





Wireshark (aka Ethereal)



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What is Wireshark



- Free Open Source Network Protocol Analyzer
- Multi-platform: Runs on Windows, Linux, Solaris, NetBSD, FreeBSD
- CLI as well as Graphical display
- 100's of protocols supported

Acknowledgements

- Gerald Combs, creator, lead developer 1998
- Guy Harris
- Gilbert Ramirez
- Many, many contributors

http://anonsvn.wireshark.org/wireshark/trunk/AUTHORS

- libpcap folks
- Winpcap folks
- CACE Technologies

How is Wireshark Used today?

- Troubleshooting
- Performance issues
- Security Analysis
- Protocol Learning Tool
- Protocol Development

Wireshark Website

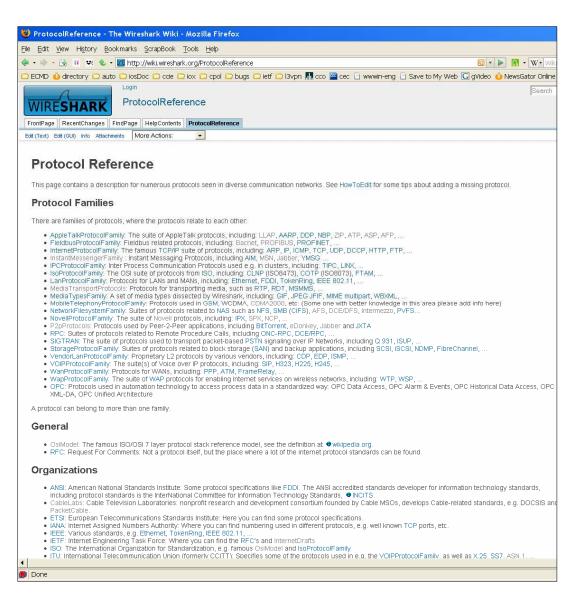
- http://www.wireshark.org
- Formerly ethereal.com

- Source tarball
- SVN repository
- Multi-platform compiled sources
- Documentation



Wireshark Wiki

- http://wiki.wireshark.org/
- Protocol reference
- Discussion on various network protocols and their function operation
- Growing sample pcap library



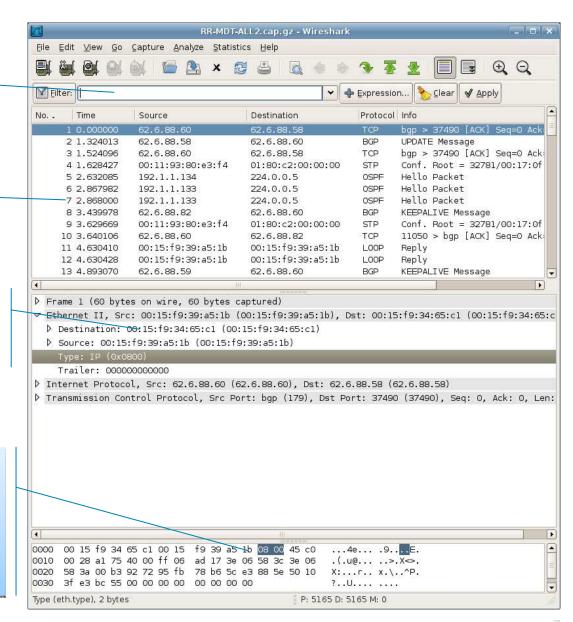
Basic Components

Captured Frame Filter Spec

Frames that match Filter Spec

Protocol Dissection of selected frame

Hex view of frame highlighted, selection from protocol dissection is a also highlighted



Acquiring Packets (capturing)

Select Capture->Interfaces..

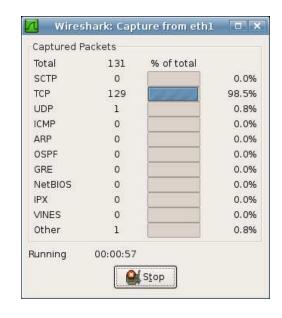




Pick which Interface to Capture

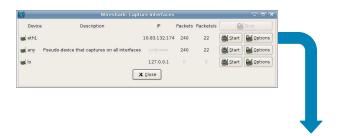
Real-time stats are shown with basic breakdown of captured packets

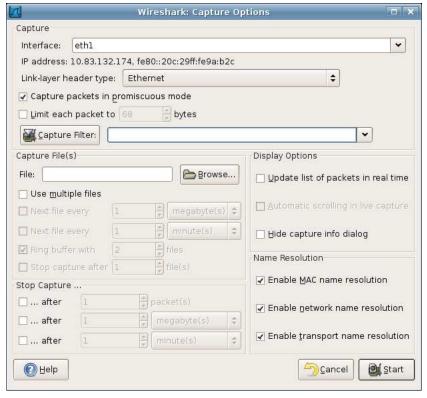
Clock on Stop to Stop and Analyze in detail



Capture Options

- Allow user to select 'how' the capture is done
- Capture Filters
- Where to store capture file
- Real-time Capture
- When to stop Capturing





Security- Capturing Packets

- Capturing generally super-user capability
 BSD does not require SU to capture in promiscious
- Have been number of security related issues
 Large number of dissectors from variety of people
 Large infrastructure code (GTK, etc)
- For pure capture, 'tshark' in capture-only mode or 'tcpdump' might be better option
 Analysis in Wireshark

Other Capture Options

- SPAN'ing or RSPAN'ing switch traffic to protocol analyzer port
- Vendors have IP packet copy feature, eg
 ERSPAN, copy of capture traffic sent via GRE
 IOS IP Traffic Export (sampling, local copy supported)
 JUNOS port-mirroring
 Flexible NetFlow, export payload
 Lawful Intercept
- Embedded capture
 c6500 monitor type capture
 WAAS tethereal capture
- Specialized hardware
 NAM modules in 6500, ISRs

Current Limitations with PCAP

Single linktype per file

How to represent serial / etherenet / etc in the same file?

IP RAW means loss of L2 information

Linux pcap on 'special' interface can represent multiple linktypes

Per-Packet Information (PPI) Header

driven by CACE Tech

New shim (represented as linktype) in PCAP

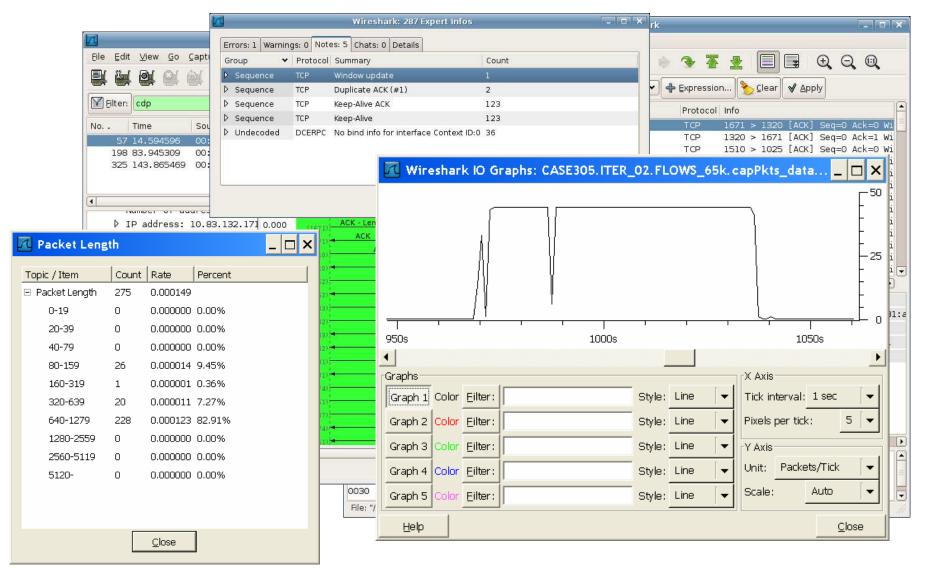
Extensible:

Can encode multiple linktypes

Annotations, etc...

Wireshark 0.99.6

Analyzing Captured Frames



Wireshark Basic Decode Flow

Reading File

- Can open one file at a time
- Each packet has a frame_data data structure

Points to next packet, previous packet

Information about the packet

time of capture

size of packet

location of where the actual data (what was seen on the wire) for this frame starts

Protocol Dissection

- When packet is selected in packet list top level dissector is called (eg ethernet)
- This dissector will call other dissectors as needed (eg, IP, MPLS, IPX etc), which will call other dissectors (IP,TCP, ICMP etc)

Keeps on going until a dissector doesn't call anybody

 Dissectors register at startup, create parent-child relationship with other protocols/dissectors

Protocol Dissection

 Protocol Tree pane is created by 'typed' functions (IPv4 address, bitfield, TLVs, strings, display (dec, hex) etc)

Makes searching/filtering possible at same time

```
name abbrev type display

hf_eth_type, { "Type", "eth.type", FT_UINT16, BASE_HEX,
VALS(etype_vals), 0x0, "EtherType", HFILL }

strings bitmask blurb
```

```
const value_string etype_vals[] = {
    {ETHERTYPE_IP, "IP" },
    {ETHERTYPE_IPv6, "IPv6" },
```

Adding Items to Tree

proto_XXX_DO_YYY()

```
proto_tree_add_item(tree, id, tvb, start,
length, little_endian);
proto_tree_add_string(tree, id, tvb, start,
length, value_ptr);
Many others...
```

tree: current protocol tree to attach to

id: header format used

tvb: buffer to use

start: start offset for field

length: length of field



How to Update Wireshark

Why add to Wireshark

Dean Wilson:

"The switch talking to the master radio did have a lot of blinking lights, but watching blinking lights to measure traffic is about as accurate as using your tongue as a battery tester."

- Generally, protocol changes are just new fields on top of a existing framework.
- •If you know where to make the changes, it is an extremely simple job.
- Beats looking at flashing lights

Getting a Build Environment

- Can use Windows environment but difficult to setup
- Alternatively, cygwin under windows
- Unix/Linux (incl Mac OS X) environment is easier.
 Generally works out of the box
- Getting the source code

via SVN via tarball

Getting a Build Environment (2)

SVN is easier as you can

Dynamically update

Compare your changes against committed code

Doing the checkout:

```
> svn co http://anonsvn.wireshark.org/wireshark/trunk/ wireshark
A wireshark/cmake/modules
A wireshark/cmake/modules/FindGLIB2.cmake
A wireshark/cmake/modules/FindYACC.cmake
...
```

'wireshark' directory created.

Checkout is from the latest code

Wireshark Directory

The checkout will create an entire directory structure.

Decoding code that we will be looking at is in:

wireshark/epan/dissectors

```
wireshark/epan
|-- dfilter
|-- dissectors
| |-- dcerpc
| |-- budb
| |-- butc
| |-- drsuapi
| `-- pidl
| `-- nspi
|-- ftypes
`-- wslua
```

```
wireshark
 -- aclocal-fallback
 -- asn1
 -- autom4te.cache
 -- cmake
 -- codecs
 -- debian
 -- diameter
 -- doc
 -- docbook
 -- dtds
 -- epan
 -- qtk
 -- help
 -- idl
 -- image
 -- packaging
 -- plugins
 -- radius
 -- test
 -- tools
```

wiretap

Or use Aamer's VMware Build Box

- Xubuntu based (Debian Linux derivative)
- Build tools already installed
- Wireshark code is already checked out
- Available at: <URL TODO> volunteers for hosting 3gig vmware image?

Bittorrent?

Test Build (autogen.sh)

- autogen.sh will make configure (next step) script for you (among other things)
- Configure script already provided in tarball le autogen.sh is only needed with svn checkout

```
wireshark> ./autogen.sh
Checking for python.
processing .
aclocal -I ./aclocal-fallback
libtoolize --copy --force
autoheader
automake --add-missing --gnu
autoconf
processing wiretap
aclocal -I ../aclocal-fallback
autoheader
automake --add-missing --gnu
autoconf
Now type "./configure [options]" and "make" to compile Wireshark.
```

Test Build (configure)

```
wireshark> ./configure --without-ucd-snmp --without-net-snmp checking build system type... i686-pc-linux-gnu checking host system type... i686-pc-linux-gnu checking target system type... i686-pc-linux-gnu
```

- In wireshark directory:
- Configure (generally default options will work)

```
The Wireshark package has been configured with
the following options.
                    Build wireshark: yes
                       Build tshark : yes
                     Build capinfos : yes
                      Build editcap : yes
                      Build dumpcap: yes
                     Build mergecap : yes
                    Build text2pcap : yes
                      Build idl2wrs : yes
                      Build randpkt : yes
                       Build dftest : yes
                     Install setuid : no
                        Use plugins : yes
                   Build lua plugin : no
                   Build rtp_player : no
                Use GTK+ v2 library : yes
                       Use threads : no
            Build profile binaries : no
                  Use pcap library : yes
                  Use zlib library : yes
                  Use pcre library : no
```

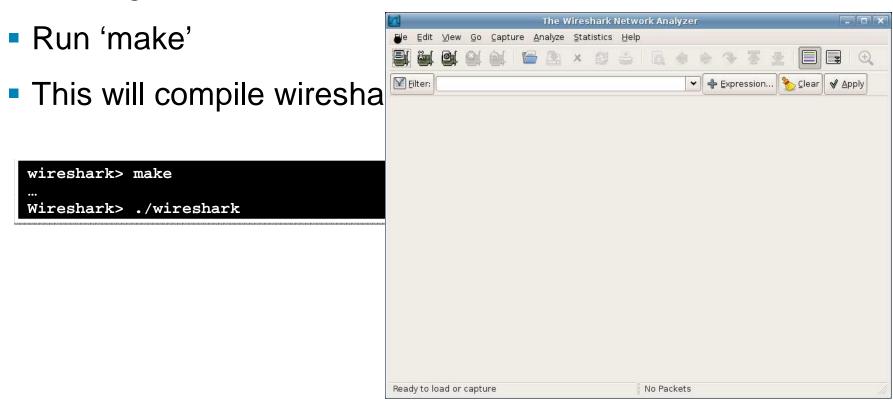
Test Build (make)

- If configure is successful:
- Run 'make'
- This will compile wireshark

```
wireshark> make
cd . && /bin/sh /users/aakhter/src/wireshark-orig/missing --run autoconf
/bin/sh ./config.status --recheck
running /bin/sh ./configure --without-ucd-snmp --without-net-snmp CC=gcc
...
```

Test Build (make)

If configure is successful:



Words of Caution (Portability)

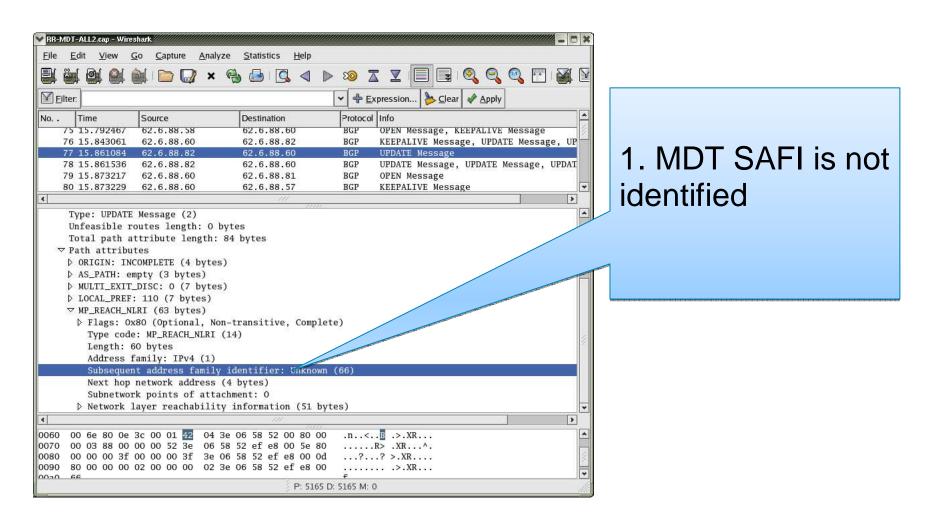
- Wireshark is supposed to run on multiple platforms and compilers. Be careful in what you use and how you use it.
- It's not C++, so no comments with //
- No 0-length Arrays
- Variable declaration should be outside function or beginning of function
- No inline
- No uchar, u_char, u_shart, use guint8 (8 bit unsigned) etc
- Many more in <u>README.developer</u> section 1.1.1

Sample Exercise: Adding BGP MDT support

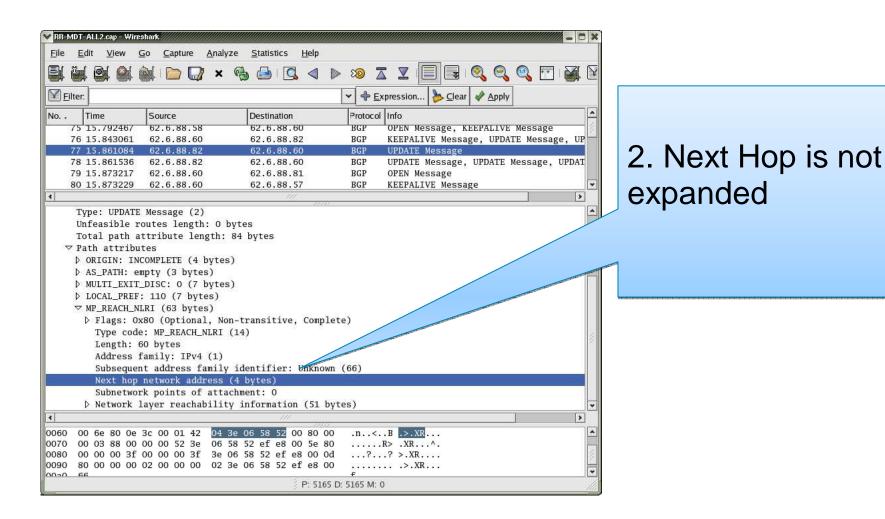
- MDT SAFI creates a new MP-BGP sub-address family for the advertisement of multicast-vpn route distringuisher, P source address, and multicast group address
- MDT SAFI is defined in: draft-nalawade-idr-mdt-safi
- Currently Wireshark does not support MDT SAFI
- Walk through adding support Identify work items Add and test each item
- pcap file used available at:

http://www.employees.org/~aamer/RR-MDT-ALL2.cap

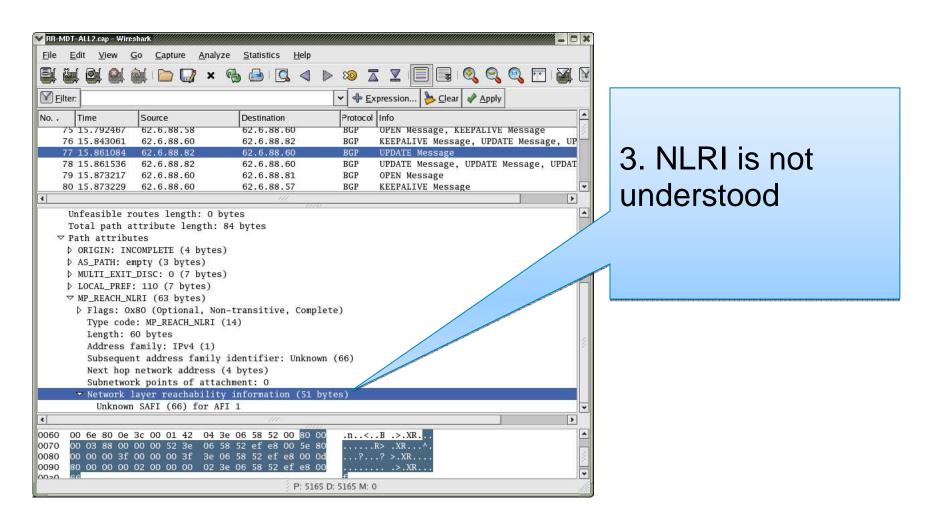
Identify Work Items



Identify Work Items



Identify Work Items



Things to Do

- In BGP MP_NLRI
 - 1. MVPN SAFI is unknown (66)
 - 2. Next Hop is not expanded to IPv4 address
 - NLRI information is not understood
- All three items are related to BGP

```
Basically 2 files:
```

```
packet-bgp.c packet-bgp.h
```

Majority of updates are 1-2 files

File naming format is:

```
packet-<protocol>.[c|h]
```

```
wireshark/epan
|-- dfilter
|- dissectors
| |-- dcerpc
| |-- budb
| |-- butc
| `-- drsuapi
| `-- pidl
| `-- nspi
|-- ftypes
`-- wslua
```

MVPN SAFI is unknown

```
Length: 60 bytes
Address family: IPv4 (1)
Subsequent address family identifier: Unknown (66)
Next hop network address (4 bytes)
Subpetwork points of attachment: 0
```

- 66 = "Multicast Distribution Tree"
- Wireshark code is such that Number Value to Text Representation is usually held in constants in the beginning of the file.
- A quick check of packet-bgp.c shows SAFI names held in bgpattr_nlri_safi.

MVPN SAFI is unknown

```
Length: 60 bytes
Address family: IPv4 (1)
Subsequent address family identifier: Unknown (66)
Next hop network address (4 bytes)
Subpetwork points of attachment: 0
```

 A grep for SAFNUM_UNICAST shows that it is defined in packet-bgp.h

Add in packet-bgp.h:

MVPN SAFI is unknown

```
Length: 60 bytes

Address family: IPv4 (1)

Subsequent address family identifier: Unknown (66)

Next hop network address (4 bytes)

Subnetwork points of attachment: 0
```

Add in packet-bgp.c for bgpattr_nlri_safi:

MVPN SAFI is unknown

```
Length: 60 bytes
Address family: IPv4 (1)
Subsequent address family identifier: Unknown (66)
Next hop network address (4 bytes)
Subsetwork points of attachment: 0
```

- Save changes and running 'make' (configure not required)
- MDT SAFI is recognized

```
Unfeasible routes length: O bytes
  Total path attribute length: 84 bytes
▽ Path attributes
  DORIGIN: INCOMPLETE (4 bytes)

▷ AS_PATH: empty (3 bytes)

  MULTI_EXIT_DISC: 0 (7 bytes)
  D LOCAL_PREF: 110 (7 bytes)

▼ MP REACH NLRI (63 bytes)

    ▶ Flags: 0x80 (Optional, Non-transitive, Complete)
      Type code: MP_REACH_NLRI (14)
      Length: 60 bytes
       Address family: IPv4 (1)
      Subsequent address family identifier: Multicast Distribution Tree (66)
      Next hop network address (4 bytes)
       Subnetwork points of attachment: 0
    Network layer reachability information (51 bytes)
 00 6e 80 0e 3c 00 01 42 04 3e 06 58 52 00 80 00
                                                    .n..<..🖺 .>.XR...
 00 03 88 00 00 00 52 3e 06 58 52 ef e8 00 5e 80 .....R> .XR...^.
 00 00 00 3f 00 00 00 3f 3e 06 58 52 ef e8 00 0d ...?...? >.XR....
  9 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 E0 E0 -4 -0 00
```

2. Next Hop is Not Expanded

```
Address Tamily: 1FV4 (1)
Subsequent address family identifier: Unki
Next hop network address (4 bytes)
Subnetwork points of attachment: 0

Network layer reachability information (5)
```

- The next hop address isn't shown (just the length)
- It's an IPv4 address here.
- Slightly more complicated than the last example. A quick search for "Next hop network address" in packetbgp.c leads us to this code:

- Note that we've found where the '4 bytes' is being added
- Note that a new subtree (subtree3) is being attached

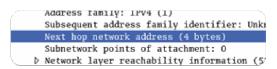
Next Hop is Not Expanded

```
Address ramliy: IPV4 (1)
Subsequent address family identifier: Unknown Next hop network address (4 bytes)
Subnetwork points of attachment: 0
Network layer reachability information (5)
```

```
advance = mp_addr_to_str(af, saf, tvb, o + i + aoff + 4 + j,
    junk_gbuf, MAX_STR_LEN);
...
proto_tree_add_text(subtree3, tvb,o + i + aoff + 4 + j,
    advance, "Next hop: %s (%u)", junk_gbuf, advance);
```

- A few lines down the text is added to subtree3 "Next hop..." That is what we're missing!
- The text for this is coming from 'advance' which is created by the function 'mp_addr_to_str'
- mp_addr_to_str has this bit of code:

Next Hop is Not Expanded



- Our MDT SAFI is also an IPv4 address, just like SAFNUM_UNICAST, and SAFNUM_MPLS_LABEL.
- If we add SAFNUM_MDT to the list and recompile

```
➤ Flags: 0x80 (Optional, Non-transitive, Complete)

Type code: MP_REACH_NLRI (14)

Length: 60 bytes

Address family: IPv4 (1)

Subsequent address family identifier: Multicast Distribution Tree (66)

Next hop network address (4 bytes)

Next hop: 62.6.88.82 (4)

Subnetwork points of attachment: 0

Network layer reachability information (51 bytes)
```

- Note how subtree3 is a child of the 'Next hop network address'
- The IPv4 next-hop address is now decoded!

3. NLRI not Understood

Subsequent address family identifier: Unknown (66) Next hop network address (4 bytes) Subnetwork points of attachment: 0

▼ Network layer reachability information (51 bytes)

Unknown SAFI (66) for AFI 1

- The NLRI information is not understood.
- draft-nalawade-idr-mdt-safi section 5 describes the format:

Route Distinguisher (8 Bytes)

MDT Source Address (4 Bytes)

MDT Group Address (4 Bytes)

Route-Distinguisher: is the RD of the VRF to which this MDT attribute belongs.

MDT Source Address: is the source address of MDT.

MDT Group Address: is the Group-address of the MDT-Group that a VRF is associated to.

NLRI not Understood

Subsequent address family identifier: Unknown (66) Next hop network address (4 bytes) Subnetwork points of attachment: 0

▼ Network layer reachability information (51 bytes)

Unknown SAFI (66) for AFI 1

The text for NLRI in the field is:

This maps to:

RD: 904:82

Source: 62.6.88.82

Multicast Destination: 239.232.0.94

RD: 63:63

Source: 62.6.88.82

Multicast Destination: 239.232.0.13

. . . .

Adding MDT NLRI support

```
Subsequent address family identifier: Unknown (66)
Next hop network address (4 bytes)
Subnetwork points of attachment: 0

Network layer reachability information (51 bytes)
Unknown SAFI (66) for AFI 1
```

 decode_prefix_MP has the code for decoding the NLRI. This section shows how the decoding is done for IPv4 unicast, multicast, labeled prefixes

```
* Decode a multiprotocol prefix
static int
decode prefix MP(proto tree *tree, int hf addr4, int hf addr6,
     quint16 afi, quint8 safi, tvbuff t *tvb, qint offset, const char *taq)
     switch (afi) {
     case AFNUM INET:
         switch (safi) {
         case SAFNUM UNICAST:
         case SAFNUM MULCAST:
         case SAFNUM UNIMULC:
             total_length = decode_prefix4(tree, hf_addr4, tvb, offset, 0, tag);
             if (total_length < 0)</pre>
                 return -1;
             break:
         case SAFNUM MPLS LABEL:
             plen = tvb_get_guint8(tvb, offset);
             labnum = decode MPLS stack(tvb, offset + 1, lab stk, sizeof(lab stk)
⊊);
             offset += (1 + labnum * 3);
             if (plen <= (labnum * 3*8)) {
                 proto tree add text(tree, tvb, start offset, 1,
```

Adding MDT NLRI support

```
Subsequent address family identifier: Unknown (66)
Next hop network address (4 bytes)
Subnetwork points of attachment: 0

Network layer reachability information (51 bytes)
Unknown SAFI (66) for AFI 1
```

```
case SAFNUM_MDT:
           plen = tvb_get_guint8(tvb, offset);
           offset += 1;
           if (plen != (16*8)) {
               proto_tree_add_text(tree, tvb, start_offset, 1,
                           "%s MDT NLRI length %u is invalid",
                       tag, plen);
               return -1;
           rd_to_str(tvb, offset, &rd_str);
           ip4addr.addr = tvb get ipv4(tvb, offset + 8);
           ip4addr2.addr = tvb_get_ipv4(tvb, offset + 12);
           ti = proto tree add text(tree, tvb, offset, 16,
                            "RD=%s, source=%s, default MDT=%s",
                            rd str, ip to str((quint8 *)&ip4addr), ip to str((quint8 *)&ip4addr2));
           prefix tree = proto item add subtree(ti, ett bqp prefix);
          proto tree add text(prefix tree, tvb, start offset, 1, "%s Prefix length: %u",
                       tag, plen);
           proto_tree_add_text(prefix_tree, tvb,offset,8,"%s Route Distinguisher: %s",
                               taq, rd str);
           proto tree add item(prefix tree, hf bqp mdt source, tvb,
                               offset + 8, 4, FALSE);
           proto tree add item(prefix tree, hf bqp mdt default, tvb,
                               offset + 12, 4, FALSE);
           total length = 17;
           break;
```

Subsequent address family identifier: Unknown (66) Next hop network address (4 bytes) Subnetwork points of attachment: 0 Network layer reachability information (51 bytes)

Unknown SAFI (66) for AFI 1

Let's break it up

- We catch the SAFI 66 (MDT), and grab the first byte from the buffer.
- The first byte in the BGP NLRI is the bit length of the prefix.
- As we always have 128 bits (16B), that is a constant
- Anything else is a malformed NLRI
 So we add text to the tree stating as such

Let's break it up (2)

```
Subsequent address family identifier: Unknown (66)
Next hop network address (4 bytes)
Subnetwork points of attachment: 0
Network layer reachability information (51 bytes)
Unknown SAFI (66) for AFI 1
```

- We previously incremented offset by 1, moving past the NLRI length
- Offset is setting at the RD, which is 8B
 There are multiple formats in RD (AS, IPv4 address etc)
 rd_to_str translates 8B to string via rd_str
- tvb_get_ipv4 grabs the ipv4 source (8B past offset) and mcast destination (4B past ipv4 source)

Let's break it up (3)

Subsequent address family identifier: Unknown (66)
Next hop network address (4 bytes)
Subnetwork points of attachment: 0
Network layer reachability information (51 bytes)
Unknown SAFI (66) for AFI 1

- We add a free text line showing RD, source and default MDT
- The section of data runs from offset to 16 bytes (1 NLRI slice)
- This just a blob of text, it is not searchable
- total_length 17 denotes how much stuff was 'eaten'

```
Subsequent address family Identifier: Muticast Distribution free (ob)

✓ Next hop network address (4 bytes)

Next hop: 62.6.88.82 (4)

Subnetwork points of attachment: 0

✓ Network layer reachability information (51 bytes)

RD=904:82, NextHop=62.6.88.82, default MDT=239.232.0.94

RD=63:63, NextHop=62.6.88.82, default MDT=239.232.0.13

RD=2:2, NextHop=62.6.88.82, default MDT=239.232.0.102
```

Searchable Fields

- Current method has a blob of text, not searchable, individual fields not broken down
- We need to create a sub-tree to attach the individual fields to
- ett_bgp_prefix has already been designated as the protocol tree to use
- We use proto_item_add_subtree to create a child tree of ti called prefix_tree

Searchable Fields (2)

Route Distinguisher (8 Bytes)

MDT Source Address (4 Bytes)
MDT Group Address (4 Bytes)

 Add the NLRI prefix length (should be 128b) as free text from plen

Note that start_offset was used and length of 1

 RD text is put in as free text using the rd_str variable we had populated earlier

Note that RD starts at offset and has length of 8

```
...

proto_tree_add_text(prefix_tree, tvb, start_offset, 1, "%s Prefix length: %u",

tag, plen);

proto_tree_add_text(prefix_tree, tvb,offset,8,"%s Route Distinguisher: %s",

tag, rd_str);
```

Searchable Fields (3)

Route Distinguisher (8 Bytes)

MDT Source Address (4 Bytes)
MDT Group Address (4 Bytes)

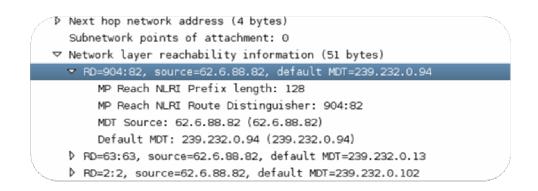
 For source IP and multicast MDT address used the hf_ field definition

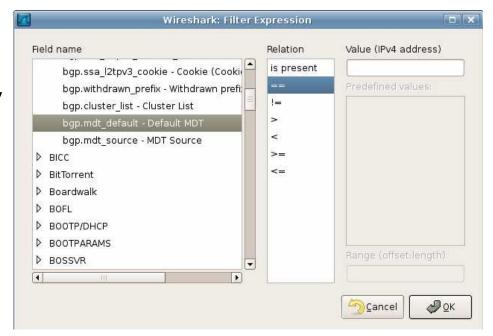
Created hf_bgp_mdt_default and hf_bgp_mdt_source Note that they are of type FT_IPv4

Also note that they will be searchable via the bgp.mdt_default and bgp.mdt_source keywords

Searchable Fields and breakdown

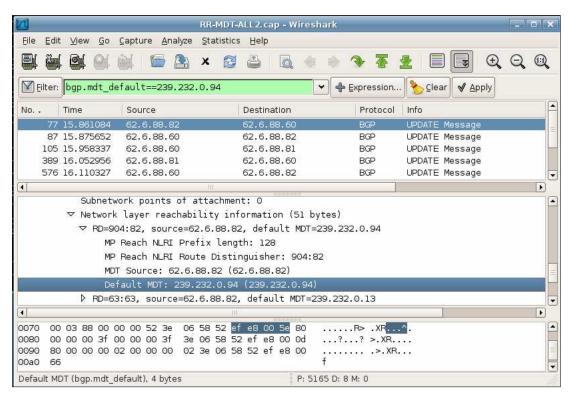
- Now there is a subtree under the blob text line
- Prefix Ien, RD, MDT source and MDT destination are broken out
- They are also individually highlighted in the hex display
- MDT source and MDT default are searchable





Support for Filters Added Automatically

- When using the hf_ fields not only is the rendering a lot easier
- But, support for field search is also added



Run Fuzz Tests

- Fuzz tests creates random packet variations based on capture files
- Tests your code against some variance (not just your perfect packets)
- By default, runs until breakage

Submitting The Patch

- You definitely want to submit your patch to the official Wireshark codebase. Benefits
 - Wider understanding of protocol
 - Maintenance of your code by other folks
 - Availability of your code in other platform (ie windows) builds
- Create a patch file by running svn diff in the wireshark directory. Email to <u>wireshark-dev</u> mailing list or attach it to bug at http://bugs.wireshark.org/
- Attach your capture file (remove private data, if needed) so it can be added to common fuzz library.

svn diff | gzip > my_patch.gz

Additional Help

 Wireshark Developers List http://www.wireshark.org/mailman/listinfo/wireshark-dev

Archive:

http://news.gmane.org/gmane.network.wireshark.devel

Summary

- Free Open Source Network Protocol Analyzer
- Multi-platform: Runs on Windows, Mac, Linux, Solaris, NetBSD, FreeBSD
- CLI as well as Graphical display
- 100's of protocols supported
- Multiple methods to capture packets
- Easy to add additional protocols
- There are (nice) people to help you along the way