



## EXERCISE SHEET 1 - OSI reference model

### Task 1

- a. What is the basic idea of the OSI reference model?
- b. What does one understand (according to OSI) by an "open" network?

### Task 2

- a. Explain the principle of layering for communication tasks!
- b. What are the advantages and disadvantages?

### Task 3

Which are the 7 layers of the OSI reference model (English and Turkish names) and which functionalities are assigned to them?

### Task 4

Which are the 5 layers of the TCP/IP model (English and Turkish names) and which functionalities are assigned to them? What are the advantages and disadvantages of TCP/IP model compared to OSI reference model?

### Task 5

Understand and go through the following Wireshark tutorial at home. Discuss your interpretations and conclusions during the lab hour.



## Packet Capture & Traffic Analysis with Wireshark

This lab introduces packet capture (packet sniffing) and network traffic analysis with the **Wireshark** tool.

### Packet Capture (Packet Sniffing)

A **packet sniffer** is an application which can capture and analyse network traffic which is passing through a system's Network Interface Card (NIC). The sniffer sets the card to **promiscuous mode** which means all traffic is read, whether it is addressed to that machine or not.

### Packet Analysis

Wireshark is an open source cross-platform packet capture and analysis tool, with versions for Windows and Linux. The GUI window gives a detailed breakdown of the network protocol stack for each packet, colorising packet details based on protocol, as well as having functionality to filter and search the traffic, and pick out TCP streams. Wireshark can also save packet data to files for offline analysis and export/import packet captures to/from other tools. Statistics can also be generated for packet capture files.

Wireshark can be used for **network troubleshooting**, to **investigate security issues**, and to **analyse and understand network protocols**. The packet sniffer can exploit information passed in plaintext, i.e. not encrypted. Examples of **protocols** which pass information in plaintext are **Telnet, FTP, SNMP, POP, and HTTP**.

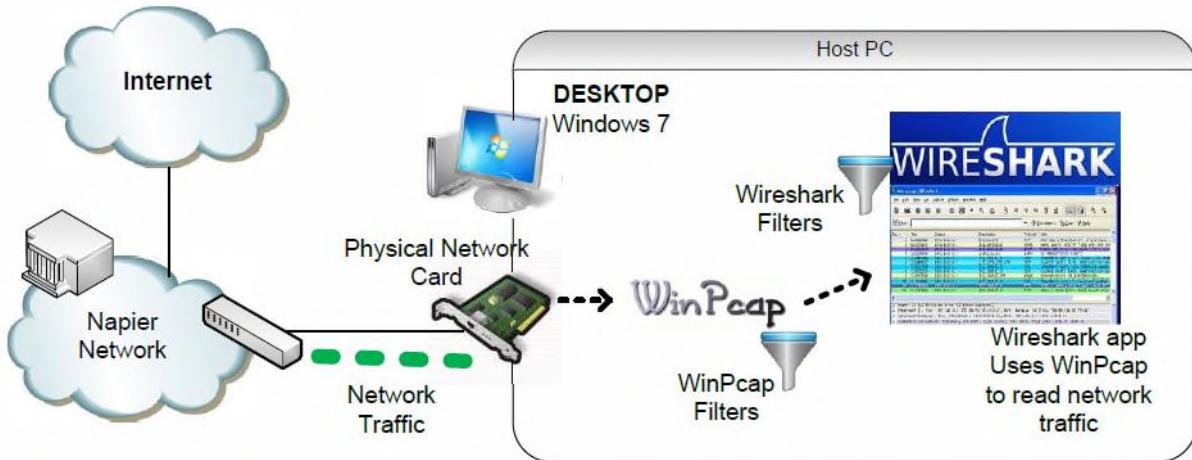
Wireshark is a GUI based network capture tool. There is another command line-based version of the packet capture utility, called **tcpdump**. **Tcpdump** provides many similar features as Wireshark, but is console-based. It can be a good alternative if only command line access is available, and also uses less resources as it has no GUI to generate.

### Using Wireshark to Capture and Analyse Traffic

In this exercise, the fundamentals of the **Wireshark Packet Sniffer and Protocol Analyser** tool will be introduced. Then Wireshark will be used to perform basic protocol analysis on TCP/IP network traffic.

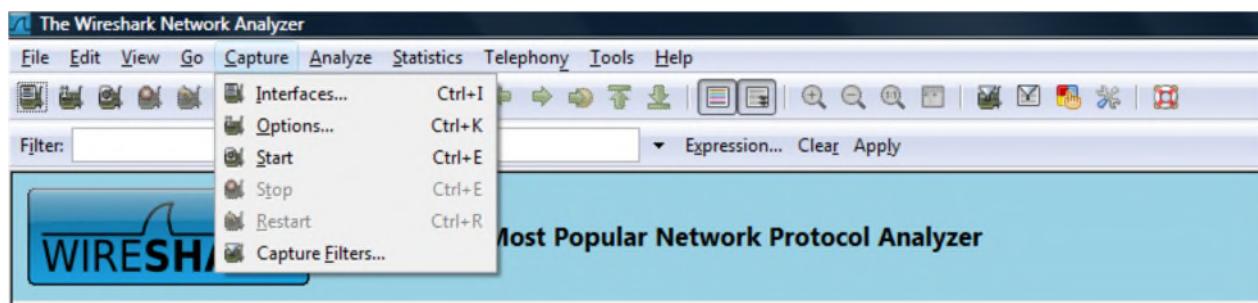


## Using Wireshark to Capture Traffic



*Select a Network Interface to Capture Packets through.*

Start the Wireshark application. When Wireshark is first run, a default, or blank window is shown. To list the available network interfaces, select the **Capture->Interfaces** menu option.



Wireshark should display a popup window such as the one shown in Figure 2. To capture network traffic click the **Start** button for the network interface you want to capture traffic on. Windows can have a long list of virtual interfaces, before the Ethernet Network Interface Card (NIC).



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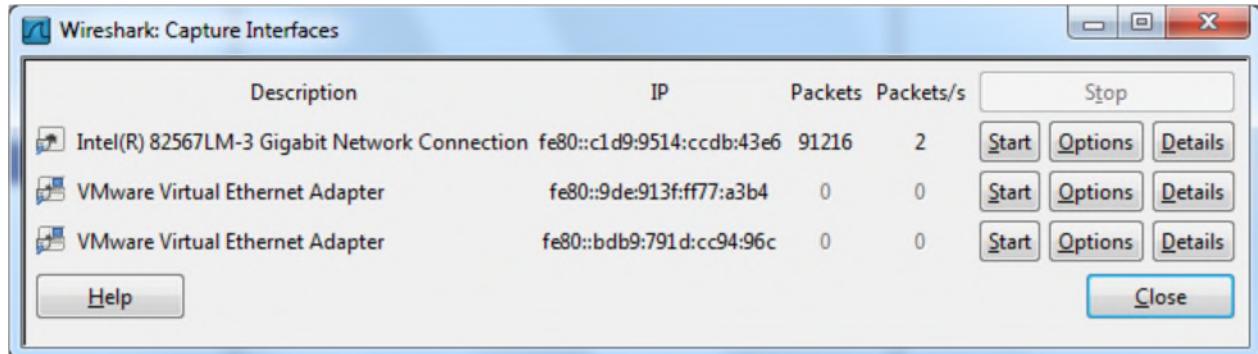


Figure 2 - Wireshark Interfaces Window

Generate some network traffic with a Web Browser, such as Internet Explorer or Chrome. Your Wireshark window should show the packets, and now look something like.

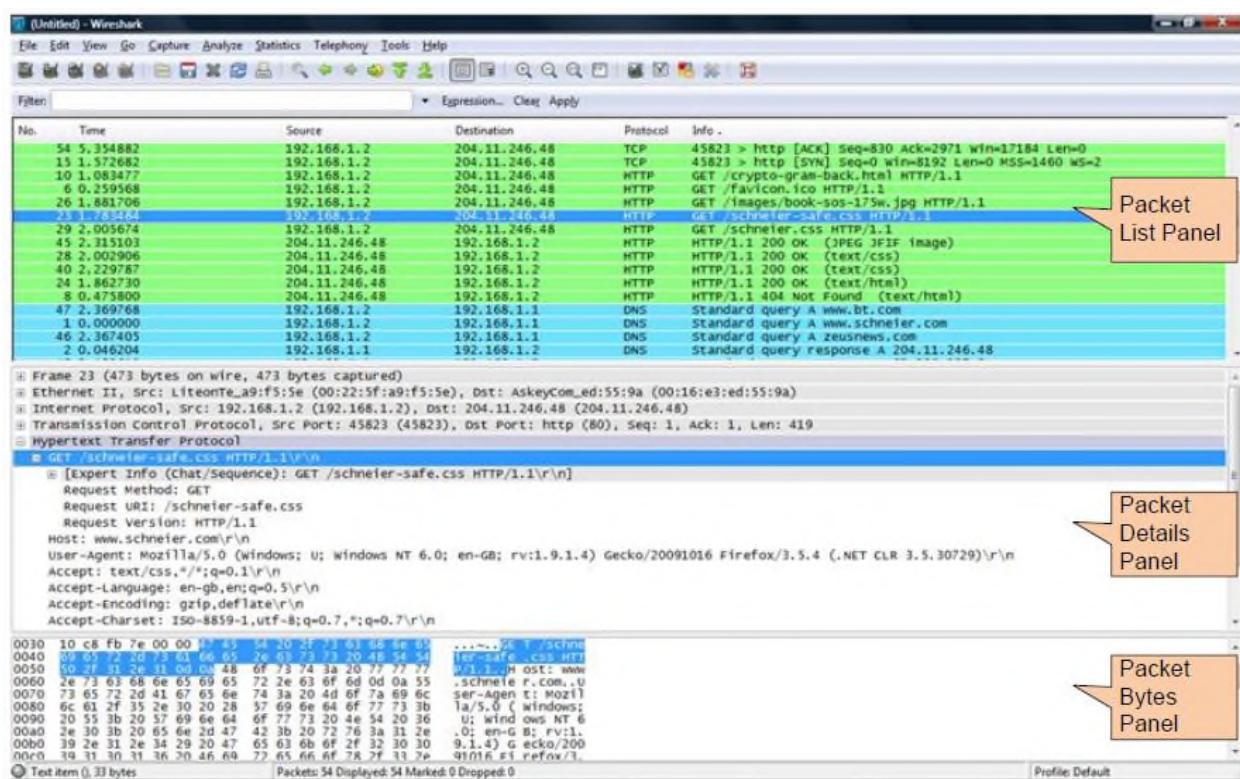


Figure 3 - Wireshark capturing traffic

To stop the capture, select the **Capture->Stop** menu option, **Ctrl+E**, or the Stop toolbar button. What you have created is a Packet Capture or '**pcap**', which you can now view and analyse using the Wireshark interface, or save to disk to analyse later. The capture is split into 3 parts:



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1. **Packet List Panel** – this is a list of packets in the current capture. It colors the packets based on the protocol type. When a packet is selected, the details are shown in the two panels below.
2. **Packet Details Panel** – this shows the details of the selected packet. It shows the different protocols making up the layers of data for this packet. Layers include Frame, Ethernet, IP, TCP/UDP/ICMP, and application protocols such as HTTP.
3. **Packet Bytes Panel** – shows the packet bytes in Hex and ASCII encodings.

To select more detailed options when starting a capture, select the **Capture->Options** menu option, or **Ctrl+K**, or the Capture Options button on the toolbar (the wrench). This should show a window such as shown in Figure 4.

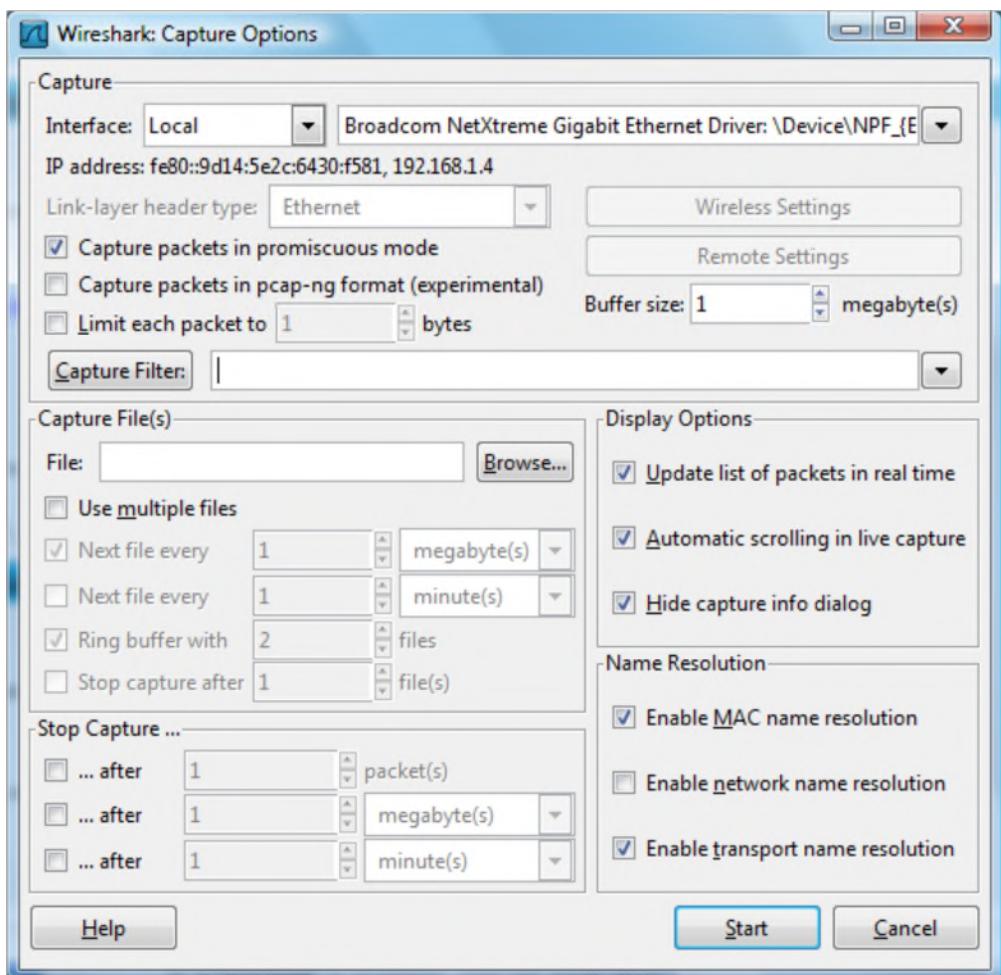


Figure 4 - Wireshark Capture Options

Some of the more interesting options are:



- **Capture Options > Interface** - Again the important thing is to select the correct Network Interface to capture traffic through.
- **Capture Options > Capture File** – useful to save a file of the packet capture in real time, in case of a system crash.
- **Display Options > Update list of packets in real time** – A display option, which should be checked if you want to view the capture as it happens (typically switched off to capture straight to a file, for later analysis).
- **Name Resolution > MAC name resolution** – resolves the first 3 bytes of the MAC Address, the Organization Unique Identifier (OUI), which represents the Manufacturer of the Card.
- **Name Resolution > Network name resolution** – does a DNS lookup for the IP Addresses captured, to display the network name. Set to off by default, so covert scans do not generate this DNS traffic, and tip off who's packets you are sniffing.

Make sure the **MAC name resolution** is selected. Start the capture, and generate some Web traffic again, then stop the capture.

## Wireshark Display Filters

Right click on the **Source Port** field in the **Packet Details Panel**. Select **Prepare a Filter->Selected**.

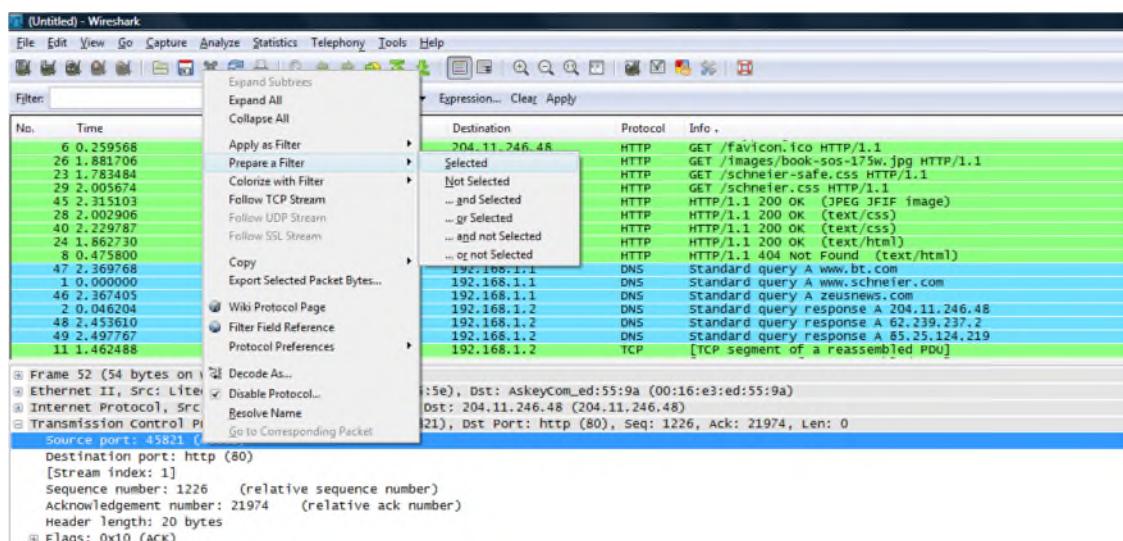


Figure 5 - Filtering on a protocol field

Wireshark automatically generates a **Display Filter**, and applies it to the capture. The filter is shown in the **Filter Bar**, below the button toolbar. Only packets captured with a Source Port of the value selected should be displayed. The window should be similar to that shown in Figure 6. This same process can be performed on most fields within Wireshark, and can be used to include or exclude traffic.



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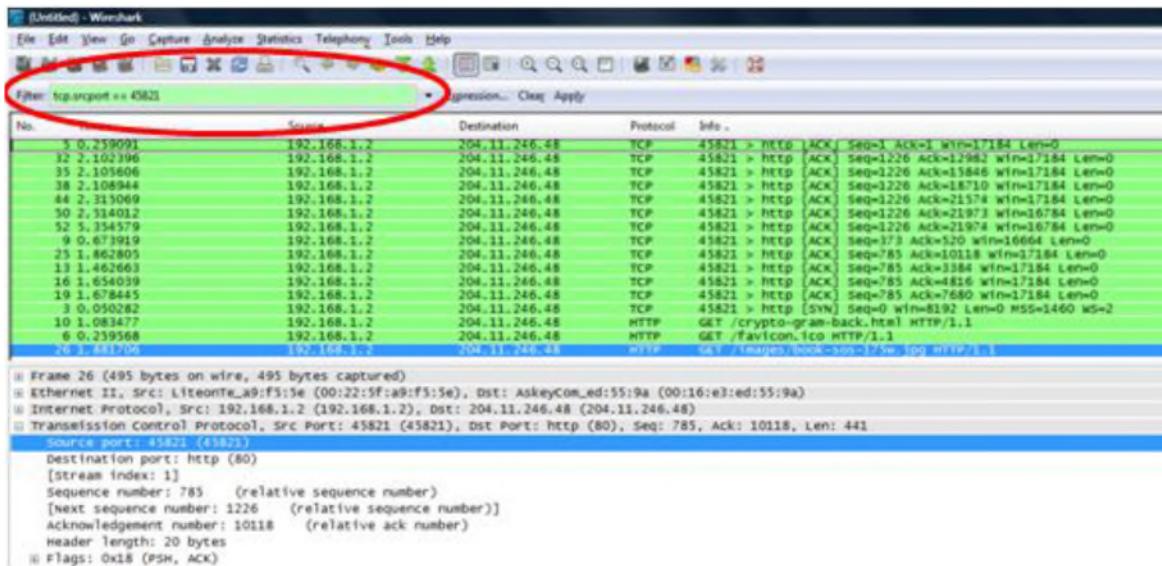


Figure 6 - Wireshark Display Filter