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Threat Hunting Using a Machine Learning Approach

1 Intended Audience

This document would be appropriate for researchers programmers or system administrators with a moderate degree of technical understanding of python. It explains how to configure a Linux system for executing python code and write adequate hypothesis required for threat hunting. [1].

Abbreviations:

1. IP= Internet Protocol
2. Pd= Pandas variable
3. Np= Numpy variable
4. plt= matplotlib.pyplot variable
5. cm= matplotlib.cm variable
6. NB= Naive Bayes
7. SVC= Support Vector Classification

2 Installing Python

Python is installed by default on some Linux distributions. (Note:This may not be the latest version or support all the functionality needed by the application)

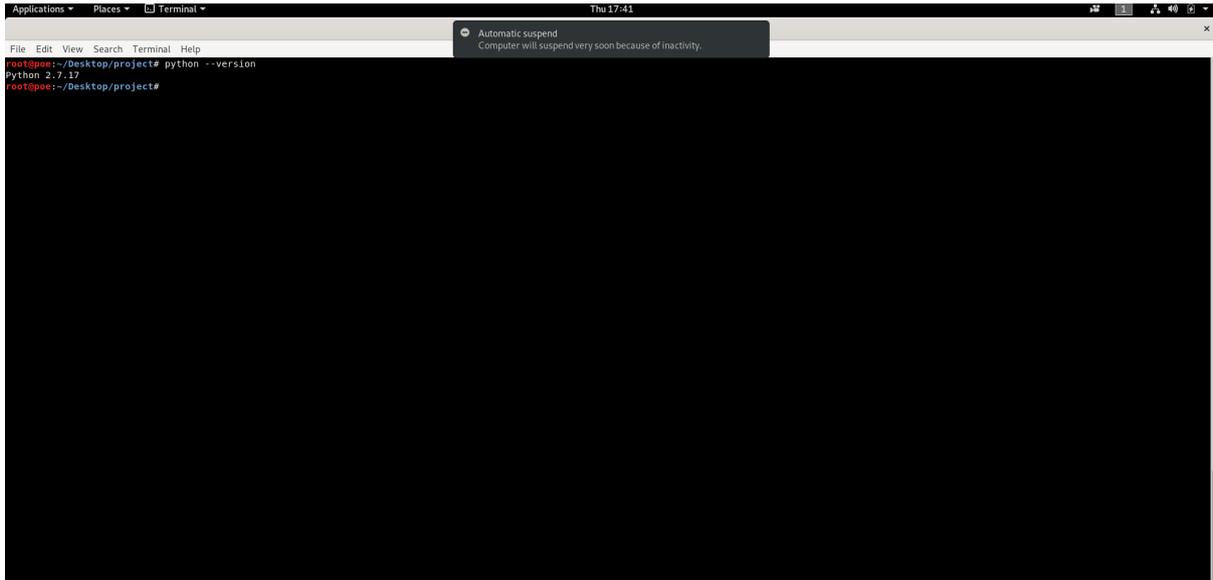


Figure 1: Python Version Check

2.1 Steps for Ubuntu

- At first check the current installed version of python

Command :python --version

- Get an update on your system

command : sudo apt update

- Install python

command : sudo apt install python(req version)

2.2 Data conversion steps

- The pcap file is processed by a program called Tshark. It is a network protocol analyzer, that has the ability to read saved network files. The program is responsible for the conversion of pcap files to text.

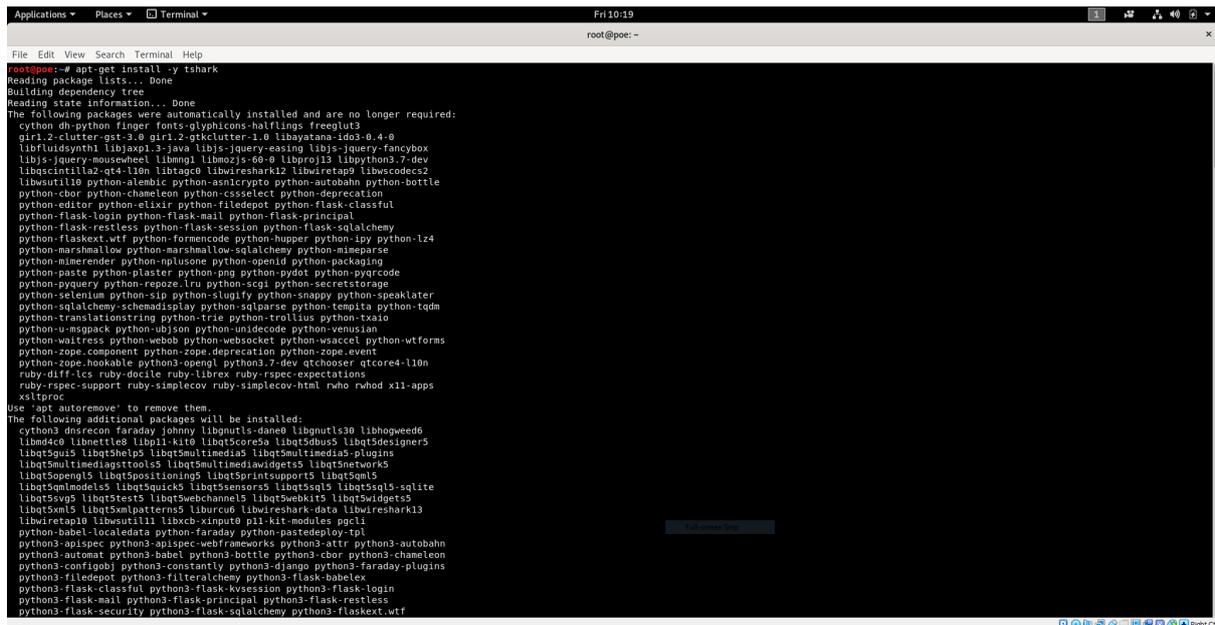


Figure 2: Tshark Installation

- Install Tshark using `sudo apt-get install -y tshark`
- This step is essential for taking the pcap data into a python program using dataframe. A dataframe is a type of data structure in python which helps access data in the form of rows and columns.
- At this phase data cleaning is necessary, all the columns with missing values are checked and the missing values are either replaced or their mean is inserted.
- Dataset to be downloaded from <https://www.netresec.com/?page=PcapFiles>
The pcap file has the following features available for selection, which are inserted into the dataframe.

The following are the columns that are derived from the pcap conversion:

1. 'Sr.No'
2. 'Date'
3. 'Time'
4. 'Source_IP'
5. 'Arrow'
6. 'Dest_IP'
7. 'ProtocolUsed'
8. 'Length','Method'

9. 'link'
10. 'Version'
11. 'Extra'

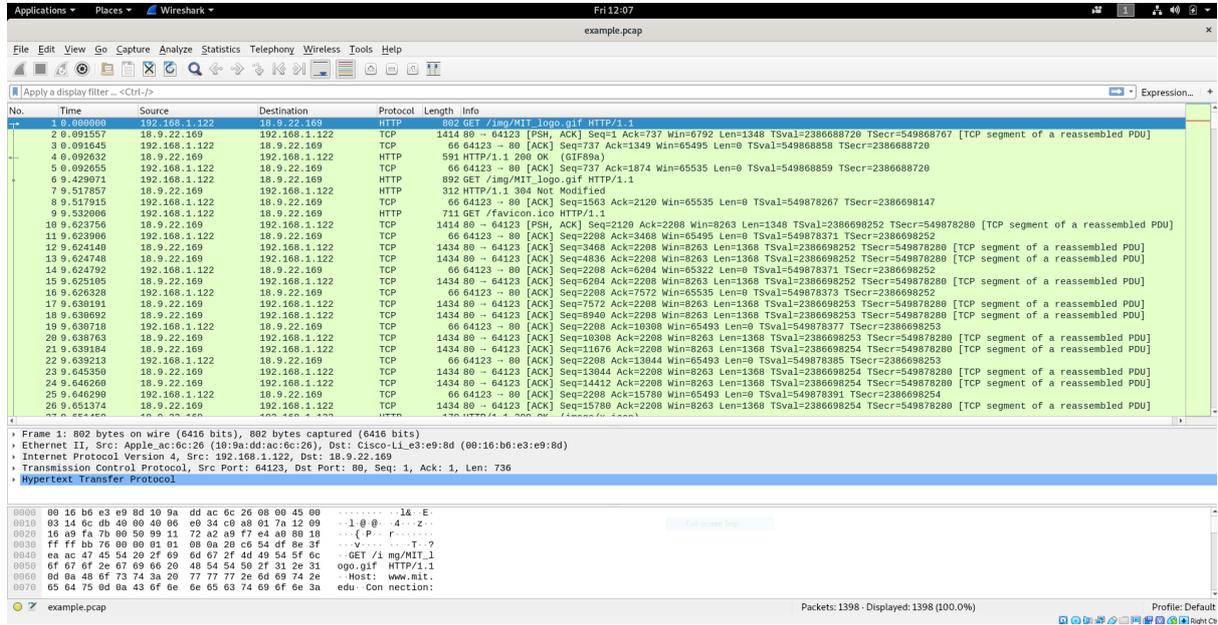


Figure 3: Original Pcap file

Sr.No	Date	Time	Length	Method	link
1	2015-10-21	23:10:34.995270	153	ROSCTR:[Job]
2	2015-10-21	23:10:35.006630	60	102	→
3	2015-10-21	23:10:35.006630	60	[TCP	Dup
4	2015-10-21	23:10:35.007135	104	ROSCTR:[Ack_Data]	Function:[Read
5	2015-10-21	23:10:35.007135	104	[TCP	Retransmission]
6	2015-10-21	23:10:35.028775	60	49156	→
7	2015-10-21	23:10:35.028775	60	[TCP	Dup
8	2015-10-21	23:10:35.208683	74	Standard	query
9	2015-10-21	23:10:35.208796	102	Destination	unreachable
10	2015-10-21	23:10:35.635307	73	Standard	query

10 rows x 10 columns
labelled dataframe

Sr.No	Date	Time	Length	Method	link	state
1	2015-10-21	23:10:34.995270	153	ROSCTR:[Job]	normal
2	2015-10-21	23:10:35.006630	60	102	→	malicious
3	2015-10-21	23:10:35.006630	60	[TCP	Dup	malicious
4	2015-10-21	23:10:35.007135	104	ROSCTR:[Ack_Data]	Function:[Read	normal
5	2015-10-21	23:10:35.007135	104	[TCP	Retransmission]	normal
6	2015-10-21	23:10:35.028775	60	49156	→	malicious
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Figure 4: Labelled data Frame

- Use the following command to generate text file from pcap file

```
tshark -r /PATH/Filename. Pcap -t ad > /PATH/ Filename.txt
```

- The final step is to label the text file and use it for machine learning.

2.3 Libraries that have been imported for machine learning

1. from pandas import DataFrame [2]
2. import pandas as pd
3. import pandas
4. import numpy [3]
5. import numpy as np
SKlearn [4]
6. from sklearn.externals import joblib
7. from sklearn.naive_bayes import MultinomialNB
8. from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import CountVectorizer
9. from sklearn.svm import LinearSVC
10. from sklearn.ensemble import VotingClassifier
11. from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
12. from optparse import OptionParser
13. from sklearn.cluster import KMeans
14. from sklearn import metrics
15. from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
16. from sklearn.model_selection import *
17. from sklearn import model_selection
18. from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
19. from sklearn import EnsembleVoteClassifier
20. import matplotlib [5]
21. import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
22. import matplotlib.cm as cm

3 Execution steps

1. python file.py

Execute the file using `python -w file.py` to convert the pcap text file to a dataframe.

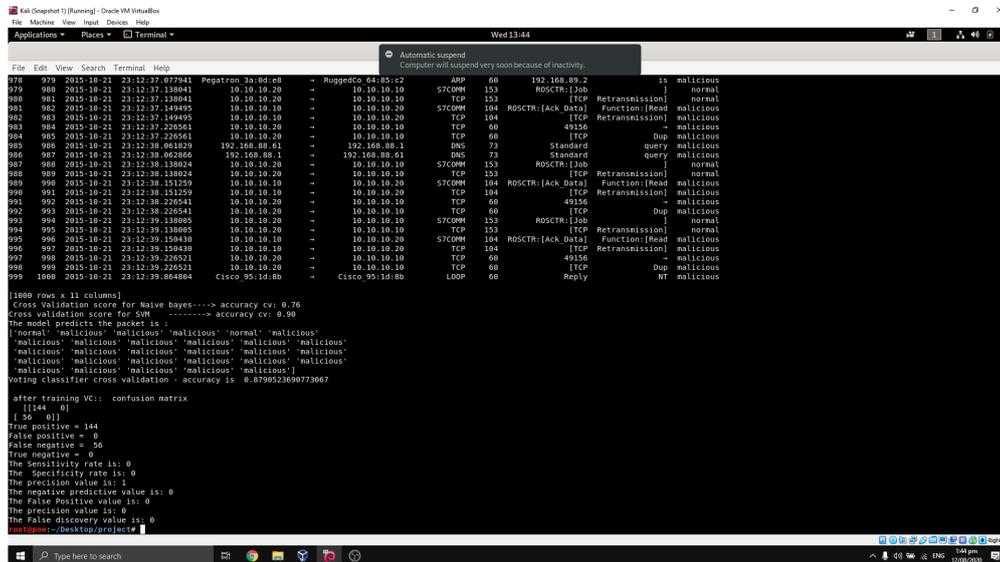


Figure 5: Python Code for machine learning models

2. python check.py

Execute the file using `python -w check.py` to convert the pcap text file to a dataframe.

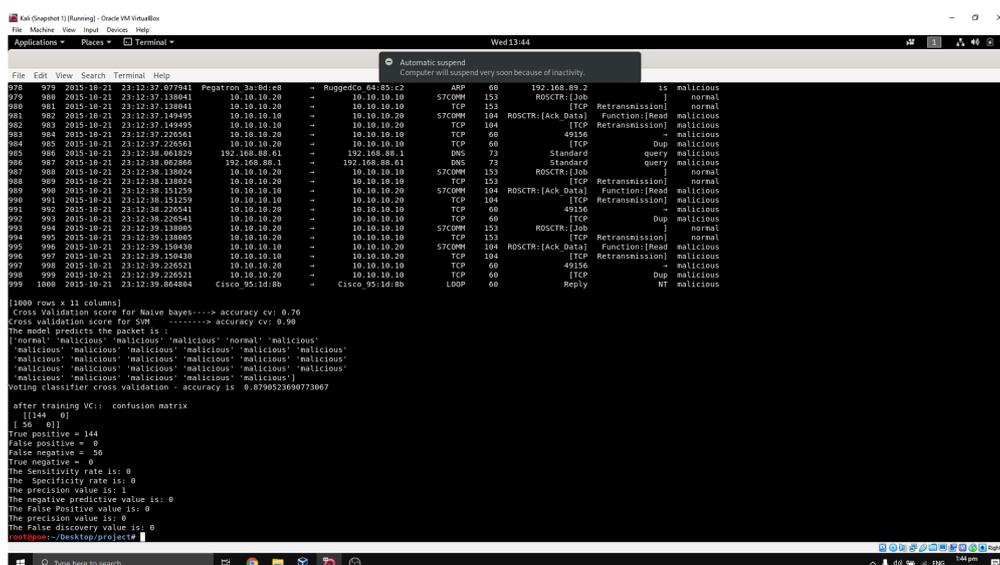


Figure 6: Python Code for machine learning models

3. file structure for pcap files

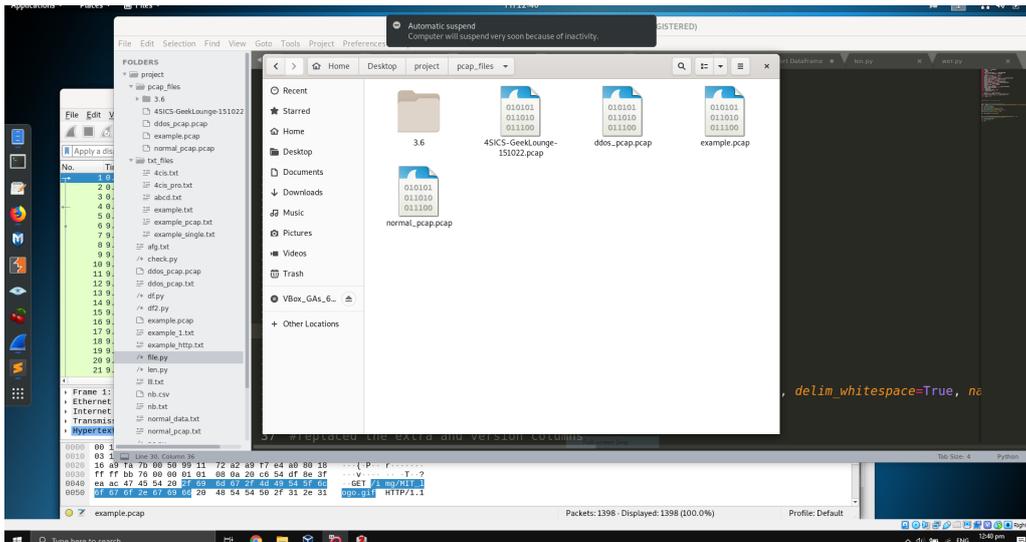


Figure 7: Pcap file Repository

4. file structure for text files

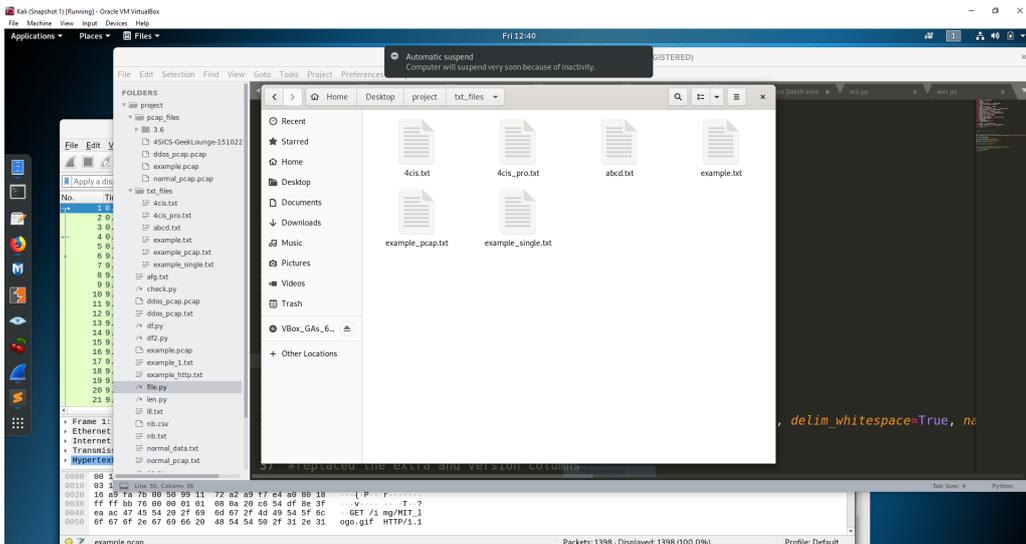


Figure 8: Text file Repository

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