Aim : Analysis of Network Traces using Wireshark tool.

Description : Wireshark is a network packet analyzer. A network packet analyzer will try to capture network packets and tries to display that packet data as detailed as possible.You could think of a network packet analyzer as a measuring device for examining what's happening inside a network cable, just like an electrician uses a voltmeter for examining what's happening inside an electric cable (but at a higher level, of course).

Here are some reasons people use Wireshark:

- Network administrators use it to troubleshoot network problems
- Network security engineers use it to examine security problems
- QA engineers use it to verify network applications
- Developers use it to debug protocol implementations
- People use it to learn network protocol internals

The following are some of the many features Wireshark provides:

- Available for UNIX and Windows.
- Capture live packet data from a network interface.
- Open files containing packet data captured with tcpdump/WinDump, Wireshark, and many other packet capture programs.
- Import packets from text files containing hex dumps of packet data.
- Display packets with very detailed protocol information.
- Save packet data captured.

Filtering in wireshark :

In wireshark, filters can be used to display and capture only the packets desired by the user. Filtering can be done based on

- Protocol
- IP addresses of source and destination
- Port Number
- Sequence number

How to open a pcap file :

.pcap files are data files created using the program and they contain the packet data of a network. These files are mainly used in analyzing the network characteristics of a certain data. Launch a .pcap file, or any other file on your PC, by double-clicking it. If your file associations are set up correctly, the application that's meant to open your .pcap file will open it.

How to trace an interface using wireshark :

The following methods can be used to start capturing packets with Wireshark:

You can double-click on an interface in the main window.

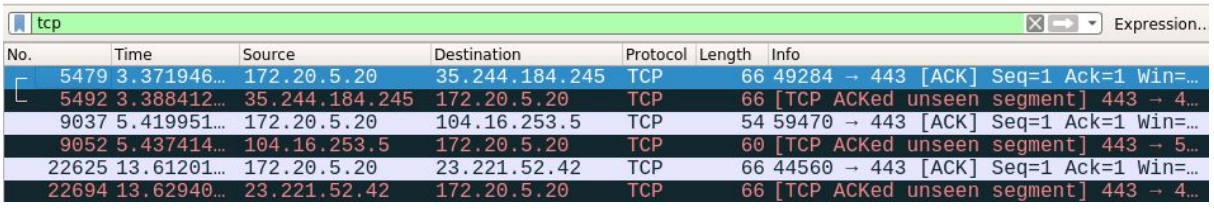
You can get an overview of the available interfaces using the "Capture Interfaces" dialog box (Capture → Options…). See Figure 4.1, "The "Capture Interfaces" dialog box on Microsoft Windows" or Figure 4.2, "The "Capture Interfaces" dialog box on Unix/Linux" for more information. You can start a capture from this dialog box using

the Start button.
You can immediately start a capture using your current settings by selecting Capture → Start or by clicking the first toolbar button.
If you already know the name of the capture interface you can start Wireshark from the command line:
$ wireshark -i eth0 -k
This will start Wireshark capturing on interface eth0.

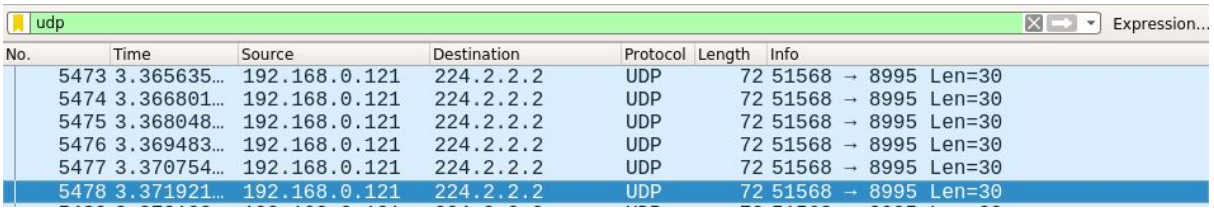
Filters
Wireshark has two filtering languages: capture filters and display filters. Capture filters are used for filtering when capturing packets "Filtering while capturing". Display filters are used for filtering which packets are displayed.
Display filters allow you to concentrate on the packets you are interested in while hiding the currently uninteresting ones. They allow you to only display packets based on:

Protocol
The presence of a field
The values of fields
A comparison between fields
… and a lot more!
To only display packets containing a particular protocol, type the protocol name in the display filter toolbar of the Wireshark window and press enter to apply the filter.

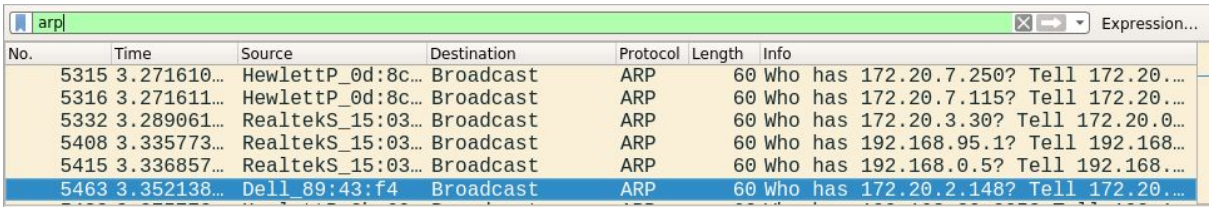
Based on protocol
Tcp :



Udp :

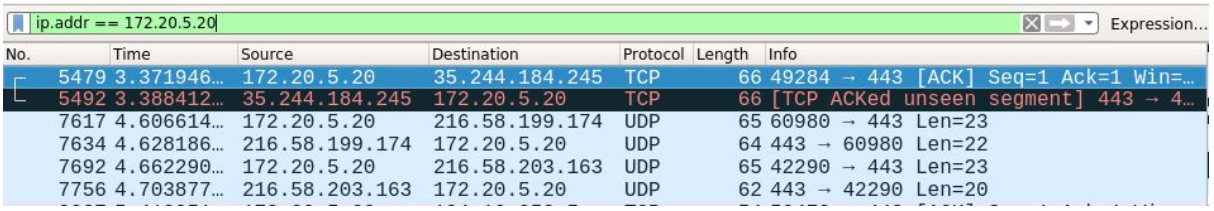


Arp: :

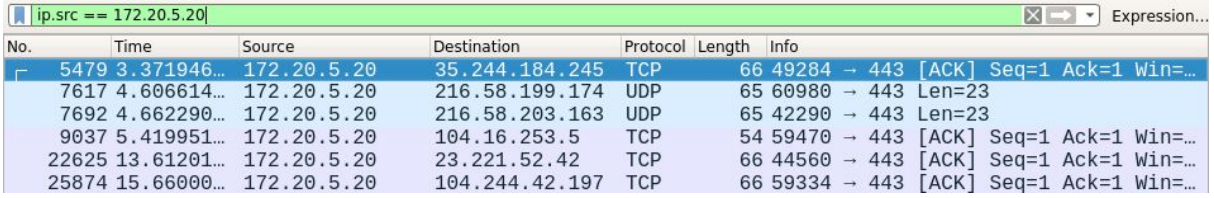


Based on IP Address

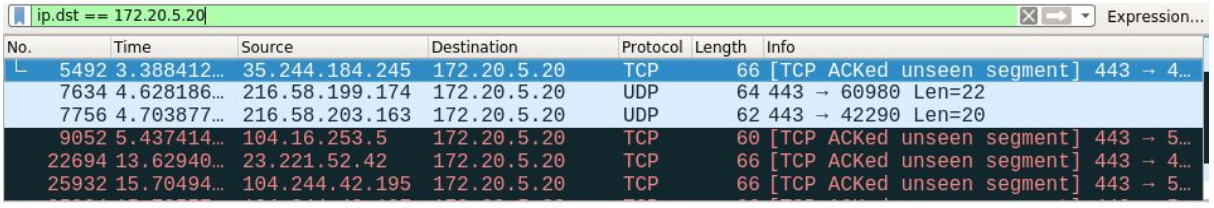
IP can be source or destination



IP is source



IP is destination



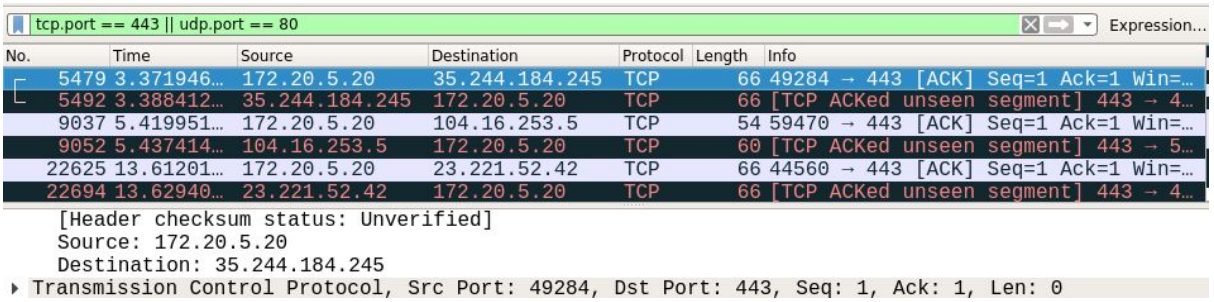
Display filters allow you to concentrate on the packets you are interested in while hiding the currently uninteresting ones. They allow you to only display packets based on:

Protocol
The presence of a field
The values of fields
A comparison between fields
… and a lot more!

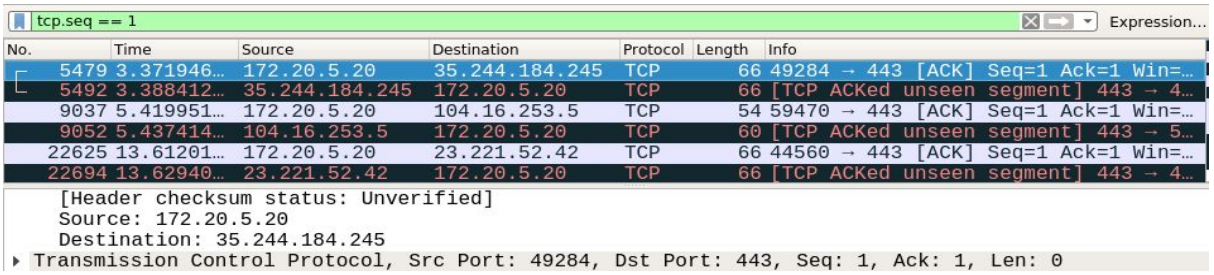
To only display packets containing a particular protocol, type the protocol name in the display filter toolbar of the Wireshark window and press enter to apply the filter.

Based on Port number

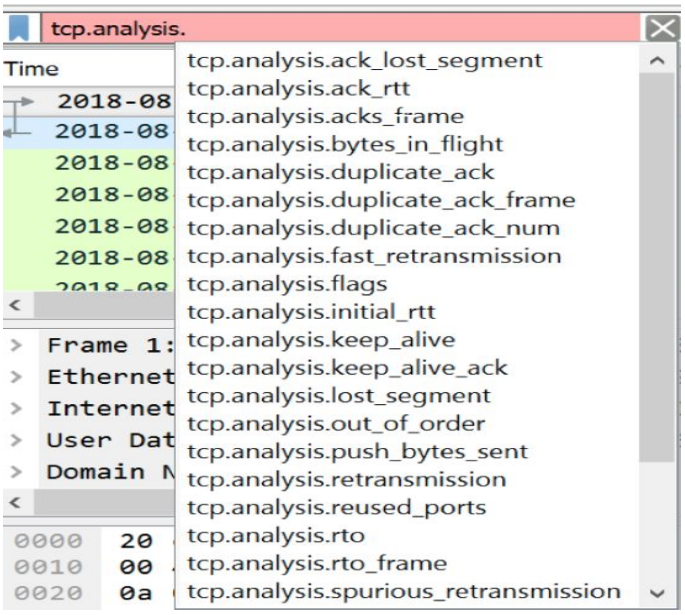
Port 443



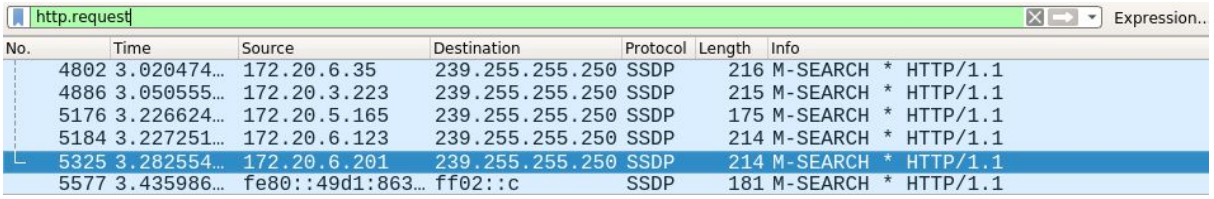
Based on Sequence Number



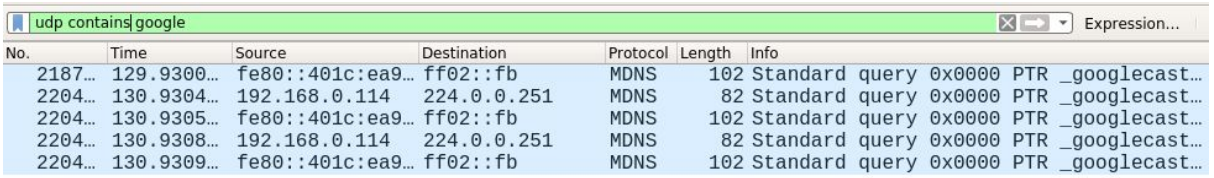
Tcp.analysis filter



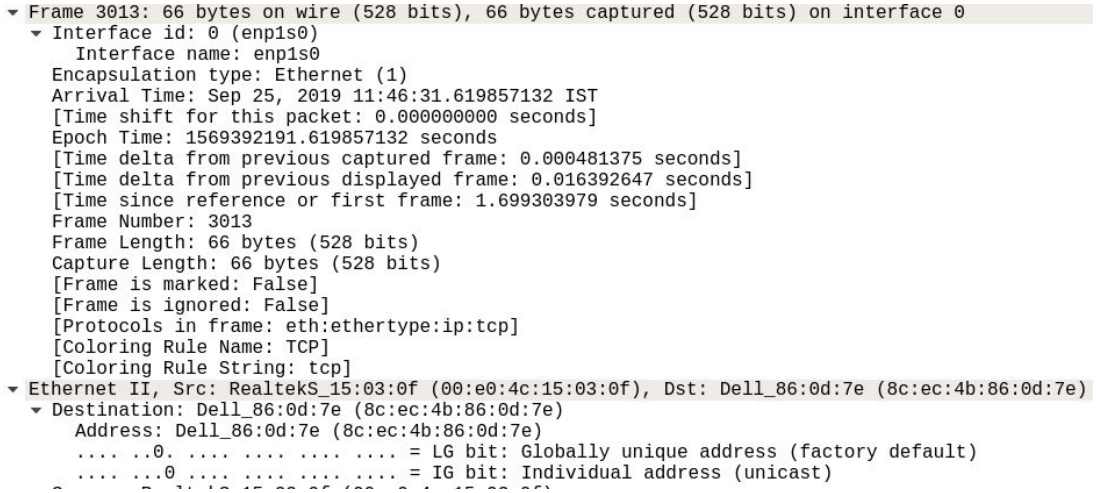
Http.request



Udp contains google



In this tool, we can also find the frame format and value of fields.



Conclusion:

In this experiment, we do the analysis of the network traces. Using wireshark tool, we can check if the network has any problems or not. We can come to know about the different frame formats of protocols and their field values.