

Experiment 6: IP Traffic analysis

1. Aim: To analyze the IP traffic over a network by capturing IP packets.

2. Tools Used: Wireshark software

3. Related Theory:

Few tools are as useful to the IT professional as Wireshark, the go-to network packet capture tool. Wireshark will help you capture network packets and display them at a granular level. Once these packets are broken down, you can use them for real-time or offline analysis. This tool lets you put your network traffic under a microscope, and then filter and drill down into it, zooming in on the root cause of problems, assisting with network analysis and ultimately network security.

Wireshark is the most often-used packet sniffer in the world. Like any other packet sniffer, Wireshark does three things:

1. **Packet Capture:** Wireshark listens to a network connection in real time & then grabs entire streams of traffic – quite possibly tens of thousands of packets.
2. **Filtering:** Wireshark is capable of slicing and dicing all of this random live data using filters. By applying filter, you can obtain just the information you need to see.
3. **Visualization:** Wireshark, like any good packet sniffer, allows you to dive right into the very middle of a network packet. It also allows you to visualize entire conversations and network streams.

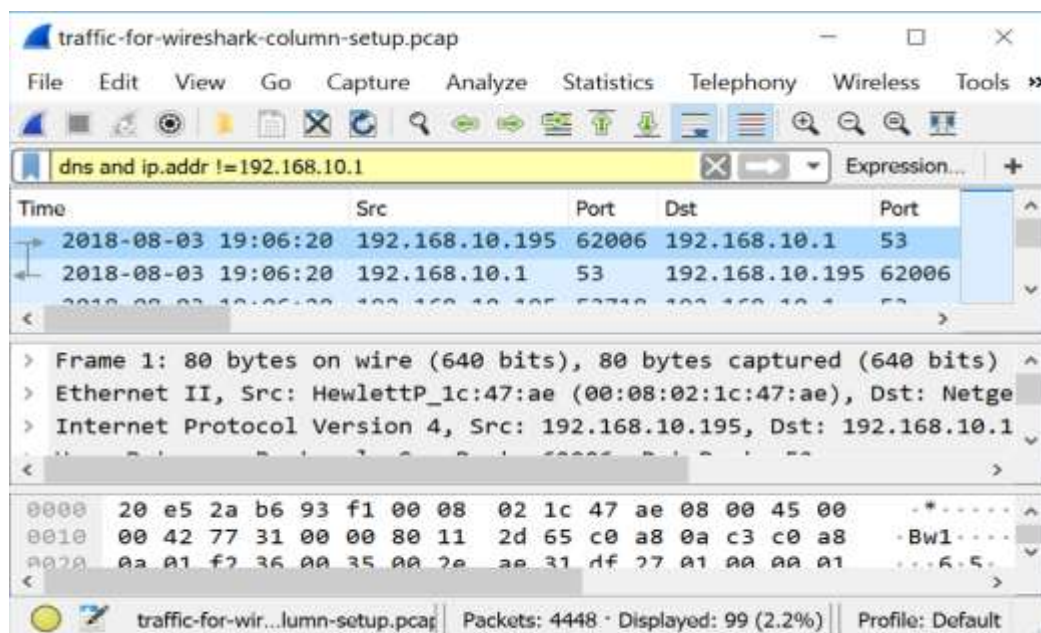


Fig: Sample capture using Wireshark

4. Laboratory Exercise:

- i. Open Wireshark application
- ii. Generate web traffics
- iii. Capture the traffic using Wireshark
- iv. Filter http packets
- v. Analyze the traffic by noting down the info of different layers
- vi. Take the screenshots of every information captured

5. Post-Experiment Exercise:

A. Conclusion

B. Questions:

1. List all the applications of Wireshark.
2. Explain any one use case of Wireshark tool with example.