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1.<u>Let's begin our exploration of HTTP by downloading a very simple HTML file</u> - one that is very short and contains no embedded objects. Do the following:

- 1. Start up your web browser.
- 2. Start the Wireshark packet sniffer, as described in the Introductory lab (but don't yet begin packet capture). Enter "http" (just the letters, not the quotation marks) in the display-filter-specification window, so that only captured HTTP messages will be displayed later in the packet-listing window. (We're only interested in the HTTP protocol here, and don't want to see the clutter of all captured packets).
- 3. Wait more than one minute (we'll see why shortly), and then begin Wireshark packet capture.
- 4. Enter the following into your browser http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/wireshark-labs/HTTP-wireshark-file1.html Your browser should display a very simple, one-line HTML file.
- 5. Stop Wireshark packet capture.

By looking at the information in the HTTP GET and response messages, answer the following questions.

Is your browser running HTTP version 1.0 or 1.1? What version of HTTP is the server running?

```
Internet Protocol version 4, Src: 192.108.112.129, Dst: 128.119.245.12
Fransmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 44842, Dst Port: 80, Seq: 1, Ack: 1, Len
Hypertext Transfer Protocol
FET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1\r\n
Host: gaia.cs.umass.edu\r\n
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:109.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/11
Accept: image/avif,image/webp,*/*\r\n
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5\r\n
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate\r\n
Connection: keep-alive\r\n
Referer: http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/wireshark-labs/HTTP-wireshark-file1.html\r\n
\r\n
```

What languages (if any) do your browser indicate that it can accept to the server?

```
Hypertext Transfer Protocol, Src Port: 44842, Dst Port: 80, Seq: 1, Ack: 1, Len:
Hypertext Transfer Protocol

MET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1\r\n
Host: gaia.cs.umass.edu\r\n
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:109.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/115
Accept: image/avif,image/webp,*/*\r\n
Accept-Language: en-Us,en;q=0.5\r\n
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate\r\n
Connection: keep-alive\r\n
Referer: http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/wireshark-labs/HTTP-wireshark-file1.html\r\n
\r\n
[Full request URI: http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/favicon.ico]
[HTTP request 1/1]
[Response in frame: 539]
```

What is the IP address of your computer? Of the gaia.cs.umass.edu server?

```
16 4.882263883 192.168.112.129 128.119.245.12 HTTP 435 GET /wireshark-labs/HTTP-wireshark-file1.html HTTP/1.1
```

The Source IP is 192.168.112.129 and Destination IP is 128.119.245.12.

What is the status code returned from the server to your browser?

```
    Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 
    Hypertext Transfer Protocol
    HTTP/1.1 200 OK\r\n
    Date: Mon, 05 Aug 2024 16:08:14 GMT\r\n
    Server: Apache/2.4.6 (CentOS) OpenSSL/1
    Last-Modified: Mon, 05 Aug 2024 05:59:0
    ETag: "80-61ee95fb824d4"\r\n
    Accept-Ranges: bytes\r\n
    Content-Length: 128\r\n
    Keep-Alive: timeout=5, max=100\r\n
    Connection: Keep-Alive\r\n
```

The status code returned from the server is 200 OK.

When was the HTML file that you are retrieving last modified at the server?

```
Hypertext Transfer Protocol

HTTP/1.1 200 OK\r\n
Date: Mon, 05 Aug 2024 16:08:14 GMT\r\n
Server: Apache/2.4.6 (CentOS) OpenSSL/1.0.2k-fips PHP
Last-Modified: Mon, 05 Aug 2024 05:59:02 GMT\r\n
ETag: "80-61ee95fb824d4"\r\n
Accept-Ranges: bytes\r\n
Content-Length: 128\r\n
Keep-Alive: timeout=5, max=100\r\n
Connection: Keep-Alive\r\n
Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8\r\n
\r\n
```

How many bytes of content are being returned to your browser?

```
Hypertext Transfer Protocol

HTTP/1.1 200 OK\r\n

Date: Mon, 05 Aug 2024 16:08:14 Gr
Server: Apache/2.4.6 (CentOS) Oper
Last-Modified: Mon, 05 Aug 2024 05
ETag: "80-61ee95fb824d4"\r\n
Accept-Ranges: bytes\r\n

Content-Length: 128\r\n
Keep-Alive: timeout=5, max=100\r\n
Connection: Keep-Alive\r\n
Content-Type: text/html; charset=1
\r\n
[HTTP response 1/1]
[Time since request: 0.306322894 s
```

By inspecting the raw data in the packet content window, do you see any headers within the data that are not displayed in the packet-listing window? If so, name one.

No.

- 2. Before performing the steps below, ensure your browser's cache is empty.
 - Start up your web browser, and make sure your browser's cache is cleared, as discussed above.
 - b. Start up the Wireshark packet sniffer
 - c. Enter the following URL into your browser
 - d. http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/wireshark-labs/HTTP-wireshark-file2.html
 - e. Your browser should display a very simple five-line HTML file.
 - f. Quickly enter the same URL into your browser again (or simply select the refresh button on your browser)

g. Stop Wireshark packet capture and enter "http" in the display-filterspecification window, so that only captured HTTP messages will be displayed later in the packet-listing window.

Answer the following questions:

1. Inspect the contents of the first HTTP GET request from your browser to the server. Do you see an "IF-MODIFIED-SINCE" line in the HTTP GET?

The first time I have requested the resource, there might not be any cached data to compare against. Because I cleared all the cache. In such cases, the browser will send a normal GET request without the If-Modified-Since header.

2. Inspect the contents of the server response. Did the server explicitly return the contents of the file? How can you tell?

The server response included a Content-Type: text/html header, confirming the file type. The response body contained the actual HTML content of the file. This indicates that the server explicitly returned the file contents.

3. Now inspect the contents of the second HTTP GET request from your browser to the server. Do you see an "IF-MODIFIED-SINCE:" line in the HTTP GET? What information follows the "IF-MODIFIED-SINCE:" header?

```
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.112.129, Dst: 128.119.245.12
Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 43916, Dst Port: 80, Seq: 382, Ack: 731, Len: 467
Hypertext Transfer Protocol
  GET /wireshark-labs/HTTP-wireshark-file2.html HTTP/1.1\r\n
     [Expert Info (Chat/Sequence): GET /wireshark-labs/HTTP-wireshark-file2.html HTTP/1.1\r\
     Request Method: GET
     Request URI: /wireshark-labs/HTTP-wireshark-file2.html
     Request Version: HTTP/1.1
  Host: gaia.cs.umass.edu\r\n
  User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:109.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/115.0\r\n
  Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,*/*;q
  Accept-Language: en-US, en; q=0.5\r\n
  Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate\r\n
Connection: keep-alive\r\n
  Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1\r\n
If-Modified-Since: Mon, 05 Aug 20
                                    2024 05:59:02 GMT\r\n
  If-None-Match: "173-61ee95fb81d04"\r\n
   [HTTP request 2/2]
```

4. What is the HTTP status code and phrase returned from the server in response to this second HTTP GET? Did the server explicitly return the file's contents? Explain.

```
Frame 29: 293 bytes on wire (2344 bits), 293 bytes cap
Ethernet II, Src: VMware_f0:02:c3 (00:50:56:f0:02:c3),
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 128.119.245.12, Dst
Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 80, Dst Port
Hypertext Transfer Protocol

HTTP/1.1 304 Not Modified\r\n
Date: Tue, 06 Aug 2024 06:20:22 GMT\r\n
Server: Apache/2.4.6 (CentOS) OpenSSL/1.0.2k-fips P
Connection: Keep-Alive\r\n
Keep-Alive: timeout=5, max=99\r\n
ETag: "173-61efd7d80d84b"\r\n
\r\n
[HTTP response 2/2]
[Time since request: 0.319866992 seconds]
```

The server confirmed that the file has not changed, and thus the server hasn't resend the file's contents.

Start up your web browser, and make sure your browser's cache is cleared, as discussed above.

- a. Start up the Wireshark packet sniffer
- b. Enter the following URL into your browser
- c. http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/wireshark-labs/HTTP-wireshark-file3.html

- d. Your browser should display the rather lengthy US Bill of Rights.
- e. Stop Wireshark packet capture and enter "http" in the display-filter-specification window, so that only captured HTTP messages will be displayed.

Answer the following questions:

1. How many HTTP GET request messages did your browser send? Which packet number in the trace contains the GET message for the Bill or Rights?

http.request.method == "GET"							
No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length Info		
	13 2.624045013	192.168.112.129	128.119.245.12	HTTP	435 GET	/wireshark-labs/HTTP-wireshark-file3.html HTTP/1.1	
	26 3.058269059	192.168.112.129	128.119.245.12	HTTP	392 GET	/favicon.ico HTTP/1.1	

There are 2 HTTP GET request messages set to the web server.

The packet no. in the trace is 13.

2. Which packet number in the trace contains the status code and phrase associated with the response to the HTTP GET request?

■ http							
No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length Info		
	13 2.624045013	192.168.112.129	128.119.245.12	HTTP	435 GET /wireshark-labs/HTTP-wireshark-		
4	22 2.960558358	128.119.245.12	192.168.112.129	HTTP	865 HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)		
	26 3.058269059	192.168.112.129	128.119.245.12	HTTP	392 GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1		
	28 3.443516364	128.119.245.12	192.168.112.129	HTTP	539 HTTP/1.1 404 Not Found (text/html)		

Here the packet number in the trace is **22**. And the status code is **200** and the phrase associated with the response is **OK**.

3. What is the status code and phrase in the response?

```
HTTP/1.1 200 0K
Date: Mon, 05 Aug 2024 12:54:26 GMT
Server: Apache/2.4.6 (CentOS) OpenSSL/1.0.2k-fips PHP/7.4.33 mod_perl/2.0.11
Last-Modified: Mon, 05 Aug 2024 05:59:02 GMT
ETag: "1194-61ee95fb7e26c"
Accept-Ranges: bytes
Content-Length: 4500
Keep-Alive: timeout=5, max=100
Connection: Keep-Alive
Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8
```

The status code is **200** and the phrase associated with the response is **OK**.

4. How many data-containing TCP segments were needed to carry the single HTTP response and the text of the Bill of Rights?

```
Frame 21: 2215 bytes on wire (17720 bits), 2
Ethernet II, Src: VMware_f0:02:c3 (00:50:56:
▶ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 128.119.24

    Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 80,

    Source Port: 80
    Destination Port: 45542
    [Stream index: 0]
  ▶ [Conversation completeness: Complete, WITH
    TCP Segment Len: 2161]
    Sequence Number: 2701
                             (relative sequenc
    Sequence Number (raw): 549008429
                                  (relative s
    [Next Sequence Number: 4862
    Acknowledgment Number: 382
                                  (relative ac
    Acknowledgment number (raw): 2184246041
    0101 .... = Header Length: 20 bytes (5)
  Flags: 0x018 (PSH, ACK)
    Window: 64240
    [Calculated window size: 64240]
```

4. Finally, let's try visiting a website that is password-protected and examining the sequence of HTTP messages exchanged for such a site. The URL http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/wireshark-labs/protected pages/HTTP-wireshark-file5.html is password protected. The username is "Wireshark-students" (without the quotes), and the password is "network" (again, without the quotes). So, let's access this "secure" password-protected site.

Go Through this link before answering this question: HTTP Authentication Schemes (userland.com)

Answer the following questions:

1. What is the server's response (status code and phrase) in response to the initial HTTP GET message from your browser?

```
GET /wireshark-labs/protected_pages/HTTP-wireshark-file5.html HTTP/1.1
Host: gaia.cs.umass.edu
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:109.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/115.0
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Connection: keep-alive
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1

HTTP/1.1 401 Unauthorized
Date: Mon, 05 Aug 2024 06:07:26 GMT
Server: Apache/2.4.6 (CentoS) OpenSSL/1.0.2k-fips PHP/7.4.33 mod_perl/2.0.11 Perl/v5.16.3
WWW-Authenticate: Basic realm="wireshark-students only"
Content-Length: 381
Keep-Alive: timeout=5, max=100
Connection: Keep-Alive
```

2. When your browser sends the HTTP GET message for the second time, what new field is included in the HTTP GET message?

```
/wireshark-labs/protected_pages/HTTP-wireshark-file5.html HTTP/1.1
Host: gaia.cs.umass.edu
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:109.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/115.0
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Connection: keep-alive
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
Authorization: Basic d2lyZXNoYXJrLXN0dWRlbnRzOm5ldHdvcms=
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Mon, 05 Aug 2024 06:07:51 GMT
Server: Apache/2.4.6 (CentOS) OpenSSL/1.0.2k-fips PHP/7.4.33 mod_perl/2.0.11 Perl/v5.16.3
Last-Modified: Mon, 05 Aug 2024 05:59:02 GMT
ETag: "84-61ee95fb8308c"
Accept-Ranges: bytes
Content-Length: 132
Keep-Alive: timeout=5, max=100
Connection: Keep-Alive
Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8
<html>
This page is password protected! If you're seeing this, you've downloaded the page correctly <br>
Congratulations!
</html>GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1
Host: gaia.cs.umass.edu
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:109.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/115.0
Accept: image/avif,image/webp,*/*
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Connection: keep-alive
Referer: http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/wireshark-labs/protected_pages/HTTP-wireshark-file5.html
```