

CS 315: Computer Networks Lab
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Assignment-7
Wireshark Lab: IP
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Lab Instructions

- Please leave your bags on the Iron shelf near the SP16 entrance.
- Login to the Ubuntu OS on your machine. The login credentials are as follows:
 - Username: user
 - Password: 123456
- Mark your attendance in the attendance sheet before leaving the lab.
- Handle the lab resources with utmost care.
- Please go through the following exercises in today's lab.
- It is recommended that you complete all the following exercises during the lab slot itself.
- If you face any difficulties, please feel free to seek help online or from your peers or TAs.
- After finishing all exercises, please carry your solutions with you (via email/pen drive) for future reference, and delete the files from the desktop.

Introduction

In this lab, we'll investigate the celebrated IP protocol, focusing on the IPv4 and IPv6 datagram. This lab has three parts. In Part 1, we'll analyze packets in a trace of IPv4 datagrams sent and received by the `traceroute` program. We'll study IP fragmentation in Part 2 of this lab, and take a quick look at IPv6 in Part 3 of this lab.

Before getting started, you'll probably want to review sections 3.4 of [RFC 2151](#) to update yourself on the operation of the `traceroute` program. You'll also want to read Section 4.3 in the text, and probably also have [RFC 791](#) on hand as well, for a discussion of the IP protocol. If you answer the questions on IP fragmentation, you'll definitely also want to review material on IP fragmentation. You can find material on IP fragmentation from the 7th edition of our textbook (and earlier) at http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/kurose_ross/Kurose_Ross_7th_edition_section_4.3.2.pdf.

[RFC 8200](#) is the full RFC for IPv6, but reading that is a bit of overkill for this lab; you can review IPv6 by consulting Section 4.3.4 in the textbook.

Capturing packets from an execution of traceroute

In order to generate a trace of IPv4 datagrams for the first two parts of this lab, we'll use the traceroute program to send datagrams of two different sizes to `gaia.cs.umass.edu`. Recall that traceroute operates by first sending one or more datagrams with the time-to-live (TTL) field in the IP header set to 1; it then sends a series of one or more datagrams towards the same destination with a TTL value of 2; it then sends a series of datagrams towards the same destination with a TTL value of 3; and so on. Recall that a **router must decrement the TTL** in each received datagram by 1 (actually, RFC 791 says that the router must decrement the TTL by at least one). **If the TTL reaches 0, the router returns an ICMP message (type 11 – TTL-exceeded) to the sending host.** As a result of this behavior, a datagram with a TTL of 1 (sent by the host executing traceroute) will cause the router one hop away from the sender to send an ICMP TTL-exceeded message back to the sender; the datagram sent with a TTL of 2 will cause the router two hops away to send an ICMP message back to the sender; the datagram sent with a TTL of 3 will cause the router three hops away to send an ICMP message back to the sender; and so on. In this manner, the host executing traceroute can **learn the IP addresses of the routers between itself and the destination** by **looking at the source IP addresses in the datagrams containing the ICMP TTL-exceeded messages.**

Let's run traceroute and have it send datagrams of two different sizes. The larger of the two datagram lengths will require traceroute messages to be fragmented across multiple IPv4 datagrams.

- **Linux/MacOS:** With the Linux/MacOS traceroute command, the size of the UDP datagram sent towards the final destination can be explicitly set by indicating the number of bytes in the datagram; this value is entered in the traceroute command line immediately after the name or address of the destination. For example, to send traceroute datagrams of **2000 bytes** towards `gaia.cs.umass.edu`, the command would be:

```
%traceroute gaia.cs.umass.edu 2000
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- **Windows:** The `tracert` program provided with Windows does not allow one to change the size of the ICMP message sent by `tracert`. So it won't be possible to use a Windows machine to generate ICMP messages that are large enough to force IP fragmentation. However, you can use `tracert` to generate small, fixed length packets to perform Part 1 of this lab. At the DOS command prompt enter:

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tracert gaia.cs.umass.edu
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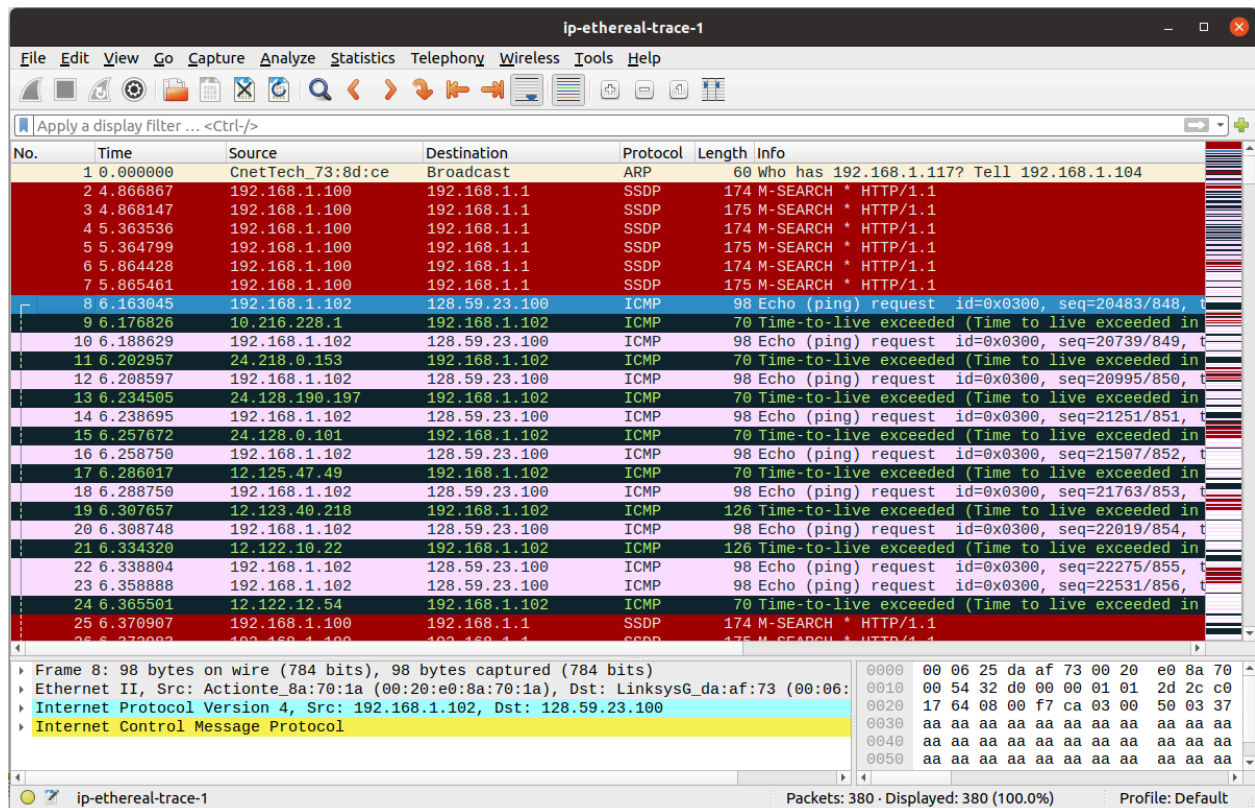
If you want to do the second part of this lab, you can download a packet trace file that was captured on one of the author's computers.

Do the following:

- Start up Wireshark and begin packet capture. (*Capture->Start* or click on the blue shark fin button in the top left of the Wireshark window).
- Enter two `tracert` commands, using `gaia.cs.umass.edu` as the destination, the first with a length of 56 bytes. Once that command has finished executing, enter a second `tracert` command for the same destination, but with a length of 3000 bytes.
- Stop Wireshark tracing.

Part 1: Basic IPv4

In your trace, you should be able to see the series of UDP segments (in the case of MacOS/Linux) or ICMP Echo Request messages (Windows) sent by `tracert` on your computer, and the ICMP TTL-exceeded messages returned to your computer by the intermediate routers. In the questions below, we'll assume you're using a MacOS/Linux computer; the corresponding questions for the case of a Windows machine should be clear. Your screen should look similar to the screenshot below Figure, where we have used the display filter "`udp||icmp`" (see the light-green-filled display-filter field in Figure 2) so that only UDP and/or ICMP packets are displayed.



Answer the following questions.

1. Select the first UDP segment sent by your computer via the `traceroute` command to `gaia.cs.umass.edu`. Expand the Internet Protocol part of the packet in the packet details window. What is the IP address of your computer?
2. What is the value in the time-to-live (TTL) field in this IPv4 datagram's header?
3. What is the value in the upper layer protocol field in this IPv4 datagram's header? [Note: the answers for Linux/MacOS differ from Windows here].
4. How many bytes are in the IP header?
5. How many bytes are in the payload of the IP datagram? Explain how you determined the number of payload bytes.
6. Has this IP datagram been fragmented? Explain how you determined whether or not the datagram has been fragmented.

Next, let's look at the *sequence* of UDP segments being sent from your computer via `traceroute`, destined to `128.119.245.12`. The display filter that you can enter to do this is `"ip.src==192.168.86.61 and ip.dst==128.119.245.12 and udp and !icmp"`. This will allow you to easily move sequentially through just the datagrams containing just these segments. Your screen should look similar to the Figure below.

ip.src==192.168.86.61 and ip.dst==128.119.245.12 and udp and !icmp

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
44	1.865637	192.168.86.61	128.119.245.12	UDP	70	64928 → 33435 Len=28
48	1.874016	192.168.86.61	128.119.245.12	UDP	70	64928 → 33436 Len=28
50	1.875401	192.168.86.61	128.119.245.12	UDP	70	64928 → 33437 Len=28
52	1.876720	192.168.86.61	128.119.245.12	UDP	70	64928 → 33438 Len=28
56	1.885567	192.168.86.61	128.119.245.12	UDP	70	64928 → 33439 Len=28
58	1.889002	192.168.86.61	128.119.245.12	UDP	70	64928 → 33440 Len=28
60	1.892656	192.168.86.61	128.119.245.12	UDP	70	64928 → 33441 Len=28
62	1.907036	192.168.86.61	128.119.245.12	UDP	70	64928 → 33442 Len=28
64	1.928173	192.168.86.61	128.119.245.12	UDP	70	64928 → 33443 Len=28
67	1.940279	192.168.86.61	128.119.245.12	UDP	70	64928 → 33444 Len=28
69	1.951481	192.168.86.61	128.119.245.12	UDP	70	64928 → 33445 Len=28
71	1.965335	192.168.86.61	128.119.245.12	UDP	70	64928 → 33446 Len=28
73	1.975799	192.168.86.61	128.119.245.12	UDP	70	64928 → 33447 Len=28
75	1.991739	192.168.86.61	128.119.245.12	UDP	70	64928 → 33448 Len=28
77	2.008887	192.168.86.61	128.119.245.12	UDP	70	64928 → 33449 Len=28
79	2.025677	192.168.86.61	128.119.245.12	UDP	70	64928 → 33450 Len=28

▼ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.86.61, Dst: 128.119.245.12

- 0100 = Version: 4
- 0101 = Header Length: 20 bytes (5)
- Differentiated Services Field: 0x00 (DSCP: CS0, ECN: Not-ECT)
- Total Length: 56
- Identification: 0xfdb6 (64950)
- Flags: 0x0000
- Fragment offset: 0
- Time to live: 8
- Protocol: UDP (17)
- Header checksum: 0x2895 [validation disabled]
- [Header checksum status: Unverified]
- Source: 192.168.86.61
- Destination: 128.119.245.12

▼ User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 64928, Dst Port: 33456

- Source Port: 64928
- Destination Port: 33456

7. Which fields in the IP datagram *always* change from one datagram to the next within this series of UDP segments sent by your computer destined to 128.119.245.12, via `tracert`? Why?
8. Which fields in this sequence of IP datagrams (containing UDP segments) stay constant? Why?
9. Describe the pattern you see in the values in the Identification field of the IP datagrams being sent by your computer.

Now let's take a look at the ICMP packets being returned to your computer by the intervening routers where the TTL value was decremented to zero (and hence caused the ICMP error message to be returned to your computer). The display filter that you can use to show just these packets is "`ip.dst==your_ip_address and icmp`".

10. What is the upper layer protocol specified in the IP datagrams returned from the routers?
[Note: the answers for Linux/MacOS differ from Windows here].
11. Are the values in the Identification fields (across the sequence of all of ICMP packets from all of the routers) similar in behavior to your answer to question 9 above?
12. Are the values of the TTL fields similar, across all of ICMP packets from all of the routers?

Part 2: Fragmentation

In this section, we'll look at a large (3000-byte) UDP segment sent by the `tracert` program that is fragmented into multiple IP datagrams. We recommend that you first consult the material on IP fragmentation from the 7th edition of our textbook (and earlier) at http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/kurose_ross/Kurose_Ross_7th_edition_section_4.3.2.pdf

Sort the packet listing from Part 1, with any display filters cleared, according to time, by clicking on the *Time* column.

Answer the following:

1. Find the first IP datagram containing the first part of the segment sent to 128.119.245.12 sent by your computer via the `tracert` command to gaia.cs.umass.edu, *after* you specified that the `tracert` packet length should be 3000. (Hint: This is packet 179 in the *ip-wireshark-trace1-1.pcapng* trace file in footnote 2. Packets 179, 180, and 181 are

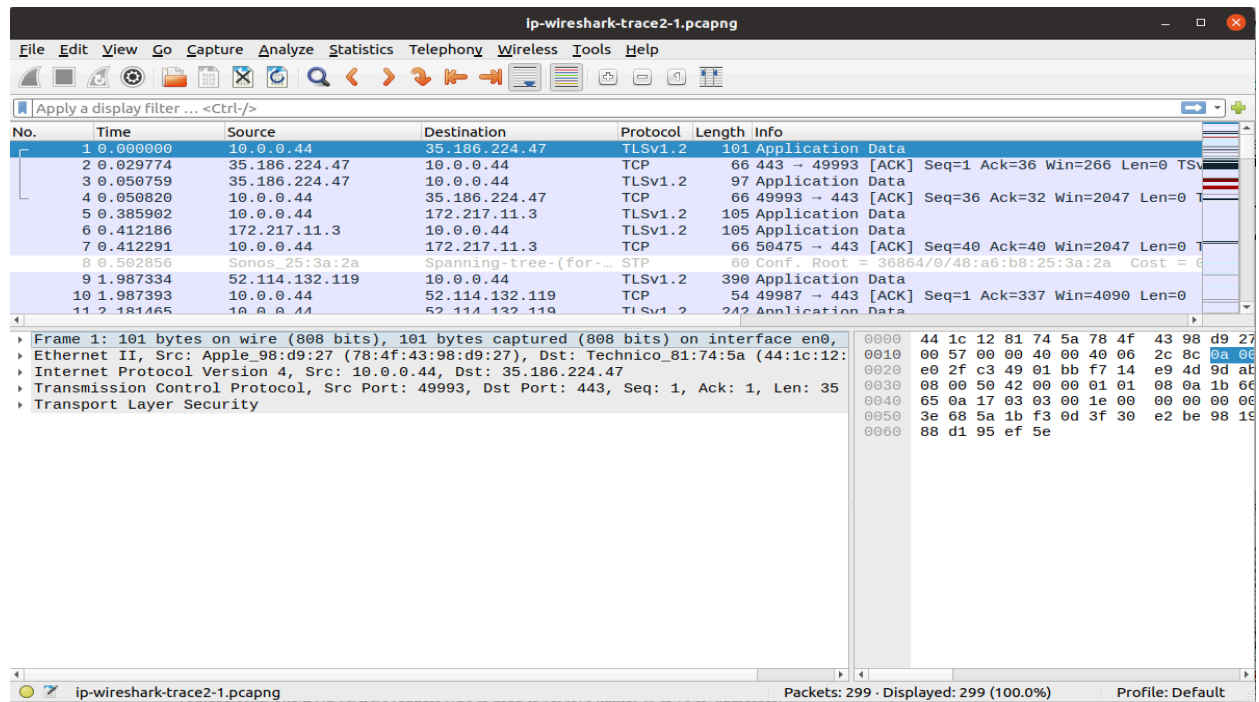
three IP datagrams created by fragmenting the first single 3000-byte UDP segment sent to 128.119.145.12). Has that segment been fragmented across more than one IP datagram? (Hint: the answer is yes!)

2. What information in the IP header indicates that this datagram has been fragmented?
3. What information in the IP header for this packet indicates whether this is the first fragment versus a latter fragment?
4. How many bytes are there in this IP datagram (header plus payload)?
5. What fields change in the IP header between the first and second fragment?
6. Now find the IP datagram containing the third fragment of the original UDP segment. What information in the IP header indicates that this is the last fragment of that segment?

Part 3: IPv6

In this final section we'll take a quick look at the IPv6 datagram using Wireshark. The Internet is still primarily at IPv4 network, and your own computer or your ISP may not be configured for IPv6, let's look at a trace of already captured packets that contain some IPv6 packets. To generate this trace, our web browser opened the youtube.com homepage. Youtube (and Google) provide fairly widespread support for IPv6.

Open the file provided ip-wireshark-trace.pcapng. Your Wireshark display should look similar to the Figure below.



Let's start by taking a closer look at the 20th packet in this trace, sent at $t=3.814489$. This is a DNS request (contained in an IPv6 datagram) to an IPv6 DNS server for the IPv6 address of youtube.com. The DNS AAAA request type is used to resolve names to IPv6 IP addresses.

Answer the following questions:

1. What is the IPv6 address of the computer making the DNS AAAA request? This is the source address of the 20th packet in the trace. Give the IPv6 source address for this datagram in the exact same form as displayed in the Wireshark window¹.
2. What is the IPv6 destination address for this datagram? Give this IPv6 address in the exact same form as displayed in the Wireshark window.
3. What is the value of the flow label for this datagram?
4. How much payload data is carried in this datagram?
5. What is the upper layer protocol to which this datagram's payload will be delivered at the destination?

Lastly, find the IPv6 DNS response to the IPv6 DNS AAAA request made in the 20th packet in this trace. This DNS response contains IPv6 addresses for youtube.com.

6. How many IPv6 addresses are returned in the response to this AAAA request?
7. What is the first of the IPv6 addresses returned by the DNS for youtube.com (in the *ip-wireshark-trace2-1.pcapng* trace file, this is also the address that is numerically the smallest)? Give this IPv6 address in the exact same shorthand form as displayed in the Wireshark window.

Submission Details

- Write your answers in a single doc/tex file, and submit its PDF named after your IIT Dharwad roll number, which contains all answers (with screenshots, if necessary).