

Network Traffic Analysis and Security Assessment

Objective:

The objective of this study is to investigate and evaluate manual classification techniques utilizing protocol headers for in-depth analysis of network traffic patterns, including potential security threats and attack simulations. This study aims to refine existing methodologies, conduct comprehensive data collection and statistical analysis, and document findings to enhance understanding and proactive management of network security risks. Specifically, the objectives include:

1. Refinement of existing methodologies to focus on using protocol headers for manual classification and analysis of network traffic.
2. Capture live network traffic using Wireshark, targeting a diverse range of protocols and traffic patterns, to ensure representation of both normal network behavior and potential security threats.
3. Manual analysis of captured packets to extract protocol headers and classify each packet based on identified protocol headers into predefined types, including simulations of various cyber attacks such as SYN flood attacks and Denial of Service (DoS) attacks.
4. Aggregation and organization of classified packets into respective traffic types, followed by statistical analysis to determine distribution and characteristics of different protocol types within captured traffic. Additionally, analysis of attack simulations to understand their impact on network traffic.
5. Documentation of the experimental setup, procedures, and findings in a structured manner, preparing comprehensive reports detailing the classification process, results, insights gained from the analysis, and observations from attack simulations.

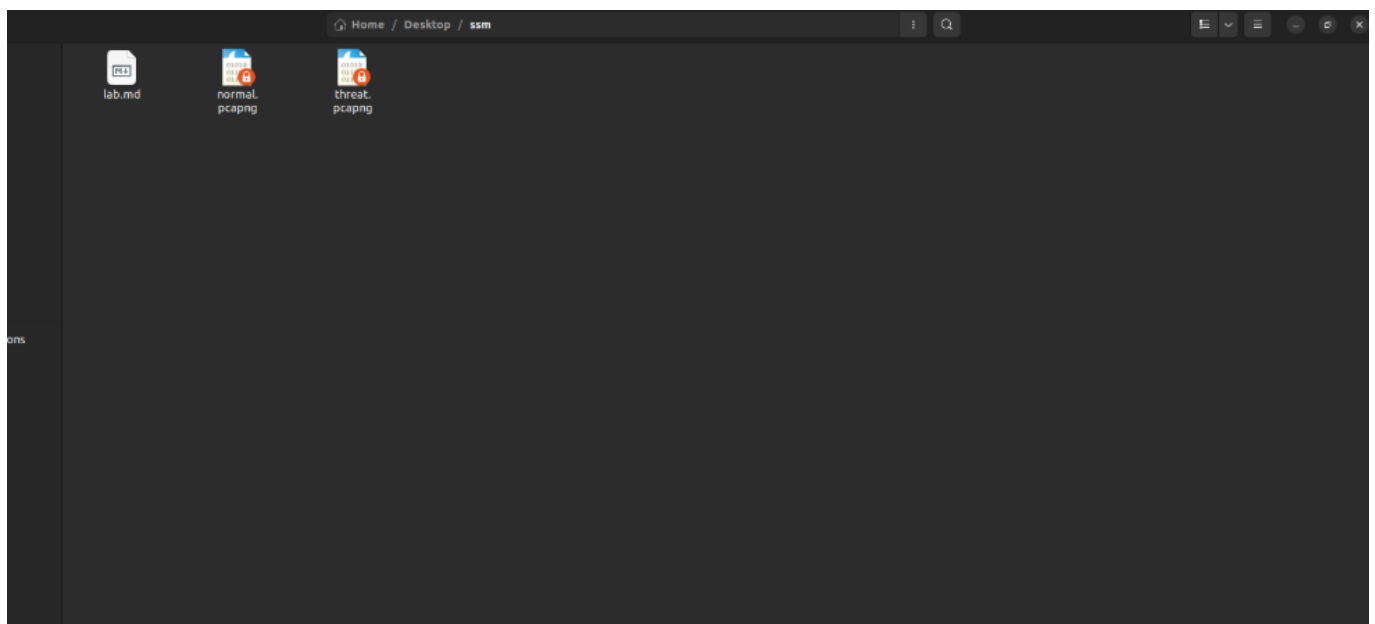
Experimental Design and Methodology:

1. **Objective Refinement:** Refine the objective to focus on using protocol headers for manual classification and analysis of network traffic.
2. **Data Collection:** Capture live network traffic using Wireshark, targeting a diverse range of protocols and traffic patterns. Collect sufficient data to represent both normal network behavior and potential security threats.
3. **Manual Classification:** Manually analyze captured packets to extract protocol headers (e.g., source and destination IP addresses, port numbers, protocol types). Classify each packet based on the identified protocol headers, categorizing them into predefined types (e.g., HTTP, FTP, DNS, SSH, ICMP).
4. **Data Analysis:** Aggregate and organize the classified packets into respective traffic types. Conduct statistical analysis to determine the distribution and characteristics of different protocol types within the captured traffic. Analyze the frequency, volume, and patterns of each traffic type to identify anomalies or potential security threats.
5. **Documentation and Reporting:** Document the experimental setup, procedures, and findings in a structured manner. Prepare comprehensive reports detailing the classification process, results, and insights gained from the analysis.

Data Collection:

For the purpose of this experiment, network traffic data was captured using Wireshark. The following steps were taken to capture network traffic:

1. **Opening Wireshark Application:** The Wireshark application was launched by clicking on the icon, initiating the capture process.
2. **Selecting Network Interface:** From the welcome screen of Wireshark, the appropriate network interface was selected to capture traffic. This selection was based on the network interface through which the desired traffic was flowing.
3. **Starting Packet Capture:** Double-clicking on the selected capture interface initiated the packet capture process. This action began capturing packets flowing through the specified network interface.
4. **Stopping Packet Capture:** The packet capture process was halted by clicking on the red Stop Capture button once sufficient data had been captured for analysis.
5. **Saving Packet Capture:** The captured packet data was saved into a specific file by selecting File > Save As. A location and name for the file were specified to facilitate further analysis.
6. **Repeat Capture for Discrepancy Data:** To capture data with discrepancies or potential anomalies, the above steps were repeated, capturing another set of network traffic data.



Data Analysis:

Statistical Analysis Record:

Upon capturing network traffic data using Wireshark, statistical analysis was performed to gain insights into the characteristics and patterns of the captured traffic. The following steps were taken:

1. **Accessing Statistical Analysis Tools:** The "Statistics" menu in Wireshark's main menu bar was accessed to explore options for summarizing network traffic.
2. **Protocol Hierarchy Analysis:** The "Protocol Hierarchy" option was selected to identify the protocols used within the captured network traffic. This provided a summary of network protocols used at each TCP/IP stack layer.
3. **Endpoint Examination:** The "Endpoints" option was utilized to identify unique endpoint devices communicating within the network packets. Information such as Ethernet address, IP address, and TCP/UDP port was examined to understand the network topology and communication patterns.
4. **Network Conversations Analysis:** The "Conversations" option was selected to analyze network traffic traveling between endpoints. This facilitated the identification of significant data exchanges between specific IP addresses, aiding in the understanding of network behavior.

By leveraging Wireshark's statistical analysis features, valuable insights were obtained into the distribution, communication patterns, and outliers within the captured network traffic data.

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|---|-----------------|---------|---------------|----------|--------|-------------|-----------|------------|-------|--|
| Protocol | Percent Packets | Packets | Percent Bytes | Bytes | Bits/s | End Packets | End Bytes | End Bits/s | PDUs | |
| Frame | 100.0 | 20240 | 100.0 | 19768014 | 952 k | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20240 | |
| Ethernet | 100.0 | 20240 | 1.5 | 293440 | 14 k | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20240 | |
| Logical-Link Control | 0.4 | 88 | 0.0 | 4583 | 220 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 88 | |
| Spanning Tree Protocol | 0.4 | 85 | 0.0 | 2975 | 143 | 85 | 2975 | 143 | 85 | |
| Cisco Discovery Protocol | 0.0 | 3 | 0.0 | 1329 | 64 | 3 | 1329 | 64 | 3 | |
| Internet Protocol Version 6 | 1.6 | 317 | 0.1 | 12680 | 610 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 317 | |
| User Datagram Protocol | 1.3 | 256 | 0.0 | 2048 | 98 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 256 | |
| Simple Network Management Protocol | 0.3 | 55 | 0.0 | 3163 | 152 | 55 | 3163 | 152 | 55 | |
| Multicast Domain Name System | 0.7 | 146 | 0.3 | 64125 | 3,089 | 146 | 64125 | 3,089 | 146 | |
| Link-local Multicast Name Resolution | 0.0 | 8 | 0.0 | 204 | 9 | 8 | 204 | 9 | 8 | |
| DHCPv6 | 0.1 | 12 | 0.0 | 1027 | 49 | 12 | 1027 | 49 | 12 | |
| Data | 0.2 | 35 | 0.1 | 22960 | 1,106 | 35 | 22960 | 1,106 | 35 | |
| Internet Control Message Protocol v6 | 0.3 | 61 | 0.0 | 1896 | 91 | 61 | 1896 | 91 | 61 | |
| Internet Protocol Version 4 | 95.6 | 19348 | 2.0 | 386960 | 18 k | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19348 | |
| User Datagram Protocol | 64.0 | 12947 | 0.5 | 103576 | 4,989 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12947 | |
| Simple Service Discovery Protocol | 1.4 | 290 | 0.3 | 50358 | 2,425 | 290 | 50358 | 2,425 | 290 | |
| Simple Network Management Protocol | 0.1 | 27 | 0.0 | 1439 | 69 | 27 | 1439 | 69 | 27 | |
| Service Location Protocol | 0.0 | 2 | 0.0 | 88 | 4 | 2 | 88 | 4 | 2 | |
| Remote Procedure Call | 0.1 | 23 | 0.0 | 2072 | 99 | 1 | 48 | 2 | 23 | |
| Yellow Pages Service | 0.0 | 2 | 0.0 | 20 | 0 | 2 | 20 | 0 | 2 | |
| Portmap | 0.1 | 20 | 0.0 | 652 | 31 | 20 | 652 | 31 | 20 | |
| QUIC IETF | 59.1 | 11963 | 67.4 | 13327770 | 642 k | 11963 | 13044278 | 628 k | 12247 | |
| Network Time Protocol | 0.0 | 2 | 0.0 | 96 | 4 | 2 | 96 | 4 | 2 | |
| NetBIOS Name Service | 0.3 | 51 | 0.0 | 2586 | 124 | 51 | 2586 | 124 | 51 | |
| NetBIOS Datagram Service | 0.0 | 4 | 0.0 | 819 | 39 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | |
| SMB (Server Message Block Protocol) | 0.0 | 4 | 0.0 | 491 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | |
| SMB MailSlot Protocol | 0.0 | 4 | 0.0 | 100 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | |
| Microsoft Windows Browser Protocol | 0.0 | 4 | 0.0 | 147 | 7 | 4 | 147 | 7 | 4 | |
| Multicast Domain Name System | 0.7 | 144 | 0.3 | 57020 | 2,746 | 144 | 57020 | 2,746 | 144 | |
| Link-local Multicast Name Resolution | 0.0 | 8 | 0.0 | 204 | 9 | 8 | 204 | 9 | 8 | |
| Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol | 0.2 | 36 | 0.1 | 11482 | 553 | 36 | 11482 | 553 | 36 | |
| Domain Name System | 0.3 | 51 | 0.0 | 5968 | 287 | 51 | 5968 | 287 | 51 | |
| Data | 1.7 | 346 | 0.3 | 51589 | 2,485 | 346 | 51589 | 2,485 | 346 | |
| Transmission Control Protocol | 31.6 | 6386 | 27.7 | 5478428 | 263 k | 4622 | 3436685 | 165 k | 6386 | |
| Transport Layer Security | 6.0 | 1218 | 26.8 | 5290509 | 254 k | 1218 | 3979376 | 191 k | 1374 | |
| SSH Protocol | 0.1 | 14 | 0.5 | 91260 | 4,396 | 14 | 91260 | 4,396 | 14 | |
| Simple Mail Transfer Protocol | 0.0 | 2 | 0.0 | 116 | 5 | 2 | 116 | 5 | 2 | |
| Microsoft Delivery Optimization | 0.0 | 2 | 0.0 | 119 | 5 | 2 | 119 | 5 | 2 | |
| Hypertext Transfer Protocol | 0.2 | 48 | 0.1 | 26236 | 1,263 | 8 | 1528 | 73 | 48 | |
| Online Certificate Status Protocol | 0.2 | 34 | 0.0 | 9442 | 454 | 34 | 9442 | 454 | 34 | |
| HTML Form URL Encoded | 0.0 | 6 | 0.0 | 449 | 21 | 6 | 449 | 21 | 6 | |
| Domain Name System | 2.4 | 480 | 0.2 | 37990 | 1,830 | 480 | 37990 | 1,830 | 480 | |
| Internet Control Message Protocol | 0.1 | 15 | 0.0 | 4470 | 215 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | |
| QUIC IETF | 0.1 | 13 | 0.0 | 3850 | 185 | 13 | 3850 | 185 | 13 | |
| Domain Name System | 0.0 | 2 | 0.0 | 66 | 3 | 2 | 66 | 3 | 2 | |
| Address Resolution Protocol | 2.4 | 487 | 0.1 | 22366 | 1,077 | 487 | 22366 | 1,077 | 487 | |

| Wireshark - Conversations - threat.pcapng | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|---------|-----------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|------------|----------|------------------------------|
| Conversation Settings | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ethernet: 281 IPv4: 201 IPv6: 56 TCP: 154 UDP: 318 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Address A | Address B | Packets | Bytes | Packets A → B | Bytes A → B | Packets B → A | Bytes B → A | Rel Start | Duration | Bits/s A → B Bits/s B → A |
| 00:17:61:12:6a:10 | 90:77:ae:97:0b:c4 | 19 | 2 kB | 10 | 1 kB | 9 | 1 kB | 103.492571 | 30.0346 | 273 bits/s 314 bits/s |
| 00:18:23:65:c4:aa | 33:33:00:01:00:02 | 2 | 228 bytes | 2 | 228 bytes | 0 | 0 bytes | 22.730652 | 73.1037 | 24 bits/s 0 bits/s |
| 00:18:23:65:c4:aa | ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff | 79 | 5 kB | 79 | 5 kB | 0 | 0 bytes | 16.168835 | 148.8824 | 256 bits/s 0 bits/s |
| 00:24:c3:f0:b3:07 | 01:90:0c:cc:cc:cc | 3 | 1 kB | 3 | 1 kB | 0 | 0 bytes | 27.789554 | 120.0009 | 92 bits/s 0 bits/s |
| 00:24:c3:f0:b3:07 | 01:80:c2:00:00:00 | 85 | 5 kB | 85 | 5 kB | 0 | 0 bytes | 13.668103 | 163.9897 | 169 bits/s 0 bits/s |
| 00:62:0b:24:e9:c0 | 01:00:5e:00:00:fb | 1 | 326 bytes | 1 | 326 bytes | 0 | 0 bytes | 112.953849 | 0.0000 | 0 bits/s 0 bits/s |
| 00:68:eb:96:0f:b8 | 01:00:5e:7f:ff:ff | 12 | 3 kB | 12 | 3 kB | 0 | 0 bytes | 2.261592 | 123.0384 | 169 bits/s 0 bits/s |
| 00:68:eb:96:0f:b8 | ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff | 15 | 1 kB | 15 | 1 kB | 0 | 0 bytes | 0.146037 | 165.7586 | 66 bits/s 0 bits/s |
| 00:68:eb:96:37:ab | 01:00:5e:7f:ff:ff | 8 | 2 kB | 8 | 2 kB | 0 | 0 bytes | 66.268558 | 11.5047 | 1,207 bits/s 0 bits/s |
| 00:68:eb:96:ab:75 | 01:00:5e:7f:ff:ff | 12 | 3 kB | 12 | 3 kB | 0 | 0 bytes | 17.235625 | 123.0213 | 169 bits/s 0 bits/s |
| 00:68:eb:96:bd:b7 | 01:00:5e:7f:ff:ff | 5 | 1 kB | 5 | 1 kB | 0 | 0 bytes | 0.608708 | 119.9883 | 72 bits/s 0 bits/s |
| 00:68:eb:96:bd:b7 | 33:33:00:00:00:16 | 2 | 180 bytes | 2 | 180 bytes | 0 | 0 bytes | 21.109289 | 0.1036 | 13 kbps 0 bits/s |
| 00:68:eb:96:bd:b7 | 01:00:5e:00:00:fb | 2 | 162 bytes | 2 | 162 bytes | 0 | 0 bytes | 103.030924 | 0.0000 | 0 bits/s 0 bits/s |
| 00:68:eb:96:bd:b7 | 01:00:5e:7f:ff:ff | 8 | 2 kB | 8 | 2 kB | 0 | 0 bytes | 138.518514 | 8.8503 | 1,569 bits/s 0 bits/s |
| 00:68:eb:96:bd:b7 | 33:33:00:00:00:fb | 2 | 202 bytes | 2 | 202 bytes | 0 | 0 bytes | 103.030924 | 0.0000 | 0 bits/s 0 bits/s |
| 00:68:eb:96:bd:b7 | 33:33:00:01:00:02 | 2 | 314 bytes | 2 | 314 bytes | 0 | 0 bytes | 103.062250 | 32.0093 | 78 bits/s 0 bits/s |
| 00:68:eb:96:bd:b7 | ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff | 6 | 741 bytes | 6 | 741 bytes | 0 | 0 bytes | 102.733985 | 54.7896 | 108 bits/s 0 bits/s |
| 00:68:eb:96:ee:ec | 00:68:eb:96:ee:ec | 4 | 270 bytes | 4 | 270 bytes | 0 | 0 bytes | 0.102389 | 125.1126 | 17 bits/s 0 bits/s |
| 00:68:eb:96:ee:ec | ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff | 18 | 3 kB | 18 | 3 kB | 0 | 0 bytes | 8.836120 | 150.1472 | 136 bits/s 0 bits/s |
| 00:80:91:d3:7d:3c | 01:00:5e:00:00:fb | 6 | 5 kB | 6 | 5 kB | 0 | 0 bytes | 18.998897 | 144.6061 | 256 bits/s 0 bits/s |
| 00:80:91:d3:7d:3c | 33:33:00:00:00:fb | 6 | 5 kB | 6 | 5 kB | 0 | 0 bytes | 18.998898 | 144.6061 | 263 bits/s 0 bits/s |
| 00:80:91:d3:7d:3c | 33:33:00:01:00:02 | 1 | 118 bytes | 1 | 118 bytes | 0 | 0 bytes | 93.129056 | 0.0000 | 0 bits/s 0 bits/s |
| 00:80:91:d3:7d:3c | ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff | 1 | 60 bytes | 1 | 60 bytes | 0 | 0 bytes | 1.036345 | 0.0000 | 0 bits/s 0 bits/s |
| 04:0e:3c:2f:8b:b3 | 01:00:5e:7f:ff:ff | 8 | 2 kB | 8 | 2 kB | 0 | 0 bytes | 83.004407 | 13.0211 | 1,066 bits/s 0 bits/s |
| 04:0e:3c:2f:8b:b3 | 01:00:5e:7f:ff:ff | 8 | 2 kB | 8 | 2 kB | 0 | 0 bytes | 35.525931 | 123.0085 | 112 bits/s 0 bits/s |
| 04:0e:3c:2f:89:17 | 01:00:5e:00:00:fb | 3 | 246 bytes | 3 | 246 bytes | 0 | 0 bytes | 113.322474 | 3.0177 | 652 bits/s 0 bits/s |
| 04:0e:3c:2f:89:17 | 01:00:5e:7f:ff:ff | 8 | 2 kB | 8 | 2 kB | 0 | 0 bytes | 9.124307 | 122.9798 | 112 bits/s 0 bits/s |
| 04:0e:3c:2f:89:17 | 33:33:00:00:00:fb | 3 | 306 bytes | 3 | 306 bytes | 0 | 0 bytes | 113.322475 | 3.0177 | 811 bits/s 0 bits/s |
| 04:0e:3c:2f:89:17 | ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff | 2 | 424 bytes | 2 | 424 bytes | 0 | 0 bytes | 40.798674 | 63.9973 | 53 bits/s 0 bits/s |
| 04:0e:3c:2f:89:17 | 01:00:5e:7f:ff:ff | 8 | 2 kB | 8 | 2 kB | 0 | 0 bytes | 35.761255 | 123.0192 | 112 bits/s 0 bits/s |
| 04:0e:3c:2f:89:17 | ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff | 69 | 4 kB | 69 | 4 kB | 0 | 0 bytes | 0.382217 | 165.4991 | 204 bits/s 0 bits/s |
| 04:0e:3c:2f:8a:85 | 01:00:5e:7f:ff:ff | 8 | 2 kB | 8 | 2 kB | 0 | 0 bytes | 51.994748 | 3.0267 | 4,588 bits/s 0 bits/s |
| 04:0e:3c:2f:8a:83 | 01:00:5e:7f:ff:ff | 33 | 17 kB | 33 | 17 kB | 0 | 0 bytes | 11.207538 | 123.0164 | 1,122 bits/s 0 bits/s |
| 04:0e:3c:2f:8a:83 | 33:33:00:00:00:0c | 21 | 15 kB | 21 | 15 kB | 0 | 0 bytes | 52.756752 | 26.7994 | 4,500 bits/s 0 bits/s |
| 04:0e:3c:2f:8a:83 | 84:69:93:d7:b9:a6 | 46 | 5 kB | 46 | 5 kB | 0 | 0 bytes | 0.078769 | 165.4861 | 256 bits/s 0 bits/s |
| 04:0e:3c:2f:8a:83 | a8:b1:3b:bd:b6:51 | 9 | 1 kB | 9 | 1 kB | 0 | 0 bytes | 25.392301 | 140.1750 | 71 bits/s 0 bits/s |
| 04:0e:3c:2f:8a:83 | ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff | 56 | 3 kB | 56 | 3 kB | 0 | 0 bytes | 0.763324 | 164.7993 | 163 bits/s 0 bits/s |
| 14:23:f2:19:2a:60 | 33:33:00:00:00:fb | 1 | 183 bytes | 1 | 183 bytes | 0 | 0 bytes | 149.154143 | 0.0000 | 0 bits/s 0 bits/s |
| 14:23:f2:19:2a:60 | 7c:57:58:c2:8d:b1 | 25 | 93 kB | 13 | 92 kB | 12 | 828 bytes | 90.928866 | 74.5888 | 9,876 bits/s 88 bits/s |
| 1c:69:7a:d1:df:6e | 01:00:5e:7f:ff:ff | 7 | 1 kB | 7 | 1 kB | 0 | 0 bytes | 7.372554 | 78.9521 | 142 bits/s 0 bits/s |
| 3c:28:a6:00:c4:c2 | 80:22:a7:f0:bd:ab | 1 | 60 bytes | 1 | 60 bytes | 0 | 0 bytes | 125.815197 | 0.0000 | 0 bits/s 0 bits/s |
| 3c:28:a6:00:c4:c2 | ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff | 2 | 120 bytes | 2 | 120 bytes | 0 | 0 bytes | 53.029070 | 61.2467 | 15 bits/s 0 bits/s |
| 3c:28:a6:00:c4:c2 | ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff | 3 | 180 bytes | 3 | 180 bytes | 0 | 0 bytes | 12.112953 | 122.5640 | 11 bits/s 0 bits/s |
| 3c:28:a6:00:c4:c2 | 80:22:a7:f0:bd:ab | 2 | 120 bytes | 2 | 120 bytes | 0 | 0 bytes | 8.669427 | 5.0075 | 191 bits/s 0 bits/s |
| 3c:28:a6:00:c4:c2 | ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff | 3 | 180 bytes | 3 | 180 bytes | 0 | 0 bytes | 23.266359 | 122.5913 | 11 bits/s 0 bits/s |
| 3c:28:a6:00:c4:c2 | 80:22:a7:f0:bd:ab | 2 | 120 bytes | 2 | 120 bytes | 0 | 0 bytes | 1.105909 | 91.4972 | 10 bits/s 0 bits/s |
| 3c:28:a6:00:c4:c2 | ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff | 2 | 120 bytes | 2 | 120 bytes | 0 | 0 bytes | 51.812724 | 61.2837 | 15 bits/s 0 bits/s |
| 3c:28:a6:00:c6:19 | 80:22:a7:f0:bd:ab | 1 | 60 bytes | 1 | 60 bytes | 0 | 0 bytes | 7.039194 | 0.0000 | 0 bits/s 0 bits/s |
| 3c:28:a6:00:c6:19 | ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff | 3 | 180 bytes | 3 | 180 bytes | 0 | 0 bytes | 33.435245 | 122.5667 | 11 bits/s 0 bits/s |
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Techniques:

TCP Stream Analysis Record:

For comprehensive network analysis, Wireshark provides the capability to follow TCP streams, enabling visualization of the communication between devices and the data exchanged. The following steps outline the process:

1. **Selecting Packet for TCP Stream Analysis:** Identify a packet within the Wireshark packet list pane that represents the beginning of a TCP conversation.
2. **Following TCP Stream:** Right-click on the selected packet and choose the option "Follow > TCP Stream." This action prompts Wireshark to generate a summary view of the TCP stream in a new window.
3. **Analysis and Visualization:** Wireshark automatically applies a display filter to show packets only from the selected TCP stream, facilitating focused analysis. Additionally, the generated summary view highlights the HTTP messages exchanged between the client and server, providing insights into the nature of the communication.

By following TCP streams in Wireshark, users can effectively troubleshoot network issues, uncover hidden information, and gain a comprehensive understanding of network communication patterns.

In the process of network security monitoring, Wireshark proves instrumental in detecting cyber attacks, including brute force attempts, port scans, and data exfiltration. The following steps outline the identification of an FTP brute force attack using Wireshark:

1. **Initial Filter for FTP Traffic:** Apply the Wireshark display filter `ftp.response.code == 530` to isolate FTP traffic indicating authentication failure (FTP response code 530, "Not logged in"). Repeated occurrences of this error with the same username but different passwords suggest a brute force attack targeting FTP authentication.
2. **Examination of Password Attempts:** To assess the variation in password attempts, right-click on a network packet and select "Follow > TCP Stream." This action allows the visualization of multiple password attempts made by the same user during the authentication process.
3. **Analysis of Attack Pattern:** Observation of the TCP stream reveals repeated attempts by the same user to log in using different passwords, indicative of a password spraying attack against the user account "stationx-admin."
4. **Verification of Login Success:** To ascertain the success of any login attempts, employ the display filter `ftp.response.code == 230` to identify FTP responses indicating successful authentication ("User logged in, proceed"). In the analyzed scenario, no successful login attempts were detected.

Through the meticulous examination of network traffic using Wireshark and appropriate display filters, the identification of FTP brute force attacks and other malicious activities becomes feasible, empowering blue teams to proactively defend against cyber threats.

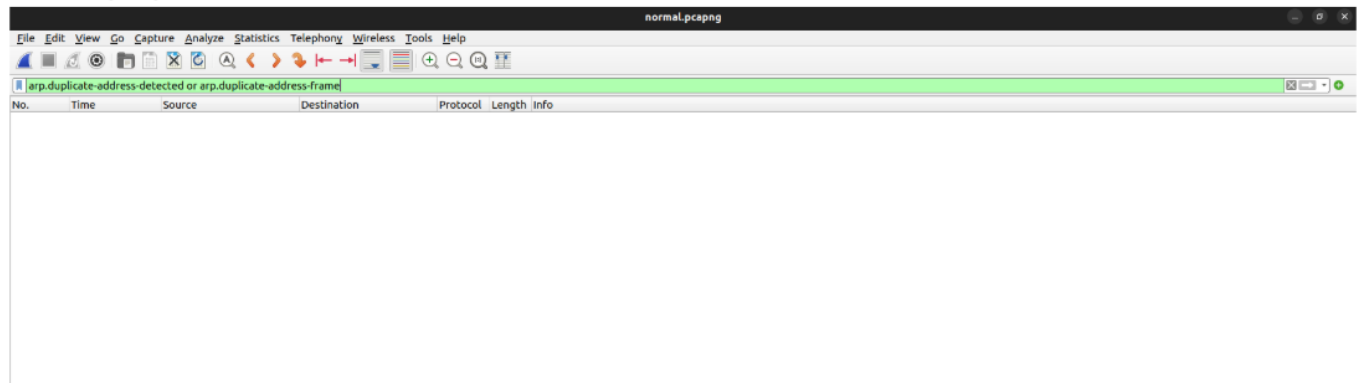
ARP Poisoning & Man In The Middle:

In the investigation of ARP poisoning and man-in-the-middle attacks using my pcap file, the focus is on determining the number of ARP requests crafted by the attacker. The following steps were taken to analyze the network traffic:

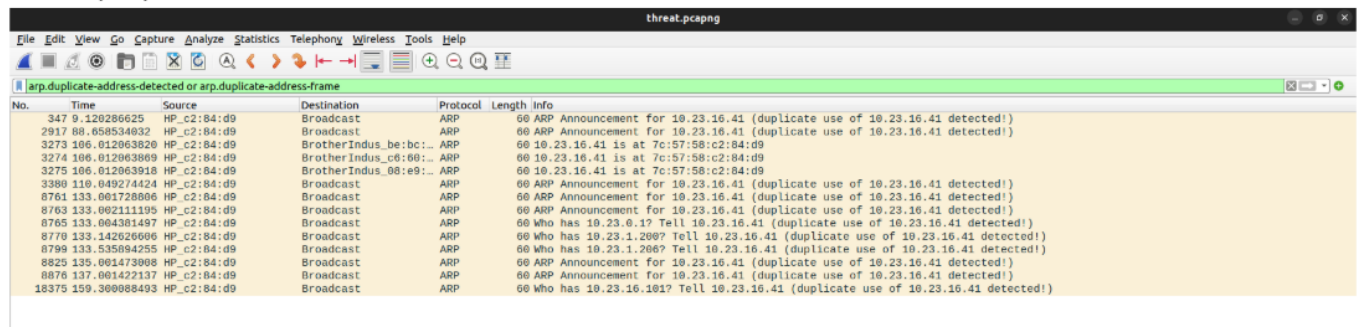
- 1. **Identification of ARP Requests Crafted by Attacker:** The command `arp.duplicate-address-detected` or `arp.duplicate-addressframe` was executed to identify ARP packets related to duplicate address detection. Subsequently, the Sender MAC Address was selected for further analysis.
- 2. **Filtering ARP Requests Crafted by Attacker:** The command `eth.src == sender mac and arp.opcode == 1` was executed to filter ARP requests crafted by the attacker. This filter specifically targets ARP packets with the Sender MAC Address matching and ARP opcode indicating ARP request (opcode 1).

By executing these commands and applying the specified filters, the number of ARP requests crafted by the attacker can be accurately determined, providing crucial insights into the extent of ARP poisoning activity and potential man-in-the-middle attacks within the network.

normal pcap



threat pcap



Username & Password Sniffing Analysis:

To determine the number of sniffed username and password entries, the following steps were undertaken:

1. **Selection of TCP Stream:** The command `tcp.stream eq 4` was executed to isolate TCP stream number 4.
2. **Examination of HTTP Requests:** Packet number 1107 was selected, and the option "Follow -> TCP Stream" was chosen to inspect the HTTP stream content.
3. **Identification of HTTP POST Requests:** In the TCP stream window, the command `http.host ==` and `http.request.method == "POST"` was applied to filter HTTP POST requests targeting the specified hostname.
4. **Verification of Passwords:** Each packet within the filtered HTTP POST requests was meticulously examined to identify any transmitted passwords.

By meticulously analyzing the HTTP stream content and verifying the HTTP POST requests targeting the designated hostname, potential instances of username and password sniffing within the network can be identified and further investigated for security implications.

Analysis of SYN Flood Attack

A SYN flood attack is a type of DDoS attack where the attacker floods a victim server with a large number of SYN packets, overwhelming its resources and disrupting normal operation. The objective is to exhaust the server's capacity to handle incoming connections, rendering it unable to service legitimate requests.

To analyze a SYN flood attack using Wireshark alongside the hping3 tool, the following steps were taken:

1. Preparation:

- The hping3 tool was used to generate a flood of SYN packets directed towards the victim's IP address.
- Simultaneously, Wireshark was started to capture and analyze the incoming network traffic.

2. Filtering SYN Packets:

- In Wireshark, the filter `tcp.flags.syn == 1` was applied to isolate and focus on SYN packets specifically.
- This filter allows for the identification of SYN packets within the captured traffic, which are indicative of the initiation phase of the TCP handshake.

Observations: The captured traffic revealed a significant influx of SYN packets directed towards the victim server. These SYN packets were observed to be of the same size, indicating a consistent pattern in the attack. Additionally, there was a notable absence of lag time between successive SYN packets, suggesting a rapid and continuous flood of SYN requests.

Impact: The SYN flood attack effectively inundates the victim server with a barrage of connection requests, causing it to expend resources on processing incomplete connection attempts. As a result, the victim server's processor and memory usage escalate rapidly, eventually leading to resource exhaustion and service degradation or outage.

By analyzing the characteristics of the captured traffic, including the volume, consistency, and timing of SYN packets, it becomes evident how a SYN flood attack can disrupt network services and compromise the availability of targeted servers. Such insights are crucial for implementing effective mitigation strategies and bolstering network defenses against DDoS attacks.

```
snucse@snucse-HP-Pro-Tower-400-G9-PCI-Desktop-PC:~$ sudo apt install hping3
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
The following NEW packages will be installed:
  hping3
0 upgraded, 1 newly installed, 0 to remove and 444 not upgraded.
Need to get 106 kB of archives.
After this operation, 263 kB of additional disk space will be used.
Get:1 http://in.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy/universe amd64 hping3 amd64 3.az.ds2-10 [106 kB]
Fetched 106 kB in 2s (62.6 kB/s)
Selecting previously unselected package hping3.
(Reading database ... 172588 files and directories currently installed.)
Preparing to unpack .../hping3_3.az.ds2-10_amd64.deb ...
Unpacking hping3 (3.az.ds2-10) ...
Setting up hping3 (3.az.ds2-10) ...
Processing triggers for man-db (2.10.2-1) ...
snucse@snucse-HP-Pro-Tower-400-G9-PCI-Desktop-PC:~$ sudo hping3 -S -p 80 10.23.16.32
HPING 10.23.16.32 (en01 10.23.16.32): S set, 40 headers + 0 data bytes
^C
--- 10.23.16.32 hping statistic ---
56 packets transmitted, 0 packets received, 100% packet loss
round-trip min/avg/max = 0.0/0.0/0.0 ms
snucse@snucse-HP-Pro-Tower-400-G9-PCI-Desktop-PC:~$
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| tcp.flags.syn == 1 | | | | | | |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|----------|--------|--|
| No. | Time | Source | Destination | Protocol | Length | Info |
| 113 | 10.715664626 | 10.23.16.32 | 10.101.1.10 | TCP | 78 | 53324 → 53 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=54240 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM TSval=666378488 TSecr=0 WS=128 TFO=R |
| 114 | 10.416546348 | 10.101.1.10 | 10.23.16.32 | TCP | 74 | 53 → 53324 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=65535 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=64 SACK_PERM TSval=719124329 TSecr=666378488 |
| 398 | 23.712789563 | 10.123.167.13 | 10.23.12.30 | TCP | 66 | 56768 → 7680 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=256 SACK_PERM |
| 319 | 24.721777215 | 10.123.167.13 | 10.23.12.30 | TCP | 66 | [TCP Retransmission] 56768 → 7680 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=256 SACK_PERM |
| 331 | 25.659684551 | 10.23.16.32 | 10.101.1.10 | TCP | 78 | 42688 → 53 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM TSval=666393643 TSecr=0 WS=128 TFO=R |
| 332 | 25.651590339 | 10.101.1.10 | 10.23.16.32 | TCP | 74 | 53 → 42688 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=65535 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=64 SACK_PERM TSval=672975298 TSecr=666393643 |
| 351 | 26.729224797 | 10.123.167.13 | 10.23.12.30 | TCP | 66 | [TCP Retransmission] 56768 → 7680 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=256 SACK_PERM |
| 375 | 29.918317571 | 10.123.170.153 | 10.23.12.30 | TCP | 66 | 52464 → 7680 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=256 SACK_PERM |
| 383 | 30.737299324 | 10.123.167.13 | 10.23.12.30 | TCP | 66 | [TCP Retransmission] 56768 → 7680 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=256 SACK_PERM |
| 384 | 30.919097834 | 10.123.170.153 | 10.23.12.30 | TCP | 66 | [TCP Retransmission] 52464 → 7680 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=256 SACK_PERM |
| 487 | 32.929497615 | 10.123.170.153 | 10.23.12.30 | TCP | 66 | [TCP Retransmission] 52464 → 7680 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=256 SACK_PERM |
| 479 | 36.944812287 | 10.123.170.153 | 10.23.12.30 | TCP | 66 | [TCP Retransmission] 52464 → 7680 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=256 SACK_PERM |
| 505 | 37.835045452 | 10.23.16.32 | 104.10.32.115 | TCP | 74 | 42576 → 419 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM TSval=1306591045 TSecr=0 WS=128 |
| 506 | 37.835602476 | 104.10.32.115 | 10.23.16.32 | TCP | 74 | 443 → 42576 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=14480 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM TSval=2299052635 TSecr=1306591045 WS=128 |
| 551 | 38.759983157 | 10.123.167.13 | 10.23.12.30 | TCP | 66 | [TCP Retransmission] 56768 → 7680 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=256 SACK_PERM |
| 578 | 39.871562285 | 10.101.1.10 | 10.23.13.16 | TCP | 74 | 53 → 47728 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=65535 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=64 SACK_PERM TSval=2639982193 TSecr=1459666443 |
| 590 | 40.654023354 | 10.23.16.32 | 10.101.1.10 | TCP | 78 | 53376 → 53 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM TSval=666408647 TSecr=0 WS=128 TFO=R |
| 591 | 40.654084929 | 10.101.1.10 | 10.23.16.32 | TCP | 74 | 53 → 53376 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=65535 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=64 SACK_PERM TSval=1311039606 TSecr=666408647 |
| 660 | 44.943477903 | 10.123.170.153 | 10.23.12.30 | TCP | 66 | [TCP Retransmission] 52464 → 7680 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=256 SACK_PERM |
| 795 | 57.468825212 | 10.23.16.32 | 10.101.1.10 | TCP | 78 | 52452 → 53 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM TSval=666425462 TSecr=0 WS=128 TFO=R |
| 796 | 57.469774856 | 10.101.1.10 | 10.23.16.32 | TCP | 74 | 53 → 52452 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=65535 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=64 SACK_PERM TSval=2048080499 TSecr=666425462 |

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> Frame 113: 78 bytes on wire (624 bits), 78 bytes captured (624 bits) on interface eno1, id 0
> Ethernet II, Src: HP_0d:74:0b (e0:73:e7:0d:74:0b), Dst: Cisco_61:02:44 (bc:8d:1f:61:02:44)
> Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.23.16.32, Dst: 10.101.1.10
> Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 33324, Dst Port: 53, Seq: 0, Len: 0
```

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0000 bc 8d 1f 61 02 44 e0 73 e7 0d 74 0b 00 00 45 00 ...a.D.s...t...E
0010 00 40 42 0e 40 00 40 06 d2 a4 0a 17 10 20 0a 65 ...@Bn@...e
0020 01 0a 82 2c 08 35 01 83 6a 10 00 00 00 00 b9 02 ...5...
0030 fa f0 25 00 00 02 04 05 b4 04 02 00 0a 24 24 ...%.....$$
0040 99 a8 00 00 00 00 01 83 03 07 22 02 01 01 .....".
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Analysis of DOS Attack

In the simulated Denial of Service (DoS) attack scenario, the macof tool from the Dsniff suite toolkit was utilized to flood a surrounding device's switch with MAC addresses, generating excessive network traffic. The analysis was performed using Wireshark to inspect the traffic patterns and characteristics.

1. DoS Attack with Standard Network Traffic:

- The observed traffic consists of repeated requests originating from one IP address to another device with consistent data size. This pattern indicates a standard network DoS attack, where the attacker overwhelms the target device with a high volume of legitimate-looking requests, thereby disrupting its normal operations.

2. DDoS Attack with Fake Source and Destination IP Addresses:

- For the DDoS attack simulation, the macof tool was employed again to generate traffic. This time, the traffic includes packets with fake source and destination IP addresses, sending numerous packets with similar data sizes. Such a traffic pattern is characteristic of a Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attack, where multiple compromised devices (botnets) inundate the target system with malicious traffic, making it difficult to mitigate the attack and causing severe service disruption.

By analyzing the traffic patterns observed in Wireshark, it becomes evident whether the attack is a traditional DoS attack or a more sophisticated DDoS attack, allowing for appropriate mitigation strategies to be implemented to defend against such malicious activities.

```
snuce@snuce-HP-Pro-Tower-400-G9-PCI-Desktop-PC: ~$ sudo apt-get install dsntff
[sudo] password for snuce:
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
The following additional packages will be installed:
  libnet1 libnids1.21
The following NEW packages will be installed:
  dsntff libnet1 libnids1.21
0 upgraded, 3 newly installed, 0 to remove and 444 not upgraded.
Need to get 175 kB of archives.
After this operation, 678 kB of additional disk space will be used.
Do you want to continue? [Y/n] y
Get:1 http://ln.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy/main amd64 libnet1 amd64 1.1.6-dfsg-3.1build1 [60.9 kB]
Get:2 http://ln.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy/universe amd64 libnids1.21 amd64 1.25-1 [22.0 kB]
Get:3 http://ln.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy/universe amd64 dsntff amd64 2.4b1-debian-30build1 [106 kB]
Fetched 175 kB in 2s (72.2 kB/s)
Selecting previously unselected package libnet1:amd64.
(Reading database ... 172618 files and directories currently installed.)
Preparing to unpack .../libnet1.1.1.6-dfsg-3.1build1_amd64.deb ...
Unpacking libnet1:amd64 (1.1.6-dfsg-3.1build1) ...
Selecting previously unselected package libnids1.21:amd64.
Preparing to unpack .../libnids1.21.1.25-1_amd64.deb ...
Unpacking libnids1.21:amd64 (1.25-1) ...
Selecting previously unselected package dsntff.
Preparing to unpack .../dsntff.2.4b1-debian-30build1_amd64.deb ...
Unpacking dsntff (2.4b1-debian-30build1) ...
Setting up libnet1:amd64 (1.1.6-dfsg-3.1build1) ...
Setting up libnids1.21:amd64 (1.25-1) ...
Setting up dsntff (2.4b1-debian-30build1) ...
Processing triggers for libc-bin (2.35-0ubuntu3.1) ...
Processing triggers for man-db (2.10-2-1) ...
snuce@snuce-HP-Pro-Tower-400-G9-PCI-Desktop-PC: ~$ sudo macof -i eno1 -n 100
95:4e:90:44:4c:49 69:44:33:36:d4:f5 0.0.0.0.25055 > 0.0.0.0.60336: S 651029573:651029573(0) wln 512
21:7d:bd:24:42:ed 89:2f:31:27:b4:b8 0.0.0.0.26526 > 0.0.0.0.17384: S 285768584:285768584(0) wln 512
4b:c2:73:5b:b4:1f a8:4d:fe:71:9e:25 0.0.0.0.28608 > 0.0.0.0.14485: S 1710614051:1710614051(0) wln 512
47:cb:51:41:ef:5f 52:18:47:36:65:87 0.0.0.0.38689 > 0.0.0.0.46915: S 2168200033:2168200033(0) wln 512
66:84:c6:31:e8:33 a2:12:cd:14:d6:de 0.0.0.0.46330 > 0.0.0.0.54330: S 1276197243:1276197243(0) wln 512
6b:fa:83:15:4c:23 8b:cc:b4:14:e1:65 0.0.0.0.41725 > 0.0.0.0.14506: S 563252284:563252284(0) wln 512
29:fa:d0:73:c7:ba 9:8f:9c:3f:90:8c 0.0.0.0.45801 > 0.0.0.0.55630: S 1507590514:1507590514(0) wln 512
44:7e:f5:39:ee:49 80:a1:7f:63:9:9a 0.0.0.0.3907 > 0.0.0.0.53964: S 1265023910:1265023910(0) wln 512
58:9a:8b:38:5:45 75:a9:64:4e:8a:10 0.0.0.0.46228 > 0.0.0.0.11511: S 1241565525:1241565525(0) wln 512
26:fe:4b:53:49:16 d4:bd:79:35:4e:42 0.0.0.0.42950 > 0.0.0.0.36467: S 383227383:383227383(0) wln 512
4a:ce:55:54:e7:ef 85:8b:e2:1f:17:76 0.0.0.0.17530 > 0.0.0.0.36581: S 933983832:933983832(0) wln 512
11:77:e5:54:e7:ef 3c:c7:50:49:d0:43 0.0.0.0.32215 > 0.0.0.0.46341: S 1377309834:1377309834(0) wln 512
07:8d:30:3e:14:30 c3:b8:43:0f:36:b8 0.0.0.0.28103 > 0.0.0.0.6697: S 1520995750:1520995750(0) wln 512
27:5b:bc:1f:ee:58 cb:ec:02:19:b:27 0.0.0.0.579 > 0.0.0.0.4993: S 574581877:574581877(0) wln 512
00:82:18:5c:ac:5a 76:e4:b7:7b:95:6f 0.0.0.0.53687 > 0.0.0.0.40620: S 1248791349:1248791349(0) wln 512
41:31:40:7c:8c:9a ea:98:84:4f:88:55 0.0.0.0.44899 > 0.0.0.0.16522: S 1964605409:1964605409(0) wln 512
32:e4:9d:76:9d:f0 b0:38:f0:37:4d:db 0.0.0.0.23325 > 0.0.0.0.39403: S 490386924:490386924(0) wln 512
07:96:cb:33:2f:b2 3f:62:3f:62:60:6a 0.0.0.0.2816 > 0.0.0.0.29565: S 1661312073:1661312073(0) wln 512
1:8a:1e:5:20:d1:2c 89:94:a7:66:45:94 0.0.0.0.61206 > 0.0.0.0.12732: S 284786052:284786052(0) wln 512
```

| tcpstream eq 5 | | | | | | |
|----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------|--------|---|
| No. | Time | Source | Destination | Protocol | Length | Info |
| 101 | 7.309639057 | 10.23.16.32 | 172.64.149.23 | TCP | 66 | 60302 → 80 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=501 Len=0 TSval=2647731766 TSecr=389608405 |
| 102 | 7.309695559 | 172.64.149.23 | 10.23.16.32 | TCP | 66 | [TCP ACKed unseen segment] 80 → 60302 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=2 Win=122 Len=0 TSval=3896081489 TSecr=2647639950 |
| 318 | 17.540689255 | 10.23.16.32 | 172.64.149.23 | TCP | 66 | [TCP Dup ACK 101#1] 60302 → 80 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=501 Len=0 TSval=2647742096 TSecr=3896081489 |
| 319 | 17.540930494 | 172.64.149.23 | 10.23.16.32 | TCP | 66 | [TCP Dup ACK 102#1] 80 → 60302 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=2 Win=122 Len=0 TSval=3896082513 TSecr=2647639950 |

Results and Interpretation

Result:

- Utilized Wireshark to perform live packet capture of two pcap files, representing normal and potentially threatening network scenarios.
- No findings of brute source or other attacks were observed, as the search for `ftp.response.code == 530` yielded no results.
- In the analysis of ARP and Man-in-the-Middle attacks, no threats or vulnerabilities were identified in the normal pcap file. However, duplicate requests were detected in the threat pcap file, indicating a potential security concern.
- Attempted to analyze HTTP stream and post content for further insights.
- Conducted a SYN flood attack simulation using the hping3 tool and captured the traffic in Wireshark.
- Simulated a Denial of Service (DoS) attack using the macof tool, observing similar requests with fake source and IP destination addresses.

Interpretation:

- The absence of findings in the normal pcap file suggests that the network was operating within expected parameters, with no evident signs of malicious activity or anomalies.
- Detection of duplicate requests in the threat pcap file during the analysis of ARP and Man-in-the-Middle attacks raises concerns about security threats, possibly indicating ARP poisoning or unauthorized network activity.
- Further analysis of HTTP stream and post content could provide insights into potential data breaches or unauthorized access attempts.
- The SYN flood attack simulation demonstrated the ability to overwhelm a server with a large volume of SYN packets, highlighting the importance of robust network defense mechanisms against DDoS attacks.
- Observation of similar requests with fake source and IP destination addresses in the DoS attack simulation indicates a deliberate attempt to flood the target device with malicious traffic, underscoring the need for proactive security measures to mitigate such threats.
- Overall, the results suggest a proactive approach to network security monitoring and threat detection, emphasizing the importance of continuous monitoring, analysis, and response to safeguard against potential cyber threats and attacks.

Conclusion

- Demonstrated critical thinking skills by refining the project objectives to focus on protocol-based classification techniques for network traffic analysis.
- Successfully collected live network traffic data using Wireshark, showcasing problem-solving abilities in selecting appropriate capture interfaces and managing packet capture processes.
- Applied manual classification methods to extract protocol headers and categorize network packets, indicating analytical thinking in identifying and organizing data for analysis.
- Conducted statistical analysis of network traffic to identify patterns and anomalies, highlighting the ability to interpret data and draw meaningful insights.
- Utilized Wireshark's features effectively, such as protocol hierarchy analysis and TCP stream analysis, demonstrating proficiency in leveraging tools for in-depth network analysis.
- Detected and interpreted potential security threats, such as ARP poisoning and SYN flood attacks, showcasing problem-solving skills in identifying and addressing network vulnerabilities.
- Demonstrated innovation by simulating various types of attacks, including DoS attacks, and analyzing their impact on network traffic, highlighting proactive measures in network security management.