



Wireshark Lab 2.0. Filtering Packets (V1.1)

OVERVIEW

Wireshark and TShark share a powerful filter engine that helps remove the noise from a packet trace, and lets you see only the packets that interest you.

If a packet meets the requirements expressed in your filter, it is displayed in the list of packets. Display filters let you compare the fields within a protocol against a specific value, compare fields against fields, and check the existence of specified fields or protocols.

OBJECTIVE:

- 1- How to filter specific data using Wireshark.
- 2- How to combine multiple filters.
- 3- How to create quick filter buttons.
- 4- How to filter conversations.

REQUIREMENTS:

	Wireshark	Application
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☐ OS (Windows, macOS, or Linux)

STEPS:

Part 1- The Wireshark Display Filter

Part 2 - Filtering for IP Addresses, Sources, and Destinations

Part 3 - Filtering for Protocols and Port Numbers:

A- Filter according to TCP or UDP Port Number.

B- Filter according to TCP or UDP with source Port Number.

Part 4 - Combining multiple filter queries.

Part 5 - Creating a button that allows you to filter certain packets.

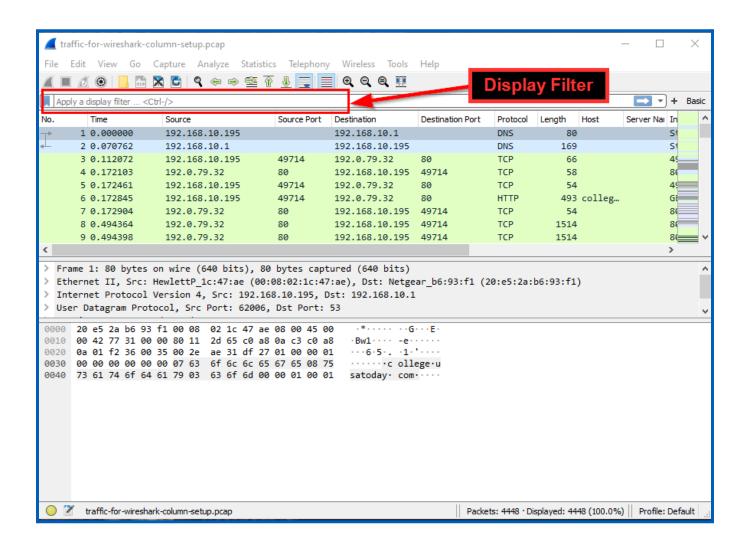
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Part 1 - The Wireshark Display Filter

Wireshark's display filter is a bar located right above the column display section. This is where you type expressions to filter the frames, IP packets, or TCP segments that Wireshark displays from a pcap.



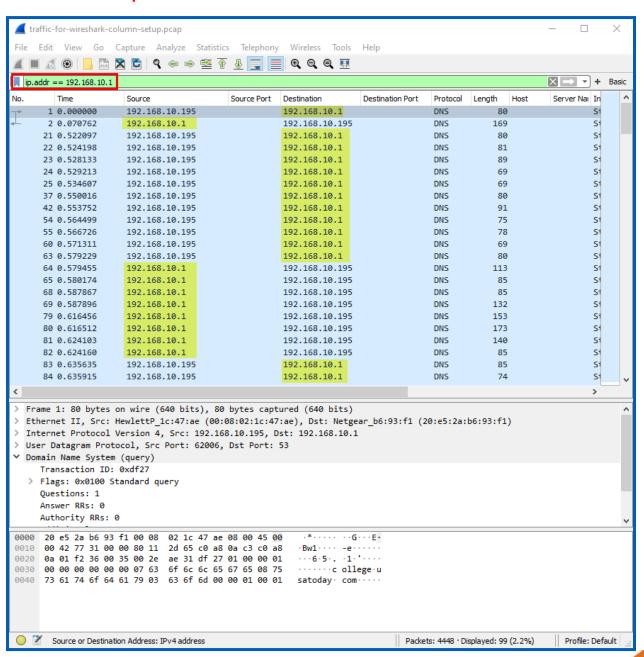




Part 2 - Filtering for IP Addresses, Sources, and Destinations

In this lab, we are going to examine the **(traffic-for-wireshark-column-setup)** PCAP file.

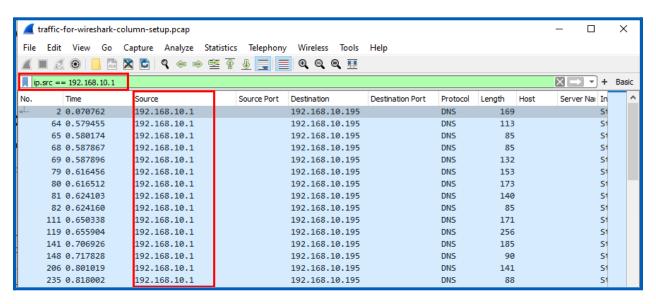
- ☐ Download the PCAP for this lab using this <u>link</u>. Password: infected
 - ☐ Extract the file after you download it, and open the .PCAP file.
- ☐ Open the .PCAP file in Wireshark.
- We are going to filter the traffic to just show packets with IP address: 192.168.10.1
- ☐ Filter : ip.addr == 192.168.10.1





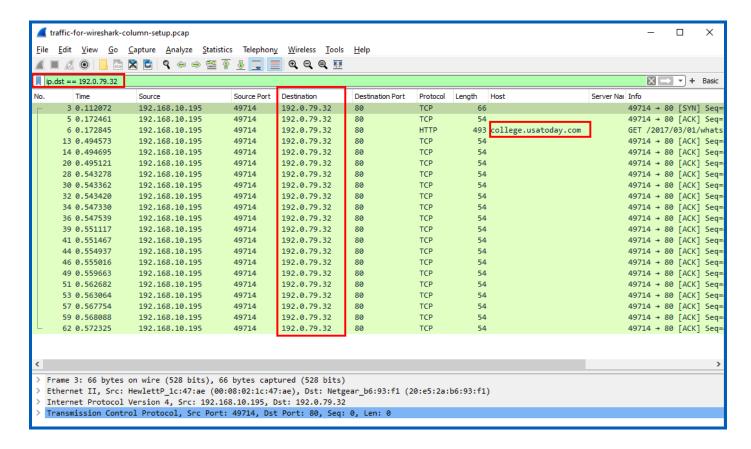


If we only want the packets with the source IP address 192.168.10.1, we apply the following filter: **ip.src** == **192.168.10.1**



college.usatoday.com server has an IP address of 192.0.79.32. We simply want to filter only the destination packets.

To do that, we use the following filter: ip.dst == 192.0.79.32

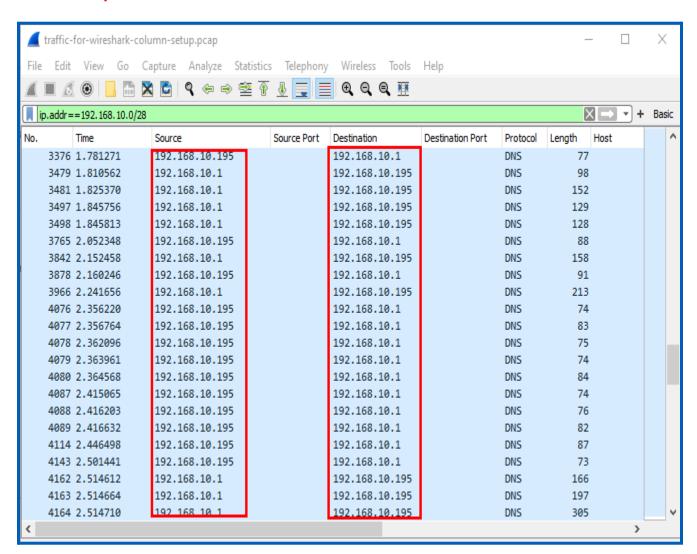






Another thing we will do is filter for a specified subnet. The purpose here is to view everything that goes to and from a specified subnet.

- ☐ You can simply use that format with the ip.addr == or ip.addr eq display filter.
- ☐ The network ID that we want to filter is: 192.168.10.0.
- ☐ The subnet that we are going to use is /28, so our filter will be: ip.addr==192.168.10.0/28.

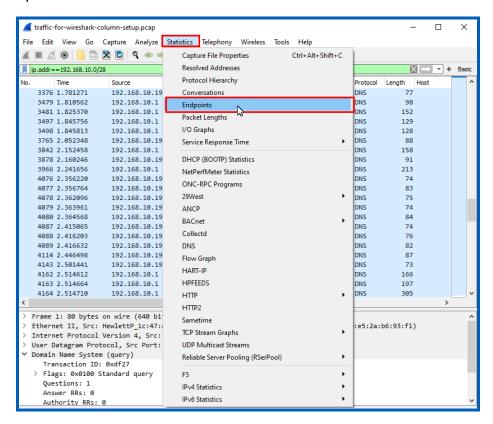






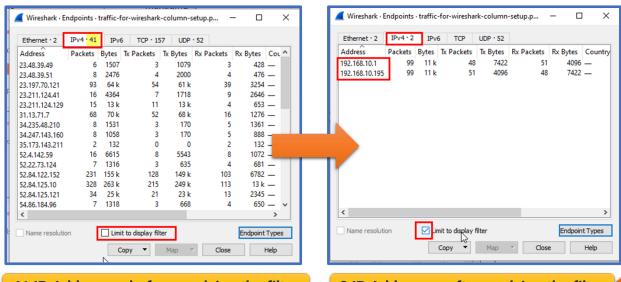
The question here is, how do you know what addresses are actually involved in that subnet?

After you set your filter, open the **statistics** view, and then click on **endpoints** as shown in the picture below.



Now, there is a very important checkbox that is very easy to overlook **in the statistics endpoints section because it is small.**

If you come down to the **limit to display filters** as shown in the picture below, only traffic that matches our filter will be displayed.







Part 3 - Filtering for Protocols and Port Numbers:

Wireshark has the ability to filter network traffic or packets according to the port or port number.

Protocols such as TCP and UDP use port numbers. TCP and UDP are the most common transmission protocols, and most network applications, such as websites, web apps, services, etc. use them.

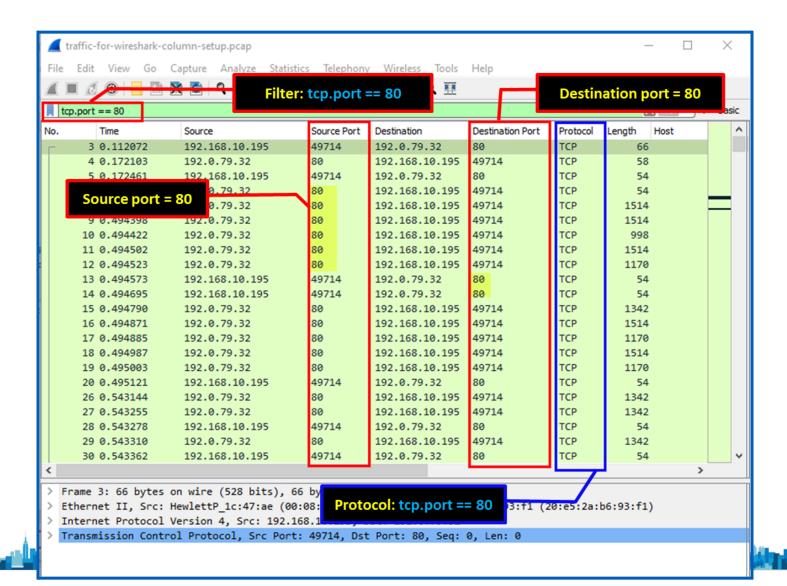
A- Filter According to TCP or UDP Port Number

HTTP port number is 80 and is using TCP.

As the **tcp.port** == **80** is used to filter port number 80, the == can be changed with the **eq**, which is the short form of "equal."

Filter: tcp.port eq 80 or tcp.port == 80

We are going to use the same .PCAP File (raffic-for-wireshark-column-setup.PCAP).







B- Filter According to TCP or UDP with source Port Number

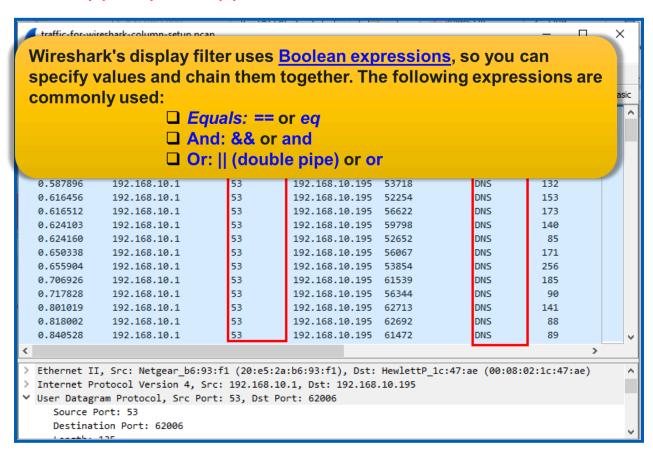
DNS has always been designed to use both **UDP** and **TCP** port **53** from the start, with **UDP** being the default, and falling back to using **TCP** when it is unable to communicate on **UDP**.

Let's first check for **DNS TCP** packets, and hen the **UDP**.

Filter: tcp.port eq 53 or tcp.port == 53

As shown in the picture below, there are no **DNC TCP** packets.

Now, let's check for **DNS UCP** packets. Filter: **udp.port eq 53 or udp.port == 53.**



Part 4 - Combining multiple filter queries:



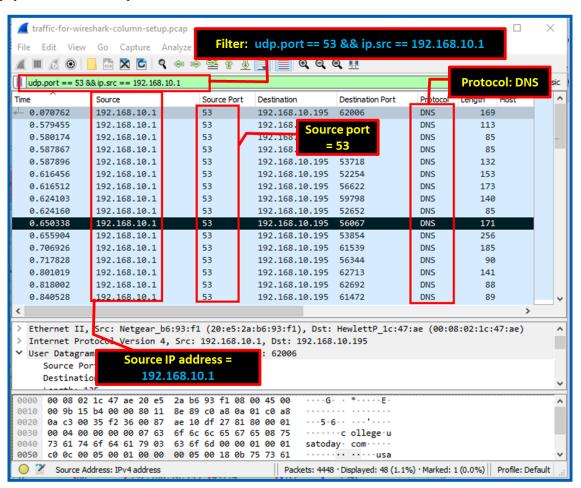


One thing you will need to write a combined display filter is knowledge of **boolean operators**. We are talking about the basic **AND**, **OR**, and **NOT operations**. Using these basic operators, we can also combine multiple filter queries into one. For example, if we are looking for **UDP** traffic and packets utilizing the source IP address **192.168.10.1**, we can write the filter as:

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udp.port == 53 and ip.src == 192.168.10.1

Another way is to use the expression:
udp.port == 53 && ip.src == 192.168.10.1
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The picture below shows the results after running the following filter: udp.port == 53 && ip.src == 192.168.10.1



Part 5 - Creating a button that allows you to filter certain packets:

We make buttons to help us quickly filter recorded traffic. For example, we can make a button for all **HTTP.request** packets, **UDP packets**, or **FTP packets**.



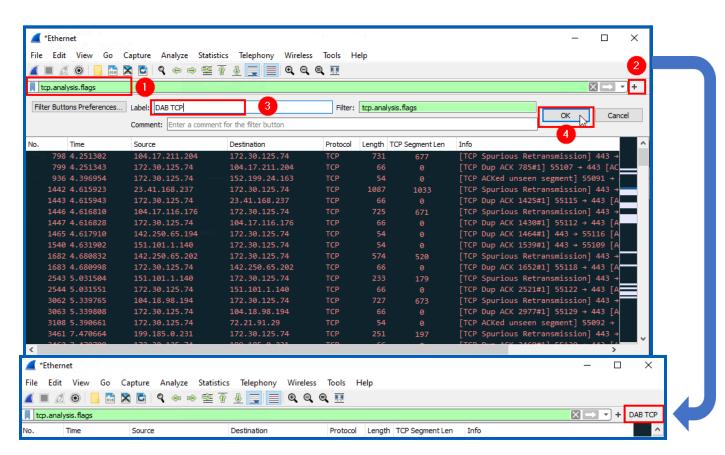


What are TCP Analysis Flags?

In a TCP connection, flags are used to indicate a particular state of connection, or to provide additional and useful information for troubleshooting or for handling the control of a particular connection.

In this lab, we are going to create a button for the TCP **analysis flags** filter.

Filter the traffic with tcp.analysis.flags, and then follow the steps in the picture below.



We now have a quick filter search (BAD TCP) as shown in the picture above.

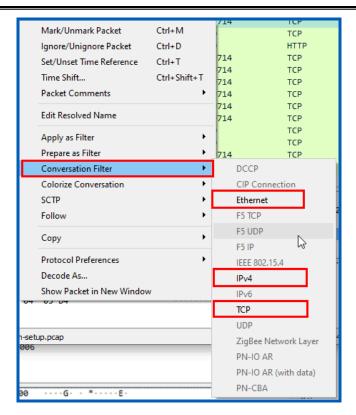
Part 6 - Filtering for Conversations

Conversations:

A network conversation is the traffic between two specific endpoints. For example, an IP conversation contains all of the traffic between two IP addresses.







Conversation Filter:

Ethernet: You can filter on everything between two Mac addresses (Layer 2).

IPV4: You can filter on everything between those two IP addresses (Layer 3).

TCP: You have everything between those two port numbers, which are also between the two IP addresses. (Layer 3 + Layer4)

In the following example, we will filter traffic for IP addresses and TCP ports.

Typically, if we want to run a combination filter for two IP addresses and two port numbers, we use the following filter as an example:

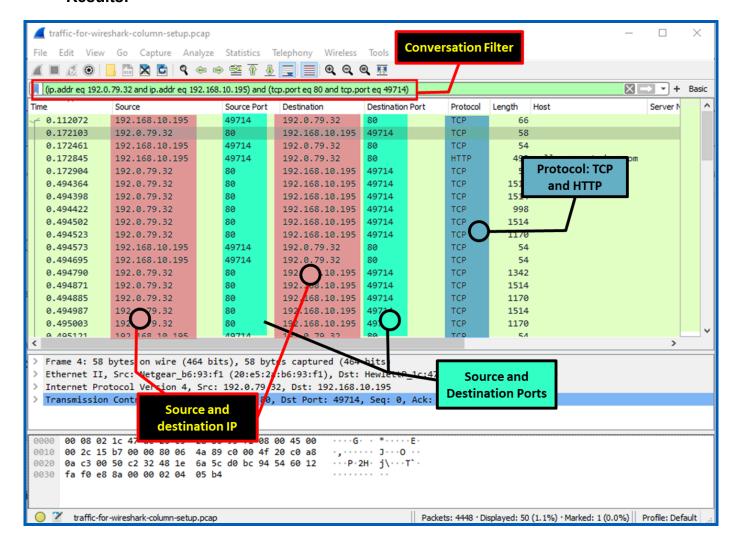
(ip.addr eq 192.0.79.32 and ip.addr eq 192.168.10.195) and (tcp.port eq 80 and tcp.port eq 49714)

It is a very long filter to type or to remember, but a Conversation Filter will make your life easier. As illustrated in the image below, **right-click** on the **packet** you want to **filter** and select **Conversation filter -> TCP.**





Results:



This concludes this lab.

Please discuss the following questions with your instructor.

LAB SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Please submit a pdf with the following:

- 1. A screenshot of the snapshot taken once the lab is completed.
- 2. One to three screenshots demonstrating the configurations that you made during this lab.
- 3. Discussion questions with your answers.





DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What are the two types of filters in Wireshark?

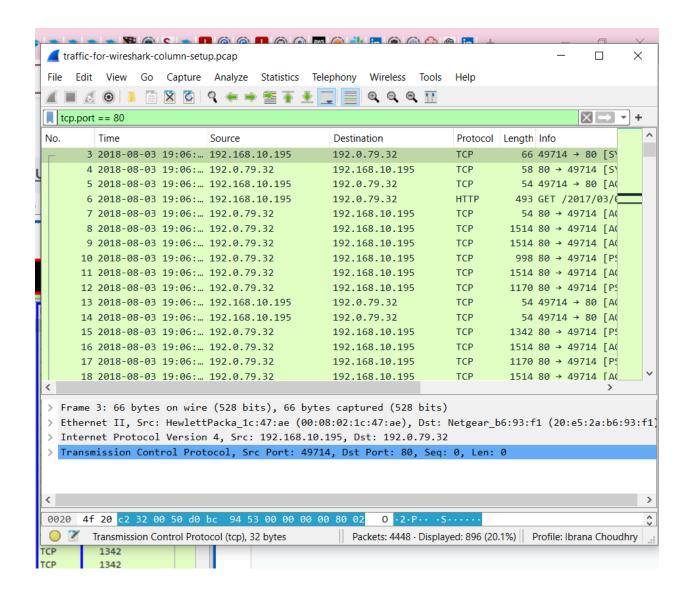
Capture Filters		
Display Filters		
2. How do you filter specific data in Wireshark??		
Filtering specific data in Wireshark involves using capture filters and display filters, depending		
on whether you want to filter packets during the capture process or after they have been		
captured.		
Display filters are used to refine and narrow down the view of the captured packets in		
Wireshark.		

3. What is the difference between a capture filter and a display filter?

Capture filters only keep copies of packets that match the filter. Display filters are used when you've captured everything, but need to cut through the noise to analyze specific packets or flows. Capture filters and display filters are created using different syntaxes.

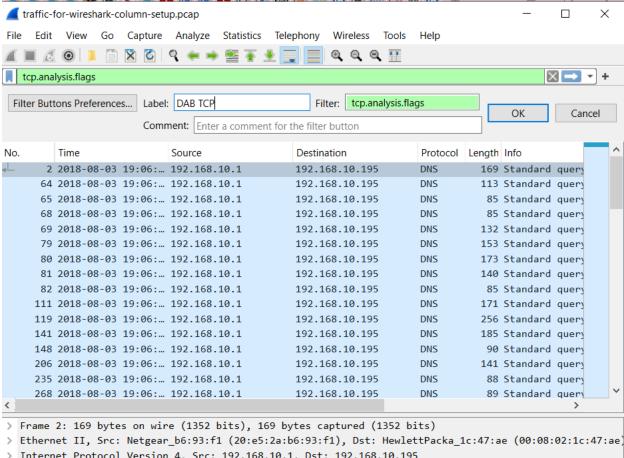












- > Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.10.1, Dst: 192.168.10.195
- > User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 53, Dst Port: 62006





