

Wireshark IP Packet Analysis

Introduction

This report analyzes an IP packet captured using Wireshark, focusing on the structure and content of the IP header. The capture was performed while accessing google.com.

1. Packet Capture

Wireshark Capture Details

- 1 Frame 1382: 74 bytes on wire (592 bits), 74 bytes captured (592 bits) on interface en0, id 0
- 2 Ethernet II, Src: Apple_77:80:65 (10:bd:3a:77:80:65), Dst: FidaInternet_a3:e8:ec (90:61:0c:a3:e8:ec)
- 3 Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.1.7, Dst: 192.168.1.1
- 4 User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 56555, Dst Port: 53
- 5 Domain Name System (query)

2. Hexadecimal Data

Captured Packet's Hexadecimal Data

1	0000	90	61	0c	a3	e8	ec	10	bd	3a	77	80	65	08	00	45	00
2	0010	00	3c	28	2b	00	00	40	11	cf	2d	c0	a8	01	07	c0	a8
3	0020	01	01	dc	eb	00	35	00	28	cf	a1	40	db	01	00	00	01
4	0030	00	00	00	00	00	00	03	77	77	77	06	67	6f	6f	67	6c
5	0040	65	03	63	6f	6d	00	00	01	00	01						

3. IP Header Analysis

IP Header (20 bytes)

1	45	00	00	3c	28	2b	00	00	40	11	cf	2d	c0	a8	01	07	c0	a8	01	01
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Type: IPv4 (0x0800)
v Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.1.7, Dst: 192.168.1.1
  0100 .... = Version: 4
  .... 0101 = Header Length: 20 bytes (5)
  > Differentiated Services Field: 0x00 (DSCP: CS0, ECN: Not-ECT)
    Total Length: 60
    Identification: 0x282b (10283)
  > 000. .... = Flags: 0x0
    ...0 0000 0000 0000 = Fragment Offset: 0
    Time to Live: 64
    Protocol: UDP (17)
    Header Checksum: 0xcf2d [validation disabled]
    [Header checksum status: Unverified]
    Source Address: 192.168.1.7
    Destination Address: 192.168.1.1

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Figure 1: IP header fields in wireshark

Field	Value (Hex)	Value (Decoded)	Explanation
Version	4	4	IPv4
IHL	5	5	Header length 20 bytes
TOS	00	0	No special priority
Total Length	00 3c	60 bytes	Packet size
Identification	28 2b	10283	Packet identifier
Flags & Fragment Offset	00 00	0	No fragmentation
TTL	40	64	Max hops before discard
Protocol	11	17 (UDP)	Next level protocol
Header Checksum	cf 2d	53037	Error checking
Source IP	c0 a8 01 07	192.168.1.7	Source address
Destination IP	c0 a8 01 01	192.168.1.1	Destination address

Table 1: IP Header Fields

4.Explanation of Fields

Field Descriptions

- **Version:** Always 4 for IPv4 packets.
- **IHL (Internet Header Length):** Measured in 32-bit words. Value 5 means $5 * 4 = 20$ bytes.
- **TOS (Type of Service):** Specifies priority and handling of the packet.
- **Total Length:** Sum of header and payload lengths in bytes.
- **Identification:** Unique identifier for fragments of the same packet.
- **Flags & Fragment Offset:** Control and indicate packet fragmentation.
- **TTL (Time to Live):** Decrement at each hop, packet is discarded when it reaches 0.
- **Protocol:** Indicates the next level protocol (17 for UDP).
- **Header Checksum:** Error-checking calculated over the entire header.
- **Source/Destination IP:** IP addresses of sender and receiver.

5.Conclusion

Summary

This analysis demonstrates the structure and content of an IPv4 header from a captured DNS query packet.