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### Lab 06: Packet Analysis

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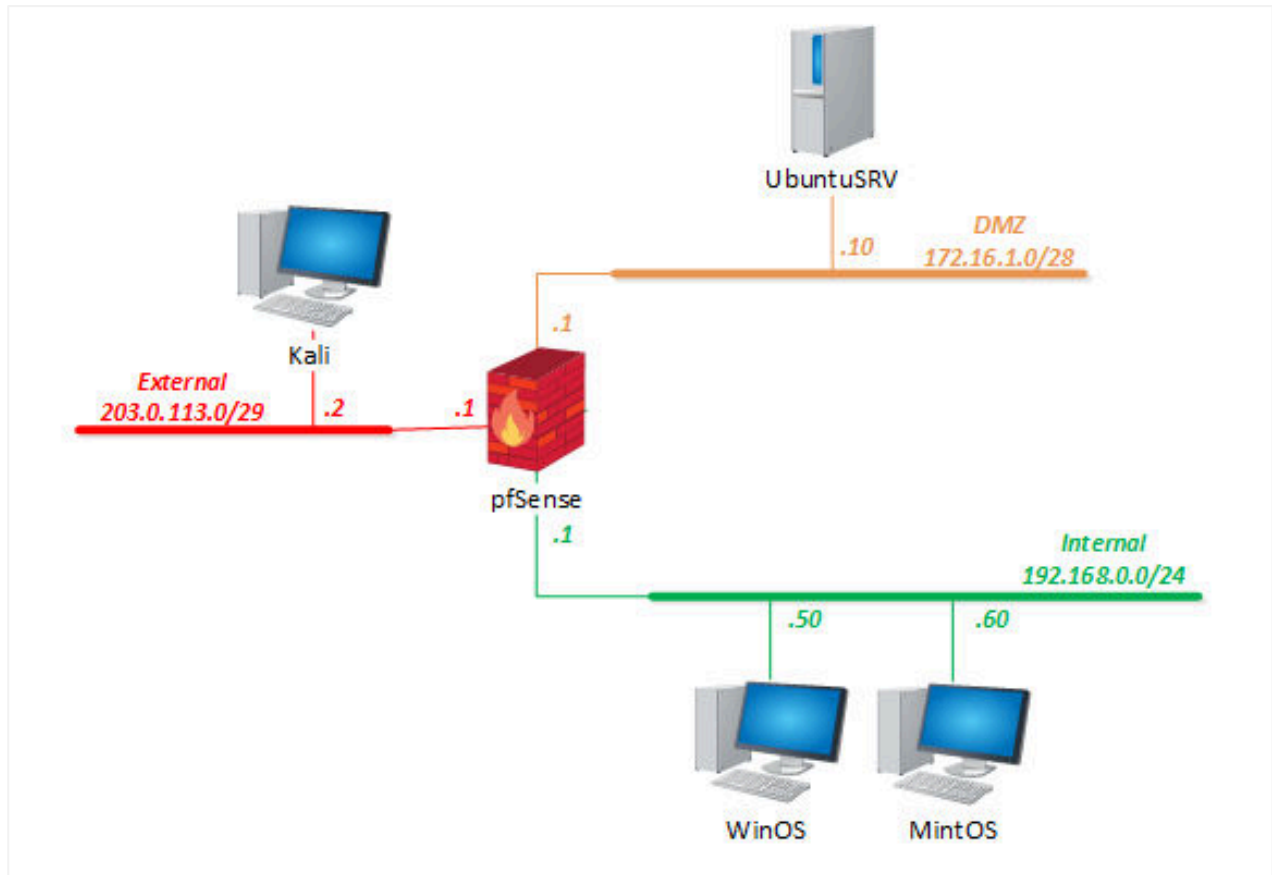
## Introduction

In this lab, you will explore various methods for recording and analyzing network traffic using both the CLI and GUI.

## Objective

- Capture packets with TCPDUMP
- Capture and analyze packets with Wireshark
- View TCP Streams
- Analyze encrypted traffic

## Lab Topology



## Lab Settings

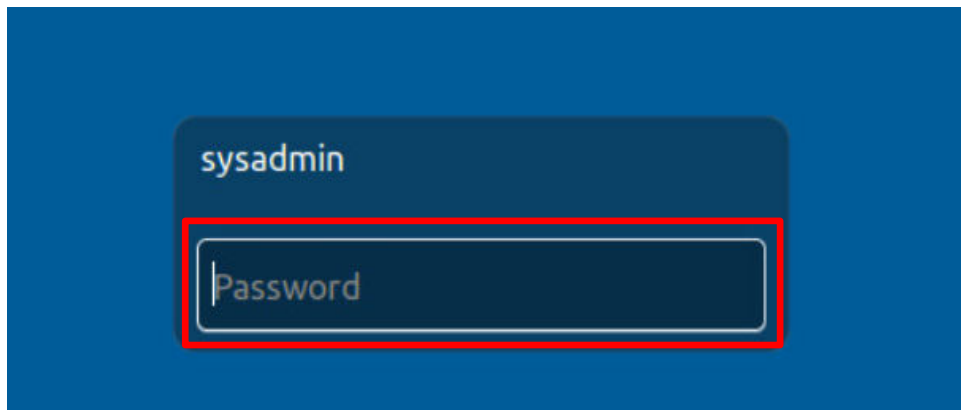
The information in the table below will be needed in order to complete the lab. The task sections below provide details on the use of this information.

Virtual Machine	IP Address	Account	Password
WinOS (Server 2019)	192.168.0.50	Administrator	NDGlabpass123!
MintOS (Linux Mint)	192.168.0.60	sysadmin	NDGlabpass123!
OSSIM (Alien Vault)	172.16.1.2	root	NDGlabpass123!
UbuntuSRV (Ubuntu Server)	172.16.1.10	sysadmin	NDGlabpass123!
Kali	203.0.113.2	sysadmin	NDGlabpass123!
pfSense	203.0.113.1 172.16.1.1 192.168.0.1	admin	NDGlabpass123!

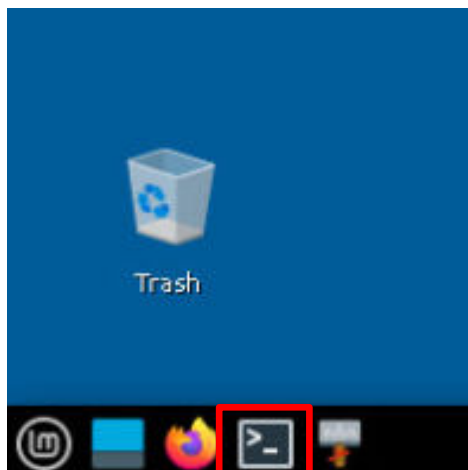
## 1 Analyze Network Traffic Using TCPDUMP and Wireshark

*tcpdump* is a command-line utility that is used to capture packets passing through the network interface card for analysis. The packets that are captured during the *tcpdump* generate network activity and can be saved in a **pcap** (packet capture) file for analysis using *Wireshark*.

1. Set the focus to the **MintOS** computer.
2. Log in as **sysadmin** using the password: NDGLabpass123!



3. Click on the **Terminal** icon in the taskbar at the bottom of the screen.



- The *tcpdump* packet analyzer opens a monitoring session on a selected interface. Packets are copied into a **pcap** file where they can be analyzed. Start *tcpdump* using the default packet capture size as 262,144 bytes (**-s 0** for snapshot length) and write the raw packets to the file **tcpdump.pcap** (**-w**) by typing the following command:

```
sudo tcpdump -s 0 -w tcpdump.pcap
```

- When asked for the **[sudo]** password, type: NDGLabpass123!

```
sysadmin@mintos:~$ sudo tcpdump -s 0 -w tcpdump.pcap
tcpdump: listening on ens192, link-type EN10MB (Ethernet), capture size 262144 bytes
```

- While leaving that terminal window open, open a second terminal window by clicking on the **Terminal** icon in the taskbar.
- Generate network traffic by typing the following command:

```
nmap -A 172.16.1.10
```

```
sysadmin@mintos:~$ nmap -A 172.16.1.10
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-10-22 00:56 EDT
Nmap scan report for 172.16.1.10
Host is up (0.00017s latency).
Not shown: 997 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE  VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh      OpenSSH 8.2p1 Ubuntu 4ubuntu0.3 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
80/tcp    open  ssl/http Apache httpd 2.4.41 ((Ubuntu))
|_ http-server-header: Apache/2.4.41 (Ubuntu)
|_ http-title: Apache2 Ubuntu Default Page: It works
|_ ssl-cert: Subject: commonName=172.16.1.10/organizationName=NDG/stateOrProvinceName=California/countryName=US
| Not valid before: 2021-09-14T05:44:10
|_ Not valid after: 2022-09-14T05:44:10
|_ tls-alpn:
|_ http/1.1
443/tcp   open  ssl/http Apache httpd 2.4.41 ((Ubuntu))
|_ http-server-header: Apache/2.4.41 (Ubuntu)
|_ http-title: Apache2 Ubuntu Default Page: It works
|_ ssl-cert: Subject: commonName=172.16.1.10/organizationName=NDG/stateOrProvinceName=California/countryName=US
| Not valid before: 2021-09-14T05:44:10
|_ Not valid after: 2022-09-14T05:44:10
|_ tls-alpn:
|_ http/1.1
Service Info: OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel

Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 17.82 seconds
```



It might take up to 2 minutes for the scan to complete.

To make the scan time shorter and the dump file smaller and easier to navigate, we are only scanning one IP address, the address of the *UbuntuSRV* computer. Normally, you would scan the whole subnet.

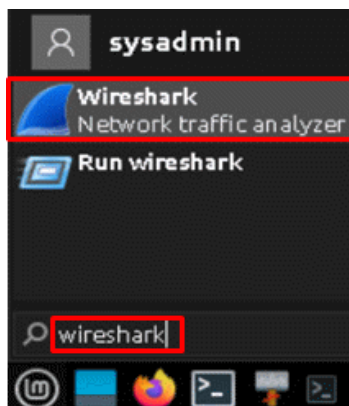
8. When the scan has completed, go back to the terminal window that has *tcpdump* open and stop the process by pressing **CTRL+C**.

```
sysadmin@mintos:~$ sudo tcpdump -s 0 -w tcpdump.pcap
tcpdump: listening on ens192, link-type EN10MB (Ethernet), capture size 262144 bytes
^C4159 packets captured
4159 packets received by filter
0 packets dropped by kernel
```

9. Close the two terminal windows.  
10. Click on the **Start** button in the lower-left corner of the screen.

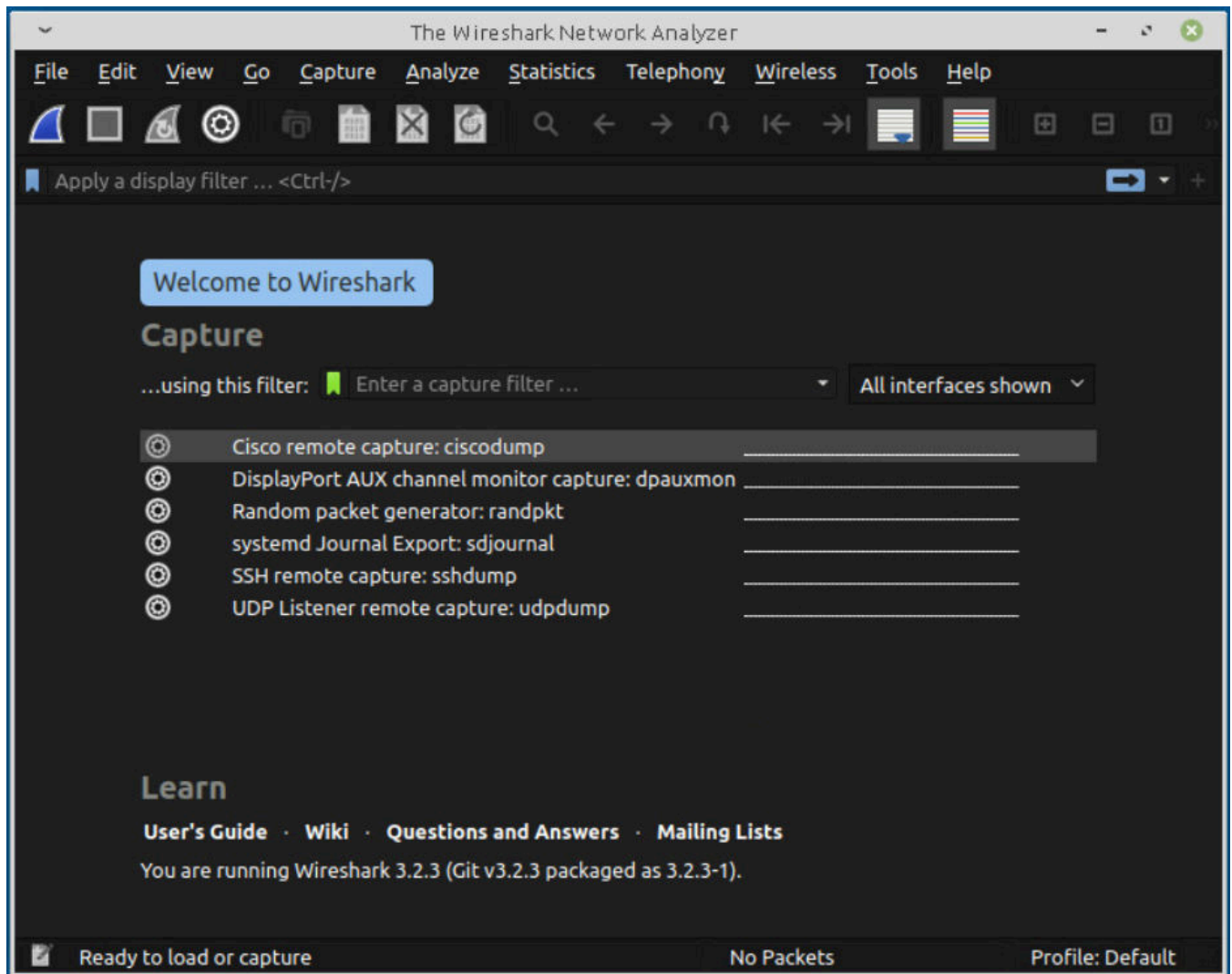


11. In the search box, type *wireshark*. When the results are shown, click on the **Wireshark** link.

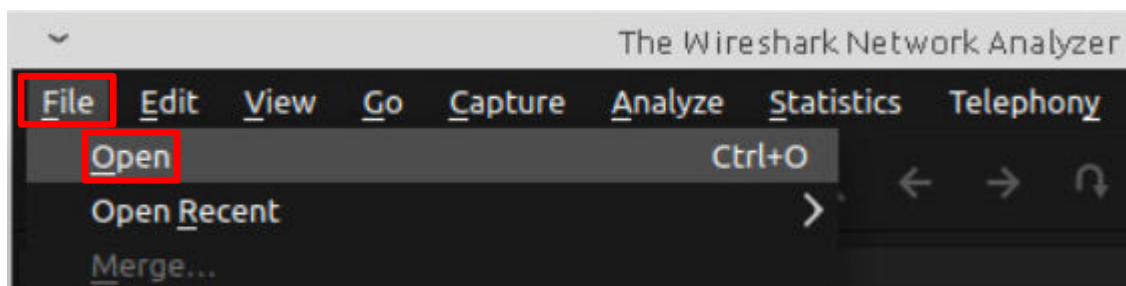




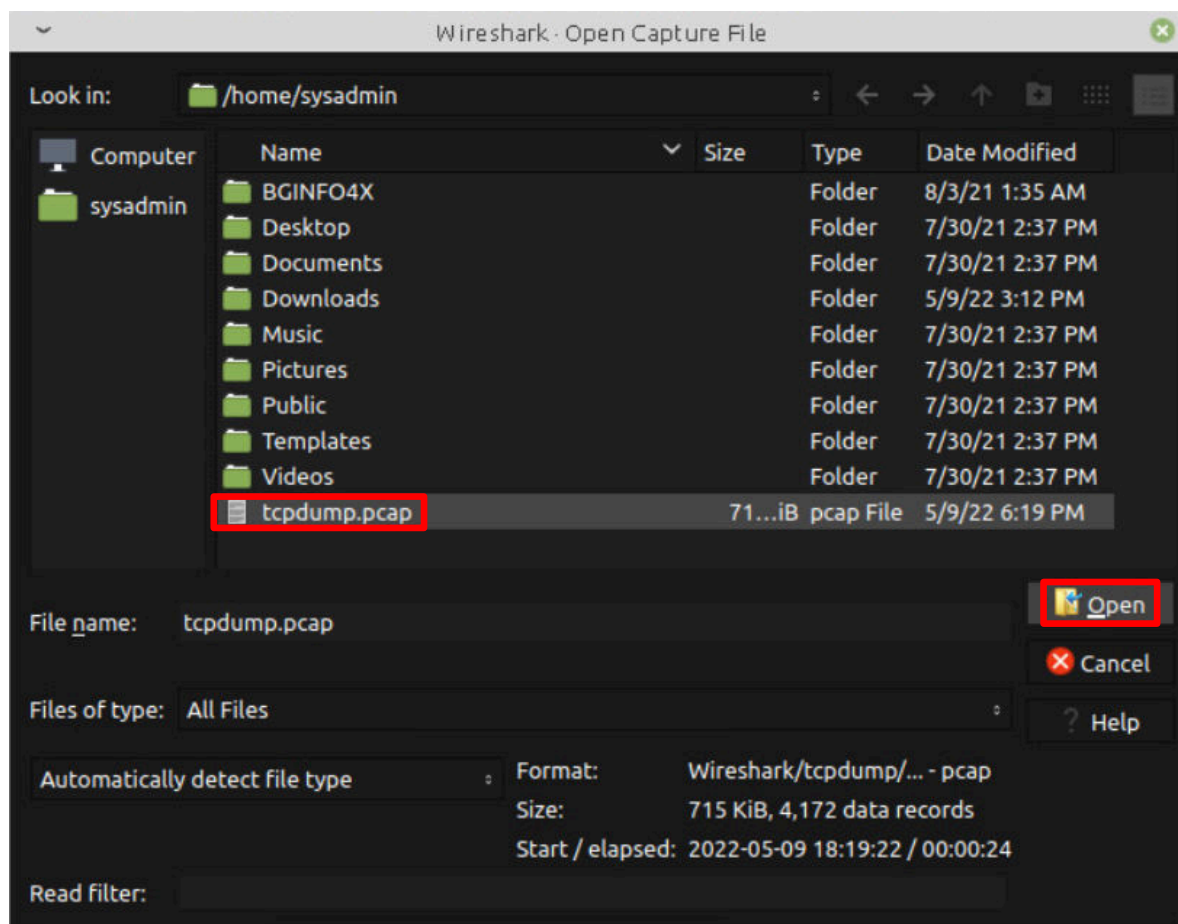
12. You will see the *Welcome to Wireshark* window.



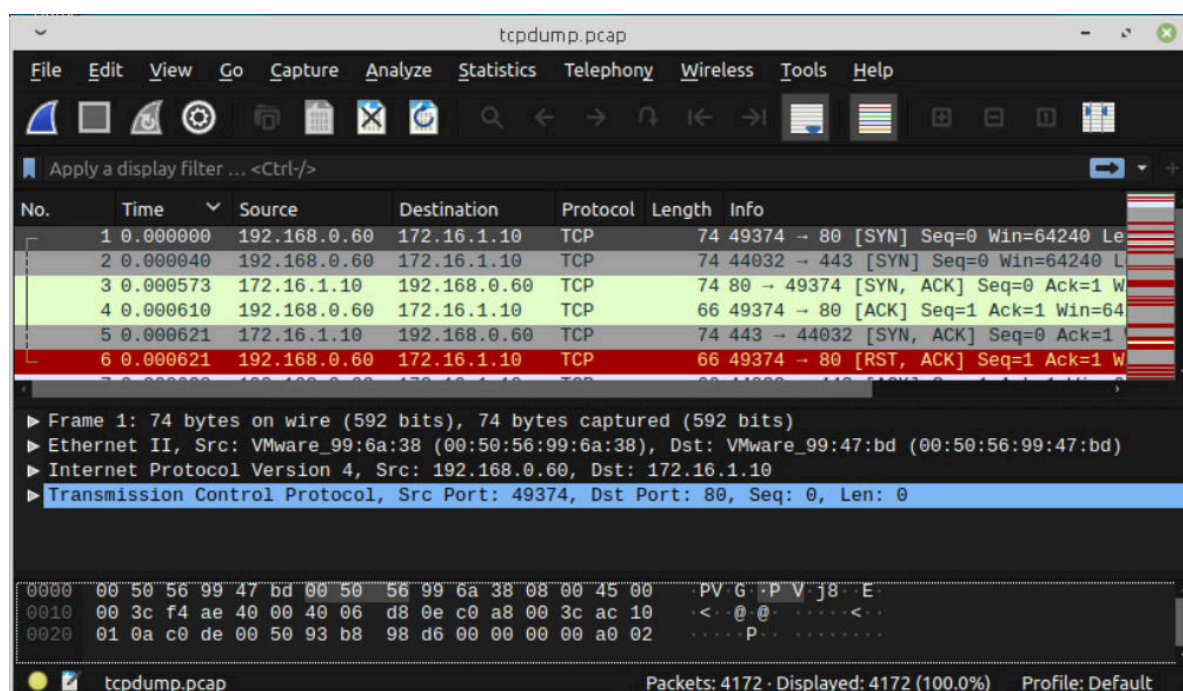
13. On the *Wireshark Network Analyzer* window, click on **File** in the menu bar, and then click **Open**.



14. In the *Wireshark - Open Capture File* window, at the bottom of the file list, select the **tcpdump.pcap** file and then click on the **Open** button.



Looking at the results of the capture, we can pull quite a bit of information about the session.





15. When testing for open ports, *nmap* will send a **SYN** from the *MintOS* computer at **192.168.0.60** to *UbuntuSRV* at **172.16.1.10**, port **80**. Scroll down the list of packets in the top pane and find the first **SYN** packet.

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1	0.000000	192.168.0.60	172.16.1.10	TCP	74	49374 → 80 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Le
2	0.000040	192.168.0.60	172.16.1.10	TCP	74	44032 → 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 L
3	0.000573	172.16.1.10	192.168.0.60	TCP	74	80 → 49374 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 W
4	0.000610	192.168.0.60	172.16.1.10	TCP	66	49374 → 80 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=64
5	0.000621	172.16.1.10	192.168.0.60	TCP	74	443 → 44032 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1
6	0.000621	192.168.0.60	172.16.1.10	TCP	66	49374 → 80 [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 W
7	0.000628	192.168.0.60	172.16.1.10	TCP	66	44032 → 443 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=6
8	0.000634	192.168.0.60	172.16.1.10	TCP	66	44032 → 443 [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1

If the port is open, the *UbuntuSRV* will reply with a **SYN-ACK** to the *MintOS* computer.

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1	0.000000	192.168.0.60	172.16.1.10	TCP	74	49374 → 80 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Le
2	0.000040	192.168.0.60	172.16.1.10	TCP	74	44032 → 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 L
3	0.000573	172.16.1.10	192.168.0.60	TCP	74	80 → 49374 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 W
4	0.000610	192.168.0.60	172.16.1.10	TCP	66	49374 → 80 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=64
5	0.000621	172.16.1.10	192.168.0.60	TCP	74	443 → 44032 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1
6	0.000621	192.168.0.60	172.16.1.10	TCP	66	49374 → 80 [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 W
7	0.000628	192.168.0.60	172.16.1.10	TCP	66	44032 → 443 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=6
8	0.000634	192.168.0.60	172.16.1.10	TCP	66	44032 → 443 [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1

Then *nmap* will send an **ACK** from the *MintOS* computer to the *UbuntuSRV* computer.

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1	0.000000	192.168.0.60	172.16.1.10	TCP	74	49374 → 80 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Le
2	0.000040	192.168.0.60	172.16.1.10	TCP	74	44032 → 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 L
3	0.000573	172.16.1.10	192.168.0.60	TCP	74	80 → 49374 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 W
4	0.000610	192.168.0.60	172.16.1.10	TCP	66	49374 → 80 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=64
5	0.000621	172.16.1.10	192.168.0.60	TCP	74	443 → 44032 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1
6	0.000621	192.168.0.60	172.16.1.10	TCP	66	49374 → 80 [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 W
7	0.000628	192.168.0.60	172.16.1.10	TCP	66	44032 → 443 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=6
8	0.000634	192.168.0.60	172.16.1.10	TCP	66	44032 → 443 [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1

Once *nmap* finds that port 80 is open, it is no longer interested in the open port, so it sends back an **RST** to close the connection and moves on to scanning the next port.

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1	0.000000	192.168.0.60	172.16.1.10	TCP	74	49374 → 80 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Le
2	0.000040	192.168.0.60	172.16.1.10	TCP	74	44032 → 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 L
3	0.000573	172.16.1.10	192.168.0.60	TCP	74	80 → 49374 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 W
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7	0.000628	192.168.0.60	172.16.1.10	TCP	66	44032 → 443 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=6
8	0.000634	192.168.0.60	172.16.1.10	TCP	66	44032 → 443 [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1

Looking at the output again, you can also see that port **443** is also open.

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1	0.000000	192.168.0.60	172.16.1.10	TCP	74	49374 → 80 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Le
2	0.000040	192.168.0.60	172.16.1.10	TCP	74	44032 → 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 L
3	0.000573	172.16.1.10	192.168.0.60	TCP	74	80 → 49374 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 W
4	0.000610	192.168.0.60	172.16.1.10	TCP	66	49374 → 80 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=64
5	0.000621	172.16.1.10	192.168.0.60	TCP	74	443 → 44032 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1
6	0.000621	192.168.0.60	172.16.1.10	TCP	66	49374 → 80 [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 W
7	0.000628	192.168.0.60	172.16.1.10	TCP	66	44032 → 443 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=6
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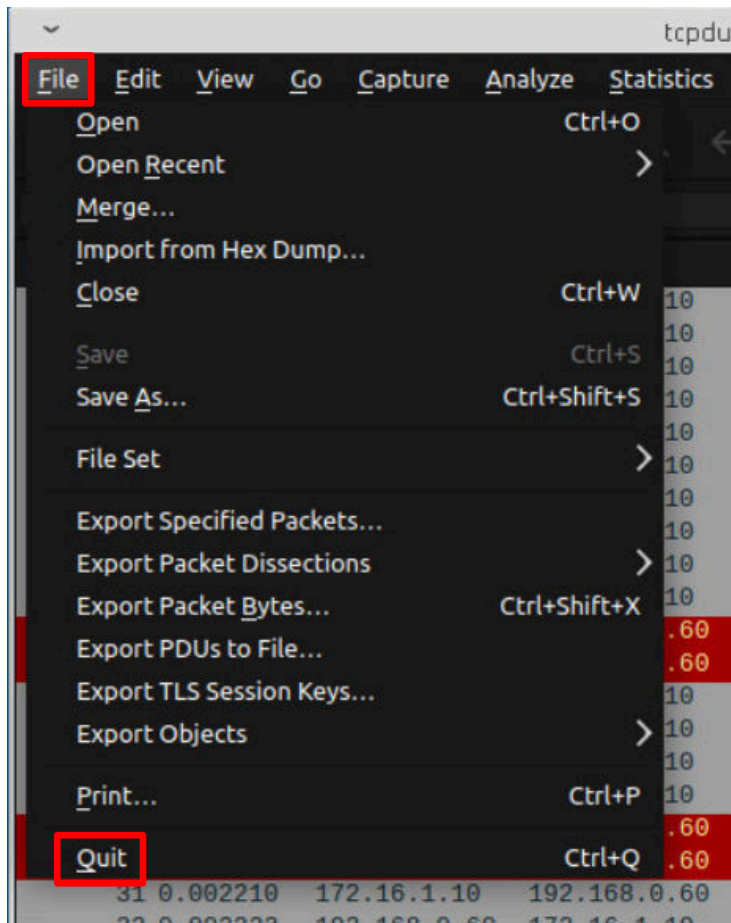
16. If you scroll down on the top pane, you will see when *nmap* sent a **SYN** packet from the *MintOS* computer at **192.168.0.60** to port **993** on the *UbuntuSRV* at **172.16.1.10**; the *UbuntuSRV* computer returned an **RST-ACK** packet indicating that port **993** is closed.

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
13	0.001841	192.168.0.60	172.16.1.10	TCP	74	51942 → 993 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 L
14	0.001858	192.168.0.60	172.16.1.10	TCP	74	59538 → 554 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 L
15	0.001869	192.168.0.60	172.16.1.10	TCP	74	44038 → 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 L
16	0.001882	192.168.0.60	172.16.1.10	TCP	74	55654 → 3306 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240
17	0.001894	192.168.0.60	172.16.1.10	TCP	74	54394 → 8080 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240
18	0.001906	192.168.0.60	172.16.1.10	TCP	74	37162 → 3389 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240
19	0.001918	192.168.0.60	172.16.1.10	TCP	74	58158 → 22 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Le
20	0.001930	192.168.0.60	172.16.1.10	TCP	74	59766 → 1723 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240
21	0.001941	192.168.0.60	172.16.1.10	TCP	74	44970 → 25 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Le
22	0.001952	192.168.0.60	172.16.1.10	TCP	74	50338 → 995 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 L
23	0.002053	172.16.1.10	192.168.0.60	TCP	60	993 → 51942 [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1
24	0.002067	172.16.1.10	192.168.0.60	TCP	60	554 → 59538 [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1
25	0.002108	192.168.0.60	172.16.1.10	TCP	74	55322 → 111 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 L
26	0.002120	192.168.0.60	172.16.1.10	TCP	74	59844 → 23 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Le
27	0.002131	192.168.0.60	172.16.1.10	TCP	74	58282 → 1720 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240
28	0.002148	192.168.0.60	172.16.1.10	TCP	74	47672 → 445 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 L
29	0.002184	172.16.1.10	192.168.0.60	TCP	60	3389 → 37162 [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1
30	0.002192	172.16.1.10	192.168.0.60	TCP	60	1723 → 59766 [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1

*nmap* also sent **SYN** packets to the *UbuntuSRV* at ports **554**, **3389**, and **1723** and the *UbuntuSRV* returned **RST-ACK** packets to the *MintOS* computer.



17. Close *Wireshark* by clicking on **File** in the menu bar and then click on **Quit**.



## 2 TCP Handshake Using Scapy

*"Scapy is a powerful interactive packet manipulation program. It is able to forge or decode packets of a wide number of protocols, send them on the wire, capture them, match requests and replies, and much more. It can easily handle most classical tasks like scanning, tracerouting, probing, unit tests, attacks or network discovery."*

<https://scapy.net/>

1. We need to open a port on the *UbuntuSRV* as a target for the *Scapy* crafted packet using *netcat Listener* to provide an open communication channel. Change the focus to the **UbuntuSRV** computer to open the server page and log in using the account `sysadmin` with the password: `NDGLabpass!`

```
Ubuntu 20.04.3 LTS ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ sudo su -  
ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ ssh sysadmin@192.168.1.10  
Warning: Permanently added '192.168.1.10' (RSA) to the list of known hosts.  
sysadmin@ubuntu:~$
```

2. Type the following command to open port **15000**:

```
nc -l -p 15000
```

```
sysadmin@ubuntusrv:~$ nc -l -p 15000
```



You will not see any response after typing the command. This might come as a surprise when first encountered. You might think the system has crashed, but it hasn't.

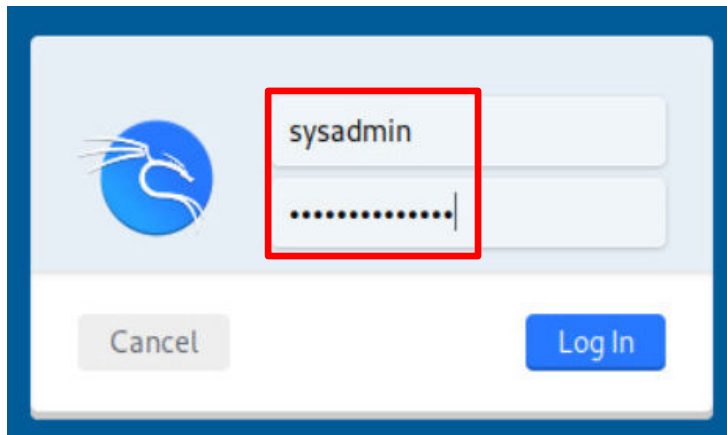
3. Press **ALT+F2** to open another terminal session and log in to the session with the username `sysadmin` and the password: `NDGLabpass123!`
4. Type the following command to get a real-time, constantly updated report of connections to port **15000**.

```
watch "netstat -an | grep 15000"
```

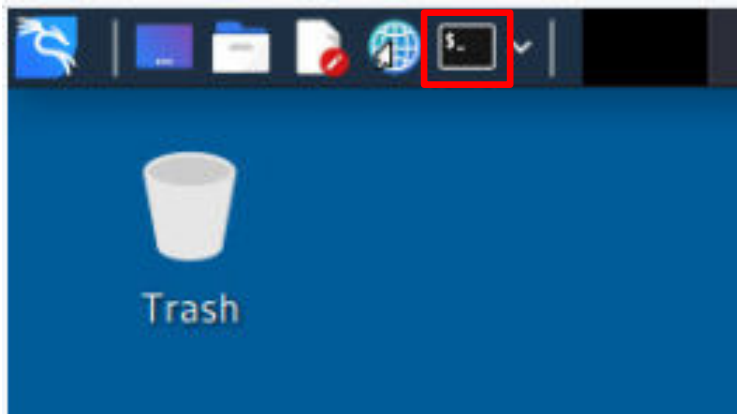
```
Every 2.0s: netstat -an | grep 15000                                ubuntu:~$
```

tcp	0	0	0.0.0.0:15000	0.0.0.0:*	LISTEN
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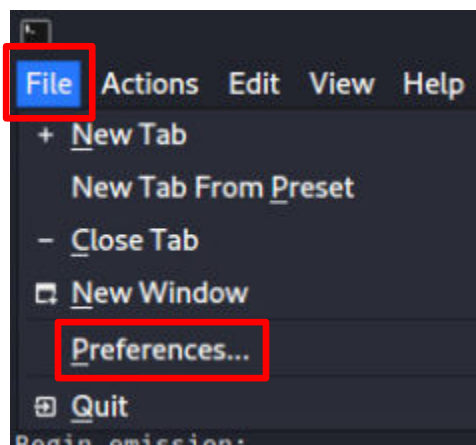
5. Change the focus to the **Kali** computer.
6. Log in as **sysadmin** using the password: NDGLabpass123!



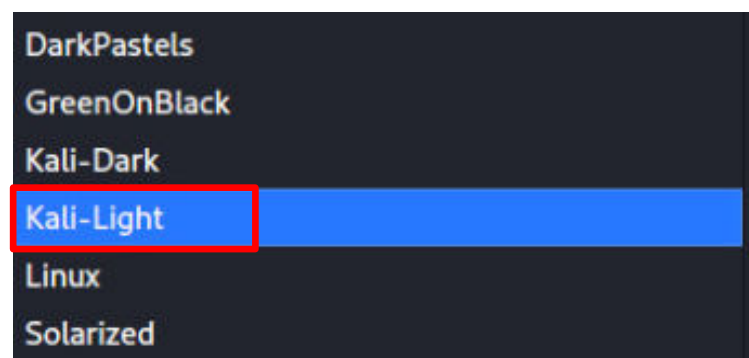
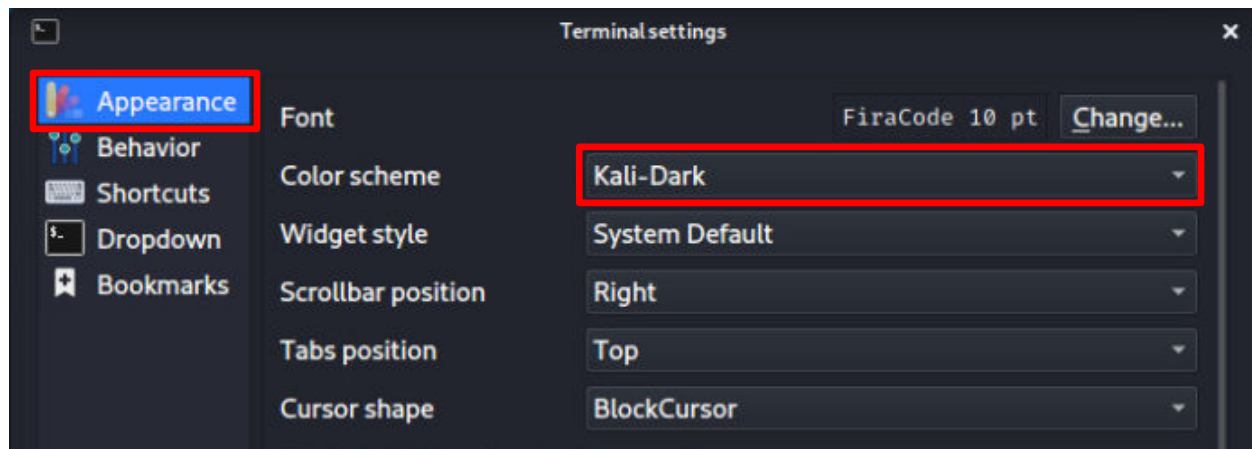
7. Click on the **Terminal** icon in the taskbar at the top of the screen.



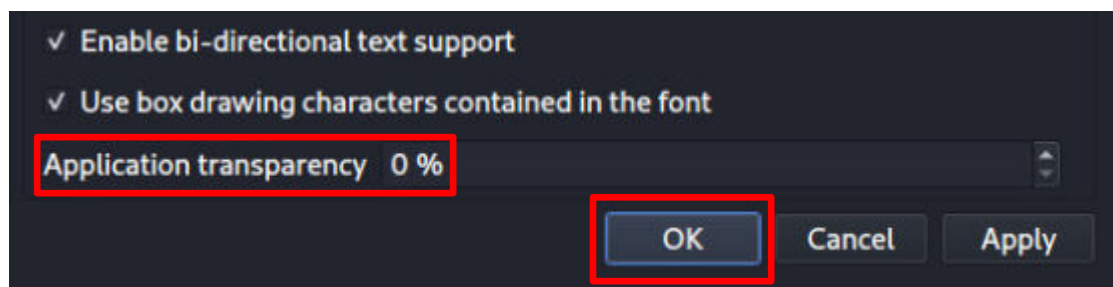
8. Change the appearance of the terminal window to make the output easier to read. In the menu of the terminal window, click **File>Preferences**.



9. Select the **Appearance** menu option on the left of the window if it is not already selected. On the right side of the window, click the **list arrow** in the *Color Scheme* field. Then select **Kali-Light**.



10. At the bottom of the window, in the *Application Transparency* field, change the value to 0. Finally, click the **OK** button at the bottom of the window.





11. *Scapy* will be sending a "raw" **TCP SYN** packet, but the Linux kernel on the *UbuntuSRV* computer will only accept **SYN** packets from kernel routines to open connections. The *Scapy* will send an **RST** packet to cancel the improper connection. To prevent the **RST** from dropping the connection, there needs to be an **iptables** firewall rule. In the terminal, type the following commands. The first command flushes out the old rules, the second command adds a rule to drop all outbound **RST** packets from the *Kali* computer, and the third command lists the firewall rules. If asked for the **[sudo] password for sysadmin**, type: **NDGLabpass123!**

```
sudo iptables -F
sudo iptables -A OUTPUT -p tcp --tcp-flags RST RST -j DROP
sudo iptables -L
```

```
(sysadmin@kali)-[~]
$ sudo iptables -F
[sudo] password for sysadmin:

(sysadmin@kali)-[~]
$ sudo iptables -A OUTPUT -p tcp --tcp-flags RST RST -j DROP

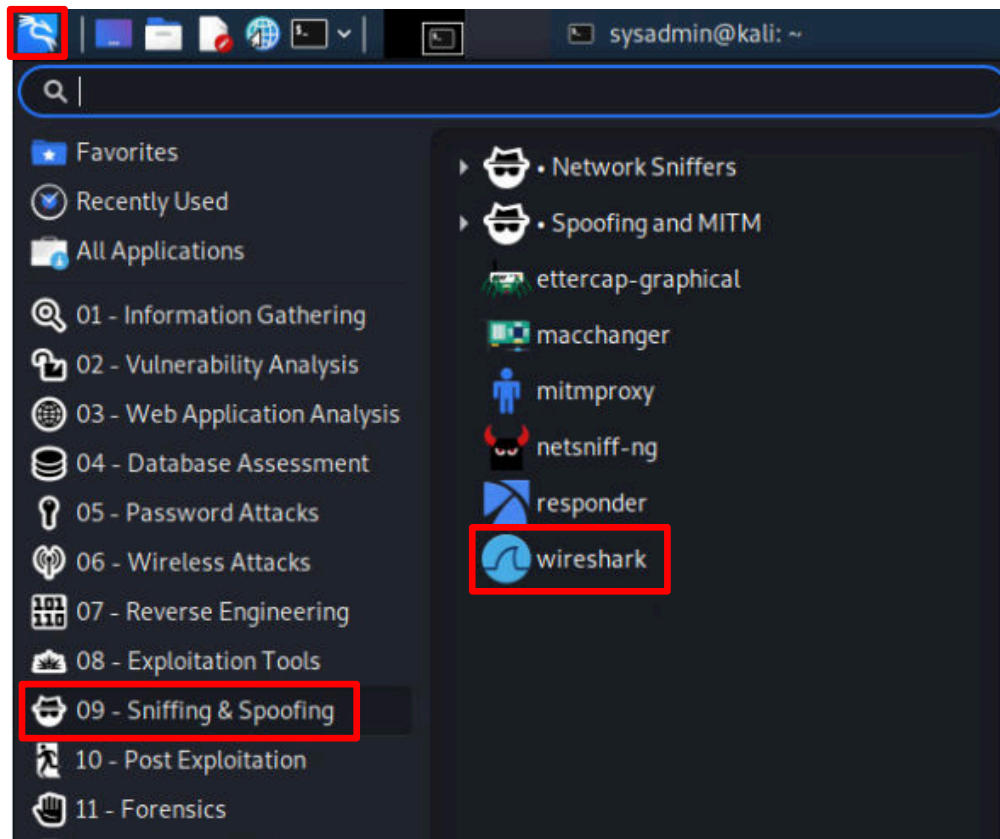
(sysadmin@kali)-[~]
$ sudo iptables -L
Chain INPUT (policy ACCEPT)
target     prot opt source               destination

Chain FORWARD (policy ACCEPT)
target     prot opt source               destination

Chain OUTPUT (policy ACCEPT)
target     prot opt source               destination
DROP       tcp  --  anywhere             anywhere             tcp flags:RST/RST
```

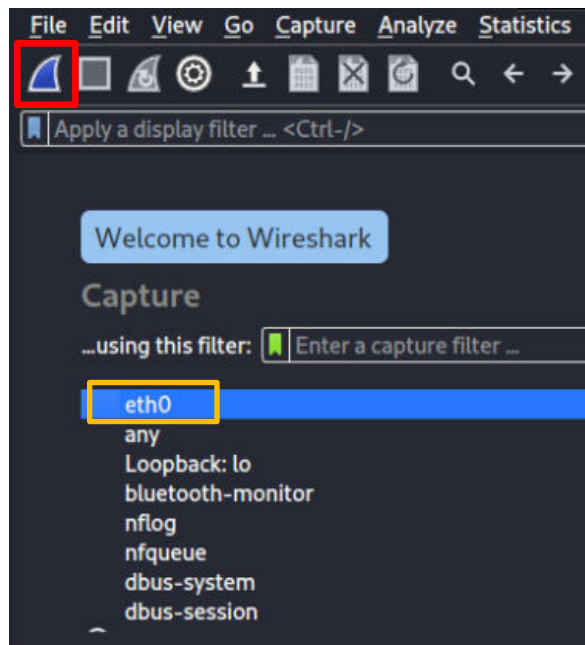
12. Leave the terminal window open and continue to the next step.

13. Open *Wireshark* by navigating to **Kali Start>Sniffing & Spoofing>Wireshark**.



You will want to adjust the size and location of the *Scapy* window and the *Wireshark* page so that you can easily click between the two.

14. In the opening window, make sure that **eth0** is highlighted and click on the **Start Capturing Packets** button in the toolbar.



15. Return to the terminal window.  
16. Type the following command to start *Scapy*:

```
sudo scapy
```

If asked for the **[sudo]** password for **sysadmin**, type: **NDGlabpass123!**

```
(sysadmin@kali)-[~]
$ sudo scapy
INFO: Can't import PyX. Won't be able to use psdump() or pdfdump().

      aSPY//YASa
    apyyyyCY////////YCa
  sY////////YSpCs  scpCY//Pp
ayp ayyyyyyySCP//Pp  syY//C
AYAsAYYYYYYYY///Ps  cY//S
  pCCCCY//p  cSSps y//Y
  SPPPP///a  pP///AC//Y
    A//A  cyP///C
  p///Ac  sC///a
  P///YCpc  A//A
  scccccp///pSP///p  p//Y
sY////////y  caa  S//P
cayCyayP//Ya  pY/Ya
sY/PsY///YCc  aC//Yp
  sc  sccaCY//PCypaapyCP//YSs
    spCPY////////YSPs
      ccaacs

Welcome to Scapy
Version 2.4.4

https://github.com/secdev/scapy

Have fun!

To craft a packet, you have to be a
packet, and learn how to swim in
the wires and in the waves.
-- Jean-Claude Van Damme

using IPython 7.22.0
>>> █
```

17. In this step, you will create an **IP Packet** and change the source and destination **IP addresses**. In the *Scapy* window, at the `>>>` prompt, execute these commands. The first command will create an **IP Packet Object**, and the second command will display the packet with all of the default attributes.

```
i=IP()
i.display()
```

```
>>> i=IP()
>>> i.display()
###[ IP ]###
  version= 4
  ihl= None
  tos= 0x0
  len= None
  id= 1
  flags=
  frag= 0
  ttl= 64
  proto= hopopt
  chksum= None
  src= 127.0.0.1
  dst= 127.0.0.1
  \options\
```

18. The source (**src**) and destination (**dst**) IP addresses default to **127.0.0.1** (loopback address). These need to be changed to the IP addresses of **Kali (203.0.113.2)**, the source and **UbuntuSRV (172.16.1.10)**, the destination. Type these commands to change the IP addresses and to display the updated packet attributes:

```
i.src="203.0.113.2"
i.dst="172.16.1.10"
```

```
>>>
>>> i.src="203.0.113.2"
>>> i.dst="172.16.1.10"
>>>
```

19. To check the **IP** packet header, type the following command:

```
i.display()
```

```
>>>
>>> i.display()
####[ IP ]####
  version= 4
  ihl= None
  tos= 0x0
  len= None
  id= 1
  flags=
  frag= 0
  ttl= 64
  proto= hopopt
  chksum= None
  src= 203.0.113.2
  dst= 172.16.1.10
  \options\
```

20. In this step, you will create a **TCP Packet** and change the source and destination **TCP Ports**. In the *Scapy* window, at the >>> prompt, execute these commands. The first command will create a **TCP Packet Object**, and the second command will display the packet with all of the default attributes.

```
t=TCP()
t.display()
```

```
>>>
>>> t=TCP()
>>> t.display()
####[ TCP ]####
  sport= ftp_data
  dport= http
  seq= 0
  ack= 0
  dataofs= None
  reserved= 0
  flags= S
  window= 8192
  chksum= None
  urgptr= 0
  options= []
```

21. The source port (**sport**) on the **Kali** computer needs to be changed to a port in the private port range, and the destination port (**dport**) to the *UbuntuSRV* computer needs to be changed to the open target port (**15000**). Type these commands to change the port addresses and to display the updated packet attributes:

```
t.sport=50000
t.dport=15000
```

```
>>> t.sport=50000
>>> t.dport=15000
```

22. To check the **TCP** packet header, type the following command:

```
t.display()
```

```
>>> t.display()
###[ TCP ]###
sport= 50000
dport= 15000
seq= 0
ack= 0
dataofs= None
reserved= 0
flags= S
window= 8192
chksum= None
urgptr= 0
options= []
```

23. Type the following command to send a *SYN* packet with the crafted IP (i) and TCP (t) headers from the *Scapy* to the *UbuntuSRV* computer:

```
sr1(i/t)
```

24. The command will send the **IP (Layer 3)** and **TCP (Layer 4)** packets that were just crafted to the *UbuntuSRV* computer. When *UbuntuSRV* receives the packet, it will send back its response packet.

```
>>> sr1(i/t)
Begin emission:
Finished sending 1 packets.
*
Received 1 packets, got 1 answers, remaining 0 packets
<IP version=4 ihl=5 tos=0x0 len=44 id=0 flags=DF frag=0 ttl=63 proto=tcp c
hksm=0x52af src=172.16.1.10 dst=203.0.113.2 |<TCP sport=15000 dport=50000
seq=3294613210 ack=1 dataofs=6 reserved=0 flags=SA window=64240 chksum=0x2
2e4 urgptr=0 options=[('MSS', 1460)] |<Padding load='\x00\x00' |>>>
```



25. Return to the **UbuntuSRV** computer, and you will see that the connection is in the **SYN\_RECV** state and is waiting for the **ACK** to complete the connection.

```
Every 2.0s: netstat -an | grep 15000                                ubuntu: Sun
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:15000          0.0.0.0:*              LISTEN
tcp        0      0 172.16.1.10:15000     203.0.113.2:50000      SYN_RECV
```

This shows the *UbuntuSRV* has received the **[SYN]** packet from the *Kali* computer and replied with a **[SYN,ACK]** and is now waiting for the *Kali* computer to complete the three-way handshake and send the **[ACK]**. Wait for 60 seconds, and you should see the connection time out and be removed from the *netstat* list. The default setting for *Ubuntu* is to wait 60 seconds before giving up on the connection. A hacker would have to change the **[ACK]** packet and send it to the *UbuntuSRV* computer within the 60-second limit. For this lab, it will be much easier for you to change the **TCP\_SYNACK\_RETRIES** value on the *UbuntuSRV* computer giving you more time.

26. Press **ALT+F3** to open another terminal session and log in to the session with the username **sysadmin** and the password: **NDGLabpass123!**
27. Change the directory by typing the following command:

```
cd /proc/sys/net/ipv4
```

```
sysadmin@ubuntu:/$ cd /proc/sys/net/ipv4
sysadmin@ubuntu:/proc/sys/net/ipv4$ _
```

28. Using *nano*, edit the **tcp\_synack\_retries** file using the following command. If asked for the **[sudo] password for sysadmin** use: **NDGLabpass123!**

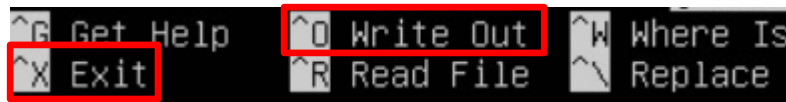
```
sudo nano tcp_synack_retries
```

```
sysadmin@ubuntu:/$ cd /proc/sys/net/ipv4
sysadmin@ubuntu:/proc/sys/net/ipv4$
sysadmin@ubuntu:/proc/sys/net/ipv4$ sudo nano tcp_synack_retries
[sudo] password for sysadmin:
```

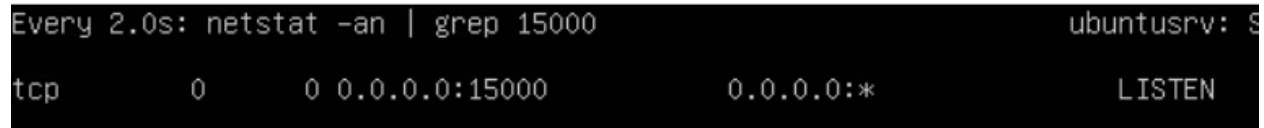
29. When the editor opens, change the 5 to 15, which will give you three minutes.

```
GNU nano 4.8                                tcp_synack_retries
15_
```

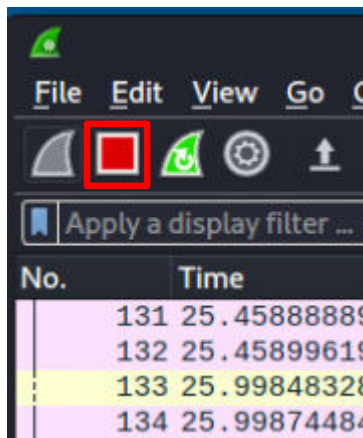
30. Save the changes to the file by pressing **CTRL+O**, press **Enter** to save it using the same file name, and exit the editor by pressing **CTRL+X**.



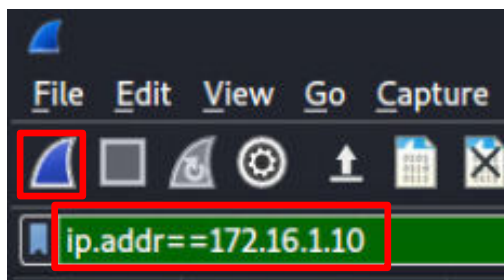
31. Press **ALT+F2** to return to the session where the *netstat* is monitoring the connections.



32. Change the focus to the **Kali** computer and switch to *Wireshark* window.  
33. Stop the scan by clicking the **Stop Capturing Packet** button.

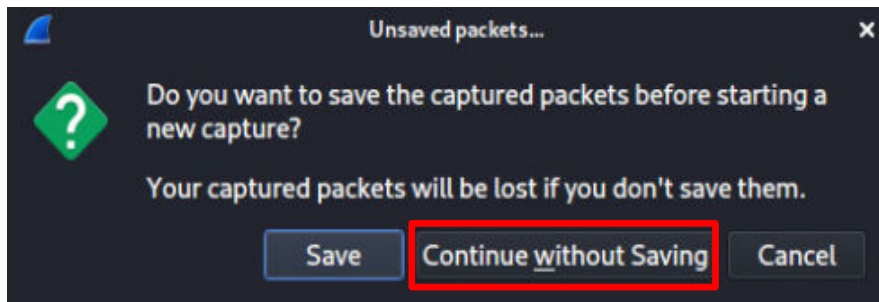


34. Go to the **FILTER** box and type in the filter `ip.addr==172.16.1.10` and press **Enter**. Then click on the **Start Capturing Packets** button in the toolbar.





35. When the *Unsaved Packets* window pops up, click on **Continue Without Saving**.



There are packets being captured, but since we have set a filter to only show packets with a source or destination address of 172.16.1.10 you should not see any packets ... yet.

36. Switch to the terminal window running *Scapy* and type the following command to resend the **SYN** packet from the *Kali* computer to the *UbuntuSRV* computer:

```
sr1(i/t)
```

37. You will see the reply packet from the *UbuntuSRV*. Make a note of the **SEQ** number. This is the number that will need to **add 1** to for the return **ACK**.

```
>>> sr1(i/t)
Begin emission:
Finished sending 1 packets.
.*
Received 2 packets, got 1 answers, remaining 0 packets
<IP version=4 ihl=5 tos=0x0 len=44 id=0 flags=DF frag=0 ttl=63 proto=tcp c
hksm=0x52af src=172.16.1.10 dst=203.0.113.2 |<TCP sport=15000 dport=50000
seq=3136627651 ack=1 dataofs=6 reserved=0 flags=SA window=64240 chksum=0xd
765 urgptr=0 options=[('MSS', 1460)] |<Padding load='\x00\x00' |>>>
```

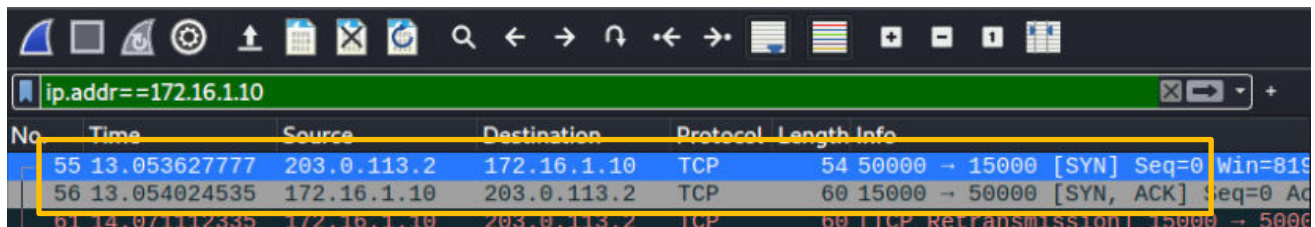
Examine the reply in *Scapy*, above. Note these items:

- **len** is the length of the packet being sent from the Kali computer. It will be used by the *UbuntuSRV* computer to calculate the ACK number.
- **seq** is the sequence number which is a 32-bit number used to keep track of the amount of data being sent, in this case, from the Kali computer to *UbuntuSRV* computer. This starting number is random, and subsequent SEQ numbers will be the initial SEQ number plus the ACK number that is returned. In the example, the initial SEQ number is **3136627651** (which will not be the same when you perform the lab). Make a note of the number on your session.
- **ack** is the acknowledgment number, also a 32-bit number, which is returned from the connected host, in this case, from the *UbuntuSRV* computer back to the *Kali* computer. The initial ACK number that will be returned is the LEN of the received packet plus 1 (the initial ACK

from the *Kali* computer is set to 1 since there has not been an acknowledgment packet received from the *UbuntuSRV* computer). Subsequent ACK numbers will be the current ACK number plus the length of the received packet.

- **TCP flags** show the particular state of the connection and can provide useful information for troubleshooting or handling control of a connection. The **SA** flag shows a SYN and an ACK. The SYN flag is used to synchronize the initial sequence number and is only present in the first packet sent from the *Kali* computer. The ACK flag acknowledges packets that were received.

38. Switch to the *Wireshark* window, and you will see the **[SYN]** and **[SYN, ACK]** packets and wait for the *Scapy*-crafted **[ACK]**.



39. Switch to the terminal window running *Scapy*. At the **>>>** prompt, make the following changes to the crafted TCP packet:

```
t.flags="A"
t.seq=1
t.ack=<< take the seq number from the packet that was received and add 1 >>
```

```
>>> t.flags="A"
>>> t.seq=1
>>> t.ack=3136627652
```

Where you are changing the flags field with **A** for **ack** packet, set the **seq** to **1**, which will be the next sequence number, relative to the initial sequence number **0**, and the **ack**, which is the sequence number returned in the **[SYN,ACK]** from the *UbuntuSRV* plus 1.

40. Check the crafted **TCP** packet by typing the following:

```
t.display()
```

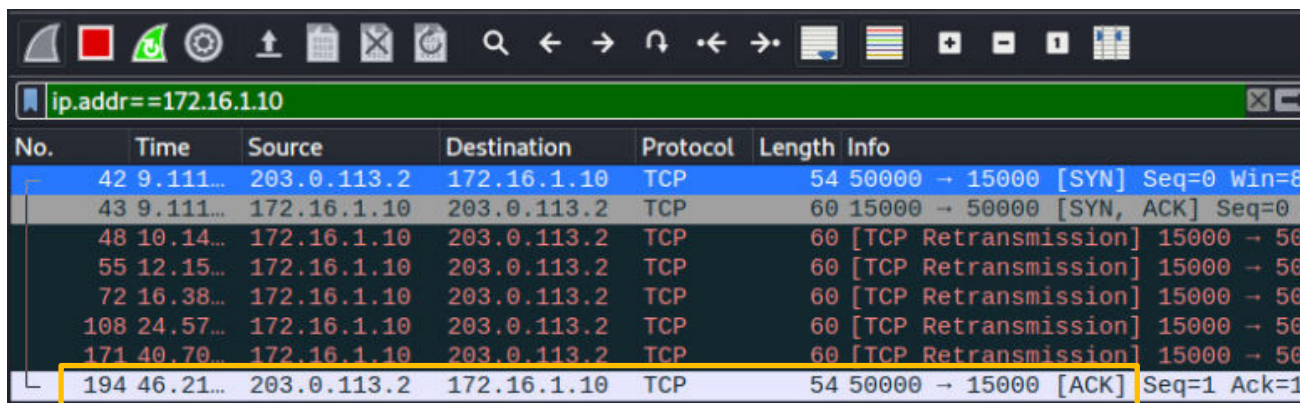
```
>>> t.display()
###[ TCP ]###
sport= 50000
dport= 15000
seq= 1
ack= 3136627652
dataofs= None
reserved= 0
flags= A
window= 8192
chksum= None
urgptr= 0
options= []
```

41. Send the crafted **TCP** packet back to the *UbuntuSRV* computer by typing the following command:

```
send(i/t)
```

```
>>> send(i/t)
.
Sent 1 packets.
>>> █
```

42. Switch to the *Wireshark* window, and you see the **[ACK]** packet has been sent as a response to the **[SYN, ACK]** packet.



No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
42	9.111...	203.0.113.2	172.16.1.10	TCP	54	50000 → 15000 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=8192
43	9.111...	172.16.1.10	203.0.113.2	TCP	60	15000 → 50000 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Win=8192
48	10.14...	172.16.1.10	203.0.113.2	TCP	60	[TCP Retransmission] 15000 → 50000
55	12.15...	172.16.1.10	203.0.113.2	TCP	60	[TCP Retransmission] 15000 → 50000
72	16.38...	172.16.1.10	203.0.113.2	TCP	60	[TCP Retransmission] 15000 → 50000
108	24.57...	172.16.1.10	203.0.113.2	TCP	60	[TCP Retransmission] 15000 → 50000
171	40.70...	172.16.1.10	203.0.113.2	TCP	60	[TCP Retransmission] 15000 → 50000
194	46.21...	203.0.113.2	172.16.1.10	TCP	54	50000 → 15000 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1

43. Change focus to the **UbuntuSRV** computer and press **ALT+2** if the *netstat* listening session is not shown.

```
Every 2.0s: netstat -an | grep 15000                                ubuntu: Mon Sep 18 10:10:10 2017
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:15000          0.0.0.0:*              LISTEN
tcp        0      0 172.16.1.10:15000     203.0.113.2:50000      ESTABLISHED
```

Notice that the TCP connection now shows **ESTABLISHED**. You now have a backdoor into the *UbuntuSRV* computer.

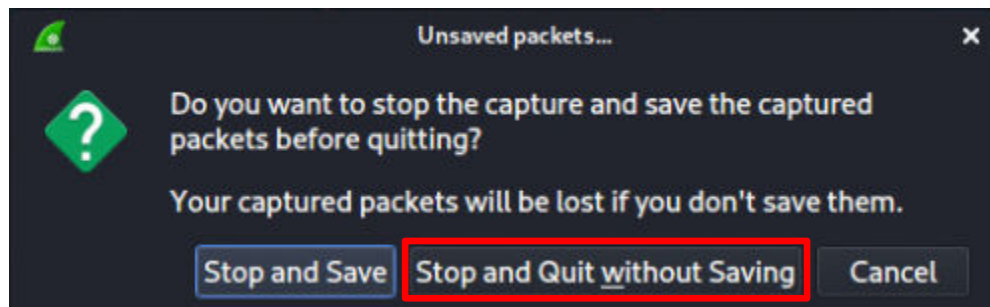
44. Press **+C** to end the *netstat* watching session and press **ALT+F1** to go back to the *netstat* listening session, and press **CTRL+C** to end the process.
45. Return to the **Kali** computer and exit *Scapy* by typing the command:

```
quit
```

... and close the terminal window by typing the command:

```
exit
```

46. Close the *Wireshark* window by clicking the **X** in the upper-right corner and when the *Unsaved Packets* window pops up, click on **Stop and Quit Without Saving**.



*This task was inspired by a lab from Dr. Sam Bowne  
Professor, City College of San Francisco.*

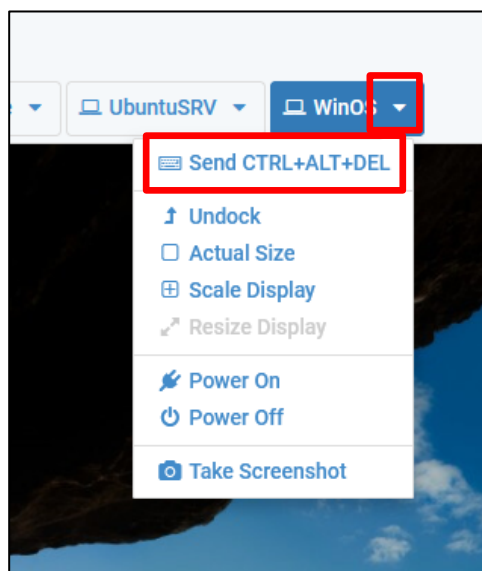
### 3 Analyzing Encrypted Traffic Using Wireshark

Encryption at the Presentation Layer (Layer 6) of the OSI model is handled by both SSL, which has been largely deprecated, and **TLS**, which is the current standard. Normally you would think that packets that are encrypted cannot be viewed and analyzed, but Wireshark does have a method to assist in decrypting packets using a Pre-Master Secret Key.

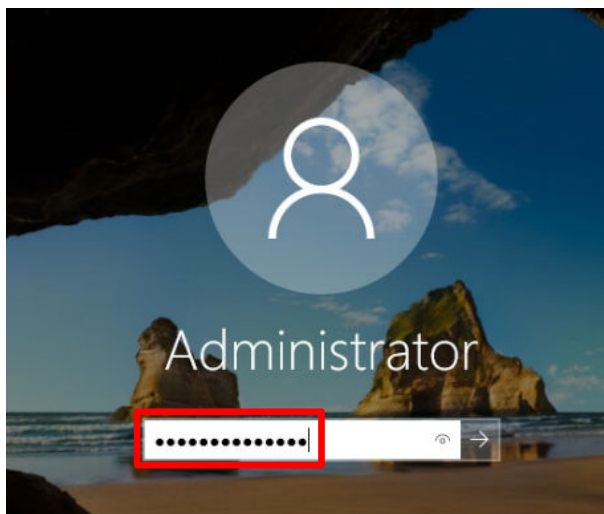
For this part of the lab, you will be using the *WinOS* computer.

#### 3.1 Setting the Pre-Master Secret Key Path Environment Variable

1. Change focus to the **WinOS** computer.
2. Bring up the login window by sending a Ctrl + Alt+ Delete. To do this, click the **WinOS** dropdown menu and click **Send CTRL+ALT+DEL**.

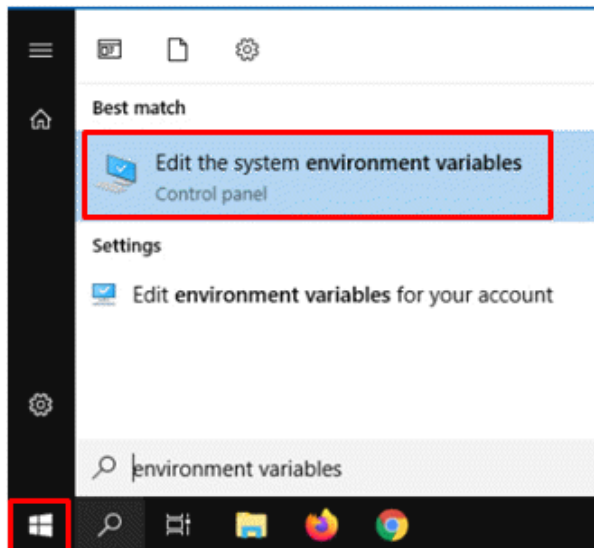


3. Log in as *Administrator* using the password: NDGLabpass123!

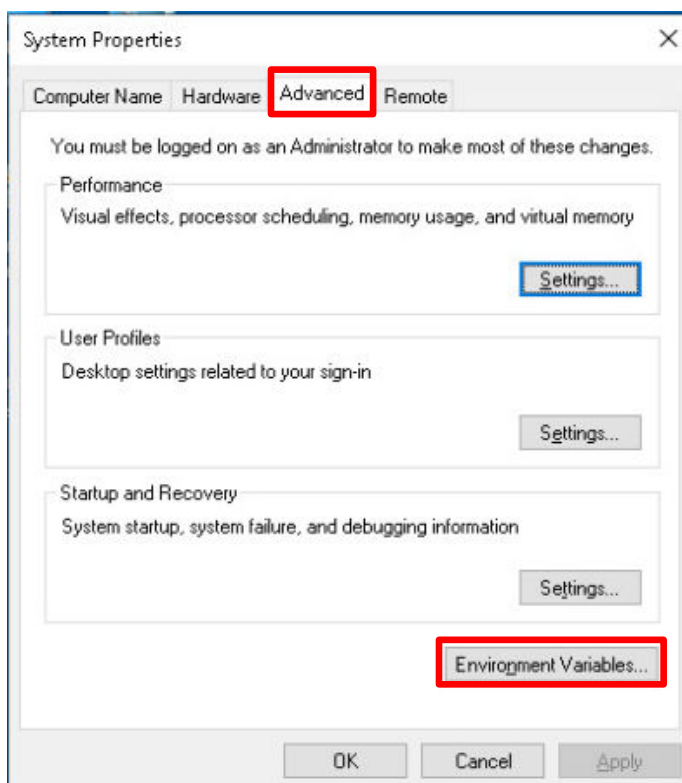


The first thing you need to do is to set a *Windows Environment Variable* to hold the path for the *Pre-Master Secret Key* that will be captured from a secure website.

- Click on the **Windows Start** button, type in `environment variables` and click on **Edit the system environment variables** from the *Best Match* search result.

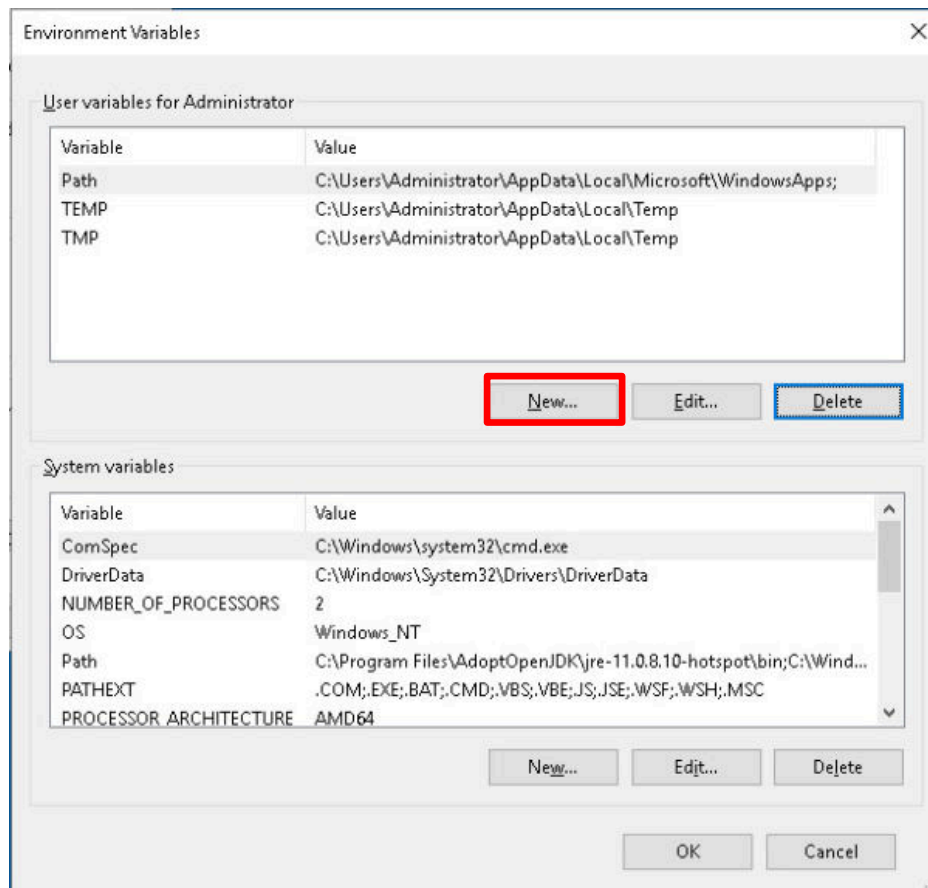


- Click on the **Advanced** tab, then click the **Environment Variables** button:

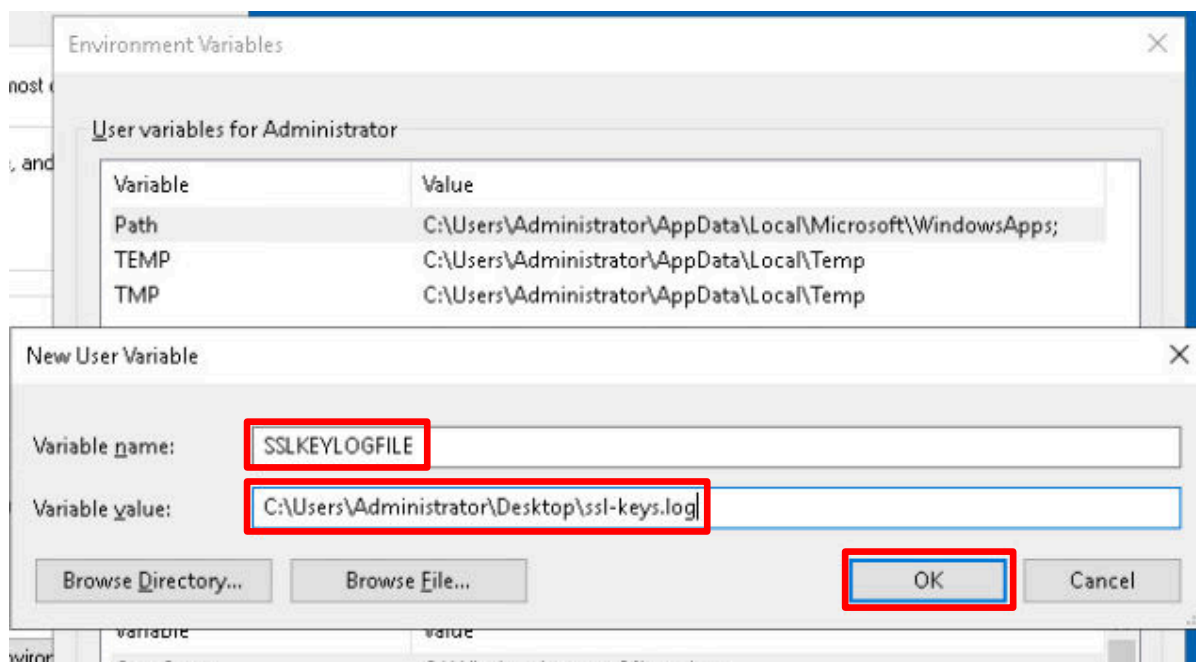




6. In the *Environment Variables* window, click on the **New** button under *User Variables* for *Administrator*.



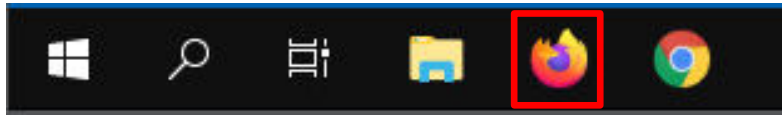
7. In the *New User Variable* window, type `SSLKEYLOGFILE` for the *Variable name* and type `C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop\ssl-keys.log` for the *Variable Value* and click the **OK** button.



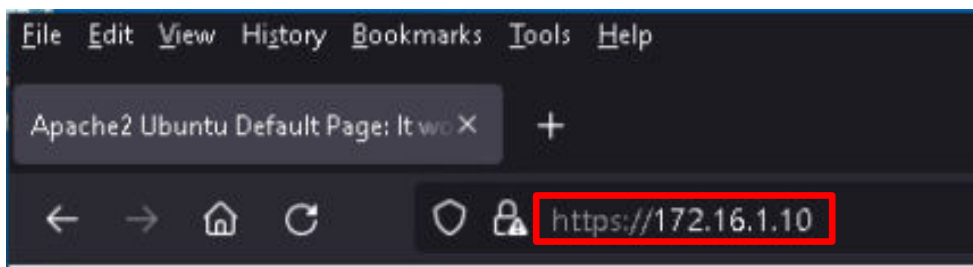
8. Click the **OK** button on the Environment Variables window to save the settings.
9. Close the System Properties window by clicking the **OK** button.
10. Keep the **WinOS** computer open for the next task.

### 3.2 Capture a Pre-Master Shared Key from a Secure Website

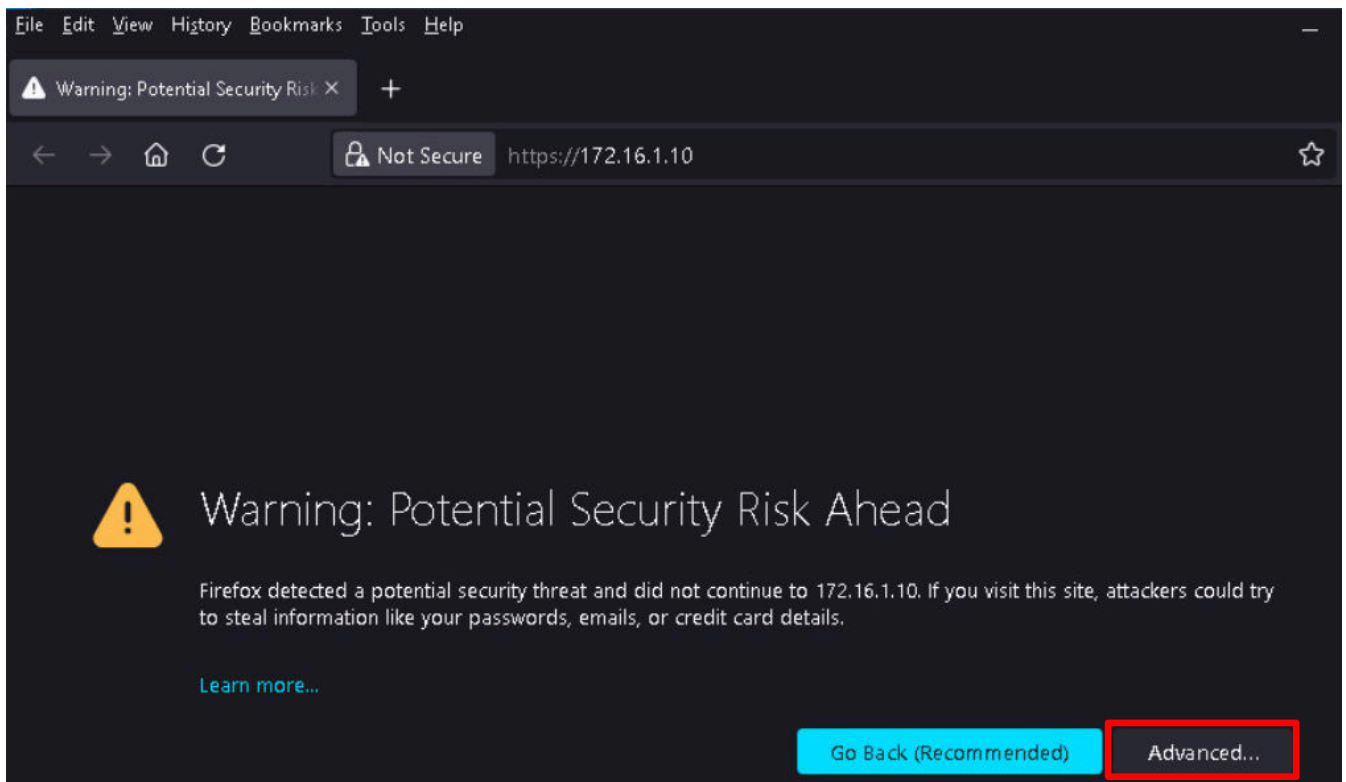
1. On the *WinOS* computer, click on the **Firefox** browser icon in the taskbar to open a web browser.



2. You need to capture the **Pre-Master Share Key** and store it in the **ssl-keys.log** file. In the browser address bar, type **https://172.16.1.10**.

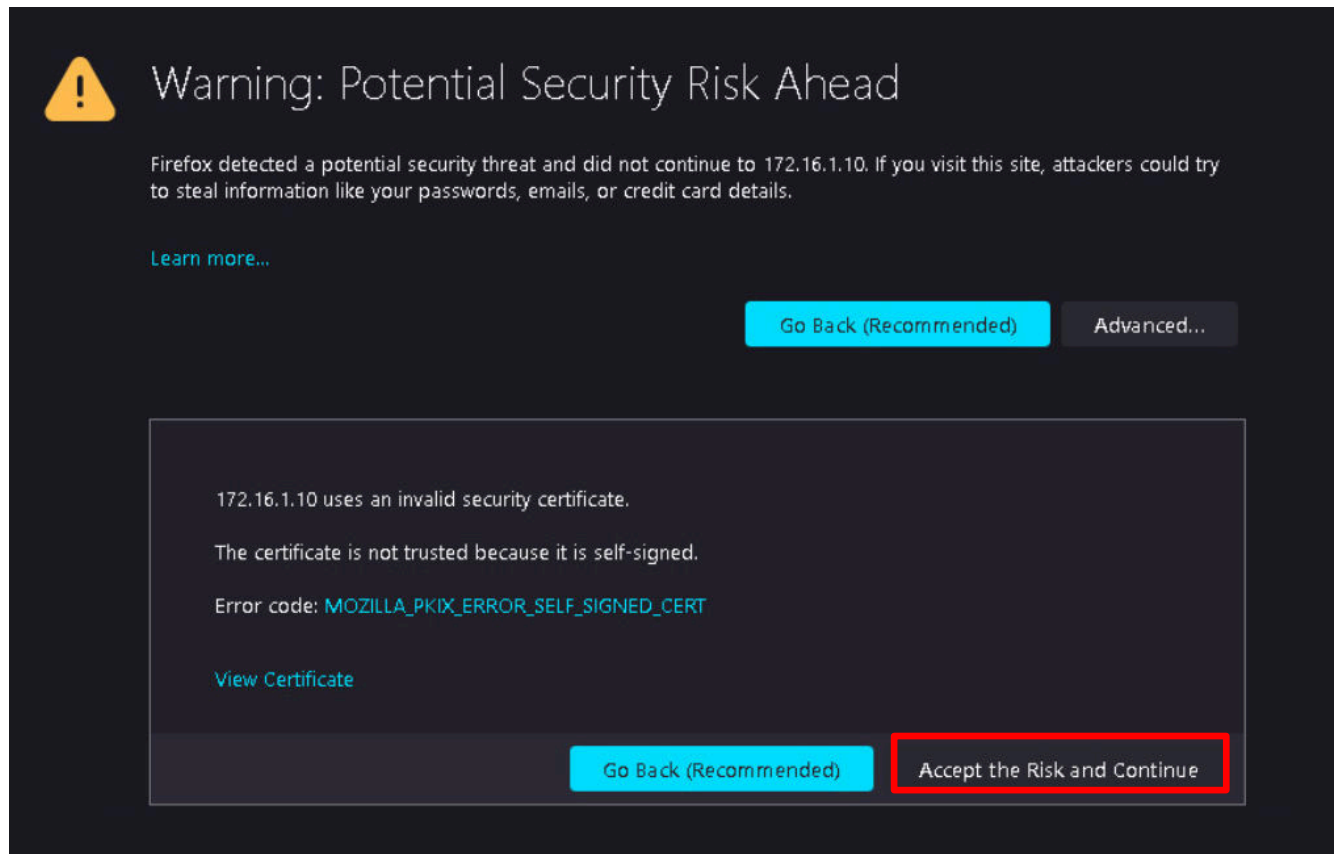


3. On the *Warning: Potential Security Risk Ahead*, click the **Advanced** button.





4. Scroll to the bottom of the window and click the **Accept the Risk and Continue** button.



You will see the *Apache2 Ubuntu Default* page.



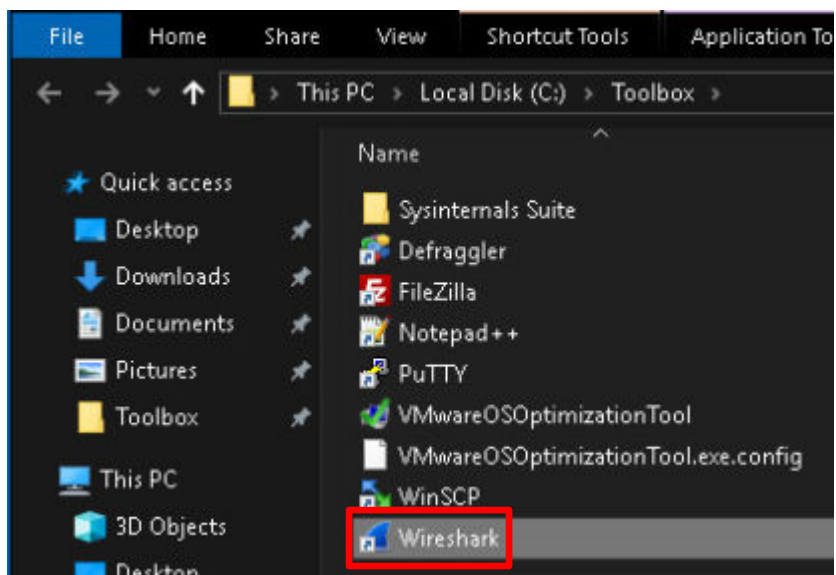
You will notice a file named **ssl-keys** will have popped up on your desktop (the extension is hidden by default).



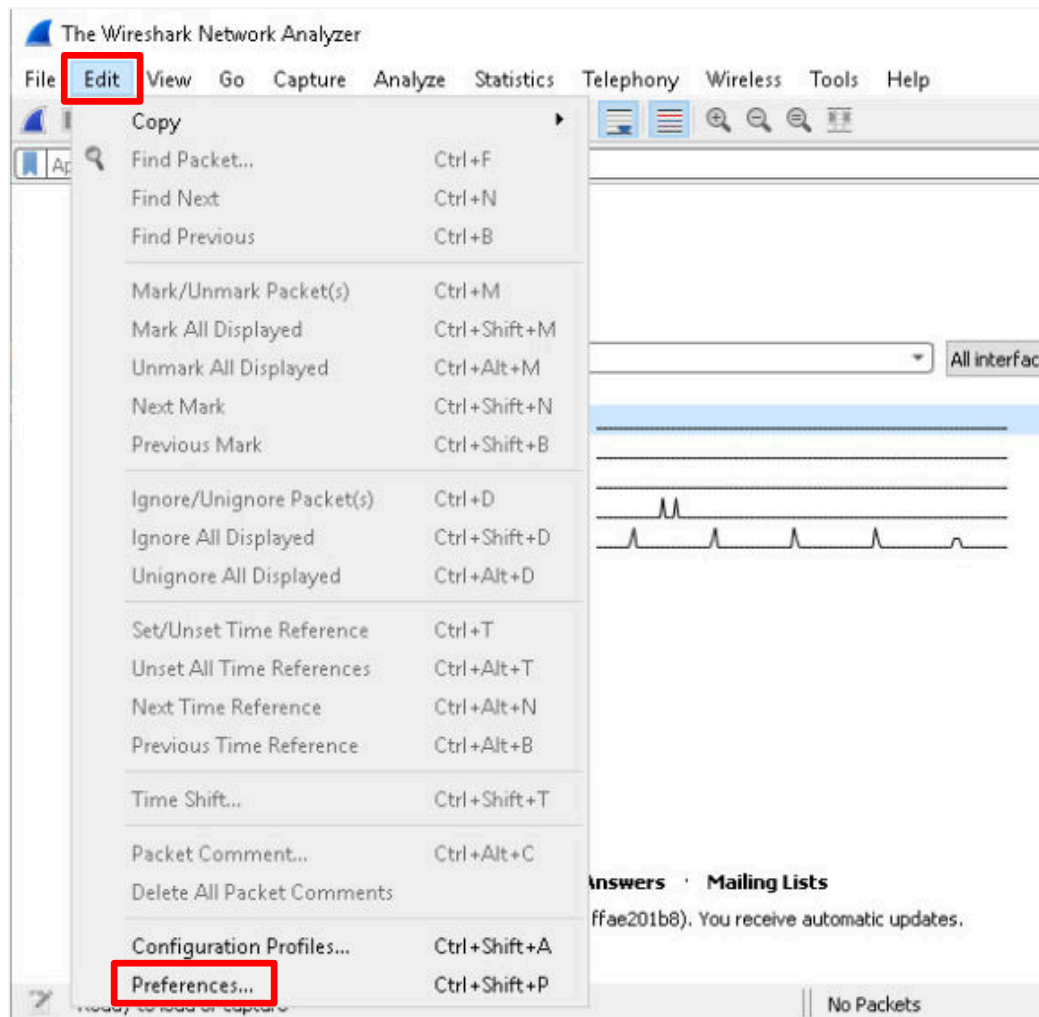
5. Close the **Firefox** browser.

### 3.3 Configure Wireshark

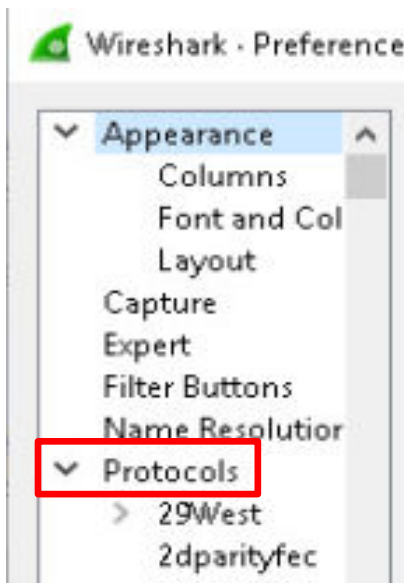
1. Open the **Toolbox** folder on the desktop and double-click on the **Wireshark** icon.



- When the *Wireshark* window opens, click on **Edit** in the menu bar, then click **Preferences**.



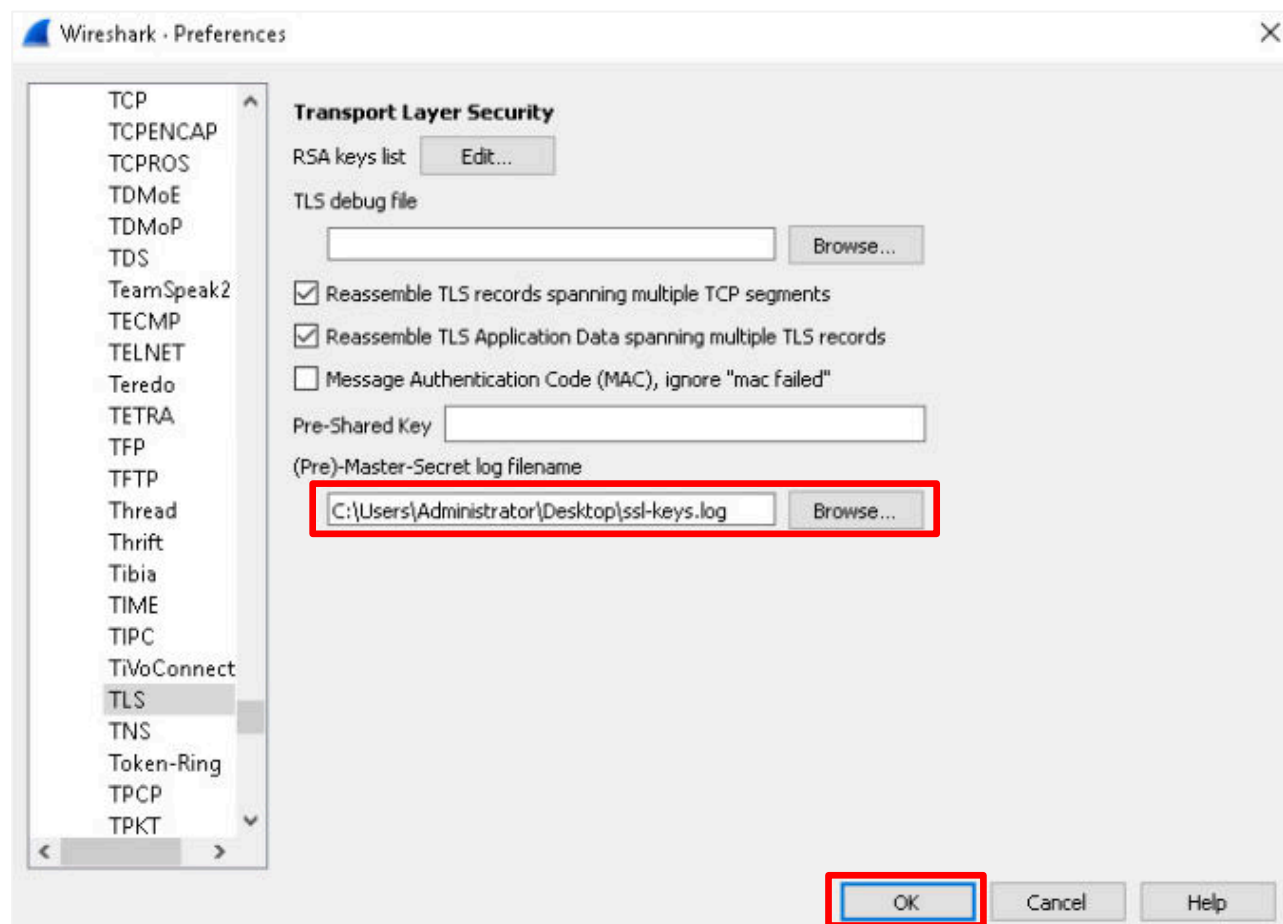
- Expand the **Protocols** inventory list.



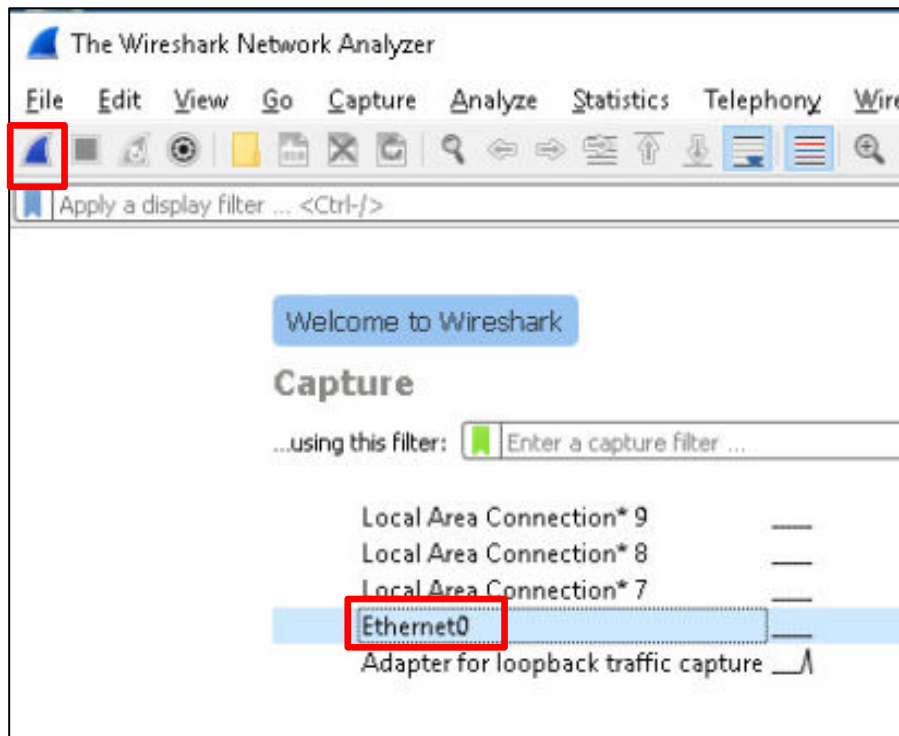
Then, scroll down and click on **TLS**.



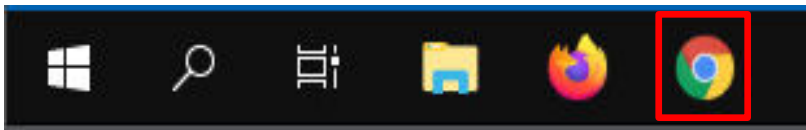
4. In the *Preferences* window, under *(Pre)-Master-Secret log filename*, click the **Browse** button and go to the **Desktop** folder and click on the **ssl-keys.log** file. Click **OK** to close the *Preferences* window.



5. In the *Wireshark* window, click on **Ethernet0** and then click on the **Start Capturing Packets** button.



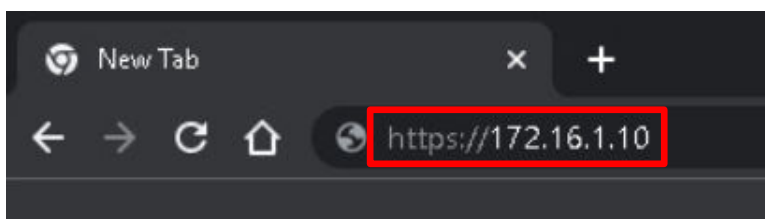
6. Click on the **Chrome** browser icon in the taskbar to open a web browser.



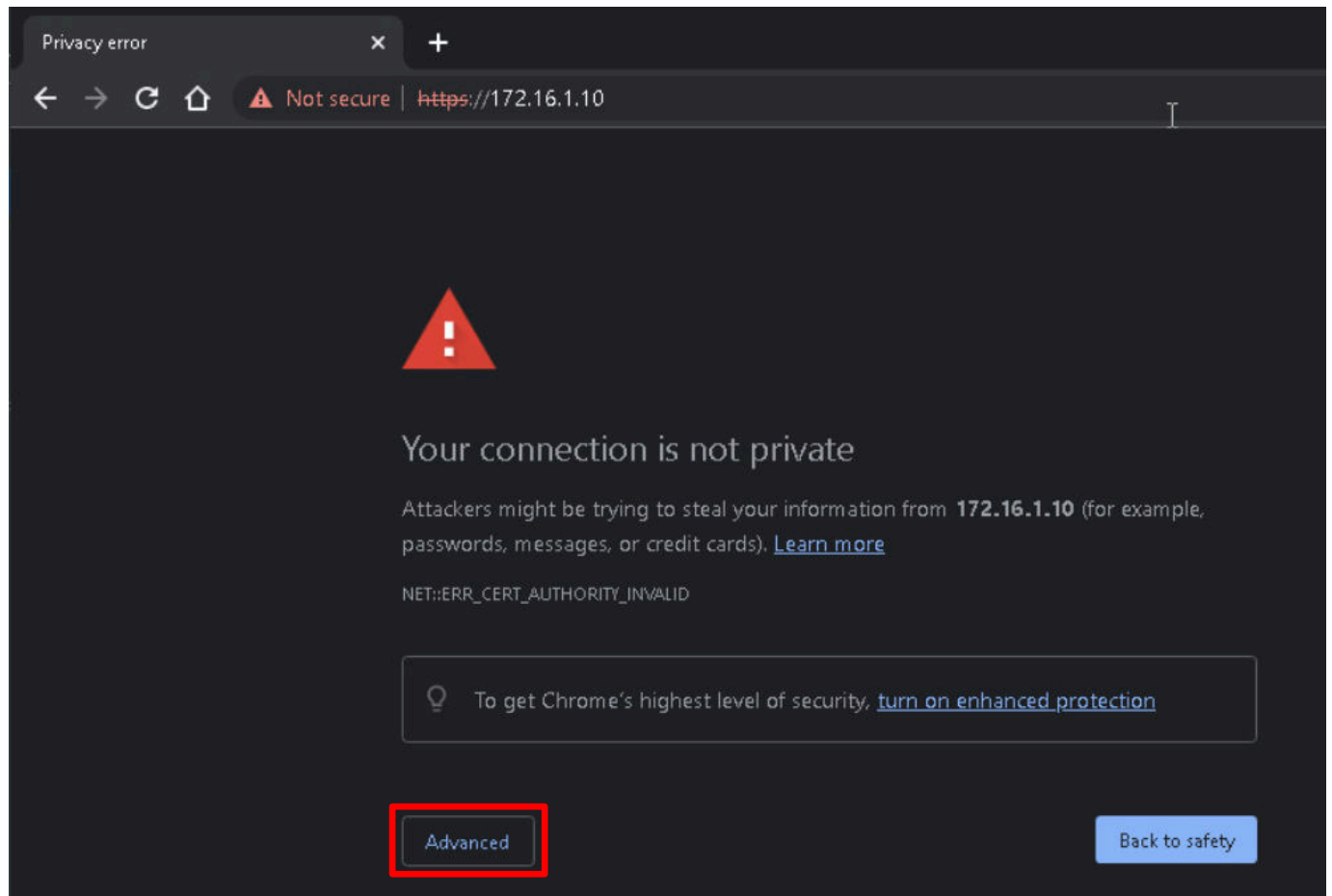
You will use the *Chrome* web browser for this part of the task because the *Firefox* web browser will cache the Apache2 web page, and will not send any HTTPS: requests.

You could achieve the same results in Firefox by going to Firefox's **Settings / Privacy & Security** then clear **Cookies and Site Data** and **History**

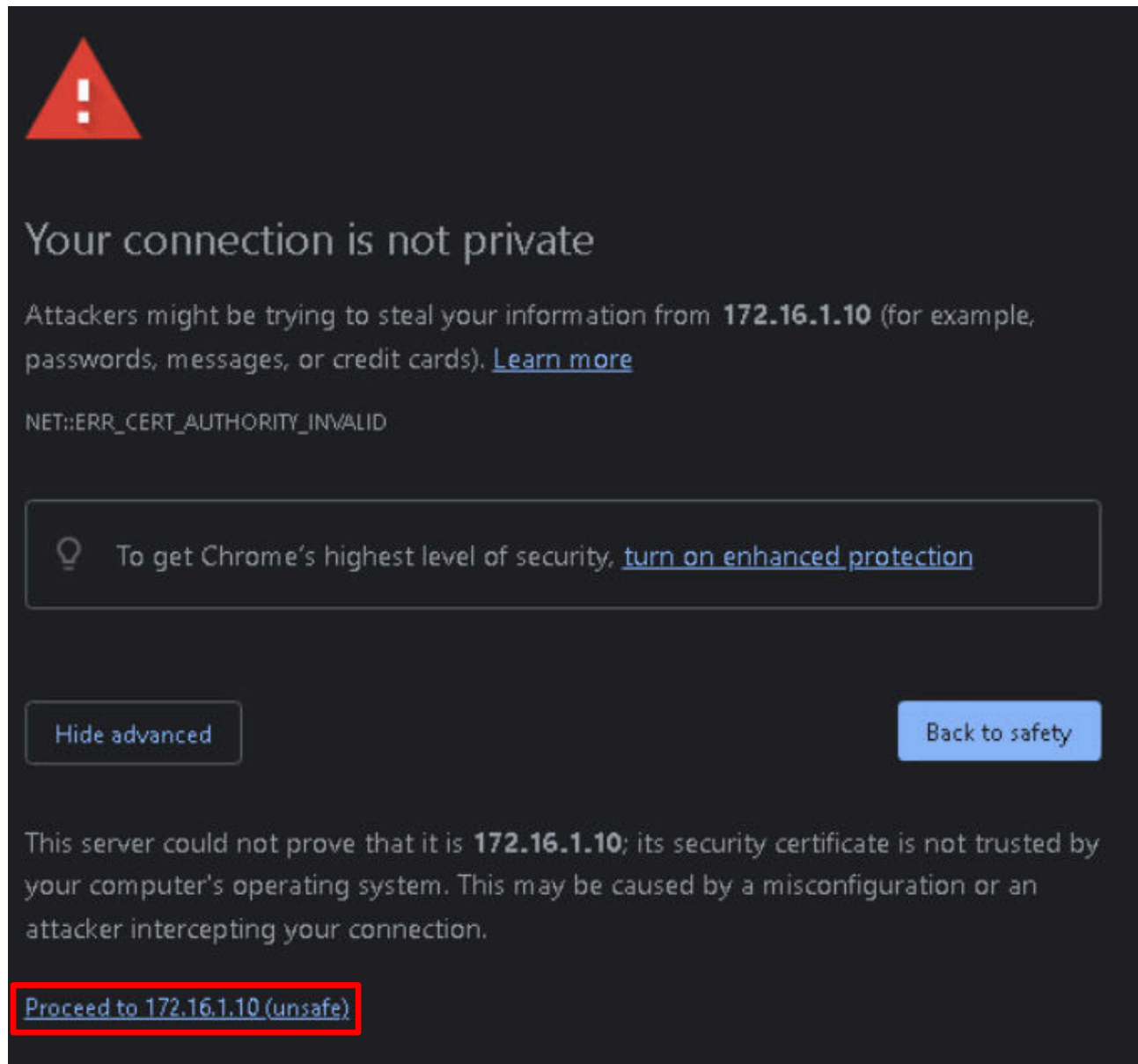
7. Open the web page to capture the HTTP packets. Type in the address `https://172.16.1.10`.



6. On the *Your Connection is not Private* page, click the **Advanced** button.



7. At the bottom of the window, click the **Proceed to 172.16.1.10 (unsafe)** link.

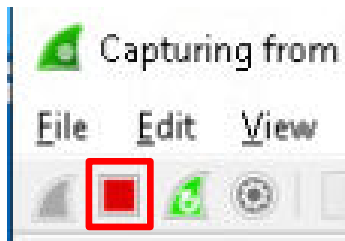


You will see the Apache2 Ubuntu Default page.

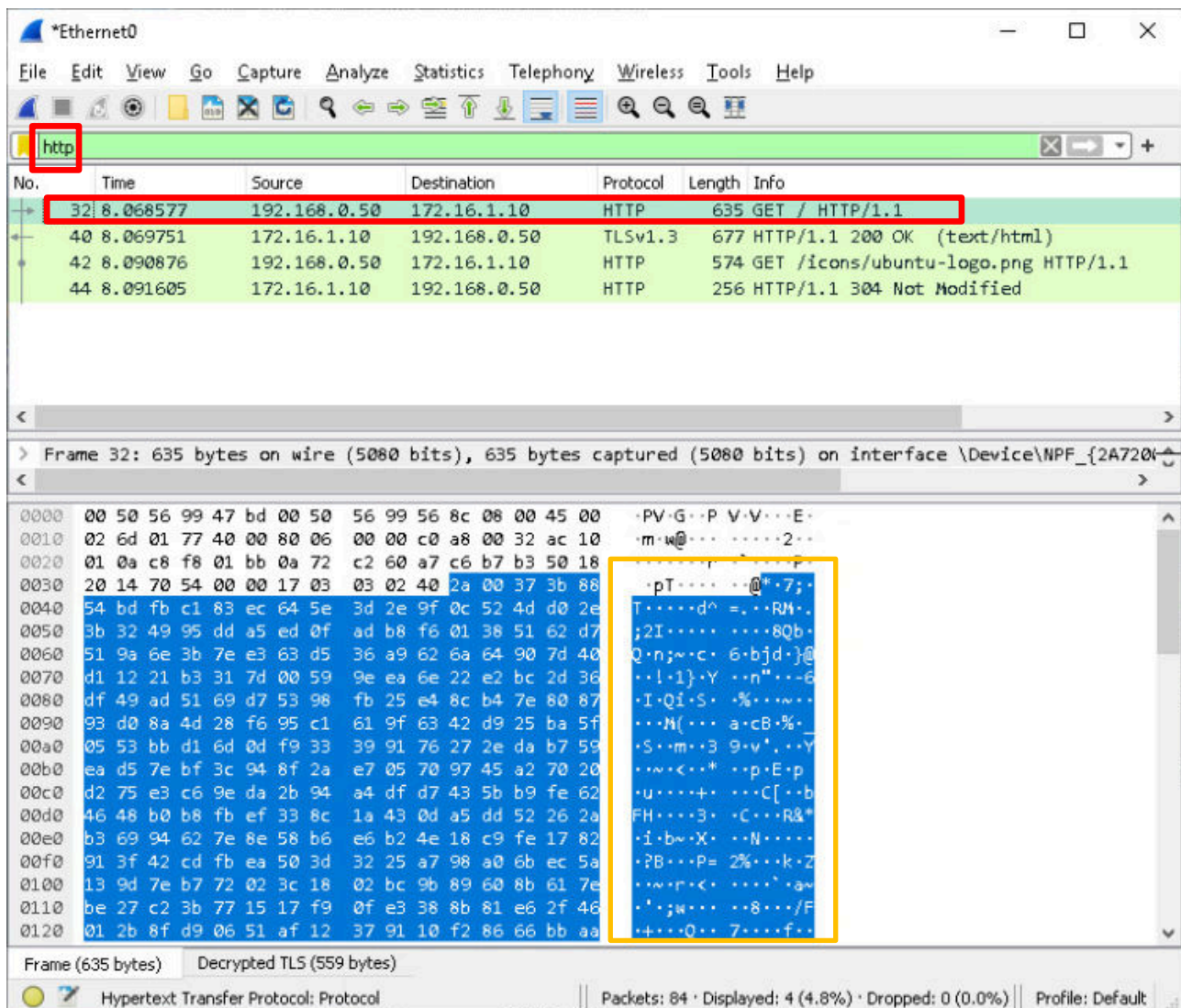




8. Go to the *Wireshark* window and stop the scan by clicking the **Stop Capturing Packet** button.

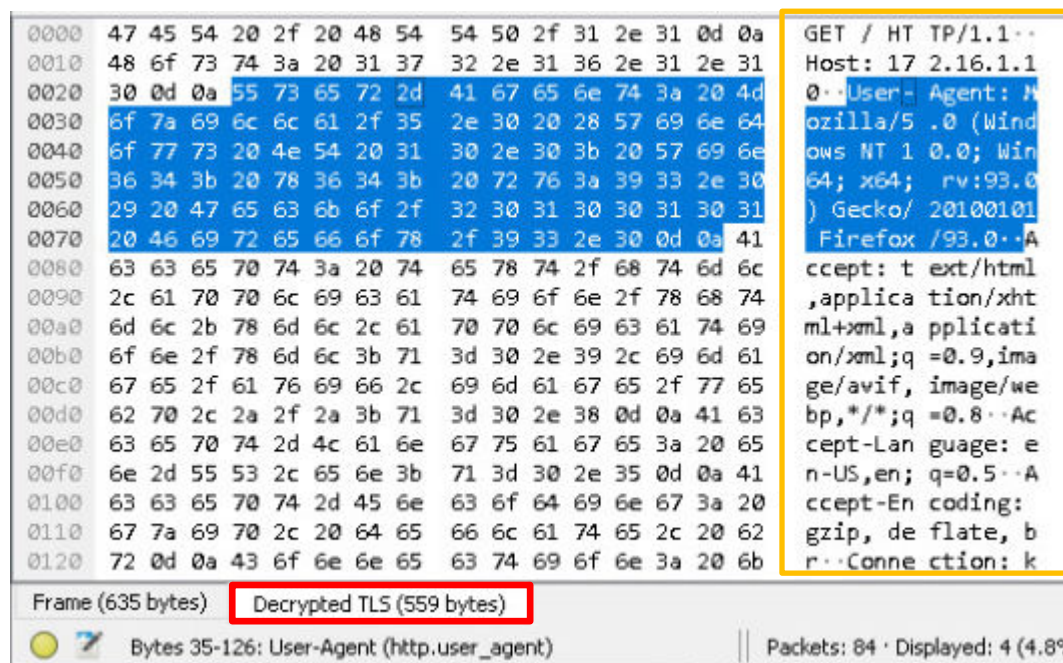


9. Go to the **FILTER** box, type in **http**, and press **Enter**. Each of the HTTP packets is encrypted. Click on the first packet that has **GET / HTTP/1.1**. The bottom panel will show the encrypted data.





10. Earlier the **SSLKeyLogFile** environment variable was set, and the **SSL Key Log** was captured and added to the **Preferences** in *Wireshark*; the captured packets can be decrypted. Click on the **Decrypted TLS** button at the bottom of the window, and now you will see that the packet has been decrypted, and the contents can be seen in plain text.



0000 47 45 54 20 2f 20 48 54 54 50 2f 31 2e 31 0d 0a  
 0010 48 6f 73 74 3a 20 31 37 32 2e 31 36 2e 31 2e 31  
 0020 30 0d 0a 55 73 65 72 2d 41 67 65 6e 74 3a 20 4d  
 0030 6f 7a 69 6c 6c 61 2f 35 2e 30 20 28 57 69 6e 64  
 0040 6f 77 73 20 4e 54 20 31 30 2e 30 3b 20 57 69 6e  
 0050 36 34 3b 20 78 36 34 3b 20 72 76 3a 39 33 2e 30  
 0060 29 20 47 65 63 6b 6f 2f 32 30 31 30 30 31 30 31  
 0070 20 46 69 72 65 66 6f 78 2f 39 33 2e 30 0d 0a 41  
 0080 63 63 65 70 74 3a 20 74 65 78 74 2f 68 74 6d 6c  
 0090 2c 61 70 70 6c 69 63 61 74 69 6f 6e 2f 78 68 74  
 00a0 6d 6c 2b 78 6d 6c 2c 61 70 70 6c 69 63 61 74 69  
 00b0 6f 6e 2f 78 6d 6c 3b 71 3d 30 2e 39 2c 69 6d 61  
 00c0 67 65 2f 61 76 69 66 2c 69 6d 61 67 65 2f 77 65  
 00d0 62 70 2c 2a 2f 2a 3b 71 3d 30 2e 38 0d 0a 41 63  
 00e0 63 65 70 74 2d 4c 61 6e 67 75 61 67 65 3a 20 65  
 00f0 6e 2d 55 53 2c 65 6e 3b 71 3d 30 2e 35 0d 0a 41  
 0100 63 63 65 70 74 2d 45 6e 63 6f 64 69 6e 67 3a 20  
 0110 67 7a 69 70 2c 20 64 65 66 6c 61 74 65 2c 20 62  
 0120 72 0d 0a 43 6f 6e 6e 65 63 74 69 6f 6e 3a 20 6b

GET / HTTP/1.1  
 Host: 172.16.1.1  
 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:93.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/93.0  
 Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,\*/\*;q=0.8  
 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5  
 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br  
 Connection: keep-alive

Frame (635 bytes)    Decrypted TLS (559 bytes)

Bytes 35-126: User-Agent (http.user\_agent)    Packets: 84 · Displayed: 4 (4.8%)

11. The lab is now finished, and you can end the reservation.