The exercises are designed for students to finish in an individual capacity. The exercises are not designed to be completed in tutorial sessions but rather to give you some tasks and a starting point to continue and complete on your own.

1 TLS

1.1 Lab Tasks

A TLS handshake takes place whenever a user navigates to a website over HTTPS; it involves multiple steps, as the client and server exchange the information necessary for completing the handshake and making further conversation possible. In this lab, we will capture a TLS handshake using Wireshark and analyse the details of the connection establishment.

Open SecureCorp network configuration in GNS3 and start all nodes. You can use one of the workstations to perform the lab tasks.

• Browse an HTTPS website with lynx

```
Start packet capture on the link between Internal-Client and Switch3, and browse to monash.edu:

cd
lynx https://www.monash.edu
```

Wireshark should have captured the lynx traffic.

• Client Hello

Open Wireshark and find "Client Hello" packet. TLS wraps all traffic in "records" of different types. We see that the first byte out of our browser is the hex byte 0x16 = 22 which means that this is a "handshake" record:

```
Destination
                                                                      Protocol Length Info
                        Source
       7 10.848223
                        10.10.5.50
                                                                                  74 Standard query
                                                                     DNS
       8 10.848271
                        10.10.5.50
                                               8.8.8.8
                                                                                  74 Standard query 0x6071
      9 10 891315
                        8.8.8.8
                                               10.10.5.50
                                                                     DNS
                                                                                 193 Standard query respons
      10 10.891748
                        8.8.8.8
                                               10.10.5.50
                                                                     DNS
                                                                                 124 Standard query respons
                                                                                  74 39110 - 443 [SYN] Seq=
58 443 - 39110 [SYN, ACK]
      11 10.893175
                        10.10.5.50
                                               202.9.95.188
                                                                      TCP
      12 10.922687
                        202.9.95.188
                                               10.10.5.50
                                                                     TCP
      13 10.932942
                        10.10.5.50
                                                                                  54 39110 → 443 [ACK] Seq=
                                               202.9.95.188
                                                                      TCP
      15 10.960500
                        202.9.95.188
                                               10.10.5.50
                                                                      TCF
                                                                                  54 443 → 39110 [ACK] Seq
                                                                                1474 Server Hello
                                                                     TLSv1.2
      16 10.988711
                        202.9.95.188
                                               10.10.5.50
                        202.9.95.188
                                               10.10.5.50
                                                                     TCP
                                                                                1474 443 → 39110 [ACK]
      17 10.988772
                                                                                                        Seq=
                                                                                  54 39110 - 443
      18 10.989001
                        10.10.5.50
                                               202.9.95.188
                                                                     TCP
                                                                                                  [ACK] Seq=
      19 10.989024
                        10.10.5.50
                                               202.9.95.188
                                                                     TCP
                                                                                  54 39110
                                                                                            → 443
                                                                                                   [ACK] Seq=
      20 10.993463
                        202.9.95.188
                                               10.10.5.50
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                                                                                1474 Certificate
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                                               202 9 95 188
           99/213
                                                                      TCP
                                                                                  5/ 3911A
                                                                                                   [ACK]
 Frame 14: 414 bytes on wire (3312 bits),
                                             414 bytes captured (3312 bits) on interface
                                                                                                 id 0
 Ethernet II, Src: 46:b2:4c:85:c3:cd (46:b2:4c:85:c3:cd), Dst: 0c:97:81:3c:f2:00 (0c:97:81:3c:f2:00)
 Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.10.5.50, Dst: 202.9.95.188
 Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 39110, Dst Port: 443, Seq: 1, Ack: 1, Len: 360
 Transport Layer Security
      Content Type: Handshake (22)
    Version: TLS 1.2 (0x0303)
      Length: 355
      Handshake Protocol: Client Hello
        Handshake Type: Client Hello (1)
         Length: 351
         Version: TLS 1.2 (0x0303)
        Random: 70153b7e0e992dd0e5d59200c2aadd55dc323d51a35129e0...
         Session ID Length: 0
        Cipher Suites Length: 58
Cipher Suites (29 suites)
                                                 First byte
         Compression Methods Length: 1
        Compression Methods (1 method)
                                                               Next two bytes (0x0303)
         Extensions Length: 252
        Extension: status_request (len=5)
        Extension: supported groups
                                       (Ten=22)
0030
      fa f0 92 ad 00 00 16 03
0040
0050
                                                                2=Q·Q)
0060
```

Figure 1: Client Hello

The next two bytes are 0x0303 which indicate that this is a version 3.3 record which shows that TLS 1.2 is essentially SSL 3.3. The handshake record is broken out into several messages. The first is our "Client Hello" message (0x01). There are a few important things here:

1. Random

```
Transport Layer Security
   TLSv1.2 Record Layer: Handshake Protocol: Client Hello
      Content Type: Handshake (22)
     Version: TLS 1.2 (0x0303)
     Length: 355
     Handshake Protocol: Client Hello
        Handshake Type: Client Hello (1)
        Length: 351
        Version: TLS 1.2 (0x0303)

    Random: 70153b7e0e992dd0e5d59200c2aadd55dc323d51a35129e0.

         Random Bytes: 0e992dd0e5d59200c2aadd55dc323d51a35129e06748271a.
        Session ID Length: 0
        Cipher Suites Length: 58

    Cipher Suites (29 suites)

          Cipher Suite: TLS_AES_256_GCM_SHA384 (0x1302)
          Cipher Suite: TLS_CHACHA20_POLY1305_SHA256 (0x1303)
          Cipher Suite: TLS_AES_128_GCM_SHA256 (0x1301)
          Cipher Suite: TLS_AES_128_CCM_SHA256 (0x1304)
          Cipher Suite: TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384 (0xc02c)
                 Suite: TLS FCDHF FCDSA WITH CHACHA20 POLY1305 SHA256 (0xcca
     03 70 15 3b 7e 0e 99 2d d0 e5 d5 92 00 c2 aa dd
0040
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     55
                  51 a3 51 29
                               e0 67 48 27 1a f5 ba fe
                                                          U · 2=Q · Q) · gH' · · · ·
               Su
        uc
            32
     a3 00 00 3a 13 02 13 03 13 01 13 04 c0 2c cc a9
                                                          ...;.... ....,..
```

Figure 2: Random:

There are four bytes representing the current Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) in the Unix epoch format, which is the number of seconds since January 1, 1970. In this case, 0x70153b7e. It's followed by 28 random bytes. This will be used later on.

2. Cipher Suites:

```
Cipher Suites (29 suites)
  Cipher Suite: TLS_AES_256_GCM_SHA384 (0x1302)
  Cipher Suite: TLS_CHACHA20_POLY1305_SHA256 (0x1303)
  Cipher Suite: TLS_AES_128_GCM_SHA256 (0x1301)
  Cipher Suite: TLS AES 128 CCM SHA256 (0x1304)
  Cipher Suite: TLS ECDHE ECDSA WITH AES 256 GCM SHA384 (0xc02c)
  Cipher Suite: TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_CHACHA20_POLY1305_SHA256 (0xcca9)
  Cipher Suite: TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_AES_256_CCM (0xc0ad)
  Cipher Suite: TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA (0xc00a)
  Cipher Suite: TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256 (0xc02b)
  Cipher Suite: TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_AES_128_CCM (0xc0ac)
  Cipher Suite: TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA (0xc009)
  Cipher Suite: TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384 (0xc030)
  Cipher Suite: TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_CHACHA20_POLY1305_SHA256 (0xcca8)
  Cipher Suite: TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA (0xc014)
  Cipher Suite: TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256 (0xc02f)
  Cipher Suite: TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA (0xc013)
  Cipher Suite: TLS RSA WITH AFS 256 GCM SHA384 (0x009d)
```

Figure 3: Random

This is a list of all of the encryption algorithms that the browser is willing to support. Its top pick is a very strong choice of TLS_AES_256_GCM_SHA384 followed by 28 others that it's willing to accept.

3. server_name extension:

```
Extension: server_name (len=19)

Type: server_name (0)

Length: 19

Server Name Indication extension

Server Name list length: 17

Server Name Type: host_name (0)

Server Name length: 14

Server Name: www.monash.edu

Extension: psk key exchange modes (len=3)
```

Figure 4: Random

This is a way to tell monash.edu that our browser is trying to reach https://www.monash.edu. This is really convenient because our TLS handshake occurs long before any HTTP traffic. HTTP has a "Host" header which allows hosting companies to host hundreds of websites onto a single IP address. SSL has traditionally required a different IP for each site, but this extension allows the server to respond with the appropriate certificate that the browser is looking for.

4. Session ID

```
Transport Layer Security
TLSv1.2 Record Layer: Handshake Protocol: Client Hello
Content Type: Handshake (22)
Version: TLS 1.2 (0x0303)
Length: 355
Handshake Protocol: Client Hello
Handshake Type: Client Hello (1)
Length: 351
Version: TLS 1.2 (0x0303)
Random: 70153b7e0e992dd0e5d59200c2aadd55dc323d51a35129e0...
Session ID Length: 0
Cipher Suites Length: 58
Cipher Suites (29 suites)
Compression Methods Length: 1
Compression Methods (1 method)
Extensions Length: 252
```

Figure 5: Session ID

Here it's empty/null. If we had previously connected to Monash a few seconds ago, we could potentially resume a session and avoid a full handshake.

• Server Hello

Monash replies with a handshake record. The record has version bytes of 0x0303 meaning that Monash agreed to our request to use TLS 1.2. This record has three sub-messages with some interesting data:

1. "Server Hello" Message (2)

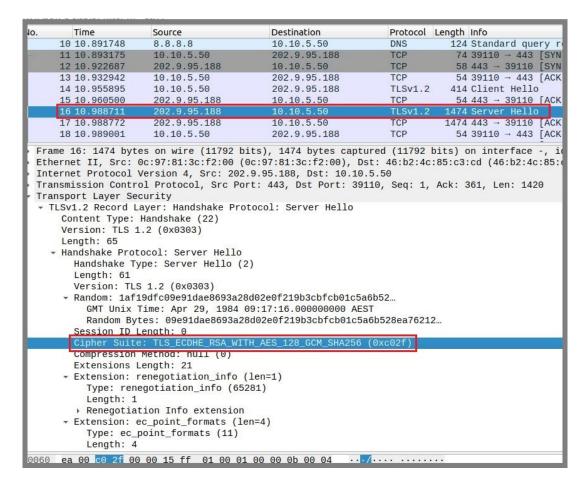


Figure 6: Server Hello

Of 29 cipher suites we offered, Monash didn't pick our first choice, instaed offered to use TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256. So we will be using:

- **ECDHE**: Key exchange with Ephemeral Elliptic Curve Diffie-Hellman
- **RSA**: Signature with RSA (Rivest–Shamir–Adleman)
- AES_128: 128-bit Encryption with Advanced Encryption Standard
- GCM: AES Mode of Operation with Galois/Counter Mode (GCM)
- SHA256: SHA256 hash function to verify the contents of the message

2. Certificate Message

The "Server Hello" is not yet done. Find "Certificate" packet which is also part of TLS handshake.

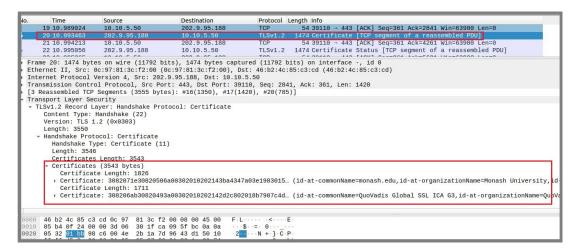


Figure 7: Certificate

Notice that the certificate size is 3543 bytes, but the packet size is 1474 bytes. The certificate is

taking more than one packet and Wireshark is showing us the certificate after re-assembling TCP segments (3 segments in this case).

3. Certificate Status

Find "Certificate Status" packet. This message validates whether the server's X.509 digital certificate is revoked or not, it is ascertained by contacting a designated OCSP (Online Certificate Status Protocol) server. The OCSP response, which is dated and signed, contains the certificate status. The client can ask the server to send the "certificate status" message which contains the OCSP response. This approach is known as OCSP Stapling. The process saves bandwidth on constrained networks as it prevents OCSP servers from getting overwhelmed with too many client requests.

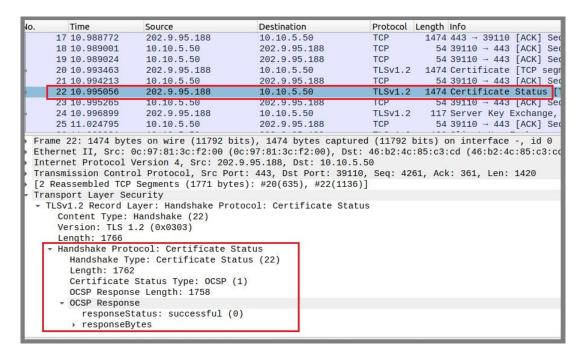


Figure 8: Certificate Status

4. Server Key Exchange

Find packet "Server Key Exchange, Server Hello Done". The "Server Key Exchange" message is optional and sent when the public key present in the server's certificate is not suitable for key exchange or if the cipher suite places a restriction requiring a temporary key. This key is used by the client to encrypt Client Key Exchange later in the process.

```
Destination
                                                                                                Protocol Length Info
      17 10.988772
18 10.989001
                               202.9.95.188
10.10.5.50
                                                               10.10.5.50
202.9.95.188
                                                                                                TCP
TCP
                                                                                                              1474 443 → 39110 [ACK] Seq=1421 Ack=361 Win
54 39110 → 443 [ACK] Seq=361 Ack=1421 Win
                               10.10.5.50
202.9.95.188
                                                                                                              54 39110 → 443 [ACK] Seq=361 Ack=2841 Wir
1474 Certificate [TCP segment of a reassemb
      19 10.989024
                                                               202.9.95.188
                                                                                                TCP
      20 10.993463
                                                               10.10.5.50
                                                                                                TLSv1.2
                                                                                                              54 39110 → 443 [ACK] Seq=361 Ack=4261 Wir
1474 Certificate Status [TCP segment of a r
54 39110 → 443 [ACK] Seq=361 Ack=5681 Wir
      21 10 994213
                               10.10.5.50
                                                                202 9 95 188
                                                                                                TCP
      22 10.995056
                                202.9.95.188
                                                                10.10.5.50
                                                                                                TLSv1.2
       3 10.995265
                                                                202.9.95.188
        5 11.024795
                                10.10.5.50
                                                                202.9.95.188
                                                                                                TCP
                                                                                                                  54 39110 → 443 [ACK] Seg=361 Ack=5744 Wi
Frame 24: 117 bytes on wire (936 bits),
                                                            117 bytes captured (936 bits) on interface
                                                                                                                                   id 0
Ethernet II, Src: 0c:97:81:3c:f2:00 (0c:97:81:3c:f2:00), Dst: 46:b2:4c:85:c3:cd (46:b2:4c:85:c3:cd)
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 202.9.95.188, Dst: 10.10.5.50
Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 443, Dst Port: 39110, Seq: 5681, Ack: 361, Len: 63 [2 Reassembled TCP Segments (338 bytes): #22(284), #24(54)]
Transport Layer Security
TLSv1.2 Record Layer: Handshake Protocol: Server Key Exchange
      Content Type: Handshake (22)
Version: TLS 1.2 (0x0303)
       Length: 333
Handshake Protocol: Server Key Exchang
         Handshake Type: Server Key Exchange (12)
Length: 329
EC Diffie-Hellman Server Params
             Curve Type: named_curve (0x03)
Named Curve: secp256r1 (0x0017)
             Pubkey Length: 65
Pubkey: 043dbb4e0636ab61d58831889d90d72b23e948c246e6f1ce
             Signature Algorithm: rsa_pkcs1_sha512 (0x0601)
Signature Hash Algorithm Hash: SHA512 (6)
             Signature Hash Algorithm Signature: RSA (1)
Signature Length: 256
             Signature: 29624fe0e78f37f4503d1d3f1bfb67c9c05a53e70e13c683..
Transport Layer Security
```

Figure 9: Server Key Exchange

5. Server Hello Done

This is a zero byte message that tells the client that it's done with the "Hello" process and indicate that the server won't be asking the client for a certificate.

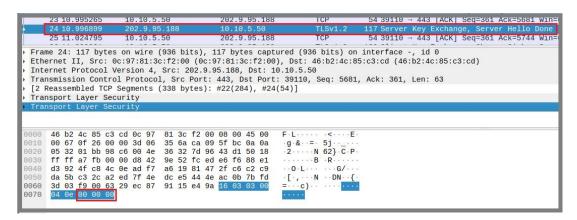


Figure 10: Server Hello Done

The browser will verify the Certificate Authority's signature on the server's certificate, and if all goes well it will continue to the next step, otherwise the browser will complain about the validity of the certificate and let the user decide if they still want to continue.

• Client response to server

Find "Client Key Exchange, Change Cipher Spec, Encrypted Handshake Message" packet.

1. Client Key Exchange

The "Client Key Exchange" message contains: (a) the protocol version of the client which the server verifies if it matches with the original client hello message, (b) pre-master secret – a random number generated by the client and encrypted with the server's public key.

```
| 20.11.029931 | 10.10.50.50 | 202.9.95.188 | TLSV1.2 | 180 LINE | Key Exchange | Content Type: Handshake | Protocol: Client Key Exchange | Content Type: Client Key Exchange | Content Type: Client Key Exchange | Content Type: Handshake | C2) | Version: TLS 1.2 (0x0303) | Length: 40 | Length: 40 | Length: 40 | Length: 65 | Length: 40 | Length: 65 | Length: 40 | Length: 65 | Length
```

Figure 11: Client Response

If the server can decrypt the message using the private key and can create the master secret locally, then the client is assured that the server has authenticated itself.

2. Change Cipher Spec

This message notifies the server that all the future messages will be encrypted using the algorithm and keys that were just negotiated.

3. Finished (Encrypted Handshake)

The Finished message is complicated as it is a hash of all the messages exchanged previously along with a label ("client finished"). This message indicates that the TLS negotiation is completed for the client.

• Master secret

If we've done everything correctly, both sides (and only those sides) now know the pre-master secret. There's a slight trust issue here from Monash's perspective: the pre-master secret just has bits that were generated by the client, they don't take anything into account from the server or anything we said earlier. We'll fix that by computing the "master secret." This is done by calculating:

```
master\_secret = PRF(pre\_master\_secret, "mastersecret", ClientHello.random + ServerHello.random)[0..47];
```

The two random values ClientHello.random and ServerHello.random, sometimes called "nonces", are randomly generated and sent during the Hello of each parties (Remember?). This is to bound the soon-to-be master key to this session. PRF stands for Pseudo-random function, basically some concrete construction that emulates a random oracle: given an input will produce an output computationally indistinguishable from a truly random sequence.

• Server response to Client

The server informs the client that the messages will be encrypted with the existing algorithms and keys. The record layer now changes its state to use the symmetric key encryption.

```
36 22 257813 202 9 95 188 10.10.5.50 TCP 54 443 - 36986 [ACK] Seg=5744 Ack=487 Win=65535 Len=0

37 22 282840 20 10.10.5.50 LSV. 2 36986 443 [ACK] Seg=5744 Ack=487 Win=65535 Len=0

38 22 288500 10.10.5.50 202.9.95.188 TCP 54 36986 - 443 [ACK] Seg=487 Ack=6002 Win=63900 Len=0

39 22 288500 10.10.5.50 202.9.95.188 TCP 54 36986 - 443 [ACK] Seg=487 Ack=6002 Win=63900 Len=0

39 22 288500 10.10.5.50 202.9.95.188 TLSV1.2 319 Application Data

40 22 293866 202.9.95.188 10.10.5.50 TCP 54 443 - 36986 [ACK] Seg=6002 Ack=752 Win=65535 Len=0

Frame 37: 312 bytes on wire (2496 bits), 312 bytes captured (2496 bits) on interface -, id 0

Etherner II, Src: 06:97:8113:Gf2:00 (06:97:813:Gf2:00), Dst: 38:991:6f:a6:07:1e (8a:91:6f:a6:07:1e)

Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 202.9.95.188, Dst: 10.10.5.50

Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 443, Dst Port: 36986, Seq: 5744, Ack: 487, Len: 258

Transmission Control Protocol. Src Port: 443, Dst Port: 36986, Seq: 5744, Ack: 487, Len: 258

Transport Layer Security

TISV1.2 Record Layer: Handshake Protocol: Change Cipher Spec

TISV1.2 Record Layer: Handshake Protocol: Encrypted Handshake Message
```

Figure 12: Server Response

• Application Data Flow

The master secret will be used for generating encryption keys (AES_GCM as agreed by both parties), MAC secrets, and IVs. The key generation algorithms are not the scope of this lab, refer to the RFC 5246 (https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/rfc5246/) for more details.

Once the entire TLS Handshake is successfully completed and the peers validated, the applications on the peers can begin communicating with each other.

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43 22.327263	202.9.95.188	10.10.5.50	TLSv1.2	333 Application Data
44 22.328839	10.10.5.50	202.9.95.188	TCP	54 36986 → 443 [ACK] Seq=752 Ack=7701 Win=63900 Len=0
45 22.333356	202.9.95.188	10.10.5.50	TCP	1474 443 → 36986 [ACK] Seq=7701 Ack=752 Win=65535 Len=1420 [TCP
46 22.333486	10.10.5.50	202.9.95.188	TCP	54 36986 - 443 [ACK] Seq=752 Ack=9121 Win=63900 Len=0
47 22.334348	202.9.95.188	10.10.5.50	TCP	94 443 - 36986 [PSH, ACK] Seq=9121 Ack=752 Win=65535 Len=40 [
48 22.334564	10.10.5.50	202.9.95.188	TCP	54 36986 → 443 [ACK] Seq=752 Ack=9161 Win=63900 Len=0
49 22.334819	202.9.95.188	10.10.5.50	TLSv1.2	1474 Application Data [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
50 22.334913	10.10.5.50	202.9.95.188	TCP	54 36986 - 443 [ACK] Seg=752 Ack=10581 Win=63900 Len=0

Figure 13: Encrypted Application Data

• TLS 1.0/1.1

There are currently four versions of the TLS protocol in use today: TLS 1.0, 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3. In March 2021 IETF officially deprecated TLS 1.0 and TLS 1.1.

TLS 1.0 was released in 1999, making it a nearly two-decade-old protocol. It has been known to be vulnerable to attacks—such as BEAST and POODLE, in addition to supporting weak cryptography, which doesn't keep modern-day connections sufficiently secure.

TLS 1.1 doesn't have any known protocol vulnerabilities, though it does share support for bad cryptography like TLS1.0.

According to Shoadan search engine thousands of website around the world still use TLS1.0/1.1.

Monash does not support TLS1.0/1.1, let's enable TLS1.0 in openssl and try connecting with Monash.

Open console in Internal-Client, and copy the following in the begining of the file /etc/ssl/openssl.cnf:

```
openssl_conf = default_conf
[default_conf]
ssl_conf = ssl_sect
[ssl_sect]
system_default = ssl_default_sect
[ssl_default_sect]
MinProtocol = TLSv1
CipherString = DEFAULT:@SECLEVEL=1
```

The above configuration will set the minimum TLS protocol to TLS1.0.

```
Now browse to Monash using TLS1.0 protocol, we can use s_client from openssl to do this:

openssl s_client -connect monash.edu:443 -tls1
```

Notice that Monash did not perform handshake with us. Let's try a website which supports TLS1.0, before executing the below command, start Wireshark on the link between Internal-Client and Switch3:

```
openssl s_client -connect www.sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au:443 -tls1
```

Analyse the handshake traffic in Wireshark and compare it with TLS1.2 (especially compare the cipher suites).

Acknowledgment

Parts of this lab is taken from: http://www.moserware.com/2009/06/first-few-milliseconds-of-https.html

1.2 Additional Review Questions

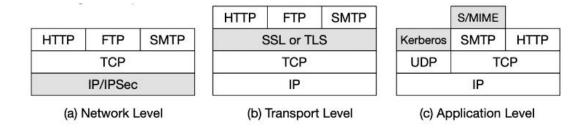


Figure 14: Relative Location of Security Facilities in the TCP/IP Protocol Stack

- What are the advantages of each of the three approaches shown in above figure?
- What services are provided by the SSL/TLS record protocol?
- What steps are involved in the SSL/TLS record protocol transmission?
- What is the purpose of HTTPS?