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Create Python Scripts To Test Layer 4 Traffic

Goal: Create a script to test Layer 4 traffic using Realm

Using the `realm.py` library we will write a script that will allow us to automate the creation of stations and Layer 4 cross connects. We will also be able to start and stop traffic over the cross connects using the script. Station and Cross Connect creation is covered in the Realm Scripting Cookbook. Requires LANforge 5.4.2.

1. ## Creating The Profile

   A. We will use the factory method `self.local_realm.new_l4_cx_profile()` to create our profile object.

   B. After we have done this we can set a few variables for our traffic:

      A. `l4_cx_profile.requests_per_ten` will set our rate of requests per ten minutes. Setting `requests_per_ten = 600` will set our URL request rate to 1 per second. There is no limit to what can be used as the rate but common rates are:

         - 600 : 1/s
         - 1200 : 2/s
         - 1800 : 3/s
         - 2400 : 4/s

      B. `l4_cx_profile.url` is the URL to be used in the requests. We will also need to specify the direction (dl/ul) and a absolute path for the destination. See syntax here.
      Example:

      ```
      l4_cx_profile.url = "dl http://10.40.0.1 /dev/null"
      ```

      C. Example Layer 4 profile init:

      ```
      class IPV4L4(LFCliBase):
          def __init__(self, host, port, ssid, security, password, url, requests_per_
              target_requests_per_ten=600, number_template="00000", resource=1, num_t
              _debug_on=False,
              _exit_on_error=False,
              _exit_on_fail=False):
          super().__init__(host, port, _debug=_debug_on, _halt_on_error=_exit_on_erro
          self.host = host
          self.port = port
          self.ssid = ssid
          self.security = security
          self.password = password
          self.url = url
          self.requests_per_ten = requests_per_ten
          self.number_template = number_template
          self.sta_list = station_list
          self.resource = resource
          self.num_tests = num_tests
          self.target_requests_per_ten = target_requests_per_ten

          self.local_realm = realm.Realm(lfclient_host=self.host, lfclient_port=self.
          self.cx_profile = self.local_realm.new_l4_cx_profile()
          self.cx_profile.url = self.url
          self.cx_profile.requests_per_ten = self.requests_per_ten

          # Station Profile init
      ```

2. ## Starting Traffic

A. When running traffic, if you plan to measure the rate of requests, it is recommended to do so in 10 minute increments. An example of this can be seen here: test_ipv4_l4_urls_per_ten.py. To start the traffic we can use the `l4_cx_profile.start_cx()` method. To stop the traffic we can use the `l4_cx_profile.stop_cx()` method.

B. Example start and build method:

```
def build(self):
    # Build stations
    self.station_profile.use_security(self.security, self.ssid, self.password)
    print("Creating stations")
    self.station_profile.create(resource=1, radio="wiphy0", sta_names_=self.sta_list, c
    temp_sta_list = []
    for station in range(len(self.sta_list)):
        temp_sta_list.append(str(self.resource) + "." + self.sta_list[station])

    self.l4_profile.create(ports=temp_sta_list, sleep_time=.5, debug_=self.debug, suppr
```

```
def start(self, print_pass=False, print_fail=False):
    temp_stas = self.sta_list.copy()
    temp_stas.append("eth1")
    cur_time = datetime.datetime.now()
    interval_time = cur_time + datetime.timedelta(minutes=1)
    passes = 0
    expected_passes = 0
    self.station_profile.admin_up(1)
    self.local_realm.wait_for_ip(self.resource, temp_stas)
    self.l4_profile.start_cx()
    print("Starting test")
    for test in range(self.num_tests):
        expected_passes += 1
        while cur_time < interval_time:
            time.sleep(1)
            cur_time = datetime.datetime.now()

        if self.l4_profile.check_errors(self.debug):
            if self.__check_request_rate():
                passes += 1
            else:
                self._fail("FAIL: Request rate did not exceed 90% target rate", print_f
                break
            else:
                self._fail("FAIL: Errors found getting to %s " % self.url, print_fail)
                break
            interval_time = cur_time + datetime.timedelta(minutes=1)
    if passes == expected_passes:
        self._pass("PASS: All tests passes", print_pass)
```

3. ## Examining The Results

A. We can use http://localhost:8080/layer4/list to check our Layer 4 endpoints. Adding a ,,?fields to the end of the URL will allow us to specify what we want to look at. We can separate fields by commas to show more than one at a time.
Example: http:/localhost:8080/layer4/list?fields=name,urls/s,total-urls

- Using `total-urls` will show us the total requests made.
- Using `urls/s` will show us the average URL rate per second.
- Using `rx rate` and `tx rate` will show us the rates of received and transeferred traffic.

We can also use the url http://localhost:8080/layer4/all to see all of the available fields.

B. When checking our results for Layer 4 tests we might want to check for common URL related errors:

- `acc. denied` will show us the number of times we got an access denied error.
- `bad-url` will show us the number of times a request was made with an invalid URL.
- `nf (4xx)` will count the number of 400 errors recieved when making requests to our URL.

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