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Introduction to Wireshark

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Overview

- Learn to navigate Wireshark
- Capture/save packets
- Learn about Wireshark statistics
- Understand features by example
 - Follow a session
 - Find a packet based on value in the payload

Wireshark Features

- Sniff live traffic or read captured traffic
- Follow streams / turn into conversations
- Examine packet layer details
- View protocols and component fields
- View/select specific packets (criteria)
- Export web content for investigation
- Etc.

Wireshark and tcpdump

Wireshark

- GUI-based
- Decodes many protocols
- Support functions
 - Reassembly
 - Search/find
- Interprets traffic
- Large PCAPs difficult
- Buffer overflows
- Suited for smaller traffic

tcpdump

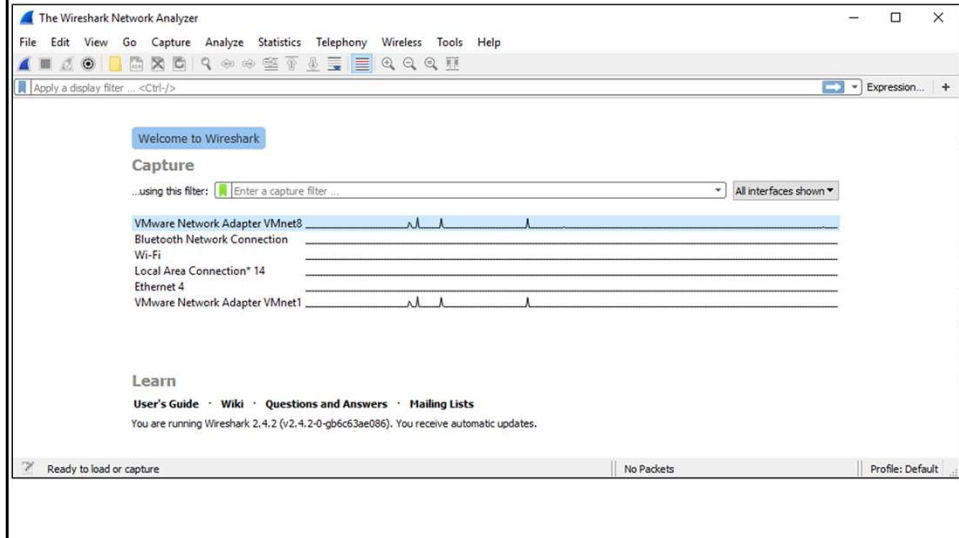
- Command line input
- Clunky output
- Minimal decoding
- Manual interpretation
- Handles large PCAPs
- Rare buffer overflows
- Support functions from other tools
 - ngrep and chaosreader

Wireshark and tcpdump

- Tools compliment one another
- Tools should be used together
 - Use tcpdump to filter an item of interest
 - Use tcpdump to collect traffic
 - Use Wireshark to inspect details

Introduction to Wireshark

Entry Menu



The entry menu in Wireshark allows you to select options to configure capture interfaces, capture packets, or access the user's guide. If you have an Internet connection, there are additional online options that include accessing their website and downloading sample captures. There will also be a link to recently used packet captures. Some options will only be present and optional when a PCAP is loaded; otherwise the options may be grayed out.

Main Menu

The screenshot shows the Wireshark network protocol analyzer interface. Red arrows point to various components labeled with red boxes:

- Main menu options:** Points to the menu bar (File, Edit, View, Go, Capture, Analyze, Statistics, Telephony, Wireless, Tools, Help).
- Main toolbar:** Points to the toolbar containing icons for file operations, capture, and analysis.
- Packet list pane:** Points to the pane showing a list of captured packets with columns for No., Time, Source, Destination, Protocol, Length, and Info.
- Capture traffic:** Points to the 'Capture' button in the toolbar.
- Packet details pane:** Points to the pane showing the hierarchical structure of the selected packet (Frame 1: 98 bytes on wire).
- Packet bytes pane:** Points to the pane showing the raw bytes of the selected packet in hexadecimal and ASCII.
- Status bar:** Points to the bottom status bar showing 'Packets: 4 · Displayed: 4 (100.0%) · Load time: 0:0.2 · Profile: Default'.

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1	0.000000	192.168.11.65	192.168.11.13	ICMP	98	Echo (ping) request id=0x671f, seq=1/256, ttl=64 (reply in 2)
2	0.000269	192.168.11.13	192.168.11.65	ICMP	98	Echo (ping) reply id=0x671f, seq=1/256, ttl=64 (request in 1)
3	0.998996	192.168.11.65	192.168.11.13	ICMP	98	Echo (ping) request id=0x671f, seq=2/512, ttl=64 (reply in 4)
4	0.999196	192.168.11.13	192.168.11.65	ICMP	98	Echo (ping) reply id=0x671f, seq=2/512, ttl=64 (request in 3)

Packet details pane

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> Frame 1: 98 bytes on wire (784 bits), 98 bytes captured (784 bits)
> Ethernet II, Src: DecLocal_00:00:00:00:00:00 (aa:00:04:00:00:04), Dst: Vmware_03:23:19 (00:0c:29:03:23:19)
> Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.11.65, Dst: 192.168.11.13
> Internet Control Message Protocol
  
```

Packet bytes pane

```

0000  00 0c 29 03 23 19 aa 00 04 00 0a 04 00 00 45 00  ..).#... ..E.
0010  00 54 00 00 40 00 40 01 a3 0a c0 a8 0b 41 c0 a8  .T..@. ....A..
0020  00 0d 00 00 0d d5 67 1f 00 01 0c d6 1f 50 ea e0  ....g. ....P..
0030  01 00 08 09 0a 0b 0c 0d 0e 0f 10 11 12 13 14 15  ....
0040  16 17 18 19 1a 1b 1c 1d 1e 1f 20 21 22 23 24 25  .....|'##$$%
0050  26 27 28 29 2a 2b 2c 2d 2e 2f 30 31 32 33 34 35  &'()*+,-./012345
0060  36 37 38 39 3a 3b 3c 3d 3e 3f 40 41 42 43 44 45  67
  
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Status bar

Packets: 4 · Displayed: 4 (100.0%) · Load time: 0:0.2 · Profile: Default

Collapsing and Expanding Panes

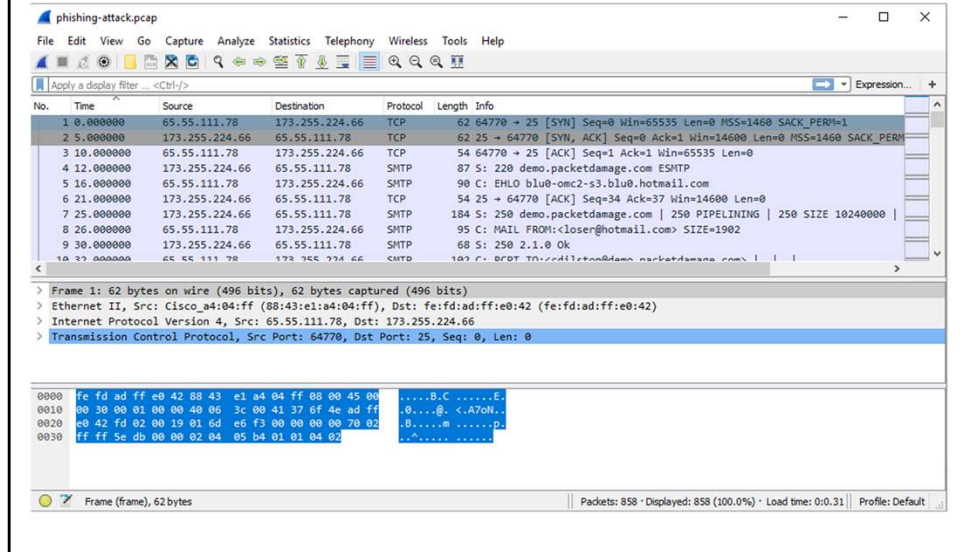
The screenshot shows the Wireshark interface with the file 'ping.pcap' open. The interface is divided into three main panes, each with a red double-headed arrow indicating it can be collapsed or expanded:

- Packet List Pane:** Displays a list of captured packets. The first four packets are ICMP Echo (ping) requests and replies between 192.168.11.65 and 192.168.11.13.
- Packet Details Pane:** Shows the hierarchical structure of the selected packet (Frame 1). It includes Ethernet II, Internet Protocol Version 4, and Internet Control Message Protocol.
- Packet Bytes Pane:** Displays the raw data of the selected packet in hexadecimal and ASCII format.

At the bottom of the interface, the status bar shows: 'Packets: 4 · Displayed: 4 (100.0%) · Load time: 0:0.2 · Profile: Default'.

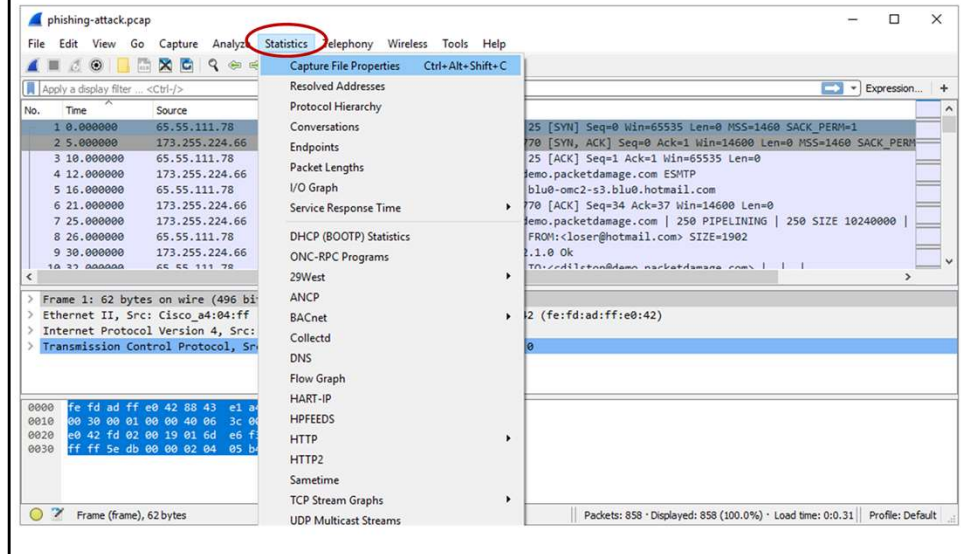
Basic Packet Analysis

Analysis of PCAP File



Let's walk through the basic review of a PCAP containing a potential phishing attack. An IPS or NetWitness packet capture alert identifies an HTTP session indicating a user visited a link in a phishing email that directed a user to download some malicious code. The alert is for the string "filename=pdf641." This demo shows students how to review a packet capture and draw general traffic statistics from a packet capture file. This is the initial first step for any .pcap file an analyst is given and should be part of the initial report.

Statistics



There are many overview options to give a summary of the composition of a particular packet capture. We know there may be some HTTP and SMTP traffic, but that's all we know so far with the information given. These summary statistics provide a decent starting point to understand the traffic contents.

Property Statistics

Wireshark · Capture File Properties - phishing-attack

Details

File

Name: [REDACTED] phishing-attack.pcap

Length: 548 kB

Format: Wireshark/tcpdump/... - pcap

Encapsulation: Ethernet

Snapshot length: 65535

Time

First packet: 2000-01-01 08:19:10

Last packet: 2000-01-01 09:01:19

Elapsed: 00:42:09

Capture

Hardware: Unknown

OS: Unknown

Application: Unknown

Interfaces

Hardware: Unknown

OS: Unknown

Application: Unknown

Interface

Dropped packets

Capture filter

Link type

Packet size limit

Capture file comments

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Details

Capture

Hardware: Unknown

OS: Unknown

Application: Unknown

Interfaces

Interface

Dropped packets

Capture filter

Link type

Packet size limit

Statistics

Measurement

Captured

Displayed

Marked

Capture file comments

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Protocol Hierarchy Statistics

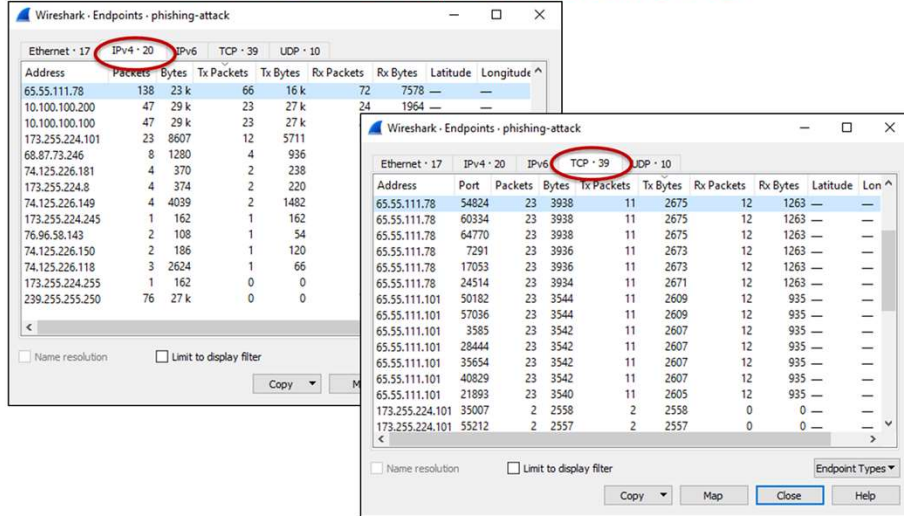
Wireshark · Protocol Hierarchy Statistics · phishing-attack

Protocol	Percent Packets	Packets	Percent Bytes	Bytes	Bits/s	End Packets	End Bytes
▼ Frame	100.0	858	100.0	534916	1692	0	0
▼ Ethernet	100.0	858	2.2	12012	37	0	0
▼ Internet Protocol Version 4	100.0	858	3.2	17160	54	0	0
▼ User Datagram Protocol	10.4	89	0.1	712	2	0	0
Simple Service Discovery Protocol	8.9	76	4.5	23848	75	76	23848
NetBIOS Datagram Service	0.1	1	0.0	120	0	1	120
Domain Name System	1.4	12	0.2	1150	3	12	1150
▼ Transmission Control Protocol	89.6	769	89.7	479914	1518	346	62663
▼ Simple Mail Transfer Protocol	21.2	182	6.0	32062	101	169	26352
Internet Message Format	1.5	13	4.6	24699	78	13	24699
Secure Sockets Layer	0.3	3	0.3	1457	4	3	1457
Hypertext Transfer Protocol	0.2	2	0.2	824	2	2	824
Data	27.5	236	69.5	371580	1175	236	371580

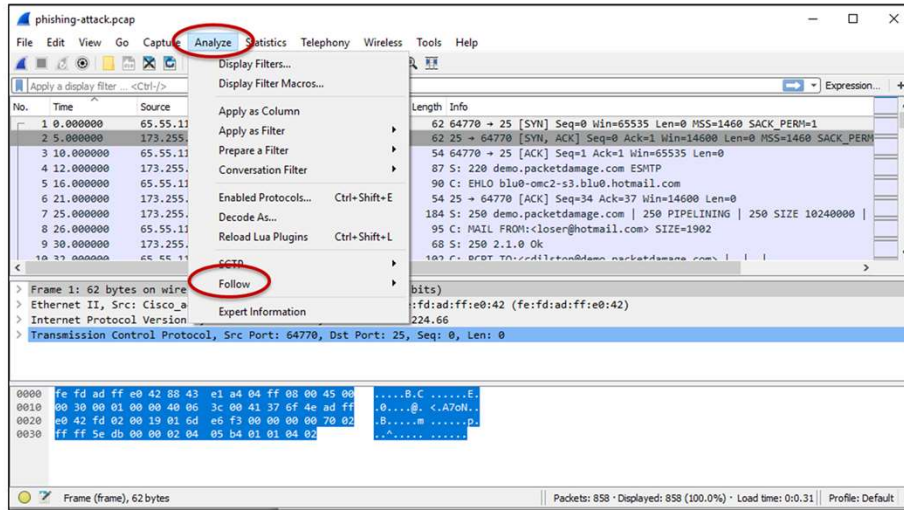
No display filter.

Close Copy Help

IP/TCP Endpoint Statistics



Analyze a TCP Session



TCP Session

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220 demo.packetdamage.com ESMTP
EHLO blu0-omc2-s3.blu0.hotmail.com
250-demo.packetdamage.com
250-PIPELINING
250-SIZE 10240000
250-VRFY
250-ETRN
250-ENHANCEDSTATUSCODES
250-8BITMIME
250-DSN
MAIL FROM:<loser@hotmail.com> SIZE=1902
250 2.1.0 Ok
RCPT TO:<cdilston@demo.packetdamage.com>

250 2.1.5 Ok
550 5.1.1 <horace@demo.packetdamage.com>: Recipient address rejected: User unknown in local recipient table
550 5.1.1 <maria@demo.packetdamage.com>: Recipient address rejected: User unknown in local recipient table
550 5.1.1 <terrence@demo.packetdamage.com>: Recipient address rejected: User unknown in local recipient table
DATA
354 End data with <CR><LF>.<CR><LF>
Received: from BLU152-W47 ([65.55.111.71]) by blu0-omc2-s3.blu0.hotmail.com with Microsoft SMTPSVC(6.0.3790.4675);
Mon, 4 Jul 2011 12:09:53 -0700
Message-ID: <BLU152-w473D8B95F96AA610F2E7F9AC5C0@phx.gbl>
```

9 client pkts, 8 server pkts, 15 turns.

Entire conversation (2680 bytes) Show and save data as ASCII Stream 0

Find: Find Next

Filter Out This Stream Print Save as... Back Close Help

Note: The blue highlights anything sent from the client to the server and red indicates anything sent from the server to the client.

Make all Packets Available

The image shows the Wireshark network protocol analyzer interface. The top menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Go, Capture, Analyze, Statistics, Telephony, Wireless, Tools, and Help. The toolbar contains various icons for file operations, capture control, and analysis. The filter bar at the top shows the filter `tcp.stream eq 0`, which is circled in red. To the right of the filter bar is a button with a magnifying glass icon, also circled in red, and an 'Expression...' dropdown menu. The packet list pane shows a list of captured packets. Packet 14 is selected, and its details pane is expanded, showing the Ethernet II, Internet Protocol Version 4, Transmission Control Protocol, and Simple Mail Transfer Protocol layers. The hex data pane at the bottom shows the raw bytes of the selected packet.

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
5	16.000000	65.55.111.78	173.255.224.66	SMTP	90	C: EHLO blu0-omc2-s3.blu0.hotmail.com
6	21.000000	173.255.224.66	65.55.111.78	TCP	54	25 → 64770 [ACK] Seq=34 Ack=37 Win=14600 Len=0
7	25.000000	173.255.224.66	65.55.111.78	SMTP	184	S: 250 demo.packetdamage.com 250 PIPELINING 250 SIZE 10240000 ...
8	26.000000	65.55.111.78	173.255.224.66	SMTP	95	C: MAIL FROM:<loser@hotmail.com> SIZE=1902
9	30.000000	173.255.224.66	65.55.111.78	SMTP	68	S: 250 2.1.0 Ok
10	32.000000	65.55.111.78	173.255.224.66	SMTP	102	C: RCPT TO:<cdilton@demo.packetdamage.com>
11	33.000000	173.255.224.66	65.55.111.78	SMTP	396	S: 250 2.1.5 Ok 550 5.1.1 <horace@demo.packetdamage.com>: Recipi...
12	34.000000	65.55.111.78	173.255.224.66	SMTP	60	C: DATA
13	35.000000	173.255.224.66	65.55.111.78	SMTP	91	S: 354 End data with <CR><LF>.<CR><LF>
14	38.000000	65.55.111.78	173.255.224.66	SMTP	1519	C: DATA fragment, 1465 bytes

Frame 14: 1519 bytes on wire (12152 bits), 1519 bytes captured (12152 bits)

- Ethernet II, Src: Cisco_a4:04:ff (68:43:el:a4:04:ff), Dst: fe:fd:ad:ff:e0:42 (fe:fd:ad:ff:e0:42)
- Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 65.55.111.78, Dst: 173.255.224.66
- Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 64770, Dst Port: 25, Seq: 132, Ack: 557, Len: 1465
- Simple Mail Transfer Protocol

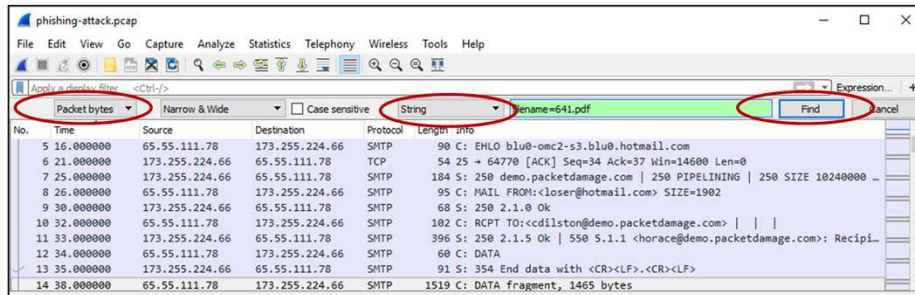
Hex data (Frame 14, 1519 bytes):

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0000 fe fd ad ff e0 42 88 43 e1 a4 04 ff 08 00 45 00 .....B.C .....E
0010 95 e1 00 01 00 00 40 06 36 4f 41 37 6f 4e ad ff .....@. 60A7oN..
0020 e0 42 fd 02 00 19 01 6d e7 77 05 0e f5 38 50 10 ..B.....m .w...BP.
0030 fd d3 cc 46 00 00 52 65 63 65 69 76 65 64 3a 20 ...F...Re ceived:
0040 56 72 6f 6d 20 42 4c 55 31 35 32 2d 57 34 37 20 from BLU 152-1487
0050 20 5b 36 35 2e 35 35 2e 31 31 31 2e 37 31 5d 29 [(65:55: 111:72)]
0060 20 62 79 20 62 6c 75 30 2d 6f 6d 63 32 2d 73 33 by blu0-omc2-s3
  
```

Packets: 858 · Displayed: 23 (2.7%) · Load time: 0:0.25 · Profile: Default

Find a Packet

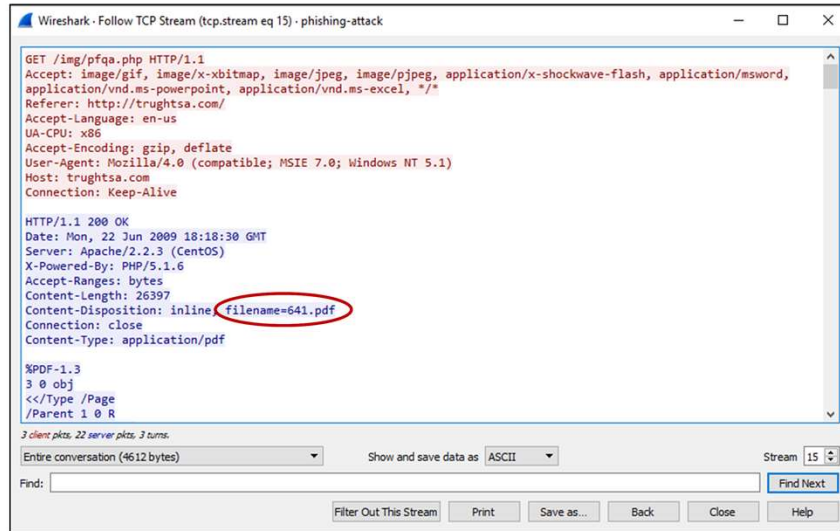


Follow the Session

The image shows the Wireshark network protocol analyzer interface. The main window displays a list of captured packets. Packet 66 is selected, and its details are shown in the packet details pane. The packet details pane shows the structure of the selected packet, including Ethernet II, Internet Protocol Version 4, and Transmission Control Protocol. The packet bytes pane at the bottom shows the raw data. A red box highlights the 'Follow' menu option in the top right corner, which is used to follow the session.

Mark/Unmark Packet Ctrl+M
 Ignore/Unignore Packet Ctrl+D
 Set/Unset Time Reference Ctrl+T
 Time Shift... Ctrl+Shift+T
 Packet Comment... Ctrl+Alt+C
 Edit Resolved Name
 Apply as Filter
 Prepare a Filter
 Conversation Filter
 Colorize Conversation
 SCTP
 Follow TCP Stream
 Copy
 Protocol Preferences
 Decode As...
 Show Packet in New Window

Session Reconstruction



The image shows a Wireshark window titled "Follow TCP Stream (tcp.stream eq 15) · phishing-attack". The main pane displays the details of an HTTP GET request. The request line is "GET /img/pfqa.php HTTP/1.1". The headers include "Accept: image/gif, image/x-bitmap, image/jpeg, image/pjpeg, application/x-shockwave-flash, application/msword, application/vnd.ms-powerpoint, application/vnd.ms-excel, */*", "Referer: http://trughtsa.com/", "Accept-Language: en-us", "UA-CPU: x86", "Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate", "User-Agent: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 5.1)", "Host: trughtsa.com", and "Connection: Keep-Alive". The status bar indicates "HTTP/1.1 200 OK". The response headers include "Date: Mon, 22 Jun 2009 18:18:30 GMT", "Server: Apache/2.2.3 (CentOS)", "X-Powered-By: PHP/5.1.6", "Accept-Ranges: bytes", "Content-Length: 26397", "Content-Disposition: inline; filename=641.pdf", "Connection: close", and "Content-Type: application/pdf". The body of the response is a PDF document, starting with "%PDF-1.3", "3 0 obj", "<</Type /Page", and "/Parent 1 0 R". The bottom of the window shows a search bar with "Find:" and a "Find Next" button, and a status bar with "Filter Out This Stream", "Print", "Save as...", "Back", "Close", and "Help".

```
GET /img/pfqa.php HTTP/1.1
Accept: image/gif, image/x-bitmap, image/jpeg, image/pjpeg, application/x-shockwave-flash, application/msword,
application/vnd.ms-powerpoint, application/vnd.ms-excel, */*
Referer: http://trughtsa.com/
Accept-Language: en-us
UA-CPU: x86
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
User-Agent: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 5.1)
Host: trughtsa.com
Connection: Keep-Alive

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Mon, 22 Jun 2009 18:18:30 GMT
Server: Apache/2.2.3 (CentOS)
X-Powered-By: PHP/5.1.6
Accept-Ranges: bytes
Content-Length: 26397
Content-Disposition: inline; filename=641.pdf
Connection: close
Content-Type: application/pdf

%PDF-1.3
3 0 obj
<</Type /Page
/Parent 1 0 R
```

Introduction to Wireshark Review

- Data displayed in three different panes
- Options to capture/save traffic
- Statistics available for traffic overviews
- Capability to reconstruct a session
- Find packets based on specific input

References:

- <http://www.wireshark.org/docs>
- <http://wiki.wireshark.org>



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