Wireshark 101

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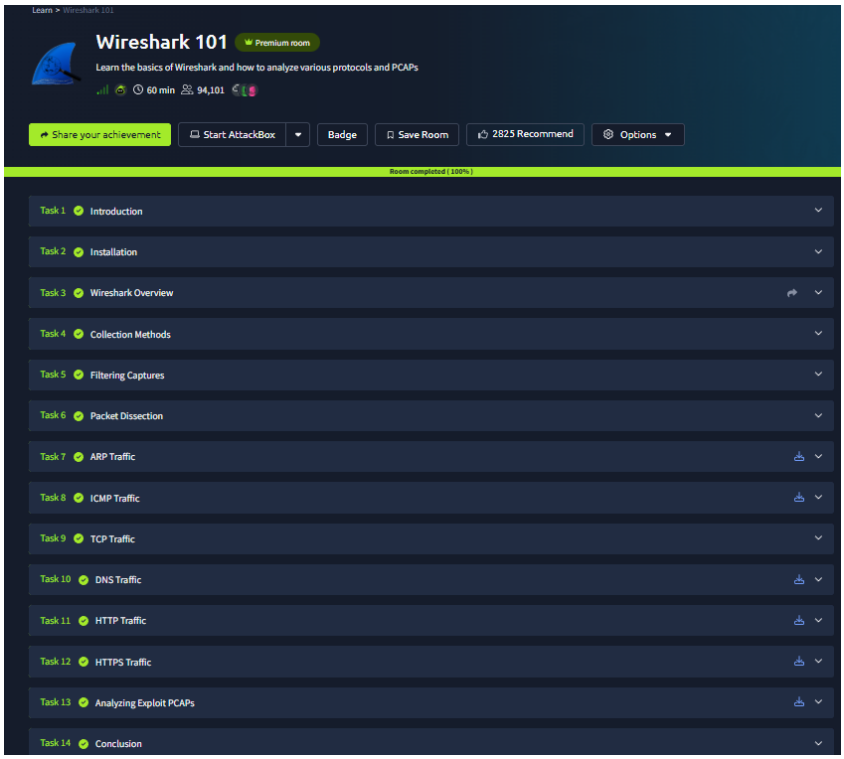
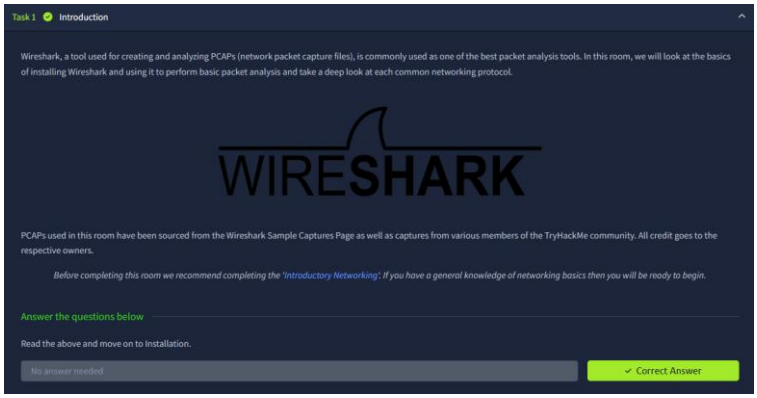
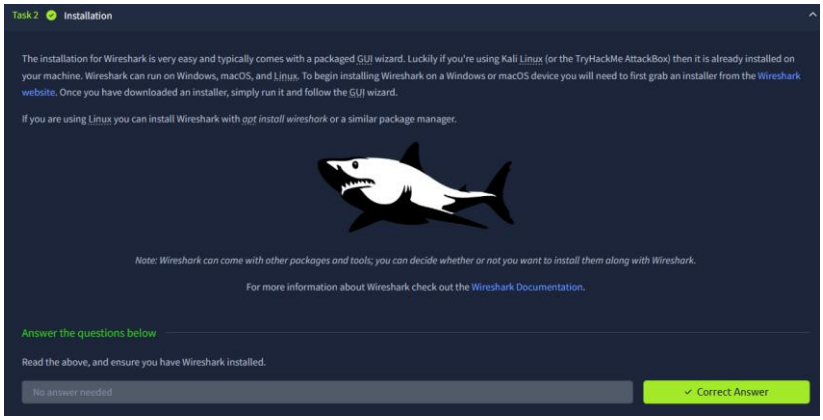
Introduction: This report analyzes and covers the Wireshark 101 ROM on the TryHackMe platform, which consists of 14 tasks explaining the fundamentals of using Wireshark to capture and analyze packet data. The report includes a brief explanation of each task, along with screenshots of the steps involved and answers to frequently asked questions.



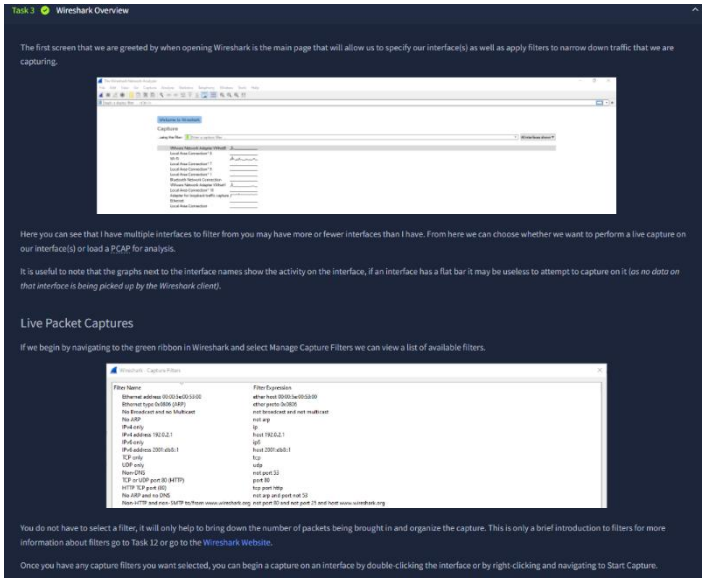
Task 1: Introduction



Task 2: Installation

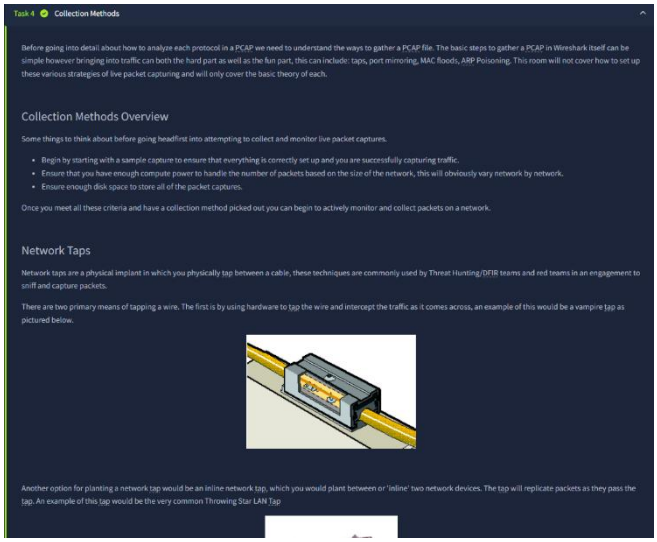


Task 3: Wireshark Overview



When opening **Wireshark**, we see the main page where we can select a network interface or load a **PCAP** file. Capture filters can be used to reduce the number of packets, then we start capturing by clicking on the chosen interface. After collecting the packets, we stop the capture and analyze them. Each packet displays information such as **time, source, destination, protocol, and length**. Wireshark also uses **different colors** to make it easier to detect anomalies and identify protocols quickly.

Task 4: Collection Methods



PCAP Collection Methods (Short Summary)

Before analyzing **PCAP** files, it's important to understand the main methods of capturing traffic:

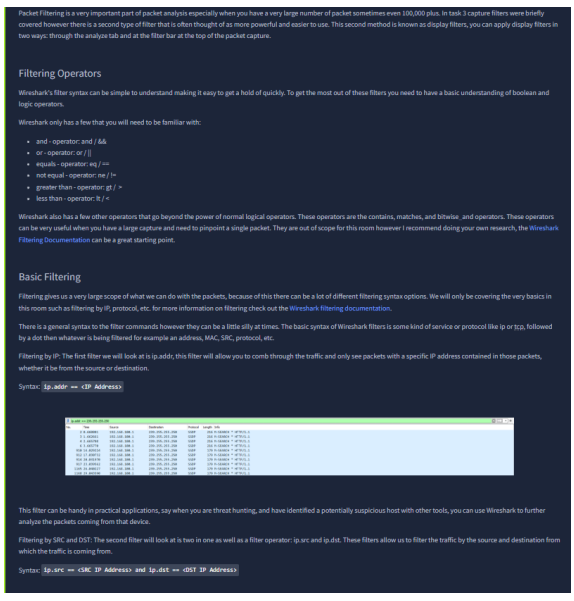
Network Taps: Physical devices placed on network cables to monitor traffic.

MAC Flooding: Overloading the switch's MAC table so it broadcasts packets to all ports.

ARP Spoofing: Redirecting network traffic to the monitoring device.

Before capturing, ensure you run a test capture, have enough computing power, and sufficient disk space.

Task 5: Filtering Captures



Filtering Captures (Wireshark) – Summary

Filters help simplify packet analysis, especially with large captures.

Display Filters: Applied after capturing via the filter bar or the Analyze menu.

Basic Operators: and, or, eq, ne, gt, lt

Common Filters:

By IP: ip.addr == <IP>

By Source and Destination: ip.src == <SRC> and ip.dst == <DST>

By Protocol or Port: tcp.port eq <Port> / udp.port eq <Port>

Filters allow focusing on important packets and analyzing them efficiently.

Task 6: Packet Dissection

Packet Dissection (Wireshark) – Summary

Wireshark uses the **OSI model** to break down packets for analysis. A captured packet can contain **5–7 layers**, typically:

Frame (Layer 1): Shows packet/frame details at the Physical layer.

Source [MAC] (Layer 2): Displays source and destination MAC addresses (Data Link layer).

Source [IP] (Layer 3): Displays source and destination IP addresses (Network layer).

Protocol (Layer 4): Shows transport protocol (TCP/UDP) and source/destination ports (Transport layer).

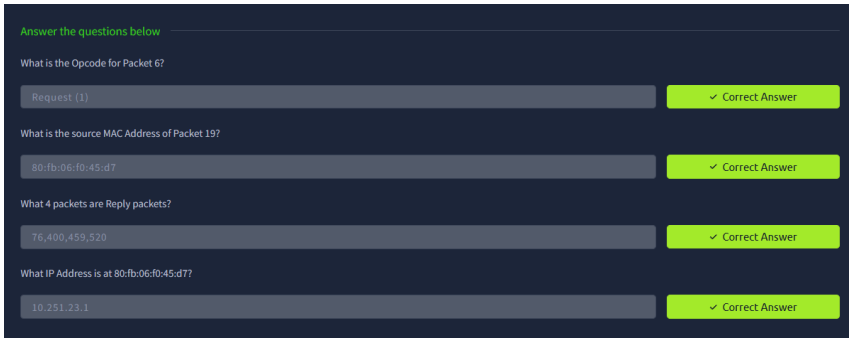
Protocol Errors: Details TCP segments needing reassembly.

Application Protocol (Layer 5): Displays protocol-specific details like HTTP, FTP, SMB (Application layer).

Application Data: Shows application-specific data.

Understanding these layers helps in analyzing packets and the protocols they carry.

Task 7: ARP Traffic



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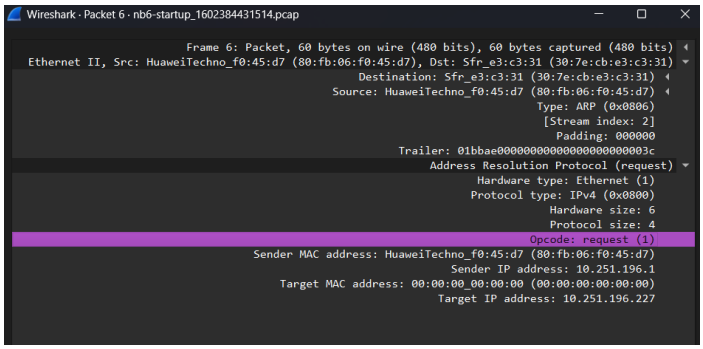
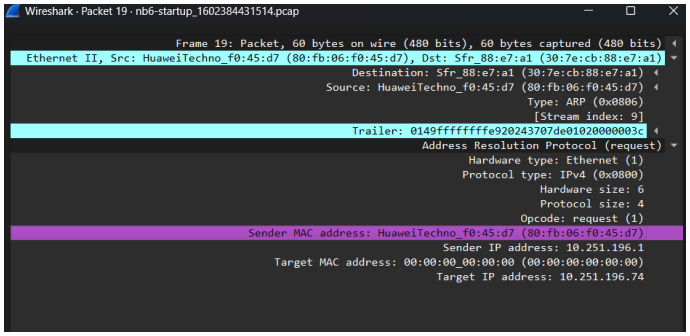


Select package number 6

Select the Address Resolution Protocol (request) section

Second question:



Select package number 19

Select the Address Resolution Protocol (request) section

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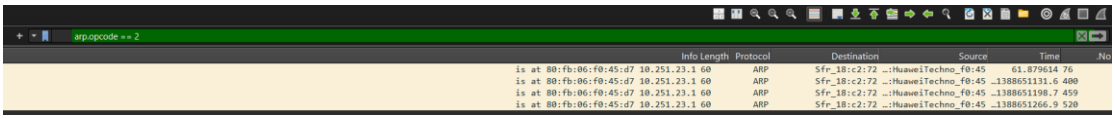
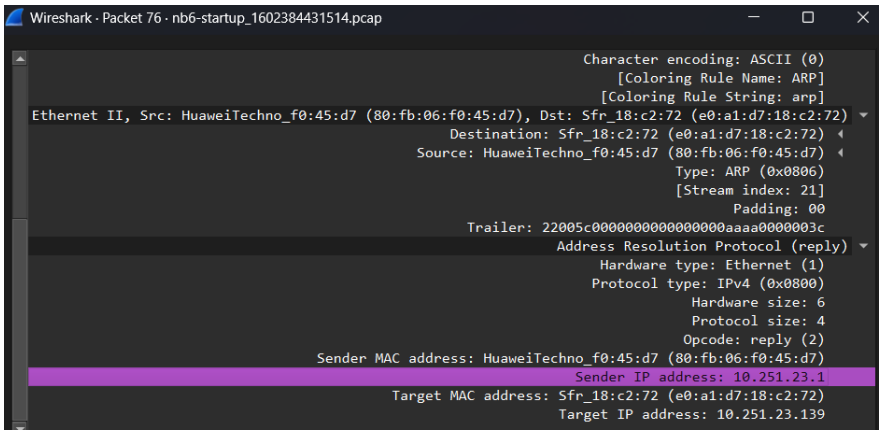


Enter the following code in the filter: arp.opcode == 2

Then enter the package numbers that appeared

Fourth question:



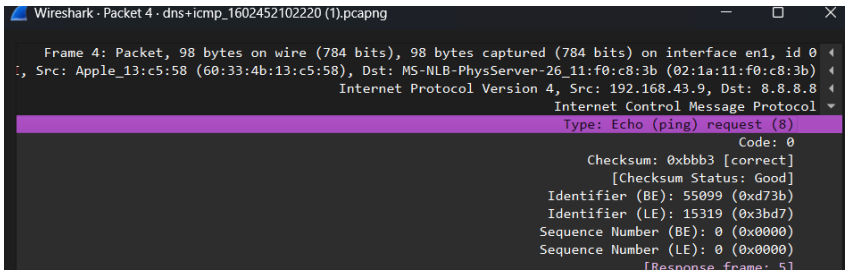
In the filter, write eth.addr == 80:fb:06:f0:45:d7

We are looking for packets containing ARP Reply (opcode 2) (Reply)

Task 8: ICMP Traffic

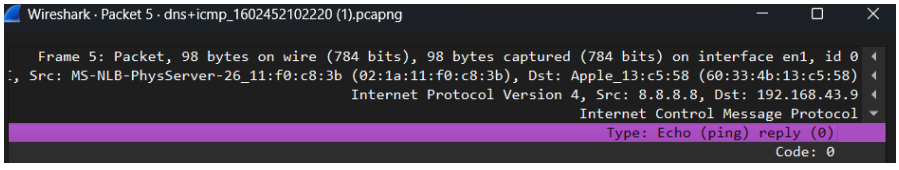
First question:

Go to package number 4, then go to Internet Control Message Protocol. You will find the package type there



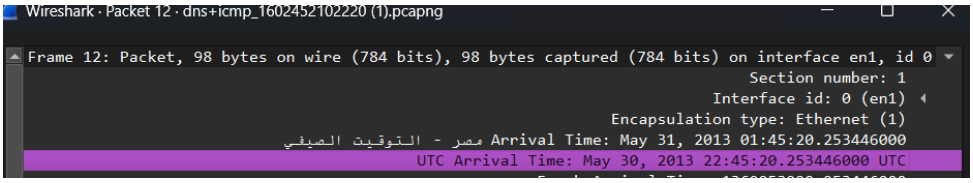
Second question:

Go to package number 5, then go to Internet Control Message Protocol. You will find the package type there



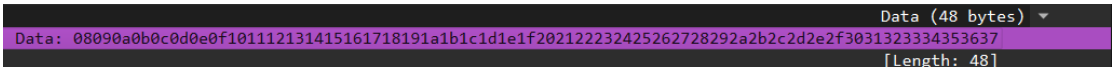
Third question:

Access package number 12, then access section one

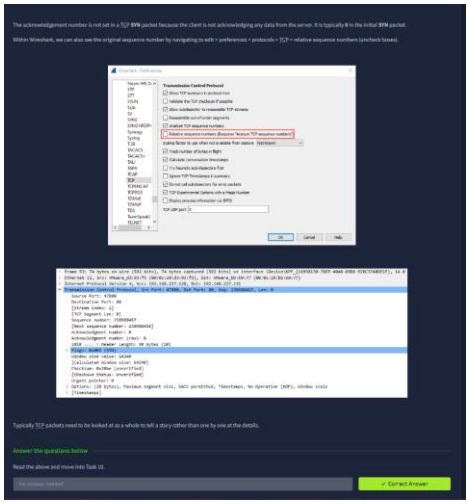


Fourth question:

Go to package number 18, then go to the Data section (48 bytes)



Task 9: TCP Traffic



Short Summary

TCP handles reliable delivery, ordering, and error correction.

In Wireshark, TCP behavior helps identify open/closed ports during scans.

If a port is closed, the server responds with RST, ACK.

The key TCP handshake uses three packets:

SYN

SYN-ACK

ACK

Any disruption or an unexpected RST may indicate suspicious activity.

When analyzing TCP, focus on:

Sequence Number

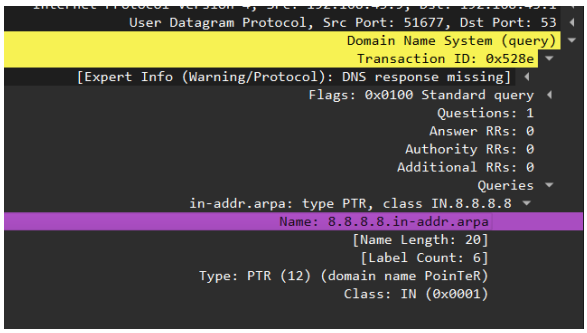
Acknowledgment Number (always 0 in the initial SYN)

Always analyze TCP packets as a sequence, not individually.

Task 10: DNS Traffic

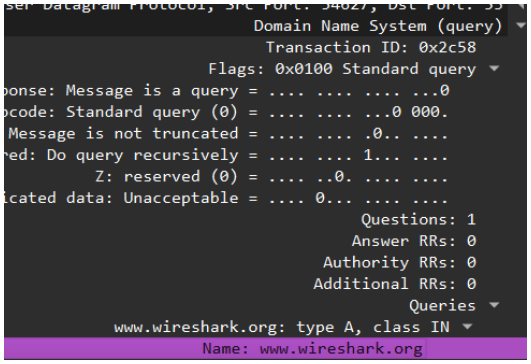
First question:

Go to package number 1, then go to section [Expert Info (Warning/Protocol): DNS response missing]. You will then find the query being performed



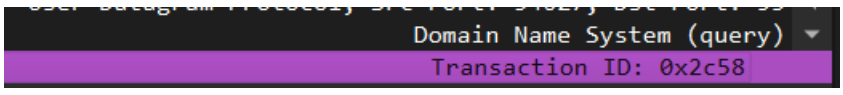
Second question:

Go to package number 26, then go to the Domain Name System (query) section. You will then find the website being queried

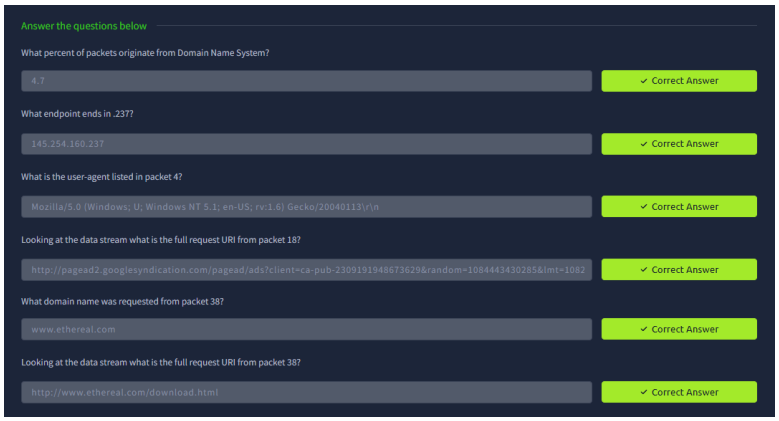


Third question:

Navigate to package number 26, then to the Domain Name System (query) section. You will then find the transaction ID for package 26

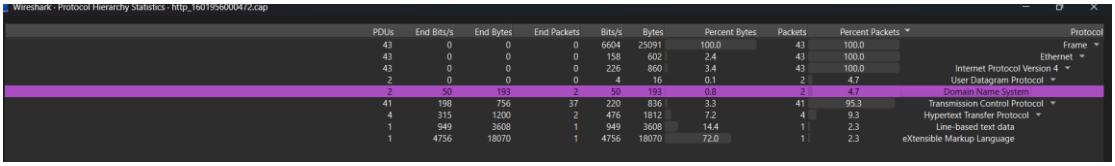


Task 11: HTTP Traffic



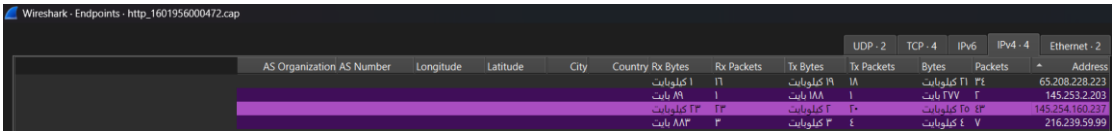
First question:

From the top menu, go to Statistics, then Protocol Hierarchy. You will find the percentage of packets originating from the Domain Name System



Second question:

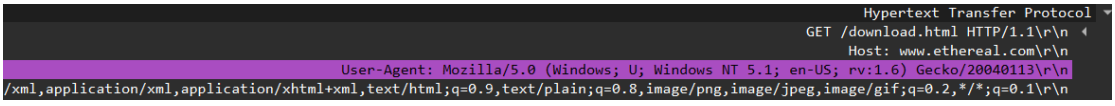
From the top menu, go to Statistics → Endpoints, select IPv4, and you will find an IP ending in .237



Third question:

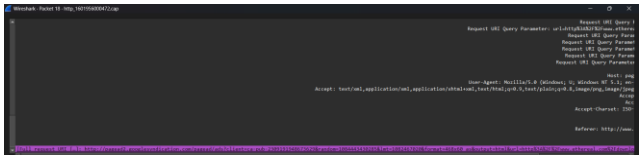
Select package number 4, then go to Hypertext Transfer Protocol

You will then find user-agent



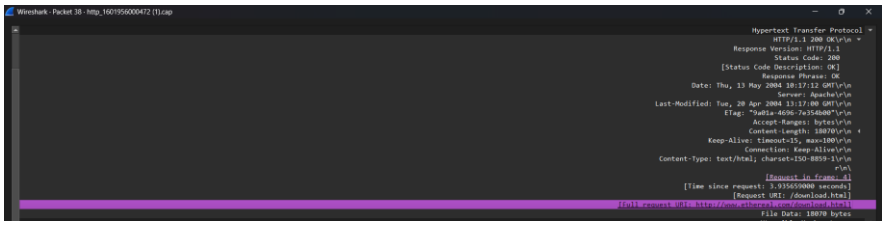
Fourth question:

Go to package number 18 and scroll to the bottom of the page; you will find the full URI for the order



Fifth question:

Access package number 38, then Hypertext Transfer Protocol



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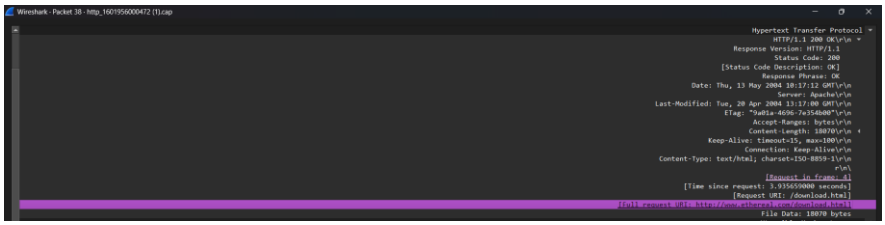


Task 12: HTTPS Traffic

First, we need to decrypt the data using the RSA key within Wireshark

Steps:

Open Wireshark

Go to

Edit > Preferences > Protocols > TLS

Add the key in the RSA section

IP Address: 127.0.0.1

Port: start_tls

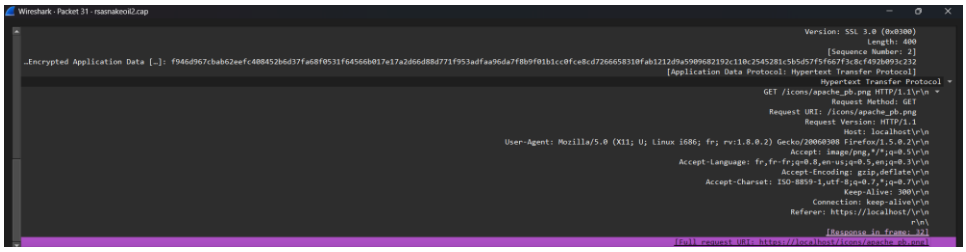
Protocol: http

Keyfile

Enter the path to the RSA file

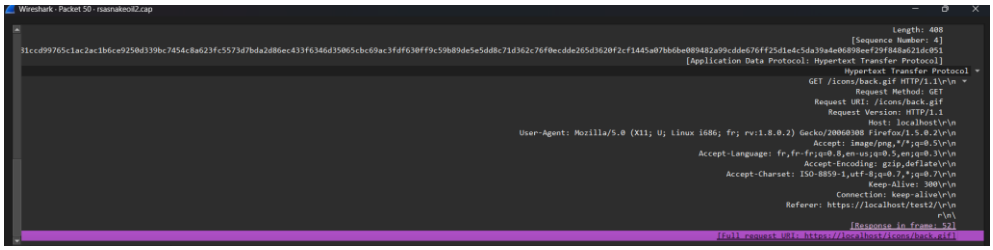
First question:

Access package number 31, then access Hypertext Transfer Protocol



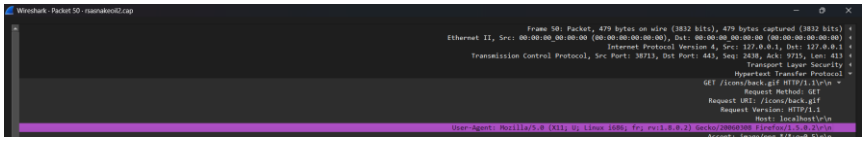
Second question:

Access package number50, then access Hypertext Transfer Protocol



Third question:

Access package number 31, then access Hypertext Transfer Protocol, and you will find User-Agent



Task 13: Analyzing Exploit PCAPs

Short Summary of the Zerologon Task

The PCAP shows a Zerologon attack against a Domain Controller.

Attacker IP = 192.168.100.128

DC IP = 192.168.100.6

What the PCAP reveals:

Unusual protocols appear (DCERPC, EPM) → start of the attack.

The attacker (192.168.100.128) sends all suspicious requests.

Zerologon behavior is visible through:

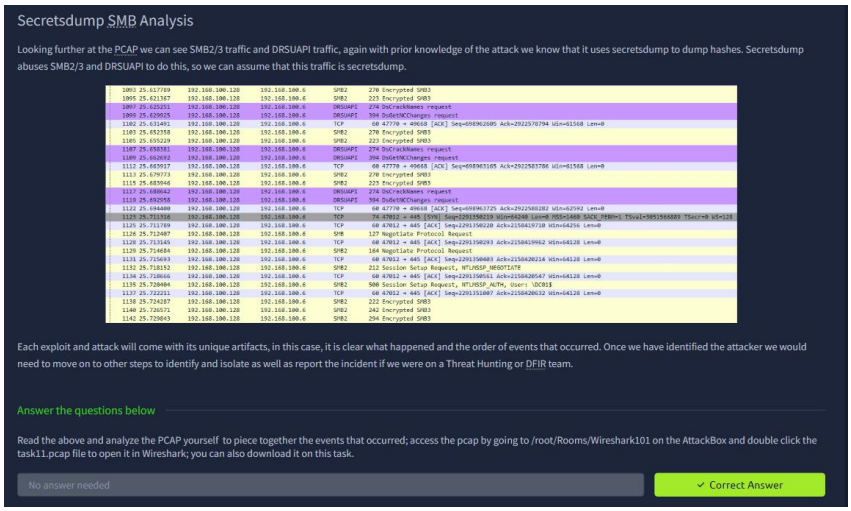
Multiple RPC connections

DCERPC requests to reset the machine account password

Later, SMB2/3 and DRSUAPI traffic appears → indicating secretsdump being used to dump hashes.

Conclusion:

The PCAP clearly shows the attack sequence: Zerologon exploitation → machine password reset → hash dumping.



Task 14: Conclusion