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TCP

Explain referring to the monitoring results:

1. How TCP connection is established?

Ans: A three-way handshake is a method used in a TCP/IP network to create a connection between a local host/client and server. It is a three-step method that requires both the client and server to exchange SYN (synchronous) and ACK (acknowledgment) packets before actual data communication begins. A three-way handshake is also known as a TCP handshake.

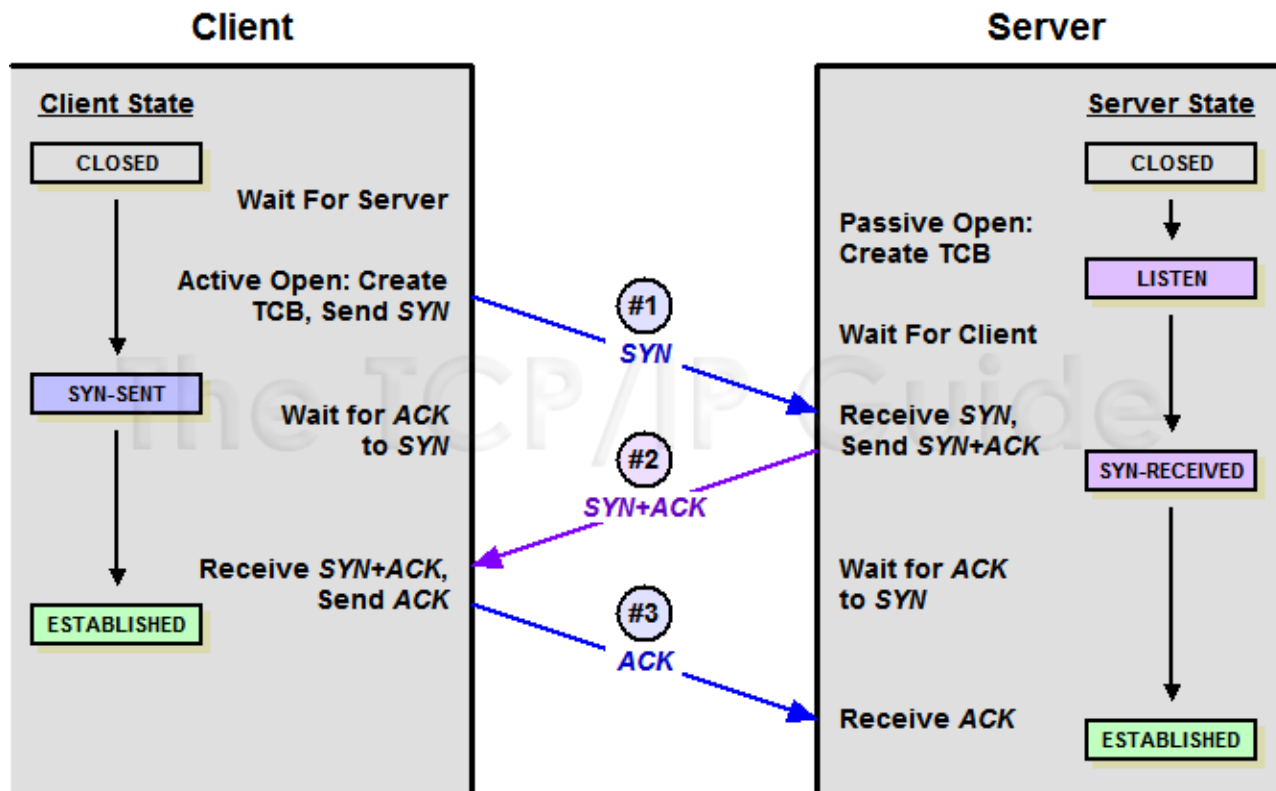
The TCP level of the TCP/IP transport protocol is connection-oriented which means that, before any data can be transmitted, a reliable connection must be obtained and acknowledged. So, TCP must set up virtual connection between two hosts before any data are sent. This means the two hosts must agree on certain parameters, data flow, windowing, error detection, and options.

The host that initiates communication sends a synchronous (SYN) packet to the receiver. The receiver acknowledges this request by sending a SYN/ACK packet. This packet translates into, "I received your request and am ready to communicate with you." The sending host acknowledges this with an acknowledgment (ACK) packet, which translates into, "I received your acknowledgement. Let's start transmitting our data." This completes the handshaking phase, after which a virtual connection is set up, and actual data can now be passed. The connection that has been set up at this point is considered full duplex, which means transmission in both directions is possible using the same transmission line.

So, by three handshake connection TCP connection is established.

Although the three-way handshake only requires three packets to be transmitted over our networked media, the termination of this reliable connection will necessitate the transmission of four packets. Because a TCP connection is full duplex (that is, data can be flowing in each direction independent of the other), each direction must be terminated independently.

Here, this diagram demonstrate how TCP connection is established using 3-handshake connection.

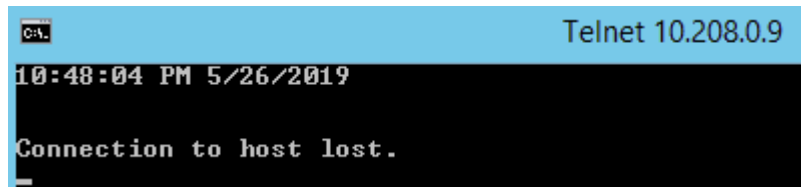


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2. Who opens the connection?

Ans: Windows Server 2 opens the connection whose IP is 10.208.0.20 as client in this case by sending synchronous (SYN) packet to the receiver.

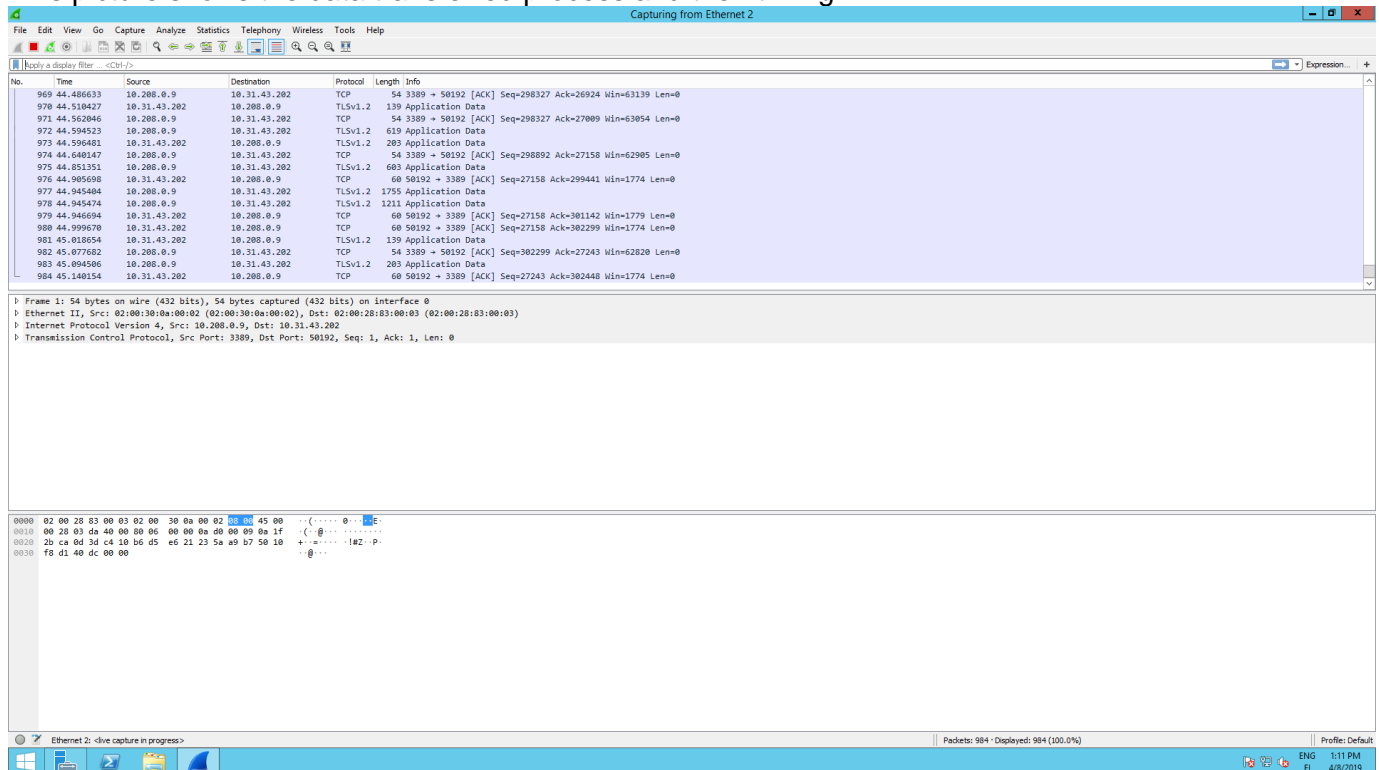
In order to open the connection, a client send SYN (synchronous) data packet over an IP network to a server on the same or an external network in this case Windows Server 2 which is on same network. The objective of this packet is to ask/infer if the server is open for new connections.



3. How and when the data is transferred?

Ans: Once TCP connection is established between client and server then communication takes place between them and data transmissions process takes place.

This picture shows the data transferred process and their timing:



Also

220	13.643575	10.208.0.20	10.208.0.9	DNS	83 Standard query 0xbe07 A win8.ipv6.microsoft.com
221	14.025986	10.208.0.9	10.31.44.5	TLSv1.2	539 Application Data
222	14.070173	10.208.0.9	10.31.44.5	TLSv1.2	1755 Application Data
223	14.070253	10.208.0.9	10.31.44.5	TLSv1.2	715 Application Data
224	14.071264	10.31.44.5	10.208.0.9	TCP	60 51358 → 3389 [ACK] Seq=4234 Ack=90202 Win=256 Len=0
225	14.071316	10.31.44.5	10.208.0.9	TCP	60 51358 → 3389 [ACK] Seq=4234 Ack=91104 Win=253 Len=0
226	14.614853	10.208.0.9	10.31.44.5	TLSv1.2	667 Application Data
227	14.617255	10.31.44.5	10.208.0.9	TLSv1.2	187 Application Data
228	14.659385	10.208.0.20	10.208.0.9	DNS	83 Standard query 0xbe07 A win8.ipv6.microsoft.com

4. Can you find out the amount of transferred data?

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Ans Yes, I can find the amount of data transferred which 79 bytes.

When monitoring TCP connection between WinS1 and WinS2 (client).

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
178	17.109444	10.31.44.5	10.208.0.9	TCP	60	51358 → 3389 [ACK] Seq=2889 Ack=68206 Win=256 Len=0
179	17.109488	10.31.44.5	10.208.0.9	TCP	60	51358 → 3389 [ACK] Seq=2889 Ack=69907 Win=256 Len=0
180	17.109504	10.31.44.5	10.208.0.9	TCP	60	51358 → 3389 [ACK] Seq=2889 Ack=71161 Win=251 Len=0
181	17.109677	10.31.44.5	10.208.0.9	TLSv1.2	171	Application Data
182	17.109706	10.31.44.5	10.208.0.9	TCP	60	51358 → 3389 [ACK] Seq=3006 Ack=71891 Win=256 Len=0
183	17.122785	10.208.0.20	10.208.0.9	DNS	79	Standard query 0x44e7 A wpad.haagahelia.amk
184	17.158212	10.208.0.9	10.31.44.5	TCP	54	3389 → 51358 [ACK] Seq=71891 Ack=3006 Win=62750 Len=0
185	17.469742	10.208.0.9	10.31.44.5	TLSv1.2	683	Application Data
186	17.514025	10.208.0.9	10.31.44.5	TLSv1.2	1755	Application Data
187	17.514093	10.208.0.9	10.31.44.5	TLSv1.2	1499	Application Data
188	17.514131	10.208.0.9	10.31.44.5	TLSv1.2	171	Application Data
189	17.515151	10.31.44.5	10.208.0.9	TCP	60	51358 → 3389 [ACK] Seq=3006 Ack=73980 Win=256 Len=0
190	17.515218	10.31.44.5	10.208.0.9	TCP	60	51358 → 3389 [ACK] Seq=3006 Ack=75666 Win=256 Len=0
191	17.565747	10.31.44.5	10.208.0.9	TCP	60	51358 → 3389 [ACK] Seq=3006 Ack=75783 Win=256 Len=0
192	18.088853	10.208.0.9	10.31.44.5	TLSv1.2	651	Application Data
193	18.091453	10.31.44.5	10.208.0.9	TLSv1.2	187	Application Data

Wireshark · Packet 183 · Ethernet 2	
▶ Frame 183: 79 bytes on wire (632 bits), 79 bytes captured (632 bits) on interface 0 ▶ Ethernet II, Src: 02:00:58:0b:00:04 (02:00:58:0b:00:04), Dst: 02:00:30:0a:00:02 (02:00:30:0a:00:02) ▶ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.208.0.20, Dst: 10.208.0.9 0100 = Version: 4 0101 = Header Length: 20 bytes (5) ▶ Differentiated Services Field: 0x00 (DSCP: CS0, ECN: Not-ECT) Total Length: 65 Identification: 0x30dd (12509) ▶ Flags: 0x0000 Time to live: 128 Protocol: UDP (17) Header checksum: 0xf412 [validation disabled] [Header checksum status: Unverified] Source: 10.208.0.20 Destination: 10.208.0.9 ▶ User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 61515, Dst Port: 53 ▶ Domain Name System (query)	

5. How the connection is closed?

Ans: TCP connection is normally close appears when the client or server decides that all data has been sent to the receiver and we can close the connection. There are three ways a TCP connection is closed:

1. The client initiates closing the connection by sending a FIN packet to the server.
2. The server initiates closing the connection by sending a FIN packet to the client.
3. Both client and server initiates closing the connection termination independently as TCP being duplex.

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