

# Computer Networks: Assignment 5

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## Solving and submitting your assignment

Requirements about the delivery of this assignment:

- Submit via Blackboard (<http://blackboard.ru.nl>);
- Upload one pdf file for written answers and all supplemental files in a single zip file;
- The file should take the name of your student number, for example student *s0123456* should submit a file named *s0123456.pdf*.
- Write both your name and student number into the document (and only your student number in the filename).

**Deadline:** Wednesday, May 3, 20:00 p.m. sharp!

**Goals:** After completing these exercises successfully you should be able to:

- understand the concept of a firewall
- be able to setup basic filtering rules with *iptables*
- grasp how security notions are implemented in IPsec and SSL
- interpret SSL traffic

**Marks:** You will be graded with marks from 0 to 3 where 0 means not serious, 1 means serious but insufficient, 2 means sufficient and 3 means good. You can have at most 1 assignment graded 0. To get 1 or more, you **MUST** attempt to solve ALL exercises, even if the provided solution is not correct/complete. In other words, leaving an exercise out automatically turns your grade to 0. In your solution, please explain all answers clearly and concisely.

## 1 Firewalls and iptables

Assume the internal network 200.123.123/24. Communication with the outside is done over a stateless firewall implemented in the gateway router. This firewall is as restrictive as possible but accomplishes the following:

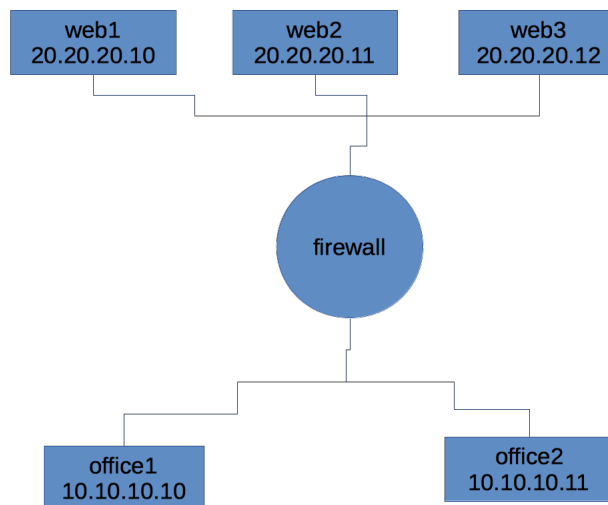
- Allows external users to access the company's website at 200.123.123.2 (it is enough to consider only HTTP);

- Allows internal users to send and receive TLS/SSL encrypted mail using SMTP and IMAP respectively by connecting to the external mail server 1.2.3.4;
  - Allows internal users to *ping* external hosts using ICMP packets;
  - But otherwise blocks all inbound and outbound traffic.
- a) *iptables* is a Linux command used to set up firewalls. Give corresponding *iptables* commands for implementing the stateless firewall. You can abstract away from the actual network interfaces. Useful resources are the *iptables* manual page and this walkthrough.
  - b) Give an access control list (ACL) for the router implementing this firewall (*hint: you can use the iptables --list option to print out the ACL for the firewall you have just implemented*).
  - c) Now say the firewall also supports stateful filtering. Strengthen the filter for one of the rules by also using stateful information and give the corresponding *iptables* commands for this filter. Then explain how the filter better enforces the rule, that is what scenarios are handled by this filter, but not by the original filter.

## 2 Firewall practice with netkit

Using the included netkit lab and following the network diagram in Figure 3 implement firewall rules that are as restrictive as possible but which accomplish the following

- 10.10.10.10 and 10.10.10.11 Can send http (and https) traffic to 20.20.20.0/24
- 10.10.10.10 can send only TLS encrypted mail (SMTP and IMAP) traffic to 20.20.20.11
- 10.10.10.10 and 10.10.10.11 can ping and traceroute to all 20.20.20.0/24 machines

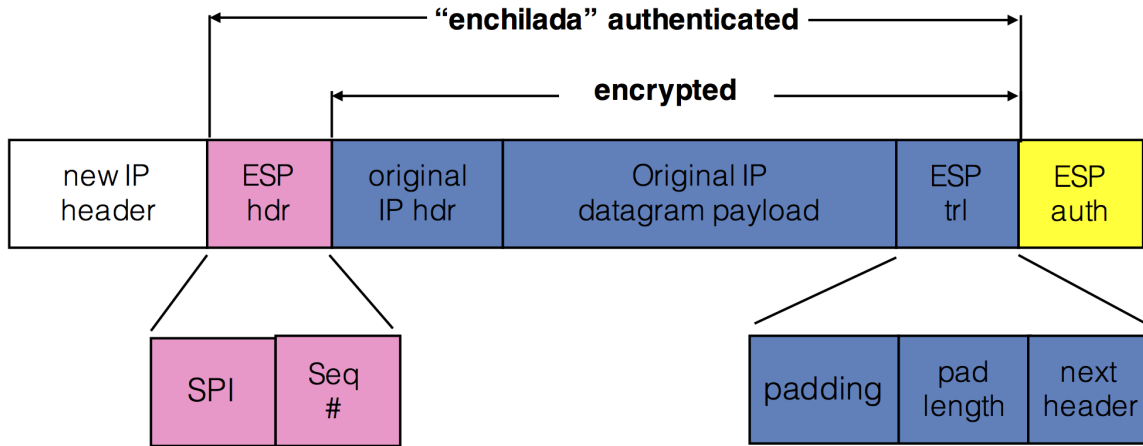


For this exercise you will only need to alter the *iptables* rules which are set in the firewall startup script. Example rules have been set to block all traffic on the firewall. *iptables* is already set to run on VM boot, but has a blank ruleset. All three 20.20.20.0/24 machines are running a web server which you can test access to from the 10.10.10.0/24 machines with links 20.20.20.X

Please turn in a copy of your firewall rules.

### 3 IPsec

The ESP protocol of the IPsec protocol suite provides integrity and confidentiality. To that end, it uses a specific ESP frame.



- Use the above figure to explain each step of constructing an ESP frame.
- How are the two mentioned security goals achieved?
- How does the protocol defend against replay attacks?
- Say a security association (SA) was established. What IP addresses remain visible to the open network from the packets exchanged between the SA entities? What is the visible IP protocol number on these packets?

## 4 Understanding and Interpreting SSL Wireshark Capture

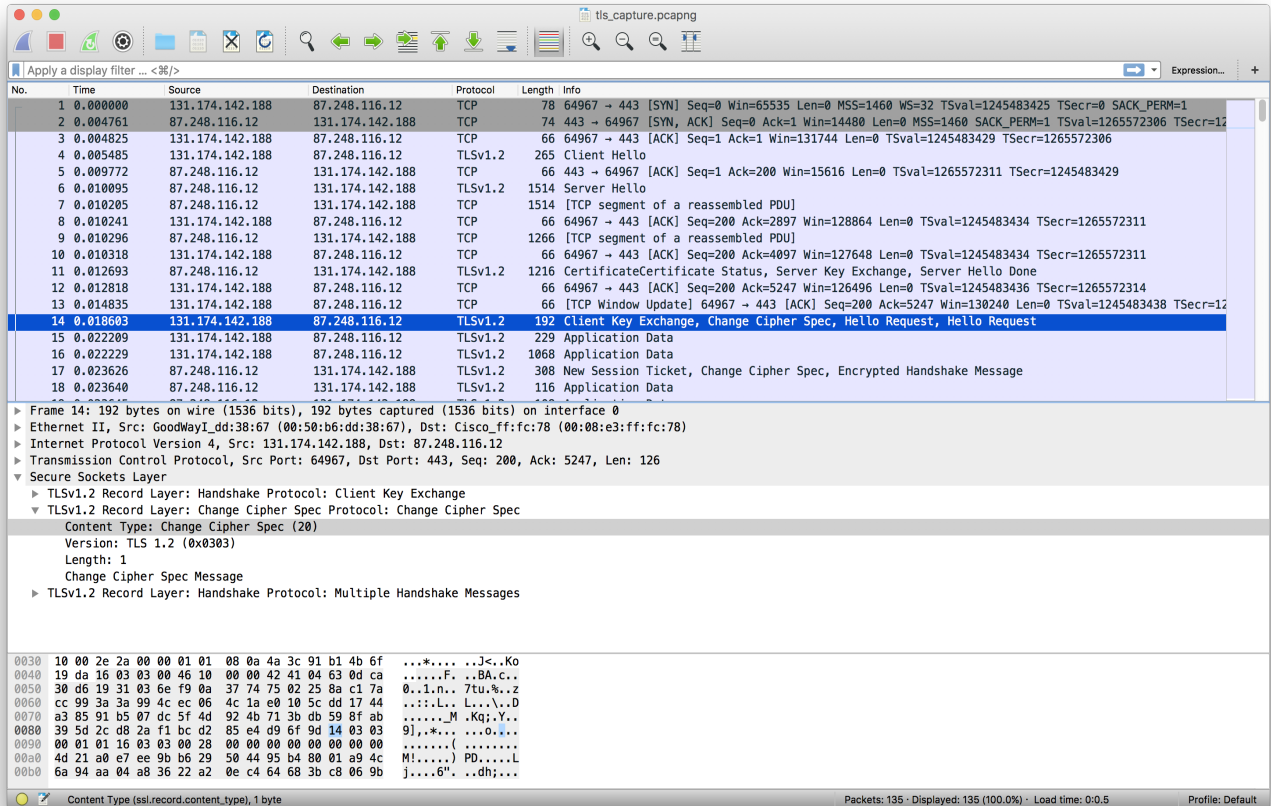


Figure 1: SSL Wireshark capture

- Is Wireshark packet 14 sent by client or server?
- What is the server's IP address and port number?
- Assuming no loss and no retransmissions, what will be the sequence number of the next TCP segment sent by the client?
- How many SSL records does Wireshark packet 14 contain?
- Does packet 14 contain a Master Secret or an Encrypted Master Secret or neither?
- The client encrypted handshake message takes into account how many SSL records?
- The server encrypted handshake message takes into account how many SSL records?

## 5 SSL & MiTM

Suppose Alice and Bob are communicating over an SSL session. Suppose an attacker, Eve, who does not have any of the shared keys, inserts a bogus TCP segment into a packet stream with correct TCP checksum and sequence numbers (and correct IP addresses and port numbers).

- a) Will SSL at the receiving side accept the bogus packet and pass the payload to the receiving application? Why or why not?
- b) Assume Eve, a woman-in-the-middle, can wreak havoc in an SSL session by interchanging TCP segments. Can Eve do something similar by deleting a TCP segment? What does she need to do to succeed at the deletion attack? What effect will it have?