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Lab Practical #09:

Study Packet capture and header analysis by Wireshark (HTTP, TCP, UDP, IP, etc.)

Practical Assignment #09:

1. Explain usage of Wireshark tool.

- **Usage of Wireshark Tool:** Wireshark is the most widely used network protocol analyzer. It allows you to capture packets moving across a network in real time and then inspect their contents at a very detailed level.
- **Key Uses:**
- **Packet Capture:** Records all network traffic passing through an interface (wired, wireless, loopback).
- **Protocol Analysis:** Supports hundreds of protocols (HTTP, TCP, UDP, IP, ARP, DNS, FTP, SSL/TLS, etc.).
- **Troubleshooting:** Helps identify network issues such as latency, packet loss, retransmissions, or misconfigured systems.
- **Security Monitoring:** Detects suspicious traffic (malware communication, scanning, brute force attempts).
- **Learning/Education:** Excellent for students to understand how data moves across networks and how protocols interact.
- **Performance Tuning:** Analyses bandwidth usage, detects bottlenecks, and optimizes configurations.
- In simple words: Wireshark lets you “see” what’s happening inside your network packet by packet.

2. Packet capture and header analysis by Wireshark (HTTP, TCP, UDP, IP, etc.)

- **Packet Capture & Header Analysis in Wireshark:** When you capture packets, Wireshark shows a breakdown at **three layers**:
- **Packet List Pane** – Summary of each captured packet (No., Time, Source, Destination, Protocol, Info).
- **Packet Details Pane** – Hierarchical breakdown of protocols in the packet.
- **Packet Bytes Pane** – Raw hex + ASCII data.

a) HTTP (Hypertext Transfer Protocol):

- Found under Application Layer.
- Wireshark shows Request/Response details:
- Request Method: GET, POST, etc.
- Host, User-Agent, Cookies.
- Response: Status code (200 OK, 404 Not Found).
- Example usage: Check what web resources are being requested.



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No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length Info
50061	57.161197	10.70.22.155	23.11.214.26	HTTP	208 GET /connecttest.txt HTTP/1.1
50070	57.383028	23.11.214.26	10.70.22.155	HTTP	241 HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/plain)
50358	59.010314	10.70.22.155	43.174.32.118	HTTP	482 GET /filestreamingservice/files/80c88945-d00a-4008-9e66-20ccdea0f127?P1=1753886897&P2=404&P3=2&P4=...
50497	60.274501	43.174.32.118	10.70.22.155	HTTP	909 HTTP/1.1 206 Partial Content (application/x-chrome-extension)
51029	64.116214	10.70.22.155	43.174.32.118	HTTP	485 GET /filestreamingservice/files/80c88945-d00a-4008-9e66-20ccdea0f127?P1=1753886897&P2=404&P3=2&P4=...
51165	64.982638	10.70.22.155	10.255.1.1	HTTP	549 POST /login.xml HTTP/1.1 (application/x-www-form-urlencoded)
51287	65.239545	43.174.32.118	10.70.22.155	HTTP	623 HTTP/1.1 200 Partial Content (application/x-chrome-extension)
51225	65.241016	10.255.1.1	10.70.22.155	HTTP/X..	456 HTTP/1.1 200 OK
51584	67.383835	10.70.22.155	43.174.32.118	HTTP	486 GET /filestreamingservice/files/80c88945-d00a-4008-9e66-20ccdea0f127?P1=1753886897&P2=404&P3=2&P4=...
51720	68.033099	43.174.32.118	10.70.22.155	HTTP	208 HTTP/1.1 206 Partial Content (application/x-chrome-extension)
51737	68.070167	10.70.22.155	23.195.74.40	HTTP	299 GET /msdownload/update/v3/static/trustedr/en/disallowedcertst1.cab?735ad4a123c1eb61 HTTP/1.1
51829	68.349212	23.195.74.40	10.70.22.155	HTTP	736 HTTP/1.1 200 OK (application/vnd.ms-cab-compressed)
52047	70.422477	10.70.22.155	43.174.32.118	HTTP	486 GET /filestreamingservice/files/80c88945-d00a-4008-9e66-20ccdea0f127?P1=1753886897&P2=404&P3=2&P4=...
52098	70.923638	43.174.32.118	10.70.22.155	HTTP	841 HTTP/1.1 206 Partial Content (application/x-chrome-extension)

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> Frame 51165: 549 bytes on wire (4392 bits), 549 bytes captured (4392 bits) on interface
  Ethernet II, Src: CloudNetwork_b5:c0:35 (90:0f:0c:b5:c0:35), Dst: Sophos_ce:2f:57 (7c:00:00:01:c6:a2)
  Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.70.22.155, Dst: 10.255.1.1
  Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 50850, Dst Port: 8090, Seq: 1, Ack: 1, Len: 4
  Hypertext Transfer Protocol
  HTML Form URL Encoded: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
    > Form item: "mode" = "191"
    > Form item: "username" = "24010101693"
    > Form item: "password" = "Vanraj@2005"
    > Form item: "a" = "1753773826429"
    > Form item: "producttype" = "0"
  
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Packets: 52146 - Displayed: 14 (0.0%) - Dropped: 0 (0.0%) Profile: Default

b) TCP (Transmission Control Protocol):

- Found under Transport Layer.
- Fields you'll see in Wireshark:
- Source Port / Destination Port (e.g., 80 for HTTP, 443 for HTTPS).
- Sequence & Acknowledgment Numbers (for reliability).
- Flags (SYN, ACK, FIN, RST).
- Window Size (flow control).
- Example usage: Spot retransmissions, handshake problems, or dropped connections.

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length Info
3088	12.802434	43.174.32.118	10.70.22.155	TCP	1514 [TCP Spurious Retransmission] 80 → 51117 [ACK] Seq=1160689 Ack=2608 Win=512 Len=1460 [TCP P...
3089	12.802539	10.70.22.155	43.174.32.118	TCP	66 [TCP Dup ACK 3079#5] 51117 → 80 [ACK] Seq=2608 Ack=1224929 Win=2047 Len=0 SLE=1160689 SRE=1...
3090	12.803018	43.174.32.118	10.70.22.155	TCP	1514 [TCP Spurious Retransmission] 80 → 51117 [ACK] Seq=1162149 Ack=2608 Win=512 Len=1460 [TCP P...
3091	12.803123	10.70.22.155	43.174.32.118	TCP	66 [TCP Dup ACK 3079#6] 51117 → 80 [ACK] Seq=2608 Ack=1224929 Win=2047 Len=0 SLE=1162149 SRE=1...
3092	12.805402	43.174.32.118	10.70.22.155	TCP	1514 [TCP Spurious Retransmission] 80 → 51117 [ACK] Seq=1163609 Ack=2608 Win=512 Len=1460 [TCP P...
3093	12.805402	43.174.32.118	10.70.22.155	TCP	1514 [TCP Spurious Retransmission] 80 → 51117 [ACK] Seq=1163609 Ack=2608 Win=512 Len=1460 [TCP P...
3094	12.805558	10.70.22.155	43.174.32.118	TCP	66 [TCP Dup ACK 3079#7] 51117 → 80 [ACK] Seq=2608 Ack=1224929 Win=2047 Len=0 SLE=1163609 SRE=1...
3095	12.805658	10.70.22.155	43.174.32.118	TCP	66 [TCP Dup ACK 3079#8] 51117 → 80 [ACK] Seq=2608 Ack=1224929 Win=2047 Len=0 SLE=116569 SRE=1...
3097	12.806129	43.174.32.118	10.70.22.155	TCP	1514 [TCP Spurious Retransmission] 80 → 51117 [ACK] Seq=1166529 Ack=2608 Win=512 Len=1460 [TCP P...
3098	12.806217	10.70.22.155	43.174.32.118	TCP	66 [TCP Dup ACK 3079#9] 51117 → 80 [ACK] Seq=2608 Ack=1224929 Win=2047 Len=0 SLE=1166529 SRE=1...
3099	12.806495	43.174.32.118	10.70.22.155	TCP	1514 [TCP Spurious Retransmission] 80 → 51117 [ACK] Seq=1167989 Ack=2608 Win=512 Len=1460 [TCP P...
3100	12.806584	10.70.22.155	43.174.32.118	TCP	66 [TCP Dup ACK 3079#10] 51117 → 80 [ACK] Seq=2608 Ack=1224929 Win=2047 Len=0 SLE=1167989 SRE=...
3101	12.807457	43.174.32.118	10.70.22.155	TCP	1514 [TCP Spurious Retransmission] 80 → 51117 [ACK] Seq=1169449 Ack=2608 Win=512 Len=1460 [TCP P...
3102	12.807632	10.70.22.155	43.174.32.118	TCP	66 [TCP Dup ACK 3079#11] 51117 → 80 [ACK] Seq=2608 Ack=1224929 Win=2047 Len=0 SLE=1169449 SRE=...
3103	12.807933	43.174.32.118	10.70.22.155	TCP	1514 [TCP Spurious Retransmission] 80 → 51117 [ACK] Seq=1170909 Ack=2608 Win=512 Len=1460 [TCP P...
3104	12.808221	10.70.22.155	43.174.32.118	TCP	66 [TCP Dup ACK 3079#12] 51117 → 80 [ACK] Seq=2608 Ack=1224929 Win=2047 Len=0 SLE=1170909 SRE=...

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> Frame 3095: 66 bytes on wire (528 bits), 66 bytes captured (528 bits) on interface
  Ethernet II, Src: CloudNetwork_b5:c0:35 (90:0f:0c:b5:c0:35), Dst: Sophos_ce:2f:57 (7c:00:00:01:c6:a2)
  Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.70.22.155, Dst: 43.174.32.118
  Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 51117, Dst Port: 80, Seq: 2608, Ack: 1224929, Offset: 0
  
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Packets: 22337 - Displayed: 22205 (99.4%) - Dropped: 0 (0.0%) Profile: Default

c) UDP (User Datagram Protocol):

- Also at **Transport Layer**, but simpler than TCP.



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- Fields:
 - **Source Port / Destination Port** (e.g., 53 for DNS, 67/68 for DHCP).
 - **Length** (size of data).
 - **Checksum**.
- Example usage: Analyse lightweight communications like DNS queries or streaming.

The screenshot shows a Wireshark capture window at the top with numerous DNS requests and responses. Below it is a Command Prompt window where the command `nslookup google.com` is run, showing the server is Unknown and the address is 10.70.1.1. The DNS request timed out after a 2-second timeout. The name google.com has an address of 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e. At the bottom, a Wi-Fi interface is shown as live capture in progress.

d) IP (Internet Protocol):

- Found under **Network Layer**.
- Fields:
- **Source IP / Destination IP**.
- **Version** (IPv4 / IPv6).
- **TTL (Time to Live)**.
- **Protocol** (shows whether it carries TCP, UDP, ICMP, etc.).
- **Header Checksum** (integrity).
- Example usage: Identify where traffic is coming from and going to.

The screenshot shows a Wireshark capture window at the top with several ICMP Echo requests and replies between 10.70.22.155 and 142.251.220.78. Below it is a Command Prompt window where the command `ping google.com` is run, showing the ping statistics for the target IP 142.251.220.78. The ping was successful with 4 packets sent, 4 received, and 0% loss. Approximate round trip times were 115ms, 478ms, and 301ms. At the bottom, a Wi-Fi interface is shown as live capture in progress.