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ABSTRACT

For our mini project, we are sniffing data packets passed to us in a pcap file and calculating different types of statistics regarding each packet. At the end, we analyse the overall statistics of the network such as average speed, average packet size, average packet rate and average RTT. For each packet we try to print the host ip, destination ip, source port address, destination port address, packet capture length, packet total length, sequence number and acknowledgement number. For TCP oriented data packets, we have even printed the payload. The whole code is written in C in which we use the libcap library.

The libpcap library was written as part of a more extensive program called TCPDump. The libpcap library allowed developers to write code to receive link-layer packets (Layer 2 in the OSI model) on different flavours of UNIX operating systems without having to worry about the idiosyncrasy of different operating systems' network cards and drivers. Essentially, the libpcap library grabs packets directly from the network cards, which allowed developers to write programs to decode, display, or log the packets.

In our program, we allow the user to input any .pcap file for which we output its statistics. We also allow the user to put a limit to the number of packets to be sniffed.

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Chapter 1: Network Statistics

1.1 Round Trip Time (RTT)

The round-trip time for a segment is the amount of time between when the segment is sent and when an acknowledgement for the segment is received.

1.2 Throughput

The throughput is the amount of data per second that can be transferred between end systems.

1.3 Processing Delay

The processing delay is the time required to examine the packet's header and determine where to direct the packet.

1.4 Queueing Delay

The queueing delay is the amount of time a packet has to wait before being transmitted onto the link.

1.5 Transmission Delay

The transmission delay is the amount of time required to transmit all of the packet's bits into the link.

1.6 Propagation Delay

The propagation delay is the time required to propagate from the beginning of the link to the end router.

Chapter 2: Implementation in Code

2.1 Introduction

We have developed a command line interface which analyses packets present in a peap file and present the network statistics such as throughput, average round trip time and transmission speed, for those packets.

This pcap file can downloaded or generated live via any packet sniffing tool such as Wireshark and then be fed as input to our interface.

We have also added a feature giving the user the liberty to decide how many packets the user wants to sniff from the file.

After displaying all packets, its protocols, payload, and respective details, we display the network statistics in the output.

2.2 GitHub Link for the Code

The code has been completed and tested with .pcap and .pcapng files the samples of which along with the source code file has been uploaded in a GitHub repository we have created, the link to which is:

https://github.com/pragyachawla001/Network-Statistics

2.3 Walking through the code

2.3.1 Header Files and Libraries used:

The interface was made in the C language. The following header files were used for the implementation:

- stdio.h
- pcap.h
- stdlib.h
- netinet/in.h
- netinet/tcp.h
- netinet/udp.h

- netinet/ip.h
- unistd.h
- net/ethernet.h
- string.h

Using libpcap allows us to capture or send packets from a live network device or a file. These code examples will walk us through using libpcap to find network devices, get information about devices, process packets in real time or offline, send packets, and even listen to wireless traffic. This is aimed at Debian based Linux distributions but may also work on Mac OSX. Not intended for Windows, but WinPcap is a port that is available. Compiling a pcap program requires linking with the pcap lib. We can install it in Debian based distributions with:

```
sudo apt-get install libpcap-dev
```

Once the libpcap dependency is installed, we can compile pcap programs with the following command. We will need to run the program as root or with sudo to have permission to access the network card:

```
gcc <filename> -lpcap
```

The code we have written to include the respective header files and libraries used is shown in the screenshot of the snippet of the code below:

```
#include <pcap.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <ctype.h>
#include <errno.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/socket.h>
#include <netinet/in.h>
#include <arpa/inet.h>
#include <assert.h>
#define APP NAME "sniffex"
#define APP DESC "Sniffer example using libpcap"
#define SNAP LEN 1518
#define SIZE ETHERNET 14
#define ETHER_ADDR_LEN 6
```

We are including all header files respective to the functions and header structures we have used in our program.

2.3.2 Structures defined for sniffing:

```
/* Ethernet header */
You, 8 hours ago | 1 author (You)
struct sniff_ethernet {
    u_char ether_dhost[ETHER_ADDR_LEN]; /* destination host address */
    u_char ether_shost[ETHER_ADDR_LEN]; /* source host address */
    u_short ether_type; /* IP? ARP? RARP? etc */
};

/* IP header */
You, 8 hours ago | 1 author (You)
struct sniff_ip {
    u_char ip_whl; /* version << 4 | header Length >> 2 */
    u_char ip_tos; /* type of service */
    u_short ip_len; /* total Length */
    u_short ip_len; /* total Length */
    u_short ip_off; /* fragment offset field */
    #define IP_RF 0x8000 /* reserved fragment flag */
    #define IP_DF 0x8000 /* reserved fragment flag */
    #define IP_OFFMASK 0x1fff /* mask for fragmenting bits */
    u_char ip_tit; /* time to Live */
    u_short ip_sum; /* checksum */
    struct in_addr ip_src, ip_dst; /* source and dest address */
};
#define IP_HL(ip)(((ip) -> ip_whl) & 0x0f)
#define IP_V(ip)(((ip) -> ip_whl) >> 4)
```

```
typedef u_int tcp_seq;
struct sniff_tcp {
 u_short th_sport; /* source port *,
 u_short th_dport; /* destination port */
 tcp_seq th_seq; /* sequence number */
tcp_seq th_ack; /* acknowledgement number *
u_char th_offx2; /* data offset, rsvd */
  #define TH_OFF(th)(((th) \rightarrow th_offx2 \& 0xf0) >> 4)
  u char th flags;
  #define TH_FIN 0x01
  #define TH SYN 0x02
  #define TH_RST 0x04
  #define TH_PUSH 0x08
  #define TH_ACK 0x10
  #define TH_URG 0x20
  #define TH ECE 0x40
  #define TH CWR 0x80
  #define TH_FLAGS (TH_FIN|TH_SYN|TH_RST|TH_ACK|TH_URG|TH_ECE|TH_CWR)
 u_short th_win; /* windo
 u_short th_sum; /* checksum
 u_short th_urp; /* urgent pointer */
struct sniff_udp {
 u_short sport; //source port
u_short dport; //destination port
u_short len; //datagram length
u_short crc; //checksum
```

The defined structures and the purpose they serve are mentioned in the comments of the code as shown in the code screenshot above.

The data in structures are relevant to what we read for TCP and UDP headers and packets. Thus, the structures are well defined and explained through the variables used and the comments given int the code.

2.3.3 Prototyping functions required for the code:

```
void got_packet(u_char * args,
    const struct pcap_pkthdr * header,
    | const u_char * packet);

void print_payload(const u_char * payload, int len);

void print_hex_ascii_line(const u_char * payload, int len, int offset);

void print_app_usage(void);
```

2.3.4 Functions for printing payload of the packets sniffed:

```
93 /*
94 * print help text
95 */
96 void print_app_usage(void) {
97
98 printf("Usage: %s [interface]\n", APP_NAME);
99 printf("\n");
100 printf("\n");
101 printf(" interface Listen on <interface> for packets.\n");
102 printf("\n");
103 return;
104 }
105
106 /*
107 * print data in rows of 16 bytes: offset hex ascit
108 * 00000 47 45 54 20 2f 20 48 54 54 50 2f 31 2c 31 0d 0a GET / HTTP/1.1..
110 */
111 void print_hex_ascii_line(const u_char * payload, int len, int offset) {
112
113 int i;
114 int gap;
115 const u_char * ch;
116
117 /* offset */
118 printf("%05d *, offset);
119
120 /* hex */
121 ch = payload;
122 for (i = 0; i < len; i++) {
123 printf("%02x *, * ch);
124 ch++;
125 /* print extra space ofter 8th byte for visual oid */
127 printf("");
128 }
```

```
const u_char * ch = payload;
if (len <= 0)
return;

/* data fits on one line */
if (len <= line width) {
    printf(" ktt");
    print_hex_ascii_line(ch, len, offset);
    return;

/* data spans multiple lines */
while(1) {
    /* compute current line length */
line_len = line_width % len_rem;

/* print[line */
printf(" ktt");

print_hex_ascii_line(ch, line_len, offset);

/* compute total remaining */
len_rem = len_rem - line_len;

/* shift pointer to remaining bytes to print */
check if we have line_width chars or less */
if (len_rem <= line_width) {
    /* print line_len (len_rem, offset);
    /* check if we have line width chars or less */
if (len_rem <= line_width) {
    /* print_lest line_and_get_out */
    printf(" ktt");
    print_hex_ascii_line(ch, len_rem, offset);
    break;
}

return;
}
</pre>
```

The functions "print_payload()" and "print_hex_asci_line()" are both functions which are used to help print the payload of the packets which we are sniffing from the pcap file fed as input to the program. These files use the header information and other formatting details to produce the payload which we then print individually for each packet sniffed.

2.3.5 Function for sniffing and displaying each packet individually:

got_packet is a function used as the call-back for our pcap_loop function. It takes in three arguments, a u_char pointer which is passed in the user argument to pcap_loop(), a const struct pcap_pkthdr pointer pointing to the packet timestamp and lengths, and a const u_char pointer to the first caplen (as given in the struct pcap_pkthdr a pointer to which is passed to the callback routine) bytes of data from the packet. The struct pcap_pkthdr and the packet data are not to be freed by the callback routine, and are not guaranteed to be valid after the callback routine returns; if the code needs them to be valid after the callback, it must make a copy of them. Count is used for keeping a count of packets. ethernet is a pointer to sniff_ethernet struct, which points to the

starting of the packet. ip is a pointer to sniff_ip struct, which points to the start of the packet with an offset equal to the size of the ethernet header. tcp is a pointer to sniff_tcp which points to the start of the packet with an offset of ethernet size, ip size combined. We then get to know which type of protocol is being used with the help of the switch case. Our program will continue only if the packet follows TCP or UDP protocol. For UDP, we print the source port number, destination port number and datagram length. For TCP, we print the source port number, destination port number, packet capture length, packet total length, sequence number, acknowledgement number and payload, if any.

```
/* dissect/print packet

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/* void got_packet(u_char * args,

const struct pacp_kthdr * header,

const uchar * packet) {

static int count = 1; /* packet counter */

/* dectare pointers to packet headers */

const struct sniff_ip * ip; /* The TP header */

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const struct sniff_ip * ip; /* The TP header */

const struct sniff_ip * packet payload */

int size_ip;

int size_ip;

int size_tcp;

int size_payload;

printf("\t\t------- PACKET [Number : %d] ------\n\n", count++);

/* define ethernet header */

ethernet = (struct sniff_iethernet * )(packet);

/* define/compute is header offset */

ip = (struct sniff_i = *)(packet + SIZE_ETHERNET);

size_ip = IP_HL(ip) * 4;

if (size_ip < 20) {

printf("**\t\t\tron IP : %s\n", inet_ntoa(ip -> ip_ssrc));

printf("**\t\t\tron IP : %s\n", inet_ntoa(ip -> ip_ssrc));
```

```
switch (ip -> ip_p) {
 printf("**\t\tProtocol : TCP\n");
  break;
case TPPROTO UDP:
printf("**\t\tProtocol : UDP\n");
break;
printf("**\t\tProtocol : ICMP\n");
case IPPROTO IP:
printf("**\t\tProtocol : IP\n");
 printf("**\t\tProtocol : Unknown\n");
if (ip -> ip_p == IPPROTO_UDP) {
  struct sniff_udp * udp;
  udp = (struct sniff_udp * )(packet + SIZE_ETHERNET + size_ip);
  printf("**\t\tSource Port : %u\n**\t\tDestination Port : %u\n", udp -> sport, udp -> dport);
printf("**\t\tUDP Datagram Length : %u\n", udp -> len / 256);
  tcp = (struct sniff_tcp * )(packet + SIZE_ETHERNET + size_ip);
size_tcp = TH_OFF(tcp) * 4;
  if (size_tcp < 20) {
    printf("**\t\tInvalid TCP header length: %u bytes\n", size_tcp);
    return;
```

2.3.6 Function for parsing the file to give final network statistics output:

We use this function to Parse our data.txt file and get all the valuable information from it. FILE* f points to the file which we want to open (data.txt). buf array is used to store the whole line of our input, whereas temp array is used to store the value of our data, such as average speed, average packet size, average packet rate, etc. If we open the data.txt file, we will soon come to know that the eleventh and twelfth lines of the file hold the average speed of our network, the thirteenth line holds the average packet size, and the fourteenth line holds the average packet rate. The count variable is used to calculate the line number we have parsed so far. Unit conversions are done accordingly to have a standardized way of presenting our data. In the end, we calculate the average RTT of our network and output it accordingly.

Function: parse()

```
void parse() {
  FILE * f;
  f = fopen("data.txt", "r");
 char buf[256];
 char temp[256];
 int count = 0;
  int i = 0, j = 0;
 float size, speed, Mbps, prate;
  for (int count = 0; fgets(buf, sizeof(buf), f) != NULL && count < 15; count++) {</pre>
  if (count < 11) {
   i = 0, j = 0;
while (!isdigit(buf[i])) i++;
   while (isalge(confi),
while (buf[i] != ' ') {
   if (buf[i] != ',') {
     temp[j++] = buf[i];
    temp[j++] = 0;
    if (count == 11) {
       speed = atof(temp);
      while(buf[i++] != ' ');
       char type[10];
       while(isalpha(buf[i]) || buf[i] == '/'){
         type[k++] = buf[i++];
       type[k++] = 0;
       if(strcmp(type, "kBps") == 0) speed /= 1024.0f;
```

```
else if(strcmp(type, "bytes/s") == 0) speed /= 1024.0f * 1024.0f; else if(strcmp(type, "MBps") != 0) puts(type), assert(0);
    printf("**\t\tAVERAGE SPEED(MBps) : %4.2f MBps\n", speed);
  } else if (count == 12) {
    Mbps = atof(temp);
    while(buf[i++] != ' ');
    char type[10];
    int k = 0;
    while(isalpha(buf[i])){
      type[k++] = buf[i++];
    type[k++] = 0;
    if(strcmp(type, "kbps") == 0) Mbps /= 1024.0f;
else if(strcmp(type, "Mbps") != 0) assert(0);
    printf("**\t\tAVERAGE SPEED(Mbps) : %4.2f Mbps\n", Mbps);
  } else if (count == 13) {
    size = atof(temp);
    printf("**\t\tAVERAGE PACKET SIZE : %4.2f bytes\n", size);
  } else if (count == 14) {
   prate = atof(temp);
    printf("**\t\tAVERAGE PACKET RATE/s : %4.2f kpackets/s\n", prate);
printf("**\t\tAVERAGE RTT
                                         : %f seconds\n", size * 2 / (speed * (1 << 20)));
```

2.3.7 Function for displaying simple terminal-based GUI:

We have made a small terminal-based interface and to beautify, we have used this function and given proper spacing.

2.3.8 The main function that ties all the program together:

To obtain the bare-bones statistics of the network, we used the capinfos software, and stored the fetched data into a text file called "data.txt". We have then sent this file to be parsed and statistics to be retrieved through the parse() function call mentioned in the code.

We also obtained the IP header information and the TCP/UDP header information.

```
int main(int argc, char ** argv) {
 char errbuf[PCAP_ERRBUF_SIZE]; /* error Temporary */
pcap_t * handle; /* packet capture handle */
 char filter_exp[] = "ip"; /* filter expression [3] */
struct bpf_program fp; /* compiled filter program (expression) */
bpf_u_int32 mask = 0; /* subnet mask */
 bpf u int32 net = 0; /'
 int num_packets = 0; /* number of packets to capture */
 char fileName[100];
 scanf("%s", fileName);
 handle = pcap_open_offline(fileName, errbuf);
 if (handle == NULL) {
   fprintf(stderr, "Couldn't open device\n");
   exit(EXIT FAILURE);
 printf("\n\n** Enter number of packets to be sniffed (Enter 0 for all):
                                                                                **");
 printf("\n\n**
 if (num_packets == 0)
  printf("\n\n** Number of packets : All\n");
  printf("\n\n** Number of packets : %d\n", num_packets);
 if (pcap_datalink(handle) != DLT_EN10MB) {
  fprintf(stderr, "Not an Ethernet\n");
```

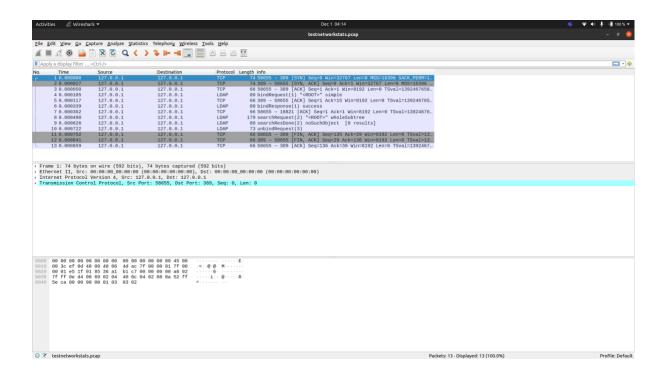
We have used some print statements to beautify the code in the end to compensate for a functioning frontend.

The overall code works and has been tested with multiple pcap and pcapng files and the order of working is that initially on running the code, we are asked to input the name of the pcap file to be fed as input. On inputting a valid file name, we can enter how many packets we want the program to sniff, and we get the appropriate display as chosen. In the end, after all the individual packets have been displayed, we can see that the network statistics are displayed.

We have verified the correctness of the statistics by checking network statistics in the Wireshark tool as well.

2.3.9 Outputs of the Program:

The first sample .pcap file is called "testnetworkstats.pcap" and the Wireshark screenshot is attached below:



We can see the packets available to be sniffed in the screenshot above and now we will run the code in the gcc compiler.

The menu driven GUI looks as follows:

We are required to input the Filename and the number of packets we want to be sniffed.

```
Enter the file name with the .pcap extension for analysis
            testnetworkstats.pcap
**********************************
     Enter number of packets to be sniffed (Enter 0 for all):
          0
     Number of packets : All
************************************
             ----- PACKET [Number : 1] -----
             From IP: 127.0.0.1
             To IP: 127.0.0.1
             Protocol : TCP
             Source port : 58655
             Destination port: 389
             Packet capture length: 74
             Packet total length: 74
             Sequence number : 3350307126
             Acknowledgement number(Ack): 0
             ----- PACKET [Number : 2] ------
             From IP : 127.0.0.1
             To IP: 127.0.0.1
             Protocol: TCP
             Source port: 389
             Destination port : 58655
             Packet capture length: 74
             Packet total length: 74
             Sequence number: 750250550
Acknowledgement number(Ack): 3367084342
```

```
From IP: 127.0.0.1
To IP: 127.0.0.1
Protocol: TCP
Source port: 58655
Destination port: 389
Packet capture length: 66
Packet total length: 66
Sequence number: 3367084342
Acknowledgement number(Ack): 767027766

From IP: 127.0.0.1
To IP: 127.0.0.1
Protocol: TCP
Source port: 58655
Destination port: 389
Packet total length: 80
Packet total length: 80
Packet total length: 80
Sequence number: 3367084342
Acknowledgement number(Ack): 767027766
Payload (14 bytes):

60000 30 0c 02 01 01 60 07 02 01 03 04 00 80 00 0...`....

PACKET [Number: 5]
From IP: 127.0.0.1
To IP: 127.0.0.1
To IP: 127.0.0.1
Protocol: TCP
Source port: 389
Destination port: 58655
Packet capture length: 66
Packet total length: 66
Packet total length: 66
Packet total length: 66
Packet capture length: 66
Packet capture length: 66
Packet total length: 66
Packet capture length: 66
Packet total length: 66
Packet INumber: 767027766
Acknowledgement number(Ack): 3601965366
```

```
## From IP : 127.0.0.1
## To IP : 127.0.0.1
## To IP : 127.0.0.1
## Protocol : TCP
## Source port : 389
## Destination port : 58655
## Packet total length : 80
## Packet total length : 80
## Sequence number : 767027766
## Acknowledgement number(Ack) : 3601965366
## Payload (14 bytes) :
## O0000 30 0c 02 01 01 61 07 0a 01 00 04 00 04 00 0 ...a.....
## Protocol : TCP
## Source port : 58655
## Destination port : 18821
## Packet capture length : 66
## Packet total length : 76
## From IP : 127.0.0.1
## To IP : 127.0.0.1
## To IP : 127.0.0.1
## Packet total length : 76
## Packet total length : 76
## Packet total length : 76
## Packet total length : 77
## Packet total length : 77
## Packet total length : 79
## Sequence number : 3601965366
## Acknowledgement number(Ack) : 1001908790
## Packet total length : 179
## Sequence number : 3601965366
## Acknowledgement number(Ack) : 1001908790
## Payload (113 bytes) :
```

```
** From IP : 127.0.0.1

** From IP : 127.0.0.1

** Protocol : TCP

** Source port : 58655

** Destination port : 389

** Packet capture length : 179

** Sequence number : 3601963366

** Acknowledgement number(Ack) : 1001908790

** Payload (113 bytes) :

** 00000 30 6f 02 01 02 63 6a 04 00 0a 01 02 0a 01 00 02 0o..cj......

** 00016 01 00 02 01 00 01 01 00 0a 92 03 11 03 22 02 13 36 0......

** 00048 33 2c 32 2c 34 36 2c 31 82 10 64 65 70 61 72 74 0.....

** 00080 37 30 39 84 01 ff 30 19 04 02 63 6e 04 02 73 6e 00096 04 0f 74 65 6c 65 70 68 6f 6e 65 4e 75 6d 62 65 70 0......

** PACKET [Number : 9]

** From IP : 127.0.0.1

** To IP : 127.0.0.1

** Protocol : TCP

** Source port : 389

** Destination port : 58655

** Packet total length : 80

** Sequence number : 1001908790

** Acknowledgement number(Ack) : 1202889014

** Payload (14 bytes) :

** 00000 30 0c 02 01 02 65 07 0a 01 20 04 00 04 00 0 ...e.....
```

```
----- PACKET [Number : 13] ------
                From IP: 127.0.0.1
                To IP: 127.0.0.1
                Protocol : TCP
                Source port : 58655
                Destination port: 389
                Packet capture length: 66
                Packet total length: 66
                Sequence number : 1337106742
                Acknowledgement number(Ack) : 1253567030
******************** FINAL NETWORK STATISTICS ***************
                AVERAGE SPEED(MBps) : 1.18 MBps
               AVERAGE SPEED(Mbps) : 9.42 Mbps
AVERAGE PACKET SIZE : 79.69 bytes
               AVERAGE PACKET RATE/s : 15.00 kpackets/s
               AVERAGE RTT
                                     : 0.000129 seconds
Capture complete.
```

In this final screenshot, we can notice that after all thirteen packets are displayed, we are able to see the network statistics displayed which is the outcome required for our project.

To test our final project, we have used another sample input file called "testing.pcapng" which is very huge in comparison, and we can see the packets and network statistics for that too as shown below:

Initially, we show the Wireshark screenshot for the given pcap file:

```
| Col. | Dec. |
```

The menu driven inputs:

```
Enter the file name with the .pcap extension for analysis
       ==> testing.pcapng
     Enter number of packets to be sniffed (Enter 0 for all):
     Number of packets : All
*************************
              ----- PACKET [Number : 1] -----
              From IP : 157.240.192.52
To IP : 192.168.0.221
              Protocol : TCP
              Source port : 443
              Destination port : 36576
              Packet capture length: 99
              Packet total length : 99
              Sequence number : 1953468210
Acknowledgement number(Ack) : 2926838274
              Payload (33 bytes) :
                     17 03 03 00 1c 4c ae 01 dd 40 98 bd dc 32 83 d4
42 f6 ba 43 e6 al 16 c3 c2 08 9e 9d 01 ea 9c fa
                                                                        .....L...@...2..
B..C....
              00016
              00032
```

The last packet along with the network statistics as shown below:

```
----- PACKET [Number : 279] ------
                From IP : 54.227.95.54
                To IP: 192.168.0.221
                Protocol : TCP
                Source port : 443
                Destination port: 33948
                Packet capture length : 66
                Packet total length: 66
                Sequence number : 1127281625
                Acknowledgement number(Ack): 3368777366
****************** FINAL NETWORK STATISTICS ***************
                AVERAGE SPEED(MBps) : 0.01 MBps
                AVERAGE SPEED(Mbps) : 0.06 Mbps
AVERAGE PACKET SIZE : 465.27 bytes
                AVERAGE PACKET RATE/s : 17.00 kpackets/s
                                     : 0.112262 seconds
                AVERAGE RTT
Capture complete.
```

APPENDICES

GitHub link to our code and input test files:

https://github.com/pragyachawla001/Network-Statistics

Link for downloading sample pcap and pcapng files of all sizes and formats along with protocol filters required:

https://www.wireshark.org/download/automated/captures/

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