

Packet Analysis with Wireshark

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1 Introduction

Wireshark is a free and open source packet analyzer. It provides a Graphical User Interface for viewing packets that are travelling through the computer. Wireshark also decomposes the packet and extracts the fields for each layer the packet has encapsulated in it.

In this Assignment part we first use wireshark to understand different types of packets sent or received by our computer. Later we go on to analyze some simple requests and analyze the progression of packets related to them. All these experiments are done on a computer on WiFi running Ubuntu 17.10.

2 Background Packets

We captured the background packets for 60 seconds. Below are two pictures showing the different types of Protocols and Destinations that background packets comprise of.

0.000000000	Cisco_7d:93:3f	Broadcast	ARP	60 Who has 10.192.25.121? Tell 10.192.0.1
0.923094289	10.192.2.64	239.255.255.250	SSDP	216 M-SEARCH * HTTP/1.1
0.925798956	10.192.13.227	239.255.255.250	SSDP	318 NOTIFY * HTTP/1.1
0.929227310	Microsof_ad:8f:ca	Broadcast	ARP	52 Who has 10.192.13.183? Tell 0.0.0.0
0.930363495	Microsof_ad:8f:ca	Broadcast	ARP	52 Who has 10.192.0.1? Tell 10.192.13.183
0.931354185	Microsof_ad:8f:ca	Broadcast	ARP	52 Who has 10.192.0.1? Tell 10.192.13.183
1.547262536	0.0.0.0	255.255.255.255	DHCP	368 DHCP Request - Transaction ID 0x945806
1.741208473	Cisco_7d:93:3f	Broadcast	ARP	60 Who has 10.192.23.123? Tell 10.192.0.1
1.744132241	10.192.31.252	10.192.31.255	UDP	305 54915 → 54915 Len=263
1.945873958	AsustekC_id:6d:5e	Broadcast	ARP	52 Who has 10.192.0.1? Tell 10.192.19.105
2.047799592	ArubaNet_0e:45:80	Broadcast	ARP	56 Who has 10.192.23.82? Tell 10.192.0.4
2.048898089	10.192.24.226	224.0.0.252	LLMNR	65 Standard query 0x7cf1 A https
2.458016897	10.192.24.226	224.0.0.252	LLMNR	65 Standard query 0x7cf1 A https
2.461306544	0.0.0.0	255.255.255.255	DHCP	346 DHCP Discover - Transaction ID 0x93f7a1
2.462044610	Cisco_7d:93:3f	Broadcast	ARP	60 Who has 10.192.0.239? Tell 10.192.0.1
2.662650685	10.192.1.65	224.0.0.251	MDNS	112 Standard query 0x0000 PTR _sleep-proxy
2.773860984	10.192.31.252	10.192.31.255	UDP	305 54915 → 54915 Len=263
3.074190246	ArubaNet_0e:45:80	Broadcast	ARP	56 Who has 10.192.23.82? Tell 10.192.0.4
3.379608992	10.194.19.206	224.0.0.252	LLMNR	65 Standard query 0xf2ed ANY VD-PC
40.144062717	10.192.25.225	239.255.255.250	SSDP	179 M-SEARCH * HTTP/1.1
40.245368658	10.192.6.178	224.0.0.251	MDNS	173 Standard query 0x0000 PTR _ni-rt._tcp.
40.554754921	10.192.29.78	255.255.255.255	UDP	58 51108 → 40006 Len=16
40.556402091	10.192.11.6	224.0.0.251	MDNS	119 Standard query 0x0003 PTR _C1EB68AE._s
40.588451047	128.199.109.89	10.192.2.239	TCP	66 80 → 55272 [FIN, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=2 Win=
40.588527130	10.192.2.239	128.199.109.89	TCP	66 55272 → 80 [ACK] Seq=2 Ack=2 Win=241 L
40.656486484	10.192.6.178	239.255.255.250	SSDP	216 M-SEARCH * HTTP/1.1
40.660894643	ArubaNet_0e:45:80	Broadcast	ARP	56 Who has 10.192.25.121? Tell 10.192.0.4
40.765450786	10.192.29.253	10.192.31.255	NBNS	92 Name query NB WORKGROUP<1c>
40.863842075	10.192.15.109	224.0.0.251	MDNS	103 Standard query 0x0003 PTR _D2CA5178._s
41.795064164	10.192.31.252	10.192.31.255	UDP	305 54915 → 54915 Len=263
41.802444637	0.0.0.0	255.255.255.255	DHCP	356 DHCP Discover - Transaction ID 0x20a5a
41.804587122	Cisco_7d:93:3f	Broadcast	ARP	60 Who has 10.192.10.171? Tell 10.192.0.1
42.089245098	10.192.25.53	224.0.0.251	MDNS	103 Standard query 0x0002 PTR _805741C9._s
42.703771471	10.192.6.178	239.255.255.250	SSDP	216 M-SEARCH * HTTP/1.1
42.706706100	10.192.4.100	239.255.255.250	SSDP	216 M-SEARCH * HTTP/1.1
43.317854279	10.192.28.44	239.255.255.250	SSDP	216 M-SEARCH * HTTP/1.1
43.627130892	10.192.7.114	224.0.0.251	MDNS	112 Standard query 0x0000 PTR _sleep-proxy
43.629097505	10.192.6.178	239.255.255.250	SSDP	216 M-SEARCH * HTTP/1.1
44.107700000	10.192.0.1	239.255.255.250	SSDP	216 M-SEARCH * HTTP/1.1

Applications

1. **ARP Packets** The IP module generates the ARP (Address Resolution Protocol) packets. They are used to resolve local IP addresses into MAC addresses. The Destination address for such packets is "Broadcast" which means they are automatically sent to all receivers on the WiFi Network.
2. **SSDP Packets** The SSDP (Simple Service Discovery Protocol) is used to discover services being offered on the local network. The SSDP packets were originating elsewhere so I think the application generating them was in some other computer on the network. Some analysis suggests that windows may be automatically sending those packets to search for services.

3. **LLMNR Packets** The LLMNR (Link-Local Multicast Name Resolution) is used to resolve addresses to local addresses. It is generated by systemd on Ubuntu.
4. **MDNS Packets** The MDNS (Multicast Domain Name System) is used in this context for providing wake on ping services. Apple devices provide this service, wherein you can wake up a sleeping device by sending a proper packet to it.
5. **NBNS Packets** The NBNS (Net Bios Name Resolution System) provides name resolution for legacy Net-Bios over IP Services. It is primarily used by Windows to maintain it's sharing features.
6. **Miscellaneous Packets** There are some other TCP and UDP packets with encrypted data so I can't find out what is generating them. Could be vestiges of previous connections to web servers before starting the scan.

3 Analysis of Webpage Fetch

2.629569084	10.192.2.239	10.10.1.2	DNS	85 Standard query 0xc6df A www.iitd.ac.in OPT
2.630749156	104.16.109.18	10.192.2.239	TCP	60 443 → 60038 [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=2 Win=229 Len=0
2.631908258	10.10.1.2	10.192.2.239	DNS	101 Standard query response 0xc6df A www.iitd.ac.in A 10.7.174.111
2.633389412	10.192.2.239	10.7.174.111	TCP	74 56788 → 80 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=29200 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM=1 TSval=2633389412 TSecr=0
2.634583642	10.7.174.111	10.192.2.239	TCP	74 80 → 56788 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=14480 Len=0 MSS=1396 SACK_PERM=1 TSval=2634583642 TSecr=2633389412
2.634679665	10.192.2.239	10.7.174.111	TCP	66 56788 → 80 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=29312 Len=0 TSval=2634679665 TSecr=74
2.635180626	10.192.2.239	10.7.174.111	HTTP	520 GET / HTTP/1.1
2.636609924	10.7.174.111	10.192.2.239	TCP	66 80 → 56788 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=455 Win=15616 Len=0 TSval=2546004687 TSecr=66
2.662352638	Motorola_16:c9:d8	Broadcast	ARP	52 Who has 10.192.0.1? Tell 10.192.9.172
2.663130802	10.192.49.24	224.0.0.251	MDNS	103 Standard query 0x0000 PTR _233637DE._sub._googlecast._tcp.local
2.664860328	10.192.49.24	224.0.0.251	MDNS	119 Standard query 0x0001 PTR _D2CA5178._sub._googlecast._tcp.local
2.666095783	10.192.34.110	224.0.0.252	LLMNR	75 Standard query 0x4eb3 ANY LAPT0P-1JM11S0U
2.750889892	10.192.2.239	216.58.196.106	TCP	66 55072 → 443 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=317 Len=0 TSval=766854824 TSecr=66
2.753446922	10.192.2.239	172.217.31.3	TCP	66 40160 → 443 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=339 Len=0 TSval=1665907853 TSecr=66
2.753459469	10.192.2.239	216.58.196.106	TCP	66 55086 → 443 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=381 Len=0 TSval=766854824 TSecr=66
2.753467302	10.192.2.239	172.217.26.227	TCP	66 48690 → 443 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=338 Len=0 TSval=1565597412 TSecr=66
2.753474842	10.192.2.239	172.217.26.234	TCP	66 60450 → 443 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=359 Len=0 TSval=1172988352 TSecr=66

1. **Servers for which a DNS query was launched** Only one DNS query for www.iitd.ac.in was launched. The response was 10.7.174.111.
2. **Number of HTTP requests generated** After filtering the packets to http only, I see 162 packets, half of which are requests and the other half are responses. Thus **81 Requests** are generated.
3. **Number of TCP connections opened** - Six TCP connections were opened.

4. **Total time taken for download** The total time taken was **2.7575** seconds.
5. **Any TCP losses/retransmits noticed** No Losses/Retransmits observed.

HTTP Request

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▼ Hypertext Transfer Protocol
  ▼ GET / HTTP/1.1\r\n
    ▼ [Expert Info (Chat/Sequence): GET / HTTP/1.1\r\n]
      [GET / HTTP/1.1\r\n]
      [Severity level: Chat]
      [Group: Sequence]
      Request Method: GET
      Request URI: /
      Request Version: HTTP/1.1
      Host: www.iitd.ac.in\r\n
      Connection: keep-alive\r\n
      Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1\r\n
      User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/60.0.3112.101 Safari/537.36\r\n
      Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/webp,image/apng,*/*;q=0.8\r\n
      DNT: 1\r\n
      Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate\r\n
      Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.8\r\n
    ▶ Cookie: SESS1f002926bf876664ed5383994cb4c1de=qes0234q558315psi5m0rtda61\r\n
      \r\n
      [Full request URI: http://www.iitd.ac.in/]
      [HTTP request 1/13]
      [Response in frame: 155]
      [Next request in frame: 172]
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TCP Header

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▼ Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 56788, Dst Port: 80, Seq: 455, Ack: 10133, Len: 0
  Source Port: 56788
  Destination Port: 80
  [Stream index: 3]
  [TCP Segment Len: 0]
  Sequence number: 455 (relative sequence number)
  Acknowledgment number: 10133 (relative ack number)
  Header Length: 32 bytes
  ▼ Flags: 0x010 (ACK)
    000. .... = Reserved: Not set
    ...0 .... = Nonce: Not set
    ....0 .... = Congestion Window Reduced (CWR): Not set
    0 .... = ECN Echo: Not set
  0000 50 57 a8 7d 93 3f 58 00 e3 d5 28 af 08 00 45 00 PW}.?X. ..(...E.
  0010 00 34 f8 c6 40 00 40 06 7b d8 0a c0 02 ef 0a 07 .4..@.@. {...
  0020 ae 6f dd d4 00 50 4c ca 11 25 0d b0 be c5 80 10 .O...PL. .%.
  0030 01 99 c6 4b 00 00 01 01 08 0a 38 fd 01 5f 97 c0 ...K.... ..8...
  0040 f3 64 .d
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IP Header

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▼ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.192.2.239, Dst: 10.7.174.111
  0100 .... = Version: 4
  .... 0101 = Header Length: 20 bytes (5)
  ▶ Differentiated Services Field: 0x00 (DSCP: CS0, ECN: Not-ECT)
    Total Length: 52
    Identification: 0xf8bf (63679)
  ▶ Flags: 0x02 (Don't Fragment)
    Fragment offset: 0
    Time to live: 64
    Protocol: TCP (6)
    Header checksum: 0x7bdf [validation disabled]
    [Header checksum status: Unverified]
    Source: 10.192.2.239
    Destination: 10.7.174.111
    [Source GeoIP: Unknown]
    [Destination GeoIP: Unknown]
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