

Task: 05

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Title - Networking and Security Operations with SIEM, Forensics, and Traffic Analysis

Objective

The goal of this task is to help you:

- Design and calculate a subnet for a small network.
- Analyze network traffic patterns using packet capture tools.
- Troubleshoot network protocol issues in a simulated environment.
- Set up a SIEM system using ELK Stack for log monitoring.
- Simulate an incident and perform network forensics to investigate it.
- Conduct threat hunting using network and log data.



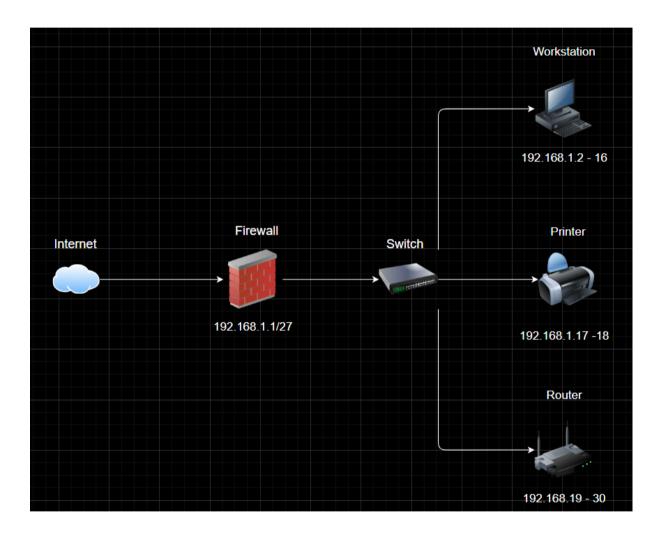
NETWORK SUBNET MASK

Range: 192.168.1.0/27

Why: 32 addresses, 30 usable (enough for 20 devices)

Subnet Mask: 255.255.255.224

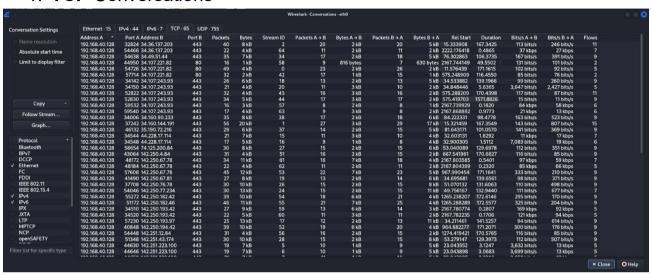
Broadcast: 192.168.1.31



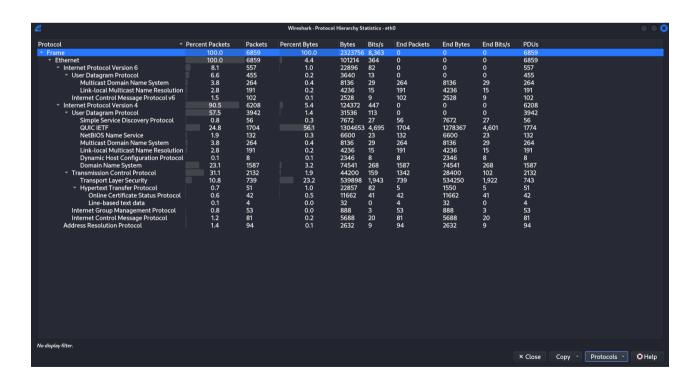


TRAFFIC ANALYSIS WITH WIRESHARK

1. TCP Conversations



2. Protocol Hierarchy





TROUBLESHOOTING NETWORK ISSUES

Symptoms on Client

1. Ping Fails with **Unknown Hosts**

```
root⊛kali)-[~]
# ping -c 3 google.com
ping: google.com: Temporary failure in name resolution
```

2. Timeout response

```
(root⊗ kali)-[~]

# dig @192.0.2.1 google.com +short

;; communications error to 192.0.2.1#53: timed out

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; <<>> DiG 9.20.4-4-Debian <<>> @192.0.2.1 google.com +short

; (1 server found)

;; global options: +cmd

;; no servers could be reached
```



Capturing DNS Traffic on Client interface

1. Finding Interface

Command Used: "ifconfig"

```
-(root⊛ kali)-[~]
 # ifconfig
eth0: flags=4163<UP, BROADCAST, RUNNING, MULTICAST> mtu 1500
        inet 192.168.40.128 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.4
0.255
       inet6 fe80::eb66:b4b:e9a1:623d prefixlen 64 scopeid 0×20<link
       ether 00:0c:29:dd:cc:0e txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
       RX packets 4289 bytes 1914868 (1.8 MiB)
       RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
       TX packets 3628 bytes 560819 (547.6 KiB)
       TX errors 0 dropped 14 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
        inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
        inet6 :: 1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0×10<host>
       loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
       RX packets 61 bytes 4612 (4.5 KiB)
       RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
       TX packets 61 bytes 4612 (4.5 KiB)
       TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
```

2. Capturing Traffic

Command Used: "tcpdump -i eth0 port 53 -w dns.pcap"

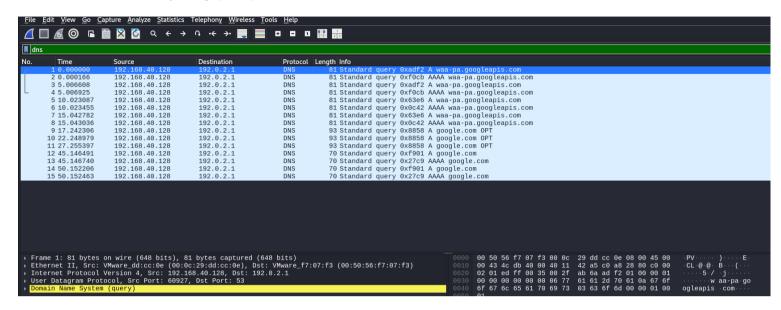
```
root⊛ kali)-[~]

# tcpdump -i eth0 port 53 -w dns.pcap
tcpdump: listening on eth0, link-type EN10MB (Ethernet), snapshot lengt
h 262144 bytes

^C15 packets captured
15 packets received by filter
0 packets dropped by kernel
```



3. Analysing **pcap** file in Wireshark



Diagnosis

- 1. If DNS queries go to a non-responsive server or to the wrong IP \rightarrow DNS misconfiguration.
- 2. If queries go out and replies exist but client still fails → check client firewall or caching.

Resolving Problem

1. Restoring /etc/resolv.conf to a valid resolver

```
(root% kali)-[~]
# bash -c 'echo "nameserver 8.8.8.8" > /etc/resolv.conf'

(root% kali)-[~]
# cat /etc/resolv.conf
nameserver 8.8.8.8
```



2. Re-running the commands

Command 1: "dig google.com"

```
-(root⊛ kali)-[~]
 # dig google.com
; <>>> DiG 9.20.4-4-Debian <>>> google.com
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; → HEADER ← opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 54628
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 1
;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 512
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;google.com.
                                ΙN
                                        Α
;; ANSWER SECTION:
google.com.
                        247
                                ΙN
                                                 142.251.223.142
;; Query time: 55 msec
;; SERVER: 8.8.8.8#53(8.8.8.8) (UDP)
;; WHEN: Sat Sep 27 06:48:13 EDT 2025
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 55
```



SOC and Networking Integration

Installing Elasticsearch

1. Installing Dependencies

Command Used: "apt update && sudo apt install apt-transport-https wget curl gnupg -y"

```
root⊗ kali)-[~]

# sudo apt update 56 sudo apt install apt-transport-https wget curl g
nupg -y

Hit:1 http://http.kali.org/kali kali-rolling InRelease
Get:2 https://artifacts.elastic.co/packages/8.x/apt stable InRelease [3,248 B]
Err:2 https://artifacts.elastic.co/packages/8.x/apt stable InRelease
Sub-process /usr/bin/sqv returned an error code (1), error message is
: Missing key 46095ACC8548582C1A2699A9D27D666CD88E42B4, which is needed to verify signature.
Get:3 https://artifacts.elastic.co/packages/7.x/apt stable InRelease [1
```

2. Making a Key Location to save key of elasticsearch

Command Used: "curl -fsSL https://artifacts.elastic.co/GPG-KEY-elasticsearch | sudo gpg --dearmor -o /usr/share/keyrings/elastic.gpg"

```
(root@kali)-[~]
# curl -fssL https://artifacts.elastic.co/GPG-KEY-elasticsearch | sud
g gpg --dearmor -o /usr/share/keyrings/elastic.gpg

File '/usr/share/keyrings/elastic.gpg' exists. Overwrite? (y/N) y
```



3. Adding Elasticsearch APT repository

Command Used: "echo "deb [signedby=/usr/share/keyrings/elastic.gpg] https://artifacts.elastic.co/packages/8.x/apt stable main" | sudo tee /etc/apt/sources.list.d/elastic-8.x.list"

```
(root@kali)-[~]
# echo "deb [signed-by=/usr/share/keyrings/elastic.gpg] https://artif
acts.elastic.co/packages/8.x/apt stable main" | sudo tee /etc/apt/sourc
es.list.d/elastic-8.x.list

deb [signed-by=/usr/share/keyrings/elastic.gpg] https://artifacts.elast
ic.co/packages/8.x/apt stable main
```

4. Updating Kali Packages

Command Used: "sudo apt update"

```
root⊕ kali)-[~]
 # sudo apt update
Hit:1 http://http.kali.org/kali kali-rolling InRelease
Get:2 https://artifacts.elastic.co/packages/8.x/apt stable InRelease [3
.248 B]
Get:3 https://artifacts.elastic.co/packages/7.x/apt stable InRelease [1
3.7 \text{ kB}
Err:3 https://artifacts.elastic.co/packages/7.x/apt stable InRelease
 Sub-process /usr/bin/sqv returned an error code (1), error message is
 Missing key 46095ACC8548582C1A2699A9D27D666CD88E42B4, which is needed
 to verify signature.
Get:4 https://artifacts.elastic.co/packages/8.x/apt stable/main amd64 P
ackages [90.4 kB]
Warning: OpenPGP signature verification failed: https://artifacts.elast
ic.co/packages/7.x/apt stable InRelease: Sub-process /usr/bin/sqv retur
ned an error code (1), error message is: Missing key 46095ACC8548582C1A
2699A9D27D666CD88E42B4, which is needed to verify signature.

Error: The repository 'https://artifacts.elastic.co/packages/7.x/apt st
```



5. Installing elasticsearch

Command Used: "sudo apt install elasticsearch -y"

```
-(root⊕kali)-[~]
 # sudo apt install elasticsearch -y
The following packages were automatically installed and are no longer r
equired:
 aspnetcore-runtime-6.0
                                    python-matplotlib-data
 aspnetcore-targeting-pack-6.0
                                    pvthon-odf-doc
 avahi-utils
                                    python-odf-tools
                                    python-tables-data
 base58
 comerr-dev
                                    python-tinycss2-common
 cups-pk-helper
                                    python3-adblockparser
 dnsmap
                                    python3-aiohappyeyeballs
                                    pvthon3-aiomultiprocess
 dotnet-apphost-pack-6.0
```

6. Enabling services and starting elasticsearch

Command 1: "systemctl enable elasticsearch"
Command 2: "systemctl start elasticsearch"

```
(root⊗ kali)-[~]
# systemctl enable elasticsearch
Created symlink '/etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/elasticsea
rch.service' → '/usr/lib/systemd/system/elasticsearch.service'.
```



7. Checking Status of elastic search

Command Used: "systemctl status elasticsearch"

Installing logstash

1. Installing logstash

Command Used: "apt install logstash -y"

2. Enabling and starting logstash services

Command 1: "systemctl enable logstash"
Command 2: "systemctl start logstash"

```
(root@kali)-[~/CyArt Tasks/Task_02]
# systemctl enable logstash

(root@kali)-[~/CyArt Tasks/Task_02]
# systemctl start logstash
```



3. Configuring logstash to collect logs

Command Used: "nano /etc/logstash/conf.d/syslog.conf"

4. Restarting service

Command Used: "systemctl restart logstash"

```
(root@ kali)-[~/CyArt Tasks/Task_02]
# systemctl restart logstash
```



Installing Kibana

1. Installing Kibana

Command Used: "apt install kibana -y"

```
-(root@kali)-[~/CyArt Tasks/Task_02]
 # apt install kibana -y
The following packages were automatically installed and are no longer r
equired:
 aspnetcore-runtime-6.0
                                    python3-altgraph
 aspnetcore-targeting-pack-6.0
                                    python3-aniso8601
 avahi-utils
                                    python3-annotated-types
 base58
                                    python3-antlr4
 comerr-dev
                                    python3-backoff
 cups-pk-helper
                                    python3-base58
```

2. Enabling and starting Kibana services

Command 1: "systemctl enable kibana" Command 2: "systemctl start kibana"

```
(root leads kali) - [~/CyArt Tasks/Task_02]
# systemctl enable kibana
Created symlink '/etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/kibana.ser
vice' → '/usr/lib/systemd/system/kibana.service'.

(root kali) - [~/CyArt Tasks/Task_02]
# systemctl start kibana
```



SIMULATING AN INCIDENT

1. Capturing traffic from topdump

Command Used: "tcpdump -i eth0 -w attack capture.pcap"

```
root⊛kali)-[~/CyArt Tasks/Task_02]

# tcpdump -i eth0 -w attack_capture.pcap
tcpdump: listening on eth0, link-type EN10MB (Ethernet), snapshot lengt
h 262144 bytes
```

2. Unauthorized SSH login attempt

Command Used: "ssh nonexists@localhost"

```
root⊗ kali)-[~/CyArt Tasks/Task_02]

# ssh nonexists@localhost
ssh: connect to host localhost port 22: Connection refused

(root⊗ kali)-[~/CyArt Tasks/Task_02]

#
```

3. DoS Attack by hping3

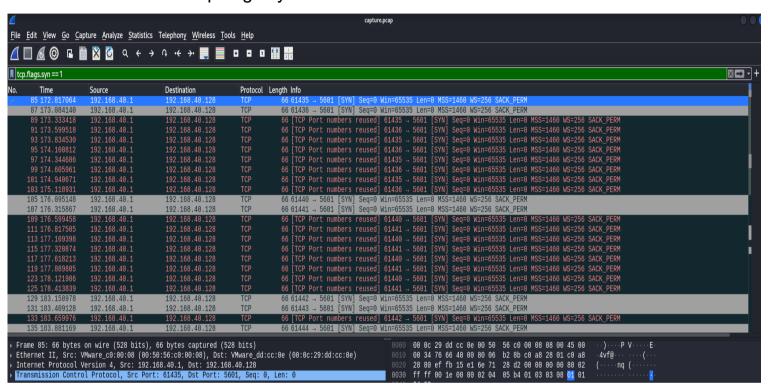
Command Used: "hping3 -S -p 22 -c 1000 192.168.40.128"



ANALYSING

1. DoS Patterns in Wireshark

Filter Used: "tcp.flags.syn == 1"





2. IP Filtration

Filter Used: "ip.src == 192.168.40.128"

ip.src == 192.168.40.128						
No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol Lo	ength Info	
	86 172.818216	192.168.40.128	192.168.40.1	TCP	54 5601 → 61435 [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=0 Len=0	
	88 173.084214	192.168.40.128	192.168.40.1	TCP	54 5601 → 61436 [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=0 Len=0	
	90 173.333482	192.168.40.128	192.168.40.1	TCP	54 5601 → 61435 [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=0 Len=0	
	92 173.599596	192.168.40.128	192.168.40.1	TCP	54 5601 → 61436 [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=0 Len=0	
	94 173.834565	192.168.40.128	192.168.40.1	TCP	54 5601 → 61435 [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=0 Len=0	
	96 174.100862	192.168.40.128	192.168.40.1	TCP	54 5601 → 61436 [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=0 Len=0	
	98 174.344763	192.168.40.128	192.168.40.1	TCP	54 5601 → 61435 [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=0 Len=0	
	100 174.606021	192.168.40.128	192.168.40.1	TCP	54 5601 → 61436 [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=0 Len=0	
	102 174.940998	192.168.40.128	192.168.40.1	TCP	54 5601 → 61435 [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=0 Len=0	
	104 175.119063	192.168.40.128	192.168.40.1	TCP	54 5601 → 61436 [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=0 Len=0	
	106 176.095219	192.168.40.128	192.168.40.1	TCP	54 5601 → 61440 [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=0 Len=0	
	108 176.316009	192.168.40.128	192.168.40.1	TCP	54 5601 → 61441 [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=0 Len=0	
	110 176.599501	192.168.40.128	192.168.40.1	TCP	54 5601 → 61440 [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=0 Len=0	
	112 176.817591	192.168.40.128	192.168.40.1	TCP	54 5601 → 61441 [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=0 Len=0	
	114 177.117300	192.168.40.128	192.168.40.1	TCP	54 5601 → 61440 [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=0 Len=0	
	116 177.320921	192.168.40.128	192.168.40.1	TCP	54 5601 → 61441 [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=0 Len=0	
	118 177.618274	192.168.40.128	192.168.40.1	TCP	54 5601 → 61440 [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=0 Len=0	
	120 177.889913	192.168.40.128	192.168.40.1	TCP	54 5601 → 61441 [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=0 Len=0	
	124 178.122055	192.168.40.128	192.168.40.1	TCP	54 5601 → 61440 [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=0 Len=0	
	126 178.413976	192.168.40.128	192.168.40.1	TCP	54 5601 → 61441 [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=0 Len=0	
	130 183.151635	192.168.40.128	192.168.40.1	TCP	54 5601 → 61442 [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=0 Len=0	
	132 183.409212	192.168.40.128	192.168.40.1	TCP	54 5601 → 61443 [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=0 Len=0	
	134 183.660515	192.168.40.128	192.168.40.1	TCP	54 5601 → 61442 [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=0 Len=0	
	136 183.881260	192.168.40.128	192.168.40.1	TCP	54 5601 → 61444 [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=0 Len=0	
 ▶ Frame 86: 54 bytes on wire (432 bits), 54 bytes captured (432 bits) ▶ Ethernet II, Src: VMware_dd:cc:0e (00:0c:29:dd:cc:0e), Dst: VMware_c0:00:08 (00:50:56:c0:00:08) ▶ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.40.128, Dst: 192.168.40.1 ▶ Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 5601, Dst Port: 61435, Seq: 1, Ack: 1, Len: 0 						

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