

Wireshark 101

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Network Interfaces

- Linux box:
 - Show interfaces by "ifconfig"
 - Windows: "ipconfig /a" (I think)

- Look at routing table by running "netstat -r"
 - IP addresses are 32 bits
 - Network number, IP within the network
 - Next hop determined by longest prefix match on the IP address

Wireshark

World's most popular and complete protocol analyzer

 Wireshark is free software, and is available for Linux, Mac and Windows.

• More than 10 million downloads at SourceForge so far.

What is wireshark?

- Wireshark is a **protocol analyzer**.
- This means Wireshark is designed to decode not only packet bits and bytes but also the relations between packets and protocols.
- Wireshark understands protocol sequences.

What is Wireshark for YOU?

- Tool for examining packets on the ethernet/wireless mediums
- Need superuser access on machine
- Allows you to examine packets all of them!
- Too much data, so you can employ filters
- Simplest case: just specify interface to snoop on

Demo 1 – Basic Run

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Wireshark Trace Example: What do these mean?

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Filters

- We are often not interested in all packets flowing through the network
- Use filters to capture only packets of interest to us
- Two kind of filters
 - Capture Filter: Filtered while capturing. Like TCPDump
 - Display Filter: More detailed filtering. Allows to compare values in packets. Not real time

Demo 2

- 1. Capture only udp packets
 - Capture filter = "udp"
- 2. Capture only tcp packets
 - Capture filter = "tcp"

Demo 2 (contd.)

- 1. Capture only UDP packets with destination port 53 (DNS requests)
 - "udp dst port 53"
- 2. Capture only UDP packets with source port 53 (DNS replies)
 - "udp src port 53"
- Capture only UDP packets with source or destination port 53 (DNS requests and replies)
 - "udp port 53"

Demo 2 (contd.)

- 1. Capture only packets destined to www.cs.washington.edu
 - "dst host www.cs.washington.edu"
- 2. Capture both DNS packets and TCP packets to/ from <u>www.cs.washington.edu</u>
 - "(tcp and host www.cs.washington.edu) or udp port 53"

Display Filters

- Different Syntax
 - frame.len > 10
 - ip.addr == 129.111.0.0/16 [CIDR masking]
- More expressive
 - eth.src[1–2] == 00:83 [Check only bytes 1 and 2]
- Go crazy with logical expressions
 - tcp.dst[0:3] == 0.6.29 xor udp.src[1] == 42

How to write filters

- Refer cheat sheet slides at the end of this presentation
- Refer the tcpdump man page and wireshark documentation

Other tools

- TCPDump
 - Command line based [for the geeks in you!]
- IPsumdump
 - Summarize tcpdump output into human/machine readable form
 - <u>http://www.cs.ucla.edu/~kohler/ipsumdump/</u>
 - For instructions to use IPsumdump on EECS instructional accounts, see slide "Appendix: IPsumdump on EECS instructional accounts"
- Ethereal
 - ...is now wireshark
- Generally, wireshark is better!

Security/Privacy Issues

- Wireshark allows you to monitor other people's traffic
- WARNING: Do NOT use tcpdump to violate privacy or security
- Use filtering to restrict packet analysis to only the traffic associated with your program. The following is one way to ensure that you see only traffic associated with your client:
 - tcpdump –s 0 –r all_pkts.trace " –w my_pkts.trace "port 12345"
 - where 12345 is the ephemeral port which your echo_client uses to talk to the echo_server.

Cheat Sheet – Writing Filters (1)

- Specifying the hosts we are interested in
 - "dst host <name/IP>"
 - "src host <name/IP>"
 - "host <name/IP>" (either source or destination is name/ IP)
- Specifying the ports we are interested in
 - "dst port <number>"
 - "src port <number>"
 - "port <number>"
 - Makes sense only for TCP and UDP packets

Cheat Sheet – Writing Filters (2)

- Specifying ICMP packets
 - "icmp"
- Specifying UDP packets
 - "udp"
- Specifying TCP packets
 - "tcp"

Cheat Sheet – Writing Filters (2)

- Combining filters
 - and (&&)
 - or (||)
 - not (!)
- Example:
 - All tcp packets which are not from or to host quasar.cs.berkeley.edu

tcpdump "tcp and ! host quasar.cs.berkeley.edu"

 Lots of examples in the EXAMPLES section of the man page