**Task 3: TLS Communication Inspection & Analysis (8 pts)**

Objective: Analyze HTTPS using tools learned in Week 4

Instructions:

1. Connect to any HTTPS website using openssl s\_client

2. Extract and document:

○ Certificate chain (Root → Intermediate → Leaf)

○ Cipher suite used

○ TLS version

3. Capture a TLS handshake using Wireshark and highlight:

○ Client Hello

○ Server Certificate

○ Key Exchange

4. Briefly describe how TLS provides confidentiality and integrity

Deliverables:

● Screenshots of openssl output and Wireshark capture

● Summary document: tls\_summary.txt

**1 Connect to any HTTPS website using openssl s\_client**

C:\Users\Lenovo>cd desktop/SANGU\_TEST/module\_1

C:\Users\Lenovo\Desktop\SANGU\_TEST\module\_1>

C:\Users\Lenovo\Desktop\SANGU\_TEST\module\_1>openssl s\_client -connect [www.pinterest.com:443](http://www.pinterest.com:443)

CONNECTED(000001C8)

depth=1 C = US, O = DigiCert Inc, CN = DigiCert Global G2 TLS RSA SHA256 2020 CA1

verify error:num=20:unable to get local issuer certificate

verify return:1

depth=0 C = US, ST = California, L = San Francisco, O = "Pinterest, Inc.", CN = \*.pinterest.com

verify return:1

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Certificate chain

0 s:C = US, ST = California, L = San Francisco, O = "Pinterest, Inc.", CN = \*.pinterest.com

i:C = US, O = DigiCert Inc, CN = DigiCert Global G2 TLS RSA SHA256 2020 CA1

a:PKEY: rsaEncryption, 2048 (bit); sigalg: RSA-SHA256

v:NotBefore: Aug 5 00:00:00 2024 GMT; NotAfter: Aug 7 23:59:59 2025 GMT

1 s:C = US, O = DigiCert Inc, CN = DigiCert Global G2 TLS RSA SHA256 2020 CA1

i:C = US, O = DigiCert Inc, OU = www.digicert.com, CN = DigiCert Global Root G2

a:PKEY: rsaEncryption, 2048 (bit); sigalg: RSA-SHA256

v:NotBefore: Mar 30 00:00:00 2021 GMT; NotAfter: Mar 29 23:59:59 2031 GMT

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Server certificate

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subject=C = US, ST = California, L = San Francisco, O = "Pinterest, Inc.", CN = \*.pinterest.com

issuer=C = US, O = DigiCert Inc, CN = DigiCert Global G2 TLS RSA SHA256 2020 CA1

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No client certificate CA names sent

Peer signing digest: SHA256

Peer signature type: RSA-PSS

Server Temp Key: X25519, 253 bits

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SSL handshake has read 5094 bytes and written 387 bytes

Verification error: unable to get local issuer certificate

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New, TLSv1.3, Cipher is TLS\_AES\_128\_GCM\_SHA256

Server public key is 2048 bit

Secure Renegotiation IS NOT supported

Compression: NONE

Expansion: NONE

No ALPN negotiated

Early data was not sent

Verify return code: 20 (unable to get local issuer certificate)

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Post-Handshake New Session Ticket arrived:

SSL-Session:

Protocol : TLSv1.3

Cipher : TLS\_AES\_128\_GCM\_SHA256

Session-ID: C225B4FA0DF9AC82DEC3D21B90F981A342B3C8C0B5EC3EAC7F2EBC0A3CF3D87B

Session-ID-ctx:

Resumption PSK: 6EDB9A0FBBA305502F38669C1A9D4BE54F2B145EDBAD6ECC2F381B93DF43C1C0

PSK identity: None

PSK identity hint: None

SRP username: None

TLS session ticket lifetime hint: 86400 (seconds)

TLS session ticket:

0000 - cb 13 ae f2 9f e8 63 8b-25 f8 77 95 19 89 f1 c5 ......c.%.w.....

0010 - c8 b8 61 3e 74 6c c5 ca-2c 9c 43 86 f4 fd 2a c0 ..a>tl..,.C...\*.

0020 - c2 1d bd 52 91 6f ff 1b-1c fa b1 ba c7 d7 9d b5 ...R.o..........

0030 - c8 37 ff 80 4d 2f 57 86-b3 cc 22 27 59 6f 6b 65 .7..M/W..."'Yoke

0040 - e1 0a 16 b7 05 2c 6e 73-1c fd 93 aa e1 44 a3 b3 .....,ns.....D..

0050 - 22 7c 87 0c 07 7c 03 99-d1 e7 85 9e 18 32 55 75 "|...|.......2Uu

0060 - e9 7a 6a cd bb 48 58 e5-27 bf 9f c6 80 2a 9d 70 .zj..HX.'....\*.p

0070 - bb f6 dc f2 f8 00 c9 75-b8 60 44 44 77 4e f4 3b .......u.`DDwN.;

0080 - e8 f6 0e d4 95 1d 83 c4-9d 85 6a 89 e7 e2 53 ec ..........j...S.

0090 - 18 0b b9 e0 30 76 cc e3-55 89 25 fa 67 90 cb b4 ....0v..U.%.g...

Start Time: 1745593553

Timeout : 7200 (sec)

Verify return code: 20 (unable to get local issuer certificate)

Extended master secret: no

Max Early Data: 0

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**2. Extract and document:**

**A. Certificate Chain**

**Root → Intermediate → Leaf**

**Root Certificate** (not directly shown in output but referenced):

* + - C = US, O = DigiCert Inc, OU = [www.digicert.com](http://www.digicert.com), CN = DigiCert Global Root G2

The root certificate (DigiCert Global Root G2) is not included in the handshake, because error appears:  
  
verify error:num=20:unable to get local issuer certificate

**Intermediate Certificate**:

* + - C = US, O = DigiCert Inc, CN = DigiCert Global G2 TLS RSA SHA256 2020 CA1
    - C = US, O = DigiCert Inc, OU = [www.digicert.com](http://www.digicert.com), CN = DigiCert Global Root G2
    - Valid: Mar 30 00:00:00 2021 GMT to Mar 29 23:59:59 2031 GMT
    - Key: RSA 2048-bit

**Leaf Certificate**:

* + - C = US, ST = California, L = San Francisco, O = "Pinterest, Inc.", CN = \*.pinterest.com
    - Issuer: C = US, O = DigiCert Inc, CN = DigiCert Global G2 TLS RSA SHA256 2020 CA1
    - Valid: Aug 5 00:00:00 2024 GMT to Aug 7 23:59:59 2025 GMT
    - Key: RSA 2048-bit

**B. Cipher suite used**

**Cipher**: TLS\_AES\_128\_GCM\_SHA256

* AES 128-bit key in Galois/Counter Mode (GCM)
* SHA-256 is used to authenticate message

**C. TLS version**

Connection is using **TLSv1.3**, as indicated in output:

New, TLSv1.3, Cipher is TLS\_AES\_128\_GCM\_SHA256

**3. Capture a TLS handshake using Wireshark and highlight:**

○ Client Hello



○ Server Certificate

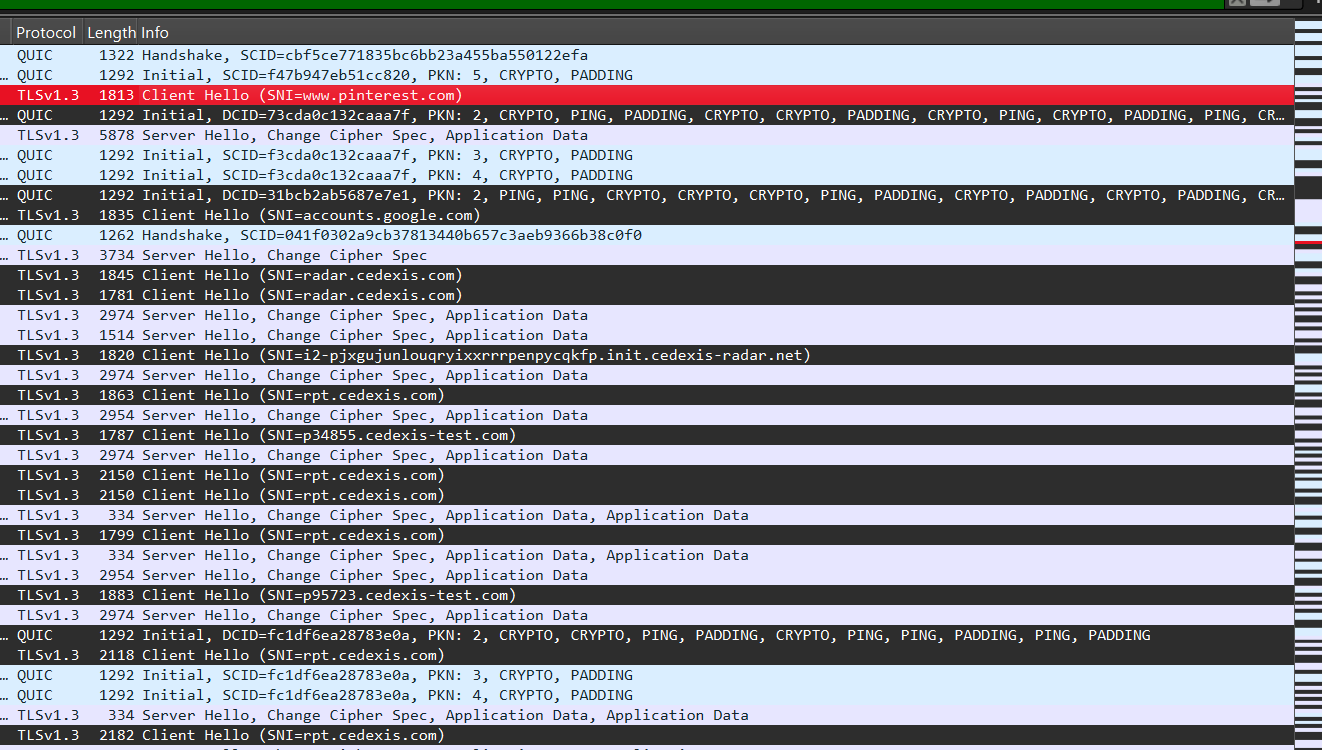
In TLS 1.3 handshake messages are more compressed and encrypted compared to TLS 1.2, so server certificate message is typically included within Server Hello and encrypted handshake messages. In my screenshot, packets like “**TLSv1.3 Server Hello, Change Cipher Spec, Application Data**” are doing multiple things:

* + - **Server Hello** – completes key exchange.
    - **Change Cipher Spec** – signal that encrypted communication will follow.
    - **Application Data** – includes encrypted handshake messages and Certificate.

○ Key Exchange

key exchange is provided during this process of TLS 1.3 handshake but it's not exactly shown as separate "Key Exchange" packet like in TLS 1.2. In TLS 1.3, key exchange happens during the Client Hello and Server Hello.

* + - **“TLSv1.3 Client Hello (SNI=www.pinterest.com)”** Includes the Client's Key Share (e.g., using X25519 or P-256 curve) which is client's contribution to the Elliptic Curve Diffie-Hellman (ECDHE) key exchange.
    - **“TLSv1.3 Server Hello, Change Cipher Spec, Application Data”** Includes the Server's Key Share (e.g., X25519), which Finalizes shared secret generation for symmetric encryption.



**4. Briefly describe how TLS provides confidentiality and integrity**

Wireshark capture shows TLS handshake stages:

**Client Hello.** On this stage browser initiates handshake, sends supported TLS versions, cipher suites and SNI to www.pinterest.com. We can see in capture “Client Hello (SNI= www.pinterest.com)”

**Server Hello.** Server selects cipher suite and replies with server certificate, change cipher spec, Encrypted Handshake Message.

**Key Exchange and Cipher Agreement.** server and client securely exchange key.

**Change Cipher Spec.** browser and Server switch to encrypted communication using shared symmetric key.

**How TLS Provides Confidentiality and Integrity**

TLS is reliable security layer for HTTPS. During connection to secure website (in my case www.pinterest.com), browser and server perform TLS handshake. They establishencryption algorithms and securely exchange keys, generated using public-key cryptography. The server is authenticated using digital certificate issued by a trusted Certificate Authority (CA). After that stages exchanged data is encrypted, in my case using Ephemeral Diffie-Hellman, which supports Perfect Forward Secrecy, means the encryption keys are unique to each session and never reused. Additionally, authentication is provided by TLS using Message Authentication Codes (MACs) or AEAD ciphers to ensure data integrity.

**Confidentiality** is achieved using encryption, **Client Hello** and **Server Hello** messages include key shares used in an **Elliptic Curve Diffie-Hellman (ECDHE)** key exchange, this process generates **shared secret** between client and server. When key exchange is complete, both parties start using **symmetric encryption.** Cipher: TLS\_AES\_128\_GCM\_SHA256. After this point, all traffic (application data, server certificate) is encrypted, ensuring only intended recipient can read.

**Integrity** is ensured through **authenticated encryption**, TLS 1.3 is using **AEAD ciphers** (Authenticated Encryption with Associated Data), such as AES\_128\_GCM\_SHA256, in my case. These ciphers include **built-in authentication**, which verifies that data was not altered and ensures that it came from legitimate party.

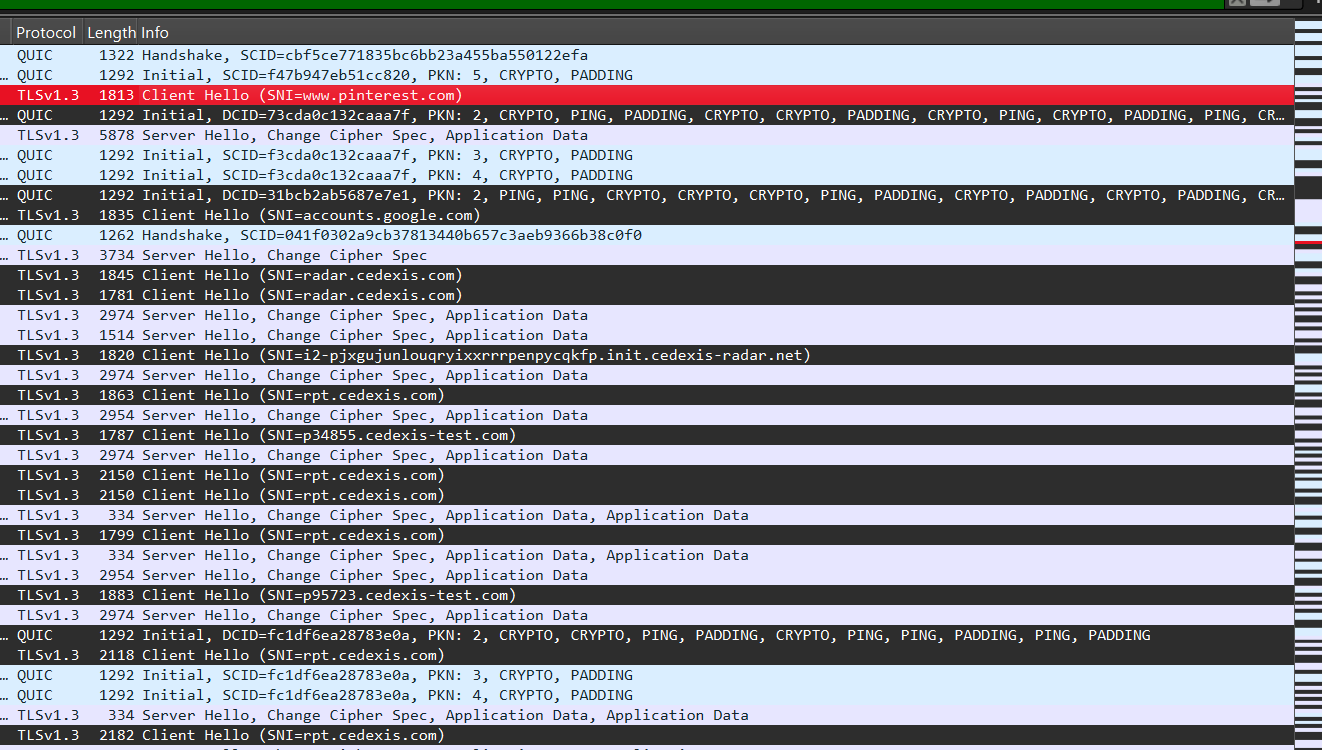
TLS 1.3 begins of protection **confidentiality** and **integrity** after **Server Hello** finishes. From that point forward, all handshake messages (including the certificate) are encryptedandauthenticated.

**● Screenshots of openssl output**





**Wireshark capture**



● Summary document: tls\_summary.txt

In this task, I analyzed how TLS works by connecting to an HTTPS website and capturing the handshake.

**1. OpenSSL Connection to HTTPS Website**

I connected to www.pinterest.com using OpenSSL.  
From the output, I extracted:

* **Certificate Chain**:
  + - **Root**: DigiCert Global Root G2
    - **Intermediate**: DigiCert Global G2 TLS RSA SHA256 2020 CA1
    - **Leaf**: \*.pinterest.com
* **Cipher Suite Used**:
  + - TLS\_AES\_128\_GCM\_SHA256
    - AES-128 in Galois/Counter Mode with SHA-256 for authentication
* **TLS Version**:
  + - TLSv1.3

The server’s certificate is signed by DigiCert and uses RSA 2048-bit keys.

**2. TLS Handshake Capture with Wireshark**

Using Wireshark, I captured the TLS 1.3 handshake.  
Important stages highlighted:

* **Client Hello**:
  + - The client sends supported cipher suites and key share.
* **Server Certificate**:
  + - In TLS 1.3, the server certificate is encrypted inside Application Data after Server Hello, not seen clearly in plain text.
* **Key Exchange**:
  + - The key exchange happens during Client Hello and Server Hello using ECDHE (Elliptic Curve Diffie-Hellman Ephemeral).

**3. How TLS Provides Confidentiality and Integrity**

TLS provides **confidentiality** by encryption of all data using symmetric encryption (AES-GCM), based on shared secret generated through secure key exchange.

TLS ensures **integrity** by using AEAD ciphers (like AES-GCM) that provide both encryption and authentication.  
This prevents attackers from reading or modifying data.

In TLS 1.3, confidentiality and integrity protection start after **Server Hello** is finished.