

Task 5: Capture and Analyze Network Traffic Using Wireshark

1. Objective

Capture live network packets using Wireshark and identify different protocols to understand basic network communication.

2. Tools Used

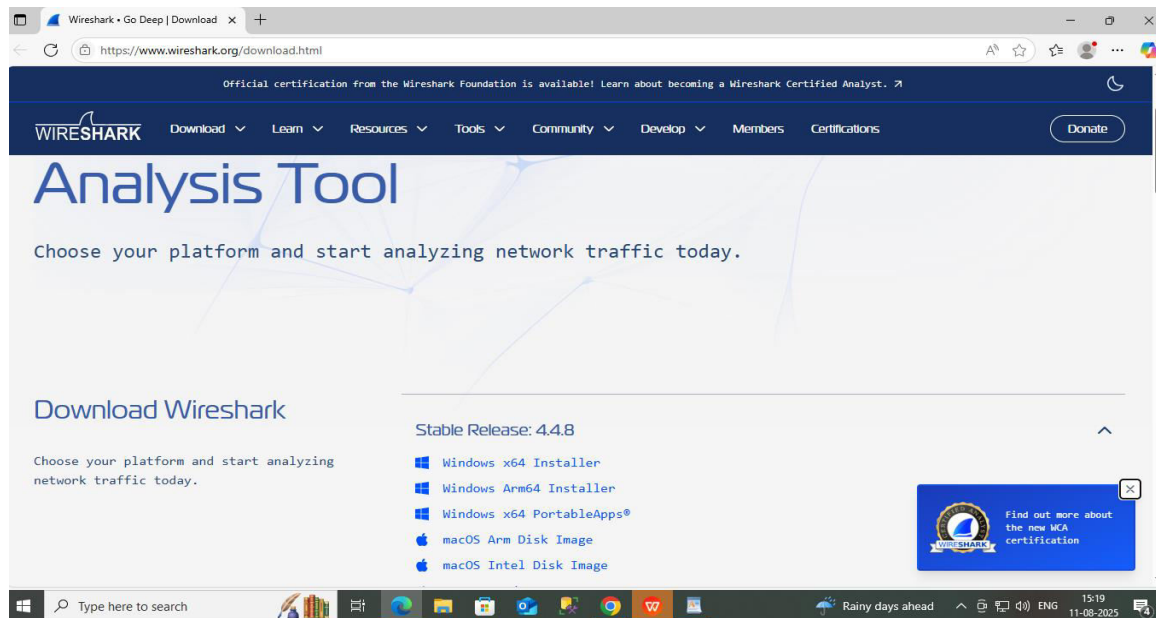
Wireshark (Latest version)

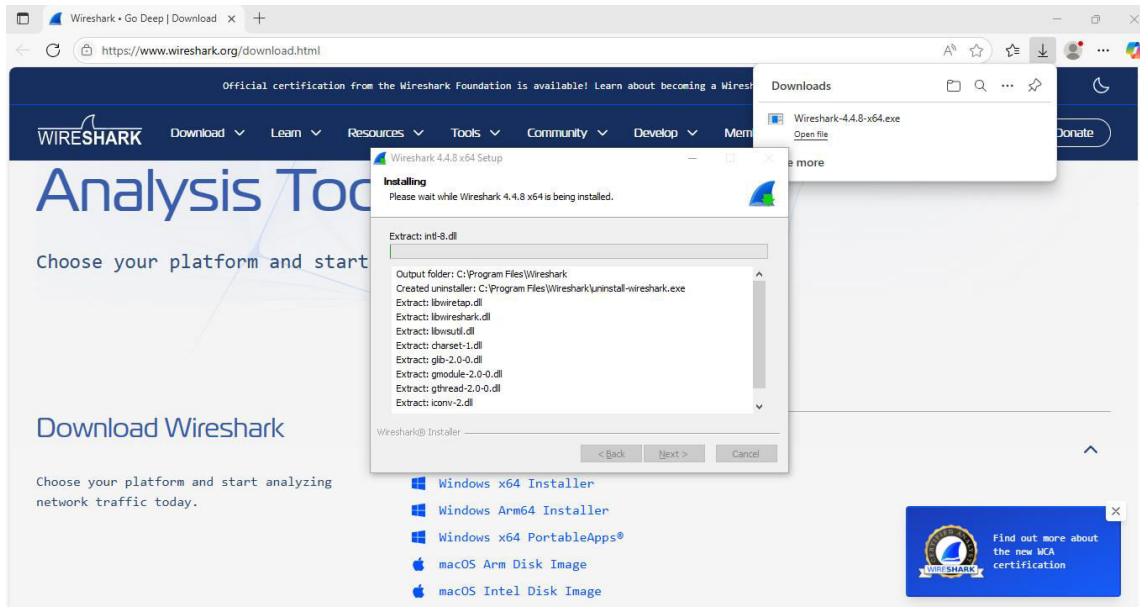
3. Steps Performed

Step 1 – Install Wireshark

Download from <https://www.wireshark.org/download.html>

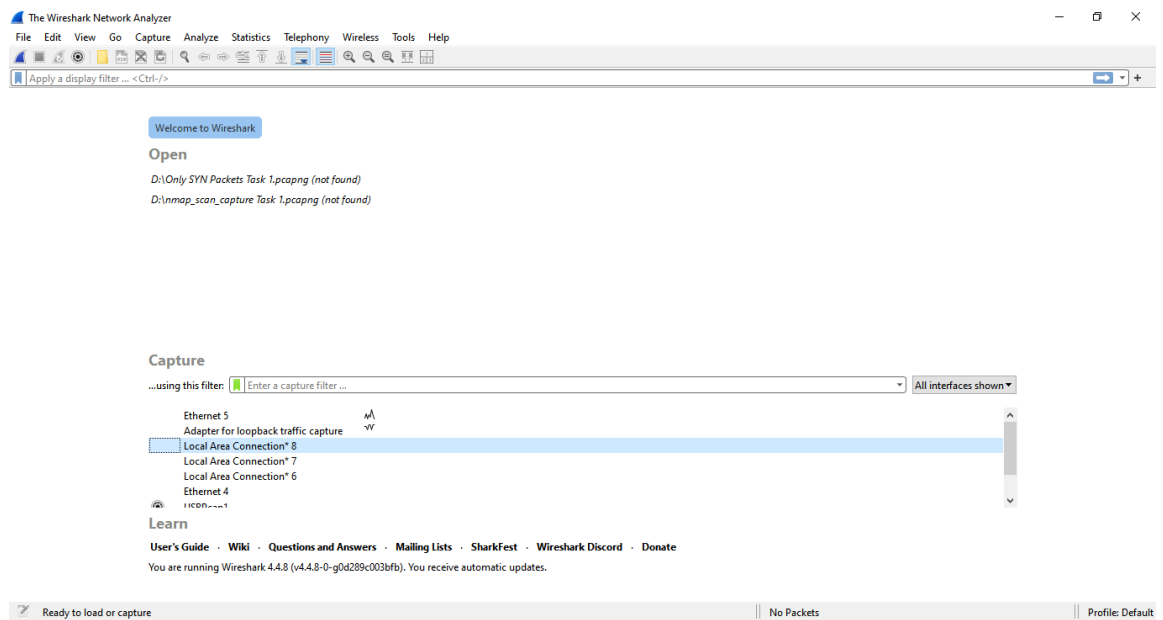
Install with WinPcap/Npcap option enabled.



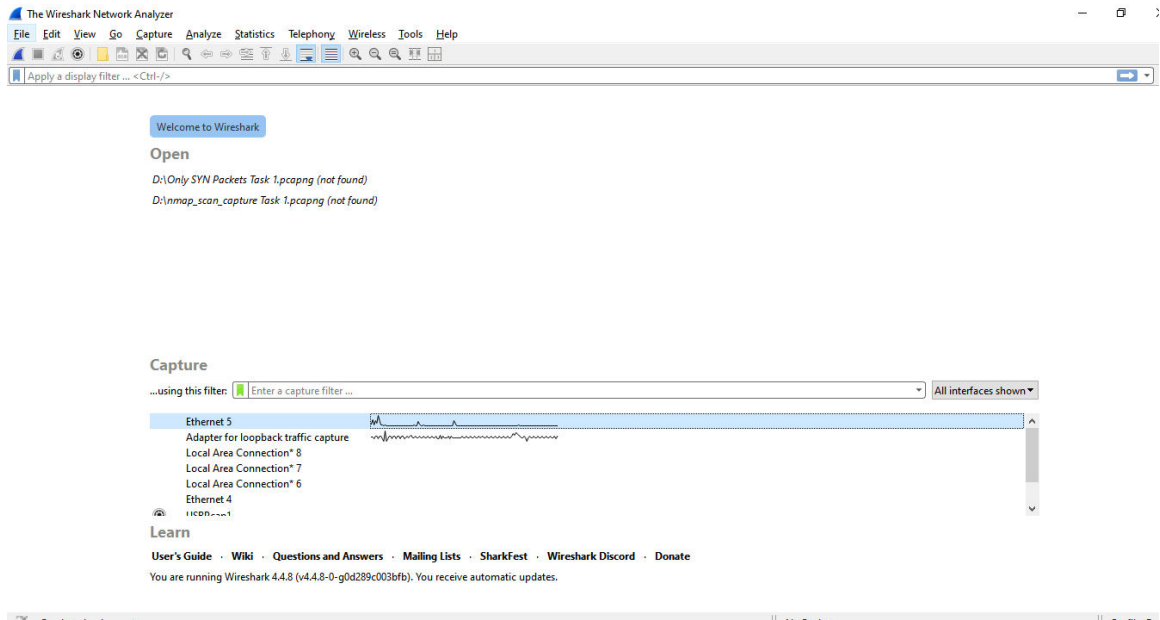


Step 2 – Launch Wireshark & Select Interface

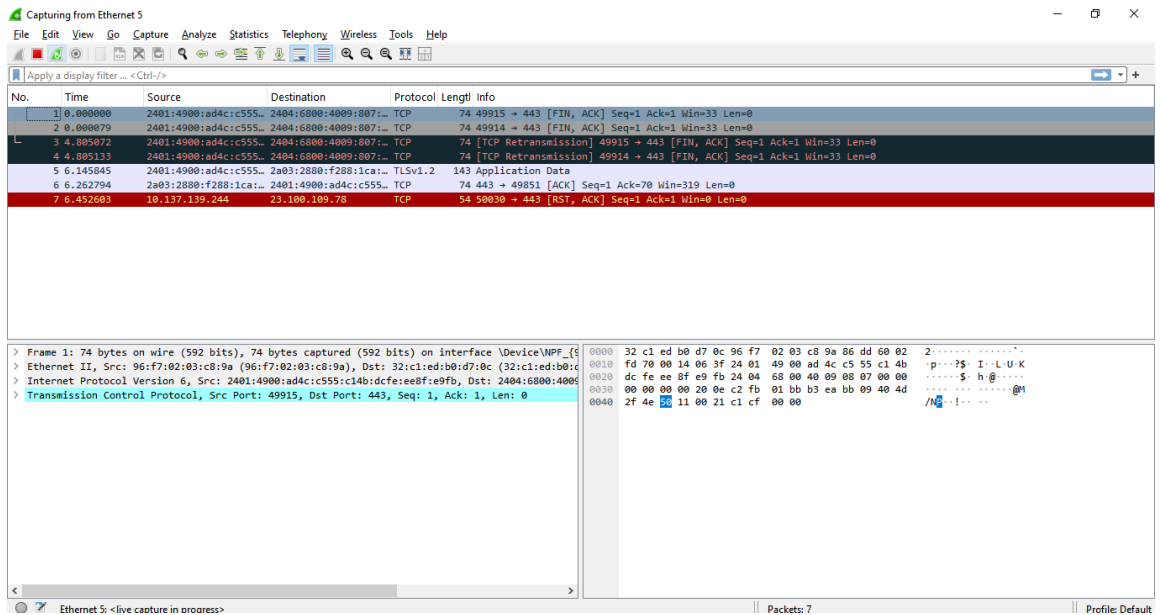
Open Wireshark.



Select your **active network interface** (Ethernet 5)



Click **Start Capturing Packets**.

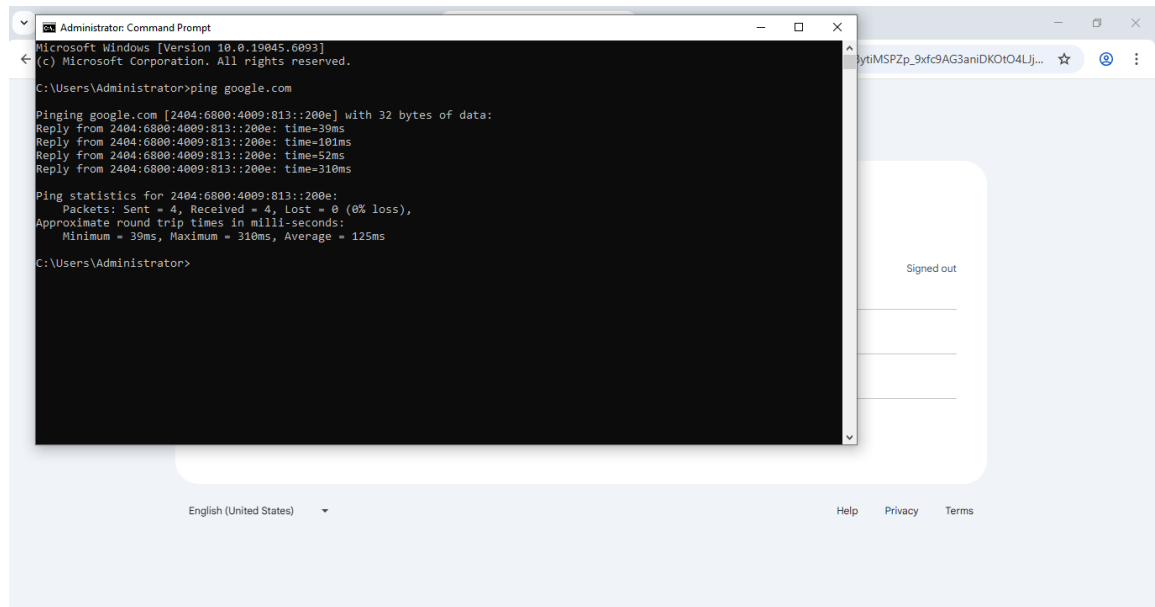


Step 3 – Generating Network Traffic

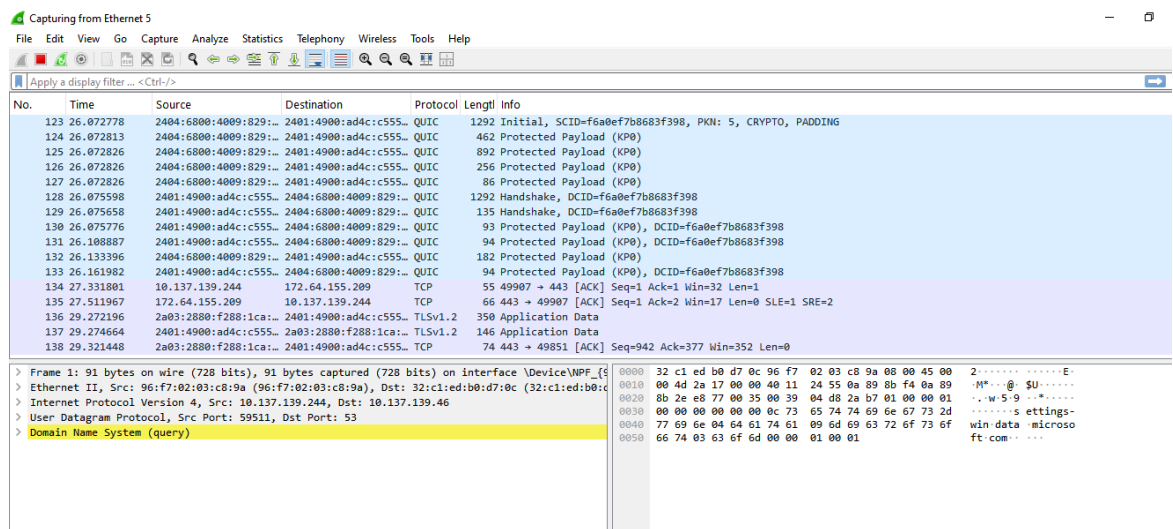
Open a browser and visit websites like: www.google.com

Run a ping command:

ping google.com



Network traffic after pinging google.com



Step 4

After 1 - 2 minutes, I have stopped the packet capturing.

Step 5 – Applying Protocol Filters

http – for web traffic

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http

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
629	58.666042	2600:140f:200::1737...	2401:4900:ad4c:c555...	HTTP	584	HTTP/1.0 408 Request Time-out (text/html)
632	58.675106	2600:140f:200::1737...	2401:4900:ad4c:c555...	HTTP	584	HTTP/1.0 408 Request Time-out (text/html)

> Frame 629: 584 bytes on wire (4672 bits), 584 bytes captured (4672 bits) on interface \Device\NPF{...}

> Ethernet II, Src: 32:c1:ed:b8:d7:0c (32:c1:ed:b8:d7:0c), Dst: 96:f7:02:03:c8:9a (96:f7:02:03:c8:9a)

> Internet Protocol Version 6, Src: 2600:140f:200::1737:6c43, Dst: 2401:4900:ad4c:c555:c14b:dcf6

> Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 80, Dst Port: 50543, Seq: 1, Ack: 1, Len: 510

> Hypertext Transfer Protocol

> Line-based text data: text/html (8 lines)

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0000  96 f7 02 03 c8 9a 32 c1 ed b0 d7 0c 86 dd 6b 85 .....2.....k.
0010  f5 ac 02 12 06 3a 26 00 14 0f 02 00 00 00 00 00 .....&.....
0020  00 00 17 37 6c 43 24 01 49 00 ad 4c c5 55 c1 4b ...71C$ I-L-U-K
0030  dc fe ee 0f e9 fb 00 50 c5 6f b1 fe 7f c8 dc 0f .....P o.....
0040  4b f4 50 18 01 fb fd 18 00 00 48 54 54 50 2f 31 K-P.....HTTP/1
0050  2e 30 20 34 30 38 20 52 65 71 75 65 73 74 20 54 .0 408 R equest T
0060  69 6d 65 2d 6f 75 74 0d 0a 53 65 72 76 65 72 3a ime-out-Server:
0070  20 41 6b 61 6d 61 69 47 48 6f 73 74 0d 0a 4d 69 AkamaiG Host: M1
0080  6d 65 2d 56 65 72 73 69 6f 6e 3a 20 31 2e 30 0d me-Versio n: 1.0
0090  0a 44 61 74 65 3a 20 4d 6f 6e 2c 20 31 31 20 41 .Date: Mon, 11 A
00a0  75 67 20 32 30 32 35 20 31 30 3a 31 33 3a 32 36 ug 2025 10:13:26
00b0  20 47 4d 54 0d 0a 43 6f 6e 74 65 6e 74 2d 54 79 GNT-Content-Ty
00c0  70 65 3a 20 74 65 78 74 2f 68 74 6d 6c 0d 0a 43 pe: text /html C
00d0  6f 6e 74 65 6e 74 2d 4c 65 6e 67 74 68 3a 20 33 ontent-L ength: 3
00e0  31 34 0d 0a 45 78 70 69 72 65 73 3a 20 4d 6f 6e 14-Expi res: Mon
00f0  2c 20 31 31 20 41 75 67 20 32 30 32 35 20 31 30 , 11 Aug 2025 10
0100  3a 31 33 3a 32 36 20 47 4d 54 0d 0a 0d 0a 3c 4d :13:26 GMT.....CH
0110  54 4d 4c 3e 3c 48 45 41 44 3e 0a 3c 54 49 54 4c TM>:HEA D>:CTIL
0120  45 3e 52 65 71 75 65 73 74 20 54 69 6d 65 6f 75 EReques t Timeou
0130  74 3c 2f 54 49 54 4c 45 3e 0a 3c 2f 48 45 41 44 t</TITLE > </HEAD

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dns – for domain name lookups

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dns

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
400	22.915185	10.137.139.46	10.137.139.244	DNS	188	Standard query response 0xdd4c A www.example.com CNAME www.example.com-v4.edgesuite.net CNAME a1422.dscr.akamai-
405	23.040388	10.137.139.46	10.137.139.244	DNS	214	Standard query response 0xa9e3 HTTPS www.example.com CNAME www.example.com-v4.edgesuite.net CNAME a1422.dscr.ak-
406	23.040440	10.137.139.244	10.137.139.46	ICMP	242	Destination unreachable (Port unreachable)
568	58.354058	10.137.139.244	10.137.139.46	DNS	71	Standard query 0x764c AAAA b1.nel.goog
569	58.354187	10.137.139.244	10.137.139.46	DNS	71	Standard query 0x3a3a A b1.nel.goog
570	58.354272	10.137.139.244	10.137.139.46	DNS	71	Standard query 0x2811 HTTPS b1.nel.goog
571	58.399936	10.137.139.46	10.137.139.244	DNS	99	Standard query response 0x764c AAAA b1.nel.goog AAAA 2404:6800:4009:827::2003
572	58.449458	10.137.139.46	10.137.139.244	DNS	131	Standard query response 0x2811 HTTPS b1.nel.goog SOA ns1.google.com
573	58.460776	10.137.139.46	10.137.139.244	DNS	87	Standard query response 0x3a3a A b1.nel.goog A 192.178.173.94
661	81.267685	10.137.139.244	10.137.139.46	DNS	84	Standard query 0xeb77 A www.google-analytics.com
662	81.267955	10.137.139.244	10.137.139.46	DNS	84	Standard query 0xf42d AAAA www.google-analytics.com
663	81.326896	10.137.139.46	10.137.139.244	DNS	100	Standard query response 0xeb77 A www.google-analytics.com A 142.250.192.46
664	81.354205	10.137.139.46	10.137.139.244	DNS	112	Standard query response 0xf42d AAAA www.google-analytics.com AAAA 2404:6800:4009:80a::200e
699	92.653624	10.137.139.244	10.137.139.46	DNS	74	Standard query 0xfa64 AAAA www.google.com
700	92.653798	10.137.139.244	10.137.139.46	DNS	74	Standard query 0x4d0a A www.google.com
701	92.653927	10.137.139.244	10.137.139.46	DNS	74	Standard query 0xf0d2 HTTPS www.google.com

> Frame 573: 87 bytes on wire (696 bits), 87 bytes captured (696 bits) on interface \Device\NPF{...}

> Ethernet II, Src: 32:c1:ed:b8:d7:0c (32:c1:ed:b8:d7:0c), Dst: 96:f7:02:03:c8:9a (96:f7:02:03:c8:9a)

> Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.137.139.46, Dst: 10.137.139.244

> User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 53, Dst Port: 52122

> Domain Name System (response)

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0000  96 f7 02 03 c8 9a 32 c1 ed b0 d7 0c 80 00 45 00 .....2.....E:
0010  00 49 f6 9c 40 00 40 11 17 d3 0a 89 8b 2e 0a 89 I-@ @ .....
0020  8b f4 00 35 cb 9a 00 35 2c ee 3a 3a 81 80 00 01 ...5...S ,:;:;:;
0030  00 01 00 00 00 00 02 62 31 03 6e 65 6c 04 67 6f .....b 1 nel go
0040  6f 67 00 01 00 01 c0 0c 00 01 00 01 00 00 01 og:.....
0050  14 00 04 80 02 0d 0c .....

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tcp – for Transmission Control Protocol packets

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tcp

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
557	43.199117	2a03:2880:f288:1ca:...	2401:4900:ad4c:c555...	TLv1.2	145	Application Data
558	43.248083	2401:4900:ad4c:c555...	2a03:2880:f288:1ca:...	TCP	74	49851 → 443 [ACK] Seq=211 Ack=331 Win=32 Len=0
559	43.312758	10.137.139.244	172.16.10.1	TCP	66	[TCP Retransmission] 50548 → 80 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=8760 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=256 SACK_PERM
560	43.398056	10.137.139.244	172.16.10.1	TCP	66	[TCP Retransmission] 50549 → 80 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=8760 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=256 SACK_PERM
561	43.567886	10.137.139.244	172.16.10.1	TCP	66	[TCP Retransmission] 50550 → 80 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=8760 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=256 SACK_PERM
564	48.702528	10.137.139.244	192.168.1.22	TCP	66	[TCP Retransmission] 50554 → 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=8760 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=256 SACK_PERM
565	54.287977	10.137.139.244	172.64.155.209	TCP	55	[TCP Keep-Alive] 49907 → 443 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=32 Len=1
566	54.398668	172.64.155.209	10.137.139.244	TCP	66	[TCP Keep-Alive ACK] 443 → 49907 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=2 Win=17 Len=0 SLE=1 SRE=2
567	57.911798	10.137.139.244	108.159.80.4	TCP	54	49901 → 443 [RST, ACK] Seq=2 Ack=1 Win=0 Len=0
586	58.523689	2401:4900:ad4c:c555...	2404:6800:4009:827:...	TCP	86	50571 → 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=8540 Len=0 MSS=1440 WS=256 SACK_PERM
594	58.567127	2404:6800:4009:827:...	2401:4900:ad4c:c555...	TCP	86	443 → 50571 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=65535 Len=0 MSS=1340 SACK_PERM WS=256
595	58.567189	2401:4900:ad4c:c555...	2404:6800:4009:827:...	TCP	74	50571 → 443 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=8448 Len=0
596	58.567681	2401:4900:ad4c:c555...	2404:6800:4009:827:...	TCP	1414	50571 → 443 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=8448 Len=1340 [TCP PDU reassembled in 597]
597	58.567681	2401:4900:ad4c:c555...	2404:6800:4009:827:...	TLv1.3	551	Client Hello (SNI=b1.nel.goog)
608	58.618667	2404:6800:4009:827:...	2401:4900:ad4c:c555...	TCP	74	443 → 50571 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1341 Win=268032 Len=0
609	58.621472	2404:6800:4009:827:...	2401:4900:ad4c:c555...	TCP	74	443 → 50571 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1818 Win=267776 Len=0

> Frame 567: 54 bytes on wire (432 bits), 54 bytes captured (432 bits) on interface \Device\NPF...
 > Ethernet II, Src: 96:f7:02:03:c8:9a (96:f7:02:03:c8:9a), Dst: 32:c1:ed:b0:d7:0c (32:c1:ed:b0:d7:0c)
 > Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.137.139.244, Dst: 108.159.80.4
 > Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 49901, Dst Port: 443, Seq: 2, Ack: 1, Len: 0

0000 32 c1 ed b0 d7 0c 96 f7 02 03 c8 9a 00 00 45 00 2.....E
 0010 00 20 31 e5 40 00 40 06 b5 c9 0a 89 80 f4 6c 9f (1@.....1
 0020 50 04 c2 ed 01 bb 09 2a af 3a f5 e9 fb 63 50 14 P.....:....cP
 0030 00 00 ee 54 00 00T..

1. DNS (Domain Name System)

Layer: Application layer (OSI Layer 7)

Purpose: Translates human-readable domain names (e.g., google.com) into IP addresses (e.g., 142.250.193.78).

Wireshark Filter: dns

Example Packet:

Frame Info: 74 bytes on wire

Source IP: 192.168.1.5 (client)

Destination IP: 8.8.8.8 (Google DNS server)

Query Name: www.google.com

Observation:

When I typed a website into the browser, a DNS Query packet was sent to the DNS server, followed by a DNS Response containing the IP address.

2. HTTP (Hypertext Transfer Protocol)

Layer: Application layer (OSI Layer 7)

Purpose: Transmits hypertext data between client (browser) and server.

Wireshark Filter: http

Example Packet:

Method: GET

Host: www.example.com

User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64)

Status Code: 200 OK

Observation:

HTTP packets showed the exact URL paths requested, headers sent, and HTML content returned by the server. Since HTTP is not encrypted, the request and response data were fully visible in the capture.

3. TCP (Transmission Control Protocol)

Layer: Transport layer (OSI Layer 4)

Purpose: Provides reliable, ordered, and error-checked delivery of data between applications.

Wireshark Filter: tcp

Example Packet:

Flags: SYN, SYN-ACK, ACK (TCP 3-way handshake)

Source Port: 56782

Destination Port: 443 (HTTPS)

Sequence Number: 0 → 1 → 2 (example)

Observation:

Capturing TCP traffic allowed me to see the connection establishment process and data transmission segments. For HTTPS traffic (port 443), the payload was encrypted, but the TCP handshake details were still visible.

Step 7 – Export Capture as .pcap

Go to File → Save As → .pcap format.

Named it network_capture.pcap.

