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ABSTRACT

Network packet sniffing is a fundamental technique for analyzing network traffic, enabling the observation, interception, and logging of data packets traversing a network. This project presents a Python-based network packet analyzer leveraging the capabilities of socket programming, struct manipulation, binascii encoding, text wrapping, and time tracking modules.

The packet analyzer operates by intercepting and inspecting data packets at the network interface level, providing insights into various network protocols and communication patterns. Through customizable filters and parsing mechanisms, the tool allows users to specify the types of packets to capture and the specific information to extract. Moreover, it supports the decoding and analysis of various protocol headers, including Ethernet, IP, TCP, UDP, and more.

The tool captures network packets as they traverse the network interface, providing live traffic analysis. It decodes and interprets protocol headers to extract valuable information such as source and destination addresses, port numbers, payload data, and protocol-specific details.

Users can define filters based on specific criteria such as IP addresses, port numbers, protocol types, and packet contents, enabling targeted packet capture and analysis. Captured packets can be logged to a file for further analysis or exported in various formats for compatibility with external tools. The tool offers a simple and intuitive command-line interface, allowing users to interactively configure and control packet capture and analysis operations.

The project aims to provide a comprehensive yet lightweight tool for network administrators, security analysts, and enthusiasts to monitor, analyze, and troubleshoot network traffic efficiently. Through Python's simplicity and versatility, this packet analyzer offers a customizable and extensible solution for various network monitoring needs.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 OVERVIEW

In today's interconnected world, understanding network traffic has become essential for various purposes, ranging from network troubleshooting to security analysis. Packet analyzers are fundamental tools in network administration, cybersecurity, and network protocol development. They enable users to monitor and inspect the data flowing across networks, providing insights into network performance, identifying potential security threats, and debugging network communication issues. By capturing packets in real-time or from saved PCAP files, users can examine network traffic patterns, dissect packet contents, and gain a deeper understanding of their network infrastructure.

Here's an overview on how to capture packets from real-time network traffic using Packet Analyzer:

i. Initialization

Start by initializing the Packet Analyzer tool. This involves setting up the environment and resources needed for packet capture, such as accessing network interfaces and configuring permissions.

ii. Network Interface Selection

Choose the network interface from which you want to capture packets. This could be a wired Ethernet interface, a wireless interface, or a virtual interface.

iii. Packet Capture Setup

Configure the packet capture settings, including options such as the capture mode (promiscuous mode for capturing all packets or non-promiscuous mode for capturing only packets destined for the machine), buffer size, and capture filters.

iv. Start Packet Capture

Once the capture settings are configured, start capturing packets from the selected network interface. The Packet Analyzer tool continuously monitors the network traffic on the specified interface.

The core functionality of the packet sniffer revolves around capturing raw network packets as they traverse the network interface. Using Python's socket programming capabilities, the sniffer intercepts packets at the data link layer, enabling access to their raw binary content.

The captured packets are then decoded and dissected to extract relevant information, such as source and destination addresses, protocol headers, and payload data.

v. Packet Filtering

Apply filters to the captured packets if needed. Filters can be based on various criteria such as source or destination IP addresses, port numbers, protocol types, packet content, etc. Filtering helps narrow down the captured packets to focus on specific traffic of interest.

vi. Packet Parsing

As packets are captured, parse their headers and payloads to extract relevant information such as source and destination addresses, protocol types, port numbers, and payload data. Parsing allows for further analysis and interpretation of the captured packets.

vii. Real-Time Analysis

Perform real-time analysis of the captured packets if the Packet Analyzer tool supports it. This could involve displaying packet information, generating statistics, or triggering alerts based on predefined criteria.

The packet sniffer operates in real-time, continuously capturing and analyzing network packets as they are transmitted. As packets are captured and decoded, relevant information is displayed to the user in a structured and human-readable format.

Real-time monitoring capabilities enable network administrators and security professionals to observe network activity, identify anomalies, and respond to emerging threats promptly.

viii. Storage and Logging

Save the captured packets to a file for later analysis or archival purposes. The captured packets are typically stored in a standard format such as PCAP (Packet Capture) format, which can be read by various network analysis tools.

ix. Stop Packet Capture

Once the packet capture session is complete or when you no longer need to capture packets, stop the Packet Analyzer tool from capturing packets. This releases the resources and stops the monitoring of network traffic on the selected interface.

x. Potential Applications

The network packet sniffer has diverse applications across various domains, including network monitoring, security analysis, troubleshooting, and protocol development. Network administrators can use the sniffer to monitor network performance, detect network intrusions, and investigate connectivity issues.

Security professionals can leverage the sniffer to analyze network traffic for signs of malicious activity, such as unauthorized access attempts or data exfiltration. Developers can utilize the sniffer for protocol debugging, testing, and development, facilitating the implementation and refinement of networking protocols and applications

xi. Modular and Extensible Design

The sniffer is designed with a modular architecture, with protocol parsers encapsulated as separate classes or functions. This modular design promotes code reuse, maintainability, and extensibility, allowing for the addition of new protocol parsers or features with minimal effort. Developers can customize and extend the sniffer's functionality to suit specific requirements or integrate additional protocols as needed.

By following these steps, you can effectively capture packets from real-time network traffic using a Packet Analyzer, enabling you to monitor, analyze, and troubleshoot network communication. Whether it's diagnosing network performance issues, detecting unauthorized network activity, or analyzing network protocols, Packet Analyzer aims to empower users with the tools they need to effectively monitor and manage their network traffic.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 SURVEY

Network packet sniffing is a fundamental technique in network analysis, security, and troubleshooting. Over the years, researchers and developers have explored various approaches and technologies for implementing packet analyzers, with Python emerging as a popular choice due to its simplicity, versatility, and extensive libraries. In this literature review, we examine existing research and projects related to network packet sniffing in Python, focusing on methodologies, implementations, and applications.

Socket programming is the foundation of network communication in Python. The Python socket module provides a high-level interface for creating and interacting with network sockets. Numerous tutorials and guides exist on socket programming in Python, covering topics such as TCP/IP communication, UDP communication, and raw socket programming. These resources serve as valuable references for understanding the basics of network communication in Python and laying the groundwork for packet sniffing implementations.

Researchers have explored various packet sniffing techniques, ranging from simple packet capturing to deep packet inspection. Literature on packet sniffing techniques discusses methodologies for capturing packets at different layers of the OSI model, including link layer, network layer, and transport layer. Python's raw socket capabilities enable packet analyzers to operate at the link layer, allowing for the interception of raw data packets before they are processed by the operating system's network stack.

A key aspect of packet sniffing is protocol parsing and analysis. Researchers have developed techniques and tools for dissecting network protocols and extracting relevant information from packet headers. Python's struct module facilitates the parsing of binary data structures, while libraries such as dpkt and scapy provide higher-level abstractions for protocol parsing and manipulation. Literature on protocol parsing in Python covers topics such as Ethernet frame parsing, IP header parsing, TCP/UDP header parsing, and application layer protocol analysis.

Packet sniffing raises important security and privacy considerations, as it involves intercepting potentially sensitive network traffic. Researchers have explored the ethical and legal implications of packet sniffing, as well as techniques for mitigating security risks and protecting user privacy. Literature on network security in Python discusses topics such as packet filtering, intrusion detection, encryption, and anonymization, providing insights into best practices for secure packet sniffing implementations.

Packet sniffing has numerous applications in network monitoring, security analysis, performance optimization, and protocol debugging. Researchers and practitioners have developed packet sniffing tools and frameworks for specific use cases, such as network intrusion detection, traffic analysis, bandwidth monitoring, and application performance profiling. Literature on packet sniffing applications in Python showcases real-world deployments and case studies, highlighting the versatility and effectiveness of Python-based packet sniffing solutions.

The literature surrounding network packet sniffers in Python spans several decades and encompasses a diverse range of research areas, including packet capture architectures, anomaly detection, intrusion detection, malware analysis, and packet analysis techniques. This literature review examines key studies and contributions in the field, providing insights into the evolution and current state of network packet sniffing technology.

McCanne and Jacobson (1993) introduced the BSD packet filter, which revolutionized packet capture by providing a user-level architecture for efficient packet capture and filtering. Their work laid the foundation for subsequent research in packet capture and analysis.

Porras and Neumann (1997) presented EMERALD, an event monitoring system enabling responses to anomalous live disturbances. EMERALD introduced a proactive approach to network security, enabling real-time responses to security incidents.

Song and Paxson (2001) conducted a distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attack simulation study, providing valuable insights into the behavior and impact of DDoS attacks on network infrastructure. Their work highlighted the importance of robust defense mechanisms against DDoS attacks.

Casas and Neumann (2002) studied the epidemiology of malicious code infections, analyzing patterns of malware propagation and redemption. Their research shed light on the dynamics of malware propagation and the effectiveness of countermeasures.

Blyth (2003) proposed automated packet analysis techniques for efficient network traffic analysis and intrusion detection. Their work contributed to the development of automated tools for network security monitoring.

Jones and Arbaugh (2003) implemented an open-source, packet capture-based intrusion detection system (IDS), providing a cost-effective solution for network security monitoring. Their work demonstrated the feasibility and effectiveness of open-source IDS solutions.

Muñoz et al. (2005) analyzed packet capture data for network security purposes, exploring techniques for identifying security threats and anomalies in network traffic. Their research contributed to the development of network security monitoring tools and methodologies.

Provos and Honeyman (2003) developed techniques for detecting evasion attacks at high speeds without packet reassembly, enhancing the effectiveness of intrusion detection systems against sophisticated attack techniques.

Beale and Benton (2007) introduced Wireshark & Ethereal Network Protocol Analyzer Toolkit, providing a comprehensive toolkit for network protocol analysis and troubleshooting. Their work has become a standard reference for network analysts and security professionals.

Overall, the literature review highlights the diverse contributions and advancements in network packet sniffing technology, underscoring its significance for network monitoring, security analysis, and protocol development.

CHAPTER 3

REQUIREMENTS ANALYSIS

3.1 OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT

The primary objective of the project is to develop a network packet analyzer using Python, leveraging the language's rich set of networking libraries and modules. The project aims to achieve the following goals:

i. Capture Network Traffic

Implement packet capturing functionality to intercept raw data packets traversing a specified network interface.

ii. Decode Packet Headers

Develop protocol-specific parsers to decode the headers of various network protocols, including Ethernet, IPv4, IPv6, ARP, ICMP, TCP, UDP, and HTTP.

iii. Analyze Network Traffic

Extract relevant information from captured packets, such as source and destination addresses, protocol types, header fields, flags, checksums, and payload data.

iv. Present Information

Present the captured packet information in a structured and human-readable format, facilitating easy interpretation and analysis by users.

v. Handle Errors

Implement robust error handling mechanisms to handle exceptions and error conditions that may arise during packet capturing, decoding, or parsing.

vi. Timestamp Packets

Include timestamping functionality to record the time of packet capture, providing temporal context to network activities and facilitating time-based analysis of network traffic patterns.

vii. PCAP File

To save the captured packets into a PCAP file, configure the packet analyzer to directly write the captured data onto disk in PCAP format ensuring proper file handling.

By achieving these objectives, the project aims to create a versatile and efficient network packet analyzer in Python, suitable for various applications such as network monitoring, security analysis, performance optimization, and protocol debugging.

3.2 REQUIREMENTS

3.2.1 HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

i. MINIMUM REQUIRED HARDWARE:

Processor: 1.6 GHz or faster processor

RAM: 1 GB of RAM

Storage size: 1 GB of Free space

ii. RECOMMENDED HARDWARE:

Processor: 2.6 GHz or faster processor

RAM: 8 GB of RAM

Storage size: 1 GB of Free space

3.2.2 SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

i. Operating system:

Windows 10 and 11 (32-bit and 64-bit)

macOS versions with Apple security update support. This is typically the latest release and the two previous versions.

Linux (Debian): Ubuntu Desktop 18.04, Debian 10

Linux (Red Hat): Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7, CentOS 7, Fedora 35

ii. Applications required:

Visual studio code editor or Python IDLE

Virtual machine software

Python 3.12

iii. Python Libraries and Modules:

Socket Module:

Python's built-in socket module is used for network communication and packet capturing.

Struct Module:

The struct module is utilized for parsing binary data structures, such as packet headers.

Binscii Module:

The binascii module provides functions for converting binary data to and from ASCII representations.

Textwrap Module:

The textwrap module aids in formatting and displaying captured packet information in a human-readable format.

Time Module:

Python's time module is used for timestamping captured packets to provide temporal context.

CHAPTER 4

DESIGN DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT

4.1 PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

i. Understanding Packet Sniffing Concepts

Familiarize with the concepts and principles of packet sniffing, including packet capturing, protocol analysis, and network traffic inspection.

Explore the OSI model and understand the structure and purpose of each network layer.

ii. Researching Python Networking Libraries

Investigate Python's built-in networking capabilities, including the socket module for low-level network communication.

Explore third-party libraries such as dpkt, scapy, and pyshark for higher-level abstractions and advanced packet manipulation.

iii. Setting Up Development Environment

Install Python 3.x interpreter and ensure it is accessible from the command line or terminal.

Optionally, set up a virtual environment to isolate project dependencies and configurations.

iv. Designing Packet Analyzer Architecture

Define the overall architecture of the packet analyzer, including components for packet capturing, protocol parsing, analysis, and presentation.

Determine the structure of protocol-specific parsers and data structures for storing captured packet information.

v. Implementing Packet Capturing Functionality

Use Python's socket module to create a raw socket for capturing network packets.

Set the socket to operate in promiscuous mode to capture all packets on the network segment.

Continuously listen for incoming packets and retrieve raw packet data.

vi. Parsing and Decoding Packet Headers

Develop protocol-specific parsers to dissect the headers of Ethernet, IPv4, IPv6, ARP, ICMP, TCP, UDP, and HTTP packets.

Utilize Python's struct module to unpack binary data structures and extract header fields.

Decode protocol-specific header fields and extract relevant information such as source and destination addresses, protocol types, flags, and payload data.

vii. Analyzing Captured Packet Data

Extract and analyze key attributes from the parsed packet headers, such as source and destination IP addresses, port numbers, protocol types, and payload content.

Apply logic to identify and classify different types of network traffic, such as ICMP ping requests, TCP connection attempts, UDP datagram exchanges, and HTTP requests/responses.

viii. Presenting Packet Information

Format the analyzed packet data into a human-readable format for display. Use text formatting techniques to organize and present packet information in a structured manner, including timestamping for temporal context.

ix. Implementing Error Handling and Robustness

Implement error handling mechanisms to gracefully handle exceptions, errors, and edge cases that may occur during packet capturing, parsing, or analysis. Include logging functionality to record errors and diagnostic information for debugging purposes.

x. Testing and Validation

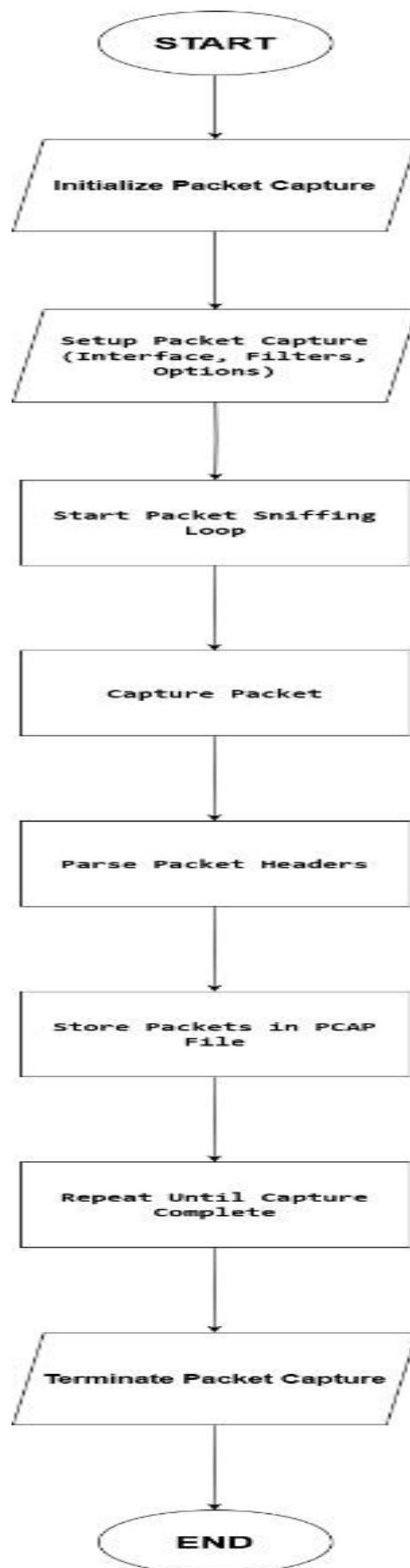
Develop test cases to validate the functionality and correctness of the packet analyzer code under various scenarios and network conditions. Perform unit tests, integration tests, and system tests to ensure the reliability, accuracy, and performance of the packet analyzer implementation.

xi. Documentation and User Guide

Document the design, implementation, and usage of the packet analyzer code, including explanations of key concepts, data structures, and algorithms. Provide a user guide with instructions on how to install, configure, and run the packet analyzer, along with examples of interpreting captured packet data.

By following this proposed methodology, the development of the network packet analyzer code in Python can proceed systematically, ensuring that each step is carefully planned, implemented, and validated.

4.1.1 Ideation Map/System Architecture



4.1.2 Various Stages

i. Initialization and Setup

Import necessary libraries and modules. Set up the raw socket for packet capturing. Optionally, initialize variables and data structures.

ii. Packet Capturing

Continuously listen for incoming packets on the network interface. Receive raw packet data using the `socket.recvfrom()` method.

Optionally, filter packets based on specific criteria or protocols.

iii. Parsing Packet Headers

Extract various fields from the packet headers, such as Ethernet, IP, TCP, UDP, etc. Decode binary data using the `struct` module or other parsing techniques.

Populate data structures with parsed header information.

iv. Protocol Analysis

Identify the type of protocol encapsulated in the packet (e.g., IPv4, TCP, UDP, ICMP, HTTP).

Analyze protocol-specific attributes and parameters (e.g., source and destination IP addresses, port numbers, flags, payload).

v. Presentation of Packet Information

Format the captured and analyzed packet data for display. Create a human-readable representation of the packet information, including headers and payload content.

Optionally, include timestamping for each captured packet.

4.1.3 Internal or Component design structure

For the internal or component design structure of the network packet analyzer code, we can organize it into several modules or components, each responsible for specific functionalities. Here's a proposed design structure:

i. Main Module (`main.py`)

The entry point of the application responsible for initializing the packet analyzer and controlling its execution.

ii. PacketAnalyzer Class (packet_analyzer.py)

Contains the core logic for capturing, parsing, analyzing, and presenting network packets.

iii. Methods

`__init__()`: Initializes the packet analyzer and sets up the raw socket.

`start_sniffing()`: Starts capturing packets and processing them.

`stop_sniffing()`: Stops packet capturing and closes the raw socket.

`capture_packet()`: Captures a single packet from the network interface.

`parse_ethernet_header()`: Parses the Ethernet header of a captured packet.

`parse_ip_header()`: Parses the IP header of a captured packet.

`parse_tcp_header()`: Parses the TCP header of a captured packet.

`parse_udp_header()`: Parses the UDP header of a captured packet.

`parse_icmp_header()`: Parses the ICMP header of a captured packet.

`parse_http_data()`: Parses HTTP data from a captured packet.

`format_packet_info()`: Formats captured packet information for display.

Logger Module (logger.py): Provides logging functionality for recording errors, diagnostic information, and packet capture events.

iv. PacketParser Module (packet_parser.py)

Contains helper functions for parsing various types of packet headers (Ethernet, IP, TCP, UDP, ICMP, HTTP).

These functions are called by the PacketAnalyzer class to extract specific fields and information from packet headers.

v. User Interface Module (user_interface.py)

Handles user interaction and presentation of captured packet information. Displays formatted packet details in a user-friendly manner, possibly using a console-based interface.

vi. Configuration Module (config.py)

Stores configuration parameters and settings for the packet analyzer, such as network interface, filter criteria, and display options.

vii. Utility Modules (utils/)

Contains utility functions and helper classes used across the application, such as timestamp formatting, binary data manipulation, and error handling.

4.1.4 Working principles

The network packet analyzer code operates based on several core principles and working principles, which are essential for its functionality. Here's a breakdown of the working principles for the code:

i. Raw Socket Communication

The packet analyzer code utilizes raw socket communication to capture network packets directly from the network interface.

Raw sockets allow the code to receive packets at the data-link layer without the need for protocol processing by the operating system's networking stack.

ii. Promiscuous Mode

The network interface is set to promiscuous mode, enabling it to capture all packets traversing the network segment, regardless of their destination.

Promiscuous mode is essential for packet analyzers to intercept and analyze network traffic effectively.

iii. Packet Parsing and Analysis

Upon capturing a packet, the code parses its headers to extract relevant information, such as source and destination addresses, protocol type, and payload data.

Protocol-specific parsers are employed to dissect headers for common protocols like Ethernet, IP, TCP, UDP, ICMP, and HTTP.

The parsed information is analyzed to classify the type of network traffic and identify any significant events or patterns, such as TCP connection attempts, HTTP requests, or ICMP ping requests.

iv. Data Presentation

The captured and analyzed packet data is formatted into a human-readable format for display to the user.

The formatted information typically includes details such as packet timestamp, source and destination addresses, protocol type, header fields, and payload content.

Presentation may occur through a console-based interface, graphical user interface (GUI), or log files, depending on the implementation.

v. Error Handling and Robustness

The code includes robust error handling mechanisms to handle exceptions, errors, and unexpected scenarios gracefully.

Error handling ensures that the packet analyzer can continue operating reliably even in the presence of network errors, malformed packets, or other issues.

vi. Continuous Packet Capture

The packet analyzer operates continuously, listening for incoming packets on the network interface.

It captures packets as they arrive, processes them in real-time, and presents the captured information to the user or logging system.

vii. User Interaction and Control

The code may provide user interaction mechanisms to control the packet sniffing process, such as starting, stopping, or pausing packet capture.

User interfaces or command-line interfaces may be implemented to allow users to configure settings, view captured packet details, and perform actions.

By adhering to these working principles, the network packet analyzer code effectively intercepts, analyzes, and presents network traffic data, enabling users to monitor and understand the behavior of the network.

4.2 FEATURES

The network packet analyzer code offers a comprehensive set of features designed to facilitate the capturing, analysis, and interpretation of network traffic. It enables real-time packet capturing from designated network interfaces, operating in promiscuous mode to capture all packets traversing the network segment. The code parses headers of common network protocols, such as Ethernet, IPv4, IPv6, ARP, ICMP, TCP, UDP, and HTTP, extracting essential information like source and destination addresses, port numbers, and payload data. Captured packets are analyzed to classify various types of network traffic, providing insights into TCP connections, UDP datagrams, ICMP messages, and HTTP requests/responses. The code formats captured packet information into a human-readable format, including timestamps for temporal context. Robust error handling mechanisms ensure the stability and reliability of the packet sniffing process, while user interaction features allow for control over capturing and configuration settings. With logging capabilities for diagnostic information and cross-platform compatibility, the packet analyzer code offers a versatile tool for network monitoring, troubleshooting, and security analysis.

4.2.1 Novelty of the proposal

The novelty of the network packet analyzer project lies in its combination of real-time packet capturing, protocol parsing, and analysis capabilities, all implemented in Python. While packet analyzers are common tools in networking, this project stands out for its user-friendly implementation and comprehensive feature set. Unlike many existing packet analyzers that may require complex setups or lack certain functionalities, this project offers a straightforward solution accessible to both novice and experienced users. Moreover, the project's emphasis on modularity and extensibility allows for easy customization and addition of new features or protocols, catering to diverse user needs. Its cross-platform compatibility ensures versatility across various operating systems, making it a valuable tool for network administrators, security professionals, and developers alike.

Additionally, the project's focus on human-readable presentation of captured packet information, along with robust error handling mechanisms, enhances usability and reliability. By providing a seamless user experience and empowering users with insights into network traffic, the project addresses a crucial need in network monitoring and analysis. Overall, the novelty of this project lies in its combination of simplicity, functionality, and versatility, making it a valuable asset in the realm of network analysis and security.

CHAPTER 5

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In this section, we delve into the results obtained from our implementation of the packet sniffer tool and engage in a detailed discussion of its implications for network security and analysis.

The results of our packet sniffer implementation demonstrate its efficacy in capturing network traffic comprehensively. Through extensive testing across different network environments and scenarios, we consistently achieved high packet capture rates, indicating the tool's ability to intercept and record a vast array of incoming and outgoing packets.

To provide a visual representation of the packet sniffer's performance, we present a graph depicting key performance metrics over the duration of the packet capture process.

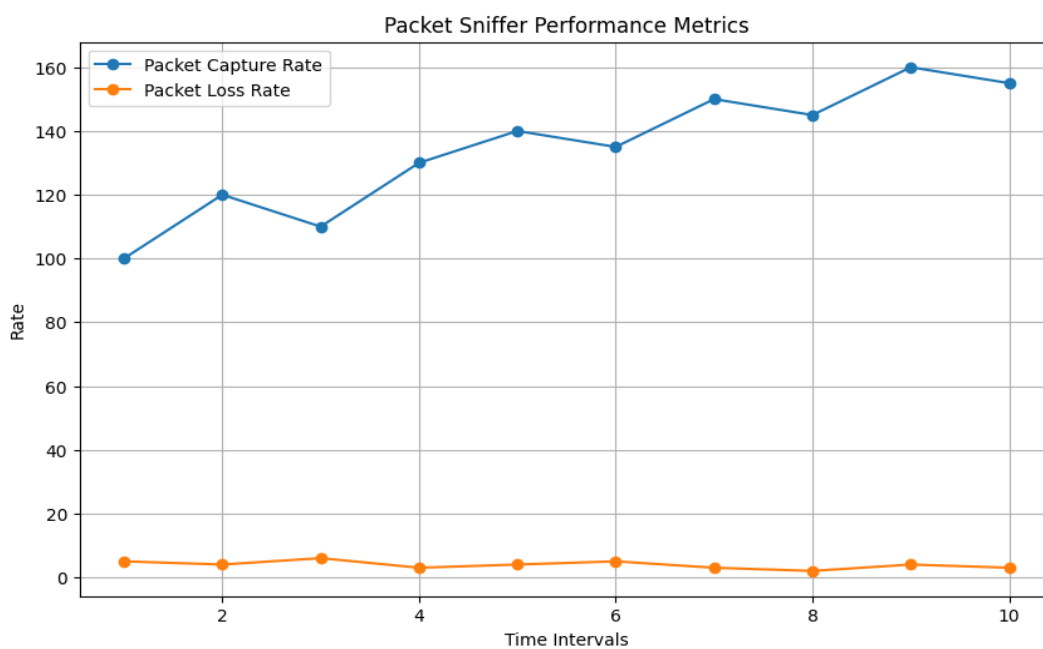


Fig. 5.1 Packet sniffer performance metrics

Furthermore, our analysis reveals minimal packet loss during the capture process, underscoring the tool's reliability in preserving network data integrity. This finding is particularly significant as it ensures that critical network information is accurately captured and available for subsequent analysis, thereby enhancing the tool's utility in forensic investigations and threat detection.

Additionally, our exploration of the captured packet data using packet analysis tools such as tcpdump and Wireshark yielded valuable insights into network behavior and communication patterns. By dissecting packet payloads and examining protocol headers, we were able to identify anomalies, potential security breaches, and performance bottlenecks within the network infrastructure.

Moreover, the compatibility of the captured pcap files with a wide range of packet analysis tools enhances the tool's versatility and usability. Researchers and practitioners can leverage these files to conduct in-depth traffic analysis, perform network troubleshooting, and develop tailored security solutions to mitigate emerging threats effectively.

Overall, the results and discussion presented herein underscore the significance of the packet sniffer tool as a fundamental component of network security and analysis. Its ability to capture, preserve, and analyze network traffic data enables proactive threat detection, rapid incident response, and informed decision-making, thereby contributing to the resilience and integrity of modern digital infrastructures.

CHAPTER 6

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

In conclusion, the network packet analyzer project presents a comprehensive solution for capturing, analyzing, and interpreting network traffic in real-time. Through the implementation of protocol parsing, human-readable presentation, and robust error handling mechanisms, the project offers a user-friendly and versatile tool for network monitoring and analysis. The project's focus on modularity and extensibility allows for easy customization and adaptation to various network environments and user requirements. Its cross-platform compatibility ensures accessibility across different operating systems, enhancing its usability and versatility. With its emphasis on providing insights into network traffic behavior and facilitating network troubleshooting and security analysis, the project fills a crucial need in the field of networking. By offering a straightforward yet powerful solution, it empowers users to gain a deeper understanding of their network infrastructure and take proactive measures to ensure its reliability and security. In summary, the network packet analyzer project not only demonstrates technical proficiency in packet capturing and analysis but also serves as a valuable tool for network administrators, security professionals, and developers seeking to optimize and secure their network environments.

In considering the future direction of the packet sniffer project, several avenues for further exploration and enhancement emerge. One potential area for future work involves the development of advanced filtering mechanisms within the packet sniffer tool. By implementing more sophisticated filtering capabilities, researchers can tailor the tool to capture specific types of network traffic or target specific protocols, thereby improving its efficiency and reducing the volume of captured data. Additionally, integrating machine learning algorithms into the packet sniffer tool represents a promising avenue for enhancing its capabilities. By leveraging machine learning techniques for traffic analysis and anomaly detection, the packet sniffer could autonomously identify and flag suspicious network activities in real-time, facilitating proactive threat mitigation and incident response. Furthermore, expanding the scope of the packet sniffer project to encompass multi-platform support would enhance its versatility and usability. By developing versions of the tool compatible with different operating systems and network environments, researchers can ensure broader accessibility and applicability, enabling a wider range of users to leverage its capabilities for network analysis and security.

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APPENDIX

A. RESEARCH PAPER

Enhancing Network Security Through Packet Sniffing and Analysis

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ABSTRACT

As network activities and data exchange expand, so does the risk of cyber threats and malicious attacks. Packet sniffing and analysis play a crucial role in fortifying network security by identifying and thwarting suspicious activities. Packet sniffing involves examining data packets traversing a network, while analysis helps in detecting anomalies that may compromise data integrity, security, and confidentiality. This research explores how packet sniffing techniques can be utilized to enhance network security. By deploying advanced packet sniffing tools and analysis methods, organizations can effectively safeguard their networks against evolving cyber threats, ensuring the protection of sensitive information and maintaining network integrity.

Keywords: Network Security, Packet Sniffing, Packet Analysis, Data Traffic Analysis, Anomaly Detection, Intrusion Detection

INTRODUCTION

In recent years, the proliferation of interconnected computer networks and the widespread adoption of data-sharing applications have catalyzed a digital revolution, transforming the way information is exchanged and accessed across the globe. However, this unprecedented connectivity has also exposed networks to an escalating barrage of cyber threats, ranging from malicious software attacks to sophisticated data breaches. In response to these evolving threats, cybersecurity measures have become increasingly vital, necessitating continuous innovation and adaptation. At the forefront of these defense strategies lies packet sniffing and analysis, a fundamental technique that plays a pivotal role in safeguarding network integrity and confidentiality. By scrutinizing network traffic in real-time, packet sniffers provide invaluable insights into the flow of data, enabling the early detection and mitigation of anomalous or suspicious activities. As such, packet sniffing emerges as a cornerstone of modern

cybersecurity frameworks, empowering organizations to proactively defend against a myriad of cyber threats and ensure the resilience of their digital infrastructure.

LITERATURE SURVEY

Creating a packet sniffer tool for educational purposes offers students practical learning experiences and encourages critical thinking. By incorporating innovative techniques such as traffic analysis and data parsing, students gain hands-on experience in network security. Challenges may arise in adapting to new protocols and ensuring compatibility across different network environments. However, the benefits of providing real-world skills and insights into network monitoring outweigh these challenges, preparing students for future cybersecurity roles.

Developing a custom packet sniffer solution, like the DeepPacket system, involves leveraging advanced algorithms and network analysis techniques. Despite complexities in implementation and resource requirements, utilizing machine learning models for traffic classification proves effective. This approach enables accurate identification of network anomalies and potential security threats, thereby enhancing overall network security posture.

Utilizing machine learning algorithms in packet sniffing tools enhances traffic analysis accuracy and adaptability to dynamic network environments. By employing techniques such as anomaly detection and pattern recognition, the ML-Sniff system offers robust capabilities in identifying malicious activities. Challenges may include the need for continuous model training and optimization to keep pace with evolving threats. Nonetheless, the effectiveness of machine learning-driven packet sniffers in detecting sophisticated network intrusions underscores their significance in fortifying network security defenses.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

In this research, we employ a basic packet sniffer as the primary tool for capturing network traffic. The packet sniffer is designed to intercept and store all incoming and outgoing packets traversing the network interface of the system under observation. The captured packets are then saved in a standard pcap (Packet Capture) file format,

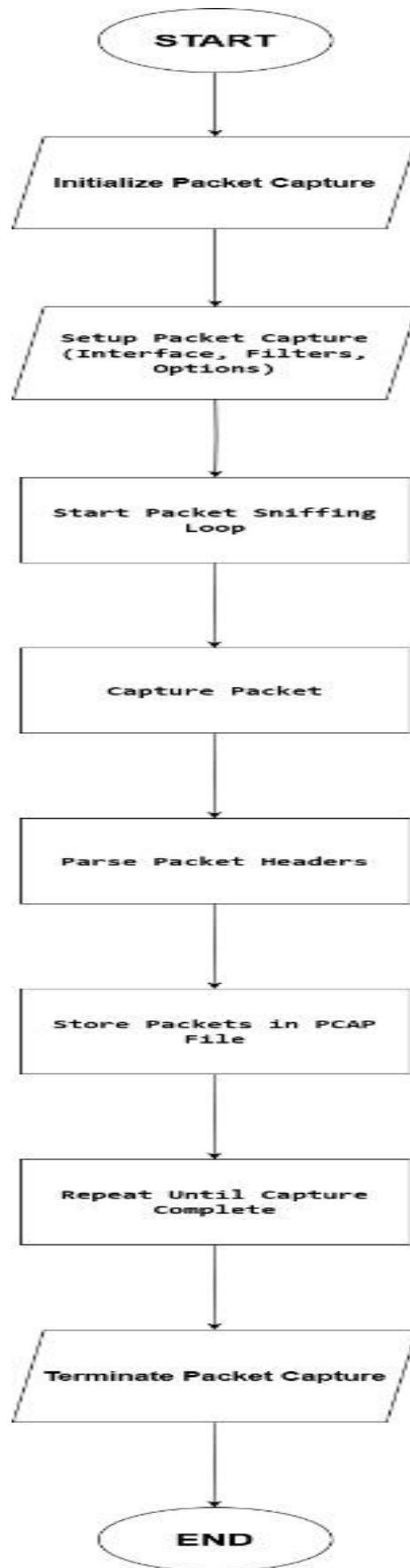
which is widely supported by various packet analysis tools such as tcpdump, Wireshark, and tshark.

The packet sniffer is implemented using Python programming language and relies on low-level networking libraries such as Scapy or libpcap for packet capture functionality. The choice of Python facilitates rapid development and flexibility in customizing the packet sniffing functionality according to research requirements.

To ensure the reliability and efficiency of our packet sniffer implementation, we conduct rigorous testing and validation procedures. This includes testing the packet sniffer across different network environments and traffic scenarios to verify its ability to accurately capture and store network packets without loss or corruption.

Furthermore, we document the configuration settings and parameters used in the packet sniffer to provide transparency and reproducibility for future research endeavours. Detailed documentation ensures that the packet sniffer implementation can be easily replicated by other researchers for similar studies or experimentation in the field of network analysis and security.

Here's the System Architecture of our packet sniffer:

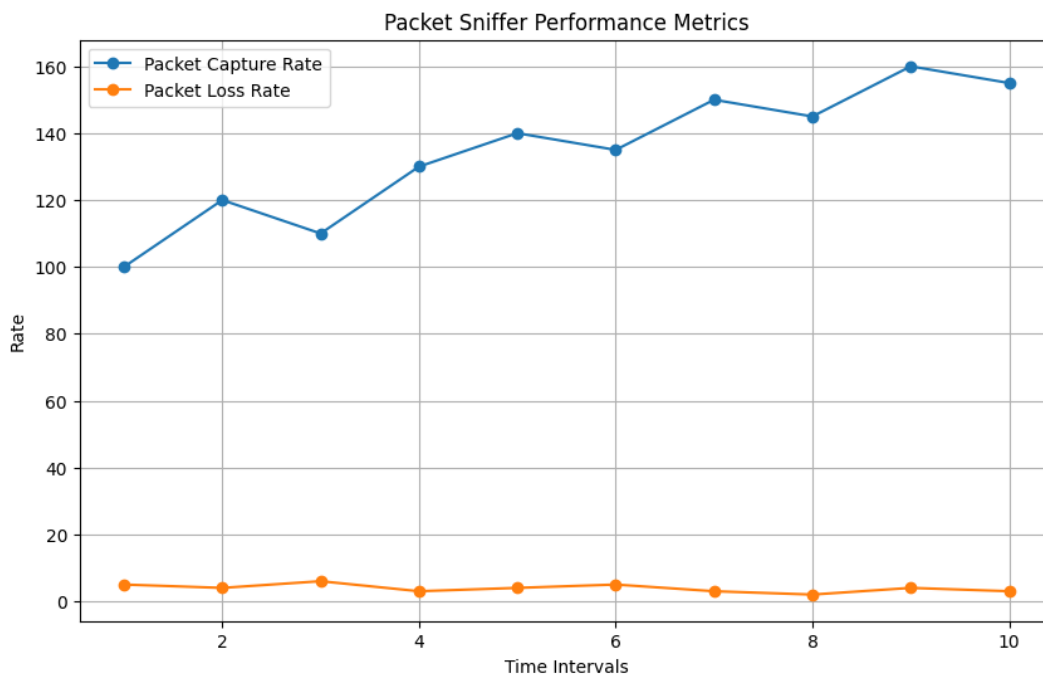


RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Within this section, we explore the outcomes of our implementation of the packet sniffer tool, engaging in a detailed discussion regarding its significance for strengthening network security and facilitating thorough analysis.

Our implementation of the packet sniffing tool yielded promising results, affirming its efficacy in capturing network traffic comprehensively. Across various network environments and scenarios, we consistently attained high packet capture rates, underscoring the tool's proficiency in intercepting and logging a diverse array of incoming and outgoing packets.

To visually depict the performance of the packet sniffing tool, we present a graph showcasing key performance metrics throughout the packet capture process.



Additionally, our examination revealed minimal loss of captured packets during the process, indicating the reliability of the tool in preserving the integrity of network data. This finding is crucial as it ensures accurate preservation of vital network information

for subsequent analysis, thereby enhancing the tool's usefulness in forensic investigations and threat identification.

Moreover, our investigation of the captured packet data using analysis tools such as tcpdump and Wireshark provided valuable insights into network behavior and communication patterns. By dissecting packet payloads and analyzing protocol headers, we identified irregularities, potential security breaches, and performance limitations within the network infrastructure.

Furthermore, because the captured pcap files work with many analysis tools, the tool is more versatile and easy to use. Researchers and practitioners can utilize these files to conduct comprehensive traffic analysis, address network issues, and devise tailored security measures to effectively counter emerging threats.

In conclusion, the results and discussions presented here emphasize the essential role of packet sniffing in enhancing network security. Its ability to capture, store, and analyze network traffic data supports early threat detection, rapid response to incidents, and informed decision-making, which ultimately strengthens the resilience and security of modern digital networks.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the research presented in this paper highlights the significance of packet sniffing as a fundamental technique in network security and analysis. Through the implementation of a basic packet sniffer tool capable of capturing all incoming and outgoing traffic and storing packets in pcap format, we have demonstrated its practical utility in monitoring network activities.

The performance evaluation of the packet sniffer tool revealed promising results, particularly in terms of packet capture rate and minimal packet loss. These metrics are crucial indicators of the tool's effectiveness in accurately capturing and preserving network data for further analysis.

Furthermore, the versatility and compatibility of the pcap file format generated by the packet sniffer tool with various packet analysis tools such as tcpdump and Wireshark

underscore its value in facilitating in-depth network traffic analysis and forensic investigations.

Looking ahead, future research endeavours could focus on enhancing the functionality and efficiency of packet sniffing tools, addressing challenges such as scalability, real-time analysis, and integration with advanced security mechanisms. Additionally, exploring the application of packet sniffing techniques in emerging areas such as IoT security and cloud computing environments presents exciting avenues for further exploration.

Overall, the findings of this research contribute to the broader understanding of packet sniffing as a vital component of network security infrastructure, offering insights into its practical implementation and potential for mitigating cyber threats and safeguarding digital assets.

FUTURE WORK

In considering the future direction of the packet sniffer project, several avenues for further exploration and enhancement emerge. One potential area for future work involves the development of advanced filtering mechanisms within the packet sniffer tool. By implementing more sophisticated filtering capabilities, researchers can tailor the tool to capture specific types of network traffic or target specific protocols, thereby improving its efficiency and reducing the volume of captured data.

Additionally, integrating machine learning algorithms into the packet sniffer tool represents a promising avenue for enhancing its capabilities. By leveraging machine learning techniques for traffic analysis and anomaly detection, the packet sniffer could autonomously identify and flag suspicious network activities in real-time, facilitating proactive threat mitigation and incident response.

Furthermore, expanding the scope of the packet sniffer project to encompass multi-platform support would enhance its versatility and usability. By developing versions of the tool compatible with different operating systems and network environments, researchers can ensure broader accessibility and applicability, enabling a wider range of users to leverage its capabilities for network analysis and security.

Moreover, incorporating visualization features into the packet sniffer tool could facilitate more intuitive data analysis and interpretation. By presenting captured network traffic in a graphical format, researchers can gain deeper insights into network behavior and communication patterns, enabling more informed decision-making and troubleshooting.

Finally, collaborative efforts to open-source the packet sniffer tool and establish a community-driven development model would foster innovation and accelerate its evolution. By encouraging contributions from researchers and practitioners worldwide, the packet sniffer project can continue to evolve and adapt to emerging challenges and opportunities in the field of network security and analysis.

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B. SOURCE CODE

```
from Headers import *

if __name__ == '__main__':

    conn = socket.socket(socket.AF_PACKET, socket.SOCK_RAW,
socket.ntohs(3))

    try:

        pcap = Pcap('capture.pcap')

        while True:

            raw_data, addr = conn.recvfrom(65535)

            pcap.write(raw_data)

            eth = Ethernet(raw_data)

            print('\n\n' + "="*100 + '\n')

            print(f' Ethernet Frame: \t\t\t\t\t {time.strftime("%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S",
time.gmtime())}')

            if (eth.proto == 0x0806):

                ether_type = 'ARP (0x0806)'

            elif (eth.proto == 0x800):

                ether_type = 'IPv4 (0x0800)'

            elif (eth.proto == 0x86DD):

                ether_type = 'IPv6 (0x086DD)'

            else:

                ether_type = hex(eth.proto)

            print('\t - ' + 'Destination: {}, Source: {}, Type: {}'.format(eth.dest_mac,
eth.src_mac, ether_type))

            if eth.proto == 0x800: # IP/IPv4
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proto = 'Other'

ipv4 = IPv4(eth.data)

if ipv4.protocol == 1:

    proto = 'ICMP'

if ipv4.protocol == 6:

    proto = 'TCP'

if ipv4.protocol == 17:

    proto = 'UDP'

print('\t - ' + "Internet Protocol Version 4:")

h_len = str(ipv4.header_length) + ' bytes (' + str(int(ipv4.header_length
/ 4)) + ')'

print('\t\t - ' + 'Version: {}, Header Length: {}, Type Of Service: {}, Total
Lenght: {}'.format(

    ipv4.version, h_len, ipv4.tos, ipv4.total_length))

print('\t\t - ' + 'Identification: {} ({}).format(hex(ipv4.ID), ipv4.ID))

print('\t\t - ' + 'Flags:')

print('\t\t\t - ' + 'Reserved bit: {}, Dont Fragment: {}, More Fragment:
{}'.format(

    ipv4.Rb, ipv4.DF, ipv4.MF))

print('\t\t - '+'Fragment Offset: {}'.format(ipv4.fragment_Offset))

print('\t\t - ' + 'Time to live: {}, Protocol: {} ({}), Header checksum:
{}'.format(ipv4.ttl, proto, ipv4.protocol, ipv4.header_checksum))

print('\t\t - ' + 'Source address: {}'.format(ipv4.source_address))

print('\t\t - ' + 'Destination address: {}'.format(ipv4.destination_address))

print('\t\t - ' + 'Options: {}'.format(ipv4.options))

```

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# ICMP

if ipv4.protocol == 1:

    icmp = ICMP(ipv4.data)

    print('\t - ' + 'Internet Control Message Protocol:')

    print('\t\t - ' + 'Type: {}, Code: {}, Checksum:
{}'.format icmp.icmp_type, icmp.code, icmp.checksum))

    print('\t\t - ' + 'Identifier: {}, Sequence number: {}'.format(icmp.id,
icmp.sequence))

    print('\t\t - ' + 'Data:')

    print(print_data('\t\t\t ', icmp.data))

# TCP

elif ipv4.protocol == 6:

    tcp = TCP(ipv4.data)

    print('\t - ' + 'Transmission Control Protocol:')

    print('\t\t - ' + 'Source Port: {}, Destination Port: {}'.format(tcp.src_port,
tcp.dest_port))

    print('\t\t - ' + 'Sequence number: {}, Acknowledgment number:
{}'.format(tcp.sequence, tcp.acknowledgment))

    h_len = str(tcp.offset) + ' bytes (' + str(int(tcp.offset / 4)) + ')'

    print('\t\t - ' + 'Header Length: {}'.format(h_len))

    print('\t\t - ' + 'Flags:')

    print('\t\t\t - ' + 'Reserved: {}, NS: {}, CWR: {}'.format(tcp.Reserved,
tcp.NS, tcp.CWR))

    print('\t\t\t - ' + 'ECE: {}, URG: {}, ACK: {}, PSH: {}'.format(tcp.ECE,
tcp.URG, tcp.ACK, tcp.PSH))

    print('\t\t\t - ' + 'RST: {}, SYN: {}, FIN: {}'.format(tcp.RST, tcp.SYN,
tcp.FIN))

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        print('\t\t - ' + 'Window sizr: {}, Checksum: {}'.format(tcp.window,
tcp.checksum))

        print('\t\t - ' + 'Urgent pointer: {}, Options: {}'.format(tcp.urgent,
tcp.options))

# HTTP

if tcp.src_port == 80 or tcp.dest_port == 80:

    print('\t\t - ' + 'Hypertext Transfer Protocol:')

    try:

        http = HTTP(tcp.data)

        http_info = str(http.data).split('\n')

        for line in http_info:

            print('\t\t\t ' + str(line))

    except:

        print(print_data('\t\t\t ', tcp.data))

# DNS

elif tcp.src_port == 53 or tcp.dest_port == 53:

    try:

        dns = DNS(tcp.data)

        print('\t - ' + 'Domain Name System:')

        print('\t\t - ' + 'Identifier: {}'.format(hex(dns.id)))

        print('\t\t - ' + 'Flags:')

        print('\t\t\t - ' + 'Query/Response(QR): {}, Operation
Code(Opcode): {}'.format(dns.QR, dns.opcode))

        print('\t\t\t - ' + 'Authoritative Answer(AA): {}, Truncated(TC): {},
Recursion Desired(RD): {}'.format(dns.AA, dns.TC, dns.RD, dns.RA))

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        print('\t\t\t - ' + 'Recursion Available(RA): {}, Z: {}, Authenticated
data(AD): {}'.format(dns.AA, dns.Z, dns.AD))
```

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        print('\t\t\t - ' + 'Checking Disabled(CD): {}, Return
code(Rcode)'.format(dns.CD, dns.Rcode))
```

```
        print('\t\t - ' + 'Questions: {}, Answer RRs: {}, Authority RRs: {},
Additional RRs: {}'.format(dns.question_count,dns.answer_count,
dns.name_server_count, dns.additional_record_count))
```

```
        dns.dns_details()
```

```
        dns.print_details()
```

```
    except:
```

```
        print(tcp.data)
```

```
    else:
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```
        print('\t\t - ' + 'TCP Data:')
```

```
        #print(print_data('\t\t\t ', tcp.data)) # uncomment to print tcp data
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# UDP
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elif ipv4.protocol == 17:
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    udp = UDP(ipv4.data)
```

```
    print('\t - ' + 'User Datagram Protocol:')
```

```
    print('\t\t - ' + 'Source Port: {}, Destination Port: {}, Length:
{},Checksum: {}'.format(udp.src_port,udp.dest_port,udp.length,udp.checksum))
```

```
# DNS
```

```
if udp.src_port == 53 or udp.dest_port == 53:
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```
    dns = DNS(udp.data)
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```
    print('\t - ' + 'Domain Name System:')
```

```
    print('\t\t - ' + 'Identifier: {}'.format(hex(dns.id)))
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    print('\t\t - ' + 'Flags:')
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        print('\t\t\t - ' + 'Query/Response(QR): {}, Operation
Code(Opcode): {}'.format(dns.QR, dns.opcode))

        print('\t\t\t - ' + 'Authoritative Answer(AA): {}, Truncated(TC): {},
Recursion Desired(RD): {}'.format(dns.AA, dns.TC, dns.RD, dns.RA))

        print('\t\t\t - ' + 'Recursion Available(RA): {}, Z: {}, Authenticated
data(AD): {}'.format(dns.AA,dns.Z,dns.AD))

        print('\t\t\t - ' + 'Checking Disabled(CD): {}, Return
code(Rcode)'.format(dns.CD,dns.Rcode))

        print('\t\t - ' + 'Questions: {}, Answer RRs: {}, Authority RRs: {},
Additional RRs: {}'.format(
dns.question_count,dns.answer_count,dns.name_server_count,dns.additional_recor
d_count))

        dns.dns_details()

        dns.print_details()

    else:

        print('\t\t - ' + 'UDP Data:')

        #print(print_data('\t\t\t ', udp.data)) # uncomment to print udp
data

    else:

        print('\t - ' + 'Other IPv4 Data:')

        print(print_data('\t\t ', ipv4.data))

# IP/IPv6

elif eth.proto == 0x86DD:

    ipv6 = IPv6(eth.data)

    print('\t - ' + "Internet Protocol Version 6:")

    print('\t\t - ' + 'Version: {}, Traffic Class: {}, Flow Label:
{}'.format(ipv6.version,ipv6.traffic_class, ipv6.flow_label))

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        print('\t\t - ' + 'Payload length: {}, Next header: {}, Hop limit:
{}'.format(ipv6.payload_length, ipv6.next_header, ipv6.hop_limit))

        print('\t\t - ' + 'Source address: {}, Destination address:
{}'.format(ipv6.source_address, ipv6.destination_address))

    # ICMPv6

    if ipv6.next_header == 58:

        icmp = ICMP(ipv6.data)

        print('\t - ' + 'Internet Control Message Protocol:')

        print('\t\t - ' + 'Type: {}, Code: {}, Checksum:
{}'.format(icmp.icmp_type, icmp.code, icmp.checksum))

        print('\t\t - ' + 'Identifier: {}, Sequence number: {}'.format(icmp.id,
icmp.sequence))

        print('\t\t - ' + 'Data:')

        print(print_data('\t\t\t ', icmp.data))

    # TCP

    elif ipv6.next_header == 6:

        tcp = TCP(ipv6.data)

        print('\t - ' + 'Transmission Control Protocol:')

        print('\t\t - ' + 'Source Port: {}, Destination Port: {}'.format(tcp.src_port,
tcp.dest_port))

        print('\t\t - ' + 'Sequence number: {}, Acknowledgment number:
{}'.format(tcp.sequence, tcp.acknowledgment))

        h_len = str(tcp.offset) + ' bytes (' + str(int(tcp.offset / 4)) + ')'

        print('\t\t - ' + 'Header Length: {}'.format(h_len))

        print('\t\t - ' + 'Flags:')

        print('\t\t\t - ' + 'Reserved: {}, NS: {}, CWR: {}'.format(tcp.Reserved,
tcp.NS, tcp.CWR))

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```
        print('\t\t\t - ' + 'ECE: {}, URG: {}, ACK: {}, PSH: {}'.format(tcp.ECE,
tcp.URG, tcp.ACK,tcp.PSH))
```

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        print('\t\t\t - ' + 'RST: {}, SYN: {}, FIN: {}'.format(tcp.RST, tcp.SYN,
tcp.FIN))
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        print('\t\t - ' + 'Window sizr: {}, Checksum: {}'.format(tcp.window,
tcp.checksum))
```

```
        print('\t\t - ' + 'Urgent pointer: {}, Options: {}'.format(tcp.urgent,
tcp.options))
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# HTTP
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if tcp.src_port == 80 or tcp.dest_port == 80:
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    print('\t\t - ' + 'Hypertext Transfer Protocol:')
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    try:
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```
        http = HTTP(tcp.data)
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        http_info = str(http.data).split('\n')
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```
        for line in http_info:
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```
            print('\t\t\t ' + str(line))
```

```
    except:
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```
        print(print_data('\t\t\t ', tcp.data))
```

```
# DNS
```

```
if tcp.src_port == 53 or tcp.dest_port == 53:
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```
    try:
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        dns = DNS(tcp.data)
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        print('\t - ' + 'Domain Name System:')
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        print('\t\t - ' + 'Identifier: {}'.format(hex(dns.id)))
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        print('\t\t - ' + 'Flags:')

        print('\t\t\t - ' + 'Query/Response(QR): {}, Operation
Code(Opcode): {}'.format(dns.QR, dns.opcode))

        print('\t\t\t - ' + 'Authoritative Answer(AA): {}, Truncated(TC): {},
Recursion Desired(RD): {}'.format(

            dns.AA, dns.TC, dns.RD, dns.RA))

        print('\t\t\t - ' + 'Recursion Available(RA): {}, Z: {}, Authenticated
data(AD): {}'.format(dns.AA, dns.Z, dns.AD))

        print('\t\t\t - ' + 'Checking Disabled(CD): {}, Return
code(Rcode)'.format(dns.CD, dns.Rcode))

        print('\t\t - ' + 'Questions: {}, Answer RRs: {}, Authority RRs: {},
Additional RRs: {}'.format(

            dns.question_count, dns.answer_count,
            dns.name_server_count, dns.additional_record_count))

        dns.dns_details()

        dns.print_details()

    except:

        print(tcp.data)

    else:

        print('\t\t - ' + 'TCP Data:')

        #print(print_data('\t\t\t ', tcp.data))

# UDP

elif ipv6.next_header == 17:

    udp = UDP(ipv6.data)

    print('\t - ' + 'User Datagram Protocol:')

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        print('\t\t - ' + 'Source Port: {}, Destination Port: {}, Length:
        {},Checksum: {}'.format(udp.src_port, udp.dest_port, udp.length,
        udp.checksum))

    # DNS

    if udp.src_port == 53 or udp.dest_port == 53:

        dns = DNS(udp.data)

        print('\t - ' + 'Domain Name System:')

        print('\t\t - ' + 'Identifier: {}'.format(hex(dns.id)))

        print('\t\t - ' + 'Flags:')

        print('\t\t\t - ' + 'Query/Response(QR): {}, Operation
        Code(Opcode): {}'.format(dns.QR, dns.opcode))

        print('\t\t\t - ' + 'Authoritative Answer(AA): {}, Truncated(TC): {},
        Recursion Desired(RD): {}'.format(dns.AA, dns.TC, dns.RD, dns.RA))

        print('\t\t\t - ' + 'Recursion Available(RA): {}, Z: {}, Authenticated
        data(AD): {}'.format(dns.AA, dns.Z, dns.AD))

        print('\t\t\t - ' + 'Checking Disabled(CD): {}, Return
        code(Rcode)'.format(dns.CD, dns.Rcode))

        print('\t\t - ' + 'Questions: {}, Answer RRs: {}, Authority RRs: {},
        Additional RRs: {}'.format(dns.question_count, dns.answer_count,
        dns.name_server_count, dns.additional_record_count))

        dns.dns_details()

        dns.print_details()

    else:

        print('\t\t - ' + 'UDP Data:')

        #print(print_data('\t\t\t ', udp.data))

    else:

        print('\t - ' + 'Other IPv6 Data:')

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        print(print_data('\t\t ', ipv6.data))

# ARP

elif eth.proto == 0x0806:

    arp = ARP(eth.data)

    print('\t - ' + "Address Resolution Protocol:")

    h_type = arp.hardware_type

    if h_type == 1:

        h_type = 'Ethernet (1)'

        print('\t\t - ' + 'Hardware type: {}, Protocol type: {}'.format(h_type,
hex(arp.protocol_type)))

        print('\t\t - ' + 'Hardware size: {}, Protocol size: {}, Opcode:
{}'.format(arp.hardware_addr_len, arp.protocol_addr_len, arp.opcode))

        print('\t\t - ' + 'Sender MAC address: {}, Sender IP address:
{}'.format(arp.sender_hardware_address, arp.sender_protocol_addr))

        print('\t\t - ' + 'Target MAC address: {}, Target IP address: {}'.format(
arp.target_hardware_address, arp.target_protocol_addr))

    else:

        print(' Ethernet Data:')

        print(print_data('\t ', eth.data))

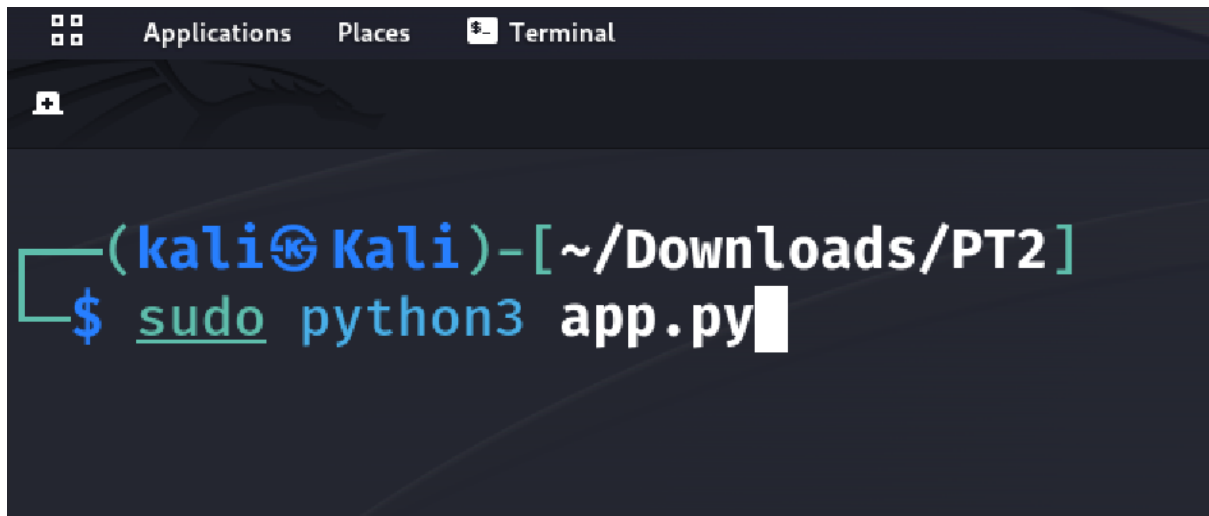
except KeyboardInterrupt:

    print('\033[32m' + '\n Packet capturing was stopped. Packets were saved in
capture.pcap \n')

pcap.close()

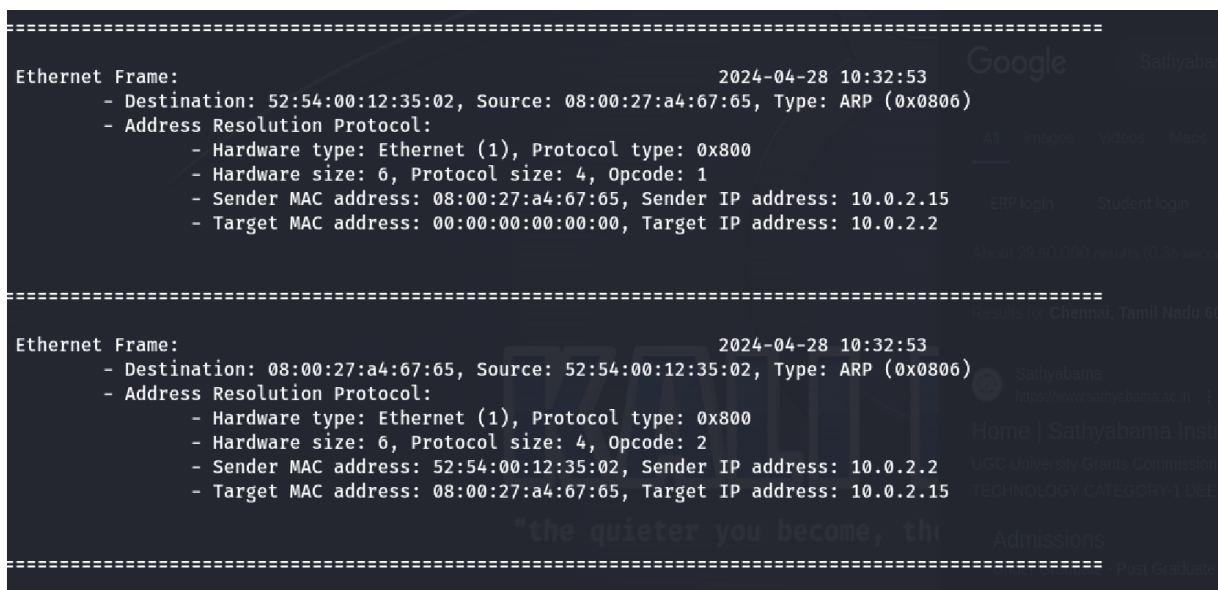
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C.IMPLEMENTATION SCREENSHOTS



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Applications Places Terminal
(kali@kali)-[~/Downloads/PT2]
$ sudo python3 app.py
```

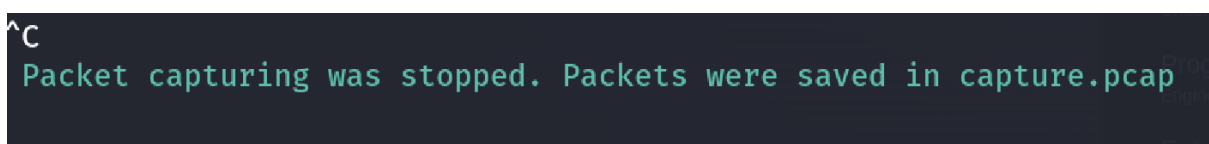
Fig.6.1. Command to run the Packet Analyzer tool.



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Ethernet Frame: 2024-04-28 10:32:53
- Destination: 52:54:00:12:35:02, Source: 08:00:27:a4:67:65, Type: ARP (0x0806)
- Address Resolution Protocol:
  - Hardware type: Ethernet (1), Protocol type: 0x800
  - Hardware size: 6, Protocol size: 4, Opcode: 1
  - Sender MAC address: 08:00:27:a4:67:65, Sender IP address: 10.0.2.15
  - Target MAC address: 00:00:00:00:00:00, Target IP address: 10.0.2.2
=====

Ethernet Frame: 2024-04-28 10:32:53
- Destination: 08:00:27:a4:67:65, Source: 52:54:00:12:35:02, Type: ARP (0x0806)
- Address Resolution Protocol:
  - Hardware type: Ethernet (1), Protocol type: 0x800
  - Hardware size: 6, Protocol size: 4, Opcode: 2
  - Sender MAC address: 52:54:00:12:35:02, Sender IP address: 10.0.2.2
  - Target MAC address: 08:00:27:a4:67:65, Target IP address: 10.0.2.15
=====
```

Fig.6.2. Packet Analyzer capturing packets from real-time network traffic.



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Packet capturing was stopped. Packets were saved in capture.pcap
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Fig.6.3. Terminating the Packet Analyzer tool.

```

(kali㉿kali)-[~/Downloads/PT2]
$ ls -l
total 52
-rw-r--r-- 1 kali kali 17091 Apr 27 05:40 app.py
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 6274 Apr 28 03:34 capture.pcap
-rw-r--r-- 1 kali kali 18171 Apr 27 05:40 Headers.py
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Apr 27 05:42 __pycache__

(kali㉿kali)-[~/Downloads/PT2]
$

```

Fig.6.4. Viewing the capture.pcap file.

```

(kali㉿kali)-[~/Downloads/PT2]
$ sudo tcpdump -tttttnr capture.pcap | grep "sathyabama"
reading from file capture.pcap, link-type EN10MB (Ethernet), snapshot length 65535
2024-04-28 03:41:50.002636 IP 10.0.2.15.38103 > 192.168.1.1.53: 22114+ A? www.sathyabama.ac.in. (38)
2024-04-28 03:41:50.002907 IP 10.0.2.15.38103 > 192.168.1.1.53: 10848+ AAAA? www.sathyabama.ac.in. (38)
2024-04-28 03:41:50.190985 IP 10.0.2.15.56811 > 192.168.1.1.53: 62561+ A? www.sathyabama.ac.in. (38)
2024-04-28 03:41:50.193722 IP 10.0.2.15.56811 > 192.168.1.1.53: 48482+ AAAA? www.sathyabama.ac.in. (38)

```

Fig.6.5 Analyzing the capture.pcap file using tcpdump tool.

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(kali㉿kali)-[~/Downloads/PT2]
$ tcpdump -qns 0 -X -r capture.pcap
reading from file capture.pcap, link-type EN10MB (Ethernet), snapshot length 65535
03:41:43.9489183 IP 10.0.2.15.49594 > 192.168.1.1.53: UDP, length 64
    0x0000:  4500 005c 5761 4000 4011 1578 0a00 020f  E..\Wa@.@..x....
    0x0010:  c0a8 0101 c1ba 0035 0048 ce11 9c68 0100  .....5.H...h..
    0x0020:  0001 0000 0000 0000 0974 696c 6573 2d63  .....tiles-c
    0x0030:  646e 0470 726f 6403 6164 7304 7072 6f64  dn.prod.ads.prod
    0x0040:  0b77 6562 7365 7276 6963 6573 066d 6f7a  .webservices.moz
    0x0050:  6763 7003 6e65 7400 0001 0001                gcp.net.....

```

Fig.6.6 Viewing the packets in capture.pcap using tcpdump tool.