

Internet Protocol Stack:

Application Layer: HTTP, SMTP, & FTP protocols here → send data over multiple end systems (browsers, chat client events) (see injection, defense: Intrusion detection)

Transport Layer: TCP/UDP → transfer content between 2 endpoints (port numbers) (port scan attack, defense: intrusion detection)

Network Layer: Move packets between any 2 hosts in network, IP protocol (IP address) (DOS, SYN flooding, SYN cache, cookies, firewall)

Data Link Layer: Point-to-Point Protocol. Move packets from one node to the next. (data packets = frames, MAC addresses) (MAC spoofing, defense: detection - & containment)

Physical Layer: Transfer individual bits from one node to the next node w/in the frame (transmits electrically, optically, or w/ radio waves) (no attacks, keep people away (physically) from computer)

HTTPS is compilation of HTTP with SSL. HTTP (application layer protocol) secures HTTP master communication (HTTP = https + SSL)

Firewall: ~~... policy to deny/authenticate~~ → deny/authenticate IP packets, port packet filter, IDS

Netfilter: ~~... SYN flooding, session hijacking~~ → random port sequence

Proactive hooks @ critical points on packet traversal inside Linux kernel

hooks are rich packet processing & filtering framework

- Each protocol stack defines a series of hooks along packet's traversal path in the stack, developers can use loadable kernel modules (kernels) to register callback functions to hooks
- When a pkt arrives at each of these hooks, the protocol stack calls the netfilter framework w/ the packet and hook
- Netfilter checks if any kernel module has a registered callback function @ this hook
- each registered module will be called. they're free to analyze/manipulate the pkt & return verdict on pkt

Kernel space: Location where the code of the kernel is stored / executes under. when kernel is executing on behalf of the user program (i.e. system call), address space for all kernel threads. executing code has unlimited access to any mem. address space

User space: set of locations where normal user processes run (everything other than kernel). kernel manages everything running in this space.

IPSEC: AH and ESP. TLS = reliable transport (TCP), IPSEC = unreliable (can drop/reorder packets)

LS → MAC then ENCRYPT, **IPSEC** → ENCRYPT → MAC

AH is only for authentication: incompatible w/ NAT, authenticates data & finds changes during transmission. Provides integrity, data origin authentication, optional replay protection

ESP (encapsulating security payload): Performs authentication for sender but also encrypts data being sent. Provides confidentiality (encryption), authentication (data integrity, data origin authentication, replay protection), can be used with either/bOTH. ESP authenticates only the IP datagram of IP packet but not the entire packet.

TAP vs TUN: TAP = Ethernet level (layer 2) like a switch. TUN = layer 3 network layer to route packets on VPN. Tap bridges where TUN routes

Tap benefits: behaves like real network adapter (except it's virtual), can transport any network protocol. works in layer 2 so ethernet frames are passed over VPN tunnel, can be used for sniffing

Tap drawbacks: causes much more broadcast overhead on the VPN tunnel, adds overhead of ethernet headers on all packets transported over the VPN tunnel, scales poorly

TUN benefits: lower overhead, only transports traffic destined for VPN client, transports only 3 IP packets

TUN drawbacks: broadcast traffic is not transported, can only transport IP, can't be used in bridges

TAP: used for providing virtual network adapters for multiple guest machines connecting to a physical device of the host machine

TUN: sending any packet to TUN will result in the packet being delivered to the userspace program.

IPSEC Tunneling: utilizes the Internet Protocol Security Protocol. has Tunneling mode: original IP packet encapsulated & placed into a new IP packet

TLS/SSL Tunneling: Tunneling done outside of the kernel, at app layer. Idea is to put each VPN-band IP packet inside a TCP or UDP packet, other end of the tunnel will extract the IP packet from the TCP/UDP payload. To secure packets, both ends will use TLS/SSL protocol on top of TCP & UDP

IP Prefix: A.B.C.D/x → 'x' is IP prefix: identifies the number of significant bits used to identify network. E.g. 192.168.1.0/24 → first 24 bits are used to represent the network & the remaining 16 bits are used to identify hosts. IP address is 32-bit identifier for host, router, interface

TCP ATTACKS: **TCP SYN Flooding Attack:** fill the TCP queue storing the half-open connections so that there will be no space to store TCP for any new half-open connection, basically the server cannot accept any new SYN packets. **Defense:** SYN cookies: server receives a SYN packet, it calculates a keyed hash (H) from the info in the packet using secret key (Ks) that is only known to the server (MAC). The hash (H) is sent to the client as the initial seqNum. from the server (H = SYN cookie). Server won't store half-open connection in its queue if the client is an attacker, it will not reach the attacker. If the client is not an attacker, it sends (H+1) to the ACK field. Server checks if the number in the ACK field is valid by recalculating the cookie.

TCP Reset Attack: goal is to break up connection from A → B. Telnet, SSH, video-streaming connections. Includes TCP header. An attacker would have to do a TCP reset attack on all encrypted connections causing collateral damage

TCP Session Hijacking: inject data into an established connection: spoof TCP PKT if set correctly: SRC port/IP, dest IP/port, seqNum

Session Hijacking: remove a secret, removed by the spoofed command from the attacker. Hijacked TCP connection freezes

Defense: random seq port / initial seq. Num. although not effective against local attacks. Encrypt payload w/ TLS/SSL, Intrusion detection system for input/output and the other ~~... is used~~ is used/controlled by attacker machine

TCP 3-way Handshake: First, establish connection w/ server. Sends segment w/ SYN and informs server the client should start communication and w/ what should be its seqNum. Server responds to client request with SYN/ACK signal set. ACK helps signify response of segment that is received & SYN signifies what seqNum it should be able to start w/ the segments. Third/Finally, client acknowledges response of server & they both create stable connection beginning w/ actual data transfer process. Fin used to terminate.

Private IP addresses: 10.0.1.12, 10.0.1.14, 10.0.1.18 are in a local network behind a NAT'd router that sits between these 3 hosts & the larger internet. Hosts IP datagrams being sent from, or are destined to, these 3 hosts must pass through NAT router. Routers interface on the LAN side has IP 10.0.1.28, in internet side = 135.122.204.208. Host w/ IP 10.0.1.19 sends IP datagram to 128.119.167.188. Src Port is 3411, dest. port is 80.

src address: local host's IP (10.0.1.19) after sent by host but before reaches router

dest. address: remote machine IP (128.119.167.188) at step1, what is dest IP address

datagram @ step2: after it's been transmitted by the router. Src IP = 135.122.204.208

step2 dest address: 128.119.167.188 (remote machine)

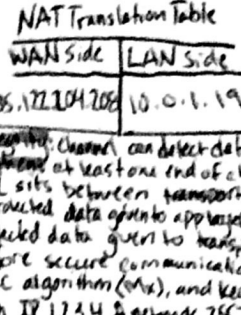
step4, transmitted by router but hasn't been received by host.

src IP = 128.119.167.188 (remote machine)

step4 dest address = 10.0.1.19 (local host)

was a new entry been made in the router's NAT TABLE?

No, entry is made on outbound requests, only happens in step1 & 2



Intrusion prevention/detection systems