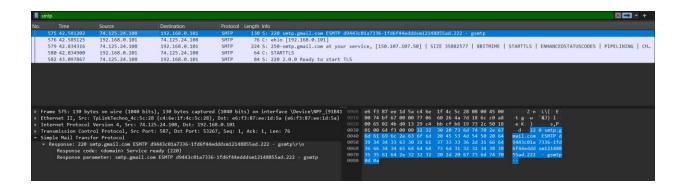
This experiment was done on wireshark to capture a packet while sending an email.

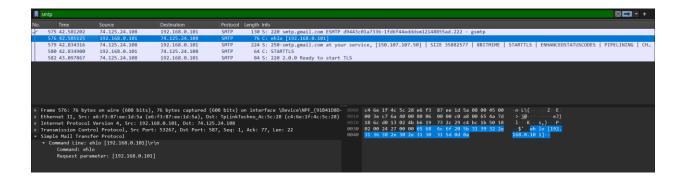
Before any SMTP communication happens, a TCP connection is established between the client and the server. The SMTP server, upon accepting the TCP connection, sends a greeting message to the client.



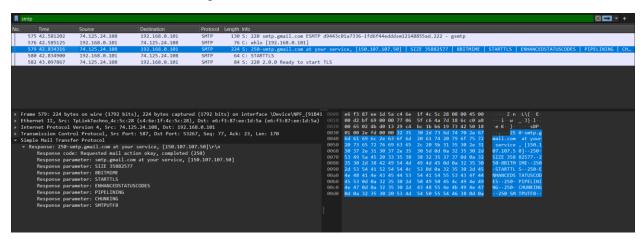
The packets were filtered using smtp filter and following packets were visible.



This packet is part of an SMTP communication. The source is an IP address associated with Gmail's SMTP server (74.125.24.108) communicating with a device on a local network (192.168.0.101). The packet is a server response indicating that the SMTP server (smtp.gmail.com) is ready to accept a connection. The server sends a response code 220, which signifies that the service is ready.



This packet is part of an SMTP communication sequence, where the device with IP address 192.168.0.101 on a local network sends an ehlo command to the Gmail SMTP server (74.125.24.108) to initiate communication and request the server's capabilities. The ehlo command is used in SMTP to acknowledge the mail server and establish an extended SMTP session.



The Gmail SMTP server (74.125.24.108) is responding to the ehlo command sent by the device with IP address 192.168.0.101. The server responds with a 250 response code, indicating that the requested mail action is okay and completed.

Following are the response parameters:

SIZE 35882577: The maximum message size the server is willing to accept.

8BITMIME: Indicates support for 8-bit MIME encoding.

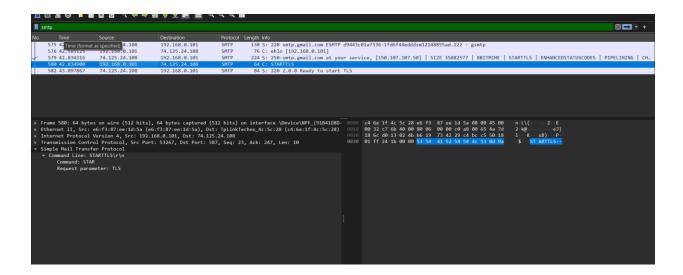
STARTTLS: Indicates support for upgrading to a secure connection using TLS.

ENHANCEDSTATUSCODES: Indicates support for enhanced status codes.

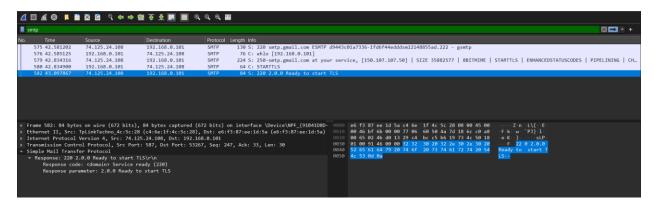
PIPELINING: Indicates support for command pipelining, allowing multiple commands to be sent without waiting for individual responses.

CHUNKING: Indicates support for the BDAT command, which allows the message to be sent in chunks.

SMTPUTF8: Indicates support for the SMTPUTF8 extension, allowing UTF-8 encoding in email addresses and headers.



The device with IP address 192.168.0.101 on a local network sends a STARTTLS command to the Gmail SMTP server (74.125.24.108). The STARTTLS command is used to initiate a secure connection by upgrading the current plain text connection to an encrypted one using TLS.



The Gmail SMTP server (74.125.24.108) responds to the STARTTLS command sent by the device with IP address 192.168.0.101. The server responds with a 220 response code, indicating that it is ready to start TLS encryption.