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## **Project 1**: Compute per-hop Traceroute times given a tcpdump text trace

*Type of Project*: Only Individual *Deadline*: 2017-02-03, 11:59pm

Language: C/C++ is recommended, though Java or Python are also allowed for this first project

Points: 10 points for C/C++ code, 8 points for Java/Python code

Submission Guidelines: Submit through ELC. Submit ONLY the source in one .tar.gz file. The .tar.gz file should contain your source code plus a Makefile (or a build.xml for Ant, if you use Java), so that the code compiles easily by just using 'make'. Also, be sure to name the output of the compile, i.e., the program file name, as "traceroute analysis" for C/C++, "TracerouteAnalysis.class" for Java, or "traceroute analysis.py" for Python.

The program needs to take the file name of the tcpdump trace as the first argument. For example, the program needs to run as:

\$ ./traceroute\_analysis traceroute\_TCP\_trace.txt

<u>NOTE</u>: project submissions that do not follow the guidelines risk to be discarded without consideration (i.e., 0 points).

*Project Description*: In this project, you are required to write a program that takes in input a textual topdump trace of traffic generated by Traceroute and computes the time between a TCP packet sent by the client and the related ICMP "Time exceeded in-transit" message.

As an example, consider the two packet logs reported below:

as we can see from the highlighted fields, the two packets are related to each other.

The fields you should check to match a sent TCP packet with the related ICMP response are: id 9067, TCP, 128.192.76.177.47212 > 137.138.144.168.80

Notice that these fields are replicated in the body of the ICMP message (in practice the IP ID field should be sufficient to correctly correlate the two packets).

From the two packets above, the output should be:

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TTL 1
128.192.76.129
0.481 ms
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where 128.192.76.129 is the IP addresses of the router that generated the ICMP response, and 0.481 ms is computed as (1291654312.963644 - 1291654312.963163) \* 1000 and rounding to obtain only three digits after the dot.

As another example the output related to the following packets

Consecutive TCP-ICMP packet pairs related to the same ICMP source IP should be listed without repeating the TTL value and IP string. For example, if there are 3 consecutive TCP-ICMP packet pairs related to TTL=3 and with ICMP packets originating from 128.192.254.49, you should list them as

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TTL 3
128.192.254.49
0.388 ms
0.401 ms
0.398 ms
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**NOTE**: there are some differences between what you see from traceroute and what you will get from the analysis. The reason is that traceroute may time-out and show '\*' even though the ICMP packet was not lost (it was simply late), while tcpdump will of course report those packets anyway as they arrive to the interface. Also, the time deltas reported by traceroute may be slightly different from the ones reported in the analysis output.

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Your software will NOT be tested on the example trace. To make sure your software works as required on other traces, you can generate them on your own by running, for example

# tepdump -tt -i eth3 -p -n -nn -v icmp or tep port 80

# traceroute -T -p 80 -n www.cern.ch