CDIO Opgave 01

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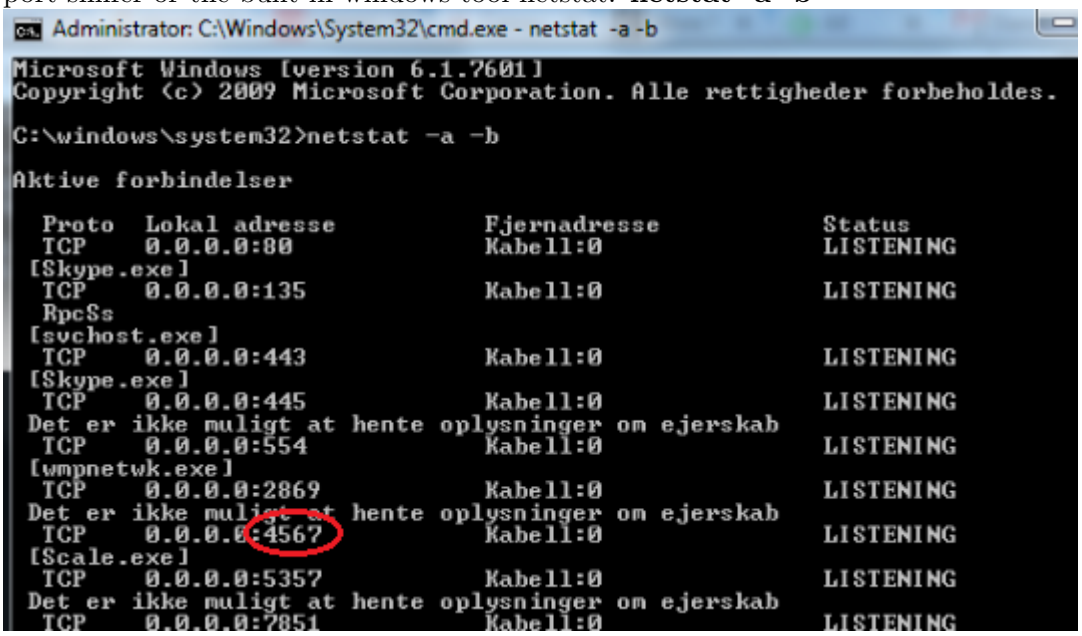
1 Answers to Questions / Actions

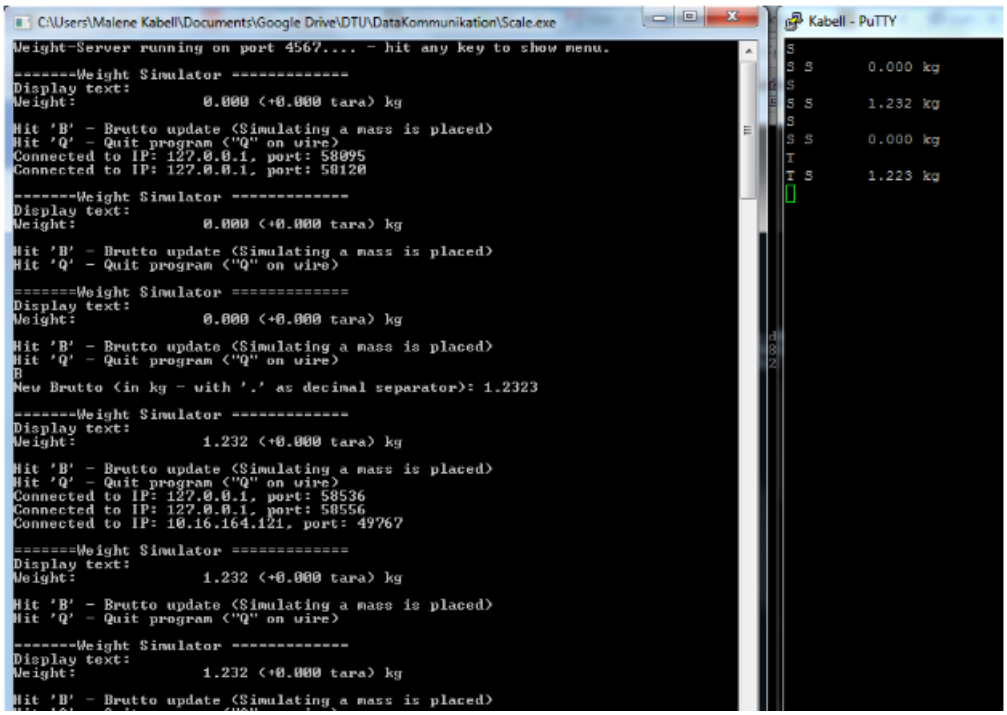
Question 01

The Scale.exe process listens on Port 4567. This can be discovered using a port sniffer or the built in windows tool netstat: **netstat -a -b**



Question 02

Using Putty we connected several users and tested the Scale. Apart from the first command being rejected the program worked to specification.

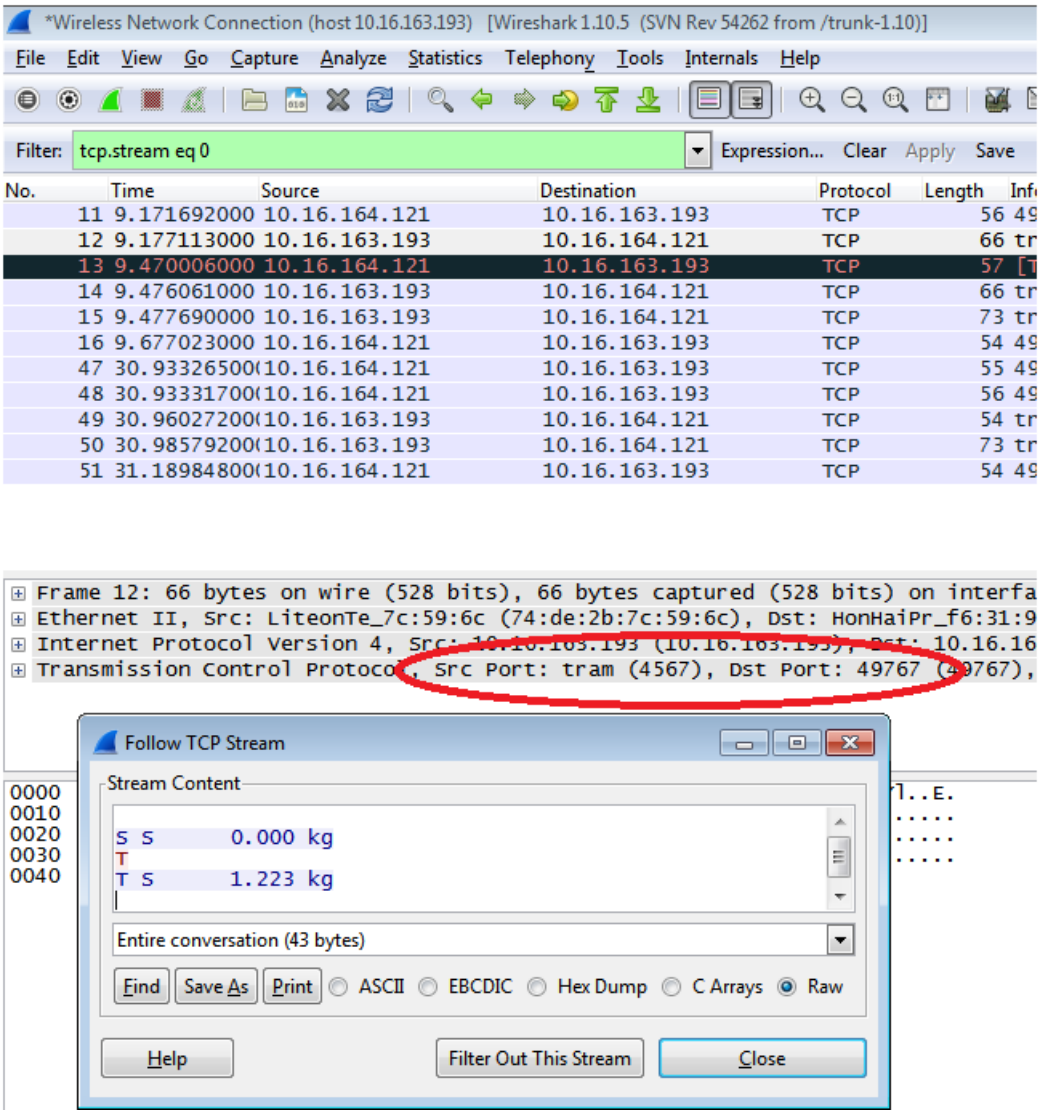


Question 03

We have made a test-class "TestMultipleConnections" that has a method that takes an int numberOfConnections and tries making that number of connections using a for loop. We were able to make up to 98 connections to the weight, and all attempts past 99 failed. We have searched the manual for the connection limit on the physical weight, but we were not able to find anything about it, but we expect that it takes a few connections at least, so that 1 person cannot block the weight for all the other clients, and one port dedicated to keep an activitylog for the weight.

Question 04

We used wireshark to sniff the packets sent between two computers. Below is a screenshot documenting the capture.



Question 05

The destination and source IP are in the column with same name, in the picture above. Port numbers are highlighted with a red circle, where the src (source) port is the destination of the weight and the dst (destination) port is where the commands were sent from.

Question 06

See enclosed java code.

Question 07

Pro's of using the built-in webserver would be to make it possible to use html to design the user interface and interaction with the weight - which makes Java unnecessary, but necessitates a browser. Since http uses port 80, which is open by default, there is no problem when accessing the weight over a network where other ports are closed (connecting over the internet e.g.).
Using the LAN interface it is necessary to create your own sockets and connections - which in the web browser is handled for you. You can on the other hand use a port, which is blocked by default, thus preventing people from accessing the weight from the internet. The requests to the weight are shorter using the LAN interface, which makes transfer time faster - this is not an issue though - probably not even if we implemented real time reading of the scale.

Question 08

The solution we created implements a GUI instead of a command line tool. This was done, because we felt that we might use the GUI in a later submission too.

Suggestions:
- Scale.exe should implement some form of security - for instance a password needed to connect
- The returned string should be a fixed length, and values should begin/end at a fixed index. This would make reading the values easier. We had to use regex to read the values, because the position was not fixed.
- The bug that causes the first command sent to the weight ought to be fixed.