

Lab 05 – IP Filters

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this lab was to allow the user to experiment with IP filters in Wireshark. Moreover, it allowed the user to become more familiarized with the use of Wireshark.

PROCESS

1) In the screen shot below (*Figure1*), I applied `ip.addr == 172.67.27.10` in Wireshark to filter all the packets to and from the host at `172.67.27.10`, resulting in 320 packets.

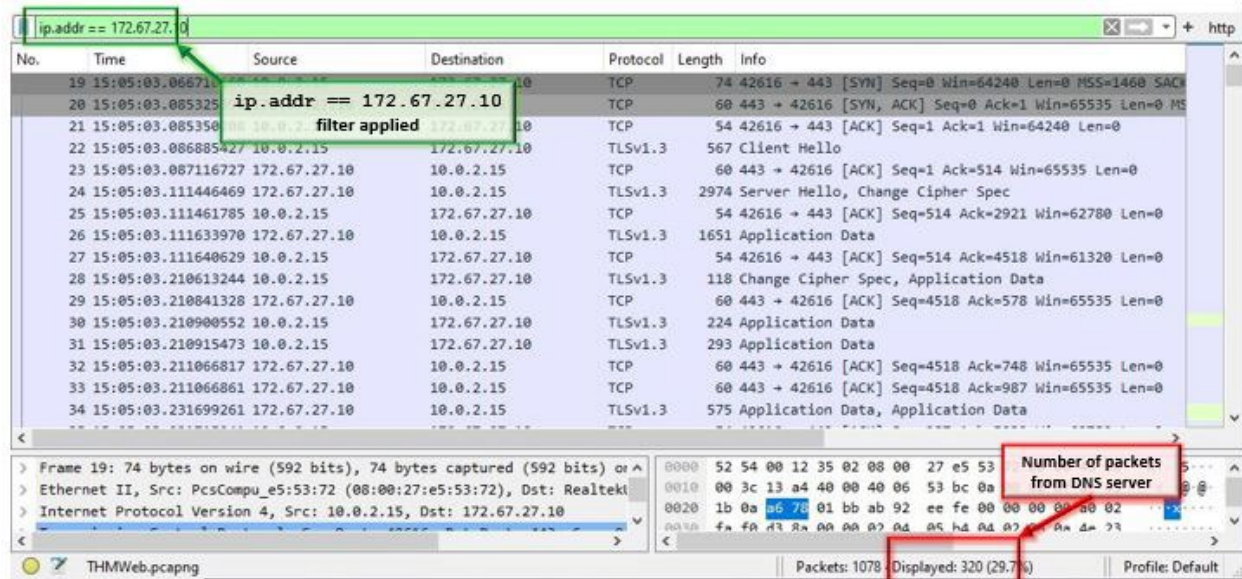


Figure 1: Filter applied in Wireshark filtering for all packets to and from host at 172.67.27.10, results located in the bottom right, Displayed: 320

2) In order to find the number of packets from the DNS server; first, I applied `dns` filter in Wireshark to filter for a DNS protocols (*Figure 2*). Next, I observed and analyzed the results that were replies coming back from that server. I observed `192.168.4.1` so I simply dragged one of the results from that source IP into the bar that filters packets and it produced `ip.src == 192.168.4.1` filter, resulting in 6 packets from DNS server (*Figure 3*).

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1	15:05:02.810380063	10.0.2.15	192.168.4.1	DNS	77	Standard query 0x592b A www.tryhackme.com
2	15:05:02.810412993	10.0.2.15	192.168.4.1	DNS	77	Standard query 0x0436 AAAA www.tryhackme.com
3	15:05:02.966624902	192.168.4.1	10.0.2.15	DNS	187	Standard query response 0x592b A www.tryhackme.com A
4	15:05:02.970284538	192.168.4.1	10.0.2.15	DNS	223	Standard query response 0x0436 AAAA www.tryhackme.com
15	15:05:03.034627010	10.0.2.15	192.168.4.1	DNS	73	Standard query 0x6ecc A tryhackme.com
16	15:05:03.034680972	10.0.2.15	192.168.4.1	DNS	73	Standard query 0x3fce AAAA tryhackme.com
17	15:05:03.066453380	192.168.4.1	10.0.2.15	DNS	171	Standard query response 0x6ecc A tryhackme.com A 172.
18	15:05:03.066453422	192.168.4.1	10.0.2.15	DNS	207	Standard query response 0x3fce AAAA tryhackme.com AAA
40	15:05:03.712453253	10.0.2.15	192.168.4.1	DNS	80	Standard query 0x6899 A assets.tryhackme.com
41	15:05:03.712480341	10.0.2.15	192.168.4.1	DNS	80	Standard query 0x819b AAAA assets.tryhackme.com
50	15:05:03.741615834	192.168.4.1	10.0.2.15	DNS	357	Standard query response 0x819b AAAA assets.tryhackme.

Figure 2: dns filter applied in Wireshark

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
3	15:05:02.966624902	192.168.4.1	10.0.2.15	DNS	187	Standard query response 0x592b A www.tryhackme.com A 104.22.
4	15:05:02.970284538	192.168.4.1	10.0.2.15	DNS	223	Standard query response 0x0436 AAAA www.tryhackme.com AAAA 2
17	15:05:03.066453380	192.168.4.1	10.0.2.15	DNS	171	Standard query response 0x6ecc A tryhackme.com A 172.67.27.1
18	15:05:03.066453422	192.168.4.1	10.0.2.15	DNS	207	Standard query response 0x3fce AAAA tryhackme.com AAAA 2606:
50	15:05:03.741615834	192.168.4.1	10.0.2.15	DNS	357	Standard query response 0x819b AAAA assets.tryhackme.com CNAME
51	15:05:03.745984931	192.168.4.1	10.0.2.15	DNS	329	Standard query response 0x6899 A assets.tryhackme.com CNAME

Frame 3: 187 bytes on wire (1496 bits), 187 bytes captured (1496 bits) on interface 0

Ethernet II, Src: RealtekU_12:35:02 (52:54:00:12:35:02), Dst: PcsCompu

Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.4.1, Dst: 10.0.2.15

0100 = Version: 4

.... 0101 = Header Length: 20 bytes (5)

Differentiated Services Field: 0x00 (DSCP: CS0, ECN: Not-ECT)

Total Length: 173

Identification: 0x0072 (114)

0000 = Flags: 0x0

...0 0000 0000 0000 = Fragment Offset: 0

Time to Live: 64

Protocol: UDP (17)

Header Checksum: 0xa916 [validation disabled]

(Header checksum status: Unverified)

Source Address (ip.src), 4 bytes

Packets: 1078 Displayed: 6 (0.6%) Profile: Default

Figure 3: Number of packets resulted after applying ip.src == 192.168.4.1 filter

3) To look for the busiest IP conversation in the given pcap file from TryHackMe. In Wireshark, I went to Statistics, clicked on Conversations. A new window generates. I then clicked on the IPv4 • 4 Tab. I observed 714 packets for busiest IP conversation in the pcap file (Figure 4). From the same window I can apply a Filter and it will auto-generate a filter in the Wireshark to filter for the 714 packets.

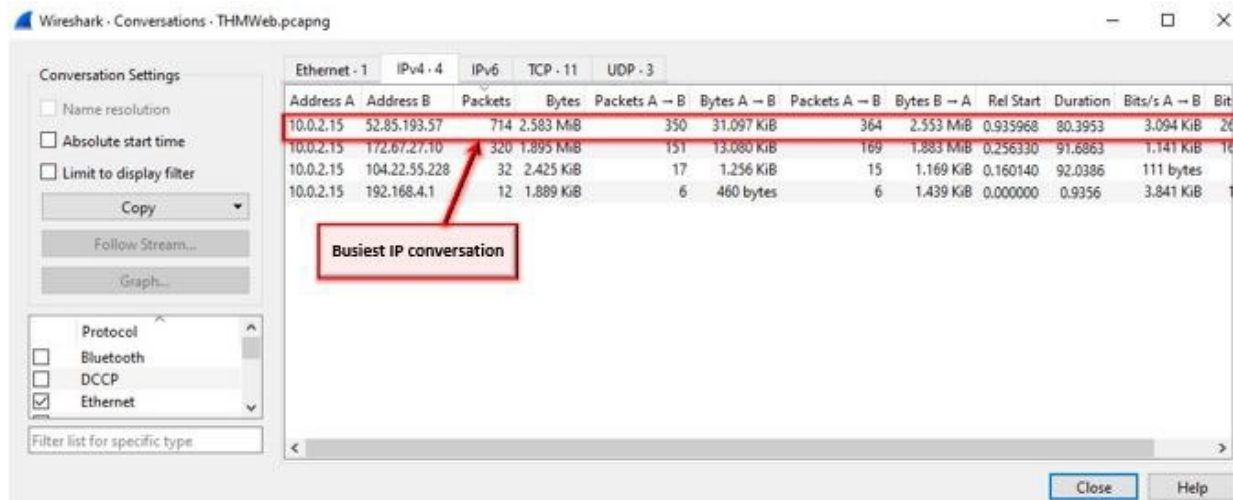


Figure 4: Busiest IP conversation from PCAP file in Wireshark

4) Here, I filtered for all the traffic to and from 104.22.44.228 and 172.67.27.10, resulting in 352 packets (Figure 5) by applying `ip.addr==104.22.55.228 or ip.addr==172.67.27.10`. Another way to execute the filter for the same results, per Chris Greer's YouTube video, is using the filter `ip.addr in {104.22.5.228, 172.67.27.10} [1]`.

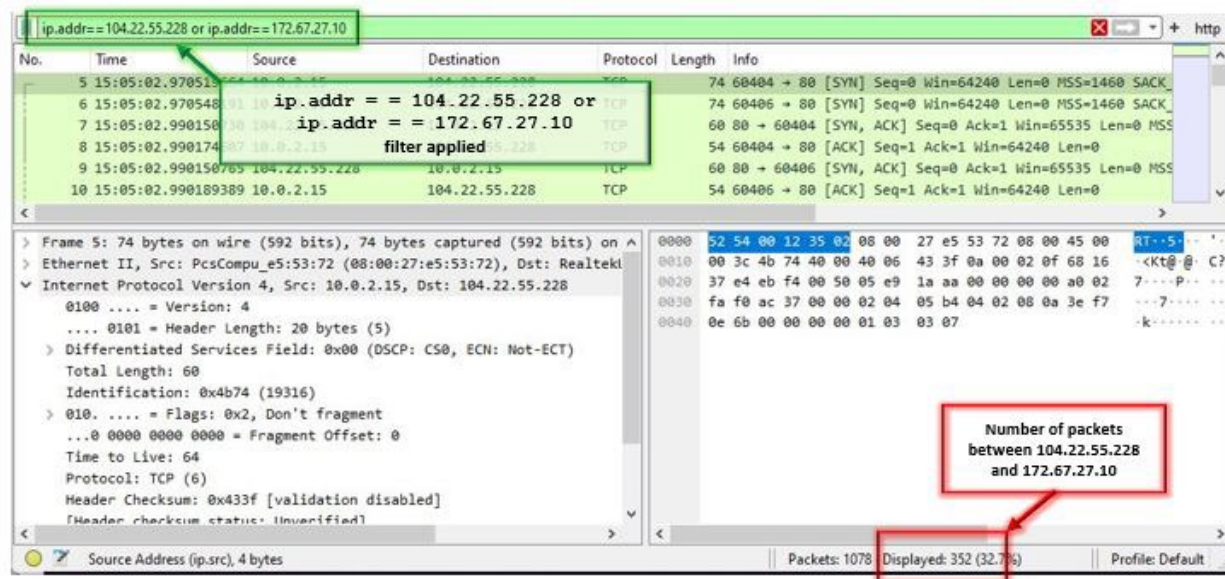


Figure 5: Filter applied to filter for the packets associated with the traffic to and from 104.22.55.228 and 172.67.27.10

5) The `&&` symbol can be used in place of the word "and" when setting a filter in Wireshark (Figure 6) [1].

6) The `!` symbol can be used in place of the word "not" when setting a filter in Wireshark (Figure 6) [1].

7) `!arp` is the syntax to remove all arp traffic from the TryHackMe pcap file in Wireshark (Figure 6) [1].



Figure 6: Chris Greer's Youtube video, TryHackMe WIRESHARK Filters Walkthrough, showing users how to use proper symbols and syntax to execute filters in Wireshark

LIMITATIONS/CONCLUSION

As an introductory experiment for the novice user like myself, I thought the lab's difficulty was simple. I do not think there were any limitations because everything was executed in a live environment versus a controlled environment, like on a virtual machine. The biggest takeaway from this lab was learning how to use proper symbols and syntax to execute filters for the user's desired results.

REFERENCES

[1] Greer, *YouTube* [Online]. "TryHackMe WIRESHARK Filters Walkthrough", September 6, 2022. Available: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-MLkdG4s4ew> [Accessed: 6-Oct-2022]

COLLABORATION

The entirety of this lab was executed independently by the author. No additional collaboration to report.