

## Lab4

### Exercise 1: Understanding TCP using Wireshark

**Question 1** . What is the IP address of gaia.cs.umass.edu? On what port number is it sending and receiving TCP segments for this connection? What is the IP address and TCP port number used by the client computer (source) that is transferring the file to gaia.cs.umass.edu?

Ans: The IP address: 128.119.245.12

Port number: 80

Client IP address: 192.168.1.102

Client port number: 1161

The image shows a Wireshark packet capture of a TCP connection. The packet list table at the top shows 19 packets. The first packet (No. 1) is a SYN segment from 192.168.1.102 to 128.119.245.12 on port 80. The packet details pane below shows the structure of this first packet:

- Frame 1: 62 bytes on wire (496 bits), 62 bytes captured (496 bits)
- Ethernet II, Src: Actionte\_8a:70:1a (00:20:e0:8a:70:1a), Dst: LinksysG\_da:af:73 (00:06:25:da:af:73)
- Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.1.102, Dst: 128.119.245.12
- Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 1161, Dst Port: 80, Seq: 0, Len: 0
  - Source Port: 1161
  - Destination Port: 80
  - [Stream index: 0]
  - [TCP Segment Len: 0]
  - Sequence number: 0 (relative sequence number)
  - [Next sequence number: 0 (relative sequence number)]

**Question 2.** What is the sequence number of the TCP segment containing the HTTP POST command? Note that in order to find the POST command, you'll need to dig into the packet content field at the bottom of the Ethereal window, looking for a segment with a "POST" within its DATA field.

Ans: # 4 segment is the TCP segment containing the HTTP POST command. The sequence #: 232129013

The image shows a Wireshark packet capture analysis of a network trace file named 'tcp-ethereal-trace-1.dms'. The packet list pane at the top shows seven packets. Packet 4 is selected, showing a TCP segment from 192.168.1.102 to 128.119.245.12, sequence number 232129013, and length 619 bytes. The packet details pane below shows the structure of the packet: Ethernet II, Internet Protocol Version 4, and Transmission Control Protocol. The TCP segment details show the source port 1161, destination port 80, sequence number 232129013, and acknowledgment number 883061786. The TCP payload (565 bytes) is shown at the bottom, starting with 'POST /etc/passwd HTTP/1.1'.

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1	0.000000	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	62	1161 → 80 [SYN] Seq=232129012 Win=16384
2	0.023172	128.119.245.12	192.168.1.102	TCP	62	80 → 1161 [SYN, ACK] Seq=883061785 Ack=232129013
3	0.023265	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	54	1161 → 80 [ACK] Seq=232129013 Ack=883061786
4	0.026477	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	619	1161 → 80 [PSH, ACK] Seq=232129013 Ack=883061786
5	0.041737	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	1514	1161 → 80 [PSH, ACK] Seq=232129578 Ack=883061786
6	0.053937	128.119.245.12	192.168.1.102	TCP	60	80 → 1161 [ACK] Seq=883061786 Ack=232129578
7	0.054026	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	1514	1161 → 80 [ACK] Seq=232131038 Ack=883061786

Frame 4: 619 bytes on wire (4952 bits), 619 bytes captured (4952 bits) on interface 0

Ethernet II, Src: Actionte\_8a:70:1a (00:20:e0:8a:70:1a), Dst: LinksysG\_da:af:73 (00:06:25:da:af:73)

Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.1.102, Dst: 128.119.245.12

Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 1161, Dst Port: 80, Seq: 232129013, Ack: 883061786, Len: 565

Source Port: 1161  
Destination Port: 80  
[Stream index: 0]  
[TCP Segment Len: 565]  
Sequence number: 232129013  
[Next sequence number: 232129578]  
Acknowledgment number: 883061786  
0101 .... = Header Length: 20 bytes (5)  
Flags: 0x018 (PSH, ACK)  
Window size value: 17520  
[Calculated window size: 17520]  
[Window size scaling factor: -2 (no window scaling used)]  
Checksum: 0x1fbd [unverified]  
[Checksum Status: Unverified]  
Urgent pointer: 0  
[SEQ/ACK analysis]  
[Timestamps]  
TCP payload (565 bytes)

0020 f5 0c 04 89 00 50 0d d6 01 f5 34 a2 74 1a 50 18 ...P...4..t..P..  
0030 44 70 1f bd 00 00 50 4f 53 54 20 2f 65 74 68 65 Dp...PO ST /ethe  
0040 72 65 61 6c 2d 6c 61 62 73 2f 6c 61 62 33 2d 31 real-lab-s/tab3-1  
0050 2d 72 65 70 6c 79 2e 68 74 6d 20 48 54 50 2f -reply.htm HTTP/  
0060 31 2e 31 0d 0a 48 6f 73 74 3a 20 67 61 69 61 2e 1.1..Host: gaia.  
0070 63 73 2e 75 6d 61 73 73 2e 65 64 75 0d 0a 55 73 cs.umass.edu..Us  
0080 65 72 2d 41 67 65 6e 74 3a 20 4d 6f 7a 69 6c 6c er-Agent: Mozill  
0090 61 2f 35 2e 30 20 28 57 69 6e 64 6f 77 73 3b 20 a/5.0 (Windows;



**Question 3.** Consider the TCP segment containing the HTTP POST as the first segment in the TCP connection. What are the sequence numbers of the first six segments in the TCP connection (including the segment containing the HTTP POST) sent from the client to the web server (Do not consider the ACKs received from the server as part of these six segments)? At what time was each segment sent? When was the ACK for each segment received? Given the difference between when each TCP segment was sent, and when its acknowledgement was received, what is the RTT value for each of the six segments? What is the *EstimatedRTT* value (see relevant parts of Section 3.5 or lecture slides) after the receipt of each ACK? Assume that the initial value of *EstimatedRTT* is equal to the measured RTT ( *SampleRTT* ) for the first segment, and then is computed using the *EstimatedRTT* equation for all subsequent segments. Set alpha to 0.125.

	Sequence Num	Segment Sent (sec)	ACK Receive (sec)	RTT (sec)
Segment 1(No.4)	232129013	0.026477	0.053937	0.027460
Segment 2(No.5)	232129578	0.041737	0.077294	0.035557
Segment 3(No.7)	232131038	0.054026	0.124085	0.070059
Segment 4(No.8)	232132498	0.054690	0.169118	0.114428
Segment 5(No.10)	232133958	0.077405	0.217299	0.139894
Segment 6(No.11)	232135418	0.078157	0.267802	0.189645

$EstimatedRTT = EstimatedRTT * (1-0.125) + 0.125 * SampleRTT$

Segment 1:  $EstimatedRTT = 0.02746$  second

Segment 2:  $EstimatedRTT = 0.02746 * 0.875 + 0.125 * 0.035557 = 0.02847$  second

Segment 3:  $EstimatedRTT = 0.02847 * 0.875 + 0.125 * 0.070059 = 0.03367$  second

Segment 4:  $EstimatedRTT = 0.03367 * 0.875 + 0.125 * 0.114428 = 0.04376$  second

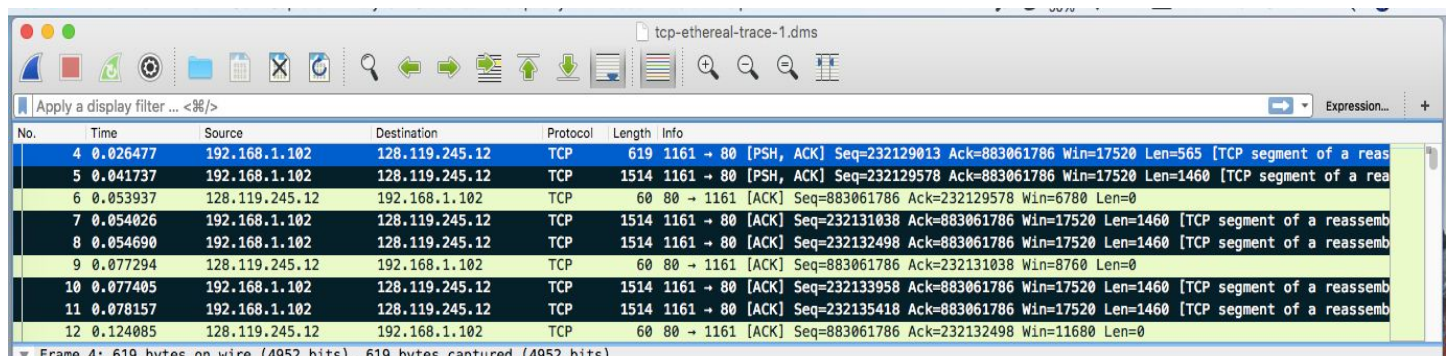
Segment 5:  $EstimatedRTT = 0.04376 * 0.875 + 0.125 * 0.139894 = 0.05578$  second

Segment 6:  $EstimatedRTT = 0.05578 * 0.875 + 0.125 * 0.189645 = 0.07251$  second

**Question 4.** What is the length of each of the first six TCP segments?

Ans: Segment 1: 565 bytes

Segment 2~6: 1460 bytes

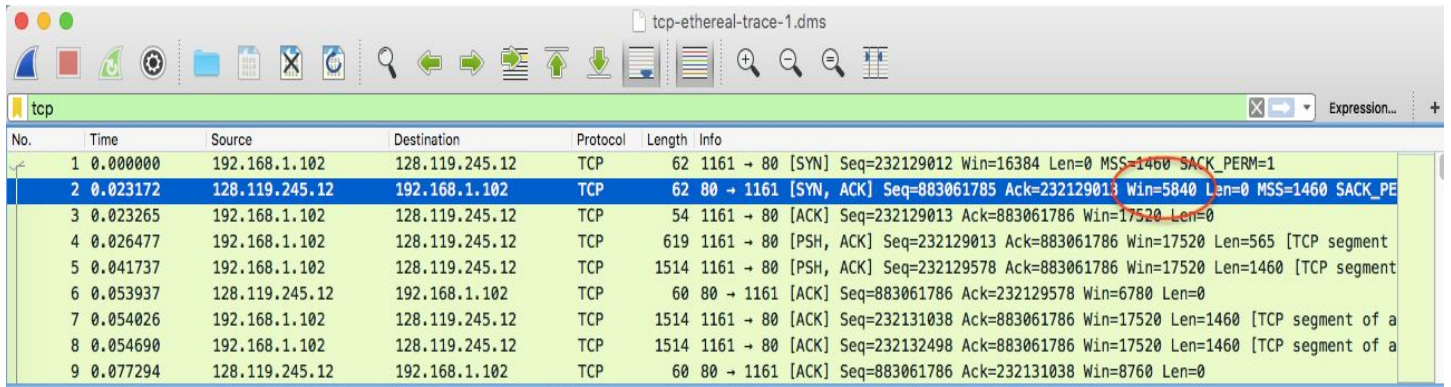


No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
4	0.026477	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	619	1161 → 80 [PSH, ACK] Seq=232129013 Ack=883061786 Win=17520 Len=565 [TCP segment of a reassembled data stream]
5	0.041737	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	1514	1161 → 80 [PSH, ACK] Seq=232129578 Ack=883061786 Win=17520 Len=1460 [TCP segment of a reassembled data stream]
6	0.053937	128.119.245.12	192.168.1.102	TCP	60	80 → 1161 [ACK] Seq=883061786 Ack=232129578 Win=6780 Len=0
7	0.054026	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	1514	1161 → 80 [ACK] Seq=232131038 Ack=883061786 Win=17520 Len=1460 [TCP segment of a reassembled data stream]
8	0.054690	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	1514	1161 → 80 [ACK] Seq=232132498 Ack=883061786 Win=17520 Len=1460 [TCP segment of a reassembled data stream]
9	0.077294	128.119.245.12	192.168.1.102	TCP	60	80 → 1161 [ACK] Seq=883061786 Ack=232131038 Win=8760 Len=0
10	0.077405	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	1514	1161 → 80 [ACK] Seq=232133958 Ack=883061786 Win=17520 Len=1460 [TCP segment of a reassembled data stream]
11	0.078157	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	1514	1161 → 80 [ACK] Seq=232135418 Ack=883061786 Win=17520 Len=1460 [TCP segment of a reassembled data stream]
12	0.124085	128.119.245.12	192.168.1.102	TCP	60	80 → 1161 [ACK] Seq=883061786 Ack=232132498 Win=11680 Len=0

**Question 5.** What is the minimum amount of available buffer space advertised at the receiver for the entire trace? Does the lack of receiver buffer space ever throttle the sender?

Ans: The minimum amount of available buffer space at the receiver for the entire trace is 5840 bytes.

No, the buffer space grows steadily and the maximum receiver buffer size is 62780 bytes.

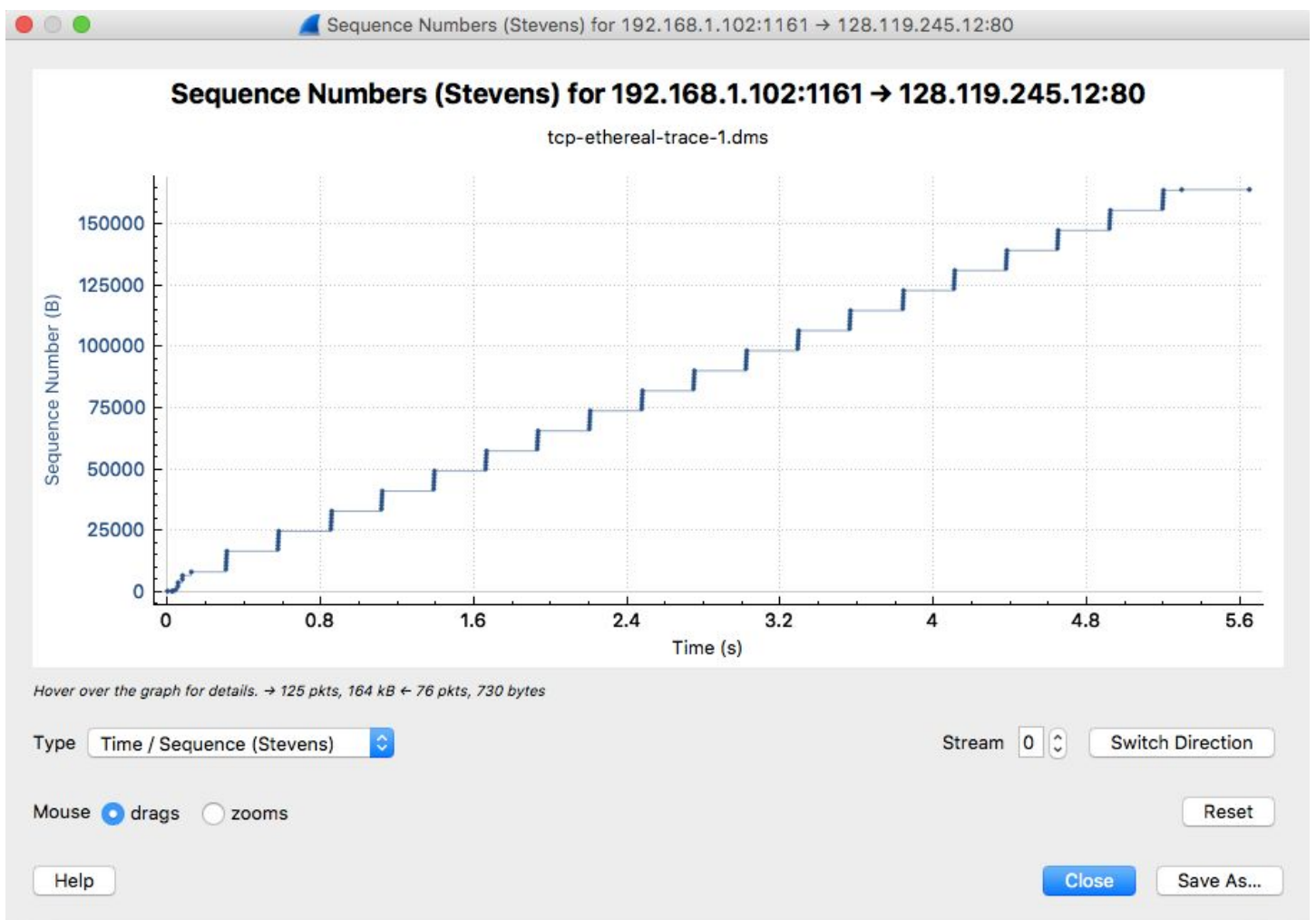


The image shows a Wireshark packet capture of a TCP connection. The table below represents the data visible in the packet list pane. A red circle highlights the 'Win=5840' field in packet 2, which corresponds to the minimum buffer space mentioned in the answer.

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1	0.000000	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	62	1161 → 80 [SYN] Seq=232129012 Win=16384 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM=1
2	0.023172	128.119.245.12	192.168.1.102	TCP	62	80 → 1161 [SYN, ACK] Seq=883061785 Ack=232129013 Win=5840 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM=1
3	0.023265	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	54	1161 → 80 [ACK] Seq=232129013 Ack=883061786 Win=17520 Len=0
4	0.026477	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	619	1161 → 80 [PSH, ACK] Seq=232129013 Ack=883061786 Win=17520 Len=565 [TCP segment of a ...]
5	0.041737	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	1514	1161 → 80 [PSH, ACK] Seq=232129578 Ack=883061786 Win=17520 Len=1460 [TCP segment of a ...]
6	0.053937	128.119.245.12	192.168.1.102	TCP	60	80 → 1161 [ACK] Seq=883061786 Ack=232129578 Win=6780 Len=0
7	0.054026	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	1514	1161 → 80 [ACK] Seq=232131038 Ack=883061786 Win=17520 Len=1460 [TCP segment of a ...]
8	0.054690	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	1514	1161 → 80 [ACK] Seq=232132498 Ack=883061786 Win=17520 Len=1460 [TCP segment of a ...]
9	0.077294	128.119.245.12	192.168.1.102	TCP	60	80 → 1161 [ACK] Seq=883061786 Ack=232131038 Win=8760 Len=0

**Question 6.** Are there any retransmitted segments in the trace file? What did you check for (in the trace) in order to answer this question?

Ans: No retransmitted segments in the trace file. Checking the segment sequence # by using Sequence Numbers (Stevens) graphics. The sequence # from the client to the server is increasing. If any segments retransmitted, the sequence # should be smaller than its neighboring segments.

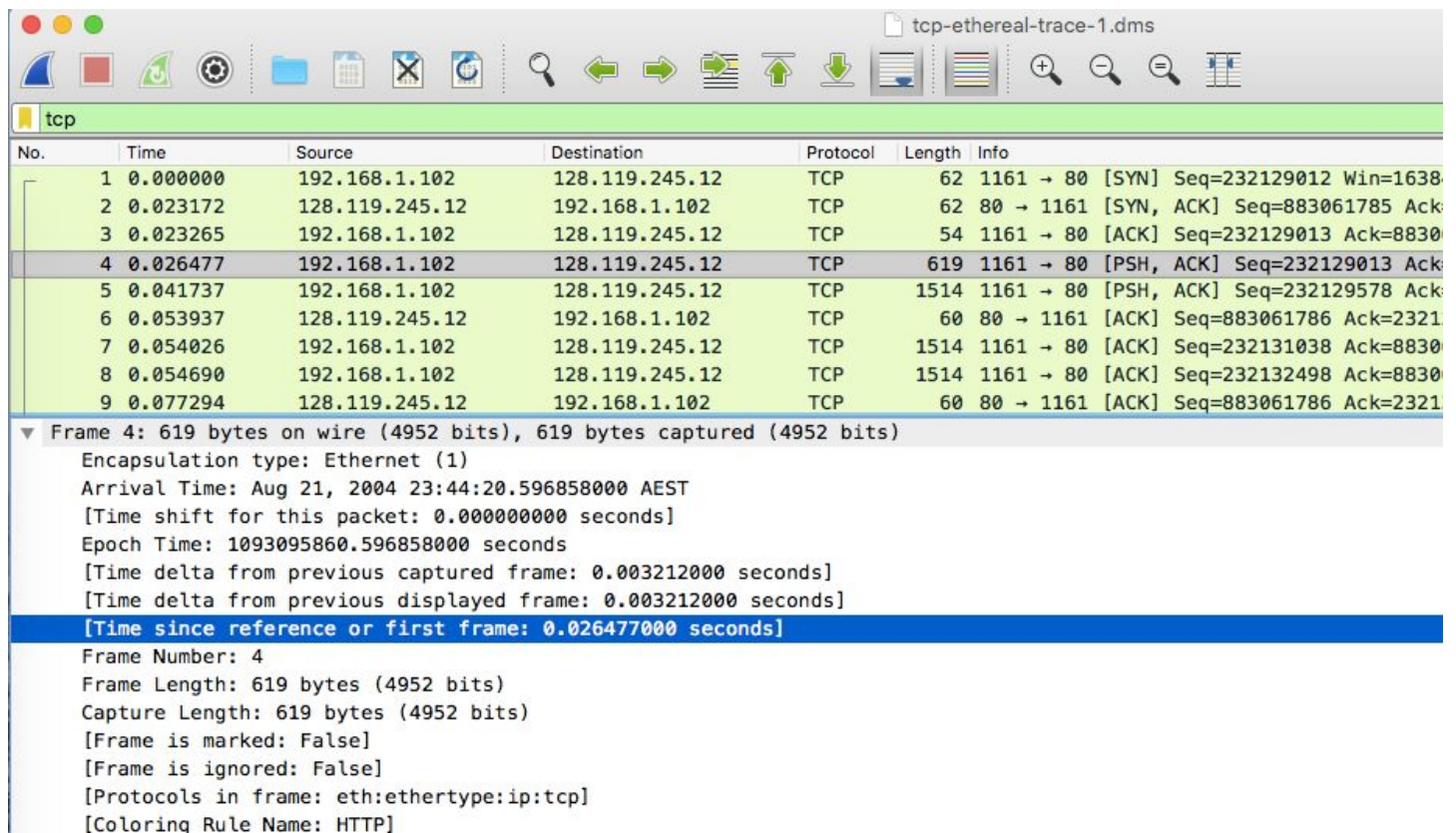


**Question 7.** How much data does the receiver typically acknowledge in an ACK? Can you identify cases where the receiver is ACKing every other received segment (recall the discussion about delayed acks from the lecture notes or Section 3.5 of the text).

Ans: The typically acknowledge is 1460 bytes. In the early part of the trace file, we noticed that the receiver individually confirmed each packet. Observe the behavior of the sender sending a packet burst, and then the receiver sends back an ACK for each packet. However, later in the trace, especially at segment number 70, we will notice that the ACK with the acknowledgment field of 232176633 actually acknowledges the two segments with sequences 232173713 and 232175173. From this point on, the receiver sends an acknowledgment packet received by each. other. The receiver typically sends a cumulative ACK of the two TCP segments it receives. This is because TCP uses a delayed ACK where the receiver waits up to 500 milliseconds, the other arrives at the order segment, and then sends the accumulated ACK for the two segments received.

**Question 8.** What is the throughput (bytes transferred per unit time) for the TCP connection? Explain how you calculated this value.

Ans: The total bytes transferred is the last ACK number – the first sequence number, which is 232293103 – 232129013 = 164090 bytes. Therefore, the throughput is total data/total time = 164090 / (5.455830-0.026477) = 30.222 Kbyte/sec.



No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1	0.000000	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	62	1161 → 80 [SYN] Seq=232129012 Win=1638
2	0.023172	128.119.245.12	192.168.1.102	TCP	62	80 → 1161 [SYN, ACK] Seq=883061785 Ack=
3	0.023265	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	54	1161 → 80 [ACK] Seq=232129013 Ack=8830
4	0.026477	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	619	1161 → 80 [PSH, ACK] Seq=232129013 Ack=
5	0.041737	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	1514	1161 → 80 [PSH, ACK] Seq=232129578 Ack=
6	0.053937	128.119.245.12	192.168.1.102	TCP	60	80 → 1161 [ACK] Seq=883061786 Ack=2321
7	0.054026	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	1514	1161 → 80 [ACK] Seq=232131038 Ack=8830
8	0.054690	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	1514	1161 → 80 [ACK] Seq=232132498 Ack=8830
9	0.077294	128.119.245.12	192.168.1.102	TCP	60	80 → 1161 [ACK] Seq=883061786 Ack=2321

▼ Frame 4: 619 bytes on wire (4952 bits), 619 bytes captured (4952 bits)

Encapsulation type: Ethernet (1)  
Arrival Time: Aug 21, 2004 23:44:20.596858000 AEST  
[Time shift for this packet: 0.000000000 seconds]  
Epoch Time: 1093095860.596858000 seconds  
[Time delta from previous captured frame: 0.003212000 seconds]  
[Time delta from previous displayed frame: 0.003212000 seconds]  
[Time since reference or first frame: 0.026477000 seconds]

Frame Number: 4  
Frame Length: 619 bytes (4952 bits)  
Capture Length: 619 bytes (4952 bits)  
[Frame is marked: False]  
[Frame is ignored: False]  
[Protocols in frame: eth:ethertype:ip:tcp]  
[Coloring Rule Name: HTTP]



tcp-ethereal-trace-1.dms

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No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
198	5.297257	128.119.245.12	192.168.1.102	TCP	60	80 → 1161 [ACK] Seq=883061786 Ack=232288401
199	5.297341	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	HTTP	104	POST /ethereal-labs/lab3-1-reply.htm HTTP/1
200	5.389471	128.119.245.12	192.168.1.102	TCP	60	80 → 1161 [ACK] Seq=883061786 Ack=232291321
201	5.447887	128.119.245.12	192.168.1.102	TCP	60	80 → 1161 [ACK] Seq=883061786 Ack=232293053
202	5.455830	128.119.245.12	192.168.1.102	TCP	60	80 → 1161 [ACK] Seq=883061786 Ack=232293103
203	5.461175	128.119.245.12	192.168.1.102	HTTP	784	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
206	5.651141	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	54	1161 → 80 [ACK] Seq=232293103 Ack=883062516
213	7.595557	192.168.1.102	199.2.53.206	TCP	62	1162 → 631 [SYN] Seq=234062521 Win=16384 Le

▼ Frame 202: 60 bytes on wire (480 bits), 60 bytes captured (480 bits)

Encapsulation type: Ethernet (1)

Arrival Time: Aug 21, 2004 23:44:26.026211000 AEST

[Time shift for this packet: 0.000000000 seconds]

Epoch Time: 1093095866.026211000 seconds

[Time delta from previous captured frame: 0.007943000 seconds]

[Time delta from previous displayed frame: 0.007943000 seconds]

[Time since reference or first frame: 5.455830000 seconds]

Frame Number: 202

Frame Length: 60 bytes (480 bits)

Capture Length: 60 bytes (480 bits)

[Frame is marked: False]

[Frame is ignored: False]

[Protocols in frame: eth:ethertype:ip:tcp]

[Coloring Rule Name: HTTP]

[Coloring Rule String: http || tcp.port == 80 || http2]

► Ethernet II, Src: LinksysG\_da:af:73 (00:06:25:da:af:73), Dst: Actionte\_8a:70:1a (00:20:e0:8a:70:1a)

► Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 128.119.245.12, Dst: 192.168.1.102

▼ Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 80, Dst Port: 1161, Seq: 883061786, Ack: 232293103, Len: 0

## Exercise 2: TCP Connection Management

**Question 1** . What is the sequence number of the TCP SYN segment that is used to initiate the TCP connection between the client computer and server?

Ans: Sequence #: 2818463618

**Question 2** . What is the sequence number of the SYNACK segment sent by the server to the client computer in reply to the SYN? What is the value of the Acknowledgement field in the SYNACK segment? How did the server determine that value?

Ans: Sequence number: 1247095790

ACK: 2818463619

TCP is using 3-way handshake to set up a connection. SYNACK means initiating a connection. The client maintains a 32-bit sequence number to keep track of how much data it has sent. When a host initiates a TCP session, its initial sequence number is effectively random. It may be any value between 0 and 4,294,967,295, inclusive. In the initial connection, the client would try to send one byte data to check the connection is done or not. Thus, the ACK is the current sequence number in client plus one.

**Question 3** . What is the sequence number of the ACK segment sent by the client computer in response to the SYNACK? What is the value of the Acknowledgment field in this ACK segment? Does this segment contain any data?

Ans: Sequence number: 2818463619

The ACK: 1247095791

The segment does not contain any data because the line 301, the sequence number is 1247095791.

**Question 4** . Who has done the active close? client or the server? how you have determined this? What type of closure has been performed? 3 Segment (FIN/FINACK/ACK), 4 Segment (FIN/ACK/FIN/ACK) or Simultaneous close?

Ans: Client and server has done the active close. In line 304 and line 305, they both sent FIN ACK before they receive FIN from the other side. Thus, this is Simultaneous close.

**Question 5** . How many data bytes have been transferred from the client to the server and from the server to the client during the whole duration of the connection? What relationship does this have with the Initial Sequence Number and the final ACK received from the other side?

Ans: The data from the client to the server is 33 bytes and the data from server to client is 40 bytes. The different of Initial Sequence Number and the final ACK received from the other side is the same as the data transfer through the connection.