

COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE ON TSHARK



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Abstract

In this article, we will learn about TShark which is a well-known network protocol analyser. It lets us capture the data packets, from the live network. It also allows us, to read or analyse the previously captured data packets of a saved file.

Here we will the understand the Statistical Functionalities of TShark and the different ways in which we can sort our traffic capture so that we can analyse it faster and effectively.

We will understand the reporting functionalities and some additional tricks that we found while tinkering with TShark.


Network Traffic

As we know, network traffic or data traffic is the amount of data transferring across the network at some given point of time. Network data, in computer networks, is in the form of network data packets. Analysing these network packets provides network security as it helps us to monitor traffic. As a benefit, if there is some unusual amount of data traffic in a network which is a possible sign of an attack then TShark can help us know before it too late and the attack can be terminated as data traffic reports provide insights into preventing some good attacks.

Traffic volume is a term which comes under network traffic analysing. Network traffic volume is the measure of the total work done. It is defined as the average data traffic intensity and time period of its network data packet study.

Introduction to TShark

TShark, a well-known and powerful command-line tool and is used as a network analyser. It is developed by Wireshark. It's working structure is quite similar to Tcpdump, but it has some powerful decoders and filters. TShark is capable of capturing the data packets information of different network layers and display them in different formats.



TShark is used to analyse real-time network traffic and it can read .pcap files to analyse the information, dig into the details of those connections, helping security professionals to identify their network problem.

TShark is a command-line based tool, which can do anything that Wireshark does. So, let us start our learning process with TShark and therefore launch this tool and explore its options. To check out all the parameters, use the following command:

tshark -h

```
root@kali:~# tshark -h
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous.
TShark (Wireshark) 3.0.5 (Git v3.0.5 packaged as 3.0.5-1)
Dump and analyze network traffic.
See https://www.wireshark.org for more information.

Usage: tshark [options] ...

Capture interface:
  -i <interface>          name or idx of interface (def: first non-loopback)
  -f <capture filter>      packet filter in libpcap filter syntax
  -s <snaplen>            packet snapshot length (def: appropriate maximum)
  -p                      don't capture in promiscuous mode
  -I                      capture in monitor mode, if available
  -B <buffer size>        size of kernel buffer (def: 2MB)
  -y <link type>          link layer type (def: first appropriate)
  --time-stamp-type <type> timestamp method for interface
  -D                      print list of interfaces and exit
  -L                      print list of link-layer types of iface and exit
  --list-time-stamp-types  print list of timestamp types for iface and exit

Capture stop conditions:
  -c <packet count>      stop after n packets (def: infinite)
  -a <autostop cond.> ... duration:NUM - stop after NUM seconds
                        filesize:NUM - stop this file after NUM KB
                        files:NUM - stop after NUM files

Capture output:
  -b <ringbuffer opt.> ... duration:NUM - switch to next file after NUM secs
                        interval:NUM - create time intervals of NUM secs
                        filesize:NUM - switch to next file after NUM KB
                        files:NUM - ringbuffer: replace after NUM files

Input file:
  -r <infile|->          set the filename to read from (or '-' for stdin)

Processing:
  -2                      perform a two-pass analysis
  -M <packet count>      perform session auto reset
  -R <read filter>        packet Read filter in Wireshark display filter syntax
                        (requires -2)
  -Y <display filter>     packet display filter in Wireshark display filter
                        syntax
  -n                      disable all name resolutions (def: all enabled)
  -N <name resolve flags> enable specific name resolution(s): "mnNtdv"
  -d <layer_type>=<selector>,<decode_as_protocol> ...
                        "Decode As", see the man page for details
                        Example: tcp.port=8888,http
  -H <hosts file>        read a list of entries from a hosts file, which will
```

List Interfaces

TShark prints a list of the interfaces whose traffic it can capture. Each interface is referred to by their serial number and as you can see it is followed by a text description of the network interface. These interfaces can be specified using **-i parameter**; which is used to specify the network whose traffic we want to capture. And to check out these interfaces you can use the **parameter -D** as shown in the image below:

```
tshark -D
```

```
root@kali:~# tshark -D
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous.
1. eth0
2. lo (Loopback)
3. any
4. nflog
5. nfqueue
6. ciscodump (Cisco remote capture)
7. dpauemon (DisplayPort AUX channel monitor capture)
8. randpkt (Random packet generator)
9. sdjournal (systemd Journal Export)
10. sshdump (SSH remote capture)
11. udpdump (UDP Listener remote capture)
```

Capture Traffic

Let's now try to capture traffic, we have various choice of interface to capture traffic and therefore one can choose whichever depending on their needs and requirement. But in our scenario, the interface which we are going to use is "eth0". In order to capture traffic, we need to initiate one too as we are testing on a controlled network and for that use ping command and then to capture traffic, we have to just specify the interface name by using **-i parameter** as shown in the image below:

```
ping www.hackingarticles.in
tshark -i eth0
```

As we can clearly see it is performing its three-way handshake, then starts the process of ICMP request and reply.


```
root@kali: ~  
File Actions Edit View Help  
root@kali:~# ping www.hackingarticles.in  
PING www.hackingarticles.in (104.28.7.89) 56(84) bytes of data.  
64 bytes from 104.28.7.89 (104.28.7.89): icmp_seq=1 ttl=54 time=117 ms  
64 bytes from 104.28.7.89 (104.28.7.89): icmp_seq=2 ttl=54 time=181 ms  
64 bytes from 104.28.7.89 (104.28.7.89): icmp_seq=3 ttl=54 time=249 ms  
64 bytes from 104.28.7.89 (104.28.7.89): icmp_seq=4 ttl=54 time=131 ms  
64 bytes from 104.28.7.89 (104.28.7.89): icmp_seq=5 ttl=54 time=210 ms  
64 bytes from 104.28.7.89 (104.28.7.89): icmp_seq=6 ttl=54 time=161 ms  
^C  
--- www.hackingarticles.in ping statistics ---  
6 packets transmitted, 6 received, 0% packet loss, time 5008ms  
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 117.326/174.819/249.328/45.171 ms  
root@kali:~#  
  
root@kali: ~  
File Actions Edit View Help  
root@kali:~# tshark -i eth0  
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous.  
Capturing on 'eth0'  
1 0.000000000 192.168.0.137 → 8.8.8.8 DNS 82 Standard query 0x9c1a A www.hackingarticles.in  
2 0.000157409 192.168.0.137 → 8.8.8.8 DNS 82 Standard query 0x9620 AAAA www.hackingarticles.in  
3 0.113177929 8.8.8.8 → 192.168.0.137 DNS 114 Standard query response 0x9c1a A www.hackingarticles.  
A 104.28.7.89 A 104.28.6.89  
4 0.113200970 8.8.8.8 → 192.168.0.137 DNS 138 Standard query response 0x9620 AAAA www.hackingarticl  
.in AAAA 2606:4700:3031::681c:759 AAAA 2606:4700:3033::681c:659  
5 0.113563758 192.168.0.137 → 104.28.7.89 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) request id=0x0aaf, seq=1/256, ttl=64  
6 0.230877040 104.28.7.89 → 192.168.0.137 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) reply id=0x0aaf, seq=1/256, ttl=54 (re  
est in 5)  
7 0.231050335 192.168.0.137 → 8.8.8.8 DNS 84 Standard query 0xf48f PTR 89.7.28.104.in-addr.arpa  
8 0.290869104 8.8.8.8 → 192.168.0.137 DNS 179 Standard query response 0xf48f No such name PTR 89.7.  
.104.in-addr.arpa SOA cruz.ns.cloudflare.com  
9 1.115479483 192.168.0.137 → 104.28.7.89 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) request id=0x0aaf, seq=2/512, ttl=64  
10 1.296199640 104.28.7.89 → 192.168.0.137 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) reply id=0x0aaf, seq=2/512, ttl=54 (re  
est in 9)  
11 2.117862984 192.168.0.137 → 104.28.7.89 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) request id=0x0aaf, seq=3/768, ttl=64  
12 2.367168921 104.28.7.89 → 192.168.0.137 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) reply id=0x0aaf, seq=3/768, ttl=54 (re  
est in 11)  
13 3.118443326 192.168.0.137 → 104.28.7.89 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) request id=0x0aaf, seq=4/1024, ttl=64  
14 3.249467028 104.28.7.89 → 192.168.0.137 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) reply id=0x0aaf, seq=4/1024, ttl=54 (r  
uest in 13)  
15 4.120154691 192.168.0.137 → 104.28.7.89 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) request id=0x0aaf, seq=5/1280, ttl=64  
16 4.330051501 104.28.7.89 → 192.168.0.137 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) reply id=0x0aaf, seq=5/1280, ttl=54 (r  
uest in 15)  
17 5.041217255 Vmware_d5:b7:2d → D-LinkIn_59:e1:24 ARP 42 Who has 192.168.0.1? Tell 192.168.0.137  
18 5.121457089 192.168.0.137 → 104.28.7.89 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) request id=0x0aaf, seq=6/1536, ttl=64  
19 5.142766220 D-LinkIn_59:e1:24 → Vmware_d5:b7:2d ARP 60 192.168.0.1 is at 1c:5f:2b:59:e1:24  
20 5.281995384 104.28.7.89 → 192.168.0.137 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) reply id=0x0aaf, seq=6/1536, ttl=54 (r  
uest in 18)
```

Promiscuous mode

In the networking, promiscuous mode is used as an interface controller that causes tshark to pass all the traffic it receives to the CPU rather than passing the frames to the promiscuous mode is normally used for packet sniffing that can take place on a router or on a computer connected to a wired network or a part of LAN.

When using this mode, we will need to configure it with the help of ifconfig so that it let us capture the data packets of the whole network. Therefore, we will start by pinging a website and try to capture its data packets.


```
victim@ubuntu:~$ ping www.hackingarticles.in
PING www.hackingarticles.in (104.28.7.89) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 104.28.7.89 (104.28.7.89): icmp_seq=1 ttl=54 time=194 ms
64 bytes from 104.28.7.89 (104.28.7.89): icmp_seq=2 ttl=54 time=244 ms
64 bytes from 104.28.7.89 (104.28.7.89): icmp_seq=3 ttl=54 time=301 ms
64 bytes from 104.28.7.89 (104.28.7.89): icmp_seq=4 ttl=54 time=235 ms
64 bytes from 104.28.7.89 (104.28.7.89): icmp_seq=5 ttl=54 time=196 ms
64 bytes from 104.28.7.89 (104.28.7.89): icmp_seq=6 ttl=54 time=116 ms
64 bytes from 104.28.7.89 (104.28.7.89): icmp_seq=7 ttl=54 time=183 ms
64 bytes from 104.28.7.89 (104.28.7.89): icmp_seq=8 ttl=54 time=217 ms
64 bytes from 104.28.7.89 (104.28.7.89): icmp_seq=9 ttl=54 time=149 ms
64 bytes from 104.28.7.89 (104.28.7.89): icmp_seq=10 ttl=54 time=201 ms
64 bytes from 104.28.7.89 (104.28.7.89): icmp_seq=11 ttl=54 time=177 ms
64 bytes from 104.28.7.89 (104.28.7.89): icmp_seq=12 ttl=54 time=355 ms
64 bytes from 104.28.7.89 (104.28.7.89): icmp_seq=13 ttl=54 time=245 ms
64 bytes from 104.28.7.89 (104.28.7.89): icmp_seq=14 ttl=54 time=305 ms
64 bytes from 104.28.7.89 (104.28.7.89): icmp_seq=15 ttl=54 time=153 ms
64 bytes from 104.28.7.89 (104.28.7.89): icmp_seq=16 ttl=54 time=254 ms
```

Now, configure the promiscuous mode by following these commands and try to capture the packets.

```
ifconfig eth0 promisc
tshark -i eth0
```

```
root@kali:~# ifconfig eth0 promisc
root@kali:~# tshark -i eth0
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous.
Capturing on 'eth0'
  1 0.000000000 192.168.0.6 → 104.28.6.89 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) request id=0x1b86, seq=95/2432
  2 0.136847861 104.28.6.89 → 192.168.0.6 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) reply id=0x1b86, seq=95/2432
  3 0.767140702 fe80::8dcf:3961:7c07:7841 → ff02::fb MDNS 180 Standard query 0x0000 PTR_ft
._tcp.local, "QM" question PTR_sftp-ssh._tcp.local, "QM" question PTR_webdav._tcp.local, "QM"
  4 0.767158404 192.168.0.6 → 224.0.0.251 MDNS 160 Standard query 0x0000 PTR_ft._tcp.local,
"QM" question PTR_sftp-ssh._tcp.local, "QM" question PTR_webdav._tcp.local, "QM" question PTR
  5 0.767231655 fe80::20c:29ff:fed5:b72d → ff02::1:ff00:0 ICMPv6 86 Neighbor Solicitation for :
  6 1.001500570 192.168.0.6 → 104.28.6.89 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) request id=0x1b86, seq=96/2457
  7 1.232830355 104.28.6.89 → 192.168.0.6 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) reply id=0x1b86, seq=96/2457
  8 2.002672796 192.168.0.6 → 104.28.6.89 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) request id=0x1b86, seq=97/2483
  9 2.534998232 104.28.6.89 → 192.168.0.6 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) reply id=0x1b86, seq=97/2483
 10 3.003729111 192.168.0.6 → 104.28.6.89 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) request id=0x1b86, seq=98/2508
 11 3.151781403 104.28.6.89 → 192.168.0.6 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) reply id=0x1b86, seq=98/2508
 12 4.005684733 192.168.0.6 → 104.28.6.89 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) request id=0x1b86, seq=99/2534
 13 4.221686910 104.28.6.89 → 192.168.0.6 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) reply id=0x1b86, seq=99/2534
 14 4.366369429 OneplusT_55:6d:66 → Broadcast ARP 60 Who has 192.168.0.1? Tell 192.168.0.7
^C 15 5.006460197 192.168.0.6 → 104.28.6.89 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) request id=0x1b86, seq=100/2
16 5.132027201 104.28.6.89 → 192.168.0.6 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) reply id=0x1b86, seq=100/255
```

Packet Count

Tshark has amazing features with which we can work more efficiently and we can access these features using various parameters. One such parameter is '-c', it lets us capture the exact amount of data that we require and it will display only those. This option helps us to refine the outcome of captured traffic.

```
tshark -i eth0 -c 10
```

```
root@kali:~# tshark -i eth0 -c 10
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous.
Capturing on 'eth0'
 1 0.000000000 192.168.0.6 → 104.28.6.89 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) request id=0x1b86, seq=229/58624, ttl=64
 2 0.127784373 104.28.6.89 → 192.168.0.6 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) reply id=0x1b86, seq=229/58624, ttl=54
 3 1.002006605 192.168.0.6 → 104.28.6.89 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) request id=0x1b86, seq=230/58880, ttl=64
 4 1.593946941 104.28.6.89 → 192.168.0.6 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) reply id=0x1b86, seq=230/58880, ttl=54
 5 2.001915094 192.168.0.6 → 104.28.6.89 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) request id=0x1b86, seq=231/59136, ttl=64
 6 2.128636261 104.28.6.89 → 192.168.0.6 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) reply id=0x1b86, seq=231/59136, ttl=54
 7 3.004203532 192.168.0.6 → 104.28.6.89 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) request id=0x1b86, seq=232/59392, ttl=64
 8 3.223162729 104.28.6.89 → 192.168.0.6 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) reply id=0x1b86, seq=232/59392, ttl=54
 9 4.005788203 192.168.0.6 → 104.28.6.89 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) request id=0x1b86, seq=233/59648, ttl=64
10 4.152214242 104.28.6.89 → 192.168.0.6 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) reply id=0x1b86, seq=233/59648, ttl=54
10 packets captured
```

As we can clearly see in the image above that it stops after the 10 counts.

Read and Write a File

In Tshark we can write and read into .pcap file. Write option (-w) allows us to write raw packet data output to a standard .pcap file whereas read option (-r) help us to read that raw output data packets in our desired manner. To write the packets into a .pcap file use the following command:

```
tshark -i eth0 -c 10 -w packets.pcap
```

And to read the said .pcap file use the following command:

```
tshark -r packets.pcap
```

```
root@kali:~# tshark -i eth0 -c 10 -w packets.pcap
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous.
Capturing on 'eth0'
10
root@kali:~# tshark -r packets.pcap
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous.
 1 0.000000000 192.168.0.6 → 104.28.6.89 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) request id=0x1b86, seq=295/9985, ttl=64
 2 0.152322703 104.28.6.89 → 192.168.0.6 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) reply id=0x1b86, seq=295/9985, ttl=54
 3 0.308649017 OneplusT_55:6d:66 → Broadcast ARP 60 Who has 192.168.0.1? Tell 192.168.0.7
 4 1.002010689 192.168.0.6 → 104.28.6.89 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) request id=0x1b86, seq=296/10241, ttl=64
 5 1.192372266 104.28.6.89 → 192.168.0.6 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) reply id=0x1b86, seq=296/10241, ttl=54
 6 2.004542084 192.168.0.6 → 104.28.6.89 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) request id=0x1b86, seq=297/10497, ttl=64
 7 2.183364817 104.28.6.89 → 192.168.0.6 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) reply id=0x1b86, seq=297/10497, ttl=54
 8 3.006121371 192.168.0.6 → 104.28.6.89 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) request id=0x1b86, seq=298/10753, ttl=64
 9 3.160247908 104.28.6.89 → 192.168.0.6 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) reply id=0x1b86, seq=298/10753, ttl=54
10 3.632094753 192.168.0.5 → 239.255.255.250 IGMPv2 60 Membership Report group 239.255.255.250
```

Verbose Mode

The verbose mode provides us with additional details of a packet in traffic. Using the verbose mode, we can see the information that each packet contains and for this option we can use the parameter **-V**.

```
tshark -r packets.pcap -V
```

```
root@kali:~# tshark -r packets.pcap -V
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous.
Frame 1: 98 bytes on wire (784 bits), 98 bytes captured (784 bits)
  Interface id: 0 (eth0)
    Interface name: eth0
    Encapsulation type: Ethernet (1)
    Arrival Time: Jan 28, 2020 11:38:48.841685525 EST
    [Time shift for this packet: 0.000000000 seconds]
    Epoch Time: 1580229528.841685525 seconds
    [Time delta from previous captured frame: 0.000000000 seconds]
    [Time delta from previous displayed frame: 0.000000000 seconds]
    [Time since reference or first frame: 0.000000000 seconds]
    Frame Number: 1
    Frame Length: 98 bytes (784 bits)
    Capture Length: 98 bytes (784 bits)
    [Frame is marked: False]
    [Frame is ignored: False]
    [Protocols in frame: eth:ethertype:ip:icmp:data]
  Ethernet II, Src: D-LinkIn_59:e1:24 (1c:5f:2b:59:e1:24), Dst: Vmwa
    Destination: Vmware_10:c6:1b (00:0c:29:10:c6:1b)
      Address: Vmware_10:c6:1b (00:0c:29:10:c6:1b)
        .... ..0. .... = LG bit: Globally unique ad
        .... ...0 .... = IG bit: Individual address
      Source: D-LinkIn_59:e1:24 (1c:5f:2b:59:e1:24)
        Address: D-LinkIn_59:e1:24 (1c:5f:2b:59:e1:24)
          .... ..0. .... = LG bit: Globally unique ad
          .... ...0 .... = IG bit: Individual address
      Type: IPv4 (0x0800)
    Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 104.28.6.89, Dst: 192.168.0.6
      0100 .... = Version: 4
      .... 0101 = Header Length: 20 bytes (5)
      Differentiated Services Field: 0x00 (DSCP: CS0, ECN: Not-ECT)
        0000 00.. = Differentiated Services Codepoint: Default (0)
        .... ..00 = Explicit Congestion Notification: Not ECN-Capa
      Total Length: 84
      Identification: 0x1f72 (8050)
      Flags: 0x0000
        0 ... .... = Reserved bit: Not set
        .0.. .... = Don't fragment: Not set
        ..0. .... = More fragments: Not set
        ...0 0000 0000 0000 = Fragment offset: 0
      Time to live: 54
```

Output Formats

For our convenience, in tshark, we have -T option that lets us save decoded packets in various output formats. It can set the format of the output in the way that it becomes easy to understand. To see all the available options, type the following command:

```
tshark -T x
```

```
root@kali:~# tshark -T x
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous.
tshark: Invalid -T parameter "x"; it must be one of:
"fields" The values of fields specified with the -e option, in a form
specified by the -E option.
"pdml" Packet Details Markup Language, an XML-based format for the
details of a decoded packet. This information is equivalent to
the packet details printed with the -V flag.
"ps" PostScript for a human-readable one-line summary of each of
the packets, or a multi-line view of the details of each of
the packets, depending on whether the -V flag was specified.
"psml" Packet Summary Markup Language, an XML-based format for the
summary information of a decoded packet. This information is
equivalent to the information shown in the one-line summary
printed by default.
"json" Packet Summary, an JSON-based format for the details
summary information of a decoded packet. This information is
equivalent to the packet details printed with the -V flag.
"jsonraw" Packet Details, a JSON-based format for machine parsing
including only raw hex decoded fields (same as -T json -x but
without text decoding, only raw fields included).
"ek" Packet Details, an EK JSON-based format for the bulk insert
into elastic search cluster. This information is
equivalent to the packet details printed with the -V flag.
"text" Text of a human-readable one-line summary of each of the
packets, or a multi-line view of the details of each of the
packets, depending on whether the -V flag was specified.
This is the default.
"tabs" Similar to the text report except that each column of the
human-readable one-line summary is delimited with an ASCII
horizontal tab character.
```

PDML

PDML stands for **P**acket **D**etails **M**ark-**U**p **L**anguage which is an XML based. This information is quite equivalent to the verbose mode which we used earlier. And to have output in this format type the following command:

```
tshark -r packets.pcap -T pdml
```



```

root@kali:~# tshark -r packets.pcap -T pdml
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous.
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<?xml-stylesheet type="text/xsl" href="pdml2html.xsl"?>
<!-- You can find pdml2html.xsl in /usr/share/wireshark or at https://code.wireshark.org/w/gitweb?p=wireshark.git;a=blob_plain;f=pdml2html.xsl. -->
<pdml version="0" creator="wireshark/3.0.5" time="Tue Jan 28 11:46:48 2020" capture_file=ets.pcap">
<packet>
  <proto name="geninfo" pos="0" showname="General information" size="98">
    <field name="num" pos="0" show="1" showname="Number" value="1" size="98"/>
    <field name="len" pos="0" show="98" showname="Frame Length" value="62" size="98"/>
    <field name="caplen" pos="0" show="98" showname="Captured Length" value="62" size="98"

```

PS

PS stands for **PostScript**. This output is in a form of one-liner summary of each data packets or multi-line detail view of each data packets depending upon each data packet specification. These one-liners are very quick to understand as well as reliable. For this, use the following command:

```
tshark -r packets.pcap -T ps
```

```

root@kali:~# tshark -r packets.pcap -T ps
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous.
%!
%!PS-Adobe-2.0
%
% Wireshark - Network traffic analyzer
% By Gerald Combs <gerald@wireshark.org>
% Copyright 1998 Gerald Combs
%
%%Creator: Wireshark
%%Title: Wireshark output
%%DocumentFonts: Helvetica Monaco
%%EndComments
%!

```

PSML

PSML stands for **Packet Summary Mark-Up Language**. It is also an XML based format like PDML which summarises the detailed information of the packets. And for this format type:

```
tshark -r packets.pcap -T psml
```

```

root@kali:~# tshark -r packets.pcap -T psml
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous.
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<psml version="0" creator="wireshark/3.0.5">
<structure>
<section>No.</section>
<section>Time</section>
<section>Source</section>
<section>Destination</section>
<section>Protocol</section>
<section>Length</section>
<section>Info</section>

```

JSON

JSON stands for Java-Script Object Notation. It is an open standard file format that displays text in a readable form. The information in this format is fully documented and referred at wolfram. To see that packets in this format, type:

```
tshark -r packets.pcap -T json
```

```

root@kali:~# tshark -r packets.pcap -T json
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous.
[
  {
    "_index": "packets-2020-01-28",
    "_type": "pcap_file",
    "_score": null,
    "_source": {
      "layers": {
        "frame": {
          "frame.interface_id": "0",
          "frame.interface_id_tree": {
            "frame.interface_name": "eth0"
          },
          "frame.encap_type": "1",
          "frame.time": "Jan 28, 2020 11:57:55.786675361 EST",
          "frame.offset_shift": "0.000000000",
          "frame.time_epoch": "1580230675.786675361",
          "frame.time_delta": "0.000000000",
          "frame.time_delta_displayed": "0.000000000",
          "frame.time_relative": "0.000000000",
          "frame.number": "1",
          "frame.len": "98",
          "frame.cap_len": "98",
          "frame.marked": "0",
          "frame.ignored": "0",
          "frame.protocols": "eth:ethertype:ip:icmp:data"
        },
        "eth": {

```

EK

It is newline delimited JSON format function for bulk import into the elastic search option. And for this format use the following command:

```
tshark -r packets.pcap -T ek
```

```
root@kali:~# tshark -r packets.pcap -T ek
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous.
{"index":{"_index":"packets-2020-01-28","_type":"pcap_file"}}
{"timestamp":"1580230675786","layers":{"frame":{"frame_frame_interface_id":"0","frame_interface_i
type":"1","frame_frame_time":"Jan 28, 2020 11:57:55.786675361 EST","frame_frame_offset_shift":"0.
6675361","frame_frame_time_delta":"0.000000000","frame_frame_time_delta_displayed":"0.000000000",
rame_number":"1","frame_frame_len":"98","frame_frame_cap_len":"98","frame_frame_marked":"0","fram
ethertype:ip:icmp:data"},"eth":{"eth_eth_dst":"1c:5f:2b:59:e1:24","eth_dst_eth_dst_resolved":"D-L
:24","eth_dst_eth_addr_resolved":"D-LinkIn_59:e1:24","eth_dst_eth_lg":"0","eth_dst_eth_ig":"0","e
esolved":"Vmware_10:c6:1b","eth_src_eth_addr":"00:0c:29:10:c6:1b","eth_src_eth_addr_resolved":"Vm
g":"0","eth_eth_type":"0x00000800"},"ip":{"ip_ip_version":"4","ip_ip_hdr_len":"20","ip_ip_dsfield
p_dsfield_ip_dsfield_ecn":"0","ip_ip_len":"84","ip_ip_id":"0x00003c1c","ip_ip_flags":"0x00004000
":"1","ip_flags_ip_flags_mf":"0","ip_flags_ip_frag_offset":"0","ip_ip_ttl":"64","ip_ip_proto":"1",
us":"2","ip_ip_src":"192.168.0.6","ip_ip_addr":["192.168.0.6","104.28.6.89"],"ip_ip_src_host":"19
9"],"ip_ip_dst":"104.28.6.89","ip_ip_dst_host":"104.28.6.89"},"icmp":{"icmp_icmp_type":"8","icmp_
icmp_icmp_checksum_status":"1","icmp_icmp_ident":["7046","34331"],"icmp_icmp_seq":"1541","icmp_ic
020 11:57:55.000000000 EST","icmp_icmp_data_time_relative":"0.786675361","icmp_data":{"data_data_
6:17:18:19:1a:1b:1c:1d:1e:1f:20:21:22:23:24:25:26:27:28:29:2a:2b:2c:2d:2e:2f:30:31:32:33:34:35:36
f"index":{"_index":"packets-2020-01-28","_type":"pcap_file"}}
```

Text

Text is a human-readable one lines summary of each of the packets. This is the simplest of the formats. And for this, use the following command:

```
tshark -r packets.pcap -T text
```

```
root@kali:~# tshark -r packets.pcap -T text
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous.
 1 0.000000000 192.168.0.6 → 104.28.6.89 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) request id=0x1b86, seq=1541/12
86, ttl=64
 2 0.209711164 104.28.6.89 → 192.168.0.6 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) reply id=0x1b86, seq=1541/12
86, ttl=54 (request in 1)
 3 1.001906657 192.168.0.6 → 104.28.6.89 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) request id=0x1b86, seq=1542/15
42, ttl=64
 4 1.192770973 104.28.6.89 → 192.168.0.6 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) reply id=0x1b86, seq=1542/15
42, ttl=54 (request in 3)
 5 2.003365632 192.168.0.6 → 104.28.6.89 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) request id=0x1b86, seq=1543/17
98, ttl=64
 6 2.434560259 104.28.6.89 → 192.168.0.6 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) reply id=0x1b86, seq=1543/17
98, ttl=54 (request in 5)
 7 3.003769942 192.168.0.6 → 104.28.6.89 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) request id=0x1b86, seq=1544/20
54, ttl=64
 8 3.347729784 104.28.6.89 → 192.168.0.6 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) reply id=0x1b86, seq=1544/20
54, ttl=54 (request in 7)
 9 4.003967430 192.168.0.6 → 104.28.6.89 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) request id=0x1b86, seq=1545/23
10, ttl=64
10 4.163455725 104.28.6.89 → 192.168.0.6 ICMP 98 Echo (ping) reply id=0x1b86, seq=1545/23
10, ttl=54 (request in 9)
```


Tabs

This option is quite similar to the text except, it includes an ASCII horizontal tab (oxo9) character as the delimiter between each column. To try this, type:

```
tshark -r packets.pcap -T tabs
```

```
root@kali:~# tshark -r packets.pcap -T tabs
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous.
  1  0.000000000  192.168.0.6  →  104.28.6.89  ICMP  98  Echo (ping) request
st id=0x1b86, seq=1541/1286, ttl=64
  2  0.209711164  104.28.6.89  →  192.168.0.6  ICMP  98  Echo (ping) reply
id=0x1b86, seq=1541/1286, ttl=54 (request in 1)
  3  1.001906657  192.168.0.6  →  104.28.6.89  ICMP  98  Echo (ping) request
st id=0x1b86, seq=1542/1542, ttl=64
  4  1.192770973  104.28.6.89  →  192.168.0.6  ICMP  98  Echo (ping) reply
id=0x1b86, seq=1542/1542, ttl=54 (request in 3)
  5  2.003365632  192.168.0.6  →  104.28.6.89  ICMP  98  Echo (ping) request
st id=0x1b86, seq=1543/1798, ttl=64
  6  2.434560259  104.28.6.89  →  192.168.0.6  ICMP  98  Echo (ping) reply
id=0x1b86, seq=1543/1798, ttl=54 (request in 5)
  7  3.003769942  192.168.0.6  →  104.28.6.89  ICMP  98  Echo (ping) request
st id=0x1b86, seq=1544/2054, ttl=64
  8  3.347729784  104.28.6.89  →  192.168.0.6  ICMP  98  Echo (ping) reply
id=0x1b86, seq=1544/2054, ttl=54 (request in 7)
  9  4.003967430  192.168.0.6  →  104.28.6.89  ICMP  98  Echo (ping) request
st id=0x1b86, seq=1545/2310, ttl=64
 10  4.163455725  104.28.6.89  →  192.168.0.6  ICMP  98  Echo (ping) reply
id=0x1b86, seq=1545/2310, ttl=54 (request in 9)
```

Difference between decoded and encoded packets

When we try to write the live data packets in a .pcap format file; we compress all that data packets in smaller segments. To better understand these data packets, we need to decode them which leads to a difference in the size of the file and to check the size of any given file at the given moment use the following command:

```
ls -lh packets.p*
```

```
root@kali:~# ls -lh packets.p*
-rw----- 1 root root 624 Jan 28 11:46 packets.pcap
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 21K Jan 28 11:49 packets.pdml
```

Like we discussed there is a huge difference in these files, that's why we use decoding techniques to extract this information.

Converting PDML file to HTML Page

The only difference between the Wireshark and tshark is that Wireshark is a GUI based tool and tshark is a command-line based tool. But with the help of some external source, we can also view our data packets in HTML. So, to achieve that first, we need to save our data packets in PDML format and then convert it into an XML file using the following command:

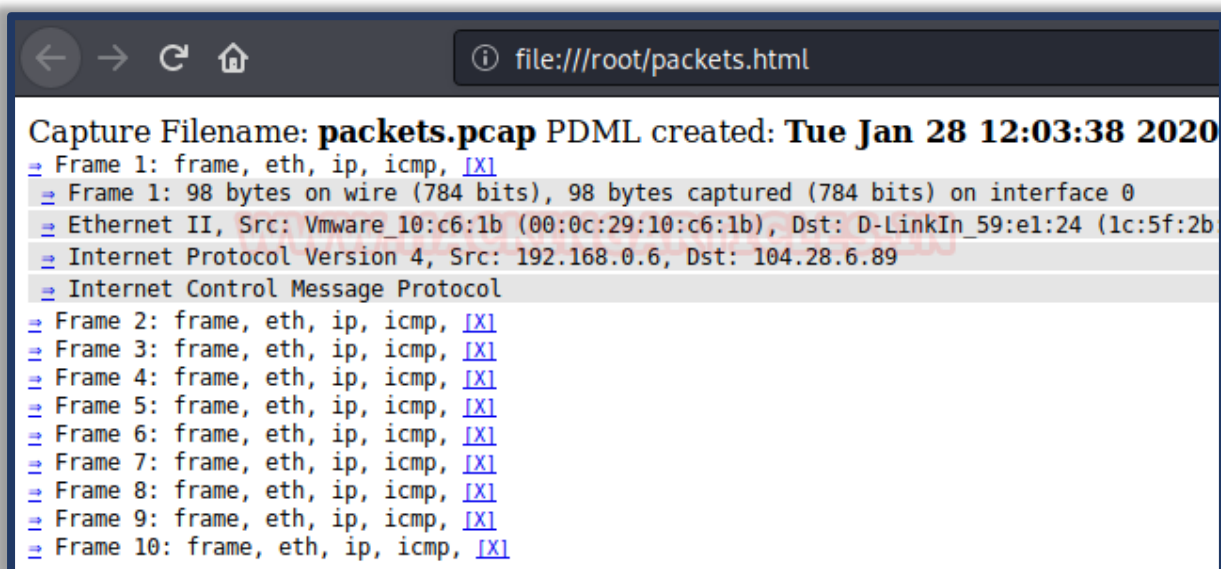
```
tshark -r packets.pcap -T pdml > packets.xml
```

The XML file will be saved at location `/usr/share/wireshark/pdml2html.xml`. So, we are going to use **xsltproc tool** to execute this file which will help us to create our HTML page. Creating the HTML page will format all the unnecessary information and only let us view the usable data. To create the HTML use following command.

To open the HTML page in the browser, refer to the image and use the following command:

```
xsltproc /usr/share/wireshark/pdml2html.xml packets.xml  
> packets.html  
firefox packets.html &
```

```
root@kali:~# tshark -r packets.pcap -T pdml > packets.xml  
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous.  
root@kali:~# xsltproc /usr/share/wireshark/pdml2html.xml packets.xml > packets.html  
root@kali:~# firefox packets.html &  
[1] 3554
```



Capturing Packets of a Particular Port

A lot of times we use Wireshark on a dedicated port. And by using the -f option we can capture data packets of a particular port. It helps us to better analyze the data packets of the network. We are using this feature to capture TCP port 80 and the command for this is:

```
tshark -i eth0 -c 5 -f "tcp port 80"
```

```
root@kali:~# tshark -i eth0 -c 5 -f "tcp port 80"
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous.
Capturing on 'eth0'
 1 0.000000000 192.168.0.137 → 216.58.196.99 TCP 66 44084 → 80 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=501 Len=0 TSval=1654711984 TSecr=2257786848
 2 0.000114735 192.168.0.137 → 216.58.196.99 TCP 66 44088 → 80 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=501 Len=0 TSval=1654711984 TSecr=1873411796
 3 0.000181040 192.168.0.137 → 216.58.196.99 TCP 66 44020 → 80 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=501 Len=0 TSval=1654711984 TSecr=1912130170
 4 0.082268726 216.58.196.99 → 192.168.0.137 TCP 66 [TCP ACKed unseen segment] 80 → 44084 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=2 Win=248 Len=0 TSval=2257797106 TSecr=1654660892
 5 0.082288921 216.58.196.99 → 192.168.0.137 TCP 66 [TCP ACKed unseen segment] 80 → 44020 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=2 Win=252 Len=0 TSval=1912140428 TSecr=1654660942
5 packets captured
```

Display Filter

Display filter was introduced by Wireshark. It helps us to filter the captured data packets or live data packets. With the help of this filter, we can request for any kind of filter that we want to capture in the live environment.

In our scenario, we apply the GET request filter to capture only GET request from the traffic and for, use the following command:

```
tshark -i eth0 -c 5 -f "tcp port 80" -Y
'http.request.method == "GET" '
```

```
root@kali:~# tshark -i eth0 -f "tcp port 80" -Y 'http.request.method == "GET" '
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous.
Capturing on 'eth0'
10 2.409241258 192.168.0.137 → 176.28.50.165 HTTP 445 GET / HTTP/1.1
14 2.660232261 192.168.0.137 → 176.28.50.165 HTTP 465 GET /style.css HTTP/1.1
18 2.916155632 192.168.0.137 → 176.28.50.165 HTTP 467 GET /images/logo.gif HTTP/1.1
22 4.140393060 192.168.0.137 → 176.28.50.165 HTTP 445 GET / HTTP/1.1
26 4.381818253 192.168.0.137 → 176.28.50.165 HTTP 465 GET /style.css HTTP/1.1
30 4.666101908 192.168.0.137 → 176.28.50.165 HTTP 467 GET /images/logo.gif HTTP/1.1
35 5.862037621 192.168.0.137 → 176.28.50.165 HTTP 445 GET / HTTP/1.1
43 6.349299450 192.168.0.137 → 176.28.50.165 HTTP 465 GET /style.css HTTP/1.1
49 6.659285080 192.168.0.137 → 176.28.50.165 HTTP 467 GET /images/logo.gif HTTP/1.1
```

Statistical Options

TShark collects different types of Statistics and displays their result after finishing the reading of the captured file. To accomplish this, we will be using the “-z” parameter with TShark. Initially, to learn about all the different options inside the “-z” parameter, we will be running the TShark with the “-z” parameter followed by the help keyword. This gives us an exhaustive list of various supported formats as shown in the image given below.

```
root@kali:~# tshark -z help
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous.
tshark: The available statistics for the "-z" option are:
  afp,srt
  ancp,tree
  ansi_a,bimap
  ansi_a,dmap
  ansi_map
  bacapp_instanceid,tree
  bacapp_ip,tree
  bacapp_objectid,tree
  bacapp_service,tree
  camel,counter
  camel,srt
  collectd,tree
  conv,bluetooth
  conv,eth
  conv,fc
  conv,fddi
  conv,ip
  conv,ipv6
  conv,ipx
  conv,jxta
  conv,mptcp
  conv,ncp
  conv,rsvp
  conv,scdp
  conv,sll
  conv,tcp
  conv,tr
  conv,udp
  conv,usb
  conv,wlan
  dcerpc,srt
  dests,tree
  dhcp,stat
  diameter,avp
  diameter,srt
  dns,tree
  endpoints,bluetooth
```

Protocol Hierarchy Statistics

Using the TShark we can create a Protocol based Hierarchy Statistics listing the number of packets and bytes using the “io,phs” option in the “-z” parameter. In the case where no filter is given after the “io,phs” option, the statistics will be calculated for all the packets in the scope. But if a specific filter is provided then the TShark will calculate statistics for those packets that match the filter provided by the user. For our demonstration, we first captured some traffic and wrote the contents on a pcap file using the techniques that we learned in part 1 of this article series. Then we will be taking the traffic from the file, and then sort the data into a Protocol Hierarchy. Here we can observe that we have the frames count, size of packets in bytes and the Protocol used for the transmission.

```
tshark -r wlan.pcap -z io,phs
```

```
=====
Protocol Hierarchy Statistics
Filter:

radiotap                      frames:66690 bytes:15014549
 wlan_radio                   frames:66690 bytes:15014549
   wlan                       frames:66690 bytes:15014549
     wlan                     frames:6873 bytes:1923747
       data                   frames:14539 bytes:9494059
         llc                   frames:3158 bytes:1295577
           eapol               frames:6 bytes:1162
             ipv6              frames:16 bytes:2136
               icmpv6          frames:16 bytes:2136
                 ip            frames:3124 bytes:1291079
                   udp          frames:143 bytes:25311
                     dhcp       frames:6 bytes:2448
                       dns       frames:126 bytes:21131
                         ntp      frames:3 bytes:444
                           mdns   frames:8 bytes:1288
                             icmp  frames:2 bytes:240
                               tcp  frames:2979 bytes:1265528
                                 tls frames:781 bytes:455386
                                   tcp.segments frames:74 bytes:60600
                                     tls         frames:62 bytes:53122
                                       http        frames:248 bytes:123041
                                         data-text-lines frames:9 bytes:6487
                                           tcp.segments frames:4 bytes:2696
                                             image-jfif frames:6 bytes:4156
                                               tcp.segments frames:6 bytes:4156
                                                 image-gif frames:2 bytes:1352
                                                   tcp.segments frames:3 bytes:1402
                                                     data frames:2 bytes:2924
                                                       tcp.segments frames:1 bytes:1462
                                                         _ws.malformed frames:5 bytes:2666
                                                           arp          frames:12 bytes:1200
=====
```


Read Filter Analysis

During the first pass analysis of the packet, the specified filter (which uses the syntax of read/display filters, rather than that of capture filters) has to be applied. Packets which are not matching the filter are not considered for future passes. This parameter makes sense with multiple passes. Note that forward-looking fields such as 'response in frame #' cannot be used with this filter since they will not have been calculated when this filter is applied. The "-2" parameter performs a two-pass analysis. This causes TShark to buffer output until the entire first pass is done, but allows it to fill in fields that require future knowledge, it also permits reassembly frame dependencies to be calculated correctly. Here we can see two different analysis one of them is first-pass analysis and the latter is the two-pass analysis.

```
tshark -r wlan.pcap -z io,phs,udp -q
```

```
tshark -r wlan.pcap -z io,phs -q -2 -R udp
```

```
root@kali:~# tshark -r wlan.pcap -z io,phs,udp -q
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous.

=====
Protocol Hierarchy Statistics
Filter: udp

radiotap                      frames:143 bytes:25311
 wlan_radio                   frames:143 bytes:25311
   wlan                       frames:143 bytes:25311
     llc                      frames:143 bytes:25311
       ip                    frames:143 bytes:25311
         udp                 frames:143 bytes:25311
           dhcp              frames:6 bytes:2448
             dns             frames:126 bytes:21131
               ntp           frames:3 bytes:444
                 mdns        frames:8 bytes:1288
=====

root@kali:~# tshark -r wlan.pcap -z io,phs -q -2 -R udp
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous.

=====
Protocol Hierarchy Statistics
Filter:

radiotap                      frames:143 bytes:25311
 wlan_radio                   frames:143 bytes:25311
   wlan                       frames:143 bytes:25311
     llc                      frames:143 bytes:25311
       ip                    frames:143 bytes:25311
         udp                 frames:143 bytes:25311
           dhcp              frames:6 bytes:2448
             dns             frames:126 bytes:21131
               ntp           frames:3 bytes:444
                 mdns        frames:8 bytes:1288
=====
```

Endpoint Analysis

Our next option which helps us with the statistics is the “endpoints”. It will create a table that will list all endpoints that could be seen in the capture. The type function which can be used with the endpoint option will specify the endpoint type for which we want to generate the statistics.

The list of Endpoints that are supported by TShark is:

Sr.no.	Filter	Description
1	“bluetooth”	Bluetooth Addresses
2	“eth”	Ethernet Addresses
3	“fc”	Fiber Channel Addresses
4	“fddi”	FDDI Addresses
5	“ip”	IPv4 Addresses
6	“ipv6”	IPv6 Addresses
7	“ipx”	IPX Addresses
8	“jxta”	JXTS Addresses
9	“ncp”	NCP Addresses
10	“rsvp”	RSVP Addresses
11	“sctp”	SCTP Addresses
12	“tcp”	TCP/IP socket pairs Both IPv4 and IPv6 supported
13	“tr”	Token Ring Addresses
14	“usb”	USB Addresses
15	“udp”	UDP/IP socket pairs Both IPv4 and IPv6 supported
16	“wlan”	IEEE 802.11 addresses

In case that we have specified the filter option then the statistics calculations are done for that particular specified filter. The table like the one generated in the image shown below is generated by picking up single line from each conversation and displayed against the number of packets per byte in each direction as well as the total number of packets per byte. This table is by default sorted according to the total number of frames.

```
tshark -r wlan.pcap -z endpoints,wlan -q | head
```



```
root@kali:~# tshark -r wlan.pcap -z endpoints,wlan -q | head
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous.
=====
IEEE 802.11 Endpoints
Filter:<No Filter>

```

	Packets	Bytes	Tx Packets	Tx Bytes	Rx Packets
AsustekC_c3:5e:01	18320	9311075	9843	8435055	8477
Tp-LinkT_16:87:18	8962	1644801	4024	1124143	4938
D-LinkIn_5f:81:6b	8122	950847	50	5484	8072
Motorola_31:a0:3b	8079	2137351	6262	1139916	1817
Tp-LinkT_09:7f:d3	7894	6218261	2930	453787	4964
Broadcast	6444	1728228	18	1164	6426

Conversation Analysis

Let's move on to the next option which is quite similar to the previous option. It helps us with the statistics is the "conversation". It will create a table that will list all conversation that could be seen in the capture. The type function which can be used with the conversation option will specify the conversation type for which we want to generate the statistics.

If we have specified the filter option then the statistics calculations are done for that particular specified filter. The table generated by picking up single line form each conversation and displayed against the number of packets per byte in each direction, the total number of packets per byte as well as the direction of the conversation travel. This table is by default sorted according to the total number of frames.

```
tshark -r wlan.pcap -z conv,wlan -q | head
```

```
root@kali:~# tshark -r wlan.pcap -z conv,wlan -q | head
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous.
=====
IEEE 802.11 Conversations
Filter:<No Filter>

```

		←		→		Total		
		Frames	Bytes	Frames	Bytes	Frames	Bytes	
AsustekC_c3:5e:01	↔ Tp-LinkT_09:7f:d3	2841	441682	4753	5753274	7594	6194956	15
Motorola_31:a0:3b	↔ D-LinkIn_5f:81:6b	3	431	3455	696782	3458	697213	
Motorola_31:a0:3b	↔ Tp-LinkT_16:87:18	1566	937369	1689	358208	3255	1295577	15
AsustekC_c3:5e:01	↔ IntelCor_96:a1:a9	721	91683	2372	2046278	3093	2137961	15
00:51:88:31:a0:3b	↔ D-LinkIn_5f:81:6b	0	0	2898	144900	2898	144900	

Expert Mode Analysis

The TShark Statistics Module have an Expert Mode. It collects a huge amount of data based on Expert Info and then prints this information in a specific order. All this data is grouped in the sets of severity like Errors, Warnings, etc., We can use the expert mode with a particular protocol as well. In that case, it will display all the expert items of that particular protocol.

```
tshark -r wlan.pcap -z expert -q | head
```

```

root@kali:~# tshark -r wlan.pcap -z expert -q | head
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous.

Errors (5)
=====
Frequency Group Protocol Summary
5 Malformed TCP New fragment overlaps old data (retransmission?)

Warns (53821)
=====
Frequency Group Protocol Summary
13373 Assumption 802.11 Radio No plcp type information was available, assuming

```

Packet Distribution Tree

In this option, we take the traffic from a packet and then drive it through the “http,tree” option under the “-z” parameter to count the number of the HTTP requests, their methods as well as the status code. This is a rather modular approach that is very easy to understand and analyse. Here in our case, we took the packet that we captured earlier and then drove it through the tree option that gave us the information that a total of 126 requests were generated out of which 14 gave back the “200 OK”. It means that the rest of them either gave back an error or were redirected to another server giving back a 3XX series status code.

```
tshark -r wlan.pcap -z http,tree -q
```

```

root@kali:~# tshark -r wlan.pcap -z http,tree -q
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous.

=====
HTTP/Packet Counter:
Topic / Item Count Average Min val Max val Rate (ms) Percent
-----
Total HTTP Packets 248 0.0038 100%
HTTP Request Packets 126 0.0019 50.81%
GET 126 0.0019 100.00%
HTTP Response Packets 122 0.0019 49.19%
3xx: Redirection 105 0.0016 86.07%
304 Not Modified 101 0.0015 96.19%
302 Found 3 0.0000 2.86%
301 Moved Permanently 1 0.0000 0.95%
2xx: Success 17 0.0003 13.93%
200 OK 14 0.0002 82.35%
204 No Content 3 0.0000 17.65%
???: broken 0 0.0000 0.00%
5xx: Server Error 0 0.0000 0.00%
4xx: Client Error 0 0.0000 0.00%
1xx: Informational 0 0.0000 0.00%
Other HTTP Packets 0 0.0000 0.00%

```

Packet Length Tree

As long as we are talking about the Tree option, let's explore it a bit. We have a large variety of ways in which we can use the tree option in combination with other option. To demonstrate that, we decided to use the packet length option with the tree option. This will sort the data on the basis of the size of the packets and then generate a table with it. Now, this table will not only consist of the length of the packets, but it will also have the count of the packet. The minimum value of the length in the range of the size of the packets. It will also calculate the size as well as the Percentage of the packets inside the range of packet length

```
tshark -r wlan.pcap -z plen,tree -q
```

```
root@kali:~# tshark -r wlan.pcap -z plen,tree -q
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous.

=====
Packet Lengths:
Topic / Item      Count      Average      Min val      Max val      Rate (ms)      Percent
-----
Packet Lengths    66690      225.14       50           1582         0.0004         100%
0-19              0          -            -            -            0.0000         0.00%
20-39              0          -            -            -            0.0000         0.00%
40-79             42235     54.68        50           76           0.0003         63.33%
80-159            9477      134.43       86           159          0.0001         14.21%
160-319           6071      257.61       160          317          0.0000         9.10%
320-639           2724      390.89       320          639          0.0000         4.08%
640-1279          456       844.38       640          1278         0.0000         0.68%
1280-2559         5727      1469.77      1280         1582         0.0000         8.59%
2560-5119         0          -            -            -            0.0000         0.00%
5120 and greater  0          -            -            -            0.0000         0.00%
```

Colour Based Output Analysis

We can enable the coloring of packets according to standard Wireshark color filters. On Windows, colors are limited to the standard console character attribute colors. In this option, we can set up the colors according to the display filter. This helps in quickly locating a specific packet in the bunch of similar packets. It also helps in locating Handshakes in communication traffic. This can be enabled using the following command.

Note: Your terminal must support color output in order for this option to work correctly.

```
tshark -r color.pcap --color
```

```
root@kali:~# tshark -r color.pcap --color
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous.
 1 0.000000000 192.168.0.6 → 224.0.0.252 IGMPv2 60 Membership Report group 2
 2 1.308991630 192.168.0.137 → 8.8.8.8 DNS 84 Standard query 0xbd04 A det
 3 1.309108098 192.168.0.137 → 8.8.8.8 DNS 84 Standard query 0xd70e AAAA
 4 1.314734876 8.8.8.8 → 192.168.0.137 DNS 248 Standard query response 0x
cd.akamai.net A 23.32.28.31 A 23.32.28.42
 5 1.317061896 8.8.8.8 → 192.168.0.137 DNS 272 Standard query response 0x
.dscd.akamai.net AAAA 2600:140f:3400::1720:1c1f AAAA 2600:140f:3400::1720:1c2a
 6 1.351099604 192.168.0.137 → 23.32.28.31 TCP 74 33274 → 80 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=
 7 1.360371655 23.32.28.31 → 192.168.0.137 TCP 74 80 → 33274 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0
 8 1.360407102 192.168.0.137 → 23.32.28.31 TCP 66 33274 → 80 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=
 9 1.360667272 192.168.0.137 → 23.32.28.31 HTTP 354 GET /success.txt HTTP/1.1
10 1.366231541 23.32.28.31 → 192.168.0.137 TCP 66 80 → 33274 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=
11 1.368532386 23.32.28.31 → 192.168.0.137 HTTP 473 HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/pl
12 1.368576332 192.168.0.137 → 23.32.28.31 TCP 66 33274 → 80 [ACK] Seq=289 Ac
13 1.714041355 192.168.0.137 → 8.8.8.8 DNS 72 Standard query 0x2172 A www
14 1.714151234 192.168.0.137 → 8.8.8.8 DNS 72 Standard query 0x6d77 AAAA
15 1.715114796 192.168.0.137 → 8.8.8.8 DNS 73 Standard query 0x3b2e A kal
16 1.715179313 192.168.0.137 → 8.8.8.8 DNS 73 Standard query 0xaf30 AAAA
17 1.715291271 192.168.0.137 → 8.8.8.8 DNS 74 Standard query 0x99d0 A too
18 1.715336702 192.168.0.137 → 8.8.8.8 DNS 74 Standard query 0xa3d2 AAAA
19 1.726762319 8.8.8.8 → 192.168.0.137 DNS 132 Standard query response 0x
20 1.730538887 8.8.8.8 → 192.168.0.137 DNS 133 Standard query response 0x
21 1.780500105 192.168.0.137 → 8.8.8.8 DNS 84 Standard query 0x97f4 A sni
22 1.780608110 192.168.0.137 → 8.8.8.8 DNS 84 Standard query 0x39f9 AAAA
23 1.786609781 8.8.8.8 → 192.168.0.137 DNS 191 Standard query response 0x
24 1.786635886 8.8.8.8 → 192.168.0.137 DNS 211 Standard query response 0x
25 1.790627044 192.168.0.137 → 13.33.169.121 TCP 74 38962 → 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Wi
26 1.833760308 13.33.169.121 → 192.168.0.137 TCP 74 443 → 38962 [SYN, ACK] Seq
27 1.833783843 192.168.0.137 → 13.33.169.121 TCP 66 38962 → 443 [ACK] Seq=1 Ac
```

Ring Buffer Analysis

By default, the TShark to runs in the “multiple files” mode. In this mode, the TShark writes into several capture files. When the first capture file fills up to a certain capacity, the TShark switches to the next file and so on. The file names that we want to create can be stated using the -w parameter. The number of files, creation data and creation time will be concatenated with the name provided next to -w parameter to form the complete name of the file.

The files option will fill up new files until the number of files is specified. at that moment the TShark will discard data in the first file and start writing to that file and so on. If the files option is not set, new files filled up until one of the captures stops conditions matches or until the disk is full.

There are a lot of criteria upon which the ring buffer works but, in our demonstration, we used 2 of them. Files and the Filesize.

files: value begin again with the first file after value number of files were written (form a ring buffer). This value must be less than 100000.

filesize: value switches to the next file after it reaches a size of value kB. Note that the file size is limited to a maximum value of 2 GiB.


```
tshark -I eth0 -w packetsbuffer.pcap -b filesize:1 -
file:3
```

```
root@kali:~# cd packet/
root@kali:~/packet# tshark -i eth0 -w packetsbuffer.pcap -b filesize:1 -b files:3
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous.
Capturing on 'eth0'
353 ^C

File  Actions  Edit  View  Help

root@kali:~# cd packet/
root@kali:~/packet# ls
packetsbuffer_00009_20200203122531.pcap  packetsbuffer_00010_20200203122531.pcap
root@kali:~/packet# ls -la
total 20
lrwxr-xr-x  2 root root 4096 Feb  3 12:25 .
lrwxr-xr-x 19 root root 4096 Feb  3 12:20 ..
-rw-----  1 root root 1028 Feb  3 12:25 packetsbuffer_00043_20200203122549.pcap
-rw-----  1 root root 1084 Feb  3 12:25 packetsbuffer_00044_20200203122549.pcap
-rw-----  1 root root 252 Feb  3 12:25 packetsbuffer_00045_20200203122549.pcap
root@kali:~/packet# ls -la
total 20
lrwxr-xr-x  2 root root 4096 Feb  3 12:25 .
lrwxr-xr-x 19 root root 4096 Feb  3 12:20 ..
-rw-----  1 root root 1228 Feb  3 12:25 packetsbuffer_00051_20200203122552.pcap
-rw-----  1 root root 1052 Feb  3 12:25 packetsbuffer_00052_20200203122553.pcap
-rw-----  1 root root 552 Feb  3 12:25 packetsbuffer_00053_20200203122554.pcap
```

Autostop

Under the huge array of the options, we have one option called auto-stop. As the name tells us that it will stop the traffic capture after the criteria are matched.

Duration

We have a couple of options, in our demonstration, we used the duration criteria. We specified the duration to 10. This value is in seconds. So, the capture tells us that in the time of 10 seconds, we captured 9 packets.

```
tshark -i eth0 -a duration:10
```

File size

Now another criterion for the auto-stop option is the file size. The TShark will stop writing to the specified capture file after it reaches a size provided by the user. In our demonstration, we

set the filesize to 1. This value is in kB. We used the directory listing command to show that the capture was terminated as soon as the file reached the size of 1 kB.

```
tshark -i eth0 -w 1.pcap -a filesize:1
```

```
root@kali:~# tshark -i eth0 -w 1.pcap -a filesize:1
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous
Capturing on 'eth0'
6
root@kali:~# ls -la
total 16156
drwxr-xr-x 19 root root 4096 Feb  3 12:33 .
drwxr-xr-x 18 root root 4096 Nov 25 12:38 ..
-rw-----  1 root root  1172 Feb  3 12:33 1.pcap
-rw-r--r--  1 root root 5161 Feb  3 12:24 .bash_history
```

Data-link Types

At last, we can also modify the statistics of the captured traffic data based on the Data-Link Types. For that we will have to use an independent parameter, “-L”. In our demonstration, we used the “-L” parameter to show that we have data links like EN10MB specified for the Ethernet Traffic and others.

```
tshark -L
```

```
root@kali:~/packet# tshark -L
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous
Data link types of interface eth0 (use option -y to set)
  EN10MB (Ethernet)
  DOCSIS (DOCSIS)
```

Version Information

Let's begin with the very simple command so that we can understand and correlate that all the practicals performed during this article and the previous articles are of the version depicted in the image given below. This parameter prints the Version information of the installed TShark.

```
tshark -v
```

```

root@kali:~# tshark -v
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous.
TShark (Wireshark) 3.0.5 (Git v3.0.5 packaged as 3.0.5-1)

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warranty; not even for MERCHANTABILITY or FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

Compiled (64-bit) with libpcap, with POSIX capabilities (Linux), with libnl 3,
with Glib 2.60.6, with Zlib 1.2.11, with SMI 0.4.8, with c-ares 1.15.0, with l
5.2.4, with GnuTLS 3.6.9 and PKCS #11 support, with Gcrypt 1.8.5, with MIT
Kerberos, with MaxMind DB resolver, with nghttp2 1.39.2, with LZ4, with Snappy
with libxml2 2.9.4.

Running on Linux 5.3.0-kali2-amd64, with Intel(R) Core(TM) i7-9750H CPU @
2.60GHz (with SSE4.2), with 3934 MB of physical memory, with locale en_US.utf8
with libpcap version 1.9.1 (with TPACKET_V3), with GnuTLS 3.6.10, with Gcrypt
1.8.5, with zlib 1.2.11, binary plugins supported (0 loaded).

Built using gcc 9.2.1 20190909.

```

Reporting Options

During any Network capture or investigation, there is a dire need of the reports so that we can share the findings with the team as well as superiors and have a validated proof of any activity inside the network. For the same reasons, TShark has given us a beautiful option (-G). This option will make the TShark print a list of several types of reports that can be generated. Official Manual of TShark used the word Glossaries for describing the types of reports.

tshark -G help

```

root@kali:~# tshark -G help
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous.
TShark (Wireshark) 3.0.5 (Git v3.0.5 packaged as 3.0.5-1)

Usage: tshark -G [report]

Glossary table reports:
-G column-formats      dump column format codes and exit
-G decodes             dump "layer type"/"decode as" associations and exit
-G dissector-tables    dump dissector table names, types, and properties
-G elastic-mapping      dump ElasticSearch mapping file
-G fieldcount          dump count of header fields and exit
-G fields              dump fields glossary and exit
-G ftypes              dump field type basic and descriptive names
-G heuristic-decodes    dump heuristic dissector tables
-G plugins             dump installed plugins and exit
-G protocols           dump protocols in registration database and exit
-G values              dump value, range, true/false strings and exit

Preference reports:
-G currentprefs        dump current preferences and exit
-G defaultprefs        dump default preferences and exit
-G folders             dump about:folders

```

Column Formats

From our previous practicals, we saw that we have the Column Formats option available in the reporting section of TShark. To explore its contents, we ran the command as shown in the image given below. We see that it prints a list of wildcards that could be used while generating

a report. We have the VLAN id, Date, Time, Destination Address, Destination Port, Packet Length, Protocol, etc.

```
tshark -G column-formats
```

```
root@kali:~# tshark -G column-formats ↵
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could
%q      802.1Q VLAN id
%Yt     Absolute date, as YYYY-MM-DD, and time
%YDOYt  Absolute date, as YYYY/DOY, and time
%At     Absolute time
%V      Cisco VSAN
%B      Cumulative Bytes
%Cus    Custom
%y      DCE/RPC call (cn_call_id / dg_seqnum)
%Tt     Delta time
%Gt     Delta time displayed
%rd     Dest addr (resolved)
%ud     Dest addr (unresolved)
%rD     Dest port (resolved)
%uD     Dest port (unresolved)
%d      Destination address
%D      Destination port
%a      Expert Info Severity
%I      FW-1 monitor if/direction
%F      Frequency/Channel
%hd     Hardware dest addr
%hs     Hardware src addr
%rhd    Hw dest addr (resolved)
%uhd    Hw dest addr (unresolved)
%rhs    Hw src addr (resolved)
%uhs    Hw src addr (unresolved)
%e      IEEE 802.11 RSSI
%x      IEEE 802.11 TX rate
%f      IP DSCP Value
%i      Information
%rnd    Net dest addr (resolved)
%und    Net dest addr (unresolved)
%rns    Net src addr (resolved)
%uns    Net src addr (unresolved)
%nd     Network dest addr
%ns     Network src addr
%m      Number
%L      Packet length (bytes)
%p      Protocol
%dt     Relative time
```

Decodes

This option generates 3 Fields related to Layers as well as the protocol decoded. There is a restriction enforced for one record per line with this option. The first field that has the “slap.proc.sout” tells us the layer type of the network packets. Followed by that we have the

value of selector in decimal format. At last, we have the decoding that was performed on the capture. We used the head command as the output was rather big to fit in the screenshot.

```
tshark -G decodes | head
```

```
root@kali:~# tshark -G decodes | head
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous.
slap.proc.sout 17      slap
slap.proc.sout 3       slap
slap.proc.sout 6       slap
slap.proc.sout 23      slap
slap.proc.sout 9       slap
slap.proc.sout 48      slap
slap.proc.sout 43      slap
slap.proc.sout 29      slap
slap.proc.sout 4       slap
slap.proc.sout 21      slap
```

Dissector Tables

Most of the users reading this article are already familiar with the concept of Dissector. If not, in simple words Dissector is simply a protocol parser. The output generated by this option consists of 6 fields. Starting from the Dissector Table Name then the name is used for the dissector table in the GUI format. Next, we have the type and the base for the display and the Protocol Name. Lastly, we have the decode as a format.

```
tshark -G dissector-tables
```

```
root@kali:~# tshark -G dissector-tables
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous.
amqp.version      AMQP versions  FT_UINT8      BASE_DEC      AMQP      Decode As supported
ansi_637.tele_id  ANSI IS-637-A Teleservice ID  FT_UINT8      BASE_DEC      ANSI IS-637-A Te
ted
ansi_a.ota        IS-683-A (OTA)  FT_UINT8      BASE_DEC      ANSI BSMAP   Decode As not supported
ansi_a.pld        IS-801 (PLD)   FT_UINT8      BASE_DEC      ANSI BSMAP   Decode As not supported
ansi_a.sms        IS-637-A (SMS)  FT_UINT8      BASE_DEC      ANSI BSMAP   Decode As not supported
ansi_map.ota      IS-683-A (OTA)  FT_UINT8      BASE_DEC      ANSI MAP     Decode As not supported
ansi_map.pld      IS-801 (PLD)   FT_UINT8      BASE_DEC      ANSI MAP     Decode As not supported
ansi_map.tele_id  IS-637 Teleservice ID  FT_UINT8      BASE_DEC      ANSI MAP     Decode /
ansi_tcap.nat.opcode ANSI TCAP National Opcodes  FT_UINT16     BASE_DEC      ANSI_TCAP
ansi_tcap.ssn     ANSI SSN       FT_UINT8      BASE_DEC      TCAP         Decode As not supported
arcnet.protocol_id ARCNET Protocol ID  FT_UINT8      BASE_HEX      ARCNET       Decode As not su
aruba_erm.type    Aruba ERM Type  FT_NONE ARUBA_ERM  Decode As supported
atm.aal2.type     ATM AAL_2 type  FT_UINT32     BASE_DEC      ATM          Decode As supported
atm.aal5.type     ATM AAL_5 type  FT_UINT32     BASE_DEC      ATM          Decode As not supported
atm.cell.payload.vpi_vci ATM Cell Payload VPI VCI  FT_UINT32     BASE_DEC      ATM
atm.reassembled.vpi_vci ATM Reassembled VPI VCI  FT_UINT32     BASE_DEC      ATM          Decode As not su
awdl.tag.number  AWDL Tags      FT_UINT8      BASE_DEC      AWDL         Decode As not supported
ax25.pid         AX.25 protocol ID  FT_UINT8      BASE_HEX      AX.25        Decode As not supported
bacapp.vendor_idenfier BACapp Vendor Identifier  FT_UINT8      BASE_HEX      BACapp
bacnet.vendor     BACnet Vendor Identifier  FT_UINT8      BASE_HEX      BACnet       Decode As not su
bacp.option       PPP BACP Options  FT_UINT8      BASE_DEC      PPP BACP     Decode As not su
bap.option        PPP BAP Options  FT_UINT8      BASE_DEC      PPP BAP      Decode As not supported
bcp_ncp.option    PPP BCP NCP Options  FT_UINT8      BASE_DEC      PPP BCP NCP  Decode As not su
bctp.tpi         BCTP Tunneled Protocol Indicator  FT_UINT32     BASE_DEC      BCTP         Decode /
```

Elastic Mapping

Mapping is the outline of the documents stored in the index. Elasticsearch supports different data types for the fields in a document. The elastic-mapping option of the TShark prints out the data stored inside the Elasticsearch mapping file. Due to a large amount of data getting printed, we decided to use the head command as well.

```
tshark -G elastic-mapping | head
```

```
root@kali:~# tshark -G elastic-mapping | head ↵
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous.
{
  "template": "packets-*",
  "settings": {
    "index.mapping.total_fields.limit": 1000000
  },
  "mappings": {
    "pcap_file": {
      "dynamic": false,
      "properties": {
        "timestamp": {
```

Field Count

There are times in a network trace, where we need to get the count of the header fields travelling at any moment. In such scenarios, TShark got our back. With the fieldcount option, we can print the number of header fields with ease. As we can observe in the image given below that we have 2522 protocols and 215000 fields were pre-allocated.

```
tshark -G fieldcount
```

```
root@kali:~# tshark -G fieldcount ↵
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous
There are 214494 header fields registered, of which:
    0 are deregistered
    2522 are protocols
    16070 have the same name as another field

215000 fields were pre-allocated.

The header field table consumes 1679 KiB of memory.
The fields themselves consume 15081 KiB of memory.
```

Fields

TShark can also get us the contents of the registration database. The output generated by this option is not as easy to interpret as the others. For some users, they can use any other parsing tool for generating a better output. Each record in the output is a protocol or a header file. This can be differentiated by the First field of the record. If the Field is P then it is a Protocol and if it is F then it's a header field. In the case of the Protocols, we have 2 more fields. One tells us about the Protocol and other fields show the abbreviation used for the said protocol. In the case of Header, the facts are a little different. We have 7 more fields. We have the Descriptive Name, Abbreviation, Type, Parent Protocol Abbreviation, Base for Display, Bitmask, Blurb Describing Field, etc.

```
tshark -G fields | head
```

```
root@kali:~# tshark -G fields | head ↵
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous.
P   Short Frame      _ws.short
P   Malformed Packet _ws.malformed
P   Unresembled Fragmented Packet _ws.unresembled
F   Dissector bug    _ws.malformed.dissector_bug    FT_NONE _ws.malformed
F   Reassembly error _ws.malformed.reassembly    FT_NONE _ws.malformed
F   Malformed Packet (Exception occurred) _ws.malformed.expert    FT_NONE _ws.malformed
P   Type Length Mismatch _ws.type_length
F   Trying to fetch X with length Y _ws.type_length.mismatch    FT_NONE _ws.type_length
P   Number-String Decoding Error _ws.number_string.decoding_error
F   Failed to decode number from string _ws.number_string.decoding_error.failed
x0
```

Fundamental Types

TShark also helps us generate a report centralized around the fundamental types of network protocol. This is abbreviated as ftype. This type of report consists of only 2 fields. One for the FTYPE and other for its description.

```
tshark -G ftypes
```

```

root@kali:~# tshark -G ftypes
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous
FT_NONE Label
FT_PROTOCOL Protocol
FT_BOOLEAN Boolean
FT_CHAR Character, 1 byte
FT_UINT8 Unsigned integer, 1 byte
FT_UINT16 Unsigned integer, 2 bytes
FT_UINT24 Unsigned integer, 3 bytes
FT_UINT32 Unsigned integer, 4 bytes
FT_UINT40 Unsigned integer, 5 bytes
FT_UINT48 Unsigned integer, 6 bytes
FT_UINT56 Unsigned integer, 7 bytes
FT_UINT64 Unsigned integer, 8 bytes
FT_INT8 Signed integer, 1 byte
FT_INT16 Signed integer, 2 bytes
FT_INT24 Signed integer, 3 bytes
FT_INT32 Signed integer, 4 bytes
FT_INT40 Signed integer, 5 bytes
FT_INT48 Signed integer, 6 bytes
FT_INT56 Signed integer, 7 bytes
FT_INT64 Signed integer, 8 bytes
FT_IEEE_11073_SFLOAT IEEE-11073 Floating point (16-bit)
FT_IEEE_11073_FLOAT IEEE-11073 Floating point (32-bit)
FT_FLOAT Floating point (single-precision)
FT_DOUBLE Floating point (double-precision)
FT_ABSOLUTE_TIME Date and time
FT_RELATIVE_TIME Time offset
FT_STRING Character string
FT_STRINGZ Character string
FT_UINT_STRING Character string
FT_ETHER Ethernet or other MAC address
FT_BYTES Sequence of bytes
FT_UINT_BYTES Sequence of bytes
FT_IPv4 IPv4 address
FT_IPv6 IPv6 address
FT_IPXNET IPX network number
FT_FRAMENUM Frame number
FT_PCRE Compiled Perl-Compatible Regular Expression (GRegex) obj
FT_GUID Globally Unique Identifier
FT_OTD ASN.1 object identifier

```

Heuristic Decodes

Sorting the Dissectors based on the heuristic decodes is one of the things that need to be easily and readily available. For the same reason, we have the option of heuristic decodes in TShark. This option prints all the heuristic decodes which are currently installed. It consists of 3 fields. First, one representing the underlying dissector, the second one representing the name of the heuristic decoded and the last one talks about the status of the heuristic. It will be T in case it is heuristics and F otherwise.

```
tshark -G heuristic-decodes
```



```

root@kali:~# tshark -G heuristic-decodes
Running as user "root" and group "root".
rtsp    rtp      F
sctp    sip      T
sctp    nbap     T
sctp    jxta     T
udp     xml      F
udp     wol      T
udp     wg       T
udp     waveagent T
udp     wassp     F
udp     udt      T
udp     teredo   F
udp     stun     T
udp     srt      T
udp     sprt     T
udp     skype    F
udp     sip      T
udp     rtps     T
udp     rtp      F
udp     rtcp     T
udp     rpcap    T
udp     rtp      T

```

Plugins

Plugins are a very important kind of option that was integrated with Tshark Reporting options. As the name states it prints the name of all the plugins that are installed. The field that this report consists of is made of the Plugin Library, Plugin Version, Plugin Type and the path where the plugin is located.

```
tshark -G plugins
```

```

root@kali:~# tshark -G plugins ↵
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous.
ethercat.so      0.1.0  dissector  /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/wireshark/plugins/3
gryphon.so       0.0.4  dissector  /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/wireshark/plugins/3
irda.so          0.0.6  dissector  /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/wireshark/plugins/3
mate.so          1.0.1  dissector  /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/wireshark/plugins/3
opcua.so         1.0.0  dissector  /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/wireshark/plugins/3
profinet.so      0.2.4  dissector  /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/wireshark/plugins/3
stats_tree.so    0.0.1  dissector  /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/wireshark/plugins/3
transum.so       2.0.4  dissector  /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/wireshark/plugins/3
unistim.so       0.0.2  dissector  /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/wireshark/plugins/3
usbdump.so       0.0.1  file type  /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/wireshark/plugins/3
wimax.so         1.2.0  dissector  /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/wireshark/plugins/3
wimaxasncp.so    0.0.1  dissector  /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/wireshark/plugins/3
wimaxmacphy.so   0.0.1  dissector  /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/wireshark/plugins/3

```

Protocols

If the users want to know the details about the protocols that are recorded in the registration database then, they can use the protocols parameter. This output is also a bit less readable so that the user can take the help of any third party tool to beautify the report. This parameter prints the data in 3 fields. We have the protocol name, short name, and the filter name.

```
tshark -G protocols | head
```

```
root@kali:~# tshark -G protocols | head
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous.
Lua Dissection Lua Dissection _ws.lua
Expert Info      Expert  _ws.expert
IEC 60870-5-104-Apci  104apci 104apci
IEC 60870-5-104-Asdu  104asdu 104asdu
29West Protocol 29West  29west
Pro-MPEG Code of Practice #3 release 2 FEC Protocol      2dparityfec      2dparityfec
3Com XNS Encapsulation 3COMXNS 3comxns
3GPP2 A11          3GPP2 A11      a11
IPv6 over Low power Wireless Personal Area Networks      6LoWPAN 6lowpan
802.11 radio information      802.11 Radio      wlan_radio
```

Values

Let's talk about the values report. It consists of value strings, range strings, true/false strings. There are three types of records available here. The first field can consist of one of these three characters representing the following:

V: Value Strings

R: Range Strings

T: True/False Strings

Moreover, in the value strings, we have the field abbreviation, integer value, and the string. In the range strings, we have the same values except it holds the lower bound and upper bound values.

```
tshark -G values | head
```

```
root@kali:~# tshark -G values | head
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous.
R      ieee1722.subtype      0x0      0x0      IEC 61883/IIDC Format
R      ieee1722.subtype      0x1      0x1      MMA Streams
R      ieee1722.subtype      0x2      0x2      AVTP Audio Format
R      ieee1722.subtype      0x3      0x3      Compressed Video Format
R      ieee1722.subtype      0x4      0x4      Clock Reference Format
R      ieee1722.subtype      0x5      0x5      Time Synchronous Control Format
R      ieee1722.subtype      0x6      0x6      SDI Video Format
R      ieee1722.subtype      0x7      0x7      Raw Video Format
R      ieee1722.subtype      0x8      0x6d     Reserved for future protocols
R      ieee1722.subtype      0x6e     0x6e     AES Encrypted Format Continuous
```


Preferences

In case the user requires to revise the current preferences that are configured on the system, they can use the currentprefs options to read the preference saved in the file.

```
tshark -G currentprefs | head
```

```
root@kali:~# tshark -G currentprefs | head ↵
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous.
# Configuration file for Wireshark 3.0.5.
#
# This file is regenerated each time preferences are saved within
# Wireshark. Making manual changes should be safe, however.
# Preferences that have been commented out have not been
# changed from their default value.

##### User Interface #####

# Open a console window (Windows only)
```

Folders

Suppose the user wants to manually change the configurations or get the program information or want to take a look at the lua configuration or some other important files. The users need the path of those files to take a peek at them. Here the folders option comes a little handy.

```
tshark -G folders
```

```
root@kali:~# tshark -G folders ↵
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous.
Temp: /tmp
Personal configuration: /root/.config/wireshark
Global configuration: /usr/share/wireshark
System: /etc
Program: /usr/bin
Personal Plugins: /root/.local/lib/wireshark/plugins/3.0
Global Plugins: /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/wireshark/plugins/3.0
Personal Lua Plugins: /root/.local/lib/wireshark/plugins
Global Lua Plugins: /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/wireshark/plugins
Extcap path: /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/wireshark/extcap
MaxMind database path: /usr/share/GeoIP
MaxMind database path: /var/lib/GeoIP
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MaxMind database path: /var/lib/GeoIP
```

Since we talked so extensively about TShark, It won't be justice if we won't talk about the tool that is heavily dependent on the data from TShark. Let's talk about PyShark.

PyShark

It is essentially a wrapper that is based on Python. Its functionality is that allows the python packet parsing using the TShark dissectors. Many tools do the same job more or less but the difference is that this tool can export XMLs to use its parsing. You can read more about it from its GitHub page.

Installation

As the PyShark was developed using Python 3 and we don't Python 3 installed on our machine. We installed Python3 as shown in the image given below.

```
apt install python3
```

```
root@kali:~# apt install python3-pip ↩
Reading package lists ... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information ... Done
The following additional packages will be installed:
  libc-dev-bin libc6 libc6-dev libc6-i386 libcrypt-dev libcr
  libpython3.7-stdlib python-pip-whl python3-dev python3-en
  python3-secretstorage python3-setuptools python3-wheel py
Suggested packages:
  glibc-doc libkf5wallet-bin gir1.2-gnomekeyring-1.0 python-
The following NEW packages will be installed:
  libcrypt-dev libcrypt1 libpython3-dev libpython3.7-dev py
  python3-keyrings.alt python3-pip python3-secretstorage py
The following packages will be upgraded:
  libc-dev-bin libc6 libc6-dev libc6-i386 libpython3.7 libp
  python3.7-minimal
10 upgraded, 15 newly installed, 0 to remove and 663 not up
Need to get 59.3 MB of archives
```

Since we have the python3 with pip we will install pyshark using pip command. You can also install PyShark by cloning the git and running the setup.

```
pip3 install pyshark
```

```

root@kali:~# pip3 install pyshark ↵
Collecting pyshark
  Retrying (Retry(total=4, connect=None, read=None, redirect=None, status=None)) after connection.VerifiedHTTPSConnection object at 0x7fd92b76d610>: Failed to establish a new connection': /packages/b9/b0/ef87c71f7937ea8124944b2081210f9df10e47d2faa57d7c30d3e12af064/pysha
  Downloading https://files.pythonhosted.org/packages/b9/b0/ef87c71f7937ea8124944b2081210f9d
  -none-any.whl
Collecting py (from pyshark)
  Downloading https://files.pythonhosted.org/packages/99/8d/21e1767c009211a62a8e3067280bfce7
  ne-any.whl (83kB)
    100% |████████████████████| 92kB 1.5MB/s
Requirement already satisfied: lxml in /usr/lib/python3/dist-packages (from pyshark) (4.4.1)
Installing collected packages: py, pyshark
Successfully installed py-1.8.1 pyshark-0.4.2.9

```

Live Capture

Now to get started, we need the python interpreter. To get this we write python3 and press enter. Now that we have the interpreter, the very first thing that we plan on doing is importing PyShark. Then we define network interface for the capture. Followed by that we will define the value of the timeout parameter for the capture.sniff function. At last, we will begin the capture. Here we can see that in the timeframe that we provided PyShark captured 9 packets.

```

python3
import pyshark

capture = pyshark.LiveCapture(interface='eth0')
capture.sniff(timeout=5)

capture

```

```

root@kali:~# python3 ↵
Python 3.7.6 (default, Jan 19 2020, 22:34:52)
[GCC 9.2.1 20200117] on linux
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> import pyshark ↵
>>> capture = pyshark.LiveCapture(interface='eth0') ↵
>>> capture.sniff(timeout=5) ↵
>>> capture ↵
<LiveCapture (9 packets)>

```

Pretty Representation

There are multiple ways in which PyShark can represent data inside the captured packet. In the previous practical, we captured 9 packets. Let's take a look at the first packet that was captured

with PyShark. Here we can see that we have a layer-wise analysis with the ETH Layer, IP Layer, and the TCP Layer.

```
capture[1].pretty_print()
```

```
>>> capture[1].pretty_print() ↵
Layer ETH:
  Destination: 1c:5f:2b:59:e1:24
  Address: 1c:5f:2b:59:e1:24
  .... ..0. .... = LG bit: Globally unique address (factory)
  .... ...0 .... = IG bit: Individual address (unicast)
  Source: 00:0c:29:d5:b7:2d
  Type: IPv4 (0x0800)
  Address: 00:0c:29:d5:b7:2d
  .... ..0. .... = LG bit: Globally unique address (factory)
  .... ...0 .... = IG bit: Individual address (unicast)
Layer IP:
  0100 .... = Version: 4
  .... 0101 = Header Length: 20 bytes (5)
  Differentiated Services Field: 0x00 (DSCP: CS0, ECN: Not-ECT)
  0000 00.. = Differentiated Services Codepoint: Default (0)
  .... ..00 = Explicit Congestion Notification: Not ECN-Capable Transport
  Total Length: 52
  Identification: 0x4b7c (19324)
  Flags: 0x4000, Don't fragment
  0 ... .... = Reserved bit: Not set
  .1.. .... = Don't fragment: Set
  ..0. .... = More fragments: Not set
  ...0 0000 0000 0000 = Fragment offset: 0
  Time to live: 64
  Protocol: TCP (6)
  Header checksum: 0x62cb [validation disabled]
  Header checksum status: Unverified
  Source: 192.168.0.137
  Destination: 13.35.190.40
Layer TCP:
  Source Port: 38820
  Destination Port: 443
  Stream index: 1
  TCP Segment Len: 0
  Sequence number: 1 (relative sequence number)
  Next sequence number: 1 (relative sequence number)
  Acknowledgment number: 1 (relative ack number)
  1000 .... = Header Length: 32 bytes (8)
  Flags: 0x010 (ACK)
  000. .... = Reserved: Not set
  ...0 .... = Nonce: Not set
  .... 0 ... = Congestion Window Reduced (CWR): Not set
  .... .0.. = ECN-Echo: Not set
  .... ..0. = Urgent: Not set
  .... ...1 .... = Acknowledgment: Set
  .... ....0 ... = Push: Not set
```



```

>>> dir(pkt.ip)
['DATA_LAYER', '__class__', '__delattr__', '__dict__', '__dir__', '__doc__', '__eq_
e__', '__getstate__', '__gt__', '__hash__', '__init__', '__init_subclass__', '__le_
e__', '__reduce_ex__', '__repr__', '__setattr__', '__setstate__', '__sizeof__', '__
_field_prefix', '_get_all_field_lines', '_get_all_fields_with_alternates', '_get_
_sanitize_field_name', 'addr', 'checksum', 'checksum_status', 'dsfield', 'dsfield_d
lags', 'flags_df', 'flags_mf', 'flags_rb', 'frag_offset', 'get', 'get_field', 'get_
'id', 'layer_name', 'len', 'pretty_print', 'proto', 'raw_mode', 'src', 'src_host',
>>> pkt.ip.src
'13.35.190.40'
>>> pkt.ip.dst
'192.168.0.137'
>>> pkt.ip.pretty_print()
Layer IP:
  0100 .... = Version: 4
  .... 0101 = Header Length: 20 bytes (5)
  Differentiated Services Field: 0x10 (DSCP: Unknown, ECN: Not-ECT)
  0001 00.. = Differentiated Services Codepoint: Unknown (4)
  .... ..00 = Explicit Congestion Notification: Not ECN-Capable Transport (0)
  Total Length: 52
  Identification: 0x2e26 (11814)
  Flags: 0x4000, Don't fragment
  0 ... .... = Reserved bit: Not set
  .1.. .... = Don't fragment: Set
  ..0. .... = More fragments: Not set
  ...0 0000 0000 0000 = Fragment offset: 0
  Time to live: 248
  Protocol: TCP (6)
  Header checksum: 0xc810 [validation disabled]
  Header checksum status: Unverified
  Source: 13.35.190.40
  Destination: 192.168.0.137

```

Similarly, we can use the dir function and the field's value on any layer of the capture. This makes the investigation of the capture quite easier.

Promisc Capture

In previous articles we learned about the promisc mode that means that a network interface card will pass all frames received up to the operating system for processing, versus the traditional mode of operation wherein only frames destined for the NIC's MAC address or a broadcast address will be passed up to the OS. Generally, promiscuous mode is used to "sniff" all traffic on the wire. But we got stuck when we configured the network interface card to work on promisc mode. So, while capturing traffic on TShark we can switch between the normal capture and the promisc capture using the -p parameter as shown in the image given below.

```
ifconfig eth0 promisc
ifconfig eth0
tshark -i eth0 -c 10
tshark -i eth0 -c 10 -p
```

```
root@kali:~# ifconfig eth0 promisc ↵
root@kali:~# ifconfig eth0 ↵
eth0: flags=4419<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,PROMISC,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 192.168.0.137 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.0.255
    inet6 fe80::20c:29ff:fed5:b72d prefixlen 64 scopeid 0<x20<link>
    ether 00:0c:29:d5:b7:2d txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 67816 bytes 85545596 (81.5 MiB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 30726 bytes 2463013 (2.3 MiB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

root@kali:~# tshark -i eth0 -c 10 ↵
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous.
Capturing on 'eth0'
  1 0.000000000 192.168.0.137 → 35.169.2.62  TLSv1.2 164 Application Data
  2 0.000142943 192.168.0.137 → 107.23.176.98 TLSv1.2 164 Application Data
  3 0.236904732 35.169.2.62 → 192.168.0.137 TLSv1.2 187 Application Data
  4 0.236921665 192.168.0.137 → 35.169.2.62  TCP 66 40520 → 443 [ACK] Seq=99 Ack=122 W
  5 0.242952531 107.23.176.98 → 192.168.0.137 TLSv1.2 187 Application Data
  6 0.242967301 192.168.0.137 → 107.23.176.98 TCP 66 41152 → 443 [ACK] Seq=99 Ack=122 I
  7 1.343354460 192.168.0.6 → 224.0.0.251  IGMPv2 60 Membership Report group 224.0.0.:
  8 2.842606464 192.168.0.6 → 224.0.0.252  IGMPv2 60 Membership Report group 224.0.0.:
  9 6.807673972 192.168.0.137 → 34.213.241.62 TCP 66 51094 → 443 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win
 10 7.100843807 34.213.241.62 → 192.168.0.137 TCP 66 [TCP ACKed unseen segment] 443 → !
10 packets captured
root@kali:~# tshark -i eth0 -c 10 -p ↵
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous.
Capturing on 'eth0'
  1 0.000000000 34.213.241.62 → 192.168.0.137 TLSv1.2 97 Encrypted Alert
  2 0.000019158 192.168.0.137 → 34.213.241.62 TCP 66 51094 → 443 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=32 Wi
  3 0.000222027 192.168.0.137 → 34.213.241.62 TLSv1.2 97 Encrypted Alert
  4 0.000288786 192.168.0.137 → 34.213.241.62 TCP 66 51094 → 443 [FIN, ACK] Seq=32 Ack
  5 0.289883135 34.213.241.62 → 192.168.0.137 TCP 66 [TCP Previous segment not capture
  6 0.289903932 34.213.241.62 → 192.168.0.137 TCP 66 [TCP Out-Of-Order] 443 → 51094 [F
  7 0.289914338 192.168.0.137 → 34.213.241.62 TCP 66 51094 → 443 [ACK] Seq=33 Ack=33 W
  8 4.120921966 192.168.0.137 → 35.169.2.62  TLSv1.2 165 Application Data
  9 4.121065015 192.168.0.137 → 107.23.176.98 TLSv1.2 164 Application Data
 10 4.394954971 35.169.2.62 → 192.168.0.137 TLSv1.2 188 Application Data
10 packets captured
```

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