Lab 1

Introduction

This is a basic introduction to IPython and pandas functionality. Pandas.pydata.org/) (Python Data Analysis Library) "is an open source, BSD-licensed library providing high-performance, easy-to-use data structures and data analysis tools for the Python programming language." It (pandas) provides dataframe) functionality for reading/accessing/manipulating data in memory. You can think of a data frame as a table of indexed values.

What you're currently looking at is an IPython Notebook, this acts as a way to interactively use the python interpreter as well as a way to display graphs/charts/images/markdown along with code. IPython is commonly used in scientific computing due to its flexibility. Much more information is available on the IPython (http://ipython.org/) website.

Often data is stored in files, and the first goal is to get that information off of disk and into a dataframe. Since we're working with limited resources in this VM we'll have to use samples of some of the files. Don't worry though, the same techniques apply if you're not sampling the files for exploration.

Tip

If you ever want to know the various keyboard shortcuts, just click on a (non-code) cell or the text "In []" to the left of the cell, and press the *H* key. Or select *Help* from the menu above, and then *Keyboard Shortcuts*.

Exercises

File sampling

First off, let's take a look at a log file generated from <u>Bro (http://www.bro.og/)</u> this log is similar to netflow logs as well. However, this log file is rather large and doesn't fit in memory.

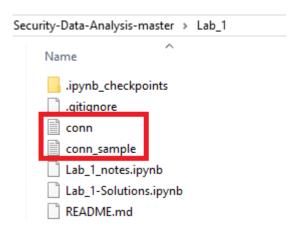
As part of the first exercise, figure out what setting the variable **sample_percent** should be in order to read in between 200k and 300k worth of (randomly selected) lines from the file. Change the variable, after doing that either click the *play* button above (it's the arrow) or hit the *[Shift]+[Enter]* keys as the same time.

```
In [1]: import random
    logfile = 'conn.log'
    sample_percent = .01
    num_lines = sum(1 for line in open(logfile))
    slines = set(sorted(random.sample(range(num_lines), int(num_lines * sample_percent))))
    print("%s lines in %s, using a sample of %s lines" %(num_lines, logfile, len(s lines)))
```

22694356 lines in conn.log, using a sample of 226943 lines

This notebook was previously coded using Python 2 so I had to make a couple of changes. Debugging Comments:

- · I modified the print statement
- · I kept getting a permission error. So I copied the log file from inside the conn.log directory folder
- xrange does not exist in Python 3 so I used range instead



File Creation

Awesome! Now that you have a subset of lines to work with, let's write them to another file so we'll have something to practice reading in. Simply hit [Shift]+[Enter] below to run the code in the cell and create a new file.

This code creates a file called conn_sample.log and it contains a subset of data from the original file, conn.log. The file was created using a loop over logfile and a condition over slines.

File Input (CSV)

This next cell does a couple of things, first it imports pandas so we can create a dataframe, and then it reads our newly created file from above into memory. You can see the separator is specified to "\t" because Bro produces tab-delimited files by default. In this case we've also specified what we should call the columns in the dataframe.

```
In [3]: import pandas as pd
    conn_df = pd.read_csv(outfile, sep="\t", header=None, names=['ts','uid','id.or
        ig_h','id.orig_p','id.resp_h','id.resp_p','proto','service','duration','orig_b
        ytes','resp_bytes','conn_state','local_orig','missed_bytes','history','orig_pk
        ts','orig_ip_bytes','resp_pkts','resp_ip_bytes','tunnel_parents','threat','sam
        ple'])
```

The data is read into a pandas dataframe, which helps for data manipulation and visualization. The file didn't contain any header with the column names, so they were inputted manually using the names variable.

Verifying Input

Now (in theory) the contents of the file should be in a nicely laid-out dataframe.

For this next exercise, experiment with calling the **head()** and **tail()** method to see the values at the beginning and end of the dataframe. You can also pass a number to **head()** and **tail()** to specify the number of lines you want to see. Remember to click *play* or press [Shift]+[Enter] to execute the code in the cell after you change it.

In [4]:	со	nn_df.head()					
Out[4]:		T		T	Г		
		ts	uid	id.orig_h	id.orig_p	id.resp_h	id.re
	0	1.331901e+09	CzzTdG1vmwELxPECo6	192.168.202.79	46243	192.168.229.254	443
	1	1.331901e+09	C3WIGc3MKqYX4yew4i	192.168.202.79	50798	192.168.229.251	80
	2	1.331901e+09	CgyJe94ZUZCLDEm4Ed	192.168.202.79	46579	192.168.229.254	443
	3	1.331901e+09	CwV1MF8pLSHKwAQA4	192.168.202.76	51673	149.5.45.166	80
	4	1.331901e+09	CyTR8y2igFLhViL5K3	192.168.202.79	57151	192.168.229.251	143
	5 r	ows × 22 colum	ns	•			-

The command .head() gives us a peek at column names and some of the values in the conn.log dataset. By default it shows the top 5 rows.

Data Summarization

Now create a new cell below this one. This can be accomplished by clicking on this cell once, and then clicking the + icon towards the top or selecting *Insert* from above and then selecting *Insert Cell Below*. After creating the new cell, it's time to learn about the **describe()** method that can be called on dataframes. This will give you a numeric summarization of all columns that contain numbers.

Try it out!

In [5]: conn_df.describe()

Out[5]:

	ts	id.orig_p	id.resp_p	missed_bytes	orig_pkts	oriç
count	2.269430e+05	226943.000000	226943.000000	226943.0	226943.000000	2269
mean	1.331949e+09	42723.213692	20410.488506	0.0	1.372472	121.9
std	4.276083e+04	15336.893052	20623.902724	0.0	6.463269	1935
min	1.331901e+09	0.000000	0.000000	0.0	0.000000	0.000
25%	1.331908e+09	36044.000000	2111.000000	0.0	1.000000	44.00
50%	1.331928e+09	44316.000000	10180.000000	0.0	1.000000	48.00
75%	1.331997e+09	54494.000000	37786.000000	0.0	1.000000	60.00
max	1.332018e+09	65534.000000	65535.000000	0.0	1034.000000	7186
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The command .describe() is handy to look at the summary statistics of the dataset.

Data Types

Wait a second, isn't the ts column supposed to be a timestamp? Perhaps this column would be better suited as a time data type vs. a number.

Run the cell below to see what type of information Python stored in each column.

```
In [6]: | conn_df.dtypes
Out[6]: ts
                            float64
                             object
         uid
         id.orig_h
                             object
                              int64
         id.orig p
         id.resp h
                             object
         id.resp_p
                              int64
        proto
                             object
                             object
         service
         duration
                             object
                             object
         orig_bytes
         resp bytes
                             object
         conn_state
                             object
        local_orig
                             object
        missed bytes
                              int64
        history
                             object
         orig_pkts
                              int64
         orig_ip_bytes
                              int64
         resp_pkts
                              int64
                              int64
         resp_ip_bytes
                             object
         tunnel parents
         threat
                            float64
         sample
                            float64
         dtype: object
```

Converting Column Types

Time to change the ts column to a datetime object! We will accomplish that by using a simple function provided called *to_datetime()*. The cell below runs this function on the ts column (what should be a time stamp), and then re-assigns this column back to the dataframe in the same place. A new timestamp column could have been added to the dataframe as well so both the float value and the datetime object columns are present.

Run the cell below to convert the column type.

```
In [7]: from datetime import datetime
    conn_df['ts'] = [datetime.fromtimestamp(float(date)) for date in conn_df['ts']
    .values]
```

The code uses a for loop to convert the ts column to a datetime object. Another option could be using an apply command: conn_df['ts'].apply(pandas.to_datetime)

In [8]: conn_df.dtypes Out[8]: ts datetime64[ns] uid object id.orig_h object id.orig_p int64 id.resp_h object id.resp_p int64 object proto service object object duration orig_bytes object object resp_bytes conn_state object local_orig object missed_bytes int64 history object int64 orig_pkts int64 orig_ip_bytes

int64

int64

object

float64

float64

sample
dtype: object

resp_ip_bytes

tunnel_parents

resp_pkts

In [9]: conn_df.head()

threat

Out[9]:

	ts	uid	id.orig_h	id.orig_p	id.resp_h	id.res
0	2012-03-16 05:30:00.810	CzzTdG1vmwELxPECo6	192.168.202.79	46243	192.168.229.254	443
1	2012-03-16 05:30:03.080	C3WIGc3MKqYX4yew4i	192.168.202.79	50798	192.168.229.251	80
2	2012-03-16 05:30:04.360	CgyJe94ZUZCLDEm4Ed	192.168.202.79	46579	192.168.229.254	443
3	2012-03-16 05:30:08.740	CwV1MF8pLSHKwAQA4	192.168.202.76	51673	149.5.45.166	80
4	2012-03-16 05:30:12.480	CyTR8y2igFLhViL5K3	192.168.202.79	57151	192.168.229.251	143

5 rows × 22 columns

Looking at the results above, the conversion was successful. The ts column is now in datetime format.

Data Value Exploration

Verify that the conversion was successful. What is the datatype of the column now?

Scroll back up the page and note where you ran the **describe()** function. You'll see under the threat and sample columns there is likely the value of *NaN*. This stands for Not a Number and is a special value assigned to empty column values. There are a few ways to explore what values a column has. Two of these are **value_counts()** and **unique()**.

Try them below on different columns. You can create new cells or if you want to get more than the last command worth of output you can put a print statement in front.

What happens when you run them on a column with IPs (id.orig h, id.resp h)? What about sample or threat?

```
In [10]: conn_df['sample'].unique()
Out[10]: array([nan])
```

In [11]: conn_df['id.orig_h'].unique()

```
Out[11]: array(['192.168.202.79', '192.168.202.76', '192.168.202.71',
                  '192.168.202.100', 'fe80::216:47ff:fe9d:f2c3', '192.168.202.85',
                  '192.168.202.89', '192.168.202.97', '192.168.202.103',
                  '192.168.203.61', 'fe80::c62c:3ff:fe37:efc', '192.168.202.83',
                  '2001:dbb:c18:155:2449:14f1:f324:7497', '192.168.202.101',
                  '192.168.202.93', '192.168.203.62', '192.168.202.106',
                  '192.168.204.70', '192.168.202.81', '192.168.202.108', '192.168.202.73', '192.168.202.96', 'fe80::20c:29ff:fef0:f164', '192.168.202.102', '192.168.202.75', '192.168.202.110', '0.0.0.0',
                  '192.168.203.45', '192.168.204.45', '192.168.202.87',
                  'fe80::216:47ff:fe9d:f2c2', '192.168.27.103',
                  'fe80::216:47ff:fe9d:f2d4', '192.168.202.65', '192.168.202.116',
                  '192.168.202.68', '192.168.203.63', '::', '192.168.202.115',
                  '192.168.27.102', '192.168.202.90', '192.168.26.100',
                  '192.168.51.38', '192.168.24.100', '192.168.203.64', '172.19.2.66',
                  '192.168.202.94', 'fe80::c62c:3ff:fe30:7333', '192.168.202.95', '192.168.202.109', '192.168.28.100', '192.168.202.80',
                  '192.168.27.100', 'fe80::216:47ff:fe9d:f2c5', '192.168.202.112',
                  '192.168.202.84', 'fe80::216:47ff:fe9d:f2d5',
                  'fe80::216:47ff:fe9d:f2c8', 'fe80::216:47ff:fe9d:f2d6',
                  '192.168.204.1', '192.168.202.1', 'fe80::216:47ff:fe9d:f2c7', '192.168.202.63', 'fe80::216:47ff:fe9d:f2c4', '192.168.204.57',
                  '192.168.207.4', '192.168.202.117', '192.168.202.107',
                  '192.168.202.88', '192.168.229.156', '192.168.22.253', '192.168.22.252', '192.168.202.77', 'fe80::216:47ff:fe9d:f2c1',
                  'fe80::20c:29ff:fe4e:9e86', 'fe80::20c:29ff:fe93:209e',
                  '192.168.202.92', 'fe80::4c3a:e571:4cfc:b70c', '192.168.205.253',
                  '192.168.202.78', '10.10.117.209', '192.168.202.49',
                  '192.168.27.25', '192.168.25.25', '192.168.28.25',
                  '192.168.202.91', '192.168.202.119', '192.168.229.252',
                  '192.168.26.254', '192.168.202.113', '192.168.26.25',
                  '192.168.202.118', '192.168.23.25', 'fe80::4c9b:aad8:8a6a:7bb0',
                  'fe80::9c8a:5786:bbb0:3db8', '192.168.202.121', '172.16.6.57',
                  '2001:dbb:c18:202:20c:29ff:fe93:571e', '192.168.204.60',
                  '192.168.22.25', '192.168.25.100', '192.168.24.25',
                  '192.168.25.203', 'fe80::a800:4ff:fe00:a04',
                  '2001:dbb:c18:204:a800:4ff:fe00:a04', '192.168.202.123',
                  'fe80::4172:3555:4717:3e0c', '192.168.21.25',
                  'fe80::65ca:c6cd:7ae0:ac8c', '2001:dbb:c18:204:20c:29ff:fe4e:9e86',
                  'fe80::5e26:aff:fe6a:4084', '192.168.25.152', '192.168.202.69',
                  '2001:dbb:c18:202:d4bc:e39f:84ad:5001', '192.168.202.122',
                  '192.168.202.125', '192.168.21.1', '192.168.21.203',
                  '192.168.23.202', '10.10.10.10', 'fe80::62fb:42ff:feef:5440',
                  '192.168.202.98', '192.168.202.120', '192.168.202.129',
                  '192.168.202.4', 'fe80::226:9eff:fe23:5ee4', '192.168.21.202',
                  'fe80::3e07:54ff:fe1c:a665', '192.168.202.131', '192.168.21.103',
                  '192.168.23.100', '192.168.204.59', '192.168.202.64',
                  '192.168.227.83', '192.168.202.138', '192.168.203.65',
                  '192.168.203.66', 'fe80::bc5c:15c1:ec81:1e08', '192.168.202.140',
                  '192.168.202.139', 'fe80::beae:c5ff:fe9e:f3b6', '192.168.202.141',
                  '192.168.202.133', '192.168.202.137', 'fe80::d69a:20ff:fef9:b49c',
                  '192.168.202.135', '192.168.202.143',
                  '2001:dbb:c18:202:20c:29ff:fe18:b667', 'fe80::20c:29ff:fe8e:385a',
                  '192.168.202.144', '2001:dbb:c18:202:20c:29ff:fe41:4be7',
                  'fe80::11a:f507:d853:a03d', '192.168.202.222', '192.168.202.240',
                  '172.16.6.100', 'fe80::2c0:caff:fe5f:6869', '192.168.27.152',
                  '2001:dbb:c18:202:20c:29ff:febd:1154', '192.168.202.136',
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```
'192.168.202.149', '2001:dbb:c18:202:a800:4ff:fe00:a04',
'fe80::216:47ff:fe9d:f2c6', 'fe80::21d:72ff:fe8c:a569',
'192.168.202.44', '192.168.202.41', '192.168.202.43',
'fe80::ba8d:12ff:fe53:a8d8', '192.168.202.145', '192.168.202.152',
'192.168.202.62', 'fe80::dcad:beff:feef:beef', '192.168.21.254',
'192.168.27.1', '192.168.202.153', '192.168.202.33',
'192.168.202.40', '192.168.202.150',
'2001:dbb:c18:202:223:dfff:fe97:4e12', 'fe80::d840:5635:ef48:b032',
'192.168.202.157', '192.168.202.42', '192.168.202.155'],
dtype=object)
```

In [12]: conn_df['id.resp_h'].value_counts()

Out[12]:	192.168.206.44	49025
	192.168.22.254	4333
	192.168.229.254	4302
	192.168.229.101	3549
	192.168.27.102	3505
	192.168.27.100	3337
	192.168.23.1	3233
	192.168.27.254	3174
	192.168.27.101	3166
	192.168.28.25	3101
	192.168.27.1	3083
	192.168.24.253 192.168.22.1	3001
	192.168.229.156	2769 2756
	192.168.229.251	2698
	192.168.21.100	2683
	192.168.27.253	2611
	192.168.229.252	2564
	192.168.22.253	2502
	192.168.229.153	2502
	192.168.229.1	2452
	192.168.27.103	2443
	192.168.22.252	2428
	192.168.22.25	2371
	192.168.21.1	2213
	192.168.27.152	2210
	192.168.21.25	2061
	192.168.21.103	1967
	192.168.28.202	1965
	192.168.24.202	1856
	102 160 26 214	
	192.168.26.214	1
	172.16.3.121 192.168.26.233	1 1
	172.16.7.185	1
	172.16.4.254	1
	172.16.8.159	1
	172.16.3.176	1
	192.168.23.243	1
	192.168.27.204	1
	192.168.23.158	1
	172.16.3.73	1
	172.16.5.223	1
	172.16.5.87	1
	172.16.8.23	1
	111.221.77.147	1
	192.168.229.208	1
	172.16.7.203	1
	172.16.1.231	1
	192.168.229.109	1
	172.16.1.103	1
	192.168.26.250	1
	192.168.26.168	1
	ff02::1:ff53:a8d8	1
	192.168.26.211	1
	192.168.202.100	1
	172.16.4.108	1

The values in the threat and sample columns are NaN while the values in the id.orig_h and id.resp_h are IPv4 or IPv6 addresses.

The command .unique() list the unique values. The command .value_counts() shows the counts of each value in descending order.

Remove Columns

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Another useful operation on a dataframe is removing and adding columns. Since the threat and sample columns contain only *NaNs*, we can safely remove them and not impact any analysis that may be performed.

Below the sample column is removed (dropped), add a similar line to drop the *threat* column and use a method from above to verify they are no longer in the dataframe.

```
In [14]: conn_df.drop('sample', axis=1, inplace=True)
```

Can you think of other columns to remove? Select a few and remove them as well. What does your dataframe look like now? (Insert additional cells as needed)

```
In [15]: conn_df.drop('threat', axis=1, inplace=True)
```

Looking at the unique values in the local_orig column, I would also remove it from the dataset. This column does not seem useful for analysis.

```
In [16]: conn_df['local_orig'].unique()
Out[16]: array(['-'], dtype=object)
In [17]: conn_df.drop('local_orig', axis=1, inplace=True)
```

Instead of dropping the columns, we can also replace the values with number zero or the string 'NA'.

In [18]: conn_df.head()

Out[18]:

	ts	uid	id.orig_h	id.orig_p	id.resp_h	id.res
0	2012-03-16 05:30:00.810	CzzTdG1vmwELxPECo6	192.168.202.79	46243	192.168.229.254	443
1	2012-03-16 05:30:03.080	C3WIGc3MKqYX4yew4i	192.168.202.79	50798	192.168.229.251	80
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4	2012-03-16 05:30:12.480	CyTR8y2igFLhViL5K3	192.168.202.79	57151	192.168.229.251	143

Looking at the results, the columns threat, sample, and local_orig has been removed.

Row Selection

You can use column values to select rows from the dataframes (and even only view specific columns). First, select all rows that contain *SSL* traffic by running the cell below.

In [19]: conn_df[conn_df['service'] == 'ssl'].head()

Out[19]:

	ts	uid	id.orig_h	id.orig_p	id.resp_h	ic
0	2012-03-16 05:30:00.810	CzzTdG1vmwELxPECo6	192.168.202.79	46243	192.168.229.254	44
2	2012-03-16 05:30:04.360	CgyJe94ZUZCLDEm4Ed	192.168.202.79	46579	192.168.229.254	44
5765	2012-03-16 05:47:37.420	Cy7R1f3DzWehzZlaLd	192.168.202.79	52473	192.168.229.254	44
5829	2012-03-16 05:47:49.640	CpdleG4wcHvlh7jBU4	192.168.202.79	52955	192.168.229.254	44
5892	2012-03-16 05:48:02.630	CkpUIX1s6SqzuCJEnf	192.168.202.79	53335	192.168.229.254	44

Next we can assign that result to a dataframe, and then look at all all the *SSL* connections that happen over ports other than 443.

```
In [20]: ssl_df = conn_df[conn_df['service'] == 'ssl']
    ssl_df[ssl_df['id.resp_p'] != 443].head()
```

Out[20]:

	ts	uid	id.orig_h	id.orig_p	id.resp_h	i
41277	2012-03-16 06:32:55.860	Cd0faF3BHwypesYLS5	192.168.202.110	47416	192.168.27.253	8
41567	2012-03-16 06:33:40.960	CCqJ9U1kyQJ2gimpCj	192.168.202.110	48971	192.168.27.253	8
41575	2012-03-16 06:33:43.160	CdlJrf2YD0GxxnqS8l	192.168.202.110	49030	192.168.27.253	8
41664	2012-03-16 06:33:56.870	Cyu6FjB8RpkUZUGR1	192.168.202.110	49556	192.168.27.253	8
42629	2012-03-16 06:36:26.280	CpFTBJ1zBUJusKTWJ7	192.168.202.110	54043	192.168.27.253	8

You can see the individual column selections above eg: *conn_df['service']*, and *ssl_df['id.resp_p']* respectively. You can use these to view output of specific columns.

For example, run the cell below to see all the individual values of originator bytes associated with a *SSL* connection over port 443.

Final Exercise

Use all of the techniques above to display the unique ports and originator IPs (bonus points for the number of connections of each) associated with all *HTTP* connections **NOT** over port 80. (Hint, create a new dataframe for easier manipulation)

```
In [22]: http_df = conn_df[conn_df['service'] == 'http']
http_df[http_df['id.resp_p'] != 80].head()
```

Out[22]:

	ts	uid	id.orig_h	id.orig_p	id.resp_h	i
5574	2012-03-16 05:46:57.140	Cbrlg71dmMXffENDC5	192.168.202.79	38937	192.168.229.153	5
5675	2012-03-16 05:47:17.760	Cx5lMj37kAzvVSip7e	192.168.202.79	39519	192.168.229.153	5
5784	2012-03-16 05:47:42.390	CFA6Fr4D77CLr5zZwj	192.168.202.79	40606	192.168.229.153	5
5818	2012-03-16 05:47:48.910	CUJXMf3W9dNHU2tGOd	192.168.202.79	40815	192.168.229.153	5
5872	2012-03-16 05:47:57.980	CII9j51UpVHSnMC276	192.168.202.79	41091	192.168.229.153	5

First, I created a dataframe called http_df that contains all of the HTTP connections. Then, I applied a condition to look at all HTTP connectons other than port 80.

In [29]: http_df[http_df['id.resp_p'] != 80]['id.orig_h'].value_counts()

```
Out[29]: 192.168.202.110
                             437
         192.168.202.140
                              74
         192.168.202.138
                              68
         192.168.202.79
                              17
                              15
         192.168.204.45
         192.168.202.108
                               7
         192.168.202.144
                                2
         192.168.202.102
                                1
         192.168.202.96
                                1
          192.168.202.68
                                1
         192.168.202.95
                                1
         192.168.202.112
                                1
         192.168.202.103
                                1
         192.168.202.100
                                1
          192.168.203.45
                                1
         192.168.202.4
                                1
         192.168.202.80
                                1
         Name: id.orig_h, dtype: int64
In [30]:
         http_df[http_df['id.resp_p'] != 80]['id.resp_p'].value_counts()
Out[30]: 3128
                  206
          8080
                  179
          8000
                  155
          5488
                   74
          5357
                   16
         Name: id.resp_p, dtype: int64
```

The results shows the unique values and the count of the connections of both the ports and originator IPs. I did cheated a little bit since I did not understood that the final exercise asked for unique values from BOTH columns. In addition, there are two different columns having port information. How would anyone know to use the id.resp_p column?

In [28]: print(http_df[http_df['id.resp_p'] != 80][['id.resp_p','id.orig_h']].drop_dupl
 icates())

5574
5893
13854
15233
20116
29197
29627
29742
31640
51025
51157
53344
70028
73909
83220
86182
100331
103856
110168
130480
165616
166996
167272
172995
184872
207281
208604
220140

I used the .drop duplicates() to display the unique ports per originator IPs.

Final comment:

This lab gives a gentle and superb introduction to exploratory data analysis. More specifically, the pandas dataframe techniques on the connections log dataset. Some of these techniques are what I use for my own data projects.

Yet, the columns seemed to be abbreviated and are confusing to understand. It would be nice to have some descriptions. I do agree that this lab has quite a bit of hand-holding.

I think it is a good habit to drop columns not useful for analysis. It also reduces the number of columns to feed into a machine learning algorithm. Since the threat column contains only NaNs, it would be difficult to use machine learning to classify a connection as threat or not.