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Lab Practical 11:

Wireshark is a widely used, opensource network analyzer that can capture and display real-time details of network traffic. It is particularly useful for troubleshooting network issues, analyzing network protocols and ensuring network security.

Key features of Wireshark

- 1. It has a great GUI as well as a conventional CLI(T Shark).
- 2. It offers network monitoring on almost all types of network standards (ethernet, wlan, Bluetooth etc)
- 3. It is open-source with a large community of backers and developers.
- 4. All the necessary components for monitoring, analyzing and documenting the network traffic are present. It is free to use.

Installing and Setting Up Wireshark:

For Linux:

Wireshark is pre-installed on Kali Linux, but if you need to install it on other Linux distributions, you can use the following command:



For Windows & mac:

Download the installer from following site install it.

https://www.wireshark.org/download.html

Download Wireshark

The current stable release of Wireshark is 4.4.4. It supersedes all previous releases.

▼ Stable Release: 4.4.4

■ Windows x64 Installer

■ Windows Arm64 Installer

■ Windows x64 PortableApps®

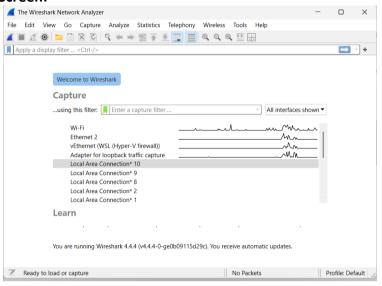
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♠ macOS Intel Disk Image

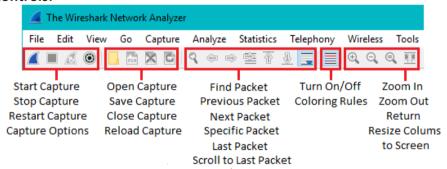
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Home Screen:

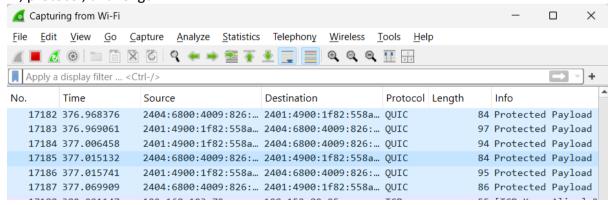


Basic Controls:



Examine the Packet List:

1. Packet Details: Each packet in the capture is listed with a timestamp, source IP, destination IP, protocol, and length.



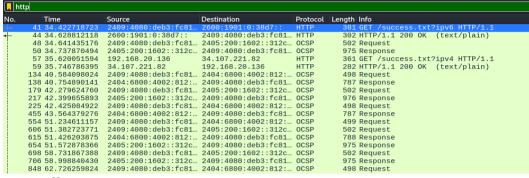
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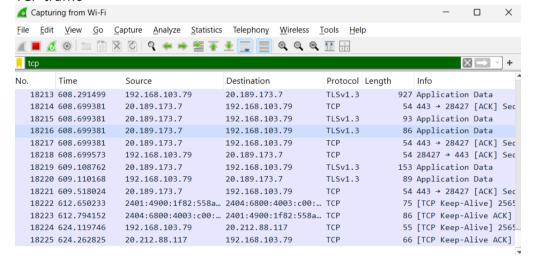
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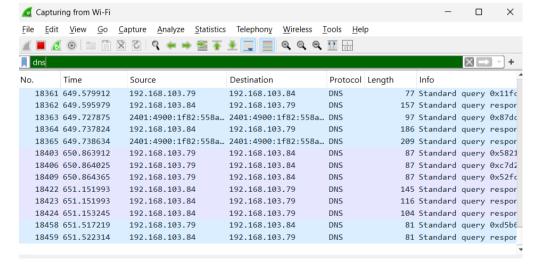
- 2. Filtering Packets: Use the filter bar to isolate specific protocols or traffic.
 - Http traffic



TCP traffic



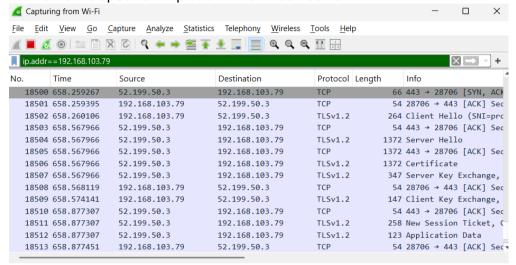
DNS traffic



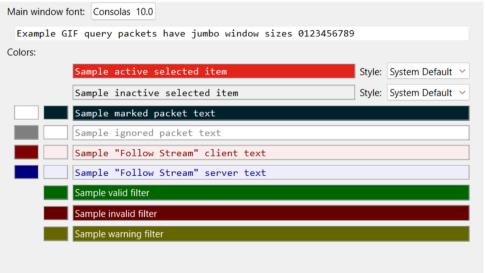
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Traffic from a specific IP: ip.addr == 192.168.103.79



3. Color Coding: Wireshark uses color coding to visually differentiate between different types of packets.





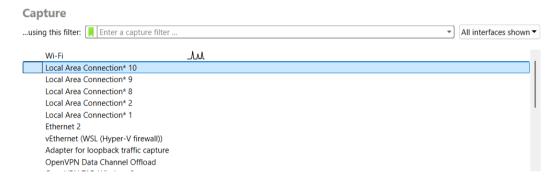
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Applying Filters and Inspecting Packets

Inspect Packet Details

- 1. In Wireshark, you will see a list of network interfaces (e.g., eth0, wlan0). Choose the interface you want to monitor (typically eth0 for Ethernet or wlan0 for Wi-Fi).
- 2. Click on the interface name to begin packet capturing.



Analyzing Specific Network Traffic Types

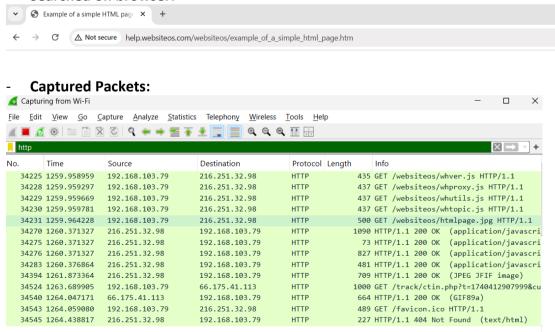
Use a browser to visit a website (e.g., http://example.com).

In Wireshark, apply the filter http to see the HTTP requests and responses.

Look for HTTP GET or POST requests to examine the URLs, headers, and any transmitted data.

Capture and Analyze HTTP Traffic

Searched on browser:



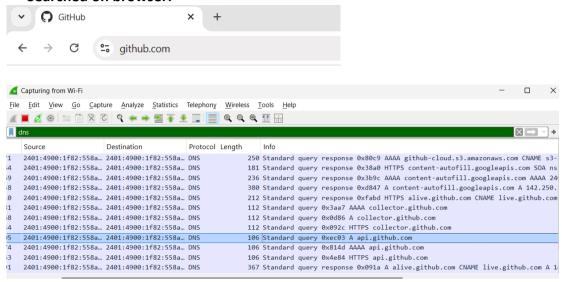


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Capture and Analyze DNS Traffic

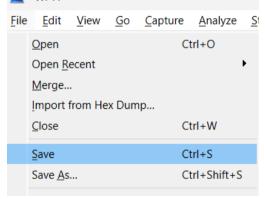
Searched on browser:



Saving and Exporting Capture Data

1. Save the Capture File

- To save the captured packets for later analysis, click File > Save As.
- Choose the file format (e.g., .pcap or .pcapng) and save the file.



2. Export Specific Packet Data

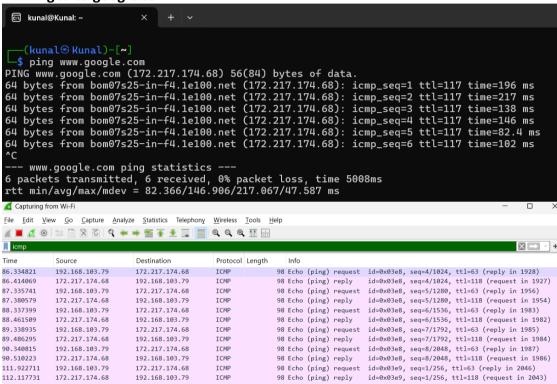
- Apply a filter (e.g., http).
- Click File > Export Packet Dissections > As Plain Text to save the filtered data in a readable format.

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Basic Network Troubleshooting

- 1. Analyze Network Latency and Packet Loss
 - Pinged to google.com



Packet Insite's:

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✓ Wireshark · Packet 2137 · Wi-Fi
  ✓ Frame 2137: 98 bytes on wire (784 bits), 98 bytes captured (784 bits) on interface \Device\NPF_{6EAF2B1D-AFD4
      Section number: 1
    > Interface id: 0 (\Device\NPF {6EAF2B1D-AFD4-4F0D-96EE-664C49C20F56})
      Encapsulation type: Ethernet (1)
      Arrival Time: Feb 24, 2025 21:52:33.270527000 India Standard Time
      UTC Arrival Time: Feb 24, 2025 16:22:33.270527000 UTC
      Epoch Arrival Time: 1740414153.270527000
      [Time shift for this packet: 0.000000000 seconds]
      [Time delta from previous captured frame: 0.101360000 seconds]
      [Time delta from previous displayed frame: 0.101360000 seconds]
       [Time since reference or first frame: 117.032358000 seconds]
      Frame Number: 2137
      Frame Length: 98 bytes (784 bits)
      Capture Length: 98 bytes (784 bits)
      [Frame is marked: False]
       [Frame is ignored: False]
       [Protocols in frame: eth:ethertype:ip:icmp:data]
       [Coloring Rule Name: ICMP]
      [Coloring Rule String: icmp || icmpv6]
       b8 1e a4 e3 f3 ff 9a fe cd c0 ee b0 08 00 45 60 00 54 00 00 00 00 76 01 c1 33 ac d9 ae 44 c0 a8
       67 4f 00 00 48 a6 03 e9 00 06 c9 9c bc 67 00 00
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 9939
       00 00 6c 93 02 00 00 00 00 00 10 11 12 13 14 15
                                                              --1-----
 0040 16 17 18 19 1a 1b 1c 1d 1e 1f 20 21 22 23 24 25
                                                                          !"#$%
       26 27 28 29 2a 2b 2c 2d 2e 2f 30 31 32 33 34 35
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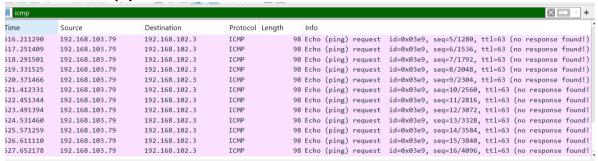
2. Investigate Packet Loss

Look for duplicate packets or timeouts in the capture. Packet loss can be detected if there are many retransmitted TCP packets or if ICMP Echo replies are missing.

Here pinged non existing ip:

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-(kunal® Kunal)-[~]
  $ ping 192.168.102.3
PING 192.168.102.3 (192.168.102.3) 56(84) bytes of data.
--- 192.168.102.3 ping statistics ---
16 packets transmitted, 0 received, 100% packet loss, time 15637ms
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Here there no reply from host



Common Wireshark Features and Usage Tips

Step 1: Use the "Follow

- TCP Streams: Right-click on any TCP packet and select Follow > TCP Stream. This allows you to view the entire conversation (e.g., an HTTP request and response).
- HTTP Streams: Similarly, follow HTTP traffic by selecting Follow > HTTP Stream.

Step 2: Packet Statistics

- Go to Statistics > Summary to view basic network traffic statistics, such as the number of packets captured, protocol distribution, and data rates.
- Statistics > Conversations: View detailed information about network conversations (IP pairs, protocols used, and packet counts).