Assignment - 1

Part 1: Exploring Basic Networking Commands

<u>Objective</u>: This lab introduces students to essential networking commands used for diagnosing, monitoring, and troubleshooting networks. By completing this assignment, students will develop hands-on experience with commands in Windows, Linux, or macOS.

<u>Title</u>: Basic Networking Commands for Network Analysis

Identifying Network Configuration

- 1. **Objective:** Understand the network configuration of your system.
- 2. Steps
 - I. Run the following commands to view network configuration details:
 - A. Windows: ipconfig
 - B. Linux/macOS: ifconfig or ip addr
 - II. Note the following:
 - A. IP Address
 - B. Subnet Mask
 - c. Default Gateway

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kali@kali: ~
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(kali® kali)-[~]
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group def
 ault glen 1000
inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
inet6 ::1/128 scope host noprefixroute
valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
2: wlan0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc noqueue state UP g
 roup default qlen 1000
link/ether ac:12:03:0d:a3:cc brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
inet 192.168.0.105/24 brd 192.168.0.255 scope global dynamic noprefixrout
              valid_lft 4978sec preferred_lft 4978sec
et6 fe80::6738:e732:a499:f4e/64 scope link noprefixroute
        inet6 fe80::6738:e732:a499:f4e/64 Scope tr
valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
wireshark
Warning: program compiled against libxml 212 using older 209
** (wireshark:52845) 18:18:44.052950 [Capture MESSAGE] -- Capture Start ...
** (wireshark:52845) 18:18:44.079695 [Capture MESSAGE] -- Capture started
** (wireshark:52845) 18:18:44.079721 [Capture MESSAGE] -- File: "/tmp/wireshark:52845]
 ark_bluetooth0SN1E02.pcapng
   in_bruerouriownrez.pcaping
** (wireshark:52845) 18:18:53.522919 [Capture MESSAGE] -- Capture Stop ...
** (wireshark:52845) 18:18:53.526014 [Capture MESSAGE] -- Capture stopped.
 s wireshark
 Warning: program compiled against libxml 212 using older 209
  ** (wireshark:54109) 18:19:03.338289 [Capture MESSAGE] -- Capture Start ...
** (wireshark:54109) 18:19:03.389954 [Capture MESSAGE] -- Capture started
** (wireshark:54109) 18:19:03.390005 [Capture MESSAGE] -- File: "/tmp/wiresh
ark_wlan002Y8Z2.pcapng"
** (wireshark:54109) 18:51:30.762639 [Capture MESSAGE] -- Capture Stop ...
** (wireshark:54109) 18:51:30.809701 [Capture MESSAGE] -- Capture stopped.
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Output:

- I. What is your system's IP address?
 - A. 192.168.0.105
- II. What is the role of the default gateway in your network?
 - A. The default gateway connects your local network to external networks, forwarding traffic destined for devices outside your subnet.

Testing Network Connectivity

- 1. **Objective:** Use the ping command to test connectivity with other devices.
- 2. Steps
 - I. Ping the following:
 - A. Your default gateway.
 - B. A public server (e.g., 8.8.8.8).
 - C. A domain name (e.g., www.google.com).
 - II. Record the round-trip time (RTT) for each ping.

Output:

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(kali@kali)-[~]
$ ping 192.168.0.1
PING 192.168.0.1 (192.168.0.1) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 192.168.0.1: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=1.40 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.0.1: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=11.00 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.0.1: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=6.61 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.0.1: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=6.35 ms
^C
— 192.168.0.1 ping statistics —
4 packets transmitted, 4 received, 0% packet loss, time 3005ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 1.399/6.332/10.968/3.387 ms
 ___(kali⊕ kali)-[~]

$ ping 8.8.8.8
PING 8.8.8.8 (8.8.8.8) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=1 ttl=116 time=46.0 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=2 ttl=116 time=49.0 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=3 ttl=116 time=47.0 ms
^C
      · 8.8.8.8 ping statistics —
3 packets transmitted, 3 received, 0% packet loss, time 2003ms rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 45.976/47.339/49.038/1.272 ms
(kali⊕ kali)-[~]
$ ping www.google.com
PING www.google.com (172.217.163.164) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from maa05s05-in-f4.1e100.net (172.217.163.164): icmp_seq=1 ttl=116
64 bytes from maa05s05-in-f4.1e100.net (172.217.163.164): icmp_seq=3 ttl=116
 time=41.6 ms
 64 bytes from maa05s05-in-f4.1e100.net (172.217.163.164): icmp_seq=4 ttl=116
time=43.2 ms
^C
          www.google.com ping statistics
4 packets transmitted, 4 received, 0% packet loss, time 3005ms rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 37.463/40.608/43.244/2.120 ms
 ___(kali⊛ kali)-[~]
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- I. Was the ping to each target successful?
 - A. Yes
- II. If a ping failed, what might be the reason?
 - A. A ping may fail due to network congestion, routing issues, server unavailability, firewalls, or hardware/software constraints.

Tracing Routes

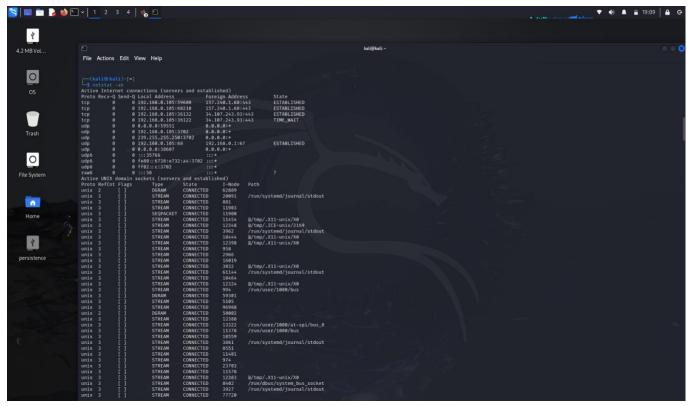
- 1. **Objective:** Use the traceroute command to map the path to a destination.
- 2. Steps:
 - I. Run:
 - A. Windows: tracert www.google.com
 - B. Linux/macOS: traceroute www.google.com
 - II. Observe the hops the packets take to reach the destination.

Output:

- 3. Questions
 - I. How many hops did it take to reach www.google.com?
 - A. 30 hops
 - II. Did any hops time out? If so, what could cause this?
 - A. Yes, Timeouts in traceroute occur due to firewalls, rate limiting, unresponsive devices, routing issues, or overloaded nodes.

Examining Active Connections

- 1. **Objective:** Identify active network connections using netstat.
- 2. Steps:
 - I. Run:
 - A. Windows/Linux/macOS: netstat -an
 - II. Identify:
 - A. Any established TCP connections.
 - B. Any listening ports on your machine.



Output:

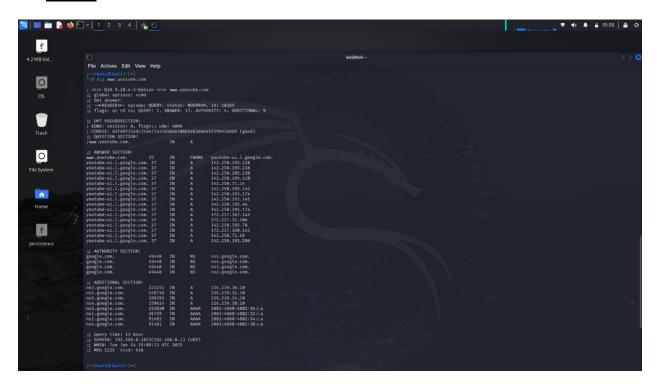
3. Questions

- What are the most common protocols (e.g., TCP, UDP) used in the active connections?
 - A. TCP and UDP
- II. Why might some ports be in a listening state?
 - A. Ports are in a listening state to allow services or applications to await incoming connections from clients or other processes.

DNS and Name Resolution

- 1. **Objective:** Understand how DNS resolves domain names to IP addresses.
- 2. Steps:
 - I. Run:
 - A. Windows: nslookup www.example.com
 - B. Linux/macOS: nslookup www.example.com or dig www.example.com
 - II. Note the resolved IP address.

Output:



3. Questions

- I. What is the resolved IP address of www.example.com?
 - A. 192.168.0.1
- II. What happens if you try to resolve a non-existent domain (e.g., www.invalidexample.com)?
 - A. When you try to resolve a non-existent domain, the DNS query fails, returning an error like NXDOMAIN (Non-Existent Domain), indicating the domain does not exist in the DNS.

Exploring ARP Cache

- 1. **Objective:** View the ARP cache on your system.
- 2. Steps:
 - I. Run:
 - A. Windows/Linux/macOS: arp -a
 - II. Identify:
 - A. MAC addresses of devices in the cache.
 - B. Corresponding IP addresses.

Output:

3. Questions

- I. What is the purpose of the ARP cache?
 - A. The ARP cache stores mappings of IP addresses to MAC addresses, enabling faster communication by avoiding repeated ARP requests for devices on the same local network.
- II. How can outdated ARP entries affect network communication?
 - A. Outdated ARP entries can cause communication failures, increased latency, network congestion, and security vulnerabilities due to incorrect address mapping.

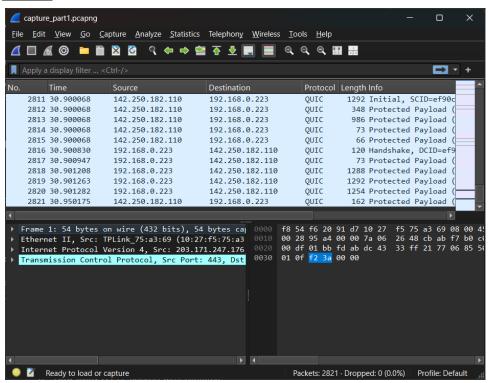
Part 2: Packet Capture and Analysis Using Wireshark

<u>Objective</u>: This lab introduces students to network packet analysis using Wireshark. By completing the assignment, students will learn how to capture, filter, and analyze network traffic effectively.

Getting Started with Wireshark

- 1. Objective: Familiarize students with the Wireshark interface and basic functionality.
- 2. Steps:
 - I. Launch Wireshark and identify the available network interfaces.
 - II. Start a packet capture on the primary interface (e.g., Wi-Fi or Ethernet).
 - III. Browse a website (e.g., www.example.com) during the capture.
 - IV. Stop the capture and save it as capture part1.pcap.

Output:



3. **Questions**

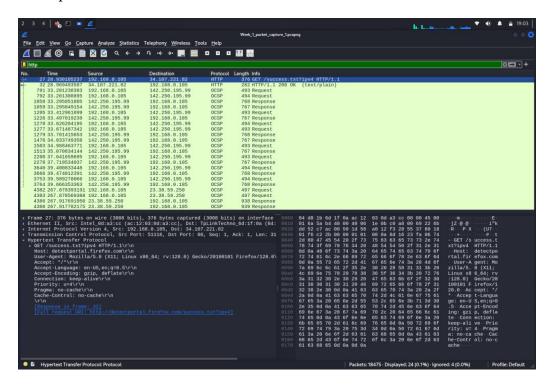
- I. Which network interface did you use, and why?
 - A. I chose the Wi-Fi interface because it provides a convenient and flexible connection, allowing mobility and access to the network without the need for physical cables.
- II. How many packets were captured in total?
 - A. 2821

Applying Filters

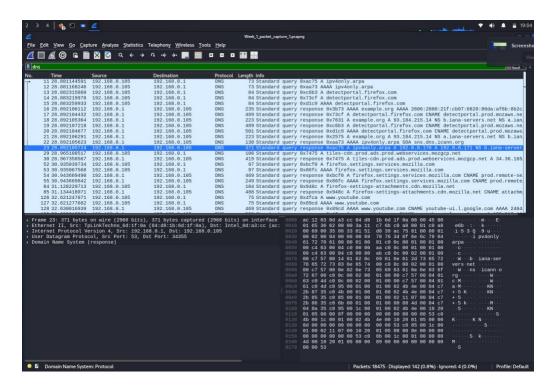
- 1. **Objective:** Learn to apply display filters to narrow down relevant packets.
- 2. Tasks:
 - I. Use the capture from Part 1.
 - II. Apply the following filters and note the results:
 - http (Display HTTP packets)
 - dns (Display DNS packets)
 - ip.addr == <your IP> (Display packets related to your IP address)
 - III. Identify the DNS query and response for www.example.com.

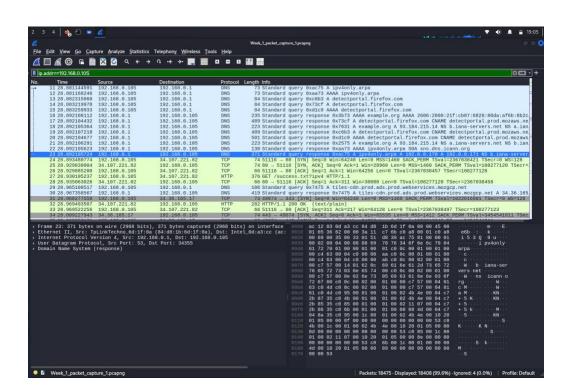
Output:

http



dns





ip.addr == 192.168.0.105

- I. What is the IP address resolved for www.example.com?
 - A. 192.168.0.1
- II. How many HTTP packets were captured?
 - A. 15

Analyzing Protocols

- 1. **Objective:** Dive deeper into protocol details and packet structure.
- 2. **Steps:**
 - I. Select a single HTTP GET request packet.
 - II. Expand the protocol layers (Ethernet, IP, TCP, HTTP) in the packet details pane.
 - III. Note the source IP, destination IP, and the requested URL.
- 3. Questions
 - I. What is the source and destination IP of the HTTP packet?
 - A. Source: 192.168.0.105, Destination: 34.107.221.82
 - II. What is the URL requested in the GET packet?
 - A. firefox.com

Capturing Specific Traffic

- 1. **Objective:** Use capture filters to focus on specific traffic.
- 2. Tasks:
 - I. Restart Wireshark and apply the following capture filter: port 53 (DNS traffic).
 - II. Initiate a new DNS query by visiting a new website (e.g., www.google.com).
 - III. Stop the capture and save it as capture_part4.pcap.

I. What is the DNS query sent for www.google.com?

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Domain Name System (query)
   Transaction ID: 0xfd2d

Flags: 0x0100 Standard query
   Questions: 1
   Answer RRs: 0
   Authority RRs: 0
   Additional RRs: 0

Queries
   www.google: type A, class IN
        Name: www.google
        [Name Length: 10]
        [Label Count: 2]
        Type: A (1) (Host Address)
        Class: IN (0x0001)

[Response In: 2092]
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II. What was the response from the DNS server?

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Domain Name System (response)
   Transaction ID: 0xfd2d

Flags: 0x8183 Standard query response, No such name Questions: 1
   Answer RRs: 0
   Authority RRs: 1
   Additional RRs: 0

Queries

Authoritative nameservers

[Request In: 2091]

[Time: 0.003186000 seconds]
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