

Cybersecurity Professional Program

Network Security

Network Traffic Analysis

NS-04-LS2 Advanced Analysis Note: Solutions for the instructor are shown in the green box.



The lab aims to practice analyzing data packets using a packet analysis tool.



Practice the new ways you learned to capture traffic and analyze a .pcap file.



25-30 minutes



• Advanced knowledge of Wireshark

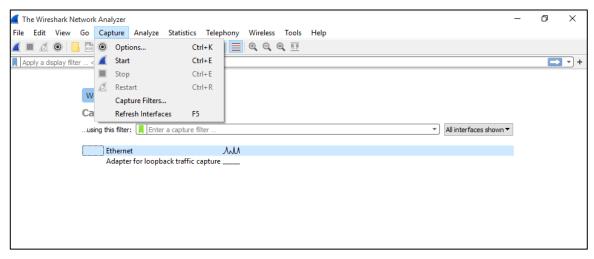


- Environment & Tools
 - VirtualBox
 - Windows 10 VM (NAT)
 - Wireshark
- Extra Lab Files
 - Advanced Analysis.pcap

Lab Task 1: Filter Configuration

In this task, you will set predefined filters for a network interface controller (NIC).

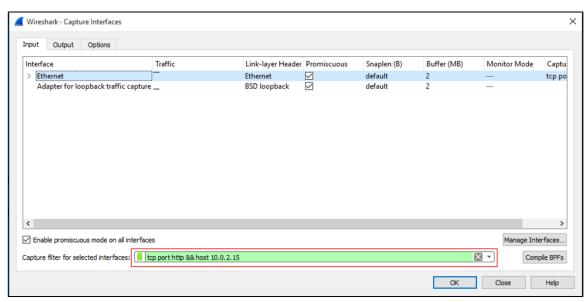
1 On your Windows 10 machine, launch Wireshark, click the **Capture** menu at the top, and select **Options...** or press **Ctrl+K**.



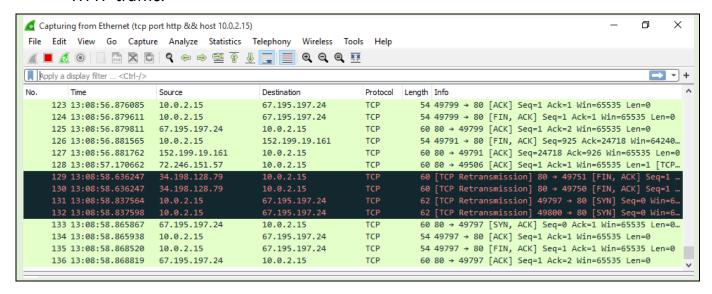
2 On the **Options** screen, identify and select the interface with which you are connected to the internet. Apply the following filters at the bottom of the screen:

tcp port http && host [your Win7 VM IP]

This filter will tell Wireshark to capture only traffic related to that IP address and HTTP traffic.



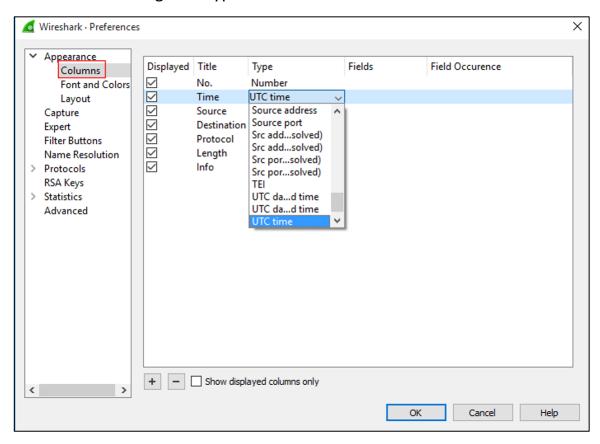
Open a browser on your Windows 10 VM and navigate to an HTTP site, such as pdf995.com/. You should see only traffic belonging to your VM and part of the HTTP traffic.



Lab Task 2: Packet Capture

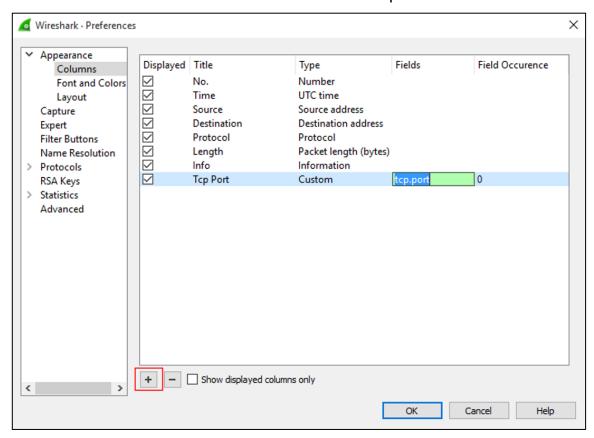
In this task, you will create and modify columns and set up filters based on existing traffic.

- 1 In your Windows 10 VM, start Wireshark and configure it to capture traffic. Then browse to *pdf995.com*.
- Change the time type to UTC by going back to Wireshark, navigating to the Edit tab, and selecting *Preferences*. In the *Preferences* window, go to *Appearance* > *Columns* and change the type of time in the *Time* column to UTC.



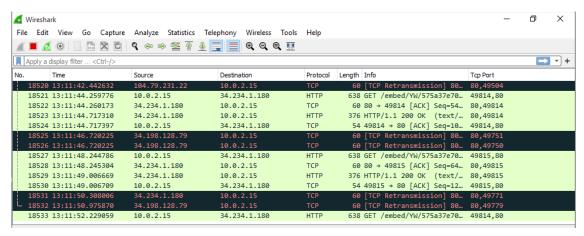
Add a new column with the name **TCP Port** by clicking the plus sign at the bottom of the window to add a new column. Then change its name to **Tcp Port**, its type to **Custom**, and enter *tcp.port* under **Fields**.

Note: The field shows the source and destination port details.

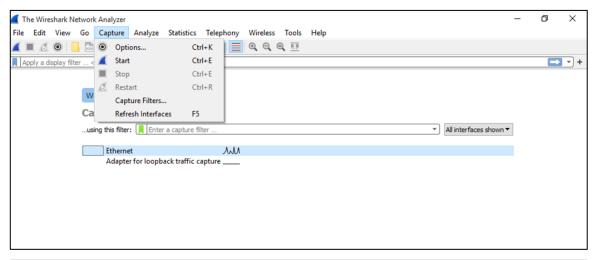


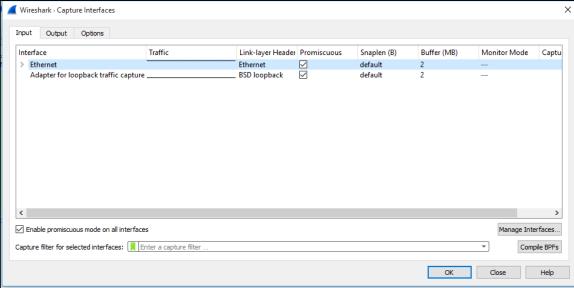
4 Click the new column to sort the traffic by TCP Port.

Note: The time changed on all packets.



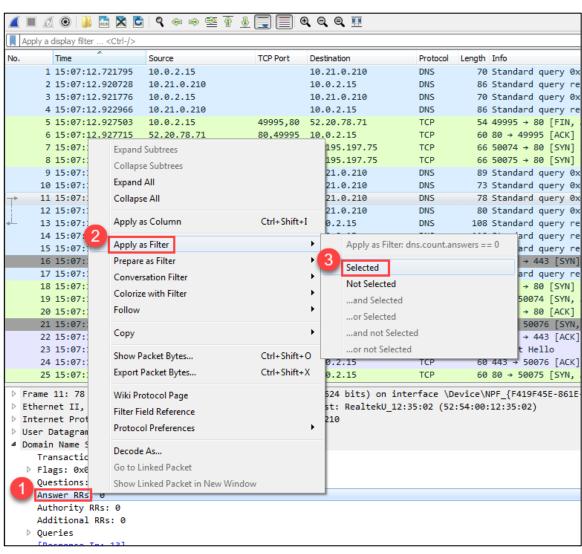
Remove all capture filters and recapture packets without preconfigured filtering. Click the *red square* icon, navigate to the **Capture** menu at the top, and select **Options...** or press **Ctrl+K**. Remove the capture filter and click **OK**.





6 Start capturing again, go to the details of a DNS packet, right-click **Answer RRs**, and apply them as a filter.

Note: To generate a DNS query answer, access a site you have not accessed before from this VM via the web browser.

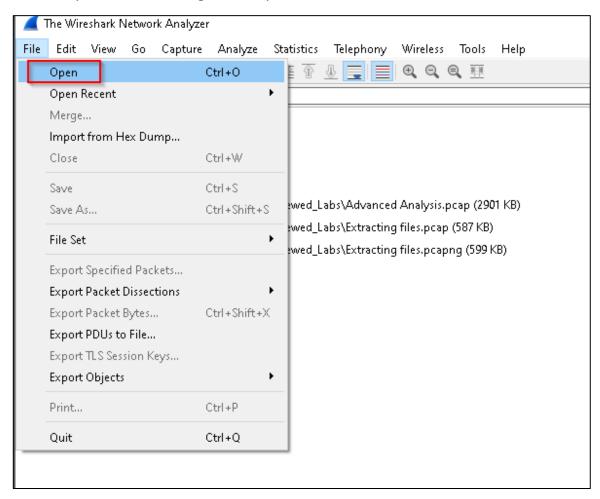


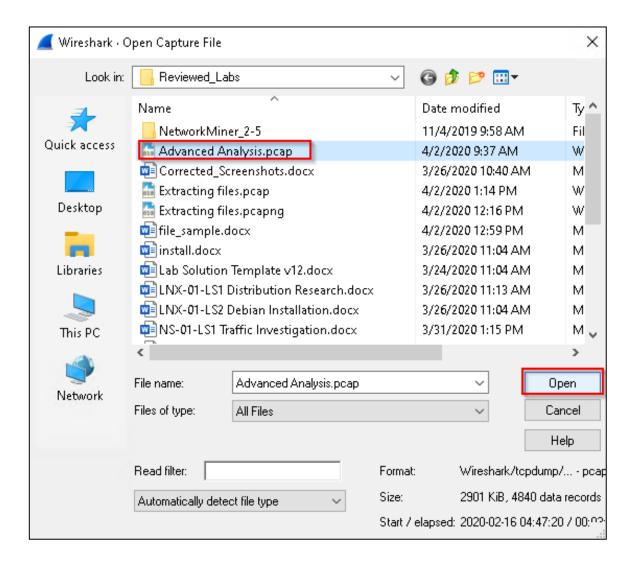
Lab Task 3: PCAP Analysis

This task will analyze the *Advanced Analysis.pcap* file using techniques you learned in this module.

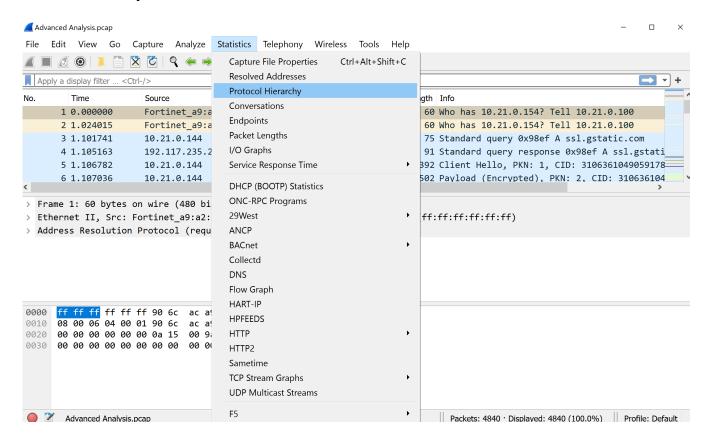
1 Transfer the file *Advanced Analysis.pcap* to the Windows 10 VM by using the drag-and-drop feature of VB Guest Additions, which can be viewed in the Windows 10 Installation Guide. Open the *Advanced Analysis.pcap* file with Wireshark.

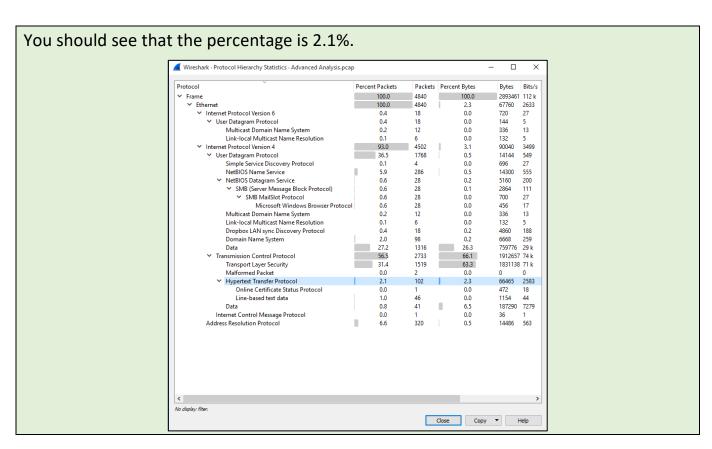
Note: Open the file using the drop-down menu.



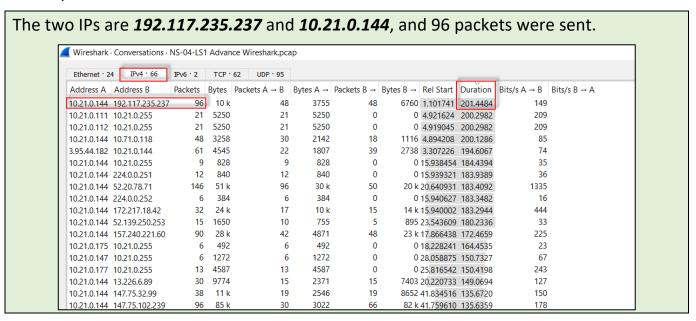


What is the percentage of HTTP traffic in the captured file? Examine the statistics to understand the results. In the menu bar at the top, go to **Statistics** > **Protocol Hierarchy**.

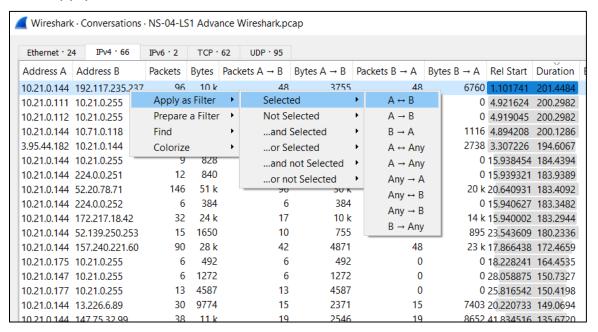


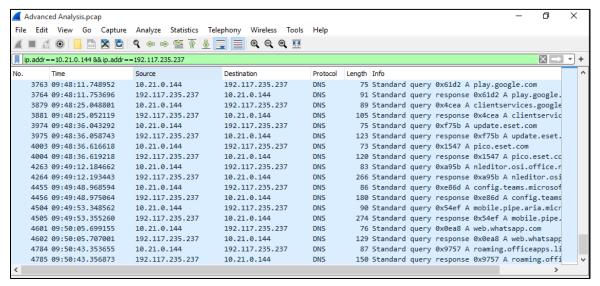


3 Determine which two IPv4s had the longest IP conversation and the number of packets sent in that conversation. Go to **Statistics** > **Conversations**.



A Regarding the previous question, which protocol was used between the two IPs? Right-click the top row where the two IPs are **10.21.0.144** and **192.117.235.247** and apply an **A<->B** bidirectional filter.





The protocol was DNS.

Using endpoint statistics, determine which IPs use the DNS protocol on UDP. Go to **Statistics** > *Endpoints* and see which IPs used port 53 (DNS) UDP.

