TCPCopy

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About TCPCopy

- TCPCopy is a TCP stream replay tool to support real testing of Internet server applications

TCPCopy - A TCP Stream Replay Tool

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Scenarios

- Distributed stress testing
  - Use tcpcopy to copy real-world data to stress test your server software. Bugs that only can be produced in high-stress situations can be found

- Live testing
  - Prove the new system is stable and find bugs that only occur in the real world

- Regression testing

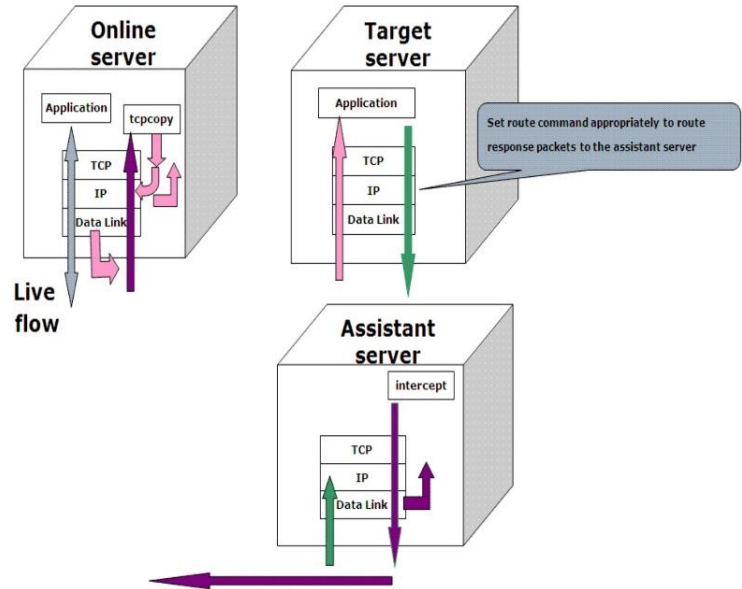- Performance comparison

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How does TCPCopy work?

- TCPCopy copies packets on the online server, modifies TCP/IP headers, and sends modified packets to the target test server

- In this way, TCP applications on the target test server will consider the packets from the online server as online requests from end-users

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Architecture

- Architecture

- The TCPCopy server (intercept) runs on a separate machine instead of the test server

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Demo configuration

- Architecture

```
---------------          ------------          ----------------
| Online      |          | Test     |          | Assistant |
| Server      |   ===    | Server   |   ===    | Server    |
| Apache      |          | Nginx    |          |           |
---------------          ------------          ----------------
 Kali Linux 2017     Kali Linux 2017      Kali Linux 2017
IP 192.168.86.86       192.168.86.88        192.168.86.87
```

Client machine (making the HTTP requests to the online server) IP > 192.168.30.85

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Installing TCPCopy

- Online server > Clone the repo

```
root@LUCKY64:/opt3# git clone git://github.com/session-replay-tools/tcpcopy.git
Cloning into 'tcpcopy'...
remote: Counting objects: 8643, done.
remote: Total 8643 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 8643
Receiving objects: 100% (8643/8643), 7.64 MiB | 2.35 MiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (5921/5921), done.
root@LUCKY64:/opt3# cd tcpcopy/
root@LUCKY64:/opt3/tcpcopy# ls
AUTHORS  auto  ChangeLog  conf  configure  COPYING  LICENSE  NEWS  README  README.md  src
```

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Installing TCPCopy

- Online Server > Configure and build TCPCopy

```
cd tcpcopy/
./configure
make
make install
```

Installing TCPCopy

• Assistant (Intercept) server > Clone the repo

```
root@kali2017:~# git clone git://github.com/session-replay-tools/intercept.git
Cloning into 'intercept'...
remote: Counting objects: 446, done.
remote: Total 446 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 446
Receiving objects: 100% (446/446), 102.88 KiB | 182.00 KiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (270/270), done.
root@kali2017:~# cd intercept/
root@kali2017:~/intercept# ls
AUTHORS  auto  ChangeLog  configure  COPYING  LICENSE  NEWS  README  README.md  src
```

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Installing TCPCopy

• Assistant (Intercept) server > Configure and build Intercept

```
cd intercept/
./configure
make
make install
```

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Running TCPCopy

- Assume tcpcopy and intercept are both configured with "./configure"

- On the target test server which runs server applications. Set route commands appropriately to route response packets to the assistant server

```
ip route add 192.168.30.0/24 via 192.168.86.87
```

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Running TCPCopy

• On the assistant server which runs intercept


```
./intercept -i eth1 -F "src port 8080" -d
root@kali2017:~/intercept/objs# pwd
/root/intercept/objs
root@kali2017:~/intercept/objs# ./intercept -h
intercept 1.0.0
-i <device,>   The name of the interface to listen on.  This is usually a driver
               name followed by a unit number,for example eth0 for the first
               Ethernet interface.
-F <filter>    user filter(same as pcap filter)
-n <num>       set the maximal num of combined packets.
-p <num>       set the TCP port number to listen on. The default number is 36524.
-s <num>       set the hash table size for intercept. The default value is 65536.
-D <transfer>  use <transfer> to specify the dockered_ip and orig_ip
               which are segmented by '-'.
-l <file>      save log information in <file>
-P <file>      save PID in <file>, only used with -d option
-b <ip_addr>   interface to listen on (default: INADDR_ANY, all addresses)
-v             intercept version
-h             print this help and exit
-d             run as a daemon
```

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Running TCPCopy

- On the online source server

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Running TCPCopy

• Generating traffic from the client to the online Apache server

```
root@indishell:~# for((i=1;i<30033;i++));do curl http://192.168.86.86;done
<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 3.2 Final//EN">
<html>
 <head>
  <title>Index of /</title>
 </head>
 <body>
<h1>Index of /</h1>
  <table>
   <tr><th valign="top"><img src="/icons/blank.gif" alt="[ICO]"></th><th><a href="?C=N;O=D">Name</a></th><th><a href="?C=M;O=A">La
st modified</a></th><th><a href="?C=S;O=A">Size</a></th><th><a href="?C=D;O=A">Description</a></th></tr>
   <tr><th colspan="5"><hr></th></tr>
```

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Running TCPCopy

- While Apache is running online, the TCP flows are copied from Apache to Nginx. The TCP flows are just forwarded to Nginx

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```
10:34:52.183244 IP 192.168.30.33.53074 > 192.168.86.88.8080: Flags [P.], seq 2101640580:2101640743, ack 855567320, win 229, options [nop,no
p,TS val 7467137 ecr 8054452], length 163: HTTP: GET / HTTP/1.1
        0x0000:  0050 563a 7ee7 000c 2969 6fee 0800 4500  .PV:~...)io...E.
        0x0010:  00d7 8d04 4000 3f06 b852 c0a8 1e21 c0a8  ....@.?..R...!..
        0x0020:  5658 cf52 1f90 7d44 7d84 32fe ebd8 8018  VX.R..}D}.2.....
        0x0030:  00e5 9fbe 0000 0101 080a 0071 f081 007a  ...........q...z
        0x0040:  e6b4 4745 5420 2f20 4854 5450 2f31 2e31  ..GET./.HTTP/1.1
        0x0050:  0d0a 5573 6572 2d41 6765 6e74 3a20 6375  ..User-Agent:.cu
        0x0060:  726c 2f37 2e32 322e 3020 2869 3638 362d  rl/7.22.0.(i686-
        0x0070:  7063 2d6c 696e 7578 2d67 6e75 2920 6c69  pc-linux-gnu).li
        0x0080:  6263 7572 6c2f 372e 3232 2e30 204f 7065  bcurl/7.22.0.Ope
        0x0090:  6e53 534c 2f31 2e30 2e31 207a 6c69 622f  nSSL/1.0.1.zlib/
        0x00a0:  312e 322e 332e 3420 6c69 6269 646e 2f31  1.2.3.4.libidn/1
        0x00b0:  2e32 3320 6c69 6272 746d 702f 322e 330d  .23.librtmp/2.3.
        0x00c0:  0a48 6f73 743a 2031 3932 2e31 3638 2e38  .Host:.192.168.8
        0x00d0:  362e 3836 0d0a 4163 6365 7074 3a20 2a2f  6.86..Accept:.*/
        0x00e0:  2a0d 0a0d 0a                             *....
```

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