

Practical 6

Aim: Perform practical approach to implement Footprinting-Gathering target information using UAtester.

Theory:

UAtester: UAtester is a Python tool used for passive footprinting, especially for identifying **User-Agent-based responses** from a target web server. It's typically used to determine how a server responds to various User-Agent headers—sometimes exposing different behavior to crawlers, bots, or mobile devices.

Use Case: Footprinting Using UAtester

We'll use UAtester to:

1. **Send multiple HTTP requests to the target** using different User-Agent headers.
2. **Analyze how the server responds** to different UAs (e.g., Googlebot vs. Firefox).

Footprinting & where UA testing fits

Footprinting = the information-gathering phase of a security assessment. Goal: collect as much passive and active information about a target so later testing is focused and lower risk.

Common footprinting categories:

- **Passive:** public data sources (WHOIS, DNS records, certificates, web archives, search engines, social media, job posts). Low likelihood of detection.
- **Active:** direct probes (port scans, service banners, application endpoints). Higher chance of logging/detection.

User-Agent (UA) testing is a targeted web fingerprinting technique. Web servers/applications sometimes:

- Serve different content to crawlers vs browsers (cloaking).
- Block or rate-limit certain clients (curl/wget) via WAF rules.
- Present different features to mobile vs desktop UAs.
- Show debug or staging pages to specific UAs or IPs.

Why test UAs?

- Detect cloaking (important for site owners and examiners).
- Reveal hidden routes or different content for bots (could be sensitive).
- Find filtering/WAF behavior (helps tailor further tests).
- Confirm whether server does UA-based routing/logic.

Send a few HTTP requests to a target with different **User-Agent** headers, then report status and response length so you can spot different behavior (cloaking, blocking, etc.).

Code:

```
# ua_check.py (save code with ua_check.py)

import requests

TARGET = "http://example.com" # <-- change to your target (or use http://localhost)

USER_AGENTS = {

    "Firefox": "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:104.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/104.0",

    "Googlebot": "Mozilla/5.0 (compatible; Googlebot/2.1; +http://www.google.com/bot.html)",

    "curl": "curl/7.68.0"

}

def check_ua(url):

    results = {}

    for name, ua in USER_AGENTS.items():

        try:

            r = requests.get(url, headers={"User-Agent": ua}, timeout=8)

            results[name] = {

                "status": r.status_code,

                "length": len(r.text),

                "snippet": r.text[:200].replace("\n", " ")

            }

        except Exception as e:

            results[name] = {"status": "ERROR", "error": str(e)}

    return results

if __name__ == "__main__":

    res = check_ua(TARGET)
```

```

print(f"Target: {TARGET}\n")

for ua_name, info in res.items():

    if info.get("status") == "ERROR":

        print(f'{ua_name:10} -> ERROR: {info['error']}')

    else:

        print(f'{ua_name:10} -> status={info['status']} length={info['length']}')

        print(f' snippet: {info['snippet']}\n")

```

How to run on command prompt:

1. python -m venv venv\venv\Scripts\Activate.ps1
2. pip install requests
3. python ua_check.py

Output:

```

C:\Users\Admin> cd C:\Users\Admin\AppData\Local\Programs\Python\Python313
C:\Users\Admin\AppData\Local\Programs\Python\Python313> python -m venv venv\venv\Scripts\Activate.ps1
C:\Users\Admin\AppData\Local\Programs\Python\Python313> pip install requests
Requirement already satisfied: requests in c:\users\admin\appdata\local\programs\python\python313\lib\site-packages (2.32.5)
Requirement already satisfied: charset_normalizer<4,>=2.5 in c:\users\admin\appdata\local\programs\python\python313\lib\site-packages (from requests) (3.4.3)
Requirement already satisfied: idna<4,>=2.5 in c:\users\admin\appdata\local\programs\python\python313\lib\site-packages (from requests) (3.10)
Requirement already satisfied: urllib3<3,>=1.21.1 in c:\users\admin\appdata\local\programs\python\python313\lib\site-packages (from requests) (2.5.0)
Requirement already satisfied: certifi>=2017.4.17 in c:\users\admin\appdata\local\programs\python\python313\lib\site-packages (from requests) (2025.8.3)
[notice] A new release of pip is available: 25.1.1 -> 25.2
[notice] To update, run: python.exe -m pip install --upgrade pip
C:\Users\Admin\AppData\Local\Programs\Python\Python313> python ua_check.py
Target: http://example.com

Firefox -> status=200 length=1256
 snippet: <!doctype html> <html> <head> <title>Example Domain</title> <meta charset="utf-8" /> <meta http-equiv="Content-type" content="text/h
tml; charset=utf-8" /> <meta name="viewport" conten

Googlebot -> status=200 length=1256
 snippet: <!doctype html> <html> <head> <title>Example Domain</title> <meta charset="utf-8" /> <meta http-equiv="Content-type" content="text/h
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curl -> status=200 length=1256
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C:\Users\Admin\AppData\Local\Programs\Python\Python313>

```

Practical 7

Aim: Working with sniffers for monitoring network communication (Wireshark).

Theory:

A packet sniffer captures raw network frames from a network interface and decodes protocol layers (Ethernet \rightarrow IP \rightarrow TCP/UDP \rightarrow HTTP, DNS, etc.).

Use cases:

- Troubleshooting connectivity and performance
- Debugging application protocols (HTTP, DNS, SMTP)
- Detecting anomalies (ARP spoofing, scanning, exfiltration)
- Security analysis / incident response (with permission)

Install & first capture (GUI & CLI)

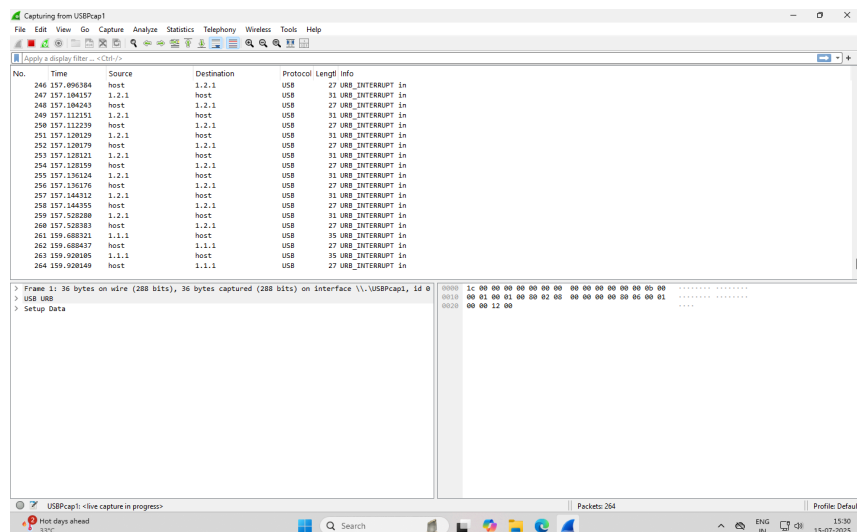
Wireshark (GUI) — install from your OS packages or [wireshark.org](https://www.wireshark.org).

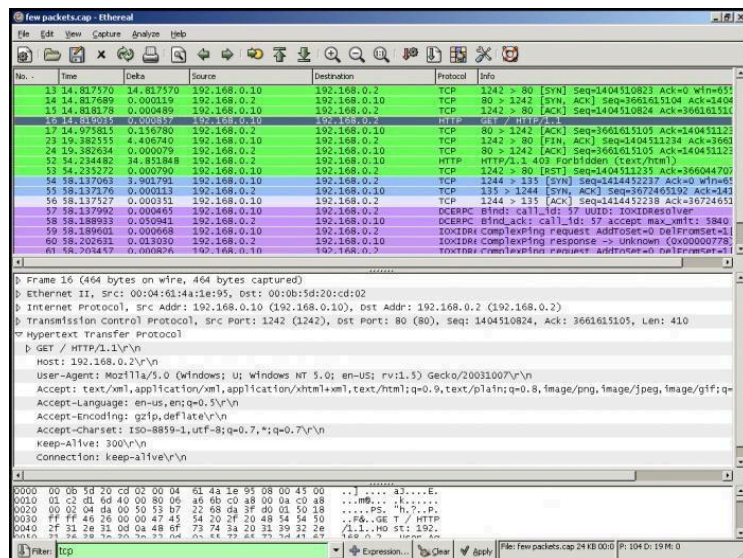
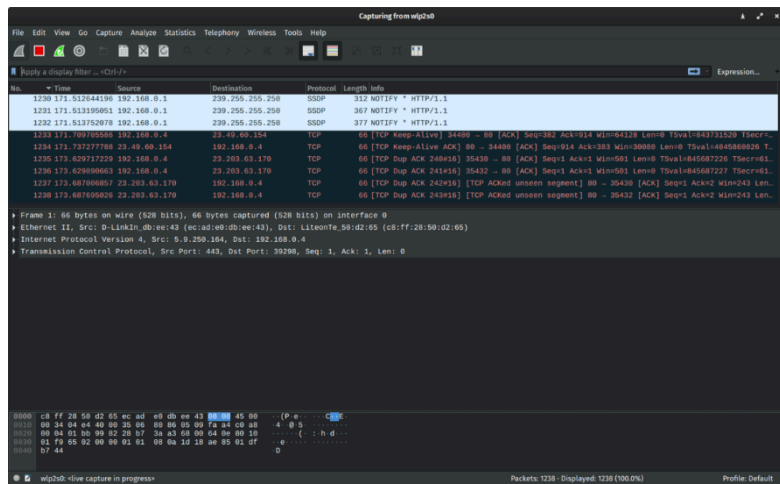
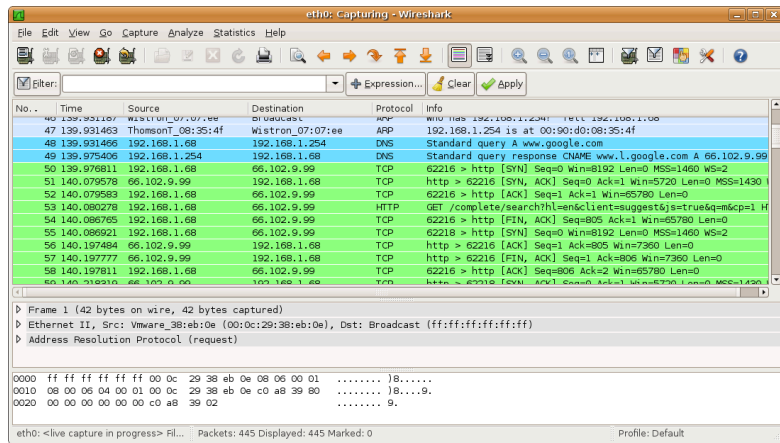
tshark is Wireshark's CLI equivalent. tcpdump and ngrep are lighter CLI tools.

Start a simple capture with Wireshark:

1. Open Wireshark → select the correct interface (e.g., eth0, wlan0, en0).
2. Click the shark-fin Start button.
3. Use a simple capture filter immediately (see next section) to limit traffic volume.
4. Stop and save (File → Save).

Output





Practical 8

Aim: Demonstrate a python script to capture and analyze network packets.

Theory:

Packet Sniffing

Packet sniffing is the process of intercepting and analyzing network packets that pass through a network interface. It's useful for:

- Network diagnostics
- Intrusion detection
- Performance monitoring
- Security auditing

Scapy

Scapy is a powerful Python-based interactive packet manipulation program and library. It can:

- Capture live packets
- Decode and dissect packet layers (like IP, TCP, UDP)
- Send crafted packets
- Analyze network traffic

Python Script: Basic Packet Sniffer & Analyzer

Features:

- Captures a user-defined number of packets
- Identifies protocol types (TCP, UDP, ICMP, others)
- Shows top source and destination IPs

Expected Behavior When the Script Runs

1. Starts Sniffing Packets:
 - o Captures up to 100 packets (as per packet_count=100).
 - o Sniffing occurs on the default interface unless another is specified via interface.

2. Analyzes Each Packet:

- o Checks if the packet contains an IP layer.
- o Increments counters for:
 - Total packets
 - TCP packets
 - UDP packets
 - ICMP packets
 - Other types
- o Tracks:
 - Source IPs
 - Destination IPs

3. After Capturing:

- o Prints the total number of packets captured.
- o Displays counts for each protocol.
- o Lists the Top 5 source and destination IPs based on frequency.

Code:

```
from scapy.all import sniff, IP, TCP, UDP, ICMP
```

```
from collections import Counter
```

```
import time
```

```
# Stores statistics
```

```
packet_stats = {
```

```
    "total": 0,
```

```
    "tcp": 0,
```

```
    "udp": 0,
```

```
    "icmp": 0,
```

```
    "other": 0,
```

```
    "src_ips": Counter(),
```

```

    "dst_ips": Counter()
}

# Function to analyze each captured packet
def analyze_packet(packet):
    packet_stats["total"] += 1

    if IP in packet:
        ip_layer = packet[IP]
        packet_stats["src_ips"][ip_layer.src] += 1
        packet_stats["dst_ips"][ip_layer.dst] += 1

    if TCP in packet:
        packet_stats["tcp"] += 1
    elif UDP in packet:
        packet_stats["udp"] += 1
    elif ICMP in packet:
        packet_stats["icmp"] += 1
    else:
        packet_stats["other"] += 1

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# Function to print analysis results
def print_stats():
    print("\n=== Packet Capture Summary ===")
    print(f"Total packets captured: {packet_stats['total']}")
    print(f"TCP packets: {packet_stats['tcp']}")
    print(f"UDP packets: {packet_stats['udp']}")

```



```
print(f'ICMP packets: {packet_stats['icmp']}')
print(f'Other packets: {packet_stats['other']}')
```

```
print("\nTop 5 Source IPs:")
for ip, count in packet_stats["src_ips"].most_common(5):
    print(f'{ip}: {count} packets')
```

```
print("\nTop 5 Destination IPs:")
for ip, count in packet_stats["dst_ips"].most_common(5):
    print(f'{ip}: {count} packets')
```

```
# Main function to start packet capture
def start_sniffing(interface=None, packet_count=50, timeout=None):
    print(f'[*] Capturing packets on interface: {interface or 'default'}')
    start_time = time.time()

    sniff(
        iface=interface,      # Interface (None = default)
        prn=analyze_packet,   # Function called for each packet
        count=packet_count,   # Number of packets to capture
        timeout=timeout,      # Stop after timeout (in seconds)
        store=False           # Do not store packets in memory
    )

    duration = time.time() - start_time
    print(f'\n[*] Capture complete in {duration:.2f} seconds')
    print_stats()
```

```
if __name__ == "__main__":
```

Run the sniffer

start_sniffing(packet_count=50)

Output:

```
Command Prompt
RuntimeError: Sniffing and sending packets is not available at layer 2: winpcap is not installed. You may use conf.L3socket or conf.L3socket6 to access layer 3
C:\Users\Admin\AppData\Local\Programs\Python\Python313>python simple_sniffer.py
[*] Capturing packets on interface: default

[*] Capture complete in 2.28 seconds

=== Packet Capture Summary ===
Total packets captured: 50
TCP packets: 2
UDP packets: 22
ICMP packets: 0
Other packets: 26

Top 5 Source IPs:
192.168.10.168: 10 packets
192.168.10.161: 6 packets
192.168.8.138: 2 packets
192.168.10.203: 2 packets
192.168.10.237: 1 packets

Top 5 Destination IPs:
224.0.0.252: 7 packets
224.0.0.251: 6 packets
192.168.10.255: 5 packets
192.168.10.27: 2 packets
192.168.10.203: 2 packets

C:\Users\Admin\AppData\Local\Programs\Python\Python313>
```

Practical 9

Aim: Demonstrate the penetration testing tasks using python.

Theory:

Reconnaissance (passive/active): gather host/IP/service info (DNS, whois, HTTP headers).

Scanning / Enumeration: discover open ports, services, versions.

Vulnerability analysis: map services to potential weaknesses (in lab, using safe checks).

Code:

A: Fast async TCP port scanner

```
import asyncio, time

TARGET = "127.0.0.1"
PORTS = range(1, 1025)
CONCURRENCY = 500
TIMEOUT = 1.0

async def try_connect(sema, host, port):
    start = time.perf_counter()
    try:
        async with sema:
            r, w = await asyncio.wait_for(asyncio.open_connection(host, port), TIMEOUT)
            w.close()
            await w.wait_closed()
            return port, True, (time.perf_counter()-start)*1000
    except:
        return port, False, (time.perf_counter()-start)*1000

async def main():
    sema = asyncio.Semaphore(CONCURRENCY)
```

```

tasks = [asyncio.create_task(try_connect(sema, TARGET, p)) for p in PORTS]
results = await asyncio.gather(*tasks)
openp = sorted(p for p, ok, _ in results if ok)
elapsed = sum(r[2] for r in results) # not perfect but cheap
print(f'Scanned {len(results)} ports, open: {openp}, total elapsed (approx): {elapsed:.0f}
ms")
if __name__ == "__main__":
    start=time.time(); asyncio.run(main()); print("Wall:", time.time()-start)

```

B: Local password-audit demo (safe)

```

# pw_audit.py — local password check (lab-only)
import hashlib
WEAK = ["123456", "password", "qwerty"]
DB = {"bob": hashlib.sha256(b"password").hexdigest(), "alice":
hashlib.sha256(b"strong").hexdigest()}
found=[]
for user,h in DB.items():
    for pw in WEAK:
        if hashlib.sha256(pw.encode()).hexdigest()==h:
            found.append((user,pw))
if found:
    print("Weak pw found:", found)
else:
    print("No weak passwords found")

```

Output

```
C:\Users\Admin\AppData\Local\Programs\Python\Python313>python c.py
Weak pw found: [('bob', 'password')]

C:\Users\Admin\AppData\Local\Programs\Python\Python313>python a.py
Scanned 1024 ports, open: [135, 445], total elapsed (approx): 1569393 ms
Wall: 3.044677972793579
```

Practical 10

Aim: Develop a simple Intrusion Detection System (IDS) using Python.

Theory:

IDS

- Captures live packets (requires libpcap / Npcap).
- Maintains sliding-window stats keyed by source IP.
- Detects:
 - Port scan: many different destination ports from same source in short time window.
 - SYN flood: many TCP SYNs from same source with few completions.
 - High packet rate: excessive packets from a source.
- Logs alerts and prints them to console (could be extended to email/SIEM).

Code

```
#!/usr/bin/env python3
```

```
"""
```

simple_ids.py — a small, lab-only IDS demo.

Features:

- Packet capture via scapy
- Sliding-window counters per source IP
- Detects: port scans, SYN floods, high packet rates
- Uses an analyzer thread to avoid blocking packet capture

Run as root / admin:

```

sudo python3 simple_ids.py
"""

import time
import threading
import queue
from collections import defaultdict, deque, Counter
from dataclasses import dataclass
import logging
import sys

# Scapy import (requires libpcap / Npcap)
try:
    from scapy.all import sniff, IP, TCP, UDP, ICMP
except Exception as e:
    print("Scapy import failed:", e)
    print("Make sure scapy is installed and libpcap/npcap is available.")
    sys.exit(1)

# ----- Configuration -----

CAPTURE_INTERFACE = None          # None = default, or "eth0", "wlan0", etc.
PACKET_QUEUE_SIZE = 10000
ANALYSIS_INTERVAL = 1.0          # seconds between analysis passes
WINDOW_SECONDS = 10              # sliding window size for detections
PORTSCAN_PORT_THRESHOLD = 20     # distinct dst ports in WINDOW => port scan
SYN_FLOOD_SYN_THRESHOLD = 100    # SYNs in WINDOW => possible SYN flood
PKT_RATE_THRESHOLD = 500         # packets from same src in WINDOW => high rate

# Logging / alerting

```

```
logging.basicConfig(level=logging.INFO,      format="%%(asctime)s      [%(levelname)s]
"%(message)s")
```

```
logger = logging.getLogger("simple_ids")
```

```
# ----- Data structures -----
```

```
# We'll queue simple packet summaries from capture thread to analyzer thread
```

```
pkt_queue = queue.Queue(maxsize=PACKET_QUEUE_SIZE)
```

```
@dataclass
```

```
class PktSummary:
```

```
    ts: float
```

```
    src: str
```

```
    dst: str
```

```
    sport: int
```

```
    dport: int
```

```
    proto: str
```

```
    flags: str # for TCP flags, else ""
```

```
# Per-src sliding window state
```

```
class SrcState:
```

```
    def __init__(self):
```

```
        # Deques store timestamps of events for sliding window
```

```
        self.pkts = deque()          # timestamps of packets
```

```
        self.dst_ports = defaultdict(deque) # dst_port -> deque of timestamps (for distinct
count)
```

```
        self.tcp_syns = deque()      # timestamps of SYN attempts
```

```
        self.tcp_acks = deque()      # timestamps of ACKs (optional)
```

```
    def cleanup(self, now, window):
```

```
        # Remove older entries outside the window
```

```

cutoff = now - window
while self.pkts and self.pkts[0] < cutoff:
    self.pkts.popleft()
# cleanup dst_ports entries (and remove keys with empty deque)
for port in list(self.dst_ports.keys()):
    dq = self.dst_ports[port]
    while dq and dq[0] < cutoff:
        dq.popleft()
    if not dq:
        del self.dst_ports[port]
while self.tcp_syns and self.tcp_syns[0] < cutoff:
    self.tcp_syns.popleft()
while self.tcp_acks and self.tcp_acks[0] < cutoff:
    self.tcp_acks.popleft()

# Global per-src map and lock
src_map = defaultdict(SrcState)
src_lock = threading.Lock()

# ----- Capture callback -----
def capture_packet(pkt):
    """
    Called by scapy for every packet. We quickly summarize and push to queue.
    Keep this function fast and non-blocking.
    """
    if IP not in pkt:
        return
    ip = pkt[IP]
    src = ip.src

```



```

dst = ip.dst
sport = 0
dport = 0
proto = "OTHER"
flags = ""

if TCP in pkt:
    proto = "TCP"
    sport = pkt[TCP].sport
    dport = pkt[TCP].dport
    flags = pkt[TCP].sprintf("%sflags%s")
elif UDP in pkt:
    proto = "UDP"
    sport = pkt[UDP].sport
    dport = pkt[UDP].dport
elif ICMP in pkt:
    proto = "ICMP"

    summary = PktSummary(ts=time.time(), src=src, dst=dst, sport=sport, dport=dport,
proto=proto, flags=flags)
    try:
        pkt_queue.put_nowait(summary)
    except queue.Full:
        # If the queue is full, drop packet (and optionally log once per interval)
        # Avoid flooding logs
        pass

# ----- Analyzer thread -----
def analyzer():

```

```
"""
```

```
Consume packet summaries and maintain sliding-window stats.
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```
Periodically evaluate detection rules.
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```
"""
```

```
last_eval = time.time()
```

```
dropped_log_ts = 0
```

```
while True:
```

```
    try:
```

```
        # Drain queue with short timeout so we periodically run detections
```

```
        try:
```

```
            ps = pkt_queue.get(timeout=ANALYSIS_INTERVAL)
```

```
            now = ps.ts
```

```
            with src_lock:
```

```
                state = src_map[ps.src]
```

```
                state.pkts.append(now)
```

```
                # record destination port usage for portscan detection
```

```
                if ps.dport:
```

```
                    state.dst_ports[ps.dport].append(now)
```

```
                # record TCP SYNs/ACKs
```

```
                if ps.proto == "TCP":
```

```
                    if "S" in ps.flags and "A" not in ps.flags:
```

```
                        state.tcp_syms.append(now)
```

```
                    if "A" in ps.flags:
```

```
                        state.tcp_acks.append(now)
```

```
            pkt_queue.task_done()
```

```
        except queue.Empty:
```

```
            # no packet arrived in interval; run evaluation
```

```
            now = time.time()
```

```

# Periodic cleanup and detection

if time.time() - last_eval >= ANALYSIS_INTERVAL:

    last_eval = time.time()

    run_detections(now)

except Exception as e:

    logger.exception("Analyzer error: %s", e)


def run_detections(now):

    alerts = []

    to_delete = []

    with src_lock:

        for src, state in list(src_map.items()):

            state.cleanup(now, WINDOW_SECONDS)


            pkt_count = len(state.pkts)

            distinct_ports = len(state.dst_ports)

            syn_count = len(state.tcp_syms)

            ack_count = len(state.tcp_acks)


            # Detection rules

            if distinct_ports >= PORTSCAN_PORT_THRESHOLD and pkt_count >=
PORTSCAN_PORT_THRESHOLD:

                alerts.append((src, "PORT_SCAN", {

                    "distinct_ports": distinct_ports,

                    "packets": pkt_count

                }))


            # Heuristic: many SYNs but few ACKs -> possible SYN flood or half-open
connections

```

```

    if syn_count >= SYN_FLOOD_SYN_THRESHOLD and ack_count < (syn_count *
0.1):

        alerts.append((src, "SYN_FLOOD", {
            "syns": syn_count,
            "acks": ack_count
        }))

    if pkt_count >= PKT_RATE_THRESHOLD:

        alerts.append((src, "HIGH_PKT_RATE", {
            "packets": pkt_count
        }))

    # If the source hasn't produced any packets in window, remove its state to save
memory
    if pkt_count == 0 and distinct_ports == 0 and syn_count == 0:

        to_delete.append(src)

    # Remove idle src states
    for s in to_delete:

        del src_map[s]

    # Emit alerts (outside lock)
    for src, typ, info in alerts:

        emit_alert(src, typ, info)

def emit_alert(src, typ, info):

    # Simple console and logger alert
    msg = f"ALERT {typ} from {src} — {info}"
    print(msg)
    logger.warning(msg)

```

```

# TODO: add email, webhook, or other alerting

# ----- Runner -----

def main():
    # Start analyzer thread
    t = threading.Thread(target=analyzer, daemon=True)
    t.start()

    iface = CAPTURE_INTERFACE
    print(f'Starting capture on interface: {iface or 'default'} (press Ctrl-C to stop)')

    try:
        # sniff is blocking; it will call capture_packet for each packet
        sniff(iface=iface, prn=capture_packet, store=False)
    except KeyboardInterrupt:
        print("Stopping...")
    except Exception as e:
        logger.exception("sniff failed: %s", e)

if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()

```

Output:

```
Command Prompt - python | x + -
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.26100.6584]
(c) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\Users\Admin>cd C:\Users\Admin\AppData\Local\Programs\Python\Python313

C:\Users\Admin\AppData\Local\Programs\Python\Python313>python pr10.py
Starting capture on interface: default (press Ctrl-C to stop)
ALERT HIGH_PKT_RATE from 192.168.10.203 - {'packets': 509}
2025-10-04 12:30:20,485 [WARNING] ALERT HIGH_PKT_RATE from 192.168.10.203 - {'packets': 509}
ALERT HIGH_PKT_RATE from 192.168.10.203 - {'packets': 509}
2025-10-04 12:30:21,471 [WARNING] ALERT HIGH_PKT_RATE from 192.168.10.203 - {'packets': 509}
ALERT HIGH_PKT_RATE from 192.168.10.203 - {'packets': 500}
2025-10-04 12:30:22,480 [WARNING] ALERT HIGH_PKT_RATE from 192.168.10.203 - {'packets': 500}
ALERT HIGH_PKT_RATE from 192.168.10.203 - {'packets': 513}
2025-10-04 12:32:21,609 [WARNING] ALERT HIGH_PKT_RATE from 192.168.10.203 - {'packets': 513}
ALERT HIGH_PKT_RATE from 192.168.10.203 - {'packets': 512}
2025-10-04 12:32:22,609 [WARNING] ALERT HIGH_PKT_RATE from 192.168.10.203 - {'packets': 512}
ALERT HIGH_PKT_RATE from 192.168.10.203 - {'packets': 515}
2025-10-04 12:32:23,616 [WARNING] ALERT HIGH_PKT_RATE from 192.168.10.203 - {'packets': 515}
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