Ping & Shark

Goal

In this exercise we'll look at how Ping packets actually look like, in the wires.



Background

You already know of the cmd tool **ping**. What you don't know, is that ping is a part of a protocol called **ICMP**. It's a protocol that includes all kind of diagnostic messages, being used mostly by network IT people and routers. A ping request is called an **Echo Request**, and the response called an **Echo Reply**.

Step 1 - Capturing

- 1. Check your current IP and write it down.
- 2. Open Wireshark and a CMD window.
- 3. Start a new capture.
- 4. Now we'll try something cool setting a display filter **at the start** of capture. Use the filter **ICMP** to see the ping traffic. It will be empty right now, that's fine.
- 5. Run 3 pings
 - to wikipedia.org
 - o to 8.8.8.8
 - o to 51.51.51
- 6. See the packets piling up in Wireshark? Without tons of irrelevant data? Sweet! ♥
- 7. Stop the capture.

Step 2 - Analyzing the packets

- 7. How many Echo Requests do you see? How many Echo replies?
- 8. What is the IP of wikipedia.org?
- 9. How long is the delay between every ping request? (in seconds)?
- 10. What happened when we pinged 51.51.51.51?
- 11. When a ping is sent, it usually contains a small text message (just to send *something*). What is the text message sent in those pings? (Hint: bottom pane)

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