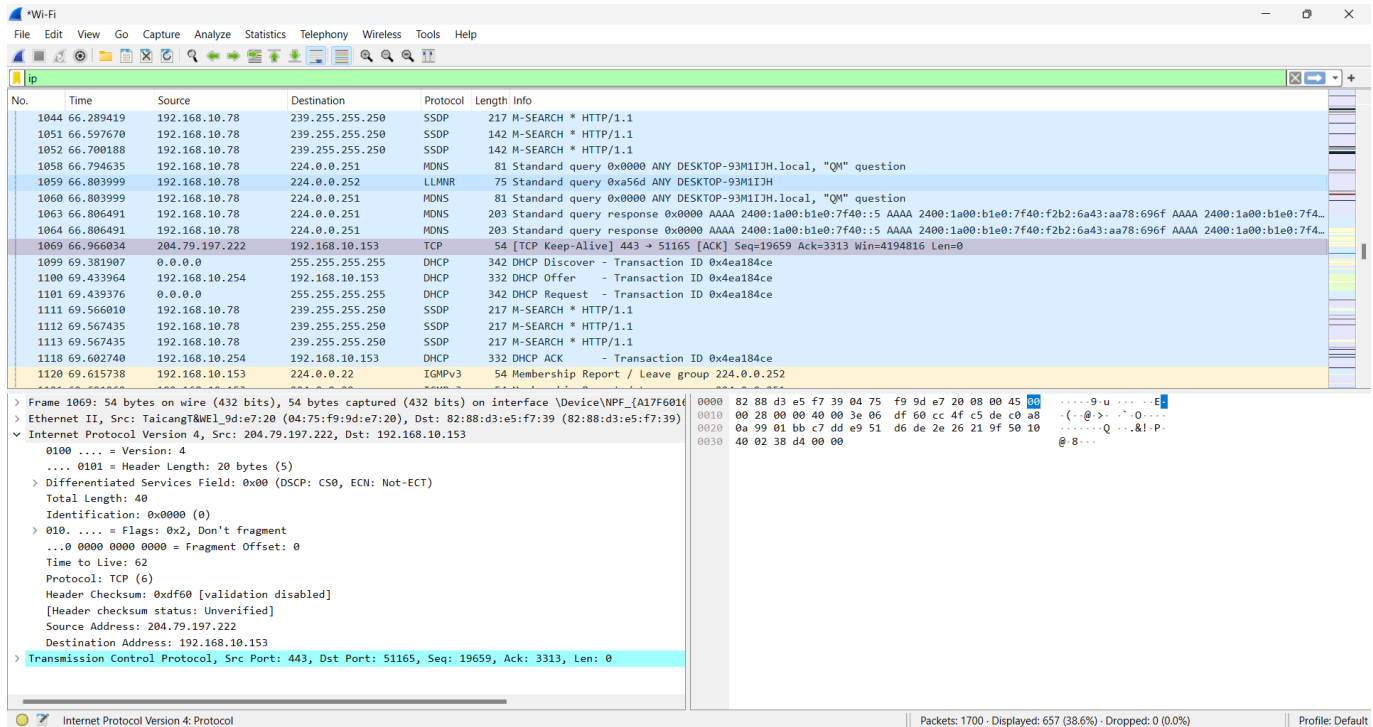


1. Capture an ip packet on Wireshark , what is the value of each of the header fields. Explain why the value is what it is.



Analyzing IP Header Fields

Let's break down the IP header bits and their possible values, using a packet.

1. Version:

- **Value:** 4 or 6
- **Explanation:** Indicates the IP version. IPv4 is the most common and will show a value of 4. IPv6 packets will show a value of 6.

2. Header Length:

- **Value:** Typically 20 bytes (5 in the header length field, indicating $5 \times 4 = 20$ bytes)
- **Explanation:** Specifies the length of the IP header. The value is in 32-bit words, so a minimum value of 5 means 20 bytes.

3. Type of Service (ToS):

- **Value:** Varies

- **Explanation:** Indicates the priority of the packet and the type of service expected. The value can vary depending on the Quality of Service (QoS) needed.

4. Total Length:

- **Value:** Varies
- **Explanation:** Specifies the total length of the IP packet, including the header and data. The value is given in bytes.

5. Identification:

- **Value:** Varies
- **Explanation:** A unique value identifying the group of fragments of a single IP datagram.

6. Flags:

- **Value:** 0, 1, or 2
- **Explanation:** Contains flags such as "Don't Fragment" (DF) and "More Fragments" (MF). The most significant bit is always 0.

7. Fragment Offset:

- **Value:** Varies
- **Explanation:** Indicates where in the datagram this fragment belongs. It is measured in units of 8 bytes.

8. Time to Live (TTL):

- **Value:** Typically between 1 and 255
- **Explanation:** Specifies the maximum time the packet is allowed to remain in the network before being discarded. It decreases by 1 for each hop.

9. Protocol:

- **Value:** E.g., 6 (TCP), 17 (UDP)
- **Explanation:** Identifies the protocol used in the data portion of the IP datagram.

10. Header Checksum:

- **Value:** Varies
- **Explanation:** Used for error-checking the header. It's recalculated and verified at each hop.

11. **Source IP Address:**

- **Value:** Depends on the sender
- **Explanation:** The IP address of the originator of the packet.

12. **Destination IP Address:**

- **Value:** Depends on the recipient
- **Explanation:** The IP address of the intended recipient.

13. **Options (if any):**

- **Value:** Optional
- **Explanation:** May contain various control options. Not always present and typically not used.