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# Lab 1

WireShark - Five-Layer Model

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### Wireshark- Examining the Five-Layer Model.

The software that will be used is WireShark

#### Introduction to packet tracer.

Wireshark is a powerful open-source network protocol analyser used to capture and inspect network traffic in real-time.

It allows users to analyse packets at a granular level, making it an essential tool for network troubleshooting, security analysis, and protocol development. With its intuitive graphical interface, Wireshark enables filtering, sorting, and deep data inspection across protocols like TCP, UDP, HTTP, and more. It is widely used by network engineers, cybersecurity professionals, and researchers to diagnose network issues, detect anomalies, and understand network behaviour.

**Objective:** Students will use Wireshark to capture and analyse network traffic generated when visiting a website from a web browser. This lab will help students understand HTTP, HTTPS, and DNS interactions in real time and relate them to the five-layer model

#### Step 1: Start Wireshark and Select the Network Interface

- 1. Open Wireshark.
- 2. Identify the correct network interface:
  - o If using a wired connection, select the Ethernet interface.
  - o If using Wi-Fi, select the wireless network interface.
- 3. Click on the interface and then click **Start Capture**.

#### Step 2: Filter Traffic to Focus on HTTP/HTTPS and DNS

- 1. In the **Capture Filter** bar, type:
  - o Port 80 or Port 443 or Port 53
  - o This ensures only HTTP (port 80), HTTPS (port 443), and DNS (port 53) traffic is captured.
- 2. Click **Apply**.

#### Step 3: Visit a Website and Capture Traffic

- 1. Open a web browser.
- 2. In the address bar, enter http://example.com or https://www.example.com and press **Enter**. (enter your website choice here)
- 3. Wait for the page to load completely.
- 4. Return to Wireshark and click **Stop Capture**.

#### Step 4: Analyse the Captured Packets

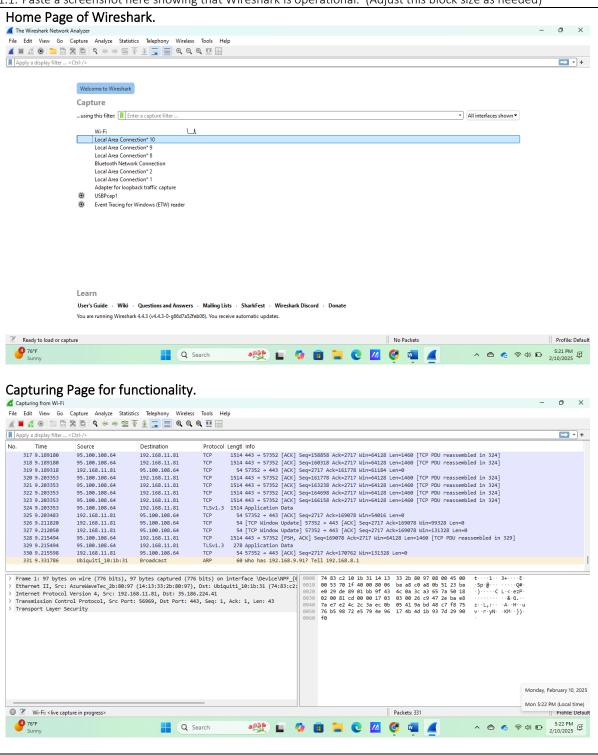
- 1. Inspect DNS Queries:
  - o In the filter bar, type DNS and press **Enter**.
  - o Look for DNS queries that resolve the domain name to an IP address.
  - o Identify the request and response.

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#### 1. Submit the following

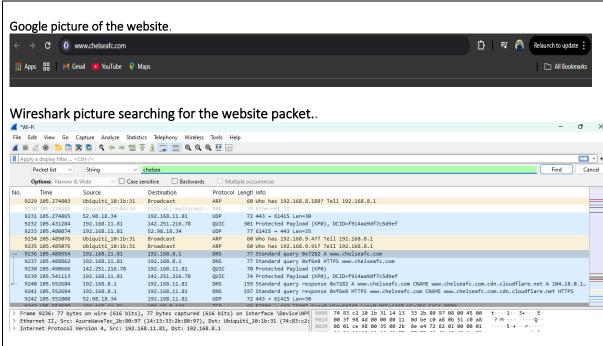
Provide evidence of your work by pasting the results as requested below. Increase the area of the square as needed.

1.1. Paste a screenshot here showing that Wireshark is operational. (Adjust this block size as needed)

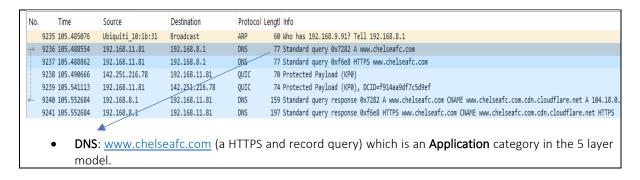


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1.2. Past the browser screenshot here showing which website request you will be monitoring with Wireshark. (Adjust this block size as needed)



- 1.3. After you've searched for the packet of interest on Wireshark, inspect the five-layer model on Wireshark. Take a screenshot and past it here. (Adjust this block size as needed)
- 1.3.1. On the same screenshot, show how you relate the information you see on Wireshark with the five layer model. This can be done by making a drawing of the five layer model, and drawing lines linking the model to the Wireshark information. (This was shown in class)
- 1.3.2. Include some detail in the five layer model that you have learned after inspecting the various layers.



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Ethernet II, Src: AzureWaveTec_2b:80:97 (14:13:33:2b:80:97), Dst: Ubiquiti_10:1b:31 (74:83:c2:)

Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.11.81, Dst: 192.168.8.1

User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 52888, Dst Port: 53

Domain Name System (query)

Iransaction ID: 0x/282

Flags: 0x0100 Standard query

Questions: 1

Answer RRs: 0

Additional RRs: 0

Queries

Www.chelseafc.com: type A, class IN

[Response In: 9240]
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This is a more detailed DNS screenshot.

• User Datagram Protocol (UDP) which is the Transport.

#### Network

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Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.11.81, Dst: 192.168.8.1
    0100 .... = Version: 4
    .... 0101 = Header Length: 20 bytes (5)

Differentiated Services Field: 0x00 (DSCP: CS0, ECN: Not-ECT)
Total Length: 63
Identification: 0x984d (38989)

000. ... = Flags: 0x0
    ...0 0000 0000 0000 = Fragment Offset: 0
Time to Live: 128
Protocol: UDP (17)
Header Checksum: 0x0dbe [validation disabled]
[Header checksum status: Unverified]
Source Address: 192.168.11.81
Destination Address: 192.168.8.1
[Stream index: 6]
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- Data link
  - > Frame 9236: 77 bytes on wire (616 bits), 77 bytes captured (616 bits) on interface \Delta
  - Ethernet II, Src: AzureWaveTec\_2b:80:97 (14:13:33:2b:80:97), Dst: Ubiquiti\_10:1b:31 (7)
    - Destination: Ubiquiti 10:1b:31 (74:83:c2:10:1b:31)
    - > Source: AzureWaveTec\_2b:80:97 (14:13:33:2b:80:97)
      Type: IPv4 (0x0800)
      [Stream index: 0]

Physical

Wireless WiFi

**5 Layer Models** 

application
transport
network
link
physical

**END**