## OSI Layer Packet Simulation using Wireshark

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# Mini Project: OSI Layer Packet Simulation using Wireshark

This project aims to capture, analyze, and map network packets to the OSI model layers using Wireshark. By generating controlled traffic (e.g., TCP, HTTP, ICMP), we will:

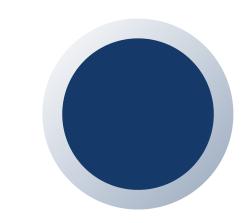
- Observe encapsulation (how data is wrapped layer-by-layer).
- Identify protocol-specific headers (e.g., MAC/IP addresses, TCP ports, HTTP methods).
- Create a reference guide for troubleshooting real-world networks.

Key Topics: OSI Model, Packet Structure, Application Layer Protocols

Tools used: 2 VMs ,Wireshark, Netcat

## Setup & Tools Required

- Wireshark (Packet capture & analysis)
- Netcat (nc) (Generate Layer 4 traffic)
- Telnet/HTTP (Generate Layer 7 traffic)
- Ping (ICMP) (Layer 3 example)
- ARP (arping) (Layer 2 example)



## VMs used

1. Kali Linux is used for: (Attacker machine)

Generating traffic (arping, ping, nc, curl, dig).

Running Wireshark for analysis.

2. Windows is used for: (target machine)

Acting as the target for TCP connections.



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- Developed by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).
- Divides network communication into seven distinct layers.

| OSI Layer | Layer Name   | Key Protocols     | Tool/Command (Capture /<br>Generate Traffic)                               |
|-----------|--------------|-------------------|--|
| 7         | Application  | HIIP DNS FIP SSH  | curl <a href="http://example.com">http://example.com</a> , dig example.com |
| 6         | Presentation | SSL/TLS JPEG MPEG | (Part of HTTP/HTTPS, captured in Wireshark)                                |
| 5         | Session      | NetBIOS, RPC      | (Automatically handled in TCP/UDP)   |
| 4         | Transport    | TCP, UDP          | nc -Ivnp 4444 (Netcat for TCP)   |
| 3         | Network      | IP, ICMP, ARP     | ping google.com,   |

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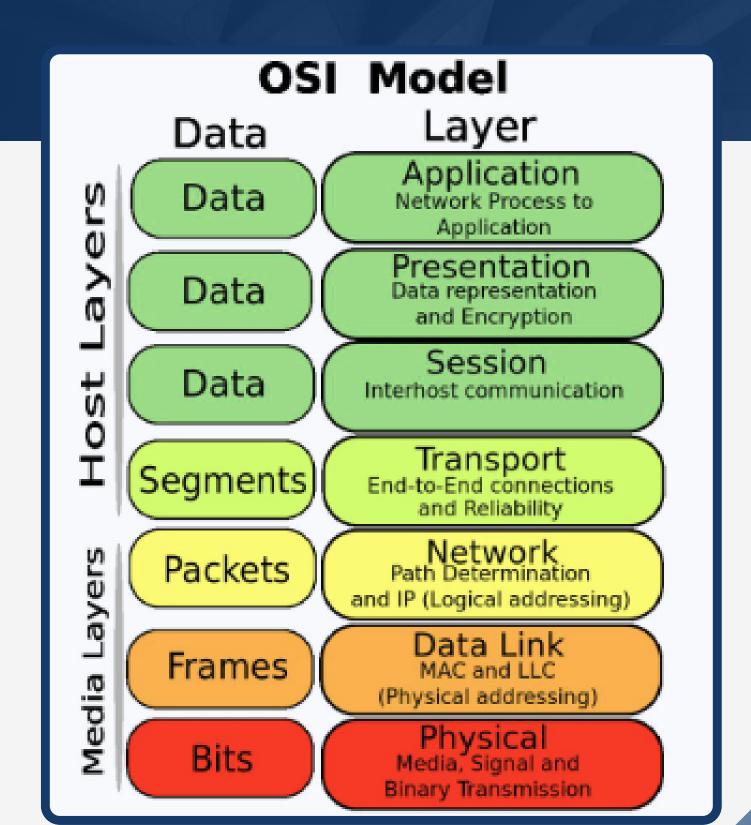
Network IP, ICMP, ARP ping google.com,

Data Link Ethernet, MAC, VLAN arping (for MAC), Wireshark (Ethernet frames)

Physical Cables, Hubs, Signals (Not captured in software; hardware-dependent)



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- Application Layer (Layer 7)
- Presentation Layer (Layer 6)
- Session Layer (Layer 5)
- Transport Layer (Layer 4)
- Network Layer (Layer 3)
- Data Link Layer (Layer 2)
- Physical Layer (Layer 1)

## **OSI Model**

Application Layer-

Application

## **APPLICATION LAYER**

The Application Layer (Layer 7) of the OSI model is the topmost layer, and it's the one that interacts directly with user applications and provides network services to them.

#### **Function**

Its primary function is to provide network services directly to the enduser applications.

### **Protocols**

- HTTP (Hypertext Transfer Protocol)
- HTTPS (Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure)
- DNS (Domain Name System)
- FTP (File Transfer Protocol)
- SFTP (SSH File Transfer Protocol)
- SCP (Secure Copy Protocol)
- SSH (Secure Shell)
- SMTP (Simple Mail Transfer Protocol)
- POP3 (Post Office Protocol version 3)
- IMAP (Internet Message Access Protocol)
- DHCP (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol)
- SNMP (Simple Network Management Protocol)