

Capture and Analyze Network Traffic Using Wireshark

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Tool Used: Wireshark (Windows)

PCAP File: task5_capture.pcap

1. Objective

To capture live network traffic, identify at least three different protocols, and analyze their purpose.

2. Steps Performed

1. Opened Wireshark and selected the active network interface **Wi-Fi**.
2. Started live packet capture.
3. Generated network traffic by:
 - Browsing websites (*testphp.vulnweb.com*, *openai.com*)
 - Running *ping google.com -4 -n 5*
 - Running *nslookup openai.com*
4. Stopped the capture after ~1 minute.
5. Filtered packets using http, dns, and icmp.
6. Identified and analyzed the captured protocols.
7. Saved capture as task5_capture.pcap.

3. Protocols Identified

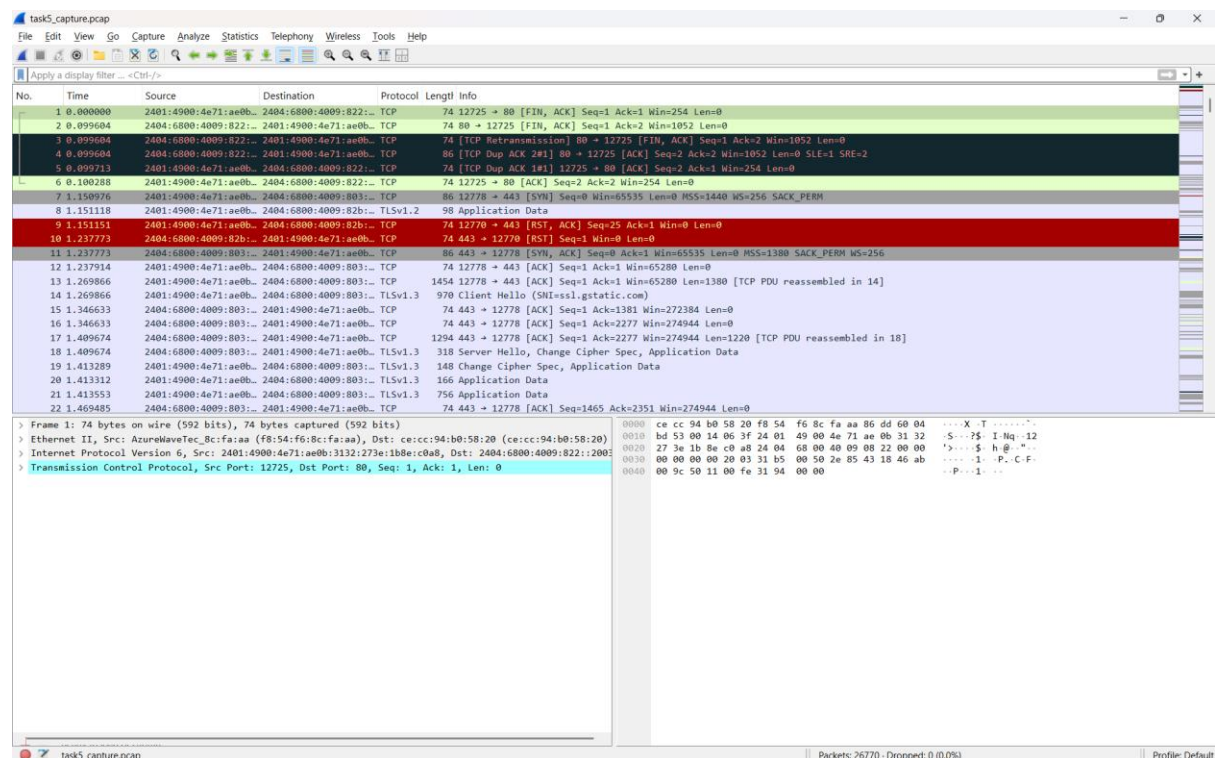
Protocol	Purpose	Example from Capture
HTTP	Web communication between client & server	GET request to <i>http://testphp.vulnweb.com/login.php</i>
DNS	Domain name resolution	Query for <i>openai.com</i> with IP returned
ICMP	Network connectivity testing	Echo request & reply from <i>google.com</i>

4. Findings Summary

Captured live traffic and identified **HTTP**, **DNS**, and **ICMP** protocols. HTTP showed web requests and responses, DNS resolved hostnames to IPs, and ICMP confirmed network connectivity through ping replies.

5. Evidence (Screenshots)

Screenshot 1: Wireshark capturing



Screenshot 2: HTTP filtered packets

Wireshark - Packet 316 - task5_capture.pcap

Content-Length: 38\r\n
Cache-Control: max-age=0\r\n
Origin: http://testphp.vulnweb.com\r\n
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded\r\n
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1\r\n
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/138.0.0 Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,image/apng,*/*;q=0.8,application/signed-exchange;v=b3;q=0.7\r\nReferer: http://testphp.vulnweb.com/login.php\r\nAccept-Encoding: gzip, deflate\r\nAccept-Language: en-IN,en-US;q=0.9,en-GB;q=0.8,en;q=0.7,hi;q=0.6\r\n\r\n[Response in frame: 379]
[Full request URI: http://testphp.vulnweb.com/userinfo.php]
File Data: 38 bytes
HTML Form URL Encoded: application/x-www-form-urlencoded

0190 2e 30 2e 30 20 53 61 66 61 72 69 2f 35 33 37 2e .0.0 Saf ari/537.
01a0 33 36 0d 0a 41 63 63 65 70 74 3a 20 74 65 78 74 36 Acce pt: text
01b0 2f 68 74 6d 6c 2c 61 70 78 6c 69 63 61 74 69 6f /html,ap plicatio
01c0 6e 2f 68 74 6d 6c 2b 78 6d 6c 2c 61 70 70 6c n/xhtml! xml,appl
01d0 69 63 61 74 69 6f 6e 2f 78 6d 6c 3b 71 3d 30 2e ication/ xml;q=0.
01e0 39 2c 69 6d 61 67 65 2f 61 76 69 66 2c 69 6d 61 9,image/ avif,ima
01f0 67 65 2f 77 65 62 70 2c 69 6d 61 67 65 2f 61 70 ge/webp, image/ap
0200 6e 67 2c 2a 2f 2a 3b 71 3d 30 2e 38 2c 61 70 70 ng,*/*;q =0.8,app
0210 6c 69 63 61 74 69 6f 6e 2f 73 69 67 6e 65 64 2d lication /signed-
0220 65 78 63 68 61 6e 67 65 3b 76 3d 62 33 3b 71 3d hp Acce pt-Encod
0230 30 2e 37 0d 0a 52 65 66 65 72 65 72 3a 20 68 74 0.7 Ref erer: ht
0240 74 70 3a 2f 2f 74 65 73 74 70 68 70 2e 76 75 6c tp://tes tphp.vul
0250 6e 77 65 62 2e 63 6f 6d 2f 6c 6f 67 69 6e 2e 70 nweb.com /login.p
0260 68 70 0d 0a 41 63 63 65 70 74 2d 45 6e 63 6f 64 hp Acce pt-Encod
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0280 74 65 0d 0a 41 63 63 65 70 74 2d 4c 61 6e 67 75 te Acce pt-Langu
0290 61 67 65 3a 20 65 6e 2d 49 4e 2c 65 6e 2d 55 53 age: en- IN,en-US
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02b0 2e 38 2c 65 6e 3b 71 3d 30 2e 37 2c 68 69 3b 71 .8,en;q= 0.7,hi;q
02c0 3d 30 2e 36 0d 0a 0d 0a 75 6e 61 6d 65 3d 6a 65 =0.6 ... uname=je
02d0 72 69 6e 74 65 73 74 75 73 65 72 26 70 61 73 73 rintextu ser&pass
02e0 3d 6a 65 72 69 6e 74 65 73 74 75 73 65 72 ;rintextu stase

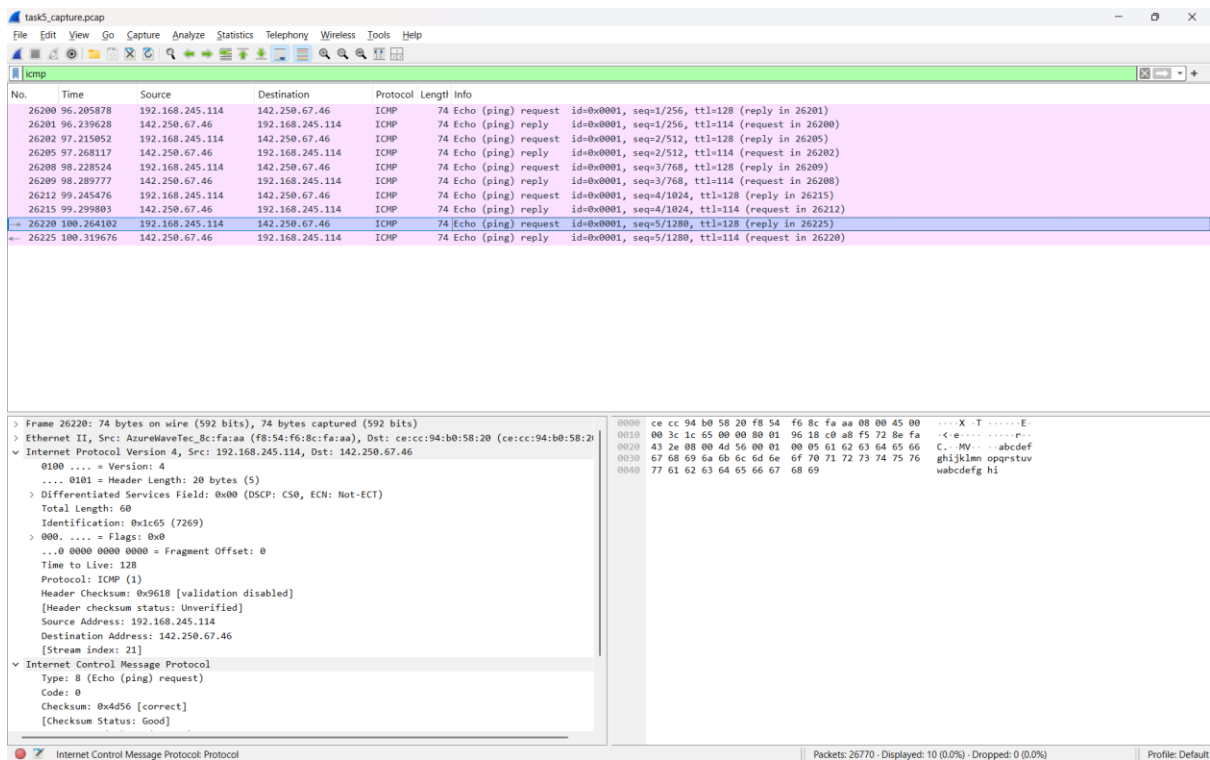
Screenshot 3: DNS filtered packets

Wireshark - Packet 515 - task5_capture.pcap

Total Length: 70
Identification: 0xe9f9 (59897)
010. = Flags: 0x2, Don't fragment
... 0 0000 0000 0000 = Fragment Offset: 0
Time to Live: 128
Protocol: TCP (6)
Header Checksum: 0xa414 [validation disabled]
[Header checksum status: Unverified]
Source Address: 192.168.245.114
Destination Address: 192.168.245.223
[Stream index: 0]
Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 12815, Dst Port: 53, Seq: 1, Ack: 1, Len: 30
Domain Name System (query)
Length: 28
Transaction ID: 0xb8ad
Flags: 0x0100 Standard query

0000 ce cc 94 b0 58 20 f8 54 f6 8c fa aa 08 00 45 00X T ...E
0010 00 46 e9 f9 40 00 80 06 a4 14 c0 a8 f5 72 c0 a8 :Fi@.....P
0020 f5 df 32 0f 00 35 22 43 09 83 e3 c4 55 c1 50 18 :-2-5TCU.P
0030 00 ff 00 00 00 00 1c 8a ad 01 00 00 01 00 00
0040 00 00 00 00 06 f7 70 65 6e 61 69 03 63 6f 6d 00ope nai-com
0050 00 01 00 01
No. 515 - Time: 42.337142 - Source: 192.168.245.114 - Destination: 192.168.245.223 - Protocol: DNS - Length: 84 - Info: Standard query 0xb8ad A open/om

Screenshot 4: ICMP filtered packets



Screenshot 5: Setting ping and nslookup

