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EXERCISE: WEEK 8

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Submission :

1. Wireshark Captures:

o login.pcapng and admin-access.pcapng

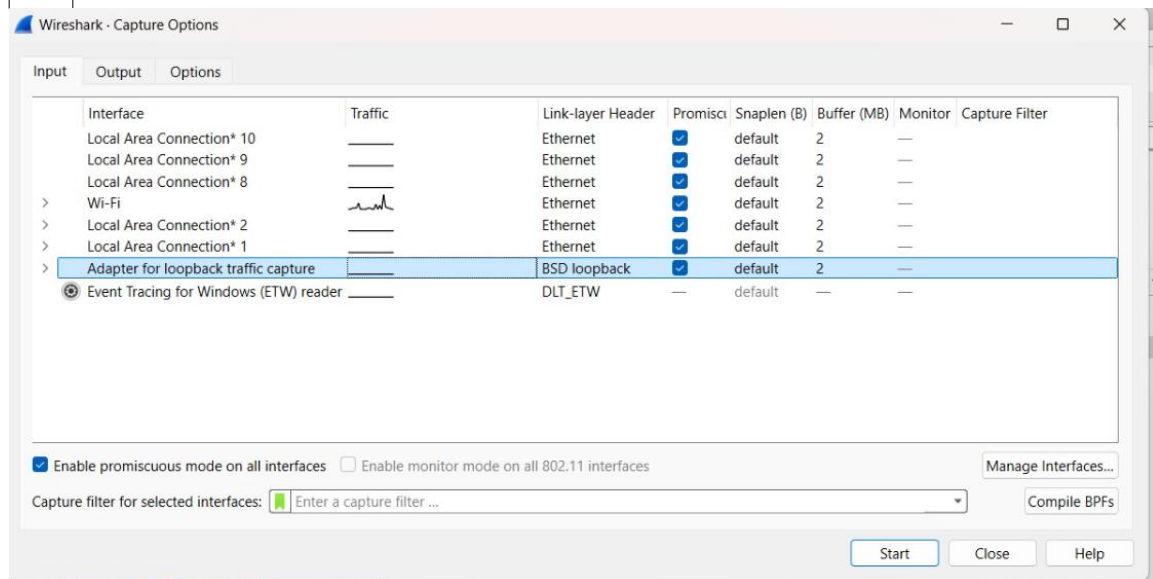
2. Analysis Report:

PART 1 : Wireshark Setup

TASK 1: Install Wireshark

1. Wireshark are downloaded and installed.

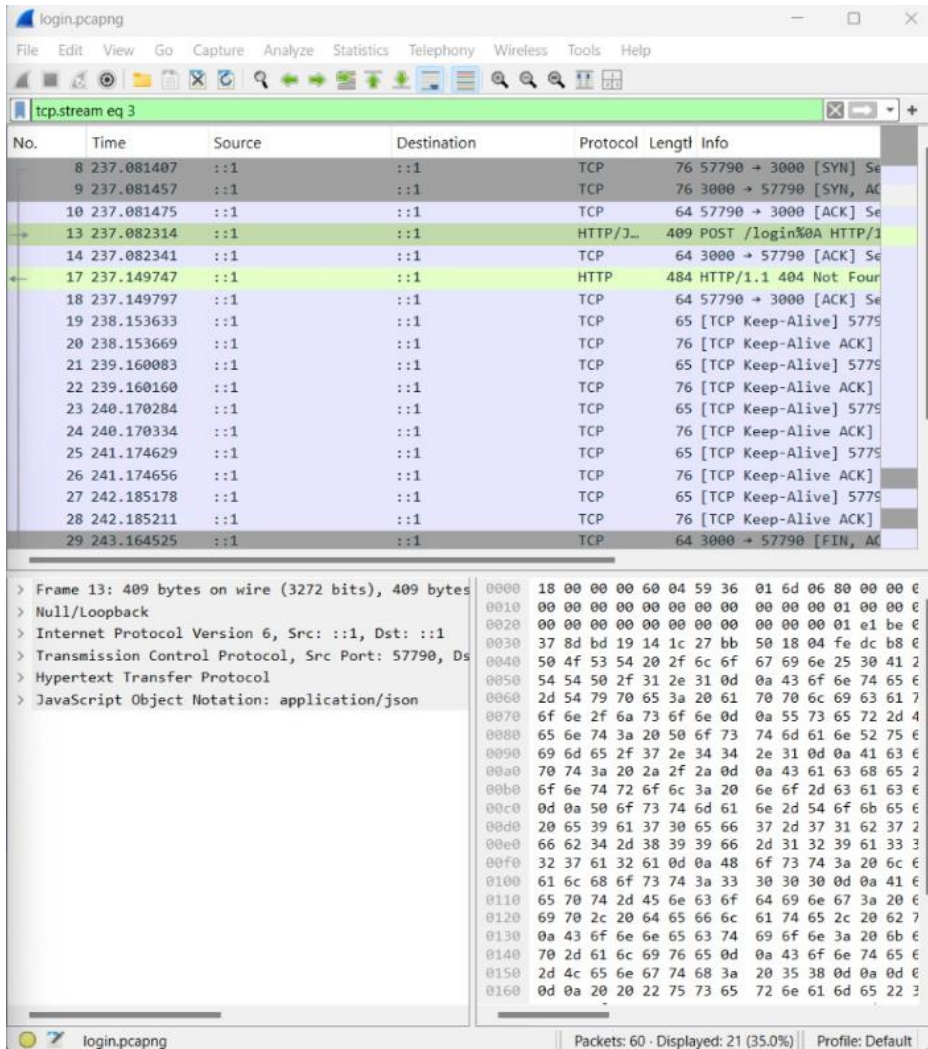
TASK 2: Configure Loopback Capture



Npcap Loopback Adapter have been selected and tcp port 3000 are filtered.

PART 2 : Capturing Authentication Flow

TASK 3: Capture Login Request.



The image shows a Wireshark capture of a network packet, specifically a login request, saved as login.pcapng. The interface displays a list of packets in the top pane, with packet 13 selected. The bottom pane shows the details of packet 13, which is an HTTP POST request to /login%0A HTTP/1.1. The packet is 409 bytes long and is part of a TCP stream (eq 3). The details pane shows the following structure:

- > Frame 13: 409 bytes on wire (3272 bits), 409 bytes captured (0.000 seconds) on interface 0
- > Null/Loopback
- > Internet Protocol Version 6, Src: ::1, Dst: ::1
- > Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 57790, Dst Port: 3000
- > Hypertext Transfer Protocol
- > JavaScript Object Notation: application/json

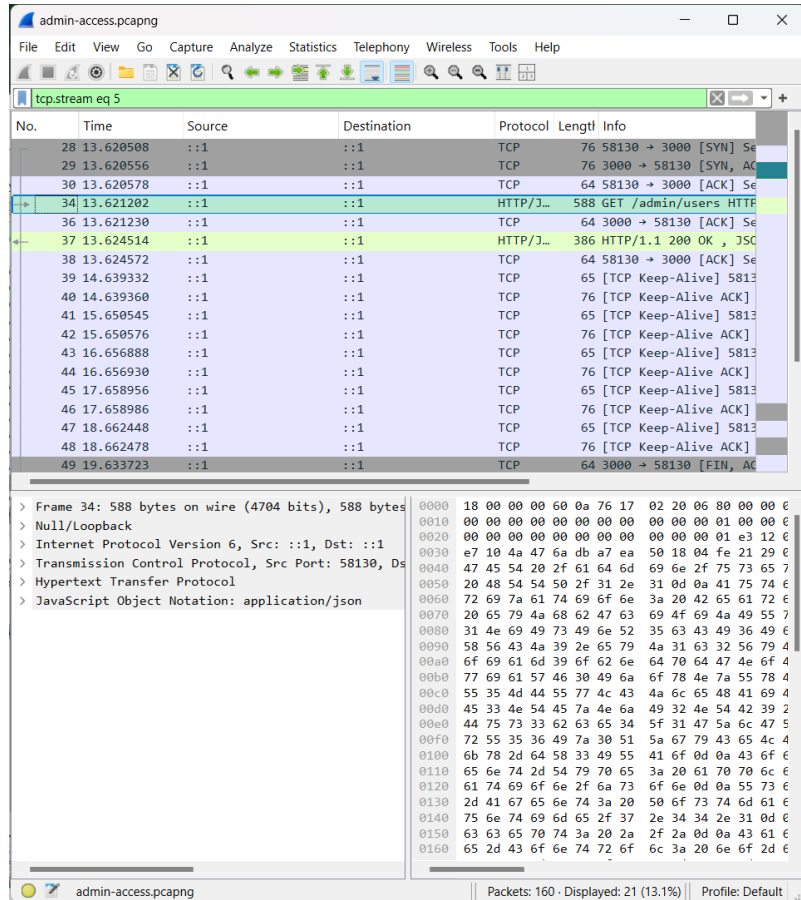
The packet data is displayed in hexadecimal and ASCII format. The ASCII format shows the following text:

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0020 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 01 e1 be 00 00
0030 37 8d bd 19 14 1c 27 bb 50 18 04 fe dc b8 00 00
0040 50 4f 53 54 20 2f 6c 6f 67 69 6e 25 30 41 20 2f
0050 54 54 50 2f 31 2e 31 0d 0a 43 6f 6e 74 65 6e 74
0060 2d 54 79 70 65 3a 20 61 70 70 6c 69 63 61 70 70
0070 6f 6e 2f 6a 73 6f 6e 0d 0a 55 73 65 72 2d 41 20
0080 65 6e 74 3a 20 50 6f 73 74 6d 61 6e 52 75 6e 74
0090 69 6d 65 2f 37 2e 34 34 2e 31 0d 0a 41 63 6e 74
00a0 70 74 3a 20 2a 2f 2a 0d 0a 43 61 63 68 65 20 2f
00b0 6f 6e 74 72 6f 6c 3a 20 6e 6f 2d 63 61 63 6e 74
00c0 0d 0a 50 6f 73 74 6d 61 6e 2d 54 6f 6b 65 6e 74
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0100 61 6c 68 6f 73 74 3a 33 30 30 30 0d 0a 41 6e 74
0110 65 70 74 2d 45 6e 63 6f 64 69 6e 67 3a 20 6e 74
0120 69 70 2c 20 64 65 66 6c 61 74 65 2c 20 62 70 6f
0130 0a 43 6f 6e 6e 65 63 74 69 6f 6e 3a 20 6b 6e 74
0140 70 2d 61 6c 69 76 65 0d 0a 43 6f 6e 74 65 6e 74
0150 2d 4c 65 6e 67 74 68 3a 20 35 38 0d 0a 0d 0d 0d
0160 0d 0a 20 22 75 73 65 72 6e 61 6d 65 22 30 6f
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Send login request to Postman then capture using Wireshark and save it as login.pcapng.

TASK 4: Capture Protected Resource Access

Access admin endpoint in Postman then capture using Wireshark and save it as



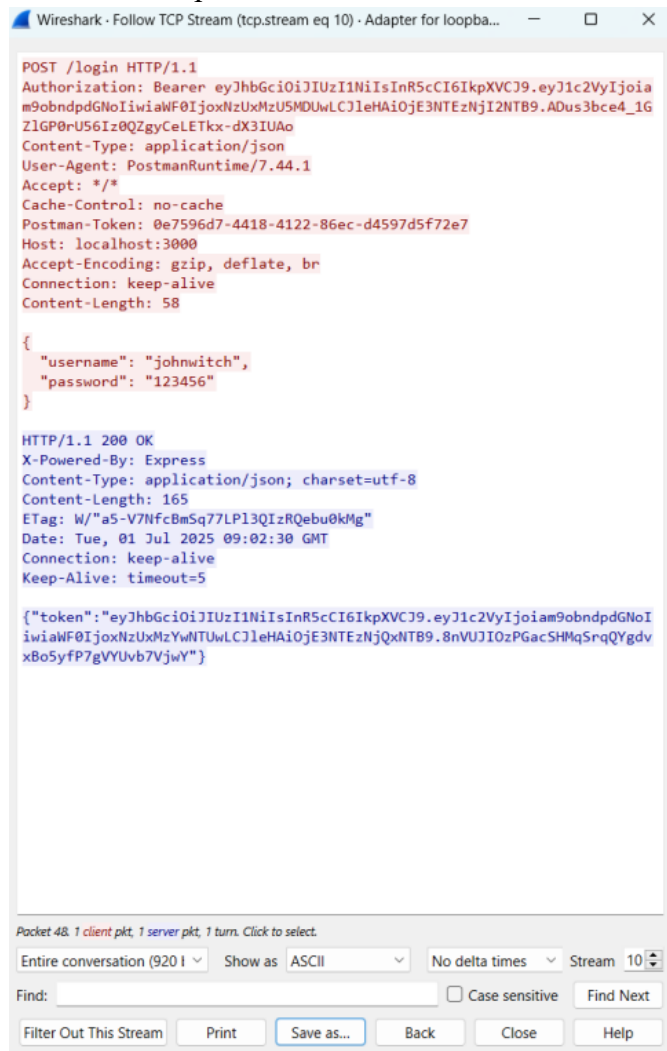
o Marked screenshots of TCP streams

PART 3: TCP Stream Analysis

TASK 5: Analyze Login Request

- 1 In login.pcapng then Follow and TCP Stream. After that, identify components:
- 2 HTTPS Request: Method, path, headers, JSON body.

3. HTTPS Respond: Status code, JWT token in body.



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POST /login HTTP/1.1
Authorization: Bearer eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJ1c2VyIjoia
m9obndpdGNoIiwiaWF0IjoxNzUxMzU5MDUwLCJleHAiOjE3NTEzNjI2NTB9.ADus3bce4_1G
ZlGP0rU56Iz0QZgyCeLEtkx-dX3IUao
Content-Type: application/json
User-Agent: PostmanRuntime/7.44.1
Accept: */*
Cache-Control: no-cache
Postman-Token: 0e7596d7-4418-4122-86ec-d4597d5f72e7
Host: localhost:3000
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br
Connection: keep-alive
Content-Length: 58

{
  "username": "johnwitch",
  "password": "123456"
}

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
X-Powered-By: Express
Content-Type: application/json; charset=utf-8
Content-Length: 165
ETag: W/"a5-V7NfcBmSq77LP13QIzRQebu0kMg"
Date: Tue, 01 Jul 2025 09:02:30 GMT
Connection: keep-alive
Keep-Alive: timeout=5

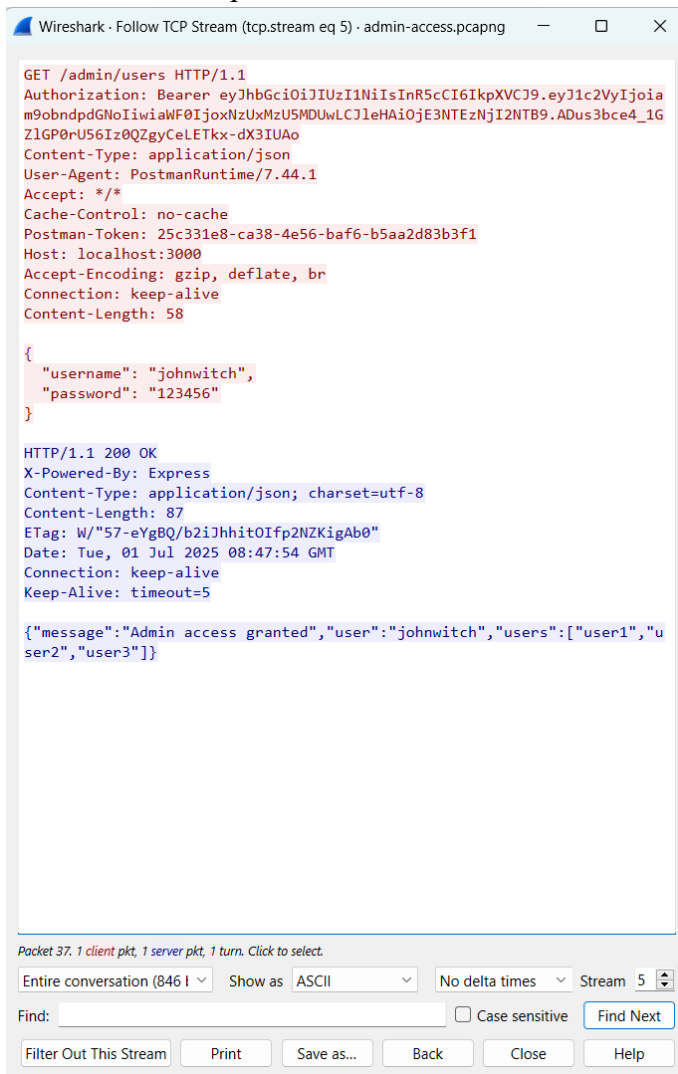
{"token": "eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJ1c2VyIjoia
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xBo5yfp7gVYUvb7VjwY"}

Packet 48. 1 client pkt, 1 server pkt, 1 turn. Click to select.
Entire conversation (920) Show as ASCII No delta times Stream 10
Find: Case sensitive Find Next
Filter Out This Stream Print Save as... Back Close Help
```

TASK 6: Analyze Protected Request

- 1 In admin-access.pcapng then Follow and TCP Stream. After that examine:
- 2 Authorization: Bearer <token> header

3 Server response with user data



Exercise Questions – Wireshark Analysis

1. Protocol Analysis

- What is the exact sequence of TCP packets during the 3-way handshake?
 - SYN: Client → Server
 - SYN-ACK: Server → Client
 - ACK: Client → Server
- How many packets are exchanged for a successful login request?
 - Approximately 6–8 packets, including 3-way handshake, login POST request, server response, and TCP session management packets (e.g., ACK, FIN).

2. Header Inspection

- What headers does Postman include that a browser might omit?
 - Postman-Token
 - User-Agent: PostmanRuntime/...
 - Cache-Control: no-cache
 - Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br
- How is the Content-Length header calculated?
 - It equals the number of bytes in the HTTP request body.
 - For example, the JSON body {"username": "johnwitch", "password": "123456"} has 58 characters, so Content-Length is 58.

3. JWT Transmission

- At which OSI layer is the JWT token visible? Why is this dangerous?
 - Visible at the Application Layer (Layer 7).
 - Dangerous because it is sent in plaintext over HTTP, allowing attackers to steal and reuse the token (session hijacking).
- How would HTTPS change what you see in Wireshark?
 - With HTTPS, the HTTP content is encrypted.
 - You would only see encrypted TLS packets in Wireshark, making the JWT and headers unreadable.

4. Error Handling

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- Capture an invalid login attempt. What status code is returned?
 - The status code returned for an invalid login attempt is 401 Unauthorized. This indicates that the request was made with invalid credentials.
- How does the TCP stream differ for a 401 vs 200 response?
 - A 200 OK response includes a JSON payload with a JWT token or user data, indicating successful authentication.

- A 401 Unauthorized response generally has a smaller payload and often includes a message indicating authentication failure. Both may have similar TCP stream structures, but the content length and response body differ.

5. Performance

- Measure time between POST /login request and response.
 - From Wireshark, the POST /login request starts at time 19.826420 and the response (200 OK) arrives at 19.827433. The time difference is approximately 1.013 milliseconds.
- What contributes to this latency?
 - Factors include:
 - Server processing time to validate credentials and generate a token.
 - Network stack processing (even on localhost).
 - Overhead from Postman runtime and JSON encoding/decoding.
 - Any artificial delay in the backend API for testing or debugging.

3. Security Recommendations:

- o 3 risks of unencrypted JWT transmission
- o 2 ways to enhance API security

API Security Summary

3 Risks of Unencrypted JWT Transmission

1. Token Theft via Network Sniffing:
JWTs transmitted over HTTP can be intercepted using tools like Wireshark or tcpdump. Attackers can replay stolen tokens to impersonate users.
2. Sensitive Information Exposure:
JWT payloads are only Base64-encoded, not encrypted. User data (e.g., usernames, roles, email) can be read in plain text.
3. Session Hijacking and Privilege Escalation:
If an attacker modifies a JWT (e.g., changing "user": "user1" to "user": "admin") and the server fails to validate the signature properly, it can lead to unauthorized access.

2 Ways to Enhance API Security

4. Use HTTPS (TLS Encryption):
Always enforce HTTPS to encrypt tokens in transit and prevent man-in-the-middle (MITM) attacks.

5. Validate JWT Signature and Expiry Strictly:

Ensure the server verifies the JWT signature using a secure, secret key, and checks `exp` (expiry) and `iat` (issued-at) fields to reject old or tampered tokens.

Security Exercise – JWT Token Vulnerability

JSON WEB TOKEN (JWT) COPY CLEAR

Valid JWT

Invalid Signature

eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJ1c2VyIjoiam9obndpdGNoIiwiaWF0IjoxNzUxMzYwNTUwLCJleHAiOjE3NTEzNjQxNTB9.8nVUJIOzPGacSHMqSrQYgdxBo5yfP7gVYUvb7VjwY|

DECODED HEADER

JSON CLAIMS TABLE COPY ↗

```
{
  "alg": "HS256",
  "typ": "JWT"
}
```

DECODED PAYLOAD

JSON CLAIMS TABLE COPY ↗

```
{
  "user": "johnwitch",
  "iat": 1751360550,
  "exp": 1751364150
}
```

JWT SIGNATURE VERIFICATION (OPTIONAL)

1. What user information is exposed in the JWT?

By capturing and decoding the JWT from Wireshark using jwt.io, the following payload (Base64-decoded) is revealed:

```
{  
  "user": "johnwitch",  
  "iat": 1751360550,  
  "exp": 1751364150  
}
```

This means the JWT exposes:

- The username: johnwitch
- The issued-at time (iat) and expiry time (exp) in Unix timestamp format

Note: JWTs are only Base64-encoded, not encrypted, so sensitive user information can be exposed if traffic is not protected by HTTPS.

2. What happens when the JWT is modified (e.g., change user to admin)?

When attempting to modify the payload, for example:

```
{  
  "user": "admin",  
  "iat": 1751360550,  
  "exp": 1751364150  
}
```

}

JSON WEB TOKEN (JWT)
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CLEAR

This tool only supports a JWT that uses the JWS Compact Serialization, which must have three base64url-encoded segments separated by two period ('.') characters as defined on [RFC 7515](#)

Please address JWT issues to verify signature.

eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.ewogICJ1c2VyIjogImFkbWluIiwKICAiaWF0IjogMTc1MTM2MDU1MCwKICAiZXhwIjogMTc1MTM2NDE1MAp9Cg==|.8nVUJIOzPGacSHMqSrQYgdvxBo5yfP7gVYUvb7VjwY

DECODED HEADER

JSON
CLAIMS TABLE
COPY
↗

DECODED PAYLOAD

JSON
CLAIMS TABLE
COPY
↗

JWT SIGNATURE VERIFICATION (OPTIONAL)

Enter the secret used to sign the JWT below:

SECRET
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Valid secret

a string secret at least 256 bits long

...and re-encode the token, the following occurs:

- The signature becomes invalid, because the new payload doesn't match the original HMAC signature generated by the server's secret key.
- As a result, the server rejects the request with a 401 Unauthorized or similar response.

3. Why doesn't this work in production?

Because:

- JWT tokens are signed with a secret key known only to the server.
- When the payload is tampered with, the signature no longer matches.
- Production servers verify the signature before trusting the payload.

This mechanism ensures data integrity and prevents unauthorized access, even if the token is intercepted.

4. Why is this dangerous without HTTPS?

- Without HTTPS, JWTs are transmitted in plaintext, making them visible in tools like Wireshark.
- Attackers can capture, replay, or attempt to modify tokens.
- Even though tampering is blocked (due to signature verification), token theft (token hijacking) remains a risk.

5. How would HTTPS change what you see in Wireshark?

- With HTTPS, the entire HTTP traffic (including JWTs in headers or body) is encrypted.
- Wireshark would not be able to read the contents of the token or any user information.
- You would see encrypted TLS packets, not readable JSON.