

- 1) Capture and analyze ARP packets using Wireshark. Inspect the ARP request and reply frames and discuss the role of the sender's IP and MAC address in these packets.

ARP stands for **Address Resolution Protocol**. It's a network protocol used to find the **physical address (MAC address)** associated with a given **IP address** on a local network.

ARP Request: If a device (say, the computer) wants to send data to another device on the same local network, it will first check its ARP cache (a list of recently mapped IP addresses to MAC addresses).

If the MAC address isn't in the cache, it will broadcast an ARP request on the network. This request is essentially asking, "Who has this IP address? Please send me your MAC address!"

ARP Reply: The device with the matching IP address will send back an ARP reply with its MAC address. This reply is not broadcast but sent directly back to the device that made the request.

Now, the requesting device has the MAC address and can use it to send data directly to the other device.

An **ARP packet** is the data that is sent during this process. There are two main types:

- **ARP Request Packet** – Sent to ask "Who has this IP?"
- **ARP Reply Packet** – Sent in response with the MAC address.

So, here,

Source Device: Laptop (192.168.0.107)

Target Device: Phone (192.168.0.108)

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Command Prompt
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.19045.5608]
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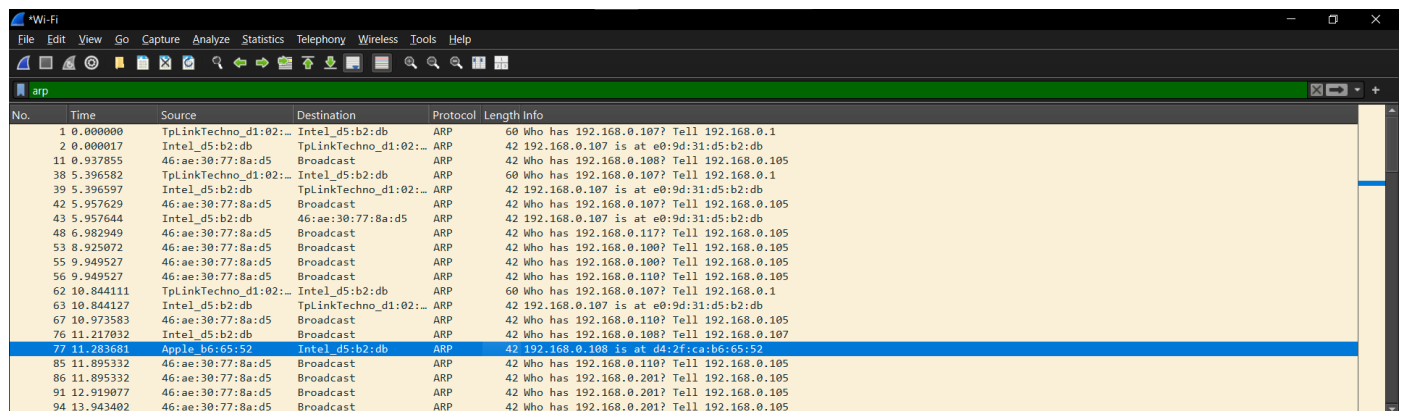
C:\Users\visha>ping 192.168.0.108

Pinging 192.168.0.108 with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 192.168.0.108: bytes=32 time=84ms TTL=64
Reply from 192.168.0.108: bytes=32 time=151ms TTL=64
Reply from 192.168.0.108: bytes=32 time=105ms TTL=64
Reply from 192.168.0.108: bytes=32 time=111ms TTL=64

Ping statistics for 192.168.0.108:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
    Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
        Minimum = 84ms, Maximum = 151ms, Average = 112ms

C:\Users\visha>
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Filtering ARP in Wireshark



The image shows a Wireshark packet capture window with the filter 'arp' applied. The packet list shows 14 packets, all of which are ARP requests or replies. The packet details pane shows the selected packet (No. 77) is an ARP request from 46:ae:30:77:8a:d5 to Intel_d5:b2:db. The packet bytes pane shows the raw data of the ARP request.

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1	0.000000	TpLinkTechno_d1:02:...	Intel_d5:b2:db	ARP	60	Who has 192.168.0.107? Tell 192.168.0.1
2	0.000017	Intel_d5:b2:db	TpLinkTechno_d1:02:...	ARP	42	192.168.0.107 is at e0:9d:31:d5:b2:db
11	0.937855	46:ae:30:77:8a:d5	Broadcast	ARP	42	Who has 192.168.0.108? Tell 192.168.0.105
38	5.396582	TpLinkTechno_d1:02:...	Intel_d5:b2:db	ARP	60	Who has 192.168.0.107? Tell 192.168.0.1
39	5.396597	Intel_d5:b2:db	TpLinkTechno_d1:02:...	ARP	42	192.168.0.107 is at e0:9d:31:d5:b2:db
42	5.957629	46:ae:30:77:8a:d5	Broadcast	ARP	42	Who has 192.168.0.107? Tell 192.168.0.105
43	5.957644	Intel_d5:b2:db	46:ae:30:77:8a:d5	ARP	42	192.168.0.107 is at e0:9d:31:d5:b2:db
48	6.982949	46:ae:30:77:8a:d5	Broadcast	ARP	42	Who has 192.168.0.117? Tell 192.168.0.105
53	8.925072	46:ae:30:77:8a:d5	Broadcast	ARP	42	Who has 192.168.0.100? Tell 192.168.0.105
55	9.949527	46:ae:30:77:8a:d5	Broadcast	ARP	42	Who has 192.168.0.100? Tell 192.168.0.105
56	9.949527	46:ae:30:77:8a:d5	Broadcast	ARP	42	Who has 192.168.0.110? Tell 192.168.0.105
62	10.844111	TpLinkTechno_d1:02:...	Intel_d5:b2:db	ARP	60	Who has 192.168.0.107? Tell 192.168.0.1
63	10.844127	Intel_d5:b2:db	TpLinkTechno_d1:02:...	ARP	42	192.168.0.107 is at e0:9d:31:d5:b2:db
67	10.973583	46:ae:30:77:8a:d5	Broadcast	ARP	42	Who has 192.168.0.110? Tell 192.168.0.105
76	11.217032	Intel_d5:b2:db	Broadcast	ARP	42	Who has 192.168.0.108? Tell 192.168.0.107
77	11.283681	Apple_b6:65:52	Intel_d5:b2:db	ARP	42	192.168.0.108 is at d4:2f:ca:b6:65:52
85	11.895332	46:ae:30:77:8a:d5	Broadcast	ARP	42	Who has 192.168.0.110? Tell 192.168.0.105
86	11.895332	46:ae:30:77:8a:d5	Broadcast	ARP	42	Who has 192.168.0.201? Tell 192.168.0.105
91	12.919077	46:ae:30:77:8a:d5	Broadcast	ARP	42	Who has 192.168.0.201? Tell 192.168.0.105
94	13.943402	46:ae:30:77:8a:d5	Broadcast	ARP	42	Who has 192.168.0.201? Tell 192.168.0.105

ARP Request:

The target MAC is unknown (00:00:00:00:00:00) because the sender doesn't know it.

The screenshot shows a Wireshark capture of an ARP request packet. The packet list on the left shows a packet at time 11.217032 from Intel_d5:b2:db to Broadcast. The packet details pane shows the following structure:

- Ethernet II, Src: Intel_d5:b2:db (e0:9d:31:d5:b2:db), Dst: Broadcast (ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff)
 - Destination: Broadcast (ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff)
 - ...1... = LG bit: Locally administered address (this is NOT the factory default)
 - ...1... = IG bit: Group address (multicast/broadcast)
 - Source: Intel_d5:b2:db (e0:9d:31:d5:b2:db)
 - ...0... = LG bit: Globally unique address (factory default)
 - ...0... = IG bit: Individual address (unicast)
 - Type: ARP (0x0806)
 - [Stream index: 6]
 - Address Resolution Protocol (request)
 - Hardware type: Ethernet (1)
 - Protocol type: IPv4 (0x0800)
 - Hardware size: 6
 - Protocol size: 4
 - Opcode: request (1)
 - Sender MAC address: Intel_d5:b2:db (e0:9d:31:d5:b2:db)
 - Sender IP address: 192.168.0.107
 - Target MAC address: 00:00:00:00:00:00 (00:00:00:00:00:00)
 - Target IP address: 192.168.0.108

The packet bytes pane shows the raw data of the packet, with the target MAC address field highlighted in blue.

ARP Reply:

The screenshot shows a Wireshark capture of an ARP reply packet. The packet list on the left shows a packet at time 11.283681 from Apple_b6:65:52 to Intel_d5:b2:db. The packet details pane shows the following structure:

- Ethernet II, Src: Apple_b6:65:52 (d4:2f:ca:b6:65:52), Dst: Intel_d5:b2:db (e0:9d:31:d5:b2:db)
 - Destination: Intel_d5:b2:db (e0:9d:31:d5:b2:db)
 - ...0... = LG bit: Globally unique address (factory default)
 - ...0... = IG bit: Individual address (unicast)
 - Source: Apple_b6:65:52 (d4:2f:ca:b6:65:52)
 - ...1... = LG bit: Globally unique address (factory default)
 - ...1... = IG bit: Individual address (unicast)
 - Type: ARP (0x0806)
 - [Stream index: 5]
 - Address Resolution Protocol (reply)
 - Hardware type: Ethernet (1)
 - Protocol type: IPv4 (0x0800)
 - Hardware size: 6
 - Protocol size: 4
 - Opcode: reply (2)
 - Sender MAC address: Apple_b6:65:52 (d4:2f:ca:b6:65:52)
 - Sender IP address: 192.168.0.108
 - Target MAC address: Intel_d5:b2:db (e0:9d:31:d5:b2:db)
 - Target IP address: 192.168.0.107

The packet bytes pane shows the raw data of the packet, with the source MAC address field highlighted in blue.

ARP helps devices on a local network find each other's physical addresses, enabling them to communicate directly and efficiently. Without ARP, devices would have no way to convert IP addresses into MAC addresses, and communication wouldn't be possible.