

The Clockwork Keylogger

so we are given with a pcap file so we open it with wireshark first which is filled with malformed NTP packets

Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1 0.000000000	1.1.1.1	2.2.2.2	NTP	36	reserved, symmetric passive[Malformed Packet]
2 0.000282	1.1.1.1	2.2.2.2	NTP	36	reserved, reserved[Malformed Packet]
3 0.000469	1.1.1.1	2.2.2.2	NTP	36	reserved, symmetric passive[Malformed Packet]
4 0.000636	1.1.1.1	2.2.2.2	NTP	36	reserved, reserved[Malformed Packet]
5 0.000799	1.1.1.1	2.2.2.2	NTP	36	reserved, symmetric passive[Malformed Packet]
6 0.000952	1.1.1.1	2.2.2.2	NTP	36	reserved, reserved[Malformed Packet]
7 0.001192	1.1.1.1	2.2.2.2	NTP	36	reserved, symmetric passive[Malformed Packet]
8 0.001362	1.1.1.1	2.2.2.2	NTP	36	reserved, reserved[Malformed Packet]
9 0.001527	1.1.1.1	2.2.2.2	NTP	36	reserved, symmetric passive[Malformed Packet]
10 0.001688	1.1.1.1	2.2.2.2	NTP	36	reserved, reserved[Malformed Packet]
11 0.001856	1.1.1.1	2.2.2.2	NTP	36	reserved, symmetric passive[Malformed Packet]
12 0.002011	1.1.1.1	2.2.2.2	NTP	36	reserved, reserved[Malformed Packet]
13 0.002172	1.1.1.1	2.2.2.2	NTP	36	reserved, reserved[Malformed Packet]
14 0.002334	1.1.1.1	2.2.2.2	NTP	36	reserved, reserved[Malformed Packet]
15 0.002493	1.1.1.1	2.2.2.2	NTP	36	reserved, symmetric passive[Malformed Packet]
16 0.002649	1.1.1.1	2.2.2.2	NTP	36	reserved, reserved[Malformed Packet]
17 0.002801	1.1.1.1	2.2.2.2	NTP	36	reserved, reserved[Malformed Packet]
18 0.003066	1.1.1.1	2.2.2.2	NTP	36	reserved, reserved[Malformed Packet]
19 0.003170	1.1.1.1	2.2.2.2	NTP	36	reserved, symmetric passive[Malformed Packet]
20 0.003334	1.1.1.1	2.2.2.2	NTP	36	reserved, reserved[Malformed Packet]
21 0.003496	1.1.1.1	2.2.2.2	NTP	36	reserved, reserved[Malformed Packet]
22 0.003656	1.1.1.1	2.2.2.2	NTP	36	reserved, reserved[Malformed Packet]
23 0.003815	1.1.1.1	2.2.2.2	NTP	36	reserved, reserved[Malformed Packet]
24 0.003977	1.1.1.1	2.2.2.2	NTP	36	reserved, reserved[Malformed Packet]

so we cant get any data from this

we use this command to get the hex data from the pcap file

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tshark -r timesync_error_log_v4.pcap -T fields -e udp.payload > hex_dump.txt
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(docx㉿kali)-[~/usb]
$ tshark -r timesync_error_log_v4.pcap -T fields -e udp.payload > hex_dump.txt
```

which gives us the hex values into a file named hex_dump.txt

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(docx㉿kali)-[~/usb]
$ cat hex_dump.txt
0200160000000000
0000000000000000
02000a0000000000
0000000000000000
0200060000000000
0000000000000000
0200170000000000
0000000000000000
0200090000000000
0000000000000000
02002f0000000000
0000000000000000
0000180000000000
0000000000000000
0200160000000000
0000000000000000
0000050000000000
0000000000000000
02002d0000000000
0000000000000000
00000e0000000000
0000000000000000
0000200000000000
0000000000000000
00001c0000000000
0000000000000000
0200160000000000
0000000000000000
02002d0000000000
0000000000000000
0000040000000000
0000000000000000
0000150000000000
0000000000000000
0000200000000000
0000000000000000
02002d0000000000
0000000000000000
0000090000000000
0000000000000000
0000180000000000
0000000000000000
0000110000000000
0000000000000000
0200300000000000
0000000000000000
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Now that we have hex_dump.txt filled with lines of hex codes, we need a script to translate those HID codes back into ASCII.

```
#!/usr/bin/env python3
import sys

# HID Keycode Map (USB HID Usage Tables)
# This maps the 3rd byte (Keycode) to the character.
USB_CODES = {
    0x04: "a", 0x05: "b", 0x06: "c", 0x07: "d", 0x08: "e", 0x09: "f",
    0x0A: "g", 0x0B: "h", 0x0C: "i", 0x0D: "j", 0x0E: "k", 0x0F: "l",
    0x10: "m", 0x11: "n", 0x12: "o", 0x13: "p", 0x14: "q", 0x15: "r",
    0x16: "s", 0x17: "t", 0x18: "u", 0x19: "v", 0x1A: "w", 0x1B: "x",
    0x1C: "y", 0x1D: "z",
    0x1E: "1", 0x1F: "2", 0x20: "3", 0x21: "4", 0x22: "5", 0x23: "6",
    0x24: "7", 0x25: "8", 0x26: "9", 0x27: "0",
    0x28: "<ENTER>", 0x2C: " ", 0x2D: "-", 0x2E: "=", 0x2F: "[",
    0x30: "]", 0x31: "\\", 0x33: ";", 0x34: "", 0x36: ",", 0x37: ".",
    0x38: "/"
}

# Shift Map (When Modifier 0x02 or 0x20 is active)
SHIFT_MAP = {
    "a": "A", "b": "B", "c": "C", "d": "D", "e": "E", "f": "F",
    "g": "G", "h": "H", "i": "I", "j": "J", "k": "K", "l": "L",
    "m": "M", "n": "N", "o": "O", "p": "P", "q": "Q", "r": "R",
    "s": "S", "t": "T", "u": "U", "v": "V", "w": "W", "x": "X",
    "y": "Y", "z": "Z",
    "1": "!", "2": "@", "3": "#", "4": "$", "5": "%", "6": "^",
    "7": "&", "8": "*", "9": "(", "0": ")",
    "-": "_", "=": "+", "[": "{", "]": "}", "\\"": "|", ";": ":",
    ":"": "", ",": "<", ".": ">", "/": "?"
}

def decode_usb_traffic(filename):
    output = ""
    try:
        with open(filename, "r") as f:
            lines = f.readlines()
    except FileNotFoundError:
        print(f"Error: Could not open {filename}")
        return
    for line in lines:
        # Clean the line (remove colons if tshark added them, and newlines)
        line = line.strip().replace(":", "")
        # Skip empty lines
        if not line:
            continue
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# Parse hex string to bytes
try:
    data = bytes.fromhex(line)
except ValueError:
    continue

# We need at least 3 bytes (Modifier, Reserved, Keycode)
if len(data) < 3:
    continue

modifier = data[0]
keycode = data[2]

# If keycode is 0, it's a key release event (ignore it)
if keycode == 0:
    continue

if keycode in USB_CODES:
    char = USB_CODES[keycode]

# Check for Left Shift (0x02) or Right Shift (0x20)
if modifier == 0x02 or modifier == 0x20:
    if char in SHIFT_MAP:
        char = SHIFT_MAP[char]
    else:
        char = char.upper() # Fallback

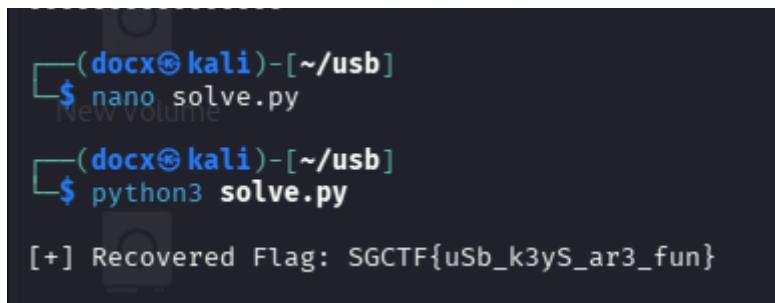
    output += char
else:
    print(f"[!] Unknown Keycode: {hex(keycode)}")

print(f"\n[+] Recovered Flag: {output}\n")

if __name__ == "__main__":
    decode_usb_traffic("hex_dump.txt")

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save this code as solve.py and run it
which give us the flag



The terminal window shows two command-line sessions. The first session starts with '\$ nano solve.py' followed by a New Volume message. The second session starts with '\$ python3 solve.py', followed by '[+] Recovered Flag: SGCTF{uSb_k3yS_ar3_fun}'.

```

(docx㉿kali)-[~/usb]
$ nano solve.py
New Volume

(docx㉿kali)-[~/usb]
$ python3 solve.py
[+] Recovered Flag: SGCTF{uSb_k3yS_ar3_fun}

```

SGCTF{uSb_k3yS_ar3_fun}