Practical Networking

Practical TLS – Lab Guide

A deep dive into SSL and TLS – the protocols that secure the Internet

Lab 6.3 – Inspecting TLS Handshake Extensions

In this lab you will be provided with a packet capture of three different TLS sessions, and you will explore the TLS Handshake Extensions in each.

Create working directory and acquire lab files

1. Navigate to the folder you created in Lab 0.0 named Practical-TLS
   - `$ cd Practical-TLS`

2. Create and navigate to a new directory for Lab 6.3 files:
   - `$ mkdir "LAB6.3 – Inspecting TLS Extensions"`
   - `$ cd "LAB6.3 – Inspecting TLS Extensions"`

3. Download *one* of the following lab files and place it in the newly created folder:
   - **`LAB 6.3 Files - Inspecting TLS Extensions - Practical TLS.tar.gz`**
   - **`LAB 6.3 Files - Inspecting TLS Extensions - Practical TLS.zip`**

   The lab files are in `.zip` or `.tar.gz` format – the contents within are identical, use whichever file is easier for you

4. Unzip or Untar the file you downloaded into your LAB 6.3 working directory:
   - For the TAR.GZ file, you will use the Linux command: `tar -xvzf "LAB 6.3 ...`
   - For the ZIP file, it should be something like right clicking the file and selecting "Extract All..."

5. When finished, you should have the following **1 file** in the LAB 6.3 directory:

   `Practical TLS – Handshake Extensions.pcap`

Inspecting TLS Handshakes Extensions

The packet capture file you downloaded (`Practical TLS – Handshake Extensions.pcap`) includes three TLS sessions:

1- Full TLS Handshake which includes OCSP Stapling and SNI extensions
2- Full TLS Handshake which includes TLS Session Tickets and SNI extensions
3- Resumed TLS Handshake using TLS Session Tickets

Your task is to explore each of these TLS sessions in Wireshark and validate what you learned in the course lessons. Some guiding questions have been included.

Consider using Wireshark's conversation colorizing feature to distinguish the three sessions. Click a packet and press `CTRL+[1-9]` (`CMD+[1-9]` for MAC). Each number 1-9 is a different color you can use. `CTRL/CMD + Space` will reset the colorizing. Use a different color for each of the three sessions in this packet capture.

Also consider applying the display filter of `tls` to limit the display to just TLS packets.

Write down your answers to the questions below and compare them against the answer key at the end of this lab guide.

TLS Session #1 (Packets 1 – 22)

1. Find the extension in which the Client requested a specific website domain name
   - What domain name certificate is being requested?
2. Find the extension in which the Server confirmed support for Server Name Indication (SNI)
   - Does the server support SNI?
3. Find the extension in which the Client requested the Certificate Status for this TLS Session
4. Find the extension in which the Server confirmed its ability to provide the Certificate Status
5. Find the Record in which the Server provided the Certificate Status
   - What was the Certificate Status?
   - What was the time stamp for when this Certificate Status was acquired?
   - Did the Certificate Status include a Signature?
   - Who signed the Certificate?

TLS Session #2 (Packets 23 – 44)

6. Find the extension in which the Client requested a specific website domain name
   - What domain name certificate is being requested?
7. Find the extension in which the Server confirmed support for Server Name Indication (SNI)
   - Does the server support SNI?
8. What was the Session ID sent by the Client?
9. What was the Session ID sent by the Server?
10. Find the extension in which the Client indicated support for TLS Session Tickets
    - Was anything included inside this Extension?
11. Find the extension in which the Server indicated support for TLS Session Tickets
    - Was anything included inside this Extension?
12. Find the Record in which the Server provided the actual TLS Session Ticket
    - What are the first few digits of the included Session Ticket?
    - What key was used to encrypt this Session Ticket?
    - Who has access to that Key?
13. How many Handshake records were sent for this TLS negotiation?
14. How many Round Trips were necessary to complete this TLS Handshake?

TLS Session #3 (Packets 45 – 58)

15. Find the extension in which the Client indicated support for TLS Session Tickets
    - What was included inside this Extension?
    - What are the first few digits of the included data in this Extension?
      (note, you will have to look at the Packet Bytes pane to answer this question)
16. Find the extension in which the Server indicated support for TLS Session Tickets
    - Was it included in the Server Hello?
17. What was the Session ID sent by the Client?
18. What was the Session ID sent by the Server?
19. How many Handshake records were sent for this TLS negotiation?
20. How many Round Trips were necessary to complete this TLS Handshake?

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Answers for the questions above are on the next page. Check your answers.

If you are unclear about a question and answer, ask about it in the Discord server.

Answer Key

Answers – TLS Session #1 (Packets 1 – 22)

1. Find the extension in which the Client requested a specific website domain name
   Client Hello, Packet #4, Extension: server_name
   - What domain name certificate is being requested?
     example.org
2. Find the extension in which the Server confirmed support for Server Name Indication (SNI)
   It would be in the Server Hello, but this server does not support SNI
   - Does the server support SNI?
     No
3. Find the extension in which the Client requested the Certificate Status for this TLS Session
   Client Hello, Packet #4, Extension: status_request
4. Find the extension in which the Server confirmed its ability to provide the Certificate Status
   Server Hello, Packet #6, Extension: status_request
5. Find the Record in which the Server provided the Certificate Status
   Certificate Status, Packet #10
   - What was the Certificate Status?
     good
   - What was the time stamp for when this Certificate Status was acquired?
     2021-02-23 06:15:02 (UTC)
   - Did the Certificate Status include a Signature?
     Yes
   - Who signed the Certificate?
     The CA which provided the Certificate Status to the Server. Note: the actual CA is not obviously identified in the Certificate Status. The Client would use the field `issuerKeyHash` and compare it with the Certificate chain's x509v3 Authority Key Identifier extension to identify exactly which CA, and therefore which Public Key to use to validate this signature.

Answers – TLS Session #2 (Packets 23 – 44)

6. Find the extension in which the Client requested a specific website domain name
   Client Hello, Packet #26, Extension: server_name
   - What domain name certificate is being requested?
     facebook.com

7. Find the extension in which the Server confirmed support for Server Name Indication (SNI)
   Server Hello, Packet #28, Extension: server_name
   - Does the server support SNI?
     Yes

8. What was the Session ID sent by the Client?
   No Session ID was provided – this is identical to a Session ID of all zeros

9. What was the Session ID sent by the Server?
   No Session ID was provided – this is identical to a Session ID of all zeros

10. Find the extension in which the Client indicated support for TLS Session Tickets
    Client Hello, Packet #26, Extension: session_ticket
    - Was anything included inside this Extension?
      No, it merely indicates support for session tickets

11. Find the extension in which the Server indicated support for TLS Session Tickets
    Server Hello, Packet #28, Extension: session_ticket
    - Was anything included inside this Extension?
      No, it merely indicates support for session tickets

12. Find the Record in which the Server provided the actual TLS Session Ticket
    New Session Ticket, Packet #35
    - What are the first few digits of the included Session Ticket?
      bbd4ff32545315b1f686a4c4145ce550082c586dafdf9b2419c90de3b4b5e4d092d ...
    - What key was used to encrypt this Session Ticket?
      Session Ticket Encryption Key (STEK)
    - Who has access to that Key?
      Only the Server or Servers responsible for hosting this website

13. How many Handshake records were sent for this TLS negotiation?
    9 – remember, Change Cipher Spec *is not* a Handshake record, and Encrypted Handshake Message is the Finished record, which *is* a Handshake record

14. How many Round Trips were necessary to complete this TLS Handshake?
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Answers – TLS Session #3 (Packets 45 – 58)

15. Find the extension in which the Client indicated support for TLS Session Tickets
    Client Hello, Packet #48, Extension: session_ticket
    - What was included inside this Extension?
      The actual Session Ticket sent by the Server in Packet # 35
    - What are the first few digits of the included data in this Extension?
      (note, you will have to look at the Packet Bytes pane to answer this question)
      bbd4ff32545315b1 …
      See image at the end of this section to understand how this was extracted
16. Find the extension in which the Server indicated support for TLS Session Tickets
    It would have been in the Server Hello, Packet #50
    - Was it included in the Server Hello?
      No – but none the less, the Session Ticket was used to perform an abbreviated session. This is verified because the Session ID's for this session from the Client and Server are identical.
17. What was the Session ID sent by the Client?
    c2af7689efe898cb57367e88e614459373fc635833e5d471c8756f1cdf9a1086
18. What was the Session ID sent by the Server?
    c2af7689efe898cb57367e88e614459373fc635833e5d471c8756f1cdf9a1086
19. How many Handshake records were sent for this TLS negotiation?
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20. How many Round Trips were necessary to complete this TLS Handshake?
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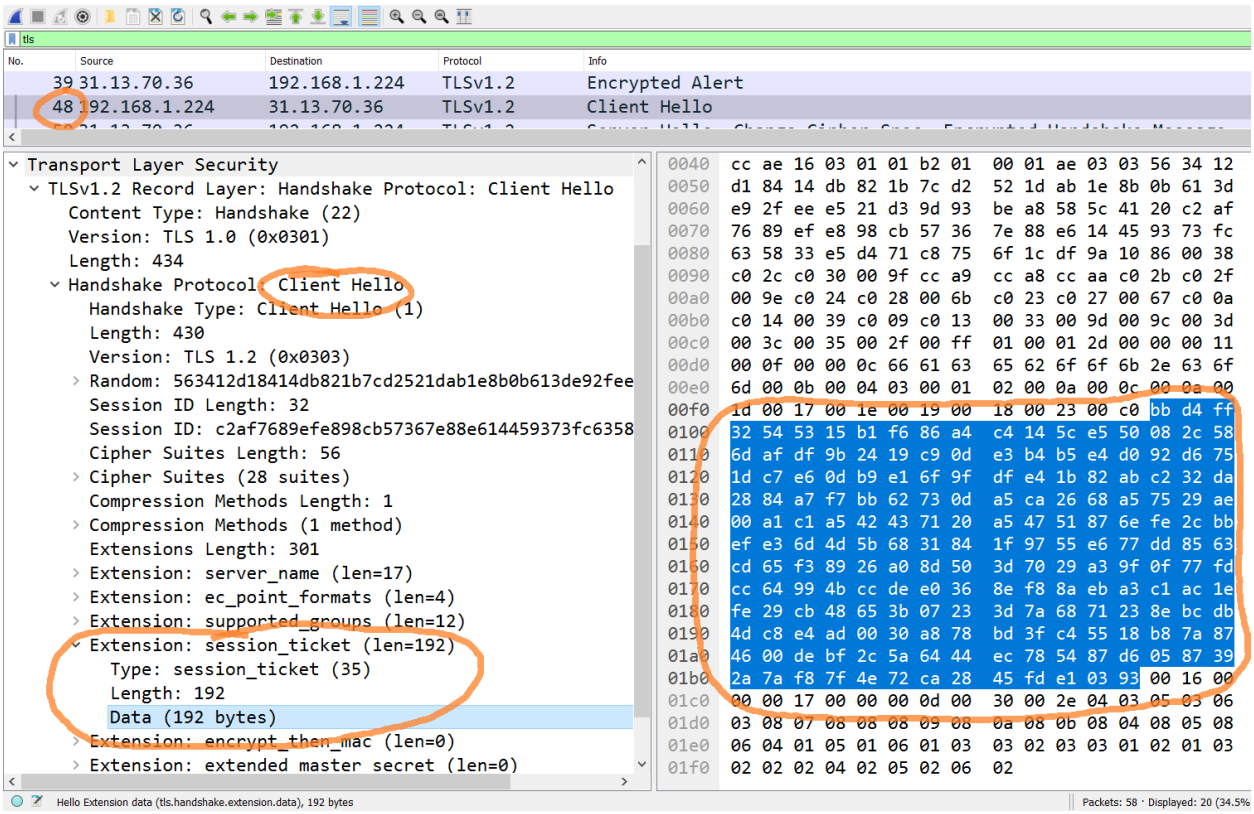

Image to assist with Question #15