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<u>**Objectives:**</u> The main objectives of this lab how to install wireshark on linux ,to know how to wireshark captures every packet getting in or out of a network interface and shows them in a nicely formatted text .

<u>Theory</u>: Wireshark is a network packet analyzer. It captures every packet getting in or out of a network interface and shows them in a nicely formatted text. It is used by Network Engineers all over the world.

Methodology:

Installing Wireshark: Run the following command to install Wireshark on your Ubuntu machine:

\$ sudo apt get install wireshark

Wireshark should be installed.

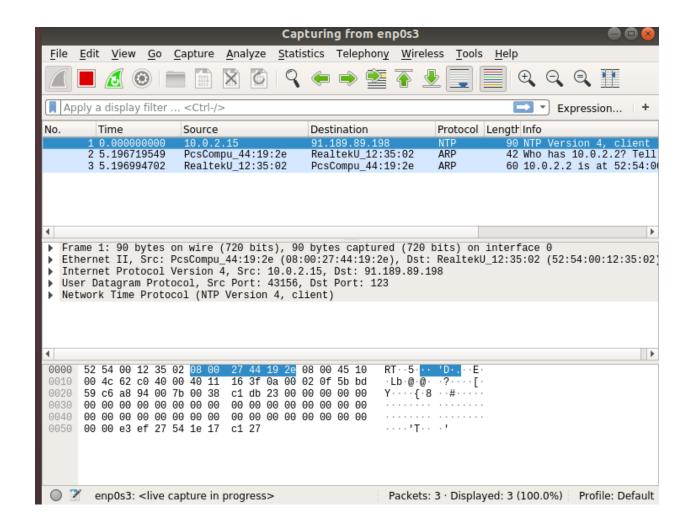
Run the following command to add your user to the Wireshark group: \$ sudo usermod -aG wireshark \$(whoami)

Now reboot your computer with the following command: \$ sudo reboot

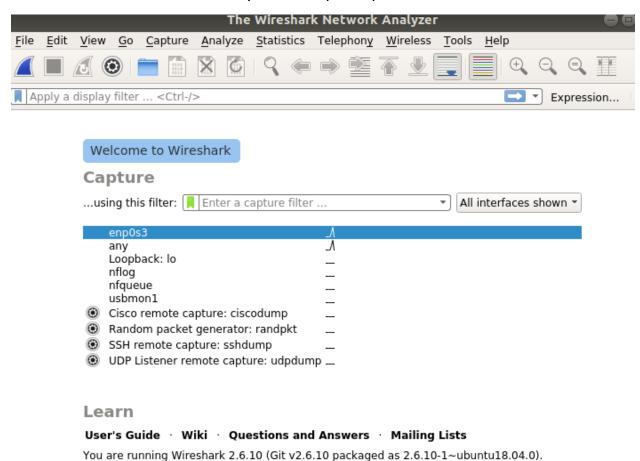
Now run Wireshark using the following command: \$ sudo wireshark

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zafrul_hasan_nasim@zafrul-hasan-nasim-VirtualBox:~/IT-18003$ sudo wireshark
QStandardPaths: XDG_RUNTIME_DIR not set, defaulting to '/tmp/runtime-root'
16:15:15.289 Warn Could not compile "of" in colorfilters file "/home/z
afrul_hasan_nasim/.wireshark/colorfilters".
"of" is neither a field nor a protocol name.
16:15:15.290 Warn Could not compile "Checksum Errors" in colorfilters
file "/home/zafrul_hasan_nasim/.wireshark/colorfilters".
Neither "cdp.checksum_bad" nor "1" are field or protocol names.
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After run this above command then show like as below screenshot:



Now we will capture packages using Wireshark. When you start Wireshark, you will see a list of interfaces that you can capture packets to and from.

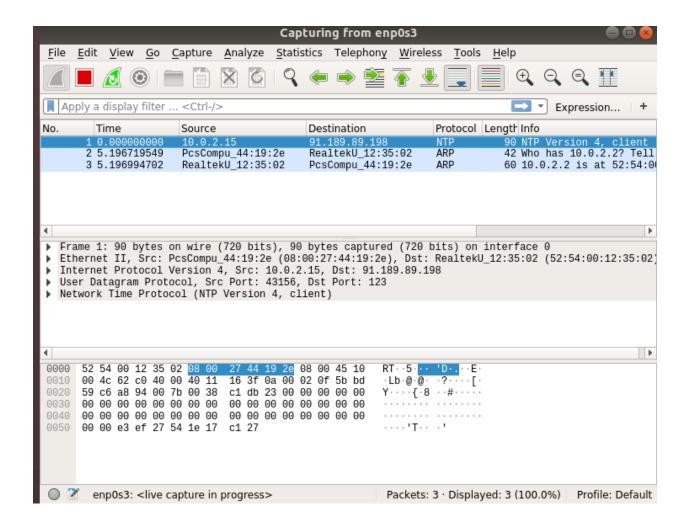


There are many types of interfaces you can monitor using Wireshark, for example, Wired, Wireless, USB and many external devices. You can choose to show specific types of interfaces in the welcome screen from the marked section of the screenshot below:

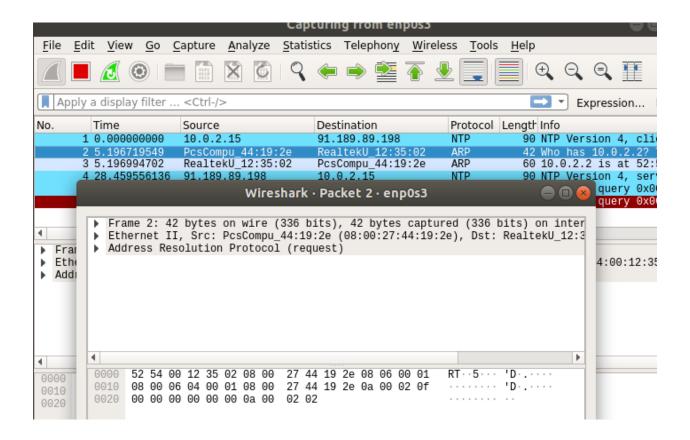
Welcome to Wireshark Captureusing this filter: Enter a capture filter ... enp0s3 any Loopback: lo nflog nfqueue Learn User's Guide · Wiki · Questions and Answers · Mailing Lists

Now to start capturing packets, Just press and hold and click on the interfaces that you want to capture packets to and from and then click on the Start capturing packets icon as marked in the screenshot below:

You are running Wireshark 2.6.10 (Git v2.6.10 packaged as 2.6.10-1~ubuntu18.04.0).

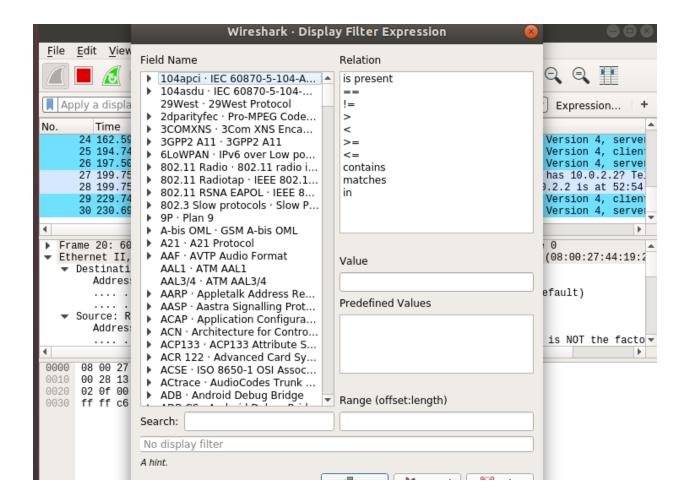


Now you can click on a packet to select it. Selecting a packet would show many information about that packet. As you can see, information about different layers of TCP/IP Protocol is listed.

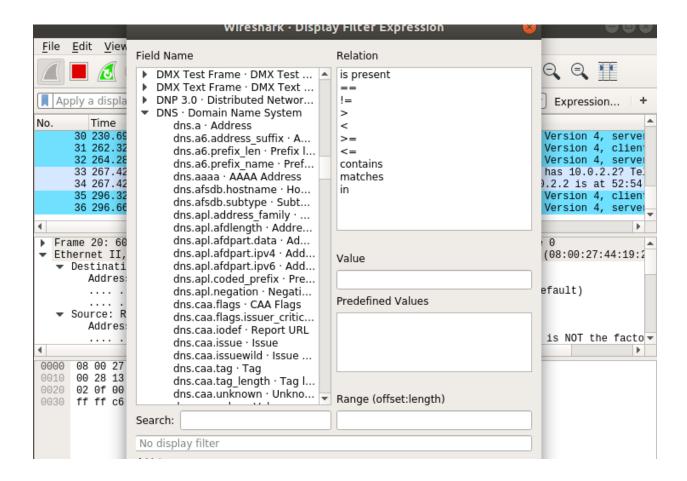


A new window should open as shown in the screenshot below. From here you can create filter expression to search packets very specifically.

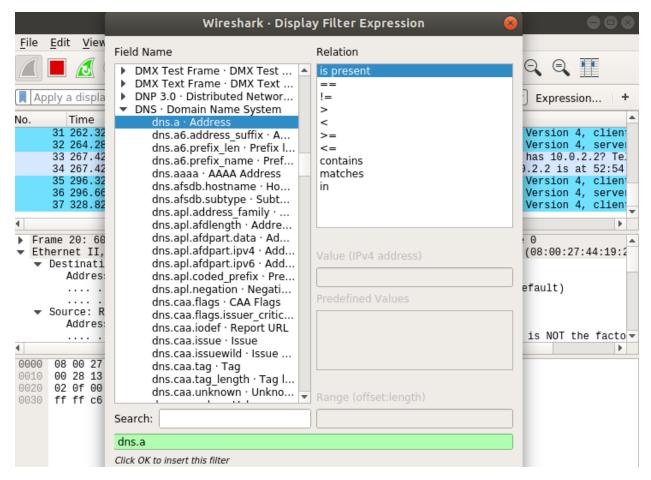
In the Field Name section almost all the networking protocols are listed. The list is huge. You can type in what protocol you're looking for in the Search textbox and the Field Name section would show the ones that matched.



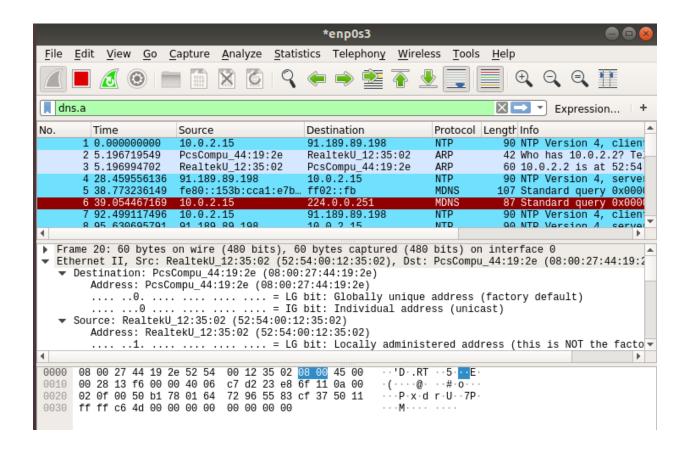
I am going to filter out all the DNS packets. So I selected DNS Domain Name System from the Field Name list. I can also click on the arrow on DNS protocol .



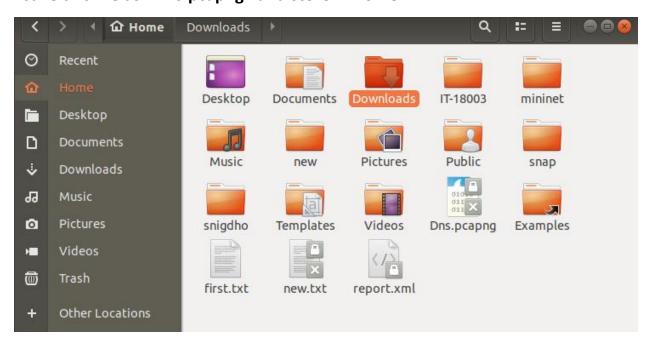
I also use relational operators to test whether some field is equal to, not equal to, great than or less than some value. I searched for all the DNS IPv4 address.



As I can see, only the DNS protocol packets are shown.



Now select a destination folder, type in the file name and click on Save: I save this file as 'Dns.pcapng' and store in home.



Conclusion: From this lab , I have learnt that how to install and use wireshark on Linux . Wireshark is a really interesting tool to have installed - both for developers and curious minds. It have some might potentially benefit such as : Web debugging, Capture interesting stuff, Making sure that the right applications access the right resources. I want to make sure that every application I use, that has access to the Internet, only accesses resources it should, WireShark pretty much covers every transfer layer. I have also known that it is not that big and doesn't consume enormous quanitites of resources, so it runs pretty well in the background while other processes are running.