

Using Wireshark Command Line Tools & Scripting

HANDS-ON LABGUIDE

Case 1 : showing the content of a tracefile in different formats (use file http.cap)

- First use `'tshark -r http.cap'`
- Show full decodes (use `'tshark -r http.cap -V'`)
- Show PDML (XML) decodes (use `'tshark -r http.cap -T pdml'`)
- Do a, b and c again, but now pipe the output through the command `wc` (word count), like `'tshark -r http.cap | wc'`. How much output is generated with each output format? How large was the file `http.cap` to begin with?

Case 2 : using “decode as...” in tshark (use file port-1234.cap)

- Display the contents of the with `tshark`. What protocol is recognized for port 1234?
- Use the option `'-x'` to view hex/ascii output too. What protocol is transported over tcp port 1234?
- Now use `'tshark -r port-1234.cap -d tcp.port==1234,http'` to decode tcp port 1234 as http. Is it possible to filter on http now?

Case 3 : using preferences on the command line (use file ssl.cap)

- Display the contents of file `ssl.cap` with `tshark`, do you see http traffic?
- Use `'-o ssl.keys_list:192.168.3.3,443,http,key.pem'`, do you see http traffic now?
- Which version of OpenSSL is used by the webserver (use `'-v'` and look at the “Server: <xxx>” http header)

Case 4 : create a new capture file with a selection of packets (use file http.cap)

- Use `tshark` with option `'-o tcp.desegment_tcp_streams:TRUE'` and filter on http
- Now use `tshark` with option `'-o tcp.desegment_tcp_streams:FALSE'` and filter on http. How is this output different from the output in 4a?
- Do 4a and 4b again, but now use `'-w'` to write the output to `4a.cap` and `4b.cap` respectively. Read `4a.cap` and `4b.cap` with `tshark`, can you explain the difference?

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Case 5 : use the tshark -z options (use file mail.cap)

- Create a protocol hierarchy with '-qz io,phs', which protocols are present in the file?
- Create a ip conversation list with '-qz conv,ip'
- Create a tcp conversation list with '-qz conv,tcp'
- Create some io statistics with '-qz io,stat,60,ip,tcp,smtp,pop'
- Did the previous commands give you an overview of the contents of mail.cap?

Case 6 : use editcap to split a tracefile and mergcap to join tracefiles (use file mail.cap)

- Execute the command 'editcap -i 60 mail.cap tmp.cap'. How many files are created?
- Use 'capinfos -Tcae tmp*' to display a summary of these new files. Why are the timestamps not exactly 60 seconds apart?
- Remove the 'tmp*' files
- Execute the command 'editcap -c 1000 mail.cap tmp.cap'. How many files are created?
- Use 'capinfos -Tcae tmp*' to display a summary of these new files.
- Use 'mergcap -w mail-new.cap tmp*'. Is the resulting file exactly the same as mail.cap (tip: use 'cmp <file1> <file2>')?

Case 7 : use editcap to adjust timestamps (use file mail.cap)

- Use 'editcap -t <delta>' to create a new tracefile (tmp.cap) where the first packet arrived exactly at 11:39:00 (tip: use '-v -c1' to see the exact timestamp of the first packet). What is your '<delta>'?
- What is the timestamp of the last packet in the new file? Are all packets adjusted with the same '<delta>'?

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Case 8 : Create a new trace file for a specific pop user that contains only his pop sessions. (use mail.cap)

- a) First get an idea of a typical POP session, use :
- ```
tshark -r mail.cap -R 'tcp.port==64315 and tcp.len>0'
```
- b) Use the following steps to create a list of tcp ports used by user 'sake-test2':
1. Use the filter 'pop.request.parameter=="sake-test2"' to only show sessions of user sake-test2
  2. Add '-T fields -e tcp.srcport' to the command to just show the tcp ports.
  3. Add '| awk '{printf("%stcp.port==%s",sep,\$1);sep="|"}' to create a display filter that will only display packets belonging to the sessions for user sake-test2.
- c) Now use the output of the previous command between backticks to create the new file:
- ```
tshark -r mail.cap -w sake-test2.cap -R `<previous command>`
```
- d) Use 'tshark -r sake-test2.cap -R pop.request.command==USER' to verify that the new file only contains sessions of user sake-test2. Did we succeed? What went wrong? How can we fix it?

Case 9 : Extend on case 8 by creating a new trace file for each user automatically. (use the file mail.cap)

- a) Delete the file sake-test2.cap
- b) Create a list of users with the following steps:
1. Use a filter to only select the packets where the pop command was "USER" and use '-T fields' to only print the username.
 2. Use '| sort | uniq' to create a list of unique usernames
- c) Loop through the list of usernames and create the file per user with:

```
for user in `<command from 9b>`
do
    echo $user
    <command from case 8c with $user as variable>
done
```

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Case 10 : CHALLENGE (use file mail.cap)

Create a shell script [or a one-liner ;-)] that produces the following output:

```
Mail check times for : sake-test1
11:39:43 : 1 message (2833 octets)
11:40:00 : 0 messages (0 octets)
11:42:33 : 7 messages (25958 octets)
11:45:04 : 6 messages (21538 octets)
11:47:37 : 5 messages (17480 octets)
11:50:09 : 8 messages (32297 octets)
11:52:40 : 5 messages (17017 octets)
11:55:13 : 6 messages (21075 octets)
11:57:46 : 6 messages (20859 octets)
12:00:28 : 7 messages (25416 octets)
12:02:49 : 1 message (3677 octets)
```

```
Mail check times for : sake-test2
11:39:44 : 5 messages (14512 octets)
11:40:01 : 6 messages (16811 octets)
11:42:34 : 5 messages (17568 octets)
11:45:05 : 4 messages (8551 octets)
11:47:38 : 6 messages (16337 octets)
11:50:10 : 2 messages (5396 octets)
11:52:42 : 7 messages (20601 octets)
11:55:14 : 5 messages (12089 octets)
11:57:46 : 4 messages (14463 octets)
12:00:22 : 5 messages (15016 octets)
12:02:50 : 4 messages (14805 octets)
```

Send your solutions and/or questions to

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