

NASA Lab 2: Network Admin Tools

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Bandwidth Measurement: iPerf

iPerf is a tool for active measurements of the maximum achievable bandwidth on IP networks.

For convenience, we'll use precompiled cross-platform version.

Introduction

- iPerf client + iPerf server
- The server side listens on a TCP/UDP port
- The client side connects to the server

Installation

- In any 2 different CSIE workstations, install [iPerf](#).
- Download iPerf3 Linux manual installation 64 bits
- Manually specify library path by set the environment variable `LD_LIBRARY_PATH`

```
LD_LIBRARY_PATH=`pwd` ./iperf3
```

Getting Started

Server

```
# Listen on all interface on port 9453  
./iperf -s -p 9453
```

Client

```
# Connect to remote on port 9453  
./iperf -c SERVER_HOSTNAME -p 9453
```

Exercise 1:

Measure the bandwidth between your PC/204/workstations and CSIE workstations under wire/wireless environment.

- 204 - 204, wired
- 204 - workstation, wired
- PC - workstation,
wireless

Bottleneck ?

- CPU
- Network interface
- Link capacity
- Switching capacity

Network Packet Analyzer: Wireshark, tcpdump

Wireshark is the world's foremost and widely-used network protocol analyzer.

tcpdump - dump traffic on a network.

Wireshark is a GUI tool, while tcpdump is a CLI tool.

Plaintext vs. Ciphertext

In hw1, we know the importance of HTTPS. Here are some protocols in plain text:

- HTTP -> HTTPS
- telnet -> ssh
- ftp, tftp -> sftp (FTP over SSH) and ftps (FTP over TLS)
- DNS

Are they encrypted?

- Server IP address
- Server port
- GET parameter
- POST parameters
- hostname
- HTTP cookies

Wireshark...

Analyze the HTTPS captured packets [csie.pcap](#)

Server Name Indication

Server Name Indication (SNI) is an extension to the TLS computer networking protocol by which a client indicates which hostname it is attempting to connect to at the start of the handshaking process.

- Wikipedia
- Efficiently bypassing SNI-based HTTPS filtering

Exercise 2: Let's Decrypt

Suppose the server is compromised, and you get the server's **private key**. How to decrypt the TLS traffic?

More fun: DNS/ICMP tunnel

- <https://github.com/yarrick/iodine>
- <https://github.com/DhavalKapil/icmptunnel>