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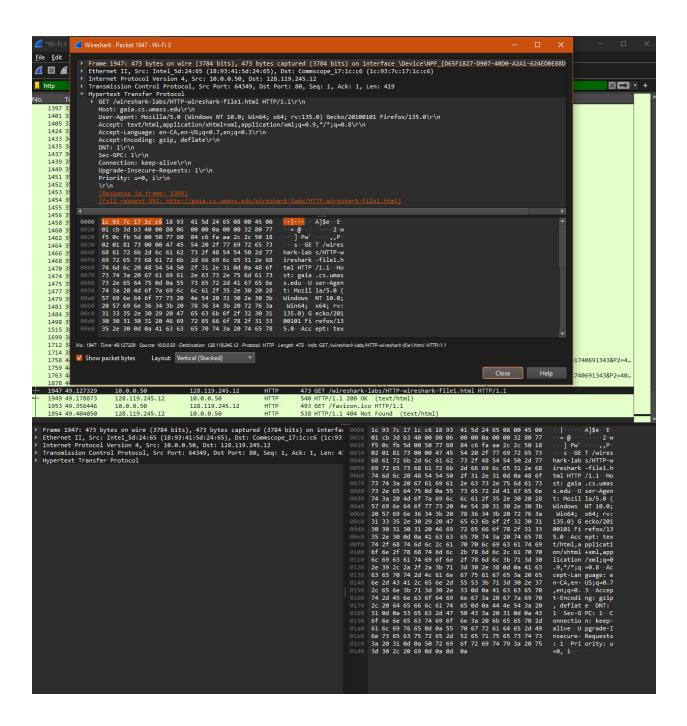
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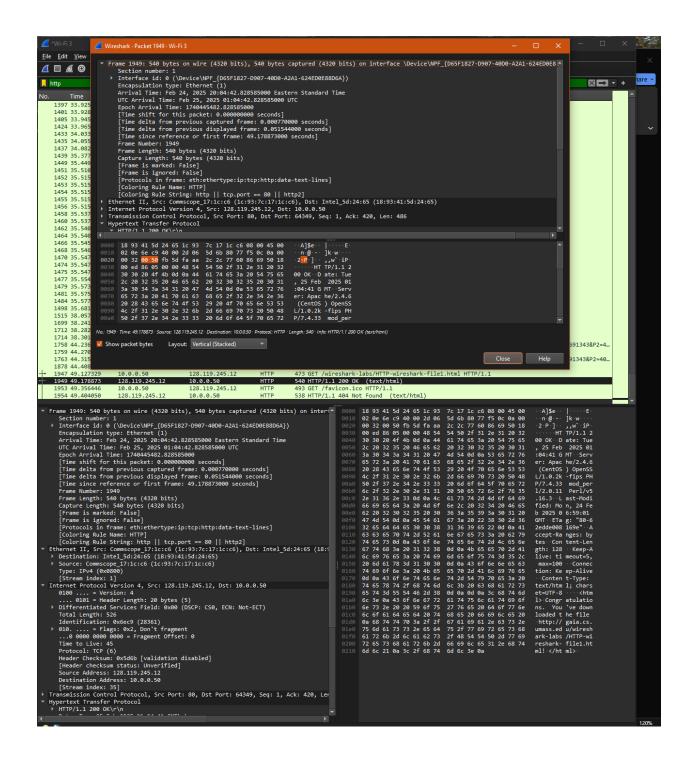
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Task 1

1.





It is important to access the HTTP version and not the HTPPS version because we're using Wireshark to capture and analyze HTTP messages. Wireshark monitors the network traffic where HTTP traffic is transmitted in plaintext. This process makes it easy for Wireshark to

capture and display the GET request and the HTTP response along with other headers and

messages. HTTPS has a secure connection (SSL), which means that it is encrypted.

Therefore, capturing traffic in HTTPS is futile since even if we can capture it, the packets

won't be available for view. In everyday use, however, HTTPS is preferable because it

encrypts the communication between the browser and the web server. Thu, all sensitive

information such as payments or login credentials are protected. In HTTP connection it's

known that anyone can monitor the network and can have a look at the data.

2. Our browser is running HTTP version 1.1. The server is running version 1.1.

3. Our browser indicates that it can accept Canadian and American languages.

4. 20:04:42.777041000 and 20:04:42.828585000

RTT = 0.051544000 seconds or 51.544 milliseconds.

5. The status code returned is 200 OK.

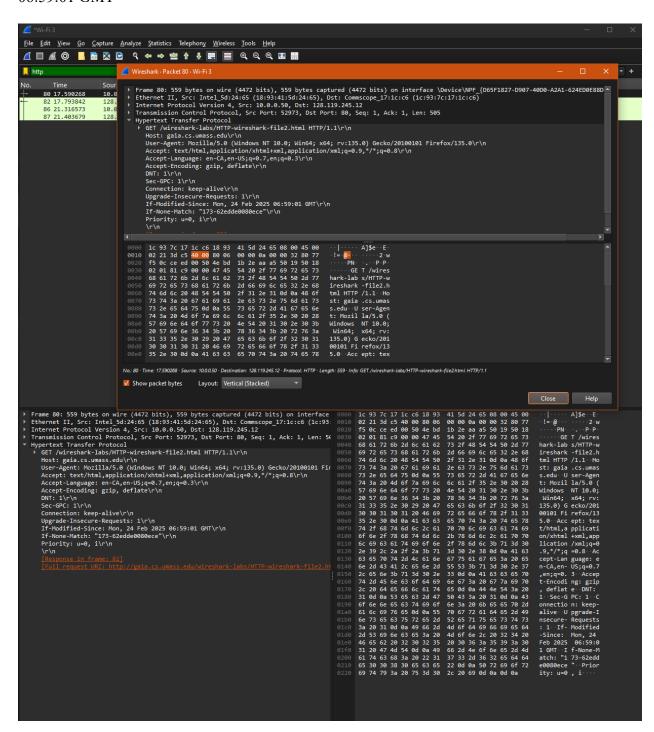
6. Last modified: Mon, 24 Feb 2025 06:59:01 GMT.

7. Header missing is TCP segment data (#bytes) and ETag (identifier for specific version of

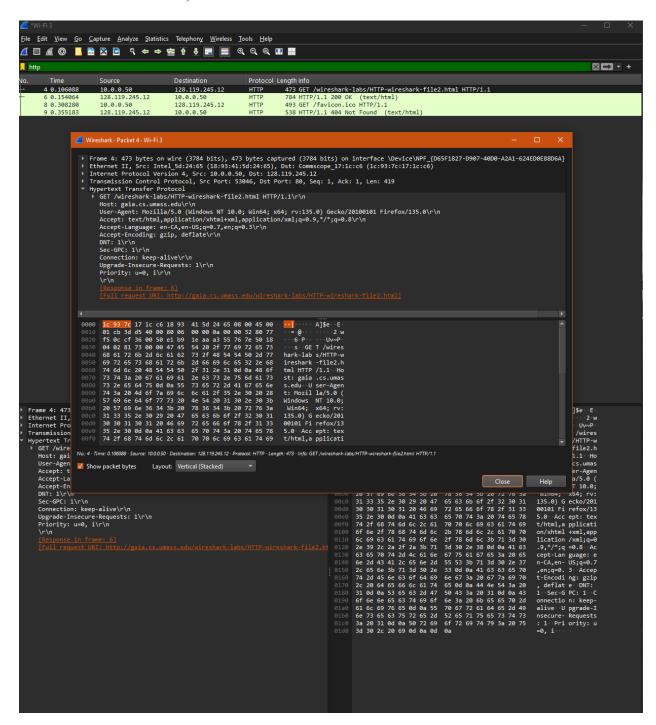
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TASK 2

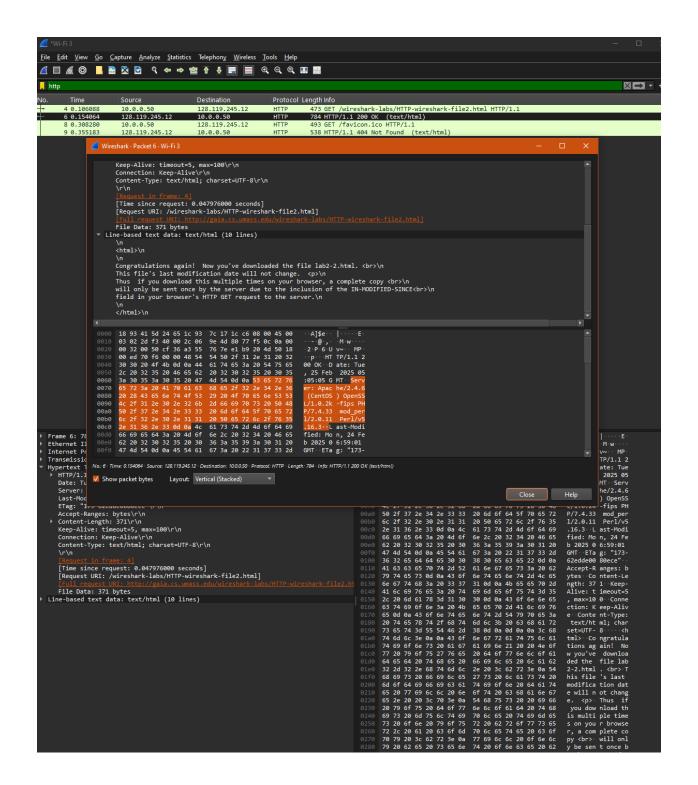
8. We only see it when not removing the cache, If-Modified-Since: Mon, 24 Feb 2025 06:59:01 GMT



When we delete the cache, we do not see it.

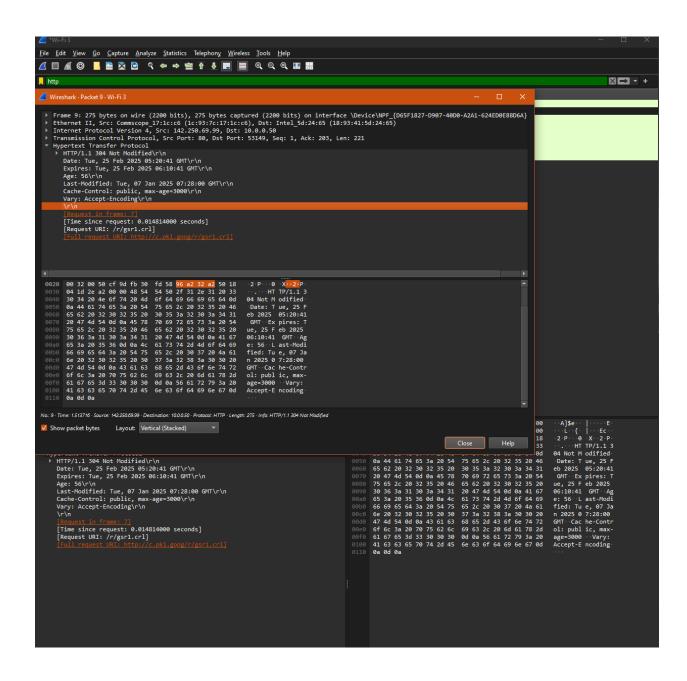


9. When we open the content-length and line-based text data, we can see all the details.



10. Like question 9, it only shows when the cache is not cleared. Otherwise, we can see it with those details If-Modified-Since: Mon, 24 Feb 2025 06:59:01.

11. The packet info reads "not modified" and the status code is 304. The server did not explicitly return the contents of the file this time as it was mentioned previously that if the cache is not cleared, the server will only send one copy of the file due to the inclusion of the If-Modified-Since.



TASK 3

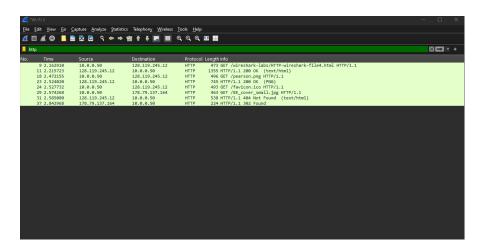
- 12. Our browser sent 1 HTTP GET requests.
- 13. 200 OK
- 14. 14 segments were needed to carry the single HTTP response.
- 15. Overhead refers to the additional resources used in a network protocol. Examples are TCP, HTTP, etc. Every TCP segment contains a header that holds a certain number of bytes. Those headers contain crucial information to manage and maintain the connection. Some headers are destination port or sequence numbers.

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TASK 4

16. Our browser sent 3 GET requests. They were sent to 128.119.245.12 (gaia server) and 178.79.137.164 (French server).

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Our browser downloaded the two images in parallel. After the browser sent the first GET request to the server at the 128 address, another GET request to the same address followed shortly after. Then, almost at the same time, a GET request was sent to the 178 address. This shows that the browser was requesting the images from two different servers at the same time. GET request to the 178 address was made quickly after the one to the 128 address, indicating that both requests were made almost simultaneously. This suggests that the browser didn't wait for one image to finish downloading before it started requesting the next. Instead, it fetched them in parallel, which is a common practice to speed up page loading by getting resources from different servers at once. Also, when refreshing the page, we can notice an overlap in GET coming from the server inside dev tools. This further proves that it was downloaded in parallel.