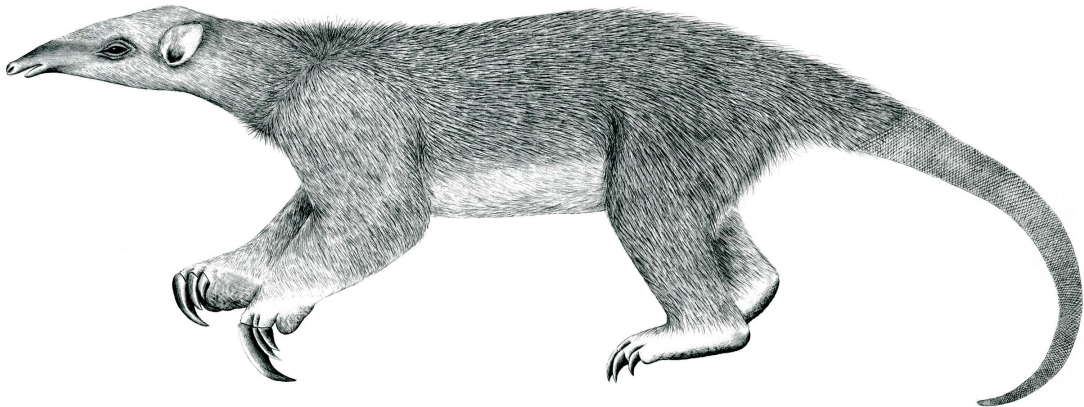

Tranalyzer2

pktSIATHisto



Packet Size and Inter-Arrival Time Histograms



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1 pktSIATHisto

1.1 Description

The pktSIATHisto plugin records the packet size (PS) and inter-arrival time (IAT) of a flow. While the PS reflects the bin, the IAT is divided by default into statistical bins to conserve memory / flow (see example below). Where the low precision is reserved for the most prominent IAT of all known codecs. Nevertheless, it can be configured by the user in any arbitrary way. If the memory is not sufficient then decrease `HASHCHAINTABLE_BASE_SIZE` in *tranalyzer.h*.

Bin	Range of IAT (default)
0 – 199	0 ms (incl.) – 200 ms (excl.), partitioned into bins of 1 ms
200 – 239	200 ms (incl.) – 400 ms (excl.), partitioned into bins of 5 ms
240 – 299	400 ms (incl.) – 1 sec. (excl.), partitioned into bins of 10 ms
300	for all IAT higher than 1 sec.

1.2 Configuration Flags

Classifying tasks may require other IAT binning. Then the bin limit `IATBINBu` and the binsize `IATBINWu` constants in *pktSIATHisto.h* need to be adapted as being indicated below using 6 different classes of bins:

```
#define IATSECMAX 6 // max # of section in statistics;
                    // last section comprises all elements > IATBINBu6

#define IATBINBu1 50 // bin boundary of section one: [0, 50)ms
#define IATBINBu2 200
#define IATBINBu3 1000
#define IATBINBu4 10000
#define IATBINBu5 100000
#define IATBINBu6 1000000

#define IATBINWu1 10 // bin width 1ms
#define IATBINWu2 5
#define IATBINWu3 10
#define IATBINWu4 20
#define IATBINWu5 50
#define IATBINWu6 100

#define IATBINNu1 IATBINBu1 / IATBINWu1 // # of bins in section one
#define IATBINNu2 (IATBINBu2 - IATBINBu1) / IATBINWu2 + IATBINNu1
#define IATBINNu3 (IATBINBu3 - IATBINBu2) / IATBINWu3 + IATBINNu2
#define IATBINNu4 (IATBINBu4 - IATBINBu3) / IATBINWu4 + IATBINNu3
#define IATBINNu5 (IATBINBu5 - IATBINBu4) / IATBINWu5 + IATBINNu4
#define IATBINNu6 (IATBINBu6 - IATBINBu5) / IATBINWu6 + IATBINNu5
```

The number of bin sections is defined by `IATSECMAX`, default is 3. The static fields `IATBinBu` and `IATBinWu` need to be adapted when `IATSECMAX` is changed. The static definition in curly brackets of the constant fields `IATBinBu[]`, `IATBinBu[]` and `IATBinBu[]` must adapted as well to the maximal bin size. The constant `IATBINUMAX` including his two dimensional packet length, IAT statistics is being used by the descriptive statistics plugin and can suit as a raw input for subsequent statistical classifiers, such as Bayesian networks or C5.0 trees.

The user is able to customize the output by changing several define statements in the header file *pktSIATHisto.h*. Every change requires a recompilation of the plugin using the *autogen.sh* script.

HISTO_PRINT_BIN == 0, the default case, selects the number of the IAT bin, while 1 supplies the lower bound of the IAT bin's range.

As being outlined in the Descriptive Statistics plugin the output of the plugin can be suppressed by defining PRINT_HISTO to zero.

For specific applications in the AI regime, the distribution can be directed into a separate file if the value PRINT_HISTO_IN_SEPARATE_FILE is different from zero. The suffix for the distribution file is defined by the HISTO_FILE_SUFFIX define. All switches are listed below:

Name	Default	Description	Flags
PSIAT_NDPLF	17	multiplication factor red-black tree nodepool	
PRINT_HISTO	1	print histo to flow file	
HISTO_PRINT_BIN	0	Bin number; 0: Minimum of assigned inter arrival time Example: Bin = 10 \Rightarrow iat = [50:55) \Rightarrow min(iat) = 50ms	
HISTO_EARLY_CLEANUP	0	after t2OnFlowTerminate() tree information is destroyed (MUST be 0 if dependent plugins are loaded)	
PSI_XCLD	0	1: include (PSI_XMIN, UINT16_MAX]	
PSI_XMIN	1	minimal packet length starts at PSI_XMIN	PSI_XCLD=1
PSI_MOD	0	> 1 : Modulo factor of packet length	
IATSECMAX	3	max # of sections in statistics, last section comprises all elements > IATBINBuN	PSI_XCLD=1

1.2.1 Environment Variable Configuration Flags

The following configuration flags can also be configured with environment variables (ENVCNTRL>0):

- PSIAT_NDPLF

1.3 Flow File Output

The pktSIATHisto plugin outputs the following columns:

Column	Type	Description	Flags
tCnt	U32	Number of tree entries for PS and IAT	
Ps_IatBin_Cnt_ PsCnt_IatCnt	R(U16_4xU32)	Packet size and inter-arrival time of bin histogram	HISTO_PRINT_BIN=0
Ps_Iat_Cnt_ PsCnt_IatCnt	R(U16_4xU32)	Packet size and min inter-arrival time of bin histogram	HISTO_PRINT_BIN=1

All PS-IAT bins greater than zero are appended for each flow in the PREFIX_flows.txt file using the following format:

```
[PS]_[IAT]_[# packets]_[# of packets PS]_[# of packets IAT]
```

the PS-IAT bins are separated by semicolons. The IAT value is the lower bound of the IAT range of a bin.

1.4 Post-Processing

The `statGplt` script can be used to transform the packet length and IAT statistics from `pktSIATHisto` to `gnuplot` or `t2plot` format. The format is:

- For the 3D case: **PS** <tab> **IAT** <tab> **count**
- For the 2D case: **PS** <tab> **count**

1.5 Example Output

Consider a single flow with the following PS and IAT values:

Packet number	PS (bytes)	IAT (ms)	IAT bin
1	50	0	0
2	70	88.2	17
3	70	84.3	16
4	70	92.9	18
5	70	87.1	17
6	60	91.6	18

Packet number two and five have the same PS-IAT combination. Packets number two to five have the same PS and number two and five as well as the number four and six fall within the same IAT bin. Therefore the following sequence is generated:

```
50_0_1_1_1 ; 60_90_1_1_2 ; 70_80_1_4_1 ; 70_85_2_4_2 ; 70_90_1_4_2
```

Note that for better readability spaces are inserted around the semicolons which will not exist in the text based flow file!