

Computer Networks Wireshar Lab 2



Prepare a report and include a part of the packets you captured in the Wireshark as an image in the report.

Take the following steps before answering the questions:

- Close all tunneling connections in your system if you are using any (VPN, proxies, ...)
- Close all the programs in your computer using the Internet.

Part 1: DNS

- Open an Internet browser.
- Start the Wireshark.
- Clear your DNS history by using command "**ipconfig** /**flushdns**" in Window's command prompt.
- Choose a random website. It can be any university webpage (a http one not a https).
- Open the website in your browser while the Wireshark is capturing the line.
- After the page is loaded, you can stop the capture.

Questions

- 1. Filter UDP connections with port number 53 which belongs to DNS (udp.dstport==53 || udp.srcport==53). There might be some sequences of DNS. Describe the DNS sequences for the website you opened.
- 2. Select the DNS query packet. Explain the content of the request.
- 3. Find the response of the DNS packet in question 1. Describe flags and the answer.
- 4. What is Time to Live in DNS protocol and in which packet can it be found?
- 5. You probably see some DNS packets that are the query for another website except one you opened. Can you explain what these DNS queries are?
- 6. Examine the DNS response message. How many "answers" are provided? What does each of these answers contain?
- 7. 8. Open command window and type "nslookup -type=NS + address of a website you opened". For example: "nslookup -type=NS google.com". Please explain what the results are.

HTTP

- Start up the Wireshark packet sniffer
- Enter the following URL into your browser
 http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/wireshark-labs/HTTP-wireshark-file4.html
 Your browser should display a short HTML file with two images.
 Stop Wireshark packet capture, and enter "http" in the display-filter-specification window, so that only captured HTTP messages will be displayed.
- Filter http traffic.

Questions:

- 1. How many HTTP GET request messages did your browser send?
- 2. Explain the purposes of all GET messages.
- 3. Explain the GET responses. What is the content of these messages?