

Network Traffic Analysis using Wireshark

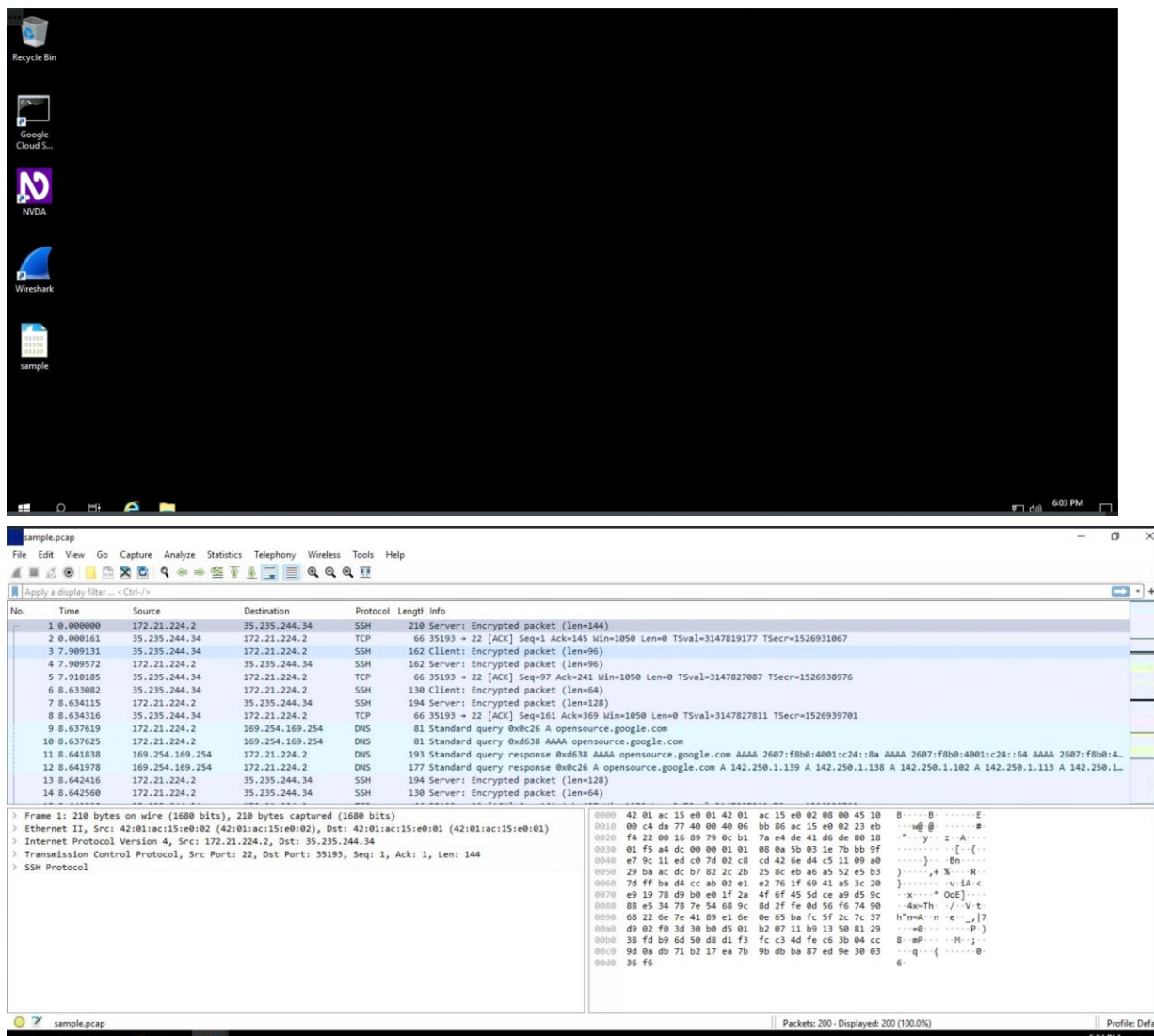
Project description

This simulation project puts the performer, **Maheswar Reddy Avula**, into the position of Security Analyst for an organization. Responsibilities include investigating network traffic by analyzing a network packet capture file that contains traffic data related to a user connecting to an internet site.

Explore data with Wireshark

Direction: The analyst must open a network packet capture file that contains data captured from a system that made web requests to a site using Wireshark.

The **sample.pcap** file was opened in Wireshark from the desktop as follows:

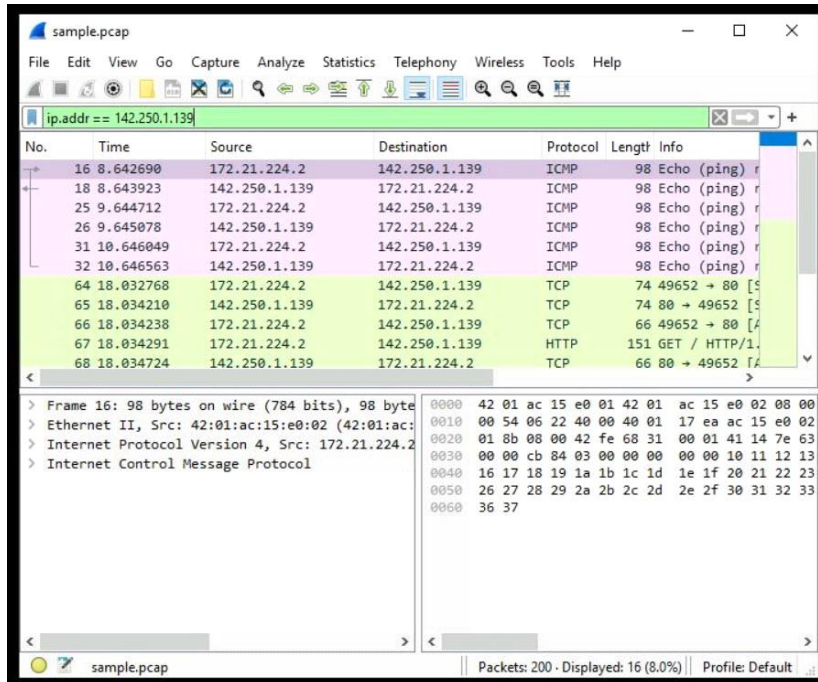


All data fields like **No.**, **Time**, **Source**, **Destination**, **Protocol**, **Length** and **Info** are observed.

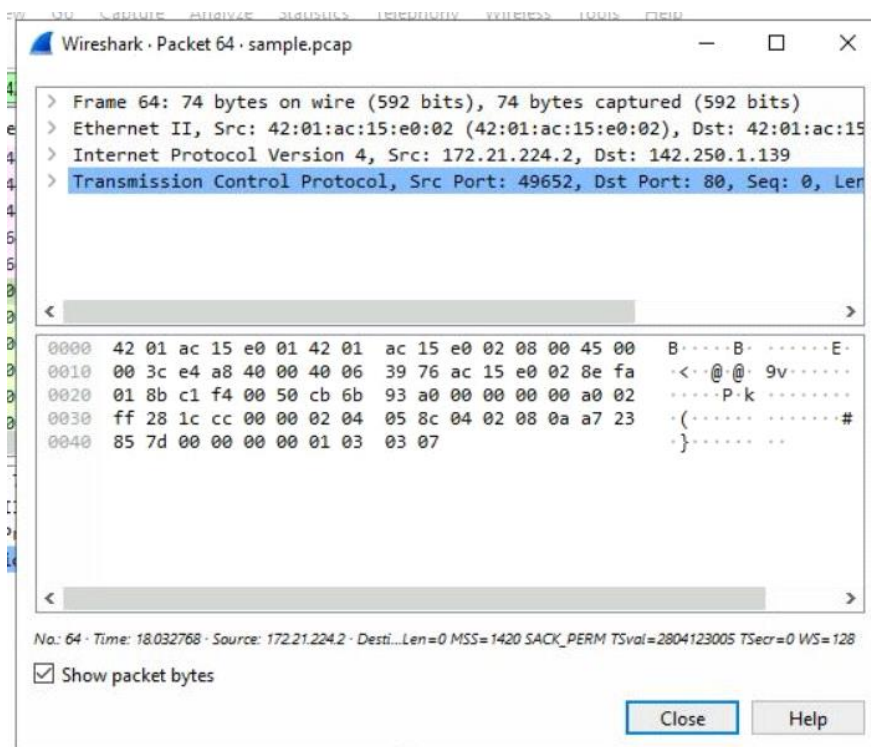
Apply a basic Wireshark filter and inspect a packet

Direction: The analyst must open a packet in Wireshark for more detailed exploration and filter the data to inspect the network layers and protocols contained in the packet.

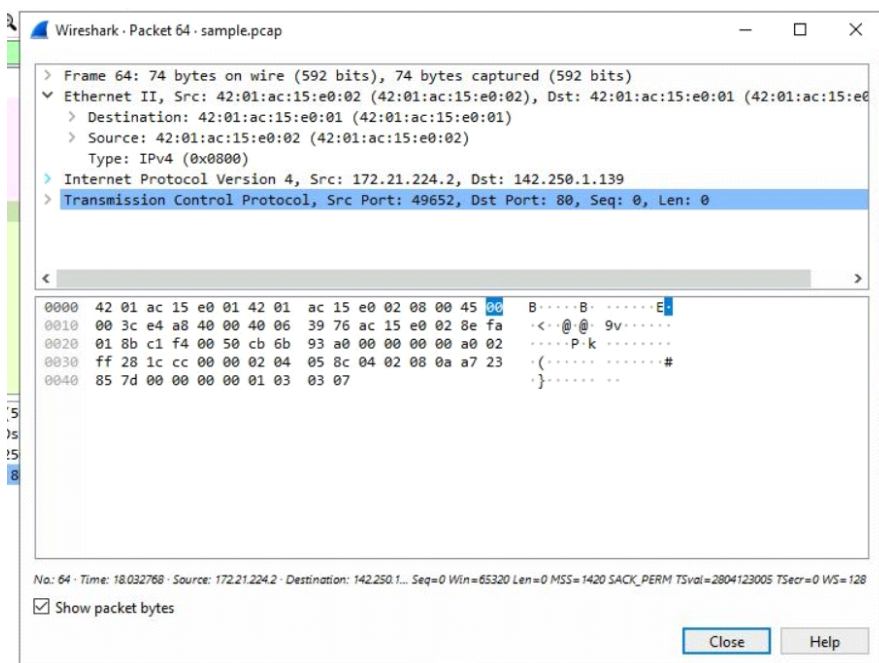
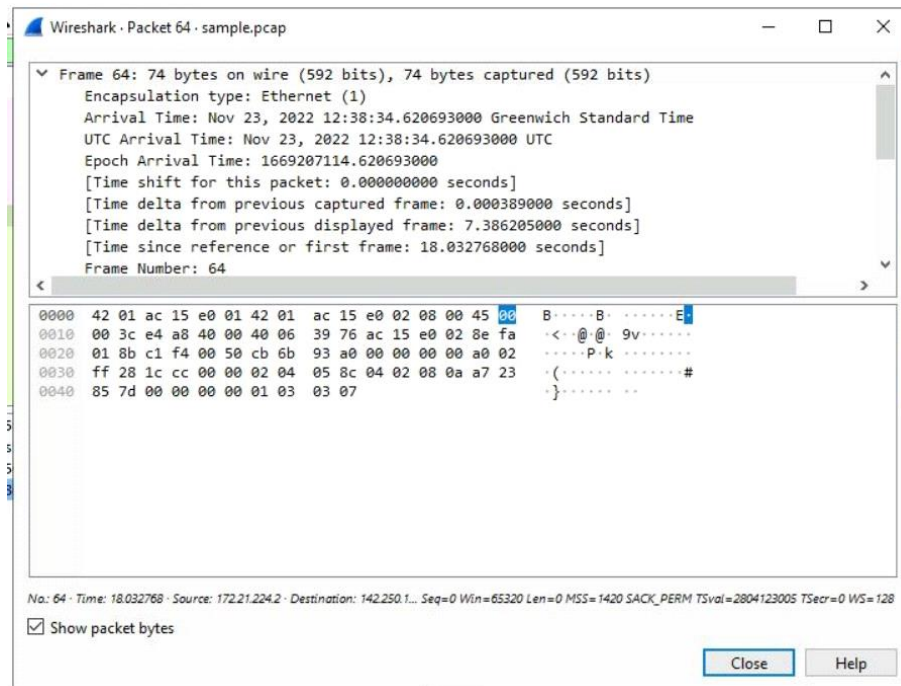
The packets are first filtered for the IP address **142.250.1.139** as follows:

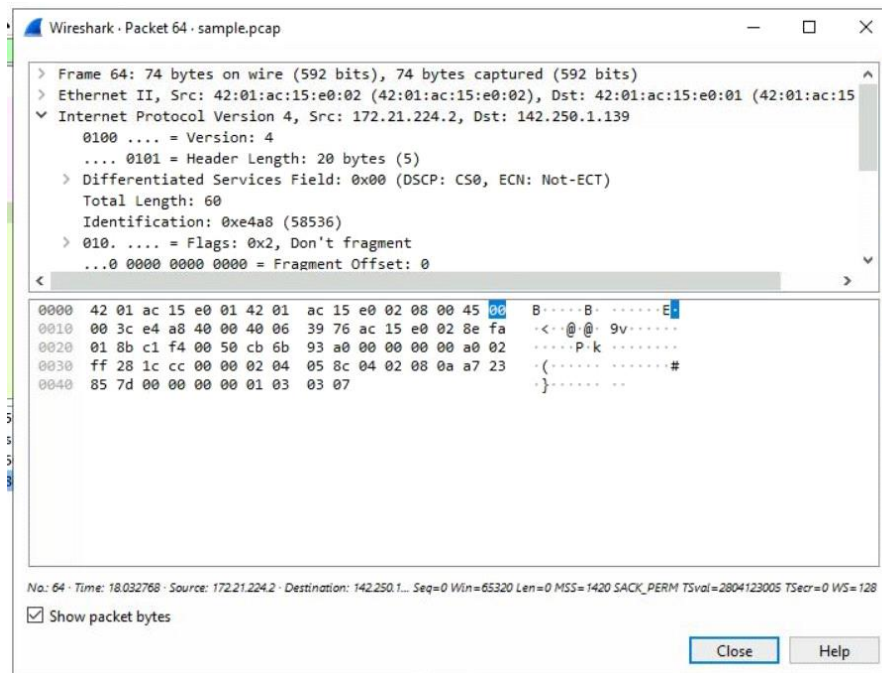
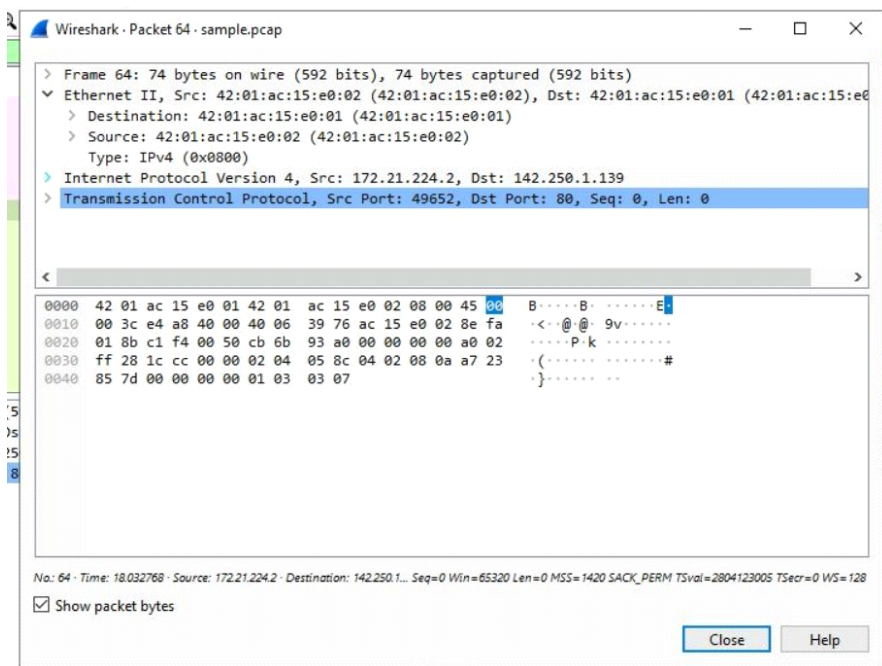


The first packet of the list is opened followed by the details pane window:



It is observed that the upper section of this window contains subtrees where Wireshark provides an analysis of the various parts of the network packet. The lower section of the window contains the raw packet data displayed in hexadecimal and ASCII text. There is also placeholder text for fields where the character data does not apply, as indicated by the dot ("."). The **Frame**, **Internet Protocol Version 4**, and **Transmission Control Protocol** Subtrees are observed.





Use filters to select packets

Direction: The analyst must use filters to analyze specific network packets based on where the packets came from or where they were sent to.

Firstly, the packets were filtered for the source IP address **142.250.1.139** as follows:

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ip.src == 142.250.1.139

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
18	8.643923	142.250.1.139	172.21.224.2	ICMP	98	Echo (ping) reply id=0x6831, seq=1/256, ttl=115 (request in 16)
26	9.645078	142.250.1.139	172.21.224.2	ICMP	98	Echo (ping) reply id=0x6831, seq=2/512, ttl=115 (request in 25)
32	10.646563	142.250.1.139	172.21.224.2	ICMP	98	Echo (ping) reply id=0x6831, seq=3/768, ttl=115 (request in 31)
65	18.034210	142.250.1.139	172.21.224.2	TCP	74	80 → 49652 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=65535 Len=0 MSS=1420 SACK_PERM TSval=2804123005 TSecr=2804123005 WS=256
68	18.034724	142.250.1.139	172.21.224.2	TCP	66	80 → 49652 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=86 Win=65536 Len=0 TSval=4069674931 TSecr=2804123006
69	18.036927	142.250.1.139	172.21.224.2	HTTP	648	HTTP/1.1 301 Moved Permanently (text/html)
82	18.037927	142.250.1.139	172.21.224.2	TCP	66	80 → 49652 [FIN, ACK] Seq=583 Ack=87 Win=65536 Len=0 TSval=4069674935 TSecr=2804123009

> Frame 32: 98 bytes on wire (784 bits), 98 bytes captured (784 bits)

> Ethernet II, Src: 42:01:ac:15:e0:01 (42:01:ac:15:e0:01), Dst: 42:01:ac:15:e0:02 (42:01:ac:15:e0:02)

> Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 142.250.1.139, Dst: 172.21.224.2

0100 = Version: 4

.... 0101 = Header Length: 20 bytes (5)

> Differentiated Services Field: 0x00 (DSCP: CS0, ECN: Not-ECT)

0000 00.. = Differentiated Services Codepoint: Default (0)

.... 00 = Explicit Congestion Notification: Not ECN-Capable Transport (0)

Total Length: 84

Identification: 0x0000 (0)

> 000. = Flags: 0x0

...0 0000 0000 0000 = Fragment Offset: 0

Time to Live: 115

Protocol: ICMP (1)

Header Checksum: 0x2b0c [validation disabled]

[Header checksum status: Unverified]

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Packets: 200 · Displayed: 7 (3.5%)

Profile: Defa

Then, the packets were filtered for the destination IP address **142.250.1.139** as follows:

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ip.dst == 142.250.1.139

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
16	8.642690	172.21.224.2	142.250.1.139	ICMP	98	Echo (ping) request id=0x6831, seq=1/256, ttl=64 (reply in 18)
25	9.644712	172.21.224.2	142.250.1.139	ICMP	98	Echo (ping) request id=0x6831, seq=2/512, ttl=64 (reply in 26)
31	10.646049	172.21.224.2	142.250.1.139	ICMP	98	Echo (ping) request id=0x6831, seq=3/768, ttl=64 (reply in 32)
64	18.032768	172.21.224.2	142.250.1.139	TCP	74	49652 → 80 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=65520 Len=0 MSS=1420 SACK_PERM TSval=2804123005 TSecr=0 WS=128
66	18.034238	172.21.224.2	142.250.1.139	TCP	66	49652 → 80 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=65408 Len=0 TSval=2804123006 TSecr=4069674930
67	18.034291	172.21.224.2	142.250.1.139	HTTP	151	GET / HTTP/1.1
70	18.036941	172.21.224.2	142.250.1.139	TCP	66	49652 → 80 [ACK] Seq=86 Ack=583 Win=64896 Len=0 TSval=2804123009 TSecr=4069674934
79	18.037390	172.21.224.2	142.250.1.139	TCP	66	49652 → 80 [FIN, ACK] Seq=86 Ack=583 Win=64896 Len=0 TSval=2804123009 TSecr=4069674934
83	18.037936	172.21.224.2	142.250.1.139	TCP	66	49652 → 80 [ACK] Seq=87 Ack=584 Win=64896 Len=0 TSval=2804123010 TSecr=4069674935

> Frame 67: 151 bytes on wire (1208 bits), 151 bytes captured (1208 bits)

> Ethernet II, Src: 42:01:ac:15:e0:02 (42:01:ac:15:e0:02), Dst: 42:01:ac:15:e0:01 (42:01:ac:15:e0:01)

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Total Length: 137

Identification: 0xe4aa (58538)

> 010. = Flags: 0x2, Don't fragment

...0 0000 0000 0000 = Fragment Offset: 0

Time to Live: 64

Protocol: TCP (6)

Header Checksum: 0x3927 [validation disabled]

[Header checksum status: Unverified]

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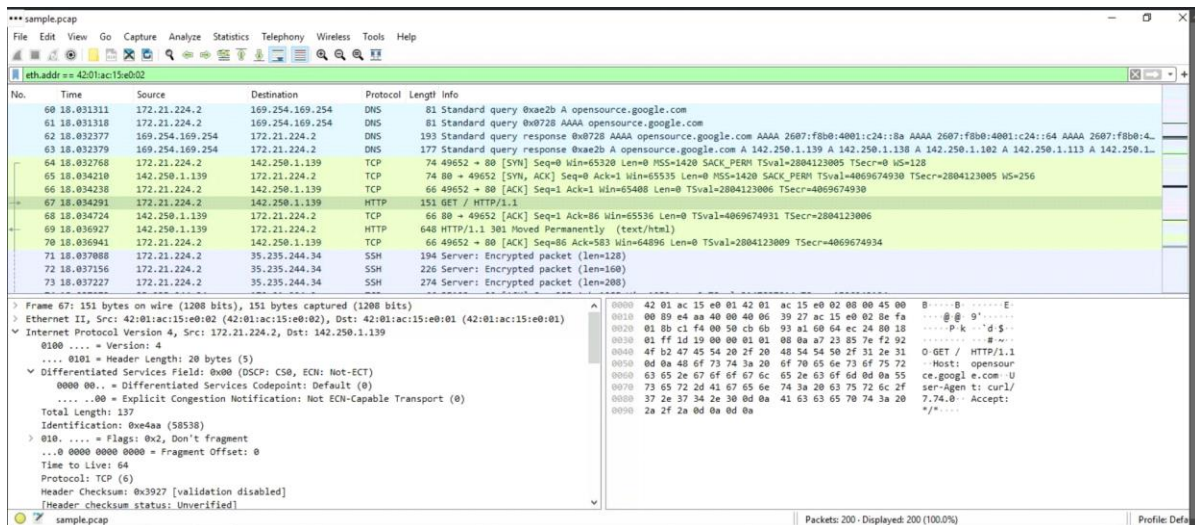
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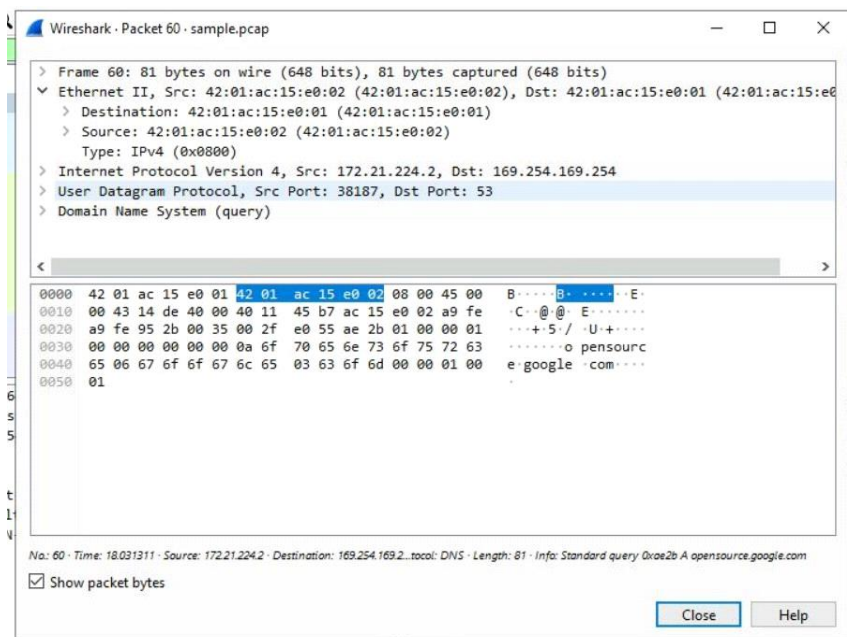
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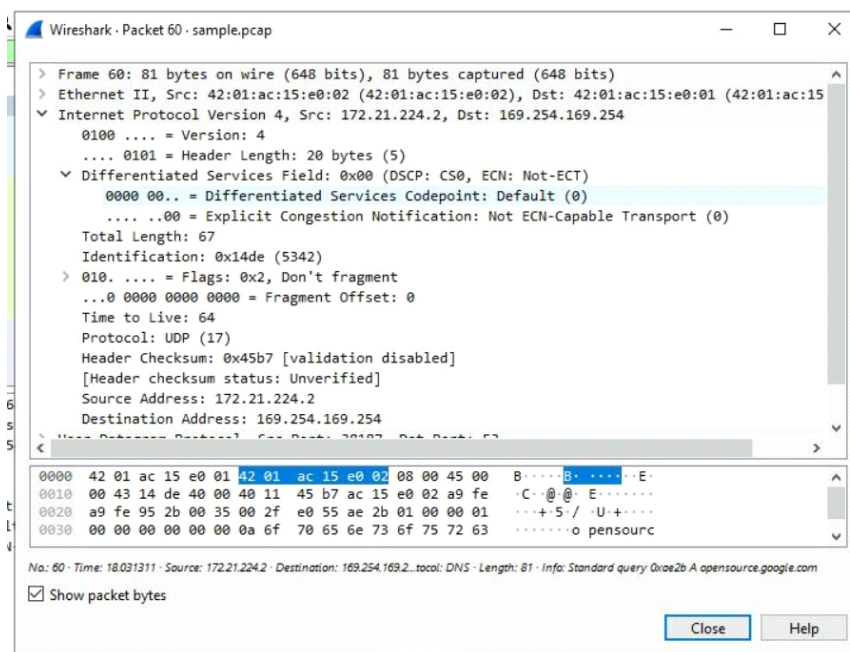
Then, the packets were filtered for the MAC address **42:01:ac:15:e0:02** as follows:



The first Packet in the list is selected and opened. The **Ethernet II** subtree is selected. The MAC address specified in the filter is listed as either the source or destination address in the expanded Ethernet II subtree:



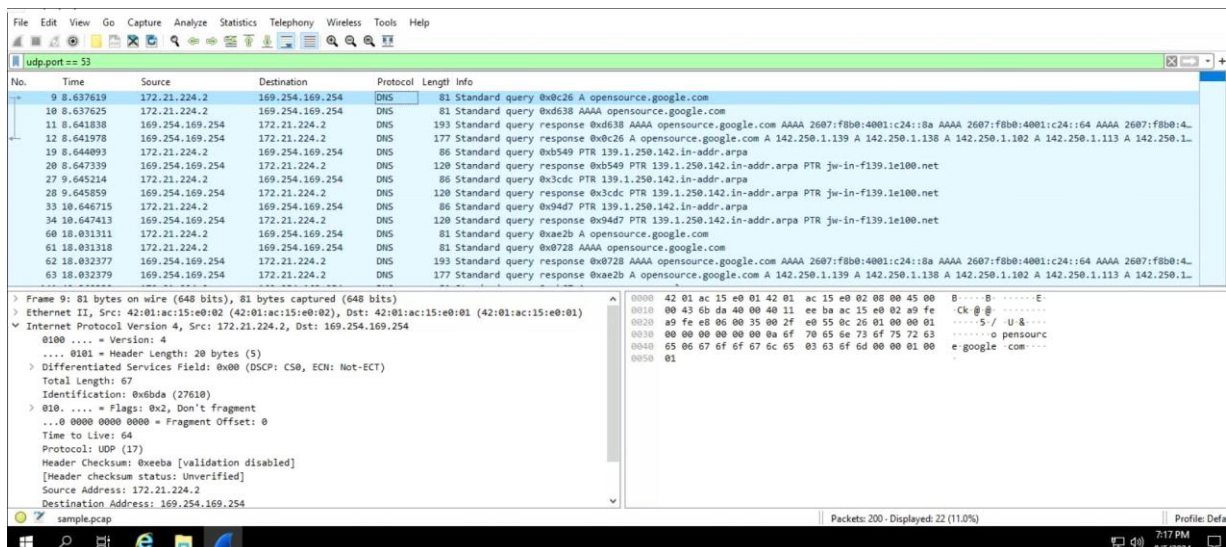
Then, the **Internet Protocol Version 4** subtree is selected to observe the **Time to Live** and **Protocol** used:



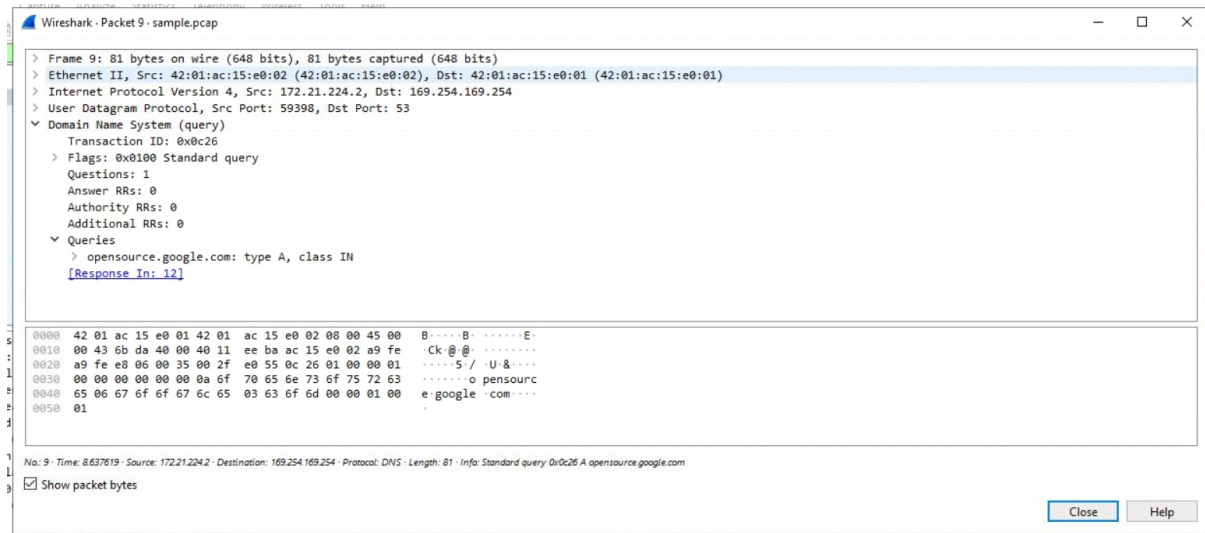
Use filters to explore DNS packets

Direction: The analyst must use filters to select and examine DNS traffic and then drill down into the protocol to examine how the DNS packet data contains both **queries** and **answers**.

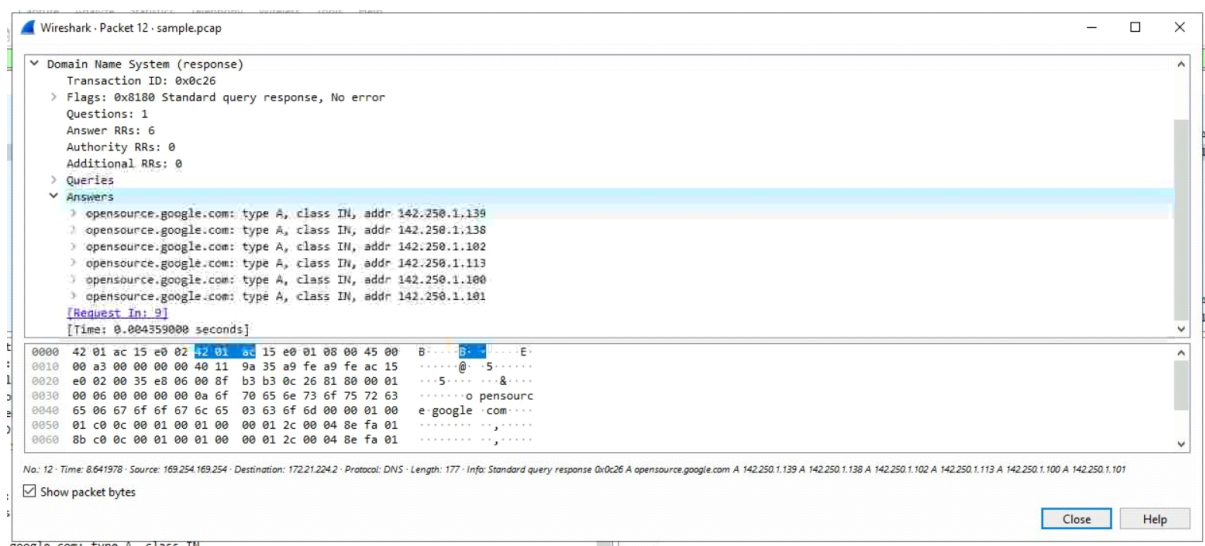
Packets are filtered for UDP traffic at port 53 as follows:



The first packet is opened and the **Domain Name System (query)** subtree is explored:



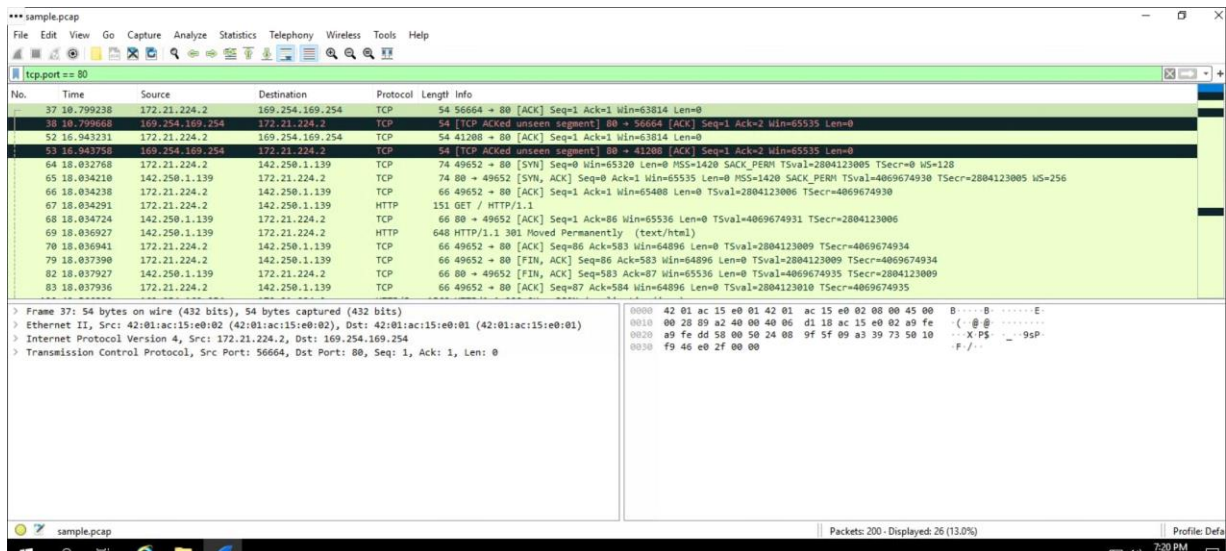
The queried website is observed to be opensource.google.com. Then the details pane is closed and the 4th packet in the list is opened and the **Domain Name System (query)** subtree is opened. The **Answers** subtree is explored:



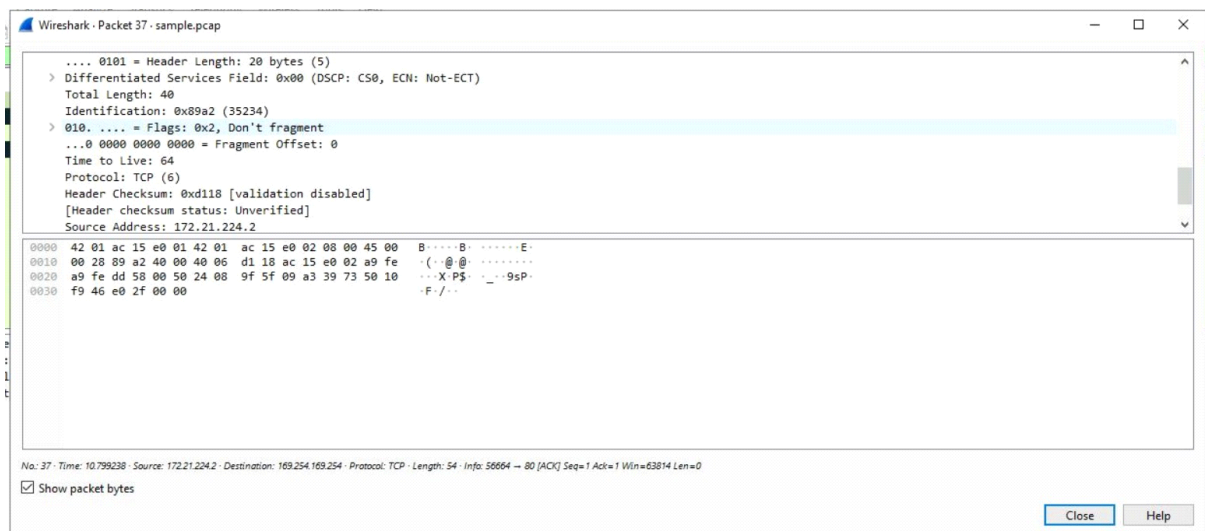
Use Iters to explore TCP packets

Direction: The analyst must use additional Iters to search for text that is present in payload data contained inside network packets.

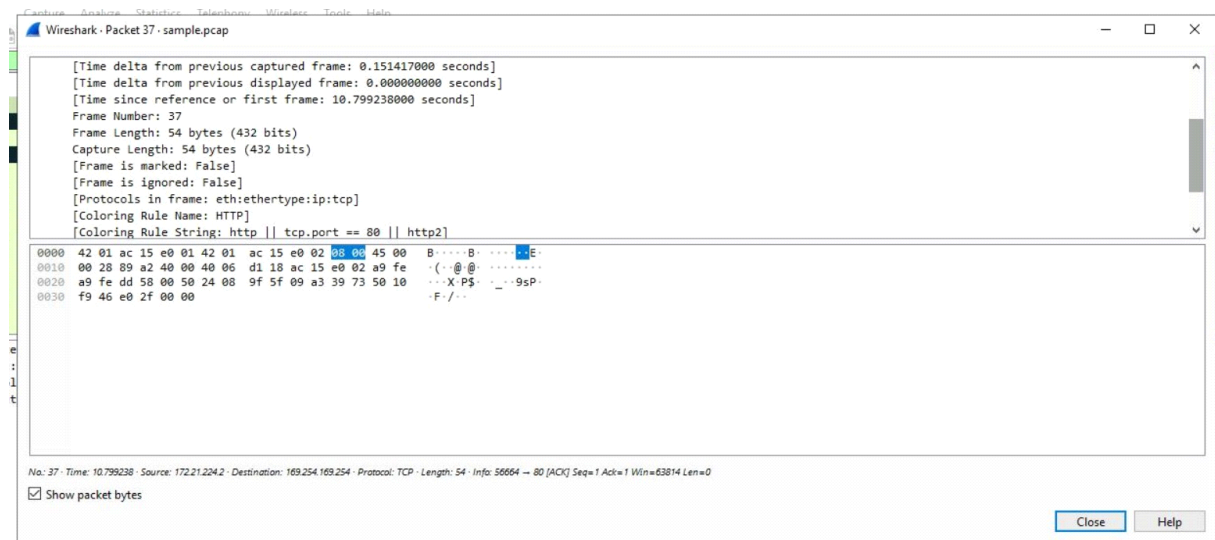
The TCP traffic is for port 80 as follows:



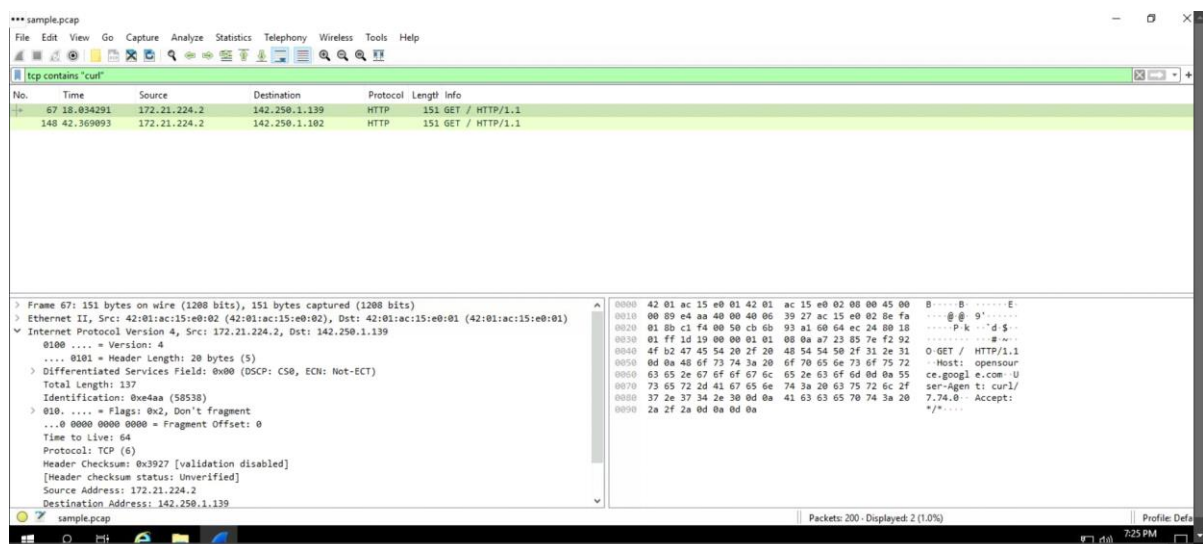
The first packet in the list is opened and the **Time to Live** is observed to be 64 bytes:



Under the **Frame** subtree, the **Frame Length** is observed to be 54 bytes:



The details are closed and filters are cleared. Then to search for specific text in a TCP packet, the **contains** filter is used:



Summary

Packet data was successfully analyzed and investigated using Wireshark. Filters like **==**, **contains** etc.. By filtering few commands, the packet analysis is successfully completed.