

# A Survey On Network Packet Inspection And ARP Poisoning Using Wireshark And Ettercap

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**Abstract**— A network consists of a collection of nodes such as hubs, bridges, switches, routers, firewalls, brouters, packet shapers. The hubs help in connecting two devices. The bridges and switches function in layer 2 of ISO-OSI (Open Systems Interconnection). Routers perform the role of delivering packets from source to destination. Firewalls protect the networks by filtering the traffic between sender and receiver. The packet shapers help in regulating the traffic by cutting out spikes in a connectivity. The network is being utilized as 24\*7 days support. The network is being exposed to various kinds of attacks such as ARP (Address Resolution Protocol), DDOS (Distributed Denial of Service). Hence the performance monitoring plays a vital role in preserving a network. The tools such as wireshark and ettercap are being analyzed in this paper. The network traffic is being interpreted by wireshark. Ettercap analyzes ARP poisoning attack. The preventive actions are taken based on the output of the monitoring tools.

**Keywords**— ISO-OSI, ARP, DDOS

## I. INTRODUCTION

A customer can access the IVPN (Internet Virtual Private Network) or VPN (Virtual Private Network) or intranet via the network. The devices in his network viz., the workstations are connected in LAN (Local Area Network) via a switch. Then this traffic is forwarded to the WAN (Wide Area Network) through a router. As per figure 1, the network is divided into three layers as Compute, Network and Storage. Compute layer consists of computational hosts such as servers. The network layer is again divided into core network, aggregation network and access network [1]. The core network consists of two switches viz., one for southern state (Tamilnadu) and another for northern state (Delhi) of a country. Every switch in a region covers the district under it. The switch in Tamilnadu covers districts as Coimbatore and Chennai. The switch in Delhi offers connectivity in Ghaziabad and Faridabad. As the name suggests, aggregation switches provide the connectivity in the respective districts. The access network consists of switches to provide connectivity locally. i.e. Coimbatore switch connects to Brook Bond road; the traffic from Nungambakkam gets aggregated to Chennai; Raj Nagar in Ghaziabad is connected to switch in Ghaziabad. New industrial town is connected to switch in Faridabad. The storage layer consists of an array of disks organized as RAID (Redundant Array of Independent Disks) or ISS (Intelligent

Storage System). Every L3 (Layer 3) switch in core network is connected to every other L3 switch in the access network. Similarly, each switch in aggregation network is connected to other L2/L3 switches in access network to store or retrieve contents from server. The Core and aggregation switches are connected by 10 GE (Gigabit Ethernet) links. 1 GE link connects aggregation and access network. When a user wants to access the server at remote end, the traffic flows as follows:

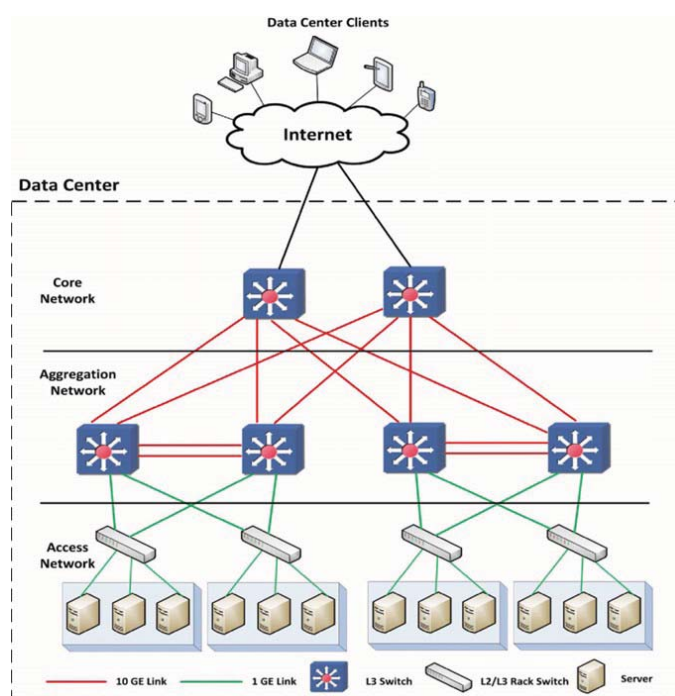


Fig. 1. Traffic Analysis in 3 Tier Layered Network

- Client end to LAN
- LAN to WAN
- WAN to core network (backbone network with redundancy) in the ISP (Internet Service Provider)
- Core to aggregation network
- Aggregation to access network
- Access network to server/storage

## II. LITERATURE SURVEY

As per Table 1, twenty one network traffic analysis tools are compared.

SNO	TOOLS	FEATURES
1	ENDACE	Deep Packet Analyzer
2	Wireshark	Network Protocol Analyzer
3	Tcpdump [2]	Network Sniffer
4	Dsniff	Passive sniffs the network
5	Etherpeek	Protocol Analyzer
6	Sniffit [3]	Network Analyzer
7	Etherflood [4]	White hat hacking purpose
8	ETHERCAP	Packet sniffer
9	Insider	Network Scanner
10	Pof [5]	Identify the Operating system
11	NetworkMiner	Forensic Analyzer
12	Ettercap	Sniffs dynamic connections
13	KISMET	Passive sniffer
14	Cain and Abel	Cracking passwords
15	NetStumbler [6]	Active sniffer
16	Ntop	Determines network status
17	Ngrep	Packet sniffer
18	EtherApe [7]	Network traffic monitor
19	KisMAC	Network discovery tool
20	Aircrack-ng	Detection of network packets
21	SUITE	Creates encrypted packets

TABLE I. COMPARISON OF NETWORK TRAFFIC ANALYZERS

In ENDACE, the packets in a network are analyzed deeply and bandwidth utilization on the link is captured. In case of bursty traffic, the investigation is made for any attack. The input and output (to and from) traffic utilization of the customer's network is monitored for any high consumption of bandwidth. The source and destination IP generating the traffic is identified. High bandwidth consuming applications are tracked [8]. Wireshark is a network protocol analyzer with monitoring parameters as number, time, source, destination, protocol such as Transmission Control Protocol/Secure Socket Layer (TCP/SSL), length and information of the type of communication being established. Tcpdump filters traffic based on basic communication, IP, source/destination, network, port, protocol, IPV6, port ranges, packet size, TCP flags, HTTP user agents, cleartext HTTP GETs, HTTP hosts, HTTP cookies, SSH connections, DNS, FTP, cleartext passwords, packets with evil bit and writes to a file. dsniff is a password sniffer which handles FTP, Telnet, SMTP, HTTP, POP, poppass, NNTP, IMAP, SNMP, LDAP, Rlogin, RIP,

OSPF, PPTP, MS-CHAP, NFS, VRRP, YP/NIS, SOCKS, X11, CVS, IRC, AIM, ICQ, Napster, PostgreSQL, Meeting Maker, Citrix ICA, Symantec pcAnywhere, NAI Sniffer, Microsoft SMB, Oracle SQL\*Net, Sybase and Microsoft SQL protocols. Etherpeek comprises capture button, send button, filters, node stats, protocol stats, size stats, summary stats, conversation stats, net stats, history stats and name table. It checks for errors, capture and view some packets, identifies protocols, packet sizes, applies filter, history statistics, sets an alarm, locates similar packets based on IP, TCP, HTTP, UDP, DNS, ARP (Req,Rsp), portrays an overview of network communications. The linux command for sniffit is

`./sniffit -e "port 80".`

It sniffs on port 80 using device `enp0s25` with packet number, source IP, destination IP, source port, destination port. Etherflood encounters a firewall or a packet-filtering router and traces the '\*' hops in `tracert` command. ETHERCAP sniffs the packet on the switches. Insider threat detection software scans the network. POF identifies the operating system. NetworkMiner encloses tabs such as hosts, frames, files, images, messages, credentials, sessions, DNS, parameters, keywords, cleartext, anomalies. Files contain information as source port, destination port, source IP, destination IP, protocol as `HttpGetNormal`, filename, extension (`html`,`txt`) and size. Ettercap sniffs dynamic connections. KISMET reveals network details as name, SSID, server, BSSID, carrier, manufacturer, maximum rate, BSS time, maximum speed, access time as first and latest, number of clients, type of infrastructure, information, channel, privacy, encryption, decryption, beacon, packets (data, LLC, crypt, weak, dupe IV), data, signal (power). Cain and Abel looks into dictionary attack, brute-force attack, cryptanalysis attack and tests password. NetStumbler consists of fields like channels, SSIDs and filters [9]. The options are

- New document starts scanning
- Reconfigure card automatically
- Query APs for names

Ntop classifies traffic as WAN: top local talkers, top remote destinations, realtime top application traffic and traffic last day view. Ngrep matches traffic pattern as

`"ngrep -W byline port 80"`

EtherApe comprises protocol stack level, node size variable, size mode, maximum node radius, maximum link width, diagram refresh period, diagram node timeout, font, hide node names, group unknown ports and node anti aliasing. KisMAC displays SSID, vendor, first seen, last seen, Channel, main channel, supported rates, signal, MaxSignal, AvgSignal, type, encryption and packets. Aircrack-ng has options as force attack mode, target selection, no of CPUs to use, enable quiet mode, merge the given APs to a virtual one and write key to file. NetCrunch Suite monitors IP networks, physical segments, custom views, performance views and creates network atlas.

### III. EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE TOOLS

#### A. Wireshark

After Wireshark installation, the interface on which traffic flows is selected as shown in figure 2.

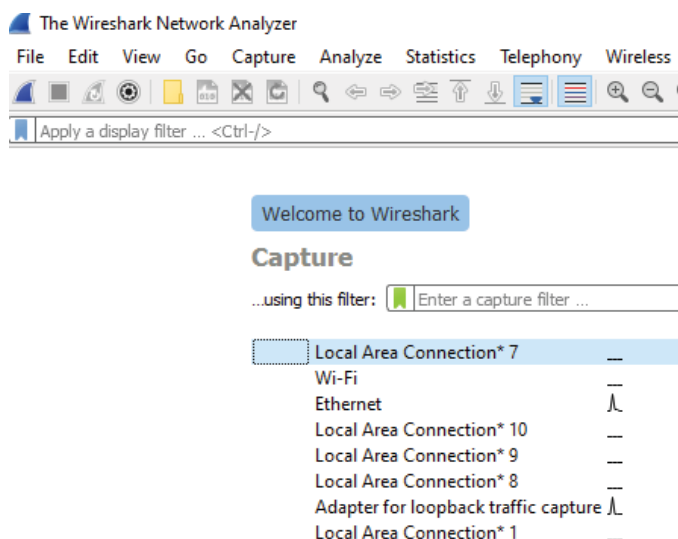


Fig. 2. Wireshark Network Analyzer

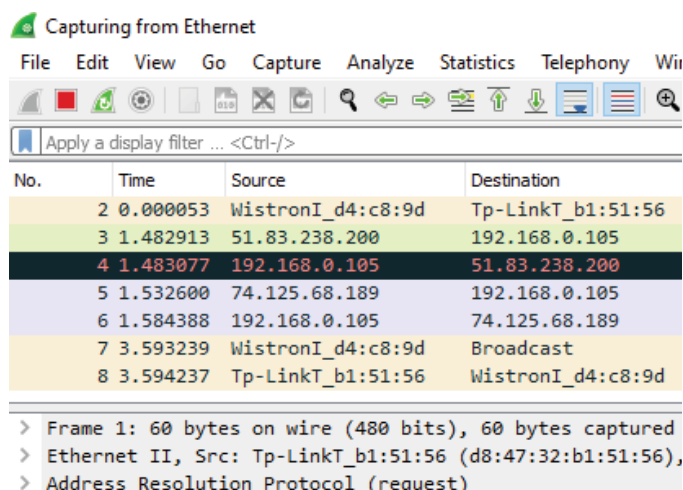


Fig. 3. Traffic on Ethernet Interface

The ethernet and adapter for loopback traffic capture is being utilized [10]. The network traffic on ethernet interface is captured as shown in figure 3. As per figure 4, the various protocols in the network are ARP, TCP and TLSv1.2 (Transport Layer Security).

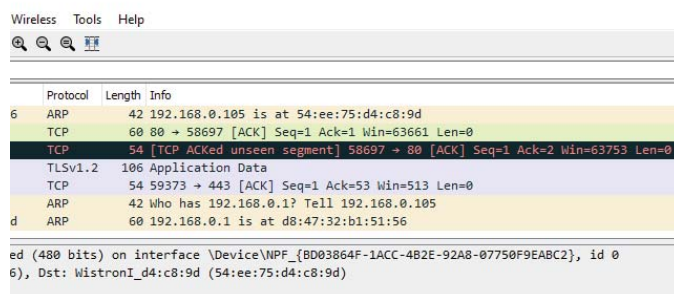


Fig. 4. TCP Filter

Figure 5 displays the physical address (MAC) and logical address (IP) of the source originating the transfer of data.

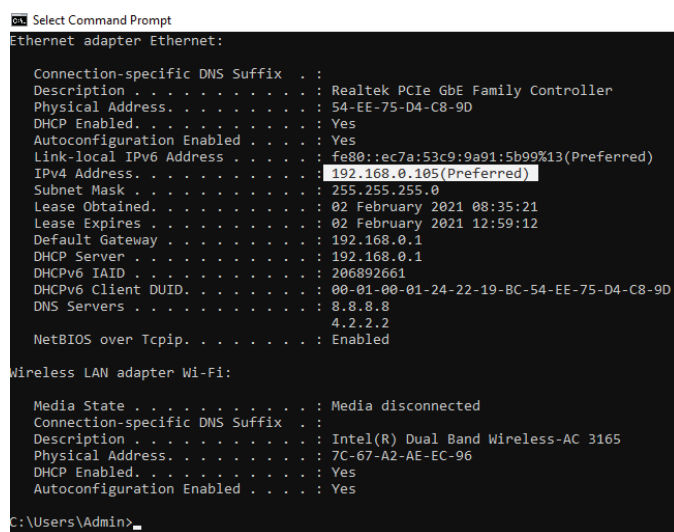


Fig. 5. IP Address of source

After the application of TCP filter [11], the TCP traffic alone is isolated with the frame sequence number and acknowledgement number as shown in figure 6.

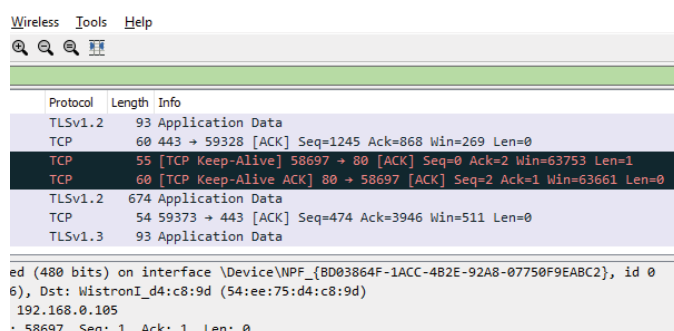


Fig. 6. TCP Filter



Wireless Tools Help

Protocol	Length	Info
HTTP	360	GET /R/A3sKIGVmYmIxMmM3YjQyYTRhOGNiOGIzOThiNjRhNjJhYTlhE
OCSP	441	Request
OCSP	755	Response
HTTP	1375	HTTP/1.1 200 OK
HTTP	360	GET /R/A3sKIGVmYmIxMmM3YjQyYTRhOGNiOGIzOThiNjRhNjJhYTlhE
HTTP	235	HTTP/1.1 200 OK
HTTP	360	GET /R/A3sKIGVmYmIxMmM3YjQyYTRhOGNiOGIzOThiNjRhNjJhYTlhE

captured (7400 bits) on interface \Device\NPF\_{BD03864F-1ACC-4B2E-92A8-077506}, Dst: WistronI\_d4:c8:9d (54:ee:75:d4:c8:9d)  
2.168.0.105  
: 59098, Seq: 155, Ack: 1, Len: 871  
#386(871)]

Fig. 7. HTTP Filter

After the application of HTTP filter, the request and response messages are displayed. The Online Certificate Status Protocol (OCSP) codes are 441 and 755 as shown in figure 7.

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> Frame 4134: 152 bytes on wire (1216 bits), 152 bytes captured (1216 bits)
> Ethernet II, Src: WistronI_d4:c8:9d (54:ee:75:d4:c8:9d), Dst: Tp-LinkT_b1
> Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.0.105, Dst: 4.2.2.2
  0100 .... = Version: 4
  .... 0101 = Header Length: 20 bytes (5)
  > Differentiated Services Field: 0x00 (DSCP: CS0, ECN: Not-ECT)
    Total Length: 138
    Identification: 0x15cb (5579)
  > Flags: 0x0000
    Fragment offset: 0
    Time to live: 128
    Protocol: ICMP (1)
    Header checksum: 0x5d93 [validation disabled]
    [Header checksum status: Unverified]
    Source: 192.168.0.105
    Destination: 4.2.2.2
  > Internet Control Message Protocol
```

Fig. 8. ICMP

As per figure 8, the packet fields such as source ip address, destination ip address, source MAC address, destination MAC address, total length, TTL (Time To Live) and header checksum are displayed in the second window pane [12]. The ICMP (Internet Control Message Protocol) echo request is generated by the PING (Packet Internet Groper) command used to check reachability between the two hosts.

frame contains gmail.com

No.	Time	Source	Destination
558	35.921168	192.168.0.104	216.58.196.165

frame contains facebook.com

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
5729...	1390.84...	192.168.0.104	157.240.192.35	TLSv1.3	571	Client Hello
5745...	1392.43...	192.168.0.104	157.240.192.35	TLSv1.3	571	Client Hello
5790...	1398.86...	192.168.0.104	157.240.192.18	TLSv1.3	571	Client Hello
5790...	1398.98...	192.168.0.104	157.240.192.18	TLSv1.3	599	Client Hello
6062...	1463.69...	192.168.0.104	157.240.192.18	TLSv1.3	591	Client Hello
6134...	1478.33...	192.168.0.104	157.240.192.36	TLSv1.3	571	Client Hello

Fig. 9. Gmail and Facebook Traffic

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> Frame 572968: 571 bytes on wire (4568 bits), 571 bytes captured (4568 bits) on interfac
> Ethernet II, Src: WistronI_d4:c8:9d (54:ee:75:d4:c8:9d), Dst: Tp-LinkT_b1:51:56 (d8:47:
> Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.0.104, Dst: 157.240.192.35
> Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 64633, Dst Port: 443, Seq: 1, Ack: 1, Len: 517
> Transport Layer Security
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If gmail and facebook web pages are accessed, the respective data flow is captured with transmission of hello messages as shown in figure 9.

## B. Ettercap

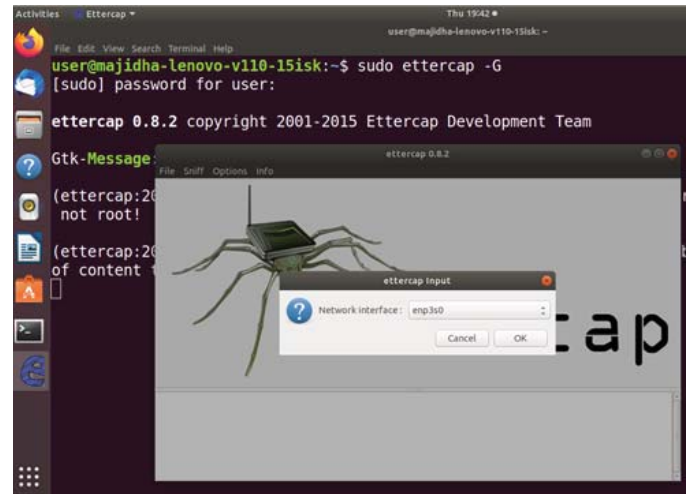


Fig. 10. Ettercap Launch

As per figure 10, the host's interface enp3s0 with IP Address 192.168.0.103 is being sniffed by selecting

Sniff -> Unified Sniffing -> Network Interface : enp3s0

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user@majidha-lenovo-v110-15isk:~$ SH IFCONFIG
SH: command not found
user@majidha-lenovo-v110-15isk:~$ ifconfig
enp3s0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST>
inet 192.168.0.103 netmask 255.255.255.0 b
inet6 fe80::879b:ab40:72c0:3e83 prefixlen 6
ether 54:ee:75:d4:c8:9d txqueuelen 1000 (E
RX packets 26640 bytes 19533097 (19.5 MB)
RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
TX packets 24747 bytes 9076432 (9.0 MB)
TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0

lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x10<host>
loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
RX packets 4510 bytes 436829 (436.8 KB)
RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
TX packets 4510 bytes 436829 (436.8 KB)
TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0

user@majidha-lenovo-v110-15isk:~$
```

Fig. 11. Ifconfig on Linux

The network traffic for ip address 192.168.0.103 and loopback ip 127.0.0.1 with mask 255.255.255.0 and 255.0.0.0 respectively are being displayed in linux system [13]. The number of packets in bytes sent and received are shown in figure 11.



Fig. 12. Scanning the hosts

The options Host -> Scan for host -> Host list are chosen [14]. It scans the whole netmask for 255 hosts. 33 plugins, 42 protocol dissectors, 57 ports, 20388 mac vendor fingerprint, tcp OS fingerprint, known services are sniffed in unified sniffing as per figure 12.



Fig. 13. Target hosts

Click on first host -> Add to Target 1, Click on second host -> Add to Target 2. As per figure 13, the first host is added to target 1. Then the second host is added to target 2. Totally 5 hosts are added to the hosts list.



Fig. 14. MITM and ARP

The path is MITM -> ARP poisoning -> Sniff Remote Connection. MITM (Man in The Middle attack) and ARP poisoning spurious traffic are being observed. As per figure 14, when an intruder intrudes in the middle between sender and receiver, his IP is being captured [15]. The hosts in a LAN suddenly starts sending enormous ARP requests and response messages thus poisoning the network with flooding ARP broadcasts.

#### IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

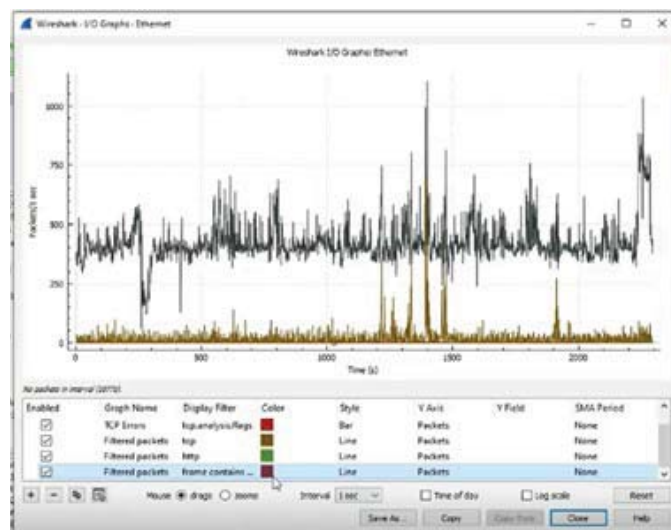


Fig. 15. Input and Output Traffic

The statistics of the I/O Graph of wireshark is generated as shown in figure 15. It consists of capture file properties, resolved addresses, protocol hierarchy, conversations, end points, packet length, service response time, DHCP, ONC-RPC programs, 29West, ANCP, BACNet, Collectd, DNS flow graph, HART-IP, HPFEEDS, HTTP, HTTP2, UDP multicast streams, F5, IPv4 statistics and IPV6 statistics.

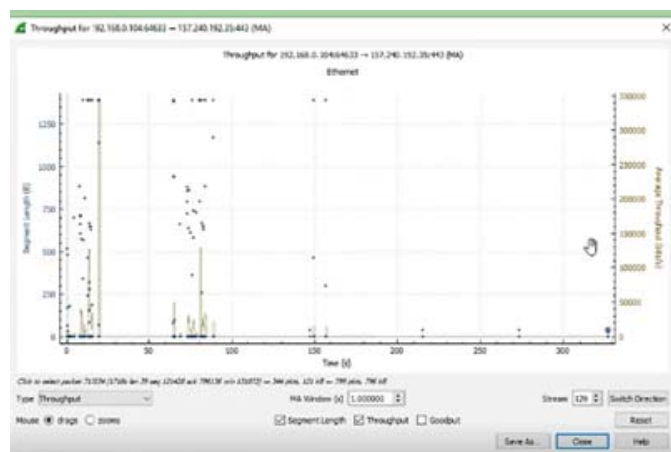


Fig. 16. TCP Throughput

The throughput for TCP Stream Graph is shown in figure 16. It comprises Time Sequence (Stevens), Time Sequence (tcptrace), round trip time and window scaling.

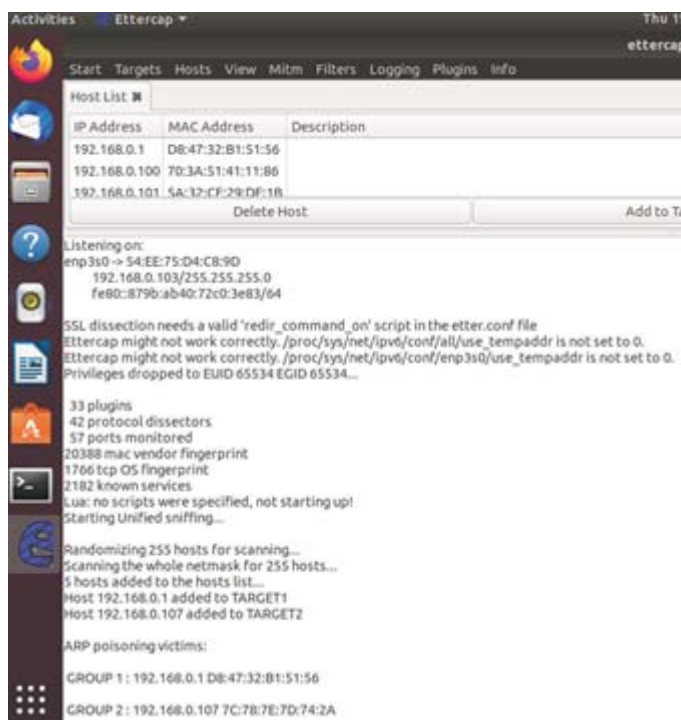


Fig. 17. ARP Poisoning Victims.

The protocol dissectors, ports monitored and known services are captured by ettercap as per figure 17. Group 1 with IP address 192.168.0.1 and MAC D8:47:32:B1:51:56 belong to 1st victim. IP address 192.168.0.107 with MAC 7C:78:7E:7D:74:2A represents Group 2 victim.

## V. CONCLUSION

Thus the network is monitored through the performance monitoring tools like wireshark and ettercap. Wireshark analyzes each packet that passes through a switch, router or firewall. Ettercap analyzes the ARP poisoning attack by examining the packets from source to destination and poisoning victims. Through such observation, if there is sudden spike in the link utilization or suspicious generation of packets in a specific path, that particular traffic can be isolated and inspected for any spurious traffic or malware attack. The work can be extended to analyze the OS fingerprint pattern by identifying all the commands executed in the particular operating system of the victim under consideration.

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