

Shooting the trouble down to the Wireshark Lua Plugin

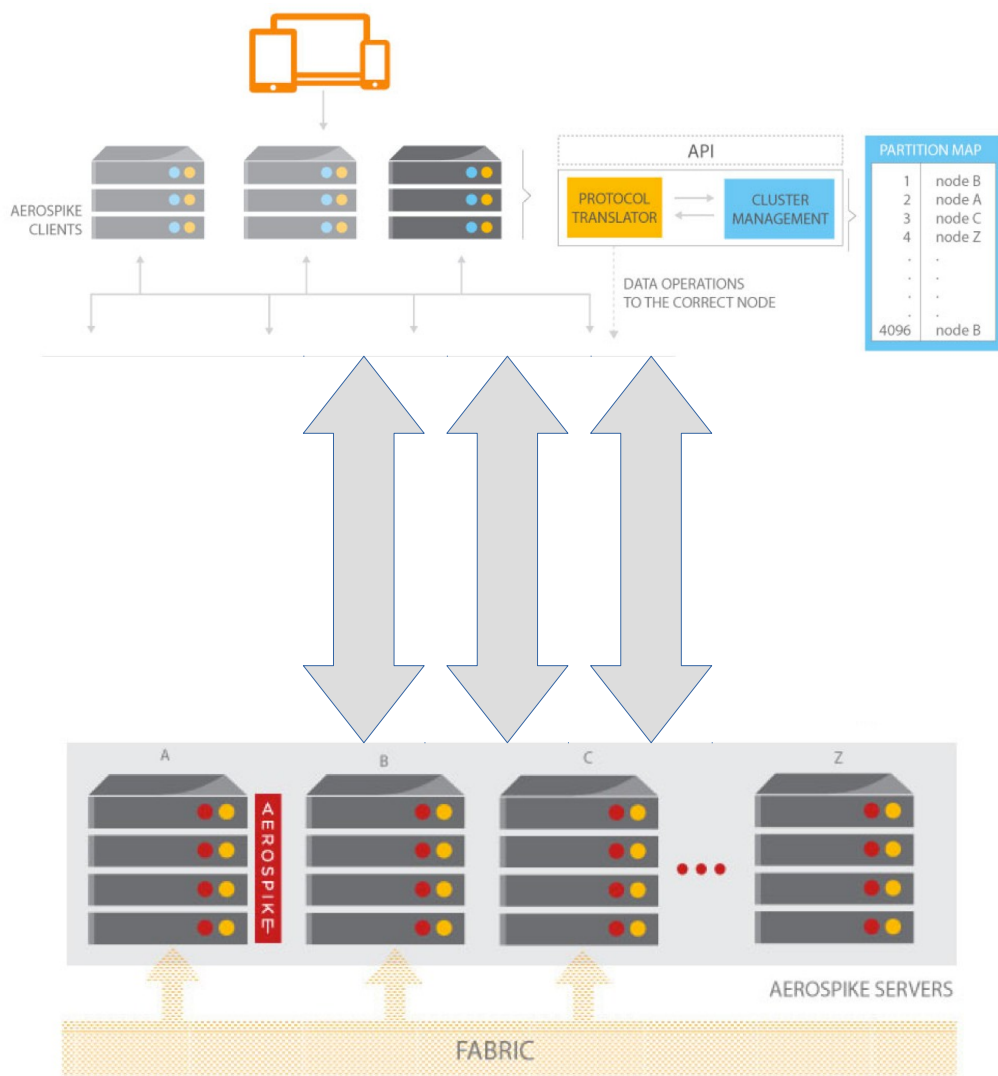
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Motivation



*Hello Production Support Engineer,
We are seeing client timeouts in our cluster,
Can you analyze the logs on the server,
And let us know how to proceed further?*

*"input from client unsupported proto version"
Is the message that we see for our operation,
What in the client can cause this assertion?
We need your help to provide us with a solution.*

*We are making batch read queries in production,
And receiving the values in a timely fashion,
Aerospike uses RIPEMD160 hash function,
But, can we also read the digests in conjunction?*

AEROSPIKE

Wireshark Lua

- **Dissectors**

Decode packet data.

- **Chained Dissectors**

Access to one dissector's data.

- **Post-dissectors**

Called after every other dissector has been called.

- **Listeners**

Called for every packet that matches a filter or tap.

```
▼ Aerospike Protocol
  Version: 2
  Type: Message (3)
  Size: 79
  ▼ Aerospike Message Header
    Header Size: 22
    ▶ Info1 : 0
    ▶ Info2 : 1
    ▶ Info3 : 0
    Unused: 0
    Result code: 0
    Generation: 0
    Record TTL: 0
    Transaction TTL: 1000
    Number of fields: 3
    Number of operations: 1
  ▼ Aerospike Fields
    Size: 5
    Field Type: AS_MSG_FIELD_TYPE_NAMESPACE (0)
    Data string: test
    Size: 5
    Field Type: AS_MSG_FIELD_TYPE_SET (1)
    Data string: test
    Size: 21
    Field Type: AS_MSG_FIELD_TYPE_DIGEST_RIPE (4)
    Data bytes: 11e458595ee4010a6ac7a338412722cc8a8e7650
  ▼ Aerospike Operations
```

Source: <https://wiki.wireshark.org/Lua/Dissectors>

Tap Listener

```
-- simple_http.lua
-- implements a very simple tap in Lua

-- this is going to be our counter
http_packets = 0

-- this is going to be our tap
tap_http = nil

-- first we declare the tap called "http tap" with the filter it is going to use
tap_http = Listener.new(nil, "http")

-- this function will get called at the end(3) of the capture to print the summary
function tap_http.draw()
    debug("http packets:" .. http_packets)
end

-- this function is going to be called once each time the filter of the tap matches
function tap_http.packet()
    http_packets = http_packets + 1
end

-- this function will be called at the end of the capture run
function tap_http.reset()
    http_packets = 0
end
```

Wireshark User Interface

The diagram illustrates the Wireshark User Interface with the following components and labels:

- Main Menu:** Located at the top, containing File, Edit, View, Go, Capture, Analyze, Statistics, Telephony, Tools, Internals, and Help.
- Main Toolbar:** Located below the Main Menu, containing various icons for file operations, capture, analysis, and display.
- Filter Toolbar:** Located on the left, containing a Filter input field and buttons for Expression..., Clear, Apply, and Save.
- Packet List:** A table showing captured packets with columns: No., Time, Source, Destination, Protocol, Length, and Info.
- Packet Details:** A pane showing the hierarchical structure of the selected packet, including Ethernet II, Internet Protocol Version 4, Transmission Control Protocol, and Aerospike Info Protocol.
- Protocol Dissection:** A pane showing the raw packet data in hexadecimal and ASCII format.
- Packet Bytes:** A pane showing the raw packet data in hexadecimal and ASCII format.

Arrows indicate the flow of data and the relationship between these components. A red circle highlights the Aerospike Info Protocol section in the Packet Details pane, with a callout pointing to the Protocol Dissection pane.

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1	0.000000	10.0.3.26	10.0.3.112	Aerospike	117	50402 → 3000 [PSH, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 V
2	0.000053	10.0.3.26	10.0.3.112	Aerospike	117	50498 → 3000 [PSH, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 V
3	0.000142	10.0.3.112	10.0.3.26	Aerospike	142	3000 → 50402 [PSH, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=52
4	0.000172	10.0.3.26	10.0.3.112	TCP	66	50402 → 3000 [ACK] Seq=52 Ack=77 Win=
5	0.000192	10.0.3.112	10.0.3.26	Aerospike	142	3000 → 50498 [PSH, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=52
6	0.000198	10.0.3.26	10.0.3.112	TCP	66	50498 → 3000 [ACK] Seq=52 Ack=77 Win=
7	0.000221	10.0.3.26	10.0.3.112	Aerospike	117	51064 → 3000 [PSH, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 V
8	0.000249	10.0.3.26	10.0.3.112	Aerospike	117	50440 → 3000 [PSH, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 V
9	0.000278	10.0.3.26	10.0.3.112	Aerospike	117	50430 → 3000 [PSH, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 V

Frame 3: 142 bytes on wire (1136 bits), 142 bytes captured (1136 bits) on interface 0

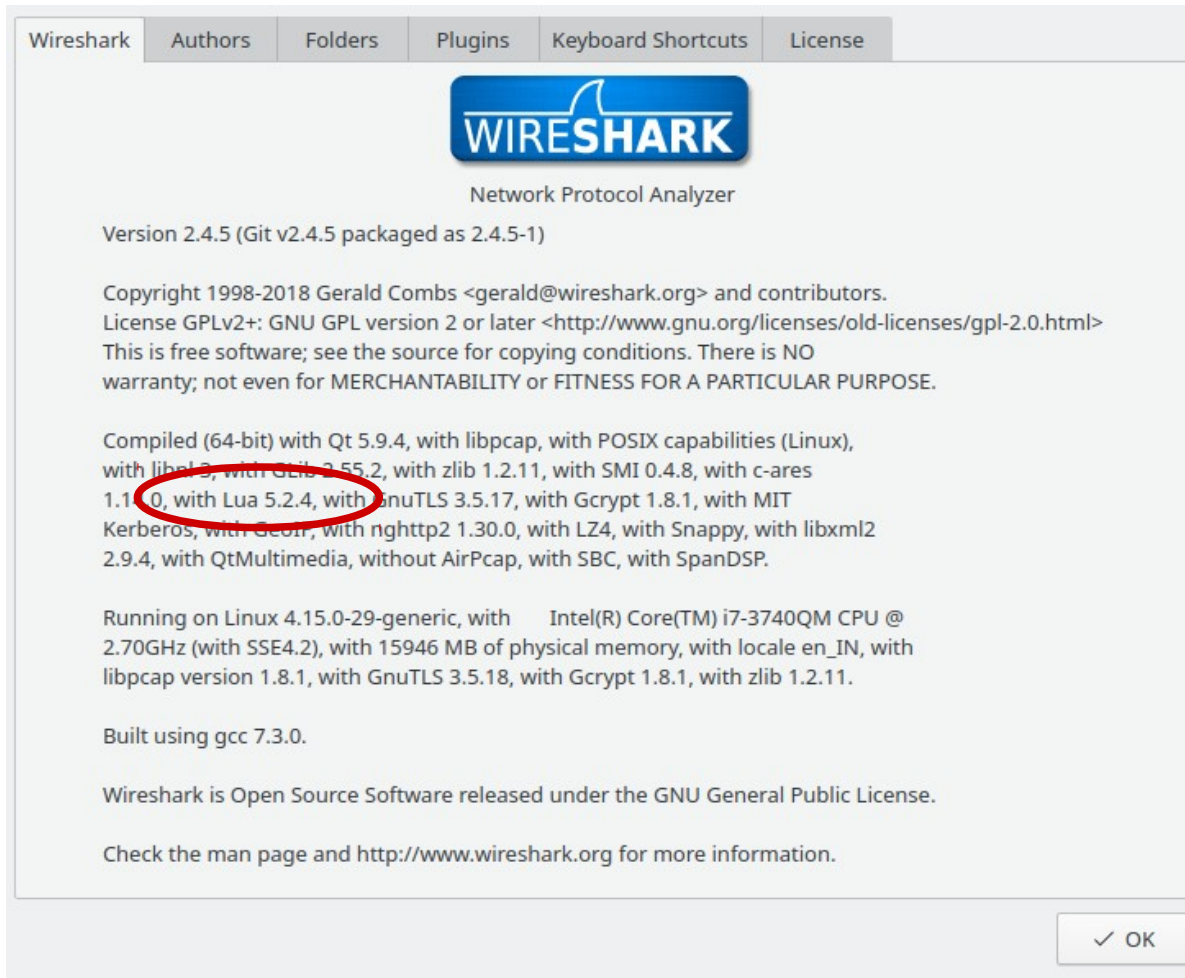
- Ethernet II, Src: 0a:5b:e5:ac:59:b6 (0a:5b:e5:ac:59:b6), Dst: 0a:9e:ce:57:0d:2e (0a:9e:ce:57:0d:2e)
- Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.0.3.112, Dst: 10.0.3.26
- Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 3000, Dst Port: 50402, Seq: 1, Ack: 52, Len: 76
- Aerospike Info Protocol
 - Attribute : node
Value: BB9B659ACE55B0A
 - Attribute : peers-generation
Value: 12
 - Attribute : partition-generation
Value: 27566

Protocol Dissection

Offset	Hex	ASCII
0000	0a 9e ce 57 0d 2e 0a 5b e5 ac 59 b6 08 00 45 00	...W...[..Y...E.
0010	00 80 34 82 40 00 ff 06 2c 6c 0a 00 03 70 0a 00	..4.@... ,l...p..
0020	03 1a 0b b8 c4 e2 f3 a4 65 5a 55 0b fe 6d 80 18 eZU..m..
0030	00 69 0f 1d 00 00 01 01 08 0a 80 93 a6 1e c8 ab	.i.....
0040	84 67 02 01 00 00 00 00 00 44 6e 6f 64 65 09 42	.g..... .Dnode.B
0050	42 39 42 36 35 39 41 43 45 35 35 42 30 41 0a 70	B9B659AC E55B0A.p
0060	65 65 72 73 2d 67 65 6e 65 72 61 74 69 6f 6e 09	peers-gen eration.
0070	31 32 0a 70 61 72 74 69 74 69 6f 6e 2d 67 65 6e	12 parti tion-gen
0080	65 72 61 74 69 6f 6e 09 32 37 35 36 36 0a	eration. 27566.

Usage

Help -> About Wireshark



**Free (Libre)
Open Source**

```
$ wireshark -X lua_script:aerospike.lua capture.pcapng  
$ tshark -X lua_script:aerospike.lua capture.pcapng
```

You can also place plugins in ~/.wireshark/plugins folder.

Hello World Lua!

```
$ lua -v
```

```
Lua 5.3.4 Copyright (C) 1994-2017 Lua.org, PUC-Rio
```

```
$ lua
```

```
Lua 5.3.4 Copyright (C) 1994-2017 Lua.org, PUC-Rio
```

```
> print("Hello, World!")
```

```
Hello World
```

```
$ cat hello_world.lua
```

```
#!/usr/bin/lua
```

```
print("Hello, World!")
```

```
$ lua hello_world.lua
```

```
Hello, World!
```



Lua: Assignment and Operations

```
$ lua
```

```
Lua 5.3.4 Copyright (C) 1994-2017 Lua.org, PUC-Rio
```

```
> i, j = 1, 2
```

```
> -3
```

```
-3
```

```
> k = i + j
```

```
> k
```

```
3
```

```
> j ^ k
```

```
8.0
```

```
> k % j
```

```
1
```

```
> not i
```

```
false
```

Category	Operator	Associativity
Unary	not # -	Right to left
Concatenation	..	Right to left
Multiplicative	* / %	Left to right
Additive	+ -	Left to right
Relational	< > <= >= == ~=	Left to right
Equality	== ~=	Left to right
Logical AND	and	Left to right
Logical OR	or	Left to right

Lua: Strings

```
> name = "Lua"
> type(name)
string
> print(name .. " Language")
Lua Language
> print("99" + 1)
100.0
> print("Value of k", k)
Value of k 3
> [[ This is also a string ]]
This is also a string
> print("Lua's \"syntax\" is simple!")
Lua's "syntax" is simple!
```

Escape Sequence	Use
\a	Bell
\b	Backspace
\f	Form feed
\n	New line
\r	Carriage return
\t	Tab
\v	Vertical tab
\\	Backslash
\"	Double quotes
\[Left square bracket
\]	Right square bracket

Lua: Tables

```
> work_days = {"Mon", "Tue", "Wed", "Thu", "Fri"}
```

```
> work_days
```

```
table: 0x9f10b0
```

```
> work_days[0]
```

```
nil
```

```
> work_days[1]
```

```
Mon
```

```
> work_days[6] = "Sat"
```

```
> table.insert(work_days, "Sun")
```

```
> work_days[7]
```

```
Sun
```

table: 0x9f10b0

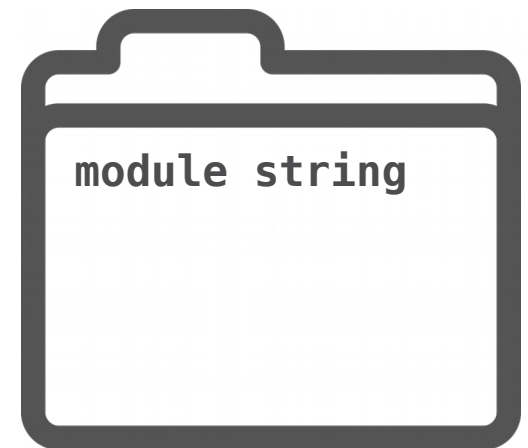
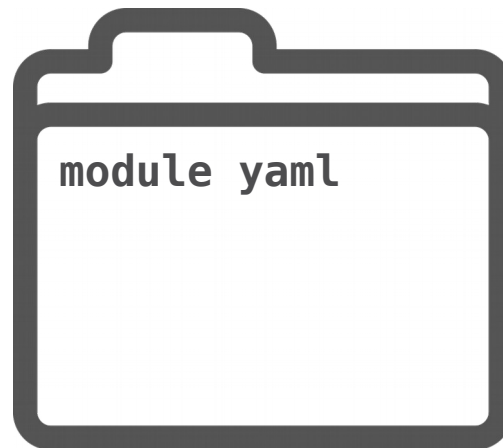
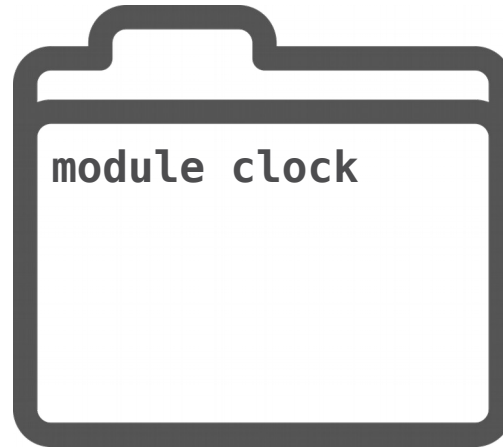
1	Mon
2	Tue
3	Wed
4	Thu
5	Fri
6	Sat
7	Sun

Lua: Functions

```
-- fact.lua
function fact (n)
    local f = 1
    for i = 2, n do
        f = f * i
    end
    return f
end

print(fact(5))

$ lua fact.lua
120
```



Lua: Conditions and Loops

```
if number < 10 then
    print("Less than 10")
else
    print("Greater than 10")
end
```

```
while number < 10 do
    print(number)
    number = number + 1
end
```

```
repeat
    print(number)
    number = number + 1
until number >= 10
```

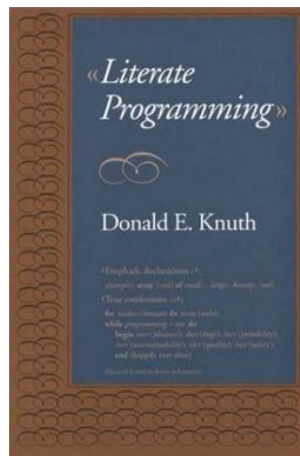
```
for number = 0, 9, 1 do
    print(number)
end
```



Literate Programming

"I believe that the time is ripe for significantly better documentation of programs, and that we can best achieve this by considering programs to be works of literature. Hence, my title: "Literate Programming."

Let us change our traditional attitude to the construction of programs: Instead of imagining that our main task is to instruct a computer what to do, let us concentrate rather on explaining to human beings what we want a computer to do."



~ Prof. Donald E. Knuth, 1984

Markdown Structure

```
# Requires...
# Configuration...
## Common...
# Helper Functions...
# Statistics...
## Hot Key...
# GUI...
# Protocols...
## Info...
## Batch...
## Message...
### Aerospike Message: Header Section...
### Aerospike Message: Fields...
### Aerospike Message: Operations...
### Functions...
## Heartbeat...
# The Main...
```

Heartbeat

Heartbeat protocol

```
> +-----+-----+
> |   Message Header   |   Message Fields   |
> +-----+-----+
```

Message Header

```
> +-----+-----+
> |   size   |   type   |
> +-----+-----+
> 0           4         6
```

Constants

```
local HB_HEADER_SZ_START    = 0
local HB_HEADER_SZ_LENGTH   = 4
local HB_HEADER_TYPE_START  = 4
local HB_HEADER_TYPE_LENGTH = 2
```

lit2lua ...

Op

Value	Name	Description
1	AS_MSG_OP_READ	Read the value
2	AS_MSG_OP_WRITE	Write the value
3	AS_MSG_OP_CDT_READ	Prospective CDT top-level ops
4	AS_MSG_OP_CDT_MODIFY	Prospective CDT top-level ops
5	AS_MSG_OP_INCR	Add a value to an existing value (only on integers)
6	Unused	Reserved
7	Unused	Reserved
8	Unused	Reserved
9	AS_MSG_OP_APPEND	Append a value to an existing value (on strings and blobs)
10	AS_MSG_OP_PREPEND	Prepend a value to an existing value (on strings and blobs)
11	AS_MSG_OP_TOUCH	Touch a value (will only increment the generation)
129	AS_MSG_OP_MC_INCR	Memcache-compatible version of the increment command
130	AS_MSG_OP_MC_APPEND	Append value to existing value (only on strings)
131	AS_MSG_OP_MC_PREPEND	Prepend a value to an existing value (only on strings)
132	AS_MSG_OP_MC_TOUCH	Memcache-compatible touch (does not change generation)

To generate the Wireshark Lua plugin from documentation, use:

```
$ less -f "docs/aerospike.lua.md" | lit2lua > lua/aerospike.lua
```


lit2lua ...

Table Definition

```
local TYPES_OPS = {  
    [1] = "AS_MSG_OP_READ",  
    [2] = "AS_MSG_OP_WRITE",  
    [3] = "AS_MSG_AP_CDT_READ",  
    [4] = "AS_MSG_OP_CDT_MODIFY",  
    [5] = "AS_MSG_OP_INCR",  
    [6] = "Unused",  
    [7] = "Unused",  
    [8] = "Unused",  
    [9] = "AS_MSG_OP_APPEND",  
    [10] = "AS_MSG_OP_PREPEND",  
    [11] = "AS_MSG_OP_TOUCH",  
    [129] = "AS_MSG_OP_MC_INCR",  
    [130] = "AS_MSG_OP_MC_APPEND",  
    [131] = "AS_MSG_OP_MC_PREPEND",  
    [132] = "AS_MSG_OP_MC_TOUCH",  
}
```

Protocol Dissection Pattern

Constants

```
local PROTO_VERSION_START = 0
local PROTO_VERSION_LENGTH = 1
```

```
local PROTO_TYPE_START = 1
local PROTO_TYPE_LENGTH = 1
```

```
local PROTO_TYPE_INFO = 1
local PROTO_TYPE_MSG = 3
```

```
local INFO_SIZE_START = 2
local INFO_SIZE_LENGTH = 6
local INFO_DATA_START = 8
```

```
> +-----+-----+-----+-----+
> | version |   type   |               size               |
> +-----+-----+-----+-----+
> 0         1         2                               8
```

Protocol Dissection Pattern ...

Create Proto objects

```
local aerospike_info_proto      = Proto("Aerospike",      "Aerospike Info Protocol")
local aerospike_attribute      = Proto("AerospikeAttribute", "Aerospike Attributes")
local aerospike_attribute_value = Proto("AerospikeAttributeValue", "Aerospike Attribute Value pairs")
```

Proto header fields

```
local header_fields = {
    version = ProtoField.uint8  ("header.version", "Version", base.DEC),
    type     = ProtoField.uint8  ("header.type",    "Type",    base.DEC, TYPES_PROTO),
    size     = ProtoField.uint64 ("header.size",    "Size",    base.DEC),
}

local header_attributes = {
    attribute = ProtoField.string("header.attribute", "Attribute"),
}

local header_attribute_values = {
    attribute = ProtoField.string("header_attribute_values.attribute", "Attribute "),
    value     = ProtoField.string("header_attribute_values.value",    "Value"),
}
```

Register the protocol fields

```
aerospike_info_proto.fields      = header_fields
aerospike_attribute.fields      = header_attributes
aerospike_attribute_value.fields = header_attribute_values
```

Protocol Dissection Pattern ...

Functions

```
local function dissect_aerospike_info (tvbuf, tree, size)
  -- Separate the data by newline
  local data_tvbr = tvbuf:range(INFO_DATA_START, tonumber(size))
  local data_string = data_tvbr:string()

  local data_start = INFO_DATA_START
  for line in string.gmatch(data_string, "[^\n]+") do
    local d = tvbuf:range(data_start, string.len(line))
    local d_string = d:string()

    -- if contains attribute-values
    if string.find(d_string, "\t") then
      local parts = split_tab(d_string)
      ...
    end
    data_start = data_start + string.len(line) + 1 -- for \n
  end
end
```

Dissector Table

Configuration

```
local default_settings = {  
    aerospike_port      = 3000,  
    heartbeat_multicast_port = 9918,  
    heartbeat_mesh_port  = 3002,  
}
```

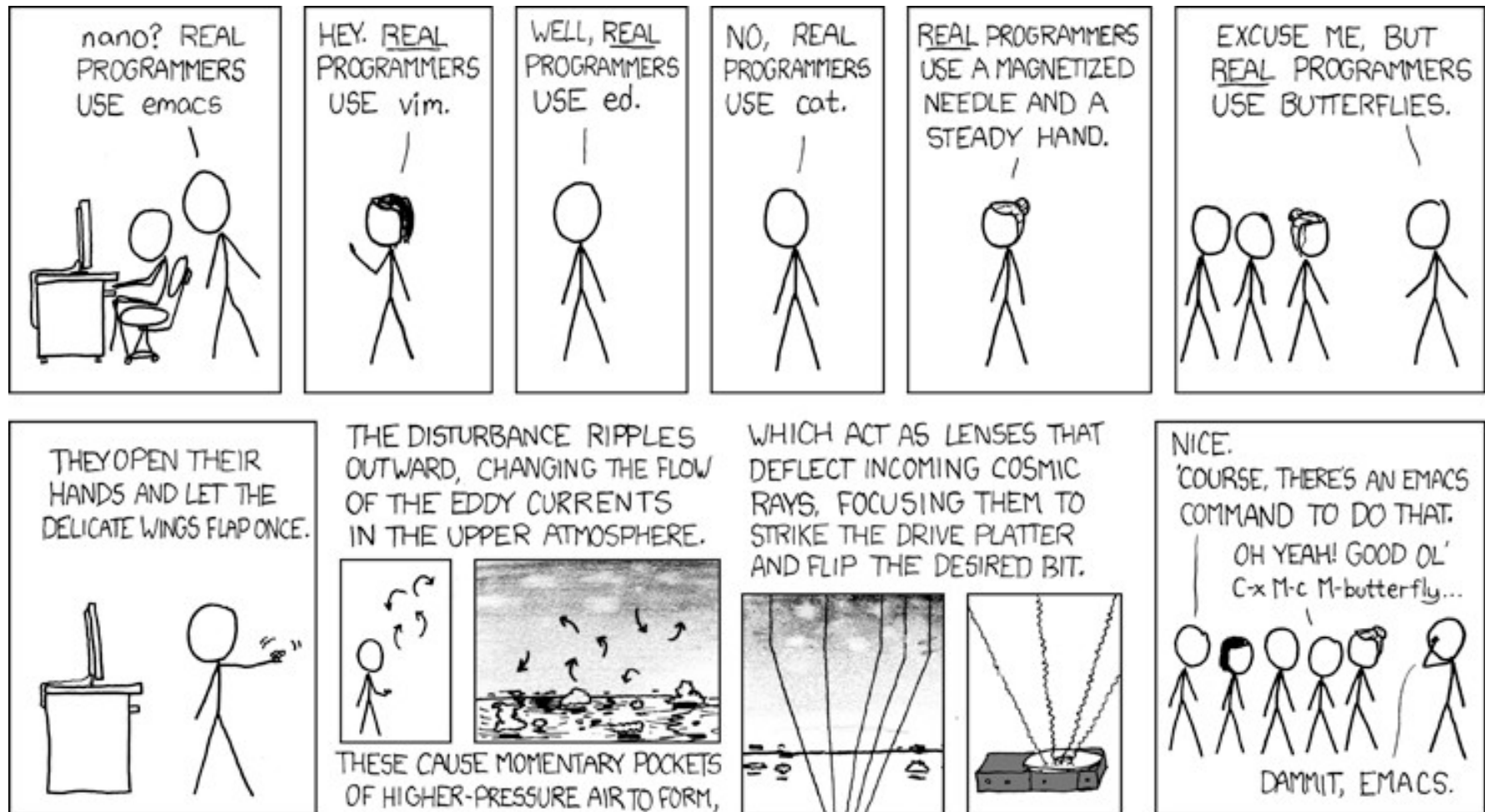
Create Proto objects

```
local aerospike_proto = Proto("AerospikeProtocol", "Aerospike Protocol")  
local heartbeat_proto = Proto("AerospikeHeartbeat", "Aerospike Heartbeat")
```

The Main

```
local function enable_dissector()  
    DissectorTable.get("tcp.port"):add(  
        default_settings.aerospike_port, aerospike_proto)  
    DissectorTable.get("tcp.port"):add(  
        default_settings.heartbeat_mesh_port, heartbeat_proto)  
    DissectorTable.get("udp.port"):add(  
        default_settings.heartbeat_multicast_port, heartbeat_proto)  
end  
  
enable_dissector()
```

Live Coding!



Source: <https://www.xkcd.com/378/>

Message Protocol

```
> Frame 1: 182 bytes on wire (1456 bits), 182 bytes captured (1456 bits) on interface 0
> Linux cooked capture
> Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 127.0.0.1, Dst: 127.0.0.1
> Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 3000, Dst Port: 51848, Seq: 1, Ack: 1, Len: 114
√ Aerospike Message Protocol
  - Version: 2
  - Type: Message (3)
  - Size: 106
  √ Aerospike Message Header
    - Header Size: 22
    √ Info1 : 0
      - 0... .. = AS_MSG_INFO1_CONSISTENCY_LEVEL_B1: 0
      - .0.. .. = AS_MSG_INFO1_CONSISTENCY_LEVEL_B0: 0
      - ..0. .... = AS_MSG_INFO1_GET_NO_BINS: 0
      - ...0 .... = AS_MSG_INFO1_XDR: 0
      - .... 0... = AS_MSG_INFO1_BATCH: 0
      - .... .0.. = Unused: 0
      - .... ..0. = AS_MSG_INFO1_GET_ALL: 0
      - .... ...0 = AS_MSG_INFO1_READ: 0
    > Info2 : 0
    > Info3 : 0
    - Unused: 0
```

**Production
Support**

Bit-level
Dissection

Value	Name	Description
1	AS_MSG_INFO1_READ	Contains a read operation
2	AS_MSG_INFO1_GET_ALL	Get all bins data
4	Unused	Unused
8	AS_MSG_INFO1_BATCH	New batch protocol
16	AS_MSG_INFO1_XDR	Operation is performed by XDR
32	AS_MSG_INFO1_GET_NO_BINS	Do not read the bin information
64	AS_MSG_INFO1_CONSISTENCY_LEVEL_B0	Read consistency level – bit 0
128	AS_MSG_INFO1_CONSISTENCY_LEVEL_B1	Read consistency level – bit 1

Heartbeat Protocol

Aerospike Heartbeat

```
-Size: 122
-Field Type: M_TYPE_HEARTBEAT (5)
-ID: AS_HB_MSG_ID (0)
-Message Type: 1
-Data bytes: 00006864
-ID: AS_HB_MSG_TYPE (1)
-Message Type: 1
-Data bytes: 00000000
-ID: AS_HB_MSG_NODE (2)
-Message Type: 3
-Data bytes: 0bb92e2d67270008
-ID: AS_HB_MSG_HLC_TIMESTAMP (4)
-Message Type: 3
-Data bytes: 01616b2b94ca0000
-ID: AS_HB_MSG_ENDPOINTS (5)
-Message Type: 6
-Size: 9
-Data bytes: 010001ba0b0a00000b
-ID: AS_HB_MSG_FABRIC_DATA (9)
-Message Type: 6
-Size: 9
-Data bytes: 010001b90b0a00000b
-ID: AS_HB_MSG_HB_DATA (10)
-Message Type: 6
-Size: 0
-ID: AS_HB_MSG_PAXOS_DATA (11)
-Message Type: 6
-Size: 40
-Data bytes: 7c700000f2e84781acc300000000624b2b6b610100000000...
```

Network
Analysis

Heartbeat protocol

```
> +-----+
> | Message Header | Message Fields |
> +-----+
```

Message Header

```
> +-----+
> | size | type |
> +-----+
> 0      4      6
```

Header Type

Value	Name
0	M_TYPE_FABRIC
1	M_TYPE_HEARTBEAT_V2
2	M_TYPE_PAXOS
3	M_TYPE_MIGRATE
4	M_TYPE_PROXY
5	M_TYPE_HEARTBEAT
6	M_TYPE_CLUSTERING
7	M_TYPE_RW
8	M_TYPE_INFO
9	M_TYPE_EXCHANGE
11	M_TYPE_XDR
15	M_TYPE_SMD

CDT List Operations

Aerospike Message Protocol									
Version: 2									
Type: Message (3)									
Size: 107									
Aerospike Message Header									
Aerospike Fields									
Aerospike Operations									
Size: 32									
Op: AS_MSG_OP_CDT_MODIFY (4)									
Bin data type: AS_PARTICLE_TYPE_BLOB (4)									
Bin version: 0									
Bin name length: 6									
Bin name: values									
Data bytes: 00019192cf00000179fe9ae294cb40449d70a3d70a3d									

0000	00 00 03 04 00 06 00 00	00 00 00 00 00 00 08 00
0010	45 00 00 a7 c3 b0 40 00	40 06 78 9e 7f 00 00 01	E.....@. @.x.....
0020	7f 00 00 01 c6 54 0b b8	31 68 70 df ad b5 ff 58T.. 1hp....X
0030	80 18 00 ab fe 9b 00 00	01 01 08 0a 16 5f 7d 0a_}.
0040	16 5f 7d 0a 02 03 00 00	00 00 00 6b 16 00 01 00	.._}.....k....
0050	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00 03 e8 00 03
0060	00 01 00 00 00 05 00 74	65 73 74 00 00 00 0b 01t est.....
0070	74 69 6d 65 73 65 72 69	65 73 00 00 00 15 04 c6	timeseri es.....
0080	49 e0 5e 94 dd 59 f6 78	62 f5 d2 79 5b 61 69 95	I.^..Y.x b..y[ai.
0090	ec 99 d0 00 00 00 20 04	04 00 06 76 61 6c 75 65value
00a0	73 00 01 91 92 cf 00 00	01 79 fe 9a e2 94 cb 40	s..... .y.....@
00b0	44 9d 70 a3 d7 0a 3d		D.p...=

Modifying list of lists

'values' bin:

```
[[1523474230000, 39.04],  
[1523474231001, 39.78],  
[1523474236006, 40.07],  
[1523474235005, 41.18],  
[1523474233003, 40.89],  
[1523474234004, 40.93]]
```

```
client.list_append(  
    key,  
    'values',  
    [1623474234004, 41.23])
```

'values' bin:

```
[[1523474230000, 39.04],  
[1523474231001, 39.78],  
[1523474236006, 40.07],  
[1523474235005, 41.18],  
[1523474233003, 40.89],  
[1523474234004, 40.93],  
[1623474234004, 41.23]]
```

Source: <https://www.aerospike.com/docs/guide/cdt-list-ops.html>

Reassembled TCP Segments

73	1.929641689	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	TCP	1516 56894 →
74	1.929643760	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	Aerospike	1385 56894 →
75	1.929652280	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	TCP	68 3000 → 5

▶ Frame 74: 1385 bytes on wire (11080 bits), 1385 bytes captured (11080 bits) on interface 0

▶ Linux cooked capture

▶ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 127.0.0.1, Dst: 127.0.0.1

▶ Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 56894, Dst Port: 3000, Seq: 33324, Ack: 25, Len: 1317

▼ [24 Reassembled TCP Segments (34621 bytes): #42(1448), #43(1448), #44(1448), #45(1448), #46(1448),
[\[Frame: 42, payload: 0-1447 \(1448 bytes\)\]](#)
[\[Frame: 43, payload: 1448-2895 \(1448 bytes\)\]](#)
[\[Frame: 44, payload: 2896-4343 \(1448 bytes\)\]](#)
[\[Frame: 45, payload: 4344-5791 \(1448 bytes\)\]](#)
[\[Frame: 46, payload: 5792-7239 \(1448 bytes\)\]](#)
[\[Frame: 49, payload: 7240-8687 \(1448 bytes\)\]](#)
[\[Frame: 50, payload: 8688-10135 \(1448 bytes\)\]](#)
[\[Frame: 51, payload: 10136-11583 \(1448 bytes\)\]](#)
[\[Frame: 52, payload: 11584-13031 \(1448 bytes\)\]](#)
[\[Frame: 53, payload: 13032-14479 \(1448 bytes\)\]](#)
[\[Frame: 55, payload: 14480-15927 \(1448 bytes\)\]](#)
[\[Frame: 56, payload: 15928-17375 \(1448 bytes\)\]](#)
[\[Frame: 57, payload: 17376-18823 \(1448 bytes\)\]](#)

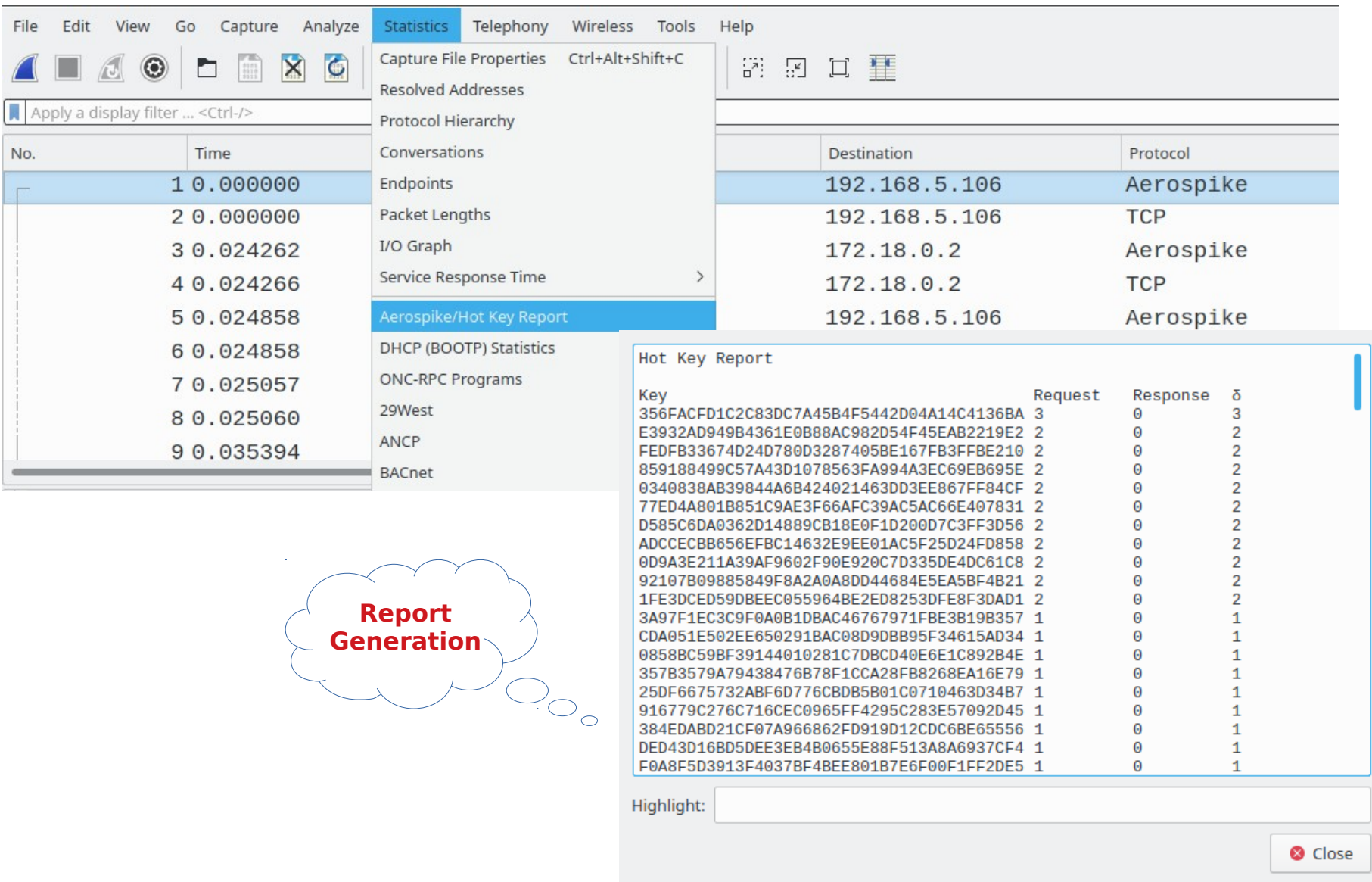


**Anomaly
Detection**

`dissect_tcp_pdus(tvb, tree, min_header_size, get_len_func, dissect_func)`

Source: https://www.wireshark.org/docs/wsdg_html_chunked/lua_module_Proto.html

Hot Key Report



The screenshot shows the Wireshark network protocol analyzer interface. The 'Statistics' menu is open, and 'Aerospike/Hot Key Report' is selected. The main packet list on the left shows several packets, with the first one selected. The 'Hot Key Report' dialog box is open, displaying a table of request and response statistics for various keys. A thought bubble labeled 'Report Generation' points to the dialog box.

Key	Request	Response	δ
356FACFD1C2C83DC7A45B4F5442D04A14C4136BA	3	0	3
E3932AD949B4361E0B88AC982D54F45EAB2219E2	2	0	2
FEDFB33674D24D780D3287405BE167FB3FFBE210	2	0	2
859188499C57A43D1078563FA994A3EC69EB695E	2	0	2
0340838AB39844A6B424021463DD3EE867FF84CF	2	0	2
77ED4A801B851C9AE3F66AFC39AC5AC66E407831	2	0	2
D585C6DA0362D14889CB18E0F1D200D7C3FF3D56	2	0	2
ADCCECB8656EFBC14632E9EE01AC5F25D24FD858	2	0	2
0D9A3E211A39AF9602F90E920C7D335DE4DC61C8	2	0	2
92107B09885849F8A2A0A8DD44684E5EA5BF4B21	2	0	2
1FE3DCED59DBEEC055964BE2ED8253DFE8F3DAD1	2	0	2
3A97F1EC3C9F0A0B1DBAC46767971FBE3B19B357	1	0	1
CDA051E502EE650291BAC08D9DBB95F34615AD34	1	0	1
0858BC59BF39144010281C7DBCD40E6E1C892B4E	1	0	1
357B3579A79438476B78F1CCA28F88268EA16E79	1	0	1
25DF6675732ABF6D776CDB5B01C0710463D34B7	1	0	1
916779C276C716CEC0965FF4295C283E57092D45	1	0	1
384EDABD21CF07A966862FD919D12CDC6BE65556	1	0	1
DED43D16BD5DEE3EB4B0655E88F513A8A6937CF4	1	0	1
F0A8F5D3913F4037BF48EE801B7E6F00F1FF2DE5	1	0	1

Highlight:

Close

Tests: Execution

```
aeropike-wireshark-plugin/tests $ make clean; make
```

```
Testing test-msg-write-response.pcapng.pdml ... [OK]
Testing test-msg-write-request.pcapng.pdml ... [OK]
Testing test-batch.pcapng.pdml ... [OK]
Testing test-payload-response-greater-than-1500.pcapng.pdml ... [OK]
Testing test-heartbeat-mesh.pcapng.pdml ... [OK]
Testing test-payload-request-greater-than-1500.pcapng.pdml ... [OK]
Testing test-msg-read-response.pcapng.pdml ... [OK]
Testing test-msg-read-request.pcapng.pdml ... [OK]
Testing test-heartbeat-multicast.pcapng.pdml ... [OK]
Testing test-info-response.pcapng.pdml ... [OK]
Testing test-info-request.pcapng.pdml ... [OK]
```

```
Generate report using luacov-console ...
```

```
luacov-console ../lua
luacov-console -s # --no-colored
```

```
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Summary
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```

File	Hits	Missed	Coverage

../lua/aerospike.lua	634	48	92.96%

Total	634	48	92.96%

Debugging

Function	Description
critical(text)	Critical severity
warn(text)	Warning
message(text)	Normal
info(text)	Informational
debug(text)	Debugging
report_failure(text)	Message box with error icon

```
local d = require 'debug'  
print (d.traceback())  
  
d.debug()
```

Utility Functions

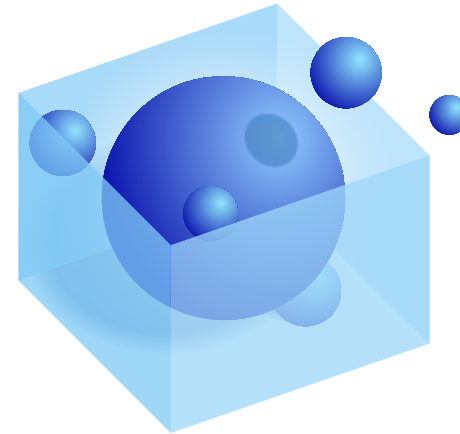
<https://wiki.wireshark.org/LuaAPI/Utils>

Development Tips

<https://wiki.wireshark.org/Development/Tips>

Luacheck

- Accessing undefined variable
- Line contains only whitespace
- Setting non-standard global variable
- Unused variable
- Unused argument
- Unused loop variable `i`
- Unused function
- Line is too long
- Trailing whitespace in a comment



```
$ luarocks install luacheck
```

```
$ luacheck lua/aerospike.lua  
Total: 0 warnings / 0 errors in 1 file
```

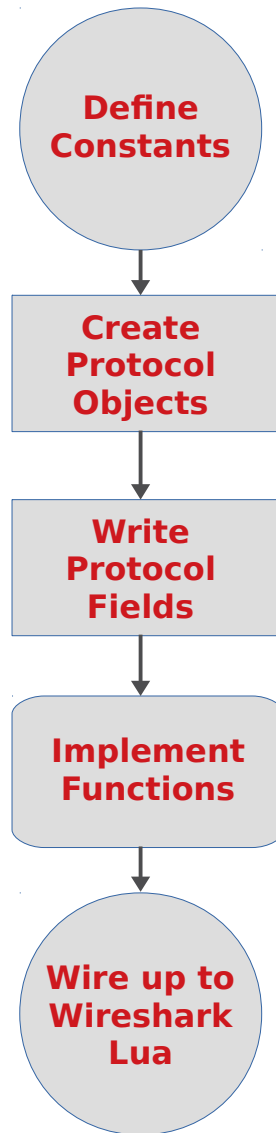
Performance

- **Lua performs slower than implementing a plugin in C**
- **Wireshark becomes slow for capture files greater than 100 MB**
- **Display filter and save filtered results**
- **Use TCP/Allow sub-dissectors to reassemble TCP streams**
- **Use faster CPU and more physical RAM**
- **Stop other programs on machine to reduce system load**
- **Split/merge packet captures to analyze critical time intervals**

```
$ editcap -r source.pcap target.pcap 0-15000      # 0-15000 packets
$ editcap -i 20 source.pcap 20target.pcap        # 20s
$ editcap -c 10000 source.pcap 10000target.pcap  # 10000 packets
$ editcap -s 128 source.pcap 128btarget.pcap     # 128 bytes of packet
$ mergecap -w output.pcap client.pcap server.pcap
```

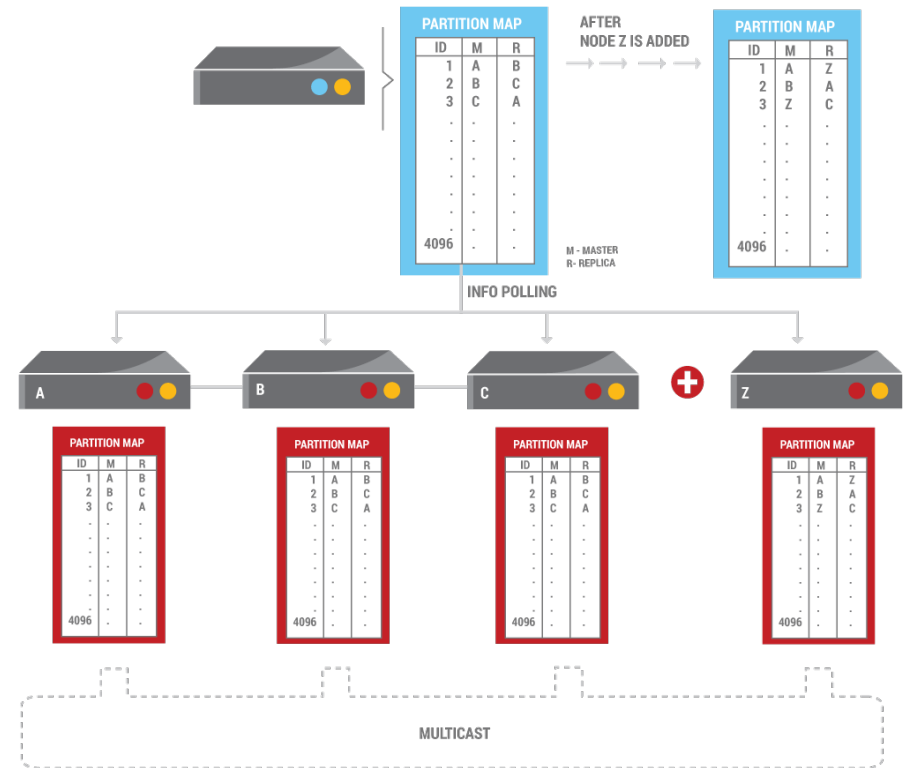
Source: <https://www.wireshark.org/docs/man-pages/editcap.html>
<https://www.wireshark.org/docs/man-pages/mergcap.html>

Summary



Future Work

- Migration
- Clustering
- Proxy
- RW (Replication)
- Fabric
- Info
- Exchange
- System Metadata
- Security
- Cross Datacentre Replication (XDR)



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Thank You

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