

# **Network Traffic Analysis and Attack Data**

LAN-Based Attacks (DoS, SSL Stripping, ARP Poisoning)

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## **Introduction**

This report aims to analyze and present the network traffic data related to three LAN-based attacks—Denial of Service (DoS), SSL Stripping, and ARP Poisoning—captured using Wireshark. For each attack, we will provide an overview, describe the simulation method used, and include screenshots of the data and analysis captured by Wireshark. Understanding these attacks helps in fortifying networks against similar threats in real-world scenarios.

# Attack 1: Denial of Service (DoS)

## Overview

A Denial of Service (DoS) attack targets a network, server, or machine by flooding it with excessive traffic, which causes resource exhaustion and makes the system unavailable for legitimate users. The attack can result in downtime, loss of services, and a negative impact on business operations. DoS attacks are often used as a precursor to more sophisticated attacks, such as Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attacks.

## Simulation Method

The DoS attack was simulated using **Ettercap** to generate a massive volume of traffic directed at a specific machine on the LAN. During the attack, Wireshark was used to capture and analyze the network traffic. The simulation involved sending a large number of ICMP (ping) requests to the target machine, overwhelming its resources.

## Screenshots

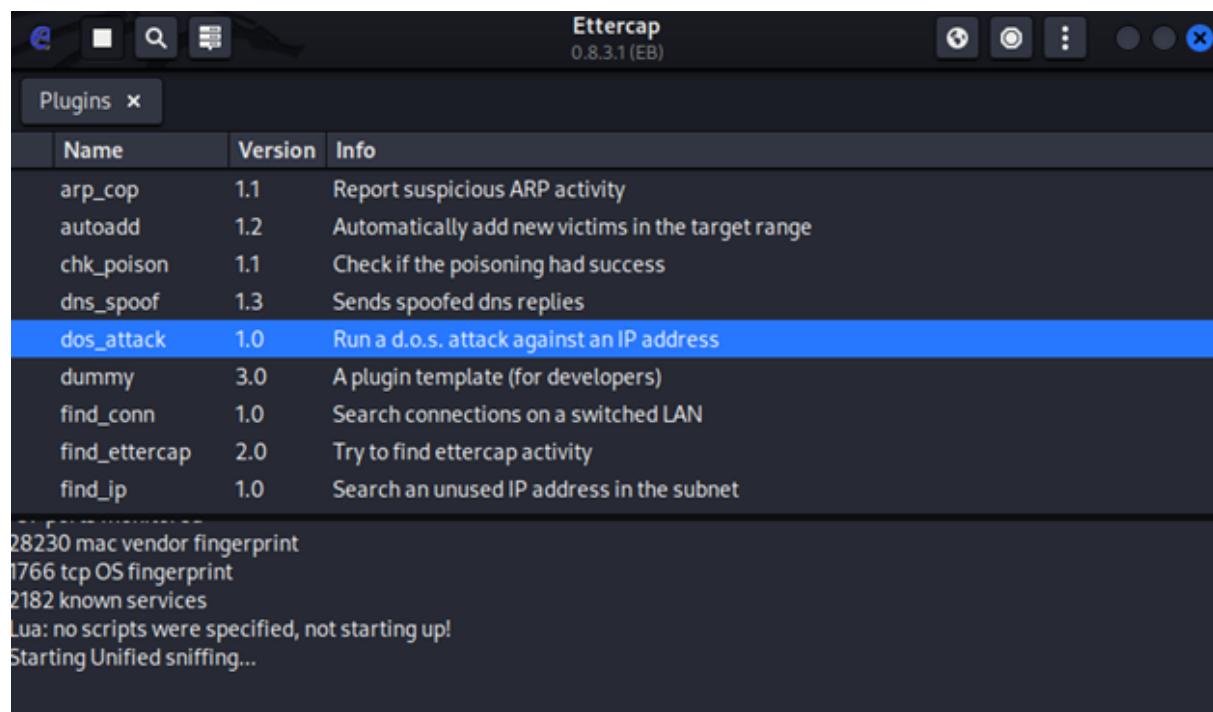


Figure 1: DoS initialization

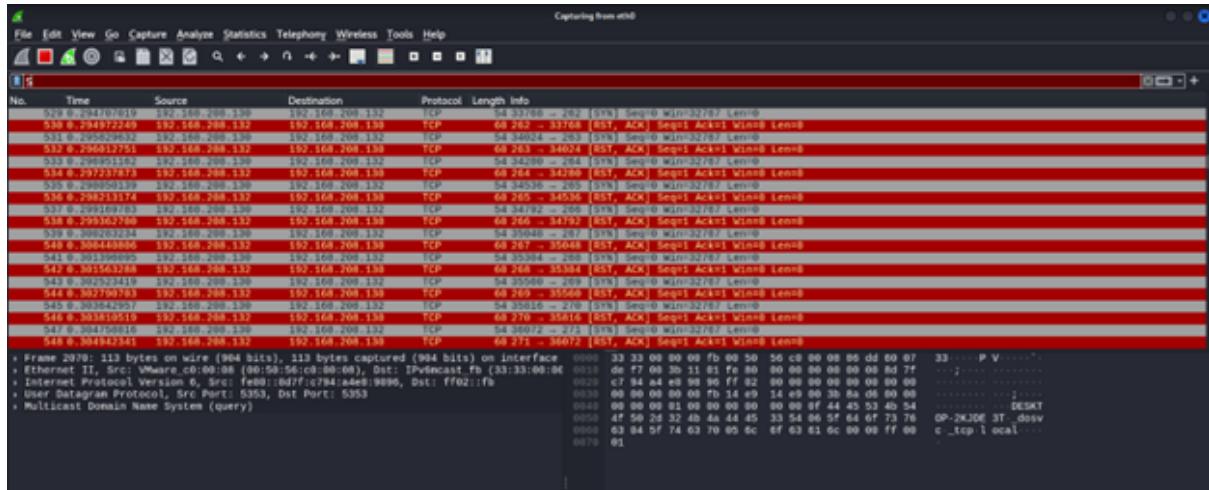


Figure 2: DoS traffic visualization in Wireshark

## Attack 2: SSL Stripping

### Overview

SSL Stripping is an attack that downgrades a secure HTTPS connection to an insecure HTTP connection. This allows attackers to intercept and manipulate data that would typically be encrypted, such as login credentials and sensitive information, compromising the integrity and confidentiality of communications. SSL Stripping is particularly dangerous in public Wi-Fi networks where users may not notice the downgrade.

### Simulation Method

The SSL Stripping attack was simulated using **Ettercap**, which redirected HTTPS traffic to HTTP. This manipulation allowed Wireshark to capture the traffic, revealing the downgrading from HTTPS to HTTP and showing potential security vulnerabilities. The simulation involved intercepting traffic between a client and a server, modifying the HTTPS requests to HTTP, and observing the unencrypted data.

### Screenshots

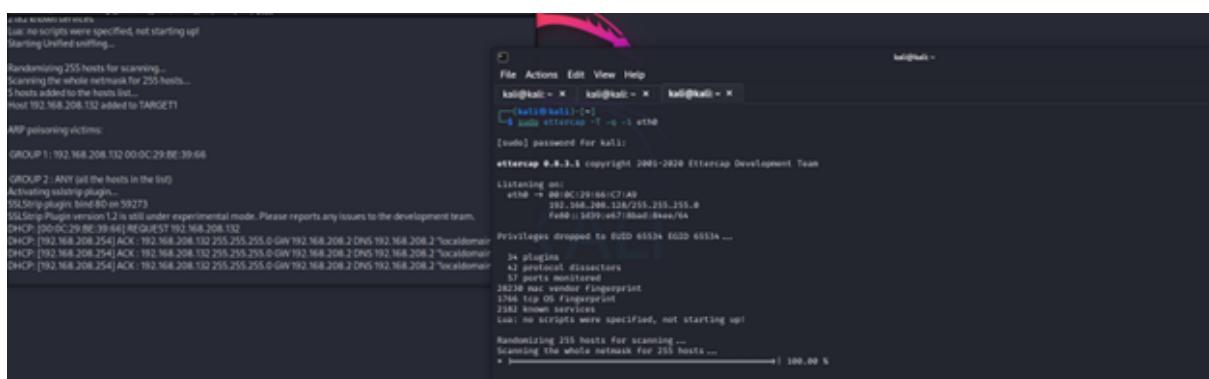


Figure 3: SSL Stripping attack Initialization

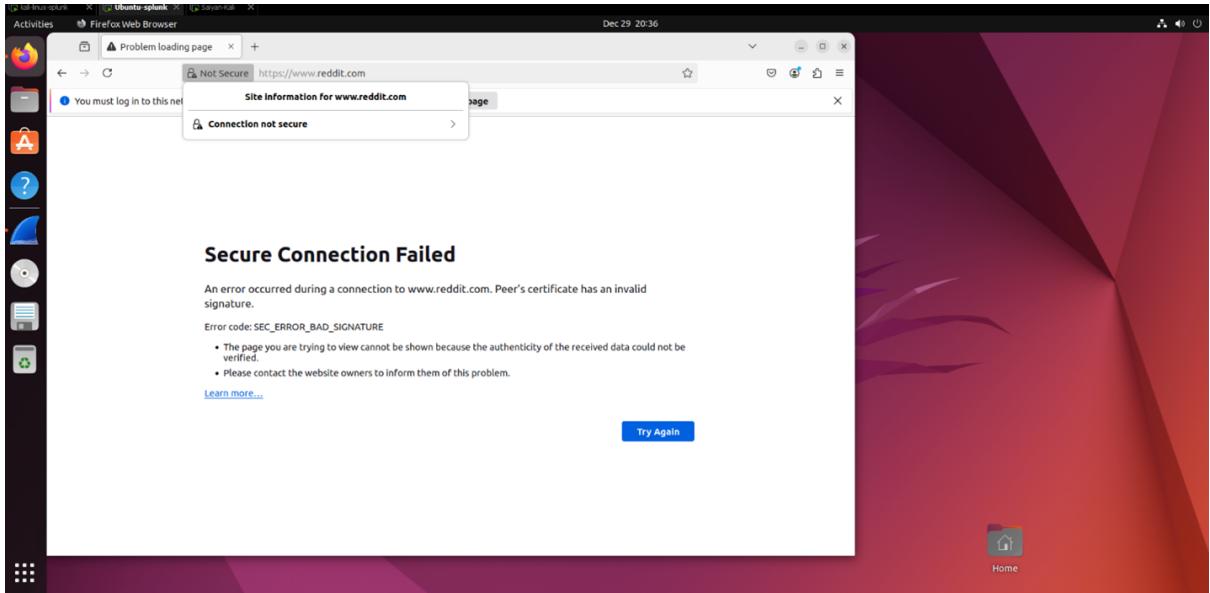


Figure 4: reddit page after SSL Stripping

## Attack 3: ARP Poisoning

### Overview

ARP Poisoning attacks exploit the Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) to associate the attacker's MAC address with the IP address of a legitimate machine in the network. This causes traffic meant for the legitimate machine to be intercepted by the attacker, enabling data theft, man-in-the-middle attacks, or denial of service. ARP Poisoning is a common technique used in local area networks (LANs) to eavesdrop on communications.

### Simulation Method

ARP Poisoning was simulated using tools like Ettercap to manipulate ARP tables. Wireshark was used to capture the altered ARP entries and the resulting network traffic, revealing the attack's impact on communication between devices. The simulation involved sending spoofed ARP messages to the target machines, causing them to update their ARP tables with the attacker's MAC address.

### Screenshots

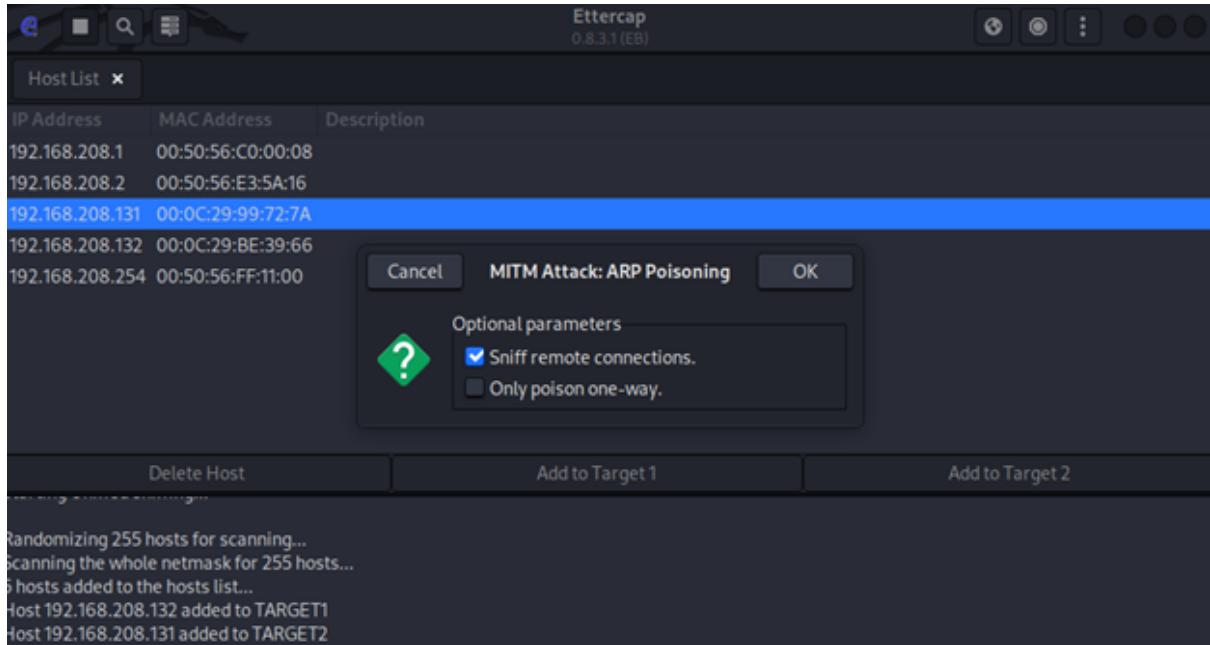


Figure 5: ARP Poisoning initialization

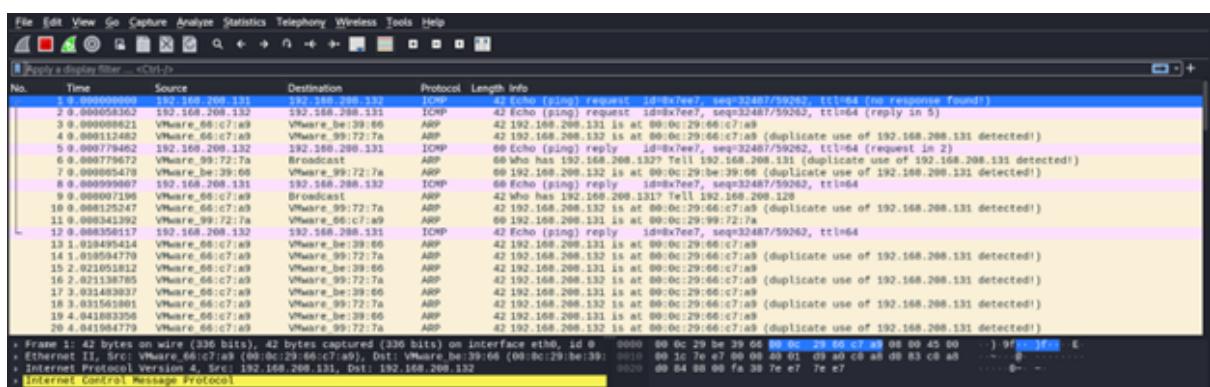


Figure 6: Captured traffic during ARP Poisoning attack

## Conclusion

In this report, we analyzed three significant LAN-based attacks: Denial of Service (DoS), SSL Stripping, and ARP Poisoning. Through simulation and Wireshark capture, we demonstrated the techniques used by attackers to disrupt network traffic and compromise communication security. Understanding these attacks helps in fortifying networks against similar threats in real-world scenarios. By implementing robust security measures, such as intrusion detection systems, secure protocols, and regular network monitoring, organizations can mitigate the risks associated with these attacks.