

NAME

dpa - DNS Packet Analyzer. Analyze DNS packets in ip trace files

SYNOPSIS

dpa [*OPTION*] *TRACEFILE*

DESCRIPTION

dpa is used to analyze dns packets in trace files. It has 3 main options: count, filter, and count uniques (i.e. count all different occurrences).

OPTIONS

-c *expressionlist*

Count occurrences of matching expressions

-f *expression*

Filter: only process packets that match the expression

-h Show usage

-p Show the total number of correct DNS packets, and percentage of -u and -c values (of the total of matching on the -f filter. if no filter is given, percentages are on all correct dns packets)

-of *file*

Write all packets that match the -f flag to file, as pcap data.

-ofh *file*

Write all packets that match the -f flag to file, in hexadecimal format, readable by drill.

-s Show possible match names

-s *matchname*

show possible match operators and values for name

-sf Only evaluate packets (in representation format) that match the -f filter. If no -f was given, evaluate all correct dns packets.

-u *matchnamelist*

Count every occurrence of every value of the matchname (for instance, count all packetsizes, see EXAMPLES in ldns-dpa(1)).

-ua For every matchname in -u, show the average value of all matches. Behaviour for match types that do not have an integer value is undefined.

-uac

For every matchname in -u, show the average number of times this value was encountered.

-um *number*

Only show the results from -u for values that occurred more than <number> times.

-v *level*

Set verbosity to level (1-5, 5 being the highest). Mostly used for debugging.

-notip *file*

Write packets that were not recognized as IP packets to file (as pcap data).

-baddns *file*

Write dns packets that were too mangled to parse to file (as pcap data).

-version

Show version and exit

LIST AND MATCHES

A <matchnamelist> is a comma separated list of match names (use -s to see possible match names). A <expressionlist> is a comma separated list of expressions.

An expression has the following form: <expr>: (<expr>)

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<expr> | <expr>
<expr> & <expr>
<match>
```

```
<match>:  <matchname> <operator> <value>
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<operator>:  =      equal to <value>      !=     not equal to <value>  >      greater than
<value>     <      lesser than <value>    >=     greater than or equal to <value> <=     lesser
than or equal to <value>    ~=     contains <value>
```

See the -s option for possible matchnames, operators and values.

EXAMPLES

```
ldns-dpa -u packetsize -p test.tr
```

Count all different packetsizes in test.tr and show the percentages.

```
ldns-dpa -f "edns=1&qr=0" -of edns.tr test.tr
```

Filter out all edns enable queries in test.tr and put them in edns.tr

```
ldns-dpa -f edns=1 -c tc=1 -u rcode test.tr
```

For all edns packets, count the number of truncated packets and all their rcodes in test.tr.

```
ldns-dpa -c tc=1,qr=0,qr=1,opcode=QUERY test.tr
```

For all packets, count the number of truncated packets, the number of packets with qr=0, the number of packets with qr=1 and the number of queries in test.tr.

```
ldns-dpa -u packetsize -ua test.tr
```

Show all packet sizes and the average packet size per packet.

```
ldns-dpa -u srcaddress -uac test.tr
```

Show all packet source addresses and the average number of packets sent from this address.

```
sudo tcpdump -i eth0 -s 0 -U -w - - port 53 | ldns-dpa -f qr=0 -sf
```

Print all query packets seen on the specified interface.

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REPORTING BUGS

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