

Part 2

Working of Traceroute

Traceroute is a network diagnostic tool which helps us to visualize the path of the packets from source to destination.

-> I used the command "tracert nasa.gov". By this command traceroute is sending a series of special data packets to the destination(in this case it is nasa.gov).

-> These packets have a TTL(Time to Live) value. TTL tells each router/hop how long the packet should live. When TTL reaches to 0, the router discards the packet and sends back an acknowledgement to the source.

-> Traceroute records the time it takes to get acknowledgement back from each hop/router.

Using Wireshark to Observe Traceroute

-> Opened Wireshark in Windows by searching it in the search.

-> Selected wifi for interface.

-> Pressed "Start Capturing Packets" button.

-> In cmd run the command "tracert nasa.gov"

-> Now in the filter of Wireshark use this filter "ip.addr==192.0.66.108 and icmp" where 192.0.66.108 is the destination address(nasa.gov) and ICMP packets because these are the messages sent back by routers as traceroute progresses.

I also attached one screenshot in the next page which contains the output of traceroute and the Wireshark.

Wireshark interface showing network traffic analysis. The main pane displays a list of captured packets, including ICMP Echo (ping) requests and responses, and a detailed view of the selected packet (Frame 1729) showing the Ethernet II, Internet Protocol Version 4, and Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP) layers.

The packet list shows the following details:

| No. | Time | Source | Destination | Protocol | Length | Info |
|------|-----------|-----------------|--------------|----------|--------|--|
| 1729 | 5.185479 | 10.30.9.120 | 192.0.66.108 | ICMP | 106 | Echo (ping) request id=0x0001, seq=199/50944, ttl=1 (no response found!) |
| 1730 | 5.186234 | 10.30.9.1 | 10.30.9.120 | ICMP | 70 | Time-to-live exceeded (Time to live exceeded in transit) |
| 1731 | 5.190489 | 10.30.9.120 | 192.0.66.108 | ICMP | 106 | Echo (ping) request id=0x0001, seq=200/51200, ttl=1 (no response found!) |
| 1732 | 5.208109 | 10.30.9.1 | 10.30.9.120 | ICMP | 70 | Time-to-live exceeded (Time to live exceeded in transit) |
| 1733 | 5.202649 | 10.30.9.120 | 192.0.66.108 | ICMP | 106 | Echo (ping) request id=0x0001, seq=201/51456, ttl=1 (no response found!) |
| 1734 | 5.204335 | 10.30.9.1 | 10.30.9.120 | ICMP | 70 | Time-to-live exceeded (Time to live exceeded in transit) |
| 6474 | 11.168264 | 10.30.9.120 | 192.0.66.108 | ICMP | 106 | Echo (ping) request id=0x0001, seq=202/51712, ttl=2 (no response found!) |
| 6475 | 11.172215 | 10.30.9.120 | 10.30.9.120 | ICMP | 70 | Time-to-live exceeded (Time to live exceeded in transit) |
| 6480 | 11.181585 | 10.30.9.120 | 192.0.66.108 | ICMP | 106 | Echo (ping) request id=0x0001, seq=203/51968, ttl=2 (no response found!) |
| 6481 | 11.199766 | 10.200.10.14 | 10.30.9.120 | ICMP | 106 | Time-to-live exceeded (Time to live exceeded in transit) |
| 6482 | 11.203972 | 10.30.9.120 | 192.0.66.108 | ICMP | 106 | Echo (ping) request id=0x0001, seq=204/52224, ttl=2 (no response found!) |
| 6483 | 11.207209 | 10.30.9.120 | 10.30.9.120 | ICMP | 70 | Time-to-live exceeded (Time to live exceeded in transit) |
| 6845 | 17.190225 | 10.30.9.120 | 192.0.66.108 | ICMP | 106 | Echo (ping) request id=0x0001, seq=205/52480, ttl=3 (no response found!) |
| 6846 | 17.194151 | 103.147.138.250 | 10.30.9.120 | ICMP | 70 | Time-to-live exceeded (Time to live exceeded in transit) |
| 6847 | 17.196242 | 10.30.9.120 | 192.0.66.108 | ICMP | 106 | Echo (ping) request id=0x0001, seq=206/52736, ttl=3 (no response found!) |
| 6851 | 17.215107 | 103.147.138.250 | 10.30.9.120 | ICMP | 70 | Time-to-live exceeded (Time to live exceeded in transit) |
| 6852 | 17.215342 | 10.30.9.120 | 192.0.66.108 | ICMP | 106 | Echo (ping) request id=0x0001, seq=207/52992, ttl=3 (no response found!) |
| 6853 | 17.219359 | 103.147.138.250 | 10.30.9.120 | ICMP | 70 | Time-to-live exceeded (Time to live exceeded in transit) |
| 7423 | 23.179111 | 10.30.9.120 | 192.0.66.108 | ICMP | 106 | Echo (ping) request id=0x0001, seq=208/53248, ttl=4 (no response found!) |
| 7424 | 23.183926 | 117.232.137.122 | 10.30.9.120 | ICMP | 70 | Time-to-live exceeded (Time to live exceeded in transit) |
| 7425 | 23.184939 | 10.30.9.120 | 192.0.66.108 | ICMP | 106 | Echo (ping) request id=0x0001, seq=209/53504, ttl=4 (no response found!) |
| 7426 | 23.188498 | 117.232.137.122 | 10.30.9.120 | ICMP | 70 | Time-to-live exceeded (Time to live exceeded in transit) |
| 7427 | 23.189884 | 10.30.9.120 | 192.0.66.108 | ICMP | 106 | Echo (ping) request id=0x0001, seq=210/53760, ttl=4 (no response found!) |
| 7428 | 23.193919 | 117.232.137.122 | 10.30.9.120 | ICMP | 70 | Time-to-live exceeded (Time to live exceeded in transit) |
| 7500 | 24.201708 | 10.30.9.120 | 192.0.66.108 | ICMP | 106 | Echo (ping) request id=0x0001, seq=211/54016, ttl=5 (no response found!) |
| 7502 | 24.223294 | 117.216.207.105 | 10.30.9.120 | ICMP | 134 | Time-to-live exceeded (Time to live exceeded in transit) |
| 7503 | 24.225374 | 10.30.9.120 | 192.0.66.108 | ICMP | 106 | Echo (ping) request id=0x0001, seq=212/54272, ttl=5 (no response found!) |
| 7504 | 24.244207 | 117.216.207.105 | 10.30.9.120 | ICMP | 134 | Time-to-live exceeded (Time to live exceeded in transit) |
| 7505 | 24.245901 | 10.30.9.120 | 192.0.66.108 | ICMP | 106 | Echo (ping) request id=0x0001, seq=213/54528, ttl=5 (no response found!) |

The packet details pane for Frame 1729 shows:

- Ethernet II, Src: FALINKTECHNO 22:98:9c (7c:88:99:22:98:9c), Dst: Cisco afa3e102 (34:1b2d2af3e102)
- Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.30.9.120, Dst: 192.0.66.108
- Internet Control Message Protocol

The packet bytes pane shows the raw data of the selected packet, including the Ethernet II header and the ICMP Echo request data.

Command Prompt output:

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C:\Users\halde>tracert nasa.gov

Tracing route to nasa.gov [192.0.66.108]
over a maximum of 30 hops:

 0  12 ms  2 ms  1 ms  10.30.9.1
 1  9 ms  18 ms  4 ms  10.200.10.14
 2  4 ms  15 ms  4 ms  103.147.138.250
 3  4 ms  4 ms  4 ms  static.ill117.232.137.122.bsnl.co.in [117.232.137.122]
 4  19 ms  19 ms  18 ms  117.216.207.105
 5  77 ms  57 ms  40 ms  125.16.51.109
 6  93 ms  81 ms  83 ms  116.119.02.27
 7  77 ms  81 ms  80 ms  2635.sgwinetix.com [27.111.228.209]
 8  83 ms  85 ms  81 ms  192.0.66.108

Trace complete.
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