

# COMPUTER NETWORKS LAB

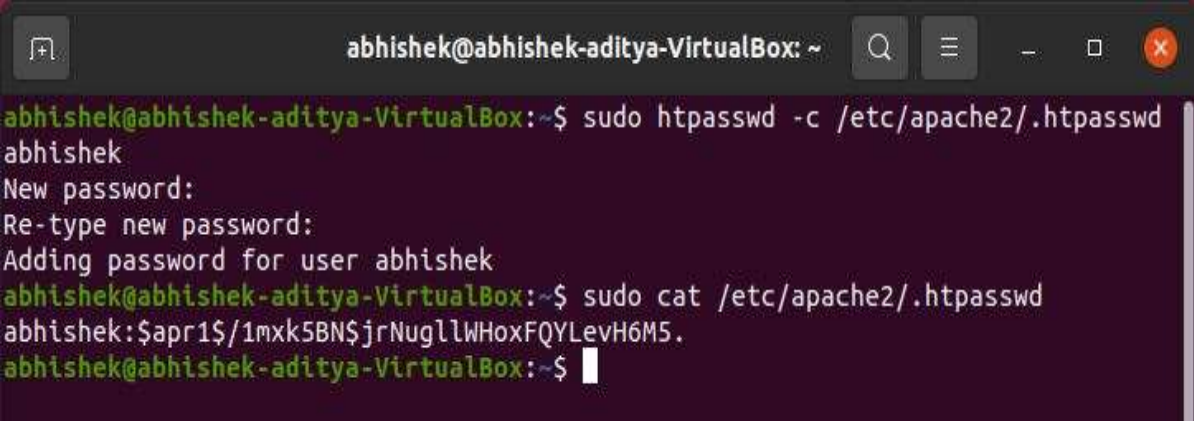
## WEEK 3

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SECTION A

### 1. Password Authentication

#### 1.1 Password Generation

- To enable basic authentication for HTTP, we need to generate a password file. This file can be generated using the **htpasswd** command.
- Using **sudo htpasswd -c /etc/apache2/.htpasswd username** we can set a password for the given user username and write it into the **.htpasswd** configuration file.
- The cat command can be used to view the encrypted password file, which is encrypted using the Data Encryption Standard algorithm



```
abhishek@abhishek-aditya-VirtualBox: ~  
abhishek@abhishek-aditya-VirtualBox:~$ sudo htpasswd -c /etc/apache2/.htpasswd  
abhishek  
New password:  
Re-type new password:  
Adding password for user abhishek  
abhishek@abhishek-aditya-VirtualBox:~$ sudo cat /etc/apache2/.htpasswd  
abhishek:$apr1$/1mxk5BN$jrnUgllWHoxFQYLevH6M5.  
abhishek@abhishek-aditya-VirtualBox:~$
```

#### 1.2 Apache Server Authentication

- To enable password authentication in the server, we need to modify the Apache configuration file

This can be done using

**sudo nano /etc/apache2/sites-available/000-default.conf**

- Password authentication is added to the **/var/www/html** directory which is the localhost home directory so that all files hosted here will require authentication to access.
- To activate the authentication and policy, we need to restart the server using **sudo service apache2 restart**

```
GNU nano 4.8 /etc/apache2/sites-available/000-default.conf Modified

# Available loglevels: trace8, ..., trace1, debug, info, notice, warn,
# error, crit, alert, emerg.
# It is also possible to configure the loglevel for particular
# modules, e.g.
#LogLevel info ssl:warn

ErrorLog ${APACHE_LOG_DIR}/error.log
CustomLog ${APACHE_LOG_DIR}/access.log combined

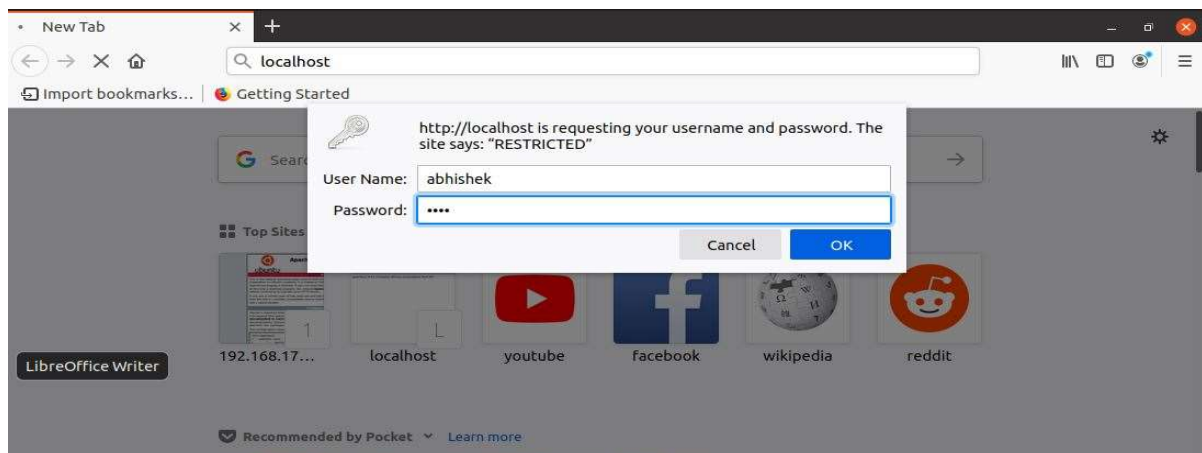
# For most configuration files from conf-available/, which are
# enabled or disabled at a global level, it is possible to
# include a line for only one particular virtual host. For example the
# following line enables the CGI configuration for this host only
# after it has been globally disabled with "a2disconf".
#Include conf-available/serve-cgi-bin.conf
<Directory "/var/www/html">
    AuthType Basic
    AuthName "RESTRICTED"
    AuthUserFile /etc/apache2/.htpasswd
    Require valid-user
</Directory>

</VirtualHost>

^G Get Help  ^O Write Out  ^W Where Is   ^K Cut Text   ^J Justify    ^C Cur Pos    M-U Undo
^X Exit      ^R Read File  ^\ Replace   ^U Paste Text ^T To Spell   ^_ Go To Line  M-E Redo
```

## 1.3 Accessing Localhost

- We can now access localhost only after entering the username and password set earlier
- These credentials are entered on the browser window



## 1.4 Wireshark Packet Capture

Wireshark can be used to capture the packets sent on the network. The first GET request corresponding to the HTML file is analysed and its TCP Stream is expanded, and parameters examined.

The image shows the Wireshark interface with a packet capture on interface 'any'. The packet list shows a GET request (No. 273) from 127.0.0.1 to 127.0.0.1 on port 80. The packet details pane shows the following information:

- Frame 273: 439 bytes on wire (3512 bits), 439 bytes captured (3512 bits) on interface any, id 0
- Linux cooked capture
- Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 127.0.0.1, Dst: 127.0.0.1
- Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 33734, Dst Port: 80, Seq: 1, Ack: 1, Len: 371
- Hypertext Transfer Protocol

The packet bytes pane shows the raw data of the packet, with a hex and ASCII view.

The image shows the 'Follow TCP Stream' window for the selected packet. It displays the raw data of the packet, which is a GET request. The details are as follows:

```
GET / HTTP/1.1
Host: localhost
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Ubuntu; Linux x86_64; rv:85.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/85.0
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Connection: keep-alive
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
Authorization: Basic YWJoaXNoZW50DkyMw==

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Mon, 15 Feb 2021 14:10:22 GMT
Server: Apache/2.4.41 (Ubuntu)
Last-Modified: Mon, 15 Feb 2021 13:50:40 GMT
ETag: "2aa6-5bb60457e83b2-gzip"
Accept-Ranges: bytes
Vary: Accept-Encoding
Content-Encoding: gzip
Content-Length: 3138
Keep-Alive: timeout=5, max=100
Connection: Keep-Alive
Content-Type: text/html
```

The raw data is shown in a hex and ASCII view, with a hex dump and an ASCII representation of the data.

## 1.5 Decrypting Base64 Encryption

- We can observe that the **Authorization** field stores the password we had entered to access localhost.
- This password is encrypted using the Base64 algorithm before it is transmitted along the network.
  - Each character is converted into 8-bit binary ASCII representation
  - Group these bits into chunks of 6-bits.
  - Convert these chunks into their decimal equivalent and assign the corresponding Base64 character
  - The Base64 algorithm supports the use of lowercase as well as uppercase alphabets, all digits from 0 to 9 and the special characters + and / only.
- Similarly, Base64 is decoded by obtaining the 6-bit binary chunks for each character, grouping them into chunks of 8-bits and then converting into their corresponding character

★ **YWJoaXNoZWs6ODkyMw==** can be first converted to a 6-bit binary equivalent

Y	24	011000
W	22	010110
J	9	001001
o	40	101000
a	26	011010
X	23	010111
N	13	001101
o	40	101000
Z	25	011001
W	22	010110
s	44	010110
6	58	011010
O	14	001110
D	3	000011
k	36	100100
y	50	110010
M	12	001100
w	48	110000

- ★ These binary equivalents can then be grouped together and then decoded to ASCII

01100001 a  
01100010 b  
01101000 h  
01101001 i  
01110011 s  
01101000 h  
01100101 e  
01100101 k  
10011010 :  
00111000 8  
00111001 9  
00110010 2  
00110011 3

Decoding **YWJoaXNoZWs6ODkyMw==** using online Base64 decoder



Base64 decode

Decode base64 string from 'YmFzZTY0IGRIY29kZXI=' to 'base64 decoder'

YWJoaXNoZWs6ODkyMw==

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## 2. Setting Cookies

### 2.1 Setting Cookies with PHP

- We can set cookies using a PHP script and the **setcookie(name, value, expire\_time)** function
- When this file is requested by the browser a cookie will be set



```

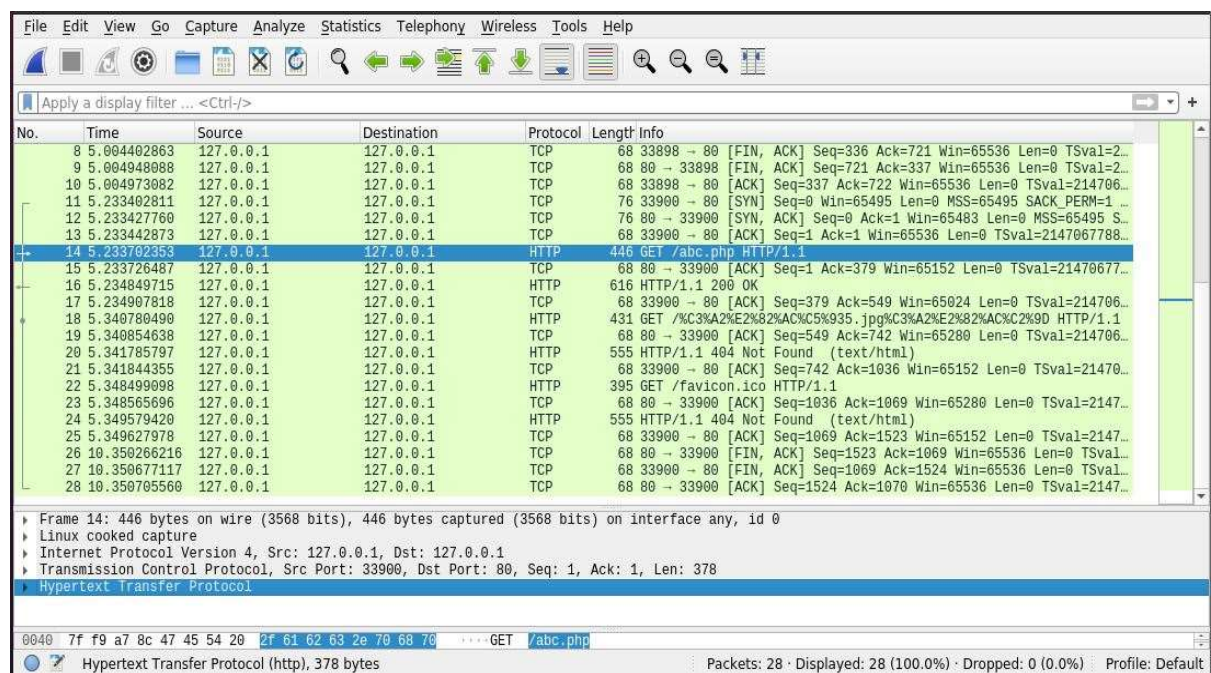
Open  abc.php  Save
/var/www/html

1 <html>
2     <?php
3         setcookie("SRN","PES1UG19CS019");
4         setcookie("NAME","Abhishek",time()+123);
5     ?>
6     <head>
7         <title>Computer networks Lab week 3</title>
8     </head>
9     <body>
10        <img src= "8.jpg" width= "300" height= "300" />
11    </body>
12 </html>
13

```

## 2.2 Wireshark Capture

- Wireshark can be used to capture the packets sent on the network. The first GET request corresponding to the PHP file is analysed and its TCP Stream is expanded and examined.
- The Cookie name, value and the associated parameters can be viewed under the HTTP header **Set-Cookie**.
- We can observe the name, value, and the expiry time of the set cookie, if the cookie has not already expired.



```
Wireshark · Follow TCP Stream (tcp.stream eq 7) · any

GET /abc.php HTTP/1.1
Host: localhost
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Ubuntu; Linux x86_64; rv:84.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/84.0
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Connection: keep-alive
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
Authorization: Basic YWJoaXNoZW50DkyMw==

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Mon, 15 Feb 2021 15:22:10 GMT
Server: Apache/2.4.41 (Ubuntu)
Set-Cookie: SRN=PES1UG19CS019
Set-Cookie: NAME=Abhishek; expires=Mon, 15-Feb-2021 15:24:13 GMT; Max-Age=123
Vary: Accept-Encoding
Content-Encoding: gzip
Content-Length: 142
Keep-Alive: timeout=5, max=100
Connection: Keep-Alive
Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8

.....(.....R.....$. '$'..9?...$.H!/.<.(.X.'1I.<55[...F.....!)?.....P\..1...a..^VA...
..)%. '!c...@FjFzF ..>.@}..6....i.....i.....GET /%E2%80%9C1.jpg%E2%80%9D HTTP/1.1
Host: localhost
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Ubuntu; Linux x86_64; rv:84.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/84.0
Accept: image/webp,*/*
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Authorization: Basic YWJoaXNoZW50DkyMw==

3 client pkts, 3 server pkts, 5 turns.
```

### 3. Conditional GET

- A conditional HTTP response is one that carries the resource only if it had been modified since the last GET request by the client.
- The HTTP header **If-Modified-Since** is one way to implement Conditional GET
- The server checks the **If-Modified-Since** header value and resends the resource only if it has been modified since the timestamp in the header
- If it has not been modified, a **304 Not Modified** status code is sent back.

#### 3.1 Repeat Requests for HTML Page

- An HTML page is requested by the client and the HTML file is obtained along with a 200 OK response status
- Immediately, the request is made again either by refreshing or accessing it via a browser tab
- The second response from the server is obtained as **304 Not Modified** since the resource has not been modified since the last GET.

File Edit View Go Capture Analyze Statistics Telephony Wireless Tools Help

http

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
16	18.678694164	192.168.174.128	128.119.245.12	HTTP	432	GET /wireshark-labs/HTTP-wireshark-file2.html HTTP/1.1
20	18.914692178	128.119.245.12	192.168.174.128	HTTP	786	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
22	19.065255108	192.168.174.128	128.119.245.12	HTTP	389	GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1
47	19.397732184	128.119.245.12	192.168.174.128	HTTP	541	HTTP/1.1 404 Not Found (text/html)
70	31.513199792	192.168.174.128	128.119.245.12	HTTP	544	GET /wireshark-labs/HTTP-wireshark-file2.html HTTP/1.1
73	31.871308993	128.119.245.12	192.168.174.128	HTTP	296	HTTP/1.1 304 Not Modified

Frame 16: 432 bytes on wire (3456 bits), 432 bytes captured (3456 bits) on interface any, id 0

Linux cooked capture

Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.174.128, Dst: 128.119.245.12

Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 55468, Dst Port: 80, Seq: 1, Ack: 1, Len: 376

Hypertext Transfer Protocol

```

GET /wireshark-labs/HTTP-wireshark-file2.html HTTP/1.1
Host: gaia.cs.umass.edu
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Ubuntu; Linux x86_64; rv:85.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/85.0
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Connection: keep-alive
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Mon, 15 Feb 2021 15:45:40 GMT
Server: Apache/2.4.6 (CentOS) OpenSSL/1.0.2k-fips PHP/7.4.14 mod_perl/2.0.11 Perl/v5.16.3
Last-Modified: Mon, 15 Feb 2021 06:59:01 GMT
ETag: "173-5bb5a8550d32a"
Accept-Ranges: bytes
Content-Length: 371
Keep-Alive: timeout=5, max=100
Connection: Keep-Alive
Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8

<html>

Congratulations again! Now you've downloaded the file lab2-2.html. <br>
This file's last modification date will not change. <p>
Thus if you download this multiple times on your browser, a complete copy <br>
will only be sent once by the server due to the inclusion of the IN-MODIFIED-SINCE<br>
field in your browser's HTTP GET request to the server.

</html>
1 client pkt, 1 server pkt, 1 turn.

```

## First Request from server - 200 OK

```

GET /wireshark-labs/HTTP-wireshark-file2.html HTTP/1.1
Host: gaia.cs.umass.edu
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Ubuntu; Linux x86_64; rv:85.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/85.0
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Connection: keep-alive
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
If-Modified-Since: Mon, 15 Feb 2021 06:59:01 GMT
If-None-Match: "173-5bb5a8550d32a"
Cache-Control: max-age=0

HTTP/1.1 304 Not Modified
Date: Mon, 15 Feb 2021 15:45:52 GMT
Server: Apache/2.4.6 (CentOS) OpenSSL/1.0.2k-fips PHP/7.4.14 mod_perl/2.0.11 Perl/v5.16.3
Connection: Keep-Alive
Keep-Alive: timeout=5, max=100
ETag: "173-5bb5a8550d32a"

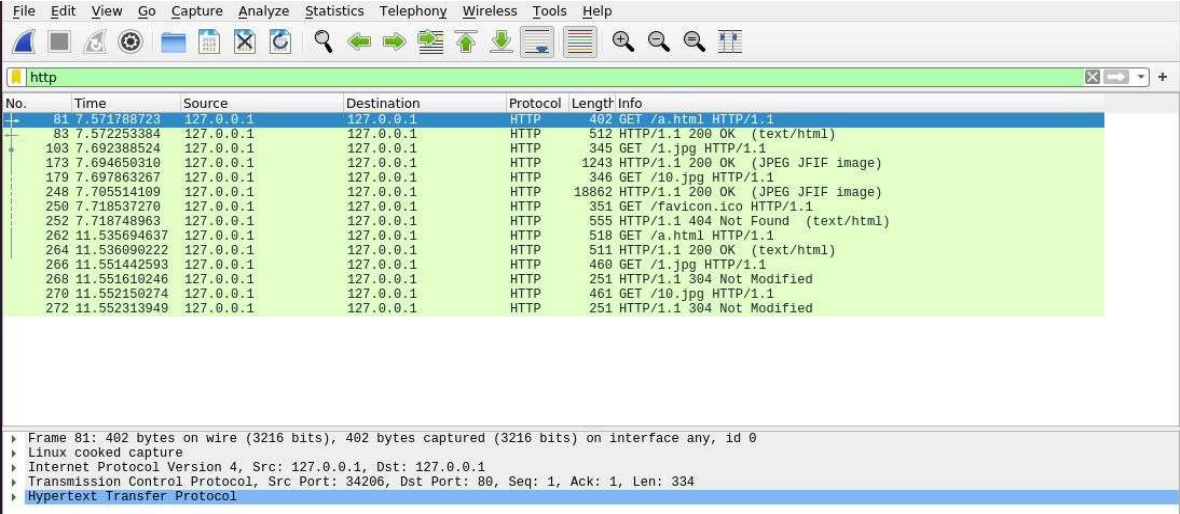
```

## Second Request from Server – 304 Not Modified



## 3.2 Conditional GET on Localhost

- A simple HTML file with 2 images is placed in the localhost home directory.
- From a browser, a request is made for the file, which receives a response of **200 OK** with both images being sent by the server.



The image shows a Wireshark packet capture of an HTTP session on localhost. The packet list table is as follows:

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
81	7.571788723	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	HTTP	402	GET /a.html HTTP/1.1
83	7.572253384	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	HTTP	512	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
193	7.692398524	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	HTTP	345	GET /1.jpg HTTP/1.1
173	7.694659310	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	HTTP	1243	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image)
179	7.697863267	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	HTTP	346	GET /10.jpg HTTP/1.1
248	7.795514109	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	HTTP	18862	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image)
250	7.718537270	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	HTTP	351	GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1
252	7.718748963	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	HTTP	555	HTTP/1.1 404 Not Found (text/html)
262	11.535694637	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	HTTP	518	GET /a.html HTTP/1.1
264	11.536090222	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	HTTP	511	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
266	11.551442593	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	HTTP	460	GET /1.jpg HTTP/1.1
268	11.551610246	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	HTTP	251	HTTP/1.1 304 Not Modified
270	11.552150274	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	HTTP	461	GET /10.jpg HTTP/1.1
272	11.552313949	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	HTTP	251	HTTP/1.1 304 Not Modified

The packet details pane for the selected packet (No. 81) shows:

- Frame 81: 402 bytes on wire (3216 bits), 402 bytes captured (3216 bits) on interface any, id 0
- Linux cooked capture
- Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 127.0.0.1, Dst: 127.0.0.1
- Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 34206, Dst Port: 80, Seq: 1, Ack: 1, Len: 334
- Hypertext Transfer Protocol

- When the request is sent again, the **304 Not Modified** status code is sent and images are not sent back.

```
GET /1.jpg HTTP/1.1
Host: localhost
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Ubuntu; Linux x86_64; rv:85.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/85.0
Accept: image/webp,*/*
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Connection: keep-alive
Referer: http://localhost/a.html
If-Modified-Since: Sat, 06 Feb 2021 17:46:18 GMT
If-None-Match: "1b8373-5baae83a02605"
Cache-Control: max-age=0

HTTP/1.1 304 Not Modified
Date: Mon, 15 Feb 2021 16:13:19 GMT
Server: Apache/2.4.41 (Ubuntu)
Connection: Keep-Alive
Keep-Alive: timeout=5, max=98
ETag: "1b8373-5baae83a02605"

GET /10.jpg HTTP/1.1
Host: localhost
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Ubuntu; Linux x86_64; rv:85.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/85.0
Accept: image/webp,*/*
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Connection: keep-alive
Referer: http://localhost/a.html
If-Modified-Since: Sat, 06 Feb 2021 14:38:43 GMT
If-None-Match: "164707-5baabe4bf41fe"
Cache-Control: max-age=0

HTTP/1.1 304 Not Modified
Date: Mon, 15 Feb 2021 16:13:19 GMT
Server: Apache/2.4.41 (Ubuntu)
Connection: Keep-Alive
Keep-Alive: timeout=5, max=97
ETag: "164707-5baabe4bf41fe"
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