# Introduction to Security Tools (Nmap & Wireshark)

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**Objective**

To introduce foundational cybersecurity tools used for **network reconnaissance** and **traffic analysis**, enabling the intern to gain their **first hands-on exposure** to real-world security tooling.

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**Tools Covered**

- **Nmap**
- **Wireshark**

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**1: Introduction to Security Tools**

**1.1 Why Security Tools Matter**

Cybersecurity is not only theoretical—it is **tool-driven**. Security professionals rely on specialized tools to:

- Discover network assets
- Identify vulnerabilities
- Monitor suspicious activity
- Investigate security incidents

Without tools like Nmap and Wireshark, **visibility into a network is impossible**.

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**1.2 Categories of Security Tools**

| Category | Example | Purpose |
|---|---|---|
| Network Scanning | Nmap | Discover systems & services |
| Packet Analysis | Wireshark | Inspect network traffic |
| Vulnerability Scanning | Nessus | Find known weaknesses |
| Exploitation | Metasploit | Test exploitability |
| Monitoring | SIEM tools | Detect threats |

This task focuses on **Network Scanning** and **Packet Analysis**, the **foundation** of all security operations.

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**2: Nmap – Network Mapper**

**2.1 What is Nmap?**

**Nmap (Network Mapper)** is an open-source tool used to:

- Discover live hosts on a network
- Identify open ports
- Detect running services and versions
- Map network topology

It is widely used by:

- **Penetration testers**
- **SOC analysts**
- **Network administrators**
- **Red team & blue team professionals**

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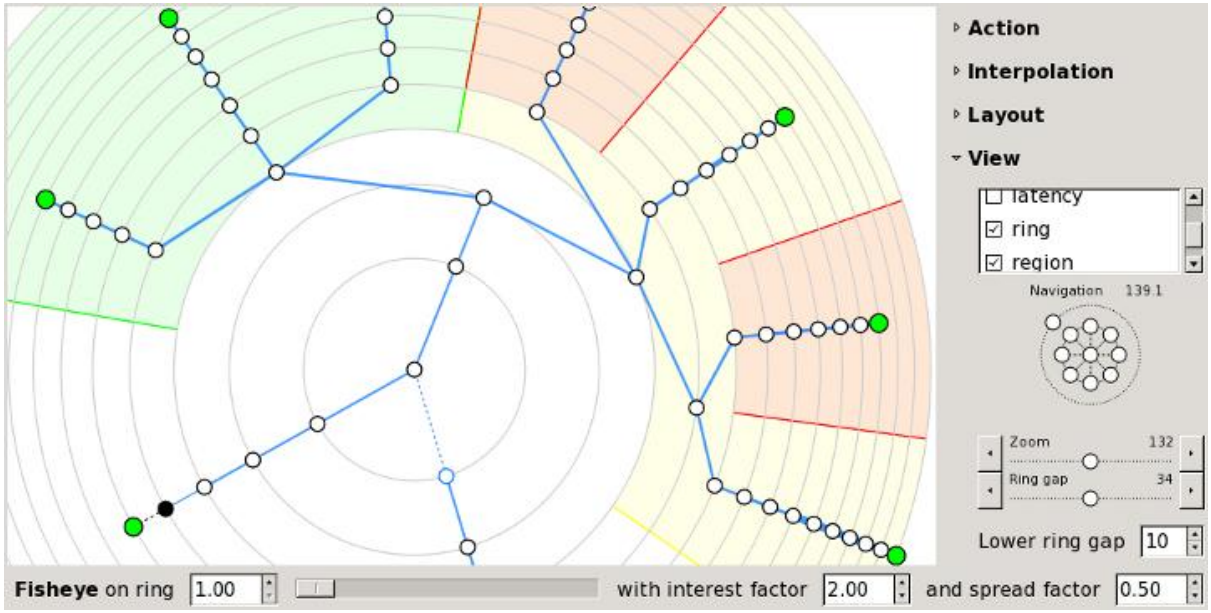

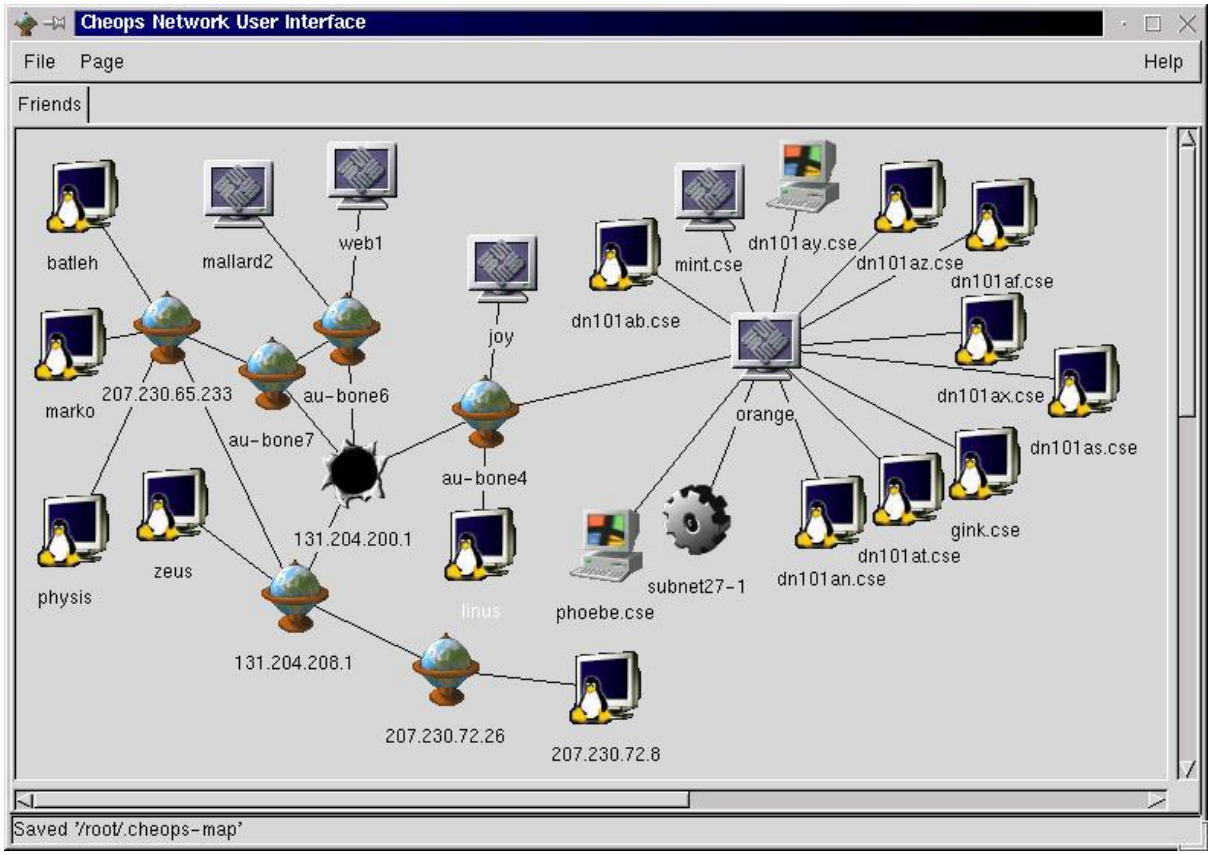


Nmap Output | Ports / Hosts | Topology | Host Details | Scans

nmap -T4 -A -v scanme.nmap.org

Details

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host)
Initiating OS detection (try #1) against scanme.nmap.org
(64.13.134.52)
Initiating Traceroute at 12:05
Completed Traceroute at 12:05, 0.29s elapsed
Initiating Parallel DNS resolution of 12 hosts. at 12:05
Completed Parallel DNS resolution of 12 hosts. at 12:05, 6.64s
elapsed
NSE: Script scanning 64.13.134.52.
NSE: Starting runlevel 1 (of 1) scan.
Initiating NSE at 12:05
Completed NSE at 12:05, 4.17s elapsed
Nmap scan report for scanme.nmap.org (64.13.134.52)
Host is up (0.074s latency).
Not shown: 993 filtered ports
PORT      STATE  SERVICE VERSION
22/tcp    open   ssh     OpenSSH 4.3 (protocol 2.0)
| ssh-hostkey: 1024
60:ac:4d:51:b1:cd:85:09:12:16:92:76:1d:5d:27:6e (DSA)
|_2048 2c:22:75:60:4b:c3:3b:18:a2:97:2c:96:7e:28:dc:dd (RSA)
25/tcp    closed smtp
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### 2.2 Why Nmap is Critical in Cybersecurity

Attackers always begin with **reconnaissance**.
Nmap helps defenders **think like attackers**.

Security Use Cases:

- Identifying exposed services
- Detecting misconfigured ports
- Validating firewall rules
- Incident investigation

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### 2.3 Installing Nmap

**On Windows**

- Download from official website
- Install with default options

**On Linux (Kali/Ubuntu)**

sudo apt update

sudo apt install nmap

**On macOS**

brew install nmap

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### 2.4 Basic Nmap Scan Commands

**Ping Scan (Host Discovery)**

nmap -sn 192.168.1.0/24

**Purpose:**
Identifies which hosts are **alive** on the network.

**Security Insight:**
Helps attackers find targets; defenders use it to inventory assets.

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**Basic TCP Scan**

nmap 192.168.1.10

**Purpose:**
Scans the most common ports.

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**Specific Port Scan**

nmap -p 22,80,443 192.168.1.10

**Purpose:**
Checks whether SSH, HTTP, and HTTPS are open.

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**Service Detection**

nmap -sV 192.168.1.10

**Purpose:**
Detects service names and versions.

**Security Insight:**
Outdated services are a **major attack vector**.

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**2.5 Interpreting Nmap Results**

| State | Meaning |
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| Open | Service actively accepting connections |
| Closed | No service running |
| Filtered | Firewall blocking probe |

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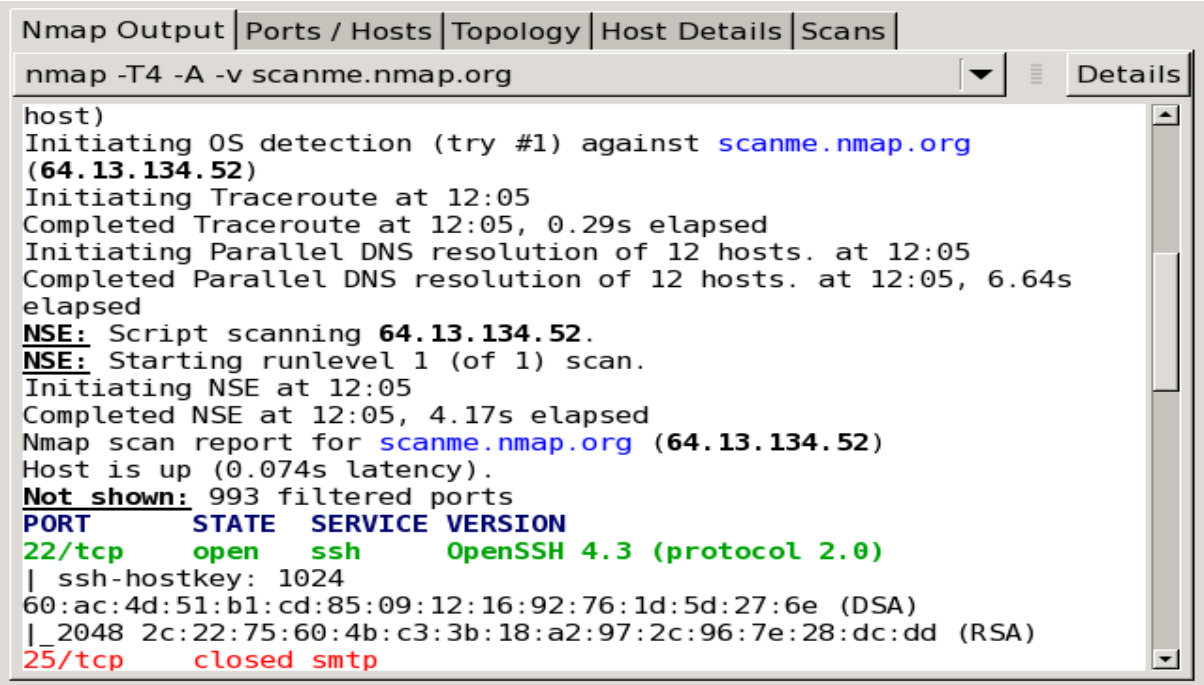

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[→  ~ sudo nmap -sS scanme.nmap.org
Starting Nmap 7.93 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2022-11-16 12:59 EST
Nmap scan report for scanme.nmap.org (45.33.32.156)
Host is up (0.081s latency).
Not shown: 991 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT      STATE    SERVICE
22/tcp    open     ssh
53/tcp    open     domain
80/tcp    open     http
135/tcp   filtered msrpc
139/tcp   filtered netbios-ssn
445/tcp   filtered microsoft-ds
593/tcp   filtered http-rpc-epmap
9929/tcp  open     nping-echo
31337/tcp open     Elite

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 2.64 seconds
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### 2.6 Security Risks Revealed by Nmap

- Open admin ports (22, 3389)
- Unnecessary services running
- Legacy software versions
- Exposed databases

**Real-World Example:**
An open MySQL port (3306) exposed to the internet can lead to **data breaches**.

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## Section 3: Wireshark – Packet Analyzer

### 3.1 What is Wireshark?

Wireshark is a **network protocol analyzer** that allows you to:

- Capture live network traffic

- Inspect packet contents
- Analyze protocols
- Detect suspicious communication

It works at a **very low level** of networking.

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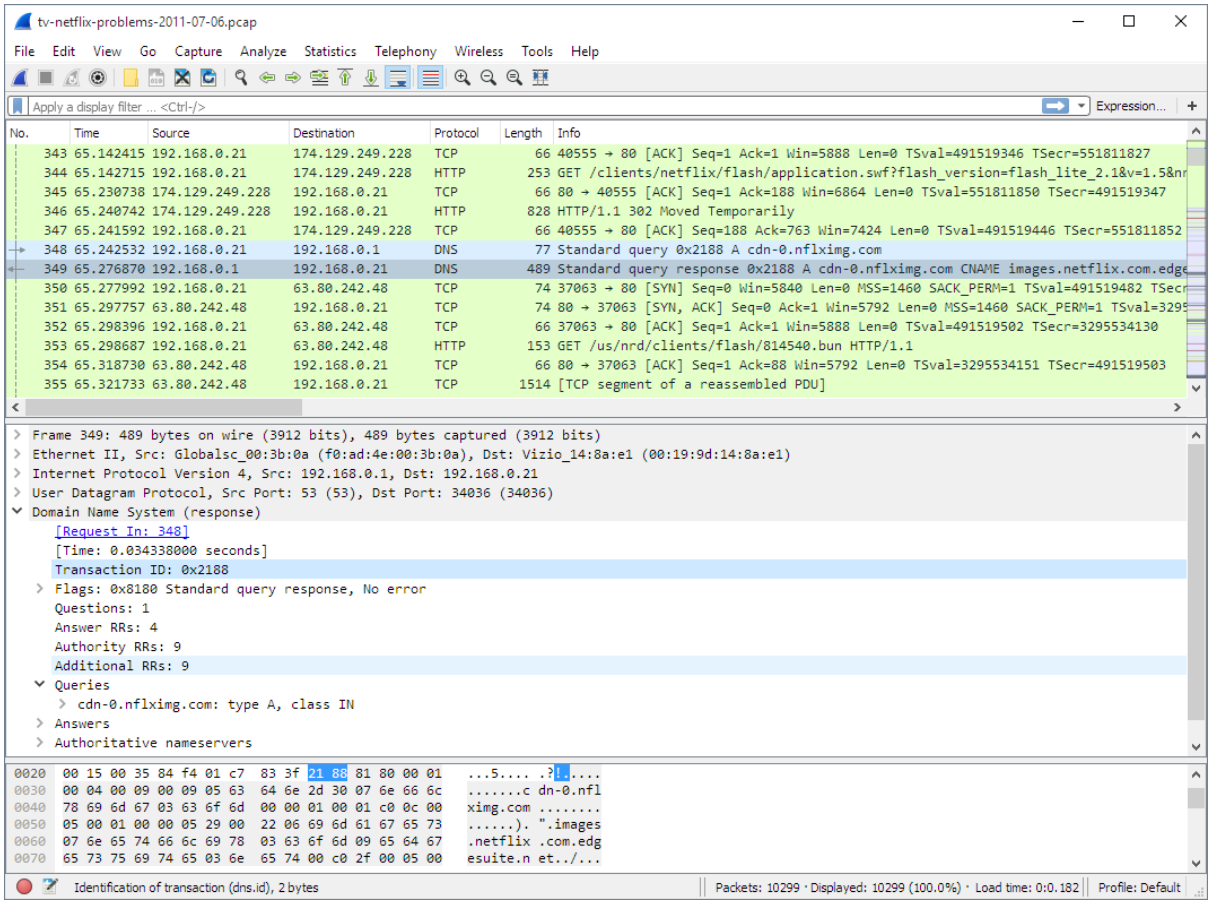


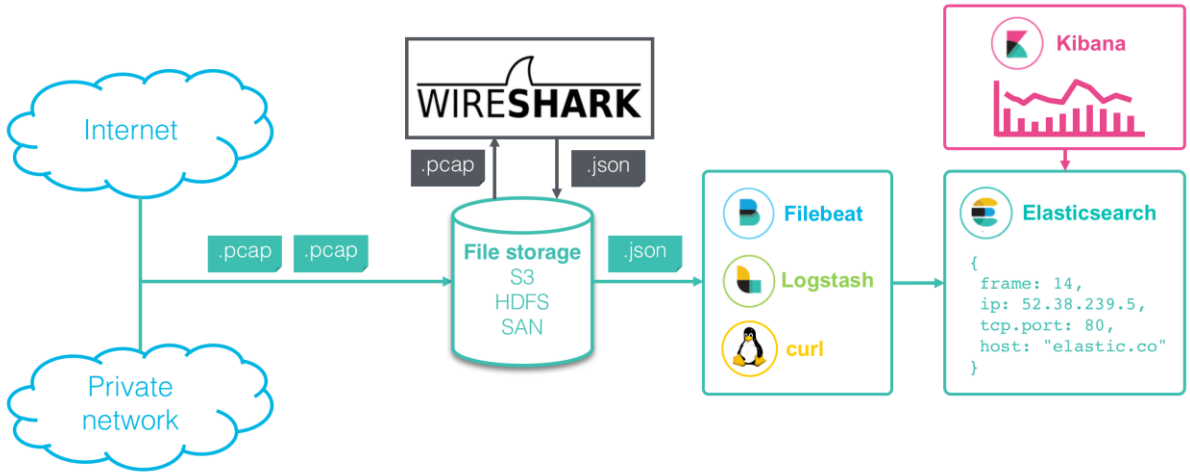

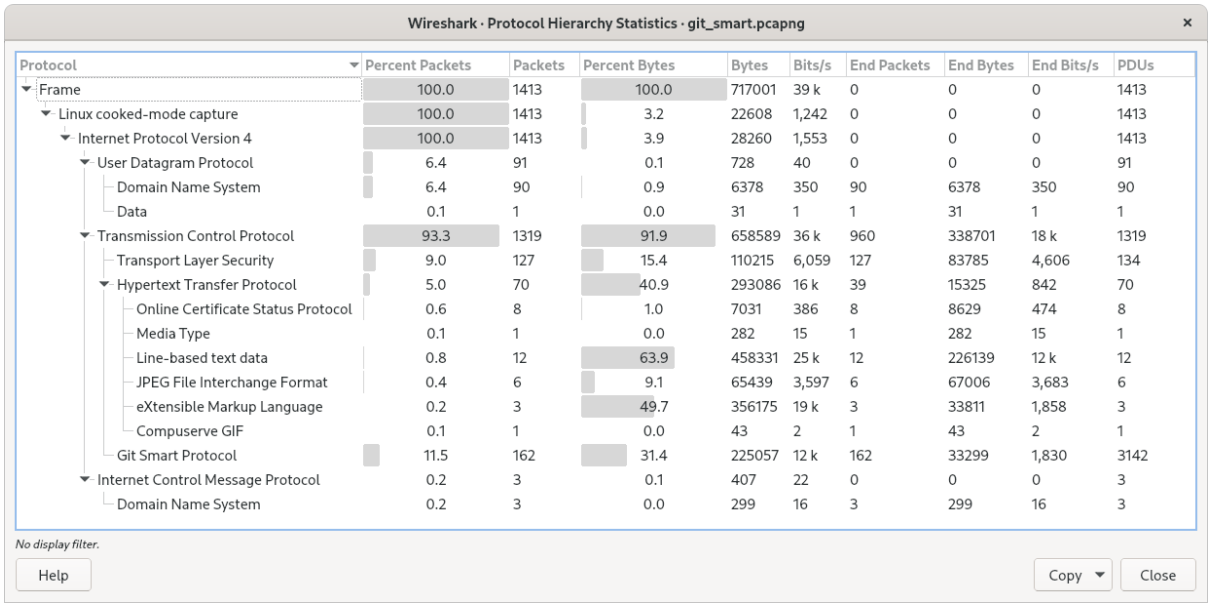


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### 3.2 Why Wireshark is Important

Wireshark answers questions like:

- What data is moving on the network?
- Is sensitive data transmitted unencrypted?
- Is malware communicating externally?
- Are there suspicious DNS requests?

**Wireshark shows what firewalls cannot**.

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### 3.3 Installing Wireshark

- Download and install from official site
- Install **Npcap** (Windows) for packet capture
- Run as administrator/root

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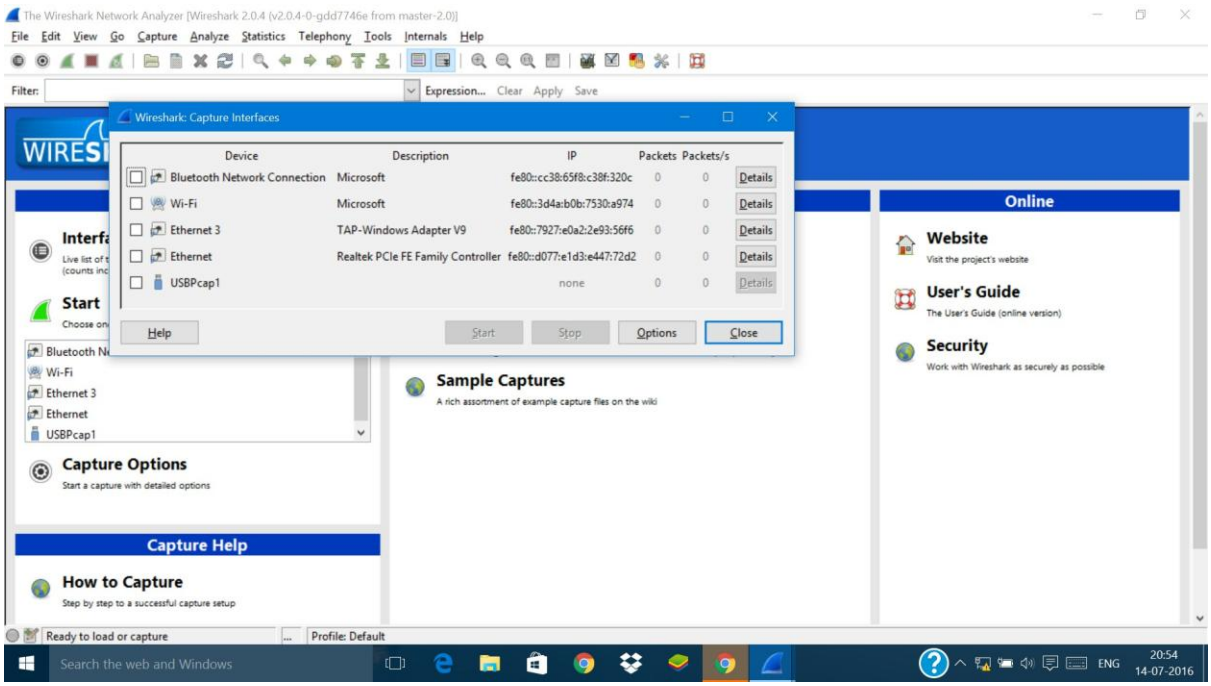
### 3.4 Capturing Network Traffic

Steps:

1. Select network interface (Wi-Fi/Ethernet)
2. Click **Start Capture**
3. Generate traffic (open website, ping)
4. Stop capture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Website
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User's Guide
The User's Guide (online version)
Security
Work with Wireshark as securely as possible
Sample Captures
A rich assortment of example capture files on the wiki
Capture Options
Start a capture with detailed options
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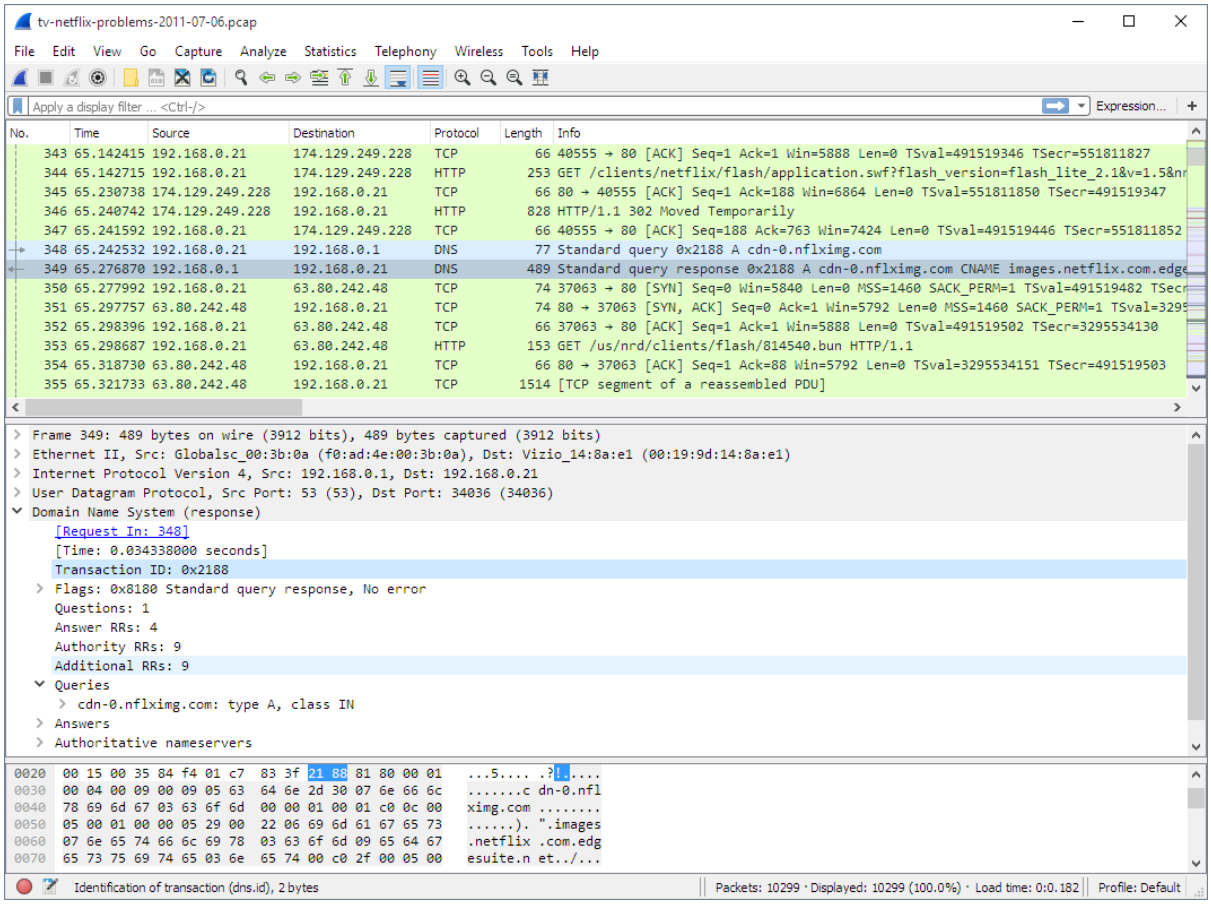
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349 65.276870 192.168.0.1 192.168.0.21 DNS 489 Standard query response 0x2188 A cdn-0.nflximg.com CNAME images.netflix.com.edge
350 65.277992 192.168.0.21 63.80.242.48 TCP 74 37063 → 80 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=5840 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM=1 TSval=491519482 TSecr
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354 65.318730 63.80.242.48 192.168.0.21 TCP 66 80 → 37063 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=88 Win=5792 Len=0 TSval=3295534151 TSecr=491519503
355 65.321733 63.80.242.48 192.168.0.21 TCP 1514 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
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Ethernet II, Src: Globalsc_00:3b:0a (f0:ad:4e:00:3b:0a), Dst: Vizio_14:8a:e1 (00:19:9d:14:8a:e1)
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.0.1, Dst: 192.168.0.21
User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 53 (53), Dst Port: 34036 (34036)
Domain Name System (response)
[Request In: 348]
[Time: 0.034338000 seconds]
Transaction ID: 0x2188
Flags: 0x8180 Standard query response, No error
Questions: 1
Answer RRs: 4
Authority RRs: 9
Additional RRs: 9
Queries
cdn-0.nflximg.com: type A, class IN
Answers
Authoritative nameservers
0020 00 15 00 35 84 f4 01 c7 83 3f 21 88 81 80 00 01 ...5.... .?!.....
0030 00 04 00 09 00 09 05 63 64 6e 2d 30 07 6e 66 6c .......c dn-0.nfl
0040 78 69 6d 67 03 63 6f 6d 00 00 01 00 01 c0 0c 00 ximg.com ........
0050 05 00 01 00 00 05 29 00 22 06 69 6d 61 67 65 73 ......). ".images
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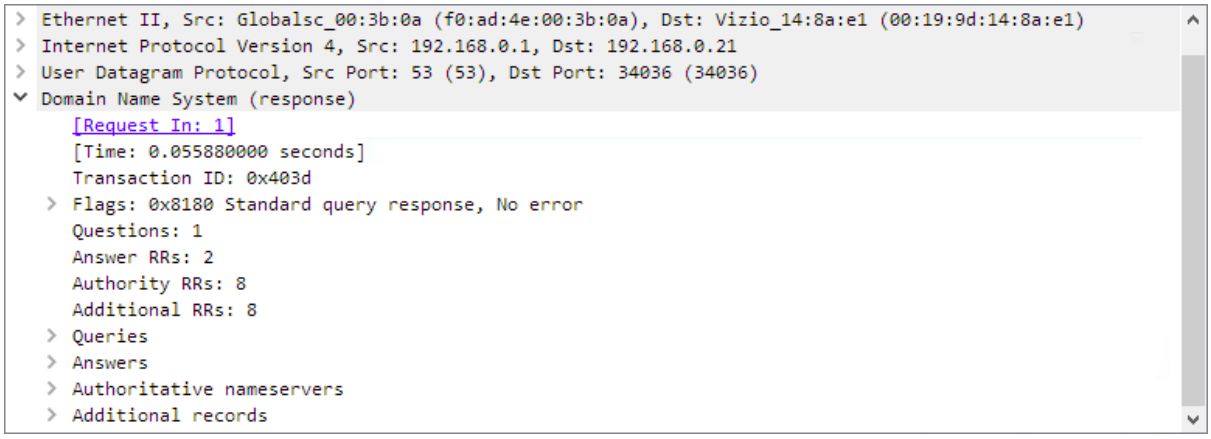
Profile: Default

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### 3.5 Understanding Packets

Each packet contains:

- **Frame** – Physical layer
- **Ethernet** – MAC addresses
- **IP** – Source & destination IP
- **Transport** – TCP/UDP
- **Application** – HTTP, DNS, FTP

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### 3.6 Common Protocol Filters

| Filter | Purpose |
|---|---|
| http | View web traffic |
| dns | DNS requests |
| tcp | TCP packets |
| udp | UDP packets |
| icmp | Ping traffic |

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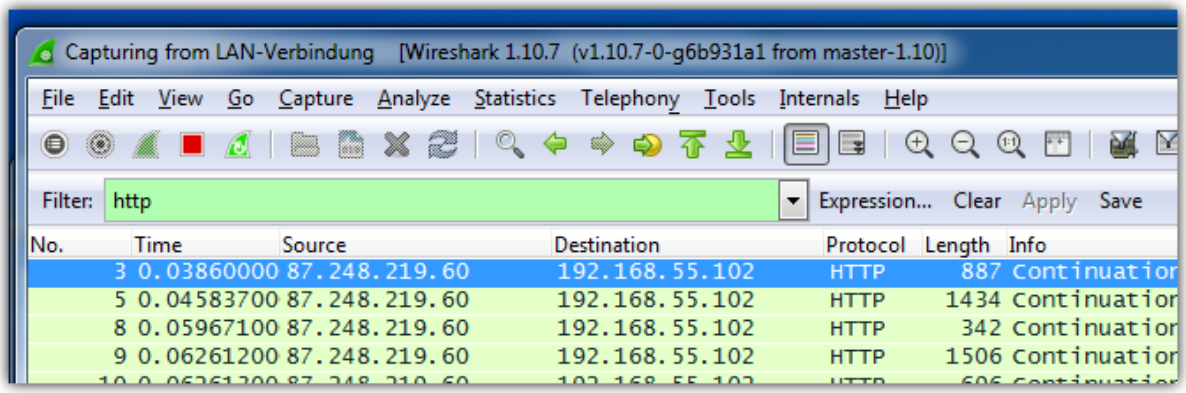
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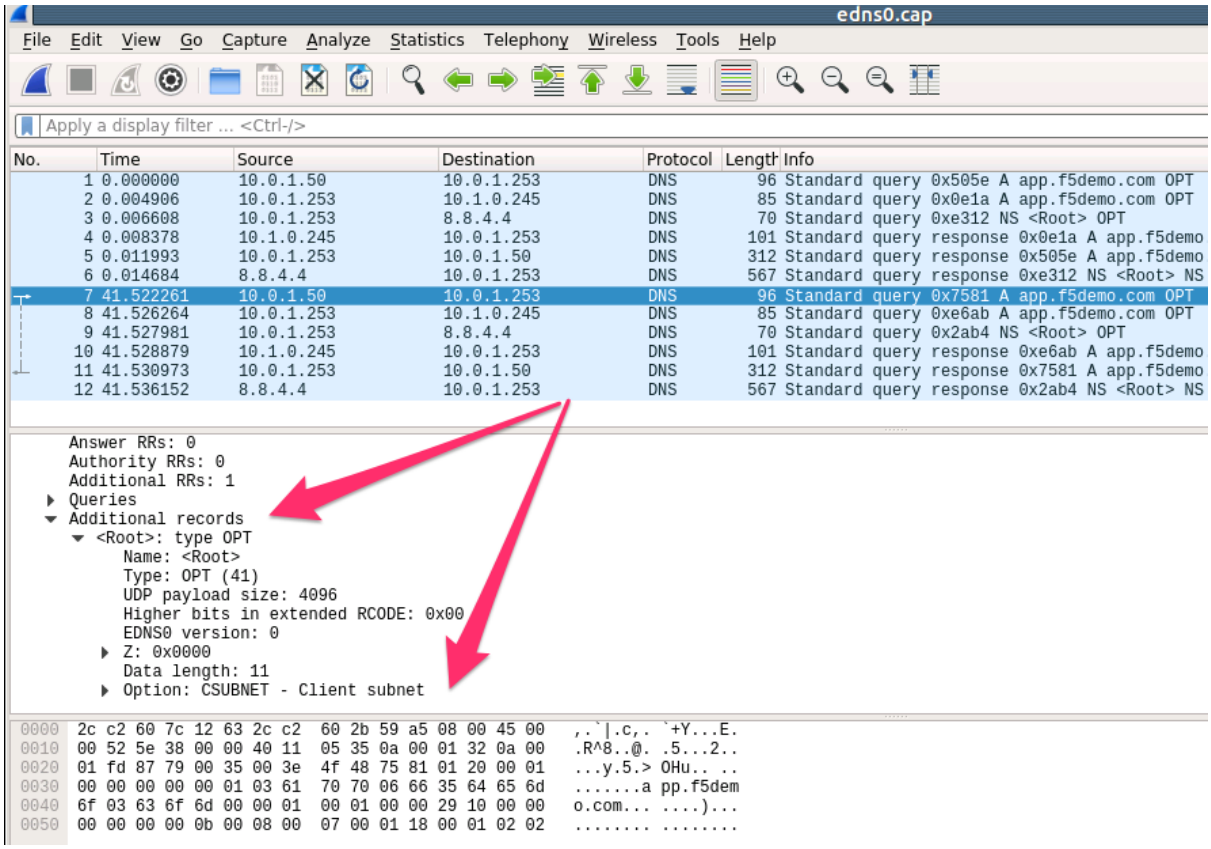
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Additional records
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Name: <Root>
Type: OPT (41)
UDP payload size: 4096
Higher bits in extended RCODE: 0x00
EDNS0 version: 0
Z: 0x0000
Data length: 11
Option: CSUBNET - Client subnet
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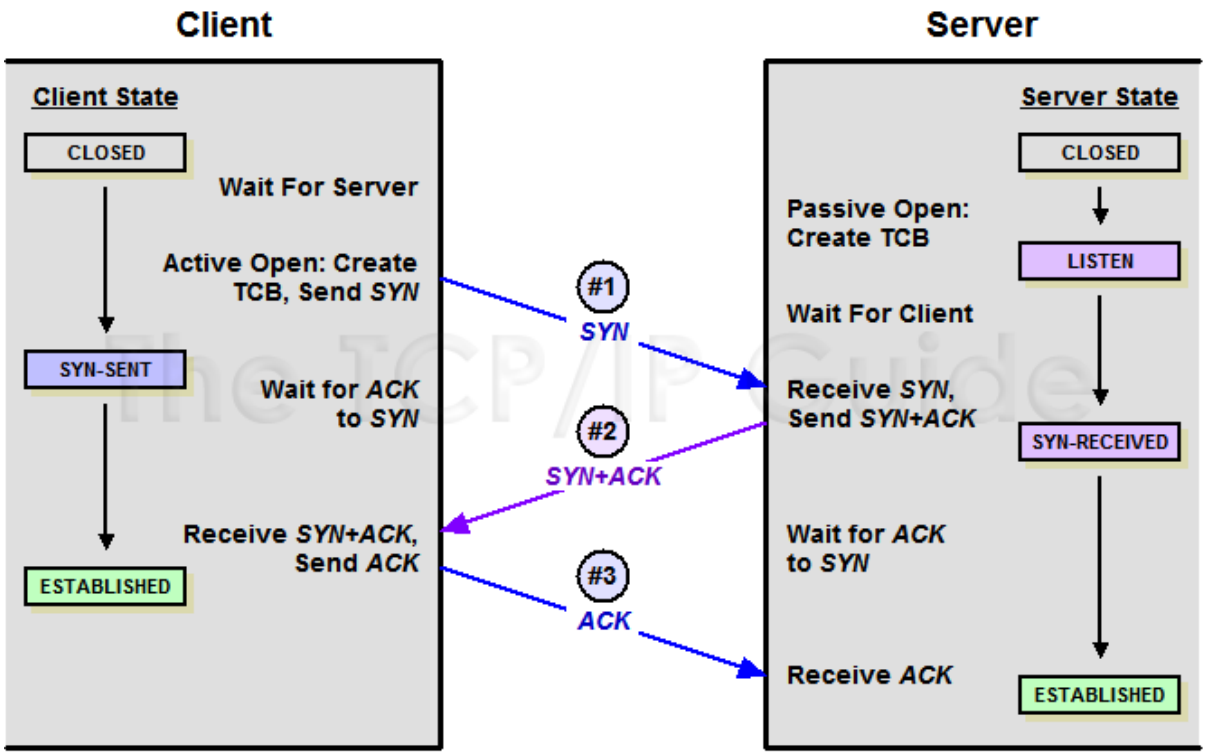


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**3.7 Security Insights from Wireshark**

- Plaintext credentials in HTTP
- DNS tunneling attempts
- Suspicious IP connections
- Abnormal packet frequency (DDoS signs)

**SOC teams rely heavily on packet analysis during incidents.**

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**4: Mapping Tools to OSI Model**

**OSI Layer Tool Usage**

| | |
|---|---|
| Layer 2 | Wireshark (Ethernet) |
| Layer 3 | Nmap & Wireshark (IP) |
| Layer 4 | Nmap (TCP/UDP ports) |
| Layer 7 | Wireshark (HTTP/DNS) |

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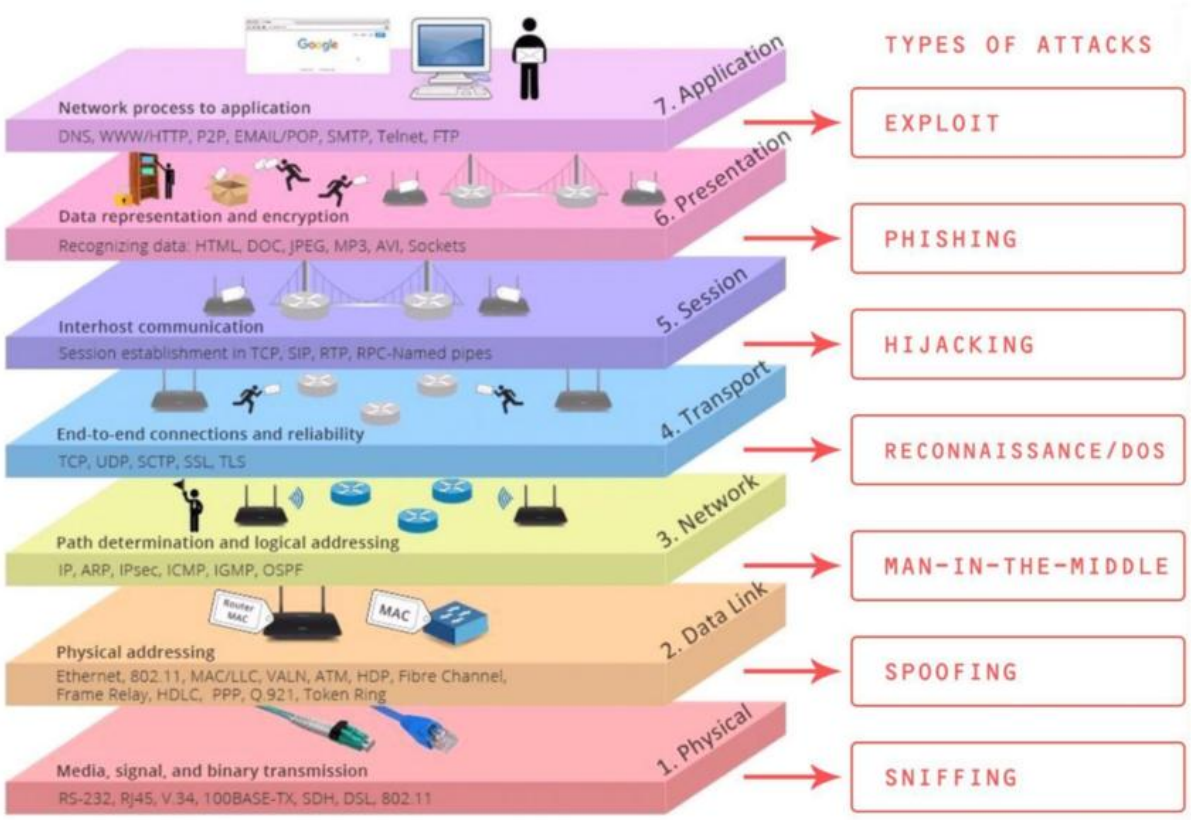


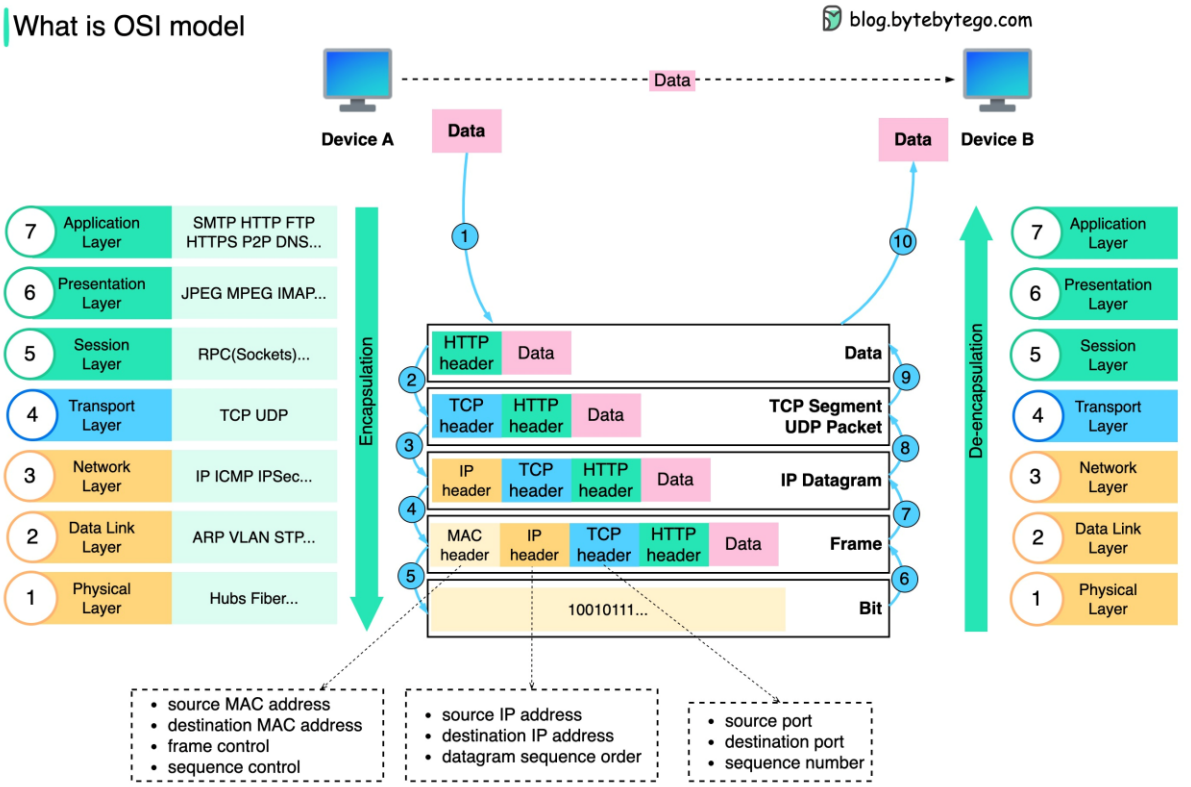


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## 5: Real-World Security Scenarios

### Scenario 1: Data Breach Investigation

- Nmap → Find exposed ports
- Wireshark → Inspect leaked traffic

**Scenario 2: Malware Detection**

- Nmap → Identify suspicious services
- Wireshark → Detect command-and-control traffic