

# MAC ADDRESS ANALYSER

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# Abstract

Every Bluetooth/Ethernet device has a mac address associated with it, which can determine various pieces of information, such as the vendor that manufactured the device, the type of device, date range of manufacture, etc. Given a raw traffic file (such as a pcap file) of a particular network (gathered via software such as Wireshark), it is possible to analyze and gather various sorts of information of the devices in the network from the MAC addresses of the packets of the traffic file. One such information that we can collect is the vendor information of the network devices and the fake MAC addresses in the network. In our project, we attempt to build a tool that achieves the same with the help of a python script that detects real and fake MAC addresses in the network.

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# Introduction

What is a MAC Address?

A Media Access Control address (MAC address) is a unique identifier assigned to network interfaces for communications on the physical network segment. MAC addresses are used for numerous network technologies and most IEEE 802 network technologies, including Ethernet. Logically, MAC addresses are used in the Media Access Control protocol sub-layer of the OSI reference model.

MAC addresses are most often assigned by the manufacturer of a network interface card (NIC) and are stored in its hardware, the card's read-only memory, or some other firmware mechanism. If assigned by the manufacturer, a MAC address usually encodes the manufacturer's registered identification number and may be referred to as the burned-in address. It may also be known as an Ethernet hardware address (EHA), hardware address or physical address. A network node may have multiple NICs and will then have one unique MAC address per NIC.

MAC addresses are formed according to the rules of one of three numbering name spaces managed by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE): MAC-48, EUI-48, and EUI-64. The IEEE claims trademarks on the names EUI-48 and EUI-64, in which EUI is an acronym for Extended Unique Identifier.

## **Notational Conventions**

The standard (IEEE 802) format for printing MAC-48 addresses in human-friendly form is six groups of two hexadecimal digits, separated by hyphens (-) or colons (:), in transmission order (e.g., 01:23:45:67:89:ab ). This form is also commonly used for EUI-64. Another convention used by networking equipment uses three groups of four hexadecimal digits separated by dots (.) (e.g., 0123.4567.89ab ), again in transmission order.

## **Organizationally Unique Identifier(OUI)**

An organizationally unique identifier (OUI) is a 24-bit number that uniquely identifies a vendor, manufacturer, or other organization.

OUIs are purchased from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Registration Authority by the assignee (IEEE term for

the vendor, manufacturer, or other organization). Only assignment from MA-L registry assigns new OUI. They are used to uniquely identify a particular piece of equipment through derived identifiers such as MAC addresses, Subnetwork Access Protocol protocol identifiers, World Wide Names for Fibre Channel devices, or vendor blocks in EDID.

In MAC addresses, the OUI is combined with a 24-bit number (assigned by the assignee of the OUI) to form the address. The first three octets of the address are the OUI.

## **Applications**

Due to the 48-bit address space, there exist  $2^{48}$  (over 281 trillion) possible MAC addresses. This means that these could be used by one for identification.

The IEEE 802 network technology uses the EUI-48 identifier format for the same purpose. Some sample IEEE 802 networks are Ethernet, Wi-Fi, Bluetooth. We can capture the network traffic by using an application like Wireshark, as done in this project.

The network traffic, stored as a pcap file, can be analyzed by using a programming language (such as python). We can then extract the mac address, thereby identifying the vendor name and the genuineness of the mac address.

# Methodology

## 1. Creation of Database :

Firstly, we create a database that contains all the information regarding the vendors of the given MAC address(OUI specifically). In order to do so, gather the official mac address vendor list from IEEE (via the website <http://standards-oui.ieee.org/oui/oui.csv> which provides all the information in a CSV format ).

The CSV file saved as "**oui\_csv.csv**" is then used to create a sqlite3 database. We do this by executing the script **db\_create.py**. The python script uses the CSV and sqlite3 modules and creates a table "mac(Registry text, Assignment text, Organisation text, Address text)" stored in a database **mac.db** . This mac.db file is used further by the main program to query the details of the vendors pertaining to a specific OUI.

## 2. Reading and Analysing the raw network traffic file :

The python program **mac.py** constitutes mainly of user-defined functions (APIs) such as `format_mac()`, `get_vendors()`, and `sort_mac_vendors()` used to analyze the raw network traffic file, such as a pcap file. It also includes a user-defined class, "Vendor," which stores the vendor information corresponding to a given OUI/Assignment. The vendor class constitutes Address, Registry, Assignment, Organisation, (Physical) Address as its members, similar to the entries of mac.db.

When the main driver code `app.py` is executed, the user gets a popup window to select the pcap file containing the captured ethernet/Bluetooth packets. The file contents are then parsed using `scapy.rdcap()` function, which takes the file name of the chosen file as a parameter and returns a reader(stored in the variable `pckts`) used to read the file's contents. We iterate through the contents (packets) of the file using a for loop, storing the information of a packet in a loop/iteration variable called `pckt`. The mac address of each entry in `pckts` is extracted by accessing the second layer(Ethernet layer) of each packet(i.e., since `pckt` is the loop variable that corresponds to a single, we can access mac address by reading the Ethernet layer and getting the source mac address, which is done as follows `pckt['Ethernet'].src` ). The extracted mac address is then formatted



properly by passing it to the function `format_mac()`(in `mac.py`), which then returns the OUI of the mac address. The OUI obtained is then used to query the database to find an entry with the same OUI/Assignment field value in the database(achieved by the function `get_vendors()` in `mac.py`). While querying, one of the following two conditions might occur :

- 1) The OUI matches with a vendor's OUI in the database: In this case, we will create a Vendor class object, fill it with all the vendor details, and append it to a set "vendor\_set".
- 2) There is no OUI in the database corresponding to the given OUI: In this case, we append the mac address to a set "fake\_addrs", which is a set of all the fake mac addresses in the file.

The above functionality is handled by the `sort_mac_vendors()` function in `mac.py`. Both lists are then displayed using a simple GUI window where `vendor_set` denotes the details of the mac address and the vendors, whereas `fake_addrs` contains all the fake mac addresses. The GUI is implemented by using the python module Tkinter.

# Program Screenshots

## Creation of mac.db using db\_create.py

```
C:\ Command Prompt

D:\projects\cn\CN_Project>dir
Volume in drive D has no label.
Volume Serial Number is B43A-2380

Directory of D:\projects\cn\CN_Project

29-11-2021 17:26 <DIR>      .
29-11-2021 17:26 <DIR>      ..
29-11-2021 07:40          20 .gitignore
29-11-2021 11:08        1,537 app.py
28-11-2021 18:47        474 db_create.py
28-11-2021 18:47 <DIR>      Docs
29-11-2021 07:40       2,043 mac.py
28-11-2021 18:47   2,858,490 oui_csv.csv
28-11-2021 18:47        683 README.md
28-11-2021 19:26        23 requirements.txt
29-11-2021 07:45 <DIR>      __pycache__
              7 File(s)      2,863,270 bytes
              4 Dir(s)    468,896,153,600 bytes free

D:\projects\cn\CN_Project>python db_create.py

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29-11-2021 17:26 <DIR>      .
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28-11-2021 18:47        474 db_create.py
28-11-2021 18:47 <DIR>      Docs
29-11-2021 17:26   3,055,616 mac.db
29-11-2021 07:40       2,043 mac.py
28-11-2021 18:47   2,858,490 oui_csv.csv
28-11-2021 18:47        683 README.md
28-11-2021 19:26        23 requirements.txt
29-11-2021 07:45 <DIR>      __pycache__
              8 File(s)      5,918,886 bytes
              4 Dir(s)    468,893,097,984 bytes free

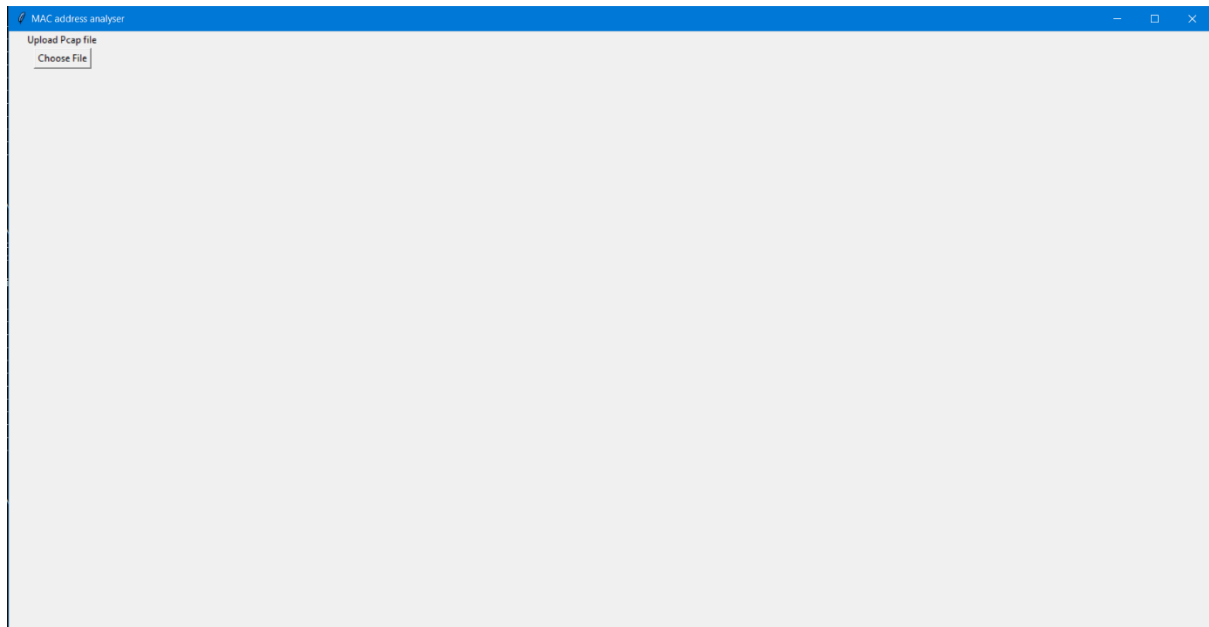
D:\projects\cn\CN_Project>
```

```
(venv) PS C:\Users\vip\Desktop\CN_Project> sqlite3 mac.db
SQLite version 3.36.0 2021-06-18 18:36:39
Enter ".help" for usage hints.
sqlite> select * from mac limit 50;
MA-L|002272|American Micro-Fuel Device Corp.|2181 Buchanan Loop Ferndale WA US 98248
MA-L|0000EF|IGT|9295 PROTOTYPE DRIVE RENO NV US 89511
MA-L|006195|Rockwell Automation|1 Allen-Bradley Dr. Mayfield Heights OH US 44124-6118
MA-L|F4809E|Cisco Systems, Inc|80 West Tasman Drive San Jose CA US 94568
MA-L|5885E9|Realme Chongqing MobileTelecommunications Corp Ltd|No.24 Nichang Boulevard, Huixing Block, Yubei District, Chongqing. Chongqing China CN 401120
MA-L|BC2392|BYD Precision Manufacture Company Ltd.|No.3001, Bao He Road, Baolong Industrial, Longgang Street,Longgang Zone, Shenzhen shenzhen CN 518116
MA-L|405582|Nokia|600 March Road Kanata Ontario CA K2K 2E6
MA-L|A4E31B|Nokia|600 March Road Kanata Ontario CA K2K 2E6
MA-L|D89790|Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation|GPO Box 1700 Canberra ACT AU 2601
MA-L|883A30|Aruba, a Hewlett Packard Enterprise Company|3333 Scott Blvd Santa Clara CA US 95054
MA-L|B8A58D|Axe Group Holdings Limited|Road Town tortola VG VG1110
MA-L|50CEE3|Gigafirm.co.LTD|3-21-8,kisonishi machida-city tokyo JP 1940037
MA-L|98E743|Dell Inc.|One Dell Way Round Rock TX US 78682
MA-L|C419D1|Telink Semiconductor (Shanghai) Co., Ltd.|No. 1500 Zuchongzhi Rd, Building #3 Shanghai CN 201203
MA-L|887E25|Extreme Networks, Inc.|6480 Via Del Oro San Jose CA US 95119
MA-L|086083|zte corporation|12/F.,zte R&D building ,kejinan Road,Shenzhen,P.R.China shenzhen guangdong CN 518057
MA-L|E01954|zte corporation|12/F.,zte R&D building ,kejinan Road,Shenzhen,P.R.China shenzhen guangdong CN 518057
MA-L|10327E|Huawei Device Co., Ltd.|No.2 of Xincheng Road, Songshan Lake Zone Dongguan Guangdong CN 523808
MA-L|F8084F|Sagemcom Broadband SAS|250, route de l'Empereur Rueil Malmaison Cedex hauts de seine FR 92848
MA-L|30F8B8|HUAWEI TECHNOLOGIES CO.,LTD|No.2 Xin Cheng Road, Room R6,Songshan Lake Technology Park Dongguan CN 523808
MA-L|F497C2|Nebulon Inc|3089 Skyway Court Fremont CA US 94539
MA-L|A44519|Xiaomi Communications Co Ltd|The Rainbow City of China Resources NO.68, Qinghe Middle Street Haidian District, Beijing CN 100085
MA-L|680BF5|Amazon Technologies Inc.|P.O Box 8102 Reno NV US 89507
MA-L|2446C8|Motorola Mobility LLC, a Lenovo Company|222 West Merchandise Mart Plaza Chicago IL US 60654
MA-L|1802AE|vivo Mobile Communication Co., Ltd.|#283,BBK Road Wusha,Chang'An Dongguan City,Guangdong, CN 523800
MA-L|0C20D3|vivo Mobile Communication Co., Ltd.|#283,BBK Road Wusha,Chang'An Dongguan City,Guangdong, CN 523800
MA-L|44D791|HUAWEI TECHNOLOGIES CO.,LTD|No.2 Xin Cheng Road, Room R6,Songshan Lake Technology Park Dongguan CN 523808
MA-L|8446FE|HUAWEI TECHNOLOGIES CO.,LTD|No.2 Xin Cheng Road, Room R6,Songshan Lake Technology Park Dongguan CN 523808
MA-L|D82918|HUAWEI TECHNOLOGIES CO.,LTD|No.2 Xin Cheng Road, Room R6,Songshan Lake Technology Park Dongguan CN 523808
```

Executing the command

```
D:\projects\cn\CN_Project>python app.py
```

Will open up a popup window



Here we must select the required pcap file using the choose file button.

Now the script runs in the background, and upon completion, the results are updated in the same window as shown below.

MAC address analyser				
Upload Pcap file				
Choose File				
Real Mac addresses				
Mac Address	Registry	Assignment	Organization	Address
00:e0:64:01:5e:bd	MA-L	00E064	SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS	99 W. TASMAN DRIVE SAN JOSE CA US 95134
00:e0:65:01:5e:bd	MA-L	00E065	CINCO NETWORKS, INC.	6601 KOLL CENTER PARK WAY PLEASANTON CA US 94566
00:a0:68:01:5e:bd	MA-L	00A068	REUTERS HOLDINGS PLC	85, FLEET STREET GB ENGLAND
00:e0:49:01:5e:bd	MA-L	00E049	MICROWI ELECTRONIC GmbH	ZUSAMSTRASSE 8 D 86166 AUGSBURG DE
00:e0:a0:01:5e:bd	MA-L	00E0AA	ELECTROSONIC LTD.	HAWLEY MILL, HAWLEY RD. DARTFORD, KENT DA2 7SY GB
00:e0:48:01:5e:bd	MA-L	00E048	SDL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	P.O. BOX 1303 EASTON MA US 02334
00:e0:ec:01:5e:bd	MA-L	00E0EC	CELESTICA INC.	1900-5140 Yonge Street PO Box 42 Toronto Ontario CA M2N 6L7
00:e0:ed:01:5e:bd	MA-L	00E0ED	SILICOM, LTD.	8 HANAGER ST. KFAR-SAVA 44000 IL
00:a0:ed:01:5e:bd	MA-L	00A0ED	Brooks Automation, Inc.	15 Elizabeth Drive Chelmsford MA US 01824
00:e0:71:01:5e:bd	MA-L	00E071	EPIS MICROCOMPUTER	LAUTLINGER STRASSE 147 72458 ALBSTADT DE
00:25:73:54:00:34:56	MA-L	002573	ST Electronics (Info-Security) Pte Ltd	100, Jurong East Street 21, ST Electronics Jurong East Bldg SG 609602
00:04:54:00:34:56	MA-L	000454	Quadriga UK	Baird House GB ENGLAND
00:30:54:00:34:56	MA-L	003054	Castlenet Technology Inc.	5F., No. 10, Daye Rd., Beitou Dist. Taipei City TW 112030
00:e0:76:01:5e:bd	MA-L	00E076	DEVELOPMENT CONCEPTS, INC.	1000 N. BROAD STREET LANSDALE PA US 19446
00:60:97:0f:ee:72	MA-L	006097	JCOM	5400 BAYFRONT PLAZA SANTA CLARA CA US 95052
00:e0:b6:01:5e:bd	MA-L	00E0B8	GATEWAY 2000	610 GATEWAY DRIVE N. SIOUX CITY SD US 57049
00:e0:d5:01:5e:bd	MA-L	00E0D5	Emulex Corporation	3333 Susan Street Costa Mesa CA US 92626
Fake Mac addresses				
Mac Address				
73:00:54:00:34:56				
73:00:ed:01:5e:bd				
80:e0:ed:01:5e:bf				
34:e0:ed:01:5e:bd				
00:e2:ed:01:5e:bd				
00:58:ed:01:5e:bd				
00:62:97:0f:ee:72				
00:48:ed:01:5e:bd				
40:e0:ed:01:5e:bd				
10:e0:ed:01:5e:bd				
aaaa:aaaa:aaaa				
00:36:ed:01:5e:bd				
00:e4:ed:01:5e:bd				
73:00:97:0f:ee:72				
d2:30:54:00:34:56				

As shown above, the tool lists all the vendor details for real mac addresses and explicitly displays the fake mac addresses.

# Program Code

*Note: The entire code for this program is uploaded to [https://github.com/Gagan-Shenoy/CN\\_Project](https://github.com/Gagan-Shenoy/CN_Project) for ease of execution.*

## db\_create.py

```
import csv

import sqlite3

con = sqlite3.connect("mac.db")

cur = con.cursor()

cur.execute("DROP TABLE IF EXISTS mac")

cur.execute("CREATE TABLE mac (Registry text, Assignment text,
Organization text, Address text);")

with open("oui_csv.csv", encoding="cp437") as f:

    reader = csv.DictReader(f)

    #field_names = reader.fieldnames

    for row in reader:

        cur.execute("INSERT INTO mac VALUES (?, ?, ?, ?)",
list(row.values()))

con.commit()

con.close()
```

## mac.py

```
#necessary code to execute the main program app.py

import sqlite3
```

```
import scapy.all as scapy
```

```
class Vendor:
```

```
    def __init__(self, vendor_tuple, mac_addr):
```

```
        self.Registry, self.Assignment, self.Organization, self.Address =  
        vendor_tuple
```

```
        self.mac_addr = mac_addr
```

```
    def __str__(self):
```

```
        return f"Mac Address - {self.mac_addr}, Registry - {self.Registry},  
        Assignment - {self.Assignment}, Organization - {self.Organization},  
        Address - {self.Address}"
```

```
    def __eq__(self, other):
```

```
        return self.Assignment == other.Assignment
```

```
    def __hash__(self):
```

```
        return int(self.Assignment, 16)
```

```
    def to_list(self):
```

```
        return [self.mac_addr, self.Registry, self.Assignment,  
        self.Organization, self.Address]
```

```
def get_vendors(mac_addr):
```

```
    """Input - Mac Address
```

Output - List of Vendor Objects for the given Mac Address

'''

```
con = sqlite3.connect("mac.db")
```

```
cur = con.cursor()
```

```
result = cur.execute("SELECT * FROM mac WHERE Assignment = ?",  
[format_mac(mac_addr)]).fetchall()
```

```
vendors = []
```

```
for i in result:
```

```
    vendors.append(Vendor(i, mac_addr))
```

```
con.close()
```

```
return vendors
```

```
def format_mac(mac_addr):
```

```
    t = mac_addr.split(sep = ":", maxsplit = 4)
```

```
    fmac_addr = "".join(t[:3])
```

```
    fmac_addr = fmac_addr.upper()
```

```
    return fmac_addr
```

```
def sort_mac_vendors(file):
```

```
    pckts = scapy.rdpcap(file)
```

```
    vendor_set = set()
```

```
    fake_addrs = set()
```

```
    for pckt in pckts:
```

```
try :  
    mac_addr = pckt['Ethernet'].src  
    vendors = get_vendors(mac_addr)  
    for vendor in vendors:  
        vendor_set.add(vendor)  
    if not vendors:  
        fake_addrs.add(mac_addr)  
except:  
    continue  
return vendor_set, fake_addrs
```

```
# file = input("Enter file(pcap) path : ")  
# vendor_set, fake_addrs = sort_mac_vendors(file)  
# print("Real Mac Addresses with Vendors : ")  
# for vendor in vendor_set:  
#     print(vendor)  
  
# print("\nFake Mac Addresses : ")  
# for mac_addr in fake_addrs:  
#     print(mac_addr)
```

**app.py**



```

from tkinter import *

from tkinter import ttk

from tkinter.filedialog import askopenfile

from tkinter.filedialog import askopenfilename

from mac import *

def open_file():

    filetypes = [('Pcap', '*.pcap')]

    file = askopenfilename(title = 'Open a file', filetypes = filetypes)

    vendor_set, fake_addrs = sort_mac_vendors(file)

    mac = Label(ws, text = 'Real Mac addresses')

    mac.grid(row = 5, column = 0, padx = 10)

    vendor_list = [['Mac Address', 'Registry', 'Assignment', 'Organization',
'Address']]

    for i in vendor_set:

        vendor_list.append(i.to_list())

    widths = [30, 10, 15, 50, 80]

    for i in range(len(vendor_list)):

        for j in range(5):

            e = Entry(ws, width = widths[j], font = ('Arial', 8,'bold'))

            e.grid(row = 6 + i, column = j)

            e.insert(END, vendor_list[i][j])

    fmac = Label(ws, text = 'Fake Mac addresses')

```

```
fmac.grid(row = 7 + len(vendor_list), column = 0, padx = 10)
```

```
fakeaddr_list = ['Mac Address'] + list(fake_addrs)
```

```
for i in range(len(fakeaddr_list)):
```

```
    e = Entry(ws, width = 30, font = ('Arial', 8,'bold'))
```

```
    e.grid(row = 8 + len(vendor_list) + i, column = 0)
```

```
    e.insert(END, fakeaddr_list[i])
```

```
ws = Tk()
```

```
ws.title('MAC address analyser')
```

```
ws.geometry('1500x750')
```

```
file = Label(ws, text = 'Upload Pcap file ')
```

```
file.grid(row = 0, column = 0, padx = 20)
```

```
filebtn = Button(ws, text = 'Choose File', command = open_file)
```

```
filebtn.grid(row = 1, column = 0, padx = 20)
```

```
ws.mainloop()
```