Module 08: Network Forensics

Lab Scenario

James, an incident response manager at a software company, received a complaint from Jessica (one of the company's employees), that she is receiving sensitive emails from an unknown person or email ID and that she suspects another employee to be sending these emails. James wanted to capture and analyze all incoming and outgoing packets in the company's network in order to trace the person sending these sensitive emails to Jessica.'

Lab Objectives

The objective of the labs is to help you understand how to analyze network packets of a target network and investigate further. Accomplishing this task will entail the following:

- Investigate network attacks from evidence logs
- Analyze network traffic for artifacts that establish the occurrence of various attacks over a network

Overview of Network Forensics

Network forensics is the process of identifying malicious activities taking place over a network and tracing their origins. Network forensics encompasses the recording, acquisition, and analysis of network traffic and event log data to investigate a network security incident. It enables a forensic investigator to inspect the network traffic and logs to identify and track various types of network attacks.

Lab Tasks

Recommended labs to assist you in performing network forensics:

Identifying and investigating various network attacks using Wireshark

Lab 1: Identifying and Investigating Various Network Attacks using Wireshark

Lab Scenario

A financial services company discovered that its trade secrets and intellectual property was being stolen. The company suspected that its network might have become susceptible to intrusions or various attacks and this might have led to the loss of sensitive information. It sought the services of cyber-forensic investigators to determine if its network was being subjected to various attacks.

Investigators now have to analyze the packets captured from the traffic flowing across the company's network. Through this, the investigators will be able to retrieve the artifacts related to various types of attacks the company's network is being subjected to.

Forensic investigators must have a sound knowledge on the process of analyzing the packets captured from the network traffic to be able to retrieve the artifacts related to various network attack(s)

Lab Objectives

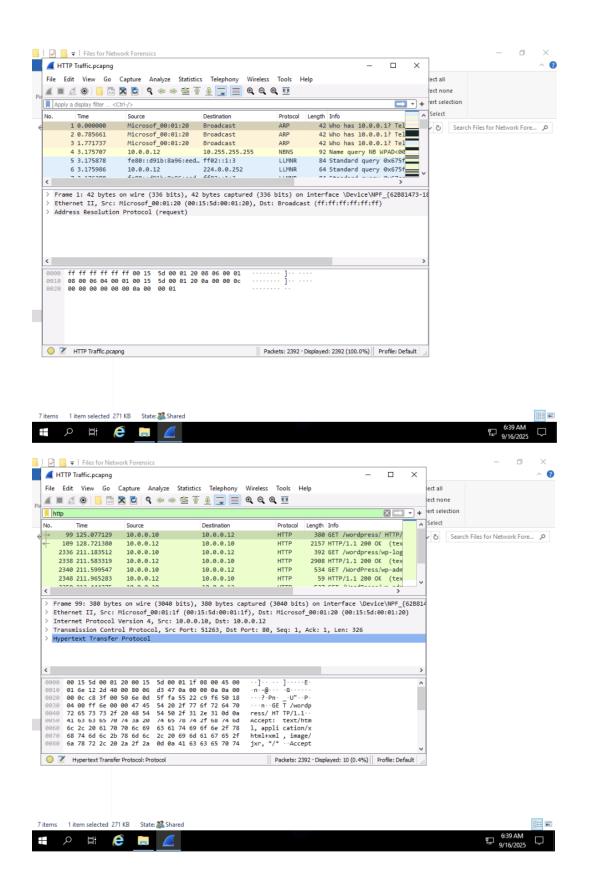
Investigation of network attacks involves an analysis of packets traveling across a network at a given point of time to retrieve the artifacts that reveal or confirm the occurrence of various network attacks.

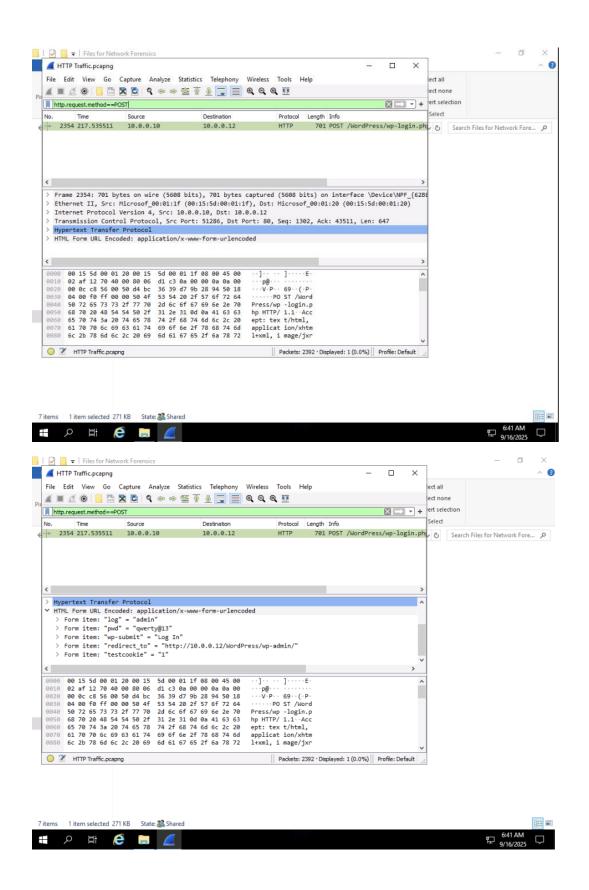
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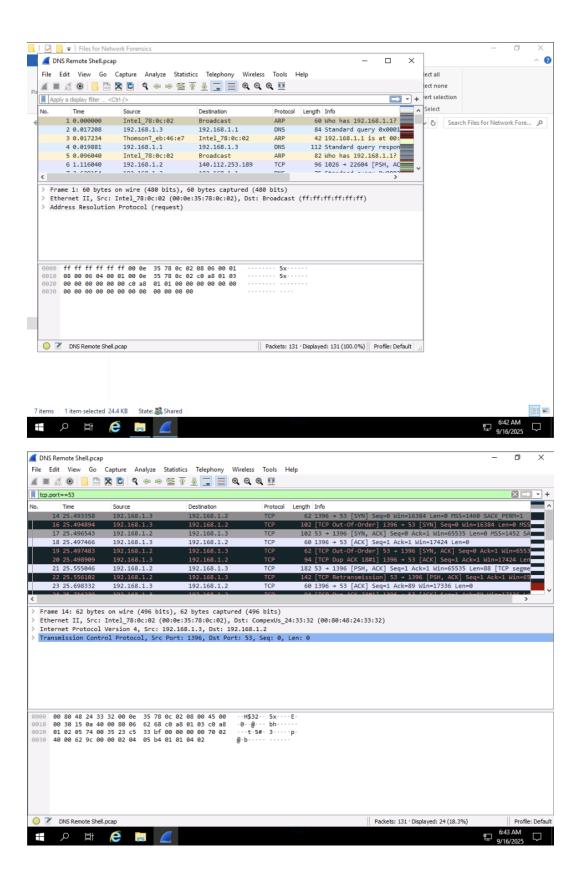
- Analyze incoming and outgoing packets
- Examine various network packet capture files for artifacts of various network attacks

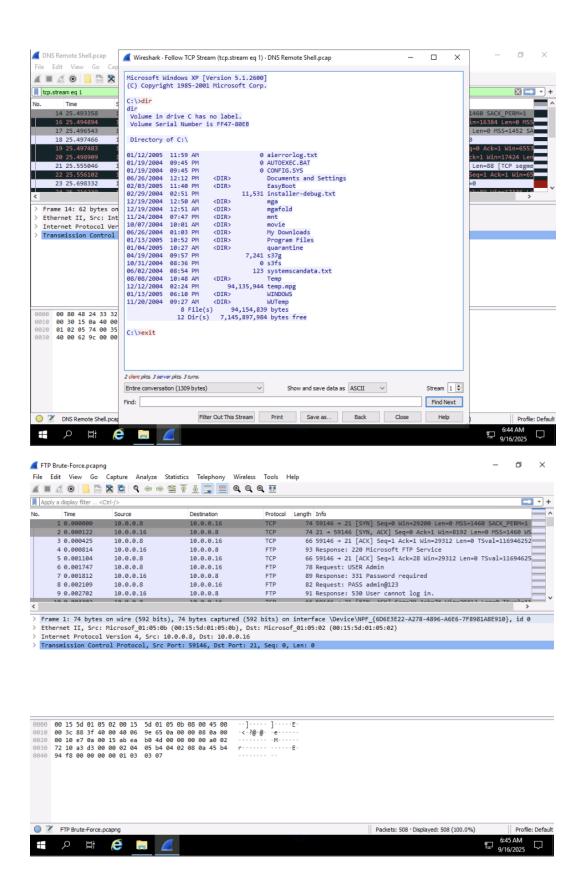
Overview of the Lab

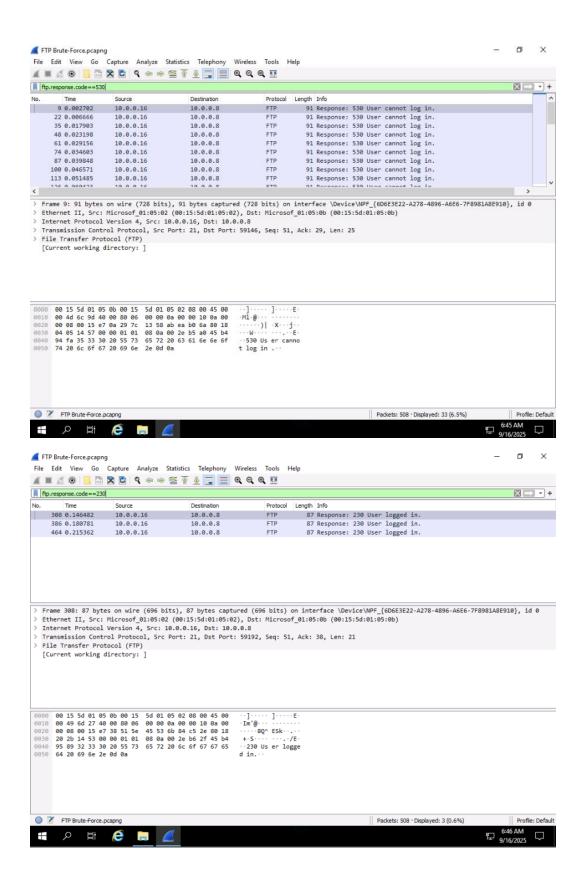
This lab familiarizes you with the process of examining network packet capture files for various network attack indicators and investigating them using Wireshark.

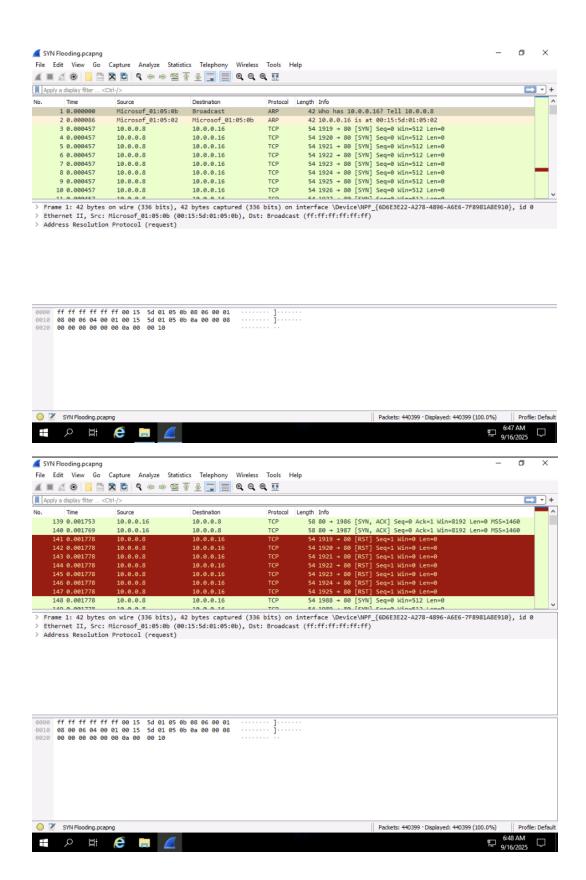


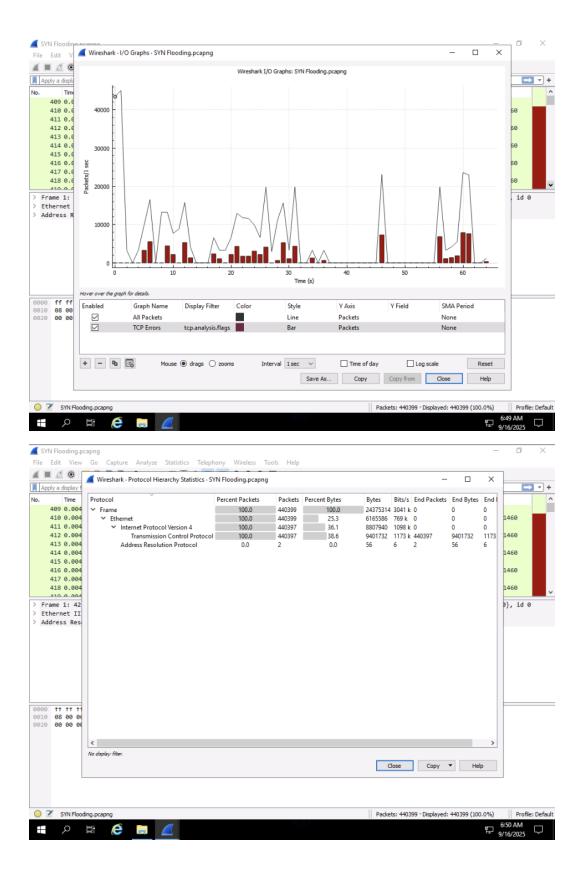


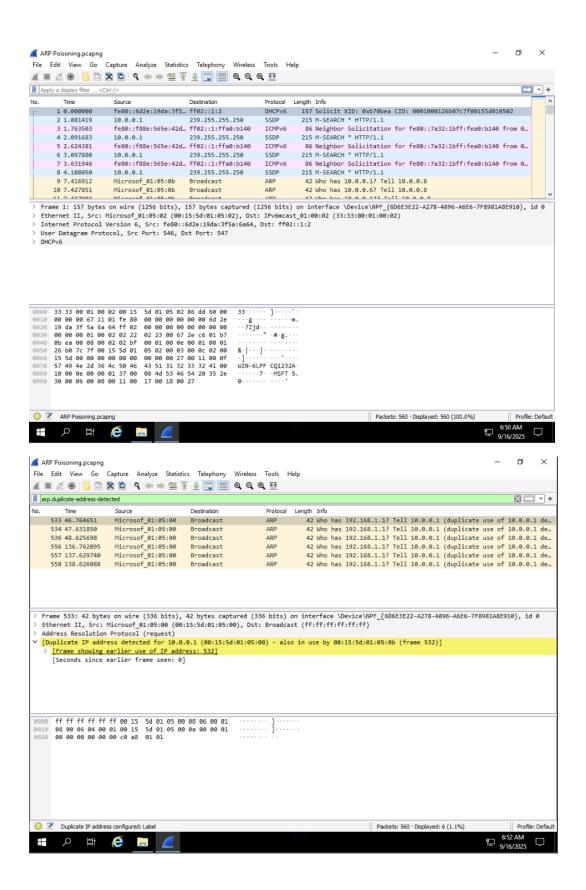












Module 08: Network Forensics – Lab 1 Summary

In this lab, investigators analyzed network packet captures to identify and investigate potential attacks on a company's network. Using Wireshark, the lab focused on examining incoming and outgoing packets to detect artifacts that indicate malicious activity. The objective was to understand how to inspect network traffic, trace the origins of attacks, and retrieve evidence related to security incidents. This hands-on exercise reinforced skills in recognizing network-based threats and performing forensic analysis on packet-level data.