COMP 534 Computer & Network Security: Project 3 Report

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Lab Task Set 1: Using Scapy to Sniff and Spoof Packets

Task 1.1: Sniffing Packets

Task 1.1A

I run *sniff.py* on the attacker container. On HostA, I run *ping 8.8.8.8*. As the screenshot below, shows ICMP packets are sniffed on the attacker container.

```
root@8fac761c0d92:/# ping 8.8.8.8
root@VM:/volumes/Python# python3 sniff.py
                                                                       PING 8.8.8.8 (8.8.8.8) 56(84) bytes of data.
###[ Ethernet ]###
                                                                      64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=1 ttl=254 time=30.1 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=2 ttl=254 time=28.3 ms
             = 52:55:0a:00:02:02
  dst
             = 52:54:00:47:24:8d
  src
                                                                       64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=3 ttl=254 time=15.3 ms
  type
###[ IP ]###
                                                                       64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=4 ttl=254 time=25.2 ms
     version
                                                                       54 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=5 ttl=254 time=33.7 ms
                = 5
     ihl
                                                                       64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=6 ttl=254 time=14.0 ms
                = 0 \times 0
     tos
                = 84
     len
                = 34376
     id
     flags
     frag
     ttl
                = 63
     proto
                = icmp
     chksum
                  0x9942
                  10.0.2.15
     src
     dst
                  8.8.8.8
     \options
###[ ICMP ]###
                    = echo-request
         code
                    = 0
         chksum
                    = 0xh3a4
         id
                    = 0x23
```

Next, I run *sniff.py* without root privilege. As the screenshot below shows, we get a permission error. This is because creating raw sockets and putting a device to promiscuous mode requires elevated privileges. This is further confirmed by the traceback output. clear

```
seed@VM: ~/.../Project 3
                                                                                           Q = _ _
root@VM:/volumes/Python# su seed
seed@VM:/volumes/Python$ python3 sniff.py
Traceback (most recent call last):
 File "sniff.py", line 27, in <module>
   pkt = scapy.sniff(filter=filter option, prn=print pkt)
 File "/usr/local/lib/python3.8/dist-packages/scapy/sendrecv.py", line 1036, in sniff
    sniffer._run(*args, **kwargs)
 File "/usr/local/lib/python3.8/dist-packages/scapy/sendrecv.py", line 906, in run
   sniff sockets[L2socket(type=ETH P ALL, iface=iface,
 File "/usr/local/lib/python3.8/dist-packages/scapy/arch/linux.py", line 398, in
 self.ins = socket.socket(socket.AF_PACKET, socket.SOCK_RAW, socket.htons(type)) # noqa: E501
File "/usr/lib/python3.8/socket.py", line 231, in __init__
     socket.socket.__init__(self, family, type, proto, fileno)
PermissionError: [Errno 1] Operation not permitted
seed@VM:/volumes/Python$
```

Task 1.1B

The filters that I used for this task are shown below

```
icmp_filter = 'icmp'
tcp_filter = 'tcp and src host 10.9.0.5 and dst port 23'
subnet_filter = 'net 128.230.0.0/16'
```

The *sniff.py* which I ran in Task 1.1A was already filtering only ICMP packets. Thus, I do not show the output here. The output is the same as in the first screenshot.

Note that to accomplish the TCP filtering task, I telnet from HostA (10.9.0.5) to HostB (10.9.0.6). Telnet is used because it corresponds to port 23.

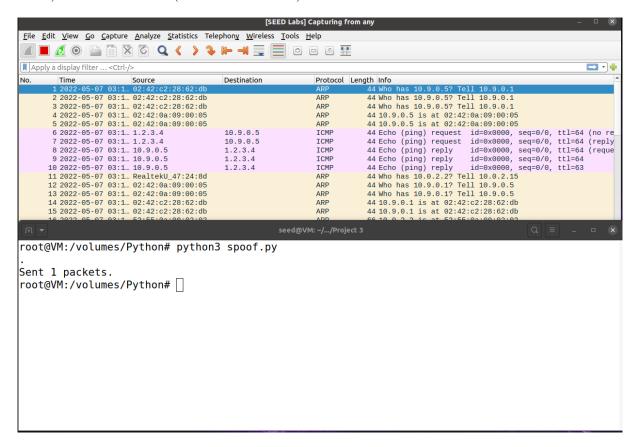
```
root@VM:/volumes/Python# python3 sniff.py tcp
                                                                           root@8fac761c0d92:/# hostname -I
###[ Ethernet ]###
                                                                          10.9.0.5
            = 02:42:0a:09:00:06
 dst
                                                                          root@8fac761c0d92:/# telnet 10.9.0.6
            = 02:42:0a:09:00:05
 src
                                                                          Trying 10.9.0.6.
            = IPv4
                                                                          Connected to 10.9.0.6
###[ IP ]###
                                                                          Escape character is '^]'.
Ubuntu 20.04.1 LTS
    version
    ihl
               = 5
                                                                          351eb4505f6a login: □
    tos
               = 0 \times 10
    len
               = 60
               = 51804
    id
    flags
    frag
               = 0
    ttl
               = 64
               = tcp
    proto
    chksum
               = 0x5c33
    src
               = 10.9.0.5
    dst
               = 10.9.0.6
     \options
###[ TCP ]###
                   = 34946
       sport
                   = telnet
        dport
                   = 1837407335
        ack
                   = 0
```

For the subnet filtering part, I filter on subnet 128.230.0.0/16. I use nc to send the packets. I first nc to an address that is not part of the filtered subnet 130.200.0.0. I then nc to an address that is part of the filtered subnet 128.230.0.0. As the screenshot shows, no packets are captured for 130.200.0.0 but packets are captured for 128.230.0.0.

```
root@VM:/volumes/Python# python3 sniff.py subnet
                                                                        root@8fac761c0d92:/# nc 130.200.0.0 80
###[ Ethernet 1###
            = 02:42:c2:28:62:db
                                                                        root@8fac761c0d92:/# nc 128.230.0.0 80
            = 02:42:0a:09:00:05
 type
            = TPv4
###[ IP ]###
    version
               = 4
    ihl
               = 5
    tos
               = 0 \times 0
               = 60
    len
               = 23981
     flags
               = DF
               = 0
    frag
               = 64
    ttl
               = tcp
    proto
    chksum
               = 0x521b
    src
               = 10.9.0.5
               = 128.230.0.0
    dst
     \options
###[ TCP ]###
                  = 41856
        sport
        dport
                  = http
                  = 3237215137
        seq
                  = 0
```

Task 1.2: Spoofing ICMP Packets

On the attacker container, I run *spoof.py*. In the IP object I set src to 1.2.3.4 (symbolizing an arbitrary IP address) and dst to 10.9.0.5 (IP address of HostA).



As the screenshot above shows a packet with source 1.2.3.4 is accepted and a reply is sent back. This indicates that our packet spoofing attempts have been successful.

Task 1.3: Traceroute

For this task I am using the sr1 function to obtain a single reply packet. The program should terminate when the ICMP type of the reply is 0 (corresponding to an Echo Reply). If the reply type is 11 (corresponding to TTL exceeded), the program continues and increments the TTL.

Note that running traceroute.py on the VM was return a single hop which is obviously incorrect. I was not able to resolve this issue. Hence, I run traceroute.py locally.

The screenshot below shows the obtained output after running traceroute google.com

```
ismayil at Locke in ~/D/S/C/P/P/s/Python
(venv) → sudo python3.9 traceroute.py google.com
1 => 172.20.32.2
2 => 10.20.30.3
3 => 212.175.32.141
4 => 212.174.167.209
5 => 212.156.121.72
6 => * * * *
7 => 212.156.120.178
8 => 212.156.104.156
9 => 72.14.212.14
10 => 216.239.62.49
11 => 108.170.236.33
12 => 172.217.169.206
ismayil at Locke in ~/D/S/C/P/P/s/Python
```

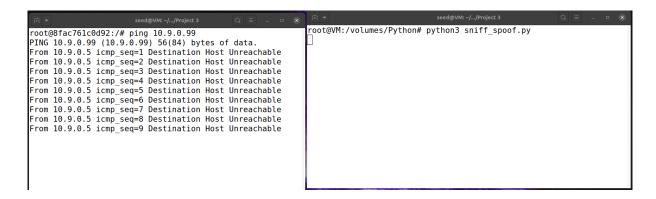
Task 1.4: Sniffing and-then Spoofing

In all experiments, I run sniff_spoof.py on the attacker container and ping from HostA (10.9.0.5)

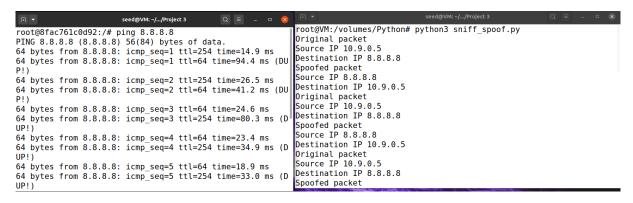
I first ping 1.2.3.4. As the screenshot shows, HostA receives a reply even though 1.2.3.4 does not exist. Even though 1.2.3.4 is a non-existent host, there is still routing involved. Because we need to route the packet, it is sent to the next gateway / router which is why are we able to intercept as it hits the NIC. Note that this is different from the next example where we are pinging a non-existent host on the same subnet; when the non-existent host is on the same subnet we never receive an ARP reply so the pinging never occurs; when the non-existent host is not on the same subnet we still get an ARP reply since we need to route to the next gateway.

```
Q =
                            seed@VM: ~/.../Project 3
                                                                           root@VM:/volumes/Python# python3 sniff_spoof.py
root@8fac761c0d92:/# ping 1.2.3.4
                                                                          Original packet
Source IP 10.9.0.5
PING 1.2.3.4 (1.2.3.4) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 1.2.3.4: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=60.4 ms
                                                                          Destination IP 1.2.3.4
64 bytes from 1.2.3.4: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=19.8 ms
                                                                           Spoofed packet
64 bytes from 1.2.3.4: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=17.2 ms
64 bytes from 1.2.3.4: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=24.1 ms
                                                                           ource IP 1.2.3.4
                                                                          Destination IP 10.9.0.5
64 bytes from 1.2.3.4: icmp_seq=5 ttl=64 time=22.3 ms
                                                                          Original packet
Source IP 10.9.0.5
64 bytes from 1.2.3.4: icmp_seq=6 ttl=64 time=18.1 ms
64 bytes from 1.2.3.4: icmp_seq=7 ttl=64 time=36.3 ms
                                                                          Destination IP 1.2.3.4
                                                                          Spoofed packet
                                                                           Source IP 1.2.3.4
                                                                          Destination IP 10.9.0.5
                                                                          Original packet
                                                                          Source IP 10.9.0.5
                                                                          Destination IP 1.2.3.4
                                                                          Spoofed packet
```

Next, I ping 10.9.0.99. This time we receive no reply. We can also that no packets are sniffed or spoofed by the attacker even though *sniff_spoof.py* is running. The reason for this is because the hosts are on the same subnet; what happens is that prior to pinging, HostA sends an ARP request for 10.9.0.99. Since 10.9.0.99 in on the same subnet and is a non-existent host, there is no ARP reply. Because there is no ARP reply, the ping is never performed. Because of this the ICMP packet nevers hits the NIC which is why the program cannot perform sniffing and/or spoofing.



Finally, I ping 8.8.8.8. We once again get a reply. The explanation for this is analogous to the explanation for the first example.



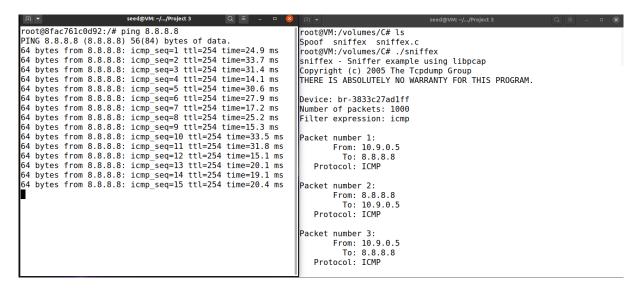
Lab Task Set 2: Writing Programs to Sniff and Spoof Packets

Note that most of the code for this section was borrowed from the SEED Labs book. Additionally, the sniffer implementation (sniffex.c) was adapted from http://www.tcpdump.org/pcap.html with minor modifications.

Task 2.1: Writing Packet Sniffing Program

Task 2.1A: Understanding How a Sniffer Works

I compile and run *sniffex.c* on the attacker container and the ping 8.8.8.8 from HostA. The screenshot below shows packets being successfully being captured.

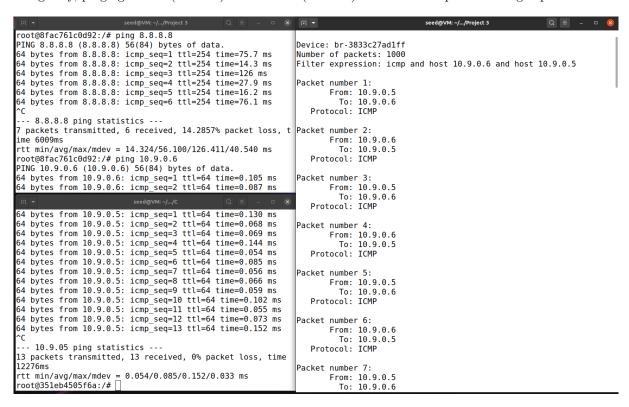


- Question 1: First, the pcap_open_live function is used to create a raw socket, set the NIC to promiscuous mode and bind the socket. The pcap_compile and pcap_setfilter calls are used to compile and set the filter expression. The pcap_loop function eneters a loop and captures packets (a callback handler can be provided as well). Finally, the pcap_close function is used to close the handle to the NIC
- Question 2: Because elevated privileges are required to create raw sockest and to put a NIC into promiscuous mode. If the program is executed with root privileges, it will fail when calling the pcap_open_live function.
- Question 3: Going by the definition when promiscuous mode is turned off, all frames not intended for a given NIC will be dropped. In this situation, performing sniffing would obviously be limited if our goal is capturing packets not intended for the current NIC. The difference between promiscuous mode is on versus off can be demonstrated by first considering the name the name of the NIC and then turning promiscuous on and then off. When promiscuous mode is off, the number of sniffed packets will be limited as the output will only include packets intended for the current NIC. When promiscuous mode is on, however, the number of sniffed packets will be greatly increased. We can also differentiate between the two modes by observing that there are packets not intended for the current NIC when promiscuous mode is on.

Task 2.1B: Writing Filters

To capture ICMP packets between two specific hosts, I use the filter expression [icmp and host 10.9.0.6 and host 10.9.0.5]

In the screenshot below, I first ping 8.8.8.8 from HostA. The screenshot to the right shows that no packets are captured. When I ping HostB (10.9.0.6) from HostA (10.9.0.5), however, packets start being captured. Analogously, pinging HostA (10.9.0.5) from HostB (10.9.0.6) also results in packets being captured



To capture TCP packets on ports between 10 and 100, I use the filter expression [tcp dst portrange 10-100]. To test that the program is working correct, I telnet from HostA to HostB (Telnet uses TCP and is on port 23). The screenshot below shows that packets are successfully captured.

```
root@8fac761c0d92:/# telnet 10.9.0.6
                                                                  root@VM:/volumes/C# ./sniffex
Trying 10.9.0.6.
                                                                  sniffex - Sniffer example using libpcap
Connected to 10.9.0.6
                                                                  Copyright (c) 2005 The Tcpdump Group
THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY FOR THIS PROGRAM.
Escape character is
Ubuntu 20.04.1 LTS
351eb4505f6a login: ☐
                                                                  Device: br-3833c27ad1ff
                                                                  Number of packets: 1000
                                                                  Filter expression: tcp dst portrange 10-100
                                                                  Packet number 1:
                                                                         From: 10.9.0.5
                                                                            To: 10.9.0.6
                                                                     Protocol: TCP
                                                                     Src port: 36008
                                                                     Dst port: 23
                                                                  Packet number 2:
```

Task 2.1C: Sniffing Passwords

Note that the default username and password for SEED Lab VMs are *seed* and *dees* respectively. To test the correctness of the program, I telnet from HostA (10.9.0.5) to HostB (10.9.0.6). I use the default username

and password mentioned above. As shown below, the TCP payload sniffer is successfully printing out the payloads of captured packets.

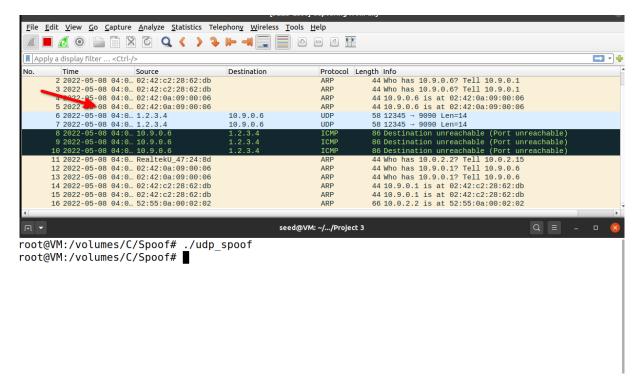


Scrolling down, we can see that packets 27 through 30 contain the captured password (dees)

Task 2.2: Spoofing

Task 2.2A: Write a Spoofing Program

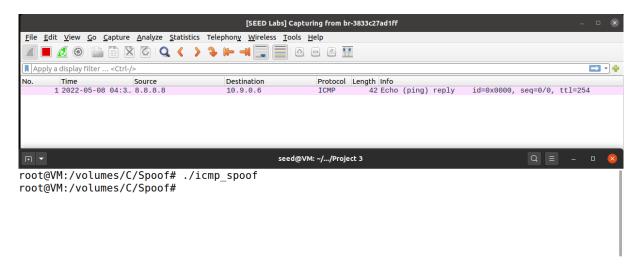
For this task, I use *spoof_udp.c* (borrowed from book's code) with slight modifications. The spoofed packets will be sent from HostA (10.9.0.5), have a source address of 1.2.3.4 (a bogus address) and a destination address of 10.9.0.6 (adress of HostB). The Wireshark output shows that the program successfully spoofed a UDP packet with source 1.2.3.4 and destination 10.9.0.6



Task 2.2B: Spoof an ICMP Echo Request

Note that for this task, I use *spoof_icmp.c* with slight modifications (borrowed from the book's code).

Note that as the attacker I will spoof an ICMP request with source address 10.9.0.6 (address of HostA) and destination address 8.8.8.8. If the spoofing is successful, HostA should receive an ECHO reply from 8.8.8.8. First, I run spoof_icmp.c from the attacker container. As the Wireshark output shows an ECHO request with source 10.9.0.6 and destination 8.8.8.8 is sent out and a subsequent ECHO reply from 8.8.8.8 is received.



- Question 4: Yes, the IP packet length can be set to any value. I verified this by manually setting the packet length to an arbitrarily high number. No errors were observed
- Question 5: No, we do not have to calculate the checksum for the IP header. The checksum is automatically calculated by the system.
- Question 6: We need root privilege to create raw sockets and to put the NIC into promiscuous mode. When running as a normal user, the program will fail when calling the *pcap_open_live* function (which is responsible for creating a raw socket and putting the device into promiscuous mode)

Task 2.3: Sniff and then Spoof

The sniffer-spoofer program is defined in $sniff_spoof_icmp.c$. The most important addition to the previous programs is the following code snippet. In the snippet, the original ipheader is copied into a new ipheader which will serve as the spoofed ipheader. A new icmpheader is then created which will serve as the spoofed icmpheader. Next, the spoofed ip's source and destination are set to the original ip's destination and source respectively. Additionally, the ICMP type is set to 0 since we are expected to send an ICMP reply. Finally, the function used in previous tasks is used to send the raw packet.

```
void send_icmp_reply(struct ipheader *ip)
{
    char buffer[512];

memset((char *)buffer, 0, 512);
memcpy((char *)buffer, ip, ntohs(ip->iph_len));
struct ipheader *spoofed_ip = (struct ipheader *)buffer;
struct icmpheader *spoofed_icmp = (struct icmpheader *)(buffer + ip->iph_ihl * 4);

// Exchange source and destination addresses
```

```
spoofed_ip->iph_sourceip = ip->iph_destip;
spoofed_ip->iph_destip = ip->iph_sourceip;

// Since this is an ICMP reply the type must be 0
spoofed_icmp->icmp_type = 0;

send_raw_ip_packet(spoofed_ip);
}
```

First, I run *sniif_spoof_icmp.c* on the attacker container. Then from HostA (10.9.0.5), I ping 8.8.8.8. The screenshot below shows that the sniffer-spoofer program sniffs the ICMP packets and successfully sends out spoofed packets. This is further confirmed by bottom terminal window which shows HostA successfully receiving ICMP replies.

```
seed@VM: ~/.../volumes
root@VM:/volumes/C/Spoof# ./sniff spoof icmp
       From: 10.9.0.5
         To: 8.8.8.8
   Protocol: ICMP
                                                                     Q = _ _
                                   seed@VM: ~/.../volumes
root@8fac761c0d92:/# ping 8.8.8.8
PING 8.8.8.8 (8.8.8.8) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp seq=1 ttl=254 time=23.1 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp seq=1 ttl=64 time=111 ms (DUP!)
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=2 ttl=254 time=15.9 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp seq=2 ttl=64 time=134 ms (DUP!)
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp seq=3 ttl=254 time=16.9 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=158 ms (DUP!)
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp seq=4 ttl=254 time=22.0 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp seq=4 ttl=64 time=182 ms (DUP!)
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=5 ttl=254 time=76.6 ms
```