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1 DNS

Our random website must be a http protocol. 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 query and second

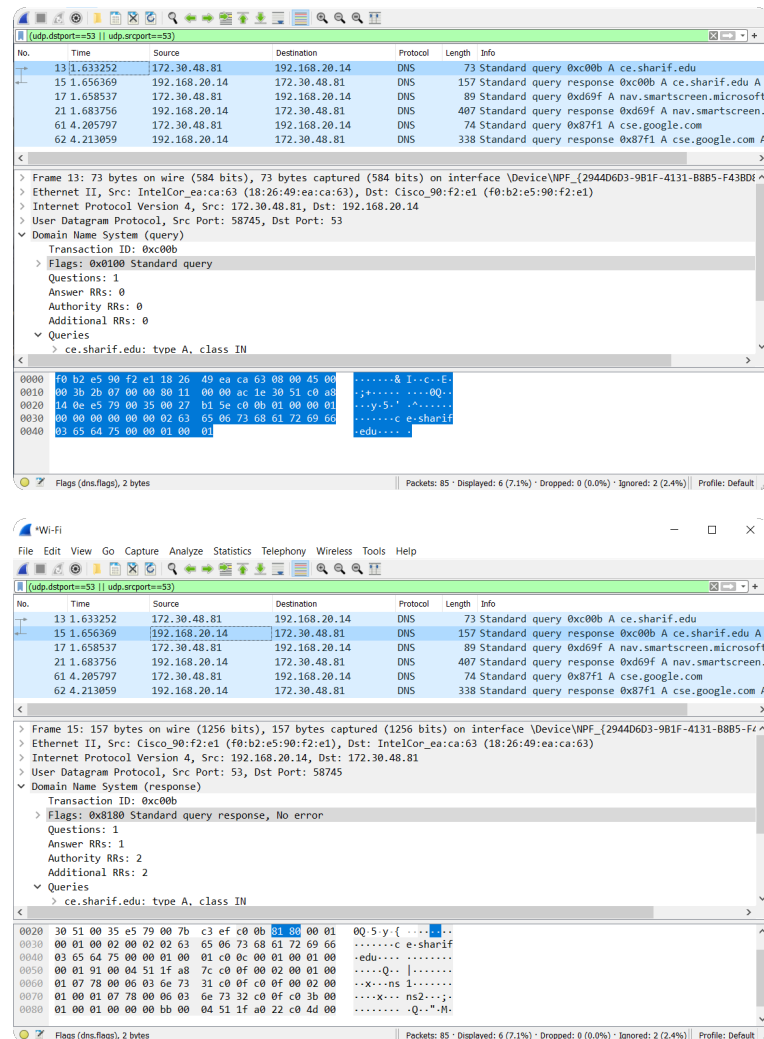
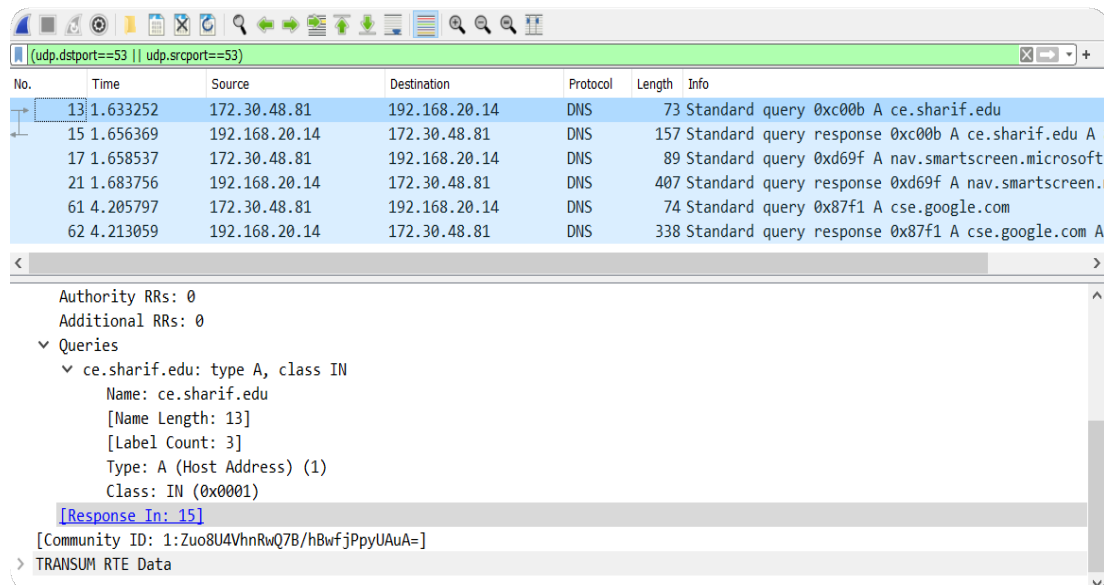


Figure 1: DNS sequence in Wireshark

DNS is a response message to query. other DNS messages is for Google and Microsoft servers which we talk about them later.

2. Again we display query message content more precisely.



No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
13	1.633252	172.30.48.81	192.168.20.14	DNS	73	Standard query 0xc00b A ce.sharif.edu
15	1.656369	192.168.20.14	172.30.48.81	DNS	157	Standard query response 0xc00b A ce.sharif.edu A 8
17	1.658537	172.30.48.81	192.168.20.14	DNS	89	Standard query 0xd69f A nav.smartscreen.microsoft
21	1.683756	192.168.20.14	172.30.48.81	DNS	407	Standard query response 0xd69f A nav.smartscreen.m
61	4.205797	172.30.48.81	192.168.20.14	DNS	74	Standard query 0x87f1 A cse.google.com
62	4.213059	192.168.20.14	172.30.48.81	DNS	338	Standard query response 0x87f1 A cse.google.com A

Authority RRs: 0
Additional RRs: 0
▼ Queries
 ▼ ce.sharif.edu: type A, class IN
 Name: ce.sharif.edu
 [Name Length: 13]
 [Label Count: 3]
 Type: A (Host Address) (1)
 Class: IN (0x0001)
 [Response In: 15]
[Community ID: 1:Zuo8U4VhnRwQ7B/hBwfjPpyUAuA=]
> TRANSUM RTE Data

Figure 2: DNS query packet

It is a type A (IPV4 translation) message. 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)

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Type: A (Host Address) (1)
Class: IN (0x0001)
  Answers
    ce.sharif.edu: type A, class IN, addr 81.31.168.124
      Name: ce.sharif.edu
      Type: A (Host Address) (1)
      Class: IN (0x0001)
      Time to live: 401 (6 minutes, 41 seconds)
      Data length: 4
      Address: 81.31.168.124
    > Authoritative nameservers
    > Additional records
  [Request In: 13]
0020 30 51 00 35 e5 79 00 7b c3 ef c0 0b 81 80 00 01 00 5-y-
0030 00 01 00 02 00 02 02 63 65 06 73 68 61 72 69 66 .....c e-sharif
0040 03 65 64 75 00 00 01 00 01 c0 0c 00 01 00 01 00 .edu-
0050 00 01 91 00 04 51 1f a8 7c c0 0f 00 02 00 01 00 ....Q-
0060 01 07 78 00 06 03 6e 73 31 c0 0f c0 0f 00 02 00 ..x-ns 1-
0070 01 00 01 07 78 00 06 03 6e 73 32 c0 0f c0 3b 00 ....x-ns2-;
0080 01 00 01 00 00 00 bb 00 04 51 1f a0 22 c0 4d 00 .....Q-".M-

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Figure 3: response of the DNS packet

Now we look at flags in figure 4:

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Transaction ID: 0xc00b
  Flags: 0x8180 Standard query response, No error
    1... .. = Response: Message is a response
    .000 0... .. = Opcode: Standard query (0)
    ....0.. .. = Authoritative: Server is not an authority for domain
    ....0. .... = Truncated: Message is not truncated
    ....1 .... = Recursion desired: Do query recursively
    ....1... .. = Recursion available: Server can do recursive queries
    ....0.. .. = Z: reserved (0)
    ....0. .... = Answer authenticated: Answer/authority portion was not authenticated by the server
    ....0 .... = Non-authenticated data: Unacceptable
    ....0000 = Reply code: No error (0)
Questions: 1
0030 00 01 00 02 00 02 02 63 65 06 73 68 61 72 69 66 .....c e-sharif
0040 03 65 64 75 00 00 01 00 01 c0 0c 00 01 00 01 00 .edu-
0050 00 01 91 00 04 51 1f a8 7c c0 0f 00 02 00 01 00 ....Q-
0060 01 07 78 00 06 03 6e 73 31 c0 0f c0 0f 00 02 00 ..x-ns 1-

```

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).

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▼ Answers

▼ ce.sharif.edu: type A, class IN, addr 81.31.168.124

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Type: A (Host Address) (1)

Class: IN (0x0001)

Time to live: 401 (6 minutes, 41 seconds)

Data length: 4

Address: 81.31.168.124

> Authoritative nameservers

▼ Additional records

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:

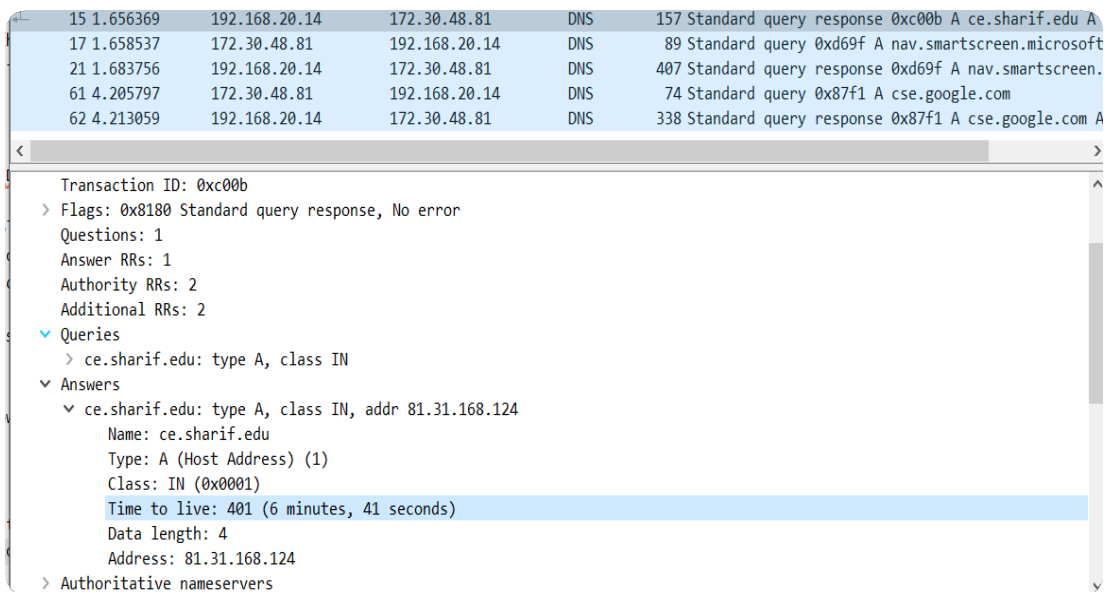


Figure 6: Answer to query

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.

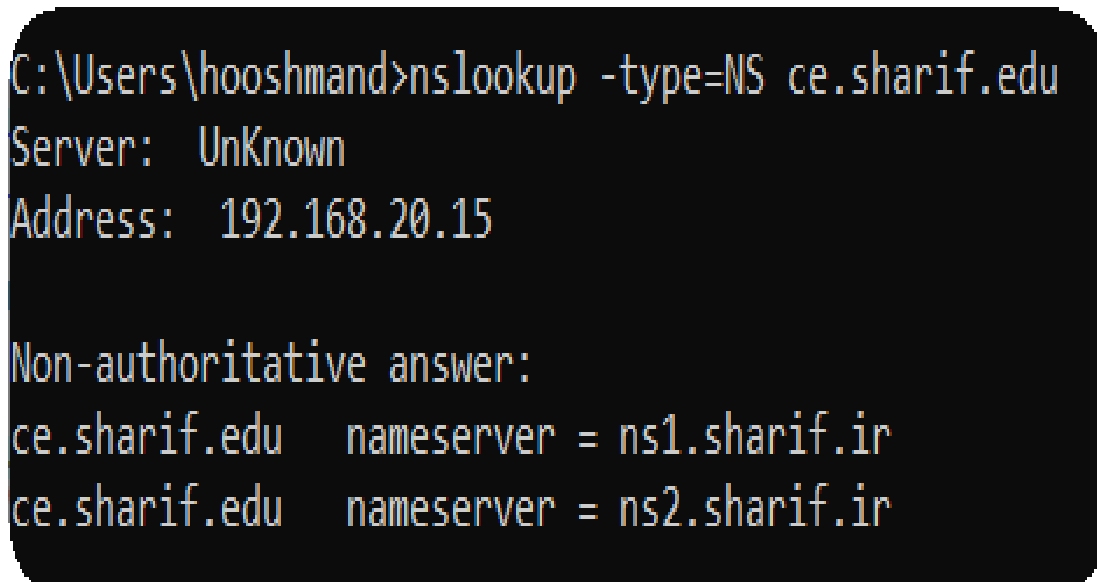


Figure 7: results of given commend for *ce.sharif.ir*

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:

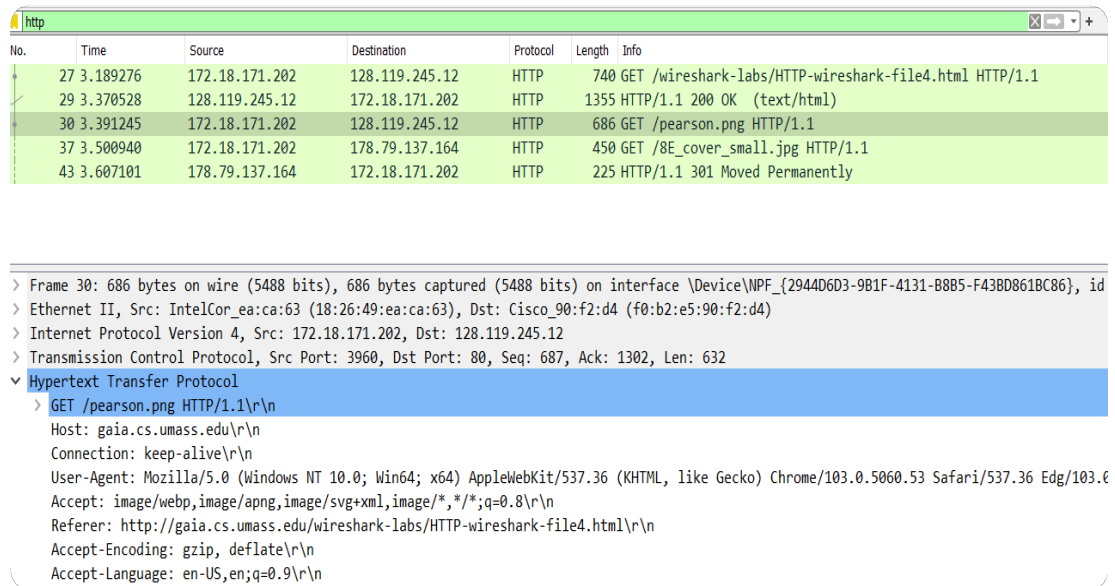

```
C:\Users\hooshmand>nslookup -type=NS ns1.sharif.ir
Server: UnKnown
Address: 192.168.20.15

sharif.ir
    primary name server = ns1.sharif.ir
    responsible mail addr = ksouratgar.sharif.ir
    serial = 2022062700
    refresh = 60 (1 min)
    retry = 120 (2 mins)
    expire = 1209600 (14 days)
    default TTL = 60 (1 min)
```

Figure 8: results of given command 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



No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
27	3.189276	172.18.171.202	128.119.245.12	HTTP	740	GET /wireshark-labs/HTTP-wireshark-file4.html HTTP/1.1
29	3.370528	128.119.245.12	172.18.171.202	HTTP	1355	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
30	3.391245	172.18.171.202	128.119.245.12	HTTP	686	GET /pearson.png HTTP/1.1
37	3.500940	172.18.171.202	178.79.137.164	HTTP	450	GET /8E_cover_small.jpg HTTP/1.1
43	3.607101	178.79.137.164	172.18.171.202	HTTP	225	HTTP/1.1 301 Moved Permanently

> Frame 30: 686 bytes on wire (5488 bits), 686 bytes captured (5488 bits) on interface \Device\NPF_{2944D6D3-9B1F-4131-B8B5-F43BD861BC86}, id

> Ethernet II, Src: IntelCor_ea:ca:63 (18:26:49:ea:ca:63), Dst: Cisco_90:f2:d4 (f0:b2:e5:90:f2:d4)

> Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 172.18.171.202, Dst: 128.119.245.12

> Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 3960, Dst Port: 80, Seq: 687, Ack: 1302, Len: 632

> **Hypertext Transfer Protocol**

> GET /pearson.png HTTP/1.1\r\n

Host: gaia.cs.umass.edu\r\n

Connection: keep-alive\r\n

User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/103.0.5060.53 Safari/537.36 Edg/103.0

Accept: image/webp,image/apng,image/svg+xml,image/*,*/*;q=0.8\r\n

Referer: http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/wireshark-labs/HTTP-wireshark-file4.html\r\n

Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate\r\n

Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.9\r\n

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).

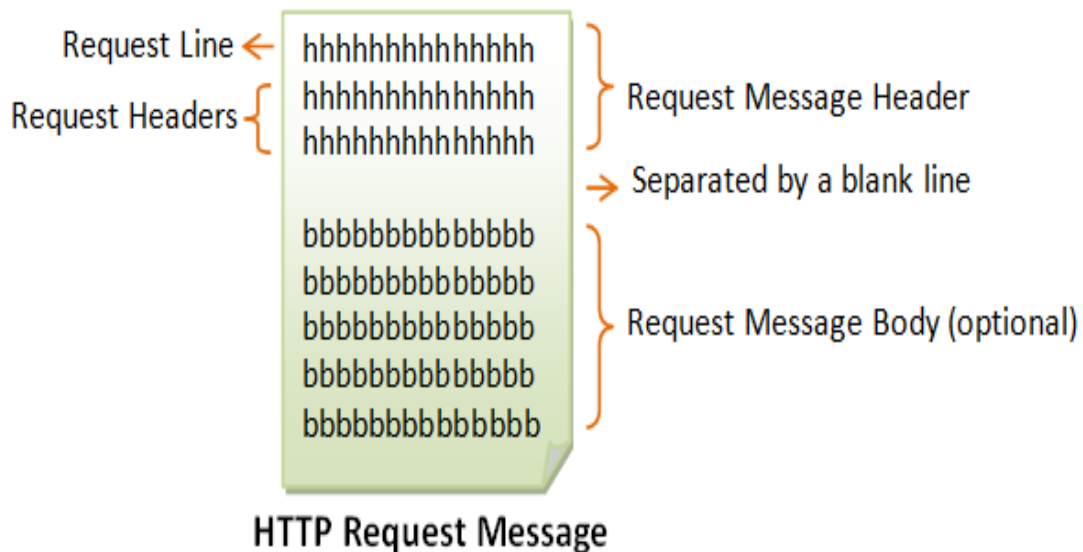


Figure 10: body of http request message

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 messages corresponding to every file in web-page.

- (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.

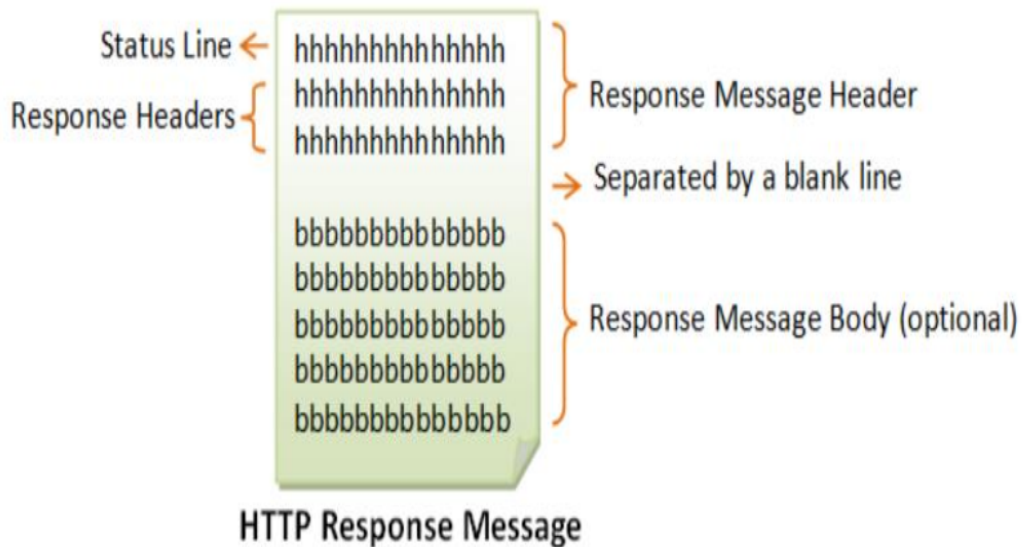


Figure 11: body of http response message

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 messages shown below.

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

27	3.189276	172.18.171.202	128.119.245.12	HTTP	740 GET /wireshark-labs/HTTP-wireshark-file4.html HTTP/1.1
29	3.370528	128.119.245.12	172.18.171.202	HTTP	1355 HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
30	3.391245	172.18.171.202	128.119.245.12	HTTP	686 GET /pearson.png HTTP/1.1
37	3.500940	172.18.171.202	178.79.137.164	HTTP	450 GET /8E_cover_small.jpg HTTP/1.1
43	3.607101	178.79.137.164	172.18.171.202	HTTP	225 HTTP/1.1 301 Moved Permanently

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> Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 80, Dst Port: 3960, Seq: 1, Ack: 687, Len: 1301
> Hypertext Transfer Protocol
  Line-based text data: text/html (23 lines)
    <html>\n
    <head>\n
    <title>lab2-4 file: Embedded URLs</title>\n
    <meta http-equiv="Content-Type" content="text/html; charset=iso-8859-1">\n
    </head>\n
    \n
    <body bgcolor="#FFFFFF" text="#000000">\n
    \n
    <p>\n
     </p>\n
    <p>This little HTML file is being served by gaia.cs.umass.edu. \n
    It contains two embedded images. The image above, also served from the \n
    gaia.cs.umass.edu web site, is the logo of our publisher, Pearson. \n
    The image of our 8th edition book cover below is stored at, and served from,\n
    a WWW server kurose.cslash.net in France:</p>\n
    <p align="left"></p>\n
    And while we have your attention, you might want to take time to check out the\n
    \t\t available open resources for this book at\n
    \t\t <a href="http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/kurose_ross"> http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/kurose_ross</a>.\n
    \n
    </body>\n
    </html>\n
  [Community ID: 1-n3hTAM0K7TH-8AVT7bDM-i4-MV-1]
  
```

Formatted text (http.chat) Packets: 517 · Displayed: 5 (1.0%) · Dropped: 0 (0.0%) · Ignored: 3 (0.6%) Profile: Default

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

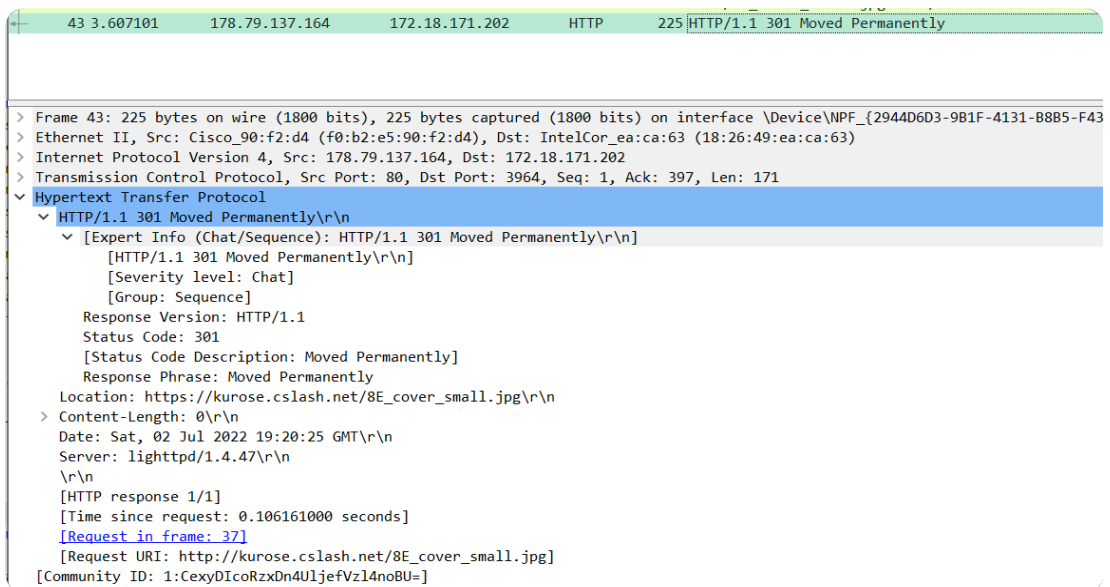


Figure 13: image response message

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

We have no individual response for Pearson logo.