Lab - Use Wireshark to View Network Traffic

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Objectives

Part 1: Capture and Analyze Local ICMP Data in Wireshark

Part 2: Capture and Analyze Remote ICMP Data in Wireshark

Introduction

In this report, we explore the capabilities and functionalities of Wireshark, a renowned software protocol analyzer, used extensively for network troubleshooting, protocol analysis, and educational purposes. Through the structured lab exercises, we investigate the detailed process and insights gained from capturing and analyzing both local and remote Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP) data. This analysis is crucial for understanding packet behaviors and network dynamics, particularly how data packets are structured, transmitted, and interpreted across network interfaces. This aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of network traffic analysis, which is essential for enhancing network security, performance, and troubleshooting methodologies

Instructions

Part 1: Capture and Analyze Local ICMP Data in Wireshark

Step 1:Retrieve your PC interface addresses.

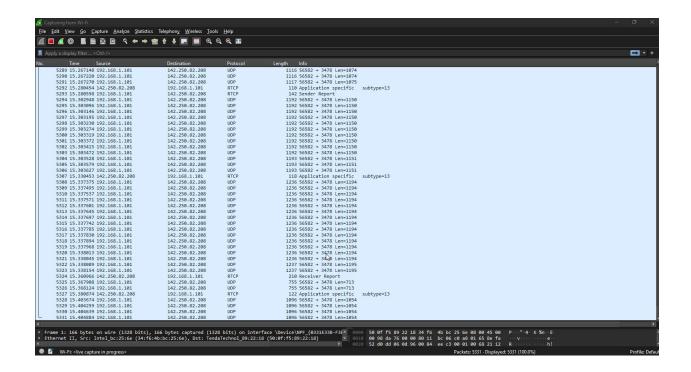
b. Ask a team member or team members for their PC IP address and provide your PC IP address to them. Do not provide them with your MAC address at this time.

Team member ip:192.168.1.100

Step 2: Start Wireshark and begin capturing data.

- a. Navigate to Wireshark. Double-click the desired interface to start the packet capture. Make sure the desired interface has traffic.
- b. Information will start scrolling down the top section in Wireshark. The data lines will appear in different colors based on protocol.

This information can scroll by very quickly depending on what communication is taking place between your PC and the LAN. We can apply a filter to make it easier to view and work with the data that is being captured by Wireshark.



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For this lab, we are only interested in displaying ICMP (ping) PDUs. Type **ICMP** in the **Filter** box at the top of Wireshark and press **Enter**, or click the **Apply** button (arrow sign) to view only ICMP (ping) PDUs.

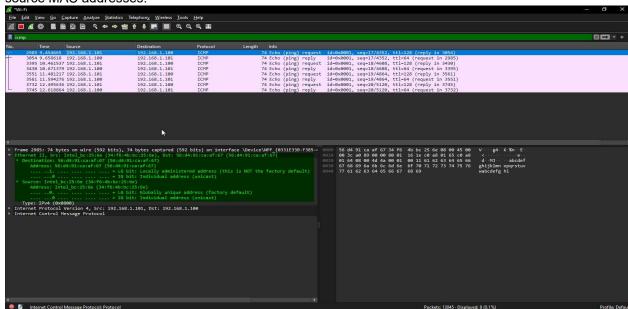
c. This filter causes all data in the top window to disappear, but you are still capturing the traffic on the interface. Navigate to a command prompt window and ping the IP address that you received from your team member.

C:\> ping 192.168.1.100

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Step 3: Examine the captured data

a. Click the first ICMP request PDU frames in the top section of Wireshark. Notice that the **Source** column has your PC IP address, and the **Destination** column contains the IP address of the teammate PC that you pinged.With this PDU frame still selected in the top section, navigate to the middle section. Click the plus sign to the left of the Ethernet II row to view the destination and source MAC addresses.



Yes

Source MAC: 34:f6:4b:bc:25:6e PC interface: 34:f6:4b:bc:25:6e

Does the destination MAC address in Wireshark match your team member MAC address?

Yes

DST MAC: 56:d4:91:ca:af:67 TEAM MAC: 56:d4:91:ca:af:67

How is the MAC address of the pinged PC obtained by your PC?

This mac address is obtained by the pc after requested sent an ARP(address resolution protocol) that translated the pinged IP address to get its mac

Part 2: Capture and Analyze Remote ICMP Data in Wireshark

Step 1: Start capturing data on the interface.

With the capture active, ping the following three website URLs from a Windows command prompt:

- 1) www.yahoo.com
- 2) www.cisco.com
- 3) www.google.com

Note: When you ping the URLs listed, notice that the Domain Name Server (DNS) translates the URL to an IP address. Note the IP address received for each URL.

Step 2: Examining and analyzing the data from the remote hosts.

Review the captured data in Wireshark and examine the IP and MAC addresses of the three locations that you pinged. List the destination IP and MAC addresses for all three locations in the space provided.

IP address for $\underline{www.yahoo.com}$:

69.147.82.60

MAC address for www.yahoo.com:

50:0f:f5:89:22:18

IP address for www.cisco.com:

184.28.86.90

MAC address for www.cisco.com:

50:0f:f5:89:22:18

IP address for www.google.com:

142.251.216.68

MAC address for www.google.com:

50:0f:f5:89:22:18

What is significant about this information?

The destination MAC addresses for all those three pings is the same (default gateway MAC address)

How does this information differ from the local ping information you received in Part 1?

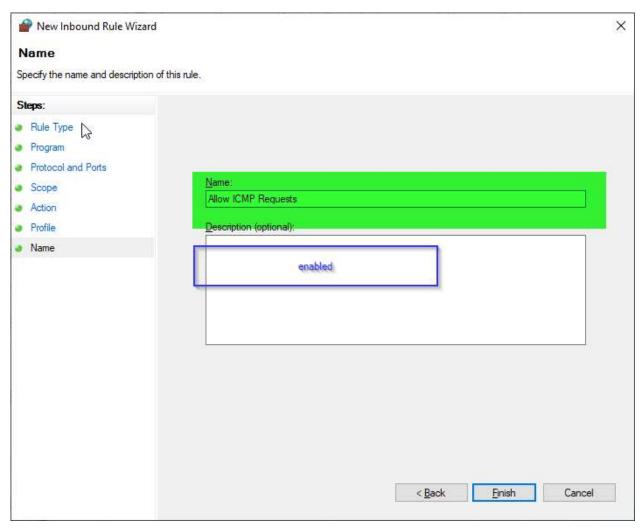
This information is differ from the local ping,in local ping the destination MAC address was the exact MAC address of the ping device compared to this part 2,which we have the MAC of the destination device as the MAC address of the default gateway.

Reflection Question

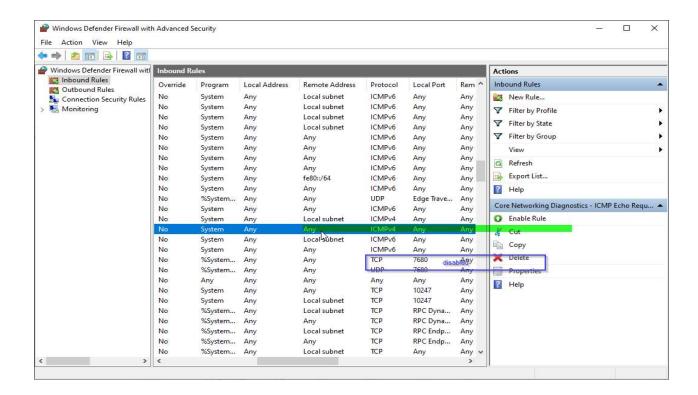
Why does Wireshark show the actual MAC address of the local hosts, but not the actual MAC address for the remote hosts?

The Wireshark was able to reach the MAC address of the local host directly this is because they were in the same LAN network, whereas the remote hosts are on different network hence the Wireshark was able to reach the nearest routers hardware address, which was my local routers MAC address.

Part 1: Create a new inbound rule allowing ICMP traffic through the firewall.



Part 2: Disabling or deleting the new ICMP rule.



Conclusion

The lab exercises conducted using Wireshark have significantly enhanced our understanding of network packet analysis and the critical role of ICMP in network communication. By capturing and analyzing ICMP data, both locally and remotely, we gained practical insights into the network's operational aspects, such as IP and MAC address functionalities, data encapsulation, and the importance of adhering to security protocols while using network analysis tools. These exercises not only reinforced theoretical knowledge but also provided hands-on experience in network troubleshooting and analysis. Moving forward, the skills acquired from this lab will be invaluable in furthering our expertise in network management and security, preparing us to tackle complex network issues with confidence and precision.