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John the Ripper & Wireshark

In this final project, I am using 2 software to cover overall whole scenario of packet sniffing. First, I am covering John the Ripper software which is an open source and mainly used for password cracking.

John the Ripper

Hacking is not necessarily criminal, although it can be a tool used for bad intentions. John the Ripper (JtR) is one of the most popular password cracking programs out there.

JtR supports several common encryption technologies out-of-the-box for UNIX and Windows-based systems. JtR autodetects the encryption on the hashed data and compares it against a large plain-text file that contains popular passwords, hashing each password, and then stopping it when it finds a match. Pretty Simple!

A very common use case for JtR is to log into an administrative account.

JtR also includes its own wordlists of common passwords for 20+ languages. These wordlists provide JtR with thousands of possible passwords from which it can generate the corresponding hash values to make a high-value guess of the target password. Since most people choose easy-to-remember passwords, JtR is often very effective even with its out-of-the-box wordlists of passwords.

What is John the Ripper Used for?

JtR is primarily a password cracker used during pentesting exercises that can help IT staff spot weak passwords and poor password policies.

Here is the list of encryption technologies found in JtR:

- UNIX crypt(3)
- Traditional DES-based
- Bigcrypt
- BSDI extended DES-based
- FreeBSD MD5-based (Linux and Cisco IOS)
- OpenBSD Blowfish-based

- Kerberos/AFS
- Windows LM (DES-based)
- DES-based tripcodes
- SHA-crypt hashes (newer versions of Fedora and Ubuntu)
- SHA-crypt and SUNMD5 hashes (Solaris)

To see a list of commands in JtR, run this command:

Command : john

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  ::\My Softwares\Hacking_tools\John the Ripper\run>john
  John the Ripper 1.9.8-jumbo-1 OMP [cygwin 64-bit x86_64 AVX2 AC]
Copyright (c) 1996-2019 by Solar Designer and others
Homepage: http://www.openwall.com/john/
Usage: john [OPTIONS] [PASSWORD-FILES]
--single[=SECTION[,..]] "single crack" mode, using default or named rules
--single=:rule[,..] same, using "immediate" rule(s)
--wordlist[=FILE] --stdin wordlist mode, read words from FILE or stdin
--pipe like --stdin, but bulk reads, and allows rules
--loopback[=FILE] like --wordlist, but extract words from a pot file
                                           suppress all dupes in wordlist (and force preload)
                                        PRINCE mode, read words from FILE input encoding (eg. UTF-8, ISO-8859-1). See also
   -prince[=FILE]
  -encoding=NAME
                                           doc/ENCODINGS and --list=hidden-options
  -rules[=SECTION[,..]] enable word mangling rules (for wordlist or PRINCE modes), using default or named rules
-rules=:rule[;..]] same, using "immediate" rule(s)
  -rules=:rule[;..]] same, using "immediate" rule(s)
-rules-stack=SECTION[,..] stacked rules, applied after regular rules or to
                                            modes that otherwise don't support rules
  -rules-stack=:rule[;..] same, using "immediate" rule(s)
-incremental[=MODE] "incremental" mode [using section MODE]
  -incremental[=MODE]
-mask[=MASK]
-markov[=OPTIONS]
                                           mask mode using MASK (or default from john.conf)
"Markov" mode (see doc/MARKOV)
  -external=MODE
                                            external mode or word filter
   -subsets[=CHARSET]
                                             "subsets" mode (see doc/SUBSETS)
   -stdout[=LENGTH]
                                            just output candidate passwords [cut at LENGTH]
                                            restore an interrupted session [called NAME]
   -restore[=NAME]
  -session=NAME
                                            give a new session the NAME
                                           print status of a session [called NAME] make a charset file. It will be overwritten
  -status[=NAME]
   -make-charset=FILE
                                            show cracked passwords [if =left, then uncracked]
   -show[=left]
   -test[=TIME]
                                            run tests and benchmarks for TIME seconds each
   users=[-]LOGIN|UID[,..] [do not] load this (these) user(s) only
  -groups=[-]GID[,..]
-shells=[-]SHELL[,..]
-salts=[-]COUNT[:MAX]
-costs=[-]C[:M][,...]
                                            load users [not] of this (these) group(s) only load users with[out] this (these) shell(s) only load salts with[out] COUNT [to MAX] hashes load salts with[out] cost value Cn [to Mn]. For
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John the Ripper's primary modes to crack passwords are single crack mode, wordlist mode, and incremental. The single crack mode is the fastest and best mode if you have a full password file to crack. Wordlist mode compares the hash to a known list of potential password matches. Incremental mode is the most powerful and possibly won't complete. This is a classic brute force mode that tries every possible character combination until you have a possible result.

The easiest way to try cracking a password is to let JtR go through a series of common cracking modes. If we have a file which contains a hash value of any password then,

> Command: john password file name

This command tells JtR to try "simple" mode, then the default wordlists containing likely passwords, and then "incremental" mode.

We can also download different wordlists from the Internet and can create our own new wordlists for JtR to use with the --wordlist parameter.

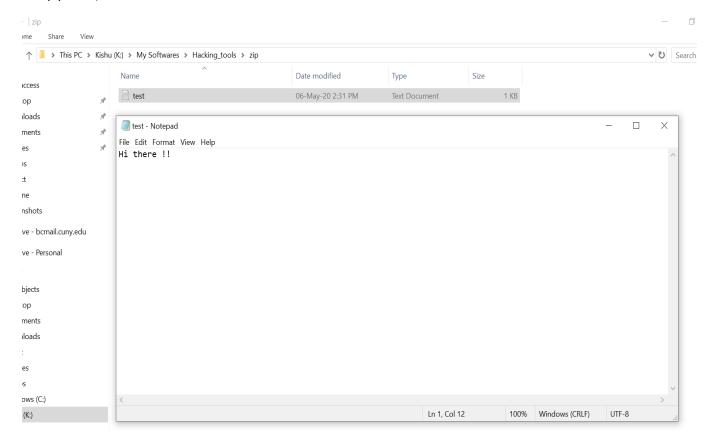
Command: john password_file_name -wordlist = "wordlist_file_name.txt"

If we want to specify a cracking mode, use the exact parameter for the mode.

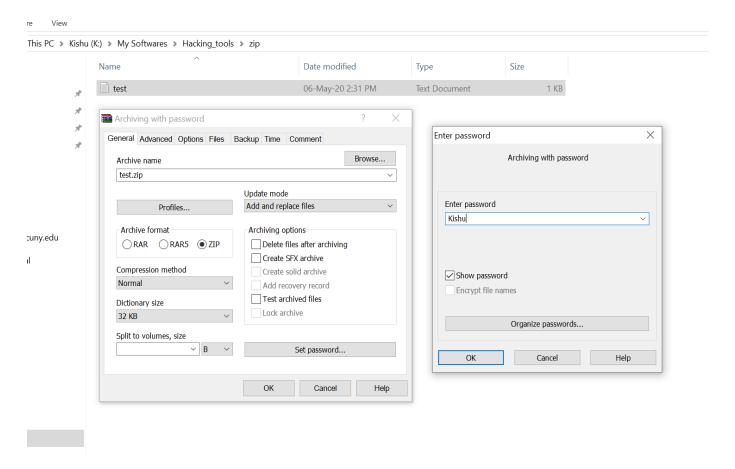
- Command: john --single password_file_name
- Command: john --incremental password_file_name

Now, let us see an example. Here I am first zip a text file with password and then I will get hash value of that password from that zip file. Then I will use JtR to get the original password of that file.

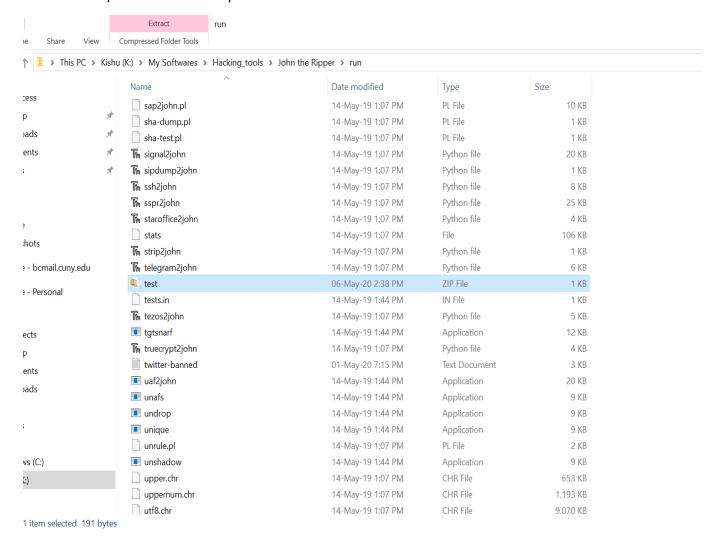
(1) First, I create a text file test.txt



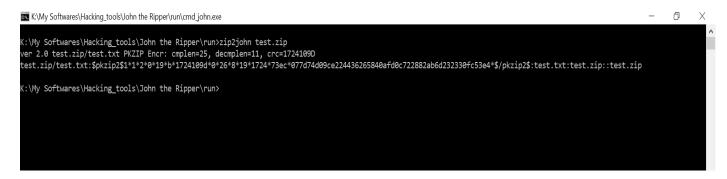
(2) Now I zip this text file and set a password for that as well. I am giving password = "Kishu".



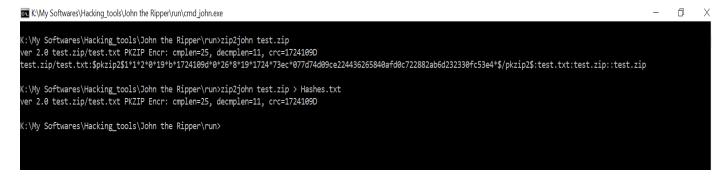
(3) Now Here I copy test.zip file in the run folder of the JtR software. So that we don't have to give test.zip file's location every time in our commands.



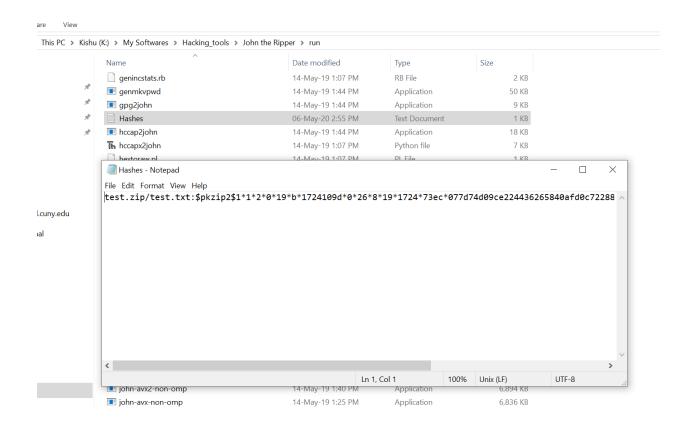
- (4) Now I run this command to check whether we are getting a hash value of the password of test.zip file or not.
 - Command : zip2john test.zip



- (5) Now I store this hash value in a Hashes.txt file using this command.
 - Command: zip2john test.zip > Hashes.txt



(6) Hashes.txt file is generated now.



- (7) Now I run this command to get the password of that file.
 - Command : john Hashes.txt

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 ::\My Softwares\Hacking_tools\John the Ripper\run>zip2john test.zip
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test.zip/test.txt:$pkzip2$1*1*2*0*19*b*1724109d*0*26*8*19*172473ec*077d74d09ce224436265840afd0c722882ab6d232330fc53e4*$/pkzip2$:test.txt:test.zip::test.zip
K:\My Softwares\Hacking_tools\John the Ripper\run>zip2john test.zip > Hashes.txt
ver 2.0 test.zip/test.txt PKZIP Encr: cmplen=25, decmplen=11, crc=1724109D
K:\My Softwares\Hacking_tools\John the Ripper\run>john Hashes.txt
Using default input encoding: UTF-8
Loaded 1 password hash (PKZIP [32/64])
Will run 8 OpenMP threads
Proceeding with single, rules:Single
 ress 'q' or Ctrl-C to abort, almost any other key for status
Warning: Only 3 candidates buffered for the current salt, minimum 8 needed for performance.
Warning: Only 7 candidates buffered for the current salt, minimum 8 needed for performance.
Warning: Only 3 candidates buffered for the current salt, minimum 8 needed for performance.
Almost done: Processing the remaining buffered candidate passwords, if any.
Warning: Only 5 candidates buffered for the current salt, minimum 8 needed for performance.
Proceeding with wordlist:password.lst, rules:Wordlist
 roceeding with incremental:ASCII
                (test.zip/test.txt)
1g 0:00:04:01 DONE 3/3 (2020-05-06 15:04) 0.004135g/s 10006Kp/s 10006Kc/s 10006KC/s Ke3zn..Kievu
Use the "--show" option to display all of the cracked passwords reliably
Session completed
K:\My Softwares\Hacking_tools\John the Ripper\run>
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Here, we can see that first JtR proceeds with the single mode, then wordlist mode and at the end it proceeds with incremental mode because our password (Kishu) is somehow little bit difficult to crack. The time taken by the algorithm is 4 minutes. If I set any easy password, then it might only check with single mode and give us the output very quickly.

Let me take password = "123456" and now I am repeating all the steps for this as well.

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 ::\My Softwares\Hacking_tools\John the Ripper\run>john Hashes.txt
Using default input encoding: UTF-8
Loaded 1 password hash (PKZIP [32/64])
Will run 8 OpenMP threads
Proceeding with single, rules:Single
 ress 'q' or Ctrl-C to abort, almost any other key for status
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Almost done: Processing the remaining buffered candidate passwords, if any.
Warning: Only 5 candidates buffered for the current salt, minimum 8 needed for performance.
 roceeding with wordlist:password.lst, rules:Wordlist
123456
                  (test.zip/test.txt)
1g 0:00:00:00 DONE 2/3 (2020-05-06 15:33) 5.780g/s 222606p/s 222606c/s 222606C/s 123456..faithfaith
Use the "--show" option to display all of the cracked passwords reliably
Session completed
K:\My Softwares\Hacking_tools\John the Ripper\run>_
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Here, we can see that JtR just took 2 modes to crack the password. In the wordlist mode, software has its own wordlist (password.lst) and it had a match for our password in it. So we get our password (123456) within no time because it is easy to crack.

Now, if I run this command again after getting the output password, it will give us below message.

Command : john Hashes.txt

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K:\My Softwares\Hacking tools\John the Ripper\run\cmd john.exe
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ver 2.0 test.zip/test.txt PKZIP Encr: cmplen=25, decmplen=11, crc=1724109D
K:\My Softwares\Hacking_tools\John the Ripper\run>john Hashes.txt
Using default input encoding: UTF-8
Loaded 1 password hash (PKZIP [32/64])
Will run 8 OpenMP threads
 roceeding with single, rules:Single
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Use the "--show" option to display all of the cracked passwords reliably
Session completed
K:\My Softwares\Hacking_tools\John the Ripper\run>john Hashes.txt
Using default input encoding: UTF-8
Loaded 1 password hash (PKZIP [32/64])
 lo password hashes left to crack (see FAQ)
 ::\My Softwares\Hacking_tools\John the Ripper\run>
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This is how we can crack different types of passwords using John the Ripper software. The main thing here is that we have the file (packet) to crack the password or to get the secure data. But what happens when we don't have any package to crack? So, for getting packets from the network, I am using Wireshark software.

Wireshark

Wireshark is an application to capture and investigate network traffic. It is used for many reasons by many organizations. Here in this project, I will cover some basic things about the Wireshark and show a demonstration of how someone can get packet from the network and eventually get the Id and Password.

So, first of all, Wireshark is an open-source network protocol analysis software program started by Gerald Combs in 1998. Wireshark is absolutely safe to use. Government agencies, corporations, non-profits, and educational institutions use Wireshark for troubleshooting and teaching purposes.

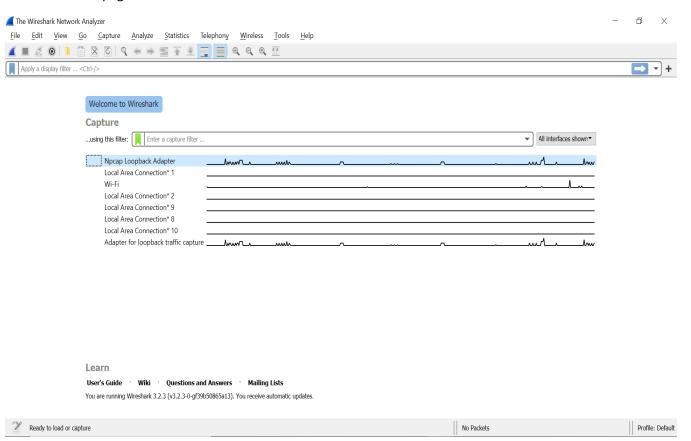
There are questions about the legality of Wireshark since it is a powerful packet sniffer. The Light side of the Force says that we should only use Wireshark on networks where we have permission to inspect network packets. Using Wireshark to look at packets without permission is a path to the Dark Side.

How does Wireshark work?

Wireshark captures network traffic on the local network and stores that data for offline analysis. It captures network traffic from Ethernet, Bluetooth, Wireless (IEEE.802.11), Token Ring, Frame Relay connections, and more.

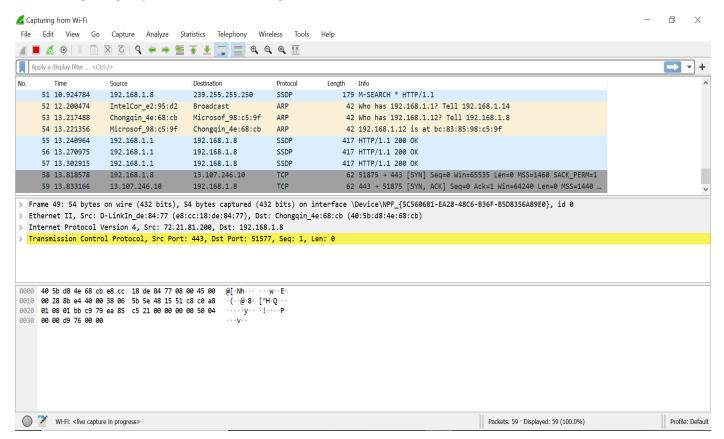
Wireshark allows us to filter the log either before the capture starts or during analysis, so we can narrow down and zero into what you are looking for in the network trace. For example, we can set a filter to see TCP traffic between two IP addresses. We can set it only to show you the packets sent from one computer. The filters in Wireshark are one of the primary reasons it became the standard tool for packet analysis.

This is the homepage of the Wireshark.



When we open Wireshark, we see a screen that shows us a list of all of the network connections we can monitor. We also have a capture filter field, so we only capture the network traffic we want to see.

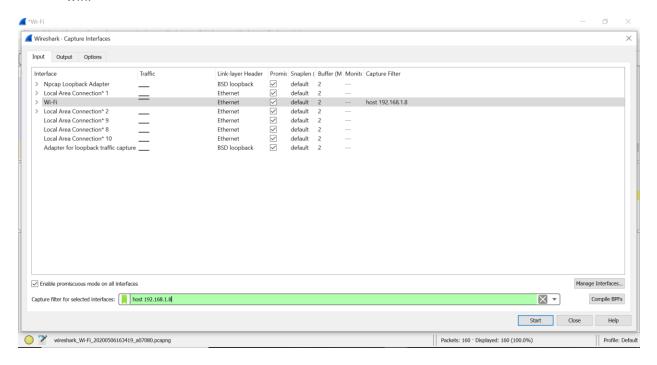
Here, I am getting all packets which are using Wi-Fi network.



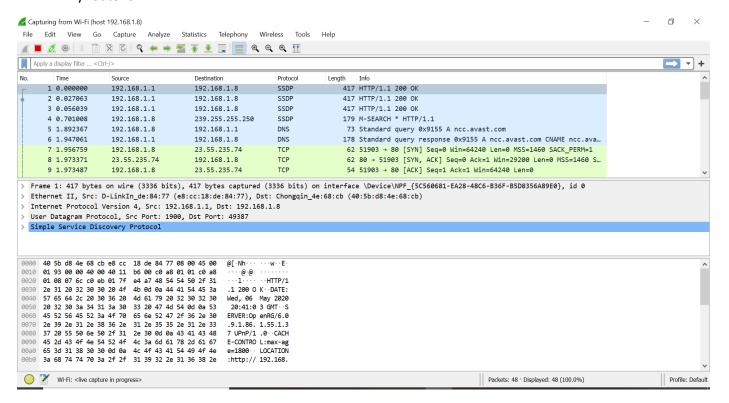
We can select one or more of the network interfaces using "shift left-click." Once we have the network interface selected, we can start capturing packets.

So, for the example, I will capture a http package of a site and then I will analyze it to get some private data from it.

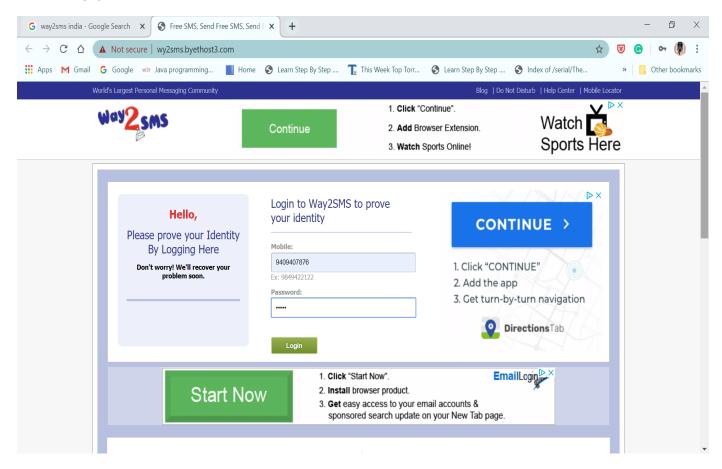
(1) First, I filter the search only for my laptop because right now many devices are connected in my wifi.



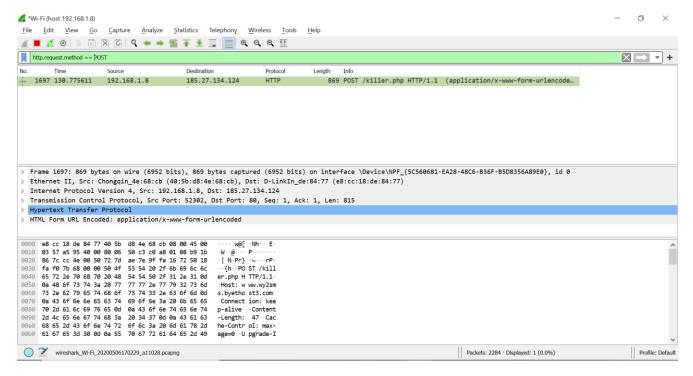
(2) This is the network traffic of my laptop where 192.168.1.8 is my laptop's IP and 192.168.1.1 is my router's IP.



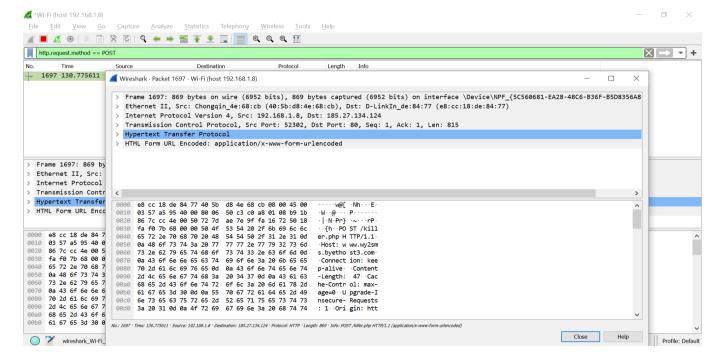
(3) Now, I will enter some credentials like id and password in a random site's login page. The main thing here is that the site is not secure. So that, the packet that we will take from the network will not be encrypted basically. Here, I entered Mobile number = "9409407876" and Password = "Kishu".



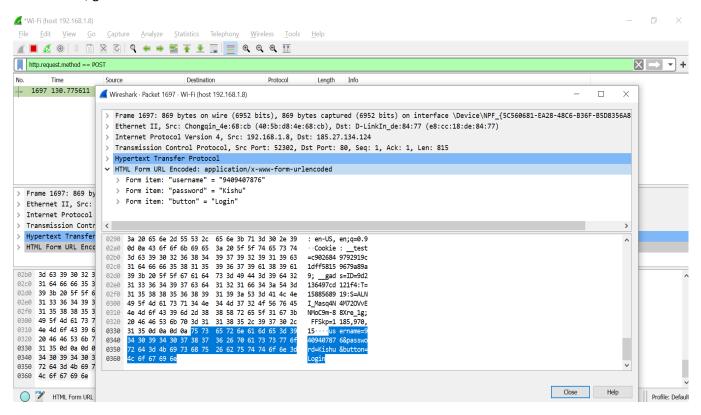
(4) After entering Mobile number and Password in this site, when we click on Login button, http post method will come into the picture. Till now, we already got many network traffic and it keeps getting new packets from the network. So, we again filter our search and write "http.request.method == POST" in the display filter.



(5) Now, double click on the HTTP protocol packet which we just filtered. We will see a window, from which we can get many information regarding that packet.



(6) Now, it has a lot of information, but we are looking for the phone number and password. For that, go into HTML Form URL Encoded.



Here, we got the private data username = "9409407876" and password = "Kishu". If the site is private and using low level of encryption, we can get the packets from that site and then decrypt them using John the Ripper.

So, my main goal for this project is to gain secure private data and understand how whole network works. Using Wireshark, we can get packets from the network which we are connected. After getting packages from the network, we can just decrypt them or crack their passwords using John the Ripper.

I learned many things from these 2 hacking tools, like how I check how many devices are connected in my wifi, what people are surfing on internet in the same wifi, how routers connect our devices to the internet, what happens when we search any site (facebook.com), how we can analyze the packet, how we can crack zip or rar file's password, how we can get password from different types of hashes, and many more. Fundamentally, if we combine John the Ripper and Wireshark, we can hack many stuffs.