# pyshark

https://pypi.org/project/pyshark/

## **Installation**

#### **All Platforms**

Simply run the following to install the latest from pypi

```
pip install pyshark
```

Or install from the git repository:

```
git clone https://github.com/KimiNewt/pyshark.git
cd pyshark/src
python setup.py install
```

#### Obs. - Anaconda:

```
C:\Users\.....>conda activate C:\Users\.....\Anaconda3
C:\Users\.....>pip install --upgrade --force-reinstall pyshark
```

#### Mac OS X

You may have to install libxml which can be unexpected. If you receive an error from clang or an error message about libxml, run the following:

```
xcode-select --install
pip install libxml
```

You will probably have to accept a EULA for XCode so be ready to click an "Accept" dialog in the GUI.

# **Usage**

# Reading from a capture file:

```
>>> import pyshark
>>> cap = pyshark.FileCapture('/tmp/mycapture.cap')
```

```
>>> cap
<FileCapture /tmp/mycapture.cap (589 packets)>
>>> print cap[0]
Packet (Length: 698)
Layer ETH:
        Destination: BLANKED
        Source: BLANKED
        Type: IP (0x0800)
Layer IP:
        Version: 4
        Header Length: 20 bytes
       Differentiated Services Field: 0x00 (DSCP 0x00: Default; ECN: 0x00:
Not-ECT (Not ECN-Capable Transport))
       Total Length: 684
        Identification: 0x254f (9551)
        Flags: 0x00
        Fragment offset: 0
        Time to live: 1
        Protocol: UDP (17)
        Header checksum: 0xe148 [correct]
        Source: BLANKED
       Destination: BLANKED
```

#### Other options

- **param keep\_packets**: Whether to keep packets after reading them via next(). Used to conserve memory when reading large caps.
- **param input\_file**: Either a path or a file-like object containing either a packet capture file (PCAP, PCAP-NG..) or a TShark xml.
- param display\_filter: A display (wireshark) filter to apply on the cap before reading it.
- **param only\_summaries**: Only produce packet summaries, much faster but includes very little information
- param disable\_protocol: Disable detection of a protocol (tshark > version 2)
- **param decryption\_key**: Key used to encrypt and decrypt captured traffic.
- **param encryption\_type**: Standard of encryption used in captured traffic (must be either 'WEP', 'WPA-PWD', or 'WPA-PWK'. Defaults to WPA-PWK.
- **param tshark\_path**: Path of the tshark binary

### Reading from a live interface:

```
>>> capture = pyshark.LiveCapture(interface='eth0')
>>> capture.sniff(timeout=50)
>>> capture
<LiveCapture (5 packets)>
>>> capture[3]
<UDP/HTTP Packet>

for packet in capture.sniff_continuously(packet_count=5):
    print 'Just arrived:', packet
```

#### Other options

- param interface: Name of the interface to sniff on. If not given, takes the first available.
- param bpf\_filter: BPF filter to use on packets.
- param display\_filter: Display (wireshark) filter to use.
- **param only\_summaries**: Only produce packet summaries, much faster but includes very little information
- **param disable\_protocol**: Disable detection of a protocol (tshark > version 2)
- param decryption\_key: Key used to encrypt and decrypt captured traffic.
- **param encryption\_type**: Standard of encryption used in captured traffic (must be either 'WEP', 'WPA-PWD', or 'WPA-PWK'. Defaults to WPA-PWK).
- **param tshark\_path**: Path of the tshark binary
- param output\_file: Additionally save captured packets to this file.

#### Reading from a live interface using a ring buffer

```
>>> capture = pyshark.LiveRingCapture(interface='eth0')
>>> capture.sniff(timeout=50)
>>> capture
<LiveCapture (5 packets)>
>>> capture[3]
<UDP/HTTP Packet>

for packet in capture.sniff_continuously(packet_count=5):
    print 'Just arrived:', packet
```

#### Other options

- param ring\_file\_size: Size of the ring file in kB, default is 1024
- param num\_ring\_files: Number of ring files to keep, default is 1
- param ring\_file\_name: Name of the ring file, default is /tmp/pyshark.pcap
- param interface: Name of the interface to sniff on. If not given, takes the first available.
- param bpf filter: BPF filter to use on packets.
- param display\_filter: Display (wireshark) filter to use.
- **param only\_summaries**: Only produce packet summaries, much faster but includes very little information
- param disable protocol: Disable detection of a protocol (tshark > version 2)
- param decryption\_key: Key used to encrypt and decrypt captured traffic.
- **param encryption\_type**: Standard of encryption used in captured traffic (must be either 'WEP', 'WPA-PWD', or 'WPA-PWK'. Defaults to WPA-PWK).
- param tshark\_path: Path of the tshark binary
- param output file: Additionally save captured packets to this file.

# Reading from a live remote interface:

```
>>> capture = pyshark.RemoteCapture('192.168.1.101', 'eth0')
>>> capture.sniff(timeout=50)
>>> capture
```

#### Other options

- **param remote\_host**: The remote host to capture on (IP or hostname). Should be running rpcapd.
- **param remote\_interface**: The remote interface on the remote machine to capture on. Note that on windows it is not the device display name but the true interface name (i.e. \Device\NPF ..).
- param remote\_port: The remote port the rpcapd service is listening on
- param bpf\_filter: A BPF (tcpdump) filter to apply on the cap before reading.
- **param only\_summaries**: Only produce packet summaries, much faster but includes very little information
- **param disable\_protocol**: Disable detection of a protocol (tshark > version 2)
- param decryption\_key: Key used to encrypt and decrypt captured traffic.
- **param encryption\_type**: Standard of encryption used in captured traffic (must be either 'WEP', 'WPA-PWD', or 'WPA-PWK'. Defaults to WPA-PWK).
- **param tshark\_path**: Path of the tshark binary

### Accessing packet data:

Data can be accessed in multiple ways. Packets are divided into layers, first you have to reach the appropriate layer and then you can select your field.

All of the following work:

```
>>> packet['ip'].dst
192.168.0.1
>>> packet.ip.src
192.168.0.100
>>> packet[2].src
192.168.0.100
```

To test whether a layer is in a packet, you can use its name:

```
>>> 'IP' in packet
True
```

To see all possible field names, use the packet.layer.field\_names attribute (i.e. packet.ip.field\_names) or the autocomplete function on your interpreter.

You can also get the original binary data of a field, or a pretty description of it:

```
>>> p.ip.addr.showname
Source or Destination Address: 10.0.0.10 (10.0.0.10)
# And some new attributes as well:
>>> p.ip.addr.int_value
167772170
>>> p.ip.addr.binary_value
'\n\x00\x00\n'
```

### **Decrypting packet captures**

Pyshark supports automatic decryption of traces using the WEP, WPA-PWD, and WPA-PSK standards (WPA-PWD is the default).

```
>>> cap1 = pyshark.FileCapture('/tmp/capture1.cap',
decryption_key='password')
>>> cap2 = pyshark.LiveCapture(interface='wi0', decryption_key='password',
encryption type='wpa-psk')
```

A tuple of supported encryption standards, SUPPORTED\_ENCRYPTION\_STANDARDS, exists in each capture class.

```
>>> pyshark.FileCapture.SUPPORTED_ENCRYPTION_STANDARDS
('wep', 'wpa-pwd', 'wpa-psk')
>>> pyshark.LiveCapture.SUPPORTED_ENCRYPTION_STANDARDS
('wep', 'wpa-pwd', 'wpa-psk')
```

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