# 21CY681 - INTERNET PROTOCOL LAB - V

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Assignment Topic: Analyzing DHCP using protocol Analyser

**<u>AIM:</u>** Analyzing DHCP using protocol Analyser

#### **PROCEDURE:**

1. Perform the following steps to capture the DHCP traffic.

- a) Begin by opening the Windows Command Prompt application. Type "ipconfig /release".
- b) Start up the Wireshark packet sniffer.
- c) Now go back to the Windows Command Prompt and enter "ipconfig /renew".
- d) Wait until the "ipconfig /renew" has terminated. Then enter the same command "ipconfig /renew" again.
- e) When the second "ipconfig /renew" terminates, enter the command

"ipconfig/release" to release the previously-allocated IP address to your computer.

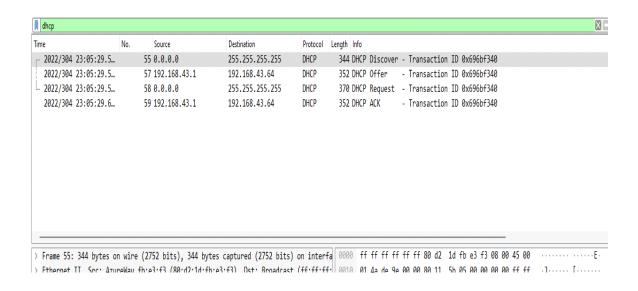
- f) Finally, enter "ipconfig /renew" to again be allocated an IP address for your computer.
- g) Stop Wireshark packet capture.

Ans:

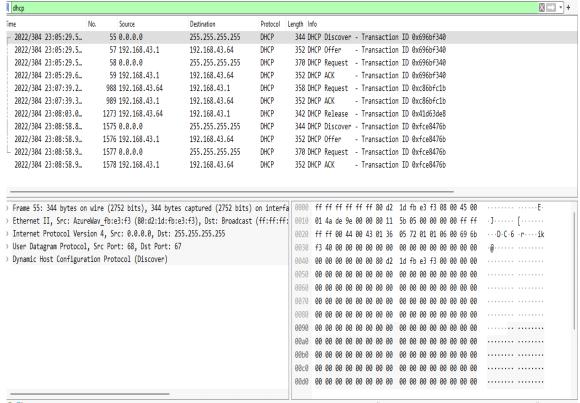
ipconfig /release will release the IP address

### ipconfig /renew will renew the IP address

DHCP message sequences are DHCP Discover, DHCP Offer, DHCP Request and DHCP Ack.



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2022/304 23:05:29.5	5	7 192.168.43.1	192.168.43.64	DHCP	352 DHCP	Offer	- Transaction	ID 0x696bf340
2022/304 23:05:29.5	50	8 0.0.0.0	255.255.255.255	DHCP	370 DHCP	Request	- Transaction	ID 0x696bf340
2022/304 23:05:29.6	59	9 192.168.43.1	192.168.43.64	DHCP	352 DHCP	ACK	- Transaction	ID 0x696bf340
2022/304 23:07:39.2	988	8 192.168.43.64	192.168.43.1	DHCP	358 DHCP	Request	- Transaction	ID 0xc86bfc1b
2022/304 23:07:39.3	989	9 192.168.43.1	192.168.43.64	DHCP	352 DHCP	ACK	- Transaction	ID 0xc86bfc1b
2022/304 23:08:03.0	127	3 192.168.43.64	192.168.43.1	DHCP	342 DHCP	Release	- Transaction	ID 0x41d63de8



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C:\WINDOWS\system32>ipconfig /release
Windows IP Configuration
No operation can be performed on Ethernet 2 while it has its media disconnected.
No operation can be performed on Local Area Connection* 1 while it has its media disconnected. No operation can be performed on Local Area Connection* 2 while it has its media disconnected.
Ethernet adapter Ethernet 2:
   Media State . . . . . . . . . : Media disconnected Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :
Ethernet adapter VirtualBox Host-Only Network:
   Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
   Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . : fe80::5890:9542:683:4d7d%11
   IPv4 Address. . . . . . . . . . : 192.168.56.1
   Subnet Mask . . . . . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
   Default Gateway . . . . . . . :
Wireless LAN adapter Local Area Connection* 1:
   Media State . . . . . . . . : Media disconnected Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :
Wireless LAN adapter Local Area Connection* 2:
   Media State . . . . . . . . . : Media disconnected Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :
Wireless LAN adapter Wi-Fi:
   Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
   IPv6 Address. . . . . . . . . : 2409:4072:6d04:7bc:8181:96a9:19f3:33c4
   Temporary IPv6 Address. . . . . : 2409:4072:6d04:7bc:1ca1:780c:8f9f:68ca Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . : fe80::8181:96a9:19f3:33c4%10
   Default Gateway . . . . . . . : fe80::dc66:42ff:fef5:ed89%10
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C:\WINDOWS\system32>ipconfig /renew
Windows IP Configuration
No operation can be performed on Ethernet 2 while it has its media disconnected.
No operation can be performed on Local Area Connection* 1 while it has its media disconnected.

No operation can be performed on Local Area Connection* 2 while it has its media disconnected.
Ethernet adapter Ethernet 2:
  Media State . . . . . . . . . : Media disconnected Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :
Ethernet adapter VirtualBox Host-Only Network:
   Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
   Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . : fe80::5890:9542:683:4d7d%11
   IPv4 Address. . . . . . . . . : 192.168.56.1
   Subnet Mask . . . . . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
   Default Gateway . . . . . . . :
Wireless LAN adapter Local Area Connection* 1:
   Media State . . . . . . . . . : Media disconnected Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :
Wireless LAN adapter Local Area Connection* 2:
   Media State . . . . . . . . . : Media disconnected Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :
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   IPv4 Address. . . . . . . . . : 192.168.43.64
   Subnet Mask . . . . . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
   Default Gateway . . . . . . . : fe80::dc66:42ff:fef5:ed89%10
                                           192.168.43.1
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Windows IP Configuration
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No operation can be performed on Local Area Connection* 2 while it has its media disconnected.
Ethernet adapter Ethernet 2:
  Media State . . . . . . . . : Media disconnected Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :
Ethernet adapter VirtualBox Host-Only Network:
  Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
  Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . : fe80::5890:9542:683:4d7d%11
  IPv4 Address. . . . . . . . . . : 192.168.56.1
Subnet Mask . . . . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
  Default Gateway . . . . . . . :
Wireless LAN adapter Local Area Connection* 1:
  Media State . . . . . . . . . : Media disconnected Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :
Wireless LAN adapter Local Area Connection* 2:
  Media State . . . . . . . . . : Media disconnected Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :
Wireless LAN adapter Wi-Fi:
  Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
  Temporary IPv6 Address. . . . . : 2409:4072:6d04:7bc:1ca1:780c:8f9f:68ca
  Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::8181:96a9:19f3:33c4%10
  IPv4 Address. . . . . . . . . : 192.168.43.64
  Default Gateway . . . . . . : fe80::dc66:42ff:fef5:ed89%10
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C:\WINDOWS\system32>ipconfig /release
Windows IP Configuration
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No operation can be performed on Local Area Connection* 1 while it has its media disconnected.
No operation can be performed on Local Area Connection* 2 while it has its media disconnected.
Ethernet adapter Ethernet 2:
   Media State . . . . . . . . . : Media disconnected Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :
Ethernet adapter VirtualBox Host-Only Network:
   Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
   Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . : fe80::5890:9542:683:4d7d%11 IPv4 Address . . . . . . . : 192.168.56.1
   Default Gateway . . . . . . . :
Wireless LAN adapter Local Area Connection* 1:
                                . . . : Media disconnected
  Wireless LAN adapter Local Area Connection* 2:
   Media State . . . . . . . . . : Media disconnected Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :
Wireless LAN adapter Wi-Fi:
   Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
   IPv6 Address. . . . . . . . . : 2409:4072:6d04:7bc:8181:96a9:19f3:33c4
   Temporary IPv6 Address. . . . . : 2409:4072:6d04:7bc:1ca1:780c:8f9f:68ca
   Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . : fe80::8181:96a9:19f3:33c4%10
   Default Gateway . . . . . . . : fe80::dc66:42ff:fef5:ed89%10
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Ethernet adapter Ethernet 2:
   Media State . . . . . . . . . : Media disconnected Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :
Ethernet adapter VirtualBox Host-Only Network:
   Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
   Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::5890:9542:683:4d7d%11
   IPv4 Address. . . . . . . . . : 192.168.56.1
   Subnet Mask . . . . . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
   Default Gateway . . . . . . . :
Wireless LAN adapter Local Area Connection* 1:
   Media State . . . . . .
                                . . . : Media disconnected
   Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
Wireless LAN adapter Local Area Connection* 2:
   Media State . . . . . . . . . : Media disconnected Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :
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- 2. Open the captured traffic file and given pcap file "dhcp" in Wireshark to answer the following questions.
- a) Are DHCP messages sent over UDP or TCP?

Ans: DHCP messages are sent over UDP .The DHCP employs a connectionless service model, using the User Datagram Protocol (UDP). It is implemented with two UDP port numbers for its operations. UDP port number 67 is the port used by the server, and UDP port number 68 is used by the client.

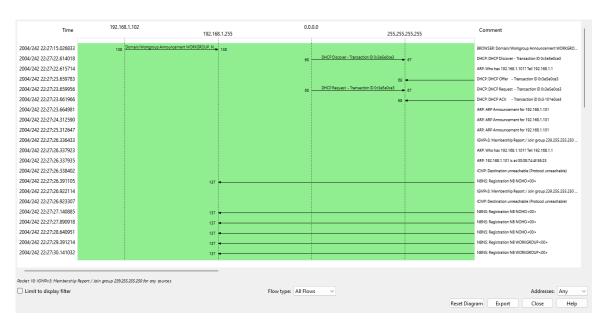
Time	No.	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info				
2004/242 22:27:46.9		46 192.168.1.1	255.255.255.255	DHCP	590	DHCP	ACK	-	Transaction ID 0	3x3a5df7d9
2004/242 22:27:46.9		44 192.168.1.1	255.255.255.255	DHCP	590	DHCP	Offer	-	Transaction ID 0	3x3a5df7d9
2004/242 22:27:35.1		37 192.168.1.1	255.255.255.255	DHCP	590	DHCP	ACK	-	Transaction ID 0	3x257e55a3
2004/242 22:27:23.6		6 192.168.1.1	255.255.255.255	DHCP	590	DHCP	ACK	-	Transaction ID 0	3x3e5e0ce3
2004/242 22:27:23.6		4 192.168.1.1	255.255.255.255	DHCP	590	DHCP	Offer	-	Transaction ID 0	3x3e5e0ce3
2004/242 22:27:46.9		45 0.0.0.0	255.255.255.255	DHCP	342	DHCP	Request	-	Transaction ID 0	3x3a5df7d9
2004/242 22:27:45.8		42 0.0.0.0	255.255.255.255	DHCP	342	DHCP	Discover	-	Transaction ID 0	3x3a5df7d9
2004/242 22:27:40.1		41 192.168.1.101	192.168.1.1	DHCP	342	DHCP	Release	-	Transaction ID 0	xb7a32733
2004/242 22:27:35.1		36 192.168.1.101	192.168.1.1	DHCP	342	DHCP	Request	-	Transaction ID 0	3x257e55a3
2004/242 22:27:23.6		5 0.0.0.0	255.255.255.255	DHCP	342	DHCP	Request	-	Transaction ID 0	3x3e5e0ce3
2004/242 22:27:22.6		2 0.0.0.0	255.255.255.255	DHCP	342	DHCP	Discover	-	Transaction ID 0	3x3e5e0ce3

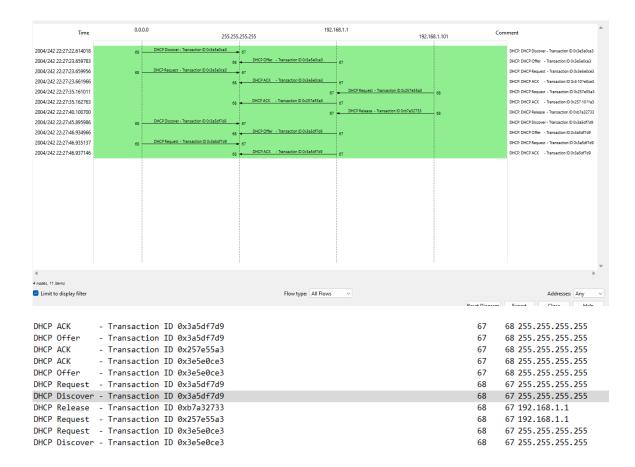
b) Draw a timing datagram illustrating the sequence of the first four-packet

Discover/Offer/Request/ACK DHCP exchange between the client and server.

For each packet, indicated the source and destination port numbers.

#### Ans:



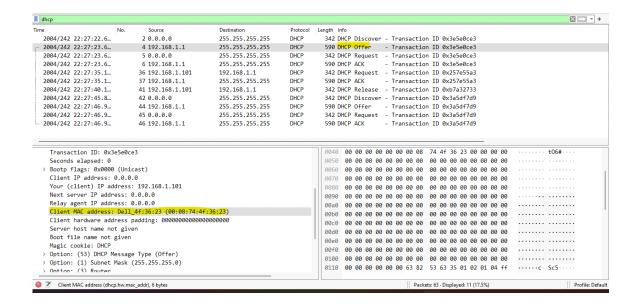


## 67-source port number

### 68-destination port number

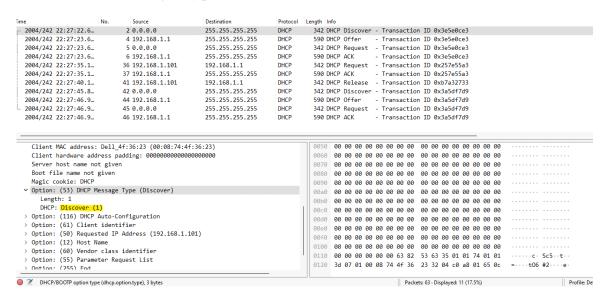
c) What is the link-layer (e.g., Ethernet) address of your host?

Ans:



d) What values in the DHCP discover message differentiate this message from the DHCP request message?

### Ans: DHCP Message Type and DHCP Server Identifier



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2004/242 22:27:22.6...
                                 255.255.255.255
                                                    342 DHCP Discover - Transaction ID 0x3e5e0ce3
                   2 0.0.0.0
                                             DHCP
                                                    590 DHCP Offer
 2004/242 22:27:23.6..
                   4 192.168.1.1
                                 255, 255, 255, 255
 2004/242 22:27:23.6...
                                255.255.255.255
                                                    342 DHCP Request - Transaction ID 0x3e5e0ce3
                                             DHCP
                   5 0.0.0.0
 2004/242 22:27:23.6..
                   6 192,168,1,1
                                 255, 255, 255, 255
                                                    590 DHCP ACK
                                                               - Transaction ID 0x3e5e0ce3
 2004/242 22:27:35.1...
                                                    342 DHCP Request - Transaction ID 0x257e55a3
                                 255,255,255,255
 2004/242 22:27:35.1...
                  37 192.168.1.1
                                             DHCP
                                                    590 DHCP ACK
                                                              - Transaction ID 0x257e55a3
                                                   342 DHCP Release - Transaction ID 0xb7a32733
342 DHCP Discover - Transaction ID 0x3a5df7d9
 2004/242 22:27:40.1...
                  41 192.168.1.101
                                 192.168.1.1
                                 255.255.255.255
                                             DHCP
 2004/242 22:27:45.8...
                  42 0.0.0.0
                  44 192.168.1.1
                                                              - Transaction ID 0x3a5df7d9
- Transaction ID 0x3a5df7d9
 2004/242 22:27:46.9...
                                 255.255.255.255
                                             DHCP
                                                    590 DHCP Offer
                                                    342 DHCP Request
 2004/242 22:27:46.9...
                  46 192,168,1,1
                                255,255,255,255
                                                   590 DHCP ACK
                                                              - Transaction TD 0x3a5df7d9
  Client MAC address: Dell 4f:36:23 (00:08:74:4f:36:23)
                                                   Client hardware address padding: 0000
  Server host name not given
                                                    Magic cookie: DHCP
                                                    ∨ Option: (53) DHCP Message Type (Request)
                                                    Length: 1
DHCP: Request (3)
                                                       Option: (61) Client identifier
                                                    Length: 7
                                                    Hardware type: Ethernet (0x01)
Client MAC address: Dell_4f:36:23 (00:08:74:4f:36:23)
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    DHCP/BOOTP option type (dhcp.option.type), 3 bytes

                                                                  Packets: 63 · Displayed: 11 (17.5%)
                                                                                               Profile: Default
    Server host name not given
    Boot file name not given
    Magic cookie: DHCP
 > Option: (53) DHCP Message Type (Request)
 > Option: (61) Client identifier
 > Option: (50) Requested IP Address (192.168.1.101)
 > Option: (54) DHCP Server Identifier (192.168.1.1)
 > Option: (12) Host Name
 > Option: (60) Vendor class identifier
 > Option: (55) Parameter Request List
 > Option: (255) End
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   Server host name not given
   Boot file name not given
   Magic cookie: DHCP
> Option: (53) DHCP Message Type (Discover)
> Option: (116) DHCP Auto-Configuration
> Option: (61) Client identifier
> Option: (50) Requested IP Address (192.168.1.101)
> Option: (12) Host Name
> Option: (60) Vendor class identifier
> Option: (55) Parameter Request List
> Option: (255) End
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e) What is the value of the Transaction-ID in each of the first four (Discover/Offer/Request/ACK) DHCP messages? What are the values of

the Transaction-ID in the second set (Request/ACK) set of DHCP messages? What is the purpose of the Transaction-ID field?

#### Ans:

_ 2004/242 22:27:22.6	2 0.0.0.0	255.255.255.255	DHCP	342 DHCP Discover - Transaction ID 0x3e5e0ce3
2004/242 22:27:23.6	4 192.168.1.1	255.255.255.255	DHCP	590 DHCP Offer - Transaction ID 0x3e5e0ce3
2004/242 22:27:23.6	5 0.0.0.0	255.255.255.255	DHCP	342 DHCP Request - Transaction ID 0x3e5e0ce3
2004/242 22:27:23.6	6 192.168.1.1	255.255.255.255	DHCP	590 DHCP ACK - Transaction ID 0x3e5e0ce3
2004/242 22:27:35.1	36 192.168.1.101	192.168.1.1	DHCP	342 DHCP Request - Transaction ID 0x257e55a3
2004/242 22:27:35.1	37 192.168.1.1	255.255.255.255	DHCP	590 DHCP ACK - Transaction ID 0x257e55a3
2004/242 22:27:40.1	41 192.168.1.101	192.168.1.1	DHCP	342 DHCP Release - Transaction ID 0xb7a32733
2004/242 22:27:45.8	42 0.0.0.0	255.255.255.255	DHCP	342 DHCP Discover - Transaction ID 0x3a5df7d9
2004/242 22:27:46.9	44 192.168.1.1	255.255.255.255	DHCP	590 DHCP Offer - Transaction ID 0x3a5df7d9
2004/242 22:27:46.9	45 0.0.0.0	255.255.255.255	DHCP	342 DHCP Request - Transaction ID 0x3a5df7d9
2004/242 22:27:46.9	46 192.168.1.1	255.255.255.255	DHCP	590 DHCP ACK - Transaction ID 0x3a5df7d9

The transaction ID in the first four packets is 0x3e5e0ce3

The transaction ID in the second set of DHCP messages is 0x3a5d7d9

To keep a track of message that are coming or is used by the server to identify or take a note of which message was sent by which computer. If the process is new the Id will be new.

f) A host uses DHCP to obtain an IP address, among other things. But a host's IP address is not confirmed until the end of the four-message exchange! If the IP address is not set until the end of the four-message exchange, then what values are used in the IP datagrams in the four-message exchange? For each of the four DHCP messages (Discover/Offer/Request/ACK DHCP), indicate the source and destination IP addresses that are carried in the encapsulating IP datagram.

Ans: If IP address is not set until the end of the four message exchange, then 0.0.0.0 is used as the IP in the DHCP exchange.

For Discover and Request, the source IP is 0.0.0.0 and dst IP is 255.255.255.255

For Offer and ACK, the source IP is 172.17.18.2 and dst IP is 172.17.136.155

Time	No.	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info			
_ 2004/242 22:27:22.6	2	0.0.0.0	255.255.255.255	DHCP	342	DHCP Discove	er - T	Transaction	ID 0x3e5e0ce3
2004/242 22:27:23.6	4	192.168.1.1	255.255.255.255	DHCP	590	DHCP Offer	- 1	Transaction	ID 0x3e5e0ce3
2004/242 22:27:23.6	5	0.0.0.0	255.255.255.255	DHCP	342	DHCP Request	- 1	Transaction	ID 0x3e5e0ce3
2004/242 22:27:23.6	6	192.168.1.1	255.255.255.255	DHCP	590	DHCP ACK	- 1	Transaction	ID 0x3e5e0ce3
2004/242 22:27:35.1	36	192.168.1.101	192.168.1.1	DHCP	342	DHCP Request	- 1	Transaction	ID 0x257e55a3
2004/242 22:27:35.1	37	192.168.1.1	255.255.255.255	DHCP	590	DHCP ACK	- 1	Transaction	ID 0x257e55a3
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2004/242 22:27:45.8	42	0.0.0.0	255.255.255.255	DHCP	342	DHCP Discove	r - 1	Transaction	ID 0x3a5df7d9
2004/242 22:27:46.9	44	192.168.1.1	255.255.255.255	DHCP	590	DHCP Offer	- 1	Transaction	ID 0x3a5df7d9
2004/242 22:27:46.9	45	0.0.0.0	255.255.255.255	DHCP	342	DHCP Request	- 1	Transaction	ID 0x3a5df7d9
2004/242 22:27:46.9	46	192.168.1.1	255.255.255.255	DHCP	590	DHCP ACK	- 1	Transaction	ID 0x3a5df7d9

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DHCP ACK
             - Transaction ID 0x3a5df7d9
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            - Transaction ID 0x3a5df7d9
DHCP Offer
                                                                                                68 255.255.255.255
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DHCP ACK
            - Transaction ID 0x257e55a3
DHCP ACK
            - Transaction ID 0x3e5e0ce3
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DHCP Offer
            - Transaction ID 0x3e5e0ce3
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DHCP Discover - Transaction ID 0x3a5df7d9
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DHCP Release - Transaction ID 0xb7a32733
DHCP Request - Transaction ID 0x257e55a3
                                                                                           68 67 192.168.1.1
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DHCP Request - Transaction ID 0x3e5e0ce3
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DHCP Discover - Transaction ID 0x3e5e0ce3
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g) What is the IP address of your DHCP server?

Ans: The IP address of the DHCP server is 192.168.1.1

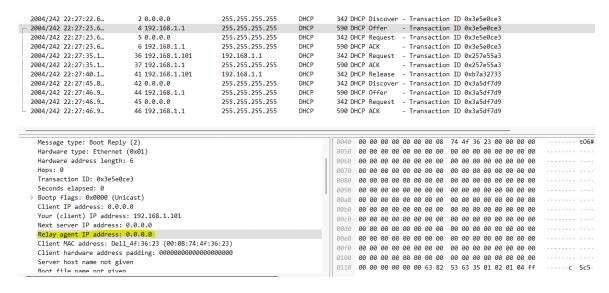
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_ 2004/242 22:27:23.6... 4 192.168.1.1 255.255.255 DHCP 590 DHCP Offer - Transaction ID 0x3e5e0ce3
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h) What IP address is the DHCP server offering to your host in the DHCP Offermessage? Indicate which DHCP message contains the offered DHCP address.

Ans: The DHCP offered address is 192.168.1.101

i) In the example screenshot in this assignment, there is no relay agent between the host and the DHCP server. What values in the trace indicate the absence of a relay agent? Is there a relay agent in your experiment? If so what is the IP address of the agent?

Ans: There is no relay agent ,so the value for relay agent is 0.0.0.0



j) Explain the purpose of the router and subnet mask lines in the DHCP offer message.

Ans:For connecting with internet we need router.If IP address is not set until the end of the four message exchange , then 0.0.0.0 is used as the IP in the DHCP exchange.For Discover and Request , the source IP is 0.0.0.0 and dst IP is 255.255.255.255 .For Offer and ACK , the source IP is 172.17.18.2 and dst IP is 172.17.136.155

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> Option: (53) DHCP Message Type (Offer)
> Option: (1) Subnet Mask (255.255.255.0)
    Length: 4
    Subnet Mask: 255.255.255.0
> Option: (3) Router
    Length: 4
    Router: 192.168.1.1
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k) In the DHCP trace file, the DHCP server offers a specific IP address to the client. In the client's response to the first server OFFER message, does the client accept this IP address? Where in the client's RESPONSE is the client's requested address?

Ans:Yes,in the client's response to the first server OFFER message,the client accept this IP address. The client IP requested address is mentioned in the packet is shown below:

> Bootp flags: 0x0000 (Unicast)
Client IP address: 0.0.0.0

Your (client) IP address: 192.168.1.101

Next server IP address: 0.0.0.0

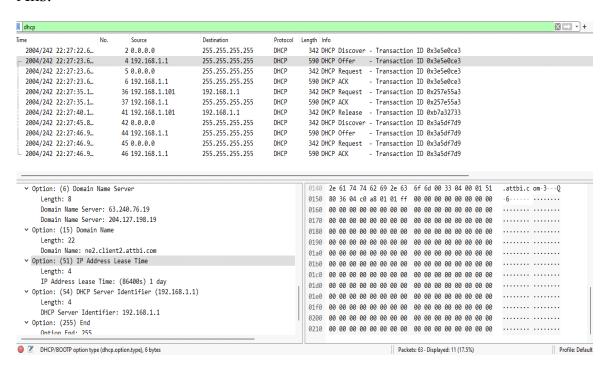
Relay agent IP address: 0.0.0.0

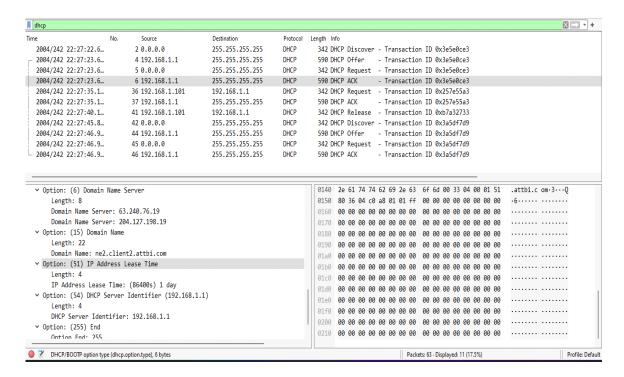
Client MAC address: Dell 4f:36:23 (00:08:74:4f:36:23)

Server host name not given Boot file name not given Magic cookie: DHCP

l) Explain the purpose of the lease time. How long is the lease time in your experiment?

#### Ans:





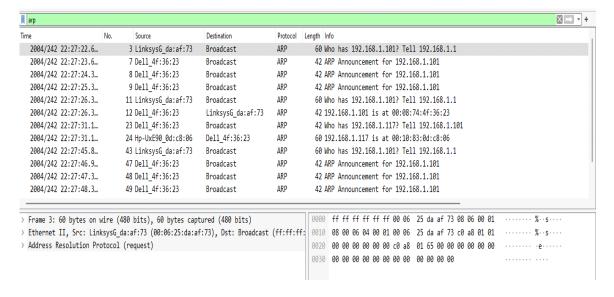
The lease time of the IP for an computer is 1day.

m) What is the purpose of the DHCP release message? Does the DHCP server issue an acknowledgment of receipt of the client's DHCP request? What would happen if the client's DHCP release message is lost?

Ans:The purpose of release message is to release the IP address assigned to the computer. The DHCP server doesn't send an ACK receipt of client's DHCP request.If the client's DHCP message is lost then the server might not know whether the client issued an release request or not . So the IP assigned to the computer previously still remains the same.

n) Clear the DHCP filter from your Wireshark window. Were any ARP packets sent or received during the DHCP packet-exchange period? If so, explain the purpose of those ARP packets.

Ans:Yes.We can see many ARP packets that were transferred in the experiment since the server verifies whether the IP which is to be allocated to the requested computer is used already by any other computer.



**RESULT:** Analyzed DHCP using protocol Analyser.