

REPORT
on
“Network Sniffing with Wireshark Similar Tool”
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Chapter 1

Network Sniffing Using Wireshark

1.1 *Introduction*

1.1.1 What is Sniffing

Sniffing can be defined as a process that refers to investigating something covertly in order to find any confidential information. By an information security perspective, sniffing refers to tapping the traffic or routing the traffic to a target where it can be captured, analyzed and monitored. It is mostly performed to analyze the usage of network, troubleshooting any network issues, session monitoring for development and the testing purposes.

The network packets or TCP/IP packet contains vital information which is required for two network interfaces to communicate with each other. It contains fields that are source and destination IP addresses, ports, sequence numbers and the protocol type. All of these fields are crucial for various network layers to function properly, and especially for the Layer 7 application which makes use of the received data.

1.1.2 What is Packet Sniffing

The data that has to be transmitted over the computer network, is firstly and foremost broken down into smaller units at the sender's node called *data packets* and at the receiver's node it is resembled in original format. So we can say that it is the *smallest unit* of communication over a computer network. These packets are also called a block, a segment, a cell or a datagram. Capturing these data packets when it is flowing from one device to another over a network is known as **packet sniffing**. We can assume that it is similar to wiretapping to a telephone network. These are mostly used by *crackers and hackers* to collect information illegally from the network. *ISPs, advertisers and governments also use such softwares to capture packets.*

1.1.3 What is Wireshark

Wireshark is one of the best network packet analyzer, which is an essential tool for security professionals and system administrators. It is a free and open source packet analyzer, the purpose of this packet analyzer is to present captured packet data in as much detail as possible.

We can think that network packet analyzer is like a measuring device for examining what's happening inside a network cable, which is similar to an electrician that

uses a voltmeter for examining what's happening inside an electric cable. It is a tool that intercepts traffic and converts that binary traffic into human-readable format, which makes it easy to identify what type of traffic is crossing your network, how much of it, how frequently it transfers, the latency there is between certain hops, and so forth.

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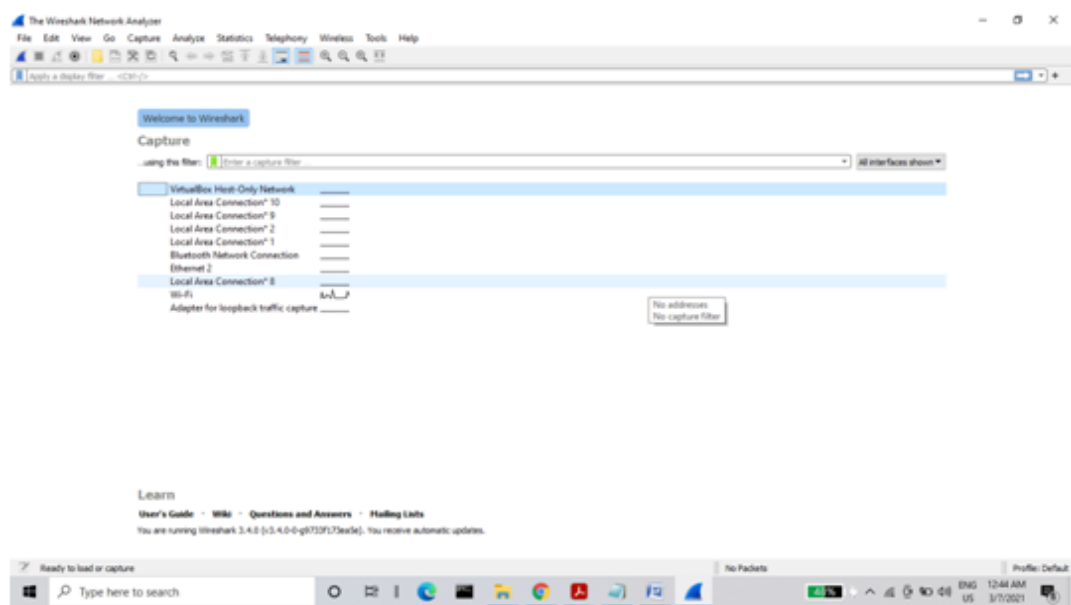
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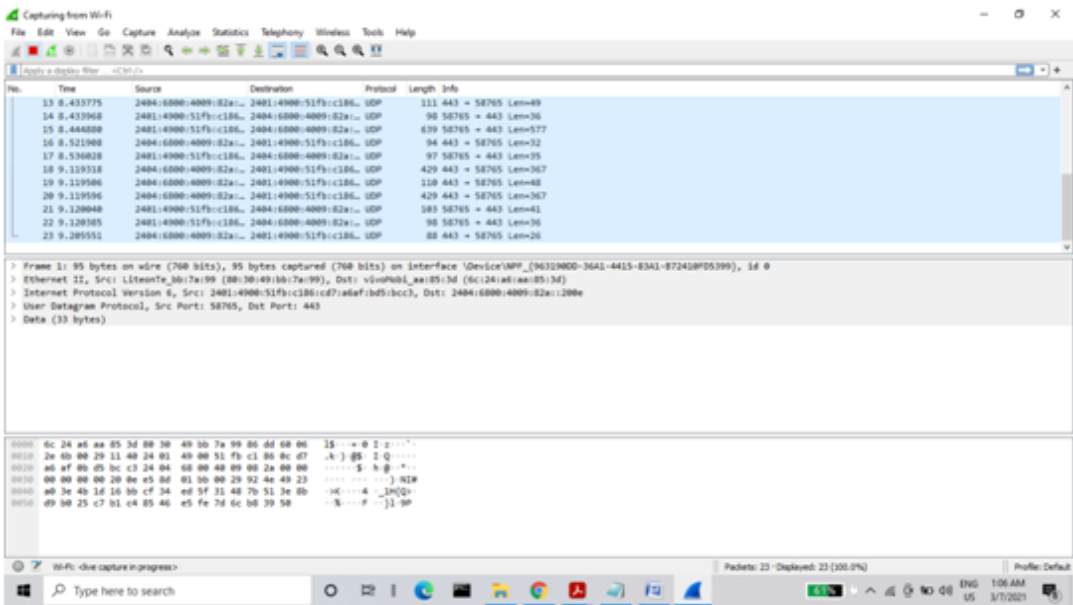
Working of wireshark

- 1) After successful installation of wireshark, launch the application. The interface of the application would be like

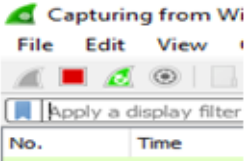


The picture above shows the homescreen of version 3.4.0 of the application. By selecting the current interface, we can get the traffic traversing through that interface.

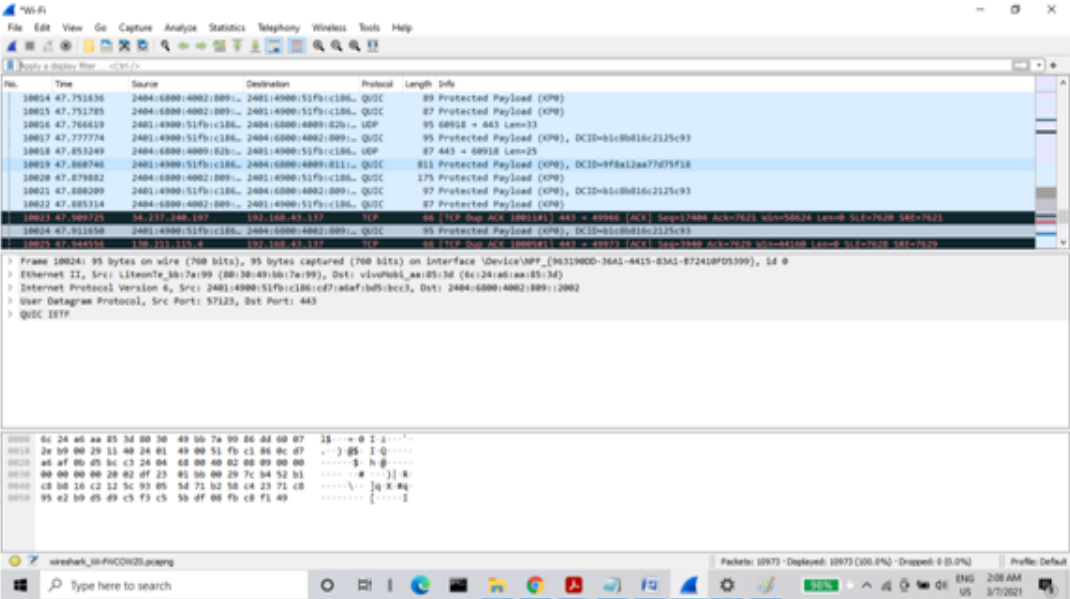
- 2) The list in the above figure shows the Interface list options. That is the number of interfaces are present. The option that we select from the list will determine all the traffic we see. For instance, suppose we have selected the wi-fi option. After this, a new window will open up, which shows the traffic that is flowing through the network currently. The picture below will show the live capture of packets from our wireshark.



- 3) Now your analyzer is capturing packets that are flowing through your network and to analyze any packet, click on the red button in menu bar. The packet captured until yet is present in second part “Packet listing window”.It determines the packet flow or the captured packets in the traffic. It includes the packet number, time, source, destination, protocol, length, and info.

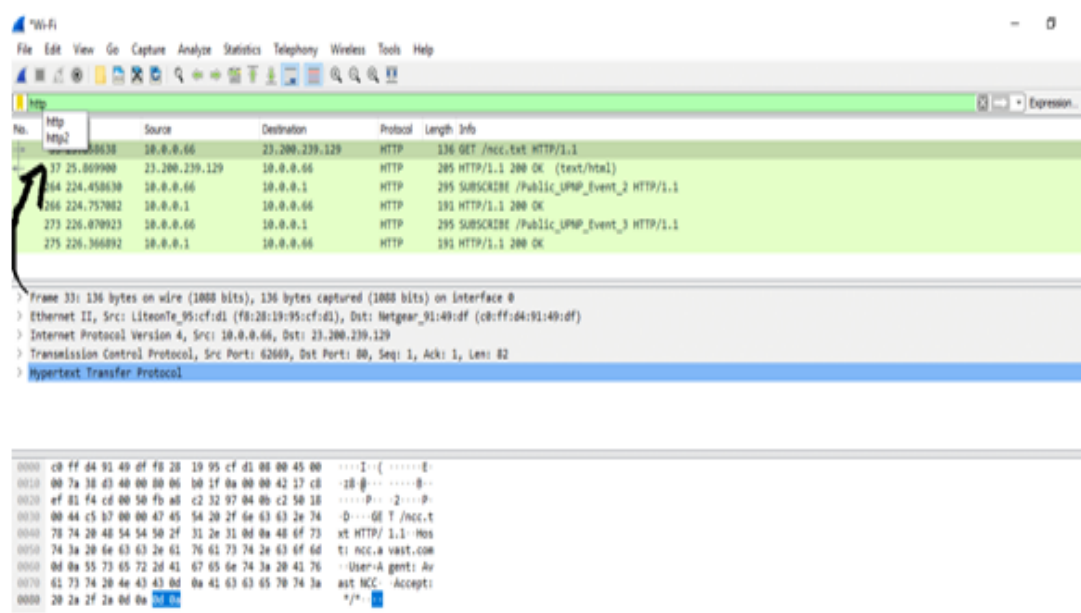


Below picture will show the list of captured packets



- 4) There is a filter block below the menu bar, from where a large amount of data can be filtered. For example, if we apply a filter for HTTP, only the interfaces with the HTTP will be listed. If you want to filter according to the source,

right-click on the source you want to filter and select 'Apply as Filter' and choose '...and filter.'



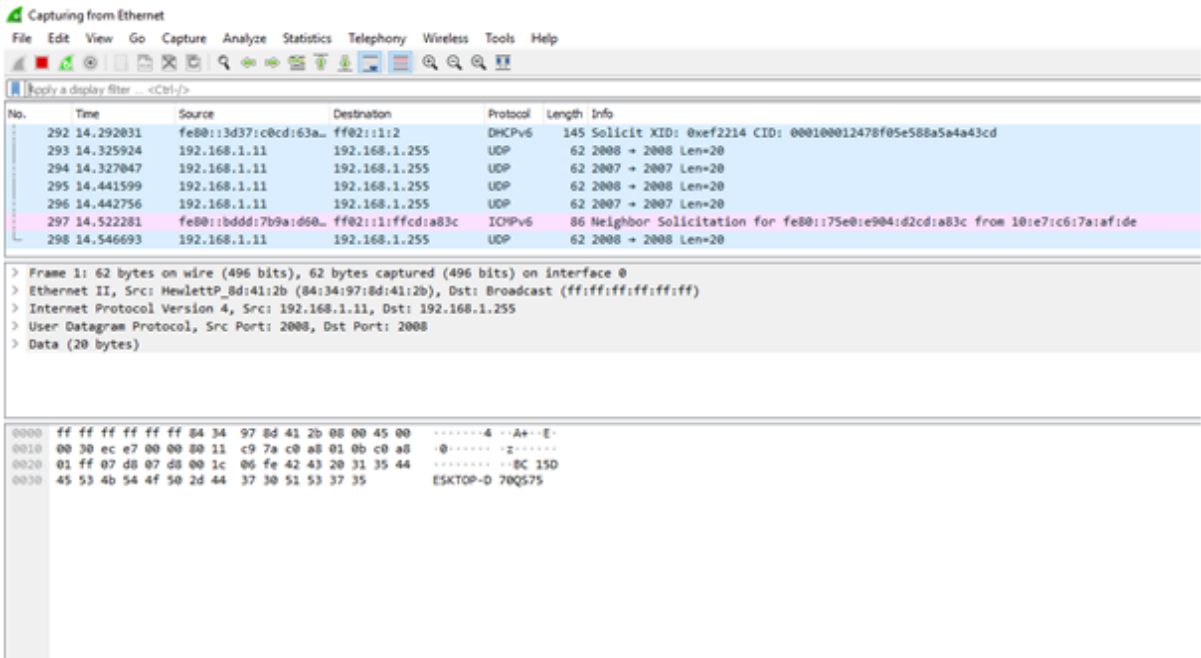
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Wireshark Packet Sniffing

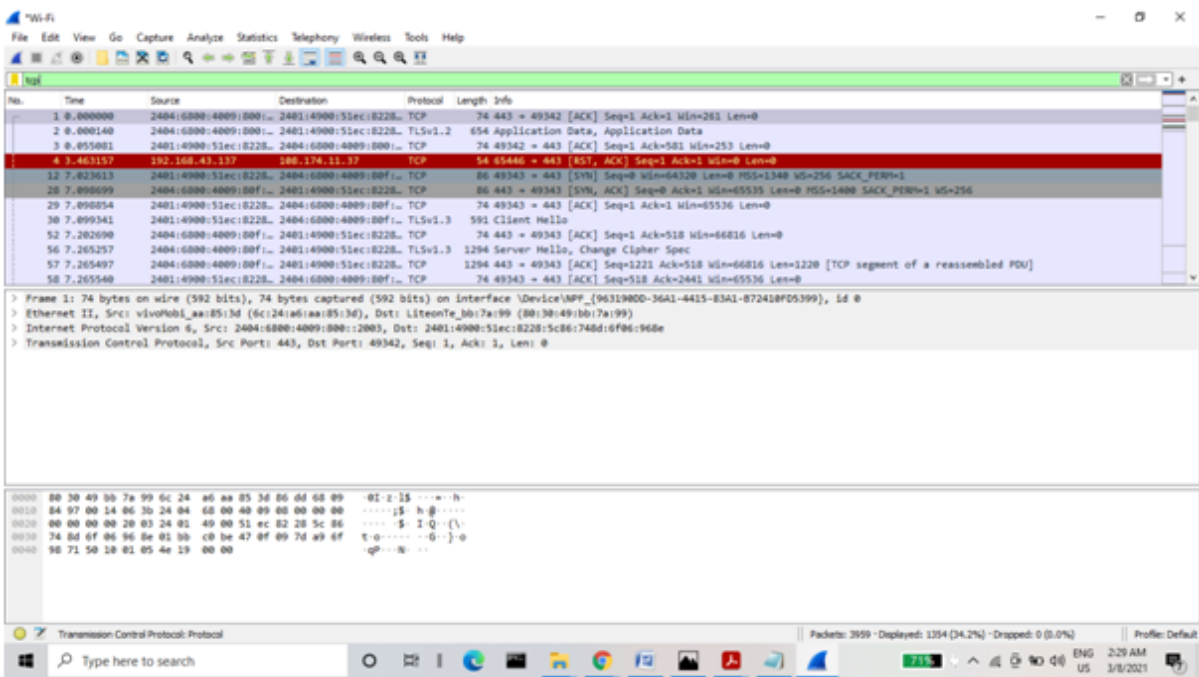
It is a software that is mostly used by system administrators to isolate and troubleshoot the problems over a network. It is also used by hackers to analyze the packet of victims so that they can find any vulnerability of the system and used it to exploit their victims. It can also be used to capture any username and password that is transmitting without any encrypted connection. The wrong way of its used is to drop user confidential data.

Given below is the steps for packet sniffing over a network:

- Start your Wireshark Application.
- Select the current interface. For example, the interface can be Ethernet that we would be using.
- Now a continuous flow of traffic can be shown on our screen. To stop or watch any particular packet and want to analyze any packet, we can press the red button below the menu bar, it will stop capturing the packet and now we can analyze all the previously captured packets.

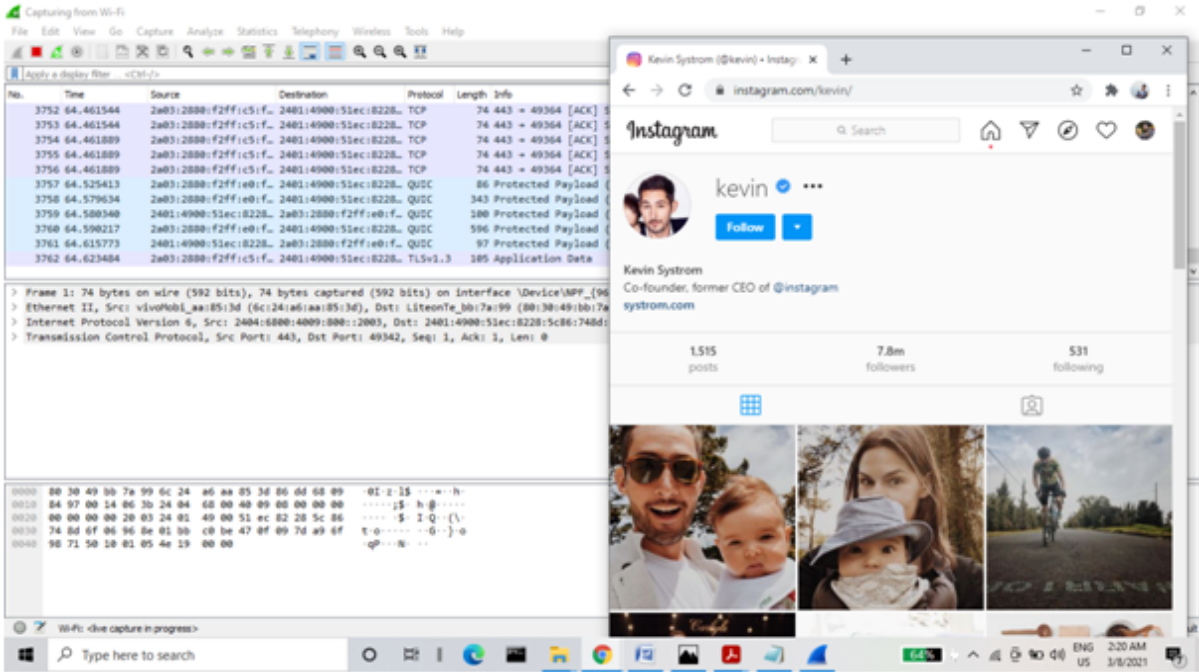


Apply the filter by the name 'tcp.' After the filter is applied, the screen will look as:



The above picture is showing all the traffic which follows ‘tcp’ protocol.

In the below picture we can see that it is capturing packets that are flowing through this device, and Wireshark is showing whole lots of information about the packet.



This process of capturing the packet and analyzing is called as “Packet Sniffing”.

Chapter 4

Implementation of tool that captures Network packets like Wireshark

4.0.1 Libraries required to capture the packets

There are some specific libraries that are present in python library to implement the process of capturing the packets that are flowing through the network.

- Scapy

It is used for large scale web scraping, Scrapy is actually a python framework. It provides us all the tools that we need to efficiently *extract* data from websites, and then process them as we want, after that store them in the preferred *structure* and format.

As we all know the diverse nature of the internet, so there are no “one size fits all” approach in extracting data from any of the websites. Most of the time an ad hoc approach is taken and if we begin with writing a code for every little task you perform, we would eventually end up creating your own scraping framework. So there comes the Scrapy framework.

- Libpcap

libpcap is a lightweight Python package, based on the *ctypes* library.

It is fully compliant implementation of the original C *libpcap* from 1.0.0 up to 1.9.0 API and the *WinPcap*’s 4.1.3 libpcap (1.0.0rel0b) API by implementing whole its functionality in a clean Python instead of C.

- Libtrace

python-libtrace is not a complete set of all the libtrace routines, rather it’s a somewhat simplified set, intended as an easy-to-use toolkit, and one that should be suitable for networking students. It use (more or less) the original field names within the various header decodes.

- Socket Packet Capture

A simple packet sniffer in Python can be created with the help of the socket module. We can use the raw socket type to get the packets. A raw socket provides access to the underlying protocols, which support socket abstractions. Since raw sockets are part of the internet socket API, they can only be used to generate and receive IP packets. The processing power used is comparatively lower than the existing packet capturing libraries.

Chapter 5

Methodology used for the preparation of Project

5.0.1 Methodology Used

The Technique and Methodologies that we consider for the development for this project that is “Network Packet Sniffer Tool Like Wireshark” is rational unified process and evolutionary prototyping model.

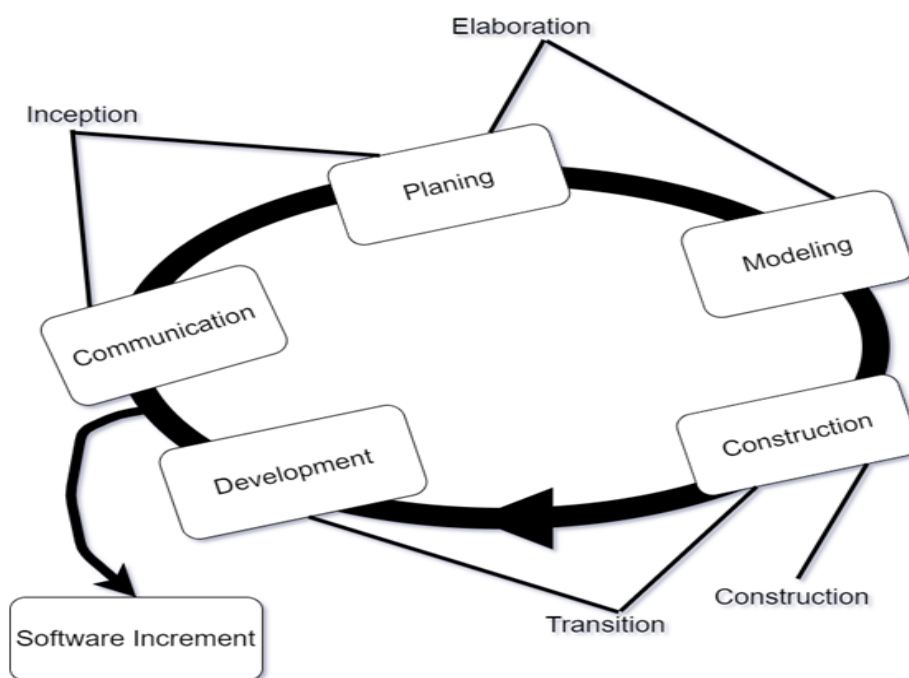


Figure: Rational Unified process: Flow of the work

The Rational Unified Process is a kind of comprehensive process framework that provides industry-tested practices for software and systems delivery and implementation and for effective project management. It is one of many processes contained within the Rational Process Library.

Rational Unified Process recognizes the importance of customer communication and streamlined methods for describing the customer’s view of a system. It suggests a process flow that is iterative and incremental, providing the evolutionary feel that

is essential in modern software development (Pressman, 2010).

5.0.2 Software Dependencies:

For the effective implementation/initialization of the project i.e. Network sniffing with Wireshark similar tool requires a proper execution environment to be considered.

Python2.7 Programming Language accompanied with important libraries such as STRUCT module, STRUCT module and JSON module.

For the proper implementation of our project, the most important dependency of the project is the script has to be run with administrative privileges.

5.0.3 Hardware Dependencies:

The major hardware dependencies contingent for the initialization of the project are as follows:

- The System is dependent upon Mouse application.
- The System is dependent upon Monitor application
- Network Interface card is must for process of packet capture.
- 3-5 MB of hard disk space.
- 1 GB of RAM (Random Access Memory)

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Chapter 6

Implementation of Packet Sniffer

6.1 Code for capturing packet and store in a “.pcap” file:

Implemented by Abhilasha Sharma

```
1      # Create socket
2      if os.name == "nt":
3          conn = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.
4              SOCK_RAW, socket.IPPROTO_IP)
5          conn.bind((input("[+] YOUR_INTERFACE : "), 0))
6          conn.setsockopt(socket.IPPROTO_IP, socket.
7              IP_HDRINCL, 1)
8          conn.ioctl(socket.SIO_RCVALL, socket.RCVALL_ON)
9      else:
10         conn = socket.socket(socket.AF_PACKET, socket.
11             SOCK_RAW, socket.ntohs(0x0800))
12
13     # datetime object containing current date and time
14
15     #now = datetime.now()
16     count=0
17
18     rounds = int(input("\n\nEnter Number of Packets you
19         want to capture: "))
20
21     # dd/mm/YY H:M:S
22     dt_string = time.strftime("%d-%m-%Y-%H:%M:%S")
23
24     pcap_file1 = Pcap("Sniffed_packet_"+dt_string+".pcap")
25
26     while True:
27
28         count+=1
29
30         raw_data, addr = conn.recvfrom(65535)
31
32         pcap_file1.write(raw_data)
```

```
29
30
31
32     dest_addr, src_addr, eth_proto, data =
33         ethernet_frame(raw_data)
34     print('\n Ethernet Frame: ')
35     print(TAB_1 + 'Destination: {}, Source: {},
36           Protocol: {}'.format(dest_addr, src_addr,
37                                 eth_proto))
38
39     # 8 for IPv4
40
41     if eth_proto == 8:
42         (version, header_length, ttl, proto, src,
43          target, data) = ipv4_packet(data)
44         print(TAB_1 + 'IPv4_Packet: ')
45         print(TAB_2 + 'Version: {}, header_length: {},
46               TTL(Time to Live): {}'.format(version,
47                                                header_length, ttl))
48         print(TAB_2 + 'Protocol: {}, Source: {},
49               Target: {}'.format(proto, src, target))
50
51         # 1 for ICMP
52
53         if proto == 1:
54             (icmp_type, code, checksum, data) =
55                 ICMP_packet(data)
56             print(TAB_1 + 'ICMP_Packet: ')
57             print(TAB_2 + 'Type: {}, Code: {},
58                   Checksum: {}'.format(icmp_type, code,
59                                         checksum))
60             print(TAB_2 + 'Data: {}')
61             print(format_multi_line(DATA_TAB_3, data))
62
63         # 6 for TCP
64
65         elif proto == 6:
66             (src_port, dest_port, sequence,
67              acknowledgement, flag_urg, flag_ack,
68              flag_psh, flag_rst, flag_syn, flag_fin,
69              data) = tcp_packet(data)
70             print(TAB_1 + 'TCP Segment: ')
71             print(TAB_2 + 'Source port: {},
72                   Destination port: {}'.format(src_port,
73                                                  dest_port))
74             print(TAB_2 + 'Sequence: {},
75                   Acknowledgement: {}'.format(sequence,
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        acknowledgement))
65     print(TAB_2 + 'Flags')
66     print(TAB_3 + 'URG: {}, ACK: {}, PSH: {},
        RST: {}, SYN: {}, FIN: {}'.format(
        flag_urg, flag_ack, flag_psh, flag_rst,
        flag_syn, flag_fin))
67     print(TAB_2 + 'Data: {}')
68     print(format_multi_line(DATA_TAB_3, data))
69
70
71
72     # 17 for UDP
73
74     elif proto == 17:
75         (src_port, dest_port, size, data) =
            udp_packet(data)
76         print(TAB_1 + 'UDP Segment: ')
77         print(TAB_2 + 'Source port: {},
            Destination port: {}, Length: {}'.
            format(src_port, dest_port, size))
78         print(TAB_2 + 'Data: {}')
79         print(format_multi_line(DATA_TAB_3, data))
80
81
82     # Other
83
84     else:
85         print(TAB_1 + 'Data: {}')
86         print(format_multi_line(DATA_TAB_2, data))
87
88     else:
89         print('Data: {}')
90         print(format_multi_line(DATA_TAB_1, data))
91
92
93
94
95     # flush data
96
97     pcap_file1.pcap_file.flush()
98
99     if count >= rounds:
100         break
101
102     # Closing the file
103     pcap_file1.close()
```


6.2 Code for reading a “.pcap” file using scrapy:

Implemented by Ashish Sahu

```
1
2     file_path = input("Enter your file name or file path: ")
3
4     f_read = rdpcap(file_path)
5
6     size1 = len(f_read)
7
8     for packet in range(size1):
9
10        pkt = f_read[packet]
11        print(" Packet Information: \n\n")
12
13        hexdump(pkt)
14
15        print("\n\nFull Info of Packet: \n")
16        pkt.show()
```

6.3 Code for pcap class :

```
1
2 PCAP_GLOBAL_HEADER_FMT = '@ I H H i I I I '
3
4
5 # Global Header Values
6 PCAP_MAGICAL_NUMBER = 2712847316
7 PCAP_MJ_VERN_NUMBER = 2
8 PCAP_MI_VERN_NUMBER = 4
9 PCAP_LOCAL_CORECTIN = 0
10 PCAP_ACCUR_TIMESTAMP = 0
11 PCAP_MAX_LENGTH_CAP = 65535
12 PCAP_DATA_LINK_TYPE = 1
13
14
15 class Pcap:
16
17     def __init__(self, filename, link_type=PCAP_DATA_LINK_TYPE
18 ):
19         self.pcap_file = open(filename, 'wb')
20         self.pcap_file.write(struct.pack('@ I H H i I I I ',
21             PCAP_MAGICAL_NUMBER, PCAP_MJ_VERN_NUMBER,
22             PCAP_MI_VERN_NUMBER, PCAP_LOCAL_CORECTIN,
23             PCAP_ACCUR_TIMESTAMP, PCAP_MAX_LENGTH_CAP, link_type
24 ))
25         print ("[+] Link Type : {}".format(link_type))
26
27
```

```
22
23
24
25     def write(self, data):
26         ts_sec, ts_usec = map(int, str(time.time()).split('.'))
27         length = len(data)
28         self.pcap_file.write(struct.pack('@ I I I I', ts_sec,
29         ts_usec, length, length))
30         self.pcap_file.write(data)
31
32     def close(self):
33         self.pcap_file.close()
```

6.4 Code for Method used to show captured packets data at realtime:

Implemented by Abhijeet Singh

```
1
2 # Unpack Ethernet Frame
3
4 def ethernet_frame(data):
5     src_mac, dest_mac, proto = struct.unpack("! 6s 6s H", data
6     [:14])
7     return get_mac_addr(dest_mac), get_mac_addr(src_mac),
8     socket.htons(proto), data[14:]
9
10 # Return properly formatted MAC Address
11
12 def get_mac_addr(bytes_addr):
13     bytes_str = map('{:02x}'.format, bytes_addr)
14     return ':'.join(bytes_str).upper()
15
16 # Unpacking Ipv4 Packets
17
18 def ipv4_packet(data):
19     version_header_length = data[0]
20     version = version_header_length >> 4
21     header_length = (version_header_length & 15) * 4
22     ttl, proto, src, target = struct.unpack('! 8x B B 2x 4s 4s
23     ', data[:20])
24     return version, header_length, ttl, proto, ipv4(src), ipv4
25     (target), data[header_length:]
26
27 # Properly formatted Ipv4 address
```

```
28 #127.0.0.1
29
30 def ipv4(addr):
31     return '.'.join(map(str, addr))
32
33
34 # Unpack ICMP PAKets
35
36 def ICMP_packet(data):
37     icmp_type, code, checksum = struct.unpack('! B B H', data
38         [:4])
39     return icmp_type, code, checksum, data[4:]
40
41 # Unpack TCP Packet
42
43 def tcp_packet(data):
44     (src_port, dest_port, sequence, acknowledgement,
45      offset_reserve_flags) = struct.unpack('! H H L L H',
46      data[:14])
47     offset = (offset_reserve_flags >> 12) * 4
48     flag_urg = (offset_reserve_flags & 32) >> 5
49     flag_ack = (offset_reserve_flags & 16) >> 4
50     flag_psh = (offset_reserve_flags & 8) >> 3
51     flag_rst = (offset_reserve_flags & 4) >> 2
52     flag_syn = (offset_reserve_flags & 2) >> 1
53     flag_fin = (offset_reserve_flags & 1)
54
55     return src_port, dest_port, sequence, acknowledgement,
56         flag_urg, flag_ack, flag_psh, flag_rst, flag_syn,
57         flag_fin, data[offset :]
58
59 # Unpack UDP PAKet
60
61 def udp_packet(data):
62     src_port, dest_port, size = struct.unpack('! H H 2x H',
63     data[:8])
64     return src_port, dest_port, size, data[8:]
65
66 # formats multi line data
67
68 def format_multi_line(prefix, string, size = 80):
69     size -= len(prefix)
70     if isinstance(string, bytes):
71         string = ''.join(r'\x{:02x}'.format(byte) for byte in
72             string)
73     if size % 2:
74         size -=1
```

```
72 || return '\n'.join([prefix + line for line in textwrap.wrap(
    string, size)])
```

6.4.1 Contribution of each member towards Project:

Member 1: Abhilasha Sharma

1. Writing documents :
 - Project Purpose
 - Basic definitions of relevant topics that includes
 - Introduction to sniffing
 - What is packet sniffing
 - Tools used for packet sniffing
 - What is wireshark and use of wireshark
 - Reference of websites
2. Creating PPT
 - Introduction to project
 - Basic purpose of the project
 - Brief introduction to sniffing
 - What are packet sniffers
 - Tools that are being used for packet sniffing
 - Wireshark and its usage
3. Contribution in creating the project:
 - Creating a pcap file when a new session for packet capture is created
 - Using socket to create connection
 - After capturing packet using Pcap class to store packet info
 - Showing real-time basic information of captured packet

Member 2: Ashish Sahu

1. Writing documents :
 - Wireshark Demonstration
 - Working of Wireshark
 - Choosing an interface to capture packet
 - Start capturing
 - How wireshark captures packets
 - How to analyze different packets(TCP, UDP,ICMP, DNS, etc) in wire-shark
2. Creating PPT

- Demonstration of Wireshark
- Steps to capture packets in wireshark
- How to read pcap files in wireshark
- Analyze packets using a set of tools available in wireshark to gain information.

3. Contribution in creating the project:

- Creating a Class “Pcap” that will take captured packet as input and store it in a “.pcap” file
- Reading a “.pcap” from a given path
- Printing all the information of packet captured

Member 3: Abhijeet Singh

1. Writing documents :

- Description of packages that are used in project:
 - Scapy
 - Socket
 - Textwrap
 - Struct
- Purpose of each package
- Methodology used for creating project
- References

2. Creating PPT

- Packages used for working of the project
- Brief description of each package any their functioning
- Scrapy, textwrap, struct, socket, etc
- Methodology used for creating the project

3. Contribution in creating the project:

- Packages that are required for working of project
- Writing methods for showing real-time description on each captured packet
- Ex: icmp-segment, tcp-segment,udp-segment etc methods
- Designing basic structure of packet sniffer
- Adding comments at the required places

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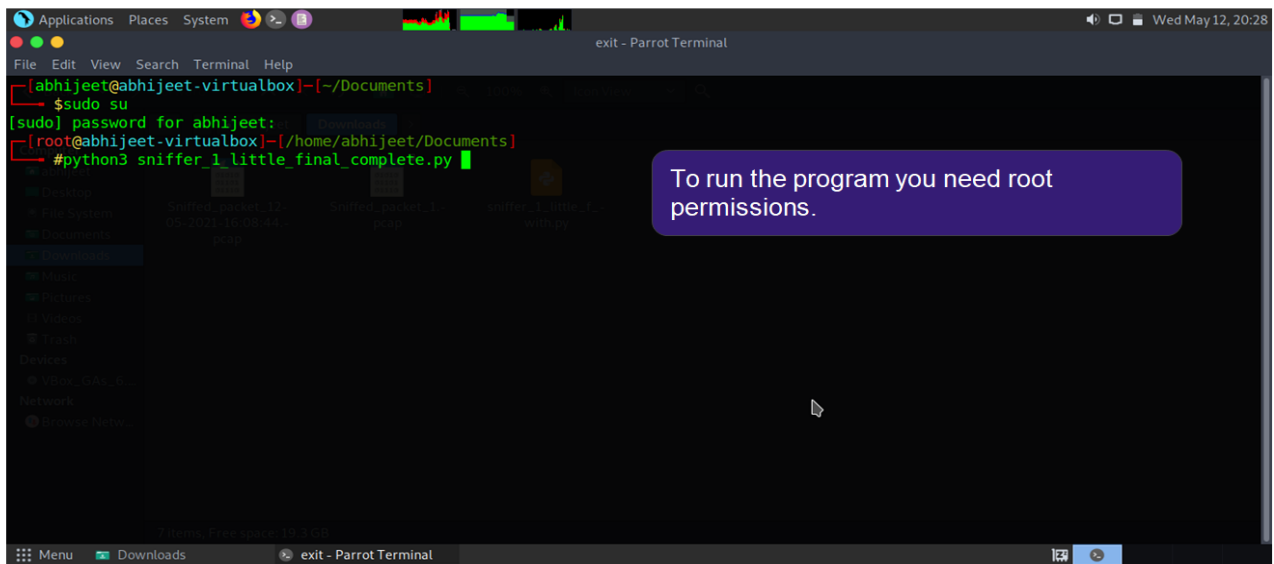
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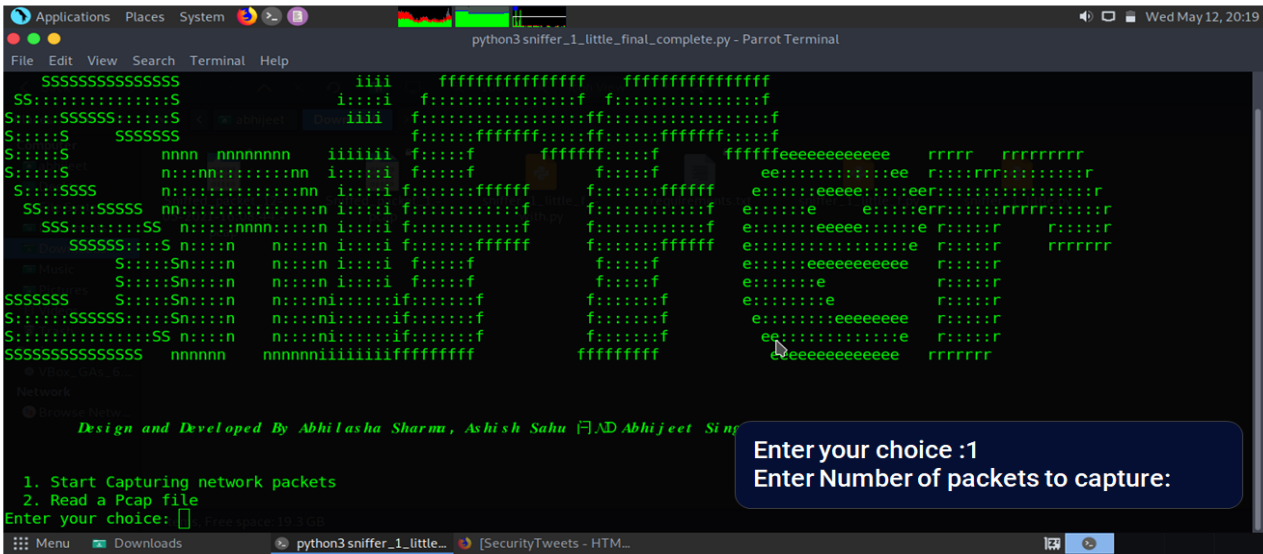
Output of Project

7.0.1 Screenshot of running processes

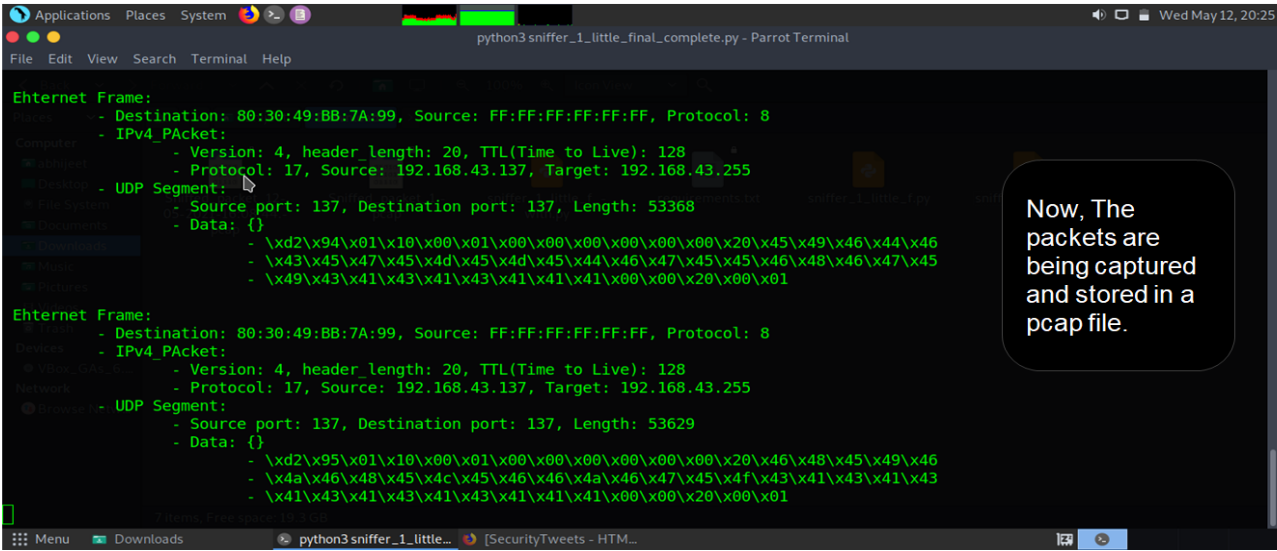
To run the project



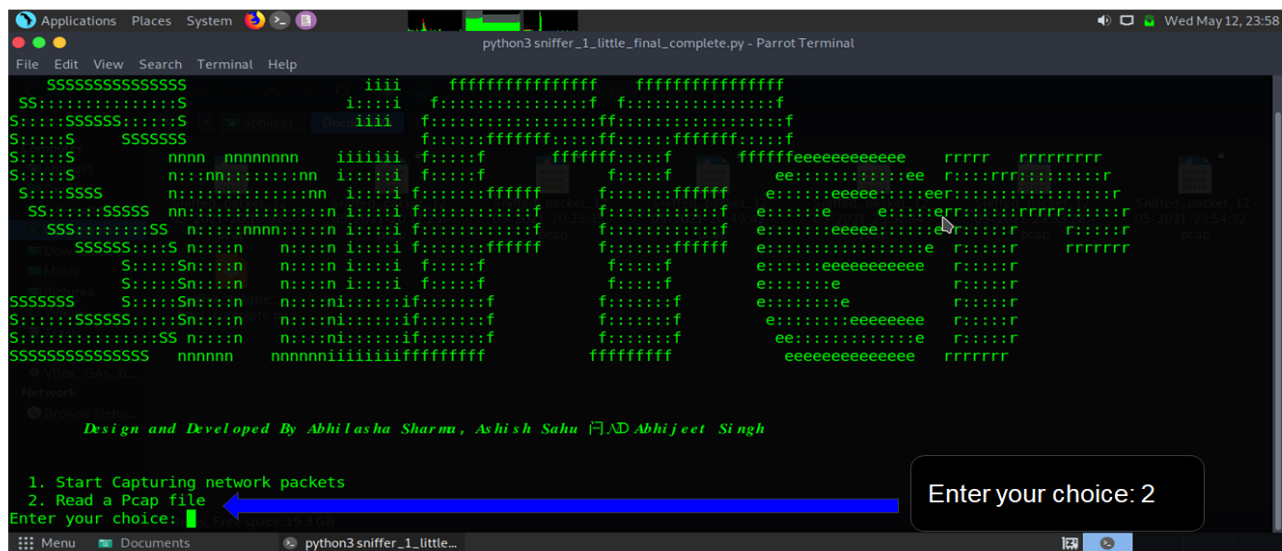
First Screen



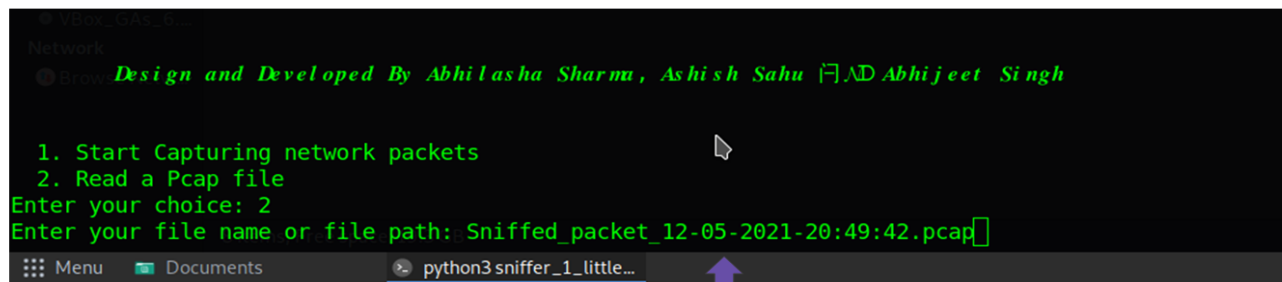
Capturing Packets



To Read the Pcap file

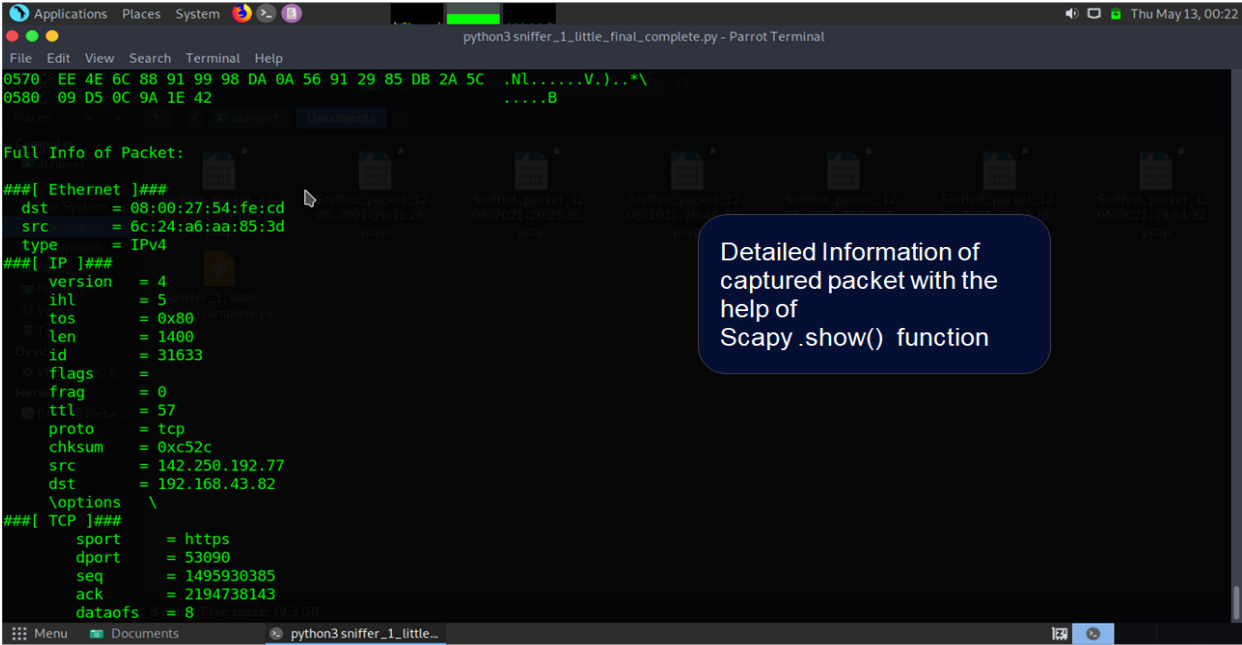
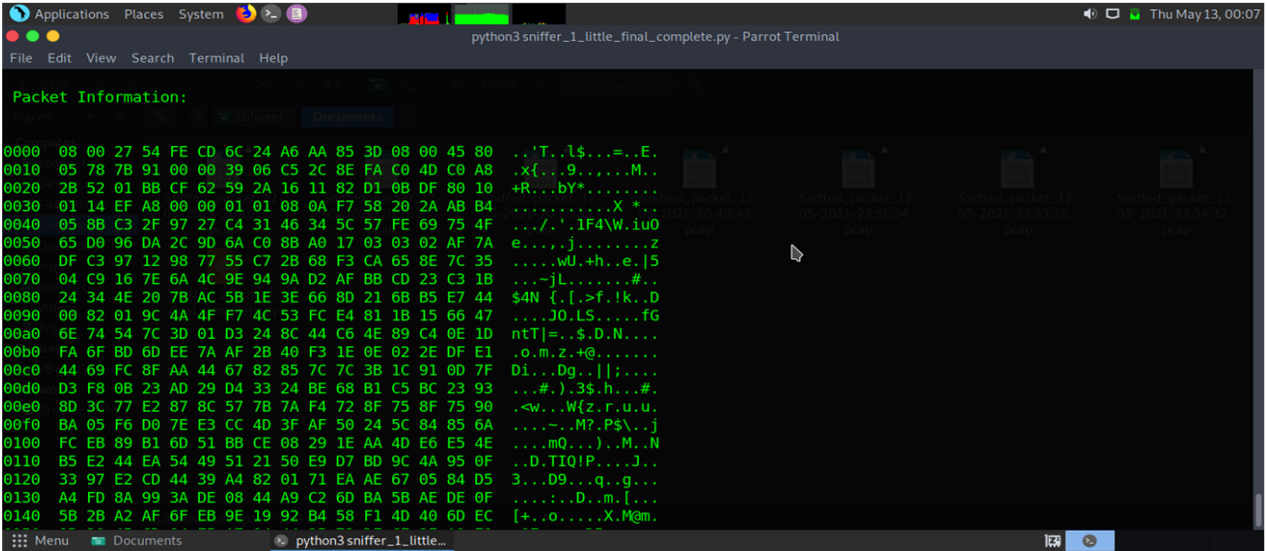


Give the path of Pcap file with its <filename.pcap>



Name of the file that we have to read

Data of a packet



Conclusion:

The most important purpose of this project is to develop a nifty tool(or a software) that have the ability to sniff over the network and capture data packets that is around it. Analyze those packets and gain some informative data from it to compromise the systems on its range. It can also be used to monitor a user's home network for activities that are being encapsulated in the process. There are many expensive tools out there for this purpose but it won't fits on an average students pocket money, so to help those people who really wants to know what is going on with their home network this project can be name "Network Sniffing With Wireshark Similar Tool". It would turn out to be a great help and guidance. From the current scenarios of this highly tempting and cunning world this tool come on the light that not just feasible for monitoring the network but can be used effective in the field of education as well.