

Practical-3

AIM: Use the Binwalk tool

1. To check Firmware is encrypted
2. To explore filesystem using linux commands

Objective:

Utilize the Binwalk tool to determine if the firmware is encrypted and, if not, explore the extracted filesystem using Linux commands to analyze its contents and structure.

BINWALK:

Binwalk is a powerful open-source tool used for analyzing, extracting, and reverse-engineering firmware images. It is commonly used by security researchers and embedded system developers to inspect firmware for hidden files, encryption, and potential vulnerabilities.

FIRMWARE TL-MR3620:

Step 1 : First download the Firmware [TL-MR3620]

To Upgrade

IMPORTANT: To prevent upgrade failures, please read the following before proceeding with the upgrade process

- Please upgrade firmware from the local TP-Link official website of the purchase location for your TP-Link device, otherwise it will be against the warranty. Please click [here](#) to change site if necessary.
- Please verify the hardware version of your device for the firmware version. Wrong firmware upgrade may damage your device and void the warranty.
[How to find the hardware version on a TP-Link device](#)
- **Do NOT turn off the power during the upgrade process, as it may cause permanent damage to the product.**

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TL-MR3620(EU)_V1_170921			Download
Published Date: 2017-09-21	Language: English	File Size: 9.66 MB	

Modifications and Bug Fixes:

Enhancement:

- 1.Enhanced the compatibility with browsers.
- 2.Optimized the CWMP function.

Notes:

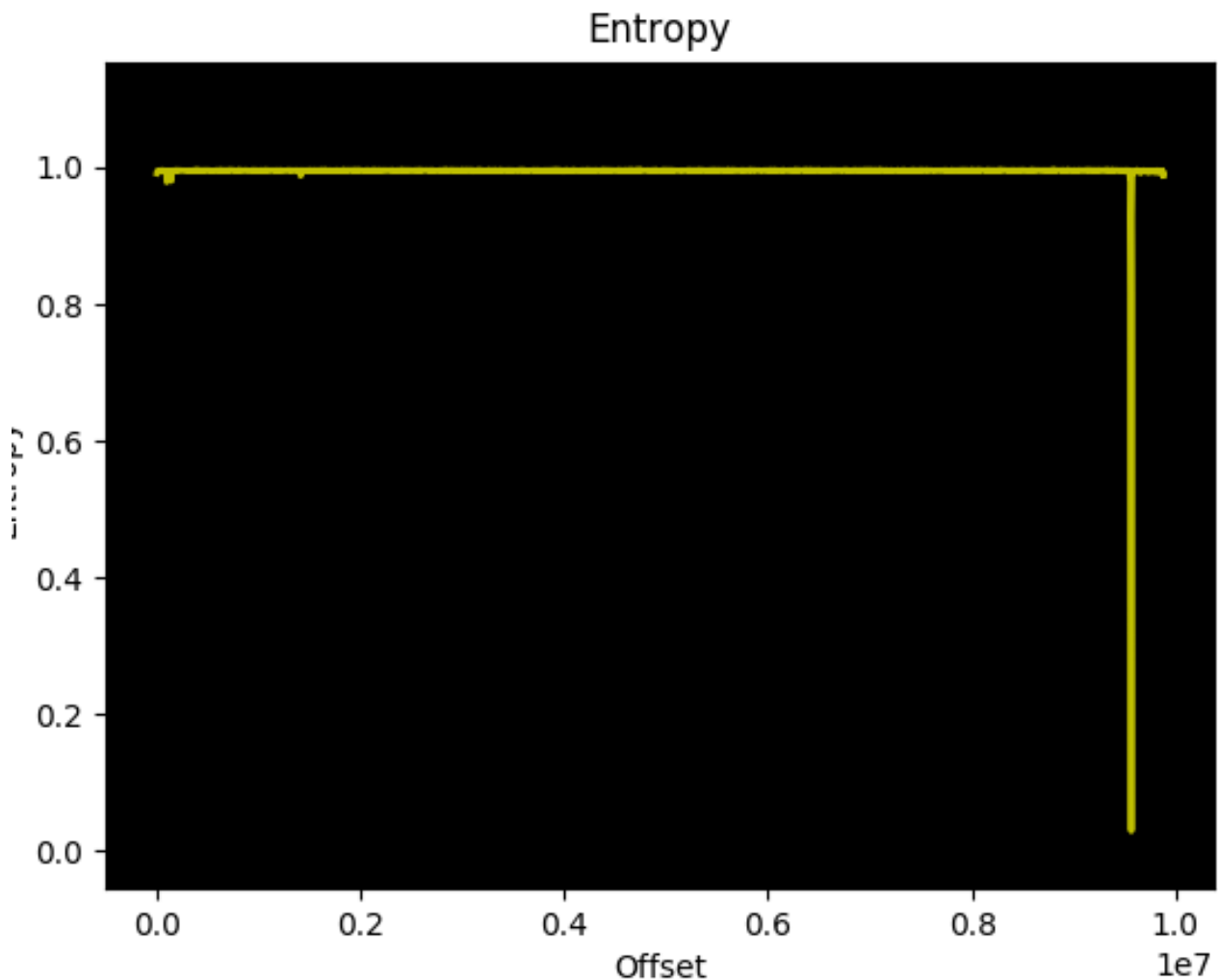
For Archer TL-MR3620(EU)V1.0

Step 2 : Use Binwalk tools to check whether firmware is encrypted or not type commands like **[binwalk -E (firmware file.zip)]**. Firmware - [TL-MR3620] is not encrypted.

```
iot@attifyos ~-> Desktop/  
iot@attifyos ~/Desktop> binwalk -E '/home/iot/Downloads/TL-MR3620(EU)_V1_170921.  
zip'
```

DECIMAL	HEXADECIMAL	ENTROPY
0	0x0	Rising entropy edge (0.991295)
9560064	0x91E000	Falling entropy edge (0.817129)
9575424	0x921C00	Rising entropy edge (0.994398)

```
(python3:7741): dbind-WARNING **: 20:51:42.042: Error retrieving accessibility b  
us address: org.freedesktop.DBus.Error.ServiceUnknown: The name org.a11y.Bus was  
not provided by any .service files
```



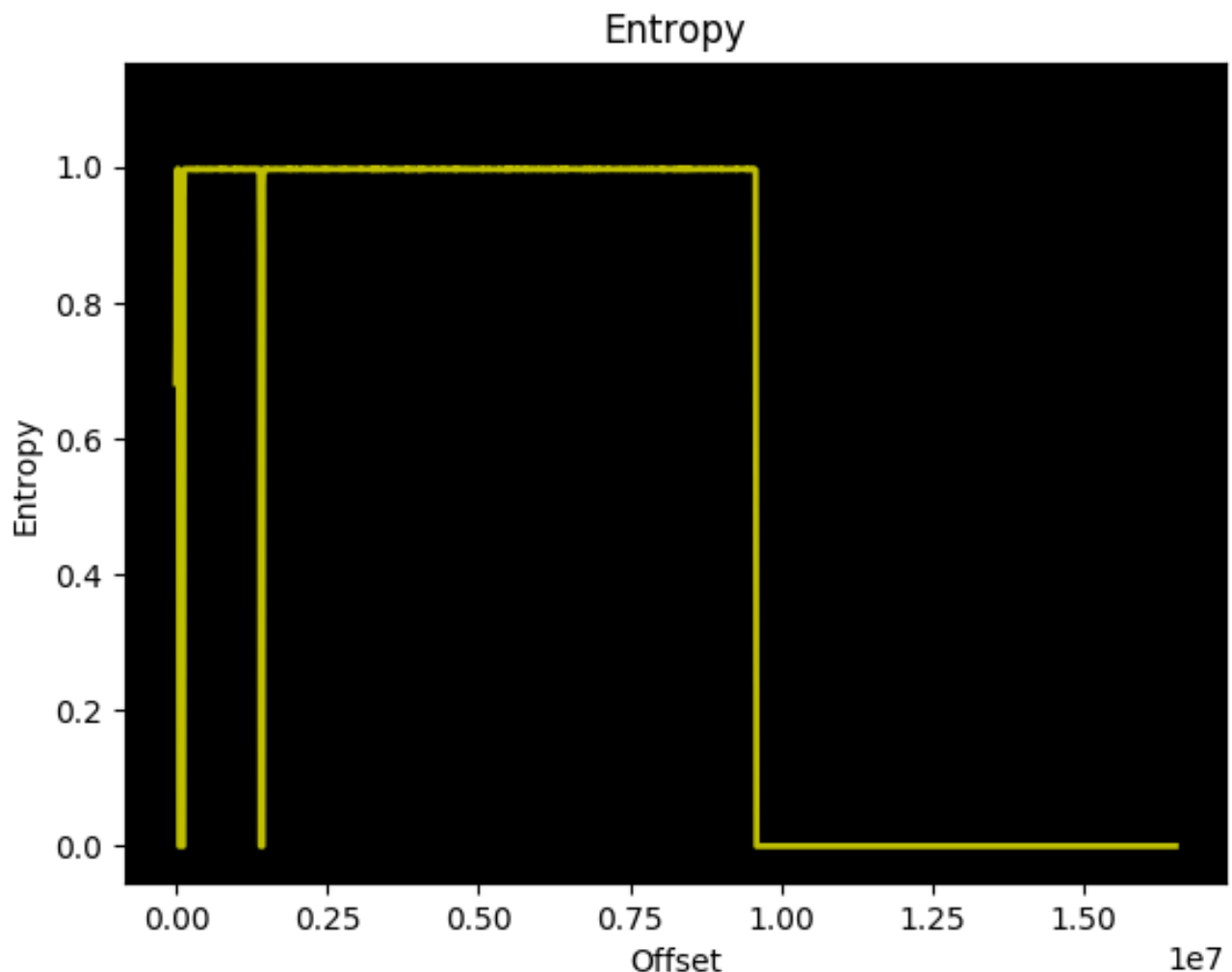
Step 3 : Then do extracted Firmware command type like

[binwalk -E (firmware file.bin)]

```
iot@attifyos ~/Desktop> binwalk -E '/home/iot/Downloads/TL-MR3620v1_1.1.0_0.9.1
up_boot(170921)_2017-09-21_15.30.50.bin'
```

DECIMAL	HEXADECIMAL	ENTROPY
0	0x0	Falling entropy edge (0.681729)
16384	0x4000	Rising entropy edge (0.993286)
57344	0xE000	Falling entropy edge (0.000000)
131072	0x20000	Rising entropy edge (0.956129)
1400832	0x156000	Falling entropy edge (0.000000)
1441792	0x160000	Rising entropy edge (0.973112)
9584640	0x924000	Falling entropy edge (0.562223)

```
(python3:10302): dbind-WARNING **: 21:00:11.771: Error retrieving accessibility
bus address: org.freedesktop.DBus.Error.ServiceUnknown: The name org.aally.Bus wa
s not provided by any .service files
```



Step 4 : Then do zip command type like

[binwalk -e (firmware file.zip)]

```
root@attifyos:/home/iot# binwalk -e '/home/iot/Downloads/TL-MR3620(EU)_V1_170921.zip'
```

DECIMAL	HEXADECIMAL	DESCRIPTION
0	0x0	Zip archive data, at least v2.0 to extract, compressed size: 98749, uncompressed size: 112046, name: GPL License Terms.pdf
98800	0x181F0	Zip archive data, at least v2.0 to extract, compressed size: 9472066, uncompressed size: 16515584, name: TL-MR3620v1_1.1.0_0.9.1_up_boot(170921)_2017-09-21_15.30.50.bin
9570959	0x920A8F	Zip archive data, at least v2.0 to extract, compressed size: 316289, uncompressed size: 373590, name: How to upgrade TP-LINK Wireless AC Router(New VI).pdf
9887714	0x96DFE2	End of Zip archive, footer length: 22

```
root@attifyos:/home/iot#
```

Step 5 : Then do bin command type like

[binwalk -e (firmware file.bin)]

```
root@attifyos:/home/iot# binwalk -e '/home/iot/Downloads/TL-MR3620v1_1.1.0_0.9.1_up_boot(170921)_2017-09-21_15.30.50.bin'
```

DECIMAL	HEXADECIMAL	DESCRIPTION
15648	0x3D20	U-Boot version string, "U-Boot 1.1.4-gff2db3d2-dirty (Sep 7 2017 - 16:02:09)"
15712	0x3D60	CRC32 polynomial table, big endian
17016	0x4278	uImage header, header size: 64 bytes, header CRC: 0x8DB7C0DA, created: 2017-09-07 08:02:12, image size: 38979 bytes, Data Address: 0x80010000, Entry Point: 0x80010000, data CRC: 0xA398C211, OS: Linux, CPU: MIPS, image type: Firmware Image, compression type: lzma, image name: "u-boot image"
17080	0x42B8	LZMA compressed data, properties: 0x5D, dictionary size: 8388608 bytes, uncompressed size: 92052 bytes
132096	0x20400	LZMA compressed data, properties: 0x6D, dictionary size: 8388608 bytes, uncompressed size: 3712888 bytes
743021	0xB566D	MySQL MISAM index file Version 10
1442304	0x160200	Squashfs filesystem, little endian, version 4.0, compression:xz, size: 8145972 bytes, 638 inodes, blocksize: 262144 bytes, created: 2017-09-21 04:43:03

Step 6 : Then [TL-MR3620] we go to this firmware file system using the Linux command. Command type : **cd(extracted file)/ls/cd squashfs-root/ls/cd etc/ls/cat passwd.bak** This file shows to username or password of this firmware

```

root@attifyos:/home/iot# cd '/home/iot/Desktop/_TL-MR3620v1_1.1.0_0.9.1_up_boot(170921)_2017-09-21_15.30.50.bin.extracted'
root@attifyos:/home/iot/Desktop/_TL-MR3620v1_1.1.0_0.9.1_up_boot(170921)_2017-09-21_15.30.50.bin.extracted# ls
160200.squashfs  20400  20400.7z  42B8  42B8.7z  squashfs-root
root@attifyos:/home/iot/Desktop/_TL-MR3620v1_1.1.0_0.9.1_up_boot(170921)_2017-09-21_15.30.50.bin.extracted# cd squashfs-root/
root@attifyos:/home/iot/Desktop/_TL-MR3620v1_1.1.0_0.9.1_up_boot(170921)_2017-09-21_15.30.50.bin.extracted/squashfs-root# ls
bin dev etc lib linuxrc mnt proc sbin sys tmp usr var web
root@attifyos:/home/iot/Desktop/_TL-MR3620v1_1.1.0_0.9.1_up_boot(170921)_2017-09-21_15.30.50.bin.extracted/squashfs-root# cd etc/
root@attifyos:/home/iot/Desktop/_TL-MR3620v1_1.1.0_0.9.1_up_boot(170921)_2017-09-21_15.30.50.bin.extracted/squashfs-root/etc# ls
cloud                iptables-stop        ppp                  TZ
default_config.xml  iqos                 reduced_data_model.xml  vsftpd.conf
fstab                minidlna.conf        resolv.conf          vsftpd_passwd
group               mode_switch.conf.bin samba
init.d              passwd               services
inittab             passwd.bak           support_3g_list
root@attifyos:/home/iot/Desktop/_TL-MR3620v1_1.1.0_0.9.1_up_boot(170921)_2017-09-21_15.30.50.bin.extracted/squashfs-root/etc# cat passwd.bak
admin:$1$$iC.dUsGpxNNJGe0mldFio/:0:0:root:/:/bin/sh
dropbear:x:500:500:dropbear:/var/dropbear:/bin/sh
root@attifyos:/home/iot/Desktop/_TL-MR3620v1_1.1.0_0.9.1_up_boot(170921)_2017-09-21_15.30.50.root
root@attifyos:/home/iot/Desktop/_TL-MR3620v1_1.1.0_0.9.1_up_boot(170921)_2017-09-21_15.30.50.b

```

FIRMWARE DIR-300:

Step 1 : First download the Firmware [DIR-300]

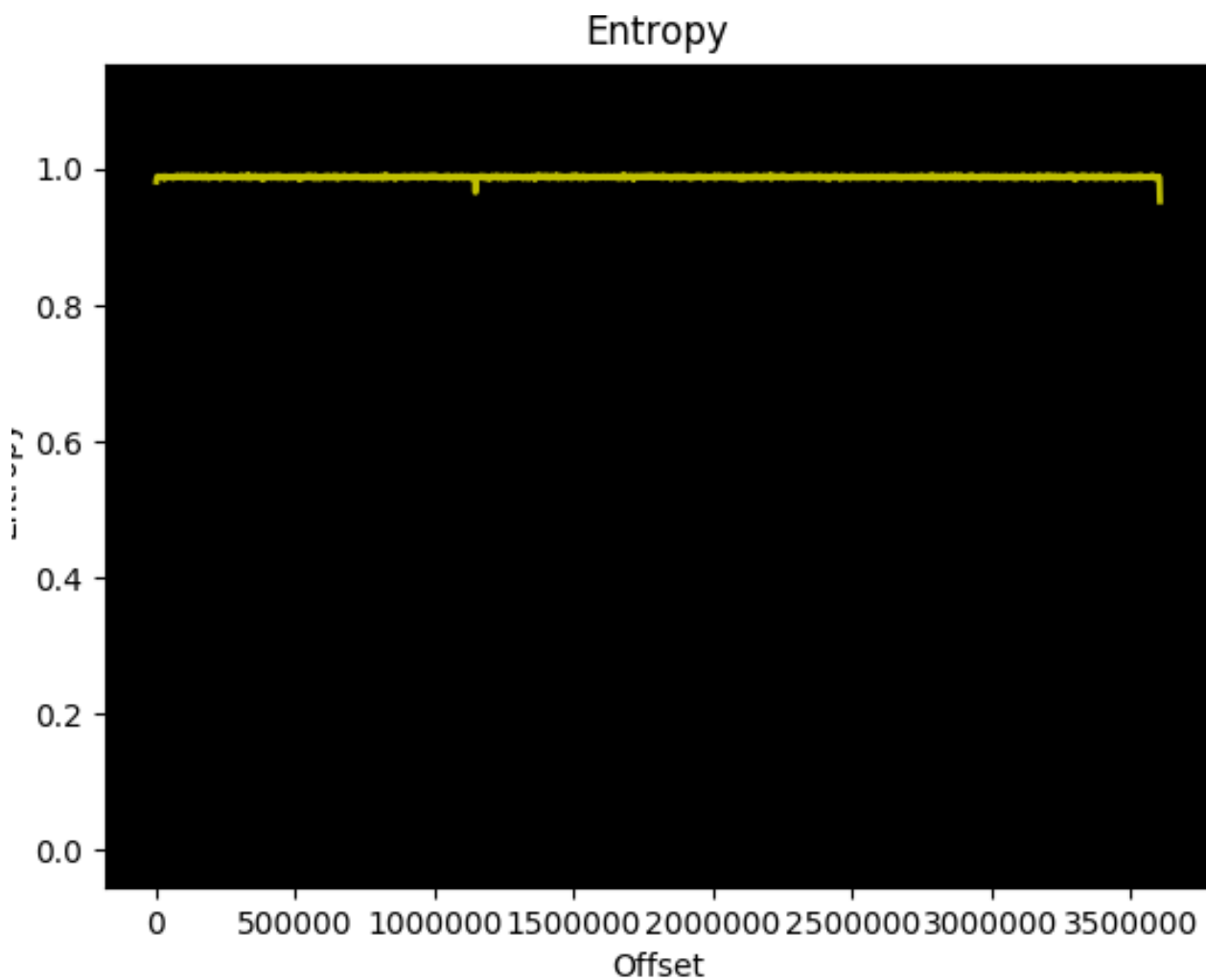
Overview Specifications Downloads				
No	Description	Title	Type	File Size
1	Firmware	DIR-300 H/W Ver.D1 F/W Ver. 1.0.11	bin	0 MB
2	Firmware	DIR-300 A1 F/W v1.04_WW	bin	0 MB
3	Firmware	DIR-300 Bx FW v2.14	zip	3.61 MB
4	Datasheet	DIR-300 Datasheet	pdf	1.24 MB
5	Firmware	DIR-300 B5 FW v2.15	bin	3.64 MB

Step 2 : Use Binwalk tools to check whether firmware is encrypted or not type commands like **[binwalk -E (firmware file.zip)]**.

```
root@attifyos:/home/iot# binwalk -E '/home/iot/Downloads/DIR_300Bx_FW214WwB04_bin_5a72dd6d182f1.zip'
```

DECIMAL	HEXADECIMAL	ENTROPY
0	0x0	Rising entropy edge (0.981846)

QStandardPaths: XDG_RUNTIME_DIR not set, defaulting to '/tmp/runtime-root'



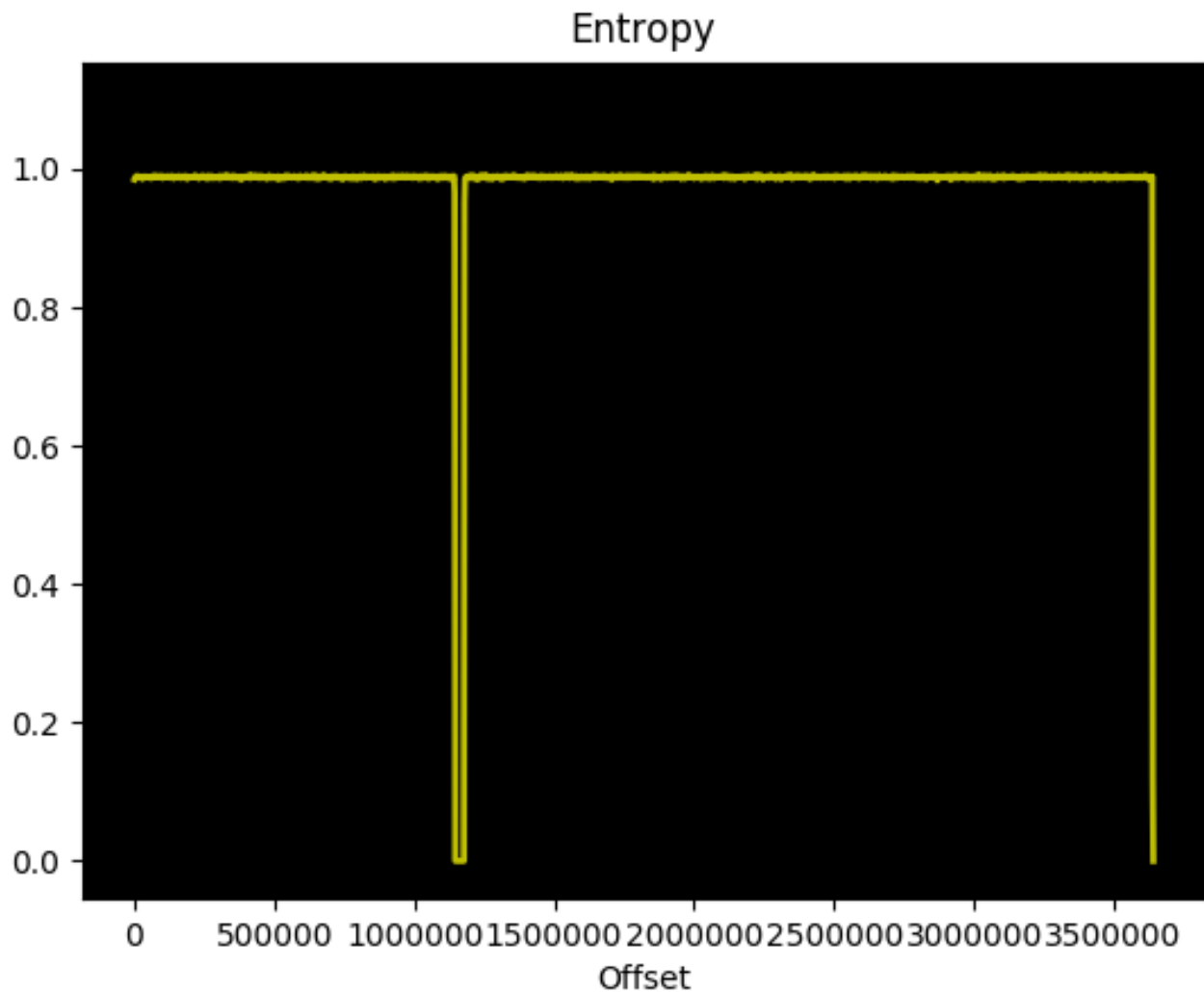
Step 3 : Then do extracted Firmware command type like

[binwalk -E (firmware file.bin)]

```
root@attifyos:/home/iot# binwalk -E '/home/iot/Downloads/DIR-300Bx_FW214wWB04.bin'
```

DECIMAL	HEXADECIMAL	ENTROPY
0	0x0	Rising entropy edge (0.985033)
1146880	0x118000	Falling entropy edge (0.000000)
1179648	0x120000	Rising entropy edge (0.952699)
3639296	0x378800	Falling entropy edge (0.122303)

QStandardPaths: XDG_RUNTIME_DIR not set, defaulting to '/tmp/runtime-root'



Step 4 : Then do zip command type like
[binwalk -e (firmware file.zip)]

```
root@attifyos:/home/iot# binwalk -e '/home/iot/Downloads/DIR_300Bx_FW214WWB04_bin_5a72dd6d182f1.zip'
```

DECIMAL	HEXADECIMAL	DESCRIPTION
0	0x0	Zip archive data, at least v2.0 to extract, name: DIR-300Bx_FW214WWB04.bin
75	0x4B	DLOB firmware header, boot partition: "dev=/dev/mtdblock/2"
3607854	0x370D2E	Zip archive data, at least v1.0 to extract, name: MACOSX/
3607909	0x370D65	Zip archive data, at least v2.0 to extract, name: MACOSX/. DIR-300Bx_FW214WWB04.bin
3608407	0x370F57	End of Zip archive, footer length: 22

Step 5 : Then do bin command type like
[binwalk -e (firmware file.bin)]

```
root@attifyos:/home/iot# binwalk -e '/home/iot/Downloads/DIR-300Bx_FW214WWB04.bin'
```

DECIMAL	HEXADECIMAL	DESCRIPTION
0	0x0	DLOB firmware header, boot partition: "dev=/dev/mtdblock/2"
108	0x6C	LZMA compressed data, properties: 0x5D, dictionary size: 33554432 bytes, uncompressed size: 3479564 bytes
1179756	0x12006C	PackImg section delimiter tag, little endian size: 9446656 bytes; big endian size: 2461696 bytes
1179788	0x12008C	Squashfs filesystem, little endian, version 4.0, compression:lzma, size: 2459698 bytes, 1473 inodes, blocksize: 131072 bytes, created: 2013-03-29 08:00:49

Step 6 : Then [DIR-300] we go to this firmware file system using the Linux command. Command type : **cd(extracted file)/ls/cd squashfs-root/ls/cd etc/ls/**

```
root@attifyos:/home/iot# cd '/home/iot/Downloads/_DIR-300Bx_FW214WWB04.bin
.extracted'
root@attifyos:/home/iot/Downloads/_DIR-300Bx_FW214WWB04.bin.extracted# ls
12008C.squashfs  6C  6C.7z  squashfs-root
root@attifyos:/home/iot/Downloads/_DIR-300Bx_FW214WWB04.bin.extracted# cd
squashfs-root/
root@attifyos:/home/iot/Downloads/_DIR-300Bx_FW214WWB04.bin.extracted/squa
shfs-root# ls
bin  dev  etc  home  htdocs  lib  mnt  proc  sbin  sys  tmp  usr  var  www
root@attifyos:/home/iot/Downloads/_DIR-300Bx_FW214WWB04.bin.extracted/squa
shfs-root# cd etc/
root@attifyos:/home/iot/Downloads/_DIR-300Bx_FW214WWB04.bin.extracted/squa
shfs-root/etc# ls
config  hosts  iproute2  RT5350_AP_1T1R_V1_0.bin  templates
defnodes  init0.d  ppp  scripts  TZ
events  init.d  resolv.conf  services
root@attifyos:/home/iot/Downloads/_DIR-300Bx_FW214WWB04.bin.extracted/squa
```

Conclusion: In this practical, we know how to download firmware and see firmware encrypted or not and if firmware are not encrypted then how to check the firmware file system using the Linux command.