



Implementing Protocols

A step-by-step guide



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Scapy Concepts

abstracted fields encoding and decoding

- simplified protocols implementations
 - they are called **layers**
- a layer is an object
 - it inherits from the `Packet` object
- each layer is a list of **fields**

Navigating Layers

```
>>> p = Ether() / IP () / UDP()

>>> p[IP]
<IP frag=0 proto=udp |<UDP |>>

>>> p[IP].underlayer
<Ether type=IPv4 |<IP frag=0 proto=udp |<UDP |>>>

>>> p[IP].payload
<UDP |>

>>> p.payload.payload
<UDP |>
```

- `p[IP]` : access a layer by name
- `p[IP].underlayer` : access its ancestor
- `p[IP].payload` : access its predecessor

Fields

- many types (see `scapy/fields.py`)
 - `ByteField`, `IPField`, `StrField` ...
- variants
 - `X*` : display the field in hexadecimal
 - `LE*` : Little Endian integer
 - `Signed*` : signed integer
 - `*Enum*` : use a dictionary to name values

implementing a layer consists in combining fields

Frequent Patterns

A Simple Layer

```
class UDP(Packet):
    name = "UDP"
    fields_desc = [ShortEnumField("sport", 53,
                                  UDP_SERVICES),
                   ShortEnumField("dport", 53,
                                  UDP_SERVICES),
                   ShortField("len", None),
                   XShortField("chksum", None), ]
```

see `scapy/layers/inet.py`

- mandatory elements
 - `Packet` inheritance
 - a `name`
 - a `fields_desc` containing a list of fields
- three `ShortField` variants
- default values

Computing Default Values

```
def post_build(self, packet, payload):
    packet += payload
    tmp_len = self.len
    if tmp_len is None:
        tmp_len = len(packet)
        packet = packet[:4]
        packet += struct.pack("!H", tmp_len)
        packet += packet[6:]
    return p
```

computing the `chksum` value is similar

- `None` is replaced by 0
- `post_build()` method alters the `bytes` values

Matching Answers

```
def hashret(self):  
    return self.payload.hashret()  
  
def answers(self, other):  
    if not isinstance(other, UDP):  
        return 0  
    return self.payload.answers(other.payload)
```

see `UDP` in `scapy/layers/inet.py`

- `hashret()` method
 - constructs a hash common to the query & the answer
- `answers()` method
 - returns `True` if `other` is an answer to `self`

Finding The Next Layer

```
bind_layers(Ether, MACControl, type=MAC_CONTROL_ETHER_TYPE)

def guess_payload_class(self, payload):
    try:
        op_code = (orb(payload[0]) << 8) + orb(payload[1])
        return MAC_CTRL_CLASSES[op_code]
    except KeyError:
        pass

    return Packet.guess_payload_class(self, payload)
```

see `MACControl` in

`scapy/contrib/mp1s.py`

- `bind_layers()` function
 - instructs Scapy to tie layers together
- `guess_payload_class()` method
 - returns the class of the payload

Packets As A Single Field

```
class Dot11EltRSN(Dot11Elt):
    name = "802.11 RSN information"
    match_subclass = True
    fields_desc = [
        ByteEnumField("ID", 48, _dot11_id_enum),
        ByteField("len", None),
        LEShortField("version", 1),
        PacketField("group_cipher_suite", RSNCipherSuite(), RSNCipherSuite),
        # --- 8< --- 8< --- 8< ---
```

see `scapy/layers/dot11.py`

- `PacketField` decodes a field as a packet

Packet As A List Of Fields

```
class GTPEchoResponse(Packet):  
    name = "GTP Echo Response"  
    fields_desc = [PacketListField("IE_list", [], IE_Dispatcher)]  
    # ---- 8< ---- 8< ---- 8< ----
```

see `scapy/layers/dot11.py`

- `PacketListField` decodes a field as a list of packets
- here `IE_Dispatcher` could be a class or a function that returns a class
 - it makes it possible to handle different types of packets

Notable Fields

Encoding Bits

```
class Dot1AH(Packet):  
    name = "802_1AH"  
    fields_desc = [BitField("prio", 0, 3),  
                   BitField("dei", 0, 1),  
                   BitField("nca", 0, 1),  
                   BitField("res1", 0, 1),  
                   BitField("res2", 0, 2),  
                   ThreeBytesField("isid", 0)]
```

see `scapy/layers/l2.py`

- `BitField` can read less than a byte
 - successive `BitField` must total 8 bits

One Field And Multiple Types

```
class PIMv2JoinPruneAddrBase(_PIMGenericTlvBase):
    fields_desc = [
        ByteField("addr_family", 1),
        ByteField("encoding_type", 0),
        BitField("rsrvd", 0, 5),
        BitField("sparse", 0, 1),
        BitField("wildcard", 0, 1),
        BitField("rpt", 1, 1),
        ByteField("mask_len", 32),
        MultipleTypeField(
            [(IP6Field("src_ip", "::"),
              lambda pkt: pkt.addr_family == 2)],
            IPField("src_ip", "0.0.0.0")
        ),
    ]
```

see `scapy/contrib/pim.py`

- `src_ip` could either be `IPField` or `IP6Field`
 - it depends on the `addr_family` field value

Check A Condition

```
class DNS(DNSCompressedPacket):
    name = "DNS"
    fields_desc = [
        ConditionalField(ShortField("length", None),
                        lambda p: isinstance(p.underlayer, TCP)),
        ShortField("id", 0),
        BitField("qr", 0, 1),
        # --- 8< --- 8< --- 8< ---
```

see `scapy/layers/dns.py`

- the `length` field only exists if the condition is `True`
 - for DNS, it is only valid when TCP is used

Length & Value

```
class HBHOptUnknown(Packet): # IPv6 Hop-By-Hop Option
    name = "Scapy6 Unknown Option"
    fields_desc = [_ObjectTypeField("otype", 0x01, _hbhopts),
                  FieldLenField("optlen", None, length_of="optdata", fmt="B"),
                  StrLenField("optdata", "",
                              length_from=lambda pkt: pkt.optlen)]
```

see `scapy/layers/inet6.py`

- `FieldLenField` encodes a count
 - `length_of` is used to compute it
- `StrLenField` stores a value
 - `length_from` is used to get it

Count & Value

```
class ReserveRelease(Packet):
    name = "Reserve / Release"
    fields_desc = [ByteEnumField("rcmd", 0, {0: "Read Reserve List",
                                             1: "Set Reserve List",
                                             2: "Force Set Reserve List"}),
                  FieldLenField("nb_mac", None, count_of="mac_addrs"),
                  FieldListField("mac_addrs", None, MACField("", ETHER_ANY),
                                 count_from=lambda pkt: pkt.nb_mac)]
```

see `scapy/layers/inet6.py`

- `FieldLenField` encodes a count
 - `count_of` is used to retrieve it
- `FieldListField` stores a list of fields
 - `count_from` is used to get the number of fields

Allow Failures

```
class TCPErrror(TCP):
    name = "TCP in ICMP"
    fields_desc = (
        TCP.fields_desc[:2] +
        # MayEnd after the 8 first octets.
        [MayEnd(TCP.fields_desc[2])] +
        TCP.fields_desc[3:]
    )

>> TCPErrror(raw(TCP())[:8])
```

see [scapy/contrib/aoe.py](#)

- it might be OK to receive fewer data than the full Packet
 - only the first fields are decoded

Advanced Patterns

Find A Better Layer

```
class IPv46(IP, IPv6):
    name = "IPv4/6"

    @classmethod
    def dispatch_hook(cls, _pkt=None, *_ , **kargs):
        if _pkt:
            if orb(_pkt[0]) >> 4 == 6:
                return IPv6
            elif kargs.get("version") == 6:
                return IPv6
            return IP

conf.l2types.register(DLT_RAW, IPv46)
```

see `scapy/layers/inet6.py`

- `dispatch_hook()` is used to dynamically change the layer
 - here, it allows choosing `IP` or `IPv6` while parsing Raw IP PCAP files

TCP Reassembly

```
@classmethod
def tcp_reassemble(cls, data, metadata, session):
    length = struct.unpack("!I", data[4:8])[0] + 8
    if len(data) >= length:
        return DoIP(data)
    return None
```

see `DoIP` in

`scapy/contrib/automotive/doip.p`

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- `tcp_reassemble()` allows to decode a layer when enough data is received
 - Scapy reconstructs the TCP session

Modify The Dissection Result

```
def post_dissect(self, s):  
    self.decrypt()
```

see `Dot11WEP` in

`scapy/layers/dot11.py`

- `post_dissect()` is called when the layer is fully decoded
 - if the WEP key is known, the frame is decrypted

Discard Extra Bytes

```
def extract_padding(self, pkt):  
    return "", pkt
```

see `TFTP_Option` in
`scapy/layers/tftp.py`

- extra bytes could be considered as padding
- here `extract_padding()` informs Scapy, that there is not padding
 - this is useful for `PacketListField`

Adding A New Field

Field States

- **i (internal)**
 - how Scapy manipulates the field
- **m (machine)**
 - how the field is sent over the network
- **h (human)**
 - how the field is displayed for humans

Field State Conversion Methods

- **i2h()**
 - internal → human
- **i2m()**
 - internal → machine
- **m2i()**
 - machine → internal

these methods convert field states for specific use cases

Alter A Field Behavior

```
class ThreeBytesField(Field[int, int]):
    def __init__(self, name, default):
        Field.__init__(self, name, default, "!I")

    def addfield(self, pkt, s, val):
        return s + struct.pack(self.fmt, self.i2m(pkt, val))[1:4]

    def getfield(self, pkt, s):
        return s[3:], self.m2i(pkt,
                                struct.unpack(self.fmt,
                                              b"\x00" + s[:3])[0])
```

see `scapy/fields.py`

- `getfield()` decodes three bytes from `s`
 - it returns the remaining part of `s` and the decode value
- `addfield()` encodes three bytes

Questions?

Going Further

- <https://github.com/secdev/scapy>
- <https://scapy.net>
- <https://scapy.readthedocs.io>

