Network Security Term Project Phase-I Report

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1 Introduction

This report presents the first phase of the project, which involves using a processor that introduces random delays to Ethernet frames and analyzing its impact on network latency. The source code and details are available at: GitHub Repository.

2 Project Objectives

The main objectives of this phase include:

- Utilize one of the provided processors or develop your own to introduce random delays in Ethernet frames.
- Conduct ping tests to analyze the impact of delays on round-trip time (RTT).
- Plot a figure showing the mean random delay on the x-axis and the average RTT on the yaxis.

3 Experimental Setup

The provided Python processor was used to introduce random delays in Ethernet frames. The delays were generated using the expovariate() function from the Python random library, which models an exponential distribution. This method ensures that shorter delays occur more frequently than longer ones, simulating realistic network conditions.

4 Experimental Results

Ping tests were performed with increasing random delays. 100 packets were transmitted for each mea-

surement. The results are summarized as follows:

Avg. Delay (ms)	Avg. RTT (ms)
0	5.689
0.005	5.314
0.025	6.383
0.050	6.872
0.075	6.919
0.100	7.220
0.250	7.324
0.500	8.271
1.000	9.199
2.000	11.534
3.000	13.150
4.000	14.140
5.000	17.553
10.000	27.010
50.000	112.211

Table 1: Ping Test Results with Random Delay

5 Conclusion

The results show that increasing random delays in Ethernet frames leads to higher RTT values. The effect becomes significantly noticeable beyond 1 ms delay, with extreme RTT variations observed at 50 ms. These findings provide insights into how controlled delays affect network latency, which is critical for applications requiring real-time communication.