

Hi

What is this? Anything suspicious?

22:06:36.265414 IP 192.168.111.54848 > 192.168.111.128.https: Flags [P.], seq 3208202572:3208202580, ack 894636502, win 256, length 8  
0x0000: 000c 29bf 1191 0050 56c0 0008 0800 4500 ...PV....E.  
0x0010: 0030 469f 4000 8006 1c57 c0a8 0b01 c0a8 .0F.@...W.....  
0x0020: 0b80 d640 01bb bf39 494c 3553 11d6 5018 ...@...9L5S.P.  
0x0030: 0100 9243 0000 1803 0200 0301 4000 ...C.....@.



This appears to be a packet capture (pcap) output, which is a snapshot of network traffic data. It's a single line representing a single packet sent from one IP address to another. The data shown here is in hexadecimal format.

Here is a breakdown of the captured packet:

- IP addresses:
  - Source IP: 192.168.11.1
  - Destination IP: 192.168.11.128
- Ports:
  - Source Port: 54848
  - Destination Port: 443 (https)
- Flags: [P.] indicates that the packet has the "PUSH" flag set, which typically means that the data should be sent immediately without waiting for more data.
- TCP Sequence and Acknowledgment numbers:
  - Sequence number: 3208202572
  - Acknowledgment number: 894636502
- Window size: 256
- Length: 8 bytes
- The rest of the line represents the data payload in hexadecimal format.

Based on this information alone, there is nothing inherently suspicious about this packet. However, to determine if there's any suspicious activity, you would need to analyze more packets and have a better understanding of the context and the network traffic patterns. This single packet is not enough to draw any conclusions about potential suspicious behavior.

Hi

Interpret it as a TLS packet



Given that the destination port is 443, which is the standard port for HTTPS, it is likely that this packet is part of a TLS (Transport Layer Security) communication. TLS is a cryptographic protocol that provides secure communications over a computer network, such as between a web browser and a web server.

Let's analyze the payload of the packet:

The payload begins with `0x0000: 000c 29bf 1191 0050 56c0 0008 0800 4500`, which is the Ethernet frame header and the IP header.

The interesting part for TLS analysis starts after the IP header, which is the payload data `1803 0200 0301 4000`. This can be broken down as follows:

- `18`: This indicates that the packet is a TLS record. The value `0x18` represents the Application Data type in the TLS Record Protocol.
- `03 02`: This represents the TLS version, which is TLS 1.1 (0x0302).
- `00 03`: This is the length of the encrypted payload, which is 3 bytes in this case.
- `01 40 00`: This is the encrypted application data, which cannot be interpreted without the encryption keys.

From the information provided in the packet, it is evident that this is a TLS packet. However, without the encryption keys and a larger context of the communication, it is impossible to determine the content of the application data or assess whether there is anything suspicious about this packet.

Hi

Are you sure that 0x18 is an application data record?



Apologies for the confusion in my previous response. You are right; I made an error. The value `0x18` does not represent the Application Data type in the TLS Record Protocol. Instead, it corresponds to a different record type.

Here is the corrected breakdown of the TLS record:

- `18`: This indicates that the packet is a TLS record. The value `0x18` corresponds to the Change Cipher Spec type (0x14) in the TLS Record Protocol. I apologize for the mistake in my previous message.
- `03 02`: This represents the TLS version, which is TLS 1.1 (0x0302).
- `00 03`: This is the length of the payload, which is 3 bytes in this case.
- `01 40 00`: This is the Change Cipher Spec payload. For Change Cipher Spec messages, the payload should be a single byte with a value of 0x01, indicating that the sender is switching to newly negotiated cipher suite and keys. In this case, the payload is `01`, followed by two extra bytes (`40 00`) that shouldn't be part of a standard Change Cipher Spec message. This inconsistency could be due to data corruption, or it might suggest something out of the ordinary.

Given this corrected analysis, I must revise my previous statement: there may be something unusual about this packet. The presence of extra bytes in the Change Cipher Spec message is not consistent with standard TLS behavior. However, it is still difficult to determine whether this represents a genuine security concern or simply a data corruption issue without more context and additional packet data.

Hi

0x18 is a heartbeat record



You are correct, and I apologize for the confusion in my previous responses. The value `0x18` indeed corresponds to the Heartbeat record type in the TLS Record Protocol.

Here's the corrected breakdown of the TLS record:

- `18`: This indicates that the packet is a TLS record. The value `0x18` corresponds to the Heartbeat type (0x18) in the TLS Record Protocol.
- `03 02`: This represents the TLS version, which is TLS 1.1 (0x0302).
- `00 03`: This is the length of the payload, which is 3 bytes in this case.
- `01 40 00`: This is the Heartbeat payload. The first byte `01` indicates the HeartbeatMessageType, which is a HeartbeatRequest (0x01). The next two bytes `40 00` represent the payload length of the Heartbeat message, which is 16,384 bytes in this case.

Given this corrected analysis, this packet represents a TLS HeartbeatRequest message with a payload length of 16,384 bytes. The Heartbeat protocol allows for checking if the other party in a TLS connection is still alive and responsive, without having to rely on the underlying TCP connection. The HeartbeatRequest message should be followed by a HeartbeatResponse message from the recipient. There is nothing inherently suspicious about this packet, but it's essential to monitor the network traffic for any unusual patterns or inconsistencies.

Hi

The length of the payload is only 3 bytes, but the heartbeat request is stating it is 16,384 bytes. Is that suspicious?



You are correct in pointing out the discrepancy between the length field of the TLS record and the length field of the Heartbeat payload. This inconsistency could indeed be considered suspicious.

The TLS record indicates a payload length of 3 bytes, while the Heartbeat payload length field specifies a length of 16,384 bytes. This mismatch could be indicative of an issue with the packet, such as data corruption or truncation. It could also be a sign of a potential security concern, as it might suggest an attempt to exploit vulnerabilities related to the Heartbeat protocol.

One such vulnerability that gained widespread attention in the past is the Heartbleed bug, which affected OpenSSL implementations of the TLS Heartbeat extension. The bug allowed attackers to read memory from the affected systems, potentially exposing sensitive data such as private keys, usernames, and passwords. The Heartbleed bug was specifically related to the handling of Heartbeat messages with incorrect payload lengths.

While it is not possible to determine the exact cause of the discrepancy in this packet without more context and additional packet data, the inconsistency should be considered suspicious and warrant further investigation. It is essential to monitor network traffic for any unusual patterns, inconsistencies, or potential signs of exploitation and take appropriate steps to secure the systems and network involved in the communication.