



Computer Networks Project Report

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Introduction

This project aims to create a virtual network environment using virtual machines (VMs). The first step involves setting up the environment to establish a successful connection between the VMs and the host through a virtual bridge. Wireshark is used to analyze packet details and traffic between the VMs.

The second part of the project focuses on the TCP server and client, and their application. A “Hello” application will be written to establish a connection between the client and server. The third part involves another application task based on TCP, which requires a deep understanding of the protocol.

To conclude the project, we will learn about the UDP protocol and compare it to TCP. We will also study a Time Service and its relation to UDP.

Part 1: Setup of VM's and Virtual Network Environment

1. Ifconfig commands showing the IP address of both VMs

	IP Address
VM1	10.0.0.14
VM2	10.0.0.125
Host	10.0.0.92

```
parasjeet@parasjeet-VirtualBox:~$ ifconfig enp0s3
enp0s3: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST>  mtu 1500
    inet 10.0.0.14  netmask 255.255.255.0  broadcast 10.0.0.255
    inet6 fe80::7cae:c238:1306:22f7  prefixlen 64  scopeid 0x20<link>
    inet6 2607:fea8:5a00:2e40:ee90:c7c8:c84b:1302  prefixlen 64  scopeid 0x0<global>
    inet6 2607:fea8:5a00:2e40:cacc:7d3f:2088:7caf  prefixlen 64  scopeid 0x0<global>
    inet6 2607:fea8:5a00:2e40::59de  prefixlen 128  scopeid 0x0<global>
    ether 08:00:27:79:52:93  txqueuelen 1000  (Ethernet)
    RX packets 192339  bytes 281801283 (281.8 MB)
    RX errors 0  dropped 0  overruns 0  frame 0
    TX packets 42996  bytes 3767588 (3.7 MB)
    TX errors 0  dropped 0  overruns 0  carrier 0  collisions 0
```

```

ubuntu@ubuntu-VirtualBox:~$ ifconfig enp0s3
enp0s3: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 10.0.0.125 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 10.0.0.255
    inet6 fe80::2e46:5eda:f483:fab9 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    inet6 2607:fea8:5a00:2e40::422c prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x0<global>
    inet6 2607:fea8:5a00:2e40:de46:3fdc:38f8:c200 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x
0<global>
    inet6 2607:fea8:5a00:2e40:dc0c:a266:5746:e59f prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x
0<global>
    ether 08:00:27:09:aa:6a txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 26845 bytes 22541887 (22.5 MB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 9126 bytes 1086950 (1.0 MB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

```

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Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . : phub.net.cable.rogers.com
IPv6 Address. . . . . : 2607:fea8:5a00:2e40::4e29
IPv6 Address. . . . . : 2607:fea8:5a00:2e40:9fac:424c:e1c7:3c8a
Temporary IPv6 Address. . . . . : 2607:fea8:5a00:2e40:49e9:858d:ba0c:61c7
Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::a8da:eef4:bfc1:2085%5
IPv4 Address. . . . . : 10.0.0.92
Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
Default Gateway . . . . . : fe80::c294:35ff:fea9:4c65%5
                             10.0.0.1

```

2. Pings are sent between VMs and between host and VM, and the connectivity is successful

```

parasjeet@parasjeet-VirtualBox:~$ ping 10.0.0.125
PING 10.0.0.125 (10.0.0.125) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 10.0.0.125: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.466 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.0.125: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.546 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.0.125: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.503 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.0.125: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.317 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.0.125: icmp_seq=5 ttl=64 time=0.446 ms

```

```

ubuntu@ubuntu-VirtualBox:~$ ping 10.0.0.14
PING 10.0.0.14 (10.0.0.14) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 10.0.0.14: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.335 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.0.14: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.495 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.0.14: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.285 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.0.14: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.600 ms

```

```

ubuntu@ubuntu-VirtualBox:~$ ping 10.0.0.92
PING 10.0.0.92 (10.0.0.92) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 10.0.0.92: icmp_seq=1 ttl=128 time=0.276 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.0.92: icmp_seq=2 ttl=128 time=0.364 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.0.92: icmp_seq=3 ttl=128 time=0.287 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.0.92: icmp_seq=4 ttl=128 time=0.345 ms

```

```
C:\Users\paras>ping 10.0.0.125
```

```
Pinging 10.0.0.125 with 32 bytes of data:
```

```
Reply from 10.0.0.125: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=64
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```
Ping statistics for 10.0.0.125:
```

```
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),  
Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
```

```
    Minimum = 0ms, Maximum = 0ms, Average = 0ms
```

```
C:\Users\paras>ping 10.0.0.14
```

```
Pinging 10.0.0.14 with 32 bytes of data:
```

```
Reply from 10.0.0.14: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=64
```

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Reply from 10.0.0.14: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=64
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```
Ping statistics for 10.0.0.14:
```

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Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
```

```
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```

3. initialization of the web server using the 'python3 -m http.server 8000' command

```
parasjeet@parasjeet-VirtualBox:~$ python3 -m http.server 8000
Serving HTTP on 0.0.0.0 port 8000 (http://0.0.0.0:8000/) ...
```



Directory listing for /

- [.bash_history](#)
- [.bash_logout](#)
- [.bashrc](#)
- [.cache/](#)
- [.config/](#)
- [.eclipse/](#)
- [.gnupg/](#)
- [.gphoto/](#)
- [.heart.swp](#)
- [.java/](#)
- [.lessht](#)
- [.local/](#)
- [.p2/](#)
- [.pki/](#)
- [.profile](#)
- [.ssh/](#)
- [.sudo_as_admin_successful](#)
- [.swt/](#)
- [.yboxclient-clipboard.pid](#)
- [.yboxclient-display-svgx11.pid](#)
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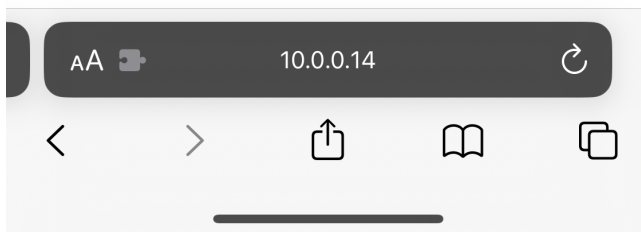
Demonstrated the Web server on host machine

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Directory listing for /

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 - [.java/](#)
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 - [.pki/](#)
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 - [.swt/](#)
 - [.vboxclient-clipboard.pid](#)
 - [.vboxclient-display-svga-x11.pid](#)
 - [.vboxclient-draganddrop.pid](#)
 - [.vboxclient-seamless.pid](#)
 - [.viminfo](#)
 - [.vscode/](#)
 - [Desktop/](#)
 - [Documents/](#)
 - [Downloads/](#)
 - [eclipse/](#)
 - [eclipse-workspace/](#)
 - [Music/](#)
 - [OS/](#)
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Demonstrated the Webserver on a smartphone

4. Wireshark captured data

Wireshark packet capture showing ICMP Echo (ping) requests and replies between 10.0.0.14 and 10.0.0.125. The capture is on interface enp0s3. A terminal window in the foreground shows the results of a ping command: 'ping 10.0.0.125' with 56(84) bytes of data, 15 packets transmitted, 0 received, and 100% packet loss.

Frame 274: 98 bytes on wire (784 bits), 98 bytes captured (784 bits) on interface enp0s3, id Ethernet II, Src: PcsCompu_79:52:93 (08:00:27:79:52:93), Dst: PcsCompu_09:aa:6a (08:00:27:09:aa:6a), Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.0.0.14, Dst: 10.0.0.125
Internet Control Message Protocol

Part 2: TCP Server

Terminal output showing a TCP connection from 10.0.0.14 to 10.0.0.125. The client sends 'hello' and the server responds with 'hello'.

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
81	8.340134593	10.0.0.125	10.0.0.14	TCP	72	35806 → 3000
82	8.340183214	10.0.0.14	10.0.0.125	TCP	66	3000 → 35806

Wireshark packet capture showing the TCP connection. The client sends 'hello' and the server responds with 'hello'.

6. One echo server process

```
parasjeet@parasjeet-VirtualBox:~$ ps -a
  PID TTY          TIME CMD
 1495 tty2      00:00:00 gnome-session-b
 3367 pts/0      00:00:01 python3
 4787 pts/1      00:00:00 echo_server
 4808 pts/2      00:00:00 ps
```

8. Two echo servers processes

```
parasjeet@parasjeet-VirtualBox:~$ ps -a
  PID TTY          TIME CMD
 1495 tty2      00:00:00 gnome-session-b
 3367 pts/0      00:00:02 python3
 4912 pts/2      00:00:00 echo_server
 4945 pts/3      00:00:00 echo_server
 4974 pts/1      00:00:00 ps
```

9. After starting another client on VM2, there are three echo_server processes

```
parasjeet@parasjeet-VirtualBox:~$ ps -a
  PID TTY          TIME CMD
 1495 tty2      00:00:00 gnome-session-b
 3367 pts/0      00:00:02 python3
 4912 pts/2      00:00:00 echo_server
 4945 pts/3      00:00:00 echo_server
 4982 pts/4      00:00:00 echo_server
 4984 pts/1      00:00:00 ps
```

10. TCP connections using netstat -t command

```
parasjeet@parasjeet-VirtualBox:~$ netstat -t
Active Internet connections (w/o servers)
Proto Recv-Q Send-Q Local Address           Foreign Address         State
tcp        0      0 parasjeet-Virtual:45898 10.0.0.11:8009         ESTABLISHED
tcp        76      0 parasjeet-Virtual:59958 10.0.0.17:netbios-ssn  ESTABLISHED
tcp        0      0 parasjeet-VirtualB:8000 10.0.0.125:59082       ESTABLISHED
tcp        0      0 parasjeet-Virtual:46760 10.0.0.193:8009        ESTABLISHED
tcp        0      0 parasjeet-Virtual:42344 10.0.0.37:8009         ESTABLISHED
tcp        0      0 parasjeet-Virtual:55362 10.0.0.151:8009        ESTABLISHED
tcp        0      0 parasjeet-Virtual:33212 10.0.0.37:32127        ESTABLISHED
tcp        0      0 parasjeet-Virtual:44620 10.0.0.139:8009        ESTABLISHED
tcp        0      0 parasjeet-Virtual:35010 ec2-15-156-99-101:https ESTABLISHED
tcp6       0      0 parasjeet-Virtual:59686 bc-in-f188.1e100.n:5228 ESTABLISHED
```

Part 3 : File Download Application based on TCP

Both the client and server successfully running, server sends a Hello message, client waits and displays that message


```

parasjeet@parasjeet-VirtualBox:~/Documents/CN Project$ ./server 3000
parasjeet@parasjeet-VirtualBox:~/Documents/CN Project$
can't connect
ubuntu@ubuntu-VirtualBox:~/Downloads$ ./client 10.0.0.14 3000
Hello
ubuntu@ubuntu-VirtualBox:~/Downloads$

```

TCP Download Application

```

parasjeet@parasjeet-VirtualBox:~/Documents/CN Project$ ./down_server 3000

```

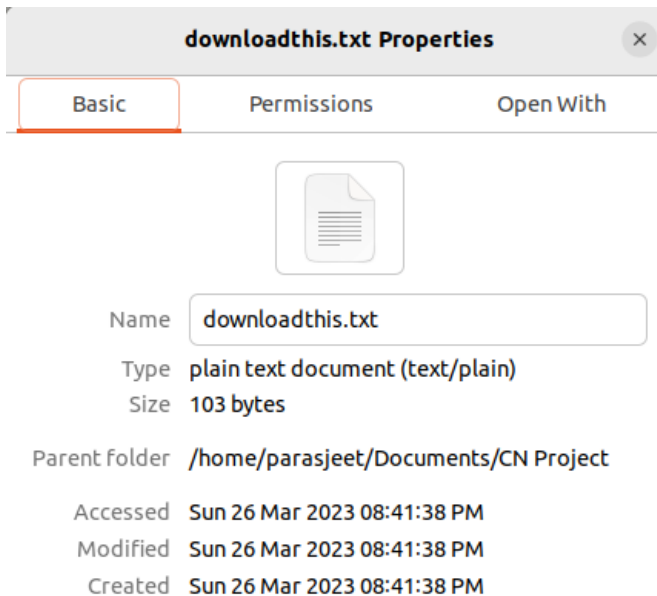
Starting the server for file downloading applications

```

ubuntu@ubuntu-VirtualBox:~/Downloads$ ./down_client 10.0.0.14 3000
Enter filename to download:

```

Start of client-side with a prompt of which file the user would like to download



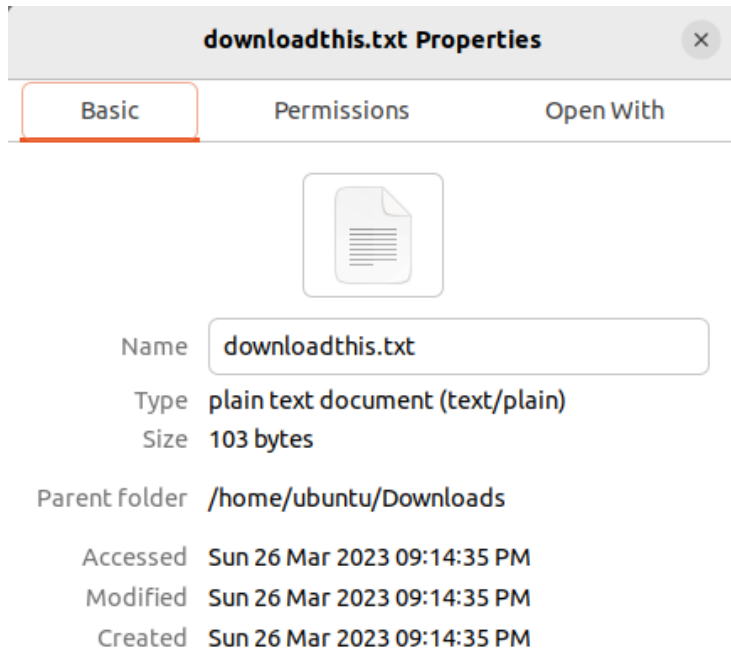
File to be downloaded from VM1

```

ubuntu@ubuntu-VirtualBox:~/Downloads$ ./down_client 10.0.0.14 3000
Enter file name to download: downloadthis.txt
Download complete.

```

Download successful from VM2



Downloaded file from VM2

```
parasjeet@parasjeet-VirtualBox:~/Documents/CN Project$ ./down_server 3000
Can't open file hello.txt
```

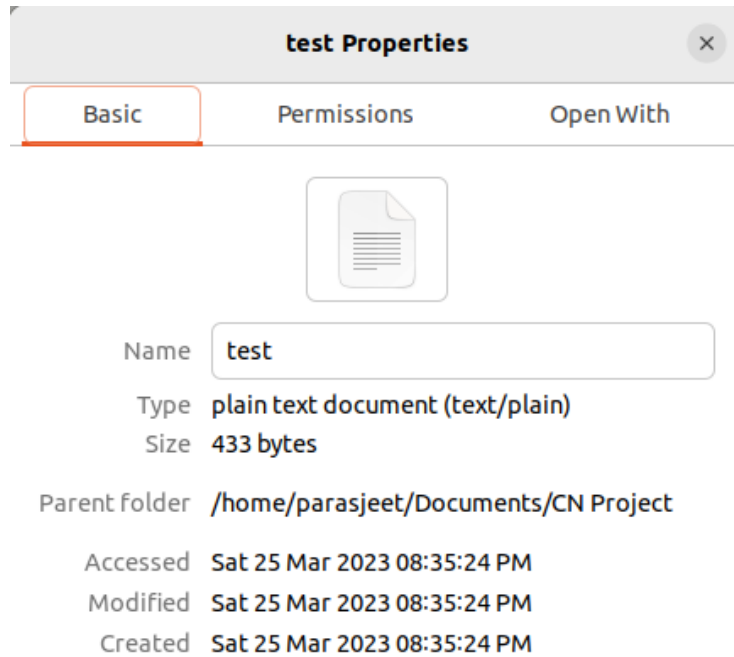
Error message if file cannot be found

Part 4: UDP Server Implementation

```
parasjeet@parasjeet-VirtualBox:~/Documents/CN Project$ ./time_server 3000

ubuntu@ubuntu-VirtualBox:~/Downloads$ ./time_client 10.0.0.14 3000
Sat Mar 25 19:28:10 2023
```

Start up of time server and client on both VM's. As shown above, on the client side the current date and time is being displayed



File to be downloaded from VM1

```
parasjeet@parasjeet-VirtualBox:~/Documents/CN Project$ ./udp_server 3000
```

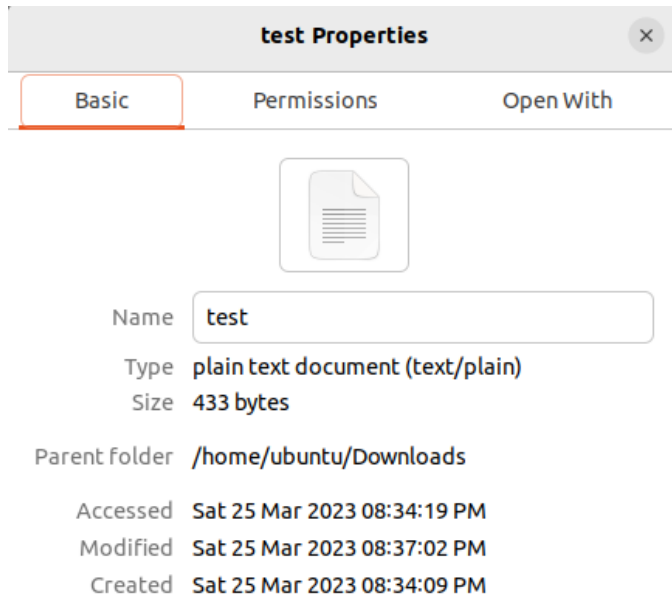
Start of UDP connection on server side

```
ubuntu@ubuntu-VirtualBox:~/Downloads$ ./udp_client 10.0.0.14 3000
Enter filename or Q to quit: 
```

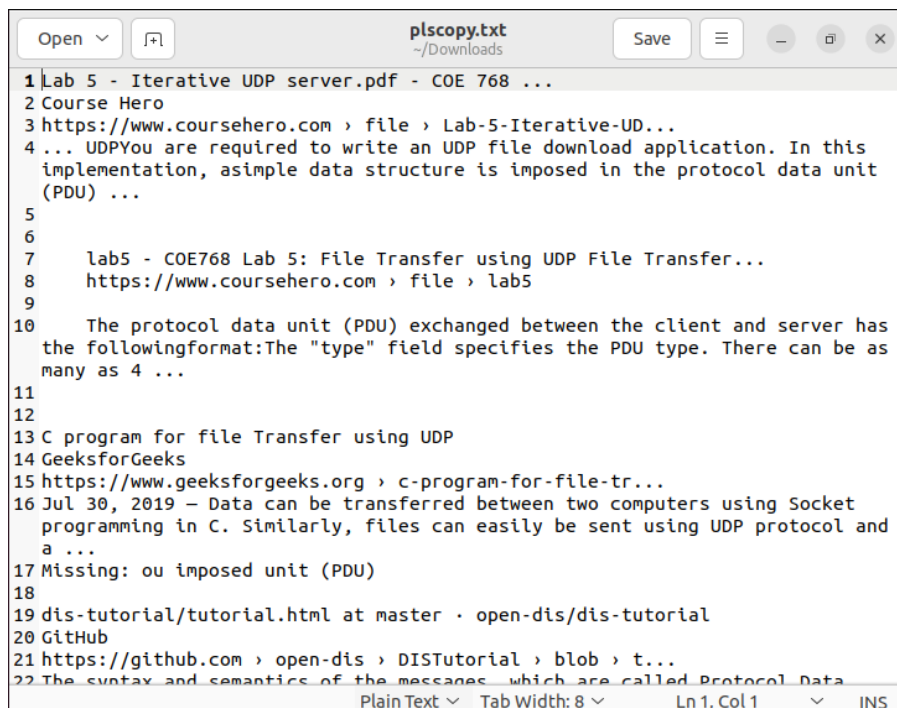
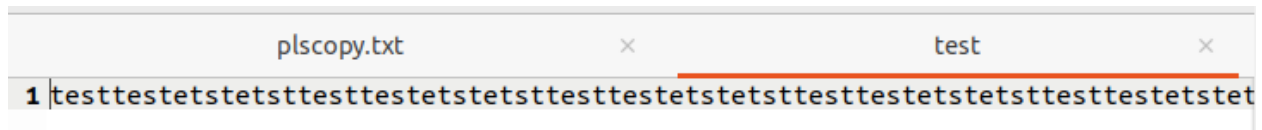
Start of the UDP client, the user is prompted to enter in a file name or exit the program

```
ubuntu@ubuntu-VirtualBox:~/Downloads$ ./udp_client 10.0.0.14 3000
Enter filename or Q to quit: test
Enter filename or Q to quit: plscopy.txt
```

The user is able to enter in multiple files to be downloaded and are stored onto the local storage of VM2



File download onto VM2



Contents of downloaded files from VM1

3. The Time service can run on both UDP and TCP transport protocols. Discuss which transport protocol is more appropriate?

Even though time service can run on UDP and TCP transport protocols, one of them is more efficient. Specifically, TCP is more efficient since it makes sure that the process of delivering packets is much more stable. This is because TCP provides much higher data reliability and integrity. Also, TCP makes sure that the data packets are being delivered in the same order in which they were received.

On the other hand, UDP is a connectionless protocol which means that the transmission of data packets is not consistent. Also, the order of the packets being delivered in UDP is not consistent. However, UDP is a better option in time served as the service only needs to send the current time to the client. This is because even if some packets are lost the client can just request for them again. Also, UDP is better as it sends packets with lower latency. UDP is better in this situation because we know that accuracy is not as important so we don't have to go with TCP.

4. Discuss if the Time server should be designed as a concurrent server or non-concurrent server

A concurrent server is able to handle multiple client requests simultaneously, while a non-concurrent is only able to handle one client request at a time. Therefore, the time server is designed a concurrent server or non-concurrent is dependent on the number of requests received by clients, if many are received, concurrent seems appropriate. Otherwise, it can be implemented using a non-concurrent. In general, using a concurrent server may be beneficial due to improved performance and faster response time when dealing with lots of requests.

7. By examining the captured data, you probably find that the first message was sent by the client. This message contained some random message that was ignored by the server. What is the function of this message?

After analyzing the wireshark data, we can see that the first message was indeed sent by the client. This message is essentially a placeholder to start the connection between the server and client. This message is actually not considered by the server and is disregarded. Instead, the server responds to the client with the current time. Basically, the function of this message is only to create a channel between the client and server where they can talk to each other, without having any setup earlier.

Conclusion

To conclude, we built and used two virtual machines in order to conduct a series of operations in a virtual setting. This network allowed us to utilize socket programming fundamentals to create and operate UDP and TCP server connections. We were able to first set up the virtual machines and ensure that they were functioning correctly with the use of TCP/IP. Furthermore, we installed the network analyzer wireshark and used it to capture packets. Also, we used wireshark to analyze the creation procedures and termination procedures of the TCP connection. The file download application based on TCP was also explained and the process of data transfer from the file and client was also demonstrated. The construction of the UDP server was also shown as well as the file download application based on UDP. Overall, we demonstrated a thorough understanding of building TCP and UDP servers as well as applications based on them in a virtual network setting.