EXPERIMENT NO.8

Aim: Study and implement of packet sniffer tool: Wireshark

Theory:

Wireshark is a widely-used network protocol analyzer that allows users to capture and inspect network traffic in real-time or from stored data. It offers a user-friendly interface with powerful features such as packet filtering, protocol analysis, and detailed packet inspection. Wireshark is invaluable for network troubleshooting, protocol development, and network security analysis, providing deep insights into network behavior and aiding in the detection of anomalies and security threats. With its extensive capabilities and cross-platform support, Wireshark is an essential tool for network administrators, security analysts, developers, and anyone involved in managing or securing network infrastructure.

Features of Wireshark:

- 1. Live Packet Capture: Wireshark can capture live network traffic from various interfaces, allowing real-time analysis of data packets as they flow through the network.
- 2. Deep Protocol Analysis: It provides detailed insights into network protocols by allowing users to inspect packet headers, payloads, and other data fields. This depth of analysis helps in understanding protocol behavior and identifying issues.
- 3. Flexible Filtering: Wireshark offers powerful filtering capabilities to focus on specific types of network traffic based on various criteria such as IP addresses, port numbers, protocols, and packet contents. This helps in isolating and analyzing relevant packets efficiently.
- 4. Customizable Display: Users can customize the display of captured packets to suit their preferences and requirements. This includes options to configure packet views, colorization, and protocol hierarchy, enhancing readability and analysis efficiency.
- 5. Comprehensive Statistics: Wireshark provides detailed statistics on captured network traffic, including traffic volume, protocol usage, packet timing, and error rates. These statistics offer valuable insights into network performance and behavior.
- 6. Cross-Platform Support: Wireshark is available for multiple operating systems, including Windows, macOS, and Linux, ensuring broad compatibility across different environments. This allows network administrators and analysts to use the tool across various platforms seamlessly.

Steps to download wireshark:

1. Open ubuntu terminal

- 2. Install wireshark
- # apt-get install wireshark
- 3. To know the name of your Ethernet interface: (Mostly it is "etht0")
- #ifconfig
- 4. Start wireshark
- #sudo wireshark
- 5. Once wireshark window opens, select the interface and click on star

Capturing Packets:

After downloading and installing wireshark, you can launch it and click the name of an interface under Interface List to start capturing packets on that interface.

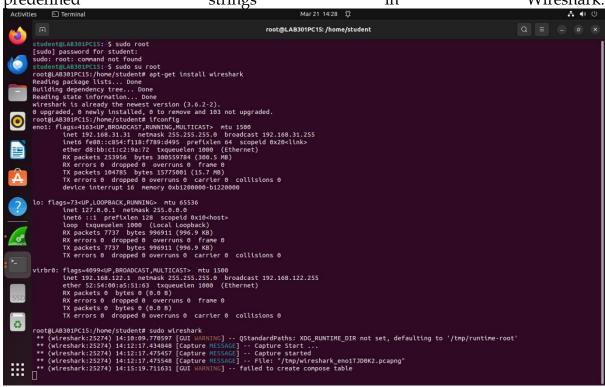
For example, if you want to capture traffic on the wireless network, click your wireless interface. You can configure advanced features by clicking Capture Options.

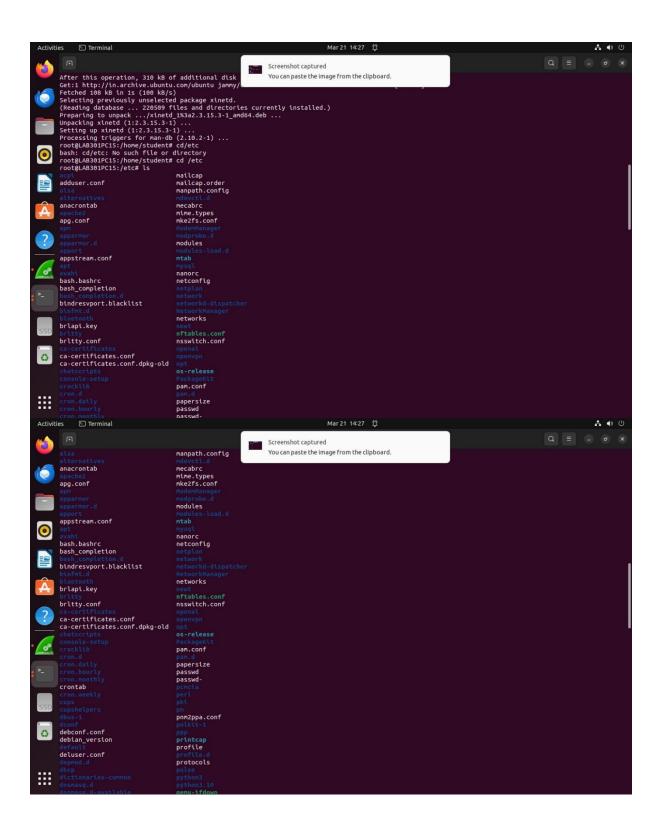
As soon as you click the interface's name, you'll see the packets start to appear in real time. Wireshark captures each packet sent to or from your system.

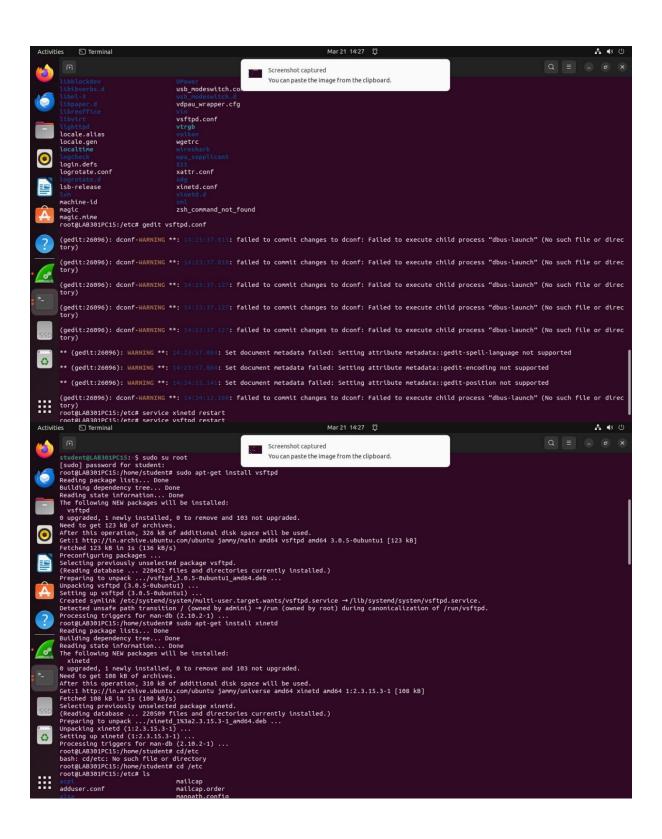
Click the stop capture button near the top left corner of the window when you want to stop capturing traffic Wireshark uses colors to help you identify the types of traffic at a glance. By default, green is TCP traffic, dark blue is DNS traffic, light blue is UDP traffic, and black identifies TCP packets with problems — for example, they could have been delivered out-of-order. Wireshark can record the capturing information in the file with extension .pcap (packet capture).

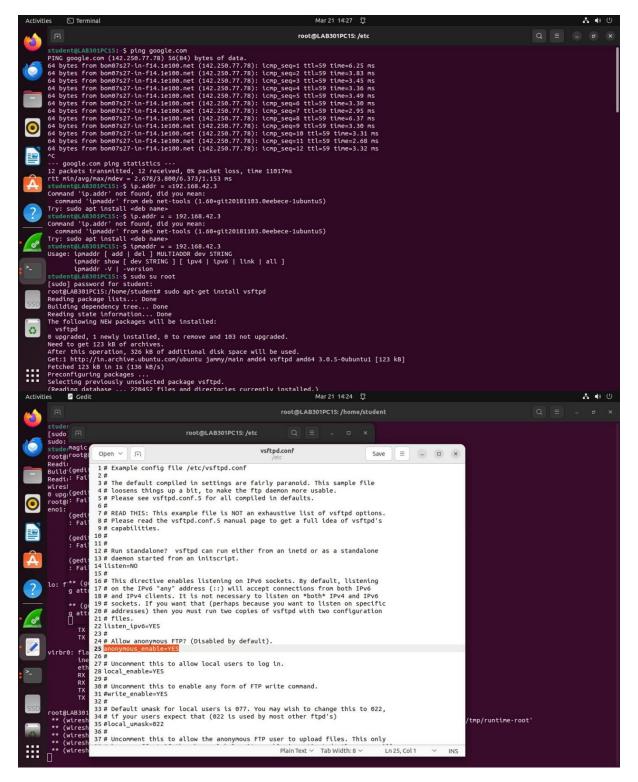
This file can be reopened for analysis in offline mode.

There is no need to remember filtering commands. Filters can be applied by putting predefined strings in Wireshark.









Commands:-

1. Capturing packets of a particular host

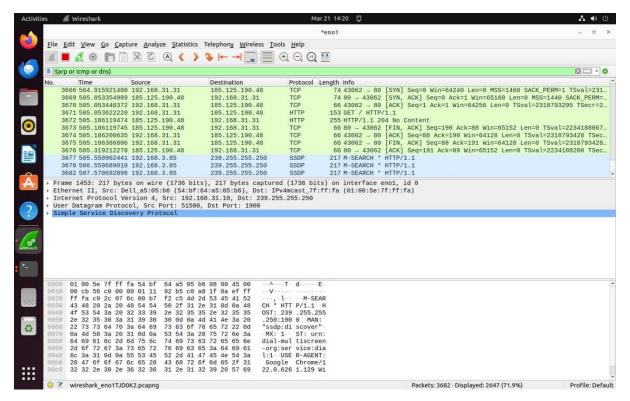
$$ip.addr = 192.163.31.45$$

Sets a filter for any packet with 192.163.31.45, as either the source or destination.

2. To capture a conversation between specified hosts

ip.addr == 192.163.31.45 && ip.addr == 104.26.2.23

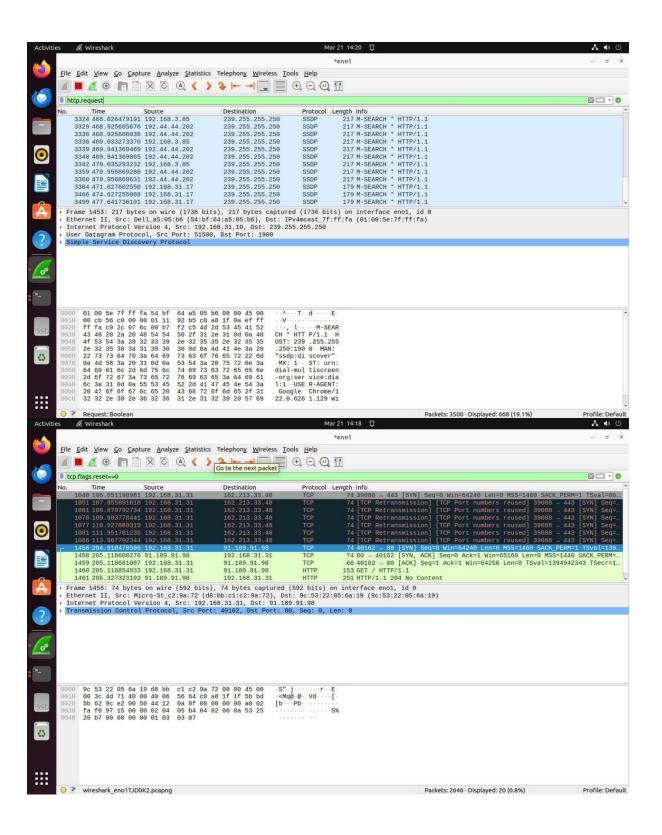
Sets a conversation filter between the two defined IP addresses

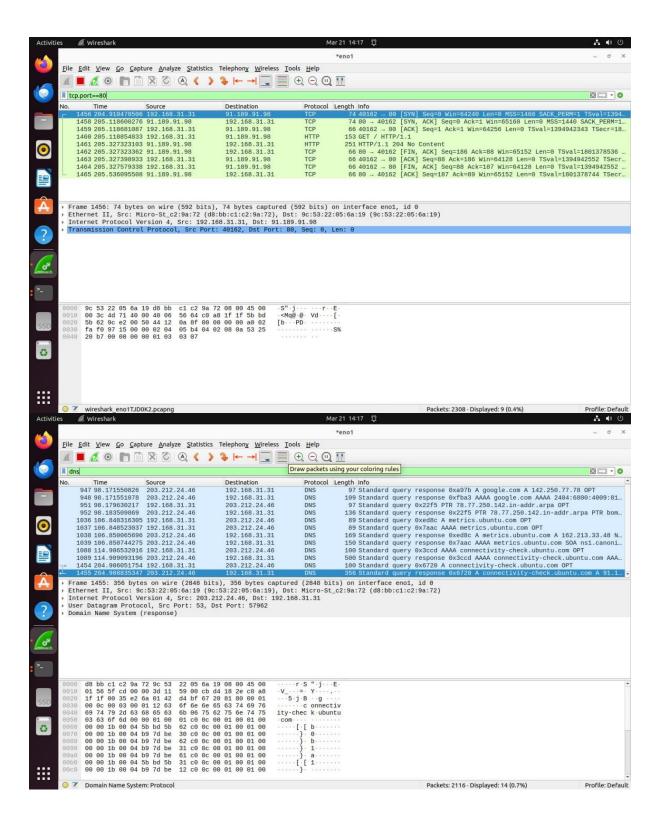


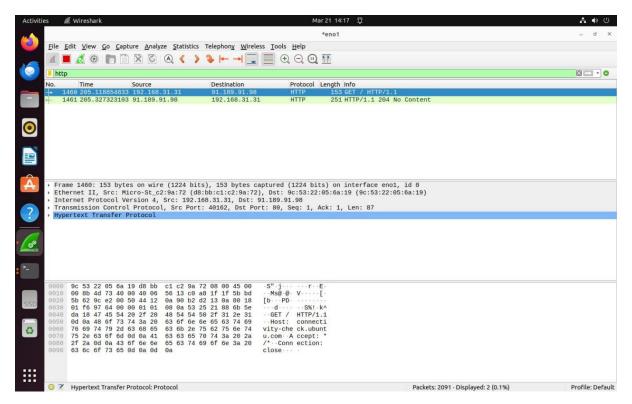
The most basic way to apply a filter is by typing it into the filter box at the top of the window and clicking Apply (or pressing Enter). For example, type —dns and you'll see only DNS packets. When you start typing, Wireshark will help you auto complete your filter.

Commands:-

1. To filter packets for a specific protocol: http







To capture packets from the FTP server. (Login ID and Password)

What is FTP?

FTP stands for File Transfer Protocol. As the name suggest this network protocol allows you to transfer files or directories from one host to another over the network whether it is your LAN or Internet. The package required to install FTP is known as VSFTPD (Very Secure File Transfer ProtocolDaemon)/

Steps:-

1. Get root access: \$ sudo su root

2. Find your ip address: # ifconfig

<u>Installation of FTP server in Ubuntu</u>

Name of Packages required: VSFTPD, XINETD

- 1. # sudo apt-get install vsftpd
- 2. # sudo apt-get install xinetd

The above command will install and start the xinetd superserver on your system. The chances are that you already have xinetd installed on your system. In that case you can omit the above installation command. In the next step we need to edit the FTP server's configuration file which is present in /etc/vsftpd.conf.

- 3. # cd /etc
- 4. # ls
- 5. # gedit vsftpd.conf

Change the following line:

Anonymous_enable=NO To Anonymous_enable=YES

This will instruct the FTP server to allow connecting with an anonymous client.

6. Save and close the gedit file

Now, that we are ready we can start the FTP server in the normal mode with:

7. # service xinetd restart

8. # service vsftpd restart OR # init.d/vsftpd restart

Connecting to a client present in other machine

\$ ftp ip address of the FTP server

Name: anonymous

Please specify the password.

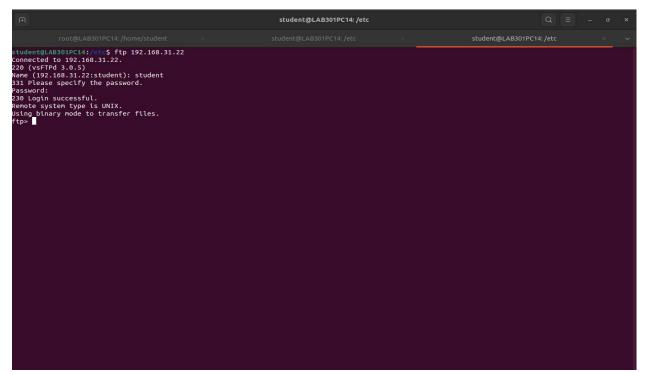
Password:

Login successful. (even if the login is not successful then also wireshark will capture the id and password)

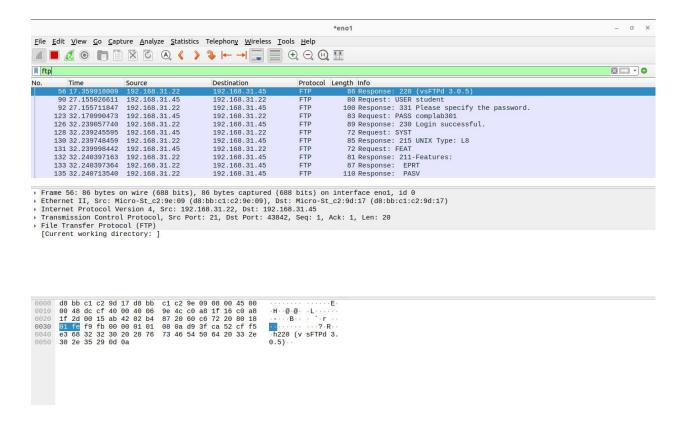
ftp>

ftp> quit

Goodbye.



Start WIRESHARK. In the FILTER field put FTP. This will filter all FTP packets



While the client is establishing a connection with the FTP server, the wireshark running in the background of the FTP server is able to capture all FTP packets. So, the Name and Password entered by the client is visible in plain text in Wireshark. Apart from that the source and the destination address is also visible. If many clients are trying to connect with the server then source address, name and password are visible for all of them.