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# **wpa2slow Documentation**

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wpa2slow is a full Python implementation of the WPA2 encryption algorithm, using no encryption libraries.



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### Project goals

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This project grew out of my [FPGA implementation of WPA2](#), as a platform for regression testing and experimentation.

WPA2 requires three or four different algorithms to calculate a final password, depending on how you count them.

There is a fair amount of discussion on these functions in [this](#) category of my site.

The entire goal was to have intermediate steps of the algorithms to compare with the VHDL implementation. Perhaps this will be useful to someone else.





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### Benchmarks

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Hash speed of my general purpose computer; 2,000 keys / second

Hash speed of a Raspberry Pi 1: 45 keys / second

Hash speed of this project: 0.25 keys / second



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### Sounds great! How can I get started?

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See the [Installation](#) docs first for initial setup.

[Usage](#) docs give you a few examples, and references for more information.

For developers, or people looking to expand their brains, read about how WPA2 works in the [Structure](#) docs.



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## Further reading

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- [Announcement post](#)
- [GitHub Page](#)
- [ReadTheDocs Page](#)
- [PyPi Page](#)
- [Usage in FPGA simulator regression testing](#) (See `FPGA/tests` folder)
- [hccap format specification format](#)



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## 5.1 Installation

For general usage, you should be able to use `pip install wpa2slow` and it will magically work.

Alternatively, clone this repo and install locally. This might be ideal if you intend to “get under the hood” and see how the data moves:

```
git clone https://github.com/JarrettR/WPA-Slowed-Down.git
cd WPA-Slowed-Down
pip install .
```

## 5.2 Using this library

Check out `main.py` for a few examples of the top level methods.

Additionally, this library is used in the regression tests for my [VHDL implementation of WPA2](#) .

All of the intermediate methods(SHA1, HMAC, PBkDF2, and PRF) are available too, but undocumented at this time.

This module read and parse capture files in `hccap` format, outputting the required inputs. Standard capture formats may eventually be supported, but it’s low priority, as the linked web converter is pretty good.

## 5.3 WPA2 Structure

Without getting too into the implementation details for the algorithms involves, here is a high level description of what happens when you are verifying a known password on captured WPA2 packet.