

# COMP416: Computer Networks

## Project 2

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#### Part 1-1)

Firstly, I have found the segment that I will work on:

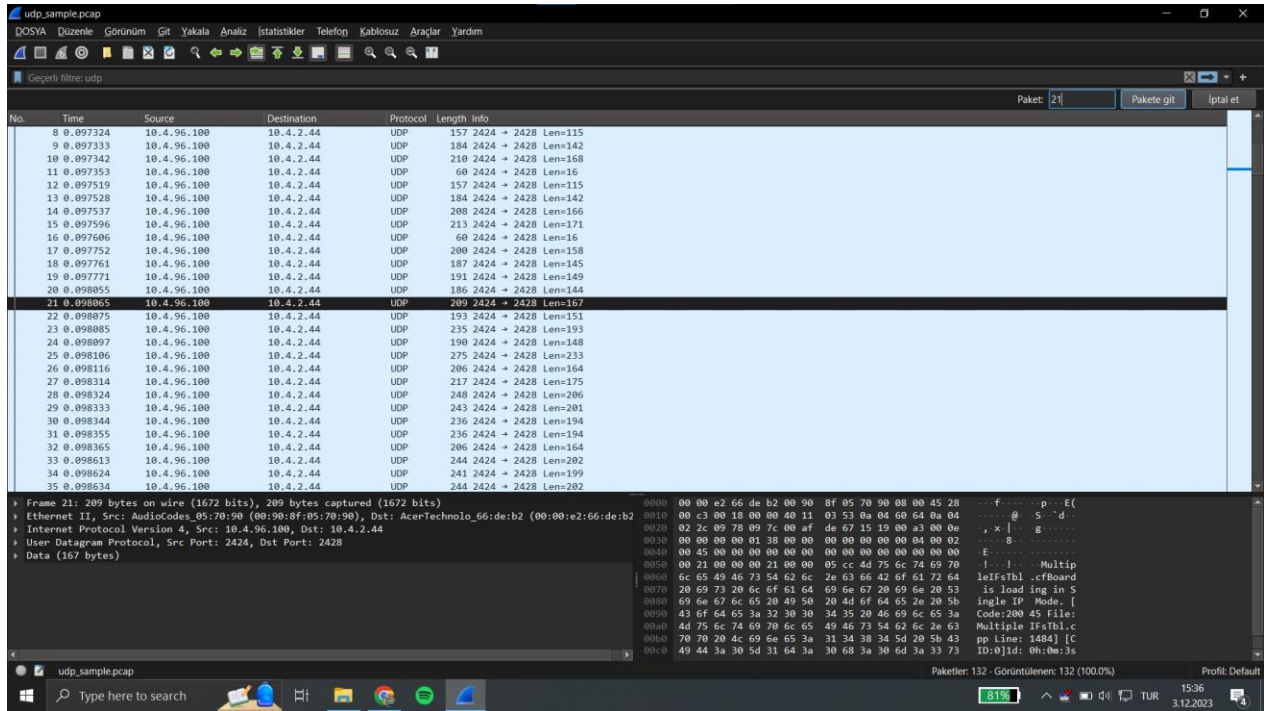


Figure 1: Finding the packet I will work on 1.1/0.png

1. What is the segment's time to live value, numerically? What does that mean? What may happen if TTL reaches to zero before the segment arrives its destination?

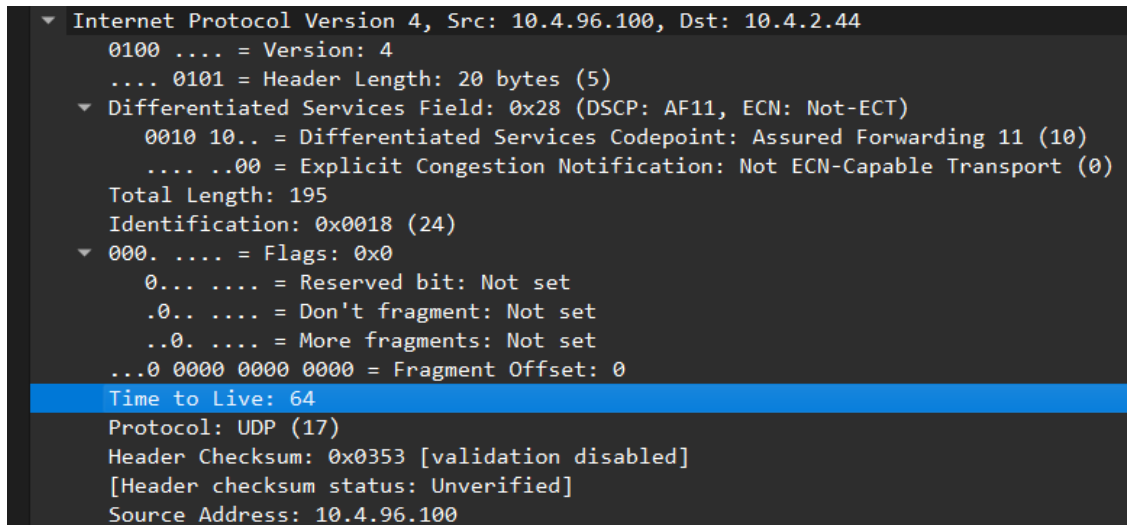


Figure 2: Time to Live information of the packet 1.1/1.png

Time to live is 64. This means that the maximum number that packet can hop. In each hop it decreases by one, and if it is zero router drops the packet and maybe sends message to the sender about the failure. It is used to prevent the packet to circulating indefinitely and avoid congestion.

**2.** What does the stream index for a UDP segment signify? What is your segment's stream index?

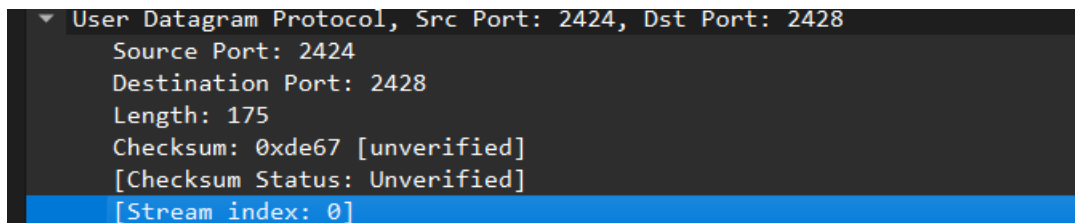


Figure 3: Stream index of the packet 1.1/2.png

Stream indexes are used to grouping packets starting from 0. For example my stream index is 0, means something like it is the part of the only conversation between the sockets or in the first conversation group.

**3.** What is the checksum value of the segment? What would happen if the value was different than what you have observed? Is there a similar application for the same functionality in TCP? If so, what are the differences in between?

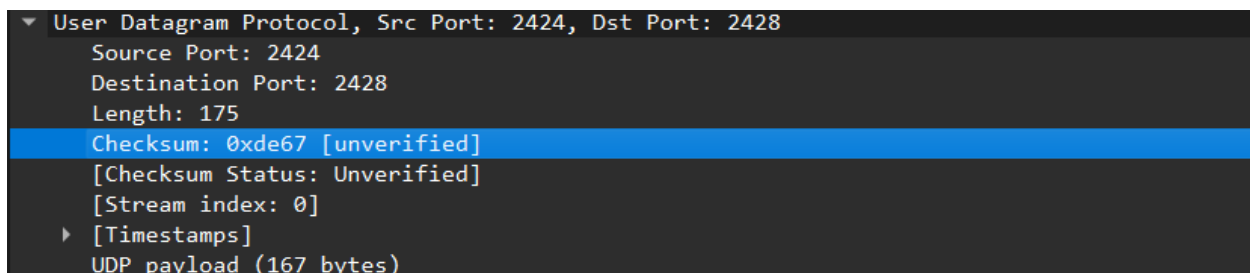


Figure 4: Checksum value of the packet 1.1/3.png

It is 0x67, can be found under the User Datagram Protocol. Checksum is used between communication to ensure the data integrity. TCP and UDP has checksum functionality however unlike TCP, UDP does not have a recovery system for corrupted or altered packets. Thus, if the checksum value of the sender and the receiver are different, there is a data loss or corruption. In UDP the package might be discarded or handled by application layer. In TCP, the protocol might retransmit the data to ensure integrity.

4. Observe the flags under the IP v4 header. What is the purpose of the Reserved bit flag? What is the value of your segment's reserved bit flag?

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▼ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.4.96.100, Dst: 10.4.2.44
  0100 .... = Version: 4
  .... 0101 = Header Length: 20 bytes (5)
  ▶ Differentiated Services Field: 0x28 (DSCP: AF11, ECN: Not-ECT)
  Total Length: 195
  Identification: 0x0018 (24)
  ▼ 000. .... = Flags: 0x0
    0... .... = Reserved bit: Not set
    .0.. .... = Don't fragment: Not set
    ..0. .... = More fragments: Not set
    ...0 0000 0000 0000 = Fragment Offset: 0

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Figure 5: Flags of the packet 1.1/4.png

It is not set, which means 0. Purpose of the reserved bit flag is ensuring the mechanism and controlling the behavior of the IP packet. It is 0 for legitimate packets, 1 for malicious contents.

5. Explain the Length field. What does this value signify? Provide your packet's length.

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▼ Frame 21: 209 bytes on wire (1672 bits), 209 bytes captured (1672 bits)
  Encapsulation type: Ethernet (1)
  Arrival Time: Sep 11, 2007 11:23:12.949756000 Turkey Standard Time
  UTC Arrival Time: Sep 11, 2007 08:23:12.949756000 UTC
  Epoch Arrival Time: 1189498992.949756000
  [Time shift for this packet: 0.000000000 seconds]
  [Time delta from previous captured frame: 0.000010000 seconds]
  [Time delta from previous displayed frame: 0.000010000 seconds]
  [Time since reference or first frame: 0.098065000 seconds]
  Frame Number: 21
  Frame Length: 209 bytes (1672 bits)
  Capture Length: 209 bytes (1672 bits)

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Figure 6: Frame Capture length of the packet 1.1/5.1.png

The frame length is 209 bytes, which is the total length of the packet in network interface level.

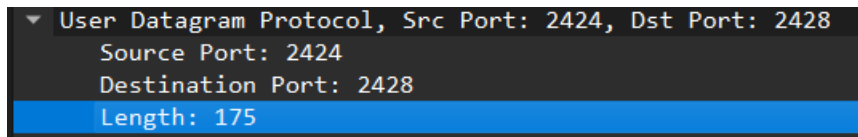
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▼ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.4.96.100, Dst: 10.4.2.44
  0100 .... = Version: 4
  .... 0101 = Header Length: 20 bytes (5)
  ▶ Differentiated Services Field: 0x28 (DSCP: AF11, ECN: Not-ECT)
  Total Length: 195

```

Figure 7: IPv4 length of the packet 1.1/5.2.png

Total length of the IP packet is 195 bytes. Includes IP header and payload.



*Figure 8: UDP length of the packet 1.1/5.3.png*

Length of UDP datagram is 175 bytes. It includes UDP header and the actual data as payload. Values are getting smaller as packet goes to inner layers.



And there are no duplicate acknowledgements, I could not find any data loss. TCP could handle all issues by retransmissions.

tcp.analysis.duplicate_ack						
No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info

Figure 12: duplicate acknowledgement logs 1.2/1.3.png

2. What is the round-trip time for a specific TCP connection? Are there variations in RTT over the course of the communication? (Hint: Use the "Statistics" menu.)

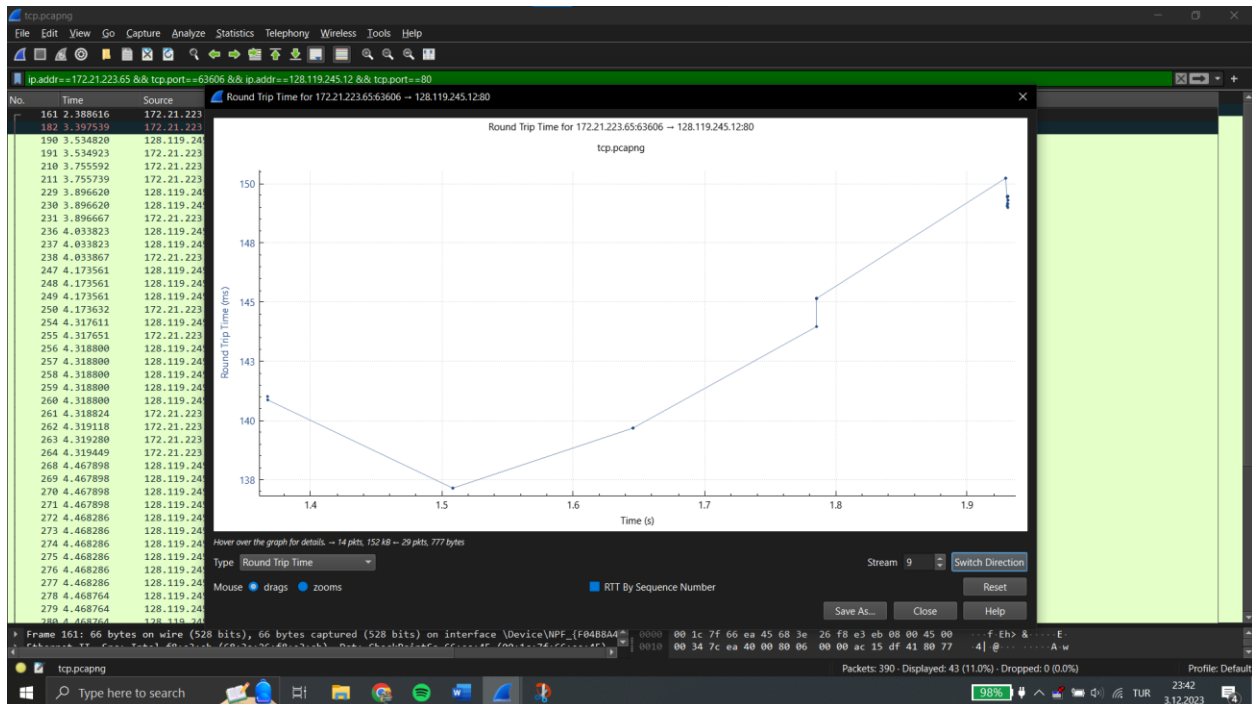


Figure 13: RTT Chart of the connection 1.2/2.png

I have used the TCP connection with most packets from the conversation tab. The filter gives the conversion from A to B. Then I have found that RTT time decreased at first then linearly increases in 1.5 seconds to 1.9 seconds runtime. Then stays there for a while. There are some variations due to congestion and router changing etc.

3. Identify the information that was present in the TCP but not in UDP. What do they signify? What is their purpose?



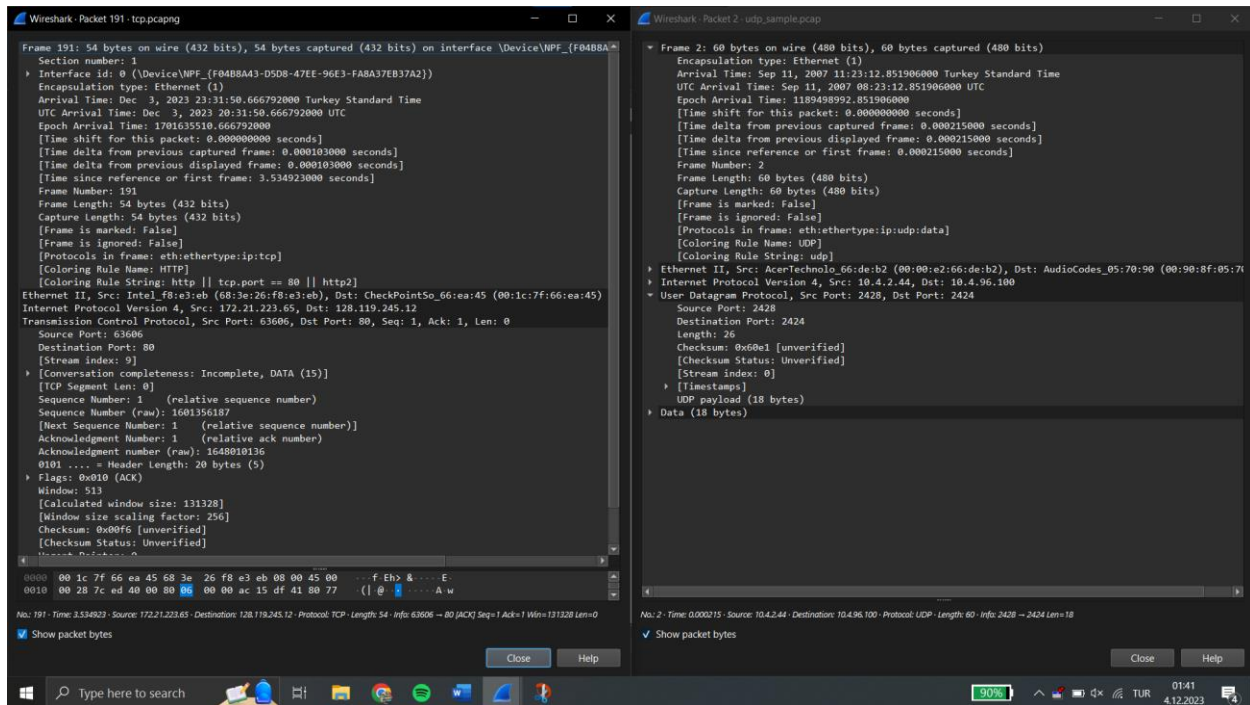


Figure 14: TCP and UDP information differences 1.2/3.png

TCP has interface ID to contain interface identifier, Sequence number and acknowledgement numbers to monitor the result of the communication, by checking the sequence number the acknowledgement success can be tracked. TCP also has window size to perform flow control, maintaining the size ready at the moment. TCP also has many flags to control the communication and ensure integrity. Also SEQ/ACK analysis to monitor the performance of the communication.

4. Observe the TCP and UDP segments' flow graphs from the Statistics menu. Explain what is being sent as data and their meanings. Underline the differences.

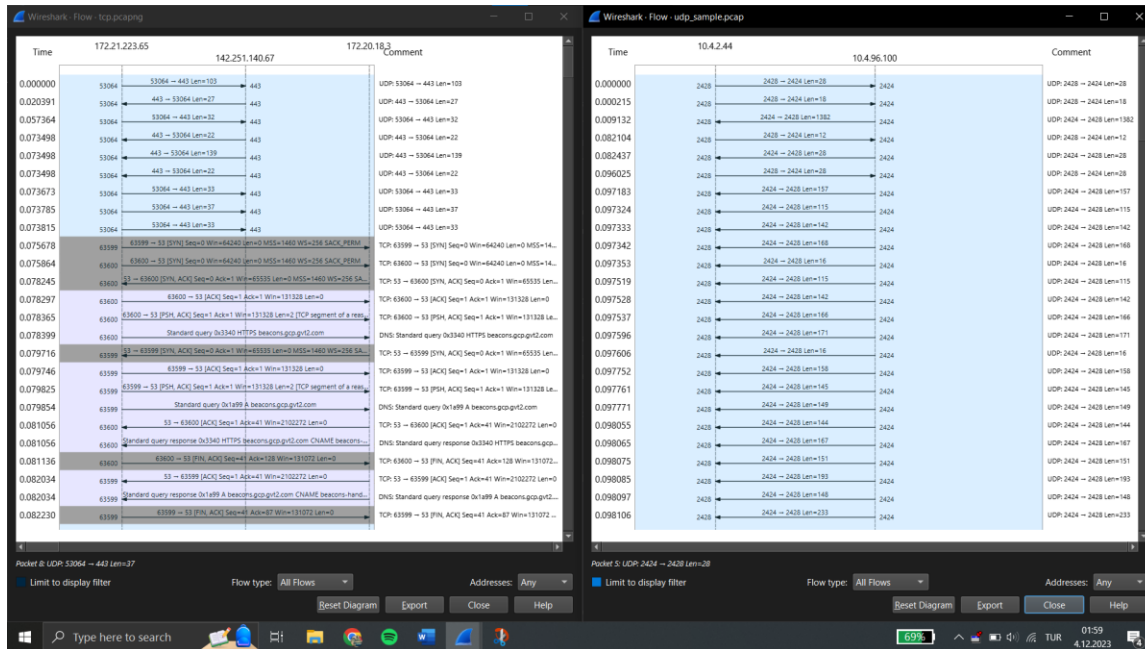


Figure 15: TCP and UDP flow graphs 1.2/4.png

In TCP there are initialization of the communication like handshaking and many states to ensure that data being sent correctly. In UDP data is sent by datagrams without any acknowledgement or information about the integrity of the data. However, in TCP there are additional data aside from the payload about the status of the communications and necessary information to have a healthy connection like window size. Overall, TCP flows are more complex and have many additional information and flags to ensure the integrity, UDP does not have these standards. It sends the data directly to client without any control information or effort about the data.



## Part 2-1)

I have finished the server and client part of the project. Then, run each client separately to see the traffic. I have used Adapter for loopback traffic capture part of the Wireshark capture mods. The results can be seen as follows:

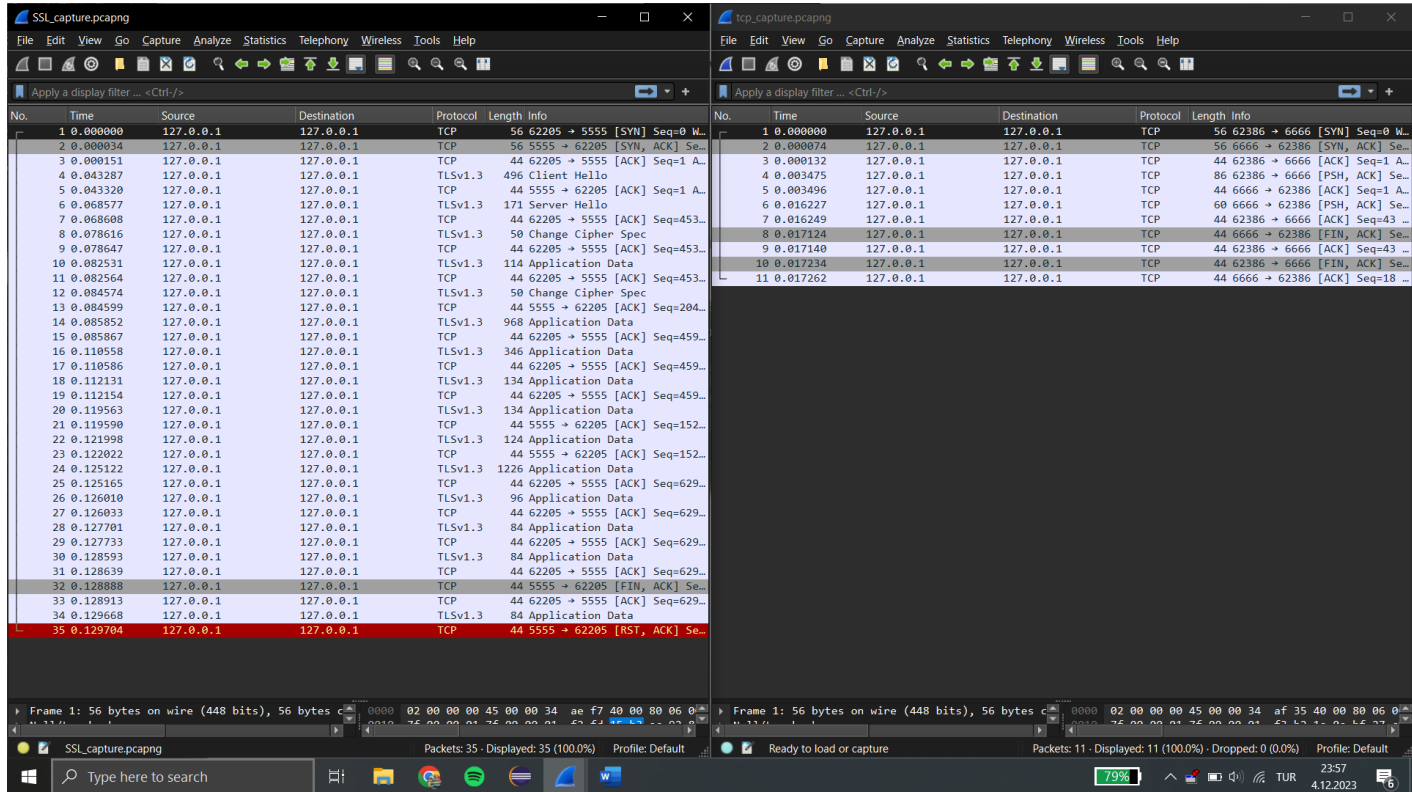


Figure 16: SSL method client and TCP method client capture logs 2.1/1.png

1. What are the used protocol(s) in the captured packets?

I have seen TCP and TLSv1.3 protocols in secure SSL transfer but in the insecure there are only packets TCP protocols.

2. Can you find the sent data (the characters) within the sent packets? Show that as screenshots when possible.

In insecure method, when I right click an package in stream 0 and get the TCP Stream, I can find the data that is sent and the server acknowledgement message as follows:

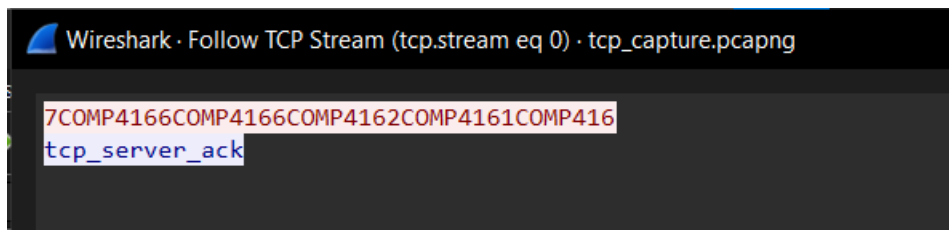


Figure 17: Insecure method stream capture message 2.1/2.png

- By looking at the received response in the packets, can you understand what is sent? Show that as screenshots when possible.

However, in SSL communication I could not get the message. I have found some encrypted message, but I cannot see the plaintext without the appropriate decoding schema.

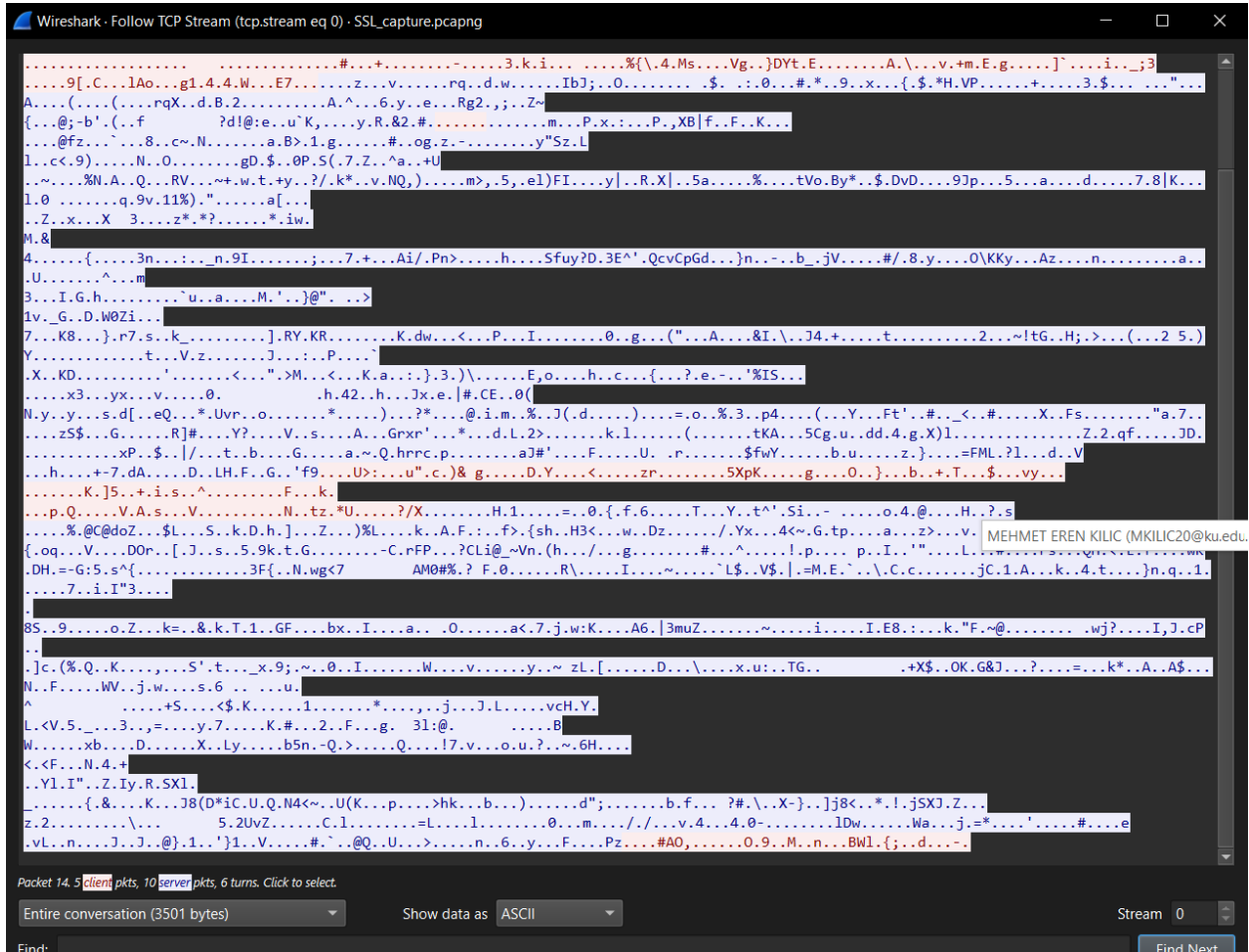


Figure 18: SSL method message 2.1/3.png

As I stated in question 2, I could see the message in insecure communication but not in the secure communication.

- Report delays for 5 different executions and present the measurements as a single graph. Briefly describe the reasons for the results you have obtained. Measure the delays in code (Java).

I put the previous client commands in a for loop with 5 loops. In each iteration two lists saves TCP and SSL execution delays. Then, I used JFreeChart to visualize the chart and see the delay difference between these two-execution type. What I have seen, is SSL communication is way longer than normal TCP communication. I believe this is due to the encryption and decryption of the messages that are being sent and the handshake process at the beginning.

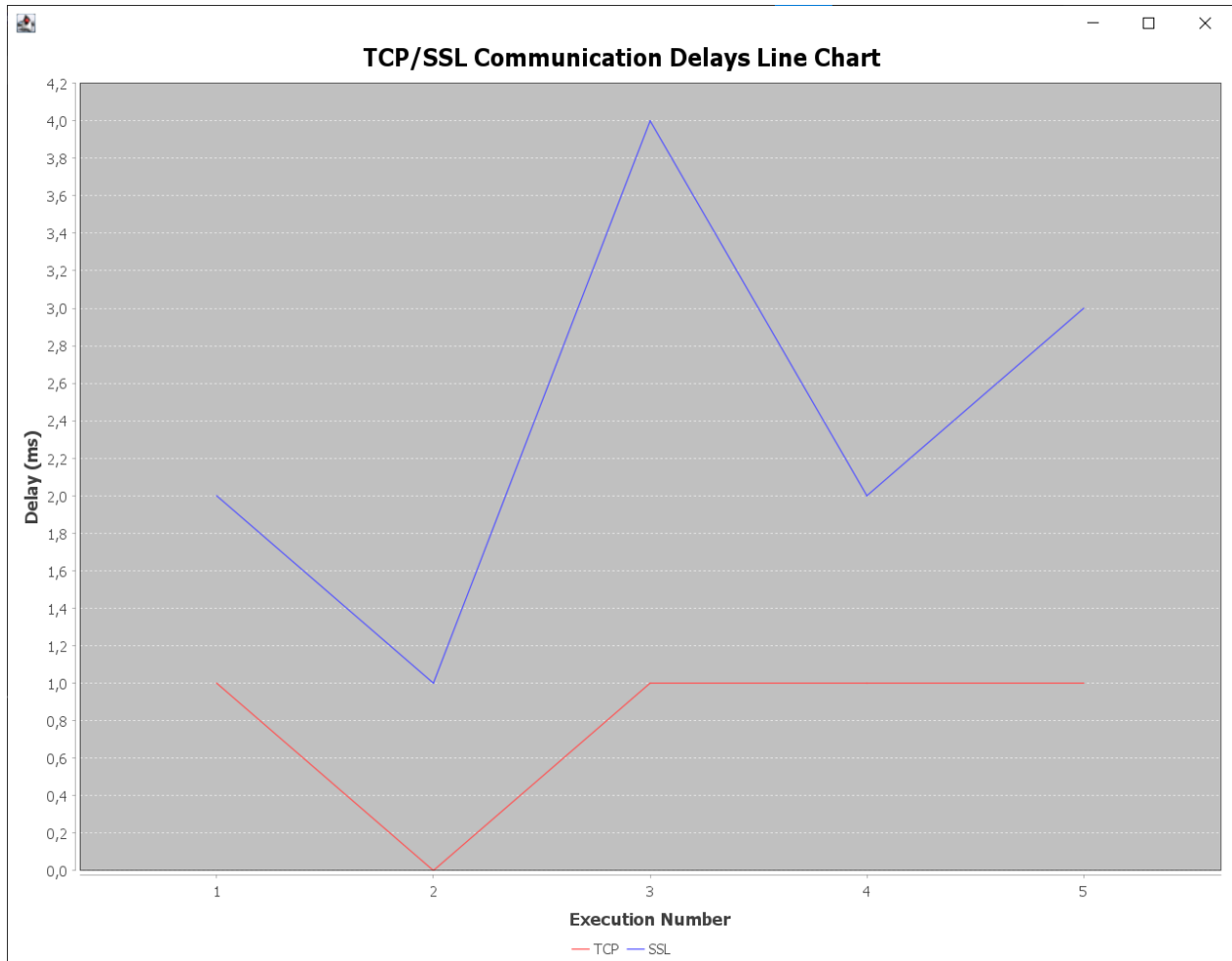


Figure 19: TCP vs SSL RTT comparison chart 2.1/4.png

Answer the following questions considering only the secure channel (SSL) execution:

5. In the observed packets, you can see “Client Hello” and “Server Hello ...” packets. Briefly explain what those packets are and write your own observations.

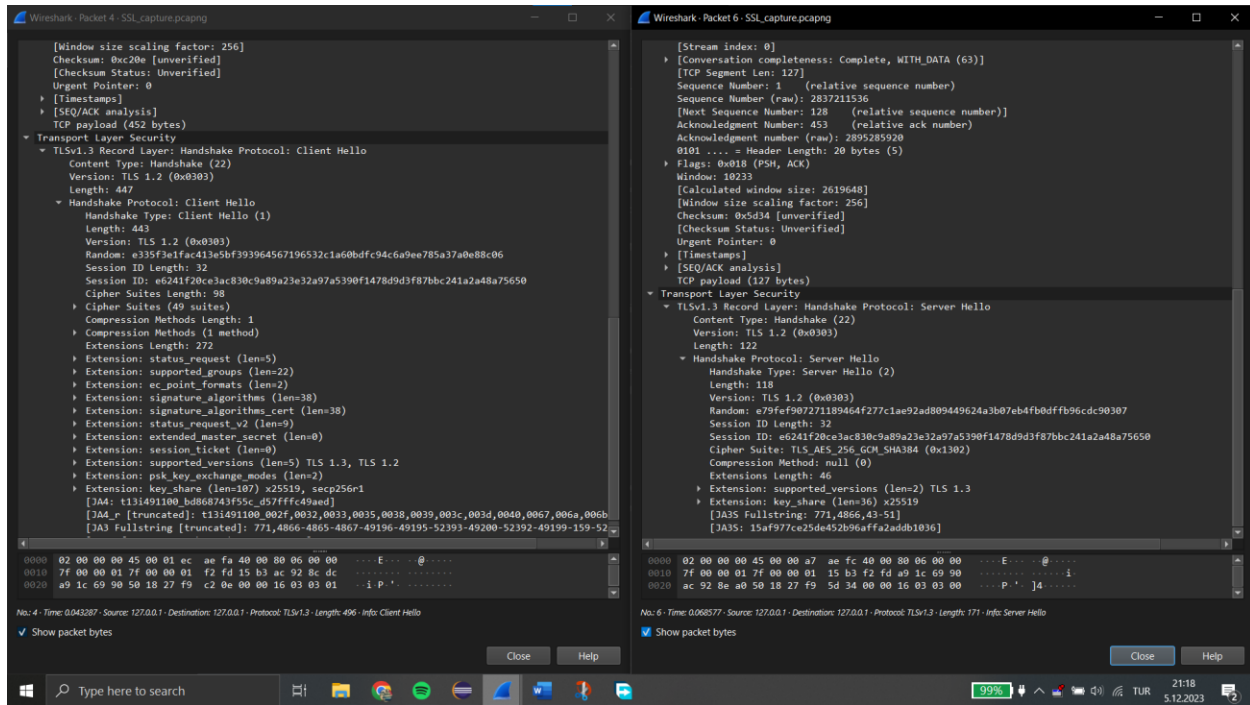


Figure 20: SSL Client Hello and Server Hello packages information 2.1/5.png

They are both part of the handshake process of the SSL communication. In order to establish the communication these both packets are being sent and received, thus the communication can successfully hold. The packages contain version information, keys for encryption and decryption schemas and certificate verification etc.

6. How does the protocol avoid sending the certificate for each connection? Show the used solution from the captured packets.

Both Client and Server Hello continues from the same Session ID. In order to avoid sending the certificate again and again and cause delay and performance reduction, if they share the same Session ID, they continue to be communicating without duplication of certificate verification. Thus, in this capture, there is only one handshake between the server and the client.

## Part 2.2)

I have created the keystore with the help of the tutorial provided. My keystore information is attached below:

```
Administrator: Command Prompt

11 Dir(s) 94.156.554.240 bytes free

D:\>keytool -list -v -keystore keystore
Enter keystore password:
Keystore type: PKCS12
Keystore provider: SUN

Your keystore contains 1 entry

Alias name: serverkey
Creation date: 5 Ara 2023
Entry type: PrivateKeyEntry
Certificate chain length: 1
Certificate[1]:
Owner: CN=Mehmet Eren Kili?, OU=KU, O=Ko? University, L=Istanbul, ST=Istanbul, C=90
Issuer: CN=Mehmet Eren Kili?, OU=KU, O=Ko? University, L=Istanbul, ST=Istanbul, C=90
Serial number: 3053471146d02467
Valid from: Tue Dec 05 21:47:38 TRT 2023 until: Mon Mar 04 21:47:38 TRT 2024
Certificate fingerprints:
    SHA1: 47:33:1C:67:1C:D7:79:AE:30:EB:E3:0E:04:6D:29:C9:25:AC:09:A5
    SHA256: CF:AC:60:EC:CD:98:14:B8:1C:BB:D7:EB:93:55:07:80:59:F3:83:6C:E2:CF:4C:0F:36:DB:63:AE:1D:2B:26:42
Signature algorithm name: SHA256withRSA
Subject Public Key Algorithm: 2048-bit RSA key
Version: 3

Extensions:

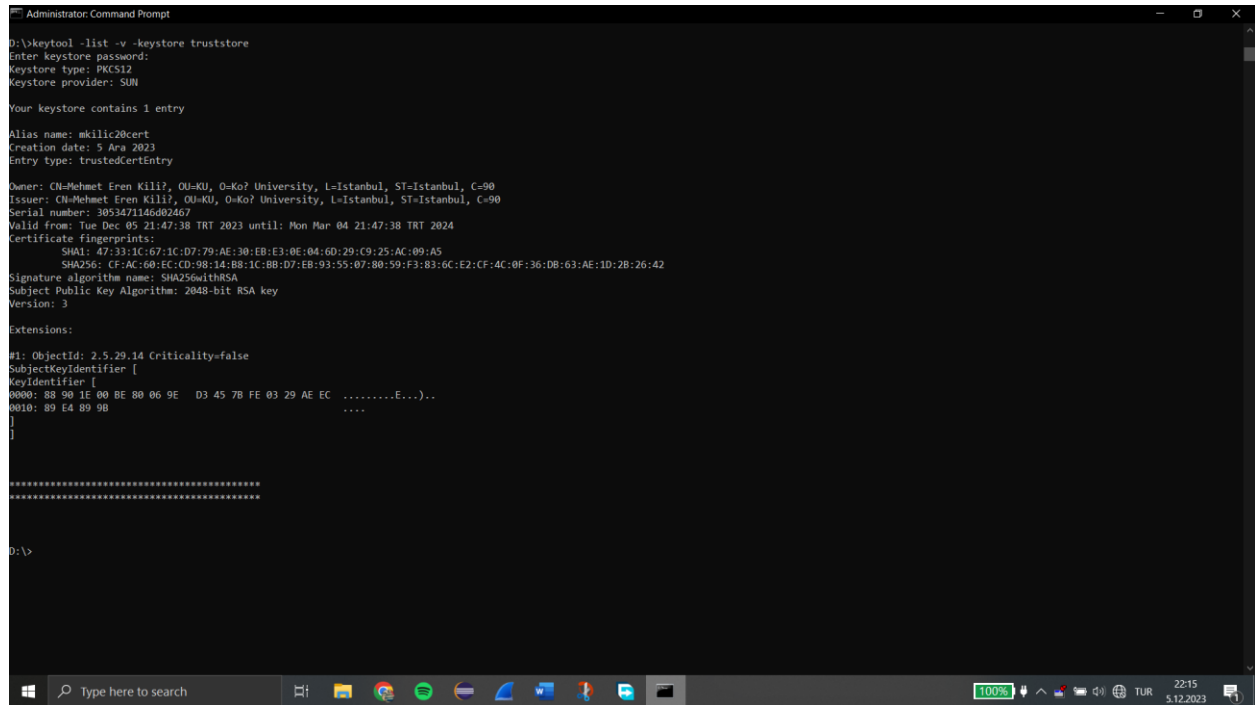
#1: ObjectId: 2.5.29.14 Criticality=false
SubjectKeyIdentifier [
KeyIdentifier [
0000: 88 90 1E 00 BE 80 06 9E D3 45 7B FE 03 29 AE EC .....E...)..
0010: 89 E4 89 9B .....
]
]

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D:\>
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Figure 21: keystore information 2.2/1.png

Then I have created my truststore, the information of the truststore is attached below:



```
Administrator: Command Prompt
D:\>keytool -list -v -keystore truststore
Enter keystore password:
Keystore type: PKCS12
Keystore provider: SUN

Your keystore contains 1 entry

Alias name: mkilic20cert
Creation date: 5 Ara 2023
Entry type: trustedCertEntry

Owner: CN=Mehmet Eren Kiliç, OU=KU, O=Koç University, L=Istanbul, ST=Istanbul, C=90
Issuer: CN=Mehmet Eren Kiliç, OU=KU, O=Koç University, L=Istanbul, ST=Istanbul, C=90
Serial number: 3053471146d02467
Valid from: Tue Dec 05 21:47:38 TRT 2023 until: Mon Mar 04 21:47:38 TRT 2024
Certificate fingerprints:
    SHA1: 47:33:1C:07:79:AE:30:EB:E3:0E:04:6D:29:C9:25:AC:09:A5
    SHA256: CF:AC:60:EC:CD:98:14:88:1C:BB:D7:EB:93:55:07:80:59:F3:83:6C:E2:CF:4C:0F:36:DB:63:AE:10:2B:26:42
Signature algorithm name: SHA256withRSA
Subject Public Key Algorithm: 2048-bit RSA key
Version: 3

Extensions:
#1: Objectid: 2.5.29.14 Criticality=false
SubjectKeyIdentifier [
KeyIdentifier [
0000: 8B 90 1E 00 BE 80 06 9E D3 45 7B FE 03 29 AE EC .....E...)..
0010: 89 E4 89 9B ....
]
]

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D:\>
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Figure 22: Truststore information 2.2/2.png