## Collaborative Discussion 2 – Peer Response 1 – Michael Geiger

The program NetScanTools was used to examine the tracerout command of ICMP, TCP and UDP packets (Northwest Performance Software, 2021). The results can be found in the appendix below.

During the investigation it became apparent that an echo was received from the destination IP for ICMP and TCP requests. In the tracerout investigation with UDP packets, however, the destination could not be reached. Another abnormality is Hop 2, which only received a response from the ICMP request. A reason in the results can be assumed to be due to blocked communication.

The Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) based on IP takes care of the connectionoriented data exchange. This is the usual form of maintaining two systems on the Internet and takes on tasks such as establishing the connection, protecting against transmission errors, dividing the data stream into packets at the sender and correctly merging the data segments at the recipient (Parziale et al., 2006).

The Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP) sends control messages between computers on a network. ICMP is used, for example, to inform the recipient that the transmission should be stopped or that the recipient has not received a certain packet.

The User Datagram Protocol (UDP) is the simplest form of IP data transmission. In doing so, data is sent without checking whether it is free from errors or if it has arrived. UDP is therefore not suitable for the transmission of files or other information that must arrive exactly as it was sent. However, it makes sense, for example, for voice transmission.

Since the website loadedwithstuff.co.uk is an e-commerse site, functions such as voice transmission and thus UDP, in contrast to ICMP and TCP, are not necessary. Therefore, a possible conclusion is that communication via UDP is prevented from the server side in order to close an unnecessary vulnerability (Shah et al., 2020).

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