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**Application note** 

## **Document information**

Information	Content
Keywords	Wi-Fi, wake-up, configuration, host, sleep mode, in-band, out-of-band, wake-up reason, event
Abstract	Describes the wake on Wi-Fi feature.



# **1** About this document

Wake on Wi-Fi is a power saving method, where the host is put in sleep while the Wi-Fi subsystem remains active. When the host is in sleep, Wi-Fi data traffic and functionality is not affected. The Wi-Fi subsystem is configured to wake up the host under certain wake-up conditions.

## 1.1 Supported products

The following products support the wake on Wi-Fi feature:

- 88W8987 ref.[1]
- 88W8997 ref.[2]
- 88W9098 ref.[3]
- IW416 ref.[4]
- IW610 ref.[5]
- AW611 ref.[6]
- IW611 ref.[7]
- IW612 ref.[8]

Refer to the release notes in the software release of the supported products for more information.

# 2 Wake-up conditions

The Wi-Fi device<sup>1</sup> is connected to the host system in STA or uAP mode. The host driver configures the wakeup conditions in the Wi-Fi device before the host goes to sleep. When receiving packets and if any wake-up condition is met, the Wi-Fi device triggers an interrupt to wake up the host. The interrupt cancels the host sleep mode.

Multiple conditions can be configured to wake up the host. For example:

- The Wi-Fi device receives broadcast data from the external AP.
- The Wi-Fi device receives unicast data from the external AP.
- MAC event on the Wi-Fi device:
  - ADDBA (Add Block ACK) request
  - DELBA (Delete Block ACK)
  - Group Rekeying
  - Disconnect
- The Wi-Fi device receives multicast data from the external AP.
- The Wi-Fi device receives a management frame (for example association, authentication, or beacon) from the external AP.

More complex conditions can also be configured. See Section 3.2.

<sup>1</sup> The Wi-Fi device is one of the supported products listed in <u>Section 1.1</u>.

## 2.1 Wake-up methods

Two methods are possible for the Wi-Fi radio to wake up the host CPU.

- In-band wakes up the host via the Wi-Fi host interface.
- **Out-of-band (OOB)** wakes up the host through a wake-up signal muxed on a GPIO pin of the Wi-Fi device. <u>Table 1</u> lists the GPIO pin number for the supported products. The wake-up signal is an active LOW signal. If the wake-up conditions are met, the wake-up signal is asserted for a configurable time duration (GAP time). When the host receives the signal, the host exits Sleep mode.

Table 1. Out-of-band GPIO pin numbers of the supported Wi-Fi devices

Supported product	Out-of-band GPIO
88W8987	GPIO[1]
88W8997	GPIO[14]
88W9098	GPIO[15]
AW611	GPIO[17]
IW416	GPIO[1]
IW610	GPIO[4]
IW611	GPIO[17]
IW612	GPIO[17]

Figure 1 illustrates a wake-up signal (active low).



# 3 Configuration

The wake-up conditions are configured via hssetpara command or using the MEF configuration file. The hssetpara command is used to set the wake-up method and the individual wake-up conditions. The MEF configuration file is used to set more complex or multiple wake-up conditions.

## 3.1 hssetpara command

The mlanutl / proc command hssetpara, is used to set the host sleep parameters, the wake-up condition, and the wake-up method. Find more information in the README\_MLAN included in the software release package of the supported product (<u>Section 1.1</u>.

Command syntax for mlanutl:

```
./mlanutl mlan0 hssetpara <condition> <gpio> <gap> [extended configuration: <type>
  <parameter> ..]
```

Command syntax for proc:

```
echo "hssetpara=<condition> <gpio> <gap> [extended configuration: <type>
  <parameters> ..]" > /proc/mwlan/adapter0/config
```

Parameter	Description
condition	Set to a bit to enable the wake-up condition -1 = cancel wake on Wi-Fi Bit 0 = 1 (receive Broadcast data) Bit 1 = 1 (receive Unicast data) Bit 2 = 1 (MAC event) Bit 3 = 1 (receive multicast data) Bit[4:5]: reserved Bit 6 = 1 (receive management frame) Bit 31 = 1 (Do not wake up when an IPv6 packet is received) Default is 0x7
gpio	Pin number of the GPIO used to wake up the host with the out-of-band method. 0x01 to 0x07 = GPIO pin number. Refer to <u>Table 1</u> 0xff = The in-band method is used to wake up the host (default).
gap	Time duration between the wake-up signal assertion and the wake-up event in ms (Figure 1). 0xff = default 0x01 to 0xFE = 1 ms to 254 ms Set to the desired GAP time.
type 1: ind_gpio_level	<pre>ind_gpio: GPIO number used to indicate the wake-up source. level = 0 - normal wake-up source (default) level = 1 - abnormal wake-up source</pre>

#### Table 2. hssetpara command parameters

 Table 2. hssetpara command parameters...continued

Parameter	Description		
Group of parameters (optional) type 2: event_force_ignore	<ul> <li>event_force_ignore bitmap, where each bit represents one wake-up reason event. The firmware ignores the wake-up reasons set in the bitmap.</li> <li>Wake-up reason event definition of each bit:</li> <li>Bit 0 = 1 – Disconnection from the AP</li> <li>Bit 1 = 1 – GTK/iGTK rekey failure (type of frame protection)</li> <li>Bit 2 = 1 – Extensible authentication protocol over LAN (Eapol)</li> <li>other bits – Reserved</li> </ul>		
Group of parameters (optional) type 3: hs_wakeup_interval	hs_wakeup_interval: time duration of the host sleep in ms.		
Group of parameters (optional) type 4: min_wake_holdoff	<pre>min_wake_holdoff: minimum time duration of the wake holdoff in ms.</pre>		

If this command is executed with no parameters, a get action is performed.

## 3.2 MEF configuration file

For more complex wake-up conditions, a memory efficient filtering (MEF) configuration file (*mef.conf*) is used. The location of the *mef.conf* file in the software release is:

mapp/mlanconfig/config/mef.conf.

The *mef.conf* file includes the data structure *mefcfg*.

Example of mefcfg:

```
mefcfg={
      Criteria=2 # Unicast frames are received during host sleep mode
      NumEntries=1 # Number of activated MEF entries
      mef_entry_0={
                    # HostSleep mode
# Discard Packet and Wake host
         mode= 1
         action=1
         filter_num=1  # Number of filters
         RPN=Filter 0
                            # only one filter is used
         Filter_0={
              type=0x41 # Byte comparison filter
repeat=16 # Num of times to repeat Byte pattern
              byte=00:50:43:00:01:02 # Byte Pattern which is DUT MAC address
              offset=14 # offset in bytes into the received packet
         }
}
```

In the example above, the host wakes up upon receiving a Magic Packet comprised of 16 repetitions of the DUT MAC address.

For a more detailed description of the parameters, refer to the README\_MLAN file available in the software release of the supported product (<u>Section 1.1</u>).

Table 3 describes the parameters in mefcfg structure.

Parameter	Description		
criteria	1 = Broadcast 2 = Unicast 8 = Multicast		
mode	1 = Host Sleep 2 = Not in Host Sleep		
action	0 = Discard packet, do not wake-up the host 1 = Discard packet, wake-up the host 3 = Allow packet, wake-up the host		
type	0x41 = byte comparison 0x42 = decimal comparison 0x43 = bit comparison		
RPN	Allows filters to be combined using logical AND (&&) and logical OR (    )		
filter_num	Number of filters		
Filter_n	Definition of each filter 0, 1, 2		
repeat	Number of times the pattern is repeated		
byte	Decimal value, hex value, or string of hexadecimal values separated by ":" as selected by Type		
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## Table 3. mefcfg parameters

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Parameter	Description
offset	Number of bytes into the packet to start the comparison

### Command to set mef.conf:

./mlanutl mlan0 mefcfg <mef.conf>

**Note:** hssetpara must be used to configure the wake-up method.

## wakeupreason **command**

The mlanutl command wakeupreason is used to check the reason for the host wake-up.

### Command syntax:

./mlanutl <interface> wakeupreason

## Table 4. Command parameters

Parameter	Description	
interface	Interface of the Wi-Fi device	
	mlan0 = interface for STA mode	
	uap0 = interface for AP mode	

Table 5.	wakeupreason	command	return	parameters
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Parameter	Description
Reason	0 = unknown
	1 = Broadcast data matched
	2 = Multicast data matched
	3 = Unicast data matched
	4 = Maskable event matched
	5 = Non-maskable event matched
	6 = Non-maskable condition matched (EAPOL rekey)
	7 = Magic pattern matched
	8 = Control frame matched
	9 = Management frame matched

## 3.3 wakeupreason command

The mlanutl command wakeupreason is used to check the reason to interrupt the host sleep mode.

Command syntax:

./mlanutl <interface> wakeupreason

### Table 6. Command parameters

Parameter	Description
interface	Interface of the Wi-Fi device
	mlan0 = interface for SIA mode
	uap0 = interface for AP mode

## Table 7 describes the command return parameters.

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# 4 Examples

This section contains examples of host wake-up configured by hssetpara command and MEF configuration.

## 4.1 hssetpara command examples

Command to receive multicast data using in-band method:

./mlanutl mlan0 hssetpara 8

### Where:

• 8 is the value of condition parameter to receive multicast data.

Command to set a MAC event using out-of-band method and the default GAP time:

./mlanutl mlan0 hssetpara 4 16

### Where:

- 4 is the value of condition parameter for MAC event.
- 16 is the value of gpio parameter for out-of-band.

Command to set a MAC event using out-of-band method and 160 ms GAP time:

./mlanutl mlan0 hssetpara 4 16 0xa0

### Where:

- 4 is the value of condition parameter for MAC event.
- 16 is the value of gpio parameter for out-of-band.
- 0xa0 is the value of gap parameter for 160 ms.

Command to cancel the host wake-up condition:

./mlanutl mlan0 hssetpara -1

## Where:

• -1 is the value of condition parameter to cancel the host wake-up.

## 4.2 MEF configuration examples

This section shows examples of host wake-up for single and multiple conditions using MEF configuration.

## 4.2.1 Single condition example

In this example, the wake-up condition is the reception of a Magic Packet that contains 16 repetitions of the DUT MAC address.

Step 1 - Set in-band wake-up method using hssetpara. The condition will be defined later in mef.conf.

```
./mlanutl mlan0 hssetpara 0 0xff
```

**Step 2** – Edit *mef.conf* with parameters. One condition is defined. [comment: not clear – are we doing something or is the condition already set? The example below is the same as in section MEF configuration file]

```
mefcfq={
                 # Unicast frames are received during host sleep mode
  Criteria=2
  NumEntries=1 # Number of activated MEF entries
  mef_entry_0={
                 # HostSleep mode
      mode= 1
      action=1
                # Discard Packet and Wake host
      filter_num=1  # Number of filters
      RPN=Filter 0
                        # only one filter is used
      Filter 0={
         type=0x41 # Byte comparison filter
repeat=16 # Num of times to repeat Byte pattern
         byte=00:50:43:00:01:02 # Byte Pattern which is DUT MAC address
         offset=14 # offset in bytes into the received packet
      }
}
```

Step 3 – Set the host sleep configuration defined in mef.conf.

./mlanutl mlan0 mefcfg config/mef.conf

## 4.2.2 Example with multiple conditions

In this example, all three conditions listed below must be met for the host to wake up:

- 1. The Wi-Fi device received an ARP packet.
- 2. The source IP address is 192.168.0.104.
- 3. Destination Broadcast MAC address

Step 1 - Set out-of-band wake-up with 100 ms GAP time.

./mlanutl mlan0 hssetpara 0 16 0x64

Where:

- 0 is the value of condition parameter.
- 16 is the value of gpio parameter for out-of-band.
- 0x64 is the value of gap parameter for 100 ms.

Step 2 - Edit mef.conf to set the parameters.

```
mefcfg={
        mef_entry_0={
        mode=1 # HostSleep mode
        action=3 # Allow packet and Wake host
        filter num=3  # Number of filters
        RPN=Filter 0 && Filter 1 && Filter 2 # Filters 0, 1 and 2 are required
        #Filter 0 looking for rx pkt with broadcast as the destination address
        Filter \overline{\mathbf{0}} = \{
            type=0x41 # byte comparison
            repeat=6
            byte=ff # 6 x ff
            offset=0 # start of the packet
        #Filter_1 looking for rx pkt with EtherType is 0x0806 (ARP)
        Filter 1={
            type=0x41 # byte comparison
            repeat=1
            byte=08:06 # ARP packet
            offset=20
        #Filter 2 looking for rx pkt with ARP protocol IP address 192.168.0.104
        Filter \overline{2} = \{
            type=0x41 # byte comparison
            repeat=1
            byte=c0:a8:00:68  # 192.168.0.104 in hexadecimal
            offset=46
            }
        }
        }
```

Step 3 - Set the host sleep configuration defined in mef.conf.

./mlanutl mlan0 mefcfg config/mef.conf

Step 4 – Get the wake-up reason once the Wi-Fi device wakes up the host.

Example of command output for reason = 7 (magic pattern matched):

Get wakeup reason response: 7

## 4.3 Host wake-up with unicast data

This example details how IW416 wakes up the host with unicast data.

Step 1 – Load the Wi-Fi driver in the kernel.

modprobe moal mod\_para=nxp/wifi\_mod\_para.conf

### Example of command output:

```
mlan: loading out-of-tree module taints kernel.
wlan: Loading MWLAN driver
wlan: Register to Bus Driver...
vendor=0x02DF device=0x9159 class=0 function=1
Attach moal handle ops, card interface type: 0x108
rps set to 0 from module param
SDIW416: init module param from usr cfg
card type: SDIW416, config block: 0
cfg80211 wext=0xf
max_vir_bss=1
cal data cfg=none
ps mode = 1
auto_ds = 1
host_mlme=enable
fw name=nxp/sdiouartiw416 combo v0.bin
SDIO: max segs=128 max seg size=65535
rx_work=1_cpu_num=4
Enable moal_recv_amsdu_packet
Attach mlan adapter operations.card type is 0x108.
wlan: Enable TX SG mode
wlan: Enable RX SG mode
Request firmware: nxp/sdiouartiw416 combo v0.bin
Wlan: FW download over, firmwarelen=591920 downloaded 583236
WLAN FW is active
on time is 61875645706
VDLL image: len=8684
FW country code WW does not match with US % \left( {{{\rm{W}}} \right)
fw cap info=0x187ccf03, dev cap mask=0xfffffff
max_p2p_conn = 8, max_sta_conn = 8
Register NXP 802.11 Adapter mlan0
Register NXP 802.11 Adapter uap0
Register NXP 802.11 Adapter wfd0
wlan: version = SDIW416---16.92.21.p137.4-MM6X16437.p31-(FP92)
wlan: Register to Bus Driver Done
wlan: Driver loaded successfully
```

Step 2 - Use wpa\_supplicant to connect the Wi-Fi device in STA mode (client) to the external access point.

wpa\_supplicant -i mlan0 -Dnl80211 -c /etc/wpa\_supplicant.conf

#### Example of command output:

```
Successfully initialized wpa_supplicant
rfkill: Cannot open RFKILL control device
wlan: mlan0 START SCAN
wlan: SCAN COMPLETED: scanned AP count=38
wlan: HostMlme mlan0 send auth to bssid bc:XX:XX:b3:4d
mlan0:
wlan: HostMlme Auth received from bc:XX:XX:b3:4d
wlan: HostMlme mlan0 Connected to bssid bc:XX:XX:b3:4d successfully
mlan0:
wlan: Send EAPOL pkt to bc:XX:XX:b3:4d
mlan0:
wlan: Send EAPOL pkt to bc:XX:XX:b3:4d
woal_cfg80211_set_rekey_data return: gtk_rekey_offload is DISABLE
```

**Step 3** – Verify the connectivity by running the ping command from Wi-Fi device in STA mode (client) to the external AP.

Step 4 - Disable auto address resolution protocol (ARP) for the host sleep mode.

./mlanutl mlan0 auto\_arp 0

#### **Step 5** – Verify that auto ARP is disabled.

./mlanutl mlan0 auto\_arp

#### Example of command output:

Auto ARP is Disabled

Step 6 - Get the PHY number for mlan0 interface.

iw dev

## Example of command output:

```
phy#0
        Interface wfd0
                ifindex 5
                wdev 0x3
                addr 9e:50:d1:45:37:09
                type managed
                txpower 24.00 dBm
        Interface uap0
                ifindex 4
                wdev 0x2
                addr 9e:50:d1:45:38:09
                type AP
                txpower 24.00 dBm
        Interface mlan0
                ifindex 3
                wdev 0x1
                addr 9c:50:d1:45:37:09
                ssid Netgear 2G
                type managed
                channel 6 (2437 MHz), width: 20 MHz, center1: 2437 MHz
                txpower 24.00 dBm
```

Step 7 – Enable wake on Wi-Fi on the PHY number. The PHY number (phy#) is taken from Step 4.

Command syntax:

iw phy#0 wowlan enable any

Step 8 – Verify that wake on Wi-Fi is enabled.

```
iw phy#0 wowlan show
```

Example of command output:

```
WoWLAN is enabled:
 * wake up on special any trigger
```

Step 9 - Enable SDIO wake-up. This step is not needed for PCIe interface.

echo enabled > /sys/bus/platform/devices/30b50000.mmc/power/wakeup

### Step 10 – Set the host sleep parameters. Refer to Section 3.1.

echo "hssetpara=2 0xff" > /proc/mwlan/adapter0/config

## OR

```
./mlanutl mlan0 hssetpara 2 0xff
```

Step 11 - Set the host in sleep mode.

echo mem >> /sys/power/state

#### Example of command output:

PM: suspend entry (deep)
Filesystems sync: 0.002 seconds
Freezing user space processes
Freezing user space processes completed (elapsed 0.001 seconds)
OOM killer disabled.
Freezing remaining freezable tasks
Freezing remaining freezable tasks completed (elapsed 0.001 seconds)
printk: Suspending console(s) (use no\_console\_suspend to debug)
PM: suspend devices took 0.236 seconds
Disabling non-boot CPUs ...
psci: CPU1 killed (polled 4 ms)
psci: CPU2 killed (polled 0 ms)
psci: CPU3 killed (polled 0 ms)

**Step 12** – From the external AP, send unicast ping data to the wireless SoC. This step will trigger the host to wake up.

ping <DUT IP> -c 1

### Expected output:

```
Enabling non-boot CPUs ...
Detected VIPT I-cache on CPU1
GICv3: CPU1: found redistributor 1 region 0:0x0000000388a0000
CPU1: Booted secondary processor 0x000000001 [0x410fd034]
CPU1 is up
Detected VIPT I-cache on CPU2
GICv3: CPU2: found redistributor 2 region 0:0x0000000388c0000
CPU2: Booted secondary processor 0x000000002 [0x410fd034]
CPU2 is up
Detected VIPT I-cache on CPU3
GICv3: CPU3: found redistributor 3 region 0:0x0000000388e0000
CPU3: Booted secondary processor 0x000000003 [0x410fd034]
CPU3 is up
[drm] Pixel clock: 0 KHz, character clock: 0, bpc is 0-bit, fmt 0
[drm] Pixel clk (0 KHz) not supported, color depth (0-bit)
[drm:cdns_hdmi_phy_set_imx8mq] *ERROR* failed to set phy pclock
caam 30900000.crypto: registering rng-caam
PM: resume devices took 0.028 seconds
OOM killer enabled.
Restarting tasks ... done.
random: crng reseeded on system resumption
Hot alarm is canceled. GPU3D clock will return to 64/64
PM: suspend exit
```

## Step 13 – Check the host wake-up reason.

./mlanutl mlan0 wakeupreason

## Command output

Get wakeup reason response: 3

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