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How to: Detect ARP Spoofing under UNIX or Linux

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Q. I would like to know - how do I detect ARP spoofing? I am using Debian Linux.

A. Use arpswatch command to keeps track for ethernet/ip address pairings. It logs message or activity to syslogs and reports certain changes via email.

Arpswatch uses pcap to listen for arp packets on a local ethernet interface.

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Install arpswatch

Use apt-get command under Debian / Ubuntu Linux:

```
# apt-get install arpswatch
```

OR

```
$ sudo apt-get install arpswatch
```

arpswatch command examples

You can watch particular interface with command:

```
# arpswatch -i eth0
```

You will notice syslog entries as follows /var/log/syslog file (or /var/log/message file) when changes are made i.e MAC/IP address pair is changed:

```
# tail -f /var/log/syslog
```

Output:

```
Nov 10 15:59:34 debian arpswatch: new station 192.168.1.2 0:17:9a:a:f6:44 eth0
```

Above entry displays new workstation. If changes are made you should see something as follows:

```
Nov 10 15:59:34 debian arpswatch: changed station 192.168.1.2 0:17:9a:b:f6:f6  
(0:17:9a:a:f6:44)
```

You can also use arp -a command to display current ARP table:

```
$ arp -a
```

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