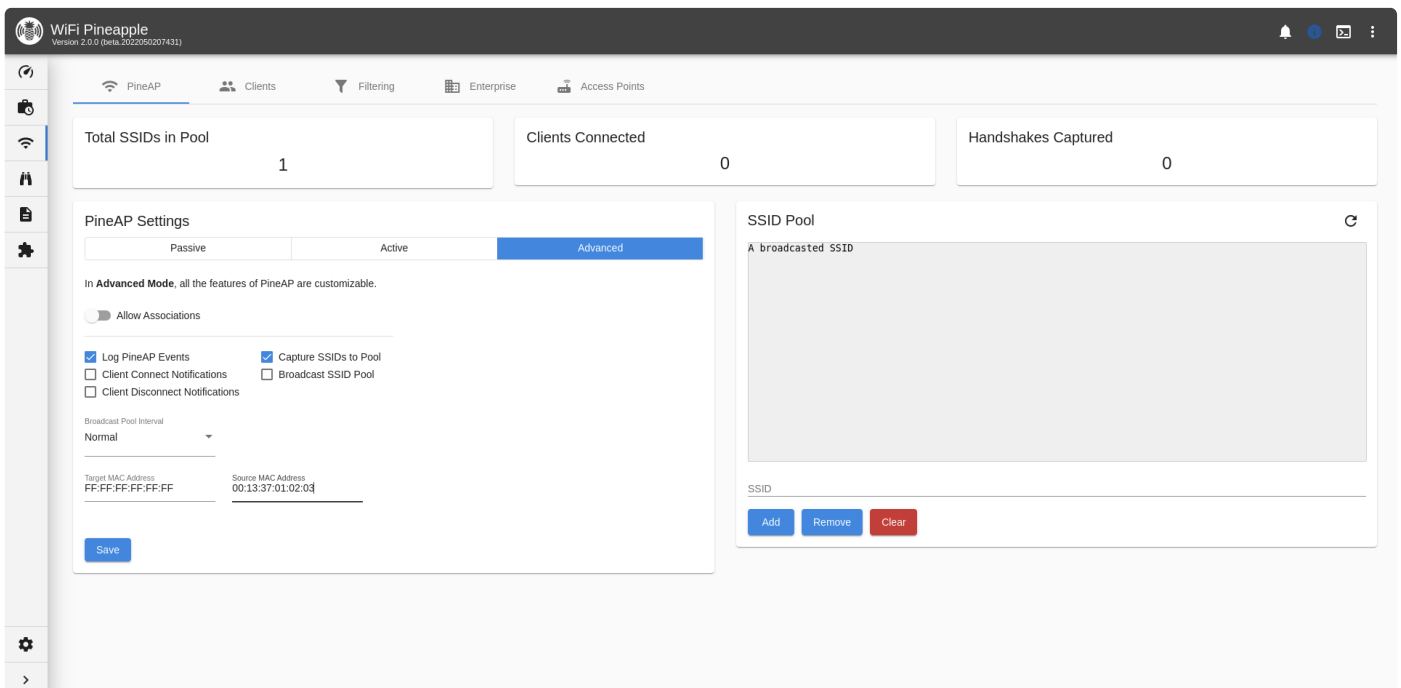
PineAP

PineAP is the center of the WiFi Pineapple's rogue access points, client management and filtering.

PineAP Settings

The main PineAP page is used to manage the PineAP Daemon settings and status. You can manage individual daemon settings by selecting the **Advanced** tab, or you may select preset settings with the Passive or Active tabs.

On the right hand side, you can find the current SSID pool. These SSIDs can be automatically collected in the Passive and Active modes, or by selecting the "Capture SSIDs to Pool" option in Advanced. You can use the field below and the Add, Remove and Clear buttons to manually add or remove SSIDs.



PineAP Settings

SSID Pool Capture

When "Capture SSIDs to Pool" is enabled, SSIDs seen passively (observed probe requests) and through recon mode are automatically added to the pool of target SSIDs.

Broadcast SSID Pool

When enabled, the WiFi Pineapple will actively advertise previously seen SSIDs. This may be useful for

capturing clients looking for specific access points in their list of previous connections.

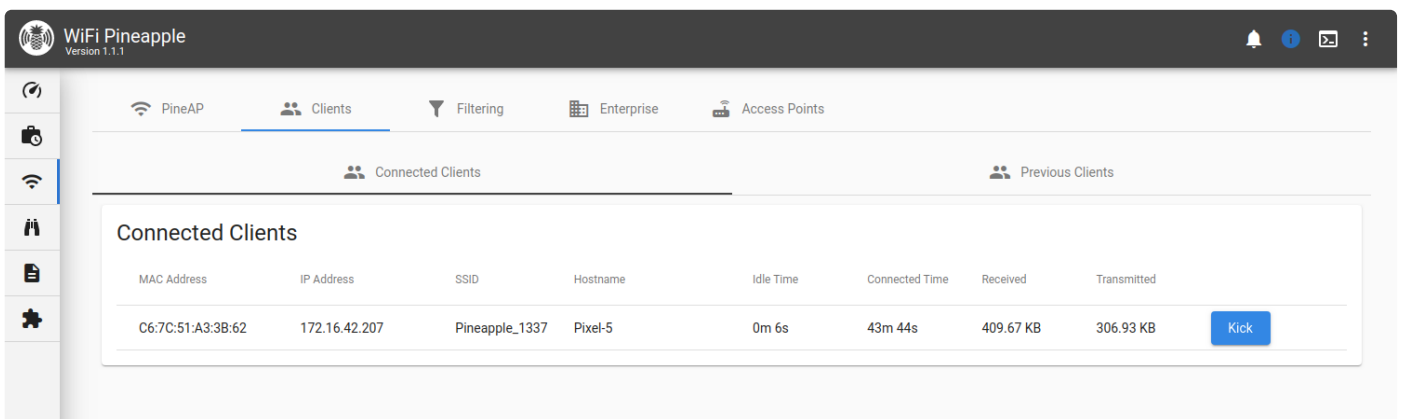
SSID Pool

When **Broadcast SSID Pool** is enabled, the WiFi Pineapple will advertise any SSIDs seen in the pool. This can cause clients looking for those networks to connect to the WiFi Pineapple Open network.

The SSID pool can be automatically populated by **Recon Mode** when the **SSID Pool Capture** option is selected, or SSIDs can be manually added to it.

Clients

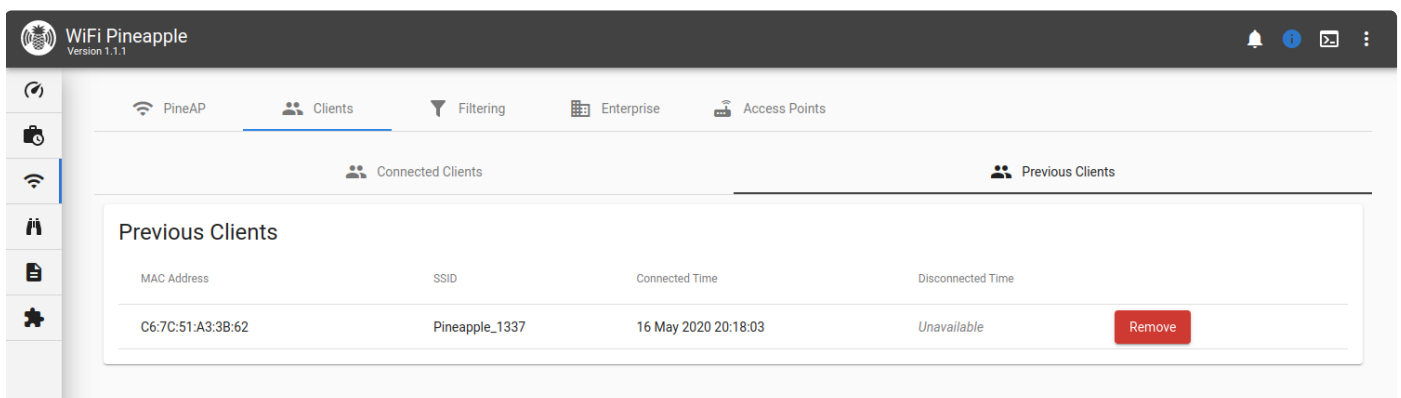
The clients page provides two views for clients, split into connected clients and previous clients. From the **Connected Clients** you can view information about each connected client, including MAC, IP Address and the SSID they associated to, as well as the ability to kick them from the network.



The screenshot shows the WiFi Pineapple interface with the 'Clients' tab selected. The 'Connected Clients' view is active, displaying a table with the following data:

MAC Address	IP Address	SSID	Hostname	Idle Time	Connected Time	Received	Transmitted	
C6:7C:51:A3:3B:62	172.16.42.207	Pineapple_1337	Pixel-5	0m 6s	43m 44s	409.67 KB	306.93 KB	<button>Kick</button>

Switching to the **Previous Clients** tab shows you a record of all previous associations to the rogue access points hosted by the WiFi Pineapple. Clients that have not yet disconnected from the network have a disconnect time of "Unavailable".



The screenshot shows the WiFi Pineapple interface with the 'Clients' tab selected. The 'Previous Clients' view is active, displaying a table with the following data:

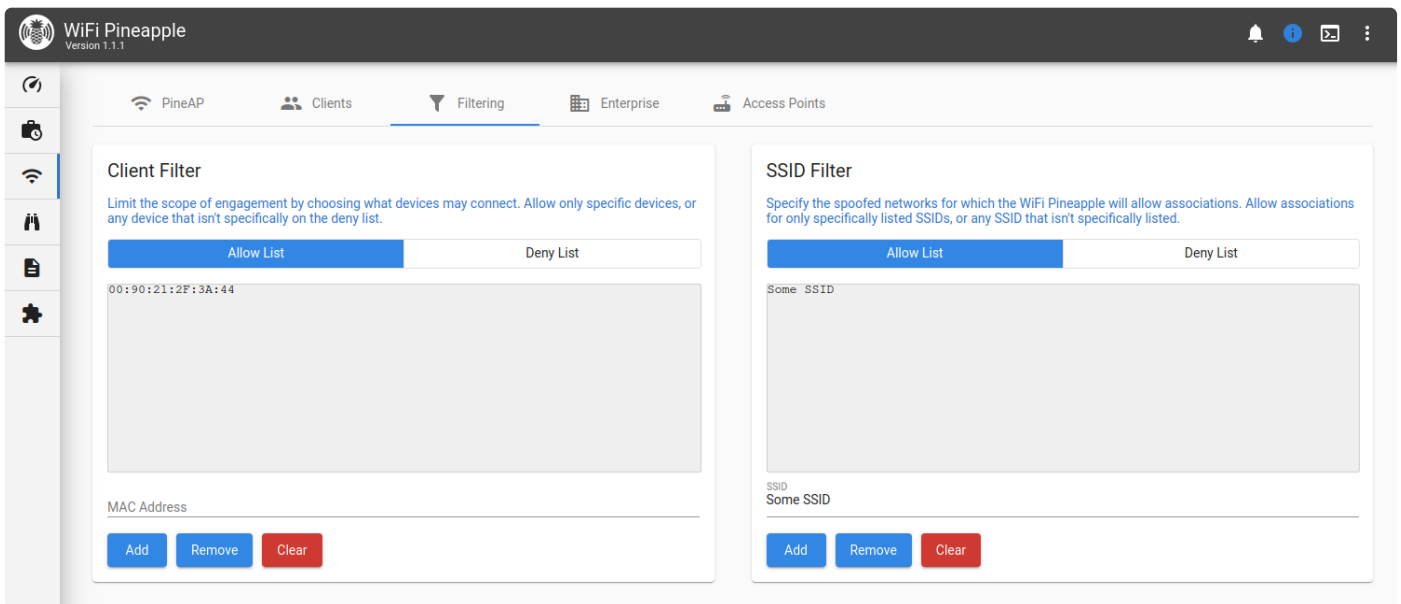
MAC Address	SSID	Connected Time	Disconnected Time	
C6:7C:51:A3:3B:62	Pineapple_1337	16 May 2020 20:18:03	Unavailable	<button>Remove</button>

Filtering

The filtering page allows you to have fine control over what devices can connect to your WiFi Pineapple. You can do this by combining two filters: the **Client Filter** and the **SSID Filter**, with two modes each: **Allow** or **Deny**.

With the client filter you may limit the scope of engagement by choosing what devices may connect. Allow only specific devices, or any device that isn't specifically on the deny list.

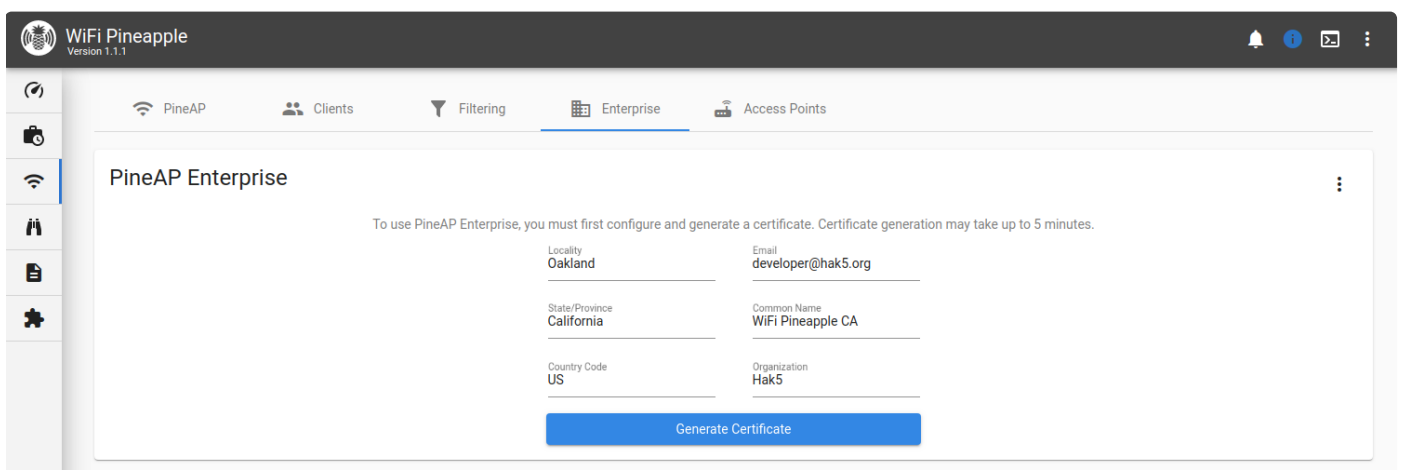
With the SSID filter you may specify the spoofed networks for which the WiFi Pineapple will allow associations. Allow associations for only specifically listed SSIDs, or any SSID that isn't specifically listed.



Enterprise

The **Enterprise** tab allows you to configure a WPA-EAP Enterprise rogue access point. To begin, fill in the form to generate the EAP configuration and certificates.

Enterprise, or EAP, WiFi authentication is typically used on corporate networks with per-user logins on the network. It is protected by a SSL certificate, which must be created first.



Once the certificate has been generated, you'll see easy to use options to configure the rogue enterprise access point, and view the challenge data any connected clients provide. Generating the certificate will take a moderate amount of time while the WiFi Pineapple gathers random data.

The information in the enterprise certificate is arbitrary. Some WiFi clients show the user the data entered in the certificate, while others may only show a certificate hash.

Properly configured WiFi Enterprise clients will reject unknown certificates, however many devices do not offer proper configuration and may either blindly accept new certificates, or prompt the user to accept the certificate.

Authentication Methods

When advertising an enterprise network, the WiFi Pineapple supports three authentication types:

1. Any

The WiFi Pineapple will allow a client with any authentication method to connect. If possible, the WiFi Pineapple will inform the client it is allowed to connect. Clients connecting with EAP-GTC will connect as normal and the user login saved, while clients connecting with EAP-MSCHAPv2 will receive an error, but the MSCHAPv2 hash challenge will be captured and logged.

2. MSCHAPv2

MSCHAPv2 is the most common authentication method for enterprise clients. A MSCHAPv2 client uses a hashed authentication method which does not disclose the password.

The WiFi Pineapple cannot answer the hash challenge without knowing the users password: A MSCHAPv2 client will not be able to *fully* connect to the WiFi Pineapple access point, but the challenge hash will be captured and logged, and can be processed offline to derive the user password.

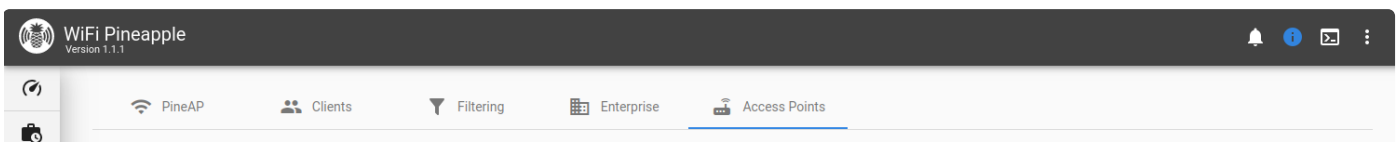
3. GTC

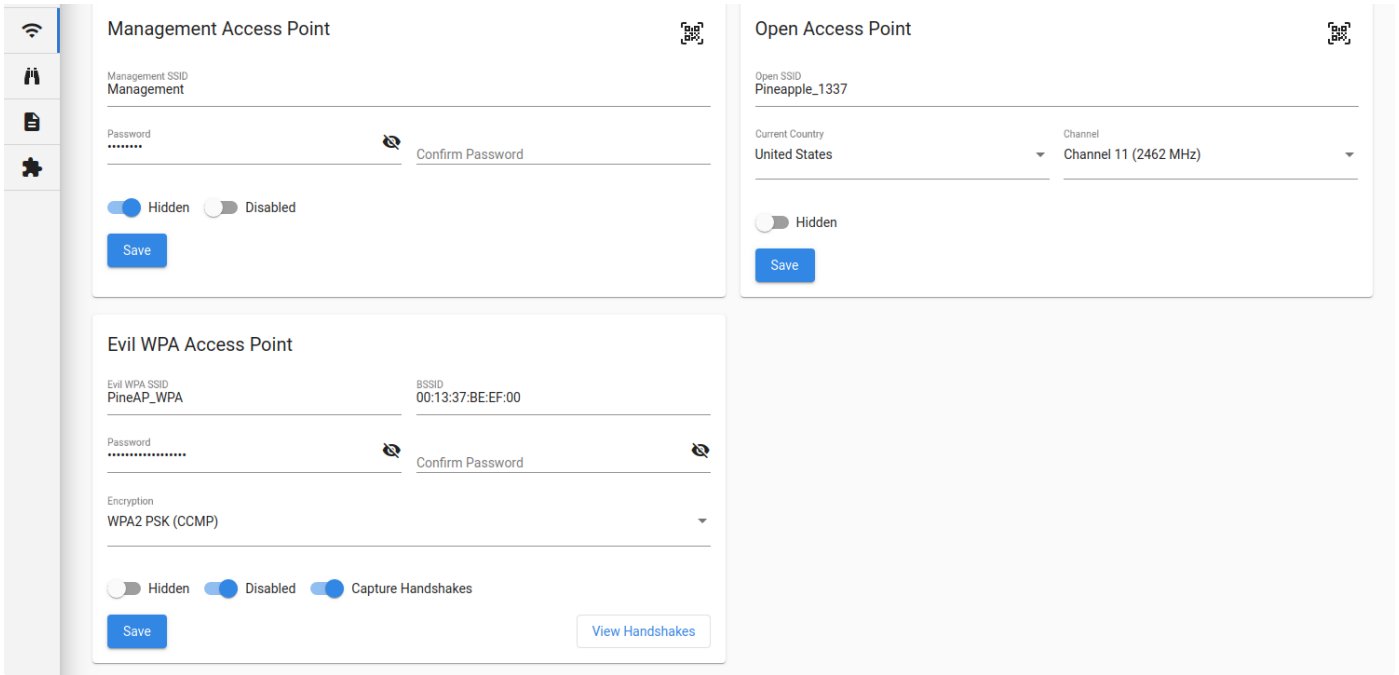
GTC is a simpler authentication protocol. Clients using GTC will disclose the full username and password, and will connect to the WiFi Pineapple as normal. The username and password will be logged.

For maximum compatibility, leave the authentication method as **Any**. To try to force clients to use a more vulnerable authentication method, switch to **GTC**. To capture hashes from clients which are configured to only support MSCHAPv2, use **MSCHAPv2** mode.

Access Points

The **Access Points** tab allows you to configure the other access points hosted on the WiFi Pineapple: The **Management AP**, **Open AP**, and **Evil WPA/2 AP**.





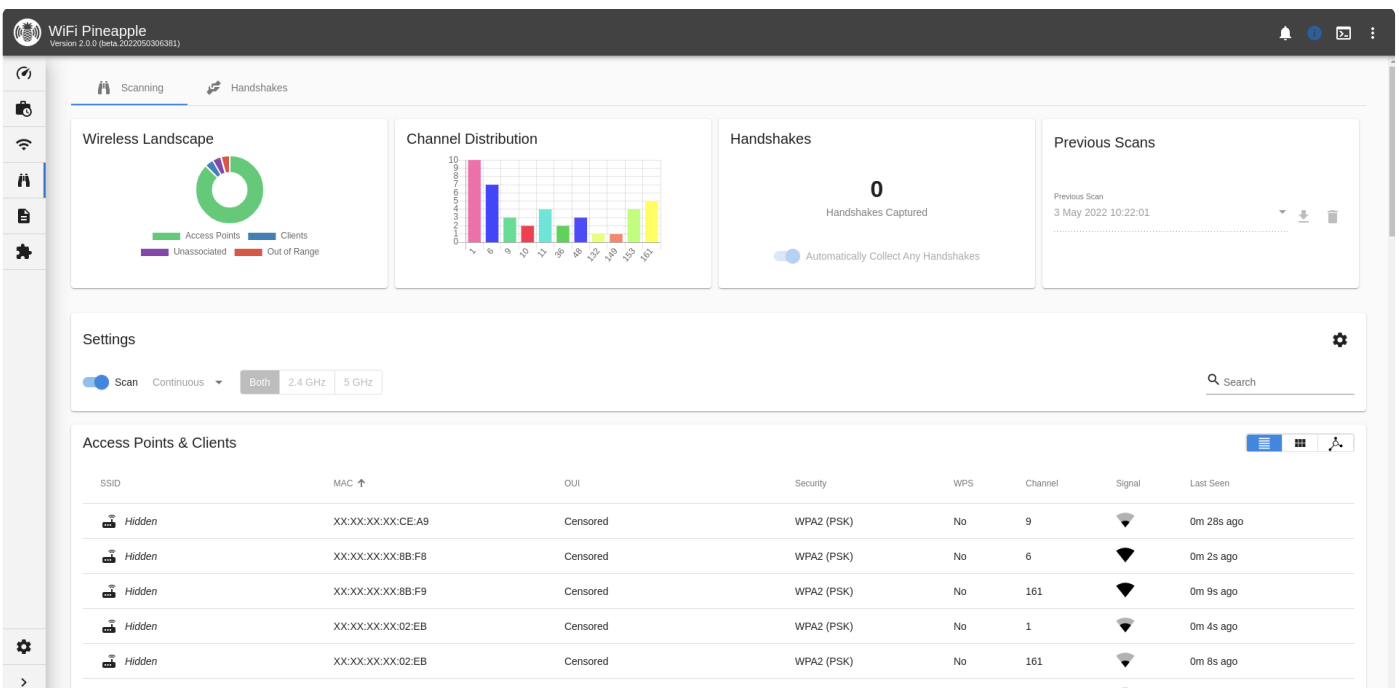
Recon

Recon is the WiFi landscape scanning tool incorporated into the WiFi Pineapple.

Scanning

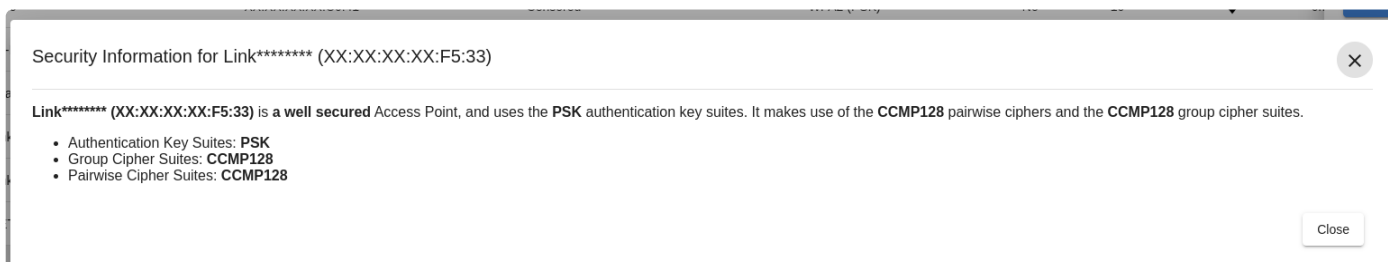
On the main Recon page, you can see an at-a-glance overview of the current wireless landscape, with a list of discovered APs and their associated clients, unassociated clients, and clients that have gone out of range in table form.

To change to a mobile friendly view, select the card button next to the table icon in the **Access Points & Clients** card.



Security Information

The security information panel offers a simplified explanation of the security options employed by the network.



Example security information

Deauthenticating Networks and Clients

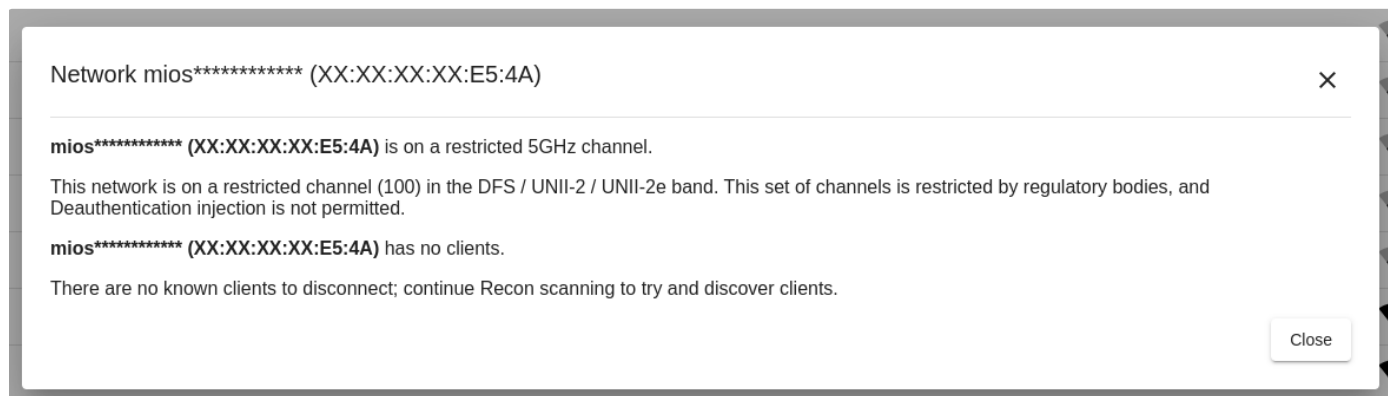
Deauthenticating clients sends a forged WiFi packet which indicates that the client is no longer authorized on the access point.

The WiFi Pineapple can deauthenticate all clients on an access point, or specific single clients.

Deauthenticating a client can be used to migrate the client to another access point, such as the **EviWPA/2 Twin** access point. It can also be used to cause a client to reconnect to a network, generating a WPA Handshake.

Deauthenticating clients and networks is not possible when:

- There are no clients on the network.
- The client or network uses MFP, or Management Frame Protection. MFP is an extension to the WiFi standards which is designed to prevent impersonation of an access point. This prevents forged deauthentication packets from being respected by the client.
- The client or network is on a restricted channel. The FCC and other regulatory bodies around the world enforce extremely strict limits on part of the 5GHz band known as DFS / UNII-2 / UNII-2e which prohibits transmission on these frequencies if not communicating with an access point.



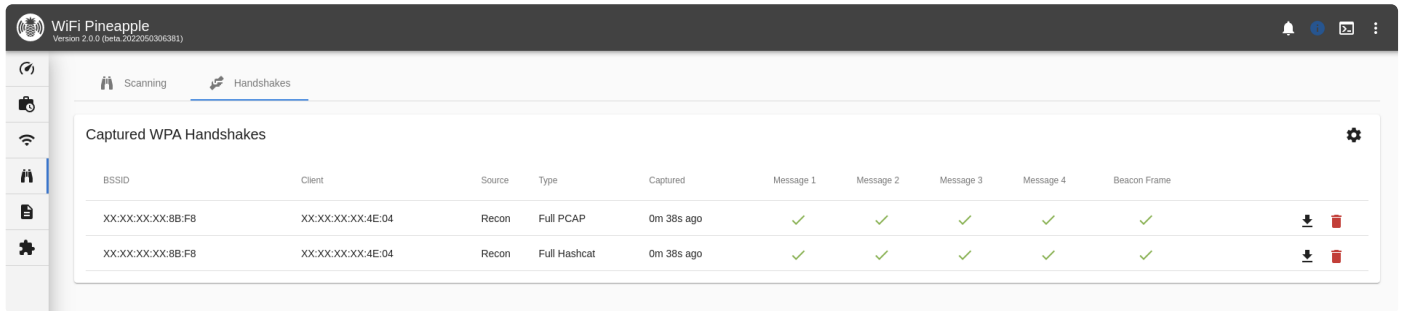
An example warning when deauthentication is not possible

Handshakes

The Handshakes tab shows any captured handshakes. Handshakes are captured in **PCAP** and **Hashcat's 22000** format.

Handshakes that list **Recon Capture** as the source show that they were captured during a Recon scan or a Recon handshake capture.

Handshakes captured from the Evil WPA AP show as **Evil WPA/2 Twin**.



The screenshot shows the WiFi Pineapple interface with the 'Handshakes' tab selected. It displays a table of captured WPA handshakes with columns for BSSID, Client, Source, Type, Captured, Message 1, Message 2, Message 3, Message 4, and Beacon Frame. Two handshakes are listed, both captured 0m 38s ago, with green checkmarks in the message columns and download/delete icons on the right.

BSSID	Client	Source	Type	Captured	Message 1	Message 2	Message 3	Message 4	Beacon Frame	
XX:XX:XX:XX:8B:F8	XX:XX:XX:XX:4E:04	Recon	Full PCAP	0m 38s ago	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	⬇️ 🗑️
XX:XX:XX:XX:8B:F8	XX:XX:XX:XX:4E:04	Recon	Full Hashcat	0m 38s ago	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	⬇️ 🗑️

Handshake capture

i You can change where the handshakes are saved on the WiFi Pineapple by clicking the Settings icon.

Handshakes

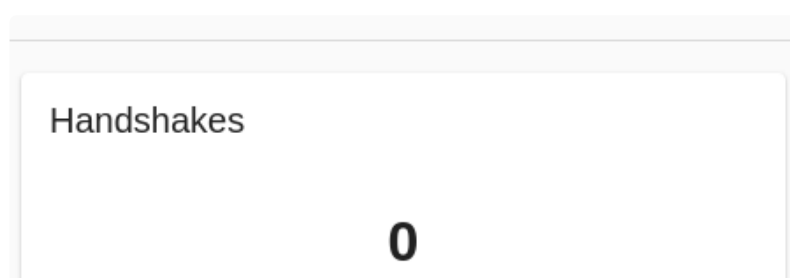
Collecting and using WPA Handshakes.

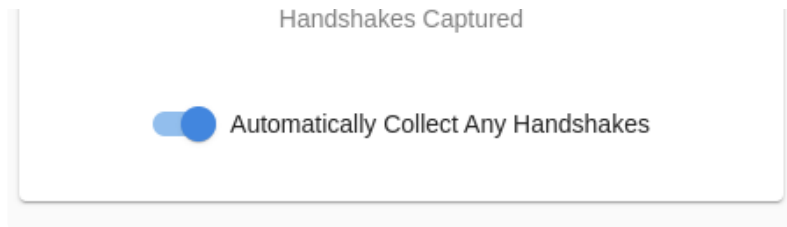
Automatic Handshake Capture

Handshakes are part of normal WiFi traffic when a client joins or refreshes a network.

The WiFi Pineapple can automatically collect handshakes which are caught during a recon scan, with no extra effort.

Automatic handshake capture can be enabled in the Recon panel.





Handshake collection card

Direct Handshake Capture

A specific network may be targeted for handshake capture by selecting the network, then selecting "Capture Handshakes" from the menu:

WPA2 (PSK)	No	6		0n	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px;"> <div style="text-align: right; font-size: 24px; margin-bottom: 5px;">×</div> <div style="font-size: 24px; margin-bottom: 5px;">NETG*****</div> <div style="font-size: 14px; margin-bottom: 5px;">XX:XX:XX:XX:50:34</div> <div style="font-size: 12px; margin-bottom: 10px;">Censored</div> <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 10px;">More Details</div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <div style="background-color: #4a90e2; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;">View Tagged Parameters</div> <div style="background-color: #4a90e2; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">View Security Information</div> </div> <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 10px;">Actions</div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;"> <div style="background-color: #4a90e2; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;">Add SSID to PineAP Pool</div> <div style="background-color: #4a90e2; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;">Add SSID to Filter</div> <div style="background-color: #4a90e2; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;">Add All Clients to Filter</div> <div style="background-color: #4a90e2; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;">Deauthenticate All Clients</div> <div style="background-color: #4a90e2; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;">Capture WPA Handshakes</div> <div style="background-color: #4a90e2; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Clone WPA/2 AP</div> </div> </div>
WPA2 (PSK)	No	1		0n	
WPA2 (PSK)	No	1		0n	
WPA2 Mixed (PSK)	Yes	10		0n	
				1n	
				0n	
				0n	
WPA2 (PSK)	No	10		0n	
WPA2 (PSK)	Yes	1		15	
WPA2 (PSK)	Yes	1		3n	
Open	No	1		1n	
WPA2 (PSK)	Yes	2		0n	
				21	
				21	

Capturing handshakes from a network

Directed handshake capture parks the WiFi Pineapple on the same channel as the target device and waits for handshake packets. Remaining on the target channel increases the chances of capturing a complete handshake.

Causing clients to reconnect by using the "Deauthenticate All Clients" option, or deauthenticating a specific client, can increase the chances of capturing a handshake.

EvilWPA Handshakes

The EvilWPA access point clone is able to capture partial handshakes presented by a client, even when it is not possible to fully authenticate the client.


These half-handshakes can be leveraged by hashcat to attack the original passphrase.

Modules

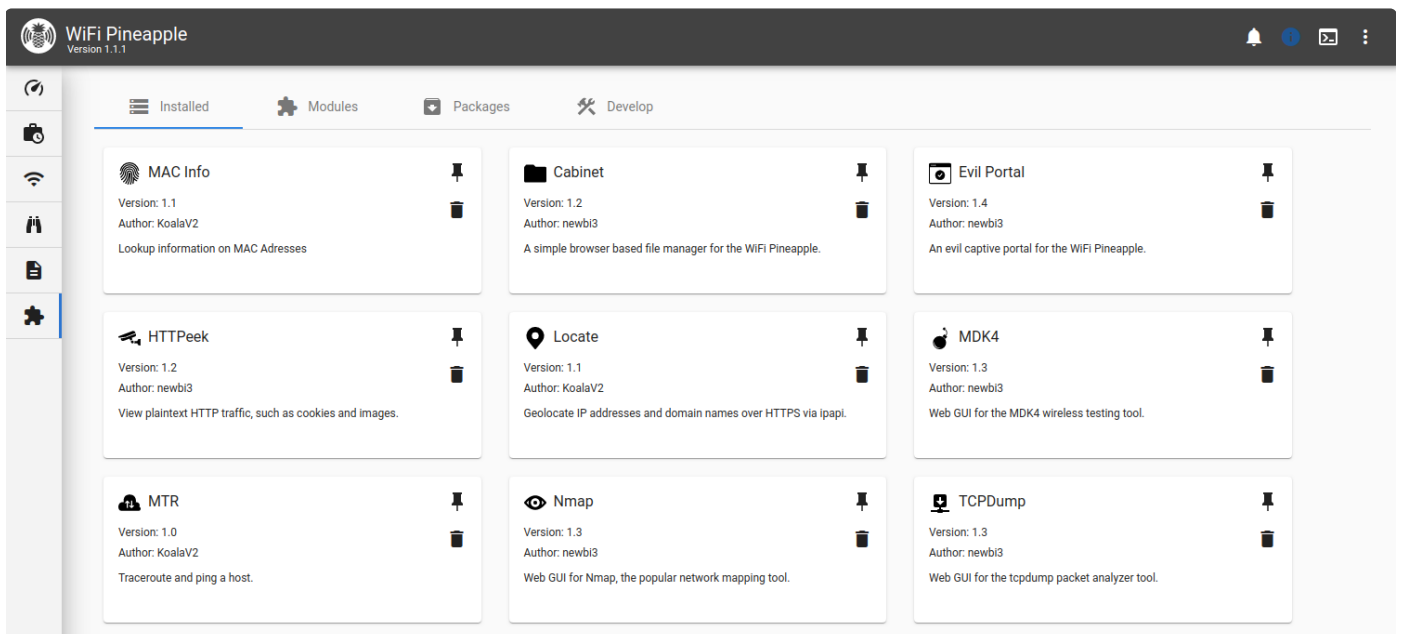
WiFi Pineapple Modules allow the interface to be extended to support new community built features or offer front-ends to command line tools. A vast library of packages is also available.

Modules

Modules are typically contributed by the WiFi Pineapple community, and extend the functionality of the WiFi Pineapple UI. Typically modules offer a graphical front end to existing tools.

 Can't find a module for a tool you want? Check out the Packages section to see if there is a command-line equivalent already! You can also [help contribute](#) to the module repository!

The main Modules page lists installed modules; to access the module click the corresponding card. To uninstall modules, click the trashcan icon.



A list of installed modules

For a list of available modules that you haven't installed, or to view updates for installed modules, you switch to the **Modules** tab. Here you can view the name, description, version, size and author of the module. To install modules or update them, click the **Install/Update** button.

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Installed Modules Packages Develop

Available Modules

Name	Description	Version	Size	Author	Action
MACInfo	Lookup information on MAC Addresses	1.1	10.92 KB	KoalaV2	Install
MTR	Traceroute and Ping a host with MTR.	1.0	16.94 KB	KoalaV2	Install
Cabinet	A simple browser based file manager.	1.2	11.03 KB	newbi3	Install
Locate	Geolocate IP Addresses	1.1	8.51 KB	KoalaV2	Install
MDK4	Web GUI for the MDK4 wireless testing tool.	1.3	28.87 KB	newbi3	Update
HTTPeek	View plaintext HTTP traffic, such as cookies and images.	1.2	12.81 KB	newbi3	Install
Nmap	Web GUI for Nmap, the popular network mapping tool.	1.3	19.47 KB	newbi3	Install
TCPDump	Web GUI for the tcpdump packet analyzer tool.	1.3	15.02 KB	newbi3	Update
Evil Portal	An evil captive portal for the WiFi Pineapple.	1.4	34.68 KB	newbi3	Install

Packages

The packages tab allows you to browse a variety of available tools and drivers for your WiFi Pineapple. These packages often contain a command line utility, which can be accessed via SSH or via the Web Terminal.

i Press the backtick (`) key on your keyboard or click the terminal icon in the upper right to open the Web Terminal, or connect via standard SSH to access the WiFi Pineapple command line.

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Installed Modules Packages Develop

Manage Packages

Total Packages: 4750
 Installed Packages: 257
 Available Packages: 4493

Name	Description	Version	Install Size	Action
aircrack-ng	WLAN tools for breaking 802.11 WEP/WPA keys	1.5.2	384.11 KB	Remove
airmon-ng	Bash script designed to turn wireless cards into monitor mode.	1.5.2	13.44 KB	Remove
at	At and batch read shell commands from standard input storing them as a job to be...	3.1.23-2	22.47 KB	Remove
autossh	Autossh client	1.4g-1	9.86 KB	Remove
bash	Bash is an sh-compatible command language interpreter that executes commands rea...	5.0-4	263.59 KB	Remove
busybox	The Swiss Army Knife of embedded Linux. It slices, it dices, it makes Julian Fri...	1.30.1-5	203.65 KB	Remove
ca-bundle	System CA certificates as a bundle	20190110-2	113.62 KB	Remove
ca-certificates	System CA certificates	20190110-2	122.85 KB	Remove
coreutils	Full versions of standard GNU utilities. If an equivalent Busybox applet is avai...	8.30-2	893 B	Remove

coreutils-sleep	Full version of standard GNU sleep utility.	8.30-2	16.25 KB	Remove
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Package settings

Settings

The Settings page allows you to modify aspects of your WiFi Pineapple, check for updates and customise the user interface.

Settings

From the main **Settings** page, you can configure the password and timezone and button script. On the second row of cards, you can view the currently mounted file systems and connected USB devices. On the bottom row, you can check for software updates, change the UI theme and configure the device for Hak5 Cloud C².

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Version 1.1.1

Settings Networking Advanced Help

User Management & Timezone

Current Password _____

New Password _____

Repeat New Password _____

Update Password

Timezone
(UTC) Western Europe Time, London, Lisbon, Casablanca

Update Timezone **Sync Browser Time**

Resources

Filesystem	Format	Size	Used	Available	Used %	M
/dev/mtdblock5	squashfs	19.00 MB	19.00 MB	0 B	100%	/t
/dev/mmcblk0	ext4	1.78 GB	55.71 MB	1.61 GB	3%	/c

Button Script

```
#!/bin/bash
# User configurable button script
sync
echo "REBOOT" > /dev/console
reboot
```

Save Script

USB Devices

Bus ID	Device Number	VID:PID	Name
Bus 001	Device 004	148f:7601	Ralink Technology, Corp. MT7601U Wireless Adapter
Bus 002	Device 001	1d6b:0001	Linux Foundation 1.1 root hub
Bus 001	Device 003	148f:7601	Ralink Technology, Corp. MT7601U Wireless Adapter

Software Update

You are currently on version 1.1.1.
You are on the stable update channel.

Web Interface

UI Theme
Light

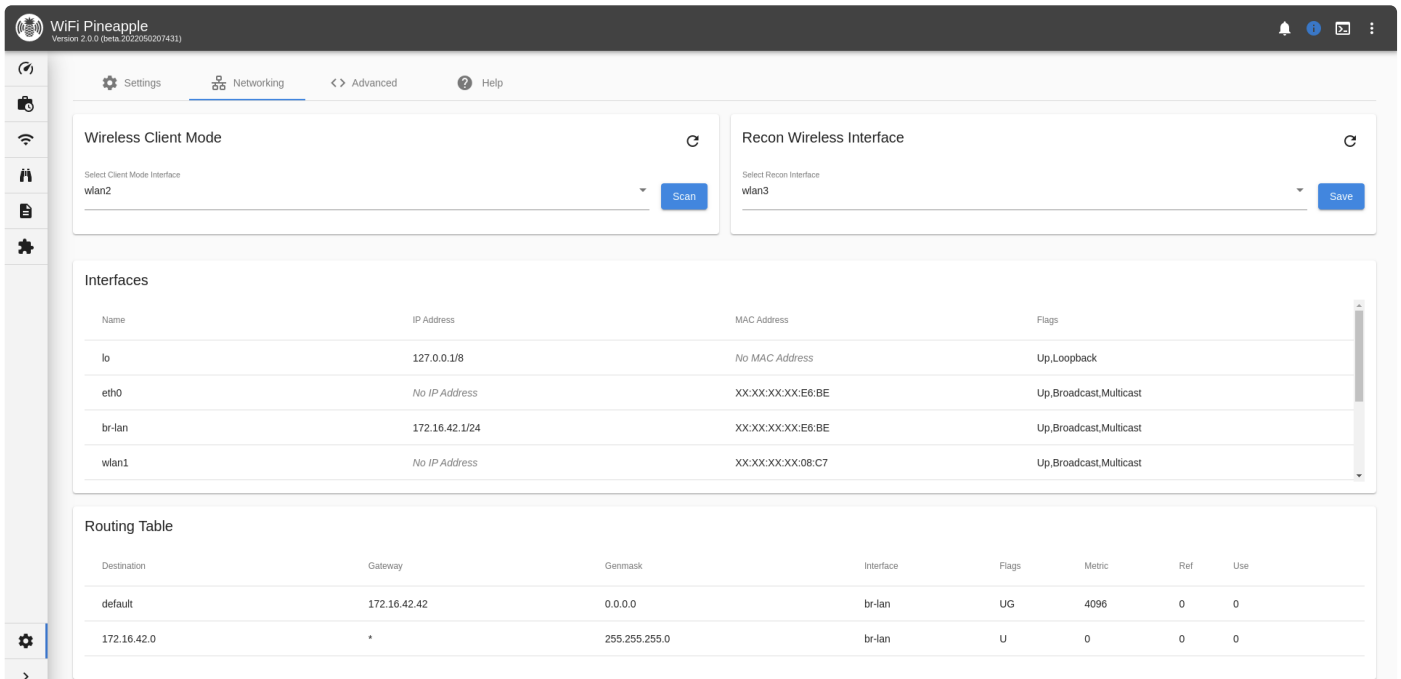
Cloud C²

Choose file No file chosen

Typical settings

Networking

The **Networking** tab shows easy to use cards for configuring a Client connection to another Access Point, set the interface used for Recon as well as listing the current interfaces and routing table.



Typical Network Settings

Client Mode

The most common method for connecting the WiFi Pineapple to the Internet is to use client mode networking. This allows the WiFi Pineapple to connect to an existing WiFi network as a typical client, in the same fashion as a laptop or smartphone would.

Recon Interfaces

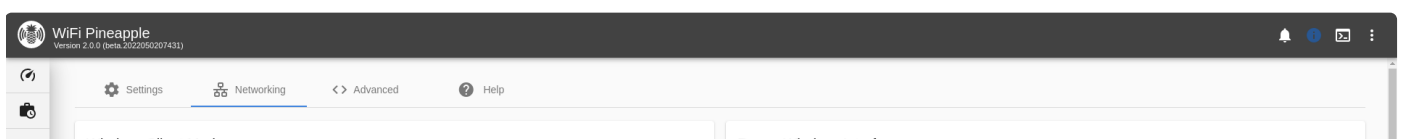
The recon interface is used by the WiFi Pineapple when scanning for WiFi networks and clients, and for deauthing networks and clients.

The default recon interface is `wlan1`, the built-in 2.4GHz WiFi radio.

When a [compatible USB WiFi device](#), such as the [Hak5 MK7AC Adapter](#) is connected, the `wlan3` interface will become available and can be used for scanning 2.4GHz *and* 5GHz channels.

USB Ethernet

When a [compatible USB Ethernet device](#) is connected, the settings interface will display options for configuring a DHCP (default) or static IP address on the interface.



The screenshot displays the configuration page for the Ethernet interface. At the top, there are two sections for wireless client mode: 'WLAN2' with a 'Scan' button and 'WLAN3' with a 'Save' button. Below these is the 'Ethernet' configuration for interface 'eth1', where the 'Obtain address from DHCP' checkbox is checked, and the IP address is 'No IP Address yet'. A 'Save' button is present. The 'Interfaces' section contains a table with the following data:

Name	IP Address	MAC Address	Flags
lo	127.0.0.1/8	No MAC Address	Up,Loopback
eth0	No IP Address	XX:XX:XX:XX:E6:BE	Up,Broadcast,Multicast
br-lan	172.16.42.1/24	XX:XX:XX:XX:E6:BE	Up,Broadcast,Multicast
wlan1	No IP Address	XX:XX:XX:XX:08:C7	Up,Broadcast,Multicast

At the bottom, the 'Routing Table' section is partially visible, showing columns for Destination, Gateway, Flag, Interface, Metric, and Ref.

Ethernet configuration settings

Advanced

The **Advanced** tab shows options to change the current update channel for opting into Beta firmware releases. From here you can also access experimental features such as Censorship (hiding sensitive information in the UI) and Cartography (2D or 3D map of Recon data).

The screenshot shows the 'Advanced' settings page in the WiFi Pineapple interface. The page is divided into several sections:

- Alternative Updates:** A section for selecting the software update channel. The 'Beta (Unstable)' channel is selected. A 'Set Update Channel' button is located below the dropdown.
- Cartography View:** A section for enabling a 2D or 3D map of recon data. The 'Enable Cartography View' checkbox is checked.
- Management Access:** A section for restricting access to the management interface. The 'Allow management access from all connections (less secure)' checkbox is checked. Other options include 'Allow management access from the Open Wi-Fi', 'Allow management access from the client-mode Wi-Fi and USB Ethernet', and 'Allow management access from the EvilWPA Wi-Fi'.
- Censorship Mode:** A section for enabling features that hide sensitive information. The 'Enable Censorship Mode' checkbox is checked. A note states: 'This feature is experimental, and comes AS-IS with NO WARRANTY.'
- Hot Keys:** A section for enabling hotkeys for navigation. The 'Enable Hot Keys' checkbox is unchecked.
- Hostname:** A section for changing the device's hostname. The current hostname is 'mk7', and a 'Save' button is present.

Advanced Settings

Alternative Updates

To participate in the WiFi Pineapple Beta Program, select the "Beta" channel from alternative updates. When new firmware is available, it will show up as an update in the beta channel!

Censorship Mode

Attempt to obfuscate MAC addresses, SSIDs, and other identifiable information in the UI. This option is predominately for streamers, educators, and anyone taking screenshots or making presentations using the WiFi Pineapple.

Remember - always be safe when broadcasting data which could be used to perform location lookups, such as MAC addresses and unique SSIDs. Always review your content before streaming and posting to make sure that no identifiable information is being shown despite censorship attempts.

Cartography Mode

Enable an optional view of network topology and connected clients, found in the Recon panel.

Hotkeys

Enable single-press hotkeys to navigate the web UI

Management Access

By default, the WiFi Pineapple allows access to the management interface (the WiFi Pineapple UI) and the SSH server by default on all interfaces.

To prevent users on the Open and EvilWPA networks, or other users on the WiFi and Ethernet networks the WiFi Pineapple is connected to, from accessing the management interfaces, they can be excluded here.

The management interfaces are *always* available via the USB-C connection and the Management wireless network.

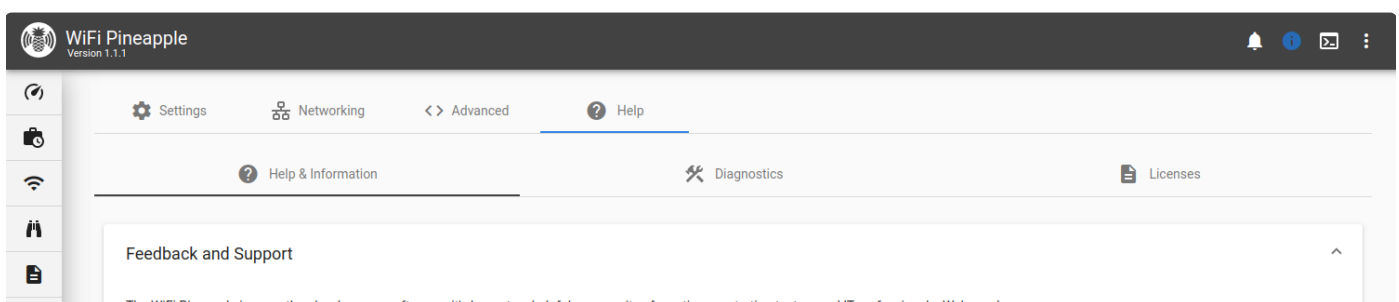
Hostname

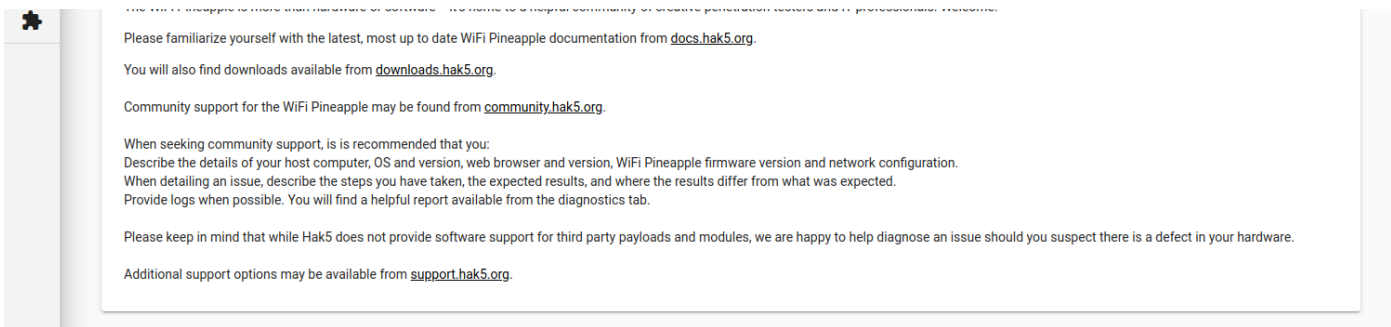
Change the default host name of the Pineapple device. This changes the name as shown in the SSH and web shells, and the host name used in DHCP requests sent in WiFi Client mode or over USB Ethernet.

Help

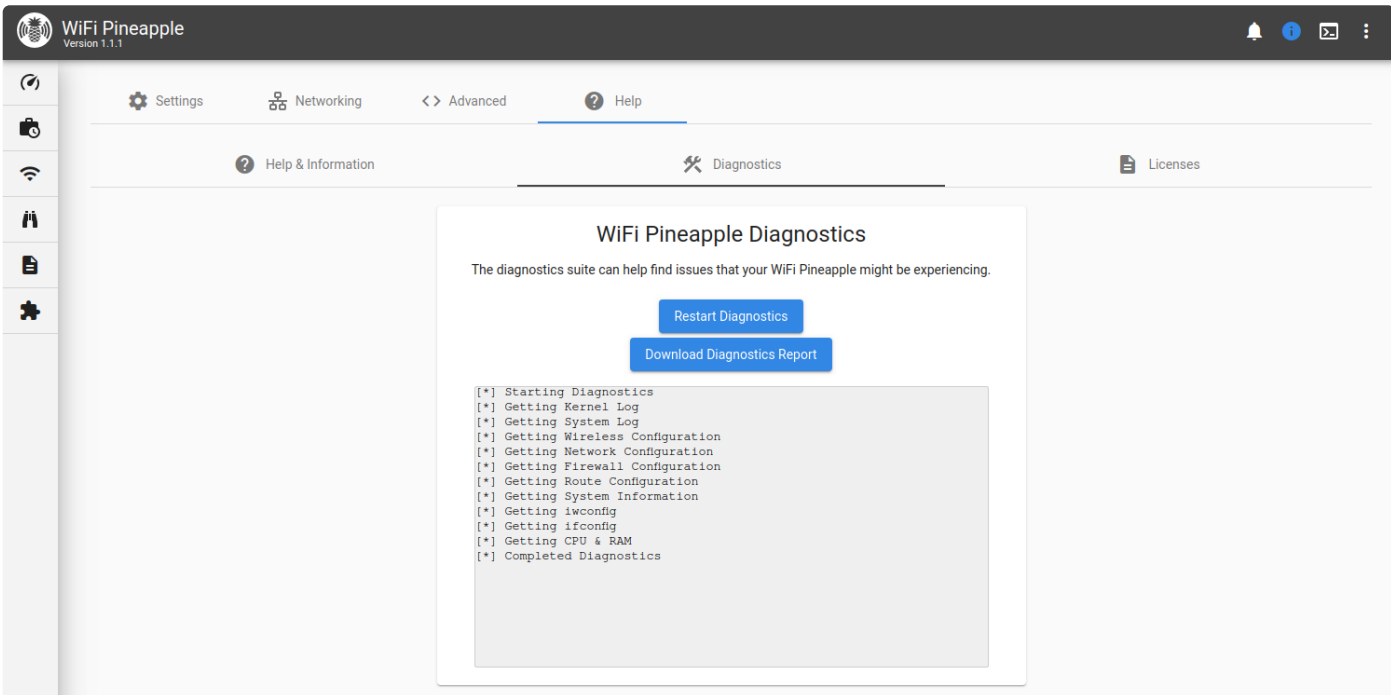
The **Help** tab is split into 3 sub-pages: **Help & Information**, **Diagnostics**, and **Licenses**.

The **Help & Information** page offers links to more resources like this and Hak5 community outlets.





The **Diagnostics** tab lets you generate a convenient diagnostics file that can be used to help troubleshoot any issues you may be experiencing with your WiFi Pineapple.



Cloud C²

Connecting the WiFi Pineapple to Cloud C²

Cloud C²

Cloud C² makes it easy for pen testers and IT security teams to deploy and manage fleets of Hak5 gear from a simple cloud dashboard.

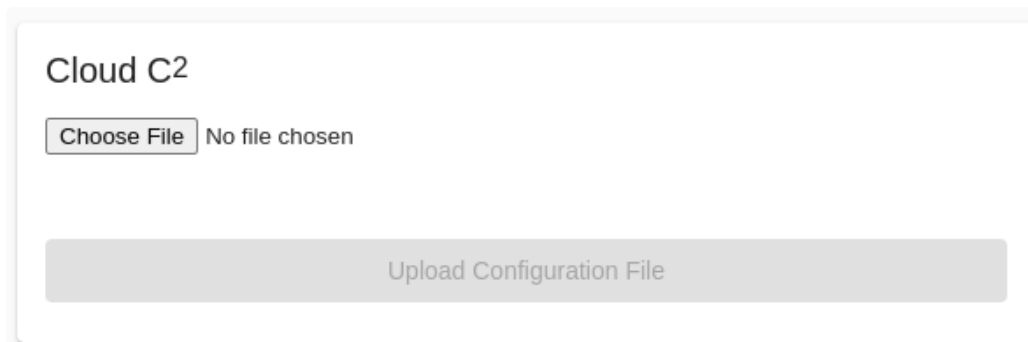
Cloud C² is a self-hosted web-based command and control suite for networked Hak5 gear that lets you pentest from anywhere.

Linux, Mac and Windows computers can host the Cloud C² server while Hak5 gear such as the WiFi Pineapple, LAN Turtle and Packet Squirrel can be provisioned as clients.

Connecting to Cloud C²

Once you have Cloud C² [installed and configured](#), adding a WiFi Pineapple to your server is simple!

1. Create a device in your Cloud C² instance [following these steps](#)
2. Download the device configuration file
3. Navigate to "Settings" on the WiFi Pineapple
4. Click the "Choose File" button in the Cloud C² card
5. Upload your configuration file



Uploading a Cloud C² configuration

WiFi Pineapple and Cloud C²

Once connected to a server, the Cloud C² service takes over most configuration and operation of the WiFi Pineapple.

Typical operations such as starting, stopping, and viewing recon scans, configuring filters, etc, are managed centrally by the Cloud C² server, and the local WiFi Pineapple UI is paused. The Cloud C² alert on the WiFi Pineapple allows for basic network configuration.



Cloud C² Enrolled

This device is enrolled in a Cloud C² instance.
Management from this local interface has been disabled.

To re-enable, remove the Cloud C² configuration from this device.

WiFi Client

SSID: *Not connected* **IP Address:** *Not connected*

Select Network



Scan

Remove Configuration & Reboot

Access UI

A WiFi Pineapple running under Cloud C²

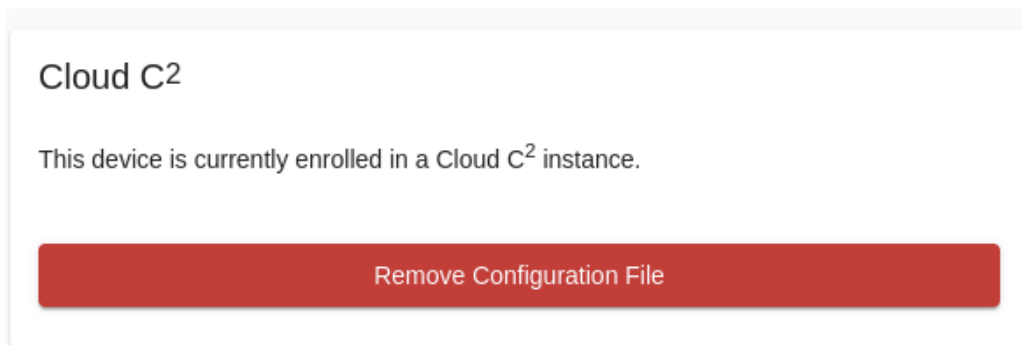
Should you find it necessary to make changes to the WiFi Pineapple locally, the UI can be re-enabled by the "Access UI" button.

Warning - The Cloud C² server will overwrite some configuration options, such as the PineAP and Recon Scan controls. Local control of the WiFi Pineapple while connected to Cloud C² should only be used for configuration changes that cannot be made remotely.

Disconnecting from Cloud C²

Your WiFi Pineapple can be unsubscribed from Cloud C² by clicking the "Remove Configuration & Reboot" button.

If you are in Local UI Bypass mode, it can be unsubscribed by navigating to "Settings" and using "Remove Configuration File" in the Cloud C² card.



Removing the Cloud C² connection from Settings

Developer Documentation

Developer Resources

The WiFi Pineapple developer documentation, for things such as **Rest API usage**, **Python API usage**, **Module development** and more is currently available on [GitHub](#).

Soon, they will be transferred to new sections here.

Contributing to the Module Repository

As mentioned in the [WiFi Pineapple Mark VII Modules](#) documentation, part of the process is forking and cloning the [WiFi Pineapple Modules Git Repository](#). Once you have developed your module idea, you are encouraged to contribute to this repository by submitting a Pull Request with your module!

Reviewed and Approved pull requests will add your module to the WiFi Pineapple's module download site, where they will be able to be downloaded directly from the WiFi Pineapple management interface.

WiFi Basics

Introduction to WiFi

In order to get the most out of the WiFi Pineapple, it's best to have a basic understanding of some WiFi principals. This will lay the foundation to mastering the PineAP Suite – the WiFi sniffing and injection engine at the core of the WiFi Pineapple. Armed with this knowledge you'll be equipped to execute a responsible and successful wireless audit by following our recommended wireless auditing workflow.

The purpose of this section is not to be all encompassing on the low level operation of the IEEE 802.11 specification lovingly known as WiFi, but rather a crash course in the absolute basics necessary for understanding the operation of PineAP and other WiFi Pineapple components.

Radios and Chipsets

Every WiFi radio is a transceiver, meaning it can transmit (TX) and receive (RX) information. Not every radio is created equal, however, as their capabilities may differ significantly. Software support in particular may inhibit an otherwise fine bit of silicon. In particular, modes of operation may be restricted either by hardware or software.

For the most part chipsets from Atheros and Mediatek have excellent support, with a few Ralink and Realtek chipsets having made a name for themselves in the infosec community as well. Radio chipsets typically interface with a computer over a bus like PCI or USB. A WiFi radio is often called a wireless network interface controller (WNIC or Wireless NIC).

On the other hand a SoC (System on a Chip) is a special WiFi chipset which combines the radio with its own CPU. WiFi SoCs, unlike typical x86-based PCs, traditionally run MIPS or ARM based CPUs. While lower in clock speed than their PC counterparts, they're specifically optimized for high performance networking. The WiFi Pineapple Mark VII is based on Mediatek MT7601U and MT7610U chipsets.

Stations and APs

Technically speaking in regards to the architecture of any wireless network, each component is referred to

as a station (STA). There are two categories of stations in an infrastructure mode WiFi setup — the base station (access point) and station (client). Be aware of this terminology as it may come up in other programs and documentation. Generally the WiFi Pineapple will refer to base stations as their more common name, access point or simply AP, and stations as clients or client devices.

Transmit Power

There are four aspects which influence the overall transmission power of a WiFi radio. The first in the chain is what's being transmitted from the chipset or SoC natively. This is typically around 20 dBm or 100 mW and is often expressed in the operating system as txpower.

Next is any given amplifier which will boost the source signal before it reaches the antenna. This additional element to the chain is not necessarily integrated with the SoC, and thus may not reflect the actual txpower determined by the operating system.

The final part of the chain is the antenna, which offer the gain as rated in dBi. Additionally, higher gain antennas may be equipped, with 9 dBi being a common size for a standard omnidirectional antenna.

The total output power of this chain is expressed as EIRP, or equivalent isotropically radiated power. The EIRP is calculated by adding the output power of the radio (plus any amplification) in dBm with the gain of the antenna in dBi. For example a 24 dBm (250 mW) radio with a 5 dBi antenna will have a total output power of 29 dBm (800 mW).

Local regulations will determine the maximum transmission power of any WiFi equipment. For example in the United States the FCC states that a 2.4 GHz point-to-multipoint system may have a maximum of 36 dBm EIRP (4 watts) while point-to-point systems may achieve much higher EIRP.

Antennas

Antennas impact how a signal is transmitted or received.

An antenna can not **create** power, it can only **shape** the signal. An antenna offers signal gains in one aspect at the cost of other aspects.


Antennas are typically *directional*, where the signal gains are concentrated in one direction, or *omnidirectional*, where the signal is optimized for reception from all directions.

The WiFi Pineapple ships with standard *omnidirectional* antennas. These are the most appropriate for typical use cases where the goal is to detect access points and clients in the surrounding area.

Antenna Gains

Antenna gains are typically measured in *dBi*, or "dB over isotropic", a theoretical perfect antenna with no gain.

The higher the gain, the more the signal is impacted.


 Remember - more gain is not always better! There is always a trade-off with signal gain!

Omnidirectional Antennas

Omnidirectional antennas are typically found on access points, WiFi interface cards, and of course the WiFi Pineapple.

An omnidirectional antenna is designed to radiate in a roughly spherical shape.

As the gain of an omnidirectional antenna increases, the *horizontal coverage* increases but the *vertical coverage* decreases.

 Excessively high gains on omnidirectional antennas can be detrimental! Above approximately 9dBi of gain, the vertical range of the antenna can become so limited that clients and access points more than a foot or two higher or lower than the device are invisible!

Directional Antennas

Directional antennas can be used to shape the signal in a specific direction. Typically directional antennas cover an arc measured in degrees.

Directional antennas can be useful for targeting a specific device or area, but often are not the best solution for general data gathering.

Channels and Regions

Radio spectrum is divided up into channels. In the 2.4 GHz spectrum there are 14 channels, with channels 1, 6, 11 and 14 being non-overlapping. As described above in terms of bandwidth, the first channel in the 802.11g protocol begins at 2.400 GHz and ends at 2.422 GHz for a total bandwidth of 22 MHz. The first channel is then described as being centered at 2.412 GHz.

Channel availability is determined by region, with North America only having legal use of channels 1-11 while Europe and most of the world may use channels 1-13. Japan is special and gets access to all of the channels including 14 all to itself.

The 5 GHz spectrum is much more complicated in regards to bandwidth and channel availability by region with further restrictions on indoor/outdoor use. In the United States the FCC designates U-NII (Unlicensed National Information Infrastructure) bands 1-3 available, with 45 channels in total operating in 20, 40, 80 and 160 MHz bandwidth.

The WiFi Pineapple Mark VII operates in the 2.4 GHz band, with optional support for 5GHz operation [using a supported USB WiFi device](#), while the WiFi Pineapple Enterprise operates in both the 2.4 and 5 GHz bands.

It's also important to note that similar to modes of operation, a radio can only occupy one channel at a time.

For this reason channel hopping is necessary in order to obtain a complete picture of the given spectrum. When performing a Recon scan, the WiFi Pineapple will switch one of its radios into monitor mode to passively listen on a channel. The radio will take a moment to note any data of interest on each channel before moving on to the next.

Further information on WiFi channels, their regulatory domains, and how they are mapped, can be found on resources such as [Wikipedia](#).

Protocols

There are several WiFi protocols known by their letter designated IEEE 802.11 specifications, such as 802.11a, 802.11b, 802.11g, 802.11n, and 802.11AC. The differences are related to frequency (aka band or spectrum), data rate (aka throughput or transfer speed), bandwidth, modulation and range.

Bandwidth is often confused with data rate. While there is often a correlation between greater bandwidth and greater data rate, in terms of radio the bandwidth refers to the difference between the upper and lower frequencies of a given channel as measured in hertz. For example, with the 802.11b and 802.11g protocols the first channel will have a lower frequency of 2.400 GHz and an upper frequency of 2.422 GHz for a total of 22 MHz bandwidth, however the 802.11g protocol uses a more advanced encoding scheme allowing for significantly faster data rates in the same amount of bandwidth.

Modulation also affects data rate, with the most common modulation types being OFDM or Orthogonal frequency-division multiplexing and QAM or Quadrature Amplitude Modulation. In addition to being a mouthful, these are digital encoding techniques used to cram a lot of data on a small amount of spectrum. Typically newer 802.11 WiFi standards offer either improvements to the encoding scheme, or entirely new encoding schemes.

802.11a and 802.11b were the first mainstream WiFi protocols, introduced in 1999. 802.11a operates in the 5 GHz band with speeds up to 54 Mbps while 802.11b operates in the 2.4 GHz band with speeds only up to 11 Mbps. Today, these networks are more rare to find, though when they are it's typically indicative of aging infrastructure.

Modern networks are usually 802.11n and 802.11ac, with data rates as high as 1800 Mbps, though typically lower speeds are actually observed. As the WiFi standards evolve and new products make their way into the marketplace, the common devices evolve.

Typically older devices are still able to use more modern access points via backwards compatibility: An 802.11n device can typically connect to an 802.11ac access point, but will only be able to do so at 802.11n speeds. Not all newer standards are backwards compatible with all devices, however.

Modes of Operation

Most commonly a WiFi radio will operate in one of three modes: Master, Managed, or Monitor. Additional possible modes (including ad-hoc, mesh, peer-to-peer, and repeater) and are both less common and outside the scope of this quick guide.

An Access Point (or simply AP) will operate in Master Mode while client devices operate in Managed Mode.

Monitor mode, sometimes called RFMON for Radio Frequency MONitor, is a special mode that allows the radio to passively monitor all traffic in the given area, and requires special support in the drivers and firmware of the wireless device.

Keep in mind that not all radios have each of these capabilities and some radios have drivers that can only operate in one mode at a time.

Logical Configurations

WiFi networks can operate in a number of configurations, from point-to-point, point-to-multipoint, and multipoint-to-multipoint.

Point-to-point is simply a network of two. Multipoint-to-multipoint is where any node of the network can communicate with any other and is often called an ad-hoc, peer-to-peer or mesh network.

The most common configuration is point-to-multipoint, where a central access point is host to numerous client devices. This is also known as Infrastructure mode. An example of which might be a wireless router in your home with several laptops, phones, game consoles and the like connected. For the most part, this is the configuration we will be focusing on with the WiFi Pineapple.

MAC Addresses

Often called a physical address (PHY addr), the Media Access Control address (MAC address) is a unique identifier assigned to each Network Interface Controller (NIC). Typically this address is “burned” into the ROM of the network interface hardware, though often it may be changed via software.

MAC Addresses are formed by six sets of two hexadecimal digits (octets), typically separated by a dash (-) or colon (:) and may be either universally or locally administered. For example, 00:C0:CA:8F:5E:80.

Universally administered MAC addresses are unique to each network interface manufacturer. The first three octets represent the manufacturer or vendor as its Organizationally Unique Identifier (OUI). In the example above, 00:C0:CA represents the OUI for ALFA, INC – a popular Taiwanese WiFi equipment maker. OUIs are assigned by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Incorporated (IEEE). The vendor of any particular OUI may be determined by checking the IEEE MAC database, or the [Wireshark OUI Lookup Tool](#). A database of OUI ranges is included in the WiFi Pineapple to display the manufacturer of devices.

Locally administered MAC addresses are typically assigned by the network administrator, replacing the universally administered address burned into ROM. For example, one may set their MAC address to DE:AD:BE:EF:C0:FE. This is sometimes called MAC spoofing.

Broadcast and Multicast MAC Addresses

Often with WiFi networks it is necessary to transmit the same bit of information to all stations. To facilitate this, the WiFi specification includes a special broadcast address. Expressed as the MAC

FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF transmissions destined to this address are meant for all stations in the vicinity.

While normally a WiFi interface is only concerned with traffic to and from its own MAC address, the default behavior is to also listen for messages bound to the broadcast address. An example of which is a beacon – a frame which advertises the presence of an access point. A beacon sent to broadcast will be “seen” by all stations in the area.

Similarly, a multicast address is a special type of address which operates like a broadcast address for the most part. Multicast addresses are used to set groups of devices which must communicate to many devices simultaneously, or special services such as mDNS and other service discovery protocols.

SSIDs

If you’ve been using WiFi for a while – and if you’re reading this we’ll assume you have been – you’ve undoubtedly run across the term SSID. It’s the human readable “network name” associated with a WiFi Network – like “Joe’s Coffee” or “LAX Airport Free WiFi” or depending on your apartment building, perhaps a lewd comment directed toward neighbors. This “network name” is known as the Service Set Identifier. It can be up to 32 characters long and may identify either a Basic or Extended Service Set.

The majority of WiFi networks are Basic Service Sets (BSS). That is to say a single access point with multiple connected clients – be it laptops, tablets, gaming consoles or IoT coffee makers. Every station (both clients and AP) in the BSS are identified by a Basic Service Set Identification (BSSID). The BSSID is derived from the access point’s MAC address. Specifically the MAC address of the wireless NIC as the access point may also have an Ethernet Network Interface Controller with its own unique MAC address.

Extended Service Sets are larger WiFi networks whereby multiple access points, each with their own BSSID, all share the same SSID or “network name”. For instance a college or corporate campus may require many access points to cover the entire property. In this case the SSID is called an ESSID for Extended Service Set Identification, which facilitates client roaming.

A wireless client considers any access point with the same SSID to be part of the same network, and may choose to connect to any of the available APs. This forms some of the fundamental basis of the **Evil WPA Twin** attack.

802.11 Frame Types

WiFi frames come in three types, each containing several subtypes; control frames, data frames and management frames.

Control frames simply allow data exchange between stations, with Request to Send (RTS), Clear to Send (CTS) and Acknowledgement (ACK) frames facilitating communication with as little loss as possible. Frame loss is an inherent part of WiFi and control frames are intended to best coordinate shared usage of the available spectrum.

Data frames constitute the majority of WiFi communication, with the payload or frame body containing the actual TCP, UDP, or other packets. Since the basic data frame has a limit of 2312 bytes, the actual packets may be broken up into many fragments.

Management frames enable WiFi maintenance, such as advertising the presence of an access point as well as connecting to or disconnecting from such access point.

802.11 Frame Structure

The meat and potatoes of WiFi. Essentially everything transmitted by a wireless NIC comes in the form of a frame. They are the basic unit of most digital transmissions, and surround or encapsulate packets.

Frame Structure

A typical WiFi frame is broken up into several sections, consisting of a MAC header, payload and frame check sequence

The MAC header contains a Frame Control Field which includes, among other things, the 802.11 protocol version and frame type. Address fields including the BSSID, source and destination are also part of this section.

The Payload or frame body contains the actual information (typically a data packet) of either a management or data frame.

The Frame Check Sequence (FCS) concludes the frame with a cyclic redundancy check (CRC) sum of the MAC header and payload. This is used to verify the integrity of the frame and is essential to fault tolerance.

Management Frames

To enable the joining and leaving of a Basic Service Set, management frames contain subtypes such as *beacon*, *probe*, *association*, and *authentication*.

Beacon frames come in only one variety, and advertise the presence of an access point. They contain everything a client needs to know about a network in order to connect, including the SSID, supported data rates, protocol and other parameters pertinent to the APs modulation. Access points regularly transmit beacons, typically several times per second, to the broadcast address.

Beacon frames are essential for network discovery. When a client passively scans for nearby access points, it does so by listening for beacon frames. Typically this is done in conjunction with channel hopping, whereby a client will listen on each channel for a brief period before moving on to the next.

Probe frames further network discovery and come in two variety, *probe requests* and *probe responses*. Probe requests are transmitted by clients seeking access points. Probe responses are the access point's replies to these client requests.

When a probe request is transmitted by a client seeking an access point, this is considered active scanning. The client will transmit to the broadcast address either a general probe request or a directed probe request. The former simply asks "what access points are around" while the later specifies the particular SSID for which the client seeks.

The probe response includes all of the basic information about the network also included in the beacon

frame.

Association frames come in five forms: the *association request*, *association response*, *reassociation request*, *reassociation response*, and *disassociation*. Respectively, these can simply be thought of as “I’d like to be friends”, “Ok, we will/won’t be friends”, “Remember me, I’m your friend”, “I do/don’t remember you” and “Get lost, friend”.

Similar to probe frames, the requests are transmitted by clients while the responses by access points. Disassociation frames in particular are sent by any station wishing to terminate the association. This is the graceful way to ending an association, giving the station a heads up that the conversation is over and allowing it to free up memory in the association table.

Authentication frames are similar to association frames in that they enable the relationship between client and access point to form. Originally only two security states existed for WiFi – Open or Wired Equivalent Privacy (WEP). The later is a broken and deprecated technology which has given way to more secure schemes such as WPA2 and 802.1X. For this reason authentication frames are almost always open, regardless of the security state, with the actual authentication handled by subsequent frames after the station is both authenticated and associated. In this case a client will send an authentication request with the access point sending an authentication response.

Deauthentication frames act similar to **disassociation frames** and are sent from one station to another as a way to terminate communications. For example, an access point may send a deauthentication frame to a client if it is no longer authorized on its network. When this unencrypted management frame is spoofed by a third party, the technique is often called a death attack.

Frame Injection

It should be apparent that much of WiFi operation relies on trust, particularly with regard to the validity of source and destination addresses. Given these values may be spoofed, it’s with the technique of frame injection that various attacks may be carried out.

Simply put, frame injection is the process of transmitting any WiFi frame desired, regardless of an association with any station. One example may be a beacon frame injected into the air with specific values set to aid the penetration tester.

Another example may be a deauthentication frame with a spoofed source and destination address. Not all radios and software support this ability. This technique is leveraged by the PineAP suite for a number of attacks using the WiFi Pineapple hardware.

Association and State

With an understanding of management frames, we can explore the states of association. In this example we’re looking at the steps necessary for a connection between a client and an open access point.

In the **Unauthenticated and Unassociated** state, the client seeks the access point. This is either done

passively by listening to the broadcast address for beacon frames transmitted by the access point, or actively by transmitting a probe request.

Once the client has received either a probe response or beacon frame from the access point, it can determine its operating parameters (channel, protocol, data rate, modulation details, etc). The client will then send the access point an authentication frame requesting access. In the case of an open network, the access point will send the client back an authentication frame responding with a success message.

Now the client is **Authenticated and Unassociated**. Next the client will send the access point an association request. The access point will reply with an association response.

If successful, the client will now be **Authenticated and Associated**. At this point any additional security, such as WPA2, may be negotiated. Otherwise in the case of an open network, the usual first network interactions will occur. These are the same as in wired networks, and typically begin with obtaining IP address information from a DHCP server on the host network.

In the case of the WiFi Pineapple, the client network is open and the DHCP server will assign new clients with addresses in the 172.16.42.0/24 range

FAQ / Troubleshooting

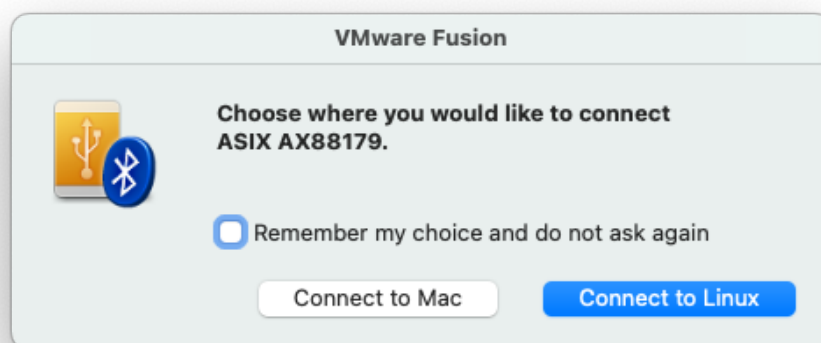
MacOS Support

Starting with macOS Big Sur (macOS 11), changes to the driver model has broken support for the ASIX AX88772 USB Ethernet ASIX chipset.

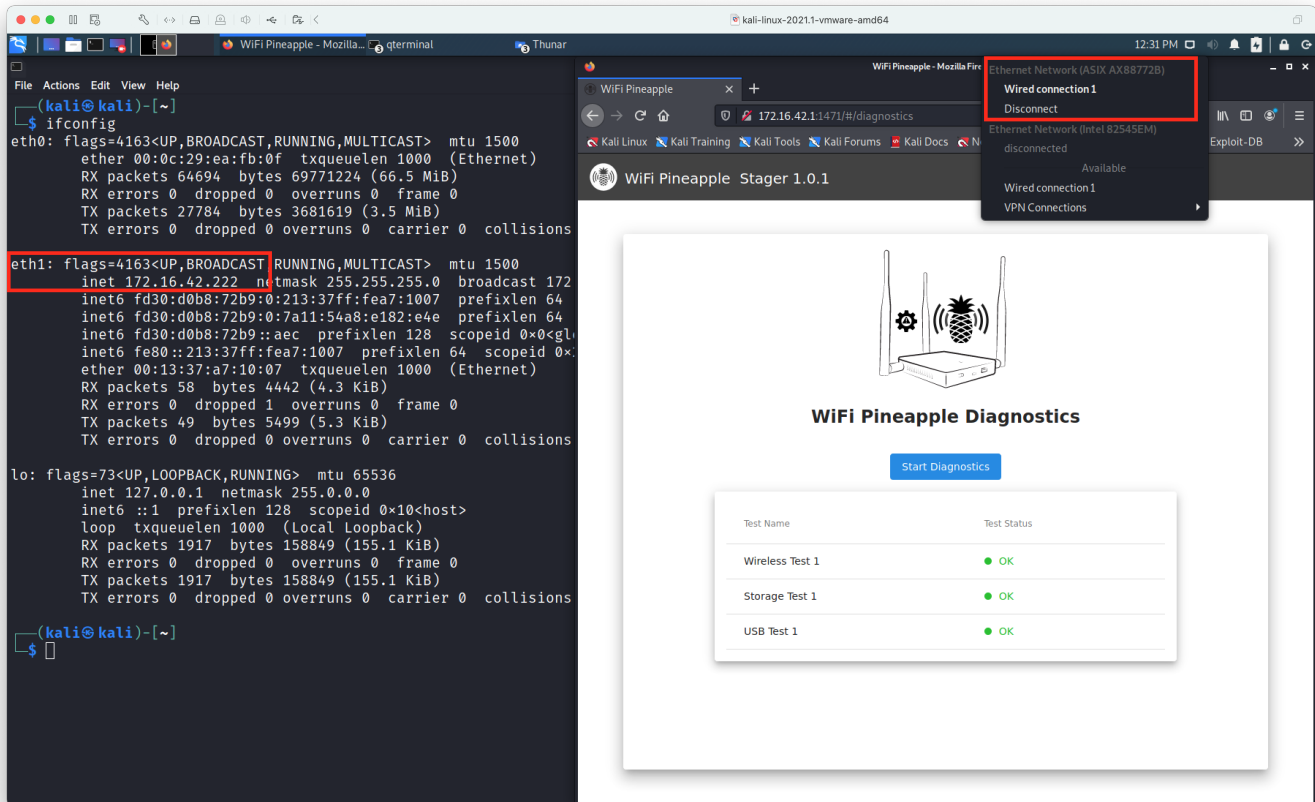
This is the chipset used by the WiFi Pineapple Mark VII for the wired LAN interface is accessible via the USB-C port.


A driver is available for Apple macOS 10.9 to 10.15 from the manufacturer at <https://www.asix.com.tw/en/support/download>

It is recommended to instead use a Linux or Windows computer when operating the WiFi Pineapple Mark VII via the USB-C port. This does not impact operation from the Wireless LAN.



Alternatively, a virtual machine with USB-passthrough support may be used. Users have reported success with VMware Fusion and Kali Linux on macOS 11 and above.



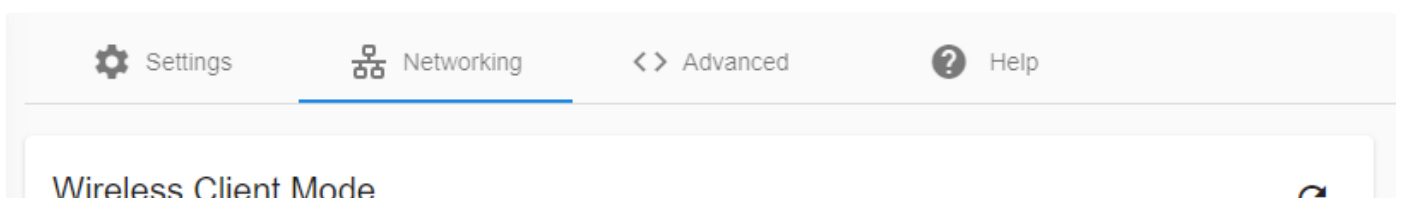
 Because of recent changes to macOS's device driver model, macOS version 11 and above is not supported.

Establishing an Internet Connection

Configuring a Client Mode Connection

You may use a radio on the WiFi Pineapple to connect to an external WiFi network, for getting an internet connection or for communicating with other devices on that network.

To configure a client mode connection, navigate to **Settings > Networking** in the User Interface. You will be presented with a card labelled **Wireless Client Mode**.



Select Client Mode Interface
wlan2 ▼ Scan

ⓘ While you may select other wireless interfaces for Client Mode, you are **greatly** recommended to use wlan2, as it is dedicated for Client Mode.

After clicking the **Scan** button, a list of surrounding wireless networks will be listed for you. Select the SSID you wish to connect to, and enter the SSID or PSK if required. Click **Connect** to start a connection.

Settings **Networking** <> Advanced ? Help

Wireless Client Mode ↻

Select Network
ACME-WiFi (00:20:91:19:4F:3D) (-43 dBm) ▼

Network Password
.....

Connect

If the connection is successful, you will be presented with the associated SSID and an acquired IP, if DHCP is enabled on the network.

Settings **Networking** <> Advanced ? Help

Wireless Client Mode ↻

Network SSID: ACME-WiFi
IP Address: 192.168.1.172

Disconnect

ⓘ If you are required to set a static IP address, you must do so via the command line. Press the


```
[C]onnect using saved settings
[G]uided setup (recommended)
[M]anual setup
[A]dvanced IP settings
[Q]uit

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Now you can press **C** to connect.

i Note that you may need to toggle the USB-C Ethernet interface in your Network Manager before the script will detect your WiFi Pineapple.

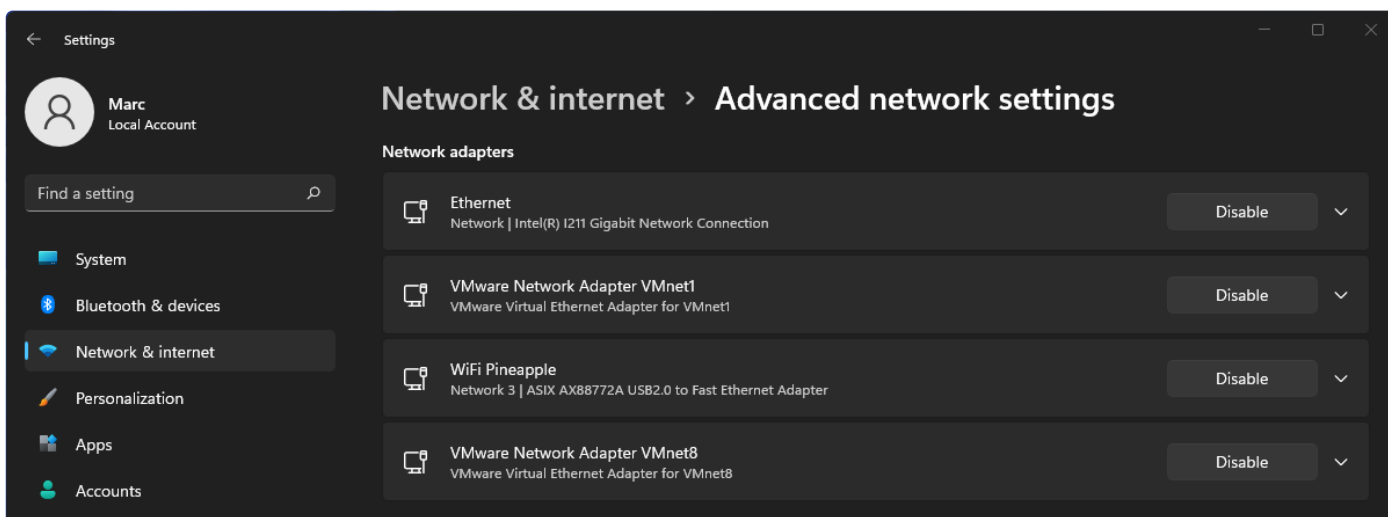
Configuring ICS on Windows

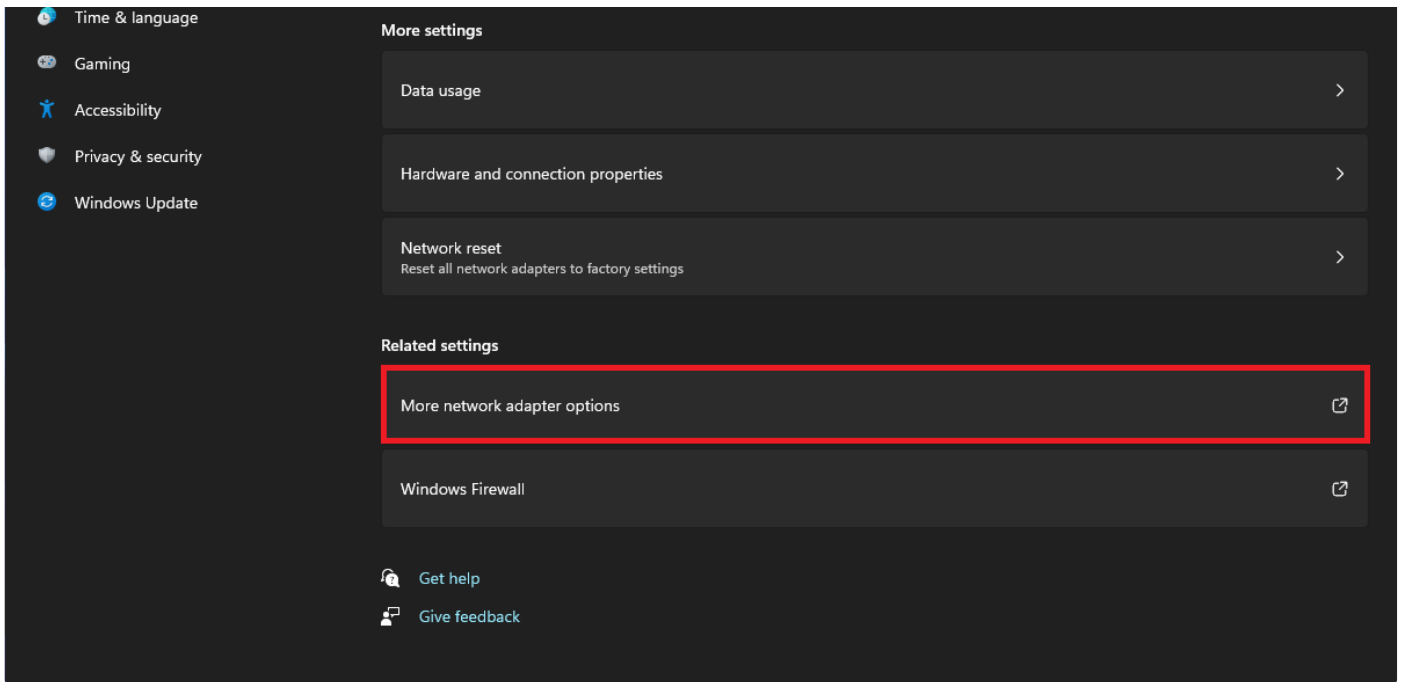
On Windows, Internet Connection Sharing is achieved by using Window's "Network Sharing" feature, by sharing one internet-enabled interface to the WiFi Pineapples.

i The following guide is designed to work on Windows 11, although the same or similar steps apply to Windows 10/8.1/8/7 too.

Configuring the Internet facing interface

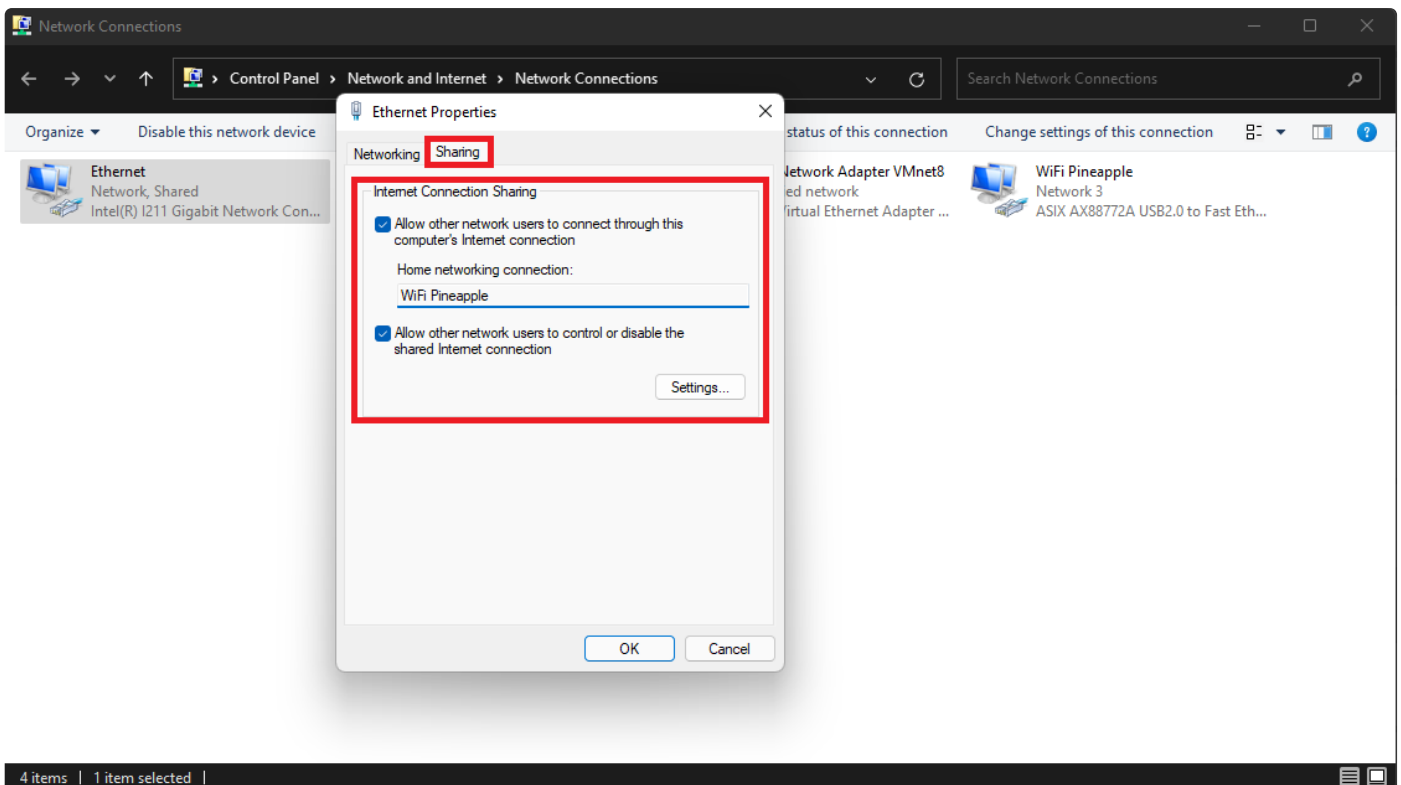
Start by opening the **Network & Internet** settings in the Windows settings application. Scroll down to **Related settings** and click **More network adapter options**.



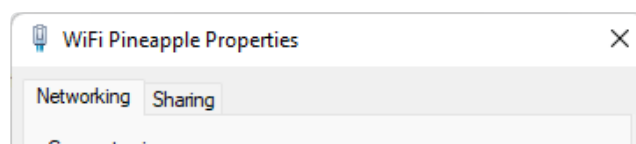


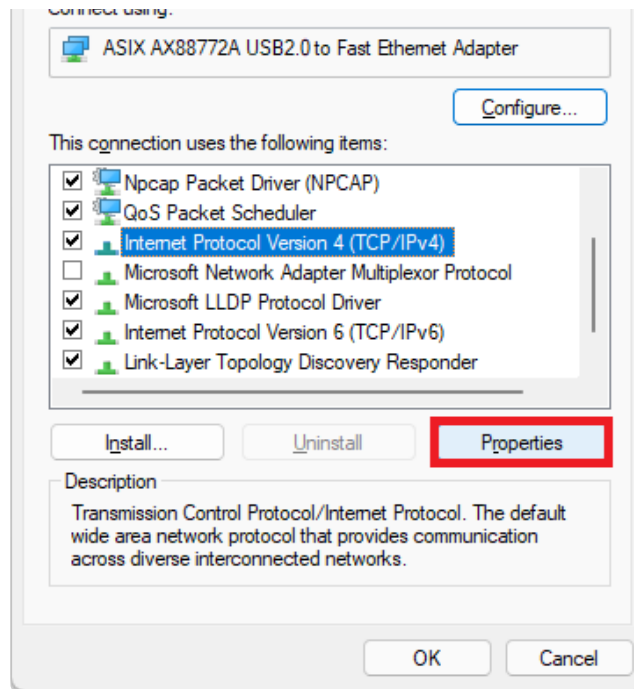
In the new window, **right-click the Internet facing adapter, and select "Properties"**. In this guide, the Internet facing adapter is the interface named **Ethernet**.

Once you're in the properties window, select the **Sharing** tab, and then check the box to allow other users to connect. Then, **select the WiFi Pineapple adapter** and click **OK**.



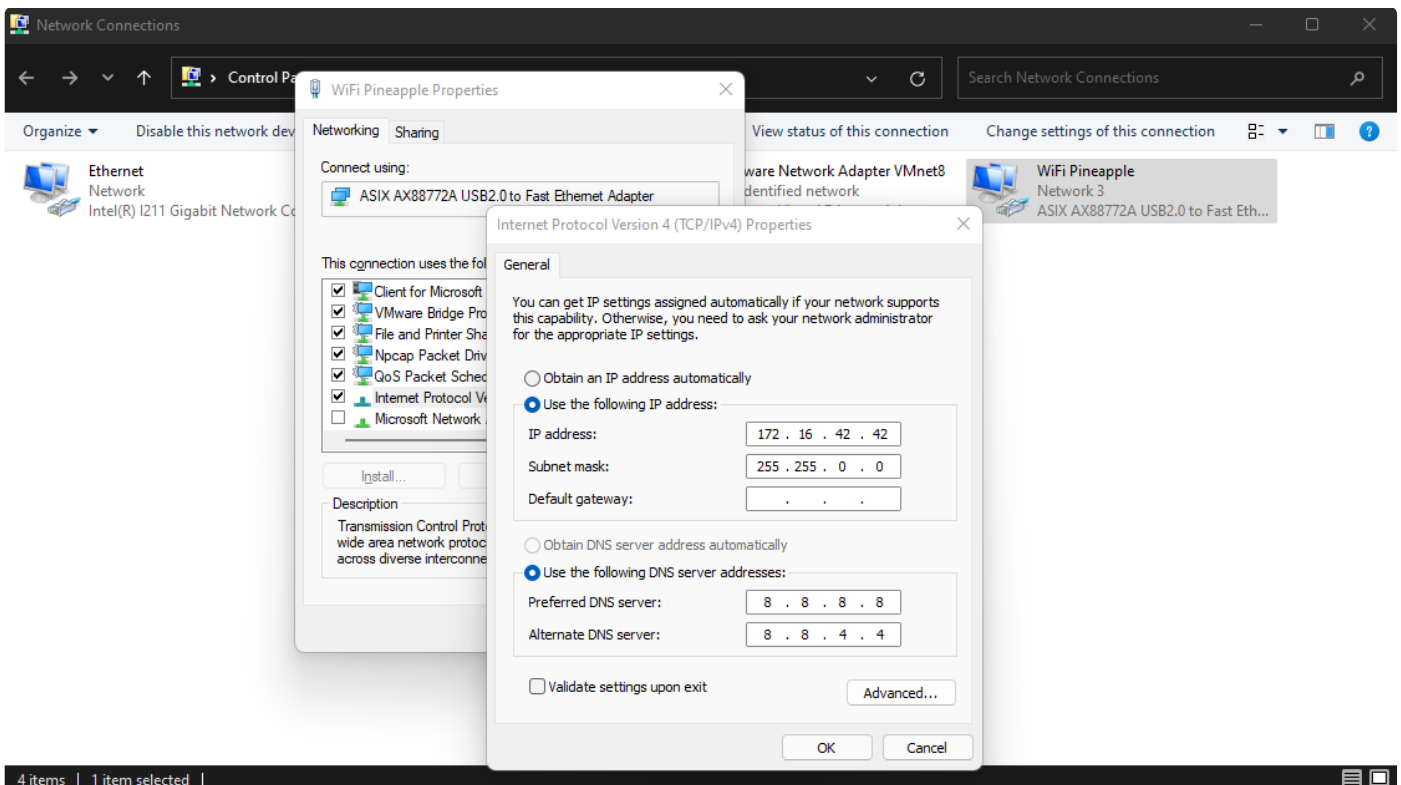
Next, configure the WiFi Pineapple adapter by **right clicking and selecting "Properties"**. In the new window, select the text that says **Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4)** and select **Properties**.





Finally, set the adapters IP settings as follows:

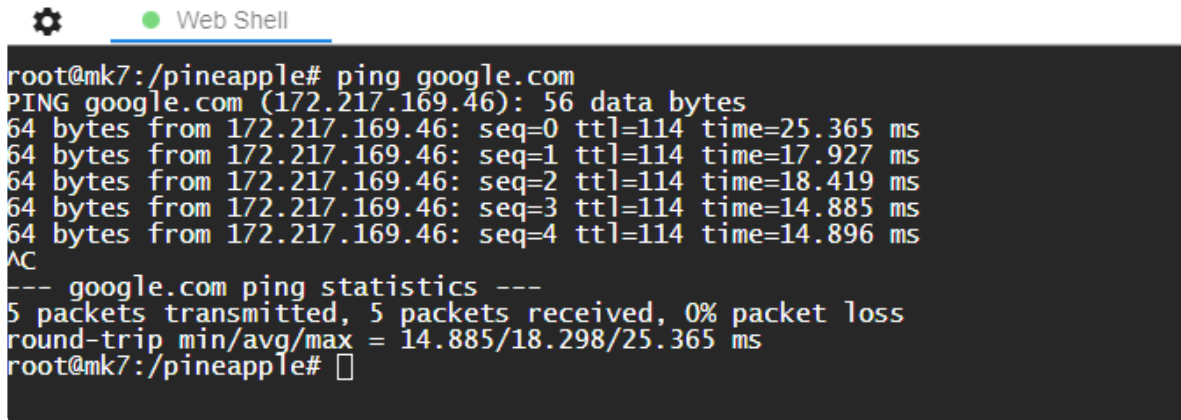
- IP Address: **172.16.42.42**
- Subnet Mask: **255.255.0.0**
- Default Gateway: **Blank**
- Preferred DNS: **8.8.8.8**
- Alternate DNS: **8.8.4.4**



 You may set your own preferred and alternate DNS servers if desired, but Google's DNS is

recommended.

After clicking **OK** to save the settings, your WiFi Pineapple will now be able to access the internet through the USB-C interface connected to your computer.



```
root@mk7:/pineapple# ping google.com
PING google.com (172.217.169.46): 56 data bytes
64 bytes from 172.217.169.46: seq=0 ttl=114 time=25.365 ms
64 bytes from 172.217.169.46: seq=1 ttl=114 time=17.927 ms
64 bytes from 172.217.169.46: seq=2 ttl=114 time=18.419 ms
64 bytes from 172.217.169.46: seq=3 ttl=114 time=14.885 ms
64 bytes from 172.217.169.46: seq=4 ttl=114 time=14.896 ms
^C
--- google.com ping statistics ---
5 packets transmitted, 5 packets received, 0% packet loss
round-trip min/avg/max = 14.885/18.298/25.365 ms
root@mk7:/pineapple#
```

Configuring a USB Ethernet Adapter

Some USB Ethernet Adaptors are supported out-of-the-box. For a reference of supported adapter chipsets, look at the table below.

Manufacturer	Chipset	Description
ASIX	AX88179	ASIX USB2.0 Ethernet 10/100
Realtek	RTL8152	Realtek USB2.0 Ethernet 10/100
Realtek	RTL8153	Realtek USB3.0 Ethernet 10/100/1000

Installing kernel modules for other chipsets

If your USB Ethernet adaptor has a chipset that isn't listed above, it is possible that an available driver/kernel module is available for the WiFi Pineapple MK7.

You can check this by going to the WiFi Pineapple's Web Interface, and going to **Modules > Packages**, and searching for the name of your chipset.

Password Reset

On firmware versions 1.1.0 and later, you may reset a lost password by holding the Reset button for 10 seconds or longer. Upon success, the LED will flash a rainbow colour sequence and reboot. After the device reboots, you will be able to login with the password `hak5pineapple`. You are strongly advised to change this after logging in.

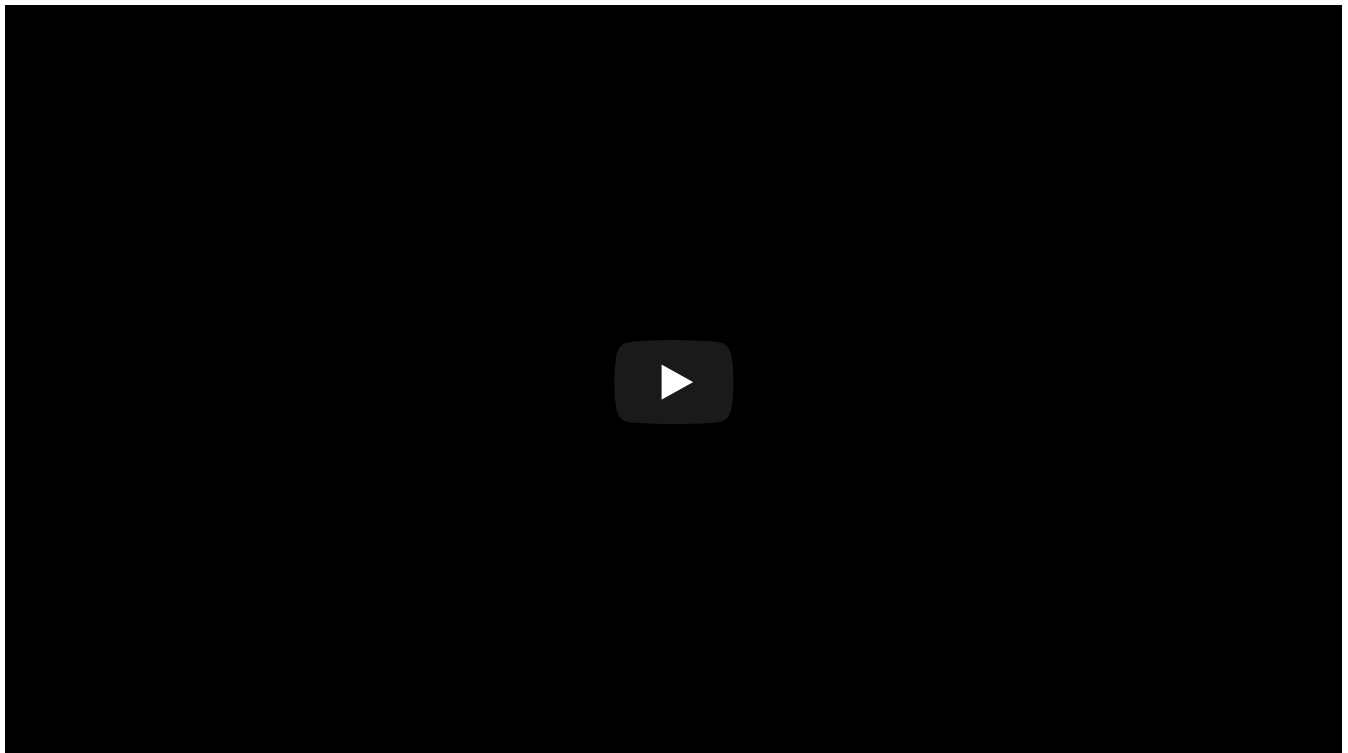
⚠ If the LED does not flash rainbow colours, the button was not pressed down long enough, or was not pressed firmly enough to fully engage the button. Try using a pen cap or similar blunt solid object to make sure the button is fully pressed!

Factory Reset and Recovery

To restore your WiFi Pineapple back to a factory state, or to recover from a bad configuration, you can perform a **Firmware Recovery**.

The factory recovery method consists of using the device bootloader to flash the recovery firmware, and in turn, the final firmware.

Video Tutorial



Preparation

To begin, download the latest recovery file from the [Hak5 Download Portal](#).

WiFi Pineapple MK7 Recovery Firmware

Release Date	Version
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Once downloaded, verify the SHA256 sum of the downloaded file, and make sure your WiFi Pineapple is unplugged.

To start the process, **hold down the reset button while applying power** to the WiFi Pineapple.

The WiFi Pineapple status LED will flash **RED**.

After approximately three flashes of the LED, **let go of the reset button** and continue to the next step.

The LED should blink **RED** rapidly, and then remain **SOLID RED**. If the status LED changes to **BLUE**, disconnect the power and repeat the process. Make sure the button is held in firmly, and release the button after approximately three flashes of the **RED** LED.


Assigning a Static IP Address

Linux

Assign the WiFi Pineapple's interface a static IP address of **172.16.42.42**. More in-depth instructions can be found in the [Linux Setup page](#).


Windows

Assign the WiFi Pineapple's interface a static IP address of **172.16.42.42**. More in-depth instructions can be found in the [Windows Setup page](#).

 New to static IP address assignments in Windows? Check [this tutorial](#).

Uploading the Recovery to the WiFi Pineapple

Once a static IP address has been assigned, open your browser and navigate to `http://172.16.42.1`. You'll then be greeted by a screen prompting you to upload a **.bin image**.

 Be sure to navigate to `http://172.16.42.1` *with no port*. To flash the recovery image you need to access the webserver on the default port - trying to connect to the WiFi Pineapple UI on port 1471 *will not work!*




Choose file No file chosen

Update firmware


Warning

- Do not power off the device during the flashing process.
- The device will reboot after a successful flash.
- Please ensure that you specify the correct file, eg: **upgrade-1.0.0.bin** or **stager-1.0.0.bin**.

Select **Choose file** and then select the downloaded **recovery file** from earlier. After clicking **Update firmware**, the device will begin flashing. **Do not** attempt to flash a normal WiFi Pineapple firmware now - it won't work! You'll be able to flash the full firmware during the setup process once recovery is complete!

 **Do not unplug the device.** Doing so will potentially damage your device. It will automatically reboot once complete.

Once the process is complete, you will be able to set the device up again. See the [Setup section](#) for more details.

 Once the device has finished flashing, you will need to navigate to <http://172.16.42.1:1470> to complete the setup process, same as the first time you configured it!

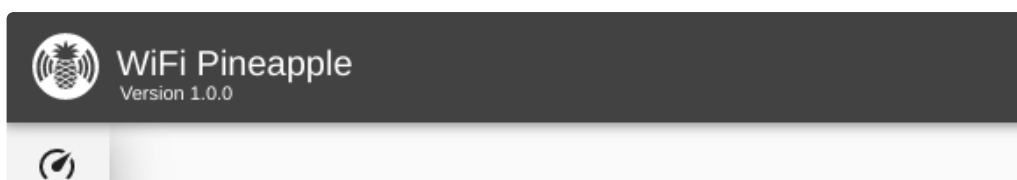
WiFi Pineapple Beta Updates

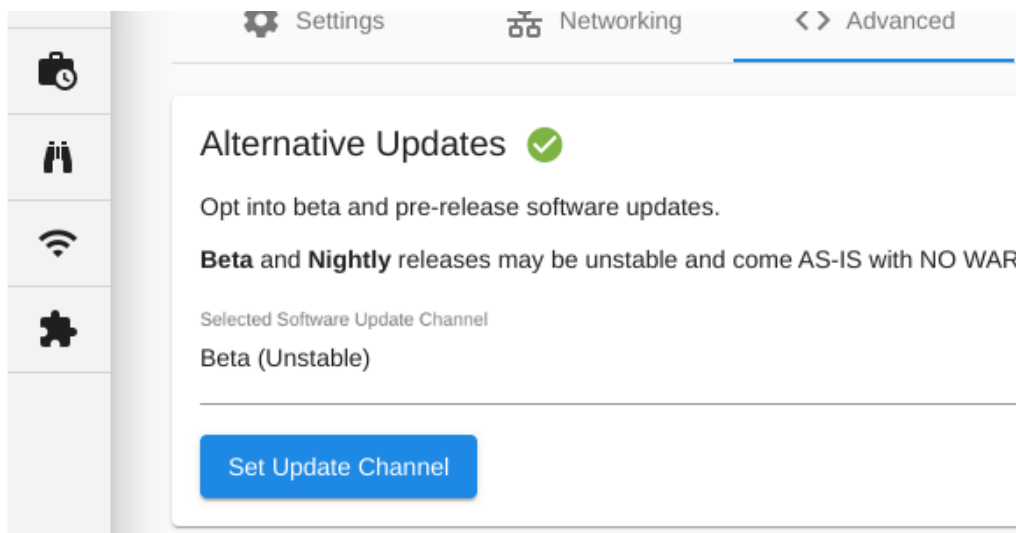
The WiFi Pineapple has multiple **update channels** for its update mechanism. These channels allow you to specify what type of firmware release you want to use on your WiFi Pineapple.

Currently, there are two update channels:

- **Stable**
- **Beta** - Pre-release updates that may be unstable, but may also contain new bug fixes, features and more.

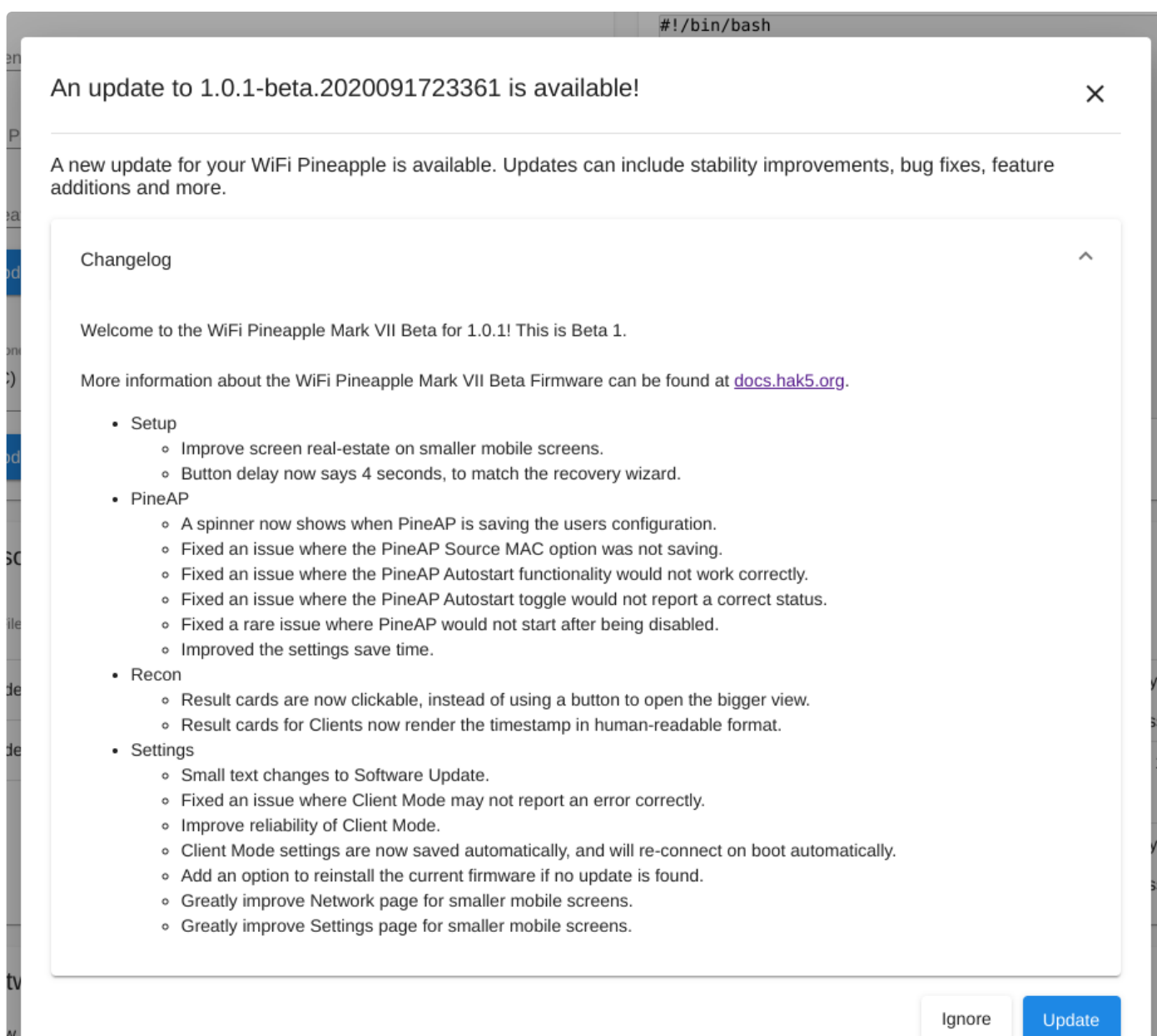
To manage your selected update channel, go to **Settings > Advanced** in the Web Interface.





Using the drop-down list and the **Set Update Channel** button, you'll be able to change the update channel. You may set the channel back to Stable at any time.

Once you've picked an alternative channel, go back to the **Settings** tab and **Check for new updates**. If an update is available, you will be presented with the option to update.



Compatible 802.11ac Adapters

The WiFi Pineapple Mark VII supports 802.11ac monitor and frame injection with a supported adaptor.

The WiFi Pineapple Enterprise comes equipped with 3 MT7612U 802.11ac capable radios, but you may add more via USB if desired.

Adaptor	Chipset
Hak5 MK7AC Adapter	MT7612U
AWUS036ACM	MT7612U
EP-AC1605 V1 (V2 is incompatible)	MT7612U

Installing drivers for other WiFi Adapters

While the WiFi Pineapple has support for MT7612U and MT7601U devices out of the box, you can also install drivers for a wide range of other chipsets, such as other **MT76-based** devices, **ath9k** and **ath10k** devices, and some **Realtek** dongles.

To find drivers, you can use the **Package Manager** found in the Web Interface under **Modules > Packages**. Search for keywords related to the chipset in your adapter.

Please be advised that only adapters based on MT7612U are **confirmed to work correctly** in all circumstances, and other WiFi adapters may not work or have available drivers at all, or may only work partially or cause unexpected behavior like crashes, reboots, etc. Not all WiFi cards or drivers are equal in capability or performance!

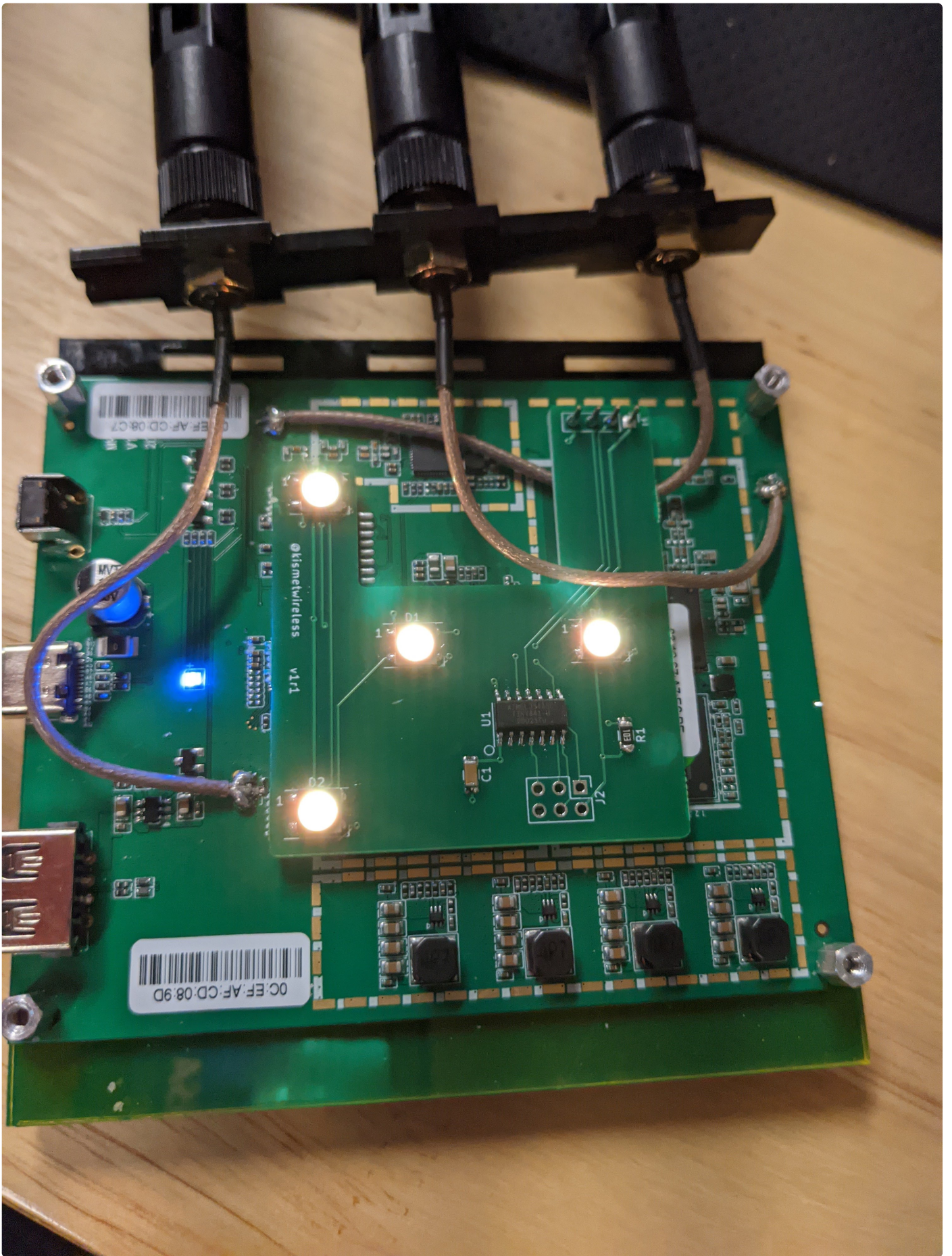
More information about a specific adapter can usually found with resources such as [DeviWiki](#).

Extras

MK7 LED Mod Installation

The MK7 LED mod is an add-on board for the Hak5 WiFi Pineapple Mark VII which adds some bling and fun LEDs. Proceeds from the case help support Kismet development, too!

See the install instructions from <https://www.kismetwireless.net/mk7-led-mod/>.



MK7 Kismet Case Installation

The Kismet Special Edition case for the WiFi Pineapple Mark VII helps support Kismet development and gives your WiFi Pineapple an extra flair.

See the assembly instructions from <https://www.kismetwireless.net/mk7-kismet-case/>.

