Experiment-3

3.1 Aim: Study of packet sniffer tools wireshark:- a. Observer performance inpromiscuous as well as non-promiscuous mode. b. Show the packets can be traced based on different filters

3.2 Course Outcome:

Study and describe the system security, malicious softwares and the Network layer security, Transport layer security and application layer security.

3.3 Lab Objective:

- Observe Wireshark's behavior in promiscuous and non-promiscuous modes.
- Apply filters to capture and analyze network traffic.
- Analyze captured packets to identify specific network events.

3.4 Requirement:

Wireshark: Packet analyzer

Operating system: Windows, Linux.

3.5 Theory: Wireshark is one of the most widely used packet analysis tools for network troubleshooting, security analysis, and protocol development. It allows users to capture and inspect data packets traveling through a network interface. In this study, we will focus on two primary aspects of Wireshark usage:

a. Observer Performance in Promiscuous vs Non-Promiscuous Mode

Wireshark can operate in two different modes depending on how network traffic is captured:

1. **Promiscuous Mode:**

- Definition: When the network interface card (NIC) operates in promiscuous mode, it receives all packets from the network, not just those addressed to the machine. In this mode, Wireshark captures all traffic that passes through the network segment, regardless of destination.
- Use Case: Promiscuous mode is commonly used in network diagnostics, monitoring, and security testing. This allows the user to see all network activity on a given network, even traffic not intended for the host.
- Performance Impact: While promiscuous mode provides complete visibility of network traffic, it can cause a large amount of data to be captured. This can put more load on the system processing the packets and could potentially slow down the network interface if there is high traffic volume. Wireshark will also show

packets that are not typically visible in non-promiscuous mode, providing a fuller network analysis.

2. Non-Promiscuous Mode:

- Definition: In non-promiscuous mode, the NIC only captures packets that are specifically addressed to the machine running Wireshark. Any broadcast or multicast packets that the host is part of (or part of a network it is connected to) will also be captured, but any other traffic not intended for the device is ignored.
- Use Case: Non-promiscuous mode is typically used when only the network traffic specifically directed to or originating from the host is of interest. This reduces the amount of captured traffic and thus lowers the load on the system running Wireshark.
- **Performance Impact:** The performance of Wireshark is better in non-promiscuous mode because it is capturing fewer packets, focusing only on the relevant traffic. As a result, the amount of data being processed is reduced, which can be useful when capturing specific traffic related to the host system.

Comparing Performance:

Mode	Visibility	Performance Load	Use Case
Promiscuous Mode	Captures all packets	Higher Load	Network troubleshooting, full traffic analysis
Non-Promiscuous Mode	Captures only relevant packets	Lower Load	Host-specific traffic analysis

3.6 Procedure : Tracing Packets Based on Different Filters

Wireshark provides powerful filtering options that allow you to trace specific packets based on criteria such as protocol, IP address, port number, etc. Filters help isolate the traffic of interest, making it easier to analyze network behavior or troubleshoot specific issues.

Types of Filters in Wireshark:

1. Display Filters:

- **Purpose:** Display filters are used to refine which packets are shown in the capture window.
- **Common Display Filters:**
 - **IP address filter:** To capture packets from or to a specific IP address.
 - Example: ip.addr == 192.168.1.1
 - **Protocol filter:** To capture packets of a specific protocol (e.g., TCP, UDP, HTTP).
 - Example: tcp
 - **Port filter:** To filter packets by port number.
 - Example: tcp.port == 80
 - **HTTP Filter:** To display only HTTP traffic.
 - Example: http
 - Packet length filter: To capture packets of a certain size.
 - Example: frame.len > 1500

2. Capture Filters:

- **Purpose:** Capture filters are set before capturing data to limit the packets that Wireshark will capture from the network interface.
- **o** Common Capture Filters:
 - **■** Capture based on IP address:
 - **Example:** host 192.168.1.1
 - **■** Capture based on protocol:
 - Example: tcp
 - **■** Capture based on port:
 - Example: port 80
 - **■** Capture based on network subnet:
 - **Example:** net 192.168.1.0/24

Example of Filtering Traffic in Wireshark:

1. Filter All HTTP Traffic:

 Apply the display filter http to view only HTTP traffic. This can be useful when you're investigating web-related issues.

2. Capture Only Traffic to/from Specific Host:

• Use the capture filter host 192.168.1.1 to capture only the packets to and from the host with IP address 192.168.1.1.

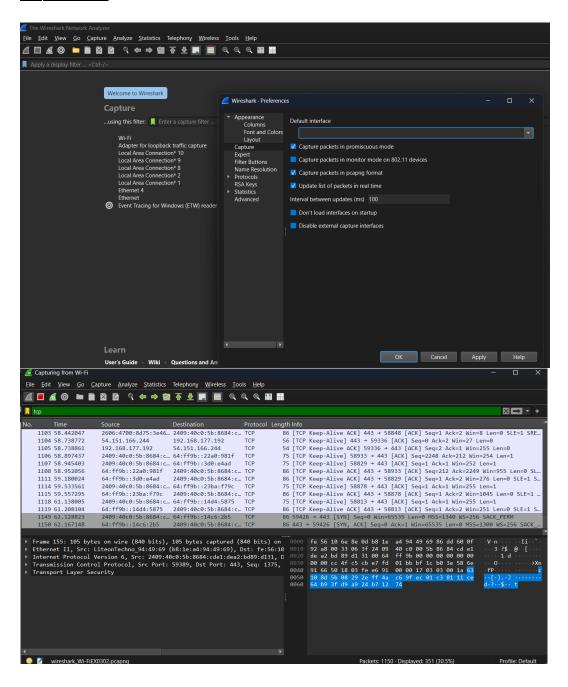
3. Filter by Port (e.g., Port 80):

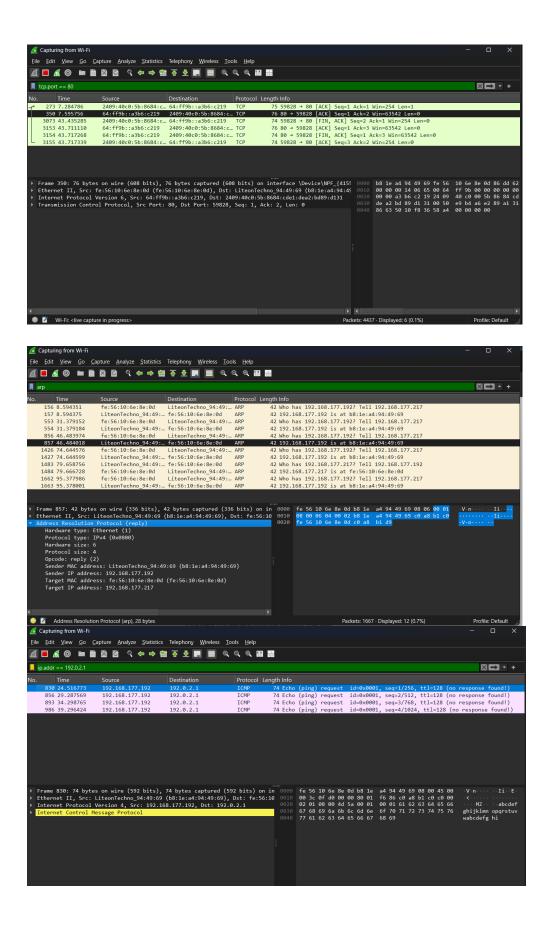
• For HTTP traffic, use the filter tcp.port == 80 to isolate all traffic communicating over port 80.

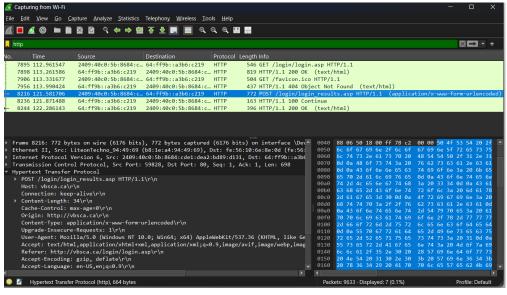
4. Filter by Protocol (e.g., TCP):

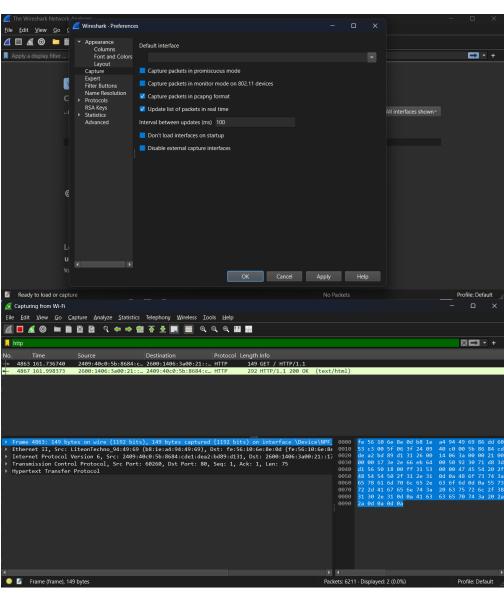
• Use the filter tcp to view all TCP traffic. This is helpful when analyzing connection issues or packet behavior on TCP connections.

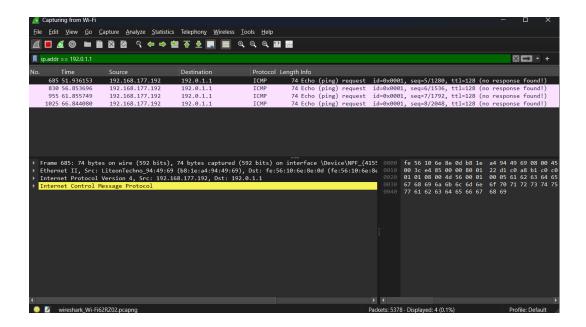
3.7 Result :











3.8 Conclusion

In this practical, we used Wireshark to capture and analyze network packets. We observed its behaviour in promiscuous and non-promiscuous modes and applied filters to trace specific traffic, enhancing understanding of network monitoring and security analysis.