TASK -1

Basic Network Sniffer

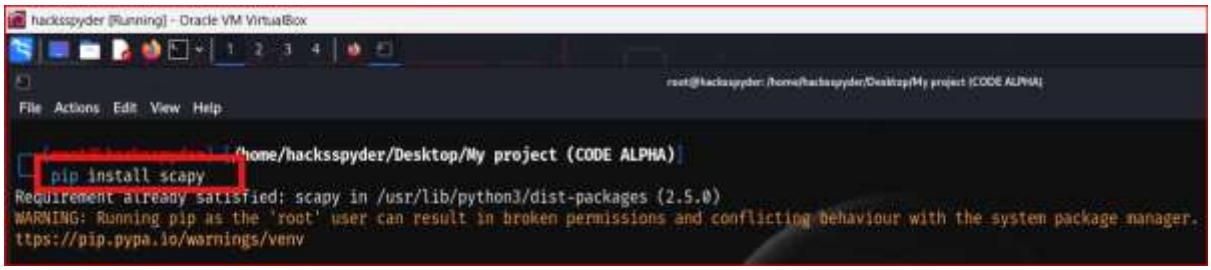
Build a network sniffer in Python that captures and analyzes network traffic. This project will help you understand how data flows on a network and how network packets are structured.

To build a basic network sniffer in Python on Linux, you can use the scapy library, which allows you to interact with network packets, send and receive them, and manipulate network layers easily.

Here's a step-by-step guide to creating a simple network sniffer:

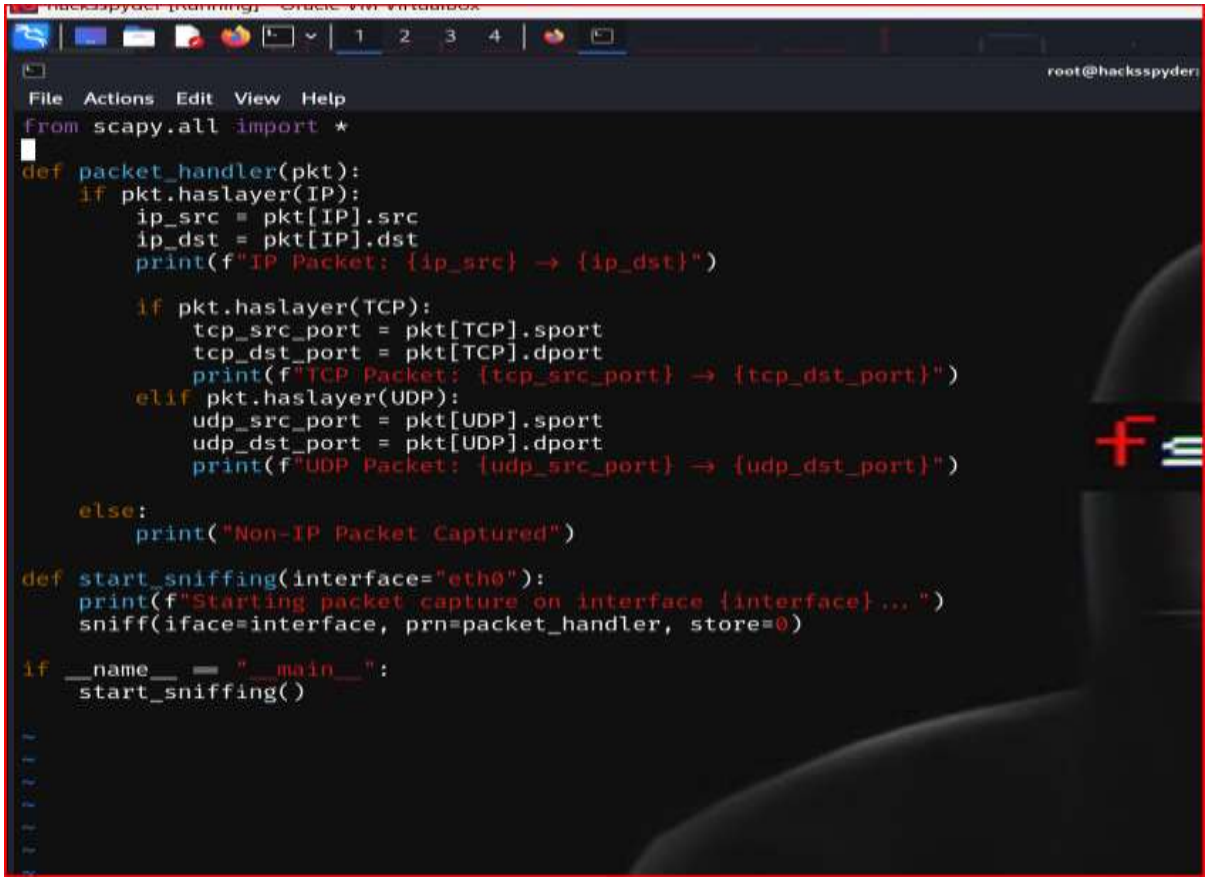
Step 1: Install Scapy

First, you need to install the scapy library. If you haven't already installed it, run this command:



Step 2: Create the Sniffer Script

Now, let's write a Python script to capture and analyze network packets.

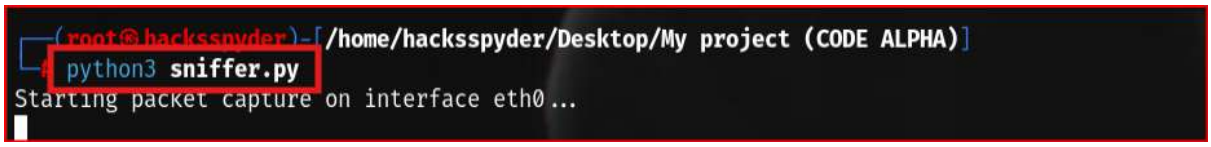


Step 3: Explanation of Code

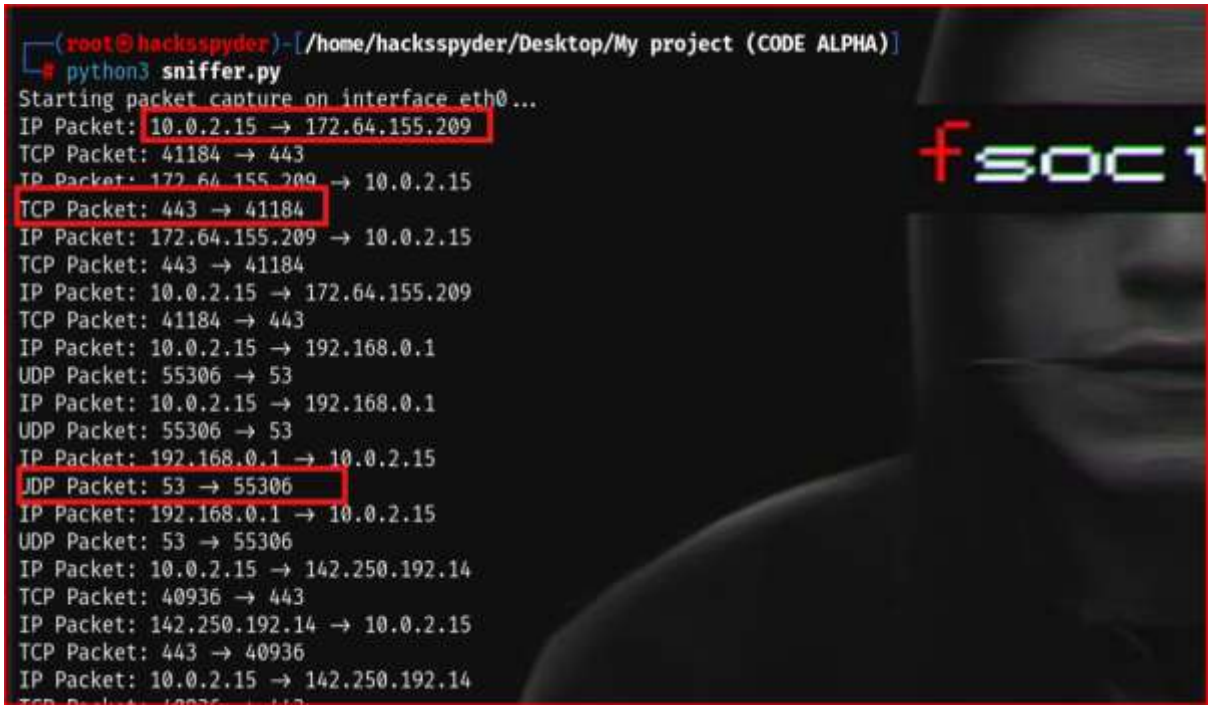
- **Imports**: We import everything from scapy.all. scapy is powerful, allowing you to create, manipulate, and analyze network packets.
- **Packet Handler**: The packet_handler() function will be called for every packet captured. It checks if the packet has an IP layer, then extracts the source and destination IP addresses. If it is a TCP or UDP packet, it extracts the source and destination ports as well.
- **sniff()**: The sniff() function is the core of the packet capture process. It starts capturing packets on the given interface (default is eth0). The prn argument specifies the callback function (packet_handler()) that will be called for every captured packet.
- **Interface**: The interface="eth0" specifies that we are sniffing on the Ethernet interface. You might need to change this depending on your network setup (e.g., wlan0 for Wi-Fi).
- **Store**: We set store=0 to avoid storing captured packets in memory. This is useful if you're analyzing large volumes of traffic in real-time.

Step 4: Run the Script

1. **Permissions**: Running this script may require root privileges, as sniffing packets typically requires administrative access.

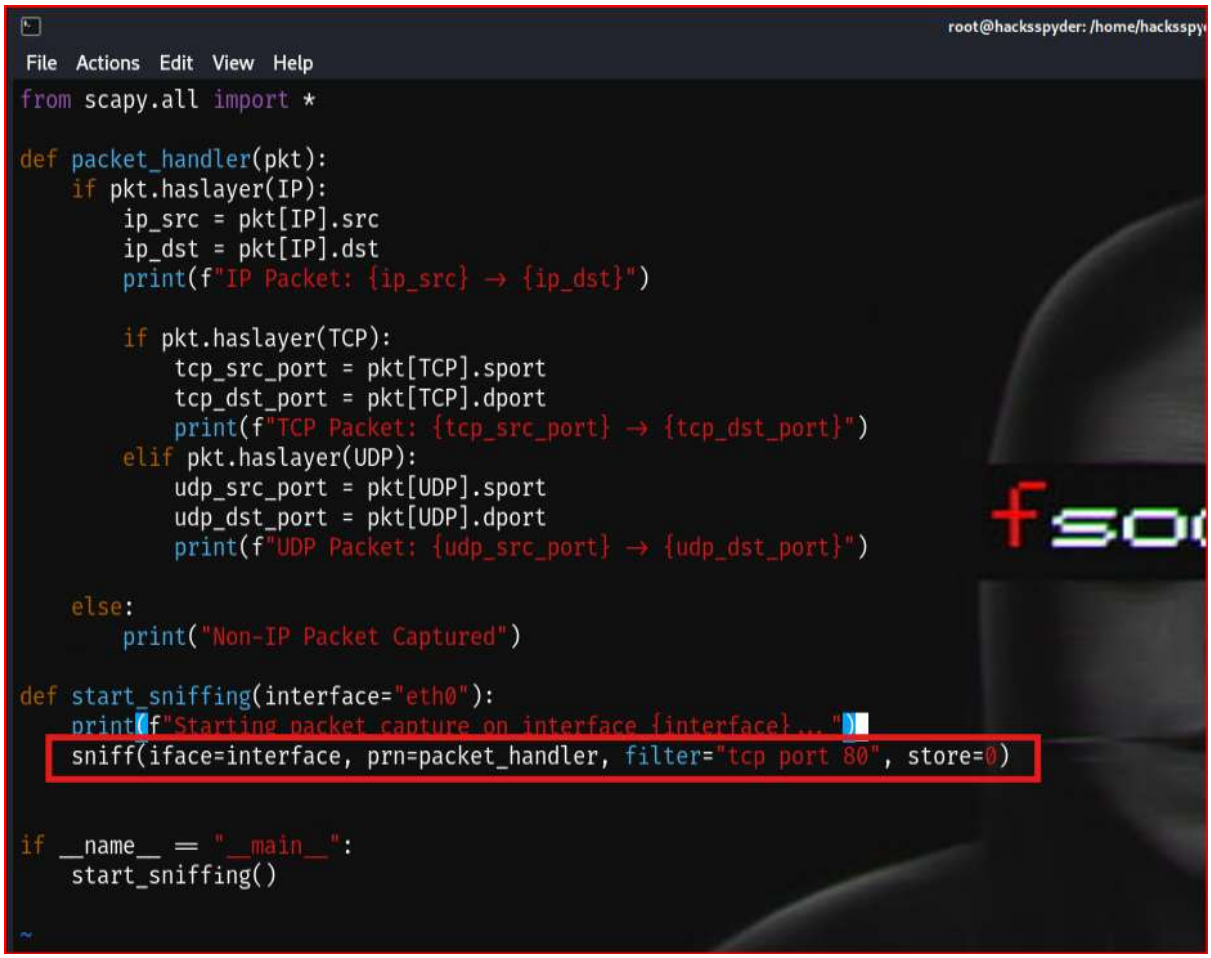


2. **Output**: The output will look something like this:



Step 5: Customize the Sniffer

- **Filter**: You can apply filters to capture only specific packets, such as only capturing HTTP traffic. For example:



- **Packet Analysis**: You can extend the packet_handler() function to analyze more layers of the packet (e.g., DNS, HTTP headers). Scapy can automatically decode a large number of protocols.
- **GUI**: For a more advanced project, you can create a graphical user interface (GUI) using libraries like Tkinter or PyQt5 to visualize captured traffic.

Step 6: Important Notes

- **Root Privileges**: Packet sniffing usually requires root privileges, so ensure you run the script with sudo.
- **Performance**: Capturing network traffic on busy networks can overwhelm your system. Consider adding filters to narrow down the traffic you're analyzing.
- **Legal Considerations**: Only capture traffic on networks you own or have explicit permission to monitor. Unauthorized sniffing can be illegal in many places.