

# **Task 3: Networking Basics for Cyber Security**

## **1) Tools and Environment**

- **Operating System:** Ubuntu Linux.
- **Packet Analysis Tool:** Wireshark.
- **Network Type:** Wi-Fi .

## **2) Basic networking concepts (IP, MAC, DNS, TCP/UDP).**

<b>Concept</b>	<b>Definition</b>
IP Address	Address of a device (like a phone number)
MAC Address	Hardware address of network card
DNS	Converts website name → IP address
TCP	Reliable communication (used by HTTP, HTTPS)
UDP	Faster but unreliable (used by DNS, streaming)
Port	Application entry point (80, 443, 53, etc.)

## **3) Methodology (Capturing Process)**

1. Wireshark was opened and the active network interface was selected.
2. Live packet capture was started.
3. Network traffic was generated by:
  - Visiting <http://example.com>
  - Visiting <https://google.com>
  - Running ping google.com from the terminal
4. After traffic generation, the capture was stopped.
5. Display filters were applied to analyze specific protocols.

## **4) DNS Traffic Analysis**

**Display Filter Used:** dns

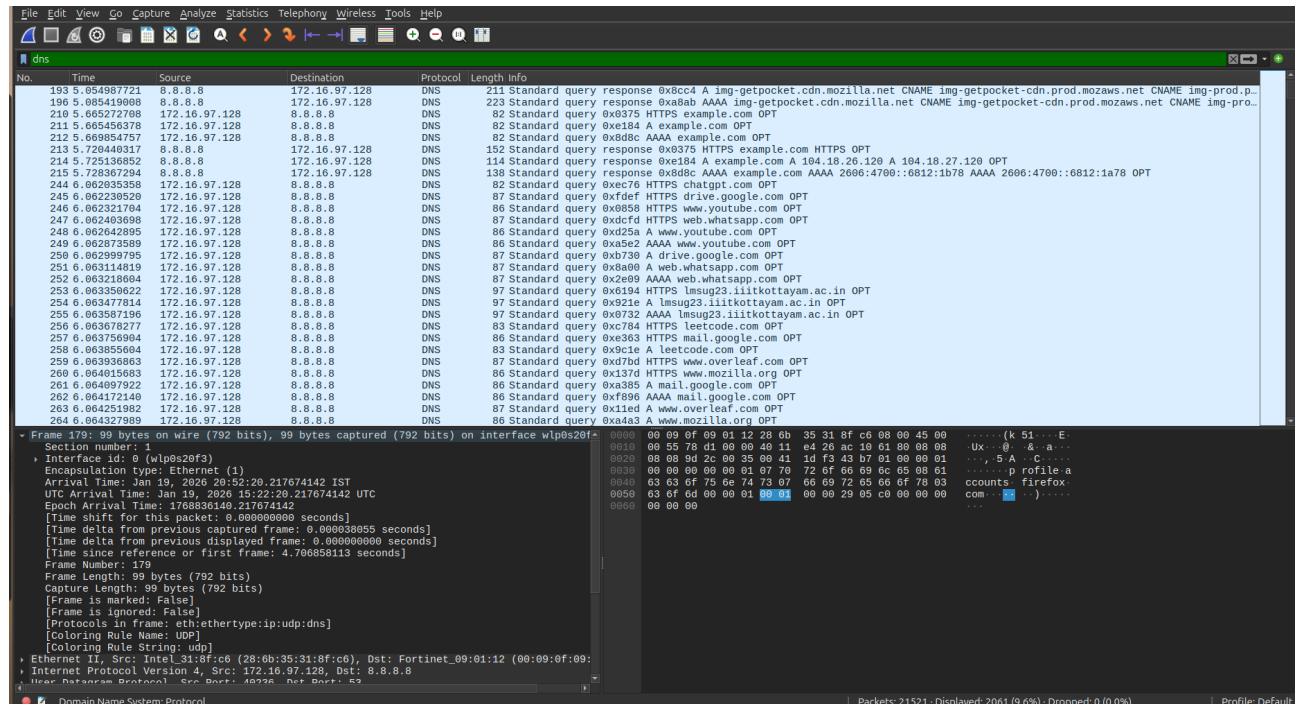
Domain Name System (DNS) traffic was captured and analyzed. DNS resolves human-readable domain names into IP addresses.

### **Observations:**

- DNS query packets were observed.

- Domain names such as `google.com` and `example.com` were seen.
- DNS responses contained resolved IP addresses.

## DNS Packet Analysis



## 5) ICMP Traffic Analysis

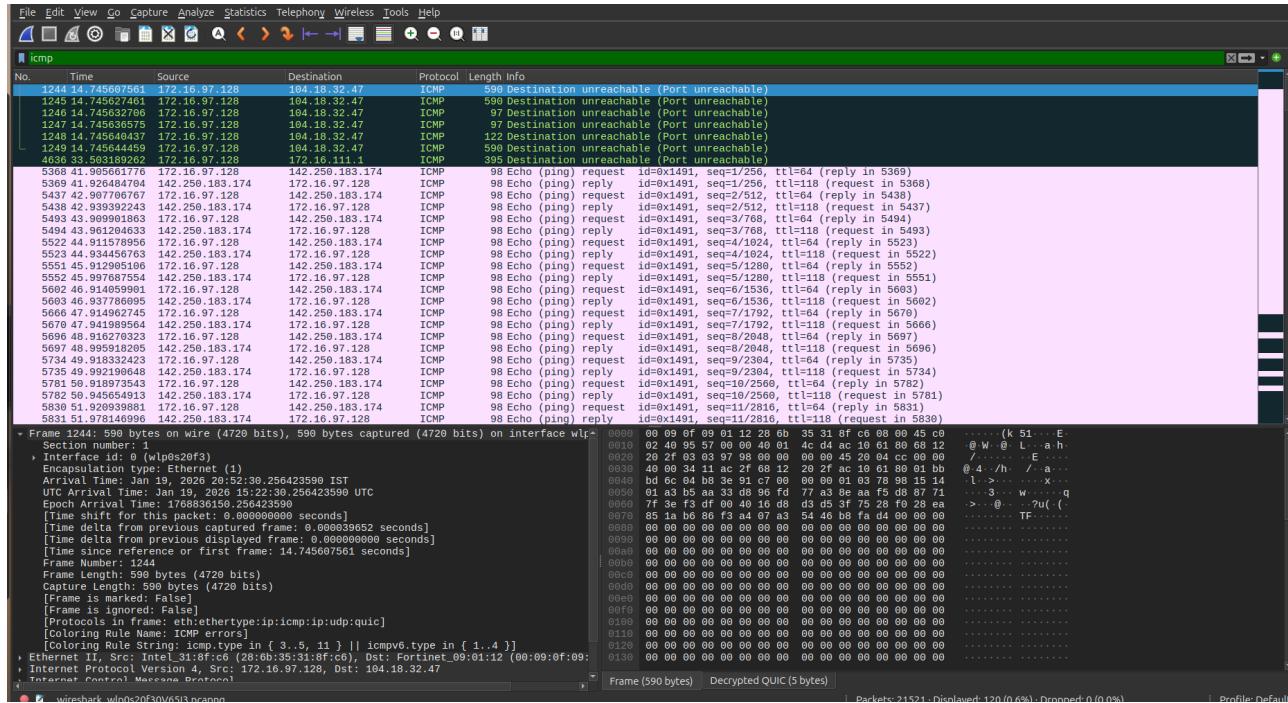
**Display Filter Used:** `icmp`

ICMP packets are generated using the `ping` command to test network connectivity.

### Observations:

- ICMP Echo Request packets were sent.
- ICMP Echo Reply packets were received.
- Successful communication between host and destination was confirmed.

## ICMP Packet Analysis:



## 6) Plain-Text Traffic Analysis (HTTP)

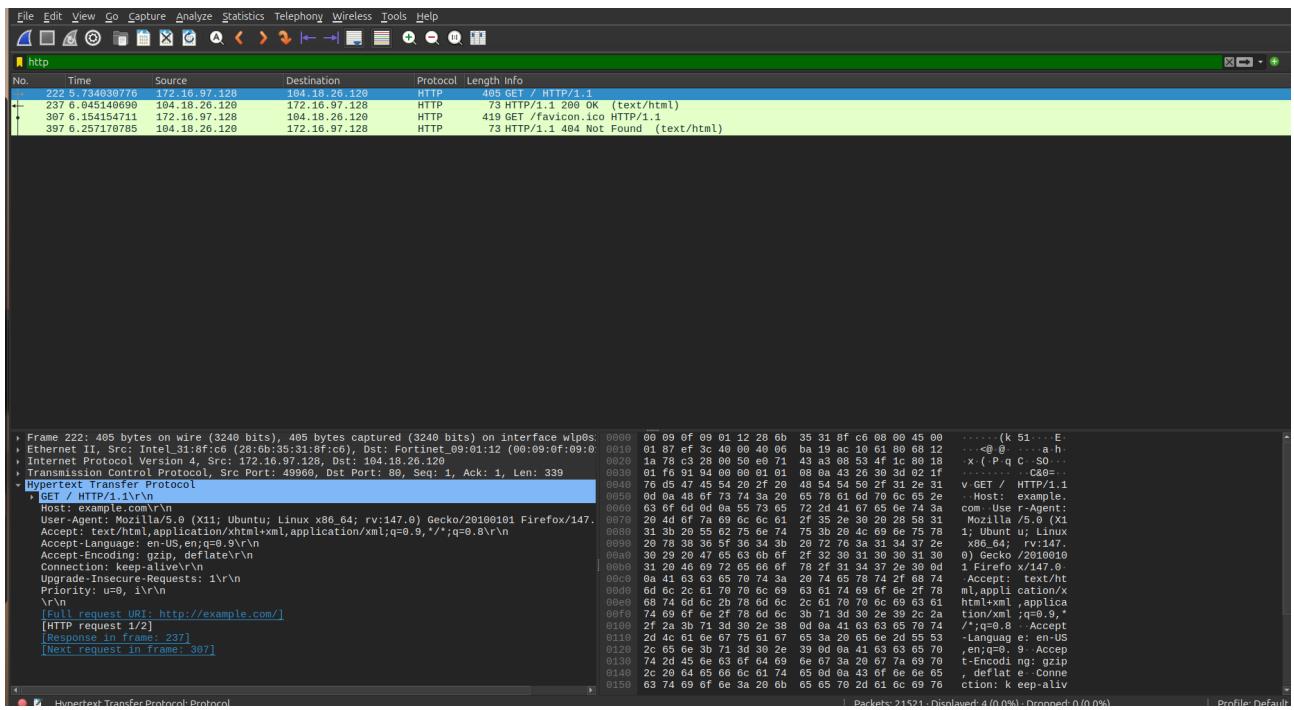
Display Filter Used: `http`

HTTP traffic was identified as plain-text traffic.

### Observations:

- HTTP requests such as GET requests were readable.
- Header information and URLs were visible.
- Data was transmitted without encryption.

### HTTP Plain-Text Traffic:



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HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2026 15:22:21 GMT
Content-Type: text/html
Transfer-Encoding: chunked
Connection: keep-alive
Content-Encoding: gzip
Last-Modified: Tue, 13 Jan 2026 19:10:53 GMT
Allow: GET, HEAD
Age: 7481
CF-Cache-Status: HIT
Vary: Accept-Encoding
Server: cloudflare
CF-RAY: 9c0753bb4d147edf-MAA

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GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1
Host: example.com
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Ubuntu; Linux x86_64; rv:147.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/147.0
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.9
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Connection: keep-alive
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
Priority: u=0, i=1

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2026 15:22:21 GMT
Content-Type: text/html
Transfer-Encoding: chunked
Connection: keep-alive
Content-Encoding: gzip
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GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1
Host: example.com
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Ubuntu; Linux x86_64; rv:147.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/147.0
Accept: image/avif,image/webp,image/png,image/svg+xml,image/*;q=0.8,*/*;q=0.5
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.9
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Connection: keep-alive
Referer: http://example.com/
Priority: u=0

HTTP/1.1 404 Not Found
Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2026 15:22:21 GMT
Content-Type: text/html
Transfer-Encoding: chunked
Connection: keep-alive
Content-Encoding: gzip
CF-Cache-Status: HIT
Age: 7481
Vary: Accept-Encoding
Server: cloudflare
CF-RAY: 9c0753bb4d147edf-MAA

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## 7) TCP Traffic Analysis

Display Filter Used: `tcp`

Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) traffic was analyzed to observe reliable, connection-oriented communication.

### Observations:

- TCP packets were observed during web communication.

- TCP is responsible for reliable data transfer.
- Web applications primarily use TCP.

## TCP Packet Analysis:

The screenshot shows a Wireshark capture of TCP traffic. The packet list pane shows several TCP segments, mostly SYN and ACK packets, indicating a connection setup. The details pane shows the structure of a TCP segment, including fields like Source Port, Destination Port, Sequence Number, Acknowledgment Number, and Data Offset. The bytes pane shows the raw hex and ASCII representations of the data. The status bar at the bottom indicates the total number of packets (21521), displayed packets (10945, 50.9%), and dropped packets (0, 0.0%).

## 8) TCP Traffic Analysis

This sequence represents the TCP three-way handshake used to establish a reliable connection.

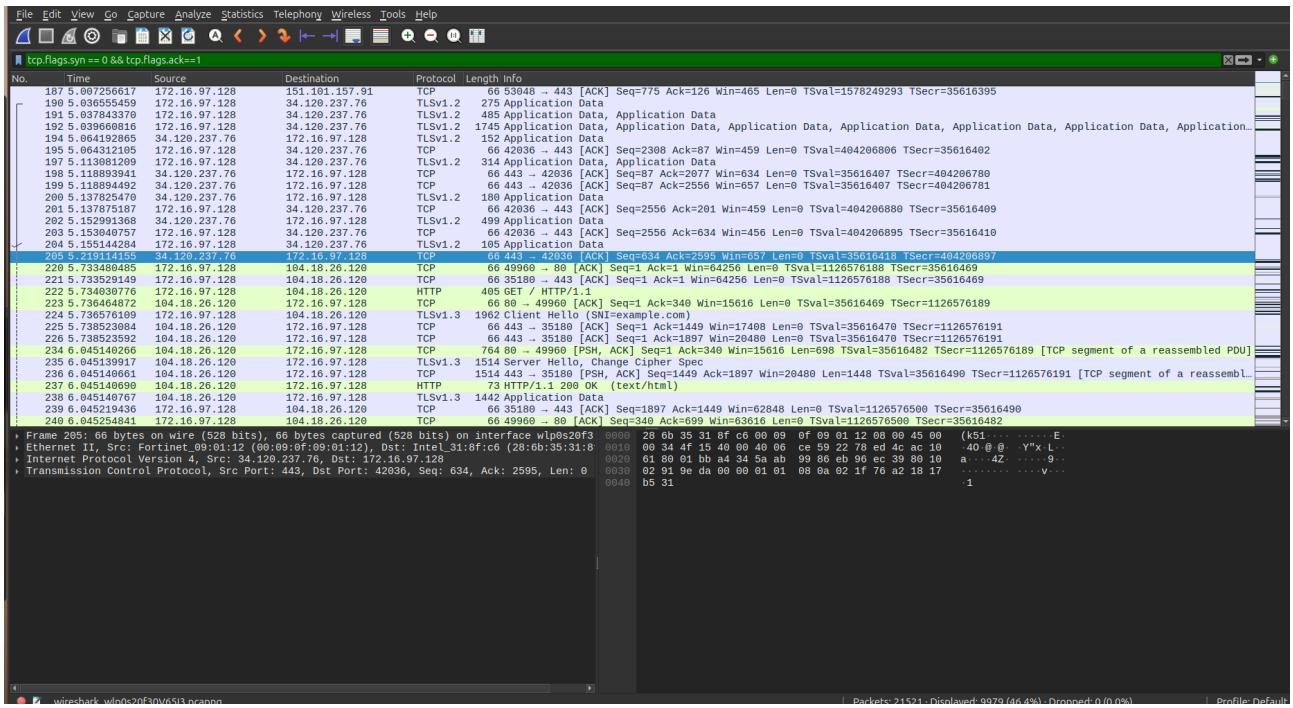
### 1. SYN

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
216 5.738452889	172.16.97.128	104.18.26.120	TCP	74	499569 - 89 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=1126576185 Tsecr=0 WS=128	
217 5.738939863	172.16.97.128	104.18.26.120	TCP	74	35180 - 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=1126576186 Tsecr=0 WS=128	
714 9.879518761	172.16.97.128	142.250.66.4	TCP	74	56870 - 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=3115075994 Tsecr=0 WS=128	
722 10.23145702	172.16.97.128	142.250.66.4	TCP	74	568870 - 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=3115075995 Tsecr=0 WS=128	
960 13.690596339	172.16.97.128	172.217.24.113	TCP	74	54340 - 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=3268640415 Tsecr=0 WS=128	
997 12.838681456	172.16.97.128	172.217.24.113	TCP	74	59342 - 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=3268640416 Tsecr=0 WS=128	
1092 12.859992068	172.16.97.128	142.251.43.78	TCP	74	54312 - 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=3268640491 Tsecr=0 WS=128	
1103 13.883868420	172.16.97.128	142.251.43.78	TCP	74	[TCP Retransmission] 54312 - 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=3268641516 Tsecr=0 WS=128	
1136 14.145989424	172.16.97.128	104.18.32.47	TCP	74	38112 - 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=6728593598 Tsecr=0 WS=128	
1157 14.186207673	172.16.97.128	104.18.32.47	TCP	74	38112 - 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=6728593599 Tsecr=0 WS=128	
1305 15.056357866	172.16.97.128	142.251.43.33	TCP	74	52346 - 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=2403940415 Tsecr=0 WS=128	
1342 15.157086789	172.16.97.128	142.251.222.292	TCP	74	49932 - 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=29277767346 Tsecr=0 WS=128	
1355 15.323668944	172.16.97.128	142.251.43.33	TCP	74	53250 - 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=3403940682 Tsecr=0 WS=128	
1366 15.424217358	172.16.97.128	142.251.222.292	TCP	74	49944 - 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=26277766161 Tsecr=0 WS=128	
1615 16.049977366	172.16.97.128	142.251.223.238	TCP	74	34624 - 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=3554229742 Tsecr=0 WS=128	
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230 16.1707432039	172.16.97.128	142.250.109.69	TCP	74	34682 - 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=4032247502 Tsecr=0 WS=128	
2475 19.058332148	172.16.97.128	142.251.223.174	TCP	74	48984 - 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=2163141965 Tsecr=0 WS=128	
2700 19.056847343	172.16.97.128	142.250.297.74	TCP	74	54696 - 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=3925634734 Tsecr=0 WS=128	
3827 30.621439631	172.16.97.128	142.250.67.34	TCP	74	33840 - 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=2140790678 Tsecr=0 WS=128	
4373 32.184975052	172.16.97.128	142.251.221.174	TCP	74	59294 - 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=10729292608 Tsecr=0 WS=128	
4374 32.186207673	172.16.97.128	142.251.222.172	TCP	74	34776 - 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=10729292609 Tsecr=0 WS=128	
4591 32.170628224	172.16.97.128	142.250.295.98	TCP	74	55232 - 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=3213557748 Tsecr=0 WS=128	
4699 33.472934339	172.16.97.128	142.250.295.98	TCP	74	55238 - 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=3213557778 Tsecr=0 WS=128	
4699 33.472956199	172.16.97.128	142.250.295.98	TCP	74	55238 - 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=3213557778 Tsecr=0 WS=128	
4625 33.473262375	172.16.97.128	142.251.222.166	TCP	74	36296 - 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=3176767491 Tsecr=0 WS=128	
4626 33.473213552	172.16.97.128	142.250.295.98	TCP	74	55252 - 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=3213558099 Tsecr=0 WS=128	
4629 33.47329318831	172.16.97.128	142.250.295.98	TCP	74	55260 - 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=3213558099 Tsecr=0 WS=128	
Frame 217: 74 bytes on wire (592 bits), 74 bytes captured (592 bits) on interface wlp0s20f3						
Ethernet II, Src: Intel PRO/100 MT [08:00:08:01:01:02], Dst: Fortinet [08:00:08:01:12:00] (28:00:00:01:01:02)						
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 172.16.97.128, Dst: 104.18.26.120						
Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 35188, Dst Port: 443, Seq: 0, Len: 0						

## 2.SYN + ACK

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
218 5.733388159	104.18.26.120	172.16.97.128	TCP	74	443 - 35180 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=14480 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=35616469 Tsecr=1126576186 WS=256	
219 5.733388403	104.18.26.120	172.16.97.128	TCP	74	88 - 49969 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=14480 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=35616469 Tsecr=1126576185 WS=256	
716 9.922330223	142.250.66.4	172.16.97.128	TCP	74	443 - 56885 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=14480 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=35616469 Tsecr=1126576186 WS=256	
720 9.922330198	142.250.66.4	172.16.97.128	TCP	74	443 - 56885 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=14480 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=35616469 Tsecr=1126576186 WS=256	
1027 13.138332129	172.16.97.128	172.217.24.113	TCP	74	443 - 56349 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=14480 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=356172091 Tsecr=3540515320 WS=256	
1039 13.295446697	142.251.43.78	172.16.97.128	TCP	74	443 - 54380 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=14480 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=35617229 Tsecr=3266640421 WS=256	
1063 13.295896737	172.16.97.128	172.217.24.113	TCP	74	443 - 56342 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=14480 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=35617254 Tsecr=3540513693 WS=256	
1143 14.298952817	142.251.43.78	172.16.97.128	TCP	74	443 - 54312 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=14480 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=35617327 Tsecr=3266641516 WS=256	
1213 14.669227235	142.251.43.78	172.16.97.128	TCP	74	[TCP Retransmission] 443 - 54394 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=14480 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=35617302 Tsecr=3268640421 WS=256	
1214 14.669227236	172.16.97.128	172.16.97.24.113	TCP	74	[TCP Retransmission] 443 - 56340 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=14480 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=35617302 Tsecr=3540515320 WS=256	
1267 14.883863523	104.18.32.47	172.16.97.128	TCP	74	443 - 56312 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=14480 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=35617302 Tsecr=3540515320 WS=256	
1467 16.466482567	142.251.43.33	172.16.97.128	TCP	74	443 - 53240 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=14480 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=35617538 Tsecr=3403940415 WS=256	
1494 16.466481877	142.251.222.202	172.16.97.128	TCP	74	443 - 49932 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=14480 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=35617544 Tsecr=2927776346 WS=256	
1596 16.472347477	142.251.43.33	172.16.97.128	TCP	74	443 - 53250 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=14480 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=35617544 Tsecr=2927776346 WS=256	
1523 16.472347477	142.251.222.202	172.16.97.128	TCP	74	443 - 56404 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=14480 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=35617544 Tsecr=2927776346 WS=256	
1717 17.751198595	142.251.223.238	172.16.97.128	TCP	74	443 - 34824 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=14480 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=35617674 Tsecr=3554229742 WS=256	
1895 17.844583989	142.251.223.238	172.16.97.128	TCP	74	443 - 34634 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=14480 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=35617682 Tsecr=3554229988 WS=256	
2371 18.929277378	142.251.10.84	172.16.97.128	TCP	74	443 - 34462 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=14480 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=35617791 Tsecr=4032247582 WS=256	
2472 19.061791995	142.251.222.174	172.16.97.128	TCP	74	443 - 49880 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=14480 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=35617804 Tsecr=2163141966 WS=256	
2701 19.965730394	142.250.297.74	172.16.97.128	TCP	74	443 - 54696 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=14480 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=35617804 Tsecr=325934734 WS=256	
3080 20.100000000	142.250.295.98	172.16.97.128	TCP	74	443 - 56312 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=14480 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=35617804 Tsecr=325934734 WS=256	
4378 32.188198977	142.251.222.142	172.16.97.128	TCP	74	443 - 34776 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=14480 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=356191118 Tsecr=1796511130 WS=256	
4639 33.557033082	142.250.295.98	172.16.97.128	TCP	74	443 - 55232 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=14480 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=356191255 Tsecr=3213557748 WS=256	
4646 33.557044203	142.250.295.98	172.16.97.128	TCP	74	443 - 36298 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=14480 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=356191255 Tsecr=3213557748 WS=256	
4663 33.689628278	142.251.222.166	172.16.97.128	TCP	74	443 - 55252 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=14480 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=356191265 Tsecr=31706767491 WS=256	
4667 33.689668784	142.250.295.98	172.16.97.128	TCP	74	443 - 55268 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=14480 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=356191265 Tsecr=3213558089 WS=256	
4671 33.689688752	142.250.295.98	172.16.97.128	TCP	74	443 - 55268 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=14480 Len=9 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM Tsvl=356191265 Tsecr=3213558089 WS=256	
Frame 218: 74 bytes on wire (592 bits), 74 bytes captured (592 bits) on interface wlp0s20f3						
Ethernet II, Src: Fortinet [08:00:08:01:01:02], Dst: Intel PRO/100 MT [08:00:08:01:01:02] (28:00:00:01:01:02)						
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 104.18.26.120, Dst: 172.16.97.128						
Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 35188, Dst Port: 443, Seq: 0, Ack: 1, Len: 0						

## 3.ACK



## 9) Encrypted Traffic Analysis (HTTPS)

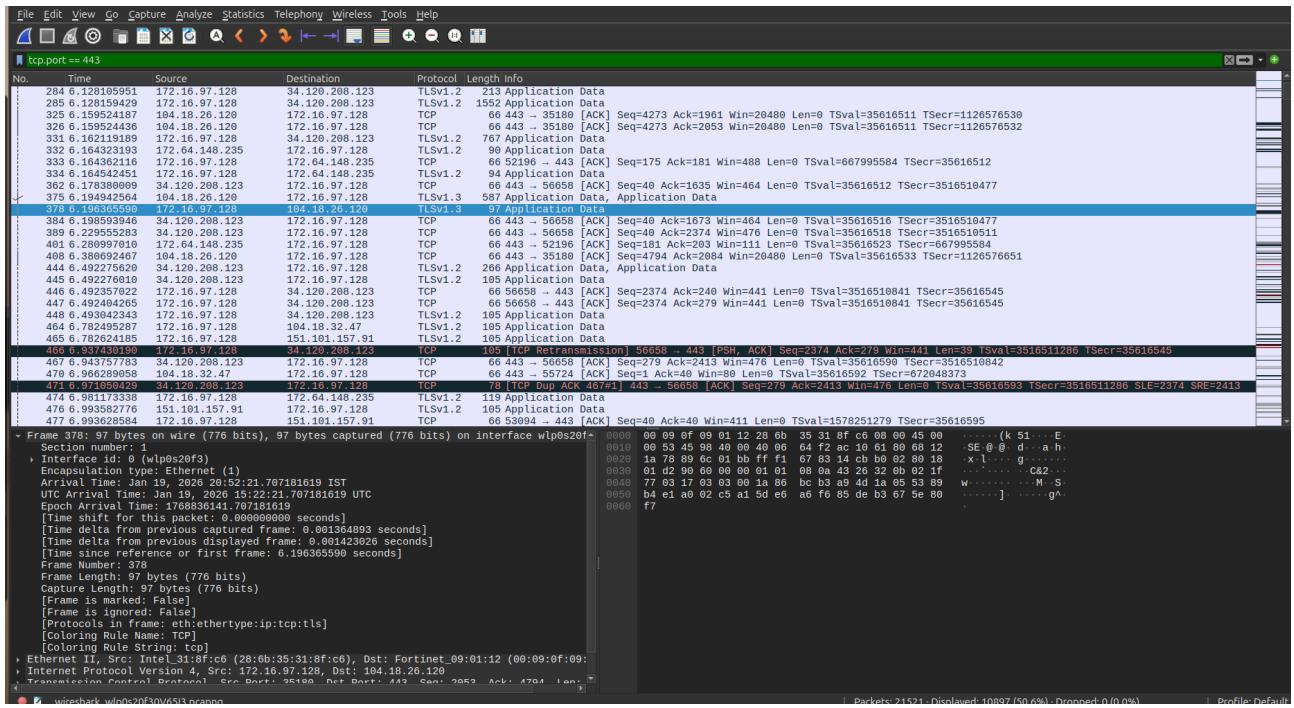
**Display Filter Used:** `tls` or `tcp.port == 443`

HTTPS traffic was analyzed and identified as encrypted communication.

### Observations:

- Traffic appeared as TLS packets
- Packet contents were not readable
- Encryption protects data confidentiality

### HTTPS Encrypted Traffic:



## 10) Key Observations

- DNS traffic reveals domain names accessed by the system.
- ICMP packets confirm network connectivity.
- HTTP traffic is insecure and readable.
- HTTPS traffic is encrypted using TLS.
- Wireshark filters help isolate and analyze specific protocol.