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User Manual

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About the Guide

Welcome to DVSNetmon 1.2 for monitoring and analyzing Intranet and Internet Traffic.

This Manual is divided in 3 chapters.

Chapter 1 will give you Introduction and Overview of DVSNetmon. This chapter also contains System Requirements for working with DVSNetmon.

Chapter 2 contains instruction for Installation of DVSNetmon.

Chapter 3 provides you enough information for start working with DVSNetmon.

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Chapter 1

Introduction to DVSNetmon

DVSNetmon software is a simple and robust network monitoring software for monitoring the activities on a LAN and then intelligently analyzing it. This can be used to figure out the congestion in a network, to discover any malicious activities going on the LAN (like some user really getting the network down by heavily pumping the packets), monitoring Internet Traffic etc.

Overview of DVSNetmon

Features

- Can run on Windows 98/95/2000 or Linux based machines. The machine should be attached to the user's Ethernet network.
- Snoops the packet at line rate and stores only the important information in a database.
- Various ways to display the stored information from the database. The results come in form of graphs as well as tabular forms.
- Various kinds of query generated by the software gives the loads in the network by a particular machine, by all machines, by various applications in a network, by various applications within a machine.
- Show online and offline network traffic reports.

Architecture

The network monitoring software is developed in form of two distinct modules - Packet Snooper and Packet Analyzer.

This is designed to have flexibility and scalability in the system. This way, the module doing snooping/sniffing of packets can run on a high performance machine. While the module which analyzes the traffic can run on lower end machine also.

Also, both the modules can run on the same machine or can run on different machines. The modules communicate with each other using ODBC connectivity.

Packet Snooper

This module snoops all the packets going on a physical segment of Ethernet (can be 10 or 100 or 1000 Mbps) LAN. It then stores only the required fields from each Ethernet packet into a database. This database supported in current version is MySQL. The support for other databases will be done in the future releases. The database should provide connectivity to the application programs.

The following fields are extracted from each Ethernet packet by the snooper module and are then stored into the database:

- Source Ethernet Address.

- Destination Ethernet Address.
- Network Protocol type (in Ethernet header).
- Source IP address (if network protocol type in Ethernet header is IP).
- Destination IP address (if network protocol type in Ethernet header is IP).
- Transport Protocol Type (if network protocol type in Ethernet header is IP).
- Source Port Number (if the transport protocol type in IP header is UDP or TCP).
- Destination Port Number (if the transport protocol type in IP header is UDP or TCP).
- Timestamp (indicating when the packet traversed on LAN).

This database is maintained according to each day (24 hours), so that the database size is limited and searching in the database is fast.

Packet Analyzer

This module analyzes the information stored by the packet snooper from the database. This analysis is done based on user input i.e. what does user wants to analyze. User can select to view following things using the analyzer:-

- The total number of bytes transferred by every IP machine in the entire network.
- The total number of bytes transferred by a particular IP machine.
- The application/service level breakup of bandwidth in the entire network. In the network?
- The application/service level breakup of bandwidth within a particular machine.

Analyzer then displays the results in two types of formats - the **On-line Reports** and the **Offline Reports**.

The on-line reports, contains the information about the current load in the network from past configured number of minutes. The result of online report is generated in form of table as well as pie/bar charts.

While the offline reports give the network load for the entire day. The results received by the daily reports can be generated in form of a tabular form or in an ASCII based text file.

Minimum Requirements

Hardware

Pentium 300 MHz. 32 MB RAM, Mouse, Color VGA Monitor running at 800x600 and Network Interface card configured for TCP/IP.

Operating System

DVSNetmon can work on PC running Windows 9x, Windows Millennium Edition, Windows NT and Windows 2000 with Winsock 2.0 compliant TCP/IP on network interface card

Software

- WinpCap Packet Capture Driver (DVSNetmon setup will install it too).
- MySQL database server. (User need to install and configure)

Chapter 2

Installation and Configuration

DVSNetmon can install from either DVSNetmon CD or from Internet. If you are installing DVSNetmon from CD, insert DVSNetmon CD into CD drive and run setup.exe from D:\install\setup.exe (assuming CD drive is D: on your system).

Another way is to download Latest Version of DVSNetmon from www.dvsinfo.com, unzip into temporary directory and run setup.exe.

DVSNetmon always install as Evaluation Version, **Licensing** Section contains instruction to bring DVSNetmon into Registered Version.

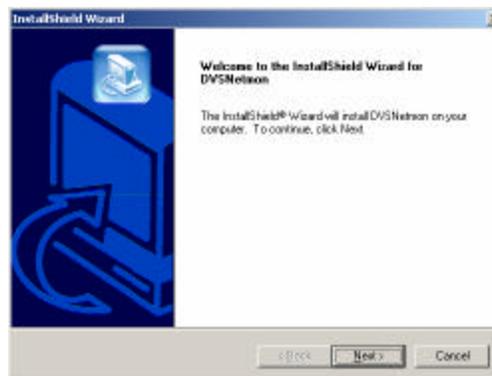
Installation of current version of DVSNetmon doesn't require uninstalling previous version of DVSNetmon.

Installing DVSNetmon in Win9x/NT/2000

*If you are installing DVSNetmon in WinNT/2000, make sure you have log on with **Administrator** User Account.*

Installation of DVSNetmon is straightforward. Start installation by double click setup.exe.

Setup will display Welcome screen. Click **Next**

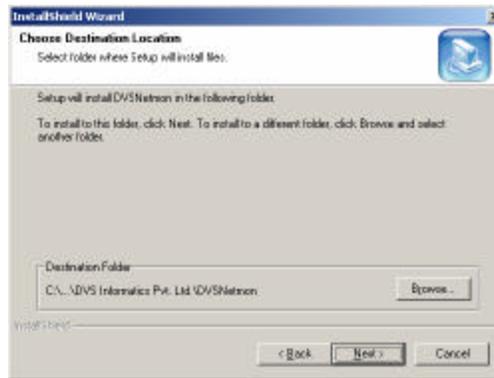


Setup will Display Software License Agreement, Click **Yes** to Continue.

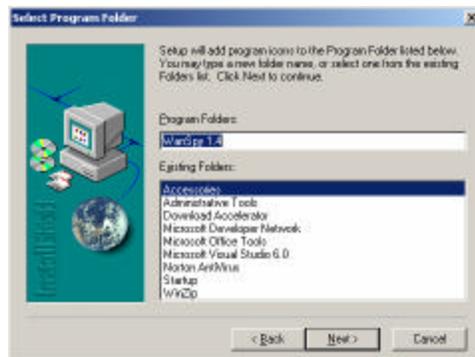


Setup will ask to choose folder, where DVSNetmon will install. Click **Next** after selecting destination folder.

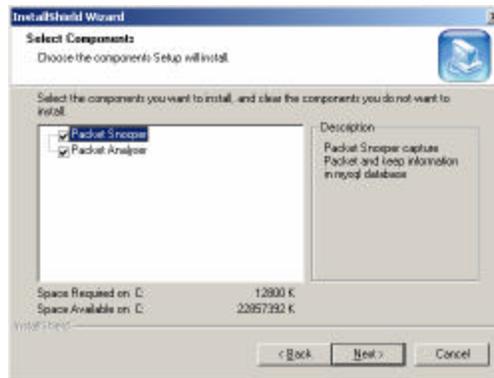
*If you choose default option, setup will install DVSNetmon in **program files** folder of your windows system.*



Setup will ask to select Program Group item of Start Menu. Click **Next**.



Setup will ask for type of setup. If you choose Typical or Compact type of setup, it will install all required component of DVSNetmon. If choose custom type of setup you will be able to choose component of DVSNetmon to install.

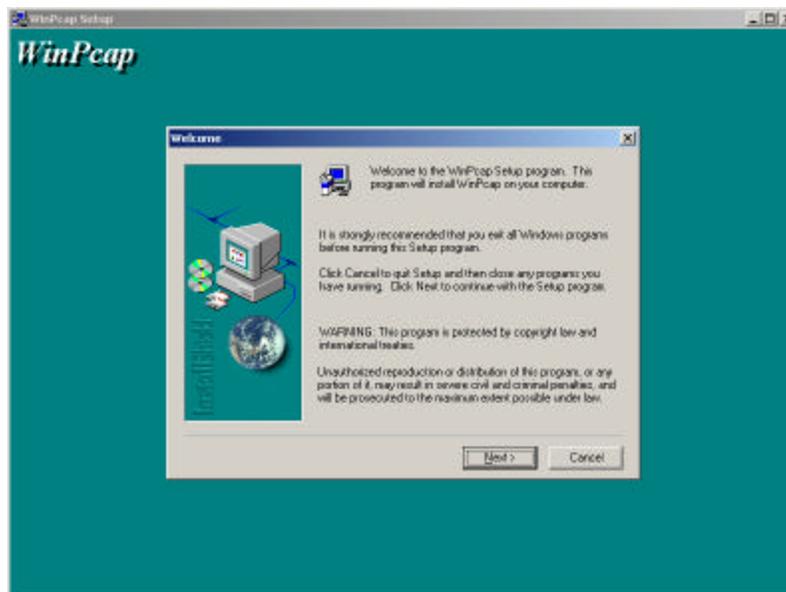


Setup will now copy DVSNetmon files into appropriate folder.



Click Finish.

After installing DVSNetmon, setup will automatically invoke WinPcap Packet Driver installation. Installation of Packet Driver is necessary to run DVSNetmon.



Registering

When DVSNetmon is installed first time on system, it will work for 30 days of evaluation period with full functionality. After that you need to purchase License and Register DVSNetmon.

Chapter 3

Working with DVSNetmon

Running Packet Snooper

Packet Snooper of DVSNetmon captures packet on LAN and store information into Mysql database. For viewing online report of Internet and Intranet traffic, Packet Snooper must be started and keep on running. Offline report can be viewed without running Packet Snooper. (See details of Online and Offline report in Later Sections)

Packet Snooper can be launch by clicking Start Menu->Program Files->DVSNetmon->Packet Snooper.

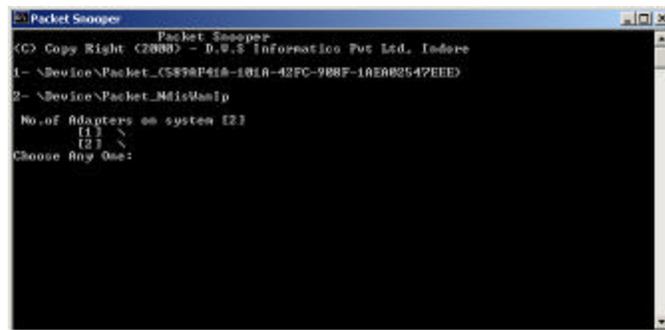


Figure 3-1. Running Snooper

Make sure MySQL Server is running, on same system where you are going to start Packet Snooper.

Packet Snooper will display list of Network Adapters installed on system. Choose Adapter of which you want to capture packets.

After your selection of Adapter, if no error has been occurred snooper starts capturing data until you close it by pressing Ctrl-C.

Running Packet Analyser

Packet Analyser do analysis of packets and display reports and charts of Network traffic. Packet Analyser can be launch by clicking Start->Programs->DVSNetmon->Packet Analyser.

By Default Packet Analyser will try to connect MySQL server at local host (127.0.0.1) with username “dvsinfo” password “dvsinfo”. If you are running MySQL server and Packet Snooper on other system then Packet Analyser will fails to connect to MySQL server with default parameters and will open Snooper Configuration windows.

Make sure MySQL Server is running, before running Packet Analyser.

Configuration

Snooper Configuration

To change default Snooper Configuration Open Snooper Configuration box by clicking on Database->Configure Snooper.

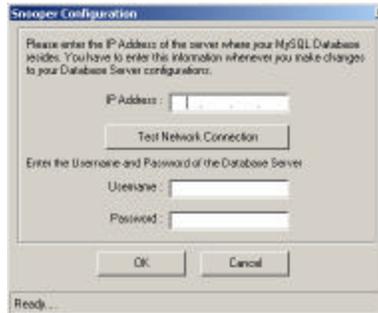


Figure 3-2. Configuring Snooper

IP Address – Give IP Address of server where MySQL server is running and database of Packet Snooper is kept.

Test Network Connection – Check the network connectivity with IP address you entered.

Username: Username of Snooper database at MySQL server.

Password: Password of given Username.

Click **OK** button to make configuration into effect.

Same configuration windows will open if Packet Analyser fails to connect with MySQL server.

Database Cleanup Options

Packet Snooper creates everyday a new database for that day. Size of database may be huge depending upon network traffic. Database cleanup feature of Packet Analyser facilitate user to clean database at user specified schedule and save disk space. See later section for cleaning database manually.

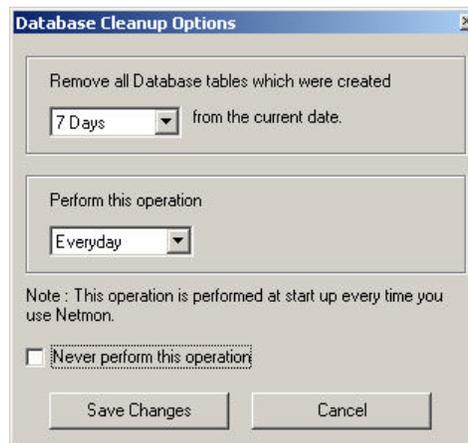


Figure 3-3. Database cleanup Options

Never perform this operation – By default this check box is checked and database cleanup feature is disabled. Uncheck this box to enable database cleanup options.

Database Removal – Select Number of days after which database need to clear automatically.

Perform Operation – Select at what time database cleanup option will perform.

Database cleanup operation performs only when Packet Analyser application starts.

Online Intranet Report

Online Intranet Report displays table and charts of current network traffic. Click Reports->Intranet Report (Online).

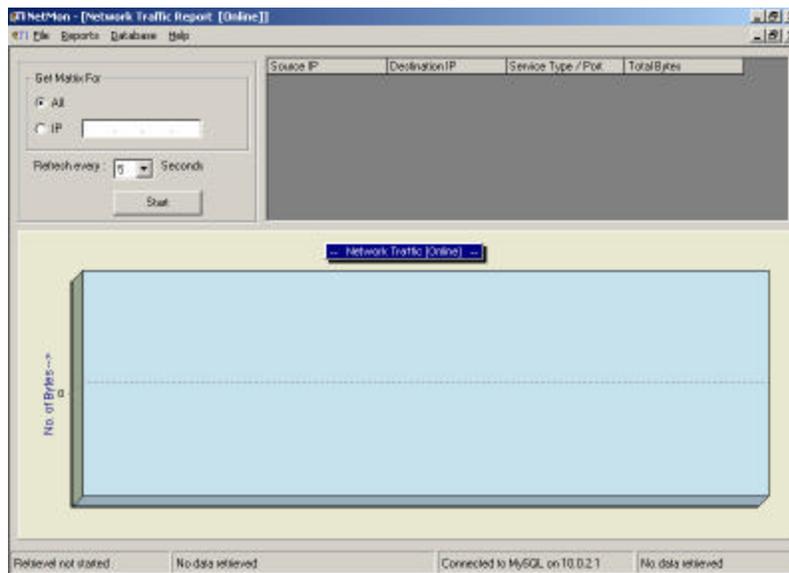


Figure 3-4. Online Intranet Report

Default selection of “**All**” will display report of while network traffic. To view report of particular IP address, select “**IP**” and enter IP address.

Refresh Rate is time interval after that Analyser refresh table and chart of network traffic.

*Online report refreshes report and chart every refresh rate seconds.
It's recommended that if you are viewing online report, run Packet Analyser on same system where Packet Snooper and MySQL server is running.*

Online Internet Report

Online Internet Report show current network traffic between host on your local Network and any host on Internet or outside of your Intranet. Click Reports->Internet Report (Online).

Offline Intranet Report

You can display Network Traffic report of past days, week or month. To open offline Intranet report click on Reports->Intranet Report (Offline).

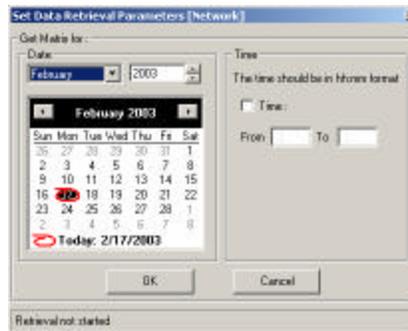


Figure 3-5. Date selection

Select data of which you want to see report. By default report of whole day will display otherwise you can enter time period too after check **“Time”** check box.

Press **OK**, it will take some time to generate report.

It is require that, Snooper was running on selected data and time.

Network Report

In Network Tab of Intranet report windows, Traffic report between two hosts IP of your local network for well known services will display.

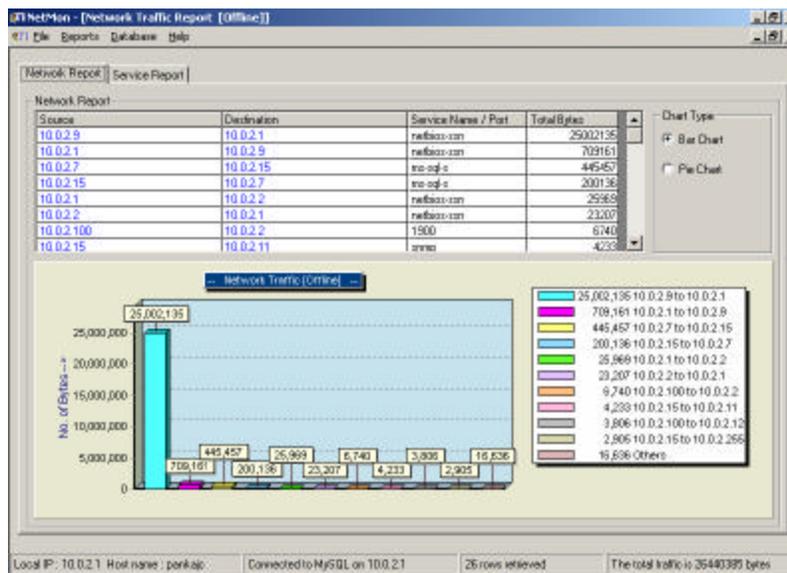


Figure 3-6. Offline Intranet Report (Network)

Service Report

In Service Report tab, data transferred of well know services will display.

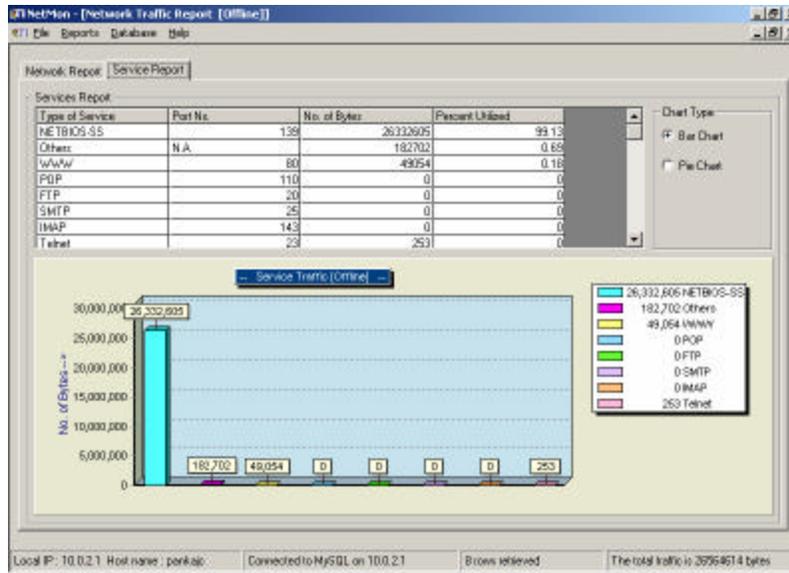


Figure 3-7. Offline Intranet Report (Services)

To save table or graph click on File->Save->table/graph menu.

Same way table or graph can be print by clicking on File->Print->table/graph menu.

Offline Internet Report

Like Offline Intranet Report, Offline Internet Report shows traffic of past days, week or month between local network and Internet.

Click on Report -> Internet Report (offline) to open offline internet report.

Cleanup Database Manually

In addition to automatically cleaning database created by Packet Snooper, database which is not required can be deleting manually.



Figure 3-8. Manually clean database

In right panel list of all available database will display, select database you want to delete and click on **Add>>**. After adding all databases you want to delete, click on **Delete Table(s)**.