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## **Computer Networks Semester Project**

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# Introduction

A computer network is a telecommunications network that connects a collection of computers to allow communication and data exchange between systems, software applications, and users. Two devices are said to be networked when a process in one device is able to exchange information with a process in another device.

In this project we tend to enhance one's understanding of the nuances and intricacies of the Physical and Network Layers of a Computer Network.

The project is divided into two sections. The first section attempts to show the level of security when using different protocols. The second section statement attempts to analyse network traffic captured using Wireshark and sieve out the top 3 visited websites by a user.

## 2: Problem 1

### 2.1 Problem Statement

To demonstrate password sniffing over different application layer protocols viz., HTTP, HTTPS, TELNET, FTP and SSH. Show if sensitive data such as username and passwords can be captured by anyone monitoring the traffic or not in each of them.

### 2.2 Solution

First we have to capture the network traffic between a server and a host. Here we have used an Open Source Tool [Wireshark](#) . Wireshark is a data capturing program that "understands" the structure of different networking protocols. It can parse and display the fields, along with their meanings as specified by different networking protocols.

#### 2.2.a HTTP

**HTTP** is a protocol which allows the fetching of resources, such as HTML documents. It is the foundation of any data exchange on the Web and it is a client-server protocol, which means requests are initiated by the recipient, usually the Web browser.

Since there are no any encryption methods used in HTTP, there are chances of someone altering the content. That is the reason why HTTP is considered to be an insecure method prone to data integrity.

## Procedure

We use Wireshark to capture the traffic between a website using http. The user will login into the website and submit login credentials. We filter the packets for http.

## Analysis

Fig A shows the http request sent by the host PC to the website. Since the website uses HTTP, the exchanged traffic isn't encrypted hence it becomes very easy to sniff the packets exchanged.

Under **HTML Form URL Encode** we can easily find the USERNAME and PASSWORD beside "txtusername" and "password".

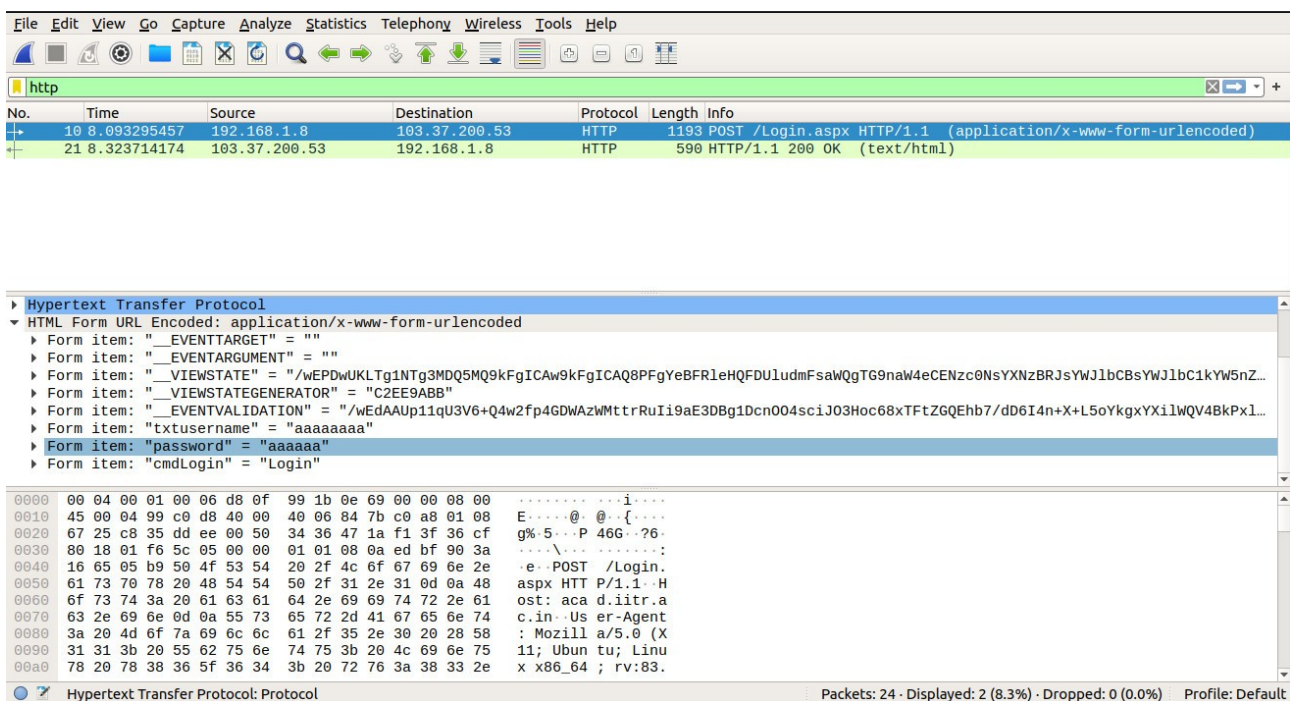


Figure A:Wireshark capture for http

## 2.2.b HTTPS

**Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure (HTTPS)** is an extension of the Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP). It is used for secure communication over a computer network, and is widely used on the Internet.

The principal motivations for HTTPS are authentication of the accessed website, and protection of the privacy and integrity of the exchanged data while in transit.

### Procedure

Same as http we use Wireshark to capture packets. We use [youtube](#) to analyse https protocol. The host will login to youtube with his credentials and thus we capture the network traffic between a server and a host.

### Analysis

Fig B shows the https request sent by the host PC to the website. Since the website uses HTTPS, the exchanged traffic is encrypted. This makes it next to impossible for the attacker to figure out what are the contents of the packets which have been exchanged.

In Transport Layer Security we can see the “Encrypted Application Data” which can not be decrypted.

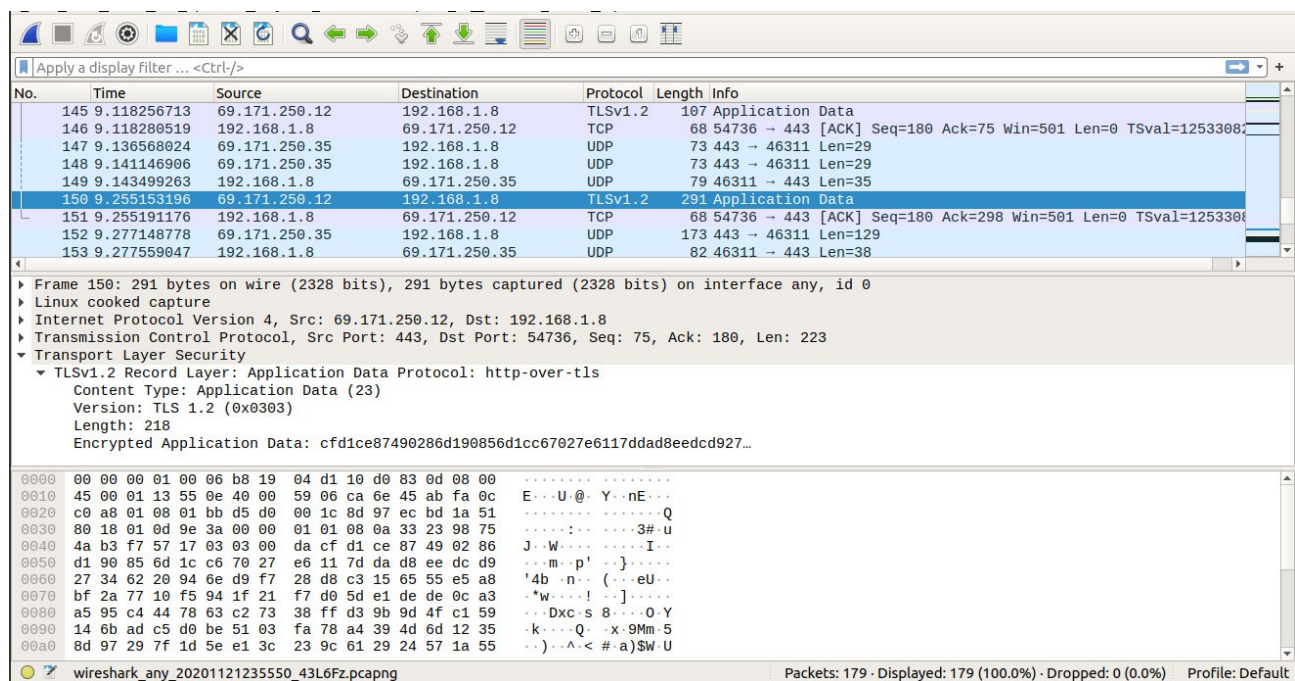


Figure B: Wireshark capture of an HTTPS exchange

## 2.2.c TELNET

**Telnet** is an application protocol used on the Internet or local area network to provide a bidirectional interactive text-oriented communication facility using a virtual terminal connection. There is no means of protection between the communicating parties, thus anyone listening to the same port as the host has open access to the messages exchanged.

### Procedure

We utilise Wireshark to capture the traffic in a telnet session initiated on the localhost itself. The command which will help us do so is `telnet localhost` followed by entering the necessary credentials.

By right clicking on the packet (any of the TELNET line) then selecting Follow and from the drop down menu selecting the TCP stream we can see the login ID and Password.

## Analysis

Figure C shows the output of the packet. Such crucial information can aid the attacker in finding sensitive information about the contents of one's PC. Therefore, it is clearly possible to find what was exchanged in case of Telnet.



Figure C: Wireshark capture of a Telnet exchange



## 2.2.d FTP

### Procedure

There is no good website that run on FTP .Thus I have downloaded FTP capture from [here](#) . U can find a file named “[FTIPv6-1.cap](#) (Microsoft Network Monitor) FTP packets (IPv6) ” which can be downloaded and analysed.Filter packets from ftp and select User and Pass from info

### Analysis

From Fig D.a and Fig D.b we can see that the USERNAME and PASSWORD can easily be found.

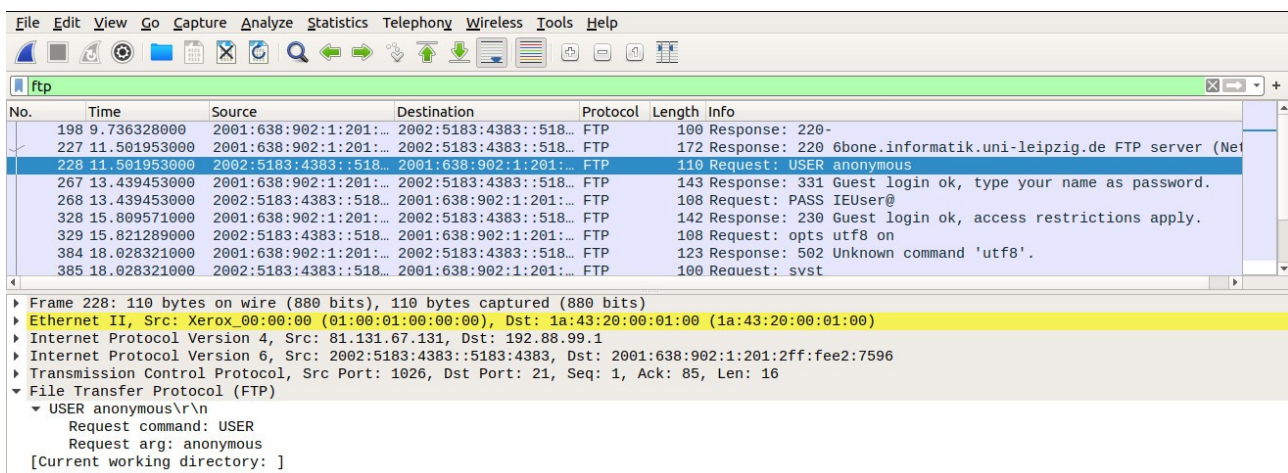


Figure D.a: Username in FTP website

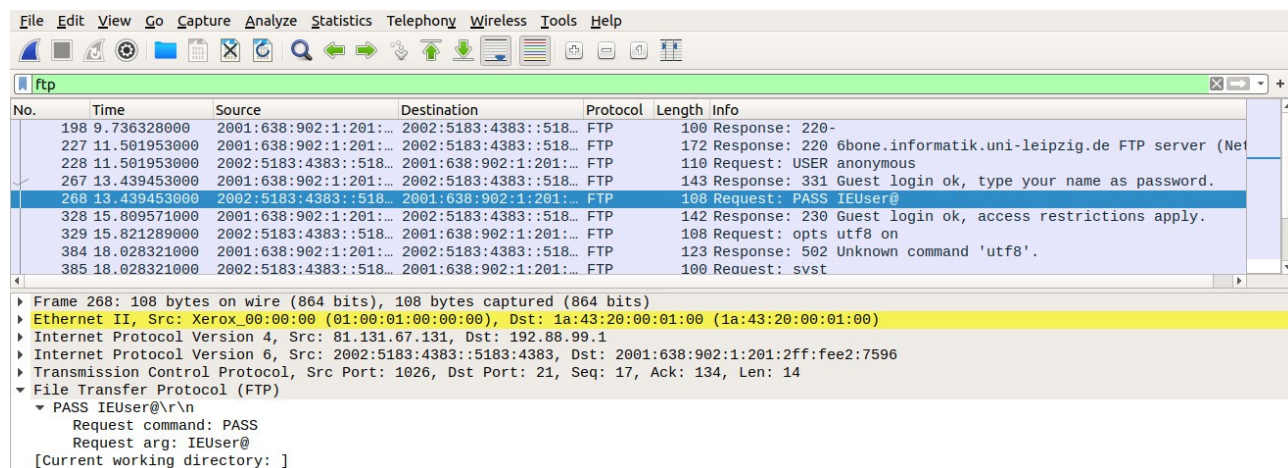


Figure D.b: Password in FTP website

## 2.2.e SSH

**SSH** or **Secure Shell** is a cryptographic network protocol for operating network services securely over an unsecured network. SSH provides a secure channel over an unsecured network by using a client–server architecture, connecting an SSH client application with an SSH server.

### Procedure

We will perform the exact same operations as we did in case of Telnet, i.e., log into localhost itself. The command to do so is `ssh username@localhost`, where username is the username of an existent user on a computer. The password is the one used to log into the computer.

By right clicking on the packet (any of the SSH line) then selecting Follow and from the drop down menu selecting the TCP stream we can see the login ID and Password are encrypted.

### Analysis

Fig E shows the output of one of the packets transferred via a protected SSH tunnel. The Ssh is encrypted the credentials can not be found. This makes it very difficult to get the exchange in SSH.

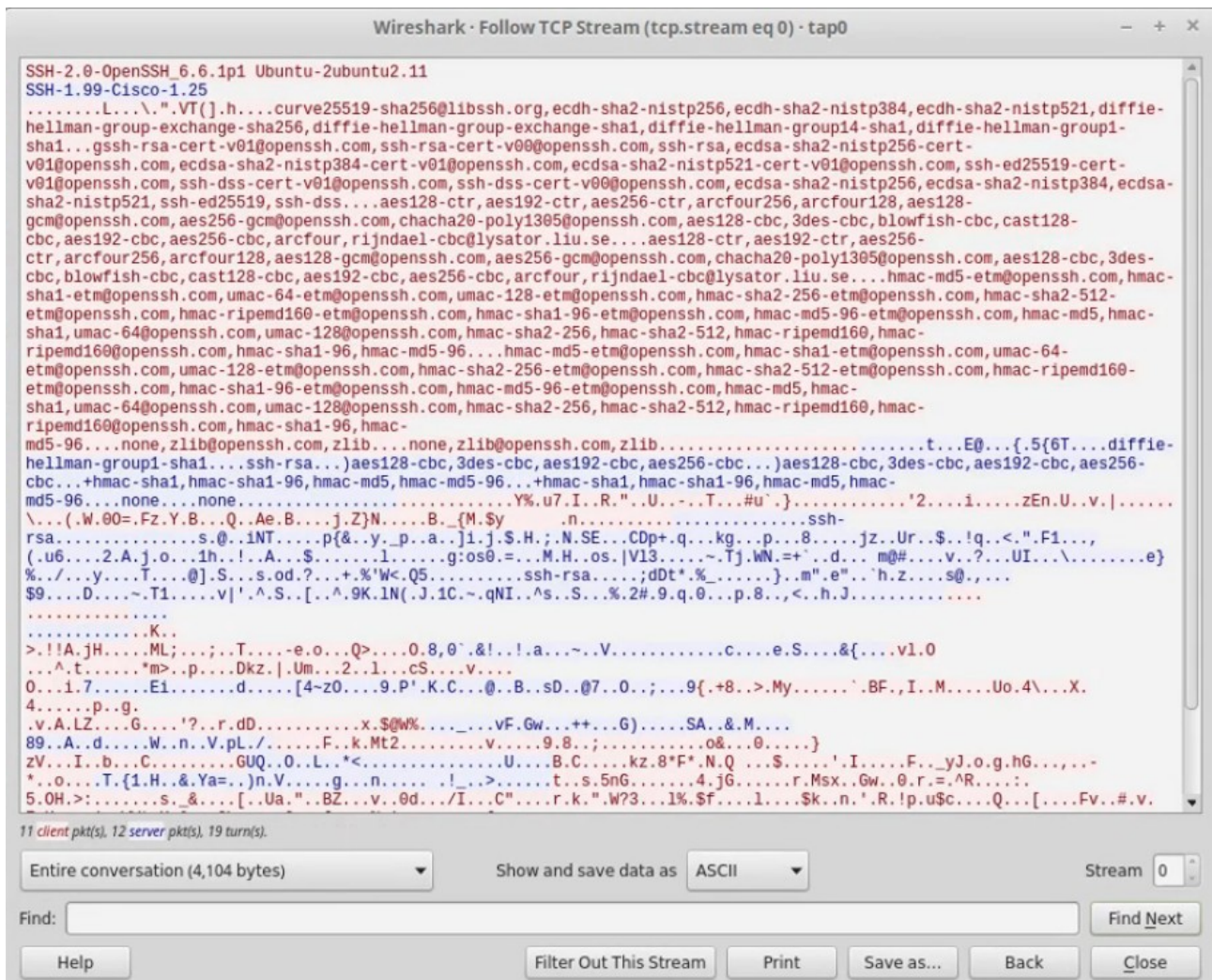


Figure E: Encrypted data of SSH exchange

## 3: Problem 2

### 3.1 Problem Statement

An organization wants to keep track of that its employee's access what all websites in their day-to-day life. Your task is to identify the top 3 websites being visited by the employees collectively as a whole. This can be simulated using a packet sniffer tool such as Wireshark. Try to capture packet in your system for about 4-5 hours each and collectively based on the IPs and MAC addresses of the systems, analyse the top 3 regularly visited websites.

### 3.2 Solution

The first objective was to capture our network traffic for about 4-5 hours and save the output in a csv file. Then we create a python script to get top visited websites along with the frequency. The final result is shown in terminal. IP 182.79.130.13 has the most visits standing in at 15825; with 2190 visits to 182.79.148.16 and finally, 172.217.163.174 has 955 visits. The first 2 websites are of Bharti Airtel and third is one of google. Since 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> are same with diff. IPs 4<sup>th</sup> one at 734 i.e channel i is also added.

#### Pre-requisite

Pandas library should be installed to run the script. Also this code was built in Python 2.7.17 so it should run in later versions.

Lastly Wireshark software is needed to analyze the network traffic.

The URL and IPs of available websites or websites that can we visited should also be updated in web dictionary (In Python Script)

## Procedure

Start the wireshark to capture traffic for about 4-5 hours. Export file as CSV file .Run network.py as “python network.py” .The result can be seen in the terminal(NOTE:the csv file and python script must be in same folder and you must be in same directry in terminal)

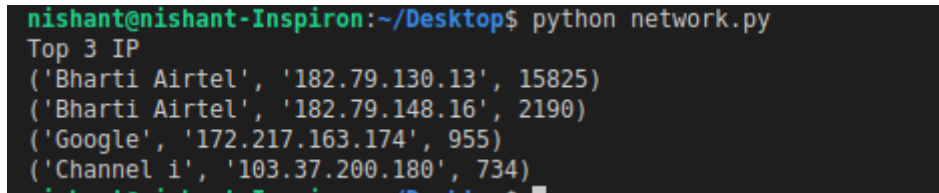
```
1 import pandas as pd
2 dict = {}
3 web={
4     "182.79.130.13":"Bharti Airtel",
5     "182.79.148.16":"Bharti Airtel",
6     "172.217.163.174":"Google",
7     "103.37.200.180":"Channel i",
8     "216.58.197.35":"Youtube",
9     "172.217.166.86":"Google"
10 }
11 def parseCSV():
12     df = pd.read_csv("go.csv")
13     saved_column = df.Destination
14     for i in saved_column:
15         if not i in dict:
16             dict[i]=1
17         else:
18             dict[i]+=1
19
20
21 def isIPv4(s):
22     try: return str(int(s)) == s and 0 <= int(s) <= 255
23     except: return False
24 def valid(IP):
25     if IP.count(".") == 3 and all(isIPv4(i) for i in IP.split(".")):
26         return True
27 def printTop3():
28     print("Top 3 IP")
29     Keymax = max(dict, key=dict.get)
30     del dict[Keymax]
31     count=0
32     while(count<4):
33         Keymax = max(dict, key=dict.get)
34         if valid(Keymax):
35             print(web[Keymax],Keymax,dict[Keymax])
36             count+=1
37         del dict[Keymax]
38 #print(saved_column)
39
40 def main():
41     parseCSV()
42     #print(dict)
43     printTop3()
44
45 main()
```

Figure F: Snapshot of code



## Explanation

We use a function named “valid(IP)” [Line 21-26] in Figure F so that only valid IPv4 comes in count. Also we filter out Destination IPs and exclude host IP [Line 29-30] (freq. of host IP will be maximum). The solution can be seen in terminal as shown in Figure G. Top 3 IPv4 with their frequencies and website names can be seen.



```
nishant@nishant-Inspiron:~/Desktop$ python network.py
Top 3 IP
('Bharti Airtel', '182.79.130.13', 15825)
('Bharti Airtel', '182.79.148.16', 2190)
('Google', '172.217.163.174', 955)
('Channel i', '103.37.200.180', 734)
```

Fig G: Terminal snapshot

Note: I have considered only IPv4 when finding destination IPs. IPv6 has been neglected.

## 4: Conclusion

### Problem 1

We want our website to be **secure** for a number of reasons. Not only do you want to protect potentially sensitive information, but we'll want to make sure that our visitors are comfortable browsing through our site. We need protocols which encrypt the exchanges to make sure that the information is not compromised.

To safeguard the details of an exchange, we need more platforms with secure protocols such as HTTPS and SSH in use.

### Problem 2

The software Wireshark is easy to use and one can easily analyze network traffic by capturing the packets. In this problem we figure out the top 3 IPs visited by the user(s) of a network.

## Reference

- [1] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bEXEEfbNADs>
- [2] [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hypertext\\_Transfer\\_Protocol](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hypertext_Transfer_Protocol)
- [3] <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HTTPS>
- [4] <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Telnet>
- [5] <https://www.tutorialspoint.com/validate-ip-address-in-python>
- [6] <https://wiki.wireshark.org/SampleCaptures>

# Table

processor	: 3
vendor_id	: GenuineIntel
cpu family	: 6
model	: 142
model name	: Intel(R) Core(TM) i3-7100U CPU @ 2.40GHz
stepping	: 9
microcode	: 0xde
cpu MHz	: 862.209
cache size	: 3072 KB
physical id	: 0
siblings	: 4
core id	: 1
cpu cores	: 2
apicid	: 3
initial apicid	: 3
fpu	: yes
fpu_exception	: yes
cpuid level	: 22
wp	: yes

System Configuration