CESS Hands On Network Traffic Capture and Analysis

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What is network traffic analysis?

- A process of recording, reviewing, analyzing network traffic and making decisions based on the results
- Meta data contains important information
  - the sender
  - the receiver
  - the time
  - length of messages

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Why analyze network traffic?

- To answer the hard questions:
  - When did it happen?
  - How did it happen?
  - Who was behind it?
  - What was exposed or stolen?
- To monitor download/upload speeds, throughput, content, etc.
- To identify any malicious or suspicious packets.

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Popular Tools

- Tcpdump
- Wireshark
- Tshark
- Windump

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Tcpdump

- tcpdump is a unix tool.
- Allows user to intercept and display TCP/IP and other packets being transmitted or received over a network.
- Used to gather data from network, decipher the bits, and display the output in a human readable format.
- tcpdump uses the libpcap library to capture packets.
- Can be used to intercepting and displaying the communications of another user or computer

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Installing tcpdump

- To check if we have installed tcpdump on our system:
  - dpkg -l | grep tcpdump
- Output
  - tcpdump 4.9.2-0ubuntu0.16.04.1 analyzer
- rpm –q tcpdump
  - tcpdump-4.9.2-3.el7.x86_64
- To install tcpdump:
  - apt-get install tcpdump
  - yum -y install tcpdump

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Tcpdump Syntax

- Syntax:
  - tcpdump [options] [filter expression]
  - *Running tcpdump requires root-privilege.
    - sudo tcpdump
  - Continue capturing packets until it is interrupted. (ctrl + c)
  - packets captured: no. of packets that tcpdump has received and processed
  - packets received by filter: counts only packets that were matched by the filter expression *
  - packets dropped by kernel: due to lack of buffer space in OS

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What does a line convey?

01:46:28.808262 IP dcnds.iict.buet.ac.bd.ssh > vip0x00f.map2.ssl.hwmdd_cdn.portal.net.2481: seq2215593012:2215593859(847) ack 2268385237 win 2048

- Different output formats for different packet types

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Reading the tcpdump log

- seq (sequence number) are used by the destination host to reassemble TCP traffic that arrives.
  - Sequence number changes from absolute to relative value after the first two messages, giving ISNs, have been exchanged.
  - seq 2215593012 (Absolute)
  - seq 1:1025 (1024) (Relative to ISN): 1st through 1025th (not including 1025th) bytes have been sent
- ack (acknowledgement number) the sequence no. of the next data expected the other direction of this connection (ISN+1).

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Reading the tcpdump log (cont.)

- win (window) receiving buffer size available in the other direction of the, used for flow control
- mss (maximum segment size)informs the destination host that the physical network of source host will not receive more than 1024 bytes of TCP payload.
  - If 20 bytes of IP header and 24 bytes of TCP header (including 4 bytes of mss option) are included, the IP datagram may be 1068 bytes.
- TCP Timestamp option puts the timestamp of the sender. Since it is of 10 bytes, so 2 bytes of NOP are used.
- sackOK (selective acknowledgement) indicates that it can be used for this session.

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Filters

- We are often not interested in all packets flowing through the network
- Use filters to capture only packets of interest to us

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Traffic Filtering in Tcpdump

- Filtering Interface:
  - sudo tcpdump –i any
- To list interfaces:
  - tcpdump –D
  - tcpdump –i ens192
- Filtering Hosts :
  - Match any traffic involving any IP as destination or source
  - tcpdump -i ens160 host 172.16.4.126
  - As soure only
  - tcpdump -i ens160 src host 172.16.4.126
  - As destination only
  - tcpdump -i ens160 dst host www.buet.ac.bd

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Traffic Filtering in Tcpdump (cont.)

- Network filtering :
  - sudo tcpdump -i ens160 net 172.16
  - sudo tcpdump -i ens160 src net 192.168
  - sudo tcpdump -i ens160 dst net 192.168
- Protocol filtering :
  - sudo tcpdump -i any arp
  - sudo tcpdump -i ens192 ip
- Similarly we can use tcp, udp, icmp, etc.

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Traffic Filtering in Tcpdump (cont.)

- Filtering ports :
  - Match any traffic involving port 25 as source or destination
  - sudo tcpdump -i ens192 port 25
  - Source
  - sudo tcpdump -i ens192 src port 443
  - Destination
  - sudo tcpdump -i ens192 dst port 53
  - sudo tcpdump -i ens192 portrange 53-80

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Traffic Filtering in Tcpdump (cont.)

- Capture only TCP packets with https requests
  - sudo tcpdump -i any tcp and port 443
- Capture only TCP packets http requests:
  - sudo tcpdump -i any tcp && http
- Capture only UDP packets with DNS replies or http requests:
  - sudo tcpdump -i any port 53 or http
  - sudo tcpdump -i any port 53 || http
- Capture packets and not ARP packets:
  - sudo tcpdump -i ens192 not arp
  - sudo tcpdump -i ens192 ! arp

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Write & Read a Captured file

- To write the packets to a file:
  - sudo tcpdump -i ens192 port 443 –w write.pcap
  - sudo tcpdump -i ens192 port 443 –w write.pcapng
- To read from the packets:
  - sudo tcpdump –r write.pcap
- To view the details of the captured file:
  - capinfos web2.pcap

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Commonly Used Filtering Options

- -c : exit after receiving count packets
- -e : to print the link level header (eg. MAC addresses)
- –n : do not to resolve the IP address into names
- -nn : do not convert the protocol and port number into names
- Default packet size is 262144 bytes or 65535 bytes
- -# : to print an optional packet number at the beginning of the line

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Commonly Used Filtering Options

- -t : don't print a timestamp on each dump line
- -ttt : to print a delta (between current and previous line on eac dump line.
- -tttt : print a timestamp as hours, minutes, seconds and fractions of a second since midnight.
- -v : slightly more verbose output
- -vv : even more verbose output
- -s : snaplen (snapshot length)
- -A : to print each packet in ASCII.
- -X : to print the data of each packet in hex and ASCII.

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Converting .pcap file to .csv

- tshark -r tcp.pcap -T fields -E separator=, -E header=y -e frame.number -e frame.time_relative -e ip.src -e ip.dst -e ip.proto -e frame.len -e frame.cap_len -e ip.hdr_len -e tcp.hdr_len -e tcp.flags > tcp.csv

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Traffic Analysis

- To list the hosts (ip address and name) from a captured file
  - sudo tshark -r dcnds.pcap -q -z hosts
- To show the warning packets and related information of the captured file:
  - sudo tshark -r dcnds.pcap -q -z expert,warn
- To show http statistics
  - user@ubuntu:~/tcpdump$ tshark -r http.pcap -q -z http,stat
  - user@ubuntu:~/tcpdump$ tshark -r http.pcap -q -z http,tree

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Traffic Analysis (cont.)

- To lists the hosts with counts
  - user@ubuntu:~/tcpdump$ tshark -r http.pcap -q -z ip_hosts,tree
  - user@ubuntu:~/tcpdump$ tshark -r http.pcap -q -z ip_srcdst,tree
- To show protocol hierarchy statistics
  - user@ubuntu:~/tcpdump$ tshark -r http.pcap -q -z io,phs
- To see who is doing what:
  - user@ubuntu:~/tcpdump$ tshark -r http.pcap -q –z conv,ip
  - user@ubuntu:~/tcpdump$ tshark -r http.pcap -q –z conv,eth

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Capturing MAC address

- tcpdump -i ens33 -nn -e -#c5 -tttt port 443
- Output:
- 2019-02-03 02:51:25.793143 **00:0c:29:35:6a:d3** > **e4:8d:8c:1b:26:50**, ethertype IPv4 (0x0800), length 437: 172.16.8.49.42008 > 74.125.200.105.443: Flags [P.], seq 2343668656:2343669027, ack 370423994, win 2182, options [nop,nop,TS val 31475980 ecr 3405846089], length 371

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Fixed number of packet

- Capture a fixed number of packets using “-c” flag
  - tcpdump –i interfaceName port 443 -#c1
  - tcpdump –i interfaceName port 443 -#c6

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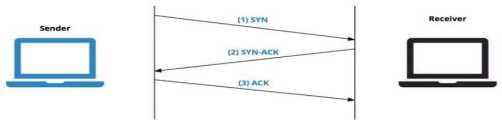
Connection stablish

- tcpdump –I interfaceName host www.facebook.com



- wget www.facebook.com

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Handshake

1 20:18:52.219851 IP 103.94.135.209.32946 > edge-star-mini-shv-02-sin2.facebook.com.https: Flags [S], seq 750590786, win 29200, options [mss 1460,sackOK,TS val 30286717 ecr 0,nop,wscale 7], length 0

2 20:18:52.273461 IP edge-star-mini-shv-02-sin2.facebook.com.https > 103.94.135.209.32946: Flags [S.], seq 60242379, ack 750590787, win 27960, options [mss 1400,sackOK,TS val 3889865184 ecr 30286717,nop,wscale 8], length 0

3 20:18:52.273501 IP 103.94.135.209.32946 > edge-star-mini-shv-02-sin2.facebook.com.https: Flags [.], ack 1, win 229, options [nop,nop,TS val 30286731 ecr 3889865184], length 0

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Make a list of IP's

- Step 1: read a pcap file
- tcpdump –nnr example.pcap

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Make a list of IP's

- Step 2: take a row from the packet
- tcpdump –nnr capture.pcap |awk '{print $3}'

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Make a list of IP's

- Step 3: split and cut
- tcpdump –nnr capture.pcap –tttt |awk '{print $3}' | cut –d. –f1,2,3,4

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Make a list of IP's

- Step 4: sorting
- tcpdump –nnr capture.pcap –tttt |awk '{print $3}' | cut –d. –f1,2,3,4 | sort

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Make a list of IP's

- Step 5: uniq sort
- tcpdump –nnr capture.pcap |awk '{print $3}' | cut –d. –f1,2,3,4 | sort |uniq –c

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Make a list of IP's

- Step 6: Sorting by frequency
- tcpdump –nnr capture.pcap |awk '{print $3}' | cut –d. –f1,2,3,4 | sort |uniq –c | sort –nr
- Output: we will get a list of IP used in a captured file

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Number of unique IP used by source

- tcpdump –nnr capture.pcap tcp[tcpflags]==2 and src host AAA.BB.C.DD | awk '{print $5}' | cut –d. –f1,2,3,4 | sort |uniq –c |wc -l
- $5 represents the destination IPs
- Output : count the number of unique IPs this host is trying to talk to
- So AAA.BB.C.DD has tried to connect to "x" unique destination IPs.
- Output : "X(number of unique destination IP)"

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Ports Between src and dst

- For a particular source and destination IP pair, lets see how many ports are hit
- tcpdump –nnr capture.pcap tcp[tcpflags]==2 and src host AAA.BB.C.DD and dst MMM.NN.OO.PP | awk '{print $5}' | cut –d.
- -f5 | sort |uniq –c |wc -l
- Output: will show the number of ports used by the sourse and destination IPs

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Count the frequency of the port used

- tcpdump –nnr capture.pcap tcp[tcpflags]==2 and src host AAA.BB.C.DD and dst MMM.NN.OO.PP | awk '{print $5}' | cut –d.
- –f5 | sort |uniq –c
- OUTPUT: How many times the ports used by the source and destination

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Sniffing userName and Password

- Only ASCII value:
- tcpdump -i interfaceName –A port 80
- (now run another window to run http websites. For example: "wget www.teletalk.com.bd")

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Sniffing User Name and Password

- Browse and provide user name and password in a http website using VNC
- (For Example : www.teletalk.com.bd)
- sudo tcpdump -i interfaceName port http –l -A | egrep -i -B5 'GET /|POST/|pass=|pwd=|log=|login=|user=|username=|pw=|passw=|passwd=|password=|pass:|user:|username:|password:|login:|pass |user'
- Output: username and password is seen when we are in the same network interface

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