

Experiment No. 9

Title: Network Sniffing - Wireshark

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Aim: To perform network sniffing using wire shark tool

Resources needed: Wire shark tool

Theory

Wireshark is a network packet analyzer. Any network packet analyzer will try to capture network packets and will try to display that packet data as detailed as possible in human readable format. Wireshark is an open source software project, and is released under the GNU General Public License (GPL). We can freely use Wireshark on any number of computers, without worrying about license keys. In addition, all source code is freely available under the GPL. Because of that, it is very easy for people to add new protocols to Wireshark, either as plug-in, or built into the source code. In the past, such tools were either very expensive, proprietary. However, with the advent of Wire-shark, all that has changed. Wireshark is perhaps one of the best open source packet analyzers available today.

What Wireshark is not.....

Here are some things Wireshark does not provide:

- 1. Wireshark isn't an intrusion detection system. It will not warn us when someone does strange things on our network that he/she isn't allowed to do. However, if strange things happen, Wireshark might help you figure out what is really going on.
- 2. Wireshark will not manipulate things on the network, it will only "measure" things from it. Wireshark doesn't send packets on the network or do other active things.

Applications of Wireshark:

Here are some applications. Many people use Wireshark for doing following things,

- Network administrators use it to troubleshoot network problems.
- Network security engineers use it to examine security problems (Network Forensics.)
- Developers use it to debug protocol implementations.
- People use it to learn network protocol internals.

Beside these examples Wireshark can be helpful in many other situations too.

Features of Wireshark:

The following are some of the many features Wireshark has:

- Available for UNIX and Windows operating systems.
- Capture live packet data from a chosen network interface.
- Open files containing packet data captured with tcpdump/WinDump and a number of other packet capture programs.

- Import packets from text files containing hex dumps of packet data.
- Display packets with very detailed protocol information.
- Save packet data captured.
- Export some or all packets in a number of capture file formats.
- Filter packets on many criteria.
- Search for packets on many criteria.
- Colorize packet display based on filters.
- Create various statistics.

.....and a lot more!

Most important menus are: 1) Capture 2) Analyze 3) Statistics Students are expected to explore all these menus and sub-menus in details.

Wireshark can capture traffic from many different network media types including wireless LAN as well. Which media types are supported, depends on many things like the operating system we are using and the hardware support.

Physical interfaces supported:

- ATM capture ATM traffic
- Bluetooth- capture Bluetooth traffic.
- Cisco HDLC links capture on synchronous links using Cisco HDLC encapsulation.
- Ethernet- capture on different topologies, including switched networks.
- Framerelay captures framerelay traffic.
- IrDA capture IrDA traffic currently limited to Linux.
- PPP links capture on dial-up lines, ISDN connections and PPP-over-Ethernet (PPPoe, e.g. ADSL)
- Tokenring capture on Tokenring adapters, promiscuous mode and switched networks
- USB- capture of raw USB traffic
- WLAN- capture on 802.11 (WLAN, Wi-Fi) interfaces, including "monitor mode", raw 802.11 headers and radio information

Virtual interfaces:

- Loopbak capture traffic from a machine to itself, including the IP address 127.0.0.1
- Pipes use UNIX pipes to capture from other applications (even remote!)
- VLAN capture VLAN traffic, including VLAN tags.

In addition to this, Wireshark can do following things.

- Import files from many other capture programs.
- Wireshark can open packets captured from a large number of other capture programs.
- Export files for many other capture programs.
- Wireshark can save packets captured in a large number of formats of other capture programs.
- Can be used as a protocol decoder.

Procedure / Approach / Algorithm / Activity Diagram:

- 1. Go to the official website of Wire shark (www.wireshark.org) and download the stable version of Wire shark for 64 bit windows operating system.
- 2. After successful installation you will get the blue icon of Wire shark on the desktop.
- 3. Click on the icon and start the software.
- 4. Choose an interface and start capturing the packets.
- 5. Study the packet details of all the protocols.
- 6. Understand colour code in details.
- 7. Perform the statistics for a particular protocol. (Every student should perform for different protocol).

Implementation:

Task1: Design your own registration and login pages (along with user database of registered users)

Task2: Run wire shark and capture the login page request data using wire shark and locate the captured password.

Questions:

1. Difference between Burp Suite and Wireshark:

Burp Suite and Wireshark are both cybersecurity tools, but they serve different purposes and have distinct features:

- Burp Suite:
- Category: Web Application Security Testing Tool
- Purpose: Burp Suite is primarily used for web application security testing and analysis.
 - Features:
 - Intercepting and modifying HTTP requests and responses.
- Scanning web applications for vulnerabilities like cross-site scripting (XSS) and SQL injection.
 - Automated crawling and scanning of web applications.

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- Session handling for various authentication mechanisms.
- Tools for analyzing, spidering, and brute-forcing web applications.
- Wireshark:
- Category: Network Protocol Analyzer
- Purpose: Wireshark is used for capturing and analyzing network traffic.
- Features:
- Capturing and inspecting packets on a network.
- Protocol analysis and decoding to understand network communication.
- Can capture a wide range of network data, not just web traffic.
- Often used for troubleshooting network issues and understanding how data flows through a network.

2. Methods and Security Mechanisms to Protect Passwords from Wireshark and Similar Tools:

When it comes to protecting passwords from tools like Wireshark, the primary concern is securing the transmission of passwords over a network. Here are some methods and security mechanisms to help mitigate the risk of password leakage:

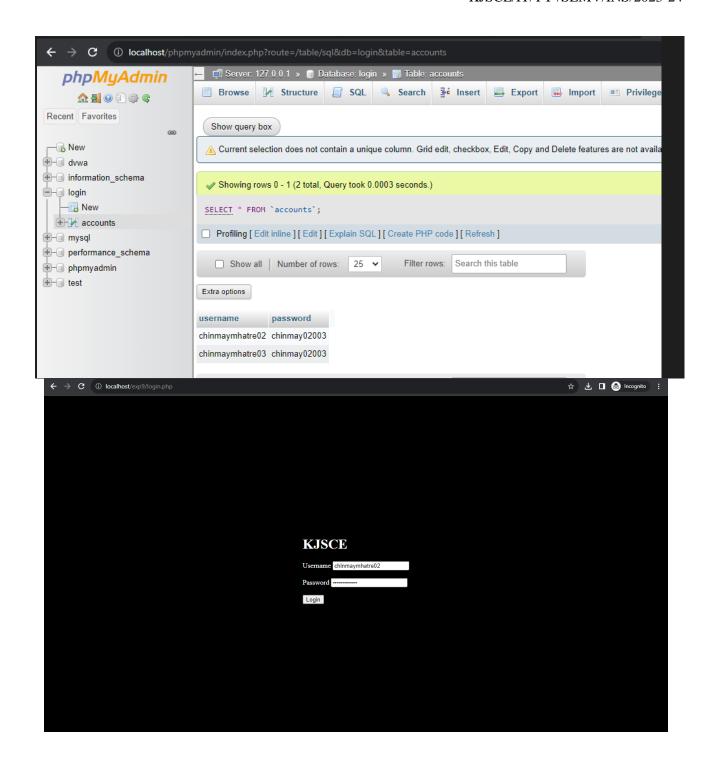
- Transport Layer Security (TLS/SSL): Use HTTPS for web applications and secure communication channels for other services. TLS encrypts data in transit, making it much harder for eavesdroppers to intercept passwords.
- Hash and Salt Passwords: Don't store plaintext passwords. Instead, store salted and hashed versions of passwords in databases. This way, even if the database is breached, attackers won't obtain the actual passwords.
- Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA): Implement MFA to add an extra layer of security. Even if an attacker obtains a password, they would still need another factor, such as a one-time code from a mobile app, to gain access.
- Network Segmentation: Isolate sensitive systems and data from the rest of the network. This limits the exposure of passwords in case of a breach.
- Intrusion Detection and Prevention Systems (IDS/IPS): Use IDS and IPS solutions to monitor network traffic for suspicious activity and automatically block or alert on potential threats.
- Strong Password Policies: Encourage users to create strong, unique passwords, and enforce password policies that include length, complexity, and regular changes.
- Educate Users: Train users about the importance of password security and the risks of using the same password across multiple accounts.
- Regular Security Audits: Conduct security audits to identify vulnerabilities, including those that might expose passwords, and promptly address any issues found.
- Implement Rate Limiting: Limit the number of login attempts to prevent brute-force attacks on login credentials.

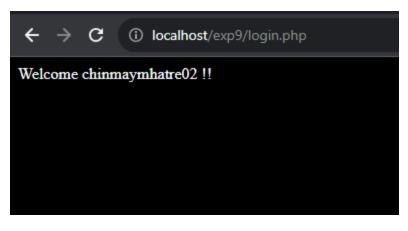
- Use Authentication Tokens: For web applications, consider using tokens like JSON Web Tokens (JWT) for authentication. Tokens can be more secure than sending plaintext passwords with each request.

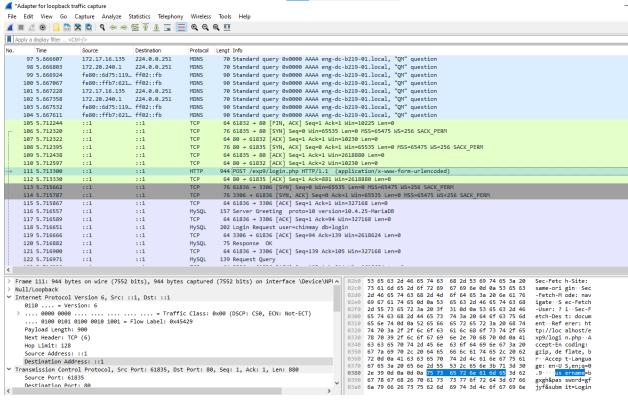
Result: Task 1 implementation code and Task 2 screenshots.

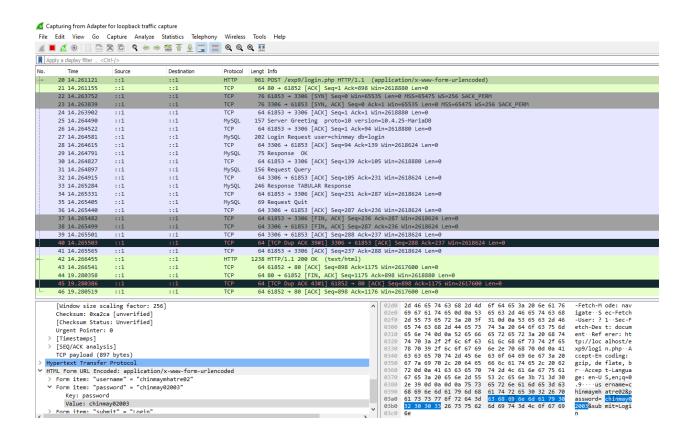
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<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
    <meta charset="UTF-8">
    <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">
    <title>Login</title>
<style>
    body{
        background-color:black;
        color:white;
    .container{
  position: absolute;
  top: 50%;
  left: 50%;
  transform: translate(-50%, -50%);
</style>
</head>
<body>
    <?php
if (isset($_POST['submit'])) {
    $username = $ POST['username'];
    $password = $ POST['password'];
    $dbHost = 'localhost';
    $dbUser = 'chinmay';
    $dbPassword = 'chinmay02003';
    $dbName = 'login';
    $conn = new mysqli($dbHost, $dbUser, $dbPassword, $dbName);
    if ($conn->connect_error) {
        die("Connection failed: " . $conn->connect_error);
    $username = $conn->real_escape_string($username);
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$password = $conn->real escape string($password);
    $query = "SELECT * FROM accounts WHERE username = '$username' AND password =
'$password'";
    $result = $conn->query($query);
    if ($result->num_rows > 0) {
        echo "Welcome $username !! ";
    } else {
        echo "Invalid username or password";
    $conn->close();
 <div class="container">
        <h1>KJSCE</h1>
        <form method="post" action="login.php">
            <label for="username">Username</label>
            <input type="text" id="username" name="username">
            <br><br><br>>
            <label for="password">Password</label>
            <input type="password" id="password" name="password">
            <br><br><br>
            <input type="submit" id="submit" name="submit" value="Login">
        </form>
    </div>
</body>
</html>
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Outcomes:

CO 4: Understand Security issues related to Software, Web and Networks.

Conclusion: (Conclusion to be based on the objectives and outcomes achieved)

Performed network sniffing using wire shark tool successfully.

Grade: AA / AB / BB / BC / CC / CD /DD

Signature of faculty in-charge with date

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