

2. Use Wireshark to capture and analyse DNS, TCP, UDP traffic and packet header, packet flow, options and flags.

### **Ethernet Header (Layer 2 – Data Link Layer)**

- **Destination MAC Address:** The recipient's MAC address.
- **Source MAC Address:** The sender's MAC address.
- **EtherType:** Indicates the payload type (e.g., IPv4, IPv6).

### **IP Header (Layer 3 – Network Layer)**

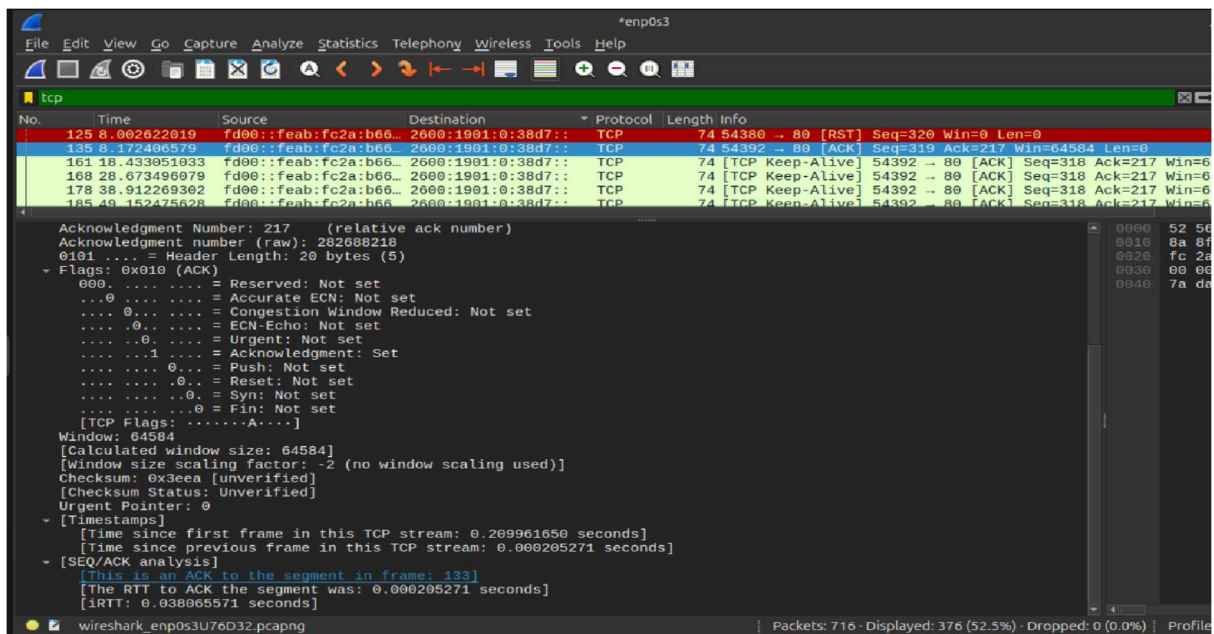
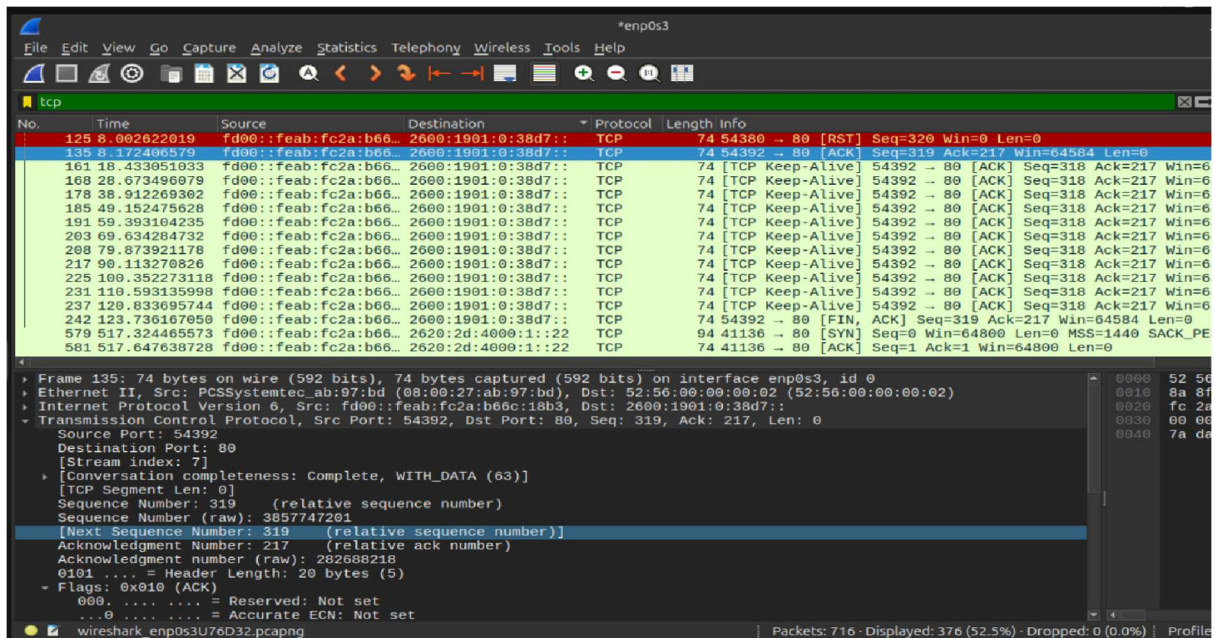
- **Version:** IPv4 (4) or IPv6 (6).
- **Header Length:** Specifies the length of the IP header.
- **Source IP Address:** The sender's IP address.
- **Destination IP Address:** The receiver's IP address.
- **Time to Live (TTL):** Limits how long a packet exists before being discarded.
- **Protocol:** Identifies the transport layer protocol (TCP = 6, UDP = 17).
- **Checksum:** Ensures integrity of the IP header.

### **TCP Header (Layer 4 – Transport Layer)**

TCP provides **reliable, connection-oriented communication**.

- **Source & Destination Ports:** Identifies the application/service.
- **Sequence Number:** Tracks packet ordering.
- **Acknowledgment Number:** Confirms receipt of previous packets.
- **Flags:** Controls the connection state:
  - SYN: Initiates a connection.
  - ACK: Acknowledges a packet.
  - FIN: Terminates a connection.
  - RST: Resets a connection.
  - PSH: Forces immediate data transfer.
  - URG: Marks urgent data.
- **Window Size:** Controls data flow.

- **Checksum:** Ensures data integrity.



## DNS Header (Layer 7 – Application Layer)

DNS resolves **domain names** to **IP addresses** and operates over UDP (by default) or TCP (for large queries).

- **Transaction ID:** A unique identifier for each query.
- **Flags:** Indicates query/response type and recursion status.

- **Questions & Answers:** Specifies domain name resolutions.
- **TTL (Time to Live):** Determines how long the response is valid.

The image shows a Wireshark capture of a DNS response packet. The packet list pane at the top shows several DNS packets. The selected packet is a Standard query response from 10.0.2.3 to 10.0.2.15. The packet details pane shows the following structure:

- Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.0.2.3, Dst: 10.0.2.15
- User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 53, Dst Port: 60083
- Domain Name System (response)
  - Transaction ID: 0x3061
  - Flags: 0x8180 Standard query response, No error
    - 0000 0000 = Response: Message is a response
    - 0000 0000 = Opcode: Standard query (0)
    - 0000 0000 = Authoritative: Server is not an authority for domain
    - 0000 0000 = Truncated: Message is not truncated
    - 0000 0000 = Recursion desired: Do query recursively
    - 0000 0000 = Recursion available: Server can do recursive queries
    - 0000 0000 = Z: reserved (0)
    - 0000 0000 = Answer authenticated: Answer/authority portion was not authenticated by the server
    - 0000 0000 = Non-authenticated data: Unacceptable
    - 0000 0000 = Reply code: No error (0)
  - Questions: 1
  - Answer RRs: 4
  - Authority RRs: 0
  - Additional RRs: 0
  - Queries
    - example.org: type A, class IN
  - Answers
    - example.org: type A, class IN, addr 23.215.0.133
    - example.org: type A, class IN, addr 23.215.0.132
    - example.org: type A, class IN, addr 96.7.128.192
    - example.org: type A, class IN, addr 96.7.128.186

The packet bytes pane shows the raw data of the packet, with a text item highlighted at the bottom.

The image shows a Wireshark capture of a DNS query packet. The packet list pane at the top shows several DNS packets. The selected packet is a Standard query from 10.0.2.15 to 10.0.2.3. The packet details pane shows the following structure:

- Frame 157: 70 bytes on wire (560 bits), 70 bytes captured (560 bits) on interface enp0s3, id 0
- Ethernet II, Src: PCSysntemtec\_ab:97:bd (08:00:27:ab:97:bd), Dst: 52:55:0a:00:02:03 (52:55:0a:00:02:03)
- Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.0.2.15, Dst: 10.0.2.3
- User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 43800, Dst Port: 53
- Domain Name System (query)
  - Transaction ID: 0x7d57
  - Flags: 0x0100 Standard query
    - 0000 0000 = Response: Message is a query
    - 0000 0000 = Opcode: Standard query (0)
    - 0000 0000 = Truncated: Message is not truncated
    - 0000 0000 = Recursion desired: Do query recursively
    - 0000 0000 = Z: reserved (0)
    - 0000 0000 = Non-authenticated data: Unacceptable
  - Questions: 1
  - Answer RRs: 0
  - Authority RRs: 0
  - Additional RRs: 0
  - Queries
    - google.com: type A, class IN

The packet bytes pane shows the raw data of the packet, with a text item highlighted at the bottom.

## UDP Header (Layer 4 – Transport Layer)

UDP provides **fast, connectionless communication** with minimal overhead.

- **Source & Destination Ports:** Identifies application endpoints.
- **Length:** Specifies packet size.
- **Checksum:** Validates integrity.

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No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
20	0.488919359	fe80::a00:27ff:feab...	ff02::c	SSDP	383	NOTIFY * HTTP/1.1
23	13.325308325	10.0.2.15	10.0.2.2	DHCP	342	DHCP Release - Transaction ID 0xd6fdaa3e
26	14.159243877	0.0.0.0	255.255.255.255	DHCP	342	DHCP Discover - Transaction ID 0xec5fa572
27	14.160636752	10.0.2.2	255.255.255.255	DHCP	590	DHCP Offer - Transaction ID 0xec5fa572
28	14.161595458	0.0.0.0	255.255.255.255	DHCP	342	DHCP Request - Transaction ID 0xec5fa572
29	14.162568504	10.0.2.2	255.255.255.255	DHCP	590	DHCP ACK - Transaction ID 0xec5fa572
33	14.333188901	10.0.2.15	239.255.255.250	SSDP	275	NOTIFY * HTTP/1.1
34	14.365912497	10.0.2.15	224.0.0.251	MDNS	87	Standard query 0x0000 PTR _ipps._tcp.local, "QM"
45	14.454326477	10.0.2.15	239.255.255.250	SSDP	261	NOTIFY * HTTP/1.1
47	14.543125370	10.0.2.15	224.0.0.251	MDNS	345	Standard query 0x0000 ANY 3.b.8.1.c.6.6.b.a.2.c.f
48	14.575749612	10.0.2.15	239.255.255.250	SSDP	259	NOTIFY * HTTP/1.1
51	14.710375084	10.0.2.15	239.255.255.250	SSDP	247	NOTIFY * HTTP/1.1
53	14.832122830	10.0.2.15	239.255.255.250	SSDP	204	NOTIFY * HTTP/1.1

Frame 23: 342 bytes on wire (2736 bits), 342 bytes captured (2736 bits) on interface enp0  
 Ethernet II, Src: PCSSystemtec\_ab:97:bd (08:00:27:ab:97:bd), Dst: 52:55:0a:00:02:02 (52:5  
 Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.0.2.15, Dst: 10.0.2.2  
 User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 68, Dst Port: 67  
 Source Port: 68  
 Destination Port: 67  
 Length: 308  
 Checksum: 0x1956 [unverified]  
 [Checksum Status: Unverified]  
 [Stream index: 4]  
 [Timestamps]  
 [Time since first frame: 0.000000000 seconds]  
 [Time since previous frame: 0.000000000 seconds]  
 UDP payload (308 bytes)  
 Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (Release)

0000 52 55 0a 00 02 02 08 00 27 ab 97 \*  
 0010 01 4b 5d 1e 40 00 40 11 c4 76 0a \*  
 0020 02 02 00 44 00 43 01 34 19 56 01 \*  
 0030 aa 3e 00 00 00 00 0a 00 02 0f 00 \*  
 0040 00 00 00 00 00 00 08 00 27 ab 97 \*  
 0050 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 \*  
 0060 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 \*  
 0070 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 \*  
 0080 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 \*  
 0090 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 \*  
 00a0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 \*  
 00b0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 \*  
 00c0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 \*  
 00d0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 \*  
 00e0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 \*  
 00f0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 \*  
 0100 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 \*  
 0110 00 00 00 00 00 00 63 82 53 63 35 \*  
 0120 00 02 02 0c 19 73 61 6b 74 68 69 \*  
 0130 72 2d 73 2d 56 69 72 74 75 61 6c \*