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1. Explain usage of Wireshark tool.

Wireshark is a widely used network protocol analyzer that allows capturing and inspecting data packets traveling across a network. It is mainly used by network administrators, cybersecurity professionals, and students to analyze network traffic in detail.

Main Usages:

1. Capturing Network Traffic

- Wireshark captures live packets from network interfaces (e.g., Ethernet, Wi-Fi).
- Each packet is displayed with details like source IP, destination IP, protocol, size, and time.

2. Protocol Analysis

- It supports hundreds of protocols such as TCP, UDP, HTTP, DNS, etc.
- Wireshark decodes packet structures, helping to understand how communication takes place.

3. Troubleshooting Network Issues

- Helps in finding network delays, packet loss, retransmissions, and routing errors.
- Used to identify performance bottlenecks in a network.

4. Security and Forensics

- Detects suspicious activity like port scans, malware communication, or unauthorized access.
- Assists in forensic analysis after cyberattacks by analyzing saved capture files (.pcap).

5. Filtering and Searching

- Provides strong filters for focusing on specific traffic.
 - Example: `ip.addr == 192.168.1.5` (traffic of a particular IP).
 - Example: `http` (only HTTP traffic).

6. Learning and Education

- Useful for students to study how network protocols (like TCP 3-way handshake) work.
- Helps visualize encrypted vs. unencrypted communication.

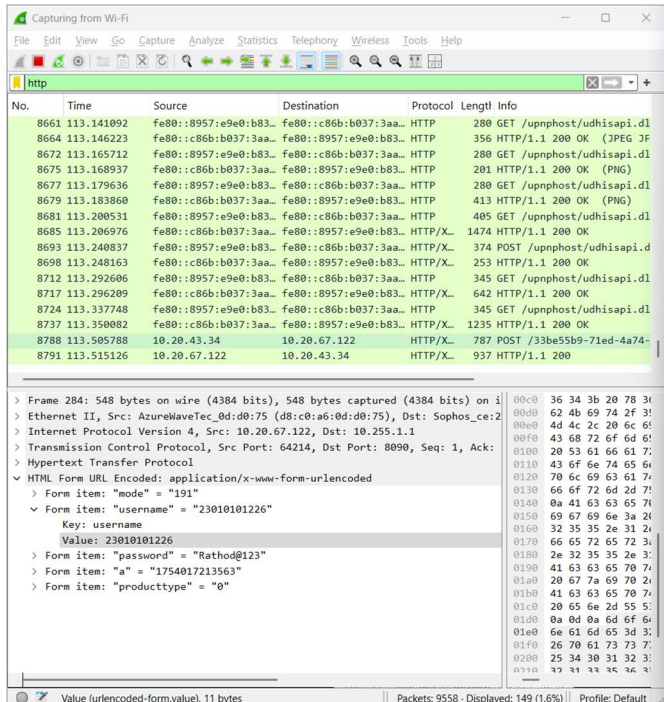
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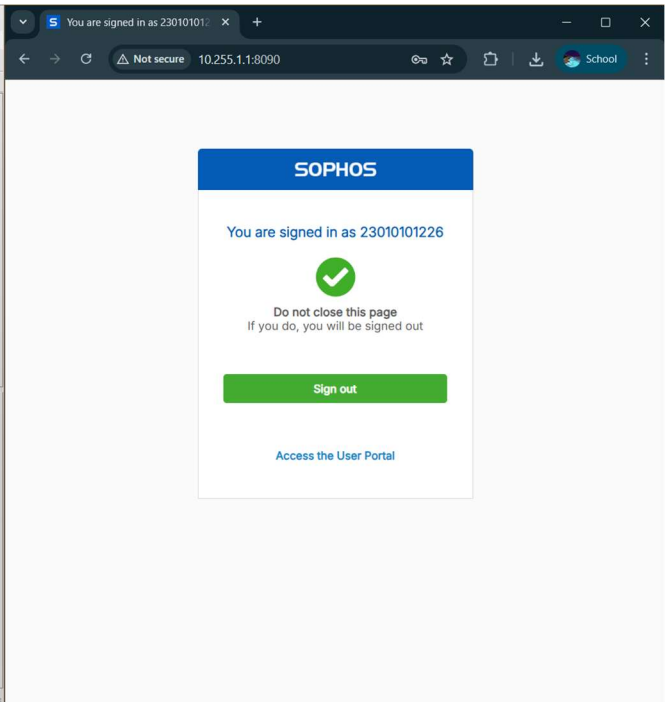
- Captures can be saved for later analysis in .pcap format.
- Generates useful reports such as protocol hierarchy and endpoint conversations.

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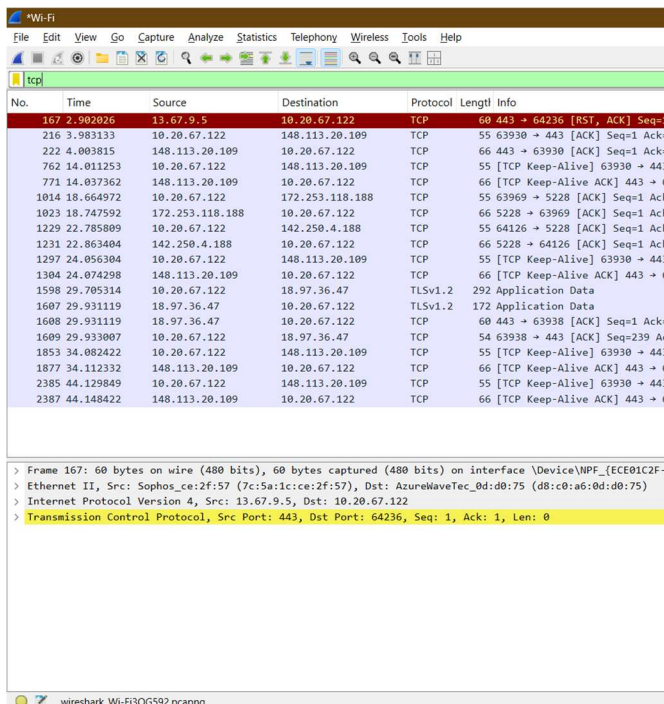
2. Packet captures and header analysis by Wireshark (HTTP, TCP, UDP, IP, etc.)

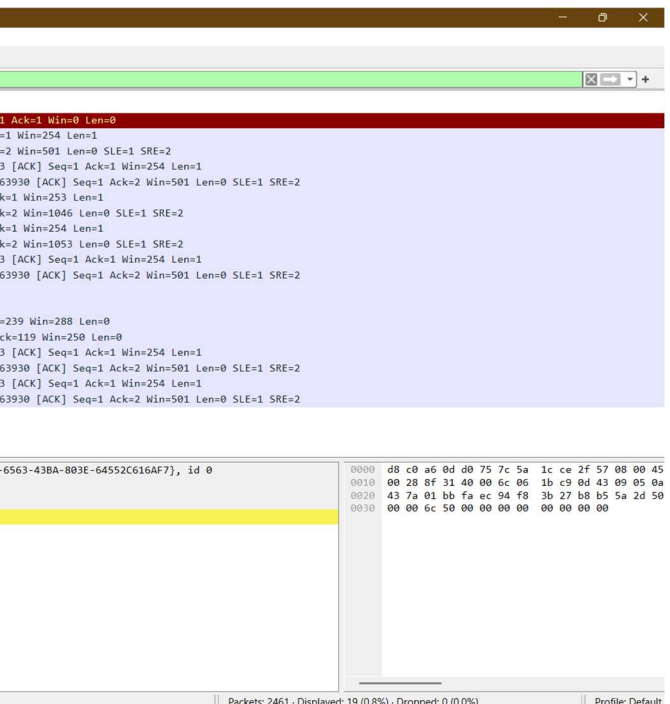
• HTTP





• TCP







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• UDP

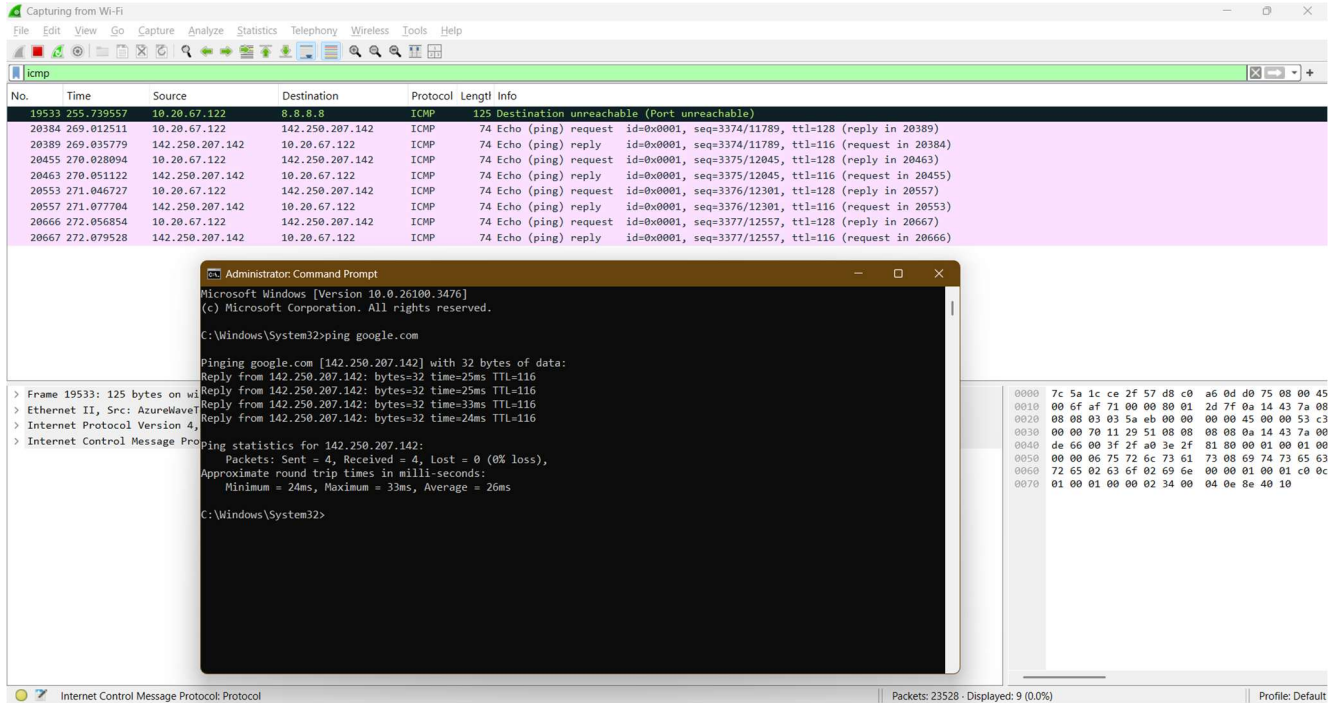
Wireshark packet capture showing UDP traffic. The packet list shows a DHCPv6 Solicit message (No. 1) and several DNS Standard query messages (Nos. 3-5, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, 20-22, 23-24, 26-27, 31-32, 33-34, 35-36, 46-47, 48-49, 50). The packet details pane shows the structure of the DHCPv6 Solicit message, including the Magic Cookie, Transaction ID, and Flags. The packet bytes pane shows the raw data of the packet.

• DNS

Wireshark packet capture showing DNS traffic. The packet list shows a DNS Standard query message (No. 803) and several DNS Standard query response messages (Nos. 814-818). The packet details pane shows the structure of the DNS Standard query message, including the Transaction ID, Flags, and Question section. The packet bytes pane shows the raw data of the packet. An Administrator Command Prompt window is overlaid on the packet details pane, showing the command 'nslookup google.com' and the output: 'Server: Unknown, Address: 10.20.1.1, Non-authoritative answer: Name: google.com, Addresses: 2404:6800:4009:800::200e, 142.250.70.110'.

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- ICMP



Wireshark packet capture showing ICMP Echo (ping) requests and replies. The packet list shows a sequence of pings from 10.20.67.122 to 10.20.67.122. The packet details pane shows the ICMP Echo (ping) request and reply fields. The packet bytes pane shows the raw data of the ICMP Echo (ping) request and reply.

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
19533	255.739557	10.20.67.122	8.8.8.8	ICMP	125	Destination unreachable (Port unreachable)
20384	269.012511	10.20.67.122	142.250.207.142	ICMP	74	Echo (ping) request id=0x0001, seq=3374/11789, ttl=128 (reply in 20389)
20389	269.035779	142.250.207.142	10.20.67.122	ICMP	74	Echo (ping) reply id=0x0001, seq=3374/11789, ttl=116 (request in 20384)
20455	270.028094	10.20.67.122	142.250.207.142	ICMP	74	Echo (ping) request id=0x0001, seq=3375/12045, ttl=128 (reply in 20463)
20463	270.051122	142.250.207.142	10.20.67.122	ICMP	74	Echo (ping) reply id=0x0001, seq=3375/12045, ttl=116 (request in 20455)
20553	271.046727	10.20.67.122	142.250.207.142	ICMP	74	Echo (ping) request id=0x0001, seq=3376/12301, ttl=128 (reply in 20557)
20557	271.077704	142.250.207.142	10.20.67.122	ICMP	74	Echo (ping) reply id=0x0001, seq=3376/12301, ttl=116 (request in 20553)
20666	272.056854	10.20.67.122	142.250.207.142	ICMP	74	Echo (ping) request id=0x0001, seq=3377/12557, ttl=128 (reply in 20667)
20667	272.079528	142.250.207.142	10.20.67.122	ICMP	74	Echo (ping) reply id=0x0001, seq=3377/12557, ttl=116 (request in 20666)

Administrator: Command Prompt

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Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.26100.3476]  
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C:\Windows\System32>ping google.com  
  
Pinging google.com [142.250.207.142] with 32 bytes of data:  
Reply from 142.250.207.142: bytes=32 time=25ms TTL=116  
Reply from 142.250.207.142: bytes=32 time=25ms TTL=116  
Reply from 142.250.207.142: bytes=32 time=33ms TTL=116  
Reply from 142.250.207.142: bytes=32 time=24ms TTL=116  
  
Ping statistics for 142.250.207.142:  
Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),  
Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:  
Minimum = 24ms, Maximum = 33ms, Average = 26ms  
  
C:\Windows\System32>
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Internet Control Message Protocol: Protocol

Packets: 23528 · Displayed: 9 (0.0%)

Profile: Default