

4. Use Wireshark to capture DHCP Discover, Offer, Request, and Acknowledge messages and explain the process.

Step 1:

Using command prompt releasing and renew to trigger DHCP process

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Windows IP Configuration

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Unknown adapter Local Area Connection:

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Ethernet adapter Ethernet 5:

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    Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::9ab6:1e49:d88f:1a4a%11
    IPv4 Address. . . . . : 192.168.56.1
    Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
    Default Gateway . . . . . :

C:\Users\pavan>ipconfig /renew

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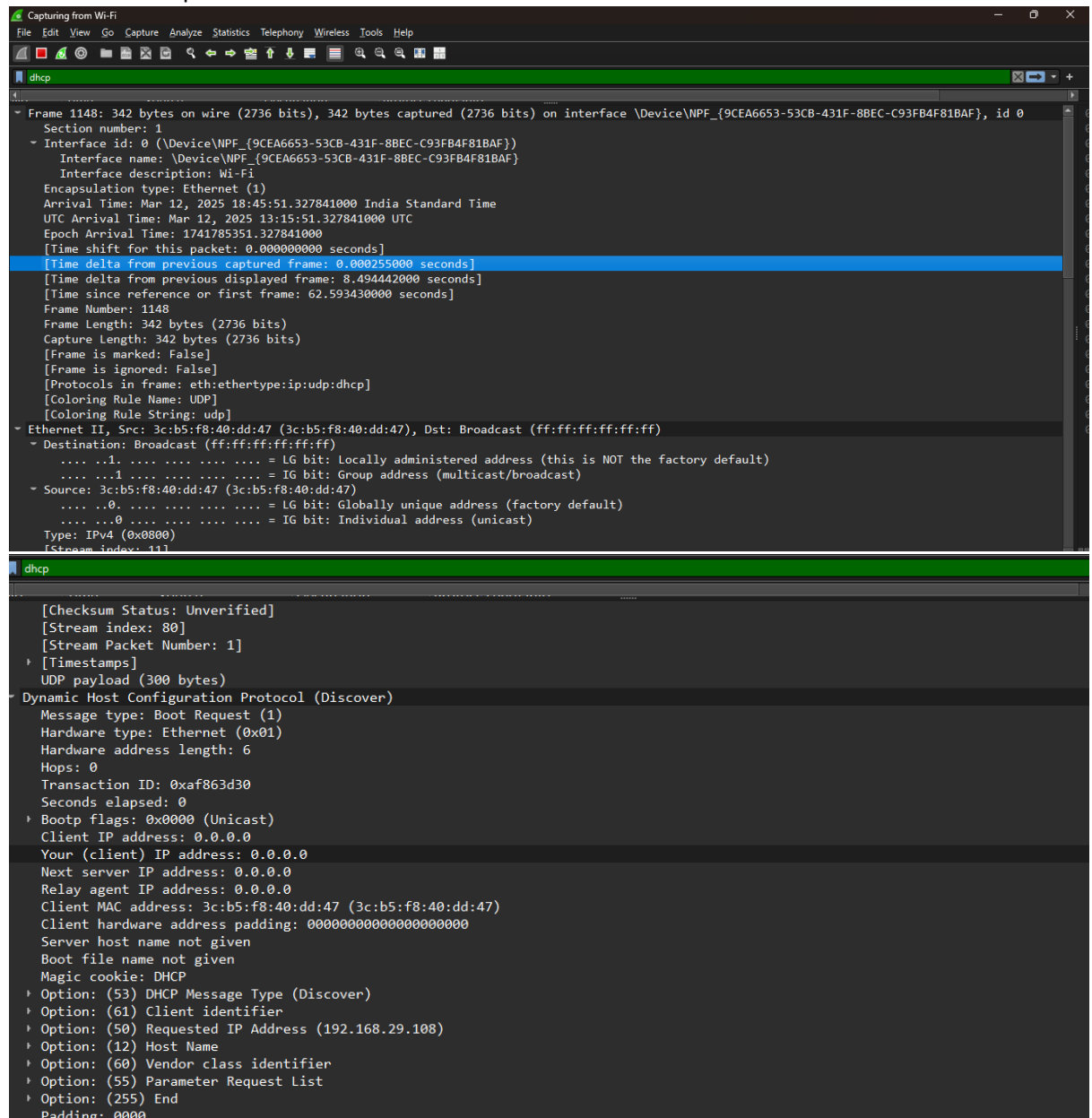
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Step 2 : Using wireshark to capture DHCP packets

The DHCP process consists of four main steps: **Discover, Offer, Request, and Acknowledge (DORA)**.

DHCP discover : The client device (e.g., a computer or phone) **does not have an IP address** and wants to request one from a DHCP server.



The client **broadcasts** a **DHCP Discover** message to 255.255.255.255 (or 0.0.0.0 to 255.255.255.255).

This packet is sent over **UDP port 67**.

DHCP Offer :

When a **DHCP server receives the Discover packet**, it responds with a **DHCP Offer** message.

This message contains an available IP address and additional network configuration details.

The server may **broadcast** or **unicast** this response to the client.

Sent over **UDP port 68**.

Packet List:

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
936	54.098988	192.168.29.108	192.168.29.1	DHCP	342	DHCP Release - Transaction ID 0xc07d114
1148	62.593430	0.0.0.0	255.255.255.255	DHCP	342	DHCP Discover - Transaction ID 0xaf863d30
1151	62.598116	192.168.29.1	192.168.29.108	DHCP	342	DHCP Offer - Transaction ID 0xaf863d30
1152	62.598917	0.0.0.0	255.255.255.255	DHCP	362	DHCP Request - Transaction ID 0xaf863d30
1153	62.603231	192.168.29.1	192.168.29.108	DHCP	350	DHCP ACK - Transaction ID 0xaf863d30
1936	92.186120	192.168.29.108	192.168.29.1	DHCP	350	DHCP Request - Transaction ID 0x72f56ca2
1937	92.189378	192.168.29.1	192.168.29.108	DHCP	350	DHCP ACK - Transaction ID 0x72f56ca2

Packet Details:

- Ethernet II, Src: SkyworthDigi_7e:6d:e1 (48:55:5e:7e:6d:e1), Dst: 3c:b5:f8:40:dd:47 (3c:b5:f8:40:dd:47)
- UDP, Src Port: 67, Dst Port: 68
- Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (Offer)
 - Message type: Boot Reply (2)
 - Hardware type: Ethernet (0x01)
 - Hardware address length: 6
 - Hops: 0
 - Transaction ID: 0xaf863d30
 - Seconds elapsed: 0
 - Bootp flags: 0x0000 (Unicast)
 - Client IP address: 0.0.0.0
 - Your (client) IP address: 192.168.29.108
 - Next server IP address: 192.168.29.1
 - Relay agent IP address: 0.0.0.0
 - Client MAC address: 3c:b5:f8:40:dd:47 (3c:b5:f8:40:dd:47)
 - Client hardware address padding: 00000000000000000000
 - Server host name not given
 - Boot file name not given
 - Magic cookie: DHCP
 - Option: (53) DHCP Message Type (Offer)

Packet Bytes:

0000 3c b5 f8 40 dd 47 48 55 5e 7e 6d e1 08 00 45 00 <- @ GH
0010 01 48 4f 9b 00 00 40 11 6e 4c c0 a8 1d 01 c0 a8 HO...
0020 1d 6c 00 43 00 44 01 34 9b 2b 02 01 06 00 af 86 .L C D
0030 3d 30 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 c0 a8 1d 6c c0 a8 =0...
0040 1d 01 00 00 00 00 3c b5 f8 40 dd 47 00 00 00 00 <...<
0050 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
0060 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
0070 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
0080 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
0090 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00a0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00b0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00c0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00d0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00e0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00f0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
0100 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
0110 00 00 00 00 00 00 63 82 53 63 35 01 02 36 04 c0c
0120 a8 1d 01 33 04 00 01 43 70 3a 04 00 00 a1 b8 3b ...3...

DHCP Request:

The client selects **one** DHCP server (if multiple responded) and sends a **DHCP Request** message.

This confirms that the client accepts the offered IP address.

The request is **broadcasted** to inform all DHCP servers (so others can reclaim their offered IPs).

Sent over **UDP port 67**.

Packet 1152: 362 bytes on wire (2896 bits), 362 bytes captured (2896 bits) on interface 0

Section number: 1

Interface id: 0 (\Device\NPF_{9CEA6653-53CB-431F-8BEC-C93FB4F81BAF})

Interface name: \Device\NPF_{9CEA6653-53CB-431F-8BEC-C93FB4F81BAF}

Interface description: Wi-Fi

Encapsulation type: Ethernet (1)

Arrival Time: Mar 12, 2025 18:45:51.333328000 India Standard Time

UTC Arrival Time: Mar 12, 2025 13:15:51.333328000 UTC

Epoch Arrival Time: 1741785351.333328000

[Time shift for this packet: 0.000000000 seconds]

[Time delta from previous captured frame: 0.000801000 seconds]

[Time delta from previous displayed frame: 0.000801000 seconds]

[Time since reference or first frame: 62.598917000 seconds]

Frame Number: 1152

Frame Length: 362 bytes (2896 bits)

Capture Length: 362 bytes (2896 bits)

[Frame is marked: False]

[Frame is ignored: False]

[Protocols in frame: eth:ethertype:ip:udp:dhcp]

Header Checksum: 0xd515 [validation disabled]

[Header checksum status: Unverified]

Source Address: 0.0.0.0

Destination Address: 255.255.255.255

[Stream index: 14]

User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 68, Dst Port: 67

Source Port: 68

Destination Port: 67

Length: 328

Checksum: 0x3871 [unverified]

[Checksum Status: Unverified]

[Stream index: 80]

[Stream Packet Number: 2]

[Timestamps]

UDP payload (320 bytes)

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Hardware address length: 6

DHCP Acknowledge :

The **DHCP server** that provided the IP **sends a DHCP Acknowledge (ACK)** message to confirm the lease.

The client is now allowed to use the assigned IP address.

Sent over **UDP port 68**.

The image displays a Wireshark packet capture of a DHCP transaction. The top pane shows a list of packets, with packet 1153 highlighted. The middle pane shows the details of packet 1153, which is a DHCP ACK message. The bottom pane shows the raw packet data in hexadecimal and ASCII.

Packets: 39203 · Displayed: 7 (0.0%)

Profile: Default

Packet 1153: 350 bytes on wire (2800 bits), 350 bytes captured (2800 bits) on interface 0

Section number: 1

Interface id: 0 (\Device\NPF_{9CEA6653-53CB-431F-8BEC-C93FB4F81BAF})

Interface name: \Device\NPF_{9CEA6653-53CB-431F-8BEC-C93FB4F81BAF}

Interface description: Wi-Fi

Encapsulation type: Ethernet (1)

Arrival Time: Mar 12, 2025 18:45:51.337642000 India Standard Time

UTC Arrival Time: Mar 12, 2025 13:15:51.337642000 UTC

Epoch Arrival Time: 1741785351.337642000

[Time shift for this packet: 0.000000000 seconds]

[Time delta from previous captured frame: 0.004314000 seconds]

[Time delta from previous displayed frame: 0.004314000 seconds]

[Time since reference or first frame: 62.603231000 seconds]

Frame Number: 1153

Frame Length: 350 bytes (2800 bits)

Capture Length: 350 bytes (2800 bits)

[Frame is marked: False]

[Frame is ignored: False]

[Protocols in frame: eth:ethertype:ip:udp:dhcp]

UDP payload (308 bytes)

Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (ACK)

Message type: Boot Reply (2)

Hardware type: Ethernet (0x01)

Hardware address length: 6

Hops: 0

Transaction ID: 0xaf863d30

Seconds elapsed: 0

Bootp flags: 0x0000 (Unicast)

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Magic cookie: DHCP

Option: (53) DHCP Message Type (ACK)