## COMPUTER NETWORKS LAB

# Understanding Persistent and Non-persistent HTTP Connections and Understand working of HTTP Headers

## WEEK 4

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### Task 1:

# Objectives:

To understand persistent and non-persistent HTTP connections and corresponding performance impact.

Create a web page with N (e.g. 10) embedded images. Each image should be of minimum 2MB size. Configure your browser (Firefox) with following settings (each setting requires repeat of experiment):

- Non persistent connection
- 2 persistent connections
- 4 persistent connections
- 6 persistent connections
- 8 persistent connections
- 10 persistent connections

#### Server:

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vishwa@vishwa-VirtualBox: ~
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vishwa@vishwa-VirtualBox:~$ ip addr
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group default qle
n 1000
    link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00:00
    inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
      valid lft forever preferred lft forever
    inet6 ::1/128 scope host
       valid lft forever preferred lft forever
2: enp0s3: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER UP> mtu 1500 qdisc fq codel state UP group d
efault glen 1000
    link/ether 08:00:27:83:72:38 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 10.0.2.15/24 brd 10.0.2.255 scope global dynamic noprefixroute enp0s3
      valid_lft 523sec preferred_lft 523sec
    inet6 fe80::a137:835f:9deb:80b7/64 scope link noprefixroute
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
vishwa@vishwa-VirtualBox:~$
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# PidFile: The file in which the server should record its process
# identification number when it starts.
# This needs to be set in /etc/apache2/envvars
# idfile ${APACHE_PID_FILE}

# Timeout: The number of seconds before receives and sends time out.
# Timeout 300

# KeepAlive: Whether or not to allow persistent connections (more than one request per connection). Set to "Off" to deactivate.
# KeepAlive On

# MaxKeepAliveRequests: The maximum number of requests to allow an unlimited amount.
# We recommend you leave this number high, for maximum performance.
# MaxKeepAliveRequests 2

# KeepAliveTimeout: Number of seconds to wait for the next request from the same client on the same connection.

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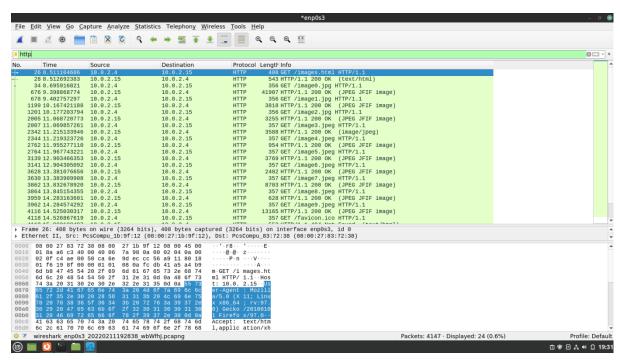
#### Client:

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efault glen 1000
    link/ether 08:00:27:1b:9f:12 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 10.0.2.4/24 brd 10.0.2.255 scope global dynamic noprefixroute enp0s3
       valid lft 465sec preferred lft 465sec
    inet6 fe80::c1e:98c2:10a4:3d6a/64 scope link noprefixroute
       valid_lft forever preferred lft forever
vishwa@vishwa-VirtualBox:~$
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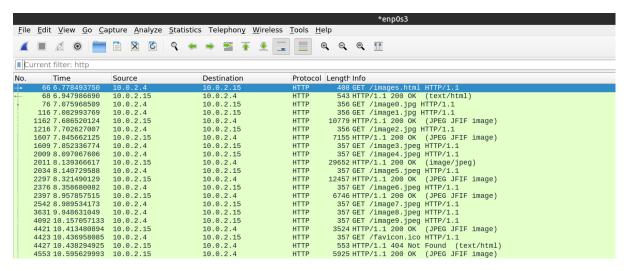


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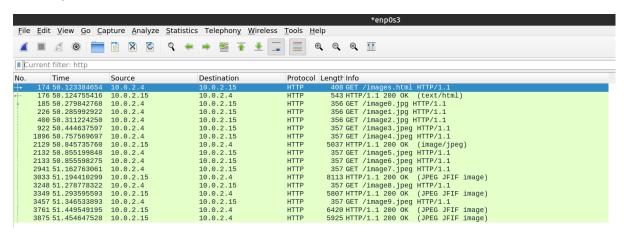
a) Non-persistent connection:



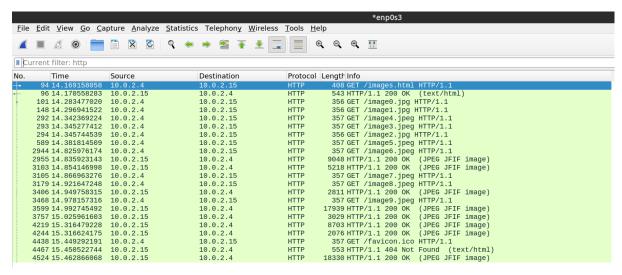
b) 2 persistent connections:



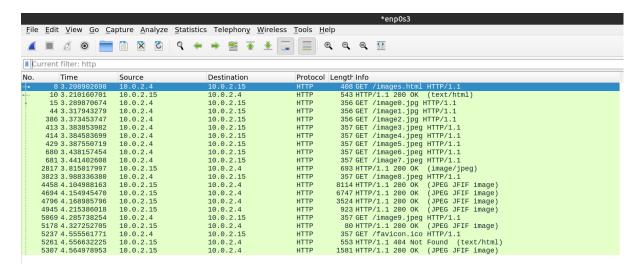
c) 4 persistent connections:



d) 6 persistent connections:



e) 8 persistent connections:



f) 10 persistent connections:

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| Current filter: http |   |                                |                                     |                             |  |  |  |
| No                   | Time  | Source                         | Destination                         | Protocol                    | Length Info                            |  |  |
| +                    | 138 9.879745047                                   | 10.0.2.4                       | 10.0.2.15                           | HTTP                        | 408 GET /images.html HTTP/1.1          |  |  |
| -                    | 140 9.880835400                                   | 10.0.2.15                      | 10.0.2.4                            | HTTP                        | 543 HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)        |  |  |
| +                    | 145 9.995729752                                   | 10.0.2.4                       | 10.0.2.15                           | HTTP                        | 356 GET /image0.jpg HTTP/1.1           |  |  |
|                      | 238 10.019321768                                  | 10.0.2.4                       | 10.0.2.15                           | HTTP                        | 356 GET /image1.jpg HTTP/1.1           |  |  |
|                      | 459 10.080089672                                  | 10.0.2.4                       | 10.0.2.15                           | HTTP                        | 357 GET /image5.jpeg HTTP/1.1          |  |  |
|                      | 523 10.103604504                                  | 10.0.2.4                       | 10.0.2.15                           | HTTP                        | 357 GET /image4.jpeg HTTP/1.1          |  |  |
|                      | 524 10.115107780                                  | 10.0.2.4                       | 10.0.2.15                           | HTTP                        | 357 GET /image3.jpeg HTTP/1.1          |  |  |
|                      | 525 10.115441507                                  | 10.0.2.4                       | 10.0.2.15                           | HTTP                        | 356 GET /image2.jpg HTTP/1.1           |  |  |
|                      | 529 10.116668751                                  | 10.0.2.4                       | 10.0.2.15                           | HTTP                        | 357 GET /image6.jpeg HTTP/1.1          |  |  |
|                      | 703 10.213752027                                  | 10.0.2.4                       | 10.0.2.15                           | HTTP                        | 357 GET /image9.jpeg HTTP/1.1          |  |  |
|                      | 704 10.213839581                                  | 10.0.2.4                       | 10.0.2.15                           | HTTP                        | 357 GET /image8.jpeg HTTP/1.1          |  |  |
|                      | 705 10.213908982                                  | 10.0.2.4                       | 10.0.2.15                           | HTTP                        | 357 GET /image7.jpeg HTTP/1.1          |  |  |
|                      | 5835 11.043064539                                 | 10.0.2.15                      | 10.0.2.4                            | HTTP                        | 4478 HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image) |  |  |
|                      | 6198 11.102767813                                 | 10.0.2.15                      | 10.0.2.4                            | HTTP                        | 2077 HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image) |  |  |
|                      | 8523 12.328430560                                 | 10.0.2.4                       | 10.0.2.15                           | HTTP                        | 357 GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1          |  |  |
|                      | 8525 12.628889504                                 | 10.0.2.15                      | 10.0.2.4                            | HTTP                        | 553 HTTP/1.1 404 Not Found (text/html) |  |  |

#### Table:

| Connection Type           | Time                          |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Non-persistent connection | 14.525030317 - 8.511104686 =  |
|                           | 6.013925631                   |
| 2 persistent connections  | 10.413480894 - 6.77849375 =   |
| ·                         | 3.634987144                   |
| 4 persistent connections  | 51.454647528 - 50.123384654 = |
| ·                         | 1.331262874                   |
| 6 persistent connections  | 15.316624175 - 14.169158058 = |
| ·                         | 1.147466117                   |
| 8 persistent connections  | 4.327252705 - 3.208902698 =   |
| ·                         | 1.118350007                   |
| 10 persistent connections | 11.102767813 - 9.879745047 =  |
| ,                         | 1.223022766                   |

• The best number of persistent connections is 6 or 8.

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## Task 2:

# Objectives:

Understand working of HTTP headers:

Conditional Get: If-Modified-Since

HTTP Cookies: Cookie and Set-Cookie

Authentication: Auth-Basic

Design a web page that has one embedded page (e.g. image) and sets a cookie and enables authentication. You are required to configure the web server (e.g. apache) with authentication mechanism.

Show the behaviour of conditional get when embedded objects is modified and when it is not (you can just change the create date of the embedded object). Decode the Basic-Auth header using Base64 mechanism as per the password setup.

#### 1. Password Authentication:

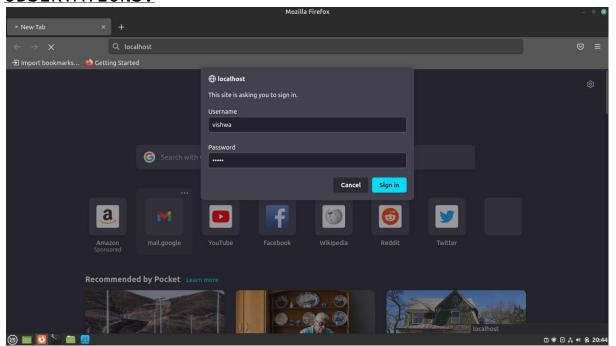
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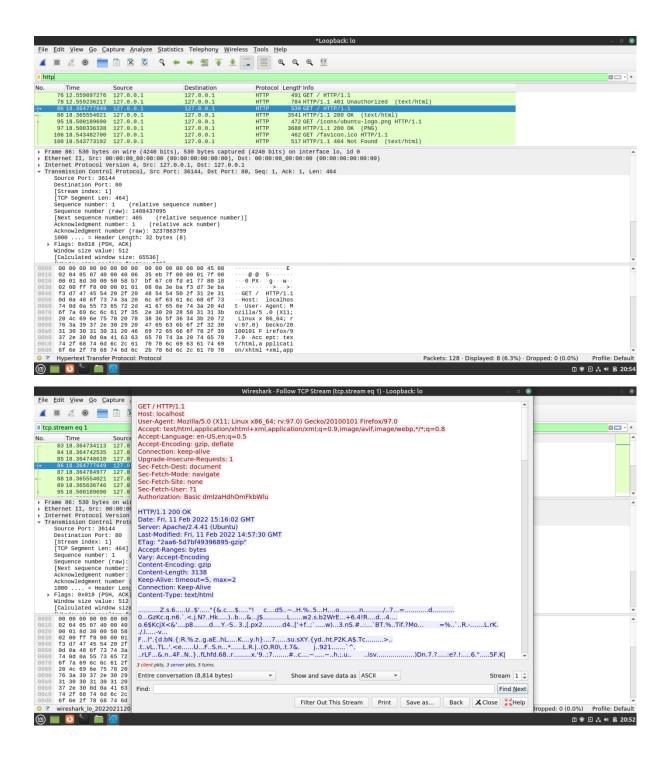
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root@vishwa-Virtu... × vishwa@vishwa-Vir... × vishwa@vishwa-VirtualBox: ~ $ sudo htpasswd -c /etc/apache2/.htpasswd vishwa
[sudo] password for vishwa:
New password:
Re-type new password:
Adding password for user vishwa
vishwa@vishwa-VirtualBox: ~ $ sudo cat /etc/apache2/.htpasswd
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vishwa@vishwa-VirtualBox: ~
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<VirtualHost *:<mark>8</mark>0>
         # The ServerName directive sets the request scheme, hostname and port that
# the server uses to identify itself. This is used when creating
# redirection URLs. In the context of virtual hosts, the ServerName
         # specifies what hostname must appear in the request's Host: header to
         #ServerName www.example.com
         ServerAdmin webmaster@localhost
         DocumentRoot /var/www/html
         # error, crit, alert, emerg.
         # modules, e.g.
#LogLevel info ssl:warn
         ErrorLog ${APACHE LOG DIR}/error.log
         CustomLog ${APACHE LOG DIR}/access.log combined
         <Directory "/var/www/html">
                   AuthType Basic
                    AuthName "RESTRICTED"
                    AuthUserFile /etc/apache2/.htpasswd
                    Require valid-user
         </Directory>
<tc/apache2/sites-available/000-default.conf" 37L, 1475C
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#### **OBSERVATIONS:**





Decoding the username and password:

"dmlzaHdhOmFkbWlu" to Binary 6-bit blocks:

"dmlzaHdhOmFkbWlu" to Binary with 8-bit blocks:

8-bit blocks converted to ASCII:

vishwa:admin

Here, vishwa is the username and admin is the password.

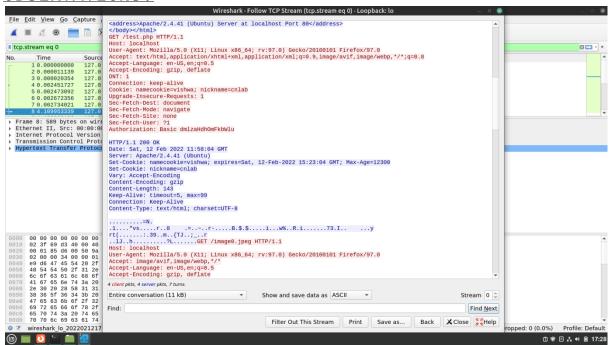
## 2. Cookie Setting:

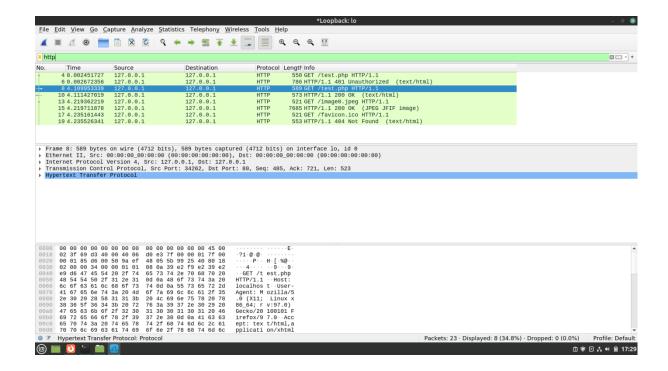
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root@vishwa-VirtualBox: /var/www/html
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root@vishwa-VirtualBox:/var/www/html# ls la
ls: cannot access 'la': No such file or directory
root@vishwa-VirtualBox:/var/www/html# ls -la
total 32
                             4096 Feb 11 22:03 .
drwxr-xr-x 2 root
                    root
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root
                            4096 Feb 11 20:27
-rw-rw-r-- 1 vishwa vishwa 7332 Feb 11 21:29 image0.jpeg
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 10918 Feb 11 20:27 index.html
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 179 Feb 11 22:01 test.php
root@vishwa-VirtualBox:/var/www/html# cp test.php /home/vishwa/
root@vishwa-VirtualBox:/var/www/html# vim test.php
root@vishwa-VirtualBox:/var/www/html# cat test.php
<html>
        setcookie("namecookie", "vishwa", time()+12300);
        setcookie("nickname","cnlab");
        <body>
                 Hello! This is CN Lab Week 4 :)
                 <img src = "image0.jpeg" width = "300" height = "300" title = "passwo</pre>
rd"/>
        </body>
</html>
root@vishwa-VirtualBox:/var/www/html#
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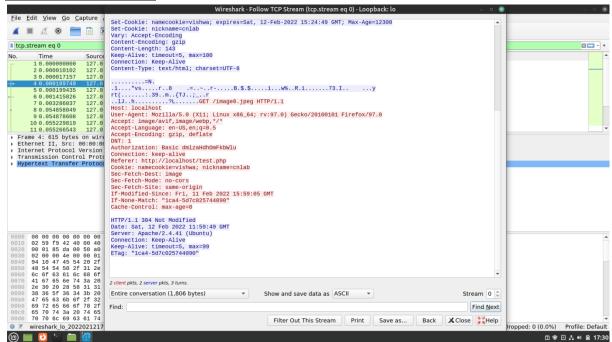
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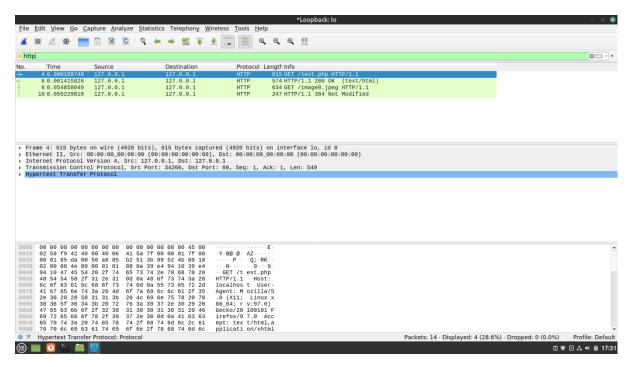




## 3. Conditional get:

## **OBSERVATIONS:**





- IF-MODIFIED-SINCE line is not seen in the first HTTP Get request but seen in the second request followed by the day, date and time of modification in the server.
- The HTTP Status Code is 304 Not Modified.