

# **Packet Sniffers**

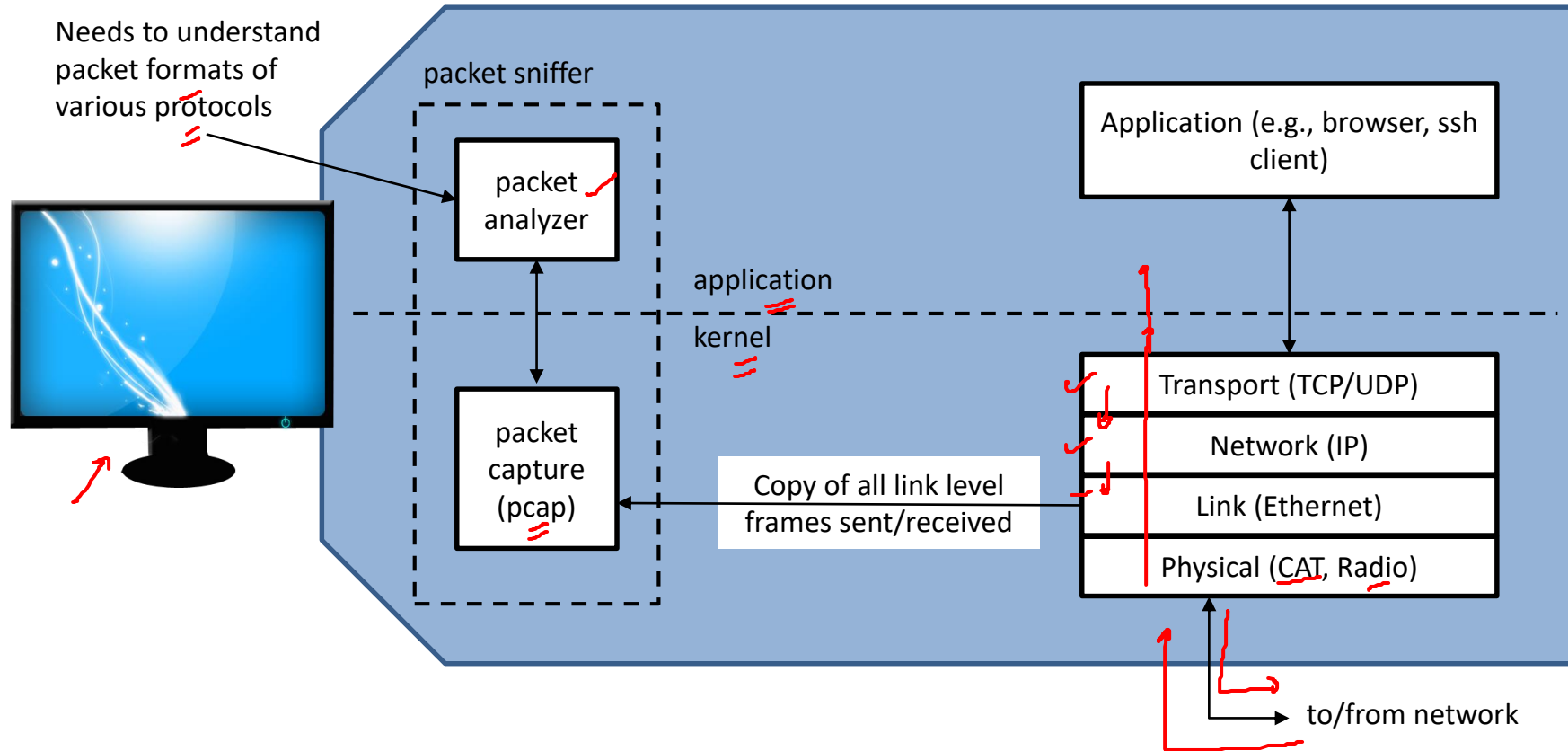
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# Packet Sniffer

- Tool that sniffs packets sent/received on a network interface
  - Stores and displays the contents of the captured packets
  - Passive Tool (does not generate any traffic)

# Architecture



# Focus

- Wireshark (main focus)
- Tcpdump (brief)

# Wireshark

- A free, open source network packet sniffer
  - Works on Linux, Windows, Macintosh
- Very popular and extensively used
  - Administrators to troubleshoot problems
  - Developers to debug protocol implementations
  - Students to learn network protocol internals

# Useful Features

- Live capture on a network interface
- Can analyze packets captured using other tools like tcpdump/windump etc
- Provides very detailed protocol information
- Filter/Search packets based on many criteria
- Export captured packets in different file formats
- Generate various statistics

# Outline


- Installation
- Traffic Generation
- Running Wireshark
- Features
  - GUI overview
  - Filters
  - Manipulating time
  - Statistics
  - Save/Open packet capture

# Install Wireshark (Windows)

- Follow instructions at <https://en.wikiversity.org/wiki/Wireshark/Install>



# Install Wireshark (Linux)

- Often comes pre-installed
- Else, see instructions at <https://linuxtechlab.com/install-wireshark-linux-centosubuntu/> "root"
- ‘Permission Denied’ error as local user?
  - Start Wireshark as root or with sudo privileges
  - Or add local user to Wireshark group via  
**"sudo usermod -a -G wireshark username"**  
(Be sure to replace username with appropriate name)

# Traffic Generation

- Wget or Web browser (http and https)
  - wget www.iitb.ac.in ✓
- Ping (is the machine up or down) *remote* *reply*
  - ping www.iitb.ac.in *hostname* *IP* *LAN*
- SSH (secure shell)
  - ssh chebrolu@10.129.2.154

Note the arguments to the commands have to be carefully chosen

# Run Wireshark

Wireshark  
generate  
traffic

- Open a browser (don't type in any URL)
- Start up Wireshark (click on its icon)
- Select network interface via "capture" option in the command menu; Click Start
- While Wireshark is running, enter a URL in browser and let page display
- Stop capture (red button in the main tool bar)

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Apply a display filter ... <Ctrl-/>

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1	0.000000	Hangzhou_32:b8:71	Broadcast	ARP	60	Who has 10.129.158.250? Tell 10.129.1
2	0.028285	10.129.158.65	10.129.3.12	DNS	76	Standard query 0x43f8 A drive.google.
3	0.028580	10.129.3.12	10.129.158.65	DNS	92	Standard query response 0x43f8 A driv
4	0.029207	10.129.158.65	172.217.166.46	TCP	66	57396 → 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len
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6	0.030141	10.129.3.12	10.129.158.65	DNS	104	Standard query response 0x7ef8 AAAA d
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8	0.079728	10.129.158.65	172.217.166.46	TCP	54	57396 → 443 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=262

> Frame 2: 76 bytes on wire (608 bits), 76 bytes captured (608 bits) on interface 0

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Type: IPv4 (0x0800)

Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.129.158.65, Dst: 10.129.3.12

User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 58579, Dst Port: 53

Domain Name System (query)

0000 84 b8 02 1a 75 bf 1c 1b 0d 8f 55 63 08 00 45 00 ...u... ..Uc..E..

0010 00 3e 3f e5 00 00 80 11 44 7b 0a 81 9e 41 0a 81 ..>?... D{...A..

0020 03 0c e4 d3 00 35 00 2a 1e 5e 43 f8 01 00 00 01 .....5\* ^C.....

0030 00 00 00 00 00 00 05 64 72 69 76 65 06 67 6f 6f .....d rive goo

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# Wireshark Filters

- Two types of filters
  - Capture Filters: what to capture?
    - Language based on tcpdump
    - Capture → options (from the Menu bar)
  - Display Filters: what to display?
    - C type instructions or English like terms
    - Filter tool bar

# Capture Filters

Examples:

host 10.129.1.24

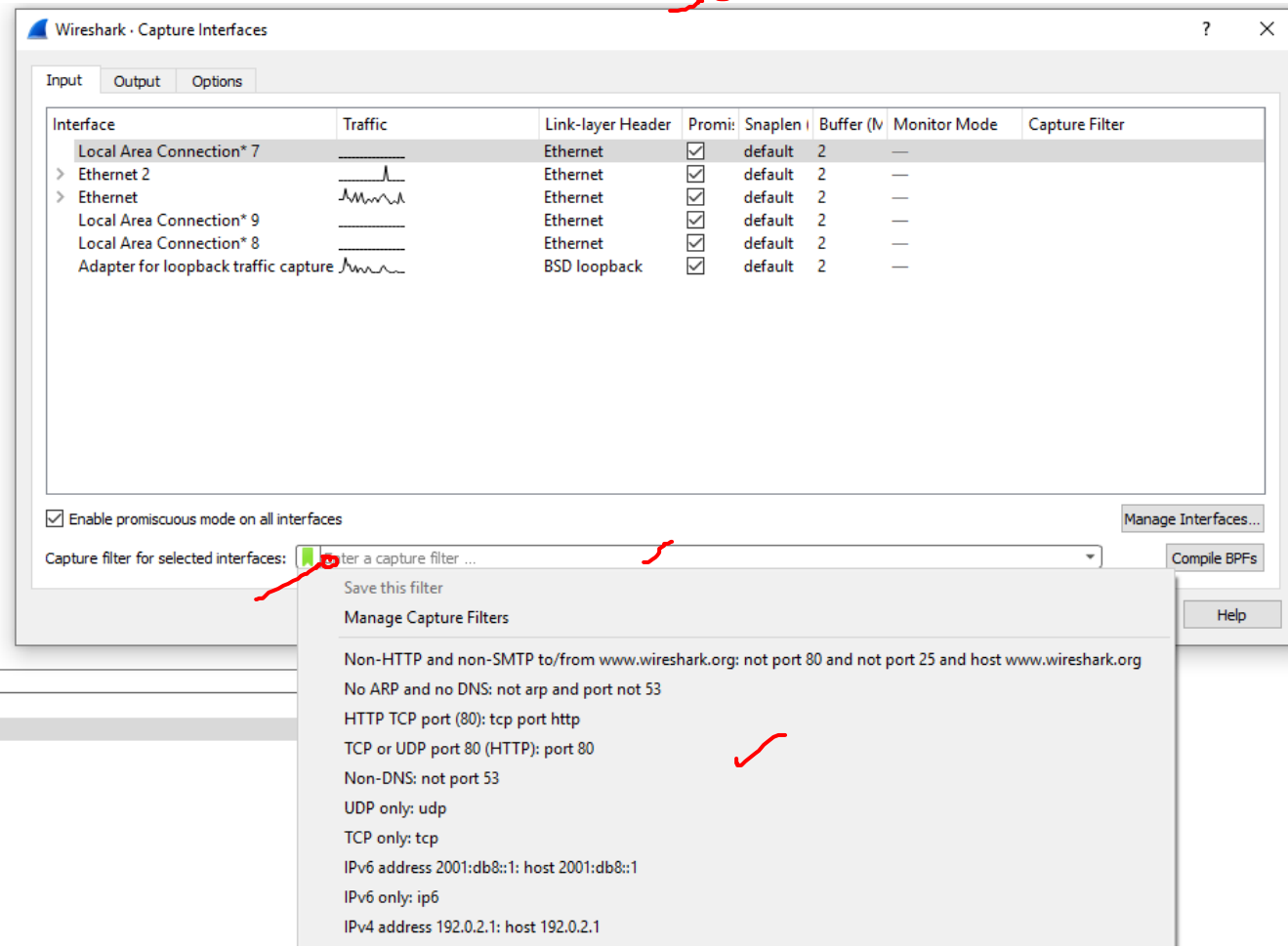
src  
dst

tcp port http

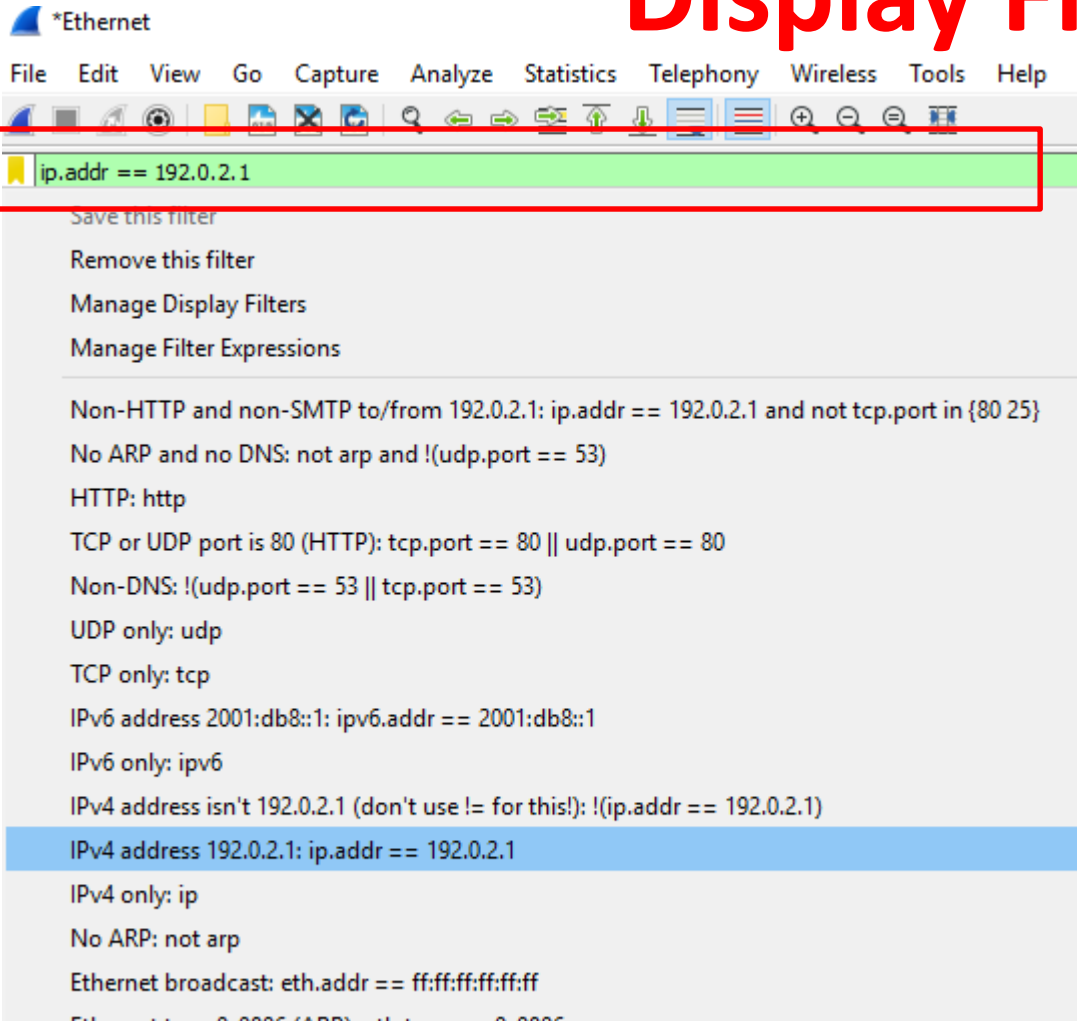
src  
dst

80

udp



# Display Filters



*Subnet*

**ip.src==10.1.12.0/24**

*4 byte  
3 byte  
10.1.12.\**

**ip.addr==192.12.1.1 &&  
ip.addr==192.12.1.2**

*src  
dst*

**!(ip.addr==192.12.1.1 &&  
ip.addr==192.12.1.2)**

**tcp.dstport == 80**

**tcp.port==80 || tcp.port==443**

**http**

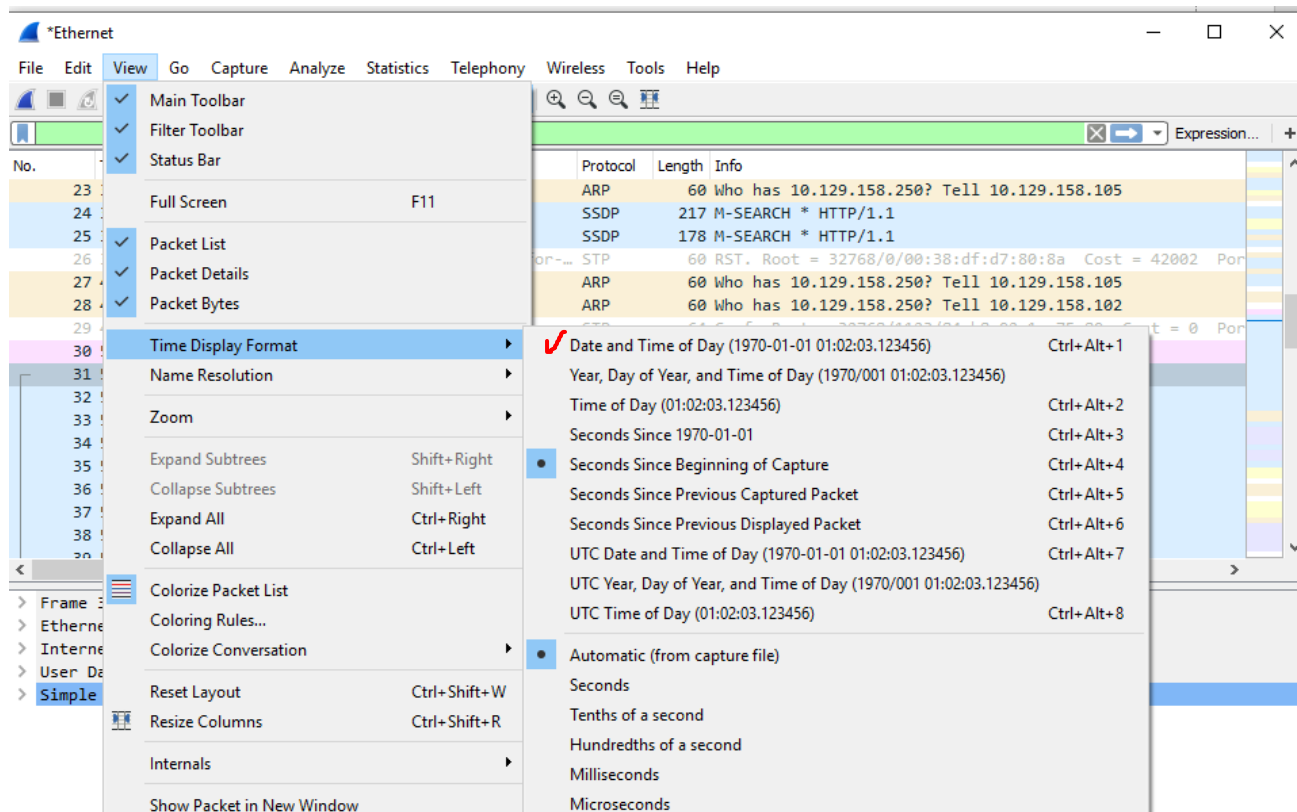
**arp**



① → 0

# Time

- View → Time Display

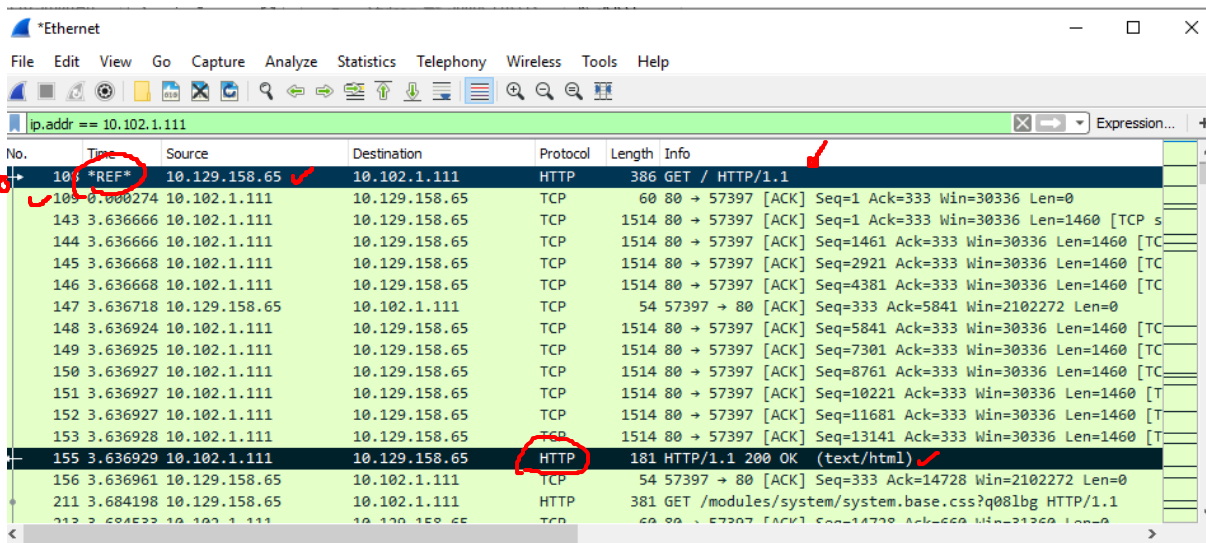
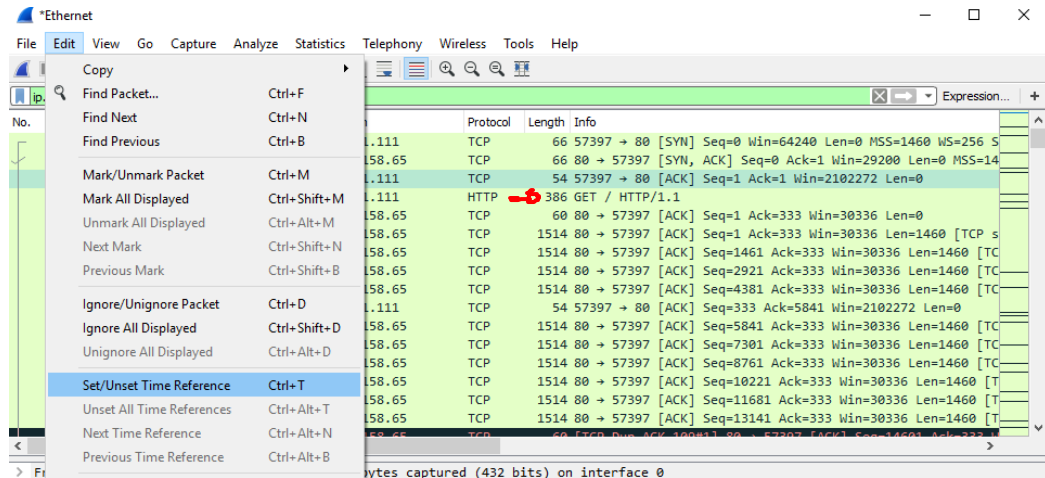


- Select packet

- Edit →

# Set/Unset Time Reference

*time=0*  
✓



# Statistics

- Statistics → Protocol Hierarchy (Menu bar)

The image shows the Wireshark interface with the Statistics window open. The main packet list on the left shows a series of network packets. The Statistics window displays the Protocol Hierarchy for the selected Ethernet packet. The hierarchy is as follows:

- Frame (100.0% packets, 2892 packets, 100.0% bytes, 2837177 bytes, 1578 kbps)
- Ethernet (100.0% packets, 2891 packets, 1.4% bytes, 40474 bytes, 22 kbps)
- Logical-Link Control (0.6% packets, 16 packets, 0.0% bytes, 712 bytes, 396 kbps)
- Spanning Tree Protocol (0.6% packets, 16 packets, 0.0% bytes, 624 bytes, 347 kbps)
- Internet Protocol Version 6 (0.2% packets, 5 packets, 0.0% bytes, 200 bytes, 111 kbps)
- User Datagram Protocol (0.1% packets, 3 packets, 0.0% bytes, 24 bytes, 13 kbps)
- Multicast Domain Name System (0.1% packets, 3 packets, 0.0% bytes, 775 bytes, 431 kbps)
- Internet Control Message Protocol v6 (0.1% packets, 2 packets, 0.0% bytes, 16 bytes, 8 kbps)
- Internet Protocol Version 4 (98.8% packets, 2856 packets, 2.0% bytes, 57120 bytes, 31 kbps)
- User Datagram Protocol (7.5% packets, 217 packets, 0.1% bytes, 1736 bytes, 965 kbps)
- Simple Service Discovery Protocol (0.0% packets, 25 packets, 0.2% bytes, 6694 bytes, 3724 kbps)
- NetBIOS Datagram Service (0.0% packets, 1 packet, 0.0% bytes, 201 bytes, 111 kbps)
- SMB (Server Message Block Protocol) (0.0% packets, 1 packet, 0.0% bytes, 119 bytes, 66 kbps)
- SMB MailSlot Protocol (0.0% packets, 1 packet, 0.0% bytes, 25 bytes, 13 kbps)
- Microsoft Windows Browser Protocol (0.0% packets, 1 packet, 0.0% bytes, 33 bytes, 18 kbps)
- Multicast Domain Name System (0.1% packets, 3 packets, 0.0% bytes, 807 bytes, 449 kbps)
- Dropbox LAN sync Discovery Protocol (0.4% packets, 12 packets, 0.1% bytes, 3420 bytes, 1902 kbps)
- Domain Name System (0.1% packets, 176 packets, 0.3% bytes, 7818 bytes, 4350 kbps)
- Transmission Control Protocol (91.3% packets, 2639 packets, 95.7% bytes, 2714316 bytes, 1510 kbps)
- Transport Layer Security (2.3% packets, 66 packets, 1.0% bytes, 27324 bytes, 15 kbps)
- Hypertext Transfer Protocol (7.3% packets, 210 packets, 92.8% bytes, 2634304 bytes, 1465 kbps)
- Portable Network Graphics (0.7% packets, 19 packets, 33.2% bytes, 941947 bytes, 524 kbps)
- Media Type (0.1% packets, 4 packets, 1.8% bytes, 50598 bytes, 28 kbps)
- Line-based text data (2.1% packets, 62 packets, 42.3% bytes, 1200524 bytes, 668 kbps)
- JPEG File Interchange Format (0.6% packets, 18 packets, 14.2% bytes, 403237 bytes, 224 kbps)
- Data (0.0% packets, 1 packet, 1.5% bytes, 41752 bytes, 23 kbps)
- CompuServe GIF (0.0% packets, 1 packet, 0.1% bytes, 3208 bytes, 1785 kbps)
- Address Resolution Protocol (0.4% packets, 13 packets, 0.0% bytes, 364 bytes, 202 kbps)

The Statistics window also includes a display filter section at the bottom, which is currently empty.

# Statistics

- Statistics → Conversations (Menu bar)

The screenshot shows the Wireshark interface with the 'Statistics' menu bar highlighted. The 'Conversations' pane is open, displaying a list of network conversations. The 'Ethernet' tab is selected, showing a list of conversations. Red checkmarks are placed above the 'Ethernet', 'IPv4', 'IPv6', 'TCP', and 'UDP' tabs. A red circle highlights the entry for 'Address A: 00:11:74:dc:55:ff' and 'Address B: 33:33:00:00:00:02'.

Address A	Address B	Packets	Bytes	Packets A → B	Bytes A → B	Packets B → A	Bytes B → A	Rel Start	Duration	Bits/s A → B	Bits/s B → A
00:11:74:dc:55:ff	33:33:00:00:00:02	2	124	2	124	0	0	3.253915	0.5585	1776	0
00:11:74:dc:55:ff	ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff	1	67	1	67	0	0	1.393937	0.0000	—	—
00:22:4d:a0:52:ae	ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff	2	398	2	398	0	0	0.344700	0.0003	—	—
00:22:4d:a0:52:ae	01:00:5e:7f:ff:fa	4	852	4	852	0	0	0.808880	5.6263	1211	0
00:27:0e:0d:ac:61	01:00:5e:00:00:fb	3	933	3	933	0	0	0.344051	2.8212	2645	0
00:27:0e:0d:ac:61	33:33:00:00:00:fb	3	961	3	961	0	0	0.344052	3.7498	2050	0
01:00:0c:cc:cc:cd	84:b8:02:1a:75:82	8	512	0	0	8	512	0.165902	7.3721	0	555
01:00:5e:7f:ff:fa	58:6d:8f:b1:ed:bd	17	6180	0	0	17	6180	4.074889	0.0076	0	6539 k
01:00:5e:7f:ff:fa	28:57:be:a0:99:6d	2	356	0	0	2	356	0.691019	0.1199	0	23 k
01:00:5e:7f:ff:fa	c0:56:e3:17:c9:8a	2	356	0	0	2	356	2.330889	0.1196	0	23 k
01:80:c2:00:00:00	e0:d1:73:f2:f9:e0	8	480	0	0	8	480	0.242892	7.3720	0	520
1c:1b:0d:8f:55:63	84:b8:02:1a:75:bf	2,815	2821 k	499	81 k	2,316	2740 k	0.000000	7.7499	83 k	2828 k
1c:1b:0d:8f:55:63	ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff	2	1040	2	1040	0	0	3.603472	0.0011	—	—
40:8d:5c:e0:85:d2	ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff	1	243	1	243	0	0	4.255049	0.0000	—	—
4c:72:b9:42:c6:c7	ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff	4	1626	4	1626	0	0	1.535980	0.0008	—	—
50:7b:9d:c4:c1:af	ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff	2	414	2	414	0	0	0.401055	0.0003	—	—
60:45:cb:6f:78:fd	ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff	2	446	2	446	0	0	5.202892	0.0004	—	—
bc:ad:28:04:01:69	ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff	3	180	3	180	0	0	0.311338	1.9998	720	0
bc:ad:28:04:04:50	ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff	3	180	3	180	0	0	0.055586	5.6276	255	0
bc:ad:28:32:b8:71	ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff	4	240	4	240	0	0	0.000000	3.3924	565	0
bc:ad:28:32:c2:e7	ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff	3	180	3	180	0	0	0.451345	1.9998	720	0

# Statistics

- Statistics → End Points (Menu bar)

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IPv6

No. Time Source Destination Protocol Length Info

28 0.344052 fe80::e0dc:cb4d:3c3... ff02::fb MDNS 258 Standard query response 0x0000 TXT, cache flush PTR harish'...

57 0.377610 fe80::e0dc:cb4d:3c3... ff02::fb MDNS 258 Standard query response 0x0000 TXT, cache flush PTR harish'...

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Ethernet · 25 IPv4 · 33 IPv6 · 4 TCP · 45 UDP · 100

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00:11:74:dc:55:ff	3	191	3	191	0	0
00:22:4d:a0:52:ae	6	1250	6	1250	0	0
00:27:0e:0d:ac:61	6	1894	6	1894	0	0
01:00:0c:cc:cc:cd	8	512	0	0	8	512
01:00:5e:00:00:fb	3	933	0	0	3	933
01:00:5e:7f:ff:fa	25	7744	0	0	25	7744
01:80:c2:00:00:00	8	480	0	0	8	480
1c:1b:0d:8f:55:63	2,818	2822 k	501	82 k	2,317	2740 k
28:57:b6:a0:99:6d	2	356	2	356	0	0
33:33:00:00:00:02	2	124	0	0	2	124
33:33:00:00:00:fb	3	961	0	0	3	961
40:8d:5c:e0:85:d2	1	243	1	243	0	0
4c:72:b9:42:c6:c7	4	1626	4	1626	0	0
50:7b:9d:c4:c1:af	2	414	2	414	0	0
58:6d:8f:b1:ed:bd	17	6180	17	6180	0	0
60:45:cb:6f:78:fd	2	446	2	446	0	0
84:b8:02:1a:75:82	8	512	8	512	0	0
84:b8:02:1a:75:bf	2,816	2821 k	2,317	2740 k	499	81 k
bc:ad:28:04:01:69	3	180	3	180	0	0
bc:ad:28:04:04:50	3	180	3	180	0	0
bc:ad:28:32:b8:71	4	240	4	240	0	0
bc:ad:28:32:c2:e7	3	180	3	180	0	0
c0:56:e3:17:c9:8a	2	356	2	356	0	0
e0:d1:73:f2:f9:e0	8	480	8	480	0	0
ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff	27	5014	0	0	27	5014

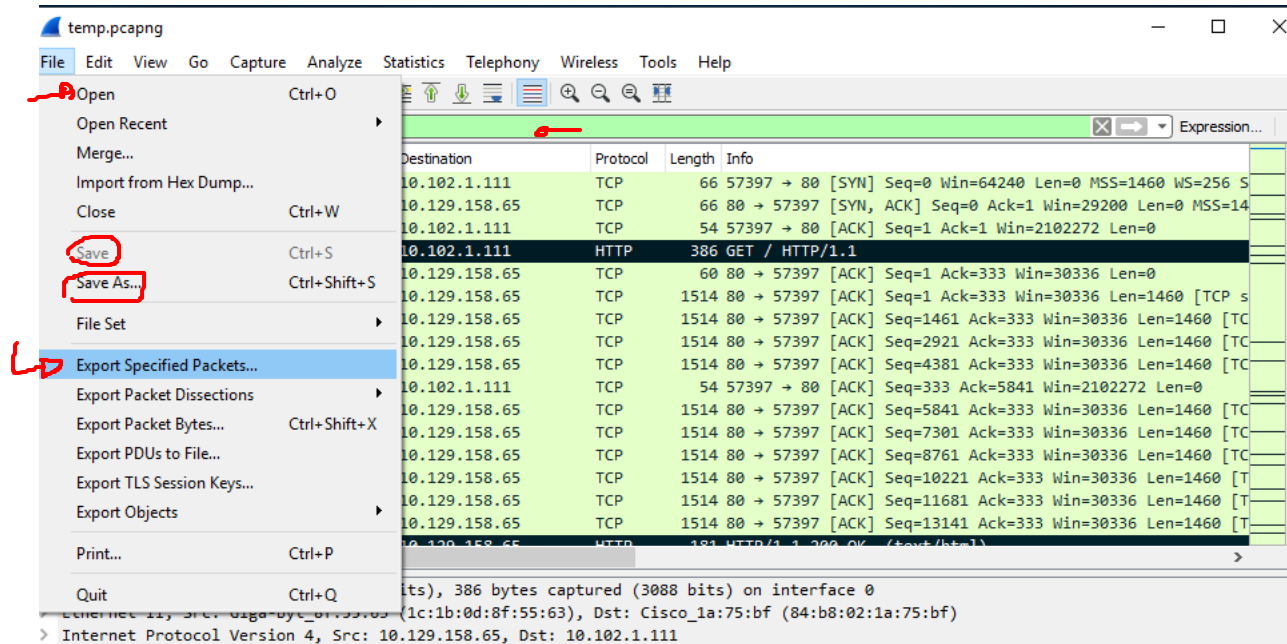
☐ Name resolution ☐ Limit to display filter

Endpoint Types

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# Save/Open Packet Capture

- Save/Save As
- Export (specific packets)
- Open saved file
  - just click on the file
  - Use file → open
  - In linux at command line: “wireshark filename”



# References

- Wireshark Website
  - <http://www.wireshark.org>
- Wireshark Documentation
  - <http://www.wireshark.org/docs/>
- Wireshark Wiki
  - <http://wiki.wireshark.org>

# Focus

- Wireshark (Main focus)
- Tcpdump (brief)



# tcpdump

- Unix-based command-line packet sniffer
  - Reads “live traffic” from a specified interface
  - Usage:
    - sudo tcpdump -D (see what interfaces are available)
    - sudo tcpdump -i eth0 (capture packets on eth0 interface)
- Windump is for windows  
<http://www.winpcap.org/windump/>

# Output

08:41:13.729687 IP 192.168.64.28.22 > 192.168.64.1.41916:  
Flags [P.], seq 196:568, ack 1, win 309,  
options [nop,nop,TS val 117964079 ecr 816509256], length 372

(Refer to

<https://opensource.com/article/18/10/introduction-tcpdump>)

# Miscellaneous



- Capture Filters

- `sudo tcpdump -i eth0 -c5 host 54.204.39.132`

- `sudo tcpdump -i eth0 src 192.168.122.98 and port 80`

- Write to file

- `sudo tcpdump -i eth0 port 80 -w webserver.pcap`

(You can open these files in wireshark too!)

- Read from file

- `tcpdump -r webserver.pcap`

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- <http://www.tcpdump.org/>
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