

Firetide Explanation for contention based protocol

We are using CSMA/CA recommended by 802.11-2007 standards.

No proprietary algorithm is used.

Atheros chipset AR5112 Dual Band 802.11 Chipset based on 802.11 standards is used in 4000 series boards.

1. Carrier sense multiple access with collision avoidance (CSMA/CA):
 - a. Carrier sensing scheme is used,
 - i. A data station that intends to transmit sends a jam signal,
 - ii. After waiting a sufficient time for all stations to receive the jam signal, the data station transmits a frame, and
 - iii. While transmitting, if the data station detects a jam signal from another station, it stops transmitting for a random time and then tries again.
2. Contention based MAC protocols including the IEEE 802.11 DCF section 9.1.1 of the IEEE 802.11-2007 are based on CSMA