

Lab cheat sheet

Ncat

- Tool to send and receive network traffic
- Installation
 - Linux: apt-get install netcat
 - Windows: [Download](#) and install nmap



Ncat

- Linux: nc HOST PORT
 - HOST – IP address or Fully Qualified Domain Name (FQDN) of the device
 - PORT – The port number of the device
- Windows: ncat HOST PORT

```
lgt2621@lgt2621-IdeaPad-Pro-5-16AHP9:~$ nc spyridon.ifi.uzh.ch 26050
Enter your username:
$ ^
```

```
lgt2621@lgt2621-IdeaPad-Pro-5-16AHP9:~$ nc 130.60.61.81 26050
Enter your username:
$ █
```

pwntools

- CTF framework and exploit development library
- Installation
 - `pip install --upgrade pwntools`
 - or
 - `python3 -m pip install --upgrade pwntools`



pwntools – Opening a connection

- Import the pwn package
 - Add "import pwn" to the start of your file
- Use pwn.remote() to connect to the device
- conn = pwn.remote(host, port)
 - host – The FQDN or IP of the remote device (string)
 - port – The port of the remote device (int)
 - conn – The open connection used to interact with the device

```
1 import pwn
2
3 connection = pwn.remote("spyridon.ifi.uzh.ch", 26050)
4 connection2 = pwn.remote("130.60.61.81", 26050)|
```

pwntools – Receiving data

- `conn.recvline()`
 - Reads in the next line of data from the network
- `conn.recvuntil(pattern)`
 - `pattern` - a string to look for within the parsed data
 - Reads data from the network until the supplied pattern is reached
- Data is returned as bytes (bytestring)

```
1 import pwn
2
3 conn = pwn.remote("spyridon.ifi.uzh.ch", 26050)
4
5 data = conn.recvline()
6
7 more_data = conn.recvuntil("username")
```

pwntools – Sending data

- `conn.sendline(data)`
 - Sends the supplied data to the server
 - data is in bytes

```
1 import pwn
2
3 conn = pwn.remote("spyridon.ifi.uzh.ch", 26050)
4
5 data = conn.recvline()
6 conn.sendline(b'tyler')
```

Useful Python Type Conversions

- Bytes/Bytestring

- `b'data'/b"data"` - create a bytestring
- `.decode()` - decode bytes into a python string
- `.hex()` - convert bytes to hexadecimal string

```
>>> example = b'test bytes'
>>> example
b'test bytes'
>>> example.decode()
'test bytes'
>>> example.hex()
'74657374206279746573'
```

- String

- `'data'/"data"` - create a string
- `.encode()` - encode string as bytes/bytestring
- `int(str, base)` - convert the provided str to an integer
 - base – the base of the number system ex. 16 for hexadecimal
 - str - must be a valid number in the selected base

```
>>> string_example = "Hello"
>>> string_example
'Hello'
>>> string_example.encode()
b'Hello'
```

```
>>> int_str = "12"
>>> binary_str = "1010"
>>> hex_str = "0x1c"
>>> int(int_str)
12
>>> int(binary_str, 2)
10
>>> int(hex_str, 16)
28
```


Useful Python Type Conversions

- Int

- `str(int)` - converts an integer to a string
- `hex(int)` - converts an integer to a hex string

```
>>> x = 27
>>> str(x)
'27'
>>> hex(x)
'0x1b'
>>> 
```

- Hex (special case of strings)

- `bytes.fromhex(hex_string)` - convert hex string to bytes
- `bytearray.fromhex(hex_string)` -convert hex string to bytearray

```
>>> hex_str = "a7b435"
>>> bytes.fromhex(hex_str)
b'\xa7\xb45'
>>> bytearray.fromhex(hex_str)
bytearray(b'\xa7\xb45')
>>> 
```

Useful Python String Manipulations

- Strings are indexable
 - Can access individual characters by specifying the index
 - `str_var[i]` - access the character at index `i` in `str_var`
 - Indexing starts at 0
 - Supports negative indexing
- `str_var.strip()` - remove leading and trailing whitespace
 - Removes spaces and hidden characters like `\n`
- `str_var.split(pattern)` - split a string
 - Pattern – the string delimiter to split at
 - Returns a list of substrings

```
>>> str_var = "pumpnickel"
>>> str_var[0]
'p'
>>> str_var[6]
'n'
>>> str_var[-1]
'l'
```

```
>>> str_var = "    spacing\r\n"
>>> str_var
'    spacing\r\n'
>>> str_var.strip()
'spacing'
>>>
```

```
>>> x = "this,is,a,sentence"
>>> x.split(",")
['this', 'is', 'a', 'sentence']
>>>
```

Useful Python String Manipulations

- Concatenation

- Strings can be combined with the "+" operator
- "foo" + "bar" = "foobar"

```
>>> str1 = "Hello"  
>>> str2 = "World"  
>>> str1 + str2  
'HelloWorld'  
>>> str1 + " " + str2  
'Hello World'
```

- Slicing

- Substrings can be selected using [start:stop]
- start is inclusive, stop is exclusive
- "sentence"[3:6] = "ten"
- Use [:] to make a copy of the string

```
>>> x = "Call me Ishmael. Some years ago..."  
>>> x[8:16]  
'Ishmael.'  
>>> x[:]  
'Call me Ishmael. Some years ago...'
```