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.

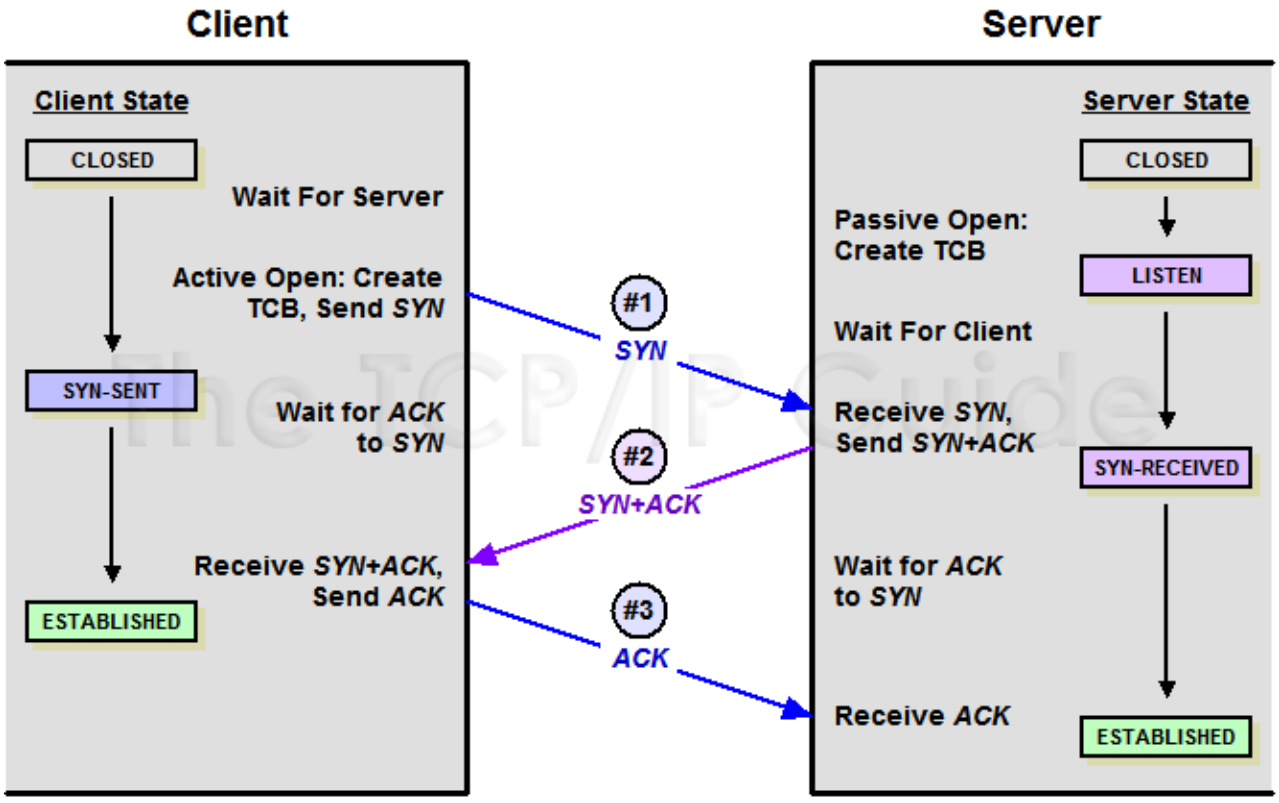
The TCP level of the TCP/IP transport protocol is connection-oriented which means that, before any data can be transmitted, a reliable connection must be obtained and acknowledged. So, TCP must set up virtual connection between two hosts before any data are sent. This means the two hosts must agree on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

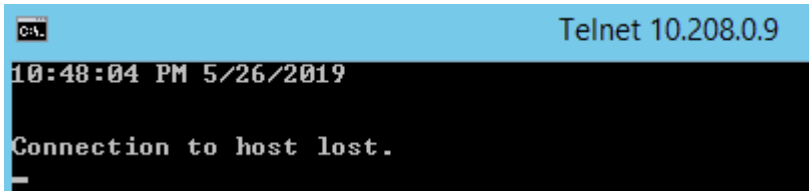
Here, this diagram demonstrate how TCP connection is established using 3-handshake connection.



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.

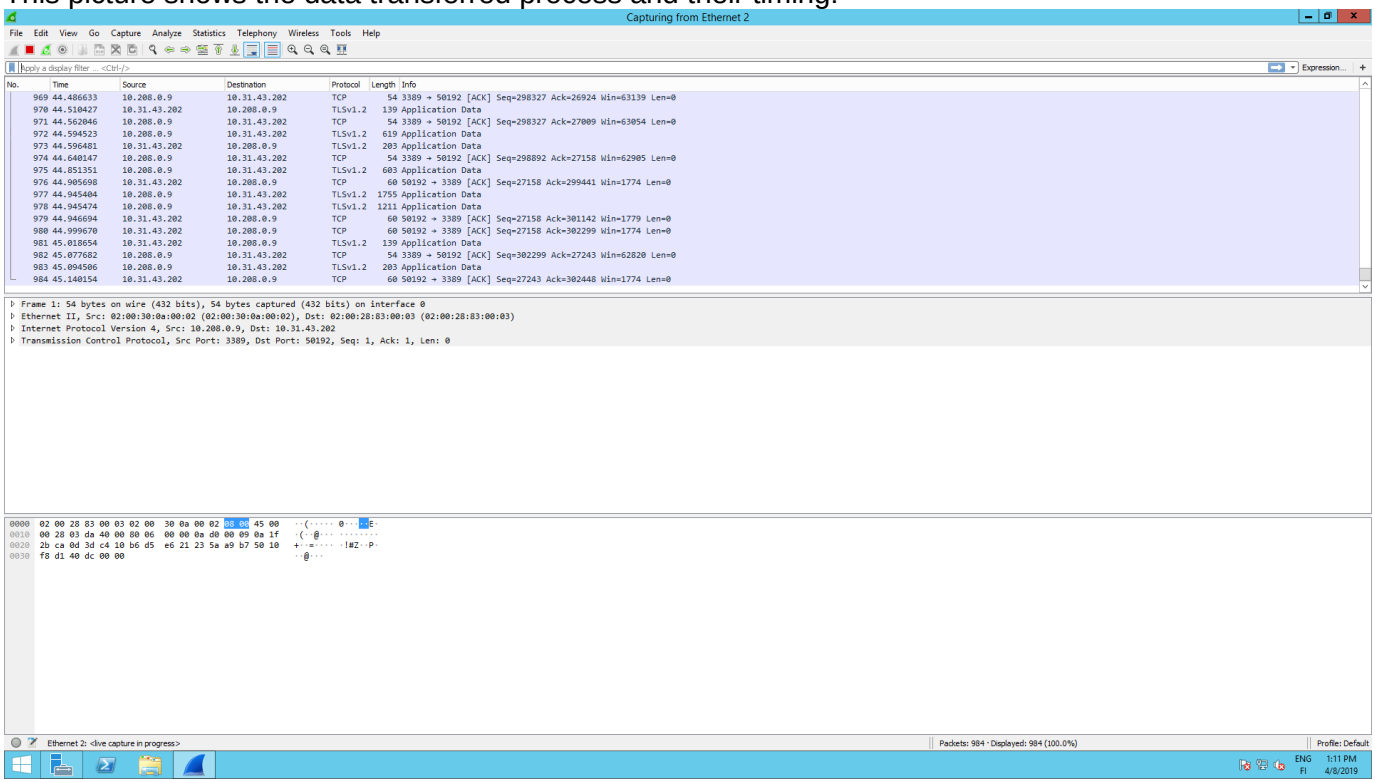
In order to open the connection, a client send SYN (synchronous) data packet over an IP network to a server on the same or an external network in this case Windows Server 2 which is on same network. The objective of this packet is to ask/infer if the server is open for new connections.



3. How and when the data is transferred?

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

This picture shows the data transferred process and their timing:



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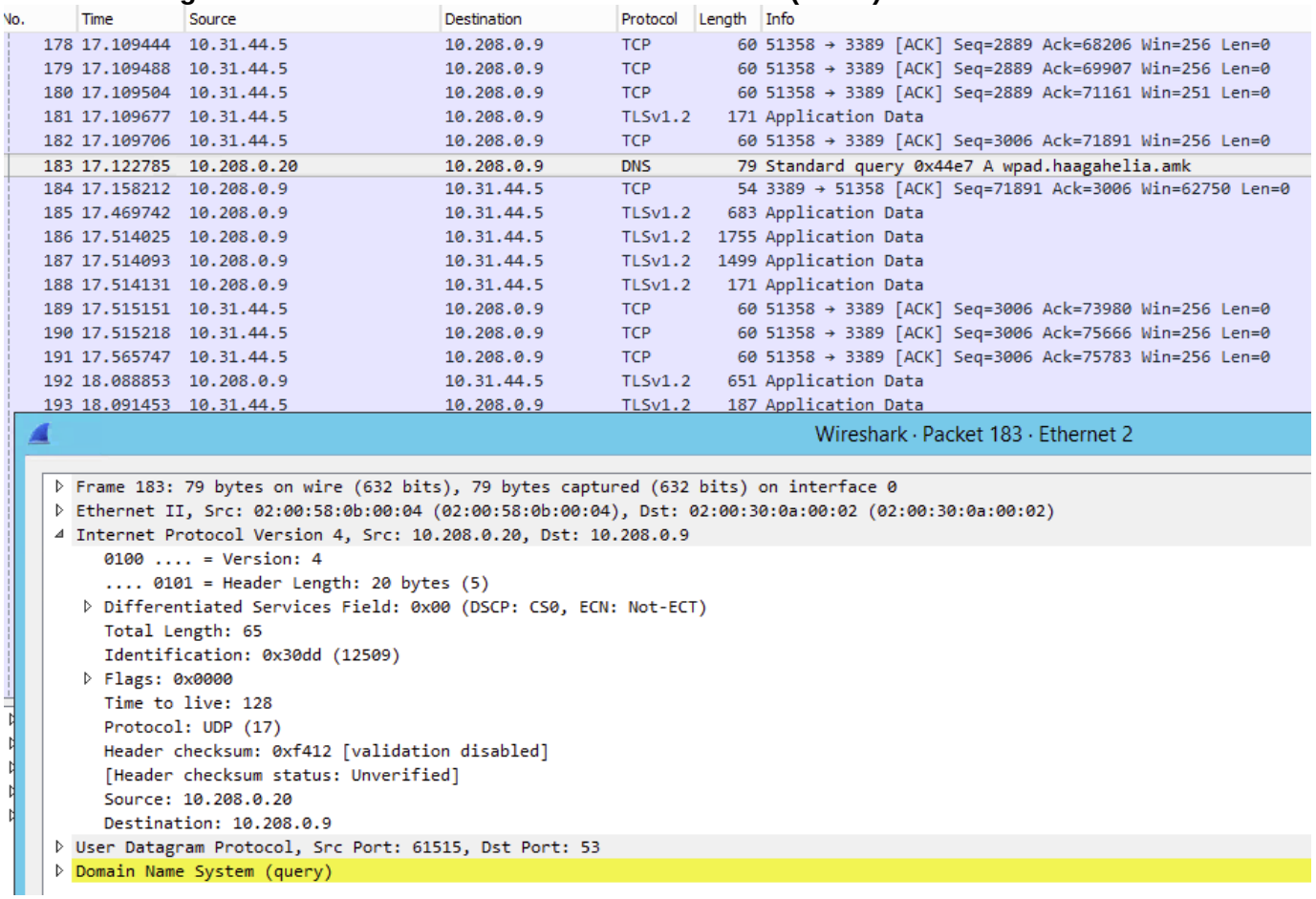
221	14.025986	10.208.0.9	10.31.44.5	TLSv1.2	539 Application Data
222	14.070173	10.208.0.9	10.31.44.5	TLSv1.2	1755 Application Data
223	14.070253	10.208.0.9	10.31.44.5	TLSv1.2	715 Application Data
224	14.071264	10.31.44.5	10.208.0.9	TCP	60 51358 → 3389 [ACK] Seq=4234 Ack=90202 Win=256 Len=0
225	14.071316	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?

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

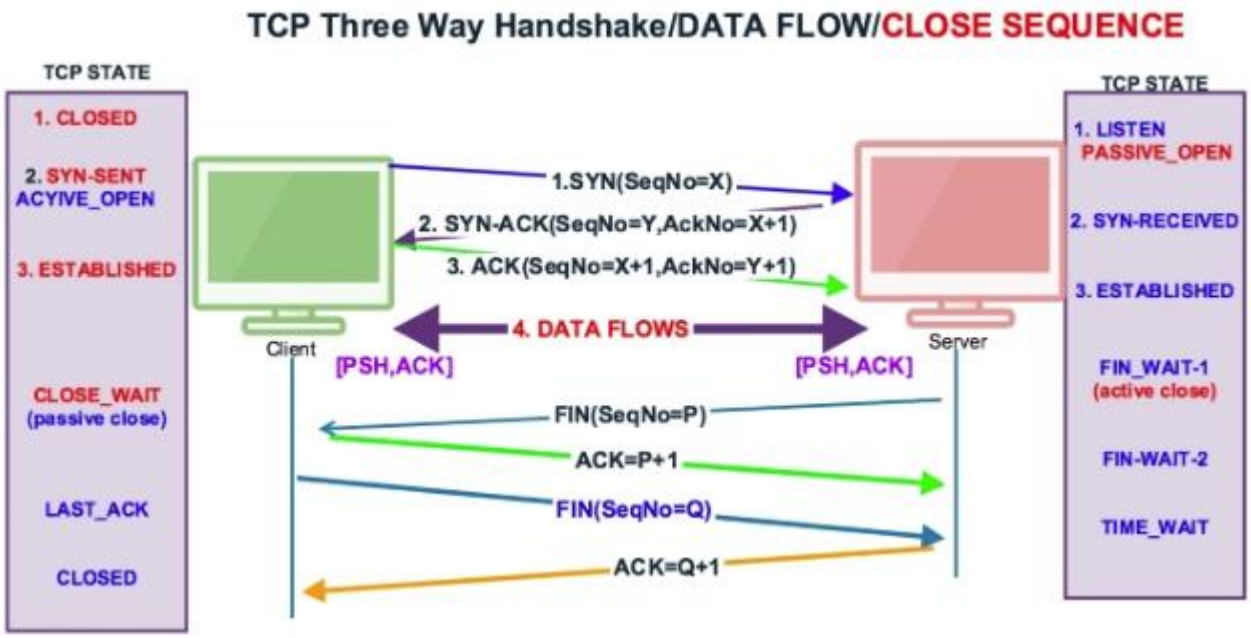
When monitoring TCP connection between WinS1 and WinS2 (client).



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.


TCP Three Way Handshake/DATA FLOW/CLOSE SEQUENCE
TCP STATE
1. CLOSED
2. SYN-SENT
ACYIVE_OPEN
3. ESTABLISHED
CLOSE_WAIT
(passive close)
LAST_ACK
CLOSED
TCP STATE
1. LISTEN
PASSIVE_OPEN
2. SYN-RECEIVED
3. ESTABLISHED
FIN_WAIT-1
(active close)
FIN-WAIT-2
TIME_WAIT
1.SYN(SeqNo=X)
2. SYN-ACK(SeqNo=Y,AckNo=X+1)
3. ACK(SeqNo=X+1,AckNo=Y+1)
4. DATA FLOWS
Client
Server
[PSH,ACK]
[PSH,ACK]
FIN(SeqNo=P)
ACK=P+1
FIN(SeqNo=Q)
ACK=Q+1