

# Lab 5: IP & TCP

**ECSE 308 Introduction to Communication Systems and Networks**

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**Abstract:** The lab is divided into three parts. The objective of the first part is to use Wireshark to investigate the Domina Name System(DNS) protocol from the DNS client's standpoint. In the second part of the lab, the focus was to use Wireshark to investigate the UDP structure and protocol properties. Last but not least, the third part concentrate on using Wireshark to collect traces and investigates the different aspects of the HTTP protocol operation.

# Introduction

This lab explores the core concepts of Domain Name System (DNS), User Datagram Protocol (UDP), and Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP), utilizing tools like nslookup and Wireshark to capture and analyze packet data. By performing a series of queries and analyzing responses, the lab investigates how DNS resolves domain names into IP addresses, the mechanics of UDP as a transport layer protocol for DNS, and the intricacies of HTTP for web communication. Through these exercises, key networking principles such as packet structure, protocol efficiency, and system reliability are examined, providing a comprehensive understanding of how these foundational internet protocols interact to deliver seamless user experiences.

## Analysis

## Part I: Domain Name System (DNS)

*Q1: Use nslookup to determine the IP address of www.cbc.ca. What is the IP address of this web server?*

The IP address is 184.25.129.124

*Q2: Use nslookup to determine the authoritative DNS servers for McGill University.*

The authoritative DNS is `pirns1.mcgill.ca`,  
with the IP address 132.206.44.21.

Q3: Run nslookup to obtain the IP address of www.wikipedia.org by sending a query to 8.8.4.4 which is the IP address of the google public DNS server.

```
C:\Users\pyrpo>nslookup www.wikipedia.org 8.8.4.4
Server:  dns.google
Address:  8.8.4.4

Non-authoritative answer:
Name:     dyna.wikimedia.org
Addresses: 2620:0:861:ed1a::1
          208.80.154.224
Aliases:  www.wikipedia.org

C:\Users\pyrpo>
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The IPv6 address is 2620:0:861:ed1a::1

The IPv4 address is 208.80.154.224

Q4: What are the destination port number for the DNS query message and the source port number of the DNS response message?

Wireshark - Packet 260 - Lab4Part1.pcapng

User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 53, Dst Port: 55606

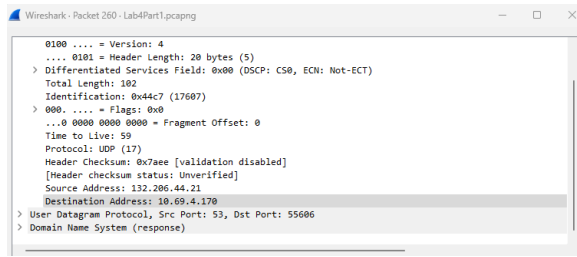
Source Port: 53  
Destination Port: 55606  
Length: 82  
Checksum: 0x79d4 [Unverified]  
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0070 02 63 61 60

LD...E...E...FD...E...E...S...R...2...4...206...32...1...addr...arp...pins 1 mcgill...ca

The destination port number is 55606.

Q5: What is the destination IP address of the DNS query? Is this the IP address of your default local DNS server?



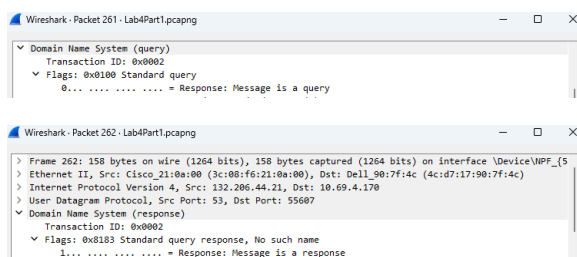
The destination IP address is 10.69.4.170

Q6: Examine the DNS query. What is the “Type” of the DNS query? What does this “Type” mean? What are the other values for this field?

259	9.715164	10.69.4.170	132.206.44.21	DNS	86 Standard query 0x0001 PTR 21.44.206.132 in-addr.ar
260	9.715256	132.206.44.21	10.69.4.170	DNS	116 Standard query response 0x0001 PTR 21.44.206.132 in
261	9.715808	10.69.4.170	132.206.44.21	DNS	89 Standard query 0x0002 A www.ietf.org campus.mcgill
262	9.715833	132.206.44.21	10.69.4.170	DNS	158 Standard query response 0x0002 No such name A www.i
263	9.715955	10.69.4.170	132.206.44.21	DNS	89 Standard query 0x0003 AAAA www.ietf.org campus.mcgill
264	9.720956	132.206.44.21	10.69.4.170	DNS	158 Standard query response 0x0003 No such name AAAA w
265	9.721178	10.69.4.170	132.206.44.21	DNS	82 Standard query 0x0004 A www.ietf.org.ece.mcgill.ca
266	9.722966	132.206.44.21	10.69.4.170	DNS	149 Standard query response 0x0004 No such name A www.i
267	9.723222	10.69.4.170	132.206.44.21	DNS	82 Standard query 0x0005 AAAA www.ietf.org.ece.mcgill.ca
268	9.724752	132.206.44.21	10.69.4.170	DNS	149 Standard query response 0x0005 No such name AAAA w
269	9.724982	10.69.4.170	132.206.44.21	DNS	86 Standard query 0x0006 A www.ietf.org.ece.mcgill.ca
270	9.726628	132.206.44.21	10.69.4.170	DNS	153 Standard query response 0x0006 No such name A www.f
271	9.726875	10.69.4.170	132.206.44.21	DNS	86 Standard query 0x0007 AAAA www.ietf.org.ece.mcgill.ca
272	9.728349	132.206.44.21	10.69.4.170	DNS	153 Standard query response 0x0007 No such name AAAA w
273	9.728686	10.69.4.170	132.206.44.21	DNS	72 Standard query 0x0008 A www.ietf.org
274	9.728846	132.206.44.21	10.69.4.170	DNS	178 Standard query response 0x0008 A www.ietf.org CNAME
275	9.732872	10.69.4.170	132.206.44.21	DNS	72 Standard query 0x0009 AAAA www.ietf.org

The “Type” of the DNS query is A, AAAA, SOA, and CNAME. A signifies the queries for IPv4 address of the host. AAAA signifies the queries for IPv6 address of the host. SOA signifies the query asking for the Start of Authority record. CNAME signifies the query asking for the alias of a domain. Other values include MX, NS, PTR, and TXT.

Q7: Which bit in the “Flags” field indicates that the message is a query or a response?

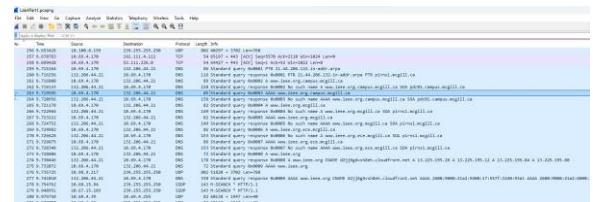


The QR bit indicates this. If QR = 0, the message is a query. If QR = 1: indicates the message is a response.

Q8: Which field of the response message contains the IP address of www.ietf.org?

In the “Answer” field, you can find the IP address of www.ietf.org.

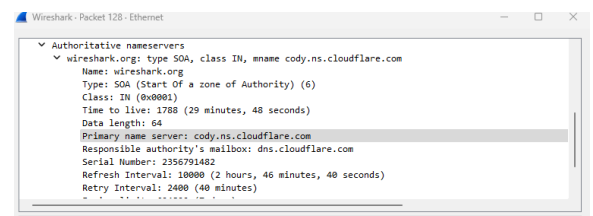
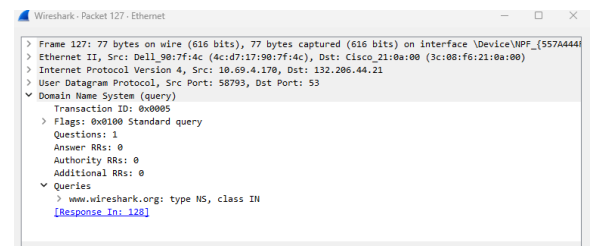
Q9: Provide a screenshot.



Q10: What is the destination IP address of the DNS query? What does this address correspond to?

The destination IP address is “132.206.44.21”. This is the DNS server of mcgill.

Q 11: Determine the “Type” of DNS query. What is the authoritative name server of www.wireshark.org. What is the role of an authoritative name server?



The type of the DNS query is NS.

The authoritative nameservers is cody.ns.cloudflare.com

Role of an Authoritative Name Server is to hold the authoritative DNS records for this domain and provides definitive answers to DNS queries related to it.

*Q12: Provide a screenshot.*

id	name	start	end	type	comment
101	7-788888	1200-04-170	1200-04-21	DNS	10 Standard query 88888 788 1200-04-17 04:18:58
102	7-788888	1200-04-170	1200-04-21	DNS	11 Standard query response 88888 788 1200-04-17 04:18:58
103	7-788888	1200-04-170	1200-04-21	DNS	10 Standard query 88888 788 1200-04-17 04:18:58
104	7-788888	1200-04-170	1200-04-21	DNS	11 Standard query response 88888 788 1200-04-17 04:18:58
105	7-788888	1200-04-170	1200-04-21	DNS	10 Standard query 88888 788 1200-04-17 04:18:58
106	7-788888	1200-04-170	1200-04-21	DNS	11 Standard query response 88888 788 1200-04-17 04:18:58
107	7-788888	1200-04-170	1200-04-21	DNS	10 Standard query 88888 788 1200-04-17 04:18:58
108	7-788888	1200-04-170	1200-04-21	DNS	11 Standard query response 88888 788 1200-04-17 04:18:58
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110	7-788888	1200-04-170	1200-04-21	DNS	11 Standard query response 88888 788 1200-04-17 04:18:58
111	7-788888	1200-04-170	1200-04-21	DNS	10 Standard query 88888 788 1200-04-17 04:18:58
112	7-788888	1200-04-170	1200-04-21	DNS	11 Standard query response 88888 788 1200-04-17 04:18:58
113	7-788888	1200-04-170	1200-04-21	DNS	10 Standard query 88888 788 1200-04-17 04:18:58
114	7-788888	1200-04-170	1200-04-21	DNS	11 Standard query response 88888 788 1200-04-17 04:18:58
115	7-788888	1200-04-170	1200-04-21	DNS	10 Standard query 88888 788 1200-04-17 04:18:58
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117	7-788888	1200-04-170	1200-04-21	DNS	10 Standard query 88888 788 1200-04-17 04:18:58
118	7-788888	1200-04-170	1200-04-21	DNS	11 Standard query response 88888 788 1200-04-17 04:18:58
119	7-788888	1200-04-170	1200-04-21	DNS	10 Standard query 88888 788 1200-04-17 04:18:58
120	7-788888	1200-04-170	1200-04-21	DNS	11 Standard query response 88888 788 1200-04-17 04:18:58

*Q13: What are the destination IP addresses for the two DNS queries? What do these IP addresses correspond to?*

It can be seen from the screenshot that the two queries each have the following destination address: 192.168.18.1, which is the local router or DNS server address. The other one is 8.8.8.8, which is Google's public DNS server address.

*Q 14: What IP addresses are returned by these two queries? Do they return the same IP addresses for `www.google.com`? Explain your answer.*

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I have chosen packet 97 and packet 210 because packet 97's source is 192.168.18.1 and packet 210's source is 8.8.8.8, and they end up having the same IP address for [www.google.com](http://www.google.com). The reason behind this can be that they both access the same cached record, or that they have received the same response from Google's authoritative DNS.

*Q15: Provide a screen shot.*

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## Part II: User Datagram Protocol (UDP)

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Windows Azure SDK Shell

C:\Program Files\Microsoft SDKs\Azure\ .NET SDK\v2.9>
C:\Program Files\Microsoft SDKs\Azure\ .NET SDK\v2.9>ipconfig/flushdns

Windows IP Configuration

Successfully flushed the DNS Resolver Cache.

C:\Program Files\Microsoft SDKs\Azure\ .NET SDK\v2.9>ipconfig/all

Windows IP Configuration

Host Name . . . . . : 156TR4090-06
Primary Dns Suffix . . . . . : campus.MCGILL.CA
Node Type . . . . . : Hybrid
IP Routing Enabled. . . . . : No
WINS Proxy Enabled. . . . . : No
DNS Suffix Search List. . . . . : campus.mcgill.ca
                                     mcgill.ca
                                     ece.mcgill.ca

Ethernet adapter Ethernet:

Connection-specific DNS Suffix . . : campus.mcgill.ca
Description . . . . . : Intel(R) Ethernet Connection (17) I219-LM
Physical Address. . . . . : AC-07-17-90-7C-B8
DHCP Enabled. . . . . : Yes
Autoconfiguration Enabled . . . . : Yes
Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::b0ac:c14:7307:b6e8%5 (Preferred)
IPv4 Address. . . . . : 10.69.4.112 (Preferred)
Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
Lease Obtained. . . . . : November 19, 2024 3:05:58 PM
Lease Expires . . . . . : November 22, 2024 3:06:18 PM
Default Gateway . . . . . : 10.69.4.1
DHCP Server . . . . . : 132.216.130.7
DHCPv6 Iaid . . . . . : 185699095
DHCPv6 Client DUID. . . . . : 00-01-00-01-2E-5A-83-87-4C-D7-17-90-7C-B8
DNS Servers . . . . . : 132.206.44.21
                                     132.216.44.21
NetBIOS over Tcpip. . . . . : Disabled
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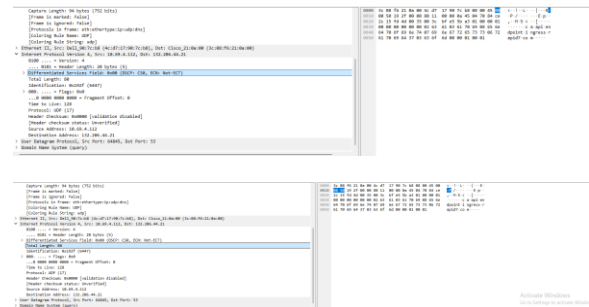
Ip address = 10.69.4.112

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Q16: What transport layer protocol is used to transfer the DNS query and the response message?

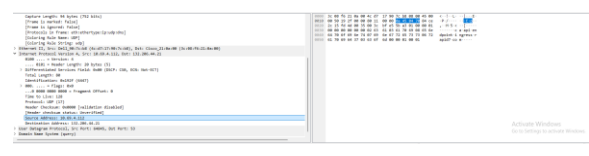
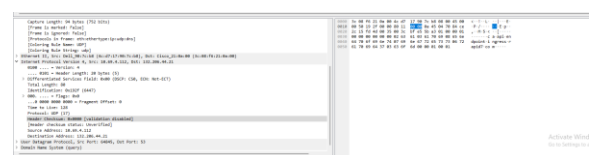
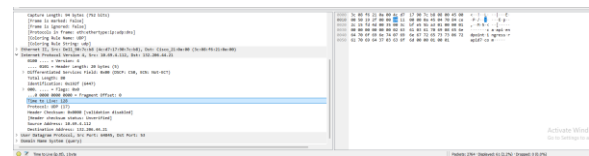
UDP

Q17: To set up the connection, how many UDP datagrams are exchanged between your computer and the server? Explain your answer.



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[5] "system" "system2" "wait3" "wait4" "waitpid" "waitr"
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Q19: By consulting the displayed information in Wireshark's packet content field for the first DNS message, determine the length(in bytes) of each of the UDP header fields.

Destination 6 bytes

Source 6 bytes

Types: 2 bytes

IP Version and header length: 1 byte

Differentiated Service Fields: 1 byte

Total length: 2 bytes

Identification: 2 bytes

Fragment offset: 2 byte

Flags: 1 byte

Time to live: 1 byte

Protocol: 1 byte

Header Checksum: 2 bytes

Source address: 4 bytes

Destination adresse: 4 bytes

Source port: 2 bytes

Destination port: 2 bytes

Length: 2 bytes

Checksum: 2 bytes

UDP payload: 52 bytes

Q20: The value in the Length field indicates the length of what? Verify your claim with your captured UDP packet.

It specifies the size of the entire UDP datagram. The length field here shows a value of 60 bytes. 8 bytes are used for the UDP header(source, destination, length, checksum) and 52 bytes are used for the UDP payload.

Q21: What is the maximum number of bytes that can be included in a UDP payload? (Hint: The answer to this question can be determined by your previous answer).

Since length occupies 2 bytes. The largest possible number is ff ff which is 65535. 8 bytes are used for the header field. So the maximum number of bytes that can be included in a UDP pauload is ff ff -

Q22: What is the largest possible source port number?

Source port occupies 2 bytes. The largest possible source port number would be ff ff which is 65535



Q23: Determine whether a checksum is provided for the first DNS message or not. What is the usage of this field?

Yes, it is provided. It ensures that the data in the UDP header and payload arrives without corruption.

Q24: Determine the destination port number for the DNS query message and the source port number of the DNS response. What is the relationship between the two? Which port number is a well-known port number?

Destination port number: 53

Source port number: 64845

Port 53 is a well-known port number, as it is reserved for the DNS protocol. It is used by DNS servers to listen for incoming queries from clients.

The client initiates the query, using the dynamic source port (64845 in this case) and sends the request to port 53 on the DNS server. The server replies using port 53 as its source port (matching the client's query destination port) and sends the response to the dynamic port (64845) that was originally used as the client's source port.

Q25: List two other well-known port numbers used by UDP

Port 67, Port 123

Q26: Determine the IP address of your local DNS sever (use ipconfig). Is it the same as destination IP address of the DNS query?

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DNS Servers . . . . . : 132.206.44.21
                      : 132.216.44.21
```

Destination address of the DNS query: 132.206.44.21. It is the same as the

destination IP address of the local DNS server.

Q27: Examine the DNS response message. How many answers are provided in this message? What do each of these answers contain?

5 answers are provided in the message. Each of those answers contain Name, Type, Class, Time to live, Data Length, CNAME



Q28: By checking the trace, determine whether UDP is a reliable protocol or not. Explain your answer.

131	1.925388	10.69.4.112	132.206.44.21	DNS	80 Standard query bdcfa A t-12-ring.msedge.net
133	1.954876	10.69.4.112	132.216.44.21	DNS	80 Standard query bdcfa A t-12-ring.msedge.net
156	2.954401	10.69.4.112	132.206.44.21	DNS	80 Standard query bdcfa A t-12-ring.msedge.net
185	3.859757	10.69.4.112	132.206.44.21	DNS	82 Standard query bdcfa A t-12-ring.msedge.net
186	3.861195	10.69.4.112	132.216.44.21	DNS	82 Standard query bdcfa A t-12-ring.msedge.net
206	4.968263	10.69.4.112	132.206.44.21	DNS	80 Standard query bdcfa A t-12-ring.msedge.net
207	4.968365	10.69.4.112	132.216.44.21	DNS	80 Standard query bdcfa A t-12-ring.msedge.net

The trace demonstrates that UDP is unreliable because it does not guarantee packet delivery or handle retransmissions, as evidenced by the repeated DNS queries. It is the best trying mechanism. The DNS queries was sent repeatedly indicating the transmission failed. Hence not reliable.

Q29: Why does DNS use UDP services?

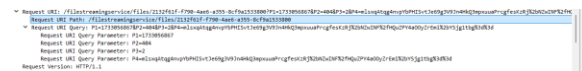
It uses UDP due to its speed, efficiency, and suitability. It is a connectionless protocol. No need to establish connection which reduces latency, allowing DNS to resolve queries more quickly. UDP has low overhead. It is ideal for DNS, where most queries and responses are small and don't need the reliability mechanism of TCP.

### Part III: Hyper-Text Transfer Protocol (HTTP)

*Q30. What HTTP request method is used to retrieve the HTML file?*

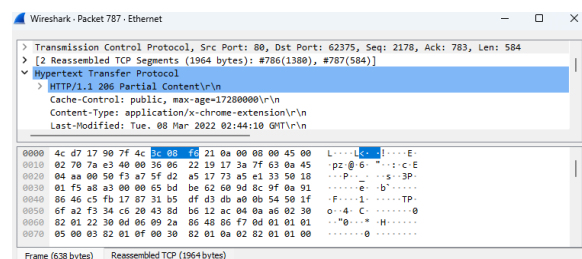
The HTTP request method used to retrieve the HTML file is **GET**.

*Q31. What is the URI of the requested file?*



The URI is as shown in the screenshot

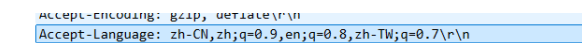
*Q32. What HTTP version is your browser running? What are the other versions of HTTP?*



The HTTP version is HTTP/1.1

The other versions of HTTP include HTTP/0.9, HTTP/1.0, HTTP/1.1, HTTP/2, and HTTP/3.

*Q33. What languages does your browser accept for response?*



These are the accepted languages.

*Q 34. What is the IP address of your computer?*

The IP of my computer is 10.69.4.170

*Q35. What is the server's IP address?*

The IP address of the server is 34.223.124.45

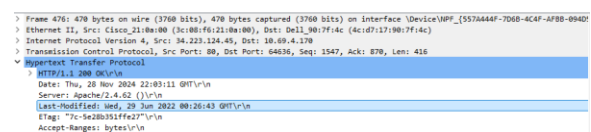
*36. What is the relationship between source and destination IP addresses of the first GET and the source and destination IP addresses of the first Response?*

The first GET's source and destination IP addresses is the first response's destination and source IP addresses.

*37. What is the status code of the first response message? What does this code indicate? What code is returned if the requested file cannot be found on the server?*

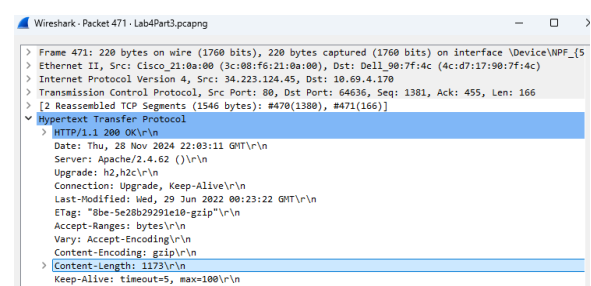
The status code is 200. It indicates that the request is successful, and that the content has delivered. If the requested file cannot be found the code will be 404.

*38. When was the last time that the received HTML file was modified at the server?*



Last-Modified: Wed, 29 Jun 2022 00:26:43 GMT\r\n

*39. What is the size of the content that is returned to your browser?*



The size is 1173 Bytes.

*Q40: How many HTTP GET request messages are sent by your web browser?*

Two GET are sent by my browser.



41. By inspecting the entire trace, determine the number of packets that contain HTTP header. Explain your answer.

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
450	2.906862	10.69.4.170	34.223.124.45	HTTP	540	GET /online/ HTTP/1.1
471	2.978020	34.223.124.45	10.69.4.170	HTTP	220	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
473	2.997660	10.69.4.170	34.223.124.45	HTTP	469	GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1
476	3.068162	34.223.124.45	10.69.4.170	HTTP	478	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (PNG)

Four packets contain the HTTP header because it is being filtered out by http.

Q42. How many TCP segments are transmitted to your computer? Why multiple segments are required to retrieve this single HTML file?

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
433	2.835171	10.69.4.170	34.223.124.45	TCP	60	64636 → 80 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 W=256 SA=10.69.4.170.64636 → 34.223.124.45.80
456	2.905847	34.223.124.45	10.69.4.170	TCP	60	80 → 64636 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=26883 Len=0 MSS=1352 W=0
457	2.905862	10.69.4.170	34.223.124.45	TCP	54	64636 → 80 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=262144 Len=0
458	2.906862	10.69.4.170	34.223.124.45	HTTP	540	GET /online/ HTTP/1.1
469	2.977483	34.223.124.45	10.69.4.170	TCP	60	80 → 64636 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=455 Win=28832 Len=0
470	2.978020	34.223.124.45	10.69.4.170	TCP	1434	80 → 64636 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=455 Win=28832 Len=1308 [TCP segment of data length 1434 bytes captured on interface eth0]
471	2.978020	34.223.124.45	10.69.4.170	HTTP	220	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
473	2.978020	10.69.4.170	34.223.124.45	HTTP	469	GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1
476	3.068162	34.223.124.45	10.69.4.170	HTTP	478	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (PNG)
479	3.114511	10.69.4.170	34.223.124.45	TCP	54	64636 → 80 [ACK] Seq=879 Ack=1363 Win=262144 Len=0
480	3.078020	34.223.124.45	10.69.4.170	TCP	60	80 → 64636 [FIN, ACK] Seq=1363 Ack=879 Win=0 Len=0
687	8.078964	10.69.4.170	34.223.124.45	TCP	54	64636 → 80 [ACK] Seq=879 Ack=1364 Win=262144 Len=0

9 TCP segments are transmitted to my computer.

The reason behind needing multiple segments is that the TCP handshake and connection management (e.g., SYN, ACK, FIN packets) and segmentation of HTTP headers and body based on the Maximum Segment Size (MSS).

43. Determine the length of these TCP segments. Do they have the same size? Explain your answer.

The lengths are as follows:

66 bytes for packets 433 and 456

60 bytes for packets 468 and 486

1434 bytes for packets 470

54 bytes for packets 472, 479 and 687

They do not have the same size. The size of the packets depends on the purpose of the packet. If they are control packets, they tend to be small like those with a length of 54, 60, and 66. If they are data packets, they tend to be bigger like the one with the 1434 bytes.

Q44. Which message and what field in that message indicate that the server was able to process the request successfully?

The 200 ok in the status code field tells us that indicates the server was able to process the request successfully.

Q45. What is the status code of the first response message?

200

Q46. What is the value of the content size of the first response message?

File Data: 2238 bytes

Q47. What is the etag of the first response message?

ETag: "7c-5e28b351ffe27"\r\n

Q48. What is the application of etag in conditional HTTP request? Which line in the second response contains the etag value of the first response?

ETags optimize HTTP interactions by enabling conditional requests that validate cached resources, prevent unnecessary updates, and avoid redundant data transfers. This helps improve web performance and ensures data consistency during interactions between the client and server. It is found under Hypertext transfer protocol section.

*Q49. Which HTTP Get contains the IF-MODIFIED\_SINCE line? What is the usage of this field?*

```
625 7.959996 34.223.124.45 10.69.4.112 HTTP 220 HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
Last-Modified: Wed, 29 Jun 2022 00:23:22 GMT\r\n
```

It is used in HTTP GET requests to optimize the retrieval of resources by checking if they have been modified since a specific date and time.

*Q50. What is the status code of the second response message? What does this code mean?*

200, it is a three digit number that is included in the server's response to a client's request. It indicates the result of the request and provides information about how client should handle the request. 200 represent that the request was successful, and the server is returning the requested resource.

*Q51. What is the content length of the second response? Explain.*

```
File Data: 124 bytes
```

This information does not contain any header. It's the smallest and content only.

*Q52. How many HTTP GET Requests are sent by your web browser?*

2 request

*Q53. What is the content type of each response message?*

Text/html, and PNG

*Q54. Did your browser download the two images serially or in parallel? Explain. What are the pros and cons of each approach.*

There is only 1 image in this web. The browser can download image both serially and in parallel.

Serial:

Pros: Lower resource usage, images downloaded in a predictable order, reduce the risk of overwhelming the network

Cons: Slower total completion time, inefficient use of resources

Parallel:

Pros: faster overall download time, better resource utilization, resilient to slow connections

Cons: higher resource usage, potential server overload, complex error handling, image may not download in the desired order.

*Q55. Has the HTTP used persistent or non-persistent connection? Explain your answer.*

HTTP use persistent connection. TCP connection reused for multiple requests. It is reflected through source and destination ports on Wireshark.

*Q56. What is the requested URL in the frame #101? What HTTP field contains the username and password information? What are the submitted values for the username and password?*

Request URI Query contains the information

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Request Method: GET
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[Full request URI: http://192.168.0.2:8000/lab1Ex5a.html?username=wireshark&password=lab1]
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Request URI Query: username=wireshark&password=lab1
Request URI Query Parameter: username=wireshark
Request URI Query Parameter: password=lab1
```

*Q57. What HTTP request method is used in the frame #172? What HTTP field contains the username and password information? Explain the difference between this request method and the GET method.*

Request Method: POST

```
✓ HTML Form URL Encoded: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
  > Form item: "username" = "wireshark"
  > Form item: "password" = "lab1"
```

GET fetch data from the server. Data located in URL query string. It is safe. Responses can be cached. Data is visible in URL. Data size is limited by URL length.

POST send data to the server. Data locates in HTTP request body. It is not safe. Responses typically not cached. Data is hidden in request body. There is no practical data size limit.

*Q58. What is the status code of the frame #174? What is the description of this code?*

```
174 181.089438 192.168.0.2 192.168.0.22 HTTP/1.1 501 Unsupported method ("POST") (text/html)
```

501 Not Implemented indicates that the server lacks the ability to perform the requested operation because the required functionality is not implemented.

## Conclusion

This lab effectively demonstrated the functionality and interaction of DNS, UDP, and HTTP protocols within network communication. Through hands-on analysis, we observed how DNS resolves domain names to IP addresses, facilitated by UDP for its efficiency and speed. Wireshark packet traces highlighted the headers, fields, and payloads involved in these exchanges, reinforcing the concepts of protocol design and reliability. In the HTTP section, we

explored GET and POST methods, status codes, and resource transfer efficiency. This lab underscored the significance of these protocols in enabling reliable and efficient internet communication while exposing their respective strengths, limitations, and trade-offs in real-world applications.