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10 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT
OF CALIFORNIA**

11 **FAIRWAY IP LLC,**
12 Plaintiff,
13 v.
14 **NEX COMPUTERS, INC.,**
15 Defendant.

Civil Action No.
ORIGINAL COMPLAINT
JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

1 **COMPLAINT**

2 Plaintiff Fairway IP LLC (“Fairway”) files this original complaint against Nex Computers,
3 Inc., (“Defendant”), alleging, based on its own knowledge as to itself and its own actions, and
4 based on information and belief as to all other matters, as follows:

5 **PARTIES**

6 1. Fairway IP LLC is a limited liability company formed under the laws of the State
7 of Texas.

8 2. Defendant Nex Computers, Inc. is a company organized and existing under the laws
9 of the state of California with its principal place of business at 2883 Bayview Drive, Fremont, CA
10 94538. Defendant may be served via its registered agent: Mao-Chang Lin, 2883 Bayview Drive,
11 Fremont, CA 94538.

12 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

13 3. This is an action for infringement of a United States patent arising under 35 U.S.C.
14 §§ 271, 281, and 284–85, among others. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction of the action
15 under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

16 4. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1400(b). Defendant is a resident
17 of the forum state, has a regular and established place of business within this judicial district, and
18 has committed acts of infringement within this judicial district.

19 5. Defendant is subject to this Court’s specific and general personal jurisdiction under
20 due process and/or the California Long Arm Statute due at least to Defendant’s substantial business
21 in this forum, including: (i) at least a portion of the infringements alleged herein; (ii) regularly
doing or soliciting business, engaging in other persistent courses of conduct, and/or deriving

1 substantial revenue from goods and services provided to individuals in California and in this
2 district; and (iii) by virtual of its incorporation under the laws of the forum state.

3 **THE '405 PATENT**

4 6. On February 27, 2007, United States Patent No. 7,184,405 (“the ’405 Patent”) was
5 duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office for an invention titled
6 “Method for Setting Up a Communication Link in a Telecommunication Network.” A true and
7 correct copy has been attached hereto as Exhibit A.

8 7. The ’405 Patent is valid and enforceable under United States Patent Laws.

9 8. The ’405 Patent generally covers “a method for setting up a connection for a
10 communication network having a multiplicity of network nodes networked via links.” ’405 Patent,
11 1:60-62.

12 9. The ’405 Patent recognized several problems with existing “connectionless and
13 connection-oriented transmission methods which are used for rapidly transmitting data packets via
14 a communication network.” *Id.* at 1:19-22. Prior art connectionless transmission methods using
15 a “conventional router based on the IP must compare a destination IP address of a received IP data
16 packet with entries in its routing table in order to determine, via a so-called longest match, the link
17 via which the IP data packet is to be forwarded.” *Id.* at 1:30-34. However, a label switching router,
18 in contrast, receives the IP data packet together with a prefixed label and uses this label as table
19 index in order to take from a table the information for identifying the link for forwarding the IP
20 data and a new label is forwarded together with the IP data packet instead of the received label.
21 *Id.* at 1:34-39.

10. To fully exploit this, the ’405 Patent disclosed a method which included
“determining routes to destination network nodes of connection destinations for the network nodes,

1 allocating, in the network nodes, an allocation rule by means of the routes determined, by means
2 of which a forwarding information item is allocated both to a link leading in the direction of this
3 destination node and to a new forwarding information item for each destination network node and
4 transmitting a setup message from an originating network node to the destination network nodes
5 for preparing a subsequent transmission of data, such that in a network node receiving the setup
6 message.” *Id.* at 1:63-2:6. The method further included forwarding a information item included in
7 the setup message is read out and using the allocation rule, the setup message is forwarded via a
8 link allocated to this forwarding information items in this network node, after replacement of this
9 forwarding information item by a new forwarding information item allocated to the former
information item. *Id.* at 2:7-13.

10 11. The inventions of the ’405 Patent solved the problems by providing a method for
11 setting up a connection for a communication network which allows rapid transmission of a setup
12 message.” *Id.* at 4:23-25. Under the invention, the method allows setup messages to be transmitted
13 by a communication network with approximately the same speed as useful data packets transmitted
14 in a connection which has been set up. *Id.* at 4:26-29.

15 12. Fairway is the owner of the ’405 Patent with all substantive rights in and to that
16 patent, including the sole and exclusive right to prosecute this action and enforce the ’405 patent
against infringers, and to collect damages for all relevant times.

17 **COUNT I – INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 7,184,405**

18 13. Fairway repeats and realleges the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 12 as if fully
19 set forth herein.

20 14. Defendant, without authority from Fairway, made, had made, used, imported,
21 provided, supplied, distributed, sold, and/or offered for sale access-control systems and other

1 products which practices a method for setting up a connection for a communication network
2 having a multiplicity of network nodes networked via link. When placed into operation by
3 Defendant, these acts constitute direct infringement (literally and/or under the doctrine of
4 equivalents) under 35 U.S.C. § 271(a). To the extent Defendant had knowledge of the '405 Patent,
5 when placed into operation by Defendant's end users, these acts constitute direct infringement by
6 the end users and inducement by Defendant.

7 15. The Accused Products include at least the following models and/or systems:
8 Nexcom NIO200 IAG, and all other substantially similar products (collectively the "Accused
9 Products"). The Accused Products and methods infringe at least claims 1, 2, 3, and 7 of the '405
10 Patent.

11 16. Claim 1 of the '405 Patent recites:

12 1. A method for setting up a connection for a communication network having a
13 multiplicity of network nodes networked via links, comprising:

14 (a) determining routes to destination network nodes of connection destinations for
15 the network nodes;

16 (b) allocating, in the network nodes, an allocation rule based on the determined
17 routes, wherein, based on the allocation rule, a forwarding information item is

18 allocated to a link leading to the destination network node and to a new

19 forwarding information item for each destination network node; and

20 (c) transmitting a setup message from an originating network node to one of the
21 destination network nodes to prepare a subsequent transmission of data, such that
a forwarding information item included in the setup message is to be read out, and

(d) using the allocation rule, forwarding the setup message via a link allocated to

the forwarding information item in the network node, after replacement of the forwarding information item in the setup message by the new forwarding information item allocated to the former forwarding information item.

17. Defendant infringes exemplar claim 1, as a non limiting example only, by the

Accused Products

a. The Accused Products practice a method for setting up a connection for a communication network (e.g., Wi-Fi) having a multiplicity of network nodes (e.g., the accused product) networked via links.



NIO 200 IAG

ISA100/WirelessHART Process Automation Wireless Gateway

Main Feature

- Full Mesh topology: robust wireless connectivity from ISA100/WirelessHART field device coverage to Wi-Fi backbone
- Perfect triple play infrastructure: video surveillance via high throughput Wi-Fi backbone ensures video transmission without compromising video performance
- Dual Wi-Fi Mesh path establishes better stability in backbone transmission
- Wide temperature range, high EMC immunity to Surge, ESD and EFT
- Suitable for deployment in hazardous environments
- Incorporates power redundancy (DC and PoE)
- Distributed network topology provides scalable infrastructure: easy integration and cost saving



<https://www.nexcom.com/Products/industrial-wireless-solutions/outdoor-wireless-product/hazloc-product/iot-gateway-nio-200-iag/OrderInginformation>

3.3.9 Network Settings of Wi-Fi Interface

The network settings (network parameters of Wi-Fi interface) exists in this “Interface Configuration” section.

Clicking “General Setup” tab



ESSID/Mesh ID: (Default: “MESH_CAN2”) Network name.

All products with the same ID (or network name) and radio physical settings (802.11 protocol and channel) are connected together automatically.

Mode: (Default: “Mesh, 802.11s”) Wireless network topology. Only mesh is supported.

http://files.nexcom.com/Driver/NIO200/NIO200_IAG_User_manual_V1.1.pdf

- b. The Accused Products practice determining routes to destination network nodes of connection destinations for the network nodes. For example, the Accused Product follow IEEE 802.11s standard. According to the standard, each device scans the communication network to find peer devices and establishes mesh peering. Each device finds route to the next destination for transmission of packets in the multi-hop mesh network. The Accused Products thus determine routes to next destination device.

11C.2.6 Scanning mesh BSSs

A mesh STA shall perform active scanning or passive scanning, depending on the value of the ScanMode parameter of the MLME-SCAN.request primitive (see 11.1.3), to discover neighbor mesh STAs. Upon receipt of an MLME-SCAN.request primitive with the Mesh ID parameter set to the wildcard Mesh ID, the STA shall passively scan for any Beacon frames, or actively transmit Probe Request frames containing the wildcard Mesh ID, as appropriate, depending on the value of ScanMode. Upon completion of scanning, an MLME-SCAN.confirm primitive is issued by the MLME indicating all of the discovery information received. Further, mesh STAs shall conform to the passive scan procedure as described in 11.1.3.1 and the active scan procedure as described in 11.1.3.2.

11C.2.7 Candidate peer mesh STA

When a mesh STA discovers a neighbor mesh STA through the scanning process and the discovered mesh STA is considered a candidate peer mesh STA, it may become a member of the mesh BSS of which the discovered mesh STA is a member and establish a mesh peering with the neighbor mesh STA.

The discovered neighbor mesh STA shall be considered a candidate peer mesh STA if and only if all of the following conditions are met:

- a) The mesh STA uses the same mesh profile as the received Beacon or Probe Response frame indicates for the neighbor mesh STA.

NOTE—If the scanning mesh STA has not become a member of any MBSS yet, it might simply activate the same mesh profile as the discovered neighbor mesh STA's profile to fulfill this condition.

- b) The Accepting Additional Mesh Peerings subfield in the Mesh Capability field in the received Beacon or Probe Response frame equals 1.
- c) The mesh STA supports the data rates indicated by the BSSBasicRateSet of the received Beacon or Probe Response frame.
- d) If both the scanning mesh STA and the discovered neighbor STA are HT STAs, the mesh STA uses the same BSSBasicMCSSet as the received Beacon or Probe Response frame indicates for the neighbor mesh STA.
- e) If the scanning mesh STA has dot11MeshSecurityActivated set to true and the dot11MeshActiveAuthenticationProtocol is ieee8021x (2), either the scanning mesh STA has an active connection to an AS or the discovered mesh STA has the Connected to AS subfield in the Mesh Formation field in the Mesh Configuration element equal to 1 in the received Beacon or Probe Response frame.

11C.2.9 Establishing mesh peerings

Mesh peerings shall be established only with candidate mesh STAs that are members of the same MBSS.

A mesh peering is established between the mesh STA and the candidate peer mesh STA after the successful completion of the mesh peering management (MPM) protocol (see 11C.3) or of the authenticated mesh peering exchange (AMPE) (see 11C.5). When establishing a secure mesh peering, mesh STAs authenticate each other and create a mesh PMKSA before processing the AMPE (see 11C.3.3).

A candidate peer mesh STA becomes a peer mesh STA when a mesh peering is established between the two mesh STAs.

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- c. The Accused Products practice allocating, in the network nodes, an allocation rule (e.g., active path selection protocol) based on the determined routes, wherein, based on the allocation rule, a forwarding information item is allocated to a link leading to the destination network node and to a new

forwarding information item for each destination network node. According to IEEE 802.11s standard, an active path selection protocol is followed to select the best route for data transmission to a destination node. A mesh configuration element which is used to advertise mesh services provides information about the protocol which is allocated or followed in the network.

7.3.2.98 Mesh Configuration element

7.3.2.98.1 General

The Mesh Configuration element shown in Figure 7-95o130 is used to advertise mesh services. It is contained in Beacon frames and Probe Response frames transmitted by mesh STAs, and is also contained in Mesh Peering Open and Mesh Peering Confirm frames.

Element ID	Length	Active Path Selection Protocol Identifier	Active Path Selection Metric Identifier	Congestion Control Mode Identifier	Synchronization Method Identifier	Authentication Protocol Identifier	Mesh Formation Info	Mesh Capability
Octets:	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Figure 7-95o130—Mesh Configuration element format

7.3.2.98.2 Active Path Selection Protocol Identifier

The Active Path Selection Protocol Identifier field indicates the path selection protocol that is currently activated in the MBSS. Table 7-43bj1 provides path selection protocol identifier values defined by this standard.

Table 7-43bj1—Active Path Selection Protocol Identifier field values

Value	Meaning
0	Reserved

Table 7-43bj1—Active Path Selection Protocol Identifier field values (continued)

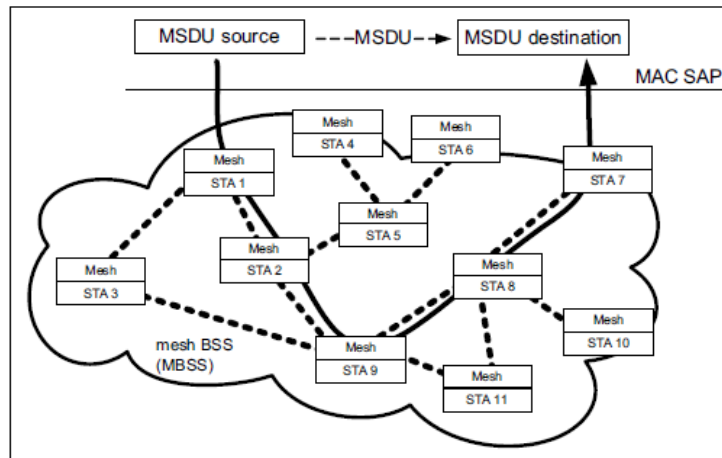
Value	Meaning
1	Hybrid wireless mesh protocol (default path selection protocol) defined in 11C.9 (default path selection protocol)
2–254	Reserved
255	Vendor specific (The active path selection protocol is specified in a Vendor Specific element)

5.2.14.5.9 Mesh path selection and forwarding

Mesh path selection enables path discovery over multiple instances of the wireless medium within a mesh BSS. The overview of the mesh path selection framework is described in 11C.7. The hybrid wireless mesh protocol (HWMP) is defined as the default path selection protocol for the mesh BSS. HWMP provides both proactive path selection and reactive path selection. The details of HWMP are described in 11C.9. The path selection protocol uses link metrics in the assessment of a mesh path to the destination. The airtime link metric is the default link metric. It is defined in 11C.8.

Once the mesh path of a particular pair of the source mesh STA and the destination mesh STA is found through the mesh path selection function, mesh STAs propagate the data by the forwarding function. The details of the forwarding function are described in 9.22.

As a result of the mesh path selection and forwarding, MSDUs are transmitted among all the mesh STAs in a mesh BSS, even if the mesh STAs are not neighbor STAs of each other. Figure 5-6d depicts the MSDU transfer within a mesh BSS.

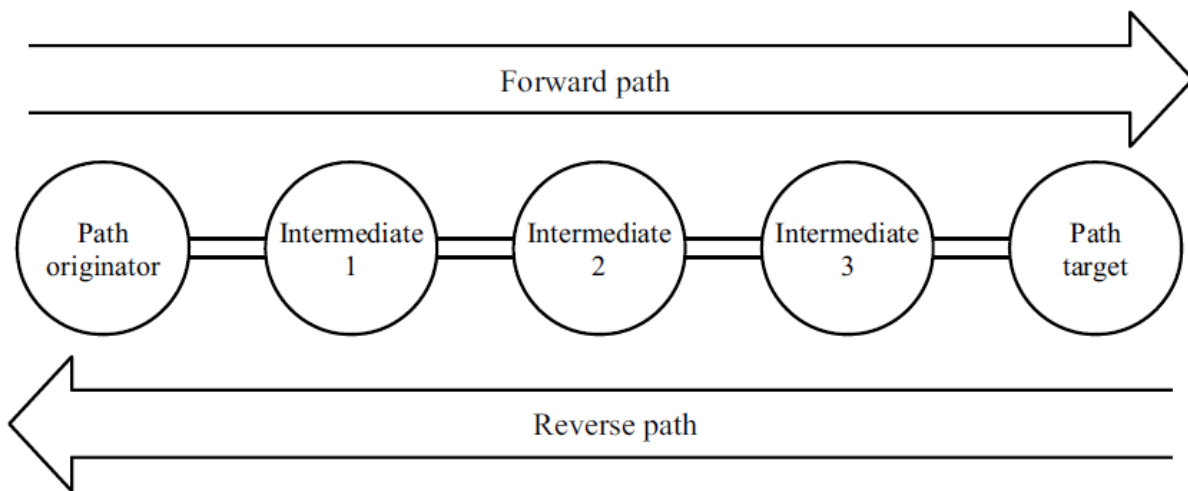


As shown below, while utilizing the active path selection protocol to determine the best path to a destination node, a hop which lies in route receives a path request PREQ with a forwarding information item, wherein basic forwarding information includes destination address, next-hop

address, precursor list and lifetime of the forwarding information item. If it determines it is not the destination it updates the forwarding information, the next-hop address, precursor list and lifetime of the forwarding information item, and transmit to the next-hop.

This subclause describes terminology for HWMP, especially for the process of path discovery. Terms such as Path Originator or Path Target designate very specific entities within the path discovery process. They stay with the same assigned entity for the whole path discovery process and other procedures related to this path discovery. Figure 11C-4 illustrates an example utilizing this terminology.

NOTE—Both the path target and path originator are a path destination for the forward path and the reverse path respectively.



forwarding information: The forwarding information maintained by an originator mesh STA, an intermediate mesh STA, or a target mesh STA that allows the mesh STA to perform its path selection and forwarding functions.

The terminology used when discussing forwarding information is relative to the mesh STA (reference mesh STA, given mesh STA or local mesh STA) and a particular mesh destination of the path. The following terms are specific to a given instance of the forwarding information:

- **destination mesh STA:** The end station (mesh STA) of a (forward or reverse) path.
- **destination mesh STA address:** The MAC address of the destination mesh STA.
- **destination HWMP sequence number:** The HWMP sequence number of the destination mesh STA.
- **next-hop mesh STA:** The next-hop mesh STA is the next peer mesh STA on the mesh path to the destination mesh STA.
- **next-hop mesh STA address:** The MAC address of the next-hop mesh STA.

1 **9.22.2 Forwarding information**

2 Forwarding information is created by the active mesh path selection protocol and is utilized for MSDU/
3 MMPDU forwarding as described in 9.22.4 and 9.22.6.2.

4 The basic forwarding information to a destination mesh STA consists of the destination mesh STA address,
5 the next-hop address, the precursor list, and the lifetime of this forwarding information.

6 An entry in the precursor list contains the precursor mesh STA address and the lifetime of this entry. If an
7 existing entry in a precursor list is updated, the lifetime is the maximum of the current and the updated value.
8 If the lifetime of a precursor expires, it will be deleted from the precursor list. Precursors are used to identify
9 legitimate transmitters of individually addressed frames (see 9.22.4.2) and for the notification of link
10 failures (in case of HWMP, see 11C.9.11).

11 The forwarding information shall be considered as invalid if its lifetime has expired. Also, forwarding
12 information is marked as invalid when certain conditions are met in the processing of mesh path selection
13 elements, e.g., path error processing in HWMP (11C.9.11.4).

14 The active path selection protocol may define additional parameters in the forwarding information. Details
15 on the additional parameters of the forwarding information constructed by the hybrid wireless mesh protocol
16 (HWMP) are described in 11C.9.8.4.

17 **11C.9.3 On-demand path selection mode**

18 If a source mesh STA needs to find a path to a destination mesh STA using the on-demand path selection
19 mode, it broadcasts a PREQ with the path target specified in the list of targets and the metric field initialized
20 to the initial value of the active path selection metric.

21 When a mesh STA receives a new PREQ, it creates or updates its path information to the originator mesh
STA and propagates the PREQ to its neighbor peer mesh STAs if the PREQ contains a greater HWMP
sequence number, or the HWMP sequence number is the same as the current path and the PREQ offers a

1 better metric than the current path. Each mesh STA may receive multiple copies of the same PREQ that
2 originated at the originator mesh STA, each PREQ traversing a unique path.

3 Whenever a mesh STA propagates a PREQ, the metric field in the PREQ is updated to reflect the cumulative
4 metric of the path to the originator mesh STA. After creating or updating a path to the originator mesh STA,
5 the target mesh STA sends an individually addressed PREP back to the originator mesh STA.

6 If the mesh STA that received a PREQ is the target mesh STA, it sends an individually addressed PREP
7 back to the originator mesh STA after creating or updating a path to the originator mesh STA.

8 The PREQ provides the TO (Target Only) subfield that allows path selection to take advantage of existing
9 paths to the target mesh STA by allowing an intermediate mesh STA to return a PREP to the originator mesh
10 STA. If the TO (Target Only) subfield is 1, only the target mesh STA responds with a PREP. The effect of
11 setting the TO (Target Only) subfield to 0 is the quick establishment of a path using the PREP generated by
12 an intermediate mesh STA, allowing the forwarding of MSDUs with a low path selection delay. In order to
13 select (or validate) the best path during the path selection procedure, the intermediate mesh STA that
14 responded with a PREP propagates the PREQ with the TO (Target Only) subfield set to 1. This prevents all
15 other intermediate mesh STAs on the way to the target from sending a PREP.

16 Intermediate mesh STAs create a path to the target mesh STA on receiving the PREP, and also forward the
17 PREP toward the originator. When the originator receives the PREP, it creates a path to the target mesh
18 STA. If the target mesh STA receives further PREQs with a better metric, then the target updates its path to
19 the originator with the new path and also sends a new PREP to the originator along the updated path. A
20 bidirectional, best metric end-to-end path is established between the originator and target mesh STA.

21 https://standards.ieee.org/standard/802_11s-2011.html

- 22 d. The Accused Products practice transmitting a setup message (e.g., a mesh
23 data frame) from an originating network (e.g., the accused product) node to
24 one of the destination network nodes (e.g., the product to which frame is
25 transmitted from the accused product) to prepare a subsequent transmission
26 of data, such that a forwarding information item included in the setup
27 message is to be read out. According to the standard, a source node
28 transmits a mesh data frame to a destination node via the best path
29 determined by the active path selection protocol. The source node transmits
30 the mesh data frame including forwarding information item, wherein basic
31 forwarding information includes destination address, next-hop address,

precursor list and lifetime of the forwarding information. A hop which lies in the determined best path, deciphers the frame and checks whether the frame is form peer address, destined for it and next-hop or destination node is reachable or not.

9.32.4.1 At source mesh STAs (individually addressed)

MSDUs sent by a mesh STA (as a consequence of an MA-UNITDATA.request with an individual destination address) and destined to another mesh STA in the MBSS shall be transmitted using a frame with the four-address MAC header format (with the Address Extension Mode subfield in the Mesh Control field set to 00 (binary)), where the four address fields are set as follows (see row “Mesh Data (individually addressed)” in

9.22.4 Addressing and forwarding of individually addressed Mesh Data frames

9.22.4.1 At source mesh STAs (individually addressed)

MSDUs sent by a mesh STA (as a consequence of an MA-UNITDATA.request with an individual destination address) and destined to another mesh STA in the MBSS shall be transmitted using a frame with the four-address MAC header format [with the Address Extension Mode subfield in the Mesh Control field set to 00 (binary)], where the four address fields are set as follows [see row “Mesh Data (individually addressed)” in Table 9-13]:

- Address 1: The address of the next-hop mesh STA (toward the destination mesh STA according to the forwarding information—see 9.22.2)
- Address 2: The address of the transmitter mesh STA
- Address 3: The address of the destination mesh STA
- Address 4: The address of the source mesh STA

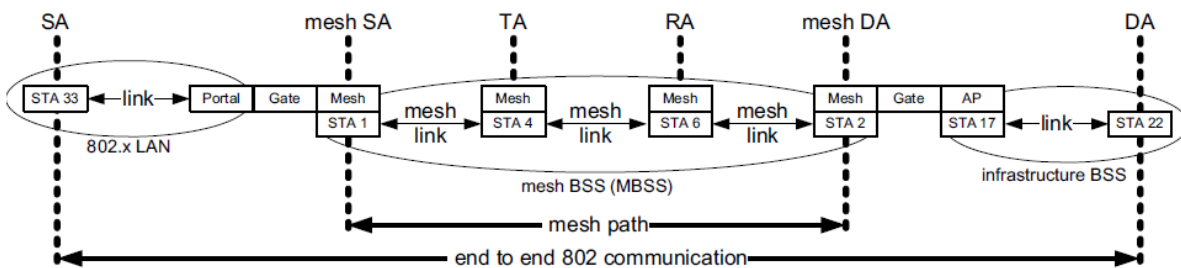


Figure 9-38—Example addressing for a Mesh Data frame

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- 2 e. The Accused Products practice using the allocation rule, forwarding the
- 3 setup message (e.g., a mesh data frame) via a link allocated to the
- 4 forwarding information item in the network node, after replacement of the
- 5 forwarding information item in the setup message by the new forwarding
- 6 information item allocated to the former forwarding information item.
- 7 According to the standard, an active path selection protocol is followed to
- 8 determine the best path to a destination node. A source node transmits a
- 9 mesh data frame to the destination node via the determined best path. A hop
- 10 which lies in the path receives the frame and checks whether frame is
- 11 destined for it, determining it is not the destination, it updates forwarding
- 12 information, i.e., next-hop address, precursor list and lifetime of the
- 13 forwarding information, and forwards the frame to the next node.

9.32.4.1 At source mesh STAs (individually addressed)

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16 address MAC header format (with the Address Extension Mode subfield in the Mesh Control field set to 00
17 (binary)), where the four address fields are set as follows (see row "Mesh Data (individually addressed)" in

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9.22.4 Addressing and forwarding of individually addressed Mesh Data frames

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- Address 1: The address of the next-hop mesh STA (toward the destination mesh STA according to the forwarding information—see 9.22.2)
- Address 2: The address of the transmitter mesh STA
- Address 3: The address of the destination mesh STA
- Address 4: The address of the source mesh STA

NOTE 2—The forwarding of individually addressed Mesh Data frames uses only mesh STA addresses in fields Address 1, Address 2, Address 3, and Address 4. This allows intermediate mesh STAs to forward Mesh Data frames without necessarily having any knowledge of the addresses of the source and destination end stations, which might be external addresses. Thus, proxy information only needs to be maintained by proxy mesh gates and by source mesh STAs.

The term source mesh STA refers to the first mesh STA on a mesh path. A source mesh STA may be a mesh STA that is the initial source of an MSDU/MMPDU or a mesh STA that receives an MSDU/MMPDU from a mesh path or from a STA outside the mesh BSS and translates and forwards the MSDU/MMPDU on the mesh path. The address of the source mesh STA is referred to as the Mesh SA.

The term destination mesh STA refers to the final mesh STA on a mesh path. A destination mesh STA may be a mesh STA that is the final destination of an MSDU/MMPDU or a mesh STA that receives an MSDU/MMPDU from a mesh path and translates and forwards the MSDU/MMPDU on another mesh path or to a STA outside of the mesh BSS. The address of the destination mesh STA is referred to as the Mesh DA.

In group addressed Mesh Data frames, Address 1 and Address 2 correspond to the group address and the mesh STA transmitter address (TA). Address 3 corresponds to the mesh source address (mesh SA) of the group addressed Mesh Data frame. The Address Extension Mode indicates the presence of an optional address extension field Address 4 in the Mesh Control field that corresponds to the source address (SA) of external STAs that communicate over the mesh BSS via proxy mesh gates.

1 If Address 3 does not match the mesh STA's own address, but is a known individual destination MAC
address in the forwarding information then the following actions are taken:

- 2 — The lifetime of the forwarding information to the destination (Address 3) is set to its initial value.
- The lifetime of the forwarding information to the source (Address 4) is set to its initial value.
- 3 — The lifetime of the precursor list entry for the precursor to the destination (Address 2) is set to the
maximum of the initial value and the current value.
- 4 — The lifetime of the precursor list entry for the precursor to the source (next hop to the destination) is
set to the maximum of the initial value and the current value.
- 5 — The Mesh TTL in the corresponding Mesh Control field of the collected MSDU is decremented by 1.
If zero has been reached, the MSDU shall be discarded.
- 6 — If the MSDU has not been discarded, the mesh STA shall forward the MSDU via a frame with the
Address 1 field set to the MAC address of the next-hop mesh STA as determined from the
forwarding information (see 9.22.2) and the Address 2 field set to its own MAC address and queue
the frame for transmission.

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8 https://standards.ieee.org/standard/802_11s-2011.html

9 18. The foregoing structure, function, and operation of the exemplary Accused
10 Products meet all limitations of at least exemplary claim 1 of the '405 Patent

11 19. Defendant infringes exemplary claim 2, as a non-limiting example only, by the
Accused Products

- 12 a. The accused product practices the method of claim 1, wherein before the
13 setup message (e.g., a mesh data frame) is transmitted; the allocation rule
14 (e.g., active path selection protocol) is setup in the network nodes.
15 According to the standard, an active path selection protocol is setup in the
16 communication network before transmitting the setup message.

7.3.2.98 Mesh Configuration element

7.3.2.98.1 General

The Mesh Configuration element shown in Figure 7-95o130 is used to advertise mesh services. It is contained in Beacon frames and Probe Response frames transmitted by mesh STAs, and is also contained in Mesh Peering Open and Mesh Peering Confirm frames.

Element ID	Length	Active Path Selection Protocol Identifier	Active Path Selection Metric Identifier	Congestion Control Mode Identifier	Synchronization Method Identifier	Authentication Protocol Identifier	Mesh Formation Info	Mesh Capability
Octets:	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Figure 7-95o130—Mesh Configuration element format

7.3.2.98.2 Active Path Selection Protocol Identifier

The Active Path Selection Protocol Identifier field indicates the path selection protocol that is currently activated in the MBSS. Table 7-43bj1 provides path selection protocol identifier values defined by this standard.

Table 7-43bj1—Active Path Selection Protocol Identifier field values

Value	Meaning
0	Reserved

Table 7-43bj1—Active Path Selection Protocol Identifier field values (*continued*)

Value	Meaning
1	Hybrid wireless mesh protocol (default path selection protocol) defined in 11C.9 (default path selection protocol)
2–254	Reserved
255	Vendor specific (The active path selection protocol is specified in a Vendor Specific element)

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2 20. Defendant infringes exemplary claim 3, as a non-limiting example only, by the
3 Accused Products.

4 a. The accused product practices the method of claim 1, wherein, in a network
5 node receiving a setup message the forwarding information item included
6 in the setup message is replaced by a new forwarding information item
7 allocated to the forwarding information item in the network node, by means
8 of which new information item the setup message is then forwarded.
9 According to the standard, an active path selection protocol is followed to
10 determine the best path to a destination node. A source node transmits a
11 mesh data frame to the destination node via the determined best path. A hop
12 which lies in the path receives the frame and checks whether frame is
13 destined for it, determining it is not the destination, it updates forwarding
14 information, i.e., next-hop address, precursor list and lifetime of the
15 forwarding information, and forwards the frame to the next node.

16 **9.32.4.1 At source mesh STAs (individually addressed)**

17 MSDUs sent by a mesh STA (as a consequence of an MA-UNITDATA.request with an individual destination
18 address) and destined to another mesh STA in the MBSS shall be transmitted using a frame with the four-
19 address MAC header format (with the Address Extension Mode subfield in the Mesh Control field set to 00
20 (binary)), where the four address fields are set as follows (see row "Mesh Data (individually addressed)" in

21 **5.2.2 MA-UNITDATA.request**

5.2.2.1 Function

This primitive requests a transfer of an MSDU from a local LLC sublayer entity to a single peer LLC
sublayer entity, or multiple peer LLC sublayer entities in the case of group addresses.

5.2.2.4 Effect of receipt

On receipt of this primitive, the MAC sublayer entity determines whether it is able to fulfill the request according to the requested parameters. A request that cannot be fulfilled according to the requested parameters is discarded, and this action is indicated to the LLC sublayer entity using an MA-UNITDATA-STATUS.indication primitive that describes why the MAC was unable to fulfill the request. If the request can be fulfilled according to the requested parameters, the MAC sublayer entity appends all MAC specified fields (including DA, SA, FCS, and all fields that are unique to IEEE Std 802.11), passes the properly formatted frame to the lower layers for transfer to a peer MAC sublayer entity or entities (see 5.1.4), and indicates this action to the LLC sublayer entity using an MA-UNITDATA-STATUS.indication primitive with transmission status set to Successful.

9.22.4 Addressing and forwarding of individually addressed Mesh Data frames

9.22.4.1 At source mesh STAs (individually addressed)

MSDUs sent by a mesh STA (as a consequence of an MA-UNITDATA.request with an individual destination address) and destined to another mesh STA in the MBSS shall be transmitted using a frame with the four-address MAC header format [with the Address Extension Mode subfield in the Mesh Control field set to 00 (binary)], where the four address fields are set as follows [see row “Mesh Data (individually addressed)” in Table 9-13]:

- Address 1: The address of the next-hop mesh STA (toward the destination mesh STA according to the forwarding information—see 9.22.2)
- Address 2: The address of the transmitter mesh STA
- Address 3: The address of the destination mesh STA
- Address 4: The address of the source mesh STA

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21. Defendant infringes exemplary claim 7, as a non-limiting example only, by the Accused Products.

- a. The Accused Products practice the method of Claim 1 such that in each case the new forwarding information item allocated to a forwarding information item in one of the network nodes is allocated, in the network node connected via the link also allocated and leading in the direction of the respective destination node, as forwarding information to a link leading in the direction

1 of the same destination network node. According to the standard, an active
2 path selection protocol is followed to determine the best path to a
3 destination node. A source node transmits a mesh data frame to the
4 destination node via the determined best path. A hop which lies in the path
5 receives the frame and checks whether frame is destined for it, determining
6 it is not the destination, it updates forwarding information, i.e., next-hop
7 address, precursor list and lifetime of the forwarding information, and
forwards the frame to the next node. *See evidence above.*

8 22. Fairway has been damaged as a result of the infringing conduct by Defendant
9 alleged above. Thus, Defendant is liable to Fairway in an amount that adequately compensates
10 Fairway for such infringements, which, by law, cannot be less than a reasonable royalty, together
11 with interest and costs as fixed by this Court under 35 U.S.C. § 284.

12 23. Fairway and/or its predecessors-in-interest have satisfied all statutory obligations
13 required to collect pre-filing damages for the full period allowed by law for infringement of the
14 ‘200 Patent.

15 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

16 WHEREFORE, Fairway respectfully requests:

17 A. That Judgment be entered that Defendant has infringed at least one or more
18 claims of the ’405 Patent, directly and/or indirectly, literally and/or under the doctrine
19 of equivalents;

20 B. An award of damages sufficient to compensate Fairway for Defendant’s
21 infringement under 35 U.S.C. § 284;

1 C. That the case be found exceptional under 35 U.S.C. § 285 and that Fairway
2 be awarded its reasonable attorneys' fees;

3 D. Costs and expenses in this action;

4 E. An award of prejudgment and post-judgment interest; and

5 F. Such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

6 **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

7 Pursuant to Rule 38(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Fairway respectfully
8 demands a trial by jury on all issues triable by jury.

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10 DATED July 31, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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