

## Lab #4

Class: CECS 303 – Networks and Network Security

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**Objective:** Understand the basics of using a packet sniffing/capture tool and examine a packet capture from both unencrypted and encrypted network traffic.

### Legend:

- *Server*: refers to the two Ubuntu Server VMs that were created in Lab 1
  - *Apache Server*: refers to the server VM with Apache installed on it
- *Workstation*: refers to the Ubuntu Desktop VM that was created in Lab 2

### Links

- Download Wireshark: <https://www.wireshark.org/download.html>

### Add iptables commands to allow protocols for labs

Add iptables commands to allow inbound traffic on both server VMs for the following protocols:

1. Telnet
2. SSH
3. Be sure to save your changes to the iptables on each machine ('sudo netfilter-persistent save')

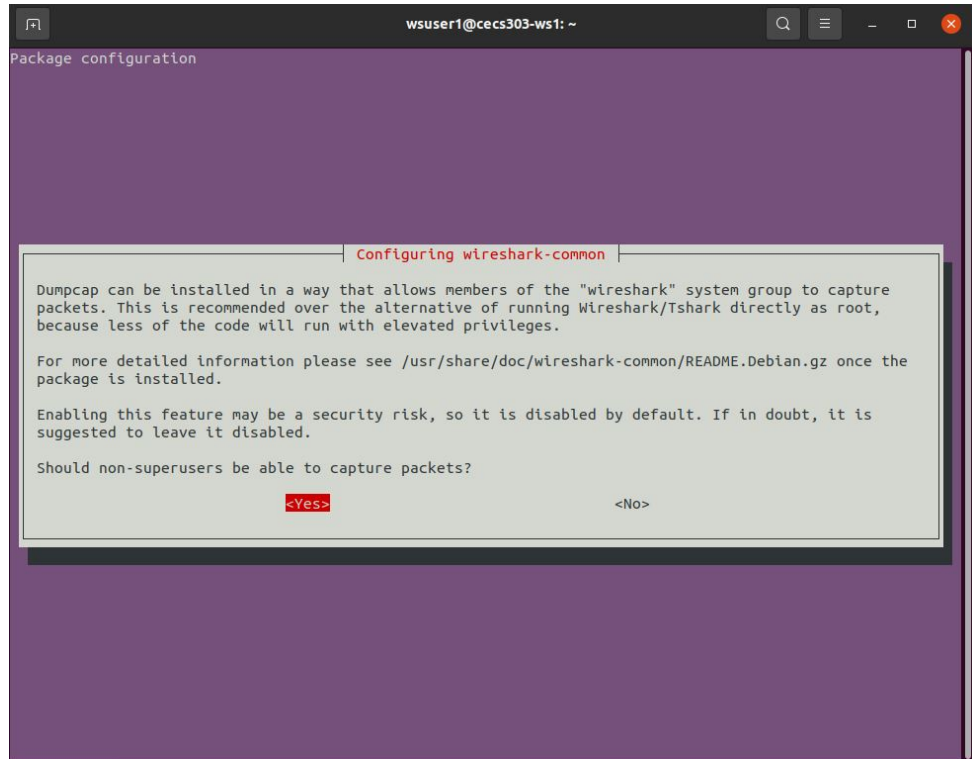
Note: The Telnet Server service should already be running on both of your server VMs per Lab #2. If the Telnet Server service is not already installed, see lab #2 for installation instructions.

### Install Wireshark

Since the virtual machines in this class were created with 'Bridged Adapters', you will not be able to directly analyze traffic from your host machine. Instead you will need to install Wireshark on the Ubuntu Workstation VM:

1. Install via command terminal
  - a. Open a command terminal on your Ubuntu Desktop VM

- b. 'sudo apt-get update'
- c. 'sudo apt-get install wireshark'
  - i. During installation, select 'Yes' when prompted with "Configuring wireshark-common"



- ii.
- 2. Add your user account to the "wireshark" user group
  - a. 'sudo usermod -a -G wireshark <username>' adds your username to the user group
  - b. Verify that the change was successful by viewing the user group line for the "wireshark" group
    - i. 'cat /etc/group | grep wireshark'

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wsuser1@cecs303-ws1:~$ cat /etc/group | grep wireshark
wireshark:x:134:wsuser1
wsuser1@cecs303-ws1:~$
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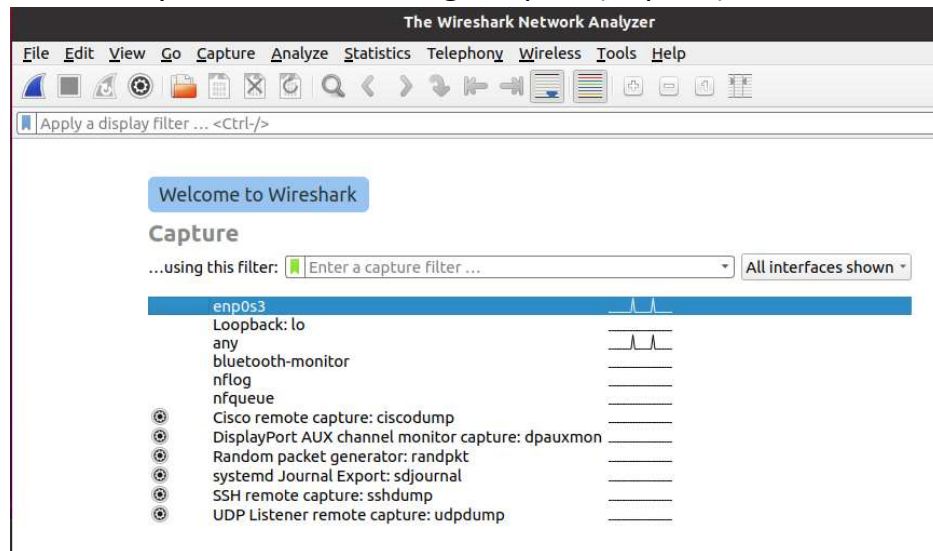
- ii.
- 3. Restart the Ubuntu Workstation VM after modifying the group

## Capture Unencrypted Telnet Credentials

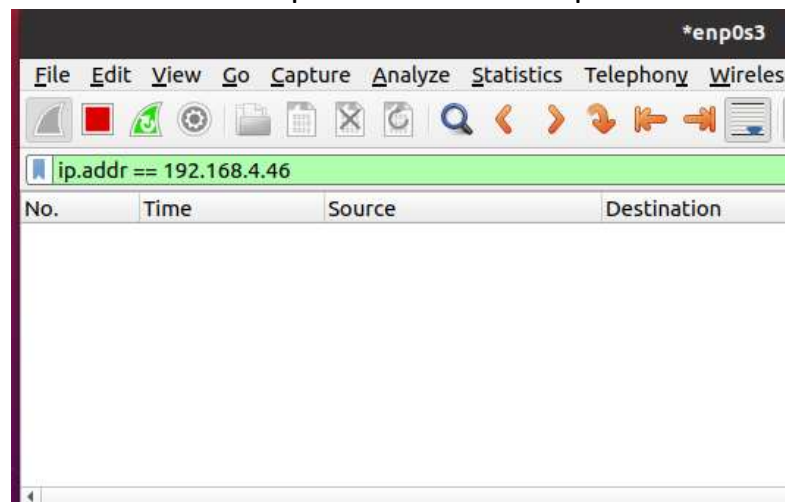
Telnet is a plain text network protocol. Because of this, credentials and other sensitive data can easily to "sniffed" using a packet capture.

1. Be sure that at least one of your server VMs are running
2. Open Wireshark on Ubuntu workstation VM

- a. Search for wireshark under your Ubuntu Workstation applications OR
  - b. Open a command terminal and run command “wireshark”
3. Double-click on your network facing adapter (enp0s3)

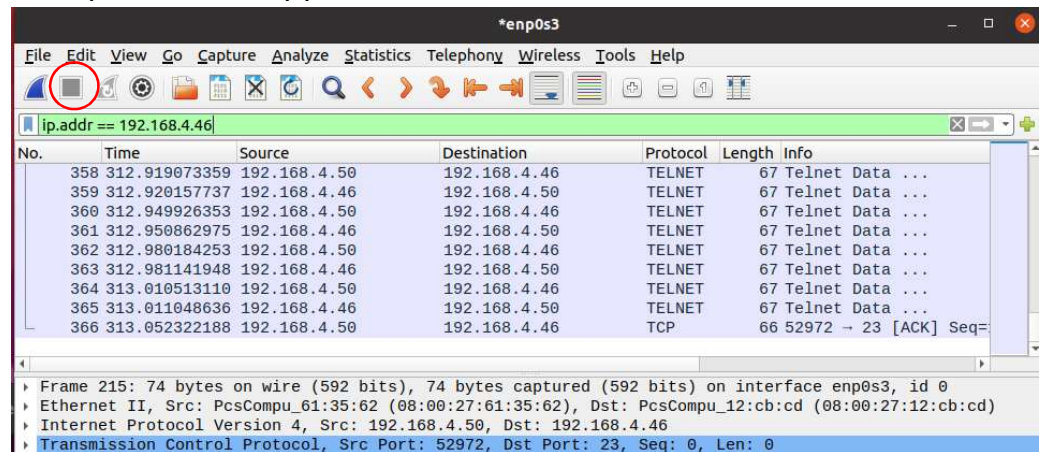


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4. Apply filter to the server VM you will be connecting to
  - a. Enter filter in filter bar: 'ip.addr == <server ip address>'



- i.
  - b. Leave Wireshark with filter running in the background
5. Telnet to one of your server VMs
  - a. Open a command terminal from Ubuntu Workstation VM
  - b. 'telnet <server ip address>' establishes a telnet session
    - i. Enter your credentials
    - ii. You should now have a remote terminal connection established to your server VM
6. Stop the Wireshark Packet capture

- a. Click on stop button in upper menu bar

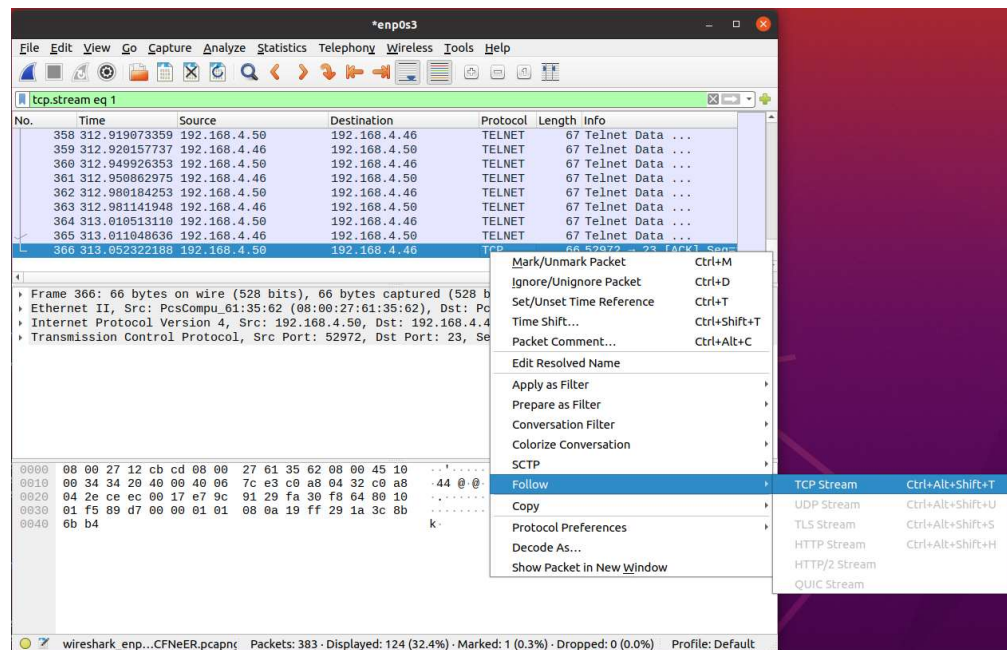


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7. View the TCP Stream for the connection to your server VM (in the example below, the server VM IP address is 192.168.4.46)

- a. Right click on any packet number that shows the destination IP of the server VM you established a telnet connection with

i. Select Follow -> TCP Stream



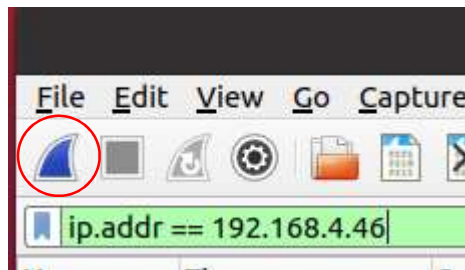
ii.

- b. The details of the telnet connection will be visible in the TCP stream, including the credentials you entered



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1. Screenshot the TCP Stream showing the credentials section (black out your password as shown above) for your submission
2. Note that the characters of the username are shown twice (once in red and once in blue), this is because the server is echoing back the characters to the client as they are being entered
  - a. Traffic from the client to the server is in red
  - b. Traffic from the server to the client is in blue
8. If you restart the packet capture in Wireshark and type in commands to the remotely connected server, you can repeat the above steps and see that all commands you enter via the telnet session are easily visible in a packet capture



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9. Type 'exit' in the telnet session when you are done in order to close the connection

## Capture an SSH Session

SSH is an encrypted network protocol, because of this it is not as easily monitored for credentials or other sensitive information.



1. Start a new packet capture with the appropriate filter in place to monitor for traffic to the server VM you will be connecting to (same as before)
  - a. Leave Wireshark running in the background
2. SSH to your selected server VM
  - a. Open a command terminal from Ubuntu Workstation VM
  - b. 'ssh <username>@<server ip address>' establishes a telnet session
    - i. e.g. ssh [user1@192.168.4.46](#)
    - ii. Note that you need to specify the remote server's user in the ssh command. Otherwise, it will attempt to use your local user to connect (which will work if you created the same user on both machines).
3. Stop the Wireshark capture
4. Follow the TCP Stream for the connection as done previously
  - a. You will note that first in the TCP stream, an encryption mechanism is negotiated
  - b. Once the connection is established, all of the "sniffed" traffic is encrypted and illegible

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1. *Screenshot a sample of this encrypted TCP stream for your submission*
5. Type 'exit' in the ssh session when you are done in order to close the connection

## Optional: Install and use SSH client to connect from your host machine to your VM servers

You may have noticed that the VirtualBox VM windows are often inconvenient to use (especially for the servers). If you configured your VMs using bridged adapters, you can remotely connect to your server VMs using a simple SSH client such as Putty.exe; this will allow you to scroll up and down in a terminal window and scale the terminal window size. NOTE: If you're using a Mac or Linux machine as your host, then you do not need a separate client. You can natively ssh to your server VMs from a command terminal.

1. Download putty.exe:

<https://www.chiark.greenend.org.uk/~sgtatham/putty/latest.html>

- a. I typically just download the executable and run it as a stand-alone application

Alternative binary files

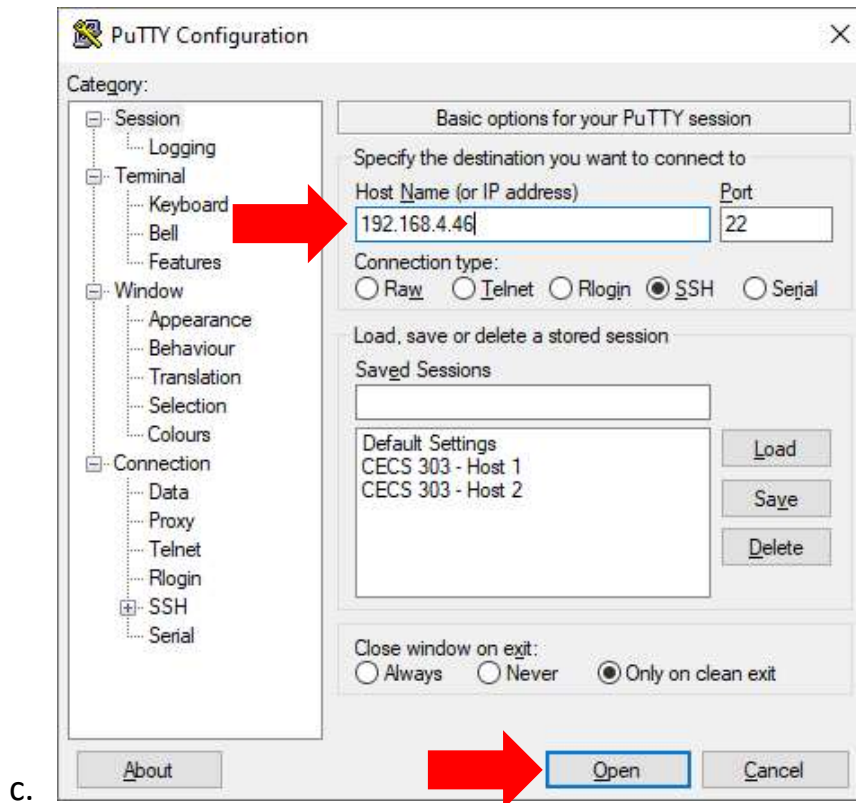
The installer packages above will provide versions of all of these (except PuTTYtel), but you can do

(Not sure whether you want the 32-bit or the 64-bit version? Read the [FAQ entry](#).)

**putty.exe (the SSH and Telnet client itself)**

64-bit x86:	<a href="#">putty.exe</a>	<a href="#">(or by FTP)</a>	<a href="#">(signature)</a>
64-bit Arm:	<a href="#">putty.exe</a>	<a href="#">(or by FTP)</a>	<a href="#">(signature)</a>
32-bit x86:	<a href="#">putty.exe</a>	<a href="#">(or by FTP)</a>	<a href="#">(signature)</a>

- b.
2. Once putty.exe is downloaded, double-click the file to open a new session
3. Enter the IP address of your server VM in the "Host Name (or IP Address)" section and select "Open"
  - a. After you enter your credentials, you will be remotely connected
  - b. You can also save the session if you would like, but remember that your server IP addresses will change depending on what LAN you are connected to



### Deliverables (submit via BeachBoard)

1. Run the 'sudo iptables -L' command on one of your server VMs and take a screenshot of the output to show the allowed inbound telnet and ssh configuration.
  - a. I suggest connecting using Putty.exe (or your host machine's other ssh client) to make the iptables easier to screenshot
2. Although the encrypted ssh connection makes it so that an attacker cannot easily capture credentials and other sensitive data within the session, what type of information can the attacker still collect by monitoring the traffic using a tool such as Wireshark?
3. Compile the three screenshots requested throughout the document in a single .doc, .docx, or .pdf file along with the answer to question #2 and submit via BeachBoard.

Note: Command "shutdown now" will cleanly shut down virtual machines when you are done working with them