

TECH NOTE

# WeOS Tcpdump

Manage the built-in packet sniffer



## Background

Packet sniffer that by default prints the header of each packet captured.

**Note:**

Only routed traffic, or traffic destined for the device itself, is possible to capture with this tool. Hence, switched Layer-2 traffic is not visible.

## WeOS Tcpdump syntax

**tcpdump** [[iface] <IFNAME>] [...] [expr <FILTER>]

Example: tcpdump vlan1

## WeOS Tcpdump options

**count** <NUMBER>

Exit after receiving *count* number of packets.

Example: tcpdump vlan1 count 10

**in** <URI://path/to/file.pcap>

Read a saved pcap file. Only USB storage at the moment.

Example: tcpdump in usb://log/vlan1.pcap

**out** <URI://path/to/file.pcap>

Write a pcap file. Only USB storage at the moment.

Example: tcpdump vlan1 out usb://log/vlan1.pcap

**snaplen** <BYTES>

Snarf *snaplen* bytes of data from each packet rather than the default of 68 bytes. Packets truncated because of a limited snapshot are indicated in the output with “[proto]”, where proto is the name of the protocol level at which the truncation has occurred.

Example: tcpdump vlan1 snaplen 1522

Example: tcpdump vlan1 snaplen 45

16:23:14.259531 arp reply 192.168.2.202 is-at 00:07:7c:0a:a8:41

16:23:14.237021 IP 192.168.2.69.7905 > 192.168.2.202.http: [[tcp]

## hex

When parsing and printing, in addition to printing the headers of each packet, print the data of each packet (minus its link level header) in hex and ASCII.

Example: tcpdump vlan1 hex

```
17:22:29.590422 arp who-has 192.168.2.202 tell 192.168.2.69
    0x0000  ffff ffff ffff 9c8e 993d 0196 0806 0001      .....=.....
    0x0010  0800 0604 0001 9c8e 993d 0196 c0a8 0245      .....=.....E
    0x0020  0000 0000 0000 c0a8 02ca 0000 0000 0000      .....
    0x0030  0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 882a      .....*
17:22:29.610567 arp reply 192.168.2.202 is-at 00:07:7c:0a:a8:41
    0x0000  9c8e 993d 0196 0007 7c0a a841 0806 0001      ...=...|..A....
    0x0010  0800 0604 0002 0007 7c0a a841 c0a8 02ca      .....|..A....
    0x0020  9c8e 993d 0196 c0a8 0245      ...=.....E
```

## numeric

Do not convert addresses to names (i.e host addresses, port numbers etc).

## verbose

When parsing and printing, produce (slightly more) verbose output.

For example, the time to live, identification, total length and options in an IP packet are printed.

Example: ssh packet non verbose:

```
15:10:51.098824 IP 192.168.2.69.5392 > 192.168.2.202.ssh: S 1730388179:1730388179(0) win
8192 <mss 1460,nop,wscale 2,nop,nop,sackOK>
```

Example: ssh packet verbose:

```
15:08:38.911630 IP (tos 0x0, ttl 128, id 7912, offset 0, flags [DF], length: 52) 192.168.2.69.5217 >
192.168.2.202.ssh: S [tcp sum ok] 2508578149:2508578149(0) win 8192 <mss 1460,nop,wscale
2,nop,nop,sackOK>
```

## WeOS Tcpcdump filter

**expr "<FILTER>"**

selects which packets will be dumped. If no *expression* is given, all packets on the net will be dumped.

Otherwise, only packets for which *expression* is `true' will be dumped, this is not a display filter.

Remember to put the filter within quotation marks.

For more filtering information visit:

<http://www.wireshark.org/docs/man-pages/pcap-filter.html>

## Tcpcdump Primitives

Direction Primitives

<b>dst</b>	Ex: tcpcdump vlan1 expr "dst 192.168.2.202"
<b>src</b>	Ex: tcpcdump vlan1 expr "src 192.168.2.69"
<b>net</b>	Ex: tcpcdump vlan1 expr "src net 192.168.2.0/24"
<b>port</b>	Ex: tcpcdump vlan1 expr "dst port 22"

Protocol primitives

**icmp, igmp, esp, vrrp, udp, tcp, ip, ether, arp** etc.

Ex: tcpcdump vlan1 expr "vrrp"

Ex: tcpcdump vlan1 expr "ether dst 00:07:7c:0a:a8:41"

Multicast primitive

**multicast** Ex: tcpcdump vlan1 expr "multicast"

## Tcpcdump Filter Operators

**!** Ex: tcpcdump vlan1 expr "!port 22"  
**not** Ex: tcpcdump vlan1 expr "not port 22"

**&&** Ex: tcpcdump vlan1 expr "dst 192.168.2.202 && port 22"  
**and** Ex: tcpcdump vlan1 expr "dst 192.168.2.202 and port 22"

**||** Ex: tcpcdump vlan1 expr "port 80 || port 22"  
**or** Ex: tcpcdump vlan1 expr "port 80 or port 22"



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