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1 Echo Service

Use the following commands in h1 and h2 to observe the basic operation of socket¹ and echo service.

h2> /etc/init.d/xinetd restart

h1> socket -u 10.0.0.2 echo

h1> type any text in socket and press enter

Report

Explain the operation of each command.

2 Socket Server

Use following command to run a server and send packet to serever.

h2 > **socket -u -s 5555**

h1> socket -u -i -n3 -w2048 10.0.0.2 5555

Report

Explain the operation of each command.

Show packet in wireshark. What you see in transmitted packet?

What is different between packet in client and server?

What is different between generated packet and sended packet?

3 socket -h

Study various options associated with the **socket** program. A brief list of options can be displayed by typing **socket**.

Report

Explain 5 of them.

4 Segment size

While running wireshark on h2, execute the following command with different values of size (i.e., the size of the datagram).

h2 > **socket -u -s 5555**

h1> **socket -u -i -n1 -w** ${size} 10.0.0.2$ **5555**

The -u option is used to send UDP datagrams rather than TCP segments.

Increase size (i.e., the size of the datagram) until fragmentation occurs.

Use **netstat** -in to find out the MTU of the Ethernet interface.

¹Basic command is sock use alternative socket (linked to sock)

Report

What is the maximum value of *size* for which the UDP datagram can be sent without IP fragmentation? Justify your answer with the **netstat** output.

5 Datagram size

Capture the data packets generated by the following command wireshark on h1.

```
h2> socket -u -s 5555
h1> socket -u -i -n1 -w10000 10.0.0.2 5555
```

Save the wireshark output for the lab report.

Report

Explain the wireshark output in terms of the IP header fields that are used in fragmentation.

When IP fragmentation occurs, only the first fragment has the UDP header. How do you verify this fact from the **wireshark** output?

6 TFTP and FTP

In order to compare the transfer rates of FTP and TFTP, we will retrieve a large file from a remote server using FTP and TFTP, respectively.

First run ftp and tftp service. Run wireshark on h1 and see ftp and tftp packets.

```
h2> /etc/init.d/xinetd restart # start tftp server
h2> ls /etc/xinetd.d/ # see services in xinetd
h2> vsftpd & # start ftp server
h2> create file in /tftpboot/{small.dum, med.dum, larg.dum}
h2> create file in /home/mininet/{small.dum, med.dum, larg.dum}

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h1> tftp 10.0.0.2
h1> tftp> get {$filename}
h1> tftp> quit

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h1> ftp 10.0.0.2 # Enter user and password -> mininet
h1> tftp> ls
h1> tftp> get ${filename}
h1> tftp> get ${filename}
h1> tftp> get ${filename}
```

Create small.dum with 10kB, med.dum with 1MB and larg.dum with 50MB Also, from the ftp window, record the transfer rate (time) displayed. Restart the above wireshark session.

Report

For first **wireshark** session identify the starting and ending time of actual data transfer. Don't include the time spent establishing the TCP connection. Calculate the time spent for data transfer.

Compare the time with the value displayed in **ftp** window. Are they consistent? If there exists any significant difference, what might be the reason?

Now, from the second session, carefully determine the starting and ending time of data transfer for the **tftp** program.

Compare the time with the value displayed in **tftp** window. Are they consistent? If there exists any significant difference, what might be the reason?

By comparing the actual data transfer times of ftp and tftp, which of these two is faster, and why?

7 TFTP Analysis

Capture the packets that are exchanged during a **tftp** session for the /tftpboot/small.dum file between h1 and h2, using **wireshark**

Observe the protocol in action. Analyze various types of TFTP messages.

Report

- 1. List all the different types of packets exchanged during the tftp session.
- 2. In most cases, **tftp** service is restricted.² Why is **tftp** service not generally available to users?
- 3. With **tftp**, which uses UDP, we transferred a file larger than the maximum UDP datagram size. How do you explain this?

8 FTP Small file

Repeat the above experiment, but use **ftp**. Capture a trace of the packets exchanged when downloading the /home/mininet/small.dum file using **ftp**.

Examine the port numbers used.

Report

- 1. How many well-known port numbers were used? Which machine used the well-known port numbers? What were the other machine's port numbers?
- 2. As can be seen from the **wireshark** output, FTP involves two different connections, **ftp-control** and **ftp-data**. Why are two different connections used, instead of one connection?

9 FTP Debug

Run ftp in h1 using the debug mode: ftp -d 10.0.0.2.

After logging into the remote host, type dir /home/mininet/small.dum in the ftp window.

Then type quit to terminate the ftp session, and save the ftp window output.

Report

Submit what you saved in this exercise, explaining each line of the output. Explain how the PORT command works. Which connection, the control connection or the data connection, did the server send the response (the LIST output) on?

²This is not the case in our lab, where we deliberately enabled the TFTP service and use it as a tool to study the UDP protocol.