# INVESTIGATE THE TCP/IP AND OSI MODEL REPORT

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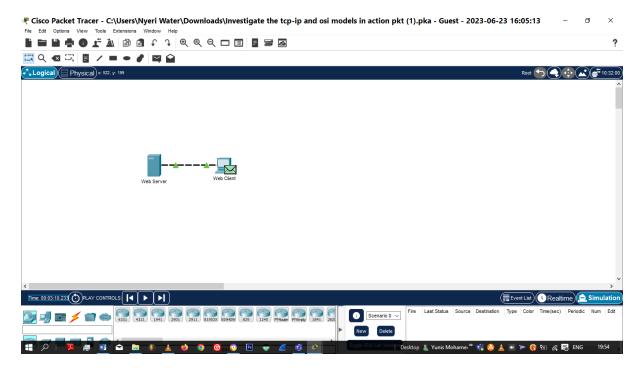
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### Introduction

This report presents the findings of an investigation into the TCP/IP and OSI models using Packet Tracer. The objective of this investigation was to gain a comprehensive understanding of the underlying principles and functioning of these models in the context of computer networks. By utilizing Packet Tracer's capabilities, various network scenarios were created, network devices were configured, and data packet flows were observed in real-time. Through this investigation, the layered structure of the TCP/IP and OSI models will be examined, protocols within each layer analysed, the following sections of this report will present a detailed analysis of the investigation and the key insights gained from it.

# Investigate the TCP/IP and OSI Models in Action

# **Network used for this investigation:**



# **Part 1: Examine HTTP Web Traffic**

In Part 1 of this activity, you will use Packet Tracer (PT) Simulation mode to generate web traffic and examine HTTP.

#### Step 1: Switch from Real-time to Simulation mode.

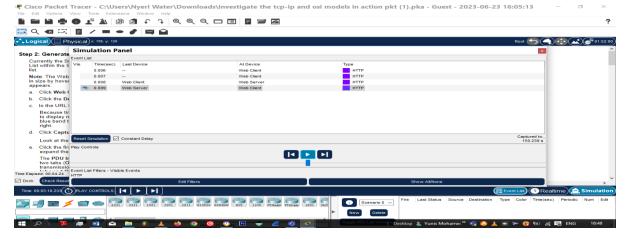
- a) Click the Simulation mode icon to switch from Real-time mode to Simulation mode.
- b) Select HTTP from the Event List Filters.

Click the Show All/None check box until all boxes are cleared and then select HTTP from the Misc. tab of the Edit Filters window. Click the X in the upper right hand corner of the window to close the Edit Filters window. The Visible Events should now only display HTTP.

## Step 2: Generate web (HTTP) traffic.

Currently the Simulation Panel is empty. There are five columns listed across the top of the Event List within the Simulation Panel. As traffic is generated and stepped through, events appear in the list.

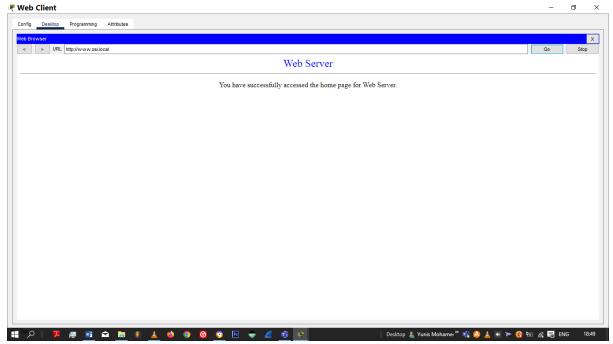
- a) Click the Desktop tab and click the Web Browser icon to open it.
- b) In the URL field, enter www.osi.local and click Go.
- c) Click Capture/Forward four times. There should be four events in the Event List.



#### **Question:**

Look at the Web Client web browser page. Did anything change?

Yes the http protocol is added to the link URL. A message indicating that I have successfully accessed the Homepage for the webserver.



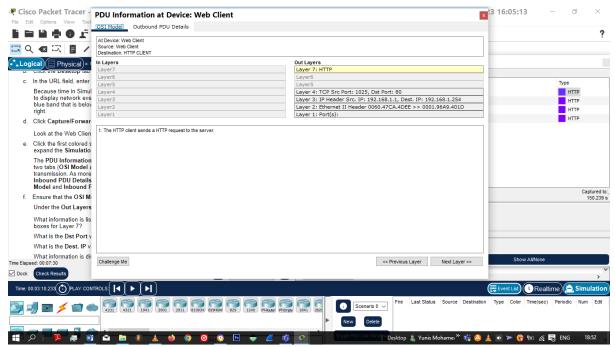
d) Click the first coloured square box under the Event List > Type column. It may be necessary to expand the Simulation Panel or use the scrollbar directly below the Event List. The PDU Information at Device: Web Client window displays. In this window, there are only two tabs (OSI Model and Outbound PDU Details) because this is the start

of the transmission. As more events are examined, there will be three tabs displayed, adding a tab for Inbound PDU Details. When an event is the last event in the stream of traffic, only the OSI Model and Inbound PDU Details tabs are displayed.

e) Under the Out Layers column, click Layer 7. Questions:

What information is listed in the numbered steps directly below the In Layers and Out Layers boxes for Layer 7? The HTTP client sends a HTTP request to the server.

What is the Dst Port value for Layer 4 under the Out Layers column? Port 80. What is the Dest. IP value for Layer 3 under the Out Layers column? 192.168.1.154. What information is displayed at Layer 2 under the Out Layers column? Ethernet II Header 0060.47CA.4DEE >>0001.96A9.401D.



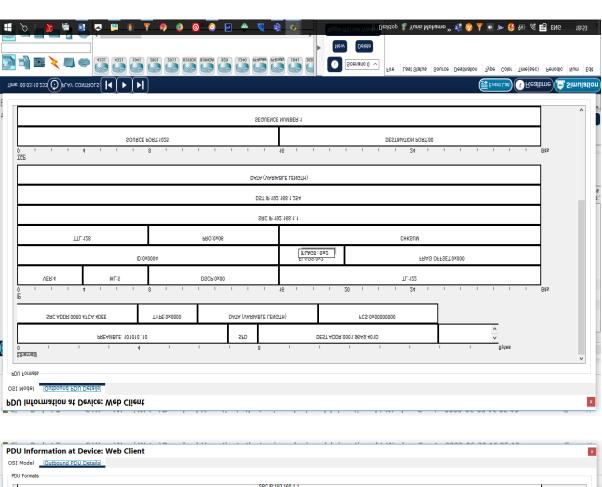
f) Click the Outbound PDU Details tab. Information listed under the PDU Formats is reflective of the layers within the TCP/IP model. Note: The information listed under the Ethernet II section of the Outbound PDU Details tab provides even more detailed information than is listed under Layer 2 on the OSI Model tab. The Outbound PDU Details provides more descriptive and detailed information. The values under DEST MAC and SRC MAC within the Ethernet II section of the PDU Details appear on the OSI Model tab under Layer 2, but are not identified as such.

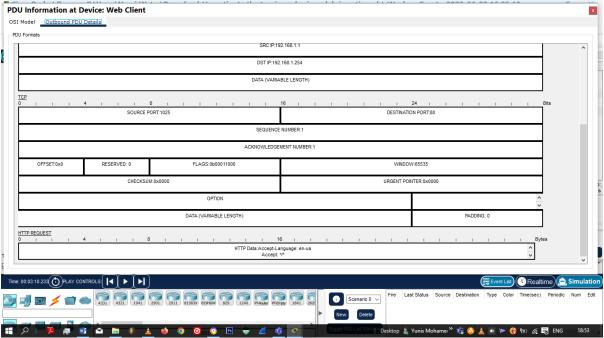
## **Questions:**

What is the common information listed under the IP section of PDU Details as compared to the information listed under the OSI Model tab? With which layer is it associated? Source IP and Destination IP. Layer 3 in OSI Model.

What is the common information listed under the TCP section of PDU Details, as compared to the information listed under the OSI Model tab, and with which layer is it associated? Source port 1026 and destination port 80. Layer 4 in OSI Model.

What is the Host listed under the HTTP section of the PDU Details? What layer would this information be associated with under the OSI Model tab? www.osi.local. Layer 7.



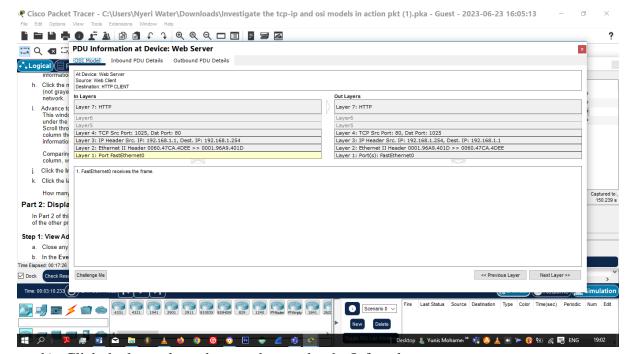


g) Advance to the next HTTP Type box within the Event List and click the coloured square box. This window contains both In Layers and Out Layers. Notice the direction of the arrow directly under the In Layers column; it is pointing upward, indicating the direction the data is travelling. Scroll through these layers making note of the items previously viewed. At the top of the column the arrow points to the right. This denotes that the server is now sending the information back to the client.

#### **Question:**

Comparing the information displayed in the In Layers column with that of the Out Layers column, what are the major differences? ==== In.

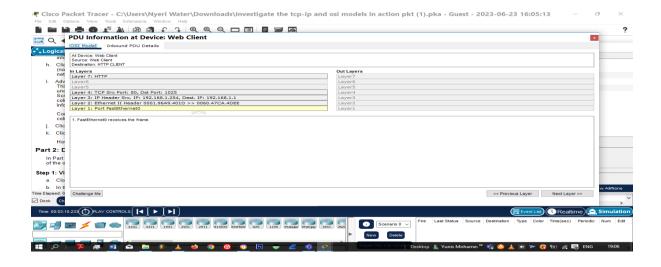
In layer	Out layer
Layer 4 TCP Src Port is 1025	Layer 4 TCP Src Port is 80
Layer 4 TCP Dst Port is 80	Layer 4 TCP Src Port is 1025
Layer 3 IP Header Src IP is 192.168.1.1	Layer 3 IP Header Src IP is
	192.168.1.254
Layer 3 IP Header Dst IP is	Layer 3 IP Header Dst IP is 192.168.1.1
192.168.1.254	
Layer 2 Ethernet Header	Layer 2 Ethernet Header
0060.47CA.4DEE >> 0001.96A9.401D   0001.96A9.401D >> 0060.47CA.4DEE	



h) Click the last coloured square box under the Info column.

#### Question:

How many tabs are displayed with this event? Explain. There are two tabs, the OSI model and the inbound PDU detail tab. This means the web server replies to the web client and the web client receives the reply, hence no more communication between the server and client.



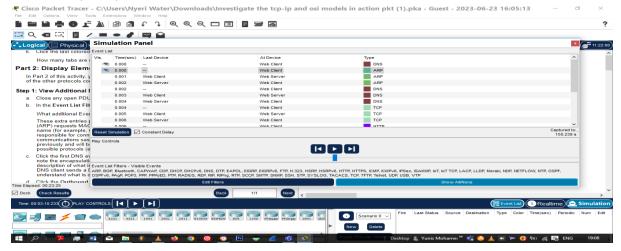
# Part 2: Display Elements of the TCP/IP Protocol Suite

In Part 2 of this activity, you will use the Packet Tracer Simulation mode to view and examine some of the other protocols comprising of TCP/IP suite.

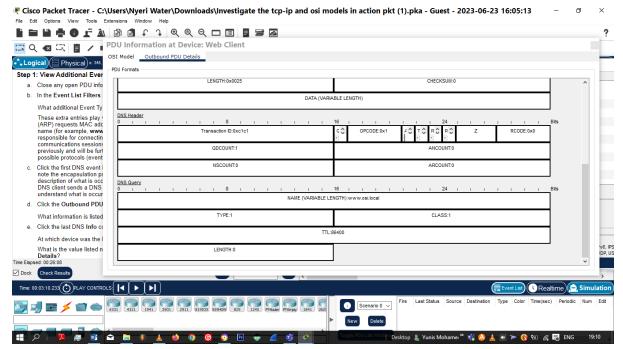
## **Step 1: View Additional Events**

- a) Close any open PDU information windows.
- b) In the Event List Filters > Visible Events section, click Show All/None. Question:

What additional Event Types are displayed? ARP, BGP, Bluetooth, CAPWAP, CDP, DHCP DHCPv6, DTP, EAPOL,EIGRP, EIGRPv6, FTP, H.323, HSRP, HSRPv6, HTTPS,HTTPS, ICMP, ICMPv6, IPSec, ISAPMP, IoT, TCP, LACP, LLDP, Meraki, NDP,NETFLOW,NTP,OSPF,OSPFv6,PAgP,POP3,PPP,PPPoED,PTP,RADIUS,REP, RIP,RIPng,RTP,SCCP,SMTP,SSH,STP,SYSLOG,TACACS,TCP,TFTP,TELNET,U DP,USB,VTP



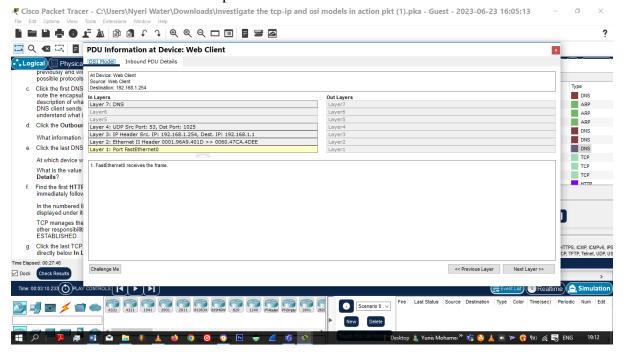
c) Click the Outbound PDU Details tab. Question: What information is listed in the NAME field: in the DNS QUERY section? www.osi.local.



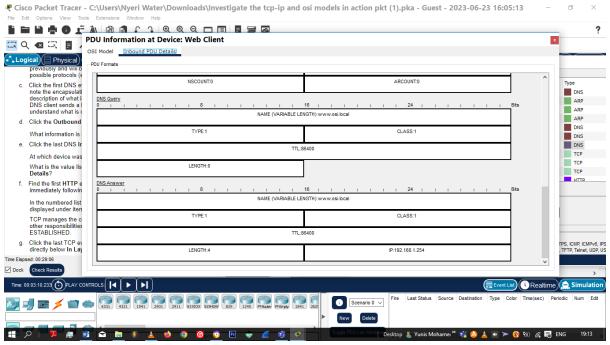
d) Click the last DNS Info coloured square box in the event list.

#### **Questions:**

At which device was the PDU captured? Web client.



What is the value listed next to ADDRESS: in the DNS ANSWER section of the Inbound PDU Details? 192.168.1.254.

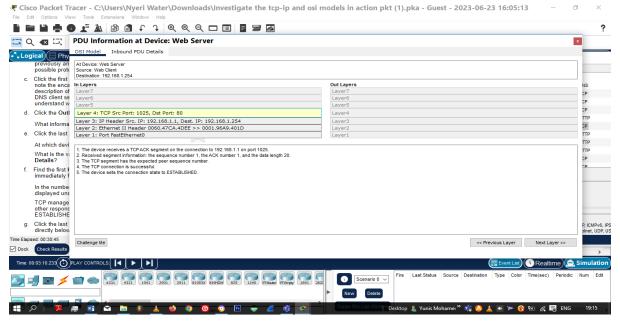


e) Find the first HTTP event in the list and click the coloured square box of the TCP event immediately following this event. Highlight Layer 4 in the OSI Model tab.

Ouestion:

In the numbered list directly below the In Layers and Out Layers, what is the information displayed under items 4 and 5?

- 4. The TCP connection is successful.
- 5. The device sets the connection state to ESTABLISHED

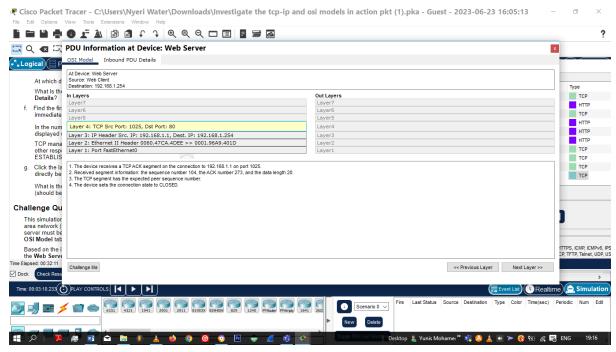


f) Click the last TCP event. Highlight Layer 4 in the OSI Model tab. Examine the steps listed directly below In Layers and Out Layers.

#### **Question:**

What is the purpose of this event, based on the information provided in the last item in the list (should be item 4)?

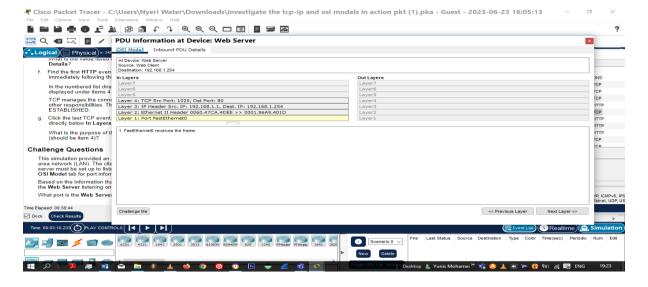
The webserver closes its connection with the client.



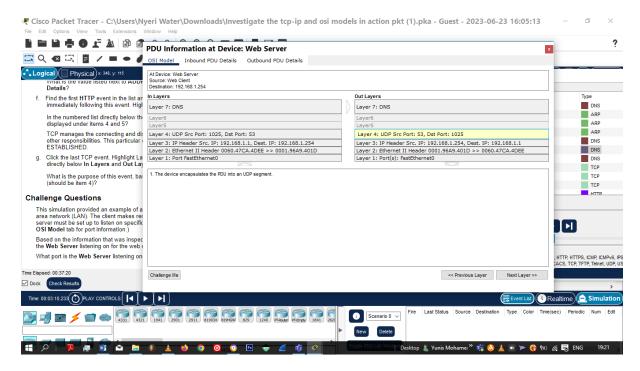
# **Challenge Questions**

This simulation provided an example of a web session between a client and a server on a local area network (LAN). The client makes requests to specific services running on the server. The server must be set up to listen on specific ports for a client request. (Hint: Look at Layer 4 in the OSI Model tab for port information.)

Based on the information that was inspected during the Packet Tracer capture, what port number is the Web Server listening on for the web request? Port 80.



What port is the Web Server listening on for a DNS request? Port 53.



#### Conclusion

Through investigating the TCP/IP and OSI models using Packet Tracer, I have learnt the importance of the TCP/IP and OSI models as conceptual frameworks for designing and implementing network protocols. By delving into the details of each layer of the TCP/IP and OSI models, I have gained a deeper appreciation for the division of responsibilities and the hierarchical nature of network protocols. I have learnt that each layer performs specific functions, building upon the services provided by the layer below it, ultimately resulting in the successful transmission and delivery of data. Additionally, the lab has highlighted the significance of protocols within each layer. Protocols such as TCP, UDP, IP, Ethernet, and many others play crucial roles in facilitating reliable communication, addressing, and routing of data packets. In conclusion, investigating the TCP/IP and OSI models in Packet Tracer has been a valuable learning experience. It has allowed me to grasp the intricacies of network communication, appreciate the significance of each layer and protocol, and comprehend the overall architecture of computer networks.