Task 5

Capture and Analyze Network Traffic Using Wireshark.

Objective: Capture live network packets and identify basic protocols and traffic types.

Launched Wireshark using:

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Wireshark captures live packets, but if our system is idle (no browsing, no downloads), there may be little to no traffic. Running ping ensures:

- Consistent packet flow for capture.
- Immediate ICMP Echo Requests and Replies that you can filter and analyze.

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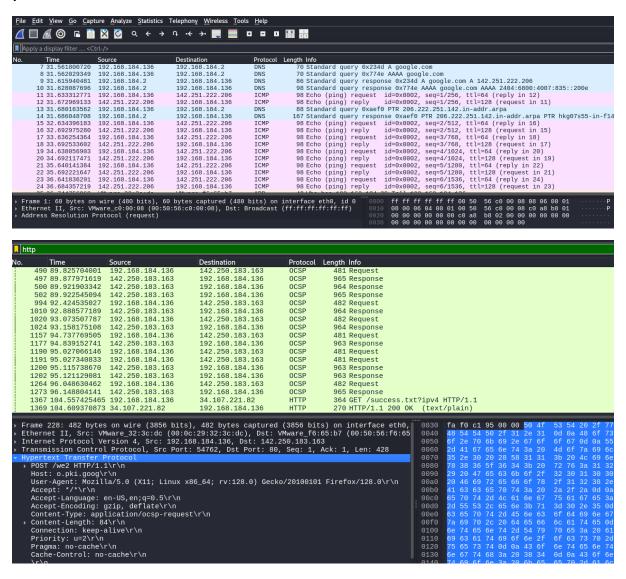
$ ping google.com

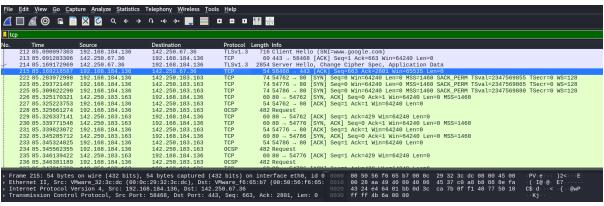
PING google.com (142.251.220.46) 56(84) bytes of data.

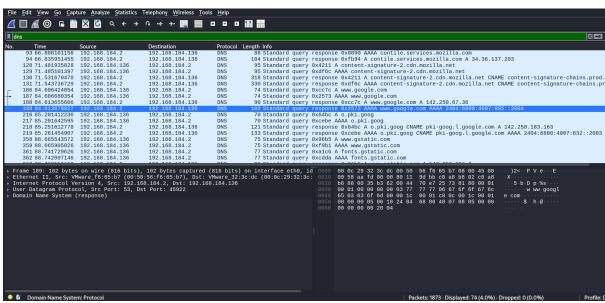
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** (wireshark:4563) 04:44:54.323833 [GUI ECHO] -- virtual
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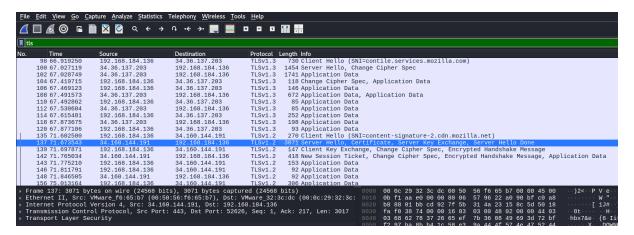
These actions generated HTTP, TCP, DNS, ICMP and TLS packets.







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Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length Info						
176 79.791850899	192.168.184.136	142.251.222.206	ICMP	98 Echo ((ping)	request	id=0x0002,	seq=49/12544,	ttl=64 (reply in	177)
177 80.081293260	142.251.222.206	192.168.184.136	ICMP	98 Echo ((ping)	reply	id=0x0002,	seq=49/12544,	ttl=128 (request	in 176
178 80.792809724	192.168.184.136	142.251.222.206	ICMP	98 Echo ((ping)	request	id=0x0002,	seq=50/12800,	ttl=64 (reply in	179)
179 80.831487636	142.251.222.206	192.168.184.136	ICMP	98 Echo (ttl=128 (request	
180 81.794107174	192.168.184.136	142.251.222.206	ICMP	98 Echo ((ping)	request	id=0x0002,	seq=51/13056,	ttl=64 (reply in	181)
181 81.851201943	142.251.222.206	192.168.184.136	ICMP	98 Echo (ttl=128 (request	
182 82.794721805	192.168.184.136	142.251.222.206	ICMP	98 Echo (ttl=64 (reply in	
183 82.830815432	142.251.222.206	192.168.184.136	ICMP	98 Echo (ttl=128 (request	
184 83.799057393	192.168.184.136	142.251.222.206	ICMP	98 Echo ((ping)	request			ttl=64 (reply in	
185 83.861872210	142.251.222.206	192.168.184.136	ICMP			reply			ttl=128 (request	
196 84.800876342	192.168.184.136	142.251.222.206	ICMP	98 Echo (ttl=64 (reply in	
203 84.871078570	142.251.222.206	192.168.184.136	ICMP	98 Echo (ttl=128 (request	
300 85.800994581	192.168.184.136	142.251.222.206	ICMP	98 Echo (ttl=64 (reply in	
323 85.853539291	142.251.222.206	192.168.184.136	ICMP	98 Echo (ttl=128 (request	
353 86.807893060	192.168.184.136	142.251.222.206	ICMP	98 Echo (ttl=64 (reply in	
354 86.854873593	142.251.222.206	192.168.184.136	ICMP	98 Echo (reply			ttl=128 (request	
355 87.810297649	192.168.184.136	142.251.222.206	ICMP	98 Echo (ttl=64 (reply in	
356 87.870988470	142.251.222.206	192.168.184.136	ICMP	98 Echo ((bind)	reply	id=0x0002,	seq=5//14592,	ttl=128 (request	1n 35
rame 185: 98 bytes thernet II, Src: V	on wire (784 bits),	98 bytes captured (7	84 bits) o	n interface (eth0, i	1 d 0 000	00 0c 29	32 3c dc 00 5	0 56 f6 65 b7 08	00 45



The following key protocols were identified and analyzed in the packet capture:

- 1. DNS (Domain Name System)
- Purpose: Resolves domain names (e.g., google.com) to IP addresses.
- Port: UDP 53
- Observation: DNS query and response packets were captured when initiating website access or using the ping command.
- 2. TCP (Transmission Control Protocol)
- Purpose: Ensures reliable, ordered, and error-checked delivery of data between devices.
- Port: Varies (commonly 80 for HTTP, 443 for HTTPS)
- Observation: TCP 3-way handshake packets (SYN, SYN-ACK, ACK) were captured when connecting to websites.
- 3. HTTP (Hypertext Transfer Protocol)
- Purpose: Transfers plain-text web content between browser and web server.
- Port: 80
- Observation: HTTP GET requests and responses were observed for non-secure websites like example.com.
- 4. ICMP (Internet Control Message Protocol)
- Purpose: Used for diagnostic functions like testing connectivity (ping).
- Port: ICMP does not use ports (it's a network-layer protocol).
- Observation: ICMP Echo Request and Echo Reply packets were captured when using ping google.com. It verifies if the destination is reachable.
- 5. TLS (Transport Layer Security)
- Purpose: Secures communication over the internet using encryption.
- Port: TCP 443 (HTTPS)

•	Observation: TLS handshake packets were captured during access to secure websites like https://wikipedia.org, showing encrypted session initiation and certificate exchange.										
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