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For this experiment of HTTP, I choose the official website of the embassy of the People's Republic of China in the Federal Republic of Germany because it is a website without using the HTTPS protocol.

With the help of the "Follow the TCP steam" functionality, I filtered out the TCP steam as follow:

The screenshot shows a Wireshark packet capture of a TCP connection. The filter is 'tcp.stream eq 37'. The packet list shows a sequence of packets from 3907 to 3930. Packet 3910 is highlighted in blue and is an HTTP GET request. Red arrows point to packets 3907, 3908, and 3909, which are part of a TCP 3-way handshake. A green arrow points to packet 3910, which is the HTTP GET request. The packet details pane shows the structure of the GET request, including the host 'de.china-embassy.org' and various headers like 'Connection: keep-alive' and 'Accept-Language: en-GB,en;q=0.9'.

TCP 3 handshake

HTTP Request

From the screenshot shown above, I can see that there was a TCP 3-way handshake process before the HTTP request. The request has a structure as follows:

1. A starter line
2. HTTP headers
3. A blank line

In the HTTP headers, I can find information such as

1. The Host is de.china-embassy.org
2. The connection support "keep-alive."

3. My browser's some features, such as supporting "Upgrade-insecure-requests", "Accept-Language" and "Accept-Encoding"
4. HTTP request nine contents in total, and this is the first content.
5. The response from the host is at the frame 3991 and the request (2/9) is in the frame 3994

Then I went to the frame 3991, and got a screenshot as shown below:

The screenshot displays a Wireshark capture of a TCP stream (eq 37). The packet list on the left shows several frames, with frame 3991 highlighted in blue, indicating it is the selected packet. Frame 3991 is an HTTP 200 OK response from the host (10.172.37.160) to the client (10.172.37.119). The packet details pane on the right shows the structure of the HTTP response, including the status line (HTTP/1.1 200 OK), headers (Date, Content-Type, Transfer-Encoding, Connection, Server, X-Via, X-Request-Id), and the body (HTML content). A red arrow points to frame 3991 with the text "HTTP response from the". Another red arrow points to frame 3994 with the text "Another request from the User-Agent".

From the screenshot shown above, I can see a response from the host and another request from the User-agent. Between the two requests from the User-agent, there is no close of the TCP connection because the protocol HTTP 1.1 is used so that the efficiency is hereby got improved.

The response has a structure as follows:

1. A status line including a. The protocol version HTTP/1.1; b. A status code 200, indicating the success of the request; c. A status text, OK, a brief description of the status code.
2. Headers, including a. the requested content has a type of text/html b. transfer coding information and so on
3. A blank line

Go to the very end of this TCP stream; I can see a close of connection via TCP 4-way handshake, which is shown below:

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
9783	32.347633	163.171.132.119	10.172.37.160	TCP	1440	80 → 50525 [ACK] Seq=1790687 Ack=3709 Win=66688 Len=1386 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
9784	32.347633	163.171.132.119	10.172.37.160	TCP	1440	80 → 50525 [ACK] Seq=1792073 Ack=3709 Win=66688 Len=1386 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
9785	32.347632	163.171.132.119	10.172.37.160	TCP	1440	80 → 50525 [ACK] Seq=1793459 Ack=3709 Win=66688 Len=1386 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
9786	32.347556	10.172.37.160	163.171.132.119	TCP	54	50525 → 80 [ACK] Seq=3709 Ack=1794845 Win=1964096 Len=0
9787	32.345954	163.171.132.119	10.172.37.160	TCP	1440	80 → 50525 [ACK] Seq=1794845 Ack=3709 Win=66688 Len=1386 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
9788	32.345952	163.171.132.119	10.172.37.160	TCP	1440	80 → 50525 [ACK] Seq=1796231 Ack=3709 Win=66688 Len=1386 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
9789	32.345952	163.171.132.119	10.172.37.160	TCP	1440	80 → 50525 [ACK] Seq=1797617 Ack=3709 Win=66688 Len=1386 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
9790	32.345951	163.171.132.119	10.172.37.160	TCP	1440	80 → 50525 [ACK] Seq=1799003 Ack=3709 Win=66688 Len=1386 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
9791	32.345950	163.171.132.119	10.172.37.160	TCP	1440	80 → 50525 [ACK] Seq=1800389 Ack=3709 Win=66688 Len=1386 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
9792	32.345949	163.171.132.119	10.172.37.160	TCP	1440	80 → 50525 [ACK] Seq=1801775 Ack=3709 Win=66688 Len=1386 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
9793	32.345948	163.171.132.119	10.172.37.160	TCP	1440	80 → 50525 [ACK] Seq=1803161 Ack=3709 Win=66688 Len=1386 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
9794	32.345947	163.171.132.119	10.172.37.160	TCP	1440	80 → 50525 [ACK] Seq=1804547 Ack=3709 Win=66688 Len=1386 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
9795	32.345946	163.171.132.119	10.172.37.160	TCP	1440	80 → 50525 [ACK] Seq=1805933 Ack=3709 Win=66688 Len=1386 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
9796	32.345945	163.171.132.119	10.172.37.160	TCP	1440	80 → 50525 [ACK] Seq=1807319 Ack=3709 Win=66688 Len=1386 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
9797	32.345945	163.171.132.119	10.172.37.160	TCP	1440	80 → 50525 [ACK] Seq=1808705 Ack=3709 Win=66688 Len=1386 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
9798	32.345944	163.171.132.119	10.172.37.160	HTTP	404	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (PNG)
9799	32.345833	10.172.37.160	163.171.132.119	TCP	54	50525 → 80 [ACK] Seq=3709 Ack=1810441 Win=1964096 Len=0
10272	4.124267	10.172.37.160	163.171.132.119	TCP	54	50525 → 80 [FIN, ACK] Seq=3709 Ack=1810441 Win=1964096 Len=0
10289	4.144052	163.171.132.119	10.172.37.160	TCP	56	80 → 50525 [FIN, ACK] Seq=1810441 Ack=3710 Win=66688 Len=0
10290	4.144083	10.172.37.160	163.171.132.119	TCP	54	50525 → 80 [ACK] Seq=3710 Ack=1810442 Win=1964096 Len=0

Frame 9799: 54 bytes on wire (432 bits), 54 bytes captured (432 bits) on interface en0, id 0
> Ethernet II, Src: Apple_e3:22:ee (d4:57:63:e3:22:ee), Dst: fe:cb:80:7b:ca:fe (fe:cb:80:7b:ca:fe)
> Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.172.37.160, Dst: 163.171.132.119
> Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 50525, Dst Port: 80, Seq: 3709, Ack: 1810441, Len: 0

TCP 4-way handshake for closing the connection

§2 All filter results for HTTP

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
3910	36.591411	10.172.37.160	163.171.132.119	HTTP	457	GET / HTTP/1.1
3991	37.250355	163.171.132.119	10.172.37.160	HTTP	60	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
3994	37.279135	10.172.37.160	163.171.132.119	HTTP	403	GET /images/style.css HTTP/1.1
4034	37.661485	163.171.132.119	10.172.37.160	HTTP	895	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/css)
4038	37.675326	10.172.37.160	163.171.132.119	HTTP	484	GET /dszl/dszc/200404/W020210709515346411536.jpg HTTP/1.1
4116	38.174079	163.171.132.119	10.172.37.160	HTTP	465	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image)
4118	38.174331	10.172.37.160	163.171.132.119	HTTP	455	GET /images/top.jpg HTTP/1.1
7626	39.288480	163.171.132.119	10.172.37.160	HTTP	710	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image)
7628	39.289129	10.172.37.160	163.171.132.119	HTTP	479	GET /sgyw/202203/W020220303015878090564.PNG HTTP/1.1
8544	40.518853	163.171.132.119	10.172.37.160	HTTP	164	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (PNG)
8551	40.521029	10.172.37.160	163.171.132.119	HTTP	479	GET /sgyw/202202/W020220221796236285925.jpg HTTP/1.1
9136	41.201764	163.171.132.119	10.172.37.160	HTTP	335	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image)
9138	41.202335	10.172.37.160	163.171.132.119	HTTP	479	GET /yqlj/202202/W020220225365413167562.png HTTP/1.1
9612	41.580026	163.171.132.119	10.172.37.160	HTTP	1120	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (PNG)
9614	41.580528	10.172.37.160	163.171.132.119	HTTP	479	GET /yqlj/202202/W020220225369220605608.jpg HTTP/1.1
9662	41.879975	163.171.132.119	10.172.37.160	HTTP	84	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image)
9664	41.881033	10.172.37.160	163.171.132.119	HTTP	479	GET /yqlj/202202/W020220225371961713292.png HTTP/1.1
9798	42.286454	163.171.132.119	10.172.37.160	HTTP	404	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (PNG)
3907	36.581357	10.172.37.160	163.171.132.119	TCP	78	50525 → 80 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=65535 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=64 TSval=267004444 TSecr=0 SACK_PERM=1
3908	36.590145	163.171.132.119	10.172.37.160	TCP	66	80 → 50525 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=56940 Len=0 MSS=1386 SACK_PERM=1 WS=128
3909	36.590342	10.172.37.160	163.171.132.119	TCP	54	50525 → 80 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=262144 Len=0

Frame 3910: 457 bytes on wire (3656 bits), 457 bytes captured (3656 bits) on interface en0, id 0
> Ethernet II, Src: Apple_e3:22:ee (d4:57:63:e3:22:ee), Dst: fe:cb:80:7b:ca:fe (fe:cb:80:7b:ca:fe)
> Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.172.37.160, Dst: 163.171.132.119
> Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 50525, Dst Port: 80, Seq: 1, Ack: 1, Len: 403
> Hypertext Transfer Protocol
> GET / HTTP/1.1\r\nHost: de.china-embassy.org\r\nConnection: keep-alive\r\nUpgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1\r\nAccept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8\r\nUser-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10_15_7) AppleWebKit/605.1.15 (KHTML, like Gecko) Version/15.4 Safari/605.1.15\r\nReferer: https://www.google.com/\r\nAccept-Language: en-GB,en;q=0.9\r\nAccept-Encoding: gzip, deflate\r\n\r\n[Full request URI: http://de.china-embassy.org/]
[HTTP request 1/9]
[Response in frame: 3991]
[Next request in frame: 3994]