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# Wireshark Lab 2

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# 1 DNS

Our random website must be a http protocle. we use http://ce.sharif.edu as our random website.
With *ipconfig /flushdns* command, we flush DNS in our computer. DNS flushing is the mechanism which the user can manually make all the entries in the cache invalid, so the host's computer re-fetches new pairs from now on, whenever it needs and stores it in the local cache.
Now back to Lab's questions:

1. In figure 1 we can see these packets contain requests to the DNS servers for translating a host name to an IP address First DNS is quary and second

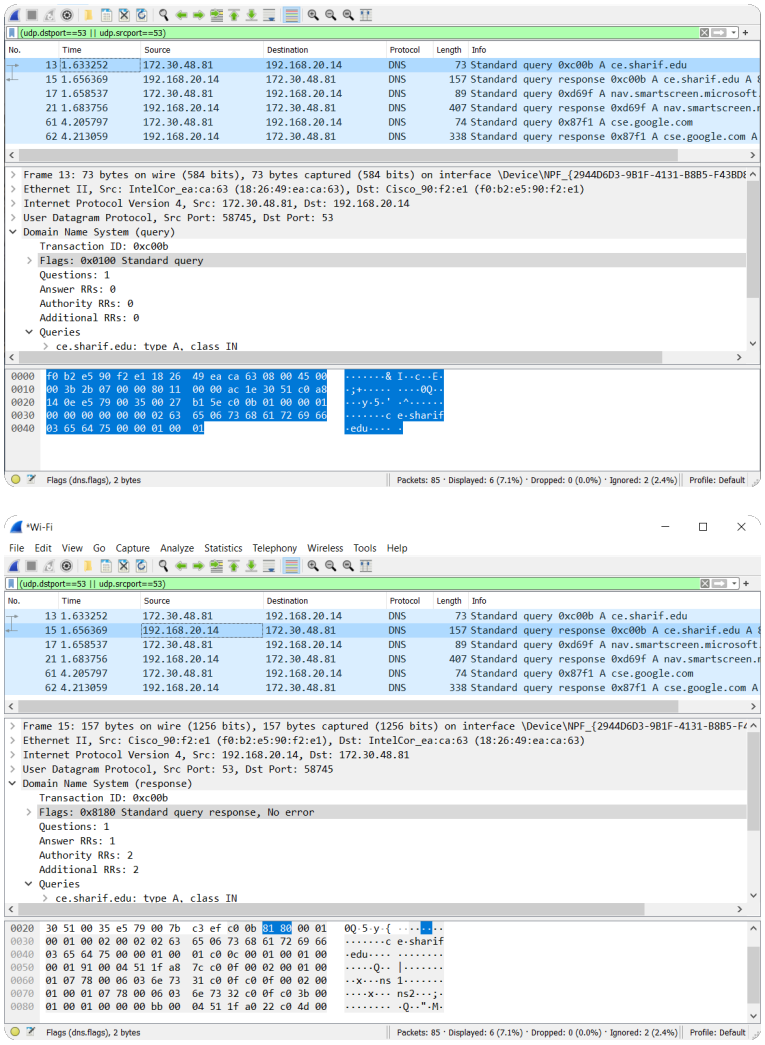


Figure 1: DNS sequence in Wireshark

DNS is a response massage to quary. other DNS massages is for Google and Microsoft servers which we talk about them later.

2. Again we display quary massage content more precisely.

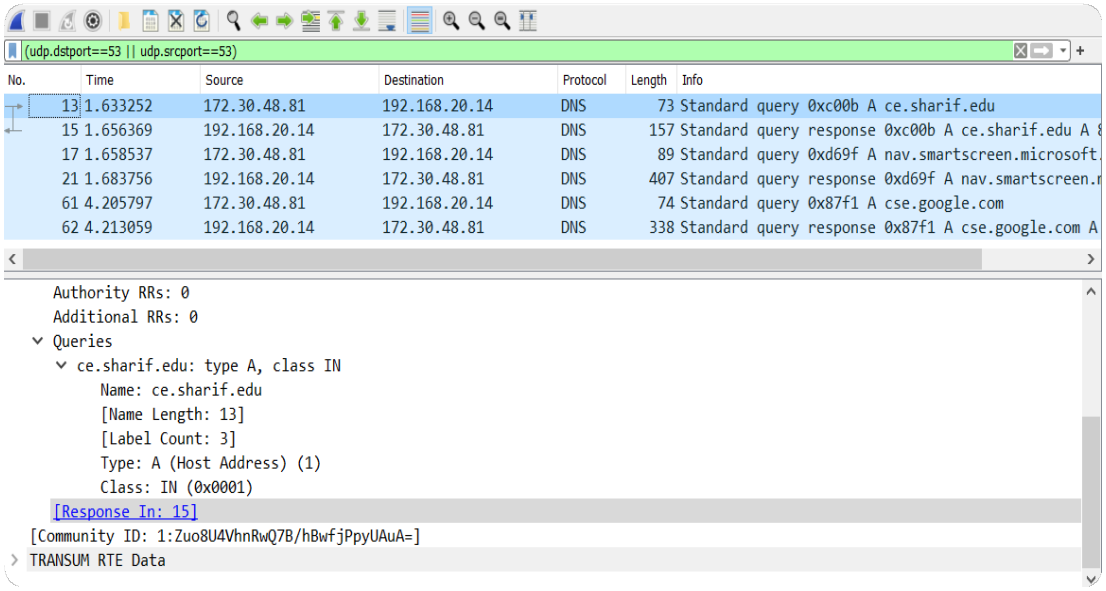


Figure 2: DNS query packet

It is a type A (IPV4 translation) massage. Prefix "A" indicates a (Hostname – IPV4) translation record and we can see it's response is number 15 packet.

3. As we can see in figure 3, It is a type A (IPV4 translation) and it's Class is IN (Internet Network)

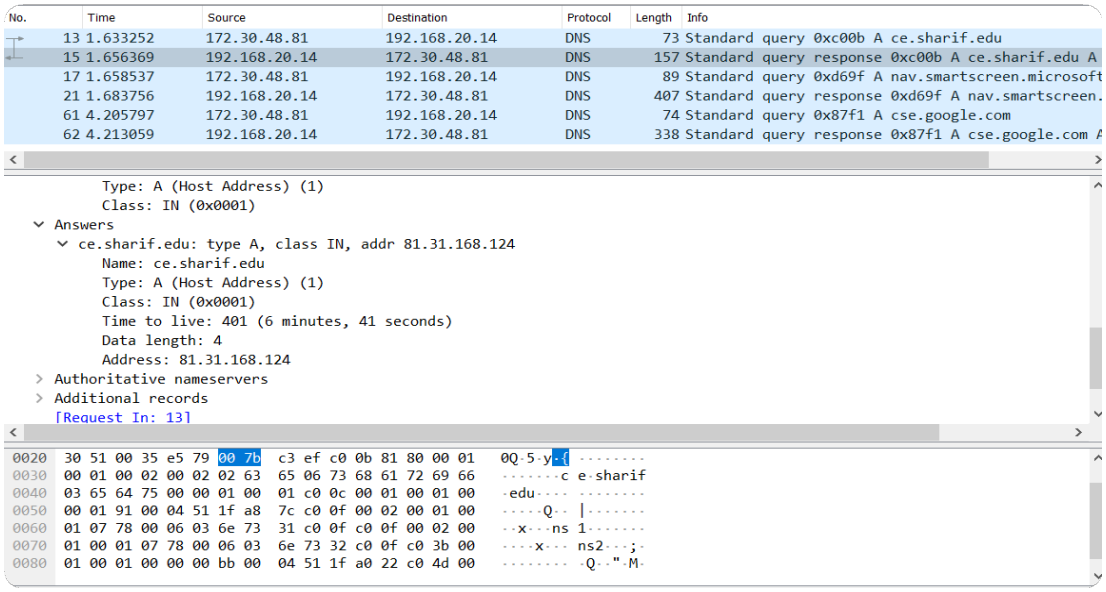


Figure 3: response of the DNS packet

Now we look at flags in figure 4:

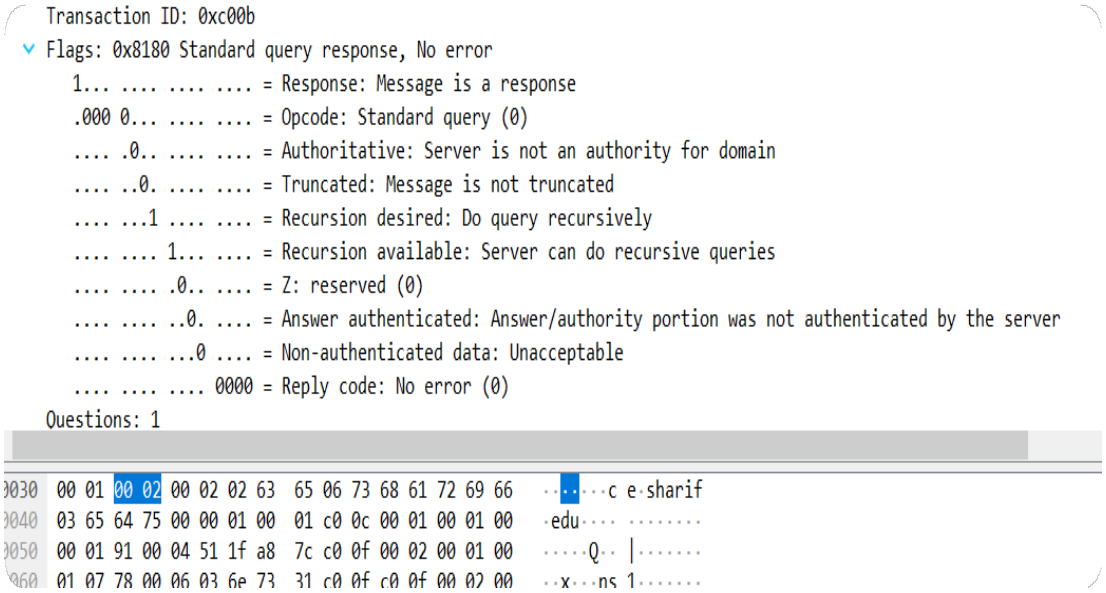


Figure 4: flags of DNS response

- The flag's first bit indicates that it's a response message.
- The Opcode identifies the request type: In our case it's a standard query (0).
- As we know DNS server is an Authoritative DNS for the domain and involves a copy of its domain's information. This information can be passed to the DNS server by an administrator or the upper DNS server. in this example server is not an authority for domain.
- Truncations happens when the message is longer than the standard limit issued for the Transport Layer protocol. TCP messages are length-unlimited but UDP messages have a maximum size of 512 bytes and messages longer than this size should be truncated. as we can see in figure 4 in this example message is not truncated.
- A recursive DNS lookup is where one DNS server communicates with several other DNS servers to hunt down an IP address and return it to the client. This is in contrast to an iterative DNS query, where the client communicates directly with each DNS server involved in the lookup. The Client request a Recursion Method using the "Recursion Desired bit" and the Server replies whether it supports the method by the "Recursion Available bit" or not. in this example we use recursive DNS.
- Z bit: reserved for future use
- Answer Authentication: Indicates whether the answer/authority is authenticated by the DNS server or not. in this example it is not authenticated by the server
- Data authentication is the process of confirming the origin and integrity of data. Data authentication has two elements: authenticating that you're getting data from the correct entity and validating the integrity of that data. in this example we use Non-authenticated data.
- Reply codes play a main role in troubleshooting DNS problems. In this example we have "reply code: no error" which means, DNS query successfully completed.

4. Time-to-live (TTL) is a value for the period of time that a packet, or data, should exist on a computer or network before being discarded. it prevent slow cache access and high load. After the expiration of a record's TTL, it should be discarded or refreshed.
   TTL can be found in the Answers part of a Response message.
   As we see in figure 5 TTL for this example is 401 (6 minutes, 41 seconds).

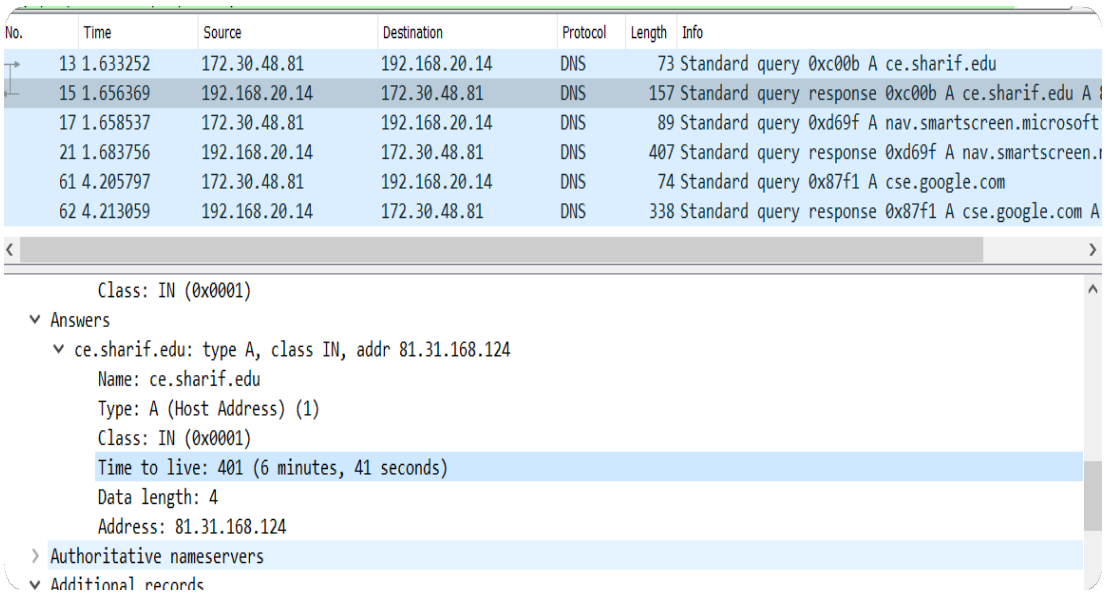


Figure 5: TTL for his example

5. These websites are actually the DNS servers placed in the path of our queries. as we know 3 types of queries are used in DNS messages:

   (a) Recursive

   (b) Iterative

   (c) Non-Recursive

   In this example we use Recursive Queries. this query is initiated by the DNS resolver checking the DNS local cache for finding the corresponding IP address to the hostname the client has requested. If the pair isn't found in the local cache, The DNS resolver starts a recursive process, contacting the local DNS, TLD's Root DNS and vice versa in the destination side until it finds the Authoritative Name Server holding the corresponding IP address for the destination and returns it to the client. The procedure ends up by storing the recent accessed pair in the clients local DNS cache.
   Also if we try to access These websites, we got error.

6. As we can see in figure below we have only one answer This answers contains:

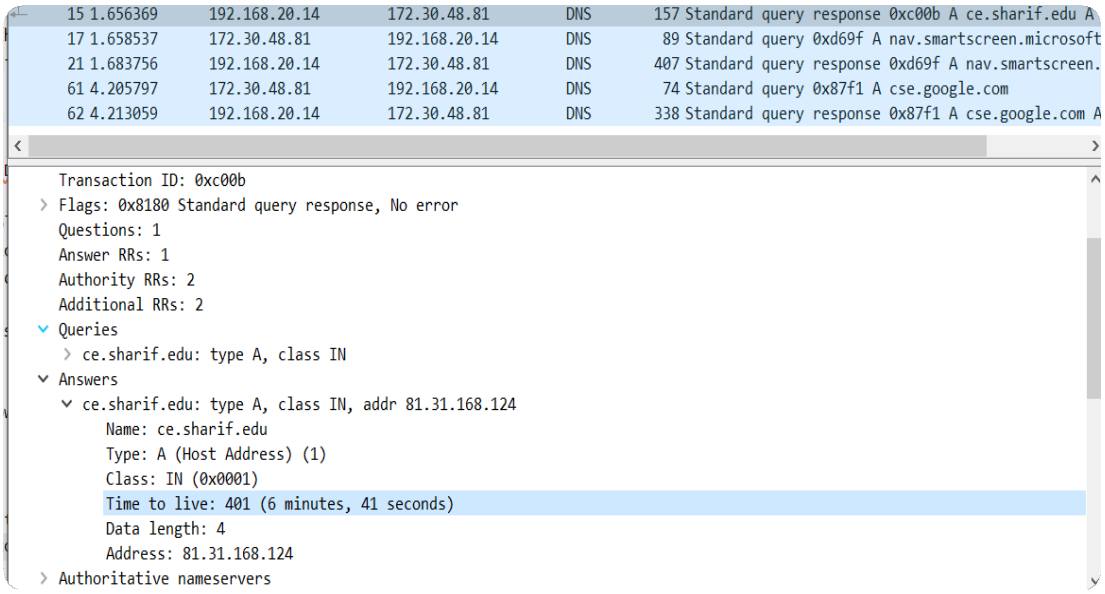


Figure 6: Answer to quary

7. *nslookup -type=NS* is used for the following cases:

   (a) Find the IP address of a host.

   (b) Find the domain name of an IP address.

   (c) Find mail servers for a domain.

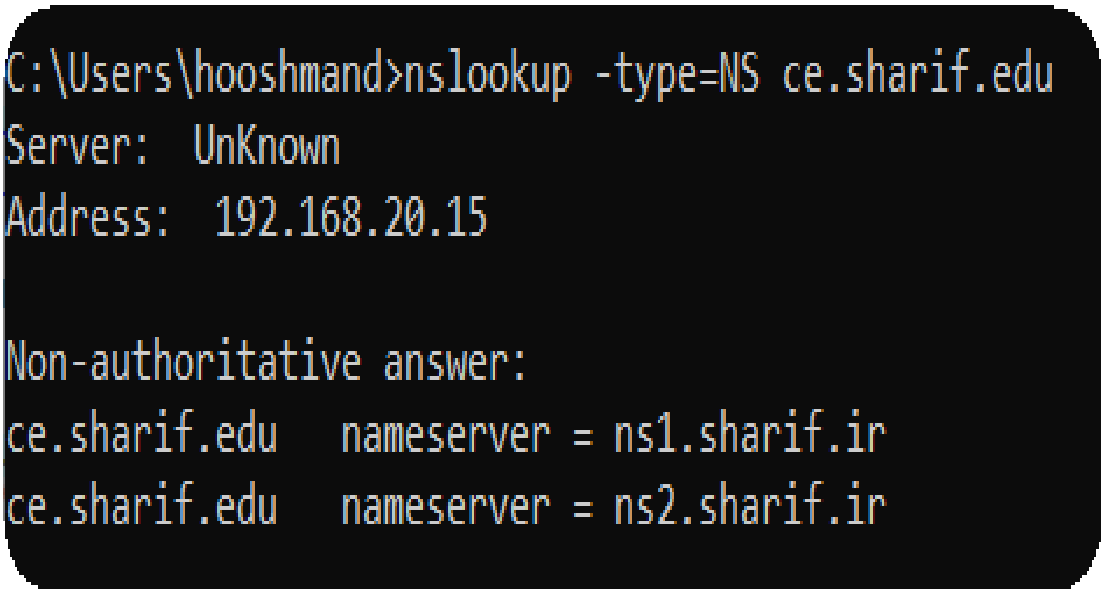


Figure 7: results of given commend for *ce.sharif.ir*

A Non-authoritative answer, shows that the resolver didn't fetch the answer from an authoritative DNS server, and got it from a cache record stored in some DNS server along the path. As we can see in figure above, we found the IP address of a domain name and we have 2 non-authoritative answer. if we try same commend for *ns1.sharif.ir* we get below result:

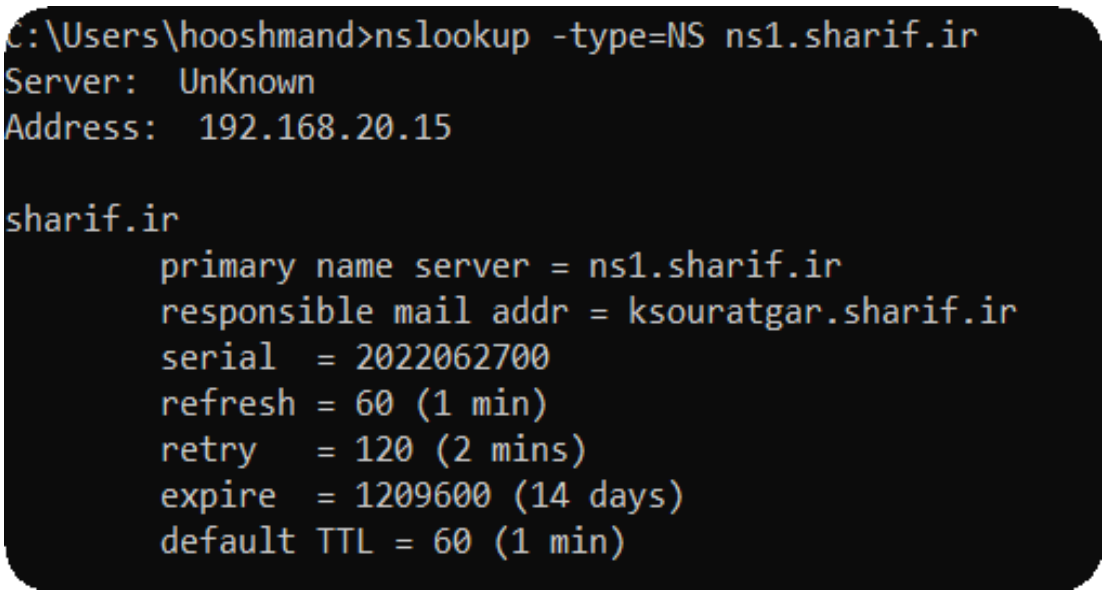


Figure 8: results of given commend for *ns1.sharif.ir*

This will return the primary name server, responsible mail addresses, default ttl and more. we can see more details in figure 8.

# 2 HTTP

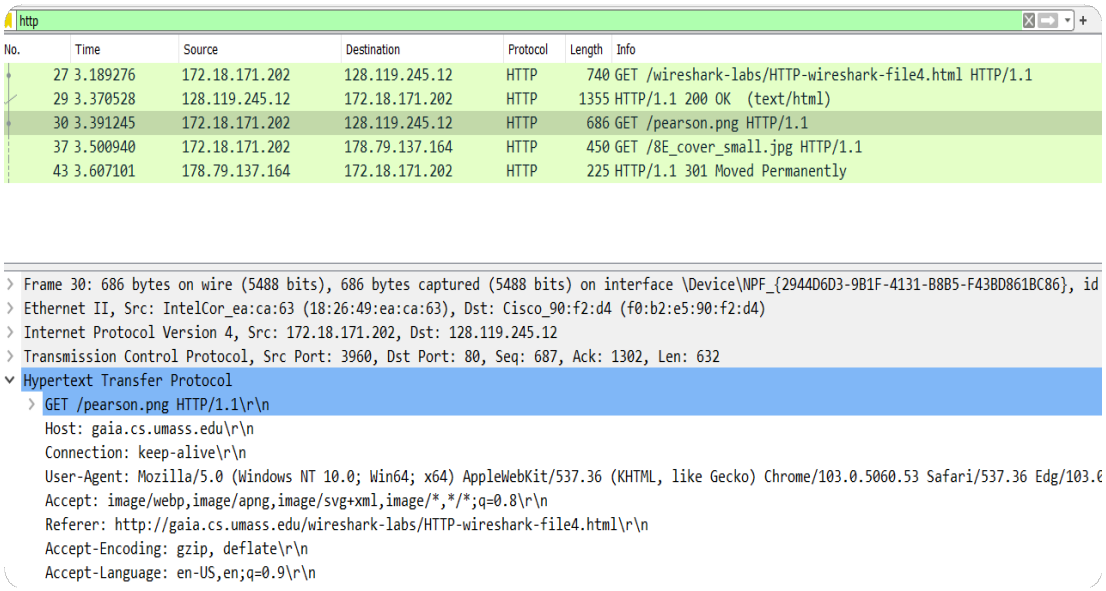


Figure 9: results of Wireshark with http filter

1. As we can see in figure above, The browser has sent 3 GET messages corresponding to the 3 data files it has accessed( html file and 2 images).

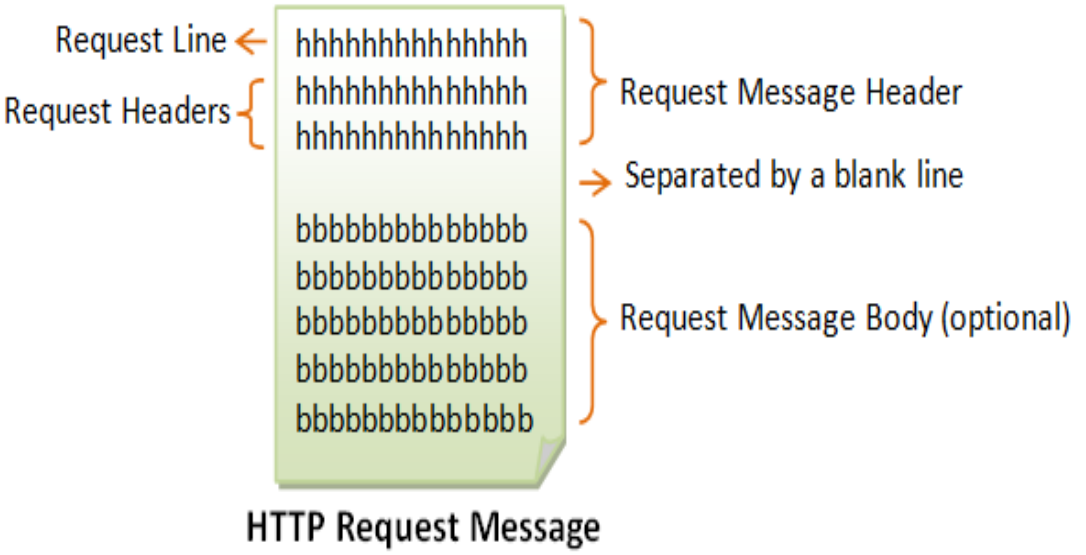


Figure 10: body of http request message

2. GET is an HTTP method for requesting data from the server. Requests using the HTTP GET method should only fetch data, cannot enclose data in the body of a GET message, and should not have any other effect on data on the server.
   In this example we have GET massages corresponding to every file in webpage.
   (a) Main HTML file
   (b) The image of our 8th edition book cover in button of page.

(c) The logo of our publisher, Pearson. in top of page.

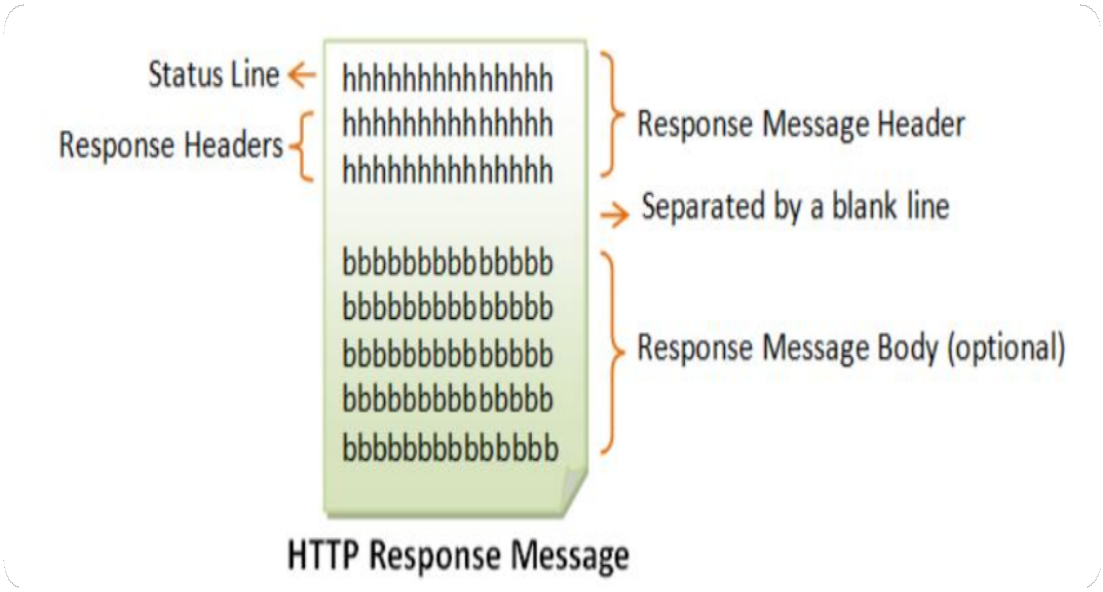


Figure 11: body of http response message

3. The response headers provide the necessary description of the document returned, such as the last modified date, the MIME type (Content-Type), and the length of the document (Content-Length). The response body contains the requested document. The browser will format and display the document according to its media type (e.g., Plain-text, HTML, JPEG, GIF, and etc.) and other information obtained from the response headers. for instance If the requested document is available, the server returns the document with a response status code "200 OK". In our problem we have 2 response massages shown below.

   (a) Main HTML file and links of 2 image in it. This response has status

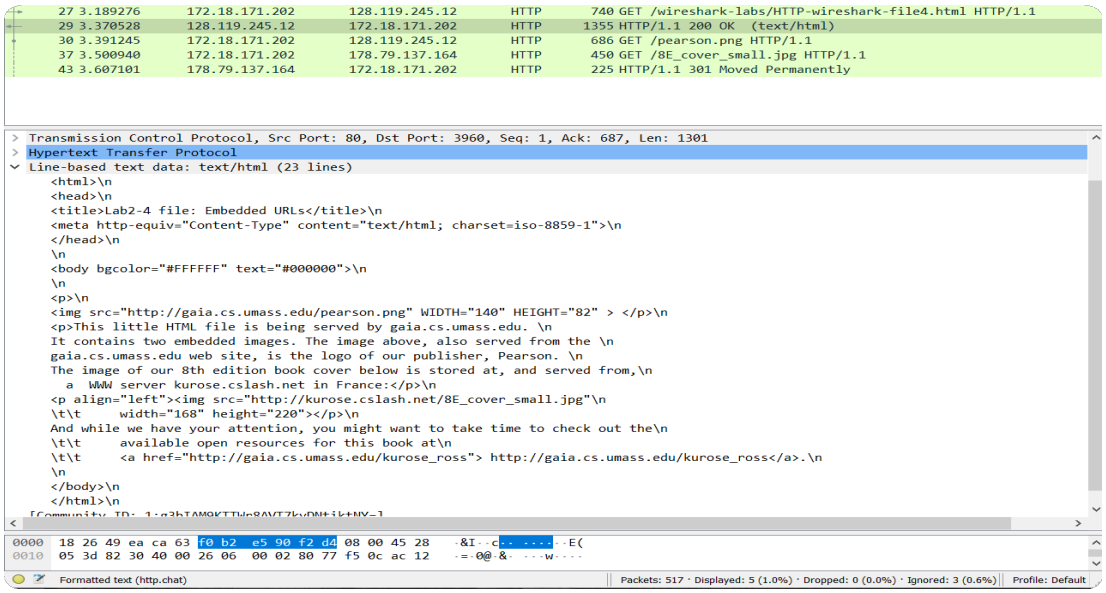


Figure 12: html file response message

   code 200, which means no problem has occurred.

   (b) The image of our 8th edition book cover in button of page. Main HTML file and links of 2 image in it. This response has status code

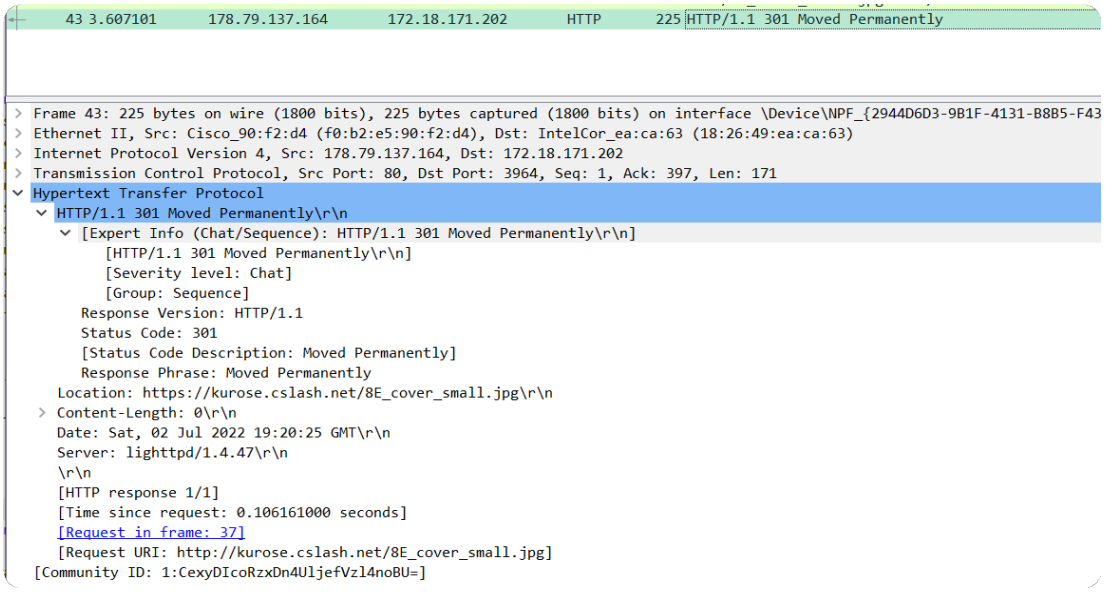


Figure 13: image response message

301, which means requested resource has been moved to the URL given by the location header.

We have no individual response for Pearson logo.