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Network Sniffer with Python

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Network Sniffer in Python using Scapy: Project Report

1. Introduction

1.1 Overview of Network Sniffing

Network sniffing refers to the process of intercepting and logging traffic passing over a computer network. This is useful for network administrators and security professionals who need to monitor and analyze network traffic for issues such as unauthorized access or bandwidth misuse. The goal is to capture packets in transit and examine them for patterns, errors, or malicious activity.

1.2 Purpose of the Project

The primary purpose of this project is to develop a network sniffer using **Python** and the **Scapy** library. This sniffer will capture and analyze network traffic, enabling the identification of different protocols and packet structures. By analyzing captured data, users can understand how data flows through their network, troubleshoot issues, and detect security concerns.

1.3 Scope and Objectives

This project will focus on:

- Capturing network packets using Scapy.
- Filtering specific types of traffic.
- Saving captured packets to a PCAP file.
- Analyzing the packets using tools like Wireshark.

1.4 Screenshot(s): Network Sniffer Script

2. Tools and Technologies Used

2.1 Python and Scapy

• **Python**: Python is a high-level programming language that provides an easy-to-understand syntax and rich libraries. For this project, Python was used to develop the sniffer due to its versatility and extensive support for networking tasks.

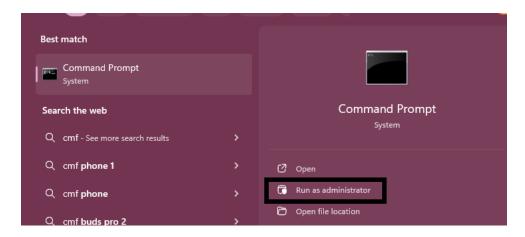


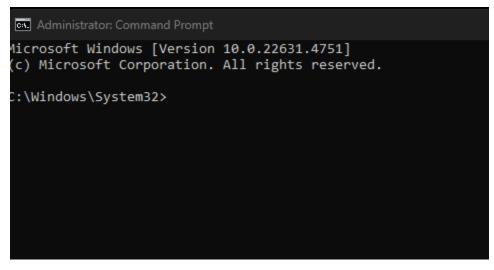
Scapy: Scapy is a powerful Python library used for packet crafting and network analysis.
 It allows users to capture, manipulate, and send network packets easily. Scapy provides a convenient interface for sniffing network traffic at different layers of the OSI model.

2.2 Wireshark for Packet Analysis

Wireshark is a network protocol analyzer used for packet analysis. It can interpret PCAP files generated by network sniffers like Scapy and present the data in a readable form, showing detailed packet contents such as headers and payloads.

2.3 Screenshot(s): Scapy Installation in Terminal







3. System Requirements

3.1 Software Requirements

- **Python 3.x**: Python programming language installed on the system.
- **Scapy**: Python library for packet manipulation and sniffing.
- Wireshark: Software for packet analysis and visualization.
- Windows/Linux OS: Compatible operating systems for running the sniffer.

3.2 Hardware Requirements

- A computer with a network interface card (NIC) capable of capturing network traffic.
- Sufficient memory and processing power to handle large network traffic captures.

3.3 Screenshot(s): Python Environment

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Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.22631.4751]
(c) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\Users\shoai>python

Python 3.13.1 (tags/v3.13.1:0671451, Dec 3 2024, 19:06:28) [MSC v.1942 64 bit (AMD64)] on win32

Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.

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4. Network Sniffer Script Development

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4.1 Overview of the Script

The network sniffer script captures packets from a specified network interface using the Scapy library. It processes each packet to extract relevant information such as source/destination IPs, protocols, and more. The captured packets are saved in a PCAP file for further analysis.

4.2 Code Walkthrough: import scapy.all as scapy # Function to process captured packets def packet_callback(packet): print(packet.summary()) # Function to start sniffing on the chosen network interface def start_sniffing(interface): scapy.sniff(iface=interface, store=False, prn=packet_callback) # Request the user to enter the network interface to sniff on interface = input("Enter the network interface to sniff on (e.g., WiFi 2): ") start_sniffing(interface) 4.3 Screenshot(s): Python Code for Network Sniffer

5. Packet Capture and Analysis

5.1 Running the Sniffer

Once the script is executed, it starts sniffing packets from the network interface specified by the user. The script runs continuously and processes packets as they are captured.



5.2 Capturing Network Packets

Packets are captured from the specified interface and displayed in the terminal using the packet.summary() function. Each packet provides a summary of the network layer data, including source and destination IP addresses, protocol information, etc.

5.3 Screenshot(s): Network Sniffer Output in Terminal

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Administrator Command Prompt - python C:\Users\shoai\Desktop\Sniff.py

Enter the network interface to sniff on (e.g., etho, wland): WiFi 2

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Ether / IP / TCP 11.107.42, 254.https > 192, 168, 180, 30:62612 RA

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5.4 Packet Details

Captured packets include various types such as ARP requests, IP packets, and TCP/UDP communication. Some examples include:

- ARP Requests/Replies: Used to map IP addresses to MAC addresses on the network.
- TCP/UDP Packets: Data sent between devices on the network, including HTTP, HTTPS, etc.

6. Saving Packets to a PCAP File

6.1 PCAP File Format

PCAP (Packet Capture) files are used to store captured network data. They can be opened in tools like Wireshark to perform deeper analysis. Scapy allows users to write captured packets to a PCAP file using the wrpcap() function.

6.2 Storing Packets Using Scapy

Captured packets can be stored in a .pcap file on the local system for future analysis:

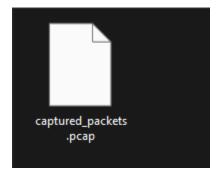
from scapy.utils import wrpcap



Save packets to a PCAP file

wrpcap('captured_packets.pcap', packets)

6.3 Screenshot(s): Saved PCAP File Confirmation



7. Packet Analysis with Wireshark

7.1 Opening PCAP File in Wireshark

Once packets are saved to a PCAP file, the file can be opened in Wireshark for detailed packet analysis. Wireshark allows users to filter and view packet details such as protocol headers, payloads, and timestamps.

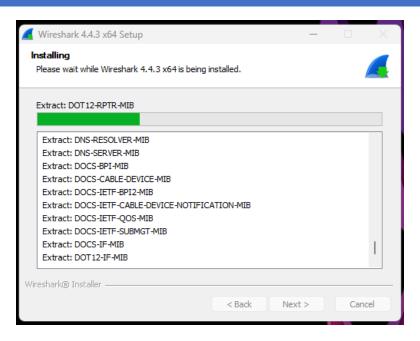
7.2 Analyzing Captured Packets

Wireshark provides powerful filtering options, making it easy to analyze specific types of packets or protocols, such as HTTP, DNS, or TCP traffic.

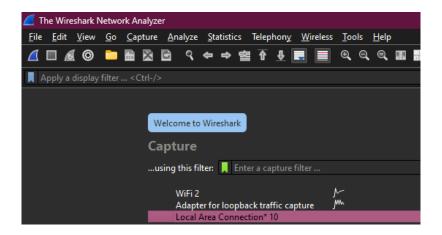
7.3 Screenshot(s): Wireshark Packet Analysis



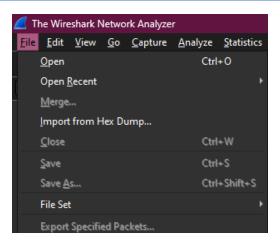


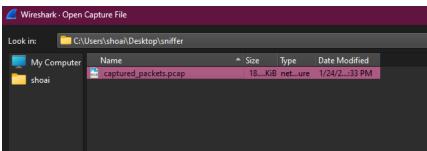




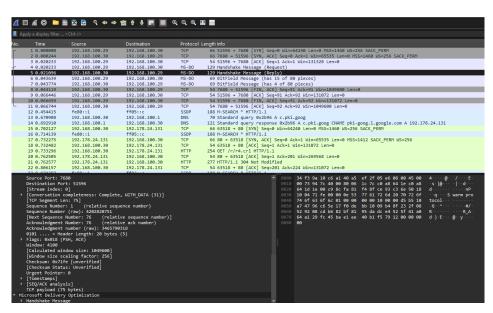




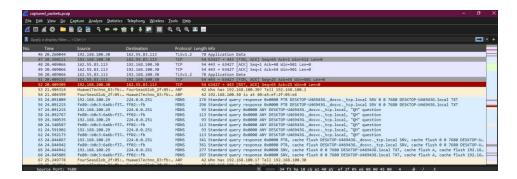


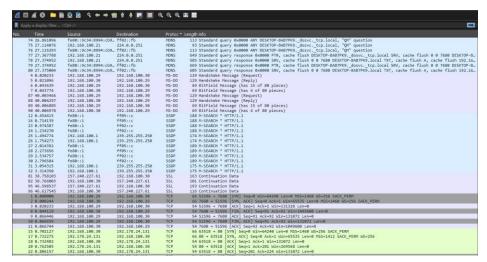


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| | 5 0.021096 | 192.168.100.30 | 192.168.100.29 | MS-DO | 129 Handshake Message (Reply) |
| | 6 0.043639 | 192.168.100.29 | 192.168.100.30 | MS-DO | 69 BitField Message (has 15 of 80 pieces) |
| | 7 0.043774 | 192.168.100.30 | 192.168.100.29 | MS-DO | 69 BitField Message (has 4 of 80 pieces) |
| | 8 0.044119 | 192.168.100.30 | 192.168.100.29 | TCP | 54 7680 → 51596 [FIN, ACK] Seq=91 Ack=91 Win=1049600 Len=0 |
| | 9 0.066446 | 192.168.100.29 | 192.168.100.30 | TCP | 54 51596 → 7680 [ACK] Seq=91 Ack=92 Win=131072 Len=0 |
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| | 14 0.692910 | 192.168.100.1 | 192.168.100.30 | DNS | 121 Standard query response 0x2b96 A c.pki.goog CNAME pki-goog.l.google.com A 192.178.24.1 |
| | 15 0.702127 | 192.168.100.30 | 192.178.24.131 | TCP | 66 63518 → 80 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=256 SACK_PERM |
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| | 19 0.733296 | 192.168.100.30 | 192.178.24.131 | HTTP | 254 GET /r/r4.crl HTTP/i.1 |
| | 20 0.762505 | 192.178.24.131 | 192.168.100.30 | TCP | 54 80 → 63518 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=201 Win=269568 Len=0 |
| | 21 0.762577 | 192.178.24.131 | 192.168.100.30 | HTTP | 277 HTTP/1.1 304 Not Modified |
| | 22 0.806157 | 192.168.100.30 | 192.178.24.131 | TCP | 54 63518 → 80 [ACK] Seq=201 Ack=224 Win=131072 Len=0 |









8. Challenges and Solutions

8.1 Issues Encountered During Development

During development, several issues arose, including:

- Accessing Network Interfaces: Sometimes, the wrong interface was selected, leading to no packets being captured.
- **Permissions Issues**: On some systems, administrator privileges were needed to capture packets.

8.2 Solutions and Workarounds

- Ensured the correct network interface was selected by verifying it through ipconfig or ifconfig.
- Ran the script as an administrator on Windows and used sudo on Linux to resolve permission issues.

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9. Conclusion

9.1 Key Findings

The project successfully demonstrated how to create a network sniffer in Python using Scapy. The sniffer captured packets and saved them to a PCAP file for further analysis. This tool is useful for network diagnostics, security assessments, and educational purposes.

9.2 Future Improvements and Enhancements

Future improvements could include:

- Adding more advanced filtering for specific types of packets.
- Implementing packet analysis features directly in the script, reducing reliance on external tools like Wireshark.
- Adding a graphical user interface (GUI) for easier interaction.

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- Wireshark Documentation
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