COMP4621 Wireshark Labs: HTTP and DNS

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Outline

- HTTP
 - the basic GET/response interaction
 - HTTP message formats
 - retrieving large HTML files

• DNS

- Review of DNS
- How to use nslookup to send DNS queries
- How to use ipconfig (or ifconfig) to check IP addresses and DNS servers
- Example of tracing DNS packets with Wireshark

HTTP: the basic GET/response interaction

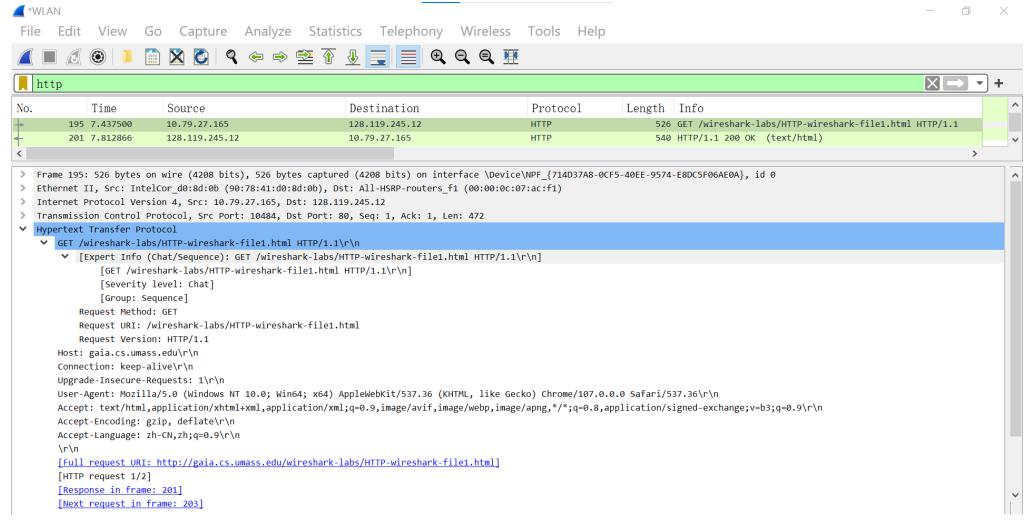
- 1. Start up your web browser
- 2. Start up the Wireshark packet sniffer and type 'http' in the display filter window
- 3. Select your interface and begin Wireshark packet capture
- 4. Enter the following to your web browser:

http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/wireshark-labs/HTTP-wireshark-file1.html

5. After your browser has displayed the one-line HTML file, stop the Wireshark packet capture

Congratulations. You've downloaded the file http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/wireshark-labs/HTTP-wireshark-file1.html!

HTTP: the basic GET/response interaction



HTTP: HTTP message formats

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Hypertext Transfer Protocol
                                                             Request line
   GET /wireshark-labs/HTTP-wireshark-file1.html HTTP/1.1\r\n
    [Expert Info (Chat/Sequence): GET /wireshark-labs/HTTP-wireshark-file1.html HTTP/1.1\r\n]
           [GET /wireshark-labs/HTTP-wireshark-file1.html HTTP/1.1\r\n]
           [Severity level: Chat]
           [Group: Sequence]
        Request Method: GET
        Request URI: /wireshark-labs/HTTP-wireshark-file1.html
                                   HTTP version running on my browser
        Request Version: HTTP/1.1
    Host: gaia.cs.umass.edu\r\n
   Connection: keep-alive\r\n
                              l Persistent HTTP
                                                                                                                            Objects that my
    Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1\r\n
    User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/107.0.0.0 Safari/537.36\r\n browser accepts
    Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,image/apng,*/*;q=0.8,application/signed-exchange;v=b3;q=0.9\r\n
    Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate\r\n
                                       The content encoding that my browser understands
   Accept-Language: zh-CN,zh;q=0.9\r\n
                         Languages that my browser accepts
    \r\n
    [Full request URI: http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/wireshark-labs/HTTP-wireshark-file1.html]
    [HTTP request 1/2]
    [Response in frame: 201]
    [Next request in frame: 203]
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HTTP: HTTP message formats

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Hypertext Transfer Protocol
   HTTP/1.1 200 OK\r\n Status line
       [Expert Info (Chat/Sequence): HTTP/1.1 200 OK\r\n]
        Response Version: HTTP/1.1
        Status Code: 200
                           Status code 200: Request succeeded and requested object is later in this message
        [Status Code Description: OK]
        Response Phrase: OK
                                                      Type of server
    Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2024 14:41:55 GMT\r\n
    Server: Apache/2.4.6 (CentOS) OpenSSL/1.0.2k-fips PHP/7.4.33 mod perl/2.0.11 Perl/v5.16.3\r\n
   Last-Modified: Mon, 26 Feb 2024 06:59:02 GMT\r\n] Time when the object was last modified
    ETag: "80-5f5f97af2dca2"\r\n an identifier for a specific version of the object
    Accept-Ranges: bytes\r\n
                                Type of data
   Content-Length: 128\r\n
                                Data length
    Keep-Alive: timeout=5, max=100\r\n
    Connection: Keep-Alive\r\n
    Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8\r\n
    \r\n
    [HTTP response 1/2]
    [Time since request: 0.375366000 seconds]
    [Request in frame: 195]
    [Next request in frame: 203]
    [Next response in frame: 204]
    [Request URI: http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/wireshark-labs/HTTP-wireshark-file1.html]
    File Data: 128 bytes
```

HTTP: retrieving Long Documents

- 1. Start up your web browser, and make sure your browser's cache is cleared.
- 2. Start up the Wireshark packet sniffer
- 3. Enter the following URL into your browser: http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/wireshark-labs/HTTP-wireshark-file3.html

Your browser should display the rather lengthy US Bill of Rights.

4. Stop Wireshark packet capture and enter "http" in the display-filter-specification window, so that only the captured HTTP messages are displayed.

HTTP: retrieving Long Documents

THE BILL OF RIGHTS

Amendments 1-10 of the Constitution

The Conventions of a number of the States having, at the time of adopting the Constitution, expressed a desire, in order to prevent misconstruction or abuse of its powers, that further declaratory and restrictive clauses should be added, and as extending the ground of public confidence in the Government will best insure the beneficent ends of its institution;

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, two-thirds of both Houses concurring, that the following articles be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States, as amendments to the Constitution of the United States; all or any of which articles, when ratified by three-fourths of the said Legislatures, to be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the said Constitution, namely:

Amendment I

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Amendment II

A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.

Amendment III

HTTP: retrieving Long Documents

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445 GET /wireshark-labs/HTTP-wireshark-file3.html HTTP/1.1
14358 60.464464
                    10.79.156.252
                                         128.119.245.12
                                                              HTTP
14370 60.690031
                    128.119.245.12
                                         10.79.156.252
                                                              HTTP
                                                                        1165 HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
                                                                         402 GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1
14395 60.797634
                    10.79.156.252
                                         128.119.245.12
                                                              HTTP
14410 61.022443
                    128.119.245.12
                                         10.79.156.252
                                                              HTTP
                                                                         539 HTTP/1.1 404 Not Found (text/html)
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> Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 80, Dst Port: 49364, Seq: 3751, Ack: 392, Len: 1111
> [4 Reassembled TCP Segments (4861 bytes): #14366(1250), #14367(1250), #14369(1250), #14370(1111)]

V Hypertext Transfer Protocol
```

> HTTP/1.1 200 OK\r\n

Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2024 07:32:23 GMT\r\n

Server: Apache/2.4.6 (CentOS) OpenSSL/1.0.2k-fips PHP/7.4.33 mod_perl/2.0.11 Perl/v5.16.3\r\n

Last-Modified: Thu, 22 Feb 2024 06:59:01 GMT\r\n

ETag: "1194-611f2fa706318"\r\n

Accept-Ranges: bytes\r\n

Content-Length: 4500\r\n

Keep-Alive: timeout=5, max=100\r\n

Connection: Keep-Alive\r\n

Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8\r\n

 $\r\n$

[HTTP response 1/1]

[Time since request: 0.225567000 seconds]

[Request in frame: 14358]

[Request URI: http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/wireshark-labs/HTTP-wireshark-file3.html]

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Summary and Lab assignment: HTTP

- To conclude, we have studied
 - The basic GET/response interaction
 - The HTTP message formats
 - How to retrieve large HTML files
- Lab assignment:
 - follow the instructions in 'Wireshark Lab: HTTP' in section 2, 4 and 5 (The HTTP CONDITIONAL GET/response interaction, HTML Documents with Embedded Objects, HTTP Authentication) and answer the following questions: 9, 11, 16, 18, 19.
- Submit a <u>typed</u> response with cropped screen captures to the above questions through Canvas.

DNS: Domain Name System

• DNS

- Distributed, hierarchical database of address/name translation (hostname to IP address translation, host aliasing, etc.)
- Hosts, name servers communicate to resolve names
- DNS records
 - Type A: hostname, IP address
 - Type CNAME: alias name, canonical name
 - Type NS: domain, hostname of authoritative name server for this domain
- In this lab, we look at the client side of DNS: A client sends a query to its local DNS server, and receives a response containing the IP address
- We will learn how to analyze DNS queries using <u>nslookup</u>, <u>ipconfig</u>, and <u>Wireshark</u>

DNS: nslookup

- nslookup allows the host running it to <u>query any specified DNS server</u> (can be root, top-level domain, authoritative, etc.) <u>for a DNS record</u>
 - nslookup sends a DNS query to the specified DNS server, receives a DNS reply from that same DNS server, and displays the result
- General Syntax: nslookup -option1 -option2 host-to-find dns-server
 - nslookup can be run with zero(default: type=A), one, two or more options eg. option -type=NS: query type-NS (name server record) from local DNS server
 - host-to-find: the host to find the DNS record for
 - dns-server(optional): the DNS server to send the query to default: the default local DNS server
- Run nslookup
 - In Linux/Unix: type the nslookup command on the command line
 - In Windows: open the Command Prompt and run nslookup on the command line

DNS: nslookup examples (in Windows)

nslookup www.mit.eduprovides the answer this answer came from this answer came from

Request IP address of 'www.mit.edu' from the default local DNS server this answer came from the cache of some server rather than from an authoritative DNS server

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C:\Users\msi>nslookup www.mit.edu

Server: ustsu44.ust.hk the default local DNS server name
Address: 143.89.107.253 the default local DNS server address

Non-authoritative answer:
Name: e9566.dscb.akamaiedge.net Canonical name
Addresses: 2600:1417:9800:3b9::255e
2600:1417:9800:39a::255e
IPv4 address
Aliases: www.mit.edu
www.mit.edu
www.mit.edu.edgekey.net Alias names
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nslookup -type=NS mit.edu
 Request type-NS record (the hostnames of the authoritative DNS) for 'mit.edu' from the default local DNS server

```
:\Users\msi>nslookup -type=NS mit.edu
erver: ustsu44.ust.hk
Address: 143.89.107.253
Non-authoritative answer:
mit.edu nameserver = ns1-173.akam.net
                                      Hostnames of authoritative
mit.edu nameserver = asia2.akam.net
mit.edu nameserver = use2.akam.net
                                     DNS servers for the hosts
mit.edu nameserver = ns1-37.akam.net
mit.edu nameserver = asia1.akam.net
                                     on the MIT campus
mit.edu nameserver = eur5.akam.net
                                                 IP addresses of the
mit.edu nameserver = usw2.akam.net
                                                 authoritative DNS
eur5.akam.net
               internet\ address = 23.74.25.64
               internet address = 2.16.40.64
use5.akam.net
              AAAA IPv6 address = 2600:1403:a::40 Servers at MIT
             internet address = 95.100.175.64
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(return "for free")

DNS: nslookup examples (in Windows)

nslookup –type=CNAME www.mit.edu use5.akam.net

Request type-CNAME record (canonical name) for 'www.mit.edu' from the DNS server use5.akam.net

(the query and reply transaction takes place directly between our querying host and use5.akam.net)

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C:\Users\msi>nslookup -type=CNAME www.mit.edu use5.akam.net
Server: UnKnown
Address: 2.16.40.64
www.mit.edu canonical name = www.mit.edu.edgekey.net
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DNS: ipconfig

- ipconfig (for windows) and ifconfig (for Linux/Mac OS) are used to show your current TCP/IP information, including your IP address, DNS address, adapter type, etc.
- ipconfig /all: show all the information about each network adapter (ifconfig for Linux or Mac OS)
 - IPv4 address
 - DNS Servers

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Windows IP Configuration

Host Name . . . . . . . . . . . LBC062
Primary Dns Suffix . . . . . . ust.hk
Node Type . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Hybrid
IP Routing Enabled . . . . . . . . . . No
WINS Proxy Enabled . . . . . . . . . . . . . No
DNS Suffix Search List . . . . . . ust.hk
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Connection-specific DNS Suffix . : ust.hk
Description . . . . . . . . : Intel(R) Ethernet Connection (5) I219-LM
Physical Address. . . . . . . . . . . AC-E2-D3-15-3F-F0
DHCP Enabled. . . . . . . . . . . Yes
Autoconfiguration Enabled . . . . : Yes
Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . : fe80::d733:17a6:74f4:1b0c%17(Preferred)
IPv4 Address. . . . . . . . . : 143.89.107.62(Preferred)
Lease Obtained. . . . . . . . : Sunday, 5 March 2023 4:22:55 PM
Lease Expires . . . . . . . . : Tuesday, 7 March 2023 4:22:55 PM
Default Gateway . . . . . . . . : 143.89.107.254
DHCP Server . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 172.17.120.2
DHCPv6 IAID . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 454092742
DHCPv6 Client DUID. . . . . . . : 00-01-00-01-2A-04-ED-C2-FC-3F-DB-04-96-E6
DNS Servers . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 143.89.107.253
                                  143.89.14.7
Primary WINS Server . . . . . : 143.89.14.68
Secondary WINS Server . . . . . : 143.89.14.69
NetBIOS over Tcpip. . . . . . : Enabled
```

DNS: ipconfig

- ipconfig /displaydns: show the cached DNS records (record name, value, TTL) on your host
- ipconfig /flushdns: clear the DNS cache
 - sudo killall -HUP mDNSResponder for Mac
- We will be using this in exercises to check our IP address & clear DNS cache

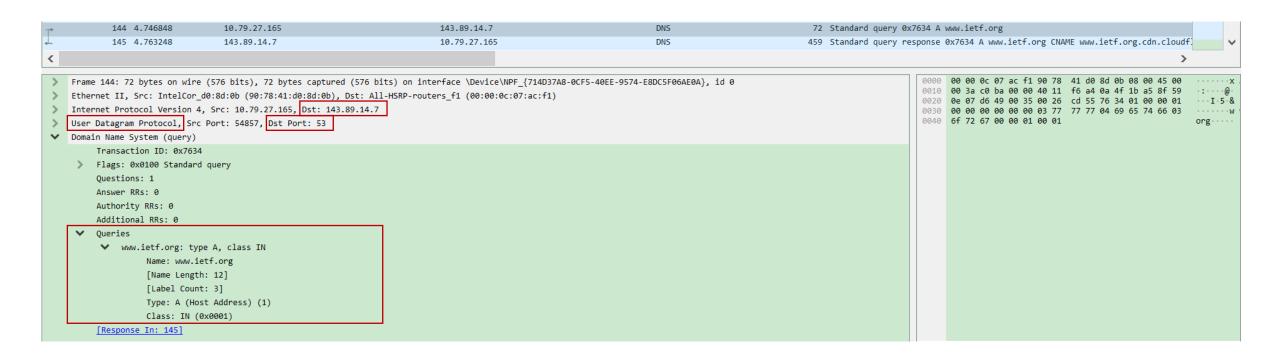
```
Windows IP Configuration
   ustms2.ust.hk
   Record Name . . . . : USTMS2.ust.hk
   Record Type . . . . : 1
   Time To Live . . . : 598
   Data Length . . . . : 4
   Section . . . . . : Answer
   A (Host) Record . . . : 143.89.13.184
   Record Name . . . . : ustsu1.ust.hk
   Record Type . . . . : 1
   Time To Live . . . : 598
   Data Length . . . . . 4
   Section . . . . . : Additional
   A (Host) Record . . . : 143.89.14.7
   Record Name . . . . : ustsu2.ust.hk
   Record Type . . . . : 1
   Time To Live . . . : 598
   Data Length . . . . . 4
   Section . . . . . . : Additional
   A (Host) Record . . . : 143.89.14.8
   static-ecst.licdn.com
   Record Name . . . . : static-ecst.licdn.com
```

DNS: tracing DNS packets with Wireshark

- Capture DNS packets generated by ordinary Web-surfing activity.
- 1. Use ipconfig to empty the DNS cache in your host.
- 2. Open your browser and empty your browser cache.

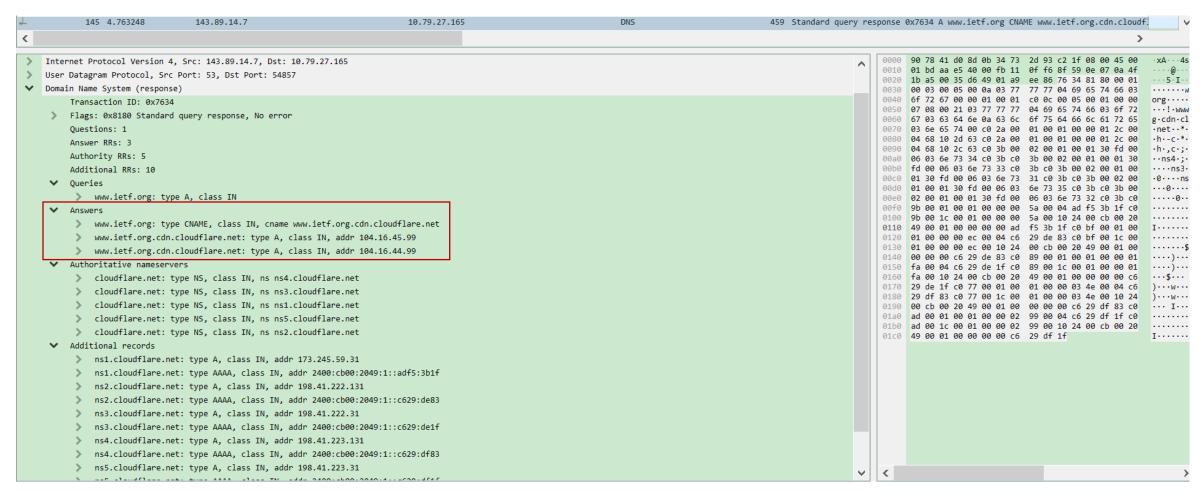
 (With Internet Explorer, go to Tools menu and select Internet Options; then in the General tab select Delete Files.)
- 3. Open Wireshark and enter "ip.addr == your_IP_address" into the filter, where you obtain your_IP_address with ipconfig.
- 4. Start packet capture in Wireshark.
- 5. With your browser, visit the Web page: http://www.ietf.org
- 6. Stop packet capture.

DNS: tracing DNS packets with Wireshark



DNS query message

DNS: tracing DNS packets with Wireshark



DNS response message

Summary and Lab assignment: DNS

- To conclude, we have seen
 - A review of DNS
 - How to use nslookup to send DNS queries
 - How to use ipconfig (or ifconfig) to check IP addresses and DNS servers
 - Example of tracing DNS packets with Wireshark
- Lab assignment:
 - For DNS, follow the instructions in 'Wireshark Lab: DNS' in section 3 (Tracing DNS with Wireshark) and answer the following questions: 16, 17, 18, 19.
- Submit a **typed** response with cropped screen captures to the above questions through Canvas.