Wireshark and TShark TCP Commands

1. Basic TCP Commands in Wireshark:

- Show all TCP packets:

  tcp

- Show TCP packets to/from a specific port:

  tcp.port == 80 # For HTTP traffic (port 80)

- Show packets with specific source IP and TCP port:

  ip.src == 192.168.1.1 && tcp.port == 443 # For HTTPS traffic (port 443)

- Show TCP packets with specific flags:

  - SYN (used for the connection handshake):

    tcp.flags.syn == 1 && tcp.flags.ack == 0

  - ACK (used for acknowledgment):

    tcp.flags.ack == 1

  - FIN (used for connection termination):

    tcp.flags.fin == 1

  - RST (reset the connection):

    tcp.flags.reset == 1

- Show TCP packets with a specific sequence number:

  tcp.seq == 12345 # Replace with your sequence number

- Show TCP packets with a specific acknowledgment number:

  tcp.ack == 67890 # Replace with your acknowledgment number

- Show TCP stream (e.g., for HTTP requests/responses or any conversation over TCP):

  tcp.stream eq 0 # Filter packets belonging to the first TCP stream

- Show TCP retransmissions:

  tcp.analysis.retransmission

- Show TCP out-of-order packets:

  tcp.analysis.out_of_order

- Show TCP segments with duplicate ACKs:

  tcp.analysis.duplicate_ack

2. TShark TCP Command-Line Filters:

- Capture TCP traffic:

  tshark -i eth0 -f "tcp" -w capture_output.pcap

- Capture traffic on a specific TCP port (e.g., port 80 for HTTP):

  tshark -i eth0 -f "tcp port 80" -w http_traffic.pcap

- Capture TCP traffic for a specific source IP:

tshark -i eth0 -f "tcp and src host 192.168.1.1" -w src_ip_traffic.pcap

- Capture packets with specific flags (e.g., SYN flag):

tshark -i eth0 -f "tcp[13] & 2 != 0" -w syn_packets.pcap

- Display TCP stream analysis (e.g., display summary of TCP streams):

tshark -r capture_output.pcap -z tcp,streams

- Show TCP retransmissions (using TShark's -Y filter):

tshark -r capture_output.pcap -Y "tcp.analysis.retransmission"

- Display TCP statistics (e.g., a summary of all TCP connections):

tshark -r capture_output.pcap -z io,stat,0

- Extract TCP packet details (e.g., source and destination IP, and port):

tshark -r capture_output.pcap -T fields -e ip.src -e ip.dst -e tcp.srcport -e tcp.dstport

- Filter for TCP streams:

tshark -r capture_output.pcap -Y "tcp.stream eq 0"

3. Advanced TCP Analysis with Wireshark:

- TCP Window Size: To show packets with specific TCP window size values (useful for diagnosing congestion or flow control issues):

tcp.window_size >= 1024

- TCP Packet Length: To display TCP packets of a certain length:

tcp.len == 1500 # To show TCP packets of exactly 1500 bytes

- Analyze TCP Handshake: To focus on the three-way handshake (SYN, SYN-ACK, ACK) of TCP connections:

tcp.flags.syn == 1 && tcp.flags.ack == 0 # SYN packet

tcp.flags.syn == 1 && tcp.flags.ack == 1 # SYN-ACK packet

tcp.flags.ack == 1 && tcp.flags.syn == 0 # ACK packet (final)

- Show HTTP over TCP: Combine TCP filter with HTTP to show HTTP traffic:

tcp.port == 80 && http

- TCP Resets (RST): To show TCP connections that have been reset (useful for troubleshooting):

tcp.flags.reset == 1

4. TShark Command Examples:

- Capture TCP traffic with SYN flag:

tshark -i eth0 -f "tcp[13] & 2 != 0" -w capture_syn.pcap

- Show statistics of all TCP streams:

tshark -r capture_output.pcap -z tcp,streams

- Capture packets from a specific TCP stream:

tshark -r capture_output.pcap -Y "tcp.stream eq 0"