

CPTR 494 final Project

Part 1: Setting Up Wireshark and Initial Capture

1. Install Wireshark (if not already installed):

Download and install Wireshark from <https://www.wireshark.org/>.

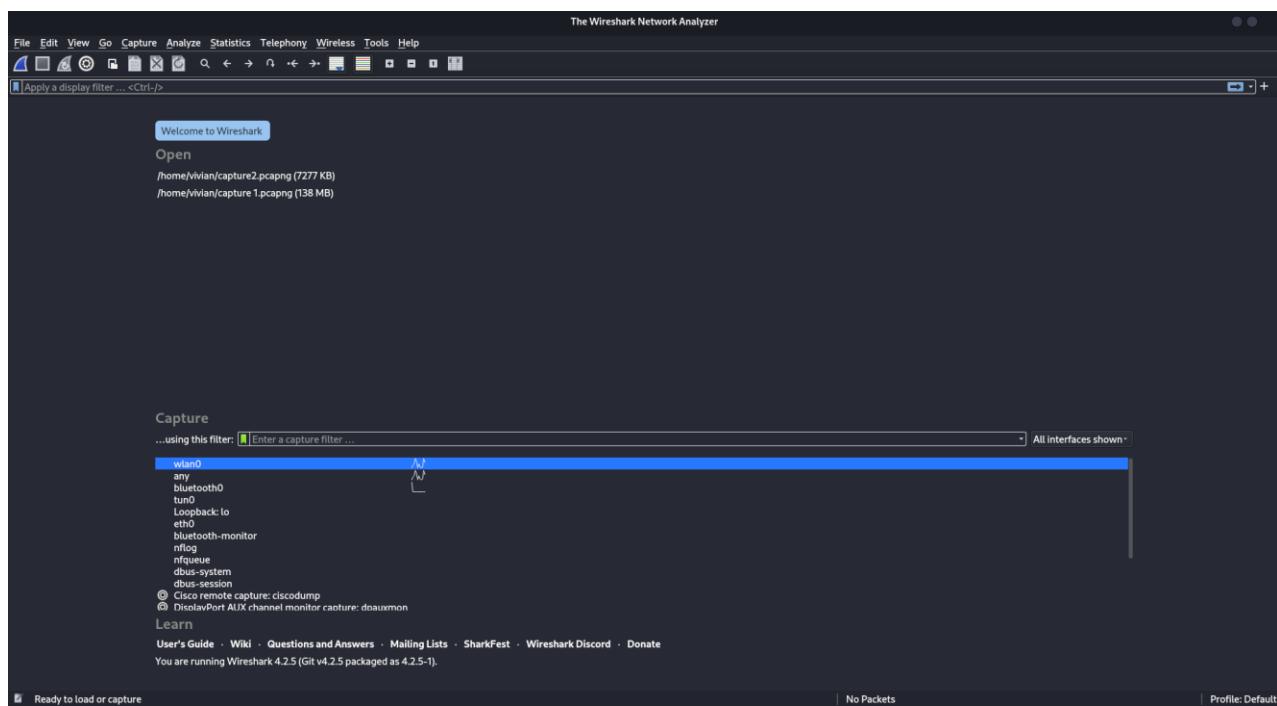
Ensure that the user has appropriate privileges to capture network traffic (admin/root access may be required).

2. Start Wireshark:

Open Wireshark.

Select the network interface that you will capture from (e.g., Ethernet, Wi-Fi).

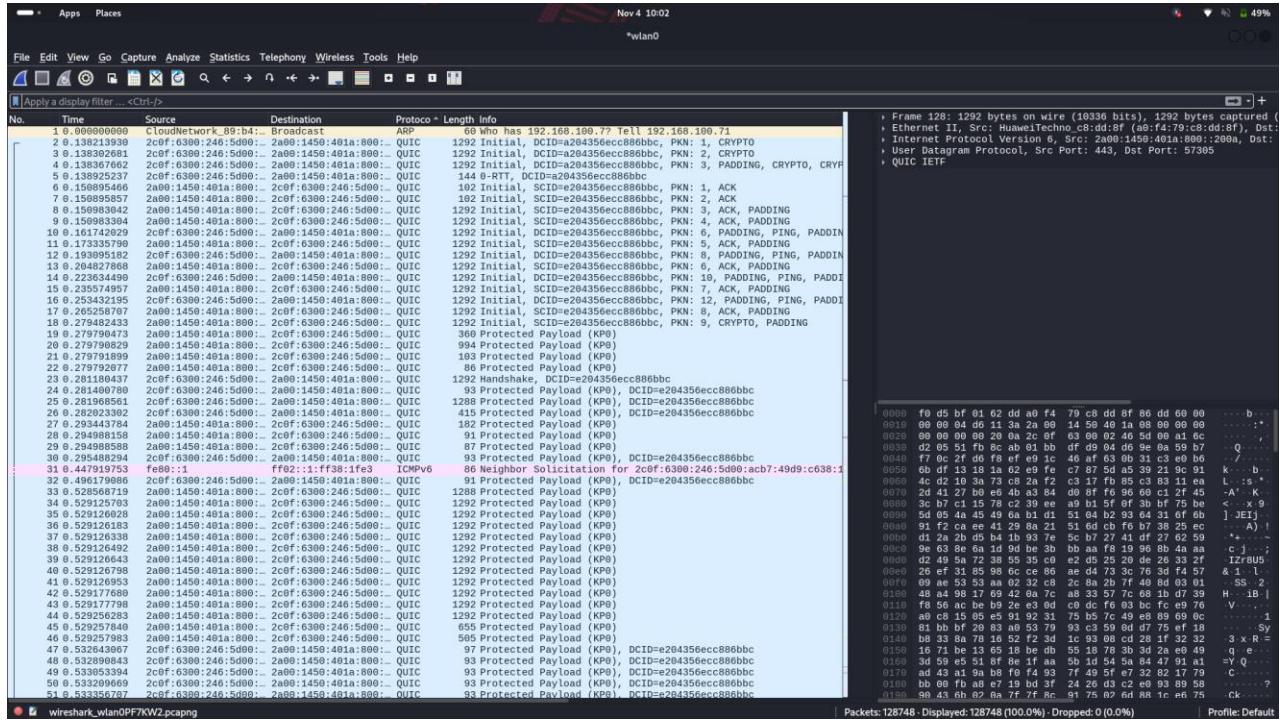
Click on the **Start Capturing Packets** button (the blue shark fin icon).



3. Generate Traffic:

Open a browser and visit a few websites.

Perform a file download or stream a video to generate more traffic.



4. Stop the Capture:

After a few minutes, click the **Stop Capturing Packets** button (the red square).

Part 2: Analyzing Network Traffic

1. Examine Protocols:

In the Wireshark window, notice the **Protocol** column.

Identify common protocols like **HTTP**, **HTTPS**, **TCP**, **UDP**, **DNS**, etc.

Use the filter bar to focus on specific protocols:

HTTP

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http

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
158 9	15:41:34.799	44:f9:b2:2e:4d:f9	64:f9:b2:2e:d4:f903	HTTP	527	/login.php HTTP/1.1
163 10	0:00:00.894	64:f9:b2:2e:4d:f9	64:f9:b2:2e:4d:f903	HTTP	100	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
164 11	0:00:00.900	64:f9:b2:2e:4d:f9	64:f9:b2:2e:4d:f903	HTTP	1	102 POST /login.php HTTP/1.1 (application/x-www-form-urlencoded)
3384 72	0:00:00.936	64:f9:b2:2e:4d:f9	64:f9:b2:2e:c4:f903	HTTP	362	HTTP/1.1 302 Found (text/html)
3386 72	0:00:02.169	2c:0f:f3:08:24:08	64:f9:b2:2e:c4:f903	HTTP	527	/login.php HTTP/1.1
3388 73	0:00:02.173	2c:0f:f3:08:24:08	64:f9:b2:2e:c4:f903	HTTP	2834	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
3788 180	0:00:02.213	0:00:00.000	2c:0f:f3:08:24:08	HTTP	651	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (application/x-www-form-urlencoded)
3789 181	0:00:02.213	0:00:00.000	2c:0f:f3:08:24:08	HTTP	362	HTTP/1.1 302 Found (text/html)
3717 181	0:00:02.213	0:00:00.000	2c:0f:f3:08:24:08	HTTP	527	/GET /login.php HTTP/1.1
3731 181	0:00:02.213	0:00:00.000	2c:0f:f3:08:24:08	HTTP	2834	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
6627 156	12:77:20.263	2c:0f:f3:08:24:08	64:f9:b2:2e:c4:f903	HTTP	545	GET /login.php HTTP/1.1
6767 156	12:77:20.263	64:f9:b2:2e:c4:f903	64:f9:b2:2e:c4:f903	HTTP	895	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
6887 157	12:13:22.332	2c:0f:f3:08:24:08	64:f9:b2:2e:c4:f903	HTTP	419	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
6881 157	12:13:22.337	2c:0f:f3:08:24:08	64:f9:b2:2e:c4:f903	HTTP	471	GET /images/logo.gif HTTP/1.1
6999 157	0:00:00.000	2c:0f:f3:08:24:08	64:f9:b2:2e:c4:f903	HTTP	4140	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/css)
6945 158	0:00:00.000	2c:0f:f3:08:24:08	64:f9:b2:2e:c4:f903	HTTP	4219	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (GIF89a)
7586 165	0:00:00.000	2c:0f:f3:08:24:08	64:f9:b2:2e:c4:f903	HTTP	4140	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
7573 165	0:00:00.000	2c:0f:f3:08:24:08	64:f9:b2:2e:c4:f903	HTTP	1221	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (image/icon)
10879 183	27:99:14.058	2c:0f:f3:08:24:08	64:f9:b2:2e:c4:f903	HTTP	726	POST /userinfo.php HTTP/1.1 (application/x-www-form-urlencoded)
10997 183	0:00:00.000	2c:0f:f3:08:24:08	64:f9:b2:2e:c4:f903	HTTP	362	HTTP/1.1 302 Found (text/html)
10999 183	0:00:00.000	2c:0f:f3:08:24:08	64:f9:b2:2e:c4:f903	HTTP	592	GET /login.php HTTP/1.1
10921 183	0:00:00.000	2c:0f:f3:08:24:08	64:f9:b2:2e:c4:f903	HTTP	2834	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
11091 217	0:00:00.000	2c:0f:f3:08:24:08	64:f9:b2:2e:c4:f903	HTTP	567	GET /signout.php HTTP/1.1
11059 217	0:00:00.000	2c:0f:f3:08:24:08	64:f9:b2:2e:c4:f903	HTTP	118	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
12814 291	74:67:57.917	2c:0f:f3:08:24:08	64:f9:b2:2e:c4:f903	HTTP	835	POST /secured/newuser.php HTTP/1.1 (application/x-www-form-urlencoded)
12875 292	0:00:00.000	2c:0f:f3:08:24:08	64:f9:b2:2e:c4:f903	HTTP	849	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
12877 292	0:00:00.000	2c:0f:f3:08:24:08	64:f9:b2:2e:c4:f903	HTTP	437	GET /secured/style.css HTTP/1.1
12887 292	0:00:00.000	2c:0f:f3:08:24:08	64:f9:b2:2e:c4:f903	HTTP	3831	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/css)

Frame 156: 527 bytes on wire (4216 bits), 527 bytes captured (4216 bits) (100% on air)
Ethernet II, Src: NetworkMiner (00:0c:29:00:00:00), Dst: 2c:0f:f3:08:24:08 (00:0c:29:00:00:08) [eth0]
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.1.70 (00:0c:29:00:00:00), Dst: 192.168.1.100 (00:0c:29:00:00:08)
Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 39186, Dst Port: 80, Seq: 1, Ack: 1, Len: 527
Hypertext Transfer Protocol

DNS

Packets: 13641 - Displayed: 28 (0.2%) - Dropped: 0 (0.0%) | Profile: Default

DNS

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dns

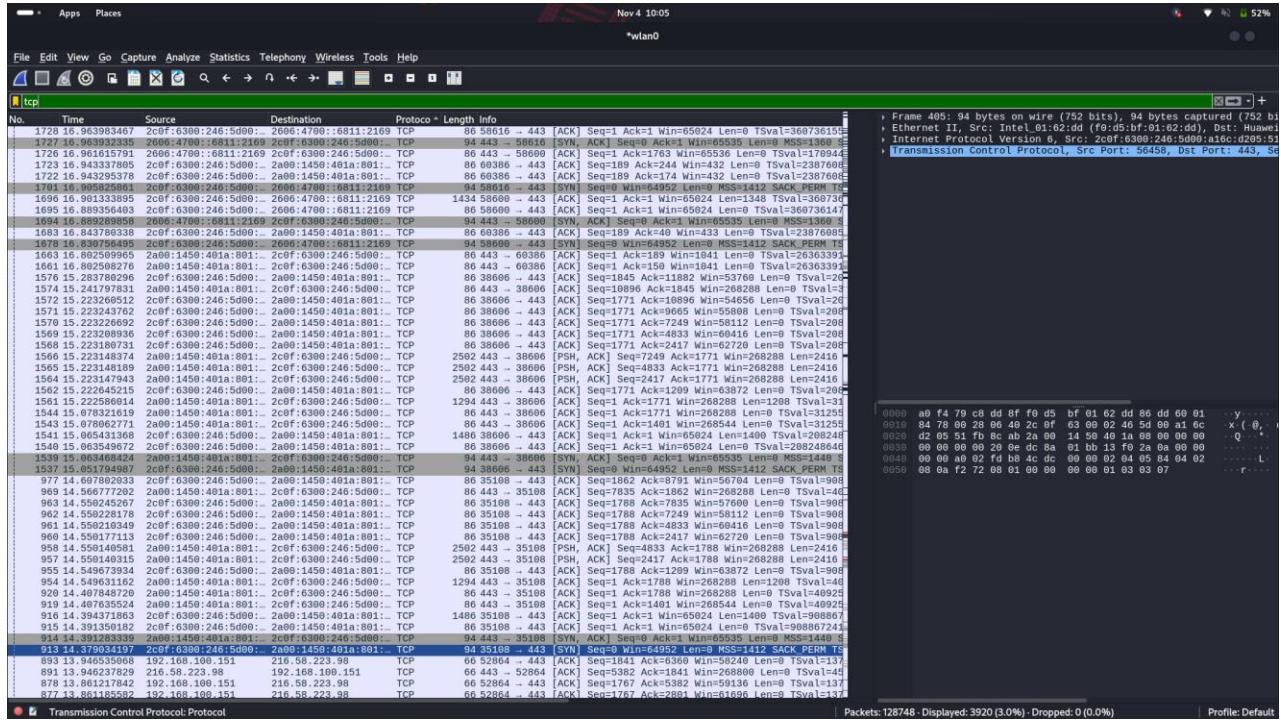
No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1236.	210.3495696092	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	138 Standard	query response 0x529f A beacons.gcp.gvt2.com CNAM
1236..	210.34735783	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	80 Standard	query response 0x52a0 AAA beacons.gcp.gvt2.com CNAM
1236..	210.343979374	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	80 Standard	query 0x529f A beacons.gcp.gvt2.com
1236..	210.343703857	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	80 Standard	query 0x5283 AAA beacons.gcp.gvt2.com
1059..	198.290879794	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	181 Standard	query response 0x5ab0 HTTPS yt-3gppht.com CNNAME photo
1059..	198.289532077	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	137 Standard	query response 0x5ab1 HTTPS yt-3gppht.com CNNAME photo
1059..	198.289532077	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	149 Standard	query response 0x5417 HTTPS yt-3gppht.com CNNAME photo
1059..	198.189024489	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	73 Standard	query 0x5ab0 HTTPS yt-3gppht.com
1059..	198.187876982	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	73 Standard	query 0x5eb3 A yt-3gppht.com
1059..	198.18372462	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	178 Standard	query response 0x52d2 AAA beacons.gcp.gvt2.com CNAM
95673	198.1807687085	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	138 Standard	query response 0x52d3 AAA beacons.gcp.gvt2.com CNAM
95672	199.592654483	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	158 Standard	query response 0x7450 AAA beacons.gcp.gvt2.com CNNAME h
95678	199.589492218	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	80 Standard	query 0x206f HTTPS beacons.gcp.gvt2.com
95669	199.589294234	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	80 Standard	query 0x5f65 A beacons.gcp.gvt2.com
95669	199.589294234	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	80 Standard	query 0x7474 AAA beacons.gcp.gvt2.com
79784	192.191092105	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	154 Standard	query response 0x5d01 A rra4-sn-hc57enee.googlevideo.com
79783	192.181628381	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	166 Standard	query response 0x5e91 AAAA rra4-sn-hc57enee.googlevideo.com
79782	192.095592607	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	93 Standard	query 0x2d46 HTTPS rr4--sn-hc57enee.googlevideo.com
79781	192.095396629	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	93 Standard	query 0xd6d6 A rr4--sn-hc57enee.googlevideo.com
79780	192.095396629	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	93 Standard	query response 0x19a4 rr4--sn-hc57enee.googlevideo.com
79780	192.095396629	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	138 Standard	query response 0x19a5 rr4--sn-hc57enee.googlevideo.com
79625	181.349244723	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	86 Standard	query response 0x4e41 A google.com A 172.217.170.206
79624	181.345978596	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	98 Standard	query response 0x7884 AAAA google.com AAAA 2a00:1456
79622	181.343846995	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	70 Standard	query 0x1984 HTTPS google.com
79622	181.343846995	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	70 Standard	query response 0x1985 HTTPS google.com
79622	181.343846995	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	139 Standard	query response 0xbabd HTTPS google.com A HTTPS A 172.2
79622	181.343846995	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	86 Standard	query response 0xe4e0 A google.com A 172.217.170.206
79622	181.343846995	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	70 Standard	query 0x1986 AAAA google.com
79622	181.343846995	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	70 Standard	query response 0x1987 AAA beacons.gcp.gvt2.com CNNAME b
74928	164.657876232	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	98 Standard	query response 0x5ab0 AAA beacons.gcp.gvt2.com CNAM
74925	164.65758462	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	98 Standard	query response 0x5ab1 AAA beacons.gcp.gvt2.com CNAM
74929	164.649212997	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	98 Standard	query response 0x5ab2 AAA beacons.gcp.gvt2.com CNAM
74919	164.643732268	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	178 Standard	query response 0x5ab3 AAA beacons.gcp.gvt2.com CNAM
74919	164.643732268	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	125 Standard	query 0x5ab4 HTTPS google.com
74917	164.643218487	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	70 Standard	query 0x5ab4 HTTPS google.com
74916	164.644051526	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	70 Standard	query 0x4e4b A google.com
74915	164.643761234	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	138 Standard	query response 0x8f86 AAA beacons.gcp.gvt2.com CNAM
74913	164.643761234	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	78 Standard	query response 0x8f87 AAA beacons.gcp.gvt2.com CNAM
74913	163.340924571	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	80 Standard	query response 0x8f88 HTTPS beacons.gcp.gvt2.com
74911	164.634268416	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	80 Standard	query 0x97f7 A beacons.gcp.gvt2.com
74910	163.337361429	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	80 Standard	query 0x5fdd AAA beacons.gcp.gvt2.com
74838	163.947174809	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	163 Standard	query response 0x9495 HTTPS clients4.google.com CNAM
74829	163.937677282	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	129 Standard	query response 0x1417 A clients4.google.com CNAM c1
74829	163.937677282	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	141 Standard	query response 0x1418 A clients4.google.com CNAM c1
74827	163.933214686	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	79 Standard	query 0x9455 HTTPS clients4.google.com CNAM
74826	163.933949369	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	79 Standard	query 0x9417 A clients4.google.com
74825	163.935671193	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	79 Standard	query 0x9c77 AAAA clients4.google.com
73853	164.911620109	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	163 Standard	query response 0x1419 A ssl.gstatic.com A 216.58.223.1
73853	164.911620109	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	91 Standard	query response 0x1420 A ssl.gstatic.com A 216.58.223.1
73851	154.988362976	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	103 Standard	query response 0x8a23 AAAA ssl.gstatic.com AAAA 2a86
73850	154.989176464	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	75 Standard	query 0x9fb4 HTTPS ssl.gstatic.com
73849	154.855976298	192.168.108.1	192.168.108.151	DNS	75 Standard	query 0x1a2c A ssl.gstatic.com

Frame 389: 86 bytes on wire (688 bits), 86 bytes captured (688 bits) on interface wlan0 at 19:00:41.622000 UTC on Saturday, October 10, 2020
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.108.151, Dst: 192.168.108.1
User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 53, Dst Port: 53
Domain Name System (query)

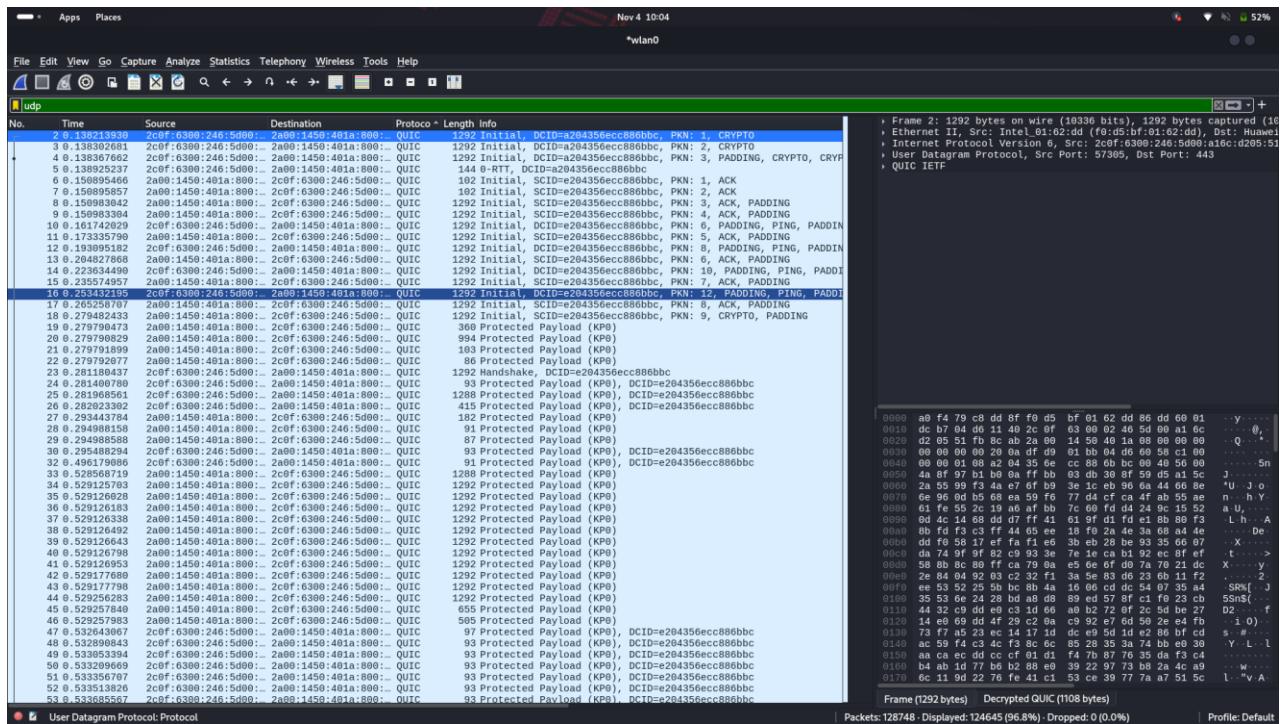
0000 a0 f4 79 c8 dd 8f f0 d5 bf 01 62 dd 08 00 45 00 y.....
0010 00 00 48 21 49 40 00 40 11 cd 7b c9 a8 64 97 c0 a8 H!00.....
0020 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 d = 54
0030 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 64
0040 d2 7d 62 06 30 07 67 73 74 61 74 69 03 03 03 df -tbn0 qs
0050 6d 00 00 01 00 00 01 m -....

Packets: 127848 - Displayed: 600 (0.5%) - Dropped: 0 (0.0%) Profile: Default

TCP



UDP



2. Follow TCP Stream

Select any packet from the **TCP** protocol.

Right-click and choose **Follow → TCP Stream**.

This feature will show you the complete conversation between two hosts in a session.

Identify any readable content (especially in unencrypted protocols like HTTP).



Part 3: Identifying Security Concerns

1. Unencrypted Data:

Use the **HTTP** filter (`http`) to locate HTTP traffic.

Select a packet and inspect its details in the packet content section.

You should be able to see the **request** and **response** sent over HTTP. Look for plain text data like usernames, passwords, or sensitive information.

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
3386	72.725216988	2cf:fe38:2408:f740:f705:7b15:9f28:41ea 64:ff9b::2ce4:f903	HTTP	527	GET /login.php HTTP/1.3	
3388	73.321273788	64:ff9b::2ce4:f903	2cf:fe38:2408:f...	HTTP	2834	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
3708	106.721383393	2cf:fe38:2408:f740:f705:7b15:9f28:41ea 64:ff9b::2ce4:f903	HTTP	661	POST /userinfo.php HTTP/1.1 (application/x-www-form-urlencoded)	
3710	161.173799624	64:ff9b::2ce4:f903	2cf:fe38:2408:f...	HTTP	362	HTTP/1.1 302 Found (text/html)
3711	161.173799624	64:ff9b::2ce4:f903	2cf:fe38:2408:f...	HTTP	879	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
3731	101.868431282	64:ff9b::2ce4:f903	2cf:fe38:2408:f...	HTTP	2834	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
6627	150.127720503	2cf:fe38:2408:f740:f705:7b15:9f28:41ea 64:ff9b::2ce4:f903	HTTP	545	GET /login.php HTTP/1.1	
6767	150.545344968	64:ff9b::2ce4:f903	2cf:fe38:2408:f...	HTTP	898	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
6873	157.082932546	2cf:fe38:2408:f740:f705:7b15:9f28:41ea 64:ff9b::2ce4:f903	HTTP	419	GET /style.css HTTP/1.1	
6884	157.117797537	64:ff9b::2ce4:f903	2cf:fe38:2408:f...	HTTP	474	GET /image/logo.gif HTTP/1.1
6899	157.411787537	64:ff9b::2ce4:f903	2cf:fe38:2408:f...	HTTP	4149	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/css)
6945	158.389882191	64:ff9b::2ce4:f903	2cf:fe38:2408:f...	HTTP	4218	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (GIF89a)
7540	165.726871512	2cf:fe38:2408:f740:f705:7b15:9f28:41ea 64:ff9b::2ce4:f903	HTTP	467	GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1	
7573	169.887121324	64:ff9b::2ce4:f903	2cf:fe38:2408:f...	HTTP	1221	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (image/x-icon)
3088	170.104.104.104	2cf:fe38:2408:f740:f705:7b15:9f28:41ea 64:ff9b::2ce4:f903	HTTP	7299	POST /register.php HTTP/1.1 (application/x-www-form-urlencoded)	
10987	183.642476877	64:ff9b::2ce4:f903	2cf:fe38:2408:f...	HTTP	362	HTTP/1.1 302 Found (text/html)
10989	183.673563588	2cf:fe38:2408:f740:f705:7b15:9f28:41ea 64:ff9b::2ce4:f903	HTTP	592	GET /login.php HTTP/1.1	
10991	184.126242563	64:ff9b::2ce4:f903	2cf:fe38:2408:f...	HTTP	2834	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
11989	187.217.5679169	2cf:fe38:2408:f740:f705:7b15:9f28:41ea 64:ff9b::2ce4:f903	HTTP	561	GET /signup.php HTTP/1.1	
12859	188.108.208.108	FFB9:3A8A:4E00	2cf:fe38:2408:f...	HTTP	158	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
12814	291.746757917	2cf:fe38:2408:f740:f705:7b15:9f28:41ea 64:ff9b::2ce4:f903	HTTP	835	POST /secured/newsupdate.php HTTP/1.1 (application/x-www-form-urlencoded)	
12875	292.461783938	64:ff9b::2ce4:f903	2cf:fe38:2408:f...	HTTP	849	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
12877	292.565094368	2cf:fe38:2408:f740:f705:7b15:9f28:41ea 64:ff9b::2ce4:f903	HTTP	437	GET /secured/style.css HTTP/1.1	
12887	292.943318369	64:ff9b::2ce4:f903	2cf:fe38:2408:f...	HTTP	3631	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)

Frame 6627: 545 bytes on wire (4360 bits), 545 bytes captured (4360 bits) on interface wlan0, id 0
 Ethernet II, Src: Intel_01:62:dd (0:f0:db:2f:8f:93), Dst: 2cf:fe38:2408:f740:f705:7b15:9f28:41ea (64:ff9b::2ce4:f903)
 Internet Protocol Version 6, Src: 2cf:fe38:2408:f740:f705:7b15:9f28:41ea, Dst: 64:ff9b::2ce4:f903
 Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 41136, Dst Port: 80, Seq: 1, Ack: 1, Len: 459
 Hypertext Transfer Protocol

Packets: 13641 - Displayed: 28 (0.2%) | Profile: Default

2. DNS Queries:

Use the DNS filter (dns) to view DNS query and response traffic.

Analyze what domain names are being requested and to which IP addresses they are resolved.

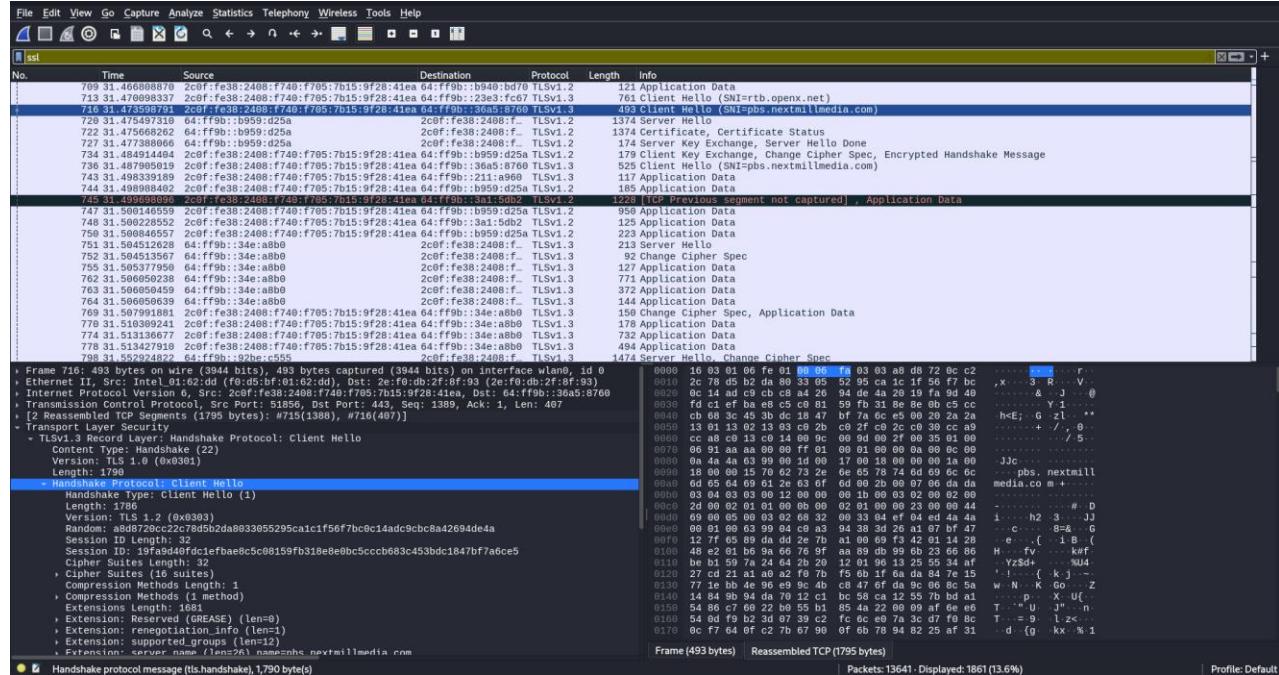
No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
6998	158.933363744	192.168.144.196	192.168.144.47	DNS	84	Standard query 0x07f0 A dsum-sec.casalemedia.com
6999	158.954892529	192.168.144.196	192.168.144.47	DNS	93	Standard query 0x07f0 A dsum-sec.casalemedia.com
7001	158.955192564	192.168.144.196	192.168.144.47	DNS	91	Standard query 0x5584 A cm-supply-web.gammaplatform.com
7002	158.955385969	192.168.144.196	192.168.144.47	DNS	91	Standard query 0x5584 A cm-supply-web.gammaplatform.com
7003	158.981378810	192.168.144.47	192.168.144.196	DNS	148	Standard query response 0x3b94 AAAA dsum-sec.casalemedia.com AAAA 64:ff9b::ac40:9765 AAAA 64:ff9b::68...
7005	158.982716529	192.168.144.47	192.168.144.196	DNS	132	Standard query response 0x4d40 HTTPS dsum-sec.casalemedia.com HTTPS 10.151.181.184.18.36.155
7006	158.999384178	192.168.144.47	192.168.144.196	DNS	121	Standard query response 0x4d40 HTTPS dsum-sec.casalemedia.com HTTPS 10.151.181.184.18.36.155
7007	159.001932739	192.168.144.47	192.168.144.196	DNS	107	Standard query response 0x5584 A cm-supply-web.gammaplatform.com A 35.186.154.107
7009	159.041467589	192.168.144.47	192.168.144.196	DNS	119	Standard query response 0x4b42 AAAA cm-supply-web.gammaplatform.com AAAA 64:ff9b::23ba:9ab6
7010	159.146795357	192.168.144.47	192.168.144.196	DNS	102	Standard query response 0x4b42 AAAA 6.6.6.co
7017	159.146986842	192.168.144.47	192.168.144.196	DNS	68	Standard query 0x4d71 A b.6sc.co
7021	159.191563451	192.168.144.47	192.168.144.196	DNS	194	Standard query response 0x909c AAAA b.6sc.co CNAME b2.6sc.co edgekey.net CNAME e212585.b.akamaiedge.net
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7057	160.114793969	192.168.144.47	192.168.144.196	DNS	84	Standard query 0xd359 HTTPS ads.creative-serving.com
7059	160.156524689	192.168.144.47	192.168.144.196	DNS	167	Standard query response 0xb05d A ads.creative-serving.com CNAME httpb-gce-nl.clickdistrict.clickdist...
7060	160.156524690	192.168.144.47	192.168.144.196	DNS	235	Standard query response 0xb05d A ads.creative-serving.com CNAME httpb-gce-nl.clickdistrict.clickdist...
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7074	160.359060862	192.168.144.47	192.168.144.196	DNS	73	Standard query ex4bd AAAA ads.creative-serving.com CNAME httpb-gce-nl.clickdistrict.clickdist...
7075	160.35906287395	192.168.144.47	192.168.144.196	DNS	71	Standard query ex4fd7 A s0.zmdn.net

Frame 6690: 106 bytes on wire (848 bits), 106 bytes captured (848 bits) on interface wlan0, id 0
 Ethernet II, Src: Intel_01:62:dd (0:f0:db:2f:8f:93), Dst: 2cf:fe38:2408:f740:f705:7b15:9f28:41ea (64:ff9b::2ce4:f903)
 User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 53, Dst Port: 19106
 Source Port: 53
 Destination Port: 19106
 Length: 72
 Checksum Status: 0x0f55 [unverified]
 [Checksum Status: Unverified]
 [Stream index: 305]
 UDP payload (64 bytes)
 Domain Name System (response)
 Transaction ID: 0x1bb0
 Flags: 0x8180 Standard query response, No error
 Questions: 1
 Answer RRs: 1
 Authority RRs: 0
 Additional RRs: 0
 Queries
 Answers
 [Request Id: 6679]
 [Time: 0.05126217 seconds]

Packets: 13641 - Displayed: 1019 (7.5%) | Profile: Default

Use the HTTPS filter (ssl) to find encrypted HTTPS traffic.

Notice the difference from HTTP traffic — you cannot see the actual content of encrypted communication, but you can still analyze the structure of the handshake.



4. Man-in-the-Middle Vulnerabilities (Discussion):

How unencrypted traffic (like HTTP) can be intercepted by attackers.

Unencrypted traffic, like HTTP, is sent in plain text without encryption or security mechanisms, making it vulnerable to interception by attackers. Attackers can exploit this lack of encryption to:

- Read the text in requests and responses to monitor and capture sensitive information.
- Intercept private communications, like login credentials, credit card information, and other sensitive data.
- Record and monitor user interactions with an application, gaining insights into user behavior.
- Use the application as a platform for attacks against users and third-party websites.
- Trick users into entering credentials on unencrypted websites, exposing them to phishing attacks.

Methods of Interception

plain text, sensitive data can be directly read from captured packets.

Man-in-the-Middle (MITM) Attacks - Attackers position themselves between the user and the server, intercepting or altering data as it flows between them. Public Wi-Fi networks are especially vulnerable to MITM attacks, where attackers can capture HTTP data without users knowing.

SSL Stripping - Attackers can downgrade a secure HTTPS connection to an unencrypted HTTP connection by taking advantage of protocol vulnerabilities. This is done by intercepting HTTPS requests and redirecting users to HTTP versions of the site. Non-HTTPS links, insecure redirections, and mixed content on websites can facilitate these attacks.

DNS Spoofing - The attacker manipulates DNS records to redirect users to a malicious site. Since HTTP doesn't authenticate the server, users can unknowingly enter sensitive information on a fake website.

Session Hijacking - Attackers can capture HTTP cookies over unencrypted connections, allowing them to hijack user sessions. This grants unauthorized access to the user's account without needing a password.

Public Wi-Fi Networks - In unsecured public networks, attackers can intercept HTTP traffic with relative ease. Without encryption, all transmitted data, such as usernames and passwords, is accessible to the attacker.

Shared Networks - On a shared network, such as in corporate or home settings, a compromised device can capture unencrypted traffic, potentially exposing other users' sensitive data.

Local and Remote Interception - Malicious software can run locally on the user's device to capture HTTP traffic, while remote interception involves capturing traffic along the network path, often by compromised routers or network nodes.

Mitigation

To prevent these risks, encryption protocols like HTTPS should be used. HTTPS secures traffic using SSL/TLS, encrypting data between the client and server and making it challenging for attackers to intercept or manipulate information.

How HTTPS prevents eavesdropping but also highlight the risk of SSL/TLS attacks (e.g., SSL stripping).

HTTPS prevents eavesdropping by using encryption protocols (SSL/TLS) to secure communication between a client (e.g., a web browser) and a server. Here's how HTTPS works and how it guards against eavesdropping, along with some risks associated with SSL/TLS attacks:

How HTTPS Prevents Eavesdropping

Encryption - When a user connects to a website via HTTPS, SSL/TLS encrypts the data being transmitted. This means that even if an attacker intercepts the data packets, they cannot read the contents because it appears as scrambled, unreadable text without the decryption keys.

Authentication - SSL/TLS uses digital certificates issued by trusted certificate authorities (CAs) to verify the authenticity of the server. This prevents attackers from impersonating a legitimate website, as users can check the certificate to confirm they're connecting to the correct server.

Integrity - HTTPS uses hashing techniques to ensure data integrity. Even if an attacker intercepts the data, any alteration would invalidate the hash, alerting both the client and the server to potential tampering.

Risks of SSL/TLS Attacks

While HTTPS is robust, certain SSL/TLS attacks can weaken or bypass its protections

SSL Stripping - This attack downgrades an HTTPS connection to HTTP. If a user initially connects via HTTP (such as by typing "example.com" without specifying HTTPS), the attacker intercepts the HTTP request, strips the HTTPS requirement, and serves an unencrypted HTTP connection instead. Users then communicate over an insecure connection without realizing, allowing the attacker to eavesdrop on and modify the data. This is why many websites now use **HTTP Strict Transport Security (HSTS)** to

enforce HTTPS connections.

Man-in-the-Middle (MITM) Attacks on SSL - In some cases, attackers use fake SSL certificates to impersonate legitimate sites. If the user's browser doesn't properly validate the certificate, it may connect to the attacker's server, enabling the attacker to decrypt and read the traffic. This risk is mitigated by keeping browsers and systems updated to detect invalid or revoked certificates.

Protocol Vulnerabilities - SSL/TLS protocols have evolved, and older versions (like SSL 2.0, SSL 3.0, and even TLS 1.0) are known to have vulnerabilities (such as POODLE and BEAST attacks). Attackers exploiting these vulnerabilities can potentially decrypt sensitive data. Modern systems should use TLS 1.2 or higher, as newer versions offer stronger encryption and more robust protections.

Misconfigured Certificates - Insecure configurations, such as using weak ciphers or failing to properly configure HSTS, can leave HTTPS vulnerable to attacks. An attacker could exploit these weaknesses to intercept or modify data.

Certificate Authority (CA) Compromise - If a CA is compromised, attackers can issue fraudulent certificates, allowing them to impersonate legitimate sites without detection. This risk is reduced by implementing Certificate Transparency logs and other checks to monitor and flag suspicious certificates.

Part 4: Practical Task – Password Capture (Simulated)

Note: This section should be conducted in a controlled environment to avoid capturing sensitive real-world data.

1. Simulated Login Capture:

Open a website or local service that uses plain HTTP for login (set up in a local environment, e.g., a demo website using HTTP).

← → ⌂ Not secure testphp.vulnweb.com/login.php

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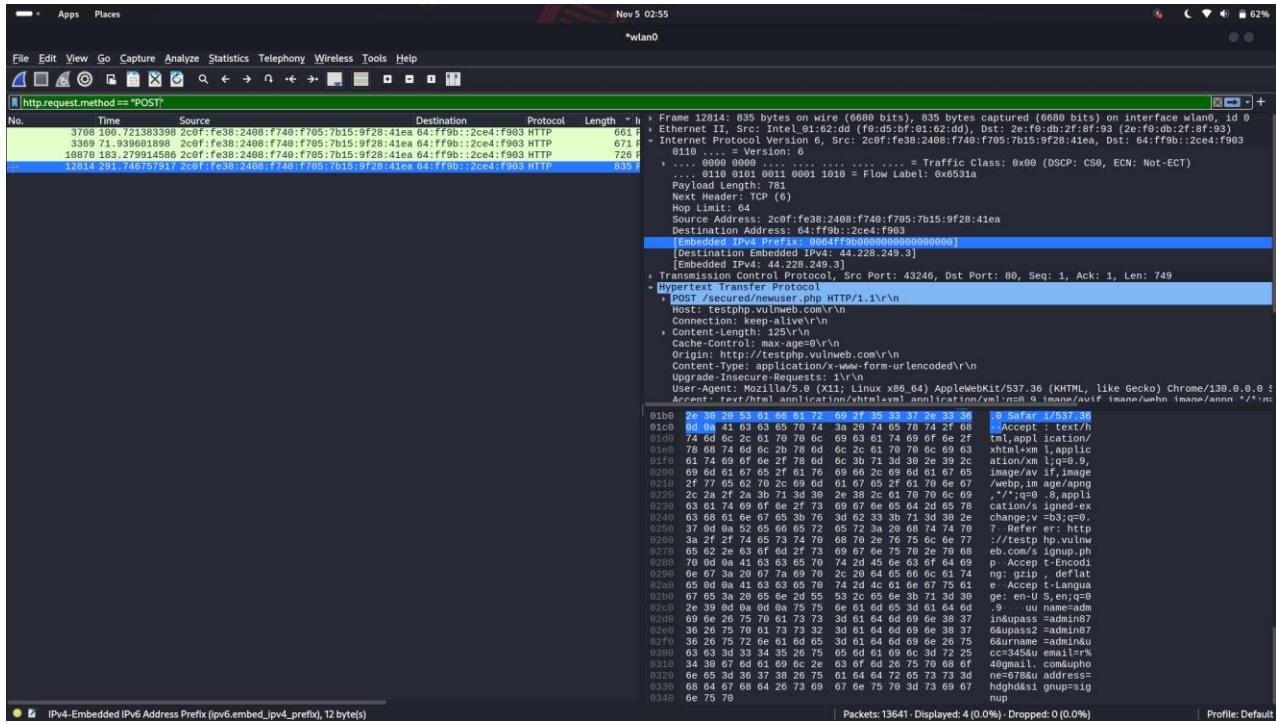
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Warning: This is not a real shop. This is an example PHP application, which is intentionally vulnerable to web attacks. It is intended to help you test Acunetix. It also helps you understand how developer errors and bad configuration might someone break into your website. You can use it to test other tools and your manual hacking skills as well. Tip: Look for potential SQL Injections, Cross-site Scripting (XSS), and Cross-site Request Forgery (CSRF), and more.

2. Capture and Analyze the Traffic:

In Wireshark, use the filter http to locate the HTTP POST request.

Look into the packet details and identify the credentials sent in plain text.



Implications of sending credentials over unencrypted channels.

Sending credentials over unencrypted channels, such as HTTP, poses serious security risks, as the lack of encryption leaves sensitive data exposed to interception, modification, and unauthorized access. Here are the key implications:

1. Interception

Credential Theft – Attackers can easily intercept unencrypted traffic and capture sensitive information, including usernames, passwords, and session cookies. This is especially prevalent on unsecured networks like public Wi-Fi or shared corporate networks, where attackers can use packet-sniffing tools to view plain text data directly.

Session Hijacking - Unencrypted transmission of session cookies allows attackers to capture these cookies and impersonate users without needing their login credentials. This grants unauthorized access to users' accounts and any resources tied to those sessions.

2. Modification

Data Tampering - Attackers can intercept and modify the data exchanged between the client and server. This can lead to altered or malicious content being injected into a web session, potentially resulting in compromised functionality or misleading information.

Phishing and Redirects - Attackers may modify responses to redirect users to phishing sites, collecting credentials and sensitive information. Without encryption, users have no way of verifying if they are communicating with the legitimate server.

3. Impersonation

Unauthorized Access - Capturing session cookies or login credentials allows attackers to impersonate legitimate users, gaining full control over accounts and systems. This unauthorized access can result in data breaches, identity theft, and fraud.

Lateral Movement - For users who reuse passwords across multiple accounts, attackers can attempt to use the stolen credentials elsewhere, compromising other systems and applications.

4. Compromised Audit Trails

Obscured Investigation Pathways - When credentials are intercepted and used without authorization, tracing the exact cause of a breach becomes challenging. Obscured audit trails make it difficult to understand the scope of the compromise, complicating remediation and forensic analysis efforts.

5. Risk to Other Users

Reused Passwords - Even if an application only handles non-sensitive data, exposing passwords over unencrypted channels can endanger users who reuse these passwords across different accounts. Attackers can use intercepted credentials to access more critical accounts, amplifying the impact of a breach.

Platform for Further Attacks - Once an attacker gains access to even one user's credentials, they may leverage that access for phishing attacks, social engineering, or

6. Legal and Compliance Implications

Regulatory Non-Compliance - Many data protection laws and standards (e.g., GDPR, HIPAA, PCI DSS) mandate secure handling of user data, especially credentials. Transmitting credentials over unencrypted channels can result in fines, legal repercussions, and reputational damage.

Breach of Trust and Loss of Reputation - Users expect their data to be secure. If credentials are intercepted and accounts compromised, user trust in the application or organization can erode, potentially leading to customer attrition and negative publicity.

7. Protecting Against These Risks

Implement HTTPS - Enforcing HTTPS with robust TLS configurations encrypts credentials and sensitive data, preventing interception and modification. Using HTTP Strict Transport Security (HSTS) helps ensure that all connections to the server are securely encrypted.

Monitoring for Cleartext Credential Transmission - Regularly monitor traffic for unencrypted credentials, particularly in complex environments, to detect and eliminate any cleartext transmission risks before they can be exploited.

Part 5: Exporting and Reporting

1. Export Packet Capture:

Go to **File → Export Specified Packets** to save the capture file for further analysis or report writing.

2. Lab Report:

Network Traffic Analysis and Security Concerns

1. Protocols Captured

In this capture session, the primary protocols identified were:

HTTP - Used for web traffic, including unencrypted login requests.

TCP - A core transport layer protocol providing reliable, ordered delivery of data packets.

UDP - A connectionless transport layer protocol used for applications needing low latency.

DNS - Responsible for translating domain names into IP addresses.

2. Security Concerns Observed

A significant security issue observed in this capture was the transmission of login credentials over plain HTTP. Since HTTP is an unencrypted protocol, all data transmitted, including sensitive information such as usernames and passwords, is sent in clear text. By using the HTTP filter, we were able to locate an HTTP POST request that contained these credentials in plain text, making them easily visible to anyone with access to the network traffic.

This poses several risks:

Credential Theft - An attacker intercepting this traffic could capture and read sensitive login information directly.

Session Hijacking - With access to the login credentials, an attacker could impersonate the user and gain unauthorized access to the website or system.

Data Integrity Risks - Without encryption, attackers could intercept and alter the transmitted data, leading to potential data corruption or manipulation.

3. Importance of Encryption in Network Security

Encryption plays a crucial role in protecting data during transmission by making intercepted data unreadable without proper decryption keys. Protocols like HTTPS (HTTP over TLS/SSL) ensure that sensitive information, such as login credentials, is encrypted, significantly reducing the risk of unauthorized access and data tampering. Implementing HTTPS instead of HTTP is vital for securing login pages, as it protects user data from eavesdropping, MITM attacks, and credential theft.

Conclusion

The use of plain HTTP for transmitting credentials highlights a critical vulnerability. To enhance security, it's essential to use encrypted protocols, such as HTTPS, for all sensitive data transmissions. Encrypting network traffic helps ensure data confidentiality, integrity, and authenticity, which are fundamental components of network security.

Lab Wrap-Up and Discussion

1. Reflection:

The Importance of Using Tools like Wireshark to Monitor Network Traffic and Risks of Insecure Communications

The Role of Wireshark in Network Monitoring and Security

Monitoring network traffic is vital for maintaining both the security and performance of a network, and Wireshark is one of the most powerful tools for this purpose. Here's why Wireshark is essential:

Visibility into Network Activity

Packet Inspection - Wireshark provides deep visibility into each packet traveling across the network, including details like source and destination IP addresses, ports, and protocols. This allows network administrators to analyze communication patterns and detect unusual activity.

Traffic Analysis - By revealing the types and volume of traffic on the network, Wireshark helps identify if any specific application is consuming excessive bandwidth or if there are spikes that may need investigation.

Troubleshooting Network Issues

Identifying Bottlenecks - By examining packet flows and timing, Wireshark can pinpoint network delays or congestion points, allowing teams to optimize performance.

Error Detection - Wireshark identifies issues like malformed packets, retransmissions, and other network errors, helping to quickly resolve connectivity issues.

Protocol Analysis - Wireshark supports detailed analysis of hundreds of protocols, making it invaluable for troubleshooting protocol-specific problems.

Security Monitoring

Intrusion Detection - With filters and alerts, Wireshark can help detect unauthorized or unusual activity that may indicate a security breach.

Suspicious Patterns - Wireshark can spot signs of malware or unauthorized communication with

Data Exfiltration Detection - By monitoring for unusual outbound data transfers, Wireshark helps prevent unauthorized data from leaving the network.

Compliance and Auditing

Data Flow Documentation - Wireshark assists in documenting data flows and network interactions, which is essential for audits and compliance with security standards.

Policy Enforcement - By analyzing traffic, Wireshark helps ensure that policies (e.g., blocking certain types of traffic) are enforced, enhancing security and adherence to organizational guidelines.

Risks of Insecure Network Communications

If network communications are insecure, attackers can exploit various vulnerabilities. Here are specific ways attackers can target unencrypted or poorly secured network traffic:

Eavesdropping (Sniffing)

Unencrypted Data Interception - Attackers can use packet sniffing tools to capture unencrypted data. Sensitive information such as login credentials or personal information transmitted without encryption is fully exposed, allowing attackers to read it easily.

Credential Theft - Login credentials, session cookies, and other sensitive data can be intercepted. Attackers can use this information to gain unauthorized access, posing serious risks to users and networks.

Man-in-the-Middle (MITM) Attacks

Session Hijacking - Attackers intercept and alter communications between two parties without their knowledge. This allows the attacker to steal information, modify data, or inject malicious content into the communication.

SSL/TLS Stripping - Attackers can downgrade HTTPS connections to unencrypted HTTP, enabling them to view and alter data in transit. SSL stripping is particularly dangerous because it can go unnoticed by users, who may think they are on a secure site.

Token Theft - By capturing session tokens, attackers can hijack user sessions and gain unauthorized access without knowing the user's credentials.

Cookie Poisoning - Attackers may modify session cookies, allowing them to gain unauthorized privileges or impersonate users, leading to data breaches or other security incidents.

Data Manipulation

Packet Injection - Attackers can inject malicious packets into a data stream, which may alter application behavior or corrupt data.

Data Tampering - During transmission, data can be intercepted and modified, potentially leading to financial losses, data breaches, or operational disruptions.

Network Reconnaissance

Mapping the Network - By capturing and analyzing network traffic, attackers can identify network topology, active devices, and the operating systems or services running on them. This information can be used to find vulnerabilities or plan further attacks.

Service Identification - Attackers can identify open ports and services, giving them a blueprint for launching attacks on exposed services.

Importance of Encryption in Network Security

Encryption is critical for protecting data in transit and maintaining network security. Encrypted protocols like HTTPS use SSL/TLS to prevent unauthorized parties from reading or altering data. Here's why encryption is essential:

Data Confidentiality - Encryption ensures that only authorized users can read transmitted data, making it harder for attackers to extract sensitive information.

Data Integrity - By protecting data from tampering, encryption helps maintain data integrity, preventing attackers from modifying or corrupting information.

Authentication and Trust - SSL/TLS certificates provide identity verification, helping users

Wireshark is a powerful tool for monitoring network traffic, troubleshooting issues, and detecting security threats, but it also reveals the importance of secure communications. Insecure protocols expose sensitive data to attackers, making encryption essential for safeguarding information in transit. Using secure protocols like HTTPS and employing network monitoring tools are foundational practices in a robust security strategy.

Resource: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a_4MjV_-7Sw

Cisco Packet Tracer

To create a beginner lab in Cisco Packet Tracer that focuses on IPv6 and ICMP, you can configure devices to use IPv6, and then analyze how ICMP works for network diagnostics. The video link is a tutorial on Cisco Packet Tracer, explaining the software's functions, features, and how to use it for networking simulations. It covers setting up basic network devices, configuring routers and switches, creating topologies, and using the simulation mode to visualize packet flows. This video is ideal for beginners looking to understand networking and practice network configurations in a virtual environment.

You can watch it here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qZB_biPOBwA

Part 1: Network Topology Design

Cisco Packet Tracer installed.

Basic understanding of networking concepts like IP addressing, routers, and pings.

Familiarity with the Cisco Packet Tracer environment.

Step 1: Create the Network

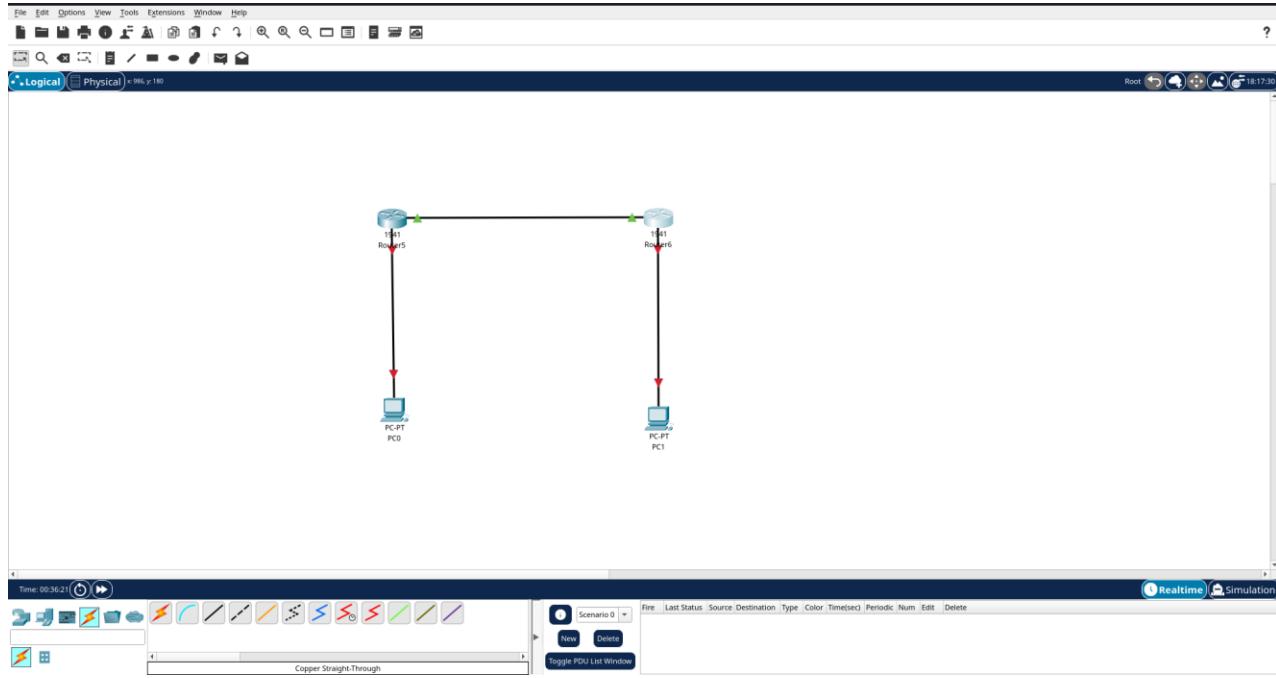
Use two **PCs** (PC0 and PC1) and two **Routers** (Router0 and Router1).

Interconnect the devices with **Ethernet cables**.

PC0 should connect to **Router0**.

PC1 should connect to **Router1**.

Router0 and **Router1** should be connected to each other via a **Serial Connection** (if using older router models) or via **Ethernet** for newer models (GigabitEthernet).



Step 2: Configure Network Settings

Assign IP addresses to the routers and PCs using IPv6.

Part 2: Configuring IPv6 on Routers and PCs

Step 1: Configure Router0 and Router1

1. Configure Router0:

Click **Router0 > CLI**.

Enter the following commands:

```
Router> enable  
Router# configure terminal  
Router(config)# interface gigabitethernet0/0  
Router(config-if)# ipv6 address 2001:0db8:1::1/64  
Router(config-if)# no shutdown  
Router(config-if)# exit  
Router(config)# interface serial0/0/0 (for serial interface)  
Router(config-if)# ipv6 address 2001:0db8:2::1/64  
Router(config-if)# no shutdown  
Router(config-if)# exit  
Router(config)# ipv6 unicast-routing  
Router(config)# exit  
Router# copy running-config startup-config
```

The screenshot shows the Cisco IOS CLI interface. At the top, there are tabs for Physical, Config, CLI (which is selected), and Attributes. Below the tabs, it says "IOS Command Line Interface". The main area contains the following configuration commands:

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Router>enable
Router#conf t
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
Router(config)#interface GigabitEthernet0/0
Router(config-if)#ip address 2001:0db8:2::1/64
Router(config-if)#no shutdown
Router(config-if)#exit
Router#LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN: Line protocol on Interface GigabitEthernet0/0, changed state to up
Router#copy running-config startup-config
Destination filename [startup-config]?
Building configuration...
[OK]
Router#Router con0 is now available

Press RETURN to get started.
```

At the bottom right of the CLI window, there are "Copy" and "Paste" buttons. At the bottom left, there is a "Top" button.

1. Configure Router1:

Click **Router1 > CLI**.

Enter the following commands:

Router> enable

```
Router# configure terminal

Router(config)# interface gigabitethernet0/0

Router(config-if)# ipv6 address 2001:0db8:3::1/64

Router(config-if)# no shutdown

Router(config-if)# exit

Router(config)# interface serial0/0/0 (for serial interface)

Router(config-if)# ipv6 address 2001:0db8:2::2/64

Router(config-if)# no shutdown

Router(config-if)# exit

Router(config)# ipv6 unicast-routing

Router(config)# exit

Router# copy running-config startup-config
```

Step 2: Configure PCs

1. Configure PC0:

Click PC0 > Desktop > IP Configuration.

2001:0db8:1::1.

2. Configure PC1:

Click PC1 > Desktop > IP Configuration.

Set the IPv6 address to 2001:0db8:3::2/64 and the default gateway to 2001:0db8:3::1.

Part 3: Testing Connectivity with ICMP (Ping)

Step 1: Ping between PCs

Go to **PC0 > Desktop > Command Prompt** and use the following command to ping

PC1:

ping 2001:0db8:3::2

```
Cisco Packet Tracer PC Command Line 1.0
C:\>ping 2001:0db8:3::2

Pinging 2001:0db8:3::2 with 32 bytes of data:

Reply from 2001:DB8:3::2: bytes=32 time=16ms TTL=128
Reply from 2001:DB8:3::2: bytes=32 time=7ms TTL=128
Reply from 2001:DB8:3::2: bytes=32 time=7ms TTL=128
Reply from 2001:DB8:3::2: bytes=32 time=7ms TTL=128

Ping statistics for 2001:DB8:3::2:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
    Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
        Minimum = 7ms, Maximum = 16ms, Average = 9ms
```

Go to **PC1 and ping PC0:**

ping 2001:0db8:1::2

```
C:\>ping 2001:0db8:1::2

Pinging 2001:0db8:1::2 with 32 bytes of data:

Reply from 2001:DB8:1::2: bytes=32 time=21ms TTL=128
Reply from 2001:DB8:1::2: bytes=32 time=7ms TTL=128
Reply from 2001:DB8:1::2: bytes=32 time=6ms TTL=128
Reply from 2001:DB8:1::2: bytes=32 time=6ms TTL=128

Ping statistics for 2001:DB8:1::2:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
    Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
        Minimum = 6ms, Maximum = 21ms, Average = 10ms

C:\>
```

Expected Result: The ping should succeed if the routing and interfaces are correctly configured.

Task:

Test the ping to verify connectivity between the devices.

Troubleshoot any issues that might occur (e.g., no connection due to incorrect IP addresses or interfaces not being enabled).

Part 4: Viewing and Analyzing ICMPv6 Traffic

Step 1: Capture ICMPv6 Traffic

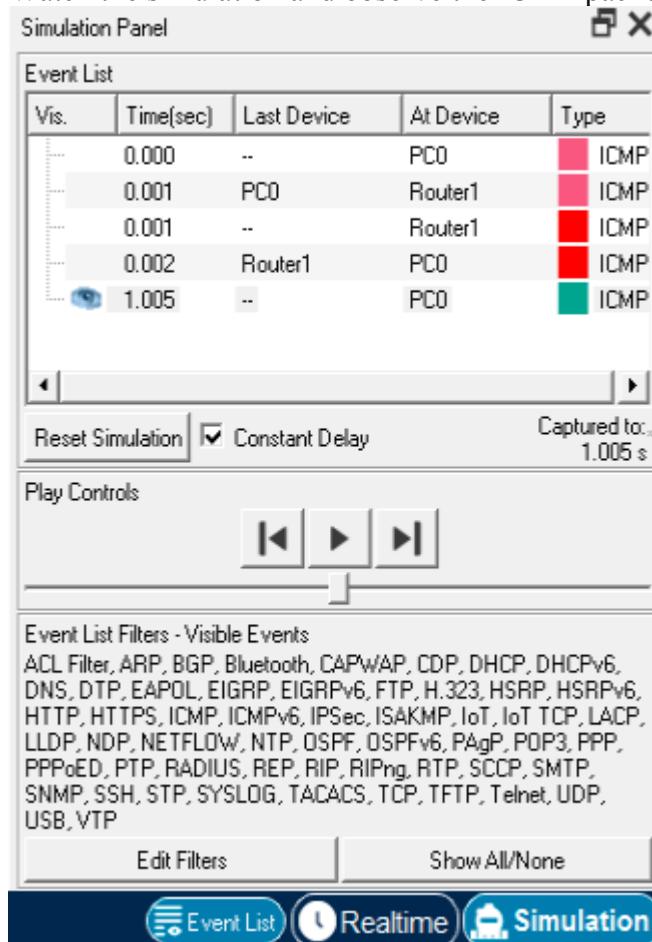
Cisco Packet Tracer allows you to capture and view packets.

Click on the **Simulation** tab at the bottom.

Choose **ICMP** from the filters on the right side.

Start a new ping from **PC0** to **PC1** or vice versa.

Watch the simulation and observe the ICMP packets.



Step 2: Analyze the Packet

Click on one of the captured ICMP packets to open it.

Review the packet contents, specifically the ICMP message types (128 for Echo Request, 129 for Echo Reply).

Task:

Fields in the ICMPv6 packet (Type, Code, Checksum).

In an ICMPv6 packet, the following fields are fundamental:

1. Type - This field identifies the specific ICMPv6 message type.

Different types correspond to various functions within ICMPv6. For example:

128: Echo Request, used to initiate a diagnostic ping.

129: Echo Reply, used to respond to an Echo Request.

2. Code - The Code field provides additional context for the

message type. It helps to specify the exact nature or purpose of the message within the type. For Echo Request and Echo Reply messages, the Code field is always set to 0, meaning there are no subtypes or extra conditions within these specific message types.

3. Checksum - The Checksum field is used for error-checking.

This field contains a calculated value based on the ICMPv6 header and data payload, which allows the receiving device to detect any errors that might have occurred in transmission.

The sender calculates this checksum and includes it in the packet. The receiver recalculates it upon receipt; if the values match, the packet is considered error-free.

Function of an ICMP Echo Request and Reply.

The ICMP Echo Request (Type 128) and Echo Reply (Type 129) messages are used primarily for diagnostic purposes, particularly in

network tools like ping.

Echo Request (Type 128)

The Echo Request message is sent by a device (the sender) to another device on the network to check connectivity. The message includes information such as an identifier and sequence number to help match requests with replies.

When a device (like a router, server, or PC) receives an Echo Request, it understands that another device is asking if it's reachable and, if it is, it should respond with an Echo Reply.

Echo Reply (Type 129)

When a device receives an Echo Request, it sends back an Echo Reply message to confirm receipt. The Echo Reply contains the same identifier and sequence number as the request, which helps the original sender match the reply to the request.

This reply signals that the target device is accessible and that packets can be sent to it successfully, confirming network connectivity.

Together, these messages help diagnose network issues by:

- Confirming whether a device is reachable (if the Echo Reply is received).
- Allowing measurement of round-trip time (by calculating the delay between sending the Echo Request and receiving

- Identifying packet loss (if no reply is received, it may indicate connectivity issues).

This functionality makes ICMPv6 Echo Request and Reply messages crucial for network troubleshooting and monitoring.

Part 5: Traceroute and ICMP Error Messages (Optional)

Step 1: Traceroute

On **PC0**, run the tracert command to trace the path to **PC1**:

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tracert 2001:0db8:3::2
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Observe how ICMP Time Exceeded messages are generated at each hop.

Task:

How traceroute uses ICMP messages to map the route between devices.

Traceroute is a network diagnostic tool used to trace the path packets take to reach a destination, identifying each “hop” along the route and measuring the time taken at each step. Here’s a detailed look at how it does this using ICMP (Internet Control Message Protocol) messages:

Initial Packet Sending

Traceroute initiates the process by sending out a series of ICMP Echo Request messages to the target device, similar to the "ping" command. These messages request responses from each router along the path to the destination, allowing traceroute to map the route.

Time-To-Live (TTL) Field

Each packet has a TTL (Time-To-Live) field in its IP header, which represents the maximum number of hops (routers or nodes) the packet is allowed to traverse before being discarded.

For the first set of packets, the TTL is set to 1, meaning it will expire after just one hop. With each subsequent set of packets, traceroute increments the TTL by 1, exploring each new hop along the path one step further.

Hop-by-Hop Exploration

When a router receives a packet, it decrements the TTL by 1. If the TTL reaches zero, the router discards the packet and sends back an ICMP Time Exceeded message to the sender.

This ICMP Time Exceeded message includes the IP address of the router, which allows traceroute to record it as one of the hops in the path to the destination.

Traceroute also measures the round-trip time (RTT) by calculating the time it takes to receive the Time Exceeded message. This helps identify latency at each step.

Incrementing TTL

After each hop, traceroute sends a new set of packets with an increased TTL, allowing the packets to reach one hop further than before. This continues until traceroute either reaches the destination or the maximum TTL value.

At each hop, the router sends back an ICMP Time Exceeded message, allowing traceroute to map out the network route sequentially.

Destination Reached

When the packet finally reaches the destination, the device does not return an

device responds with an ICMP Echo Reply message, confirming it as the endpoint.

Traceroute records this as the final hop, completing the path mapping.

Information Provided by Traceroute

For each hop, traceroute displays:

The IP address (or hostname) of the router or device at each hop.

The round-trip time (RTT) for each packet.

This information helps network administrators diagnose issues, understand latency across each hop, and identify any failing or slow routers along the path.

Lab Steps: Vulnerability scanning

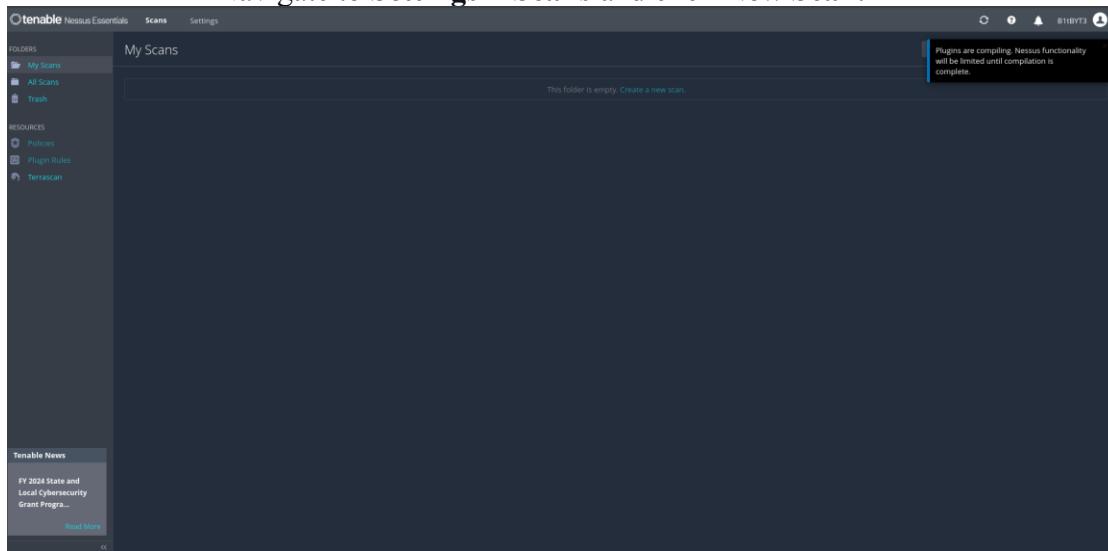
Part 1: Setup Nessus

1. Install Nessus: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hRQRg7SB1Aw>

- Download and install Nessus from the Tenable website.

2. Configure Nessus:

- Start Nessus and log into the web interface.
- Navigate to **Settings > Scans** and click **New Scan**.



Part 2: Run a Scan

1. In Nessus, set up a **Basic Network Scan**.

- Target: (localhost or specific individual IPs).
- Leave default settings, or choose specific scan types (e.g., vulnerability scan).

2. **Start the Scan** and monitor progress.

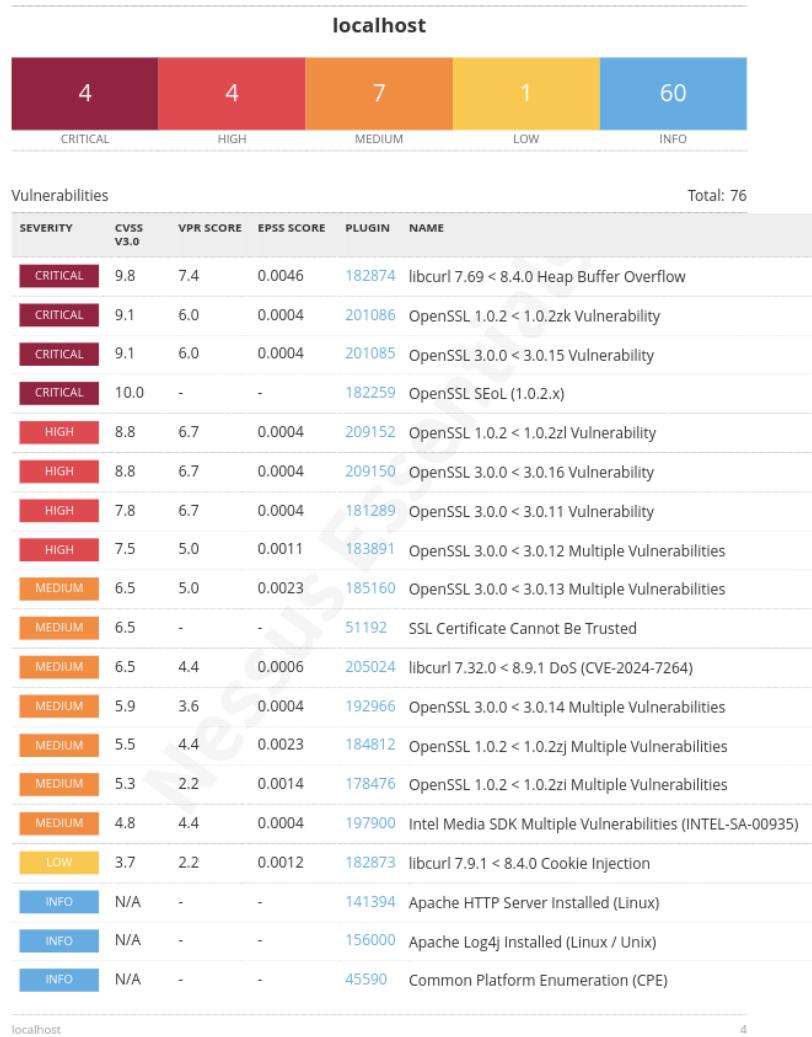
The screenshot shows the Tenable Nessus Essentials interface. On the left, there's a sidebar with 'Folders' (My Scans, All Scans, Trash), 'Resources' (Policies, Plugin Rules, Terrascan), and 'Tenable News' (Cybersecurity Snapshot: Apply Zero Trust to Critic...). The main area is titled 'final_project' and shows a summary of the scan. It has tabs for 'Hosts' (1), 'Vulnerabilities' (3), and 'History' (1). A search bar shows '1 Host'. Below it is a table with columns 'Host' and 'Vulnerabilities'. One row shows 'localhost' with 10 vulnerabilities. To the right, 'Scan Details' show: Policy: Basic Network Scan, Status: Running, Severity Base: CVSS v3.0, Scanner: Local Scanner, Start: Today at 3:01 PM. A 'Vulnerabilities' section includes a pie chart and a legend for Critical (red), High (orange), Medium (yellow), Low (light blue), and Info (dark blue).

This screenshot shows the same interface after the scan has completed. The 'Scan Details' section now indicates: Status: Completed, Severity Base: CVSS v3.0, Scanner: Local Scanner, Start: Today at 3:01 PM, End: Today at 3:21 PM, and Elapsed: 20 minutes. The 'Vulnerabilities' section shows a different distribution: 6 Critical, 5 High, 10 Medium, 1 Low, and 0 Info.

Part 3: Analyze Results

1. Review Vulnerabilities:

- Once the scan completes, review the report.
- Categorize findings (Critical, High, Medium, Low).



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2. Document Vulnerabilities:

Critical Vulnerabilities

libcurl 7.69 < 8.4.0 Heap Buffer Overflow

CVE ID - Not listed

Description - A heap buffer overflow vulnerability in libcurl affecting versions from 7.69 to below 8.4.0.

Solution - Update libcurl to version 8.4.0 or later.

OpenSSL 1.0.2 < 1.0.2zk Vulnerability

CVE ID - Not listed

Description - Multiple vulnerabilities in OpenSSL version 1.0.2 up to (but not including) 1.0.2zk.

OpenSSL 3.0.0 < 3.0.15 Vulnerability

CVE ID - Not listed

Description - Multiple vulnerabilities in OpenSSL versions 3.0.0 up to (but not including) 3.0.15.

Solution - Upgrade OpenSSL to version 3.0.15 or later.

OpenSSL SEOL (1.0.2.x)

CVE ID - Not listed

Description - OpenSSL 1.0.2 has reached end of life, meaning it no longer receives updates or patches.

Solution - Upgrade to a supported version of OpenSSL.

High Vulnerabilities

OpenSSL 1.0.2 < 1.0.2zl Vulnerability

CVE ID - Not listed

Description - Security vulnerabilities in OpenSSL versions below 1.0.2zl.

Solution - Update to OpenSSL version 1.0.2zl or later.

OpenSSL 3.0.0 < 3.0.16 Vulnerability

CVE ID - Not listed

Description - Security vulnerabilities in OpenSSL versions below 3.0.16.

Solution - Update to OpenSSL version 3.0.16 or later.

OpenSSL 3.0.0 < 3.0.11 Vulnerability

CVE ID - Not listed

Description - Multiple vulnerabilities in OpenSSL versions below 3.0.11.

Solution - Update to OpenSSL version 3.0.11 or later.

OpenSSL 3.0.0 < 3.0.12 Multiple Vulnerabilities

CVE ID - Not listed

Description - Multiple vulnerabilities in OpenSSL versions below 3.0.12.

Solution - Update to OpenSSL version 3.0.12 or later.

Medium Vulnerabilities

OpenSSL 3.0.0 < 3.0.13 Multiple Vulnerabilities

CVE ID - Not listed

Description - Multiple vulnerabilities in OpenSSL versions below 3.0.13.

Solution - Update to OpenSSL version 3.0.13 or later.

SSL Certificate Cannot Be Trusted

CVE ID - Not listed

Description - The SSL certificate is untrusted, potentially compromising secure connections.

Solution - Replace the SSL certificate with one from a trusted certificate authority.

libcurl 7.32.0 < 8.9.1 DoS (CVE-2024-7264)

CVE ID - CVE-2024-7264

Description - A Denial of Service (DoS) vulnerability affecting libcurl versions below 8.9.1.

Solution - Update libcurl to version 8.9.1 or later.

OpenSSL 3.0.0 < 3.0.14 Multiple Vulnerabilities

CVE ID - Not listed

Description - Multiple vulnerabilities in OpenSSL versions below 3.0.14.

Solution - Update to OpenSSL version 3.0.14 or later.

OpenSSL 1.0.2 < 1.0.2z Multiple Vulnerabilities

CVE ID - Not listed

Description - Multiple vulnerabilities in OpenSSL versions below 1.0.2z.

Solution - Update to OpenSSL version 1.0.2z or later.

OpenSSL 1.0.2 < 1.0.2zi Multiple Vulnerabilities

CVE ID - Not listed

Description - Vulnerabilities in OpenSSL versions below 1.0.2zi.

Solution - Update to OpenSSL version 1.0.2zi or later.

Intel Media SDK Multiple Vulnerabilities (INTEL-SA-00935)

CVE ID - Not listed

INTEL-SA-00935.

Solution - Apply Intel-provided patches or updates for this SDK version.

Low Vulnerabilities

libcurl 7.9.1 < 8.4.0 Cookie Injection

CVE ID - Not listed

Description - Vulnerability in libcurl versions below 8.4.0 that could allow cookie injection.

Solution - Update libcurl to version 8.4.0 or later.

Informational

Apache HTTP Server Installed (Linux)

CVE ID - Not applicable

Description - Detection of Apache HTTP Server installed on Linux, which may need updates or configuration checks for security.

Solution - Ensure Apache is up-to-date and configured securely.

Apache Log4j Installed (Linux / Unix)

CVE ID - Not applicable

Description - Log4j is installed, and prior versions (below 2.17.1) had significant vulnerabilities.

Solution - Check the version of Log4j and update to the latest secure version if needed.