# WIRESHARK CAPTURE THE FLAG AKHILESH ANAND UNDRALLA UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO 12/09/2021

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### Flag 1- Haveibeenpwned?

Flag: hugerhinolover@hotmail.com

Email address for the user agent is hugerhinolover@hotmail.com since there is evidence of User-Agent and pre-installed cookies installed on the user's device.

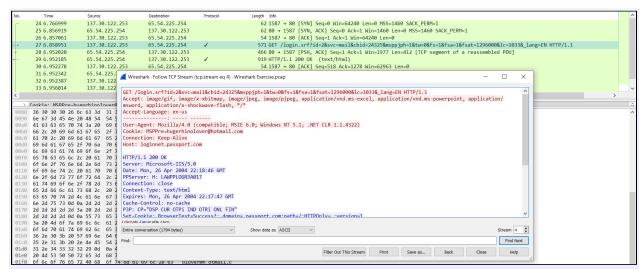


Figure 1.1: Packet details showing email address of the user involved in this network activity

Flag 2: What's the password?

Flag: gnome123

This flag was found by searching for packet search of keyword "password" and following a prospective TCP stream and checking the packet data in ASCII format.

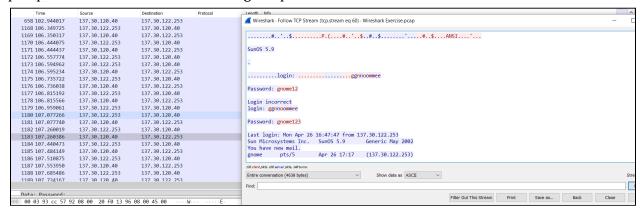


Figure 1.2: Packet details acquired by following a TCP stream with password keyword

#### Flag 3 - I need a new password

Flag: Old and new passwords must differ by at least 3 positions.

This flag was found by following a TCP stream of a potential packet and checking the packet data in ASCII format. This indicate a possible control to restrict having weak passwords.

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passwd: Changing password for gnome
Enter existing login password: gnome123

New Password: gnome1234

passwd: Old and new passwords must differ by at least 3 positions.

Please try again
New Password: gnome12345

Re-enter new Password: gnome12345

Permission denied
cook:[gnome]$ llooggoouutt
ksh: logout: not found
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Figure 1.3: Packet details acquired by following a TCP stream with password control information

# Flag 4 - Hidden in plain sight

Flag: contraband.zip

The file "contraband.zip" user accessed looks suspicious since it is password protected and has rhino2.jpg inside that zip file. Other two files user accessed are rhino1.jpg and thino3.jpg.

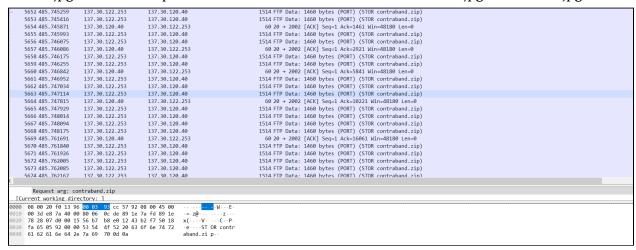


Figure 1.4: network packet for contraband.zip

# Flag 5 -Higher-level thinking

Flag:

Transmission Control Protocol

Transport Layer Security

Telnet

Parallel Redundancy Protocol (IEC62439 Part 3)

Internet Message Access Protocol

Hypertext Transfer Protocol

File Transfer Protocol (FTP)

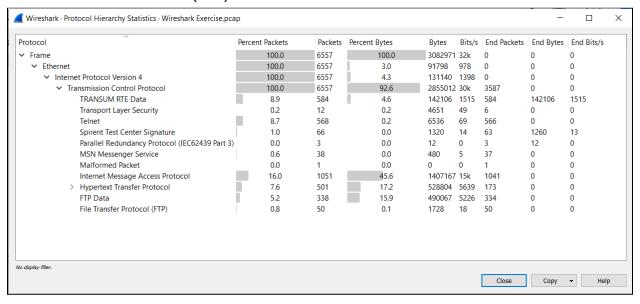


Figure 1.5: Protocols used by the user

#### **FTP Protocol**

File Transfer Protocol (FTP) is a client-server protocol that is used to transfer files directly between computers i.e., FTP client and user's web server over the internet. FTP is older than HTTP and preceded TCP/IP protocol. The web client creates a connection to the FTP server port 21 inorder to transfer a file.

FTP doesn't encrypt network traffic and all the transmissions are done in clear text. Incase of a packet capture on the network, it is possible to read packet data, usernames, passwords and commands in clear text. This is a major security weakness in using FTP.

FTP is used to send files between computers in a corporate network whereas websites use FTP to transfer files i.e uploading and downloading of files from respective web servers. FTP

has the ability to transfer very large multiple files (Eg. file in gigabytes) at once with lossless transmission which can improve workflows.

SFTP- Secure Shell (SSH) File Transfer Protocol or Secure File Transfer Protocol transfers files between FTP client and web server via SSH. SFTP allows inbound communication on port 22. Unlike FTP, SFTP requires the user to be authenticated via a user ID and password, SSH keys, or a combination of the two inorder to establish a connection between the sender and receiver and uses a tunneling method to transfer data.