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**Internet Security – Lab 1**

*Sniffing and Spoofing*

**Task 1: Using tools to sniff and spoof packets**

*1.1 Sniffing Packets:*

1.1.A:

The python code for sniffing icmp packets is shown in the screenshot below:

Graphical user interface, text, chat or text message

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We can run the sniffer program with root privileges and ping another ip from a different terminal tab to capture the icmp packet:

A screenshot of a computer

Description automatically generated with low confidence

Text, letter

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Text, letter

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When we attempt to run the program without root privileges, we get the following error:

Text, letter

Description automatically generated

Observations: Our simple sniffer.py program shows how we can use scapy to sniff packets. The program works when running with root privileges, however, it will crash when trying to run as a normal user. The reason the program is unable to run without root privileges is it requires the use of a raw socket and the network interface card must be put in promiscuous mode to sniff all icmp packets on the network. This is not allowed unless funning as root which is why we see the permission error.

1.1.B:

The code for capturing only icmp packets is the same code that was used in section 1.1.A:

Graphical user interface, text, chat or text message

Description automatically generated

If we send a ping request to google.com we see the echo-request and echo-reply:

Text, letter

Description automatically generated

Text, letter

Description automatically generated

The code to only sniff tcp packets is shown below. We can use the same code as above but we change the icmp filter to tcp:

Text

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If we then open firefox we can capture the tcp packets being transmitted:

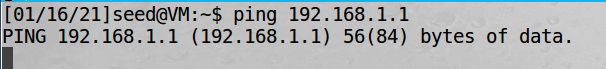
Text

Description automatically generated

If we only want to capture packets from a specific subnet we can update the filter to use the net keyword with the classless IPv4 address. In our example we will use subnet 192.168.0.0/16 and then ping an ip within the specified subnet to capture the packet. The python code is shown below:

Graphical user interface, text, application, chat or text message

Description automatically generated



Text, letter

Description automatically generated

In this case we do not get an echo response because the provided ip address within the specified server is not alive and able to respond.

Observations: The screenshots above show how filters can be applied to sniff packets of a specific type. We first were only interested in ICMP packets, then tcp packets, and finally packets to or from the specified subnet of 192.168.0.0/16.

Explanation: Scapy allows for various filters to easily be applied to our packet sniffer using BPF syntax.