COL334 Assignment1

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§1. Network Analysis

a. We ran tracert on iitd.ac.in outside IITD network and got the following output:

```
PS C:\Users\Anish> tracert iitd.ac.in
Tracing route to iitd.ac.in [103.27.9.24]
over a maximum of 30 hops:
     4 ms
              3 ms
                      9 ms dsldevice.lan [192.168.1.1]
2
     87 ms
             73 ms
                     26 ms abts-north-dynamic-255.187.69.182.airtelbroadband.in [182.69.187.255]
     34 ms
             28 ms
                     48 ms 125.18.240.153
     38 ms
             45 ms
                     38 ms 116.119.106.136
     47
             53 ms
                     49 ms 49.44.220.188
                            Request timed out.
                            Request timed out.
8
     47 ms
             43 ms
                     47 ms 136.232.148.178
                            Request timed out.
9
10
                            Request timed out.
                            Request timed out.
11
                     52 ms 103.27.9.24
12
     45 ms
             59 ms
13
    187 ms
             46 ms
                     61 ms 103.27.9.24
     47 ms
             48 ms
                     49 ms 103.27.9.24
Trace complete.
```

Observations

As seen above, hops 6 to 11 (except 8) show "Request timed out," which can be indicative of routers along the path that do not respond to the traceroute requests. There is no specific indication of IPv6 usage here; the timeouts could be due to various reasons, including router/firewall configurations.

We also notice that 192.168.1.1 belongs to a private IP space.

Multiple replies from the final destination IP address (103.27.9.24) raise some curiosity. This could be due to various configurations, such as load balancers or redundant paths.

b. We used the tracert -6 to use IPv6 but always got the output as "Unable to resolve target system name iitd.ac.in." Instead, we ran traceroute and traceroute6 on google.com from a different device and got the following outputs:

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traceroute to google.com (142.250.194.14), 64 hops max, 52 byte packets
1 192.168.177.193 (192.168.177.193) 6.868 ms 5.484 ms 6.407 ms
2 192.168.59.1 (192.168.59.1) 22.799 ms 20.424 ms 27.980 ms
3 192.168.27.81 (192.168.27.81) 29.813 ms
    192.168.27.93 (192.168.27.93)
192.168.27.81 (192.168.27.81)
                                   23.077 ms
                                   21.428 ms
  192.168.27.109 (192.168.27.109)
                                   36.098 ms
    192.168.27.105 (192.168.27.105) 18.040 ms 28.957 ms
  nsg-corporate-1.39.185.122.airtel.in (122.185.39.1) 39.461 ms 66.444 ms 54.972 ms
5
   72.14.217.194 (72.14.217.194) 44.254 ms * *
  * * 142.251.76.196 (142.251.76.196) 66.303 ms
  142.251.52.199 (142.251.52.199) 34.779 ms
   74.125.244.196 (74.125.244.196)
                                    21.764 ms *
   * 108.170.251.97 (108.170.251.97) 54.197 ms
    del12s01-in-f14.1e100.net (142.250.194.14) 28.694 ms
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```
traceroute6 to google.com (2404:6800:4007:82b::200e) from 2401:4900:47f2:38e0:39b1:d74c:4<u>15:5bc2</u>,
64 hops max, 12 byte packets
                                     4.160 ms 8.239 ms
1 2401:4900:47f2:38e0::cf 4.692 ms
2 2401:4900:47f2:38e0:0:e:4f83:ae40
                                     19.732 ms 49.145 ms
                                                           22.655 ms
  2401:4900:0:c003::6402 41.364 ms
                                     24.693 ms 33.984 ms
4 2401:4900:0:c003::6631 29.735 ms
    2401:4900:0:c003::663d 22.365 ms
    2401:4900:0:c003::6631 37.879 ms
5 2401:4900:0:c003::6664 24.392 ms
    2401:4900:0:c003::6666 89.694 ms
    2401:4900:0:c003::6662 36.760 ms
  2404:a800:1a00:801::e5  30.302 ms  36.528 ms  30.057 ms
  2001:4860:1:1::10c4 26.523 ms 36.783 ms 42.481 ms
8 2404:6800:8107::1 66.432 ms
    2404:6800:8129::1 38.610 ms
    2404:6800:811f::1 87.382 ms
 2001:4860:0:1::54e6 23.382 ms
    2001:4860:0:1::539a 26.511 ms
    2001:4860:0:1::306a 64.307 ms
10 2001:4860:0:1a::c 85.624 ms
    2001:4860:0:9e::3
                      31.224 ms
   2001:4860:0:9e::4
                      45.091 ms
11 2001:4860::9:4001:67bd 88.336 ms
    2001:4860::9:4001:67bc 74.379 ms
                                      83.693 ms
12 2001:4860:0:1340::1 73.053 ms
    2001:4860::9:4001:b922
    2001:4860::9:4002:d27c 66.132 ms
13 2001:4860:0:133f::1 66.074 ms
    2001:4860::9:4001:163c 80.668 ms
    2001:4860::9:4001:b922 97.471 ms
14 maa03s46-in-x0e.1e100.net 86.829 ms
    2001:4860:0:1::55ff 106.150 ms
   maa03s46-in-x0e.1e100.net 69.276 ms
```

Observations

Here, hops 1-4 are private IPs for IPv4. Router 7 did not respond to IPv4 request. We also observe that the number of hops for IPv6 packets are more than that for IPv4 packets. This is because IPv6 packets are routed differently than IPv4 packets.

c. We observe that the maximum packet size that can be sent is 68 (to google.com)

```
root@IdeapadAB:/mnt/c/Users/Anish# ping -s 68 -c 5 google.com
PING google.com (142.250.194.238) 68(96) bytes of data.

76 bytes from del12s08-in-f14.1e100.net (142.250.194.238): icmp_seq=1 ttl=116 time=7.00 ms
76 bytes from del12s08-in-f14.1e100.net (142.250.194.238): icmp_seq=2 ttl=116 time=6.73 ms
76 bytes from del12s08-in-f14.1e100.net (142.250.194.238): icmp_seq=3 ttl=116 time=7.11 ms
76 bytes from del12s08-in-f14.1e100.net (142.250.194.238): icmp_seq=4 ttl=116 time=6.05 ms
76 bytes from del12s08-in-f14.1e100.net (142.250.194.238): icmp_seq=5 ttl=116 time=7.98 ms

--- google.com ping statistics ---
5 packets transmitted, 5 received, 0% packet loss, time 4007ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 6.052/6.973/7.975/0.621 ms
root@IdeapadAB:/mnt/c/Users/Anish# ping -s 69 -c 5 google.com
PING google.com (142.250.194.238) 69(97) bytes of data.

--- google.com ping statistics ---
5 packets transmitted, 0 received, 100% packet loss, time 4009ms
```

However, we also observe that the max ping size depends on the site requested for. For example, we saw that for iitd.ac.in, it is 1472 bytes. We can run the following python code to find the maximum packet size for a given site:

```
#!/usr/bin/python3
import os
site=input("Enter the site: ")
l=1
r=65007
while l<r:
    mid=(1+r)/2
    if os.system("ping -c 1 -s "+str(mid)+" "+site)==0:
        l=mid+1
    else:
        r=mid
print("\n\nMax ping size is: "+str(l-1))</pre>
```

§2. traceroute using python

The code for traceroute can be found in traceroute.py.

§3. Internet Architecture

First we run a traceroute from our own IP address to the 5 different servers.

a. Here is the route to www.google.com

```
Ankits-MacBook-Air-6: ankitmondal traceroute google.com
traceroute to google.com (142.250.194.238), 64 hops max, 52 byte packets
1 10.184.0.13 (10.184.0.13) 3.999 ms 3.570 ms 3.506 ms
2 10.254.175.1 (10.254.175.1) 4.146 ms
10.254.175.5 (10.254.175.5) 3.675 ms 3.223 ms
3 10.255.1.34 (10.255.1.34) 3.562 ms 3.512 ms 3.357 ms
4 10.119.233.65 (10.119.233.65) 3.463 ms 3.959 ms 3.930 ms
5 * * *
6 10.119.234.162 (10.119.234.162) 12.045 ms 5.639 ms 5.675 ms
7 72.14.194.160 (72.14.194.160) 5.484 ms 5.647 ms 6.487 ms
8 108.170.251.113 (108.170.251.113) 7.106 ms
108.170.251.97 (108.170.251.97) 6.339 ms 6.480 ms
9 142.251.52.217 (142.251.52.217) 6.274 ms 6.749 ms 6.689 ms
10 del12s08-in-f14.1e100.net (142.250.194.238) 6.588 ms 6.423 ms 6.608 ms
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b. Here is the route to www.iitd.ac.in

```
Ankits-MacBook-Air-6:~ ankitmondal traceroute www.iitd.ac.in traceroute to www.iitd.ac.in (10.10.211.212), 64 hops max, 52 byte packets 1 10.184.0.13 (10.184.0.13) 4.675 ms 4.242 ms 3.512 ms 2 10.254.175.5 (10.254.175.5) 4.012 ms 10.254.175.1 (10.254.175.1) 4.016 ms 4.356 ms 3 10.254.236.6 (10.254.236.6) 3.285 ms 10.254.236.26 (10.254.236.26) 3.920 ms 10.254.236.2 (10.254.236.2) 5.730 ms 4 www.iitd.ac.in (10.10.211.212) 3.830 ms 4.643 ms 5.628 ms
```

c. Here is the route to www.utah.edu

```
Ankits-MacBook-Air-6: ankitmondal traceroute www.utah.edu
traceroute to www.utah.edu (155.98.186.21), 64 hops max, 52 byte packets
   10.184.0.13 (10.184.0.13) 5.480 ms 3.898 ms 3.338 ms
   10.254.175.1 (10.254.175.1) 3.602 ms
   10.254.175.5 (10.254.175.5) 3.922 ms 3.769 ms
  10.255.1.34 (10.255.1.34) 5.116 ms 5.269 ms 5.756 ms
4 \quad 10.119.233.65 \quad (10.119.233.65) \quad 64.339 \ \text{ms} \quad 67.830 \ \text{ms} \quad 65.010 \ \text{ms}
   10.1.207.69 (10.1.207.69) 80.742 ms 86.632 ms 93.759 ms
   10.1.200.137 (10.1.200.137) 84.119 ms 85.695 ms 70.847 ms
   10.255.238.254 (10.255.238.254) 80.166 ms
    10.255.238.122 (10.255.238.122)
                                     78.281 ms
    10.255.238.254 (10.255.238.254) 86.918 ms
   180.149.48.18 (180.149.48.18) 71.995 ms 60.372 ms
   180.149.48.6 (180.149.48.6) 244.512 ms 207.941 ms
                                                         197.721 ms
10 180.149.48.20 (180.149.48.20) 182.712 ms
    180.149.48.13 (180.149.48.13)
                                  337.379 ms
   180.149.48.20 (180.149.48.20)
                                  173.159 ms
   fourhundredge-0-0-0-2.4079.core1.ashb.net.internet2.edu (163.253.1.116) 340.584 ms
   180.149.48.13 (180.149.48.13) 270.570 ms
   fourhundredge-0-0-0-2.4079.core1.ashb.net.internet2.edu (163.253.1.116) 314.143 ms
12 fourhundredge-0-0-0-16.4079.core2.ashb.net.internet2.edu (163.253.1.3) 312.121 ms
    fourhundredge -0-0-0-2.4079.core1.ashb.net.internet2.edu (163.253.1.116)
                                                                             417.111 ms
    fourhundredge-0-0-0-16.4079.core2.ashb.net.internet2.edu (163.253.1.3) 416.768 ms
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fourhundredge-0-0-0-16.4079.core2.ashb.net.internet2.edu (163.253.1.3)
                                                                                 313.367 ms
    fourhundredge-0-0-0-1.4079.core2.clev.net.internet2.edu (163.253.1.139)
                                                                                 319.440 ms
418.102 ms
14 fourhundredge-0-0-0-1.4079.core2.clev.net.internet2.edu (163.253.1.139)
                                                                                  417.208 ms
    fourhundredge-0-0-0-2.4079.core2.eqch.net.internet2.edu (163.253.2.17)
                                                                                 416.394 ms
    fourhundredge-0-0-0-1.4079.core2.clev.net.internet2.edu (163.253.1.139)
                                                                                  319.361 ms
   fourhundredge-0-0-0-2.4079.core2.eqch.net.internet2.edu (163.253.2.17)
                                                                                 410.326 ms
    fourhundredge-0-0-0-2.4079.core2.chic.net.internet2.edu (163.253.2.18)
                                                                                 416.659 ms
    fourhundredge-0-0-0-2.4079.core2.eqch.net.internet2.edu (163.253.2.17)
                                                                                 417.562 ms
   fourhundredge-0-0-0-2.4079.core2.chic.net.internet2.edu (163.253.2.18)
                                                                                 415.580 ms
417.440 ms
    fourhundredge-0-0-0-1.4079.core1.kans.net.internet2.edu (163.253.1.245)
                                                                                  418.242 ms
    fourhundredge -0-0-0-1.4079.core1.kans.net.internet2.edu (163.253.1.245)
                                                                                  418.728 ms
                                                                                  416.527 ms
    fourhundredge-0-0-0-1.4079.core1.denv.net.internet2.edu (163.253.1.242)
18 fourhundredge -0-0-0-1.4079.core1.denv.net.internet2.edu (163.253.1.242)
                                                                                  416.455 \text{ ms}
    fourhundredge-0-0-0-3.4079.core1.salt.net.internet2.edu (163.253.1.171)
                                                                                  418.388 ms
    fourhundredge-0-0-0-1.4079.core1.denv.net.internet2.edu (163.253.1.242)
                                                                                  314.445 ms
    fourhundred \\ \overline{g}e - 0 - 0 - 0 - 3.4079. \\ core1.salt.net.internet2.edu \\ (163.253.1.171)
                                                                                  315.540 ms
    fourhundredge-0-0-0-1.4079.core1.lasv.net.internet2.edu (163.253.1.152)
                                                                                  411.072 ms
    fourhundredge-0-0-0-3.4079.core1.salt.net.internet2.edu (163.253.1.171)
                                                                                  417.062 ms
   163.253.5.7 (163.253.5.7) 319.476 ms 319.171 ms
    fourhundredge-0-0-0-1.4079.core1.lasv.net.internet2.edu (163.253.1.152) 410.432 ms
   \texttt{tdc-beibr-b-170-int.uen.net} \hspace{0.2cm} (140.197.249.81) \hspace{0.2cm} 415.347 \hspace{0.2cm} \texttt{ms} \hspace{0.2cm} 322.845 \hspace{0.2cm} \texttt{ms} \hspace{0.2cm} 404.272 \hspace{0.2cm} \texttt{ms}
21
    tdc-beibr-b-170-int.uen.net (140.197.249.81)
                                                     363.062 ms
    ddc-pep-c-123-int.uen.net (140.197.251.32) 318.119 ms
    tdc-beibr-b-170-int.uen.net (140.197.249.81) 322.820 ms
   ddc-pep-c-123-int.uen.net (140.197.251.32)
                                                   346.374 ms
    ddc-pep-b-129-int.uen.net (140.197.253.97)
                                                   416.809 ms
    ddc-pep-c-123-int.uen.net (140.197.251.32)
                                                   411.102 ms
   ddc-pep-b-129-int.uen.net (140.197.253.97)
                                                   416.736 ms
24
    ebc-pep-b-179-int.uen.net (140.197.252.76)
                                                   416.798 ms
                                                   412.609 ms
    ddc-pep-b-129-int.uen.net (140.197.253.97)
    ebc-pep-a-178-int.uen.net (140.197.252.84)
                                                   416.708 ms
                                                               411.943 ms
    ebc-pep-b-179-int.uen.net (140.197.252.76)
                                                   419.376 ms
    * ebc-pep-a-178-int.uen.net (140.197.252.84) 319.891 ms *
26
    * 199.104.93.22 (199.104.93.22) 337.648 ms *
   199.104.93.22 (199.104.93.22) 321.654 ms
    199.104.93.29 (199.104.93.29)
                                     343.305 ms
    199.104.93.22 (199.104.93.22)
                                     345.169 ms
    155.99.130.57 (155.99.130.57)
                                     416.730 ms
    199.104.93.29 (199.104.93.29)
                                     416.822 ms
                                                 416.541 ms
   155.99.130.103 (155.99.130.103)
                                      414.959 ms
    155.99.130.57 (155.99.130.57) 313.681 ms
    155.99.130.107 (155.99.130.107)
                                       416.673 ms
   172.31.241.255 (172.31.241.255)
                                       416.605 ms
    155.99.130.101 (155.99.130.101)
                                       412.722 ms
    172.31.241.255 (172.31.241.255)
                                       416.726 ms
    172.31.241.255 (172.31.241.255)
                                       416.528 ms
    172.31.241.251 (172.31.241.251)
                                       423.757 ms
   172.31.241.25 (172.31.241.25)
                                    413.229 ms 404.049 ms
33
    172.31.241.22 (172.31.241.22)
                                    425.597 ms
   www.utah.edu (155.98.186.21) 412.101 ms * *
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d. Here is the route to www.facebook.com

```
Ankits-MacBook-Air-6: ankitmondal traceroute facebook.com
traceroute to facebook.com (157.240.16.35), 64 hops max, 52 byte packets
1 10.184.0.13 (10.184.0.13) 4.151 ms 3.441 ms 3.988 ms
2 10.254.175.5 (10.254.175.5) 3.479 ms
    10.254.175.1 (10.254.175.1) 3.745 ms 3.525 ms
   10.255.1.34 (10.255.1.34) 3.845 ms 3.429 ms 6.735 ms
    10.119.233.65 (10.119.233.65) 13.776 ms 5.528 ms 4.366 ms
   10.1.207.69 (10.1.207.69) 29.882 ms 30.418 ms 31.270 ms
   10.255.238.122 (10.255.238.122)
                                      39.404 ms
    10.255.238.254 (10.255.238.254)
10.255.238.122 (10.255.238.122)
                                      34.321 ms
                                      32.331 ms
  10.152.7.214 (10.152.7.214) 35.129 ms
                                             33.873 ms 35.280 ms
  10.152.7.233 (10.152.7.233) 29.310 ms
    ae1.pr01.bom1.tfbnw.net (157.240.68.238) 53.885 ms 35.890 ms
10 po101.psw01.bom1.tfbnw.net (31.13.29.205) 38.635 ms po101.psw02.bom1.tfbnw.net (157.240.33.239) 35.706 ms
    ae2.pr02.bom1.tfbnw.net (157.240.66.204) 30.943 ms
11 po101.psw04.bom1.tfbnw.net (157.240.44.31) 29.498 ms *
   po102.psw02.bom1.tfbnw.net (157.240.35.63)
                                                 39.553 ms
12 157.240.38.65 (157.240.38.65) 30.149 ms
    173.252.67.185 (173.252.67.185) 35.504 ms
    edge-star-mini-shv-01-bom1.facebook.com (157.240.16.35) 31.092 ms
```

We will now run traceroute from Buenos Aires, Argentina.

a. Here is the route to www.utah.edu

```
traceroute to www.utah.edu (155.98.186.21), 30 hops max, 60 byte packets
1 * *
   be2982.ccr41.mia03.atlas.cogentco.com (154.54.40.57)
                                                         141.964 ms 141.989 ms
   be3087.ccr22.mia01.atlas.cogentco.com (154.54.88.233)
                                                          142.235 ms 142.303 ms
4 be3569.ccr41.iah01.atlas.cogentco.com (154.54.82.241)
                                                         168.591 ms be3570.ccr42.iah01.atlas.coge
168.661 ms
5 be2441.ccr31.dfw01.atlas.cogentco.com (154.54.41.66)
                                                         173.936 ms be2443.ccr32.dfw01.atlas.coger
173.817 ms
6 be2432.ccr21.mci01.atlas.cogentco.com (154.54.3.134)
                                                         183.750 ms 183.779 ms
   be3036.ccr22.den01.atlas.cogentco.com (154.54.31.89)
                                                         195.119 ms be3035.ccr21.den01.atlas.coger
195.010 ms
8 be3038.ccr32.slc01.atlas.cogentco.com (154.54.42.97) 205.222 ms be3037.ccr21.slc01.atlas.cogen
205.428 ms
9 be2685.rcr01.b020767-1.slc01.atlas.cogentco.com (154.54.41.118) 206.426 ms be2686.rcr01.b02076
206.182 ms
10 38.142.233.58 (38.142.233.58) 206.340 ms 206.447 ms
   lv3-beibr-a-184-int.uen.net (140.197.249.117) 206.151 ms 206.117 ms
   ebc-pep-a-178-int.uen.net (140.197.253.23) 206.245 ms
12
                                                          206.264 ms
13
14
   199.104.93.22 (199.104.93.22)
                                  206.421 ms
                                              206.271 ms
   199.104.93.29 (199.104.93.29)
                                  207.058 ms
15
                                             207.481 ms
   155.99.130.59 (155.99.130.59)
                                  207.155 ms 206.787 ms
16
   155.99.130.105 (155.99.130.105) 208.150 ms 207.853 ms
17
   172.31.241.251 (172.31.241.251) 207.861 ms 172.31.241.249 (172.31.241.249) 207.081 ms
18
   172.31.241.18 (172.31.241.18) 207.445 ms 207.117 ms
   172.31.241.29 (172.31.241.29) 209.347 ms 208.680 ms
20
   uhome.web.utah.edu (155.98.186.21) 208.396 ms 208.195 ms
```

b. Here is the route to www.uct.ac.za

```
traceroute to www.uct.ac.za (137.158.159.192), 30 hops max, 60 byte packets
2 be2982.ccr41.mia03.atlas.cogentco.com (154.54.40.57) 142.191 ms 142.206 ms
   ntt.mia03.atlas.cogentco.com (154.54.9.42) 141.607 ms 141.613 ms
4 ae-3.r22.miamfl02.us.bb.gin.ntt.net (129.250.7.45) 141.808 ms 141.823 ms
5 ae-0.a02.miamfl02.us.bb.gin.ntt.net (129.250.2.4) 141.600 ms ae-1.a02.miamfl02.us.bb.gin.ntt.
141.759 ms
6 ce-2-0-2.a02.miamfl02.us.ce.gin.ntt.net (129.250.200.114) 141.791 ms 141.766 ms
   30.8.39.170.ampath.net (170.39.8.30) 141.655 ms 141.714 ms
8
   * *
   et-0-0-1-0-cpt7-pe1.net.tenet.ac.za (155.232.64.70) 373.454 ms 373.416 ms
9
   154.114.124.1 (154.114.124.1) 373.478 ms 373.495 ms
12
   * *
13
   * *
14
15
16
   * *
17
18
   * *
19
20
21
22
23
   * *
24
25
   * *
26
27
   * *
   * *
28
29
30
   * *
```

c. Here is the route to www.iitd.ac.in

```
traceroute to iitd.ac.in (103.27.9.24), 30 hops max, 40 byte packets 1 1.ip-176-103-190.ar.ipxon.net (190.103.176.1) 0.106 ms * 0.098 ms
   Internal (Internal) 0.264 ms 0.263 ms 0.260 ms
    ae30-75.edge2.BuenosAires1.Level3.net (67.73.142.21) 0.790 ms 0.896 ms 0.803 ms
    4.7.26.62 (4.7.26.62) 245.013 ms 245.016 ms 245.030 ms 49.45.4.87 (49.45.4.87) 358.610 ms 358.603 ms 358.587 ms
    49.45.4.102 (49.45.4.102) 348.422 ms 348.424 ms 348.416 ms
    49.44.220.8 (49.44.220.8) 352.905 ms 352.905 ms 352.896 ms
    136.232.148.178 (136.232.148.178) 389.623 ms 389.614 ms 389.606 ms
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    103.27.9.24 (103.27.9.24)
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                                    376.482 \text{ ms}
                                                   376.495 \text{ ms}
                                                                 376.572 ms
    103.27.9.24 (103.27.9.24)
                                    376.449 ms
                                                   376.453 ms
                                                                 376.450 ms
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    103.27.9.24 (103.27.9.24) 376.084 ms
                                                  376.096 ms
                                                                 376.107 ms
```

d. Here is the route to www.google.com

```
traceroute to google.com (142.250.179.174), 30 hops max, 60 byte packets
2 be2982.ccr41.mia03.atlas.cogentco.com (154.54.40.57) 142.408 ms 142.458 ms
   tata.mia03.atlas.cogentco.com (154.54.9.46) 141.594 ms 141.593 ms
3
   74.125.146.6 \hspace{0.2cm} (74.125.146.6) \hspace{0.2cm} 144.225 \hspace{0.2cm} \text{ms} \hspace{0.2cm} 141.647 \hspace{0.2cm} \text{ms}
    108.170.253.18 (108.170.253.18) 142.634 ms 108.170.249.30 (108.170.249.30)
                                                                                       142.640 ms
   142.250.211.238 (142.250.211.238) 143.012 ms 142.981 ms
   142.250.61.154 (142.250.61.154) 184.630 ms 142.250.225.22 (142.250.225.22)
                                                                                       225.047 ms
8 216.239.58.153 (216.239.58.153)
                                       183.116 ms 142.250.213.67 (142.250.213.67)
                                                                                       169.519 ms
    142.250.59.185 (142.250.59.185) 274.210 ms 274.211 ms
    142.251.232.218 (142.251.232.218) 254.561 ms 253.827 ms
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   142.251.237.170 (142.251.237.170)
                                         253.324 ms 142.251.236.84 (142.251.236.84)
                                                                                         253.641 ms
11
   108.170.241.161 (108.170.241.161) 254.483 ms 253.977 ms
   142.251.48.177 (142.251.48.177) 252.860 ms 142.251.48.175 (142.251.48.175) 253.098 ms
13
    ams15s41-in-f14.1e100.net (142.250.179.174) 252.669 ms 253.135 ms
```

e. Here is the route to www.facebook.com

```
traceroute to facebook.com (157.240.12.35), 30 hops max, 60 byte packets
1 * *
2 be2982.ccr41.mia03.atlas.cogentco.com (154.54.40.57) 142.038 ms 142.097 ms
  38.104.95.114 (38.104.95.114) 141.847 ms 38.104.95.122 (38.104.95.122) 142.233 ms
4 po203.asw03.mia1.tfbnw.net (129.134.64.160) 141.616 ms po203.asw01.mia1.tfbnw.net (129.134.64
141.634 ms
5 ae104.ar01.mia1.tfbnw.net (129.134.64.106) 142.226 ms ae104.ar03.mia1.tfbnw.net (129.134.64.12
142.011 ms
6 * *
   ae26.bb01.gru1.tfbnw.net (129.134.34.98) 246.405 ms ae2.ar01.gru2.tfbnw.net (129.134.50.215)
246.669 ms
9 ae1.ar01.gru1.tfbnw.net (204.15.20.145) 245.920 ms po221.asw02.gru2.tfbnw.net (31.13.31.201)
245.623 ms
10 po221.asw02.gru1.tfbnw.net (157.240.53.11) 245.596 ms po282.psw03.gru2.tfbnw.net (147.75.214.1
245.865 ms
11 157.240.39.47 (157.240.39.47) 245.564 ms 157.240.36.75 (157.240.36.75) 246.065 ms
12 157.240.39.199 (157.240.39.199) 246.075 ms edge-star-mini-shv-02-gru2.facebook.com (157.240.12
245.745 ms
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We will now run traceroute from Johannesburg, South Africa.

a. Here is the route to www.utah.edu

```
traceroute to www.utah.edu (155.98.186.21), 30 hops max, 60 byte packets
1 gi0-0-0-17.20.agr11.jnb01.atlas.cogentco.com (206.185.255.1) 1.012 ms 0.935 ms
  be2355.ccr51.jnb01.atlas.cogentco.com (154.54.43.37)
                                                         0.843 ms 0.888 ms
3 be2385.ccr21.lon01.atlas.cogentco.com (154.54.40.93)
                                                         195.961 ms 193.712 ms
   be2871.ccr42.lon13.atlas.cogentco.com (154.54.58.185) 193.760 ms be2868.ccr41.lon13.atlas.cog
193.616 ms
5 be2101.ccr32.bos01.atlas.cogentco.com (154.54.82.38)
                                                         256.072 ms
                                                                     256.079 ms
  be3600.ccr22.alb02.atlas.cogentco.com (154.54.0.221)
                                                         259.695 ms
                                                                    259.620 ms
                                                         270.013 ms be2879.ccr22.cle04.atlas.coge
  be2878.ccr21.cle04.atlas.cogentco.com (154.54.26.129)
270.017 ms
8 be2718.ccr42.ord01.atlas.cogentco.com (154.54.7.129) 278.858 ms be2717.ccr41.ord01.atlas.cogen
277.041 ms
9 be2832.ccr22.mci01.atlas.cogentco.com (154.54.44.169) 288.298 ms be2831.ccr21.mci01.atlas.coge
290.698 ms
10 be3035.ccr21.den01.atlas.cogentco.com (154.54.5.89) 299.620 ms be3036.ccr22.den01.atlas.cogent
303.746 ms
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11 be3038.ccr32.slc01.atlas.cogentco.com (154.54.42.97) 309.901 ms be3037.ccr21.slc01.atlas.cogen 311.669 ms
12 be2685.rcr01.b020767-1.slc01.atlas.cogentco.com (154.54.41.118) 312.768 ms 314.768 ms
13 * 38.142.233.58 (38.142.233.58) 316.241 ms
14 lv3-beibr-a-184-int.uen.net (140.197.249.117) 313.536 ms 313.491 ms
15 ebc-pep-a-178-int.uen.net (140.197.253.23) 315.952 ms 316.280 ms
16 * *
17 * 199.104.93.22 (199.104.93.22) 314.488 ms
18 * 199.104.93.33 (199.104.93.33) 316.100 ms
19 155.99.130.67 (155.99.130.67) 316.597 ms 315.285 ms
20 155.99.130.103 (155.99.130.103) 315.946 ms 155.99.130.107 (155.99.130.107) 315.888 ms
21 * 172.31.241.255 (172.31.241.255) 317.363 ms
22 172.31.241.22 (172.31.241.22) 312.997 ms 172.31.241.18 (172.31.241.18) 317.951 ms
23 172.31.241.29 (172.31.241.29) 321.137 ms 313.012 ms
24 * uhome.web.utah.edu (155.98.186.21) 317.384 ms
```

b. Here is the route to www.uct.ac.za

```
traceroute to www.uct.ac.za (137.158.159.192), 30 hops max, 60 byte packets
1 gi0-0-0-17.20.agr11.jnb01.atlas.cogentco.com (206.185.255.1) 0.962 ms 0.918 ms
    be2355.ccr51.jnb01.atlas.cogentco.com (154.54.43.37) 0.749 ms 0.661 ms
be2385.ccr21.lon01.atlas.cogentco.com (154.54.40.93) 193.635 ms 193.572 ms
    be2185.rcr21.b015534-1.lon01.atlas.cogentco.com (154.54.61.61) 196.002 ms 195.926 ms
    tenet.demarc.cogentco.com (149.14.146.194) 198.562 ms *
    et-1-1-0-0-ams1-ir1.net.tenet.ac.za (155.232.1.80) 203.336 ms 203.247 ms
    ae0-306-mtz1-ir1.net.tenet.ac.za (155.232.1.86) 394.840 ms 394.697 ms
    lt-0-0-0-1-mtz1-ir1.net.tenet.ac.za (155.232.152.20) 413.789 ms 413.737 ms
   lt-1-0-0-0-mtz1-ir1.net.tenet.ac.za (155.232.152.23)
                                                                    375.295 ms
                                                                                 375.201 ms
                                                                   385.503 ms 385.438 ms
   et-1-1-1-0-isd1-pe1.net.tenet.ac.za (155.232.1.153)
10
    et-1-1-4-0-cpt3-pe1.net.tenet.ac.za (155.232.1.148)
et-0-0-1-0-cpt7-pe1.net.tenet.ac.za (155.232.64.70)
154.114.124.1 (154.114.124.1) 399.026 ms 400.762 ms
                                                                   399.751 ms
                                                                                 399.994 ms
                                                                   398.918 ms
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c. Here is the route to www.iitd.ac.in

```
traceroute to iitd.ac.in (103.27.9.24), 30 hops max, 40 byte packets
   1.110.static.rdns.co.za (41.76.110.1) 0.181 ms * 0.733 ms
   * * *
   41.193.230.5 (41.193.230.5) 1.115 ms 1.152 ms 1.157 ms
  41-193-118-45.vox.co.za (41.193.118.45) 1.173 ms 1.914 ms 1.943 ms
   196.41.24.122 (196.41.24.122) 178.515 ms 178.570 ms 178.577 ms
   ldn-b2-link.ip.twelve99.net (213.248.100.161) 178.650 ms 179.272 ms
                                                                         179.278 ms
   * * *
  prs-bb2-link.ip.twelve99.net (62.115.133.239) 185.759 ms 185.104 ms 185.732 ms
  mei-b5-link.ip.twelve99.net (62.115.124.57) 240.590 ms 241.707 ms 241.730 ms
  reliance-ic-361536.ip.twelve99-cust.net (62.115.155.139) 395.344 ms 395.343 ms 395.439 ms
10
   103.198.140.214 (103.198.140.214) 392.176 ms 392.163 ms 391.846 ms
   103.198.140.177 (103.198.140.177)
                                     391.266 ms
                                                 391.231 ms
                                                             391.237 ms
14
   136.232.148.178 (136.232.148.178) 424.906 ms
                                                 424.911 ms
                                                             424.974 ms
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   * * *
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   * * *
   * * *
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19
   103.27.9.24 (103.27.9.24)
                              428.173 ms
                                         428.191 ms
                                                     428.313 ms
   103.27.9.24 (103.27.9.24)
                              428.229 ms
                                         428.237 ms
                                                     428.239 ms
   103.27.9.24 (103.27.9.24)
                              427.742 ms
                                         427.770 ms
                                                     427.922 ms
```

d. Here is the route to www.google.com

```
traceroute to www.google.com (172.217.169.36), 30 hops max, 60 byte packets
1 gi0-0-0-17.20.agr11.jnb01.atlas.cogentco.com (206.185.255.1) 0.915 ms 0.920 ms
2 be2355.ccr51.jnb01.atlas.cogentco.com (154.54.43.37) 0.760 ms 0.775 ms
3 be2389.ccr22.lon01.atlas.cogentco.com (154.54.80.201) 193.854 ms be2385.ccr21.lon01.atlas.coge
195.729 ms
4 be2869.ccr42.lon13.atlas.cogentco.com (154.54.57.161) 193.933 ms be2870.ccr41.lon13.atlas.coge
214.296 ms
5 be2348.rcr21.b023101-0.lon13.atlas.cogentco.com (130.117.51.74) 198.012 ms be2350.rcr21.b02310
194.056 ms
6 ae39-xcr1.ltw.cw.net (195.2.26.25)
                                       196.957 ms *
   ae8-xcr1.lnt.cw.net (195.2.24.130)
                                       196.961 ms *
   google-gw1.lnt.cw.net (195.2.5.10)
                                       196.939 ms
                                                  197.481 ms
   74.125.242.65 (74.125.242.65) 205.332 ms *
   172.253.66.87 (172.253.66.87) 200.761 ms 172.253.66.89 (172.253.66.89) 207.074 ms
   lhr48s08-in-f4.1e100.net (172.217.169.36) 198.192 ms 198.100 ms
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e. Here is the route to www.facebook.com

```
traceroute to www.facebook.com (157.240.221.35), 30 hops max, 60 byte packets
   gi0-0-0-17.20.agr11.jnb01.atlas.cogentco.com (206.185.255.1)
   be2355.ccr51.jnb01.atlas.cogentco.com (154.54.43.37) 1.043 ms 1.147 ms
   be2389.ccr22.lon01.atlas.cogentco.com (154.54.80.201) 194.069 ms 193.812 ms
   be2185.rcr21.b015534-1.lon01.atlas.cogentco.com (154.54.61.61)
                                                                   195.434 ms
                                                                               193.532 ms
   149.14.251.186 (149.14.251.186) 193.681 ms 193.576 ms
   po151.asw01.lhr6.tfbnw.net (129.134.44.196)
                                                193.883 ms po151.asw02.lhr6.tfbnw.net (129.134.44
197.696 ms
   po221.psw01.lhr8.tfbnw.net (129.134.50.139)
                                                198.827 ms po241.psw02.lhr8.tfbnw.net (129.134.50.
199.132 ms
   173.252.67.159 (173.252.67.159) 199.616 ms 173.252.67.179 (173.252.67.179)
                                                                                197.139 ms
   edge-star-mini-shv-01-lhr8.facebook.com (157.240.221.35)
                                                             194.730 ms 193.402 ms
```

Hops Analysis

| | google.com | Facebook.com | Utah.edu | iitd.ac.in | uct.ac.za |
|--------------|------------|--------------|----------|------------|-----------|
| Laptop | 10 | 12 | 34 | 4 | - |
| Buenos Aires | 14 | 12 | 21 | 18 | - |
| Johannesburg | 11 | 9 | 24 | 21 | - |

A detailed analysis:-

1. Geographical distance vs number of Hops.

Let's use utah.edu as the sample to study the trend. The distance between utah and the 3 traceruote sources vary as follows, Utah-Buenos Aires \leq Utah-Delhi \leq Utah-Johannesburg. While it does take more hops to go from delhi to utah,than from Buenos Aires, it takes less hops to go from Johannesburg to utah than from Delhi. This shows that there might be some exceptions to the trend that it takes more hops for larger distances. Similarly for iitd.ac.in, the number of hops needed by local device (laptop) is 4, but Buenos Aires which is farther away from Delhi than Johannesburg takes lesser number of hops than Johannesburg.

2. Number of hops to Google and Facebook.

In general, Google and Facebook seem to take fewer hops than other sites. Also the number of hops needed is almost constant and varies around 9-13. The number of hops required for sites like iitd and utah vary a lot depending on traceroute server and depend on geographical distance as well. This might be because, google and facebook resolve to different IPs from different sources in order to ensure a smooth experience from any country. This results in low variability. On the other hand such a situation is not needed for universities like utah or iitd as there is only one server for these institutes and they don't need to cater to too many requests from around the world. So the need to optimise hops across the world is not high for these sites.

Latency Analysis

| | google.com | Facebook.com | Utah.edu | iitd.ac.in | uct.ac.za |
|--------------|------------|--------------|----------|------------|-----------|
| Laptop | 14.515 | 42.32 | 423.244 | 16.971 | timeout |
| Buenos Aires | 249.360 | 245.648 | 208.10 | 398.504 | timeout |
| Johannesburg | 195.502 | 197.082 | 316.645 | 429.453 | timeout |

In general the latency increases with number of hops, but for similar hop size, there might be some exceptions to the rule, for example Latency for facebook in Buenos Aires and Johannesburg is more than that of Local device even though the number of hops is more for local device. (On performing traceroute from other sites with servers from the same cities, we got much less times around 2 ms for google and around 1 ms for facebook. It might be

possible that the servers used by cogent co in these cities use some slower connections or have higher traffic due to which the latency is increased) On the other hand, the latency seems to follow the trend of number of hops for universities like utah and iitd.

Different IP addresses for same site

The IP address of utah.edu and iitd.ac.in seems to remain the same irrespective of the location form where traceroute is requested. On the other hand, the IP address of google and facebook is different for every traceroute location that we chose. One possible reason to explain this can be that sites like google and facebook have to ensure very low latency and high capacity for almost every country. It becomes necessary for them to maintain servers or peering services in almost every country, so the request to google or facebook from every other country seems to be routed to a different IP address corresponding to a different server.

For educational institutions, the requests are mostly from within the country. It is not necessary for them to optimise tehir performance across nations by maintaining multiple servers across the world. So, they have the same IP for multiple traceroute locations.

Path to different IP addresses

The paths to different IP addresses for the same site gives longer path when request is made to an IP address obtained from a request to a different country.

One possible reason for this can be that networks are optimised to ensure that people always get access to the least latency path. So, the IP address to which the domain name corresponds to in our nation is the closest IP address (server) available to us.

Path to facebook server in Argentina:-

```
traceroute to 157.240.12.35 (157.240.12.35), 64 hops max, 52 byte packets
1 10.184.0.13 (10.184.0.13) 4.716 ms 3.439 ms
                                                   3.399 ms
   10.254.175.5 (10.254.175.5) 3.691 ms
   10.254.175.1 \ (10.254.175.1) \ \ 3.551 \ \text{ms}
                                           4.911 ms
   10.255.1.34 (10.255.1.34) 4.078 ms 4.580 ms
                                                   3.608 ms
   10.119.233.65 (10.119.233.65) 3.430 ms
                                             3.620 ms
                                                       3.511 ms
5
   10.1.200.137 (10.1.200.137) 70.153 ms 61.226 ms
                                                       60.607 ms
   * * 10.255.238.254 (10.255.238.254)
                                         64.307 ms
   10.152.7.214 (10.152.7.214) 60.612 ms
   10.152.7.38 (10.152.7.38) 33.859 ms 29.950 ms
   ae1.pr01.bom1.tfbnw.net (157.240.68.238)
                                              43.677 ms
   ae2.pr02.bom1.tfbnw.net (157.240.66.204)
                                              111.273 ms
                                                           33.673 ms
   ae110.ar04.bom1.tfbnw.net (157.240.53.32)
                                               47.238 ms
   ae1.pr01.bom1.tfbnw.net (157.240.68.238)
                                              61.212 ms
   ae2.pr02.bom1.tfbnw.net (157.240.66.204)
                                              70.719 ms
   ae101.bb02.bom1.tfbnw.net (31.13.24.28)
                                             31.595 ms
   ae104.bb02.bom1.tfbnw.net (31.13.25.136)
                                              36.856 ms
   ae120.ar03.bom1.tfbnw.net (157.240.52.204)
                                                33.797 ms
   ae13.bb03.mrs1.tfbnw.net (31.13.24.10)
                                            129.817 ms
   ae103.bb04.bom1.tfbnw.net (204.15.21.6)
                                             129.699 ms
   ae103.bb01.bom1.tfbnw.net (31.13.25.134)
                                              43.936 ms
   ae151.bb04.mrs1.tfbnw.net (129.134.100.63)
                                                128.767 ms
   ae36.bb03.mrs1.tfbnw.net (74.119.79.134)
                                              120.898 ms
    ae38.bb02.bio1.tfbnw.net (157.240.35.74)
                                               157.822 ms
   ae202.bb04.vab1.tfbnw.net (129.134.40.17)
                                               289.140 ms
   ae203.bb04.vab1.tfbnw.net (129.134.40.15)
                                               275.552 ms
   ae203.bb02.vab1.tfbnw.net (129.134.40.13)
                                               356.678 ms
   ae203.bb04.vab1.tfbnw.net (129.134.40.15)
                                               281.882
   ae72.bb02.clt3.tfbnw.net (129.134.49.28)
                                              312.436 ms
   ae203.bb04.vab1.tfbnw.net (129.134.40.15)
                                               275.036 ms
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ae68.bb04.clt3.tfbnw.net (129.134.103.32)
                                                312.192 ms
    ae0.bb04.jax3.tfbnw.net (129.134.43.239)
                                               353.491 ms
                                                           409.257 ms
18
    ae0.bb04.jax3.tfbnw.net (129.134.43.239)
                                               425.756 ms
                                                           416.653 ms *
    ae38.bb02.gru2.tfbnw.net (129.134.105.120)
                                                 377.806 \text{ ms } *
19
                                                 449.357 ms
20
    ae38.bb02.gru2.tfbnw.net (129.134.105.120)
    ae26.bb02.gru1.tfbnw.net (129.134.43.176)
                                                417.638 ms *
   ae1.ar02.gru2.tfbnw.net (129.134.50.239)
21
                                               452.552 ms
    po211.asw02.gru2.tfbnw.net (31.13.26.37)
                                               475.985 ms
    ae2.ar02.gru1.tfbnw.net (204.15.22.255)
                                              456.700 ms
    ae2.ar02.gru1.tfbnw.net (204.15.22.255)
                                              456.700 ms
    po231.psw04.gru2.tfbnw.net (129.134.33.103) 374.678 ms
22
    po284.psw02.gru2.tfbnw.net (129.134.110.253)
                                                  365.605 ms
    po211.asw01.gru2.tfbnw.net (31.13.26.35)
                                              370.564 ms
    po221.asw02.gru1.tfbnw.net (157.240.53.11) 372.071 ms
23
    po211.asw02.gru1.tfbnw.net (157.240.53.9)
                                               402.270 ms 378.310 ms
    edge-star-mini-shv-02-gru2.facebook.com (157.240.12.35)
24
                                                              625.707 ms
    157.240.39.51 (157.240.39.51) 381.572 ms
    edge-star-mini-shv-02-gru2.facebook.com (157.240.12.35)
                                                              381.528 ms
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Path to facebook server reached from Johannesburg

```
traceroute to 157.240.221.35 (157.240.221.35), 64 hops max, 52 byte packets
   10.184.0.13 (10.184.0.13) 16.150 ms 9.766 ms 3.032 ms
   10.254.175.1 (10.254.175.1) 3.990 ms
2
    10.254.175.5 (10.254.175.5) 17.252 ms 3.784 ms
   10.255.1.34 (10.255.1.34) 4.336 ms 3.779 ms 3.978 ms
    10.119.233.65 (10.119.233.65) 4.032 ms 3.950 ms 4.568 ms
5
 6
   10.1.200.137 (10.1.200.137) 69.485 ms 60.936 ms
                                                       62.089 ms
   * * 10.255.238.254 (10.255.238.254)
                                        60.728 ms
   10.152.7.214 (10.152.7.214)
                                60.139 ms
    10.152.7.38 (10.152.7.38) 38.051 ms 31.260 ms
    115.247.69.85 (115.247.69.85) 32.756 ms
10
    10.152.7.233 (10.152.7.233) 60.649 ms 43.846 ms
    115.247.69.85 (115.247.69.85) 30.320 ms 28.079 ms 30.105 ms
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   * * *
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   * * *
16
   * po141.asw01.lhr3.tfbnw.net (129.134.45.56)
                                                  146.154 ms *
    po141.asw02.lhr3.tfbnw.net (129.134.45.58)
17
                                               156.654 ms
    po232.psw02.lhr8.tfbnw.net (129.134.50.85)
                                                144.228 ms
    157.240.38.145 (157.240.38.145)
                                    144.781 ms
   173.252.67.89 (173.252.67.89)
                                  149.669 ms
    173.252.67.117 (173.252.67.117)
                                     154.259 ms
    157.240.38.235 (157.240.38.235)
                                     155.026 ms
   edge-star-mini-shv-01-lhr8.facebook.com (157.240.221.35)
                                                              155.644 ms
                                                                         157.143 ms
                                                                                      153.456 ms
```

Clearly both latency and number of hops are much larger than the corresponding values from local device.

| | Number of Hops | Latency in ms |
|----------------------|----------------|---------------|
| IP from local device | 11 | 42.32 |
| IP from Buenos Aires | 24 | 381.528 |
| IP from Johannesburg | 19 | 155.644 |

Peering with Google and Facebook

For most countries, Google's network seems to be peered to the local ISP. However, on tracerouting for google and facebook from a server in Beijing, no response in received after 20 hops and it seems like the packet is dropped. It is possible that China's local ISPs are not peered with Google's network.

ASIP Analysis

| IP Address | AS |
|--|----------------------------------|
| 1 10.184.0.13 (10.184.0.13) | Private IP |
| 2 10.254.175.1 (10.254.175.1) | Private IP |
| 3 10.255.1.34 (10.255.1.34) | Private IP |
| 4 10.119.233.65 (10.119.233.65) | Private IP |
| 5 10.1.207.69 (10.1.207.69) | Private IP |
| 6 10.1.200.137 (10.1.200.137) | Private IP |
| 7 10.255.238.254 (10.255.238.254) | Private IP |
| 8 180.149.48.18 (180.149.48.18) | NKN-CORE-NW NKN Core Network, IN |
| 9 180.149.48.6 (180.149.48.6) | NKN-CORE-NW NKN Core Network, IN |
| 10 180.149.48.20 (180.149.48.20) | NKN-CORE-NW NKN Core Network, IN |
| 11 fourhundredge-0-0-0-2.4079.core1.ashb.net.internet2.edu (163.253.1.116) | INTERNET2-RESEARCH-EDU |
| 12 fourhundredge-0-0-0-16.4079.core2.ashb.net.internet2.edu (163.253.1.3) | INTERNET2-RESEARCH-EDU |
| 13 fourhundredge-0-0-0-16.4079.core2.ashb.net.internet2.edu (163.253.1.3 | INTERNET2-RESEARCH-EDU |
| 14 fourhundredge-0-0-0-1.4079.core2.clev.net.internet2.edu (163.253.1.139) | INTERNET2-RESEARCH-EDU |
| 15 fourhundredge-0-0-0-2.4079.core2.eqch.net.internet2.edu (163.253.2.17) | INTERNET2-RESEARCH-EDU |
| 16 fourhundredge-0-0-0-2.4079.core2.chic.net.internet2.edu (163.253.2.18) | INTERNET2-RESEARCH-EDU |
| 17 fourhundredge-0-0-0-1.4079.core1.kans.net.internet2.edu (163.253.1.245) | INTERNET2-RESEARCH-EDU |
| 18 fourhundredge-0-0-0-1.4079.core1.denv.net.internet2.edu (163.253.1.242) | INTERNET2-RESEARCH-EDU |
| 19 fourhundredge-0-0-0-3.4079.core1.salt.net.internet2.edu (163.253.1.171) | INTERNET2-RESEARCH-EDU |
| 20 163.253.5.7 (163.253.5.7) | INTERNET2-RESEARCH-EDU |
| 21 tdc-beibr-b-170-int.uen.net (140.197.249.81) | WEST-NET-WEST |
| 22 tdc-beibr-b-170-int.uen.net (140.197.249.81) | WEST-NET-WEST |
| 24 ddc-pep-b-129-int.uen.net (140.197.253.97) | WEST-NET-WEST |
| 25 ebc-pep-a-178-int.uen.net (140.197.252.84) | WEST-NET-WEST |
| 26 * ebc-pep-a-178-int.uen.net (140.197.252.84) | WEST-NET-WEST |
| 27 * 199.104.93.22 (199.104.93.22) | UTAH |
| 28 199.104.93.22 (199.104.93.22) 321.654 ms | UTAH |
| 29 155.99.130.57 (155.99.130.57) 416.730 ms | UTAH |
| 30 155.99.130.103 (155.99.130.103) 414.959 ms | UTAH |
| 31 172.31.241.255 (172.31.241.255) 416.605 ms | UTAH |
| 32 172.31.241.255 (172.31.241.255) 416.528 ms | PRIVATE |
| 33 172.31.241.25 (172.31.241.25) | PRIVATE |
| 34 www.utah.edu (155.98.186.21) | UTAH |

| IP Adresses | AS |
|---|----------|
| 1 10.184.0.13 (10.184.0.13) | Private |
| 2 10.254.175.5 (10.254.175.5) | Private |
| 3 10.255.1.34 (10.255.1.34) | Private |
| 4 10.119.233.65 (10.119.233.65) | Private |
| 5 10.1.207.69 (10.1.207.69) | Private |
| 6 * * * | |
| 7 10.255.238.122 (10.255.238.122) | Private |
| 8 10.152.7.214 (10.152.7.214) | Private |
| 9 10.152.7.233 (10.152.7.233) | Private |
| 10 po101.psw01.bom1.tfbnw.net (31.13.29.205) | Facebook |
| 11 po101.psw04.bom1.tfbnw.net (157.240.44.31) | Facebook |
| 12 157.240.38.65 (157.240.38.65) | Facebook |

| IP Adresses | AS |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| 1 10.184.0.13 (10.184.0.13) | Private |
| 2 10.254.175.5 (10.254.175.5) | Private |
| 3 10.254.236.6 (10.254.236.6) | Private |
| 4 www.iitd.ac.in (10.10.211.212) | Private |

| IP Adresses | AS |
|--|---------|
| 1 10.184.0.13 (10.184.0.13) | Private |
| 2 10.254.175.1 (10.254.175.1) | Private |
| 3 10.255.1.34 (10.255.1.34) | Private |
| 4 10.119.233.65 (10.119.233.65) | Private |
| 5 * * * | |
| 6 10.119.234.162 | Private |
| 7 72.14.194.160 | Google |
| 8 108.170.251.113 | Google |
| 9 142.251.52.217 (142.251.52.217) | Google |
| 10 del12s08-in-f14.1e100.net (142.250.194.238) | Google |

§4. Packet Analysis

a. We ran a DNS filter on the output to iitd.ac.in and got the following result(Fig. 1):

| Time | Source | Destination | Protocol | Length Info |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|----------|---|
| 47 2.077393 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.10.1.4 | DNS | 95 Standard query 0x3f66 A optimizationguide-pa.googleap: |
| 48 2.077588 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.10.1.4 | DNS | 95 Standard query 0xbc2c HTTPS optimizationguide-pa.goog |
| 49 2.080615 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.10.1.4 | DNS | 70 Standard query 0xf27b A iitd.ac.in |
| 50 2.080821 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.10.1.4 | DNS | 70 Standard query 0xb5ee HTTPS iitd.ac.in |
| 53 2.088379 | 10.10.1.4 | 10.184.22.156 | DNS | 123 Standard query response 0xb5ee HTTPS iitd.ac.in SOA i |
| 54 2.088379 | 10.10.1.4 | 10.184.22.156 | DNS | 86 Standard query response 0xf27b A iitd.ac.in A 10.10.2 |
| 63 2.111611 | 10.10.1.4 | 10.184.22.156 | DNS | 95 Standard query response 0xbc2c HTTPS optimizationguide |
| 64 2.111611 | 10.10.1.4 | 10.184.22.156 | DNS | 351 Standard query response 0x3f66 A optimizationguide-pa |
| 69 2.116865 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.10.1.4 | DNS | 75 Standard query 0xc58c A home.iitd.ac.in |
| 72 2.117006 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.10.1.4 | DNS | 75 Standard query 0x56cc HTTPS home.iitd.ac.in |
| 75 2.118772 | 10.10.1.4 | 10.184.22.156 | DNS | 91 Standard query response 0xc58c A home.iitd.ac.in A 10 |
| 76 2.119241 | 10.10.1.4 | 10.184.22.156 | DNS | 128 Standard query response 0x56cc HTTPS home.iitd.ac.in |

Figure 1: IITD DNS

Observations

There was 1 DNS query and response for iitd.ac.in. The request-response began at 2.080615s and ended at 2.088379s lasting for a total of 7.764ms.

b. On applying a http filter, only one request is observed as shown in Fig. 2

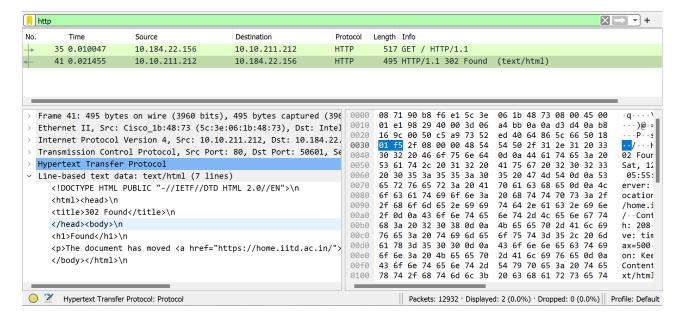


Figure 2: IITD HTTP

Observations

Only one request is observed. The request was for http://www.iitd.ac.in/ and the response was 302 Found indicating that the requested resource has been moved to a different URL. The text data tells us that "The document has moved https://home.iitd.ac.in/".

HTTPS traffic is encrypted using SSL/TLS, and the contents of the packets are scrambled and unreadable without the decryption keys. Hence, we are not able to find any html / css / js files for the webpage in the packets.

c. Next we applied the filter ((ip.src==10.184.22.156 && ip.dst==10.10.211.212) || (ip.src==10.10.211.212 && ip.dst==10.184.22.156)) && tcp to get the TCP packets between the two hosts. The output is shown in Fig. 3

| No. | Time | Source | Destination | Protocol | Length Info |
|-----|-------------|---------------|---------------|----------|--|
| Г | 55 2.088924 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.10.211.212 | TCP | 66 51660 → 80 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 |
| | 56 2.089944 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.10.211.212 | TCP | 66 51661 → 80 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 |
| | 57 2.105122 | 10.10.211.212 | 10.184.22.156 | TCP | 66 80 → 51660 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=64240 Ler |
| | 58 2.105122 | 10.10.211.212 | 10.184.22.156 | TCP | 66 80 → 51661 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=64240 Ler |
| | 59 2.105226 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.10.211.212 | TCP | 54 51660 → 80 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=131072 Len=0 |
| | 60 2.105284 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.10.211.212 | TCP | 54 51661 → 80 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=131072 Len=0 |
| | 61 2.105482 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.10.211.212 | HTTP | 512 GET / HTTP/1.1 |
| | 62 2.110473 | 10.10.211.212 | 10.184.22.156 | TCP | 54 80 → 51661 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=459 Win=64128 Len=0 |
| | 66 2.113536 | 10.10.211.212 | 10.184.22.156 | HTTP | 495 HTTP/1.1 302 Found (text/html) |
| | 77 2.119520 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.10.211.212 | TCP | 66 51664 → 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=146 |
| | 82 2.120880 | 10.10.211.212 | 10.184.22.156 | TCP | 66 443 → 51664 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=64240 Le |
| | 83 2.120920 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.10.211.212 | TCP | 54 51664 → 443 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=131072 Len=0 |
| | 84 2.121163 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.10.211.212 | TLSv1.3 | 571 Client Hello |
| | 86 2.122698 | 10.10.211.212 | 10.184.22.156 | TCP | 54 443 → 51664 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=518 Win=64128 Len=6 |
| | 88 2.129209 | 10.10.211.212 | 10.184.22.156 | TLSv1.3 | 3806 Server Hello, Change Cipher Spec, Application [|
| İ | 80 2 120200 | 10 10 211 212 | 10 104 22 156 | TCD | 308 443 > 51664 [DCH ACK] Spg=3753 Ack=518 Win=641 |

Figure 3: IITD TCP

Observations

Total 9 connections were opened. Of these 2 were http and 7 were https, as identified by their port number (80 for http and 443 for https). Thus, for the http request in part (b), we have 2 corresponding top connections.

d. On running a http filter on indianexpress.com, we received the output Fig. 4

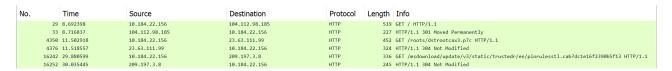


Figure 4: Indian Express

Observations

As mentioned above, HTTPS traffic is encrypted using SSL/TLS, and the contents of the packets are unreadable without the decryption keys. Hence, we see a very sparse http traffic and are not able to find any html/css/js files being transferred for the webpage in the packets. Wireshark can capture the encrypted packets, but the payload will appear as encrypted gibberish.

Similarly, we ran the filters for act4d.iitd.ac.in and got the outputs Fig. 5 Fig. 6 Fig. 7:

| No. | Time | Source | Destination | Protocol | Length Info |
|-----|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------|--|
| | 134 1.341221 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.10.1.4 | DNS | 95 Standard query 0x7127 A optimizationguide-pa.googleapis |
| | 135 1.341552 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.10.1.4 | DNS | 95 Standard query 0x2254 HTTPS optimizationguide-pa.google |
| → | 136 1.343979 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.10.1.4 | DNS | 76 Standard query 0x5939 A act4d.iitd.ac.in |
| | 137 1.344226 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.10.1.4 | DNS | 76 Standard query 0x2a92 HTTPS act4d.iitd.ac.in |
| 4 | 138 1.348164 | 10.10.1.4 | 10.184.22.156 | DNS | 92 Standard query response 0x5939 A act4d.iitd.ac.in A 10.2 |
| | 139 1.348164 | 10.10.1.4 | 10.184.22.156 | DNS | 129 Standard query response 0x2a92 HTTPS act4d.iitd.ac.in SG |
| | 141 1.350497 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.10.1.4 | DNS | 83 Standard query 0x61ea A safebrowsing.google.com |
| | 142 1.350723 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.10.1.4 | DNS | 83 Standard query 0x0658 HTTPS safebrowsing.google.com |
| | 151 1.375024 | 10.10.1.4 | 10.184.22.156 | DNS | 351 Standard query response 0x7127 A optimizationguide-pa.go |
| | 152 1.378453 | 10.10.1.4 | 10.184.22.156 | DNS | 95 Standard query response 0x2254 HTTPS optimizationguide- |
| | 154 1.380227 | 10.10.1.4 | 10.184.22.156 | DNS | 118 Standard query response 0x61ea A safebrowsing.google.com |
| | 155 1.380989 | 10.10.1.4 | 10.184.22.156 | DNS | 83 Standard query response 0x0658 HTTPS safebrowsing.google |
| | 212 1.697680 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.10.1.4 | DNS | 80 Standard query 0x64cd A beacons.gcp.gvt2.com |
| | 213 1.698423 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.10.1.4 | DNS | 80 Standard query 0xf783 HTTPS beacons.gcp.gvt2.com |
| | 224 1.739103 | 10.10.1.4 | 10.184.22.156 | DNS | 80 Standard query response 0xf783 HTTPS beacons.gcp.gvt2.co |
| | 232 1.798703 | 10.10.1.4 | 10.184.22.156 | DNS | 126 Standard query response 0x64cd A beacons.gcp.gvt2.com C |
| | 817 4.246289 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.10.1.4 | DNS | 80 Standard query 0x4250 A beacons.gcp.gvt2.com |
| | 818 4.246683 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.10.1.4 | DNS | 80 Standard query 0xcbd8 HTTPS beacons.gcp.gvt2.com |

Figure 5: ACT4D DNS

| No. | Time | Source | Destination | Protocol | Length | Info |
|-----|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------|--------|---|
| - | 145 1.351143 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.237.26.108 | НТТР | 976 | GET / HTTP/1.1 |
| - | 210 1.691223 | 10.237.26.108 | 10.184.22.156 | HTTP/XML | 574 | 1 HTTP/1.1 200 OK |
| | 294 2.269555 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.237.26.108 | HTTP | 943 | GET /act4d/media/system/js/mootools.js HTTP/1.1 |
| | 299 2.297890 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.237.26.108 | HTTP | 942 | 2 GET /act4d/media/system/js/caption.js HTTP/1.1 |
| | 322 2.307110 | 10.237.26.108 | 10.184.22.156 | HTTP | 290 | HTTP/1.1 200 OK (application/javascript) |
| | 326 2.307754 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.237.26.108 | HTTP | 962 | 2 GET /act4d/templates/beez/css/template.css HTTP/1.1 |
| | 327 2.308037 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.237.26.108 | HTTP | 962 | 2 GET /act4d/templates/beez/css/position.css HTTP/1.1 |
| | 328 2.309048 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.237.26.108 | HTTP | 960 | GET /act4d/templates/beez/css/layout.css HTTP/1.1 |
| | 329 2.309806 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.237.26.108 | HTTP | 961 | GET /act4d/templates/beez/css/general.css HTTP/1.1 |
| | 332 2.311261 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.237.26.108 | HTTP | 937 | 7 GET /wiki1-bak/wiki1/statf0e.php HTTP/1.1 |
| | 357 2.321205 | 10.237.26.108 | 10.184.22.156 | HTTP | 323 | 3 HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/css) |
| | 360 2.323863 | 10.237.26.108 | 10.184.22.156 | HTTP | 423 | HTTP/1.1 200 OK (application/javascript) |
| | 370 2.330932 | 10.237.26.108 | 10.184.22.156 | HTTP | 99 | HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/css) |
| | 371 2.330932 | 10.237.26.108 | 10.184.22.156 | HTTP | 153 | 3 HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/css) |
| | 373 2.330932 | 10.237.26.108 | 10.184.22.156 | HTTP | 68 | 3 HTTP/1.1 404 Not Found (text/html) |
| | 378 2.333544 | 10.237.26.108 | 10.184.22.156 | HTTP | 558 | 3 HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/css) |
| | 380 2.340298 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.237.26.108 | HTTP | 1008 | 3 GET /act4d/templates/beez/images/act4d.png HTTP/1.1 |
| | 381 2.341510 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.237.26.108 | HTTP | 997 | 7 GET /act4d/images/balazahir.jpg HTTP/1.1 |
| | 383 2.342910 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.237.26.108 | HTTP | 959 | GET /act4d/templates/beez/css/print.css HTTP/1.1 |
| | 408 2.360239 | 10.237.26.108 | 10.184.22.156 | HTTP | 254 | 4 HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/css) |
| | 601 2.447541 | 10.237.26.108 | 10.184.22.156 | HTTP | 257 | 7 HTTP/1.1 200 OK (PNG) |
| | 798 2.597379 | 10.237.26.108 | 10.184.22.156 | HTTP | 585 | HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image) |
| | 800 2.652607 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.237.26.108 | HTTP | 1003 | GET /act4d/templates/beez/favicon.ico HTTP/1.1 |
| | 804 2.657584 | 10.237.26.108 | 10.184.22.156 | HTTP | 462 | 2 HTTP/1.1 200 OK (image/x-icon) |

Figure 6: ACT4D http

| No. | Time | Source | Destination | Protocol | Length | Info |
|-----|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------|--------|--|
| г | 140 1.348556 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.237.26.108 | TCP | 66 | 59649 + 80 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=256 SACK_PERM |
| | 143 1.350810 | 10.237.26.108 | 10.184.22.156 | TCP | 66 | 80 + 59649 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=5840 Len=0 MSS=536 SACK_PERM WS=64 |
| | 144 1.350876 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.237.26.108 | TCP | 54 | 59649 → 80 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=131072 Len=0 |
| - | 145 1.351143 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.237.26.108 | HTTP | 976 | GET / HTTP/1.1 |
| | 146 1.351905 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.237.26.108 | TCP | 66 | 59650 → 80 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=256 SACK_PERM |
| İ | 147 1.353436 | 10.237.26.108 | 10.184.22.156 | TCP | 54 | 80 → 59649 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=537 Win=6912 Len=0 |
| | 148 1.353436 | 10.237.26.108 | 10.184.22.156 | TCP | 54 | 80 → 59649 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=923 Win=8000 Len=0 |
| 1 | 149 1.354123 | 10.237.26.108 | 10.184.22.156 | TCP | 66 | 80 → 59650 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=5840 Len=0 MSS=536 SACK_PERM WS=64 |
| 1 | 150 1.354195 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.237.26.108 | TCP | 54 | 59650 → 80 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=131072 Len=0 |
| İ | 202 1.683452 | 10.237.26.108 | 10.184.22.156 | TCP | 1126 | 80 → 59649 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=923 Win=8000 Len=1072 [TCP segment of a reassembled N |
| | 203 1.683605 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.237.26.108 | TCP | 54 | 59649 → 80 [ACK] Seq=923 Ack=1073 Win=131072 Len=0 |
| | 205 1.685538 | 10.237.26.108 | 10.184.22.156 | TCP | 1126 | 80 → 59649 [ACK] Seq=1073 Ack=923 Win=8000 Len=1072 [TCP segment of a reassemble |
| | 206 1.685634 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.237.26.108 | TCP | 54 | 59649 → 80 [ACK] Seq=923 Ack=2145 Win=131072 Len=0 |
| | 207 1.688519 | 10.237.26.108 | 10.184.22.156 | TCP | 1662 | 80 → 59649 [ACK] Seq=2145 Ack=923 Win=8000 Len=1608 [TCP segment of a reassemble |
| | 208 1.688688 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.237.26.108 | TCP | 54 | 59649 → 80 [ACK] Seq=923 Ack=3753 Win=131072 Len=0 |
| + | 210 1.691223 | 10.237.26.108 | 10.184.22.156 | HTTP/XML | 574 | HTTP/1.1 200 OK |
| | 211 1.691370 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.237.26.108 | TCP | 54 | 59649 → 80 [ACK] Seq=923 Ack=4273 Win=130560 Len=0 |
| | 294 2.269555 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.237.26.108 | HTTP | 943 | GET /act4d/media/system/js/mootools.js HTTP/1.1 |
| | 295 2.272164 | 10.237.26.108 | 10.184.22.156 | TCP | 54 | 80 → 59649 [ACK] Seq=4273 Ack=1459 Win=9088 Len=0 |
| | 296 2.272671 | 10.237.26.108 | 10.184.22.156 | TCP | 54 | 80 → 59649 [ACK] Seq=4273 Ack=1812 Win=10176 Len=0 |
| | 297 2.296739 | 10.237.26.108 | 10.184.22.156 | TCP | 2198 | 80 -> 59649 [ACK] Seq=4273 Ack=1812 Win=10176 Len=2144 [TCP segment of a reassem |
| | 298 2.296829 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.237.26.108 | TCP | 54 | 59649 → 80 [ACK] Seq=1812 Ack=6417 Win=131072 Len=0 |
| | 299 2.297890 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.237.26.108 | HTTP | 942 | GET /act4d/media/system/js/caption.js HTTP/1.1 |
| | 300 2.299875 | 10.237.26.108 | 10.184.22.156 | TCP | 2734 | 80 → 59649 [ACK] Seq=6417 Ack=1812 Win=10176 Len=2680 [TCP segment of a reassem |
| | 301 2.299875 | 10.237.26.108 | 10.184.22.156 | TCP | 54 | 80 → 59650 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=537 Win=6912 Len=0 |
| | 302 2.299969 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.237.26.108 | TCP | 54 | 59649 → 80 [ACK] Seq=1812 Ack=9097 Win=131072 Len=0 |
| | 303 2.300447 | 10.184.22.156 | 10.237.26.108 | TCP | 66 | 59654 → 80 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=256 SACK_PERM |
| | 304 2.301787 | 10.237.26.108 | 10.184.22.156 | TCP | 54 | 80 → 59650 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=889 Win=8000 Len=0 |

Figure 7: ACT4D TCP (filter ((ip.src==10.184.22.156 && ip.dst==10.237.26.108) || (ip.src==10.237.26.108 && ip.dst==10.184.22.156)) && tcp)

Observations

- a. There were DNS queries and responses for act4d.iitd.ac.in. The request-response began at 1.343979s and ended at 1.348164s lasting for a total of 4.185ms.
- b. A total of 12 http requests were observed. Further, the rough order of requests is as follows:
 - (a) HTML-1
 - (b) JavaScript-2
 - (c) CSS-5
 - (d) PHP-1 (Not found)
 - (e) Images-3

This sequence provides a comprehensive understanding of how a web browser fetches and renders a webpage. Initially, it prioritizes the loading of the HTML file, which serves as the blueprint for the webpage's structure. Subsequently, it proceeds to fetch JavaScript and CSS files, which respectively provide the interactivity and visual styling essential for the webpage's functionality and aesthetics.

This order of loading is purposeful and coherent. By initially processing the HTML file, the browser establishes the foundation upon which the entire webpage is built. The subsequent retrieval of JavaScript and CSS files enriches this foundation by infusing dynamic behavior and captivating design.

Concluding this sequence, the browser focuses on loading images. These visual elements, while essential for content enhancement, often possess a larger file size. Hence, deferring their loading until the end optimizes the overall loading performance.

In essence, this loading hierarchy ensures an organized and efficient rendering process, enabling the browser to progressively construct a fully-fledged and visually appealing webpage.

c. Total 6 tcp connections were opened, which is more than the number of http requests. This is because multiple http requests can be served over a single tcp connection. The requests served by the connections are sumarized in Table 1.

| Source Port | Request Handled |
|-------------|------------------------------------|
| 59649 | html, monotools.js |
| 59650 | caption.js, favicon, balazahir.jpg |
| 59654 | layout.css, act4d.png |
| 59655 | position.css, print.css |
| 59656 | template.css |
| 59657 | general.css |

Table 1: Ports and Requests

Reusing connections helps to improve performance by saving the time taken to establish a connection. Further, the server can also reuse the same resources for multiple requests, which saves time and bandwidth.

§5. Appendix: Preparatory Tasks

Here, we provide information about the various tools available for network analysis

5.1. if config/ipconfig

This is used to find the following for the network interfaces on the computer:

- IP address An IP (Internet Protocol) address is a numerical label assigned to each device connected to a computer network that uses the Internet Protocol for communication. It serves two main purposes: identifying the host or network interface and providing the location of the host in the network. IP addresses can be either IPv4 (32-bit) or IPv6 (128-bit) and are written in a dotted-decimal format (e.g., 172.31.225.222 for IPv4 or fe80::215:5dff:feeb:19f7 for IPv6).
- Gateway A gateway, often referred to as a default gateway, is a network device (usually a router) that serves as an access point to other networks. It acts as an intermediary between devices within a local network and devices on other networks, including the internet. When a device on a local network wants to communicate with a device on another network, it sends the data to the gateway, which then forwards it to the appropriate destination.
- Network mask A network mask, also known as a subnet mask, is used in conjunction with an IP address to determine the network portion and the host portion of the address. It is a binary pattern of bits that help divide an IP address into a network address and a host address. The network mask is typically represented in decimal format as four octets (e.g., 255.255.255.0 for IPv4). It is used in the process of subnetting to identify which part of the IP address identifies the network and which part identifies the individual host within that network.
- Hardware address: A hardware address, also known as a MAC (Media Access Control) address, is a unique identifier assigned to a network interface card (NIC) by its manufacturer. It is a 48-bit address expressed in hexadecimal format and is used to identify a specific device on a local network. Each NIC in the world has its own unique MAC address, allowing devices to communicate with each other at the data link layer of the networking model.
- DNS server A DNS (Domain Name System) server translates human-readable domain names, like www.google.com, into IP addresses that machines can understand. When you enter a URL in a web browser or try to access any internet resource, your device sends a DNS query to a DNS server. The DNS server then looks up the corresponding IP address associated with the domain name and returns it to your device, allowing it to establish a connection to the desired resource.

Running if config on our system connected to Wifi gives the following output:

```
root@IdeapadAB: "# ifconfig
eth0: flags=4163 < UP, BROADCAST, RUNNING, MULTICAST > mtu 1500
  inet 172.31.225.222 netmask 255.255.240.0 broadcast 172.31.239.255
  inet6 fe80::215:5dff:feeb:19f7 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
  ether 00:15:5d:eb:19:f7 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
 RX packets 149 bytes 20663 (20.6 KB)
 RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0
                                     frame 0
  TX packets 13 bytes 1006 (1.0 KB)
  TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
  inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
  inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x10<host>
  loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
  RX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
 RX\ errors\ 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
  TX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
  TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
```

And on running it on mobile hotspot, we get the following output:

```
root@IdeapadAB:~# ifconfig
eth0: flags=4163<UP, BROADCAST, RUNNING, MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 172.31.225.222 netmask 255.255.240.0 broadcast 172.31.239.255
    inet6 fe80::215:5dff:feeb:19f7 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    ether 00:15:5d:eb:19:f7 txqueuelen 1000
                                            (Ethernet)
   RX packets 1035 bytes 154375 (154.3 KB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0
   TX packets 103 bytes 8962 (8.9 KB)
   TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0
                                     carrier 0 collisions 0
lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
    inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
    inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x10<host>
    loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
   RX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
   RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
   TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
```

eth0 and 1o are two different network interfaces. eth0 is associated with the Ethernet connection and 1o is the loopback(localhost) interface.

Here is a description of the various fields in the output:

flags A set of flags that indicate the status of the network interface.

mtu The Maximum Transmission Unit (MTU) is the size of the largest packet that can be transmitted over the network interface without being fragmented. The MTU is typically measured in bytes and can range from 64 to 65535 bytes.

inet The IPv4 address assigned to the network interface.

netmask The subnet mask for the IPv4 address. It helps determine the network and host portions of the IP address.

broadcast The broadcast address for the network. It is used to send data to all devices on the local network.

inet6 The IPv6 link-local address with a prefix length of 64 bits. IPv6 addresses are written in hexadecimal format and are longer than IPv4 addresses.

ether The unique hardware address (MAC address) of the network interface card.

txqueuelen The length of the transmit queue.

RX packets The number of received packets.

TX packets The number of transmitted packets.

RX errors The number of receive errors.

TX errors The number of transmit errors.

dropped The number of dropped packets due to errors.

overruns The number of packets that had data sent beyond their allowed length.

frame The number of packets with framing errors.

collisions The number of packet collisions (i.e., when two devices transmit data at the same time).

The IP address of the smartphone can be found by "Settings \rightarrow About phone \rightarrow Status \rightarrow IP address"

5.2. ping

This is used to discover if a particular IP address is online or not. For example, in the following code we are pinging www.google.com with packets of size 10 bytes and varying the TTL. We observe that as the TTL decreases, the packet doesn't reach the destination. This is because the TTL is decremented by 1 at each hop and when it reaches 0, the packet is dropped and an ICMP error message is sent back to the source. The source then knows that the packet didn't reach the destination and hence the destination is not online.

```
root@IdeapadAB:~# ping -c 3 -s 50 -t 10 www.google.com
PING www.google.com (142.250.195.4) 50(78) bytes of data.
58 bytes from del12s09-in-f4.1e100.net (142.250.195.4): icmp_seq=1 ttl=55 time=82.3 ms
58 bytes from del12s09-in-f4.1e100.net (142.250.195.4): icmp_seq=2 ttl=55 time=67.1 ms
58 bytes from del12s09-in-f4.1e100.net (142.250.195.4): icmp_seq=3 ttl=55 time=33.1 ms
--- www.google.com ping statistics ---
3 packets transmitted, 3 received, 0% packet loss, time 2004ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 33.130/60.834/82.271/20.545 ms
root@IdeapadAB:~# ping -c 3 -s 50 -t 9 www.google.com
PING www.google.com (142.250.195.4) 50(78) bytes of data.
From 142.251.52.213 (142.251.52.213) icmp_seq=1 Time to live exceeded
From 142.251.52.213 (142.251.52.213) icmp_seq=2 Time to live exceeded
From 142.251.52.213 (142.251.52.213) icmp_seq=3 Time to live exceeded
--- www.google.com ping statistics ---
3 packets transmitted, 0 received, +3 errors, 100% packet loss, time 2299ms
pipe 2
```

5.3. traceroute

This gives you the sequence of routers that a packet traverses to get to a particular destination.

```
C:\Users\Anish>tracert iitd.ac.in
Tracing route to iitd.ac.in [103.27.9.24]
over a maximum of 30 hops:
      3 ms
                                192.168.107.98
                4 ms
                         3 ms
2
     39 ms
               29 ms
                        21 ms
                                10.50.97.29
3
     54 ms
               46 ms
                        23 ms
                                10.50.97.223
4
     58 ms
               25 ms
                        34 ms
                                10.50.97.77
5
    190 ms
               30 ms
                        46 ms
                                dsl-ncr-dynamic-017.24.23.125.airtelbroadband.in [125.23.24.17]
               37 ms
                                116.119.109.76
6
     63 ms
                        27 ms
                         26 ms
                                49.44.187.164
     51 ms
               38 ms
8
                *
                         *
                                Request timed out.
                                Request timed out.
9
10
      38 ms
                27 ms
                         27 ms
                                 136.232.148.178
                                 Request timed out.
11
       *
                 *
                          *
                                 Request timed out.
12
13
       *
                 *
                          *
                                 Request timed out.
                         60 ms
14
      53 ms
                36 ms
                                 103.27.9.24
15
      85 ms
                35 ms
                         36 ms
                                 103.27.9.24
16
     148 ms
               101 ms
                         86 ms
                                 103.27.9.24
Trace complete.
```

5.4. nslookup

This command helps you communicate with DNS servers to get the IP address for a particular hostname.

5.5. nmap

This is a handy network diagnostics tool that you can use to discover which hosts are online in the network, and even try to infer what operating system the hosts might be running.

5.6. Wireshark

This is a very useful tool to sniff packets on the wire (or wireless medium). Sniffed data is parsed by wireshark and presented in an easily readable format with details of the protocols being used at different layers.