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Network Traffic Analysis Using Wireshark

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ABSTRACT: Nowadays the network performance has rapidly increasing due to the high availability of the resources that can be lead to increasing of the attackers in the society. Ensuring the security in the network is great deal. As the technology improves the attackers are also increasing to gain the information .The levels of the authentication are added to the information but still the security cannot be reached as to the extent. Securing the flow of packets through the network are also been done using the different algorithm such as CRC and etc. In network every layer has the problem such as phishing, denial-of –service attack,virus, malware ,poisoning the network and etc. These are the serious issues that must be resolved and safeguard the network.

The necessary actions to be carried out to overcome the cyberattacks against your company or business .Regardless whether your company data is sent via electronic mail or stored in the hard disk can be also under the risk of cyber-attacks. To overcome the problem some of the tools such as wireshark can able to detect and analyse your network.

KEYWORDS: Network packet analyser, wireshark, LAN attack,DOS attack,ARP poisoning.

I. INTRODUCTION

Network traffic analyser is the process which includes capturing, filtering and analyzing the filtered traffic. Analyzing the network traffic can reveal the important information related to network devices activities, type of data shared between them, bandwidth utilization for such transfer and for detecting anomalies. Analyzing network traffic and detecting anomalies are the important tasks that need to performed at regular interval of time by security analysts. The large amount of traffic makes it difficult for the analyst to detect the anomalies in the network traffic. Need for such type of system to analyze network traffic arises as the number of network attacks are increased. The different types of network attacks are carried out to obtain the unauthorized data. Attackers nowadays hosting a websites which contains malicious code, which when accessed can steal the important information such as user login credentials from the user's system. Downloading the restricted content which is not legal and not proprietary which has copyright issues are the problems in the network systems. We need to trace such users to take correct actions against them. So need arises to develop such type of system which tracks the location of users.Wireshark is used as the main support tool to help detect and analyze the problems generated by these attacks. At the same time, different solutions to resolve each of these attacks are proposed.

II. OVERVIEW OF WIRESHARK TOOL AND CAPTURE OF PACKET

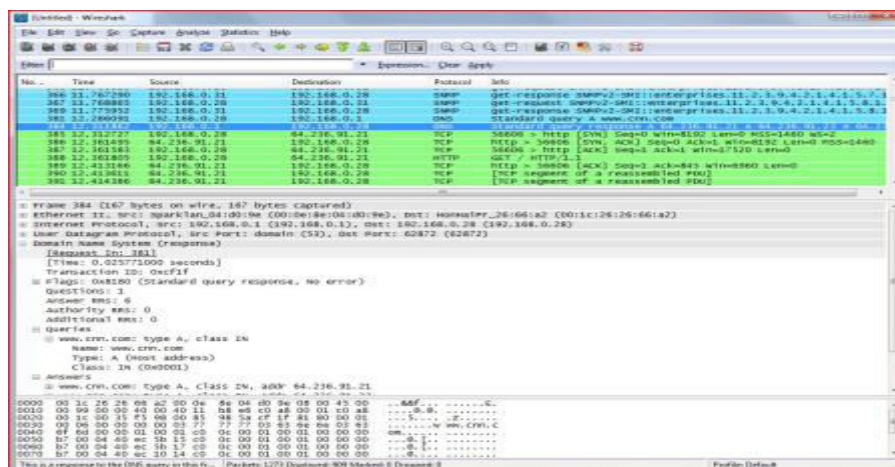


Fig .1 The overview of the wireshark tool.

To access the Wireshark in your personal computer first we need to install the Wireshark in the local machine using the wireshark.org with latest version. It is the one of the mostly network protocol analyser that captures the internet packets, TCP-IP packets that goes through your network. We can install the Wireshark in the windows, Linux. The activity of the packet can be seen in the window. The window shows the no of packets, time, source, destination and protocol with information. The IP address that shows the packet information and shows the source and destination with checksum, timestamp data with size and length etc these values are represented in X values that is present at the bottom of the Wireshark tool. This tool also provides the wide range of filters over 1200 protocols. Formerly Ethereal, its prime objective is to provide network troubleshooting, analysis, and the networking research. The capturing of the packets are made through this tool. Wireshark can be installed by user and connect hub between user and server so that the packets traffic can be captured to user terminal. Remote packet capture can be used for capture remotely. ARP spoofing is an offensive method of capturing the data in critical situation this process can be done by infecting the cache of machine.

III. OTHER TOOLS FOR NETWORK TRAFFIC ANALYSIS

TCP DUMP

Tcpdump is a command line based packet capturing utility that can capture and monitor the network packets. It allows to sniff packets from all the layers of the OSI model from layer 1 to 7 that can be stored and analysed. It is a reliable tool to sniff the packets from the network. It is also used for the penetration testing. It is used for filtering that specifies the addresses, ports and TCP Flags. Tcpdump uses the libpcap library for packet capturing. Libpcap is the C or C++ based library that used for packet capture.

WIN DUMP

Windump is the windows version of the tcpdump that is used for unix system. It is also the command line network packet sniffer tool. It diagnose and saves the disk network packet analyser. windump uses winpcap library for packet capture. Winpcap library is for capturing the link layer network access in windows environment that includes the kernel level packet filtering and transmit packet bypassing in protocol stack.

AUVIK

Auvik is the network packet analyser that is used for deep analysing the packet traffic flow through the network. It allows us to identify the user traffic a simple world map. It is a cloud based networking management it uses the tool Nmap to identify the host in network.

IV. METHODOLOGY

Wireshark tool is installed in the operating system. The home page of the browser is set to blank and then opened the Wireshark tool on the system and started capturing the packets. The tool consist of filters. These filter enables to view only data packets or protocols that are of interest to the user. The below to protocol list to view all packets being captured real time. These consist of protocol type, flag, checksum, port etc. The tool we can find user network card in hexadecimal format.

V. LAN ATTACK

To safeguard a LAN from the threats IT managers need to understand the where the attacks are from, these methods are been detected and potential risk they present to network. The most common types of attack along with the techniques are discussed as follows:

5.1 DDoS(Distributed Denial-of-service)ATTACKS:

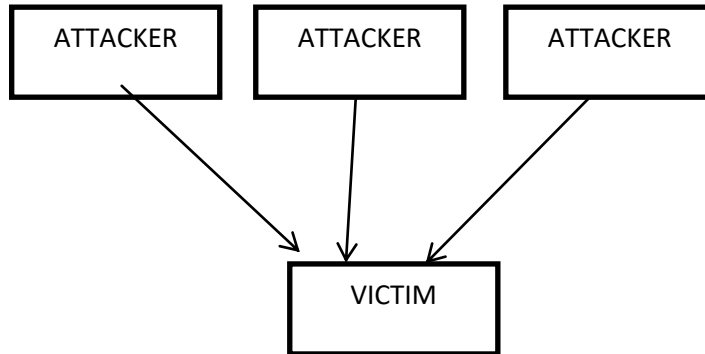


Fig2. Representing Dos attack

The main idea of DOS attack is making a certain services unavailable. Every service is in reality, running on a machine. The service can be made Unavailable if the performance on the machine can be brought down. Some DOS attack are executed by flooding the servers with connection request until the servers is overloaded and made it useless .Other are done by sending the unfragmented packets to the server which they are unable to handle. When many hosts coordinate to flood the victim with an abundance of attack packets, and the attack takes place simultaneously from multiple points it is called a Distributed DOS (DDoS) attack. A successful DDOS attack can damage the reputation of the brand and also huge financial loss. These attacks sometimes used for distracting cyber security operation such as data theft or network infiltration and so on.

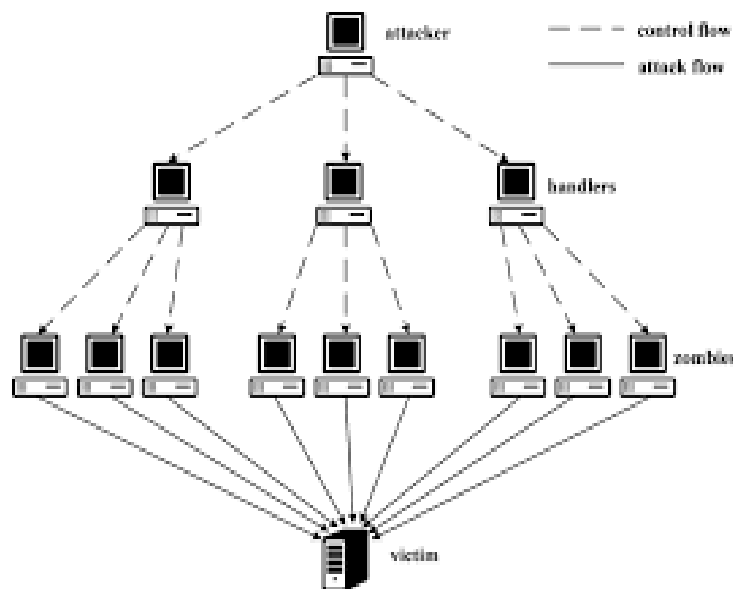


Fig 3. Representation of DDOS attack

UNDERSTANDING DDOS ATTACK

In wireshark, the packet sequence can be graphically seen by selecting from the menu Statistics ->Flow Graph. This tool enables to track the behavior of TCP connectionsIt illustrates, using arrows, the source and target of each packet, highlighting the active flags that interfere in the connection flow. It can be easily noticed that there is a short period of time when a number of connection attempts are made by the IP addresses for example consider IP address 10.0.0.200 to port 80 of machine 10.0.0.101. This is a rather suspicious scenario. The server has tried to resolve the MAC of the client many times, but when no acknowledgement is received, it cannot send an ACK-SYN to the same machine to continue the three-step handshake connection. Hence TCP/IP stack of server has to wait until it receive the connection.

During this idle time more packets keep arriving that trigger new connections. For each new connection TCB (Transmission Control Block) is created and used by the TCP/IP stack of the operating system to identify each connection.

Proposed Solution:

Based on our findings strengthen security against DDoS attack is important. They include: Every single user who accesses your router should be given a username and password. . Contacting the ISP seems the most appropriate action to monitor such attacks. Make sure you have RPF on the interface of every static connection. Use TACACS (Terminal Access Controller Access Control System) for password verification or Multiple factor authentication can be also used for security.

VI. CONCLUSION

Wireshark is one of the packet sniffing software that are available today. In this paper we had discussed about packet analysing using this tool. Wireshark is a useful tool that offers countless functions that help to analyze multiple network problems. Packet sniffers like Wireshark can be a boon for network monitoring, but sometimes it is necessary to prevent packet sniffers from collecting sensitive information like passwords, in order to maintain security in the IT industry. This paper also discuss about DDoS attack . DDOS becoming a major component of a long term threat campaign and the level of attack automation has escalated.

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