

## Exercise 3: Using Wireshark to understand basic HTTP request/response messages (2.5 marks, include in your report)

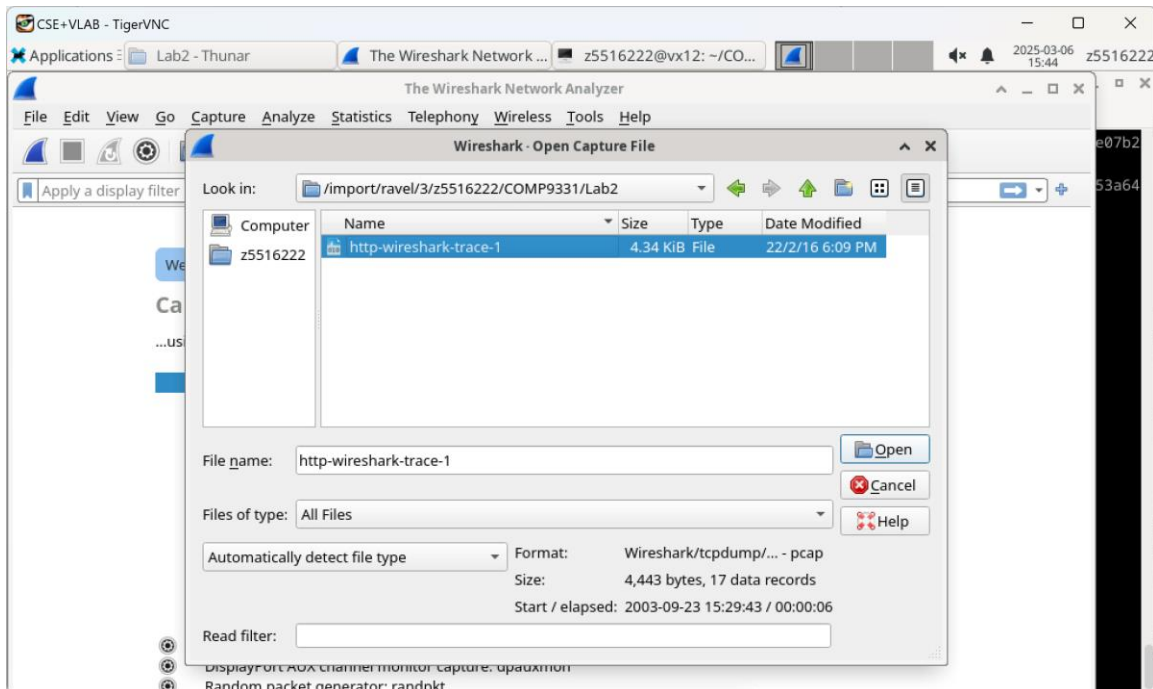
We will not be running Wireshark on a live network connection (You are strongly encouraged to try this on your native machine. Pointers are provided at the end of this exercise). The CSE network administrators do not permit live traffic monitoring for security reasons. Instead, for all our lab exercises, we will use several trace files collected by running Wireshark by one of the textbook's authors. For this particular experiment, download the following trace file: <http-wireshark-trace-1>

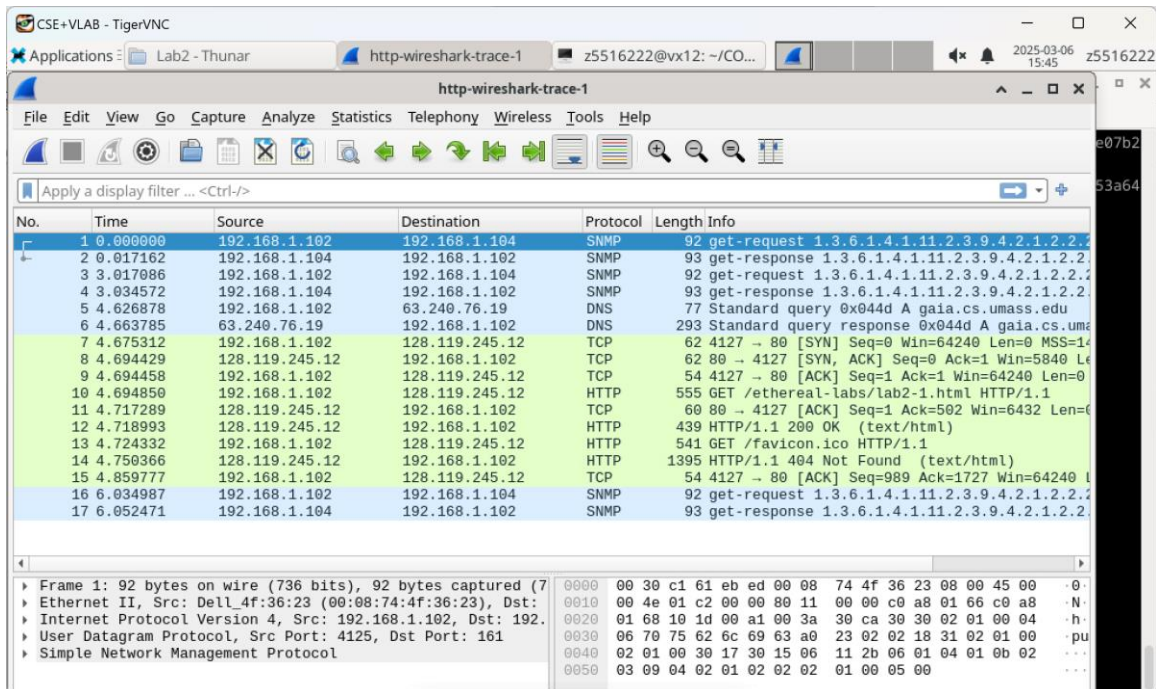
**NOTE: IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO RUN WIRESHARK VIA SSH. IT IS A RESOURCE-INTENSIVE PROGRAM, SLOW DOWN THE CSE LOGIN SERVERS. IF YOU WANT TO WORK REMOTELY, THEN MAKE SURE YOU ARE IN VLAB. WIRESHARK IS AVAILABLE ON ALL LAB MACHINES AND IN VLAB. HOWEVER, IT CANNOT BE RUN FROM THE COMMAND LINE. INSTEAD, GO TO THE APPLICATION MENU AND SELECT "INTERNET" AND "WIRESHARK". ALSO DOWNLOAD AND INSTALL [WIRESHARK](#) ON YOUR PERSONAL MACHINE.**

The following indicates the steps involved:

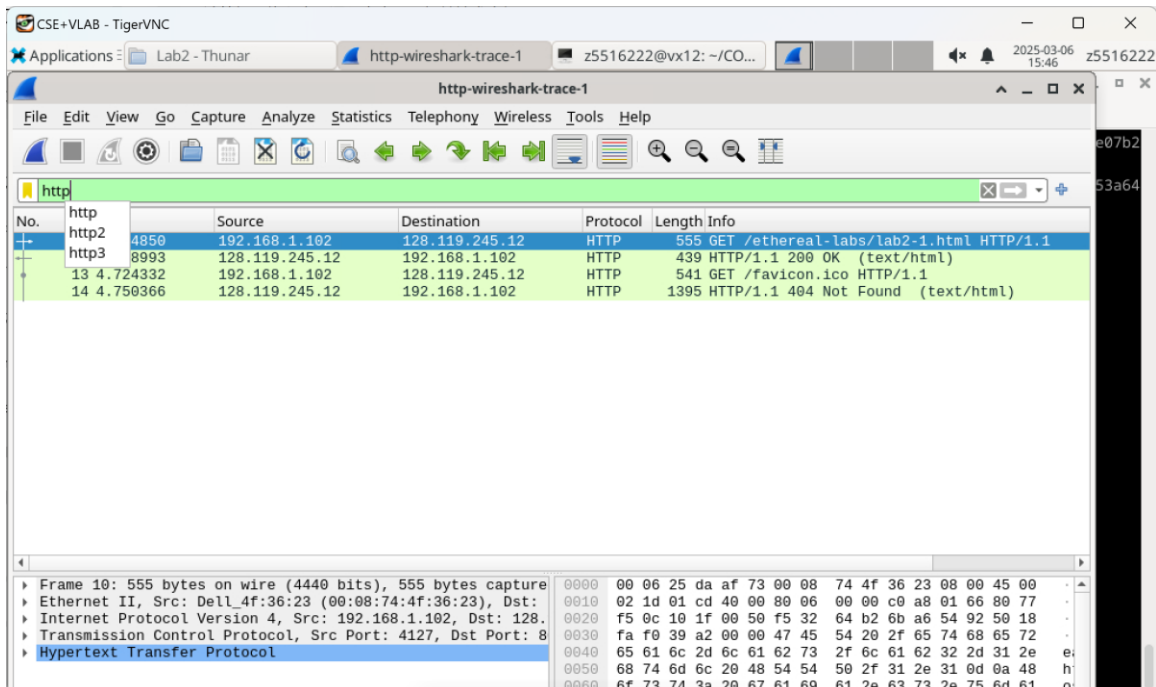
**Step 1:** Start Wireshark natively on your machine or through VLAB, as noted above.

**Step 2:** Load the trace file *http-wireshark-trace-1* using the *File* pull-down menu, choosing *Open* and selecting the appropriate trace file. This trace file captures a simple request/response interaction between a browser and a web server.



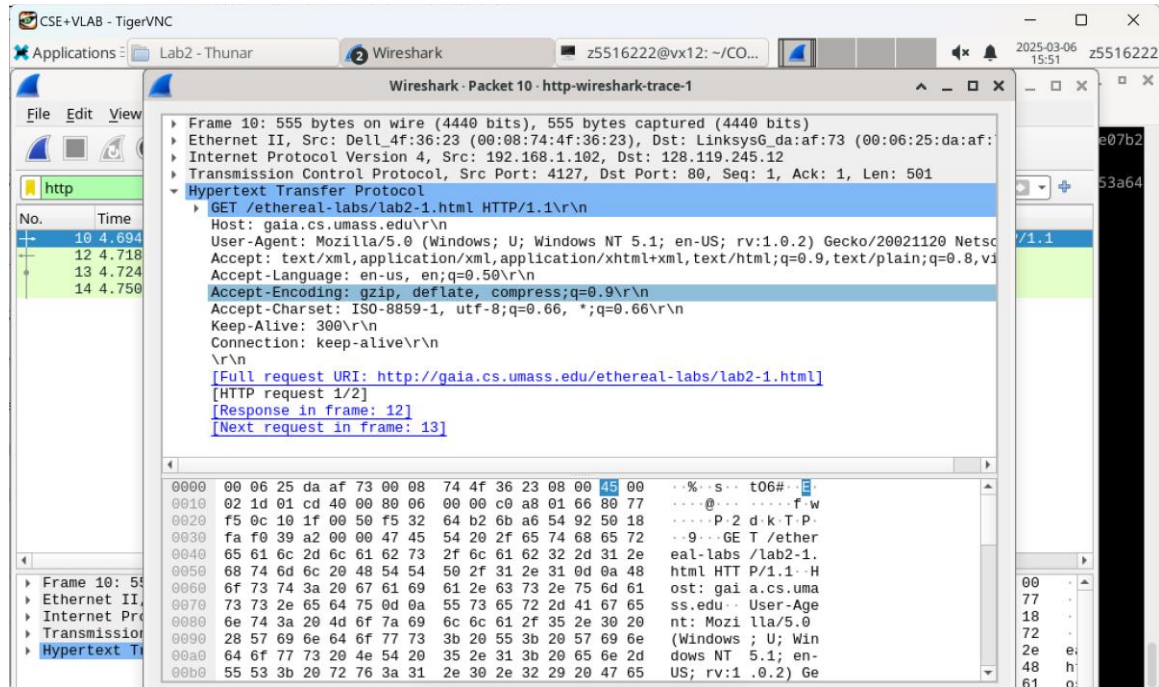


**Step 3:** You will see many packets in the packet listing window. Since we are currently only interested in HTTP, we will filter out all the other packets by typing “http” in lowercase in the *Filter* field and pressing Enter. You should now see only HTTP packets in the packet-listing window.



**Step 4:** Select the first HTTP message in the packet-listing window and observe the data in the packet-header detail window. Recall that since each HTTP message is encapsulated inside a TCP segment, which is encapsulated inside an IP datagram, which is encapsulated within an Ethernet frame, Wireshark displays the Frame, Ethernet, IP, and TCP packet information as well. We want to minimize the amount of non-HTTP data displayed (we’re

interested in HTTP here and will be investigating these other protocols in later labs), so make sure the boxes at the far left of the Frame, Ethernet, IP and TCP information have a right-pointing arrowhead (which means there is hidden, undisplayed information), and the HTTP line has a down-pointing arrowhead (which means that all information about the HTTP message is displayed).



**NOTE:** Please neglect the HTTP GET and response for favicon.ico (the third and fourth HTTP messages in the trace file. Most browsers automatically ask the server if the server has a small icon file that should be displayed next to the displayed URL in the browser. We will ignore references to this pesky file in this lab.)

By looking at the information in the HTTP GET and response messages (the first two messages), answer the following questions:

Question 1: What is the status code and phrase returned from the server to the client browser?

HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)

Answer 1: "HTTP/1.1 200 OK".

Question 2: When was the HTML file the browser retrieves last modified at the server? Does the response also contain a DATE header? How are these two fields different?

```
▼ Hypertext Transfer Protocol
  ▼ HTTP/1.1 200 OK\r\n
    ▼ [Expert Info (Chat/Sequence): HTTP/1.1 200 OK\r\n]
      [HTTP/1.1 200 OK\r\n]
      [Severity level: Chat]
      [Group: Sequence]
      Response Version: HTTP/1.1
      Status Code: 200
      [Status Code Description: OK]
      Response Phrase: OK
      Date: Tue, 23 Sep 2003 05:29:50 GMT\r\n
      Server: Apache/2.0.40 (Red Hat Linux)\r\n
      Last-Modified: Tue, 23 Sep 2003 05:29:00 GMT\r\n
      ETag: "1bfed-49-79d5bf00"\r\n
```

Answer 2:

Date: Tue, 23 Sep 2003 05:29:50 GMT

Last-Modified: Tue, 23 Sep 2003 05:29:50 GMT

Difference:

Last-Modified: Reflects the file's modification time on the server.

Date: Reflects the time the server sent the response.

Question 3: Is the connection established between the browser and the server persistent or non-persistent? How can you infer this?

Answer 3: The connection is persistent. This can be inferred from the request header "Connection: keep-alive" in the image.

Question 4: How many bytes of content are being returned to the browser?

Answer 4: TCP payload 385 bytes.

Question 5: What is the data contained inside the HTTP response packet?

Answer 5: The data is the HTML content of the webpage.

**Note:** Students are strongly encouraged to use Wireshark to capture real network traffic on their own machines. Check <https://www.wireshark.org/download.html> for details. Once you have Wireshark installed, do the following. Clear your web browser's cache (Firefox->Tools->Clear Recent History). Launch the Wireshark tool by typing Wireshark in the command line. Start Wireshark capture by clicking on capture -> interfaces -> click Start on the interface eth0. Run the Web browser and enter a URL for a website (e.g. [www.bbc.co.uk](http://www.bbc.co.uk)). Stop capturing packets when the web page is fully loaded. Examine the captured trace and answer the questions above. This is just for you to try in your own time. You do not have to include this in your report.

## Exercise 4: Using Wireshark to understand the HTTP CONDITIONAL GET/response interaction (2.5 marks, include in your report)

For this particular experiment, download the second trace file: <http-wireshark-trace-2>

The following indicates the steps for this experiment:

**Step 1:** Start Wireshark natively on your machine or through VLAB, as noted above.

**Step 2:** Load the trace file *http-wireshark-trace-2* using the *File* pull-down menu, choosing *Open* and selecting the appropriate trace file. This trace file captures a request-response between a client browser and a web server where the client requests the same file from the server within a few seconds.

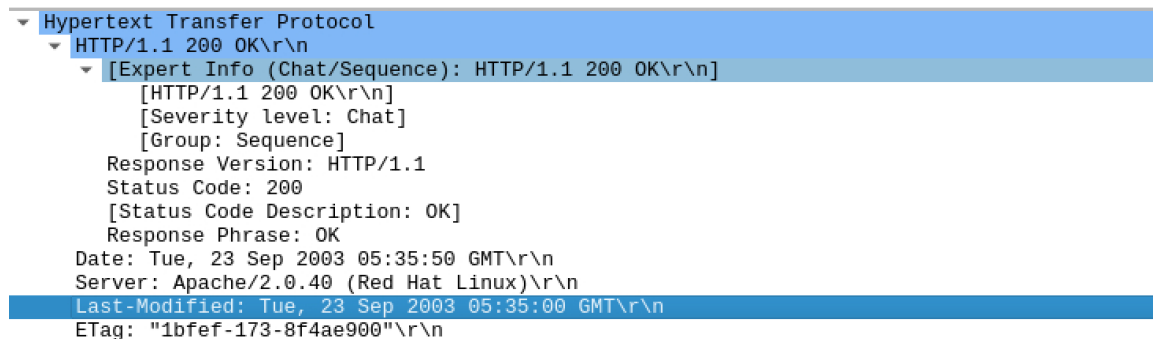
**Step 3:** Filter out all the non-HTTP packets and focus on the HTTP header information in the packet-header detail window.

We will focus on the first two GET requests and the corresponding responses (the first 4 HTTP messages).

Question 1: Inspect the contents of the first HTTP GET request from the browser to the server. Do you see an "IF-MODIFIED-SINCE" line in the HTTP GET?

Answer 1: No, the first HTTP GET request does not contain an "IF-MODIFIED-SINCE" line.

Question 2: Does the HTTP response from the server indicate the last time the requested file was modified?



Answer 2: Yes, the HTTP response from the server includes a "Last-Modified" header, indicating the last time the requested file was modified.

Question 3: Now inspect the contents of the second HTTP GET request from the browser to the server. Do you see the "IF-MODIFIED-SINCE:" and "IF-NONE-MATCH" lines in the HTTP GET? If so, what information is contained in these header lines?

```

If-Modified-Since: Tue, 23 Sep 2003 05:35:00 GMT\r\n
If-None-Match: "1bfef-173-8f4ae900"\r\n

```

Answer 3:

If-Modified-Since: Tue, 23 Sep 2003 05:35:00 GMT

If-None-Match: "1bfef-173-8f4ae900"

Question 4: What is the HTTP status code and phrase returned from the server in response to this second HTTP GET? Did the server explicitly return the file's contents? Explain.

```

If-Modified-Since: Tue, 23 Sep 2003 05:35:00 GMT\r\n
If-None-Match: "1bfef-173-8f4ae900"\r\n

```

Answer 4: Yes.



Question 5: What is the value of the Etag field in the 2nd response message, and how is it used? Is the Etag value the same as in the 1<sup>st</sup> response?

```
HTTP/1.1 304 Not Modified\r\n
```

Answer 5: HTTP/1.1 304 Not Modified. It is not the same as the 1<sup>st</sup> response.

## Exercise 5: Ping Client (5 marks, submit source code as a separate file, include sample output in the report)

### Objective:

In this exercise, you will implement a Ping client with enhanced functionality using UDP, similar to the standard Ping tool. You will calculate Round-Trip Time (RTT) and report additional statistics such as the percentage of packets acknowledged, total transmission time, and jitter. The server, `PingServer.java`, is [provided](#) and simulates network conditions by introducing packet loss and delays.

### Ping Server (Provided):

You are given the code for the Ping server ( `PingServer.java` ). The server listens for UDP packets and responds with the same data it receives. However, the server may drop packets or delay responses based on predefined parameters.

You need to first compile the Ping Server using the following.

```
javac PingServer.java
```

Then you should be able to run it using the following. Make sure to run the server in a separate terminal before starting the client.

```
java PingServer <whatever port you choose>
```

### Your Task: Implementing Ping Client

You will implement a client ( `PingClient.java`, `PingClient.c`, or `PingClient.py` ) that performs the following tasks:

1. Send 15 ping requests to the server.
2. Each ping request should include:
  - The keyword `PING` .
  - A sequence number starting from a random number between 10,000 and 20,000.
  - A timestamp (any timestamp format should suffice) indicating when the message was sent.
3. Wait up to 600 ms for a response from the server. If no response is received within this time, record it as a timeout (packet lost).
4. Report the following statistics:
  - RTT for each successful ping.
  - **Minimum RTT** , **Maximum RTT** , and **Average RTT** .

- **Percentage of packets acknowledged** (i.e., received a response).
- **Total transmission time** (from the first sent packet to the last received response or timeout).
- **Jitter** (variance in RTT between successive packets).

## Example Command to Run the Client:

### Java

```
$javac PingClient.java
$java PingClient <host> <port>
```

### C

```
$gcc -o PingClient PingClient.c
$./PingClient <host> <port>
```

### Python

```
$python3 PingClient.py <host> <port>
```

Where **<host>** is the IP address of the server (use 127.0.0.1 for localhost) and **<port>** is the port number on which the server is listening.

### Detailed Reporting:

The client must report the following at the end of execution:

- **RTT** for each ping request (or "timeout" if no response).
- **Minimum RTT**, **Maximum RTT**, and **Average RTT** for the successful pings.
- Percentage of **packets acknowledged** (i.e., how many responses were received out of 15 pings).
- **Total transmission time** (the time from sending the first ping to receiving the last response).
- **Jitter**, which measures the variance in RTT values between successive pings.  
( Jitter = Sum of (|RTT(n) - RTT(n-1)|) / (Number of packets received - 1))

```
PING to 127.0.0.1, seq=10215, rtt=120 ms
PING to 127.0.0.1, seq=10216, rtt=200 ms
PING to 127.0.0.1, seq=10217, rtt=timeout
PING to 127.0.0.1, seq=10218, rtt=150 ms
...
Total packets sent: 15
Packets acknowledged: 12
Packet loss: 20%
```

Minimum RTT: 50 ms, Maximum RTT: 200 ms, Average RTT: 120 ms

Total transmission time: 2000 ms

Jitter: 25 ms

## Marking Criteria (5 Marks):

1. **Correct implementation of the ping protocol and handling of packet loss (2.5 marks):**
  - This includes correct handling of packet transmission, timeout, and managing packet loss as per the server's behavior.
2. **Accurate calculation and display of RTT for each successful ping (1.5 marks):**
  - RTT should be calculated accurately for every ping request that receives a response.
3. **Proper reporting of packet acknowledgment percentage, total transmission time, and jitter (1 mark):**
  - Includes accurate reporting of additional statistics like packet acknowledgment percentage, total transmission time, and jitter.

Answer:

```
z5516222@vx12:~/COMP9331/Lab2$ javac PingServer.java
z5516222@vx12:~/COMP9331/Lab2$ java PingServer 8080
```

Code of PingClient.py:

```
import socket
```

```
import time
```

```
import random
```

```
import sys
```

```
if len(sys.argv) != 3:
```

```
    print("Usage: python3 PingClient.py <host> <port>")
```

```
    sys.exit(1)
```

```
host = sys.argv[1]
```

```
port = int(sys.argv[2])
```



```
client_socket = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_DGRAM)
```

```
client_socket.settimeout(0.6) # 设置超时时间为 600ms
```

```
total_packets = 15
```

```
seq_start = random.randint(10000, 20000)
```

```
rtt_list = []
```

```
packets_acknowledged = 0
```

```
start_time = time.time()
```

```
for i in range(total_packets):
```

```
    seq_num = seq_start + i
```

```
    send_time = time.time()
```

```
    message = f"PING {seq_num} {send_time}"
```

```
    client_socket.sendto(message.encode(), (host, port))
```

```
    try:
```

```
        response, server_address = client_socket.recvfrom(1024)
```

```
        rcv_time = time.time()
```

```
        rtt = (rcv_time - send_time) * 1000 # 转换为毫秒
```

```
        rtt_list.append(rtt)
```

```
        packets_acknowledged += 1
```

```
        print(f"PING to {host}, seq={seq_num}, rtt={rtt:.2f} ms")
```

```
    except socket.timeout:
```

```
        print(f"PING to {host}, seq={seq_num}, rtt=timeout")
```

```
end_time = time.time()
```

```
total_transmission_time = (end_time - start_time) * 1000 # 转换为毫秒
```

```
packet_loss = (total_packets - packets_acknowledged) / total_packets * 100
```

```
min_rtt = min(rtt_list) if rtt_list else 0
```

```
max_rtt = max(rtt_list) if rtt_list else 0
```

```
avg_rtt = sum(rtt_list) / len(rtt_list) if rtt_list else 0
```

```
jitter = 0
```

```
if len(rtt_list) > 1:
```

```
    jitter = sum(abs(rtt_list[i] - rtt_list[i - 1]) for i in range(1, len(rtt_list))) / (len(rtt_list) - 1)
```

```
print("\n--- Ping statistics ---")
```

```
print(f"Total packets sent: {total_packets}")
```

```
print(f"Packets acknowledged: {packets_acknowledged}")
```

```
print(f"Packet loss: {packet_loss:.2f}%")
```

```
print(f"Minimum RTT: {min_rtt:.2f} ms, Maximum RTT: {max_rtt:.2f} ms, Average RTT: {avg_rtt:.2f} ms")
```

```
print(f"Total transmission time: {total_transmission_time:.2f} ms")
```

```
print(f"Jitter: {jitter:.2f} ms")
```

```
client_socket.close()
```

```
z5516222@vx12:~/COMP9331/Lab2$ python3 PingClient.py 127.0.0.1 8080
PING to 127.0.0.1, seq=13627, rtt=88.60 ms
PING to 127.0.0.1, seq=13628, rtt=121.72 ms
PING to 127.0.0.1, seq=13629, rtt=timeout
PING to 127.0.0.1, seq=13630, rtt=106.94 ms
PING to 127.0.0.1, seq=13631, rtt=2.02 ms
PING to 127.0.0.1, seq=13632, rtt=timeout
PING to 127.0.0.1, seq=13633, rtt=timeout
PING to 127.0.0.1, seq=13634, rtt=timeout
PING to 127.0.0.1, seq=13635, rtt=188.72 ms
PING to 127.0.0.1, seq=13636, rtt=173.57 ms
PING to 127.0.0.1, seq=13637, rtt=17.55 ms
PING to 127.0.0.1, seq=13638, rtt=61.87 ms
PING to 127.0.0.1, seq=13639, rtt=timeout
PING to 127.0.0.1, seq=13640, rtt=8.65 ms
PING to 127.0.0.1, seq=13641, rtt=80.20 ms

--- Ping statistics ---
Total packets sent: 15
Packets acknowledged: 10
Packet loss: 33.33%
Minimum RTT: 2.02 ms, Maximum RTT: 188.72 ms, Average RTT: 84.98 ms
Total transmission time: 3853.82 ms
Jitter: 75.53 ms
```

```
z5516222@vx12:~/COMP9331/Lab2$ javac PingServer.java
java PingServer 8080
Received from 127.0.0.1: PING 13627 1741243424.2718236
  Reply sent.
Received from 127.0.0.1: PING 13628 1741243424.3605177
  Reply sent.
Received from 127.0.0.1: PING 13629 1741243424.482259
  Reply not sent.
Received from 127.0.0.1: PING 13630 1741243425.0830023
  Reply sent.
Received from 127.0.0.1: PING 13631 1741243425.1899712
  Reply sent.
Received from 127.0.0.1: PING 13632 1741243425.1920025
  Reply not sent.
Received from 127.0.0.1: PING 13633 1741243425.7926757
  Reply not sent.
Received from 127.0.0.1: PING 13634 1741243426.3933764
  Reply not sent.
Received from 127.0.0.1: PING 13635 1741243426.994094
  Reply sent.
Received from 127.0.0.1: PING 13636 1741243427.182849
  Reply sent.
Received from 127.0.0.1: PING 13637 1741243427.3564608
  Reply sent.
Received from 127.0.0.1: PING 13638 1741243427.3740745
  Reply sent.
Received from 127.0.0.1: PING 13639 1741243427.435994
  Reply not sent.
Received from 127.0.0.1: PING 13640 1741243428.0367093
  Reply sent.
Received from 127.0.0.1: PING 13641 1741243428.0453837
  Reply sent.
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