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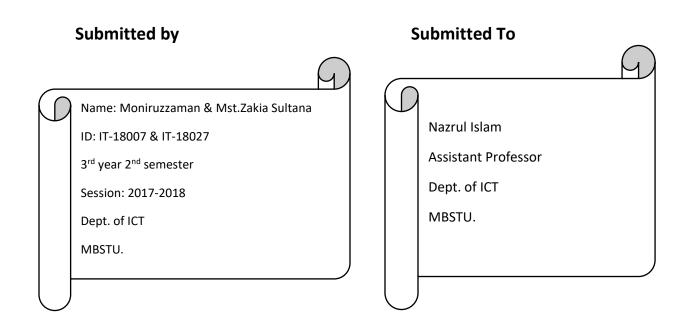


Lab-Report

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Theory:

Third-party libraries: Although the Python's standard library provides a great set of awesome functionalities, there will be times that you will eventually run into the need of making use of third party libraries. Can you imagine building a webserver from scratch? Or making a port to a database driver? Or, maybe, coming up with an image manipulation tool?. Third party libraries are welcome in a way that they prevent you from reinventing the something that exit. They save you time to focus on finishing and delivering your application.

Networking Glossary: Before we begin discussing networking with any depth, we must define some common terms that you will see throughout this guide, and in other guides and documentation regarding networking.

- **Connection:** In networking, a connection refers to pieces of related information that are transferred through a network. This generally infers that a connection is built before the data transfer (by following the procedures laid out in a protocol) and then is deconstructed at the end of the data transfer.
- Packet: A packet is, generally speaking, the most basic unit that is transfered over a network. When communicating over a network, packets are the envelopes that carry your data (in pieces) from one end point to the other. Packets have a header portion that contains information about the packet including the source and destination, timestamps, network hops, etc. The main portion of a packet contains the actual data being transfered. It is sometimes called the body or the payload.
- Network Interface: A network interface can refer to any kind of software interface to networking hardware. For instance, if you have two network cards in your computer, you can control and configure each network interface associated with them individually. A network interface may be associated with a physical device, or it may be a representation of a virtual interface. The "loopback" device, which is a virtual interface to the local machine, is an example of this.

- LAN: LAN stands for "local area network". It refers to a network or a portion of a network that is not publicly accessible to the greater internet. A home or office network is an example of a LAN.
- WAN: WAN stands for "wide area network". It means a network that is
 much more extensive than a LAN. While WAN is the relevant term to use to
 describe large, dispersed networks in general, it is usually meant to mean
 the internet, as a whole. If an interface is said to be connected to the WAN,
 it is generally assumed that it is reachable through the internet.
- Protocol: A protocol is a set of rules and standards that basically define a language that devices can use to communicate. There are a great number of protocols in use extensively in networking, and they are often implemented in different layers. Some low level protocols are TCP, UDP, IP, and ICMP. Some familiar examples of application layer protocols, built on these lower protocols, are HTTP (for accessing web content), SSH, TLS/SSL, and FTP. Port: A port is an address on a single machine that can be tied to a specific piece of software. It is not a physical interface or location, but it allows your server to be able to communicate using more than one application.
- **Firewall:** A firewall is a program that decides whether traffic coming into a server or going out should be allowed. A firewall usually works by creating rules for which type of traffic is acceptable on which ports. Generally, firewalls block ports that are not used by a specific application on a server.
- NAT: NAT stands for network address translation. It is a way to translate
 requests that are incoming into a routing server to the relevant devices or
 servers that it knows about in the LAN. This is usually implemented in
 physical LANs as a way to route requests through one IP address to the
 necessary backend servers.
- VPN: VPN stands for virtual private network. It is a means of connecting separate LANs through the internet, while maintaining privacy. This is used as a means of connecting remote systems as if they were on a local network, often for security reasons.

- Interfaces: Interfaces are networking communication points for your computer. Each interface is associated with a physical or virtual networking device. Typically, your server will have one configurable network interface for each Ethernet or wireless internet card you have. In addition, it will define a virtual network interface called the "loopback" or localhost interface. This is used as an interface to connect applications and processes on a single computer to other applications and processes. You can see this referenced as the "lo" interface in many tools. Many times, administrators configure one interface to service traffic to the internet and another interface for a LAN or private network.
- **Protocols:** Networking works by piggybacking a number of different protocols on top of each other. In this way, one piece of data can be transmitted using multiple protocols encapsulated within one another. We will talk about some of the more common protocols that you may come across and attempt to explain the difference, as well as give context as to what part of the process they are involved with. We will start with protocols implemented on the lower networking layers and work our way up to protocols with higher abstraction.

Exercises:

4.1. Enumerating interfaces on your machine

Code:

import sys

import socket

import fcntl

import struct

import array

SIOCGIFCONF = 0x8912 #from C library sockios.h

STUCT SIZE 32 = 32

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STUCT SIZE 64 = 40
PLATFORM 32 MAX NUMBER = 2**32
DEFAULT INTERFACES = 8
def list interfaces():
interfaces = []
max interfaces = DEFAULT INTERFACES
is_64bits = sys.maxsize > PLATFORM_32_MAX_NUMBER
struct_size = STUCT_SIZE_64 if is_64bits else STUCT_SIZE_32
sock = socket.socket(socket.AF INET, socket.SOCK DGRAM)
while True:
bytes = max_interfaces * struct_size
interface_names = array.array('B', '\0' * bytes)
sock info = fcntl.ioctl(
sock.fileno(),
SIOCGIFCONF,
struct.pack('iL', bytes,interface_names.buffer_info()[0])
)
outbytes = struct.unpack('iL', sock info)[0]
if outbytes == bytes:
max interfaces *= 2
else:
break
namestr = interface_names.tostring()
for i in range(0, outbytes, struct size):
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interfaces.append((namestr[i:i+16].split('\0', 1)[0]))
return interfaces
if __name__ == '__main__':
interfaces = list interfaces()
print( "This machine has %s network interfaces: %s."
%(len(interfaces), interface))
Output:
This machine has 2 network interfaces: ['lo', 'eth0'].
Exercise 4.2: Finding the IP address for a specific interface on your machine
Code:
import argparse
import sys
import socket
import fcntl
import struct
import array
def get ip address(ifname):
s = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_DGRAM)
return socket.inet_ntoa(fcntl.ioctl(
s.fileno(),
0x8915, # SIOCGIFADDR
struct.pack('256s', ifname[:15])
)[20:24])
if __name__ == '__main__':
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#interfaces = list interfaces()
parser = argparse.ArgumentParser(description='Python networking utils')
parser.add argument('--ifname', action="store", dest="ifname",
required=True)
given args = parser.parse args()
ifname = given args.ifname
print ("Interface [%s] --> IP: %s" %(ifname, get_ip_
address(ifname)))
Output:
Interface [eth0] --> IP: 10.0.2.15
Exercise 4.3: Finding whether an interface is up on your machine
Code:
import argparse
import socket
import struct
import fcntl
import nmap
SAMPLE PORTS = '21-23'
def get interface_status(ifname):
sock = socket.socket(socket.AF INET, socket.SOCK DGRAM)
ip address = socket.inet ntoa(fcntl.ioctl(
sock.fileno(),
0x8915, #SIOCGIFADDR, C socket library sockios.h
struct.pack('256s', ifname[:15]))[20:24])
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nm = nmap.PortScanner() nm.scan(ip address, SAMPLE PORTS)
return nm[ip address].state()
if __name__ == '__main__':
parser = argparse.ArgumentParser(description='Python networking
utils')
parser.add argument('--ifname', action="store", dest="ifname",
required=True)
given_args = parser.parse_args()
ifname = given args.ifname
print ("Interface [%s] is: %s" %(ifname, get interface
status(ifname)))
OUTPUT:
Interface [eth0] is: up
Exercise 4.4: Detecting inactive machines on your network
Code:
import argparse
import time
import sched
from scapy.all import sr, srp, IP, UDP, ICMP, TCP, ARP, Ether
RUN FREQUENCY = 10
scheduler = sched.scheduler(time.time, time.sleep)
def detect_inactive_hosts(scan_hosts):
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Scans the network to find scan hosts are live or dead
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scan hosts can be like 10.0.2.2-4 to cover range.
See Scapy docs for specifying targets.
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global scheduler
scheduler.enter(RUN FREQUENCY, 1, detect inactive hosts, (scan
hosts, ))
inactive hosts = []
try:
ans, unans = sr(IP(dst=scan hosts)/ICMP(),retry=0, timeout=1)
ans.summary(lambda(s,r): r.sprintf("%IP.src% is alive"))
for inactive in unans:
print "%s is inactive" %inactive.dst
inactive hosts.append(inactive.dst)
print "Total %d hosts are inactive" %(len(inactive hosts))
except KeyboardInterrupt:
exit(0)
if name == " main ":
parser = argparse.ArgumentParser(description='Python networking utils')
parser.add argument('--scan-hosts', action="store", dest="scan
hosts", required=True)
given args = parser.parse args()
scan_hosts = given_args.scan_hosts
scheduler.enter(1, 1, detect_inactive_hosts, (scan_hosts, ))
scheduler.run()
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OUTPUT:

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$ sudo python 3_7_detect_inactive_machines.py --scan-hosts=10.0.2.2-4
Begin emission:
.*...Finished to send 3 packets.
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Received 6 packets, got 1 answers, remaining 2 packets
10.0.2.2 is alive
10.0.2.4 is inactive
10.0.2.3 is inactive
Total 2 hosts are inactive
Begin emission:
*.Finished to send 3 packets.
Received 3 packets, got 1 answers, remaining 2 packets
10.0.2.2 is alive
10.0.2.2 is alive
10.0.2.3 is inactive
Total 2 hosts are inactive
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Exercise 4.5: Pinging hosts on the network with ICMP

Code:

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import os
import argparse
import socket
import struct
import select
import time
ICMP_ECHO_REQUEST = 8 # Platform specific
DEFAULT_TIMEOUT = 2
DEFAULT_COUNT = 4
class Pinger(object):
""" Pings to a host -- the Pythonic way"""
def __init__(self, target_host, count=DEFAULT_COUNT,
timeout=DEFAULT_TIMEOUT):
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self.target_host = target_host
self.count = count
self.timeout = timeout
def do_checksum(self, source_string):
""" Verify the packet integritity """
sum = 0
max_count = (len(source_string)/2)*2
count = 0
while count < max count:
val = ord(source string[count + 1])*256 + ord(source
string[count])
sum = sum + val
sum = sum & 0xffffffff
count = count + 2
if max_count<len(source_string):</pre>
sum = sum + ord(source_string[len(source_string)-1])
sum = sum & 0xffffffff
sum = (sum >> 16) + (sum & 0xffffffff)
sum = sum + (sum >> 16)
answer = ~sum
answer = answer & 0xffff
answer = answer >> 8 | (answer << 8 & 0xff00)
return answer
def receive pong(self, sock, ID, timeout):
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Receive ping from the socket.
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time_remaining = timeout
while True:
start_time = time.time()
readable = select.select([sock], [], [], time_remaining)
time_spent = (time.time() - start_time)
if readable[0] == []: # Timeout
return
time_received = time.time()
recv_packet, addr = sock.recvfrom(1024)
icmp_header = recv_packet[20:28]
type, code, checksum, packet_ID, sequence = struct.unpack(
"bbHHh", icmp header
if packet ID == ID:
bytes In double = struct.calcsize("d")
time_sent = struct.unpack("d", recv_packet[28:28 +
bytes In double])[0]
return time received - time sent
time_remaining = time_remaining - time_spent
if time_remaining <= 0:
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return

We need a send_ping() method that will send the data of a ping request to the target host.

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Also, this will call the do_checksum() method for checking the integrity of the
ping data,
as follows:
def send_ping(self, sock, ID):
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Send ping to the target host
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target addr = socket.gethostbyname(self.target host)
my checksum = 0
# Create a dummy header with a 0 checksum.
header = struct.pack("bbHHh", ICMP_ECHO_REQUEST, 0, my_
checksum, ID, 1)
bytes In double = struct.calcsize("d")
data = (192 - bytes In double) * "Q"
data = struct.pack("d", time.time()) + data
# Get the checksum on the data and the dummy header.
my checksum = self.do checksum(header + data)
header = struct.pack
("bbHHh", ICMP ECHO REQUEST, 0, socket.htons(my checksum),
ID, 1)
packet = header + data
sock.sendto(packet, (target_addr, 1))
def ping once(self):
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icmp = socket.getprotobyname("icmp")
try:
sock = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_RAW,
icmp)
except socket.error, (errno, msg):
if errno == 1:
# Not superuser, so operation not permitted
msg += "ICMP messages can only be sent from root user
processes"
raise socket.error(msg)
except Exception, e:
print "Exception: %s" %(e)
my ID = os.getpid() & 0xFFFF
self.send_ping(sock, my_ID)
delay = self.receive_pong(sock, my_ID, self.timeout)
sock.close()
return delay
def ping(self):
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Run the ping process
111111
for i in xrange(self.count):
print "Ping to %s..." % self.target_host,
try:
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delay = self.ping once()
except socket.gaierror, e:
print "Ping failed. (socket error: '%s')" % e[1]
break
if delay == None:
print "Ping failed. (timeout within %ssec.)" % \ \
self.timeout
else:
delay = delay * 1000
print "Get pong in %0.4fms" % delay
if __name__ == '__main__':
parser = argparse.ArgumentParser(description='Python ping')
parser.add argument('--target-host', action="store", dest="target
host", required=True)
given args = parser.parse args()
target_host = given_args.target_host
pinger = Pinger(target host=target host)
pinger.ping()
OUTPUT:
       $ sudo python 3_2 ping_remote_host.py --target-host=www.google.com
       Ping to www.google.com... Get pong in 7.6921ms
       Ping to www.google.com... Get pong in 7.1061ms
       Ping to www.google.com... Get pong in 8.9211ms
       Ping to www.google.com... Get pong in 7.9899ms
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Exercise 4.7: Scanning the broadcast of packets Code:

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from scapy.all import *
import os
captured_data = dict()
END PORT = 1000
def monitor packet(pkt):
if IP in pkt:
if not captured_data.has_key(pkt[IP].src):
captured data[pkt[IP].src] = []
if TCP in pkt:
if pkt[TCP].sport <= END PORT:
if not str(pkt[TCP].sport) in captured_data[pkt[IP].src]:
captured_data[pkt[IP].src].append(str(pkt[TCP].sport))
os.system('clear')
ip list = sorted(captured data.keys())
for key in ip list:
ports=', '.join(captured_data[key])
if len (captured_data[key]) == 0:
print '%s' % key
else:
print '%s (%s)' % (key, ports)
if __name__ == '__main__':
sniff(prn=monitor packet, store=0)
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Output:

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10.0.2.15

XXX.194.41.129 (80)

XXX.194.41.134 (80)

XXX.194.41.136 (443)

XXX.194.41.140 (80)

XXX.194.67.147 (80)

XXX.194.67.94 (443)

XXX.194.67.95 (80, 443)
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Exercise 4.8: Sniffing packets on your network

Conclusion: There are two levels of network service access in Python. These are:

- Low-Level Access
- High-Level Access

In the first case, programmers can use and access the basic socket support for the operating system using Python's libraries, and programmers can implement both connection-less and connection-oriented protocols for programming. Application-level network protocols can also be accessed using high-level access provided by Python libraries. These protocols are HTTP, FTP, etc. A socket is the end-point in a flow of communication between two programs or communication channels operating over a network. They are created using a set of programming requests called socket API (Application Programming Interface). Python's socket library offers classes for handling common transports as a generic interface.

Sockets use protocols for determining the connection type for port-to-port communication between client and server machines. The protocols are used for:

- Domain Name Servers (DNS)
- IP addressing
- E-mail
- FTP (File Transfer Protocol) etc...

Python has a socket method that let programmers' set-up different types of socket virtually. After you defined the socket, you can use several methods to manage the connections. Some of the important server socket methods are:

- listen(): is used to establish and start TCP listener.
- **bind():** is used to bind-address (host-name, port number) to the socket.
- accept(): is used to TCP client connection until the connection arrives.
- **connect():** is used to initiate TCP server connection.
- send(): is used to send TCP messages.
- recv(): is used to receive TCP messages.
- **sendto():** is used to send UDP messages
- close(): is used to close a socket.

Sending messages back and forth using different basic protocols is simple and straightforward. It shows that programming takes a significant role n client-server architecture where the client makes data request to a server, and the server replies to those machines