Filtering

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Print udp packets ngrep "" udp
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Print packets passing eth0 device. Without -d ngrep listens to a default interface. ngrep -d eth0

Print packets for port 80 regardless of device ngrep -d any port 80

Only print packets that contain "interesting-domain.com" ngrep -d any "interesting-domain.com" port 80

You can use regex such as '.*' in the search string ngrep -d any "domain-.*.com" port 80

Or use regex to search for 'pass' or 'USER' ngrep -d any "pass|USER" port 80

Ignore case with -i to match for 'user' as well
 ngrep -d any -i "pass|USER" port 80

If you're logged in via SSH you might want to ignore your own traffic ngrep -d any port not 22

ngrep

grep through network traffic

Common usage: ngrep -d any -W byline "needle" port 80

Other Options

Suppress the '#', with -q (for 'quiet')
Only print packet headers and payload (if relevant)
ngrep -q -d any "needle" port 80

Use -W byline for more readable output ngrep -d any -W byline "needle" port 80

Limit the number of results with -n ngrep -d any "needle" -n 3 port 80

Print empty packets with -e ngrep -e -d any

