WAPH-Web Application Programming and Hacking

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Lab 1 - Foundations of the Web

The lab's overview

In this lab, I learned a lot about using CGI and PHP in web application development. I also Learned how to use Wireshark to view different types of requests and responses. Lastly, I was able to use curl to create an HTTP post request with my name in the data.

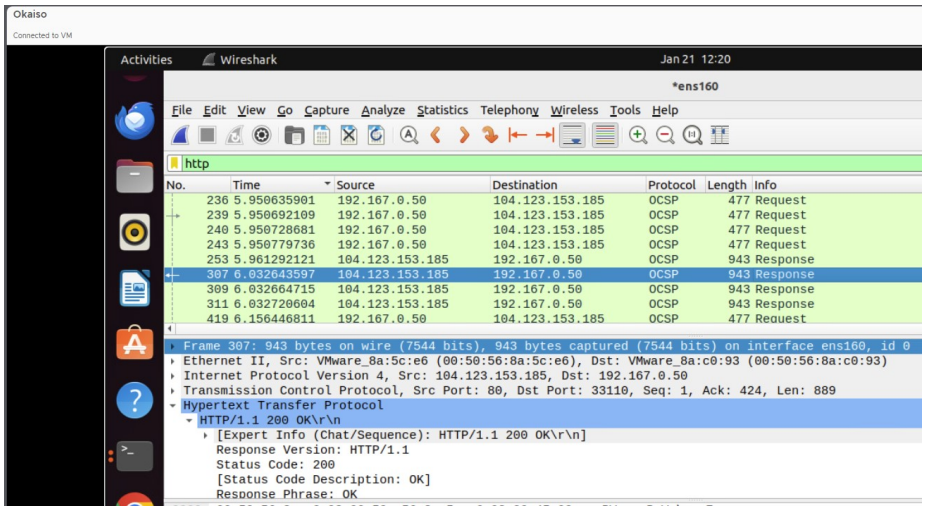
Lab Folder [https://github.com/Sethoka1/waph-okaiso/tree/881c048f60a3d1084ef65ff9d2fb517daa184da5/labs/

Part I: The Web and HTTP Protocol

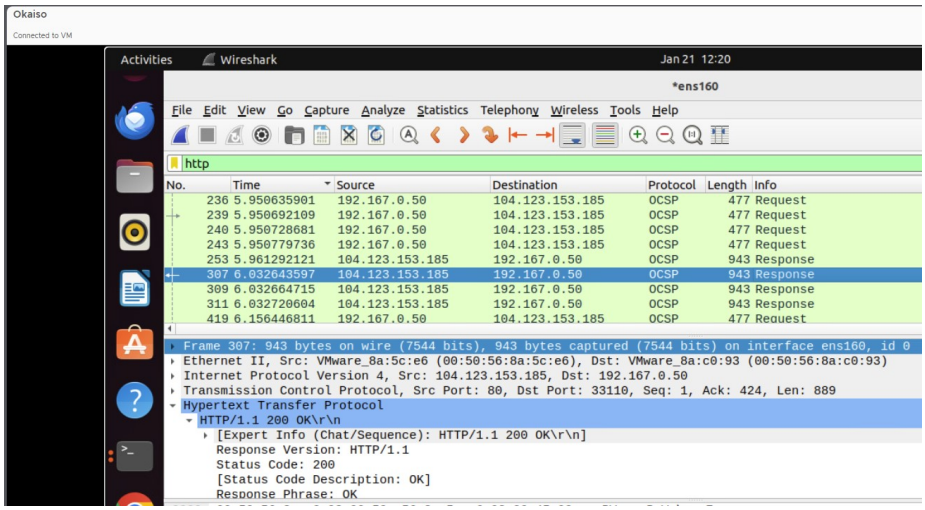
Task 1 Familiar with the Wireshark tool and HTTP protocol

I started a traffic capture on WireShark, sent an HTTP request to 'example.com' via my browser, and used Wireshark filters to isolate only HTTP traffic.

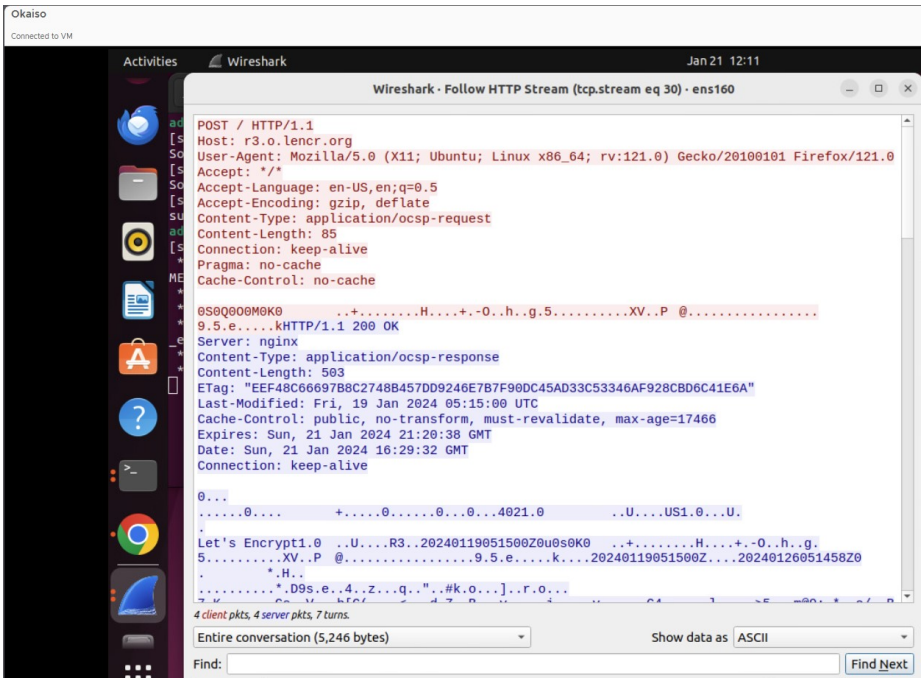
HTTP Request



Http Response

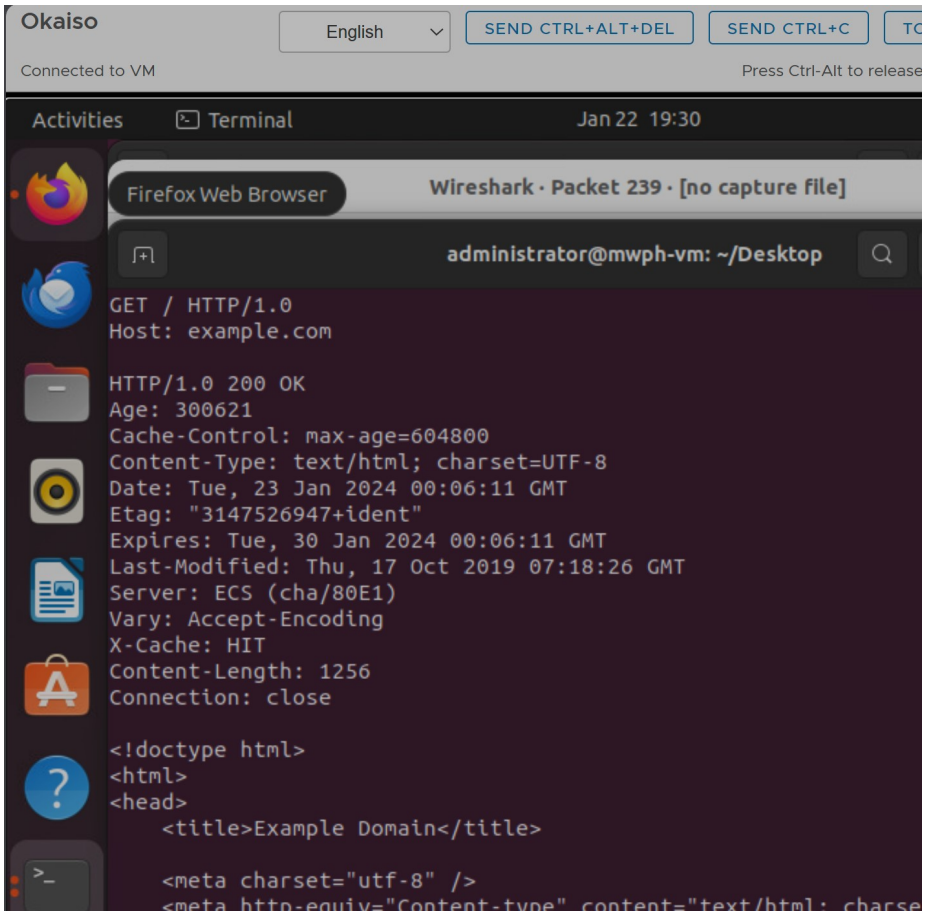


Http Stream



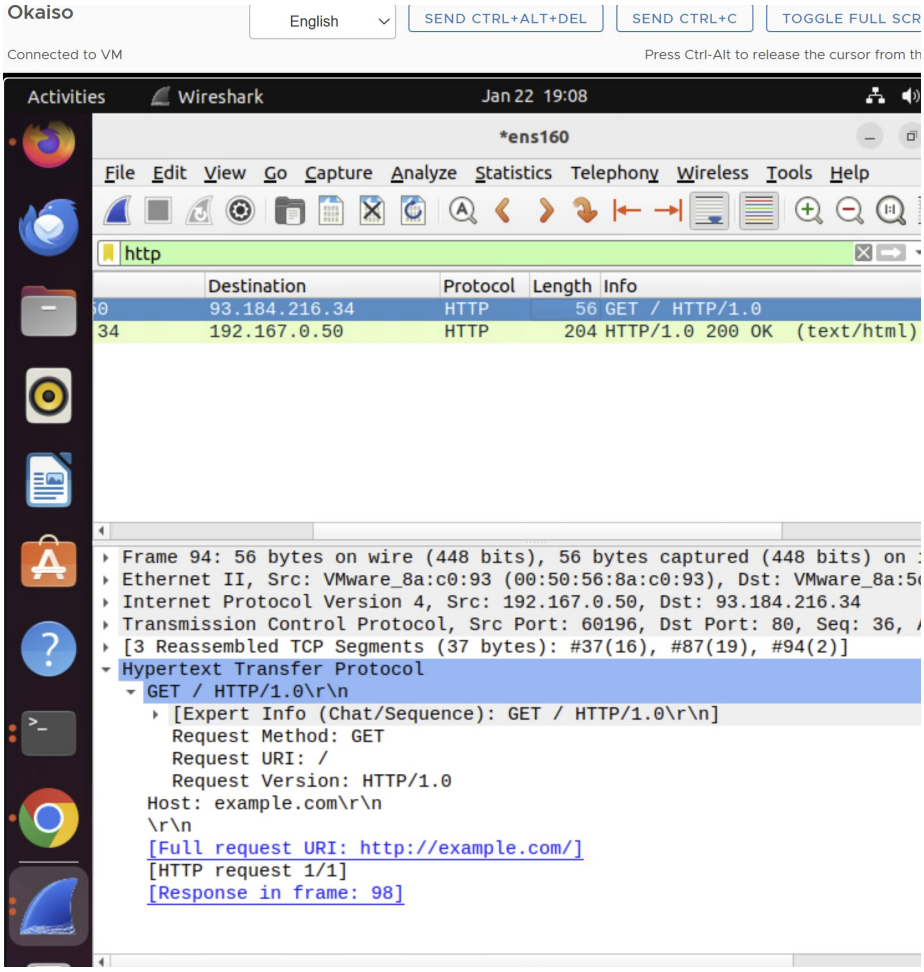
Task 2 (10 pts). Understanding HTTP using telnet and Wireshark.

HTTP request from terminal



HTTP request from Wireshark

- From wire shark the carriage return character and line -feed character is included in the request unlike the terminal request

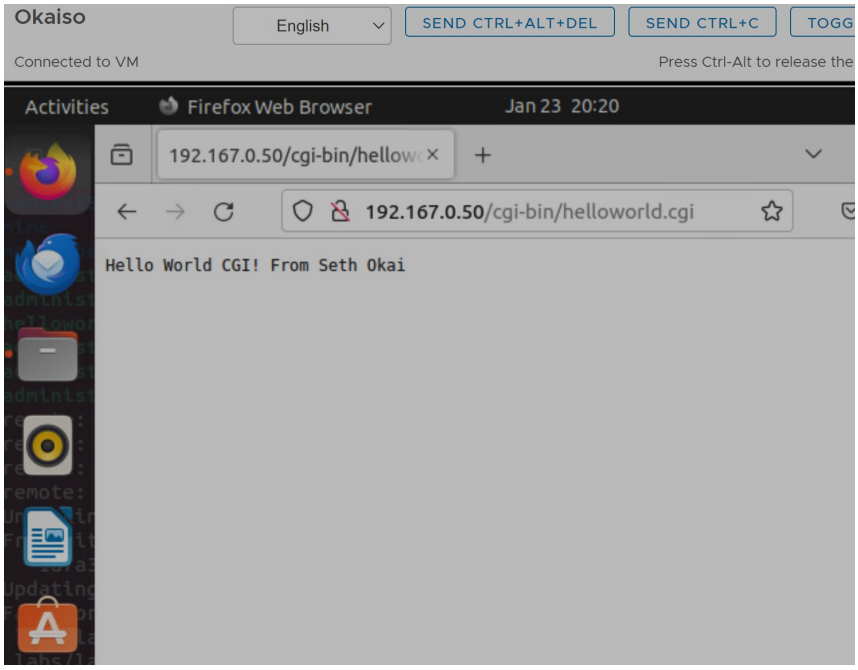


- There isn't any difference between the response message in wire shark and the one from the terminal

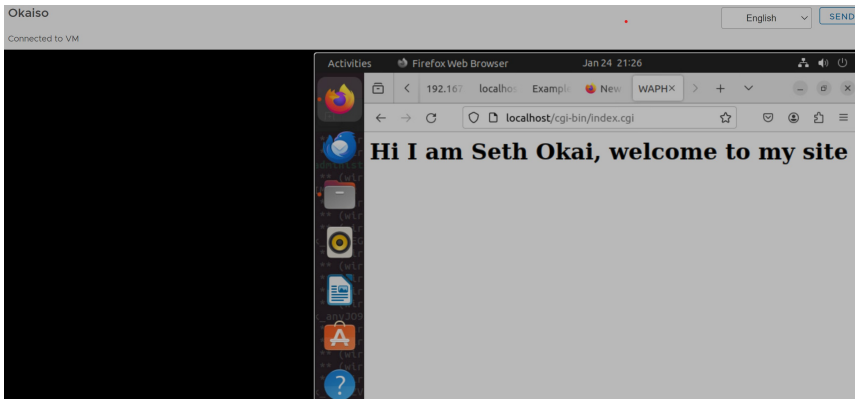
Part II: Basic Web Application Programming

1. CGI Web applications in C
    - Make a c file named hello.world.c
    - Write the c code
    - Install GCC compiler
    - Use GCC to compile the code
    - Test the code using ./helloworld.cgi"
    - Move the code to /usr/lib/cgi-bin/

- Vist the sit using: "ip-address/cgi-bin/helloworld.cgi



Below is another c cgi program deployed with html



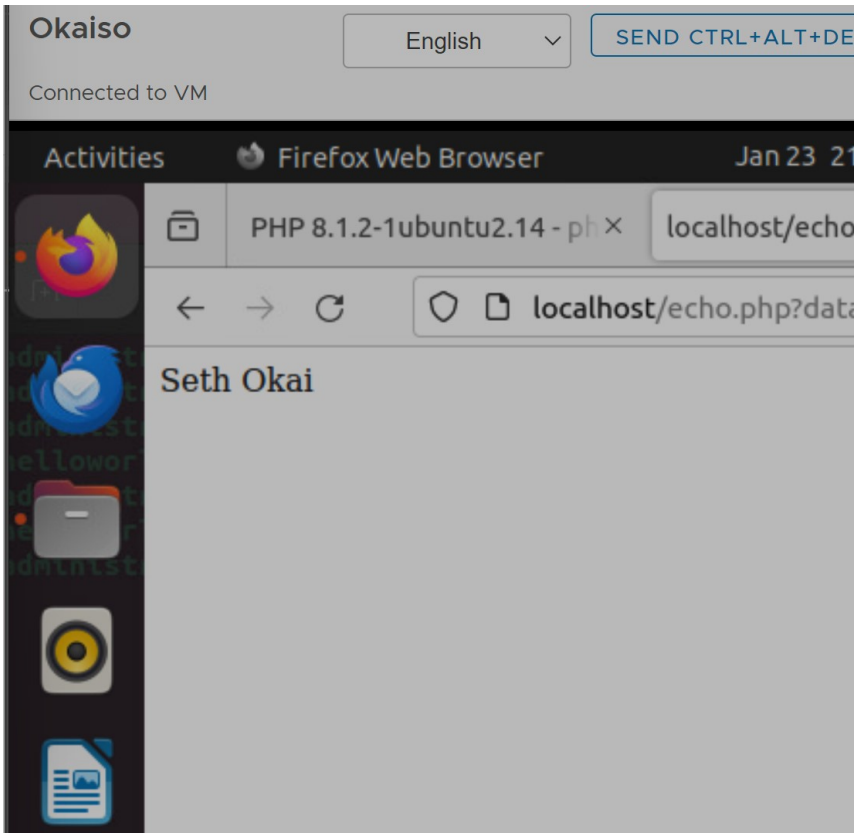
Included file `index.c`:

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main() {

      printf("Content-Type: text/html; charset=utf-8\n\n");
```

```
    printf("<html>\n");
    printf("<head>\n");
    printf("<title>WAPH</title>\n");
    printf("</head>\n");
    printf("<body>\n");
    printf("<h1>Hi I am Seth Okai, welcome to my site</h1>\n");
    printf("</body>\n");
    printf("</html>\n");

    return 0;
}
```

3. A simple PHP Web Application with user input
    - Install php and configure it to work with Apache webserver ($Sudo agt-get install php libapache2-mod-php -y)
    - Make a PHP file named hello.world.PHP
    - Write the php code
    - Install GCC compiler
    - Deploy the code to webserver root directory (/var/www/html/)
    - Vist the sit using: "ip-address/helloworld.php

Below is another php program with my name in the data:



Included file `echo.php`:

```
<?php

    echo $_REQUEST['data'];

?>
```

This web application is vulnerable to cross-site scripting (XSS) because there isn't any sanitization of inputs.

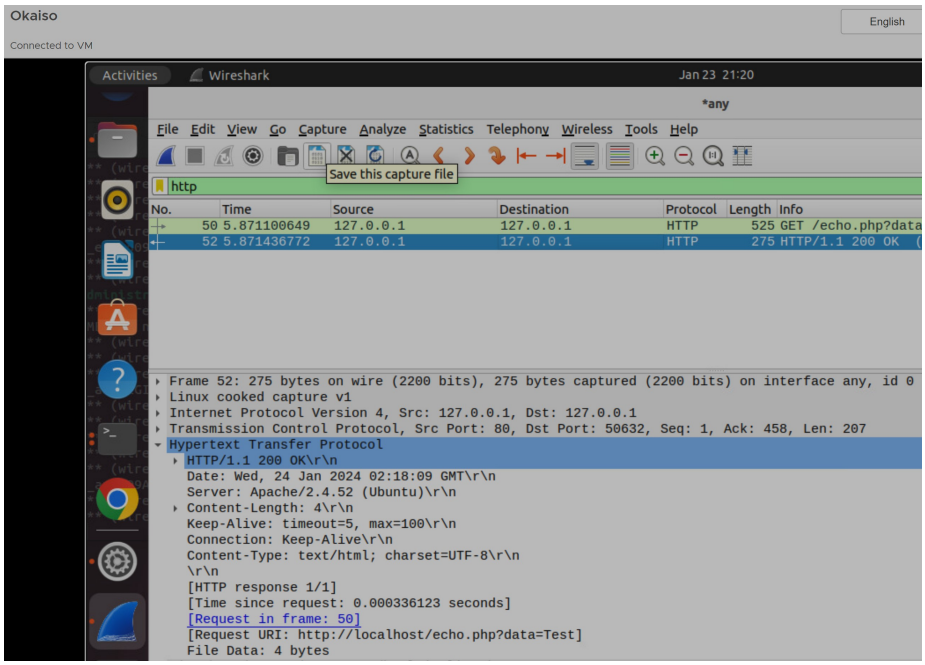
Task 3

Understanding HTTP GET and POST requests

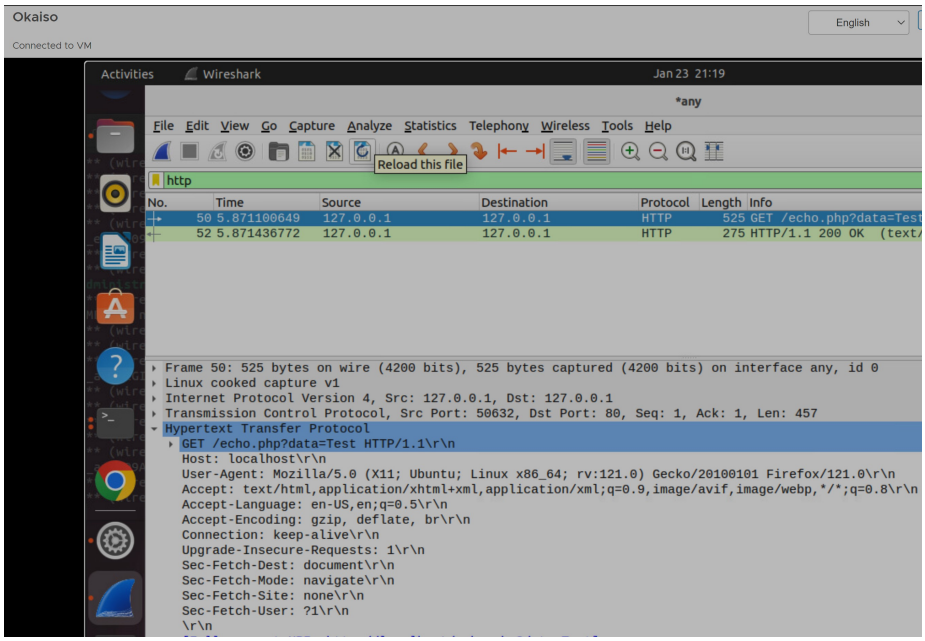
I started a capture on wireshark to examine the echo.php page with my name in it.

Below are the response and request pages

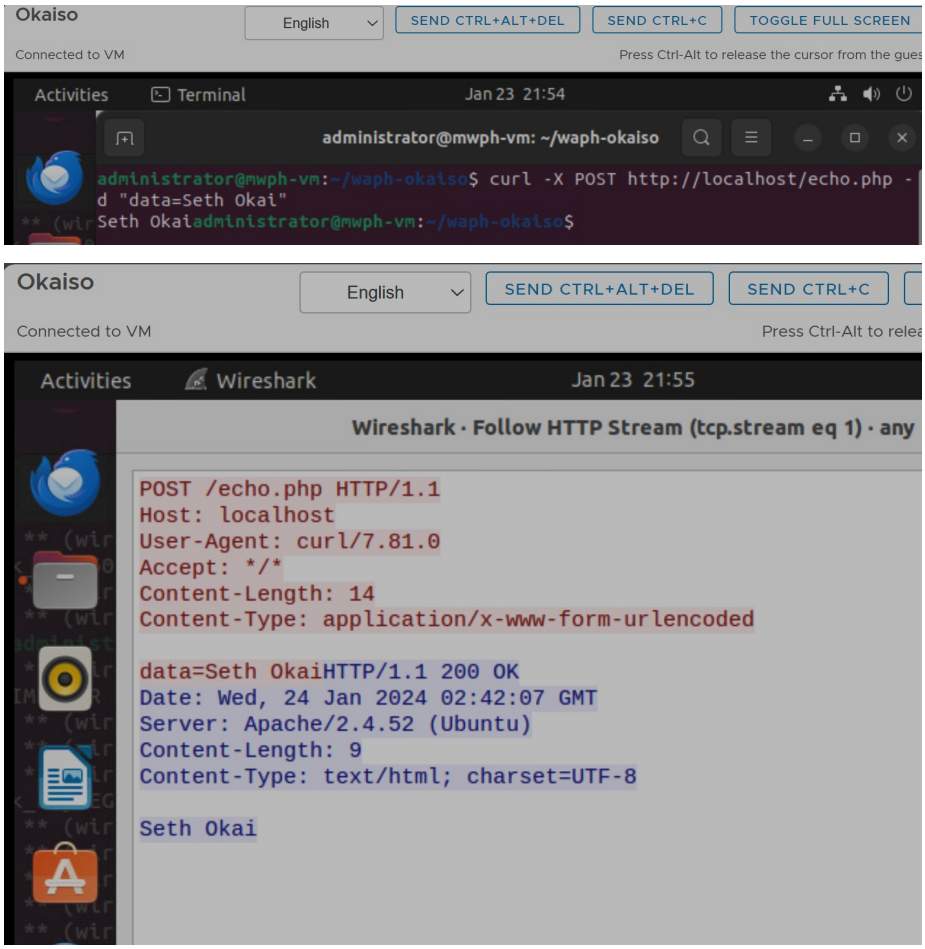
Echo Response



Echo Request



Using curl I was able to post a request ($curl -X POST [URL] -d [field-name=input]



Both the GET and POST requests are HTTP protocols, but the parameters are visible in the URL for the GET request and data is transmitted in the body of the HTTP packet for the post request.