

Packet Sniffing and Spoofing

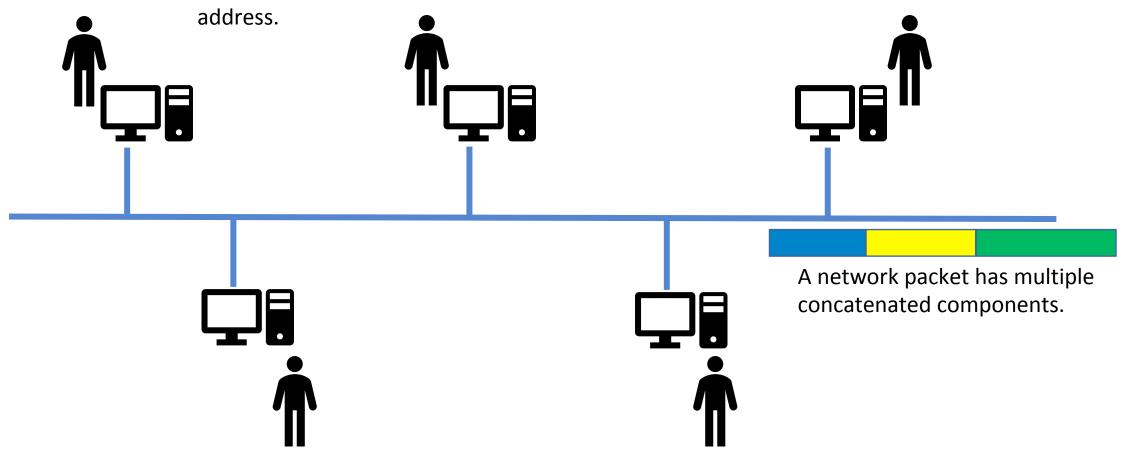
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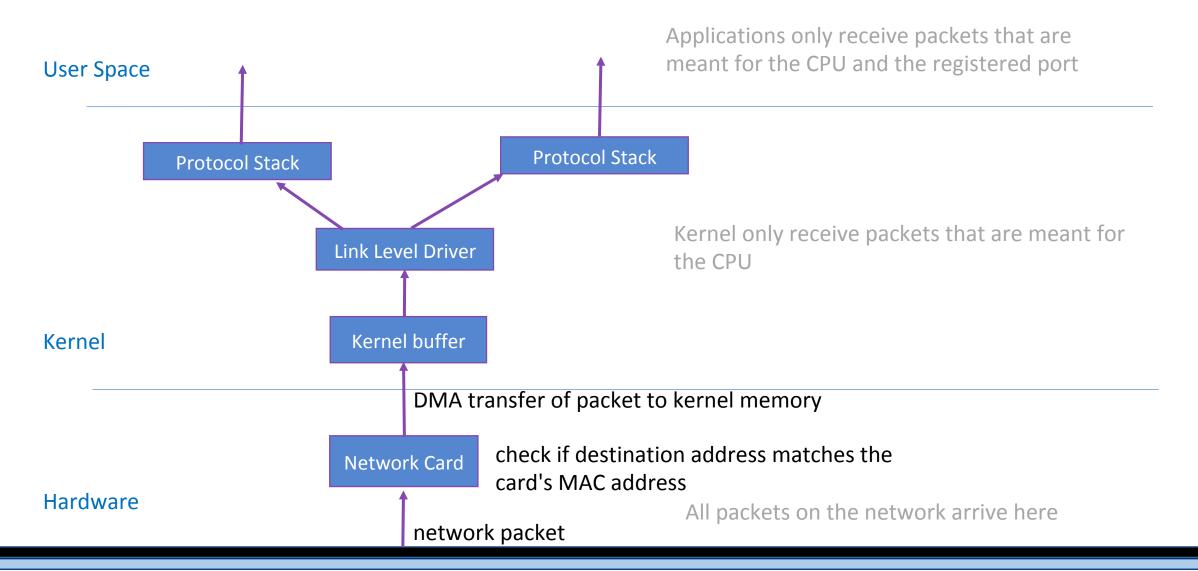
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Shared Networks

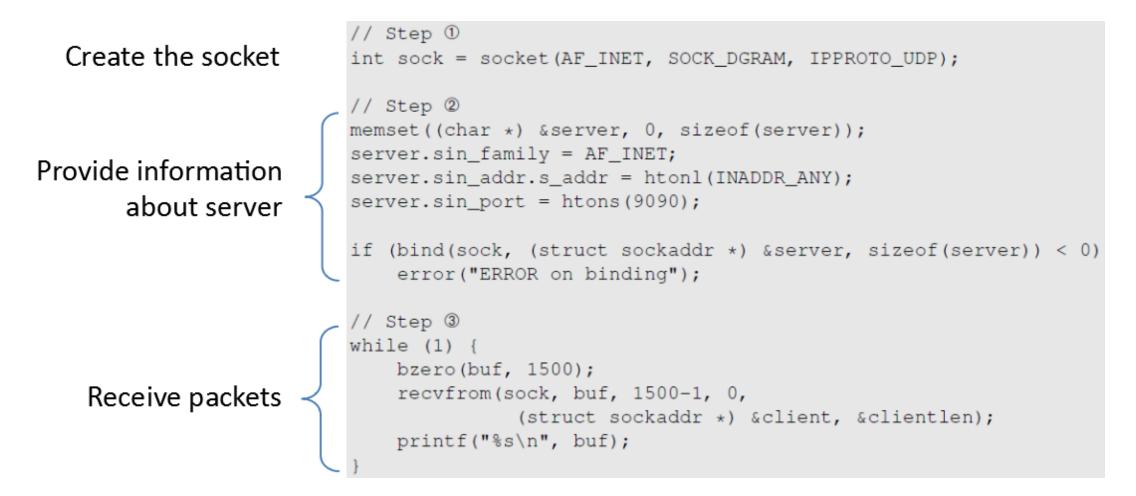
Every network packet reaches every computer's network Interface card, which then filters packets based on the MAC

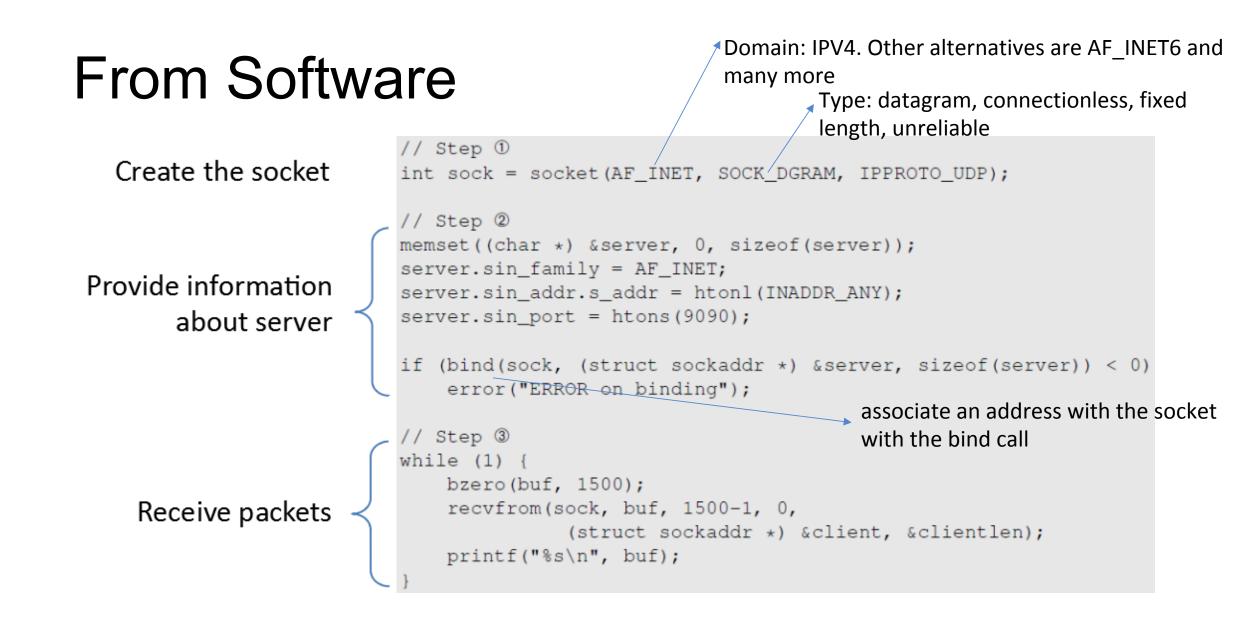


Packet Flow in the System

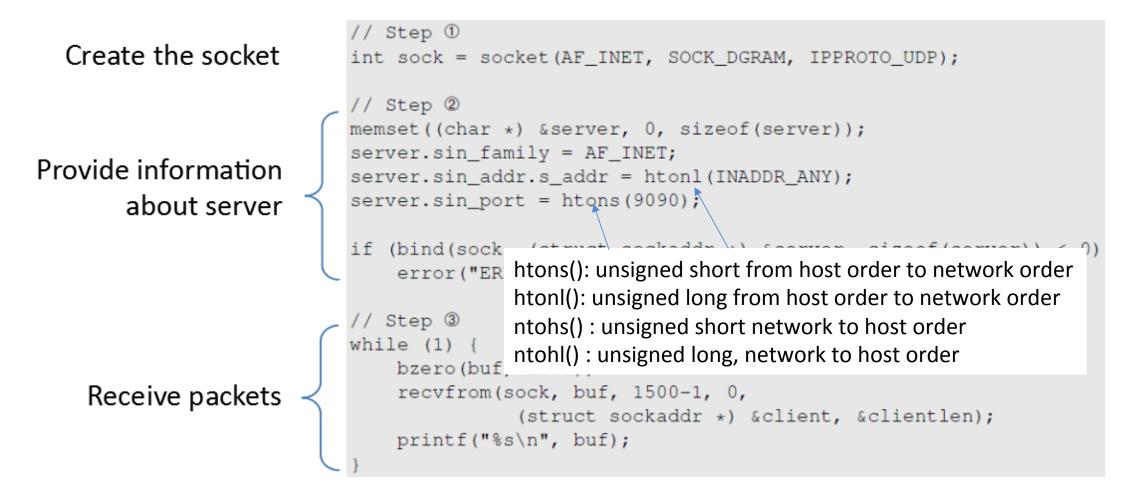


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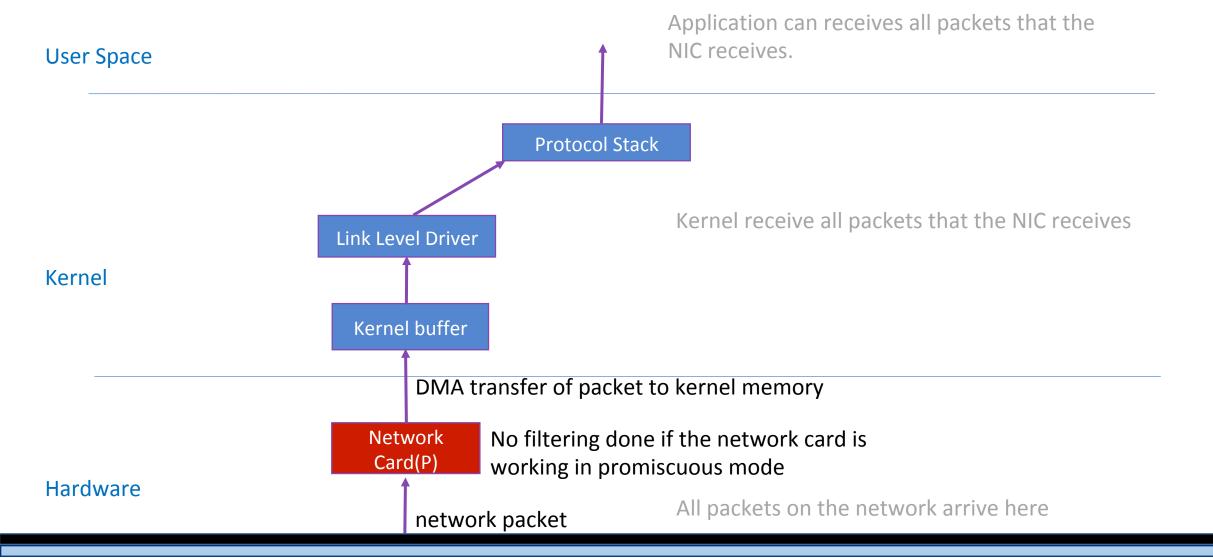




From Software



Promiscuous Mode



- Applications that register with the kernel so as to capture all packets seen in the network.
- Typically requires superuser permissions

Specify that the socket you want to create is a RAW socket.

Protocol family: AF_PACKET implies low level protocol

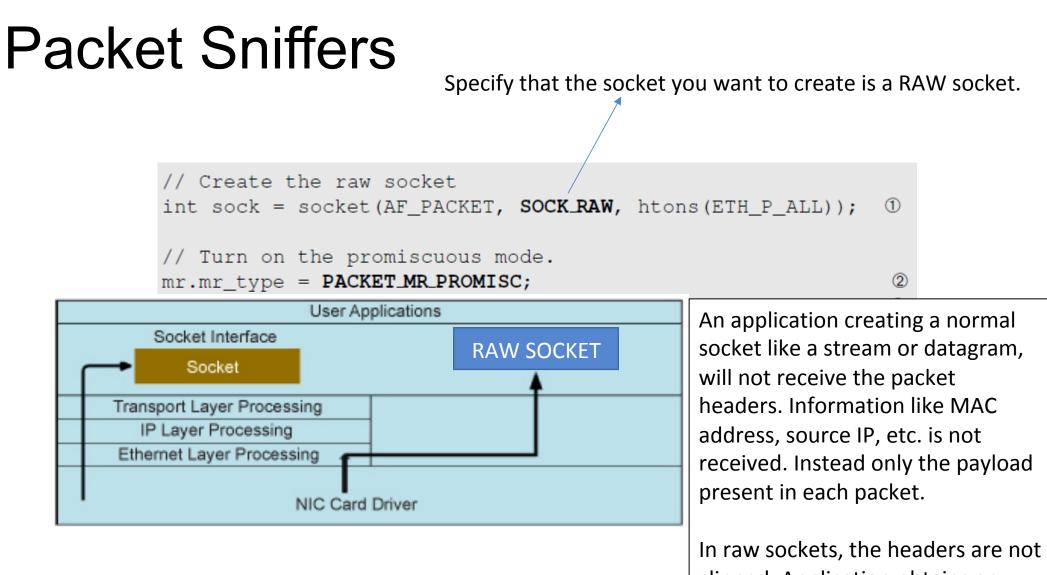
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setsockopt(sock, SOL_PACKET, PACKET_ADD_MEMBERSHIP, &mr, ③
sizeof(mr));
// Getting captured packets
while (1) {
    int data_size=recvfrom(sock, buffer, PACKET_LEN, 0, ④
        &saddr, (socklen_t*)sizeof(saddr));
    if(data_size) printf("Got one packet\n");
}
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What type of packets should we receive? ETH_P_ALL, implies all protocols. Other options are for instance, ETH_P_IP, for only IP packets.

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Configure the NIC to ensure that all packets are accepted and passed to the kernel. Ignore the destination field in the packets.

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clipped. Application obtains an unintercepted packet.

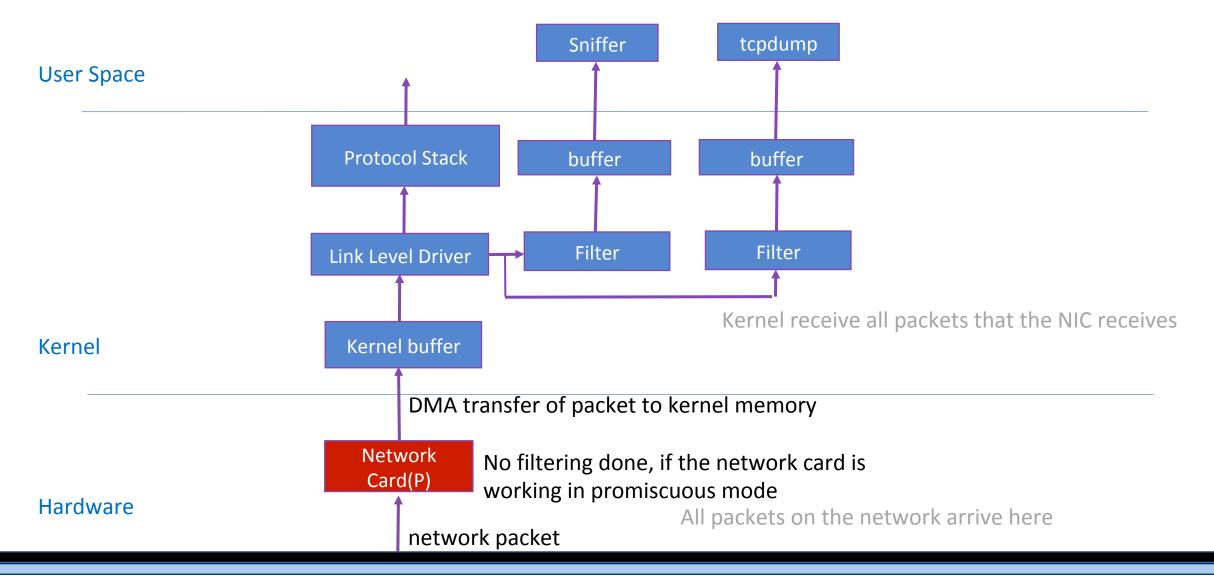
Flooding of Packets in User Space

- Applications that register with the kernel so as to capture all packets seen in the network.
- Typically, sniffers are only interested in a small subset of packets, all the other packets are discarded.
 - Improves performance considerably (less processing time)
 - Would require much less expensive hardware
- Filtering: BSD packet filtering (BPF) provides a means by which sniffers can specify to the kernel, the packets they are interested in.

Filter Requirements

- Must be programmable
 - Each sniffer may be interested in a different set of packets.
- Must be as close to the NIC as possible (filter as early as possible)
 - Rules out user-space filtering
 - Kernel based filtering
 - Hardware based filtering

Operating System Filter Creatives AND that pass the filter.



BSD Packet Filters (BPF)

- 1992, Steven McCanne and Van Jacobson from Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory
- Incorporated in Linux kernel in 1997
 - Variants still used in latest versions
- JIT engine
 - Low level language defined
 - User level application writes filter rules using this language and attaches it to a socket
 - The kernel, verifies sanity of these rules and then applies them to all packets it receives.

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ldb	1, 2	Load byte into A
ldx	3, 4, 5, 12	Load word into X
ldxi	4	Load word into X
ldxb	5	Load byte into X
st	3	Store A into M[]
stx	3	Store X into M[]
jmp	6	Jump to label
ja	6	Jump to label
jeq	7, 8, 9, 10	Jump on A == <x></x>
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jlt	9, 10	Jump on A < <x></x>
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jgt	7, 8, 9, 10	Jump on $A > \langle x \rangle$
jge	7, 8, 9, 10	Jump on A >= $\langle x \rangle$
jset	7, 8, 9, 10	Jump on A & <x></x>
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mul	0,4	A * <x></x>
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neg		!A
and	0,4	A & <x></x>
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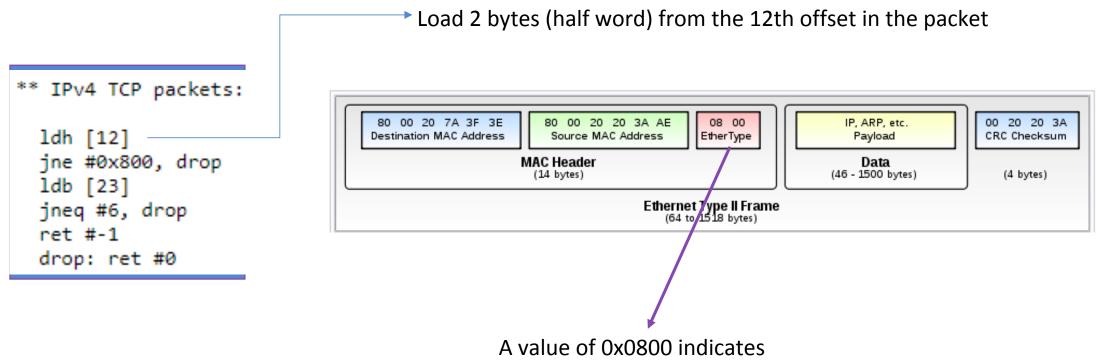
Addressing mode	Syntax	Description
0	x/%x	Register X
1	[k]	BHW at byte offset k in the packet
2	[x + k]	BHW at the offset X + k in the packet
3	M[k]	Word at offset k in M[]
4	#k	Literal value stored in k
5	4*([k]&0xf)	Lower nibble * 4 at byte offset k in the packet
6	L	Jump label L
7	#k,Lt,Lf	Jump to Lt if true, otherwise jump to Lf
8	x/%x,Lt,Lf	Jump to Lt if true, otherwise jump to Lf
9	#k,Lt	Jump to Lt if predicate is true
10	x/%x,Lt	Jump to Lt if predicate is true
11	a/%a	Accumulator A
12	extension	BPF extension

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Extensions

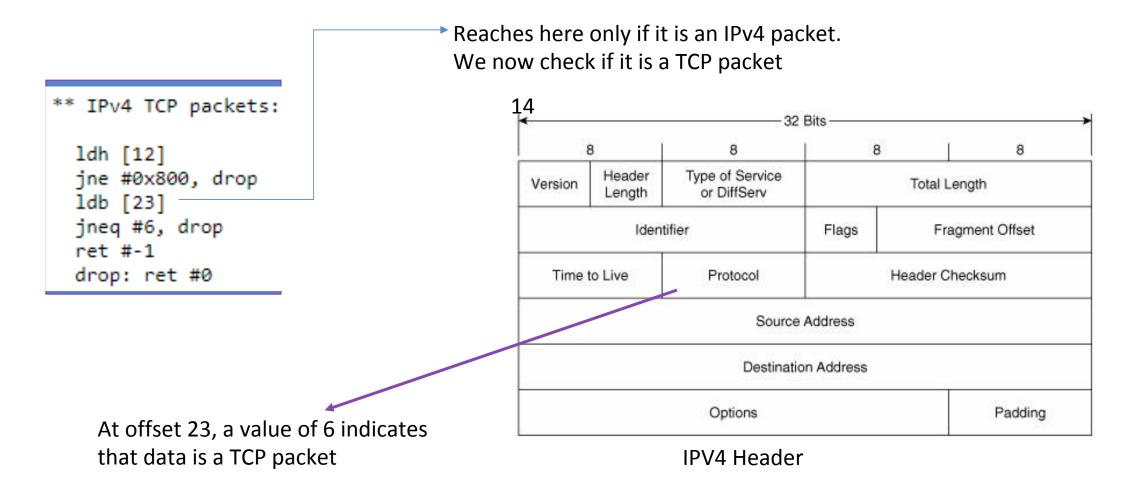
Extension	Description
len	skb->len
proto	skb->protocol
type	skb->pkt type
poff	Payload start offset
ifidx	skb->dev->ifindex
nla	Netlink attribute of type X with offset A
nlan	Nested Netlink attribute of type X with offset
mark	skb->mark
queue	skb->queue mapping
hatype	skb->dev->type
rxhash	skb->hash
cpu	<pre>raw smp processor id()</pre>
vlan tci	skb vlan tag get(skb)
vlan avail	<pre>skb_vlan_tag_present(skb)</pre>
vlan tpid	skb->vlan_proto
rand	prandom u32()

bpf asm example



that data is an IPv4 packet

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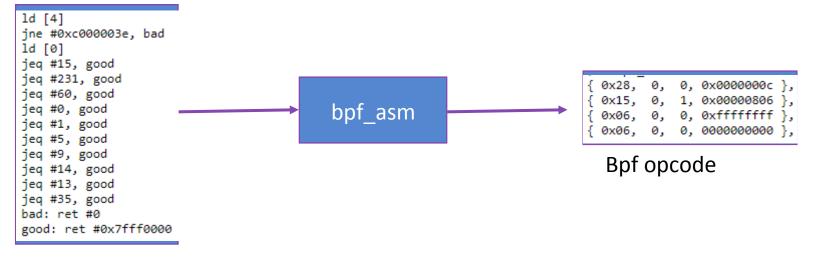
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/EtherType

bpf asm another example

Randomly sample 25% of the ICMP packets

ldh [12] jne #0x800, drop ldb [23] jneq #1, drop # get a random uint32 number ld rand mod #4 jneq #1, drop ret #-1 drop: ret #0

bpf_asm



Bpf assembly

bpf in the Linux kernel

- JIT compiler built into the Linux kernel
- Can be enabled as follows:

echo 1 > /proc/sys/net/core/bpf_jit_enable

- Internally 64-bit kernels use an enhanced BPF (eBPF) format
- Internally 32-bit kernels use the classical BPF format

Usage in Linux	<pre>#include <sys socket.h=""> #include <sys types.h=""> #include <arpa inet.h=""> #include <linux if_ether.h=""> /* */</linux></arpa></sys></sys></pre>
<pre>struct sock_filter { /* Filter block */ u16 code; /* Actual filter code */ u8 jt; /* Jump true */ u8 jf; /* Jump false */ u32 k; /* Generic multiuse field */ };</pre>	<pre>/* From the example above: tcpdump -i em1 port 22 -dd */ struct sock_filter code[] = { {</pre>
<pre>struct sock_fprog bpf = { .len = ARRAY_SIZE(code), .filter = code, }; sock = socket(PF_PACKET, SOCK_RAW, htons(ETH_P_ALL)); if (sock < 0) /* bail out */ ret = setsockopt(sock, SOL_SOCKET, SO_ATTACH_FILTER, &bpf, sizeof(bpf));</pre>	$ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0x15, 2, 0, 0x00000084 \\ 0x15, 1, 0, 0x00000006 \\ 0x15, 0, 8, 0x00000011 \\ 0x28, 0, 0, 0x00000014 \\ 0x45, 6, 0, 0x00000014 \\ 0x45, 6, 0, 0x00000000 \\ 0x48, 0, 0, 0x00000000 \\ 0x15, 2, 0, 0x00000000 \\ 0x15, 2, 0, 0x00000016 \\ 0x15, 0, 1, 0x00000016 \\ 0x15, 0, 1, 0x00000016 \\ 0x06, 0, 0, 0x00000000 \\ 0x06, 0, 0, 0x00000000 \\ 0x06, 0, 0, 0x00000000 \\ 0x000000000 \\ 0x000000000 \\ 0x00000000$
Create a raw socket and attach the filter.	};

setsockopt

- SO_ATTACH_FILTER: attach a filter to a socket
- SO_DETACH_FILTER: detach a filter from a socket.
- SO_LOCK_FILTER: lock a filter to a socket. The filter cannot be detached or modified. Any attempt to detach a locked filter will result in an error.

Enhanced BPF

- Instructions looks more like that of the native architecture (makes coding simpler)
- 10 registers (R0 to R9) instead of 2 registers (A, X) with each register 64 bit instead of 32 bit
- A Frame Register (R10)
 - * R0 return value from in-kernel function, and exit value for eBPF program
 - * R1 R5 arguments from eBPF program to in-kernel function
 - * R6 R9 callee saved registers that in-kernel function will preserve
 - * R10 read-only frame pointer to access stack

Enhanced BPF

- Restricted C compiled to eBPF (C->eBPF->native code).
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 - jt/jf replaced with jf/fall-through
 - bpf_call instruction which can call other kernel functions

Checks in the Kernel

- Before attaching a filter, the following checks need to be performed.
- BPF program terminates (does not have any loops)
 - Depth first search of the program's control flow graph
 - Unreachable instructions are prohibited
- Verify by single stepping through each line in the BPF program
 - Ensure virtual machine state and check if the stack is valid
 - Prevent out-of-bound jumps and out-of-range data
- Ensure no pointer arithmetic
- Ensure registers are not read before being accessed

Limitations

- Not portable. Programs written for one operating system may not work on another OS (No common API)
- Optimizations in the filtering not easily achieved. The JIT compiler in the OS cannot extract optimizations.
- Usability is not easy. Programmers would need to efficiently develop BPF code.

PCap (Packet Capture)

- It is a library that provides APIs for packet capture.
- Has a compiler (*pcap_compile*) that
 - Takes as input filtering rules using human readable Boolean expressions.
 - Converts the Boolean expressions into BPF pseudo-code, which can be used by the kernel.
- Well defined APIs available on many platforms:
 - Port in Linux is called *libpcap*
 - Port in Windows is called *WinPCap*. (APIs are common across ports)

PCap filter expressions

Three types of qualifiers: type, dir, proto

type: identifier of a machine, port number etc.
 Options include: host, net, port, portrange

Examples: host iitm.ac.in port 5000 portrange 5000-6000

https://linux.die.net/man/7/pcap-filter

PCap filter expressions

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dir: transfer directions to or from the id.
 Options include: src, dst, src or dst, src and dst,

Examples:

src host iitm.ac.in

src or dst port 5000(equivalent to port 5000)portrange 5000-6000

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PCap filter expressions

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3. **proto**: transfer directions to or from the id.

Options include: ether, fddi, tr, wlan, ip, ip6, arp, rarp, decnet, tcp and udp

Examples:

- ether src foo : all ethernet packets where the source address is host foo
- arp net 128.3 : all arp packets to network 128.3
- tcp port 21 : all tcp packets to port 21
- udp portrange 7000-7009

PCap Filter examples

• Examples:

host foo and not port ftp and not port ftp-data

Any traffic from/to the host name foo except traffic on ftp and ftp-data ports

gateway snup and (port ftp or ftp-data)

All FTP traffic through the gatewap snup

gateway snup and ip[2:2] > 576

All gateway traffic through snup with size greater than 576 bytes

ether[0] & 1 = 0 and ip[16] >= 224

IP broadcast or multicast traffic that were not sent via Ethernet broadcast/multicast Byte 0 LSB 1 in Ethernet frame indicates a broadcast IP broadcast have destination address 224.0.0.0 to 239.255.255.255

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PCap Filter examples

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Any traffic from the host name helios and with destination hot or ace will be logged.

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Traffic that is not sourced or destined for local hosts

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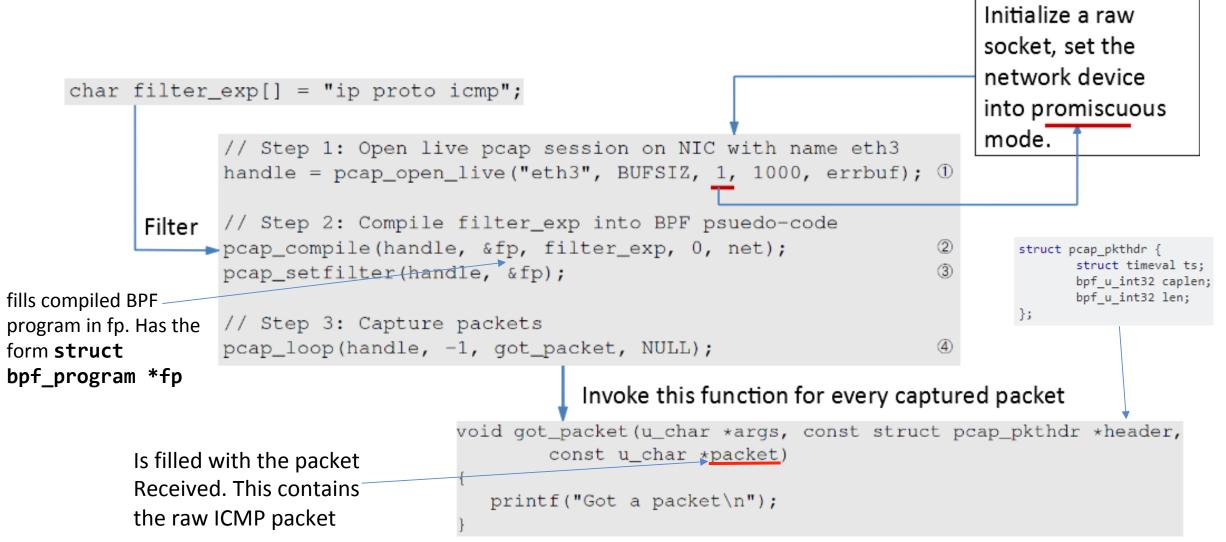
start and end packets (the SYN and FIN packets) of each TCP conversation that involves a non-local host.

tcpdump (uses PCap library)

		Output the BP	F code for the input predicate
\$ sudo tcpdump -p -n: (000) ldh [12]	. eth0 -d "ip	and udp"	Filter IP and UDP packets
(001) jeg #0x800 (002) ldb [23]) ji	t 2 jf 5	
(003) jeg #0x11 (004) ret #65533	-	t4 jf5	
(005) ret #0			
			Low level BPF output
<pre>\$ sudo tcpdump -p -ni eth0 -ddd "ip and udp" tr "\n" ","</pre>			

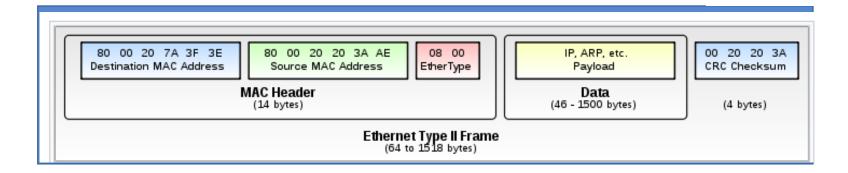
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Packet Sniffing using PCap API

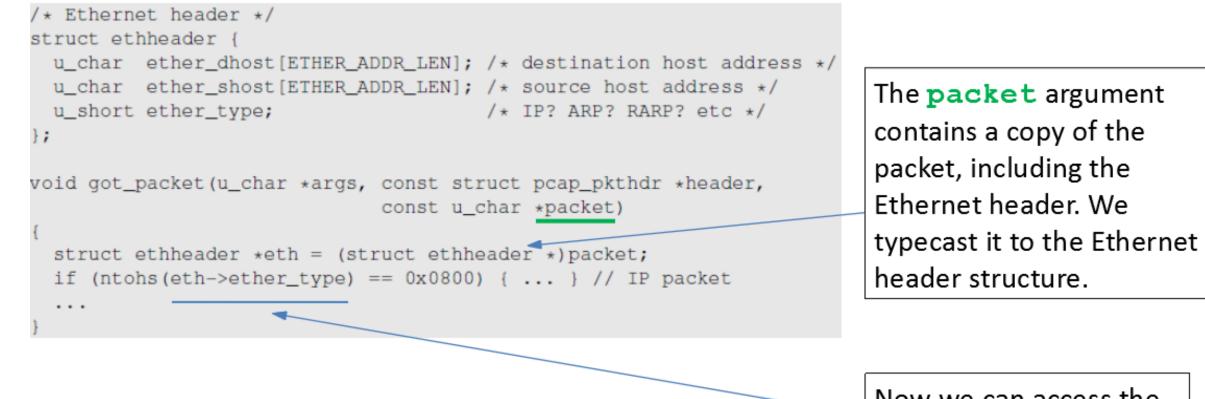


Processing Ethernet Header

```
/* Ethernet header */
struct ethheader {
    u_char ether_dhost[ETHER_ADDR_LEN]; /* destination host address */
    u_char ether_shost[ETHER_ADDR_LEN]; /* source host address */
    u_short ether_type; /* IP? ARP? RARP? etc */
};
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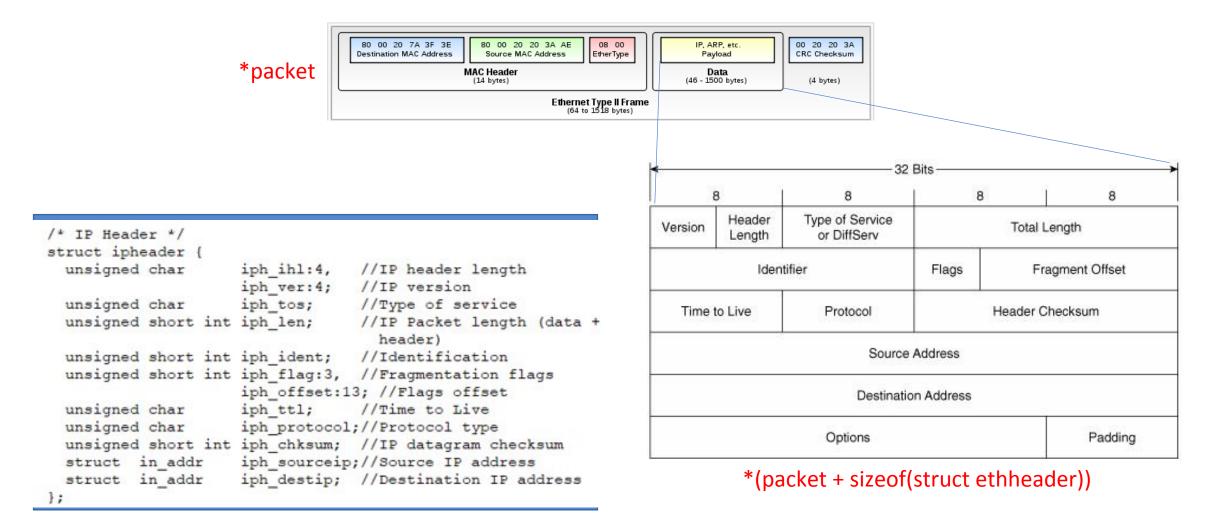


Processing Ethernet Header



Now we can access the field of the structure

Processing IP Packet



Processing IP Header

```
void got_packet(u_char *args, const struct pcap_pkthdr *header,
                              const u char *packet)
                                                                         Find where the IP header
 struct ethheader *eth = (struct ethheader *)packet;
                                                                         starts, and typecast it to
                                                                         the IP Header structure.
 if (ntohs(eth->ether_type) == 0x0800) { // 0x0800 is IP type
    struct ipheader * ip = (struct ipheader *)
                           (packet + sizeof(struct ethheader)); ①
   printf("
                  From: %s\n", inet_ntoa(ip->iph_sourceip));
                                                                 2
3
                                                                         Now we can easily access
   printf("
                     To: %s\n", inet_ntoa(ip->iph_destip));
                                                                         the fields in the IP
   /* determine protocol */
                                                                         header.
    switch(ip->iph_protocol) {
       case IPPROTO_TCP:
           printf(" Protocol: TCP\n");
            return;
       case IPPROTO_UDP:
            printf(" Protocol: UDP\n");
            return;
```

Further Processing of Packet

- If we want to further process the packet, such as printing out the header of the TCP, UDP and ICMP, we can use the similar technique.
- We move the pointer to the beginning of the next header and type-cast
- We need to use the header length field in the IP header to calculate the actual size of the IP header
- In the following example, if we know the next header is ICMP, we can get a pointer to the ICMP part by doing the following:

```
int ip_header_len = ip->iph_ihl * 4;
u_char *icmp = (struct icmpheader *)
                                  (packet + sizeof(struct ethheader) + ip_header_len);
```



Packet Spoofing

Sending Normal Packets Using Sockets

void main()

```
struct sockaddr in dest info;
char *data = "UDP message\n";
// Step 1: Create a network socket
int sock = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_DGRAM, IPPROTO_UDP);
// Step 2: Provide information about destination.
memset((char *) &dest_info, 0, sizeof(dest_info));
dest info.sin family = AF INET;
dest_info.sin_addr.s_addr = inet_addr("10.0.2.5");
dest_info.sin_port = htons(9090);
// Step 3: Send out the packet.
sendto(sock, data, strlen(data), 0,
             (struct sockaddr *)&dest_info, sizeof(dest_info));
close(sock);
```

Testing: Use the netcat (nc) command to run a UDP server on 10.0.2.5. We then run the program on the left from another machine. We can see that the message has been delivered to the server machine:

-luv: listen for incoming UDP packets, verbose

```
seed@Server(10.0.2.5):$ nc -luv 9090
Connection from 10.0.2.6 port 9090 [udp/*] accepted
UDP message
```

Manipulating Transmitted Packets

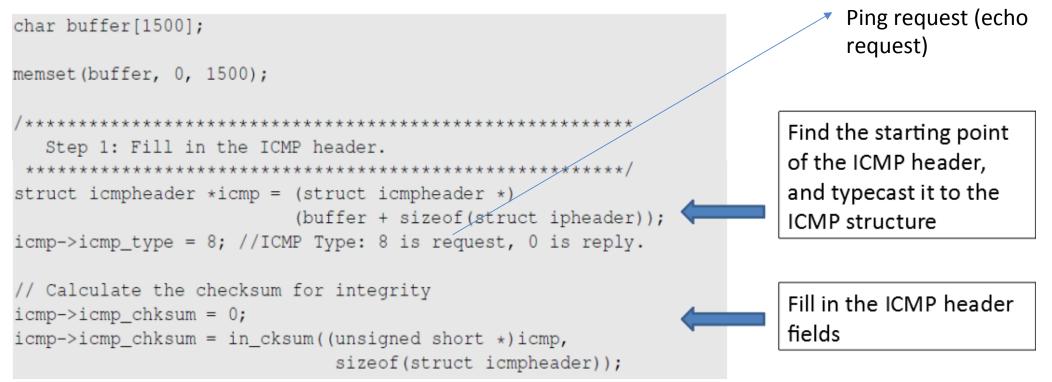
- Generally, transmitting packets has only control of few fields in the header.
- Example
 - Destination IP address can be set
 - Source IP address is not set:
 - Operating system, will automatically fill these fields before tranmitting the packet to the hardware
- Spoofing
 - Permits manipulation of critical fields in the packet headers
 - Can create unrealistic / bogus packets. For example:
 - Transmit a TCP packet with SYN and FIN bits turned on
 - The response from the receiver is unpredictable and depends on the OS
 - Used in many network attacks like
 - TCP SYN Flooding, TCP session hijacking, DNS cache poisoning attack
 - Supplied information depends on the type of attack being carried out

Spoofing Tools

- Netwox
- Scapy
- Spoofing from first principles
 - Two Major Steps
 - (1) constructing the packet in a buffer(this step is going to depend on the type of packet)
 - (2) sending the packet out

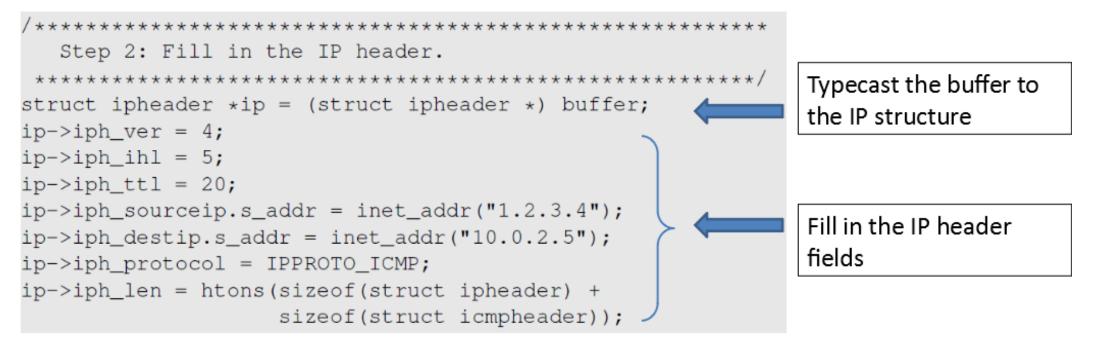
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Fill in the ICMP Header



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Fill in the IP Header



Finally, send out the packet

send_raw_ip_packet (ip);

Sending Spoofed Packets Using Raw Sockets

Given an IP packet, send it out using a raw socket. void send_raw_ip_packet(struct ipheader* ip)

```
struct sockaddr_in dest_info;
int enable = 1;
```

// Step 1: Create a raw network socket. int sock = socket (AF_INET, SOCK_RAW, IPPROTO_RAW);

// Step 2: Set socket option. setsockopt(sock, IPPROTO_IP, IP_HDRINCL, &enable, sizeof(enable));

// Step 3: Provide needed information about destination. dest_info.sin_family = AF_INET; dest_info.sin_addr = ip->iph_destip;

// Step 4: Send the packet out. sendto(sock, ip, ntohs(ip->iph_len), 0, (struct sockaddr *)&dest_info, sizeof(dest_info)); close(sock);

We use *setsockopt()* to enable *IP HDRINCL* on the socket.

For raw socket programming, since the destination information is already included in the provided IP header, we do not need to fill all the fields



Since the socket type is raw socket, the system will send out the IP packet as is.

Spoofing UDP Packets

```
memset(buffer, 0, 1500);
struct ipheader *ip = (struct ipheader *) buffer;
struct udpheader *udp = (struct udpheader *) (buffer +
                            sizeof(struct ipheader));
Step 1: Fill in the UDP data field.
char *data = buffer + sizeof(struct ipheader) +
               sizeof(struct udpheader);
const char *msg = "Hello Server!\n";
int data len = strlen(msg);
strncpy (data, msg, data_len);
Step 2: Fill in the UDP header.
udp->udp_sport = htons(12345);
udp->udp dport = htons(9090);
udp->udp_ulen = htons(sizeof(struct udpheader) + data_len);
udp->udp_sum = 0; /* Many OSes ignore this field, so we do not
               calculate it. */
```

 Constructing UDP packets is similar, except that we need to include the payload data now.

Spoofing UDP Packets

Testing: Use the nc command to run a UDP server on 10.0.2.5. We then spoof a UDP packet from another machine. We can see that the spoofed UDP packet was received by the server machine.

```
seed@Server(10.0.2.5):$ nc -luv 9090
Connection from 1.2.3.4 port 9090 [udp/*] accepted
Hello Server!
```

MAC Address Spoofing?

How to spoof MAC addresses? Needs hardware and OS support

ip link set dev eth0 down

ip link set dev eth0 address XX:XX:XX:XX:XX:XX

ip link set dev eth0 up

MAC is restricted to local networks. Thus MAC spoofing is only a problem with insider threats

Sniffing and Spoofing

Threat: Man in the middle attacks Sniff a packet. Spoof the response

- Procedure
 - Use PCAP API to capture the packets of interests
 - Make a copy from the captured packet
 - Replace the UDP data field with a new message and swap the source and destination fields
 - Send out the spoofed reply

Sniffing and Spoofing a UDP Example

void spoof_reply(struct ipheader* ip)

```
→why *4?
const char buffer[1500];
int ip_header_len = ip->iph_ihl * 4;
struct udpheader* udp = (struct udpheader *) ((u_char *)ip +
                                              ip_header_len);
if (ntohs(udp->udp_dport) != 9999) {
    // Only spoof UDP packet with destination port 9999
    return;
// Step 1: Make a copy from the original packet
memset((char*)buffer, 0, 1500);
memcpy((char*)buffer, ip, ntohs(ip->iph_len));
struct ipheader * newip = (struct ipheader *) buffer;
struct udpheader * newudp = (struct udpheader *) (buffer +
ip header len);
char *data = (char *)newudp + sizeof(struct udpheader);
// Step 2: Construct the UDP payload, keep track of payload size
const char *msg = "This is a spoofed reply!\n";
int data_len = strlen(msg);
strncpy (data, msg, data_len);
```

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// Step 3: Construct the UDP Header
newudp->udp_sport = udp->udp_dport;
newudp->udp_dport = udp->udp_sport;
newudp->udp_ulen = htons(sizeof(struct udpheader) + data_len);
newudp->udp_sum = 0;
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// Step 5: Send out the spoofed IP packet
send_raw_ip_packet(newip);
```