



Network Packet Sniffer & Analyzer – Project Report



Objective

To build a Python-based tool that captures network packets from a specified interface in real time, analyzes the packet data (IP, TCP, UDP), and detects potential suspicious behavior such as port scans. The tool saves captured traffic to a `.pcap` file for further offline analysis.



Tools & Technologies Used

- **Programming Language:** Python
- **Libraries:** Scapy (packet sniffing and analysis), CSV
- **OS:** Windows 11
- **Environment:** Anaconda (custom virtual environment)
- **Packet Capture Interface:** Npcap (WinPcap-compatible mode)



Project Components

1. `sniffer.py` – Packet Capture Script

- Captures packets from a user-selected network interface using Scapy.
- Filters to only capture **IP packets**.
- Saves captured data to a `.pcap` file (`packets.pcap`) using `wrpcap()`.

2. `analyzer.py` – Packet Analysis Script

- Reads the saved `packets.pcap` file using Scapy's `rdpcap()`.
- Displays a summary for each IP packet including:
 - Source and Destination IP
 - Protocol (TCP or UDP)
 - Source and Destination Ports
- Detects **potential port scans** by identifying IPs that send packets to multiple ports.



Sample Output

[+] IP Packet: 10.14.146.90 -> 20.195.84.16 | Protocol: 6

TCP Port: 51939 -> 443

[+] IP Packet: 10.14.146.215 -> 224.0.0.251 | Protocol: 17

UDP Port: 5353 -> 5353

[!] Possible Port Scan Detected from 192.168.1.100 on ports: [22, 23, 80, 443, 8080, ...]