

Person in the Middle via ARP Spoofing

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- a) The MAC address of Kali's main interface (eth0) is 00:0c:29:51:85:e8
- b) The IP address of Kali's main interface (eth0) is 192.168.5.130
- c) The MAC address of Metasploitable's main interface (eth0) is 00:0c:29:70:a0:68
- d) The IP address of Metasploitable's main interface (eth0) is 192.168.5.129
- e) Kali's routing table is:

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(kali㉿kali)-[~]  
$ netstat -rn  
Kernel IP routing table  
Destination      Gateway          Genmask          Flags      MSS Window  irtt  Iface  
0.0.0.0          192.168.5.2      0.0.0.0          UG          0 0        0     eth0  
192.168.5.0      0.0.0.0          255.255.255.0    U           0 0        0     eth0
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- f) Kali's ARP cache is:

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(kali㉿kali)-[~]  
$ arp -n  
Address (eth0): Dst: VMware (00:0c:29:70:a0:68) HWtype HWaddress Flags Mask Iface  
192.168.5.129 ether 00:0c:29:70:a0:68 C eth0  
192.168.5.2 ether 00:50:56:e0:35:03 C eth0  
192.168.5.254 ether 00:50:56:f3:9f:75 C eth0  
192.168.5.1 ether 00:50:56:c0:00:08 C eth0
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- g) Metasploitable's routing table is:

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msfadmin@metasploitable:~$ netstat -rn  
Kernel IP routing table  
Destination      Gateway          Genmask          Flags      MSS Window  irtt  Iface  
192.168.5.0      0.0.0.0          255.255.255.0    U           0 0        0     eth0  
0.0.0.0          192.168.5.2      0.0.0.0          UG          0 0        0     eth0
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- h) Metasploitable's ARP cache is:

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192.168.5.1 ether 00:50:56:c0:00:08 C eth0  
192.168.5.2 ether 00:50:56:e0:35:03 C eth0  
192.168.5.130 ether 00:0c:29:51:85:e8 C eth0
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- i) To get the CS338 Sandbox page via the given command, Metasploitable should send the TCP SYN packet to the MAC address 00:50:56:e0:35:03. This address is the address of the gateway. Metasploitable must send the packet through the gateway because the IP address of the system hosting the Sandbox page is not of the form 192.168.5.* - in other words, because the system is not on the local network.

- j) There is an HTTP response on Metasploitable. It won't let me scroll up to see the specific details of the response, but it is showing the HTTP content of the page, leading me to believe it is showing a 200 OK response. The packets from the exchange were also captured on Kali's Wireshark. The packets consist of the TCP handshake, the HTTP query and response, and the TCP FIN packets. The exact packets are shown below:

1	0.000000000	192.168.5.129	45.79.89.123	TCP	74	47654 → 80 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=58
2	0.045756069	45.79.89.123	192.168.5.129	TCP	60	80 → 47654 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 A
3	0.046029207	192.168.5.129	45.79.89.123	TCP	60	47654 → 80 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1
4	0.048176058	192.168.5.129	45.79.89.123	HTTP	212	GET / HTTP/1.1
5	0.048176168	45.79.89.123	192.168.5.129	TCP	60	80 → 47654 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=15
6	0.095546453	45.79.89.123	192.168.5.129	HTTP	785	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
7	0.095633646	192.168.5.129	45.79.89.123	TCP	60	47654 → 80 [ACK] Seq=159 Ack=
8	0.120074519	192.168.5.129	45.79.89.123	TCP	60	47654 → 80 [FIN, ACK] Seq=159
9	0.120074654	45.79.89.123	192.168.5.129	TCP	60	80 → 47654 [ACK] Seq=732 Ack=
10	0.166783794	45.79.89.123	192.168.5.129	TCP	60	80 → 47654 [FIN, PSH, ACK] Se
11	0.167065714	192.168.5.129	45.79.89.123	TCP	60	47654 → 80 [ACK] Seq=160 Ack=

- k) ARP poisoning performed
- l) Metasploitable's ARP cache has been changed. Now the MAC address listed for each of the registered IP addresses is the same as the MAC address for Kali's IP address (192.168.5.130). The new ARP cache is:

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msfadmin@metasploitable:~$ arp
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Address	Hwtype	Hwaddress	Flags	Mask	Iface
192.168.5.254	ether	00:0C:29:51:85:E8	C		eth0
192.168.5.1	ether	00:0C:29:51:85:E8	C		eth0
192.168.5.2	ether	00:0C:29:51:85:E8	C		eth0
192.168.5.130	ether	00:0C:29:51:85:E8	C		eth0

- m) Now, if I try to execute 'curl <http://cs338.jeffondich.com/>' on Metasploitable, I think that Metasploitable will send the initial TCP SYN packet to Kali's MAC address. Although Metasploitable would still (at least to its knowledge) be sending the packet to the gateway for the reasons described in part (i), because the gateway's MAC address has been changed to Kali's MAC address in Metasploitable's ARP cache, the packet will actually be sent to Kali.
- n) New capture performed on Wireshark
- o) Metasploitable once again got an HTTP response; similarly to part (j), I can't scroll up to see the full response, but the page's HTML is displayed on Metasploitable, so I assume that Metasploitable got a 200 OK response. Wireshark also captured the packets in the exchange. From these packets, we can see the TCP handshake, the HTTP query and response, and the FIN packets. However, as shown below, there are some additional packets, as shown below. The TCP Retransmissions are sent if acknowledgement of a prior packet is not received after a certain amount of time, according to <https://accedian.com/blog/network-packet-loss-retransmissions-and-duplicate-acknowledgments/>. The Dup ACK packets are sent if the receiver notices that packets were not received in numerical order, or if there was a gap, according to <https://networkengineering.stackexchange.com/questions/38471/what-does-tcp-dup-ack->

[mean](#). Finally, the TCP Out of Order packet indicates that the packet was received in a different order than it was sent, according to <https://networkengineering.stackexchange.com/questions/38471/what-does-tcp-dup-ack-mean>. The presence of these three new kinds of packets likely indicate some network delays or disruptions in packet order, which could be due to the fact that the packets are now being sent through Kali as an intermediary.

1	0.000000000	192.168.5.129	45.79.89.123	TCP	74 48198 → 80 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=5840 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_P
2	0.046674962	45.79.89.123	192.168.5.129	TCP	60 80 → 48198 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS
3	0.050084263	45.79.89.123	192.168.5.129	TCP	58 [TCP Retransmission] 80 → 48198 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=
4	0.050461896	192.168.5.129	45.79.89.123	TCP	60 48198 → 80 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=5840 Len=0
5	0.052980336	192.168.5.129	45.79.89.123	HTTP	212 GET / HTTP/1.1
6	0.052980440	45.79.89.123	192.168.5.129	TCP	60 80 → 48198 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=159 Win=64240 Len=0
7	0.057883385	45.79.89.123	192.168.5.129	TCP	54 [TCP Dup ACK 6#1] 80 → 48198 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=159 Win=
8	0.100605020	45.79.89.123	192.168.5.129	HTTP	785 HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
9	0.105927640	45.79.89.123	192.168.5.129	TCP	785 [TCP Retransmission] 80 → 48198 [PSH, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=
10	0.106269379	192.168.5.129	45.79.89.123	TCP	60 48198 → 80 [ACK] Seq=159 Ack=732 Win=6579 Len=0
11	0.132785721	192.168.5.129	45.79.89.123	TCP	60 48198 → 80 [FIN, ACK] Seq=159 Ack=732 Win=6579 Len=0
12	0.132979091	45.79.89.123	192.168.5.129	TCP	60 80 → 48198 [ACK] Seq=732 Ack=160 Win=64239 Len=0
13	0.138442765	45.79.89.123	192.168.5.129	TCP	54 [TCP Dup ACK 12#1] 80 → 48198 [ACK] Seq=732 Ack=160 W
14	0.179049423	45.79.89.123	192.168.5.129	TCP	60 80 → 48198 [FIN, PSH, ACK] Seq=732 Ack=160 Win=64239
15	0.186155790	45.79.89.123	192.168.5.129	TCP	54 [TCP Out-Of-Order] 80 → 48198 [FIN, PSH, ACK] Seq=732
16	0.186547770	192.168.5.129	45.79.89.123	TCP	60 48198 → 80 [ACK] Seq=160 Ack=733 Win=6579 Len=0

- p) It would appear that Kali changed Metasploitable's ARP cache by sending out ARP broadcasts that claimed the corresponding MAC addresses for each of the IPs on the local server are the same as Kali's MAC address. This is shown in the image below. The source is likely Kali Ettercap, the destination is likely Metasploitable, and the ARP packets captured show the source broadcasting that all open addresses can be found at Kali's MAC address (00:0c:29:51:85:e8). Because all IP addresses now correspond to Kali's MAC address, whenever Metasploitable tries to send something anywhere on the network, it will end up going to Kali.

1	0.000000000	VMware_51:85:e8	VMware_70:a0:68	ARP	42 192.168.5.254 is at 00:0c:29:51:85:e8
2	0.000029289	VMware_51:85:e8	VMware_f3:9f:75	ARP	42 192.168.5.129 is at 00:0c:29:51:85:e8 (duplicate
3	0.010623041	VMware_51:85:e8	VMware_70:a0:68	ARP	42 192.168.5.2 is at 00:0c:29:51:85:e8
4	0.010653592	VMware_51:85:e8	VMware_e0:35:03	ARP	42 192.168.5.129 is at 00:0c:29:51:85:e8 (duplicate
5	0.020945904	VMware_51:85:e8	VMware_70:a0:68	ARP	42 192.168.5.1 is at 00:0c:29:51:85:e8
6	0.020998821	VMware_51:85:e8	VMware_c0:00:08	ARP	42 192.168.5.129 is at 00:0c:29:51:85:e8 (duplicate
7	1.031465735	VMware_51:85:e8	VMware_70:a0:68	ARP	42 192.168.5.254 is at 00:0c:29:51:85:e8
8	1.031523186	VMware_51:85:e8	VMware_f3:9f:75	ARP	42 192.168.5.129 is at 00:0c:29:51:85:e8 (duplicate
9	1.042080894	VMware_51:85:e8	VMware_70:a0:68	ARP	42 192.168.5.2 is at 00:0c:29:51:85:e8
10	1.042117375	VMware_51:85:e8	VMware_e0:35:03	ARP	42 192.168.5.129 is at 00:0c:29:51:85:e8 (duplicate
11	1.052337699	VMware_51:85:e8	VMware_70:a0:68	ARP	42 192.168.5.1 is at 00:0c:29:51:85:e8
12	1.052400254	VMware_51:85:e8	VMware_c0:00:08	ARP	42 192.168.5.129 is at 00:0c:29:51:85:e8 (duplicate
13	2.063656784	VMware_51:85:e8	VMware_70:a0:68	ARP	42 192.168.5.254 is at 00:0c:29:51:85:e8
14	2.063699660	VMware_51:85:e8	VMware_f3:9f:75	ARP	42 192.168.5.129 is at 00:0c:29:51:85:e8 (duplicate
15	2.074354823	VMware_51:85:e8	VMware_70:a0:68	ARP	42 192.168.5.2 is at 00:0c:29:51:85:e8
16	2.074389563	VMware_51:85:e8	VMware_e0:35:03	ARP	42 192.168.5.129 is at 00:0c:29:51:85:e8 (duplicate
17	2.085223621	VMware_51:85:e8	VMware_70:a0:68	ARP	42 192.168.5.1 is at 00:0c:29:51:85:e8
18	2.085262187	VMware_51:85:e8	VMware_c0:00:08	ARP	42 192.168.5.129 is at 00:0c:29:51:85:e8 (duplicate
19	3.095830707	VMware_51:85:e8	VMware_70:a0:68	ARP	42 192.168.5.254 is at 00:0c:29:51:85:e8
20	3.095872412	VMware_51:85:e8	VMware_f3:9f:75	ARP	42 192.168.5.129 is at 00:0c:29:51:85:e8 (duplicate
21	3.107006164	VMware_51:85:e8	VMware_70:a0:68	ARP	42 192.168.5.2 is at 00:0c:29:51:85:e8
22	3.107064356	VMware_51:85:e8	VMware_e0:35:03	ARP	42 192.168.5.129 is at 00:0c:29:51:85:e8 (duplicate

- q) If I were to design an ARP spoofing detector, I would probably have it check the ARP cache for IP addresses with duplicate MAC addresses. I would probably have it sound an alarm if the IP address had the same MAC address as even just one other IP address, since there's probably a way to change a smaller selection of MAC addresses so it's not so obvious that the whole ARP cache has been messed with. I don't believe that this would cause any false positives, since MAC addresses on a local network must always be unique. Therefore, there should never be duplicates unless the MAC addresses or ARP caches were tampered with.