**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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3. Wikipedia
4. IEEE website for the mac address vendor list.

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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 248 (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.

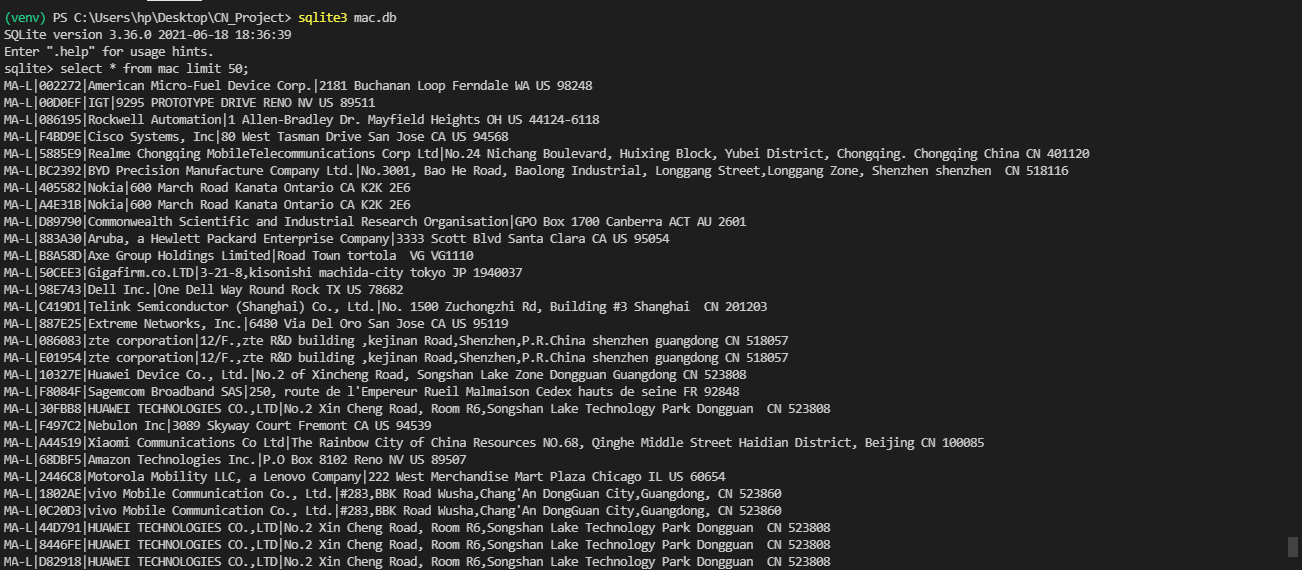
The above functionality is handled by the sort\_mac\_vendors() function in mac.py. Both lists are then displayed using a simple GUI window where vendor\_set denotes the details of the mac address and the vendors, whereas fake\_addrs contains all the fake mac addresses. The GUI is implemented by using the python module Tkinter.

**Program Screenshots**

Creation of mac.db using db\_create.py

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Executing the command



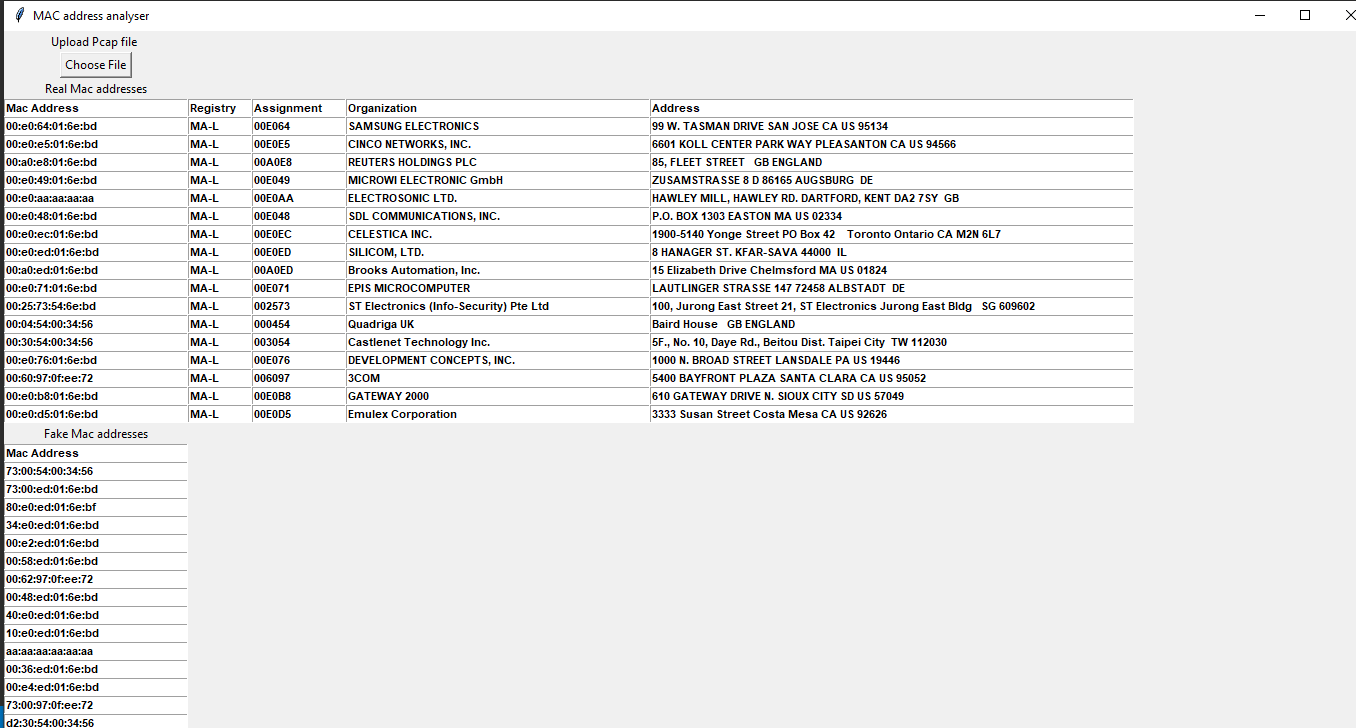
Will open up a popup window

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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.



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> *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()