

Lab 2 – Wireshark – HTTP

Part 1: The Basic HTTP GET/response interaction

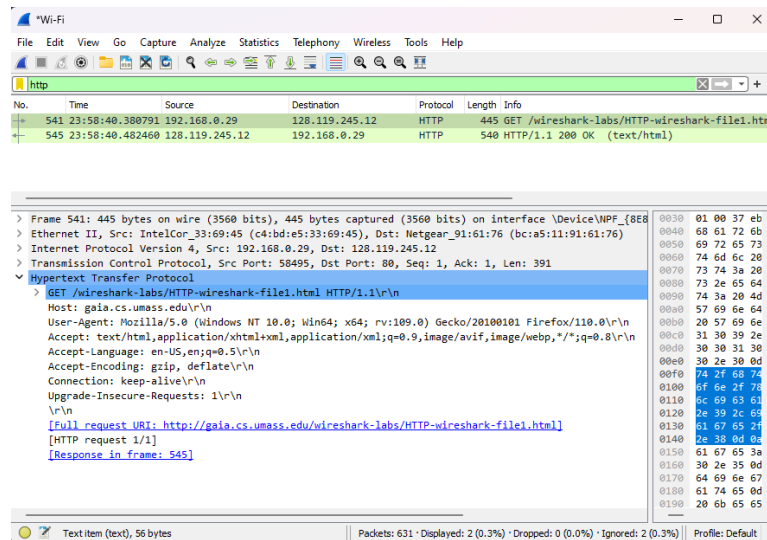


Figure 1. Screenshot for GET

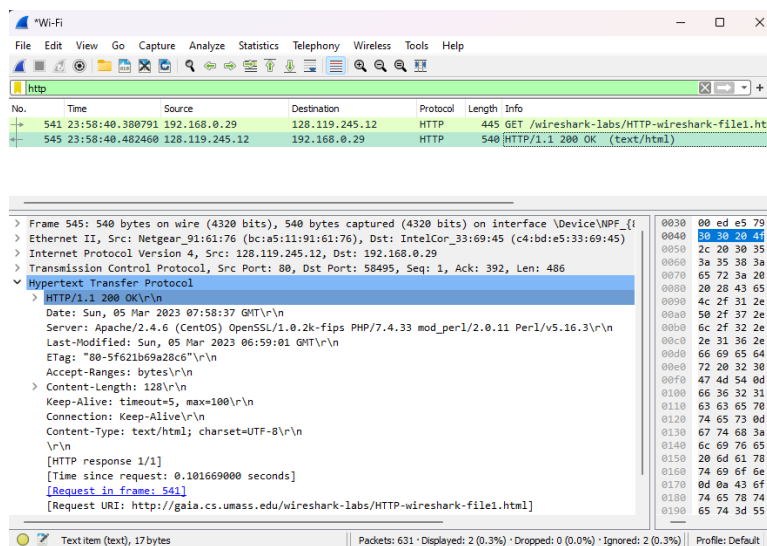
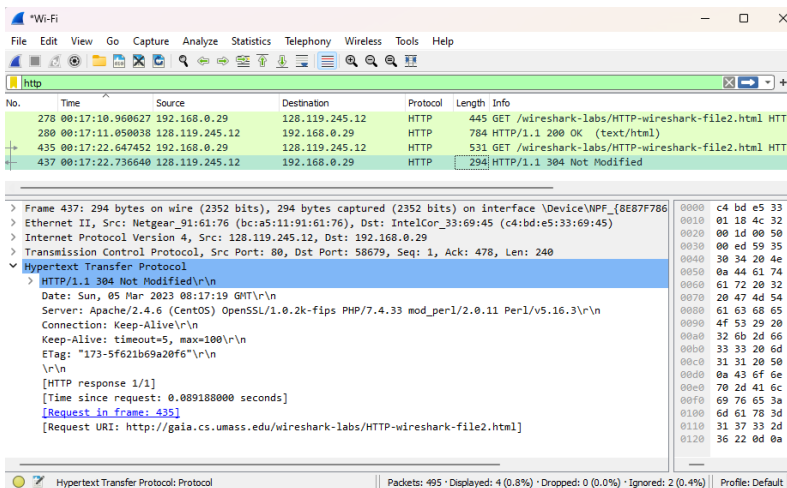
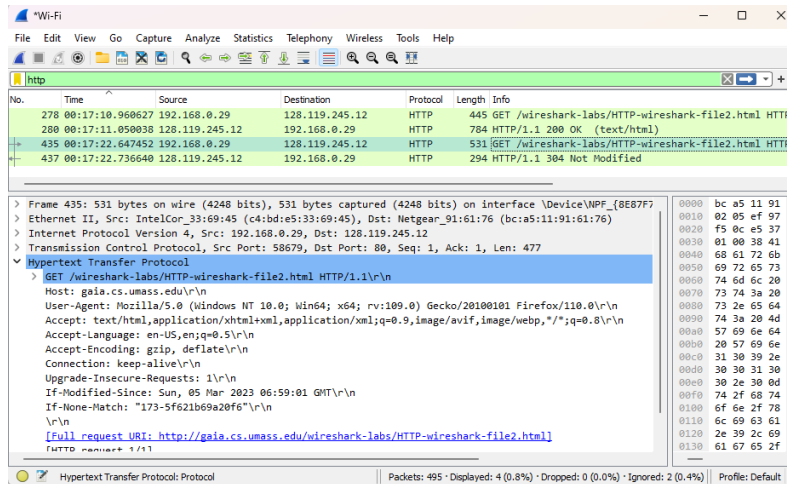


Figure 2. Screenshot for the response

Questions:

1. Is your browser running HTTP version 1.0 or 1.1? What version of HTTP is the server running?
The browser is running version 1.1
2. What languages (if any) does your browser indicate that it can accept to the server?
Accept-Language: en-US (US English)
3. What is the IP address of your computer? Of the gaia.cs.umass.edu server?
The internet address of my computer is 192.168.0.29
The internet address of the gaia.cs.umass.edu is 128.119.245.12
4. What is the status code returned from the server to your browser?
200 OK
5. When was the HTML file that you are retrieving last modified at the server?
If-Modified-Since: Sat, 04 Mar 2023 06:59:01 GMT



Questions:

8. Inspect the contents of the first HTTP GET request from your browser to the server. Do you see an “IF-MODIFIED-SINCE” line in the HTTP GET?
There is no “IF-MODIFIED-SINCE” line in the first HTTP GET.
9. Inspect the contents of the server response. Did the server explicitly return the contents of the file? How can you tell?
The server explicitly returns the contents of the file under the Line-based text data. It shows the exact message on the website.
10. Now inspect the contents of the second HTTP GET request from your browser to the server. Do you see an “IF-MODIFIED-SINCE:” line in the HTTP GET? If so, what information follows the “IF-MODIFIED-SINCE:” header?
There is “IF-MODIFIED-SINCE:” line in the second HTTP GET.
If-Modified-Since: Sun, 05 Mar 2023 06:59:01 GMT\r\n
11. What is the HTTP status code and phrase returned from the server in response to this second HTTP GET? Did the server explicitly return the contents of the file? Explain.
The status of the second HTTP GET is 304 Not Modified. The server didn’t return the contents of the file because the browser retrieved it from the cache since the HTML file had been accessed before.

Part 3: Retrieving Long Documents

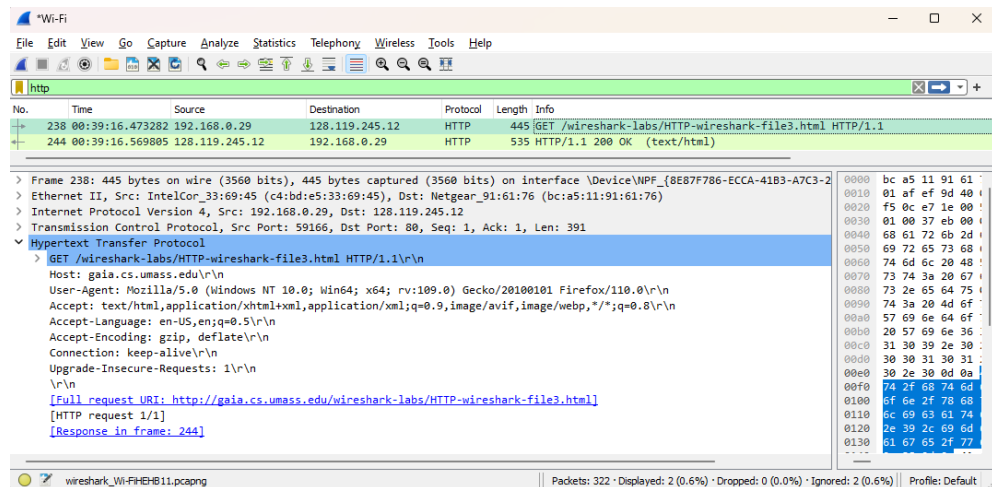


Figure 7. screenshot of GET for US Bill of Rights file

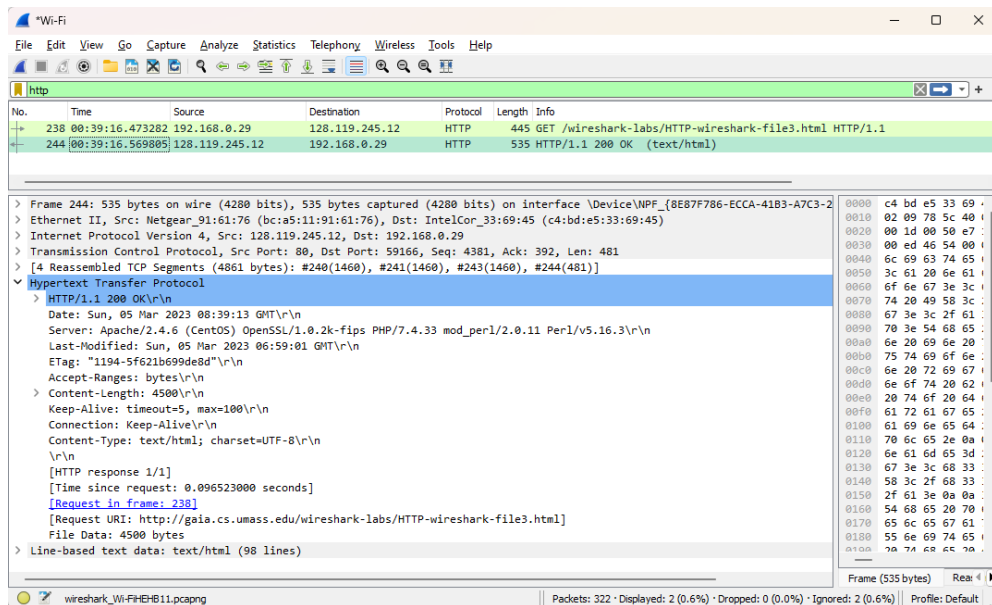


Figure 8. screenshot of response for US Bill of Rights file

12. How many HTTP GET request messages did your browser send? Which packet number in the trace contains the GET message for the Bill or Rights?
There is only 1 HTTP GET request message. The packet number is 238.
13. Which packet number in the trace contains the status code and phrase associated with the response to the HTTP GET request?
The packet number is 244.
14. What is the status code and phrase in the response?
Status code is 200 OK.
15. How many data-containing TCP segments were needed to carry the single HTTP response and the text of the Bill of Rights?
There are 4 TCP segments.

Part 4: HTML Documents with Embedded Objects

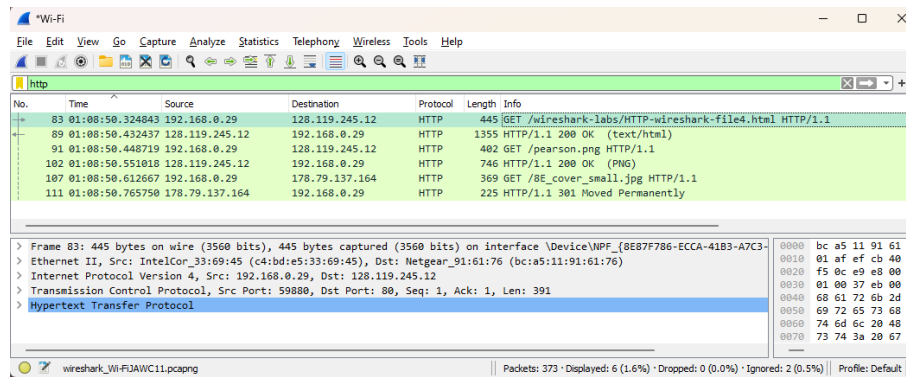


Figure 9. Screenshot of all the packet GET/response from file 4

16. How many HTTP GET request messages did your browser send? To which Internet addresses were these GET requests sent?

There are 3 HTTP GET request messages. The internet addresses are:

- Main: 128.119.245.12
- pearson.png: 128.119.245.12
- 8E_cover_small.jpg: 178.79.137.164

17. Can you tell whether your browser downloaded the two images serially, or whether they were downloaded from the two web sites in parallel? Explain.

The two images were downloaded serially because the first image, which is the logo, was requested before the second image, the book cover. If it's in parallel, both images should be requested and returned at the same time.

Part 5: HTTP Authentication

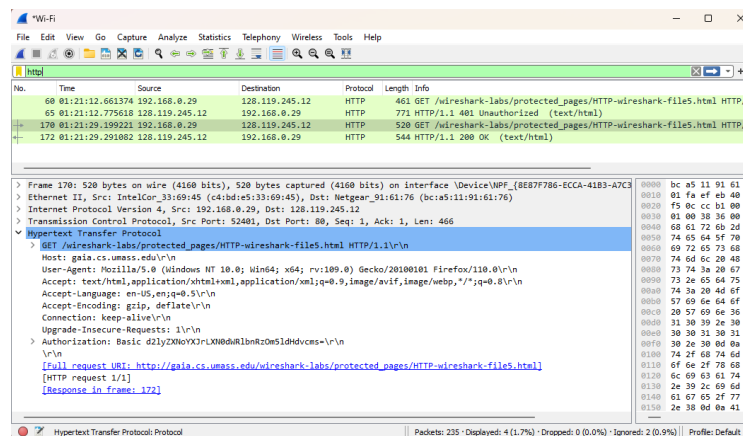


Figure 9. Screenshot for the authentication file

18. What is the server's response (status code and phrase) in response to the initial HTTP GET message from your browser?

401 Unauthorized

19. When your browser's sends the HTTP GET message for the second time, what new field is included in the HTTP GET message?

There is a new field called Authorization which shows the credentials (username and password).