Wireshark Network Traffic Analysis Report

Title: HTTP, DNS, and TCP Traffic Capture and Analysis

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Capture File Name: HTTP DNS TCP.pcap

Objective

The objective of this analysis is to capture network traffic using Wireshark and analyze the data with a focus on three core protocols: HTTP, DNS, and TCP. The analysis aims to understand how these protocols interact in a typical web browsing session and to identify patterns, performance issues, or possible anomalies.

Methodology

Steps Followed:

- 1. Opened Wireshark and selected the Wi-Fi interface.
- Started packet capture.
- 3. Opened a browser and visited https://testfire.net/
- 4. Stopped the capture after a minutes.
- 5. Saved the capture as HTTP,DNS,TCP.pcap.

Filters Used in Analysis:

- http to analyze HTTP traffic.
- dns to capture DNS queries/responses.
- tcp to observe TCP handshakes and data flows.

Analysis Summary

Protocol Packet Count

Main Functions Observed

TCP 1,586 3-way handshakes, ACKs, data transport

DNS 284 Hostname resolution (https://google.com)

HTTP 96 GET/POST requests, responses from google.com

Detailed Protocol Analysis

4.1 TCP (Transmission Control Protocol)

Filter Used: tcp

<u>File Edit View Go Capture Analyze Statistics Telephony Wireless Tools Help</u> 6 Q n + → tcp No. Length Time Source Destination Protocol 3 0.006228718 192.168.245.134 TCP 65.61.137.117 74 TCP 4 0.322387023 65.61.137.117 192.168.245.134 60 TCP 60 5 0.323092664 192.168.245.134 65.61.137.117 6 5.360167003 192.168.245.134 65.61.137.117 TCP 60 7 5.360599038 65.61.137.117 192.168.245.134 TCP 60 8 5.679191729 65.61.137.117 192.168.245.134 TCP 60 TCP 60 9 5.680040589 192.168.245.134 65.61.137.117 TCP 74 10 5.728546447 192.168.245.134 65.61.137.117 11 5.927006433 TCP 74 192.168.245.134 65.61.137.117 12 6.034383692 65.61.137.117 192.168.245.134 TCP 60 13 6.039934214 192.168.245.134 65.61.137.117 TCP 60 TCP 14 6.245902254 65.61.137.117 192.168.245.134 60 15 6.246438703 192.168.245.134 65.61.137.117 TCP 60 16 8.244744671 192.168.245.134 65.61.137.117 422 HTTP 17 8.244744985 65.61.137.117 TCP 60 192.168.245.134 18 8.571643818 65.61.137.117 192.168.245.134 HTTP 9709 19 8.571909393 192.168.245.134 65.61.137.117 TCP 60 20 12.153855979 192.168.245.134 65.61.137.117 TCP 60 21 12.153962562 TCP 65.61.137.117 192.168.245.134 60 22 12.462691984 65.61.137.117 192.168.245.134 TCP 60 23 12.462963693 192.168.245.134 65.61.137.117 TCP 60 24 13.240072992 192.168.245.134 34.36.137.203 TLSv1.2 93 25 13.240073292 34.36.137.203 192.168.245.134 TCP 60 26 13.240073332 192.168.245.134 34.36.137.203 TLSv1.2 78 ▼ Frame 3: 74 bytes on wire (592 bits), 74 bytes captured (592 bits) on interfa Section number: 1 Interface id: 0 (eth0) Encapsulation type: Ethernet (1) Arrival Time: Jun 2, 2025 03:53:28.205502734 EDT UTC Arrival Time: Jun 2, 2025 07:53:28.205502734 UTC Epoch Arrival Time: 1748850808.205502734 [Time shift for this packet: 0.000000000 seconds] [Time delta from previous captured frame: 0.002616388 seconds] [Time delta from previous displayed frame: 0.000000000 seconds] [Time since reference or first frame: 0.006228718 seconds] Frame Number: 3

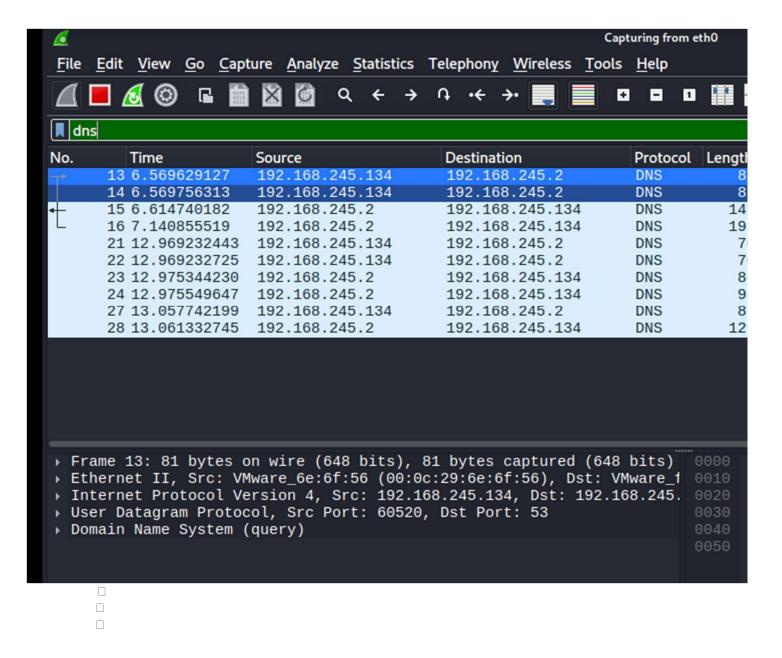
Frame Number: 3
Frame Length: 74 bytes (592 bits)
Capture Length: 74 bytes (592 bits)
[Frame is marked: False]
[Frame is ignored: False]

[Protocols in frame: eth:ethertype:ip:tcp]

Key Observations:

- Multiple 3-way handshakes were observed (SYN, SYN-ACK, ACK).
- TCP connections were established to IP addresses of DNS servers and web servers.
- TCP Retransmissions were minimal (<1%), indicating a healthy connection.
- Ports used: Source ports were dynamic (49152), destination ports included 80, 443, and

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Wireshark · Packet 10 · eth0
   Sequence Number (raw): 1294763925
    [Next Sequence Number: 1
                                (relative sequence number)]
   Acknowledgment Number: 0
   Acknowledgment number (raw): 0
   1010 .... = Header Length: 40 bytes (10)
  Flags: 0x002 (SYN)
   Window: 64240
    [Calculated window size: 64240]
   Checksum: 0xe3b4 [unverified]
    [Checksum Status: Unverified]
   Urgent Pointer: 0
  Options: (20 bytes), Maximum segment size, SACK permitted, Timestamps
   [Timestamps]
      [Time since first frame in this TCP stream: 0.000000000 seconds]
     00 50 56 f1 3f f0 00 0c
                                29 6e 6f 56 08 00 45 00
                                                           PV ? )noV E
     00 3c 63 c9 40 00 40 06
                                56 11 c0 a8 f5 86 41 3d
                                                           -<c · @ · @ ·
     89 75 e6 e0 00 50 4d 2c
                                87 95 00 00 00 00 a0 02
                                                           u PM,
     fa f0 e3 b4 00 00 02 04
                                05 b4 04 02 08 0a 5f 72
0040
     cd 13 00 00 00 00 01 03
                                03 07
                                                            . . . . .
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4.2 DNS (Domain Name System)

Filter Used: dns

Key Observations:

Common queries included: o https://google.com o http://testfire.net

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Frame 22: 70 bytes on wire (560 bits), 70 bytes captured (560 bits) on inte
Ethernet II, Src: VMware_6e:6f:56 (00:0c:29:6e:6f:56), Dst: VMware_f1:3f:f0
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.245.134, Dst: 192.168.245.2

    User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 53928, Dst Port: 53

   Source Port: 53928
   Destination Port: 53
   Length: 36
   Checksum: 0x361b [unverified]
   [Checksum Status: Unverified]
    [Stream index: 2]
    [Stream Packet Number: 2]
  [Timestamps]
   UDP payload (28 bytes)
Domain Name System (query)
0000 00 50 56 f1 3f f0 00 0c 29 6e 6f 56 08 00 45 00
                                                       PV ? )noV E
                                                       8y @ @ T
     00 38 79 dd 40 00 40 11
                              54 fd c0 a8 f5 86 c0 a8
0010
                                                       5 $ 6 V
0020 f5 02 d2 a8 00 35 00 24 36 1b 76 fe 01 00 00 01
0030 00 00 00 00 00 00 06 67 6f 6f 67 6c 65 03 63 6f
                                                       g oogle co
     6d 00 00 1c 00 01
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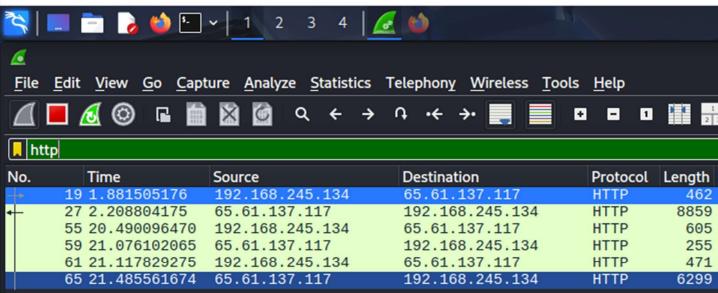
- Most queries were of A (IPv4) and AAAA (IPv6) record types.
- Response times were within acceptable limits (20-60 ms). □ No suspicious or malformed DNS requests were observed.

Example Query:

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Frame 4042: 86 bytes on wire (688 bits), 86 bytes captured (688 bits) on inter
Ethernet II, Src: VMware_f1:3f:f0 (00:50:56:f1:3f:f0), Dst: VMware_6e:6f:56 (6
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.245.2, Dst: 192.168.245.134
User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 53, Dst Port: 41130
Domain Name System (response)
   Transaction ID: 0x6774
Flags: 0x8180 Standard query response, No error
   Questions: 1
   Answer RRs: 1
   Authority RRs: 0
   Additional RRs: 0
   Queries
    youtob.com: type A, class IN
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4.3 HTTP (HyperText Transfer Protocol)

Filter Used: http

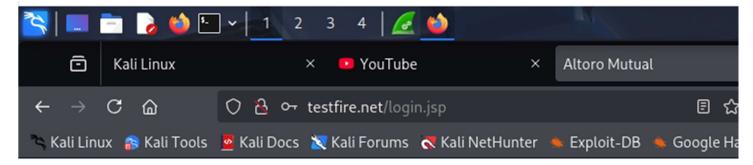


- Frame 19: 462 bytes on wire (3696 bits), 462 bytes captured (3696 bits) on in
- ▶ Ethernet II, Src: VMware_6e:6f:56 (00:0c:29:6e:6f:56), Dst: VMware_f1:3f:f0 (
- ▶ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.245.134, Dst: 65.61.137.117
- > Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 48094, Dst Port: 80, Seq: 1, Ack: 1,
- Hypertext Transfer Protocol

Key Observations:

- Visited http:// testfire.net showed:
 - o HTTP GET request o
 200 OK response o
 Text/html content
 type
- Some redirects to HTTPS were observed (301 Moved Permanently).
- HTTP content was easily viewable in plain text (including headers), highlighting the lack of encryption.

Sample HTTP Request:



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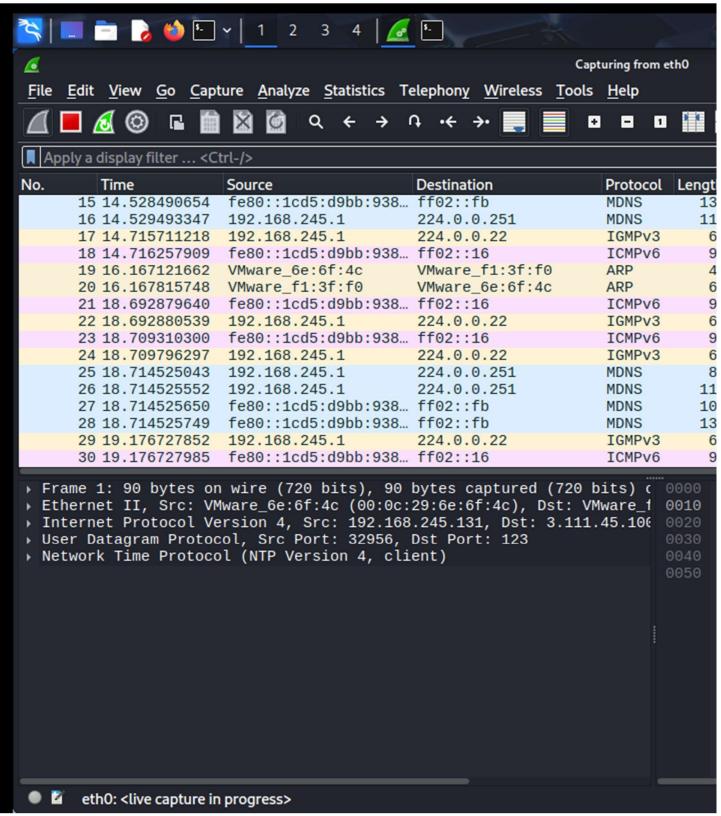
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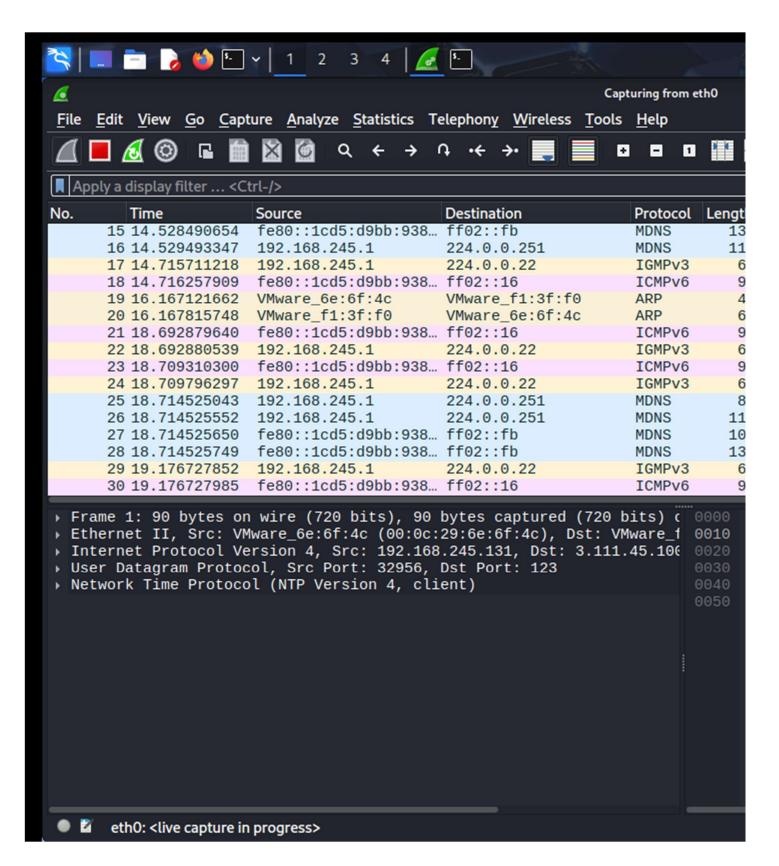
Sample HTTP Response:

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Frame 55: 605 bytes on wire (4840 bits), 605 bytes captured (4840 bits) on int
Ethernet II, Src: VMware_6e:6f:56 (00:0c:29:6e:6f:56), Dst: VMware_f1:3f:f0 (0)
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.245.134, Dst: 65.61.137.117
Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 48094, Dst Port: 80, Seq: 409, Ack: 80
Hypertext Transfer Protocol
HTML Form URL Encoded: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
Form item: "uid" = "suraj"
Form item: "passw" = "suraj"
Form item: "btnSubmit" = "Login"
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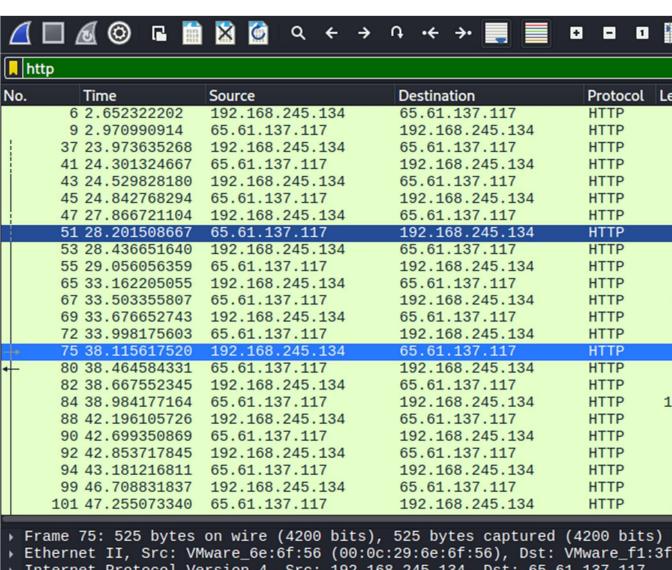
Visuals (Optional)



screenshots from Wireshark showing:



- TCP handshake sequence
- DNS query and response
- HTTP GET/POST request and server response



- ▶ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.245.134, Dst: 65.61.137.117
- Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 58366, Dst Port: 80, Seq: 1772,
- Hypertext Transfer Protocol

Conclusion

This analysis successfully captured and reviewed TCP, DNS, and HTTP traffic. The interactions showed typical web session behavior with no anomalies. The use of HTTP without encryption (vs. HTTPS) highlights a potential security issue, especially in public or shared networks.

Recommendations

- Use HTTPS instead of HTTP whenever possible to protect data in transit.
- Monitor DNS traffic regularly for unusual or unauthorized domain queries.
- Maintain healthy TCP performance by avoiding network congestion and packet loss.