

Computer Networks 1

Lab 6

Wireshark Lab: Ethernet and ARP v8.0

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I. Objectives

In this lab, we'll investigate the Ethernet protocol and the ARP protocol

II. Content

1. Capturing and analyzing Ethernet frames

- Q1: What is the 48-bit Ethernet address of your computer?

Answer: It is a4:97:b1:e3:90:0b

- Q2. What is the 48-bit destination address in the Ethernet frame? Is this the Ethernet address of gaia.cs.umass.edu? (Hint: the answer is no). What device has this as its Ethernet address? [Note: this is an important question, and one that students sometimes get wrong. Re-read pages 468-469 in the text and make sure you understand the answer here.]

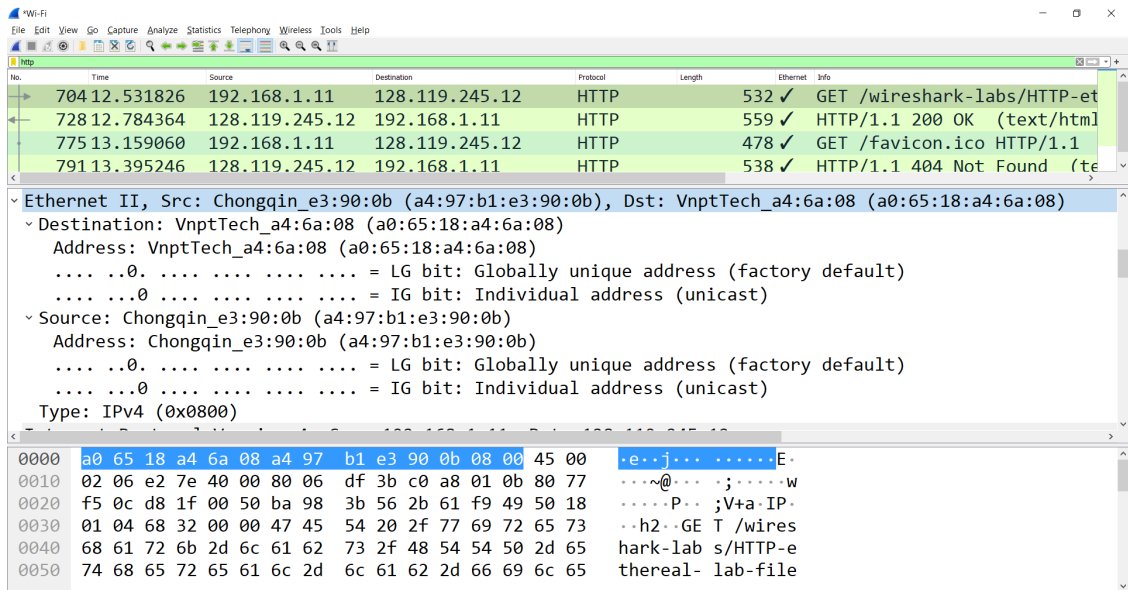
Answer: It is a0:65:18:a4:6a:08 and it is not the Ethernet address of gaia.cs.umass.edu. It is just a address of router name VnptTech

- Q3. Give the hexadecimal value for the two-byte Frame type field. What upper layer protocol does this correspond to?

Answer: Type: IPv4 (0x0800). This corresponds to Internet protocol.

- Q4. How many bytes from the very start of the Ethernet frame does the ASCII "G" in "GET" appear in the Ethernet frame?

Answer: It is 52 bytes

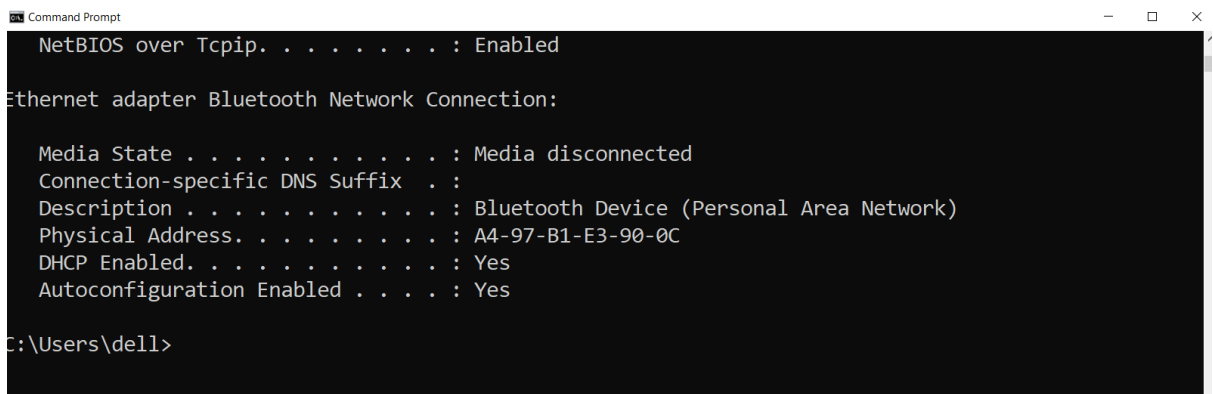


- Q5: What is the value of the Ethernet source address? Is this the address of your computer, or of gaia.cs.umass.edu (Hint: the answer is no). What device has this as its Ethernet address?

Answer: It is a0:65:18:a4:6a:08, it is not the address of my computer or of gaia.cs.umass.edu. The name of the device has this as its Ethernet address is VnptTech router

- Q6. What is the destination address in the Ethernet frame? Is this the Ethernet address of your computer?

Answer: It is a4:97:b1:e3:90:0b. It is address of my computer



- Q7. Give the hexadecimal value for the two-byte Frame type field. What upper layer protocol does this correspond to?

Answer: the hex value of this field is 0x0800. It corresponds to the IP protocol.

- Q8. How many bytes from the very start of the Ethernet frame does the ASCII "O" in "OK" (i.e., the HTTP response code) appears in the Ethernet frame?

Answer: It is 52 bytes

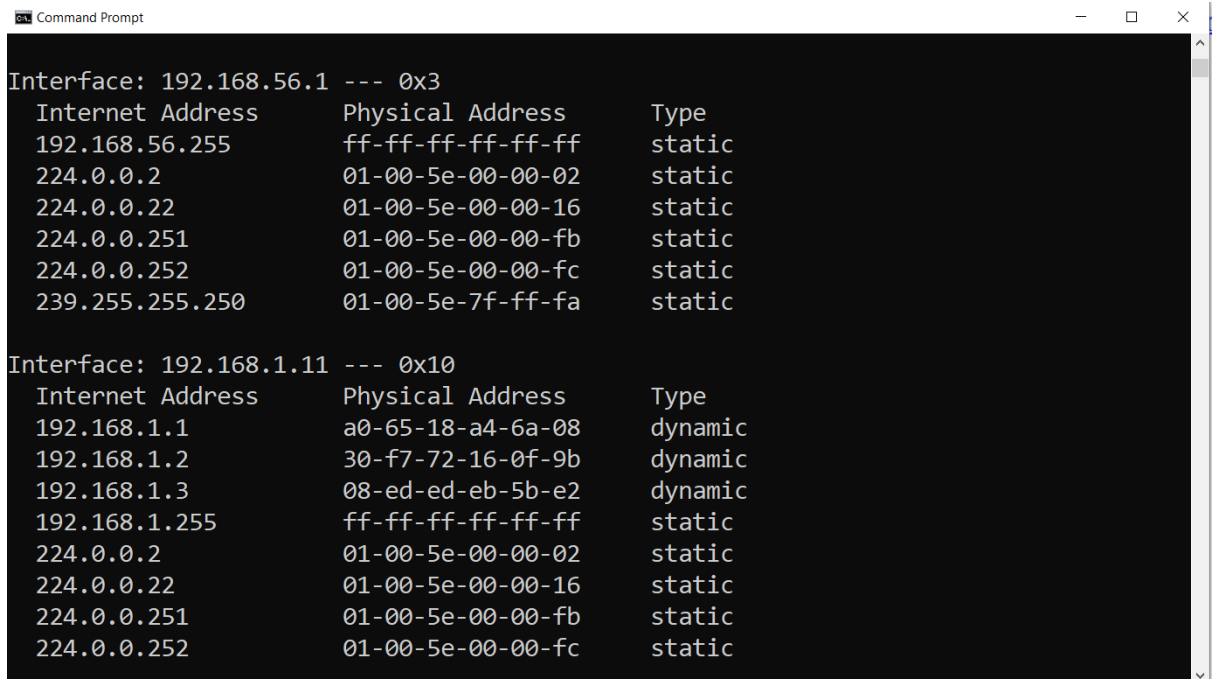
2. The Address Resolution Protocol

ARP Caching

- Q9: Write down the contents of your computer's ARP cache. What is the meaning of each column value?

Answer:

- Internet Address: IP address
- Physical Address: The MAC address
- Type: The protocol type



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Command Prompt

Interface: 192.168.56.1 --- 0x3
  Internet Address      Physical Address      Type
  192.168.56.255        ff-ff-ff-ff-ff-ff     static
  224.0.0.2             01-00-5e-00-00-02     static
  224.0.0.22            01-00-5e-00-00-16     static
  224.0.0.251           01-00-5e-00-00-fb     static
  224.0.0.252           01-00-5e-00-00-fc     static
  239.255.255.250       01-00-5e-7f-ff-fa     static

Interface: 192.168.1.11 --- 0x10
  Internet Address      Physical Address      Type
  192.168.1.1           a0-65-18-a4-6a-08     dynamic
  192.168.1.2           30-f7-72-16-0f-9b     dynamic
  192.168.1.3           08-ed-ed-eb-5b-e2     dynamic
  192.168.1.255         ff-ff-ff-ff-ff-ff     static
  224.0.0.2             01-00-5e-00-00-02     static
  224.0.0.22            01-00-5e-00-00-16     static
  224.0.0.251           01-00-5e-00-00-fb     static
  224.0.0.252           01-00-5e-00-00-fc     static
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Observing ARP in action

- Q10: . What are the hexadecimal values for the source and destination addresses in the Ethernet frame containing the ARP request message?

Answer: Ethernet II, Src: Chongqin_e3:90:0b (a4:97:b1:e3:90:0b), Dst: Broadcast (ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff)

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Ethernet	Info
7072	22.420761	VnptTech_a4:6a...	Chongqin_e3:90:0b	ARP	42	✓	Who has 192.168.1.11? Tell
7073	22.420785	Chongqin_e3:90...	VnptTech_a4:6a:08	ARP	42	✓	192.168.1.11 is at a4:97:b1
7961	37.385462	Chongqin_e3:90...	Broadcast	ARP	42	✓	Who has 192.168.1.1? Tell 1
7962	37.387438	VnptTech_a4:6a...	Chongqin_e3:90:0b	ARP	42	✓	192.168.1.1 is at a0:65:18:

[Frame is ignored: False]
[Protocols in frame: eth:ethertype:arp]
[Coloring Rule Name: ARP]
[Coloring Rule String: arp]
- Ethernet II, Src: Chongqin_e3:90:0b (a4:97:b1:e3:90:0b), Dst: Broadcast (ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff)
 > Destination: Broadcast (ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff)
 > Source: Chongqin_e3:90:0b (a4:97:b1:e3:90:0b)
 Type: ARP (0x0806)
 > Address Resolution Protocol (request)

0000	ff ff ff ff ff ff a4 97 b1 e3 90 0b 08 06 00 01
0010	08 00 06 04 00 01 a4 97 b1 e3 90 0b c0 a8 01 0b
0020	00 00 00 00 00 00 c0 a8 01 01

- Q11. Give the hexadecimal value for the two-byte Ethernet Frame type field. What upper layer protocol does this correspond to?

Answer: The hex value for the two byte Ethernet frame is ARP (0x0806), the corresponding upper layer protocol is ARP.

- Q12. Download the ARP specification from <ftp://ftp.rfc-editor.org/in-notes/std/std37.txt>. A readable, detailed discussion of ARP is also at <http://www.erg.abdn.ac.uk/users/gorry/course/inet-pages/arp.html>.

- a) How many bytes from the very beginning of the Ethernet frame does the ARP opcode field begin?

Answer: 10 bytes (6 bytes hardware + 4 bytes protocol)

- b) What is the value of the opcode field within the ARP-payload part of the Ethernet frame in which an ARP request is made?

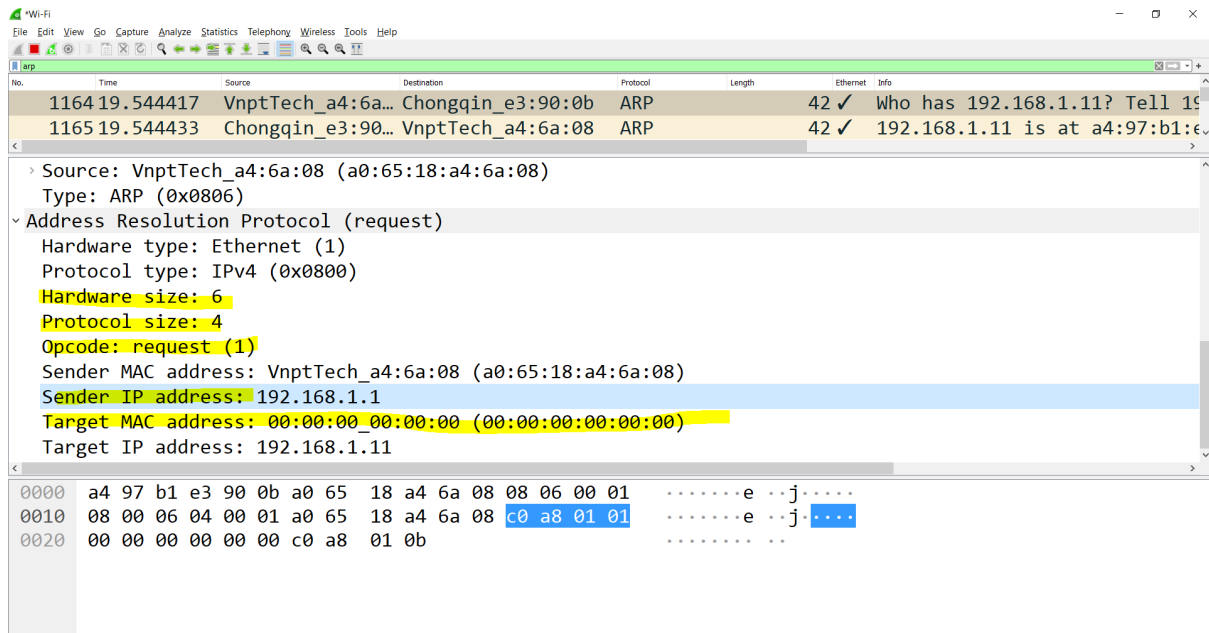
Answer: It is 1 (request)

- c) Does the ARP message contain the IP address of the sender?

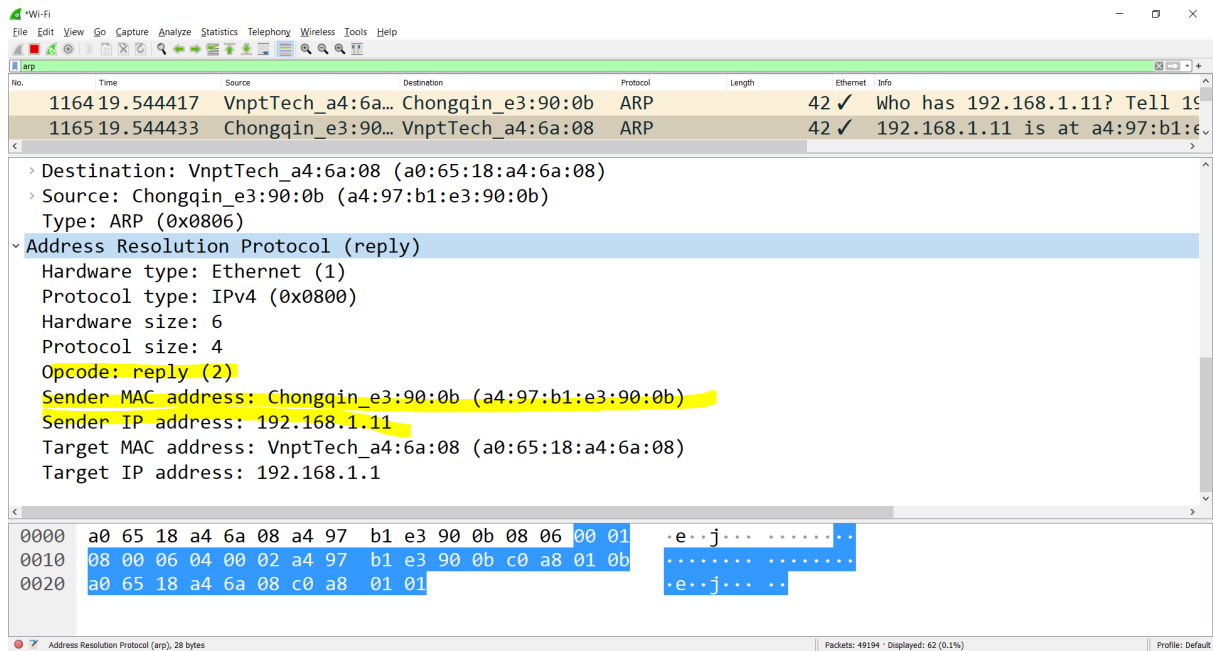
Answer: Yes, it is 192.168.1.1

- d) Where in the ARP request does the “question” appear – the Ethernet address of the machine whose corresponding IP address is being queried?

Answer: The field “Target MAC address” is set to 00:00:00:00:00:00 to question the machine whose corresponding IP address (192.168.1.1) is being queried.



- Q13. Now find the ARP reply that was sent in response to the ARP request.
 - a) How many bytes from the very beginning of the Ethernet frame does the ARP opcode field begin?
Answer: It is 20 bytes
 - b) What is the value of the opcode field within the ARP-payload part of the Ethernet frame in which an ARP response is made?
Answer: 2 (reply)
 - c) Where in the ARP message does the “answer” to the earlier ARP request appear – the IP address of the machine having the Ethernet address whose corresponding IP address is being queried?
Answer: Sender IP address: 192.168.1.11 and Sender MAC address: a4:97:b1:e3:90:0b does the “answer” to the earlier ARP request



- Q14. What are the hexadecimal values for the source and destination addresses in the Ethernet frame containing the ARP reply message?

Answer: Source: a4:97:b1:e3:90:0b Destination: a0:65:18:a4:6a:08

- Q15. Open the ethernet-ethereal-trace-1 trace file in <http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/wireshark-labs/wireshark-traces.zip>. The first and second ARP packets in this trace correspond to an ARP request sent by the computer running Wireshark, and the ARP reply sent to the computer running Wireshark by the computer with the ARP-requested Ethernet address. But there is yet another computer on this network, as indicated by packet 6 – another ARP request. Why is there no ARP reply (sent in response to the ARP request in packet 6) in the packet trace?

Answer: Because the ARP request is broadcast, but the ARP reply is not broadcast. The reply will be sent to the computer who made the request directly.

3. Extra Credit

- EX-1. The arp command: arp -s InetAddr EtherAddr allows you to manually add an entry to the ARP cache that resolves the IP address InetAddr to the physical address EtherAddr. What would happen if, when you manually added an entry, you entered the correct IP address, but the wrong Ethernet address for that remote interface?

Answer: I don't see any problems in this case even though I've tried to change the static and dynamic one. Ping requests still happen normally. Just 1 thing we need to

consider: Be careful of bad arguments. It will block the assign.

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C:\Windows\system32>arp -s 192.168.1.11 32-f5-a6-18-a4-ff

C:\Windows\system32>ping 192.168.1.11

Pinging 192.168.1.11 with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 192.168.1.11: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=128
Reply from 192.168.1.11: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=128
Reply from 192.168.1.11: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=128
Reply from 192.168.1.11: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=128
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C:\Windows\system32>arp -s 192.168.1.2 sadasdsadasd
ARP: bad argument: sadasdsadasd

C:\Windows\system32>
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- EX-2. What is the default amount of time that an entry remains in your ARP cache before being removed. You can determine this empirically (by monitoring the cache contents) or by looking this up in your operation system documentation. Indicate how/where you determined this value.

Answer: There is no clear answer for this question. Some sources said the default amount of time is 4 hours and other references showed that it is 6 hours. But in general, we can configure it!