

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

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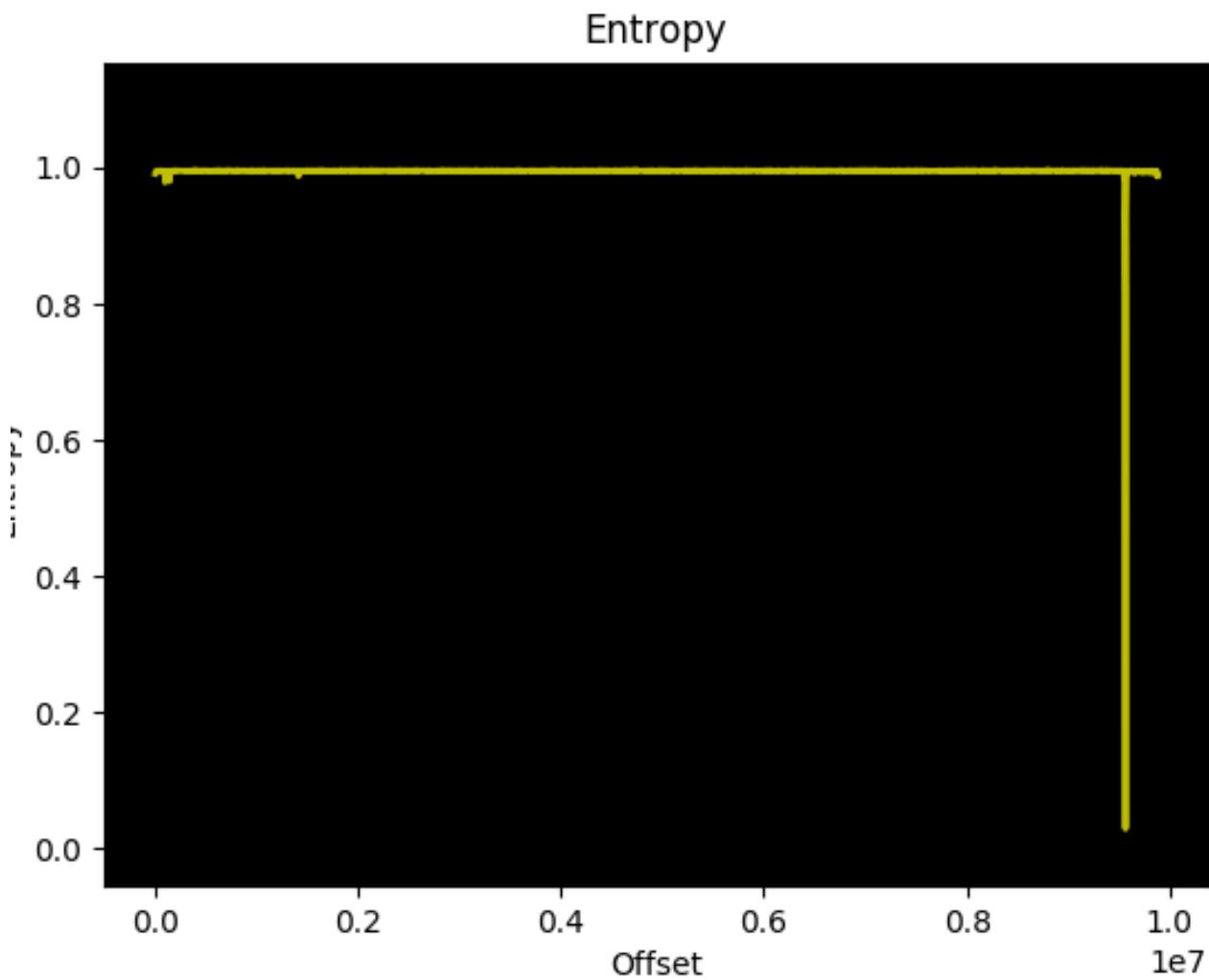
Modifications and Bug Fixes:
Enhancement:
1. Enhanced the compatibility with browsers.
2. Optimized the CWMP function.
Notes:
For Archer TL-MR3620(EU)V1.0

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 bus address: org.freedesktop.DBus.Error.ServiceUnknown: The name org.ally.Bus was not provided by any .service files
```



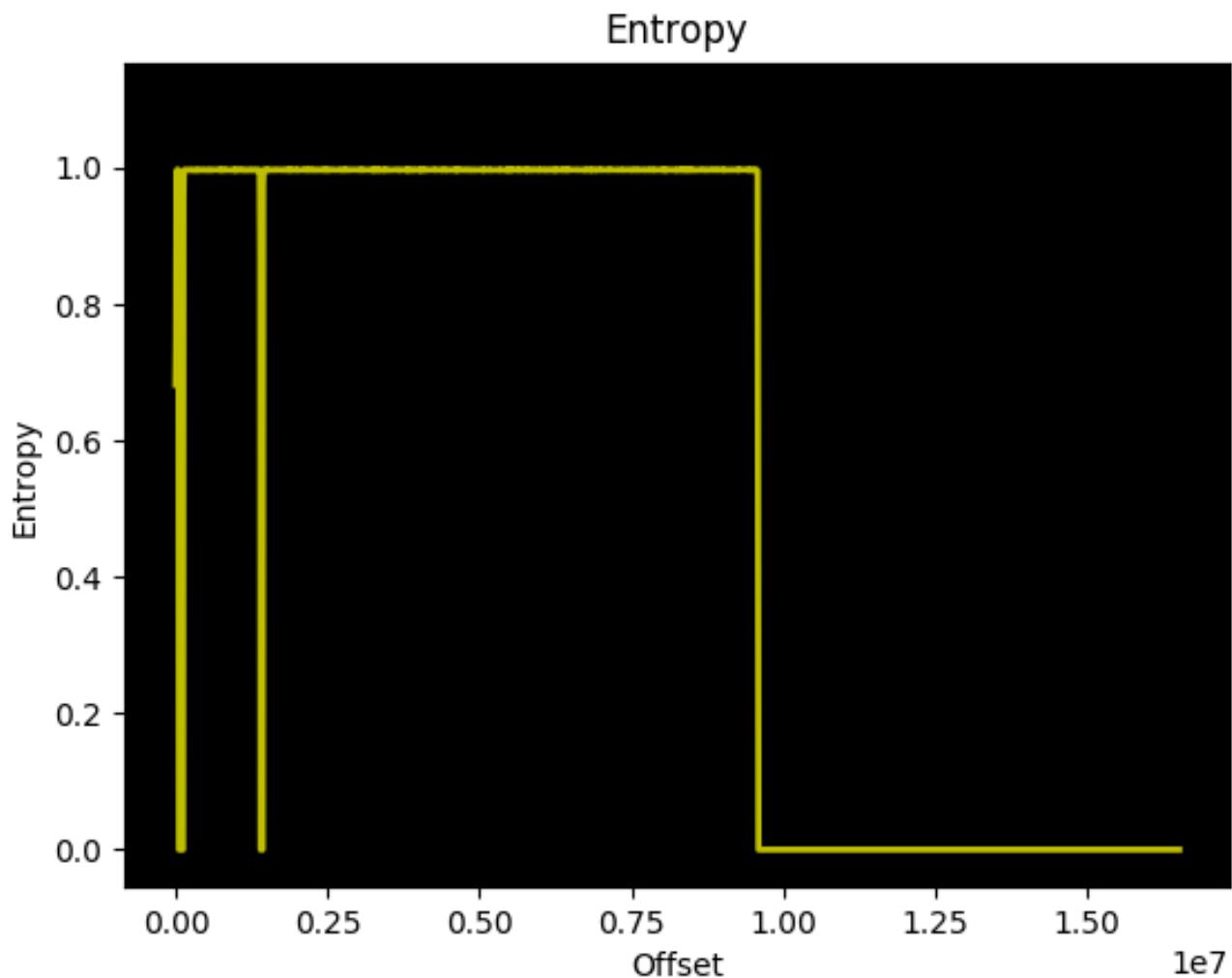
Step 3 : Then do extracted Firmware command type like

[**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.ally.Bus was 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: 0xDB7C0DA, 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.dUsGpxNNJGe0m1dFio::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.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:

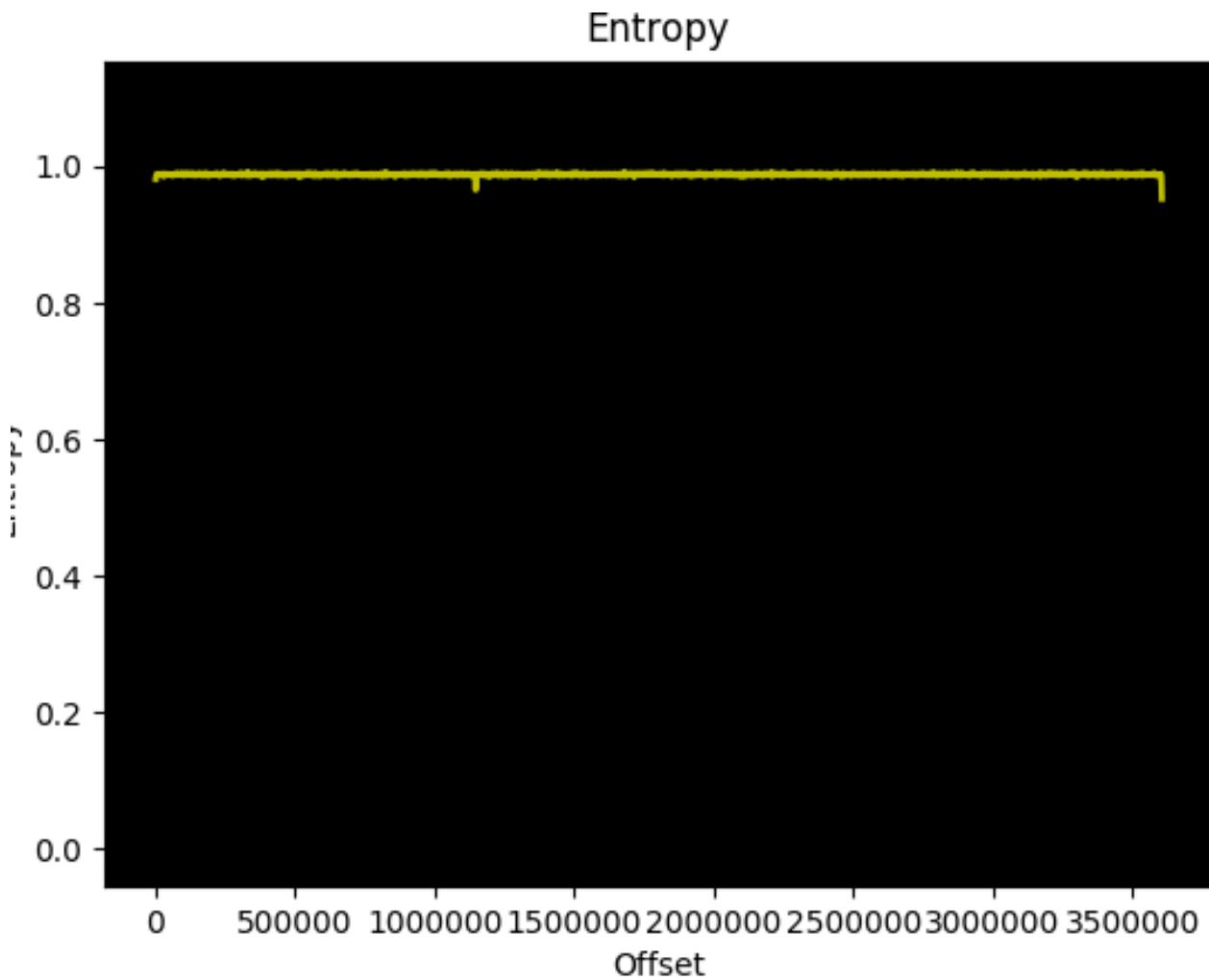
Step 1 : First download the Firmware [DIR-300]

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	Download
2	Firmware	DIR-300 A1 F/W v1.04_WW	bin	0 MB	Download
3	Firmware	DIR-300 Bx FW v2.14	zip	3.61 MB	Download
4	Datasheet	DIR-300 Datasheet	pdf	1.24 MB	Download
5	Firmware	DIR-300 B5 FW v2.15	bin	3.64 MB	Download

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_bis_5a72dd6d182f1.zip'
DECIMAL      HEXADECIMAL      ENTROPY
-----
0            0x0          Rising entropy edge (0.981846)
QStandardPaths: XDG_RUNTIME_DIR not set, defaulting to '/tmp/runtime-root'

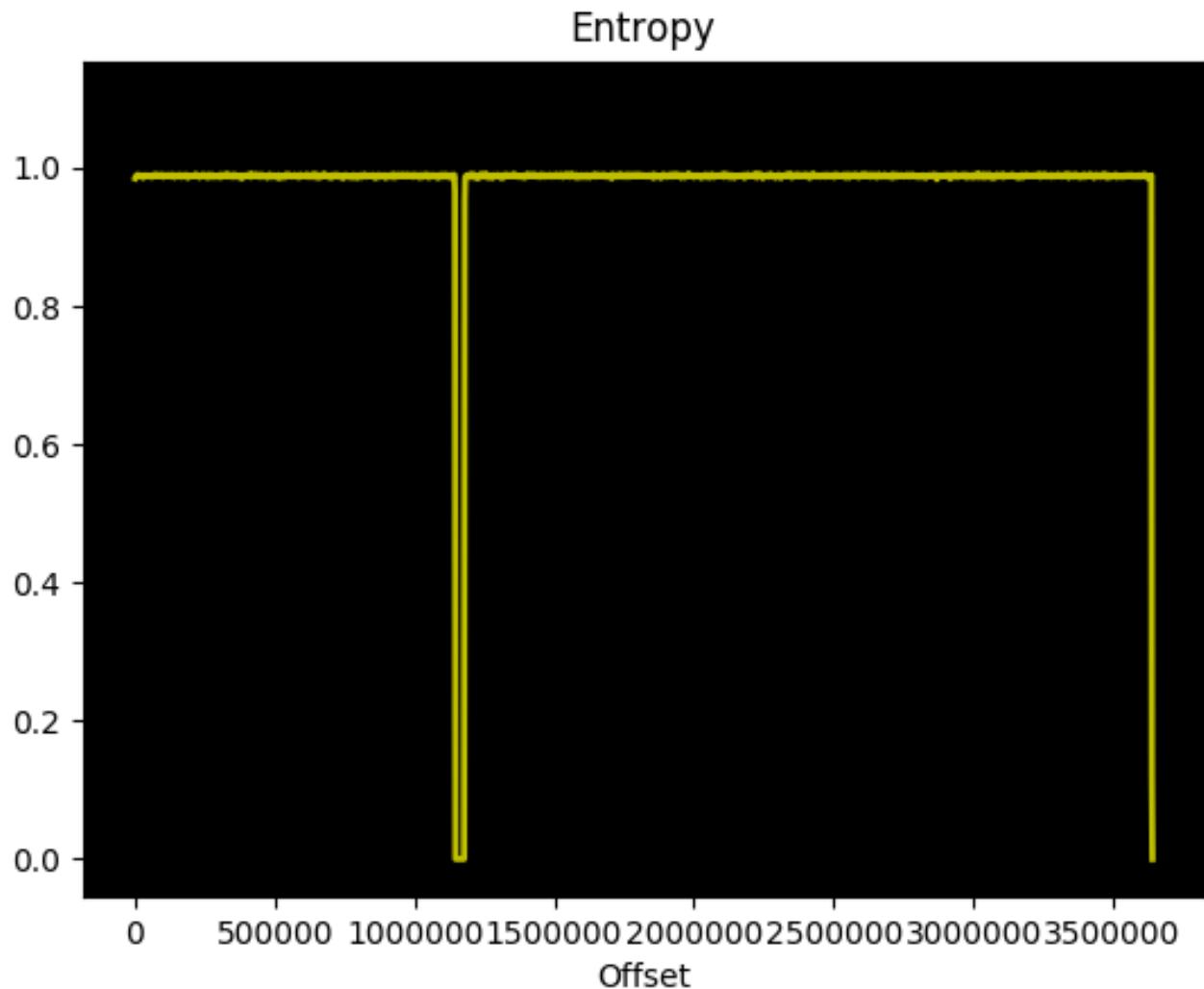
```



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.bi  
n'  
  
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/m
dblock/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.bi
n'

DECIMAL      HEXADECIMAL      DESCRIPTION
-----
0            0x0              DLOB firmware header, boot partition: "dev=/dev/m
dblock/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, c
ompression:lzma, size: 2459698 bytes, 1473 inodes, blocksize: 131072 bytes, crea
ted: 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.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/squashfs-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/squashfs-root# cd etc/
root@attifyos:/home/iot/Downloads/_DIR-300Bx_FW214WWB04.bin.extracted/squashfs-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
```

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.