1. Start Wireshark and Set Filters

We start by opening Wireshark and we set the capture filter to top port 80 and with this we start capturing packets.

2. Initial Website Access With No Authentication

When first accessing the webpage, we open an incognito window in our web browser. Then we navigate to http://cs338.jeffondich.com/basicauth/ without putting in the username of the password. Finally, we observe the initial TCP connection between the browser and the server in Wireshark.

3. TCP Handshake (Three Way Handshake)

The connection starts with us the client (our browser), sending a TCP SYN packet to the server to try and initiate a connection. The server then responds by sending a SYN-ACK packet back to us, accepting the client's request. Finally we the client send back an ACK packet, satisfying the handshake and finally setting up the TCP connection.

1 0.000000000	192.168.64.2	172.233.221.124	TCP	74 33458 - 443 [SYN] Seg=0 Win=32120 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK PER
2 0.028505375	192.168.64.2	172.233.221.124	TCP	74 33472 - 443 [SYN] Seg=0 Win=32120 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PEF
3 0.030421673	172.233.221.124	192.168.64.2	TCP	66 443 → 33458 [SYN, ACK] Seg=0 Ack=1 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=13
4 0.030459882	192.168.64.2	172.233.221.124	TCP	54 33458 → 443 [ACK] Seg=1 Ack=1 Win=32128 Len=0
5 0.033894176	192.168.64.2	172.233.221.124	TLSv1.3	571 Client Hello (SNI=cs338.jeffondich.com)
6 0.050428628	172.233.221.124	192.168.64.2	TCP	66 443 → 33472 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=13
7 0.050457212	192.168.64.2	172.233.221.124	TCP	54 33472 → 443 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=32128 Len=0
8 0.051632742	192.168.64.2	172.233.221.124	TLSv1.3	571 Client Hello (SNI=cs338.jeffondich.com)
9 0.055524838	172.233.221.124	192.168.64.2	TCP	54 443 → 33458 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=518 Win=64128 Len=0
10 0.055524963	172.233.221.124	192.168.64.2	TLSv1.3	1436 Server Hello, Change Cipher Spec, Application Data
11 0.055539172	192.168.64.2	172.233.221.124	TCP	54 33458 → 443 [ACK] Seq=518 Ack=1383 Win=31872 Len=0
12 0.055883597	172.233.221.124	192.168.64.2	TLSv1.3	1064 Application Data, Application Data, Application Data
13 0.055889931	192.168.64.2	172.233.221.124	TCP	54 33458 → 443 [ACK] Seq=518 Ack=2393 Win=31872 Len=0
14 0.072877186	172.233.221.124	192.168.64.2	TCP	54 443 → 33472 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=518 Win=64128 Len=0
15 0.074800317	172.233.221.124	192.168.64.2	TLSv1.3	2446 Server Hello, Change Cipher Spec, Application Data, Appli
16 0.074838610	192.168.64.2	172.233.221.124	TCP	54 33472 - 443 [ACK] Seq=518 Ack=2393 Win=31872 Len=0

Packet 1 (SYN): The client at IP 192.168.64.2 sends a TCP SYN packet to 172.233.221.124, beginning the connection.

Packet 3 (SYN-ACK): The server at IP 172.233.221.124 responds with a SYN-ACK packet, recognizing the client's request.

Packet 5 (ACK): The client sends an ACK packet back to the server, finishing the handshake.

4. 401 Unauthorized Response

After the handshake is complete we the client send an HTTP GET /basicauth/ request for the website which is protected by a username and password. However since we have not yet inputted the username and password, we cannot access the page and the server responds 'HTTP 401 Unauthorized' status and on the website gives us the place to input our username and password.

24 0.152013653	172.233.221.124	192.168.64.2	TCP	66 80 → 35374 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=138
25 0.152026778	192.168.64.2	172.233.221.124	TCP	54 35374 → 80 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=32128 Len=0
26 0.152235909	192.168.64.2	172.233.221.124	HTTP	417 GET /basicauth/ HTTP/1.1
27 0.156292593	172.233.221.124	192.168.64.2	TCP	54 443 → 33472 [FIN, ACK] Seq=2393 Ack=543 Win=64128 Len=0
28 0.156314010	192.168.64.2	172.233.221.124	TCP	54 33472 → 443 [ACK] Seq=543 Ack=2394 Win=31872 Len=0
29 0.175232063	172.233.221.124	192.168.64.2	TCP	54 80 → 35374 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=364 Win=64128 Len=0
30 0.175232230	172.233.221.124	192.168.64.2	HTTP	457 HTTP/1.1 401 Unauthorized (text/html)
31 0.175278856	192.168.64.2	172.233.221.124	TCP	54 35374 → 80 [ACK] Seq=364 Ack=404 Win=31872 Len=0
32 10.400241444	192.168.64.2	172.233.221.124	TCP	54 [TCP Keep-Alive] 35374 → 80 [ACK] Seq=363 Ack=404 Win=318
33 10.423461907	172.233.221.124	192.168.64.2	TCP	54 [TCP Keep-Alive ACK] 80 → 35374 [ACK] Seq=404 Ack=364 Wir
34 10.561780202	192.168.64.2	172.233.221.124	HTTP	▶ 460 GET /basicauth/ HTTP/1.1
35 10.587292556	172.233.221.124	192.168.64.2	HTTP	458 HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
36 10.587316432	192.168.64.2	172.233.221.124	TCP	54 35374 → 80 [ACK] Seq=770 Ack=808 Win=31872 Len=0
37 10.649827640	192.168.64.2	172.233.221.124	HTTP	377 GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1
38 10.674246925	172.233.221.124	192.168.64.2	HTTP	383 HTTP/1.1 404 Not Found (text/html)
39 10.674271717	192.168.64.2	172.233.221.124	TCP	54 35374 → 80 [ACK] Seq=1093 Ack=1137 Win=31872 Len=0

Packet 26: Here the initial request is made by the client before authentication with HTTP GET request where the client 192.168.64.2 sends a request to the server 172.233.221.124 to try and access /basicauth/ using HTTP 1.1.

Packet 29: However with no username or password inputted yet, the server responds with HTTP 401 Unauthorized because the server denied access to /basicauth/.

5. Username and Password and Analyzing them

Now we the user are told to input the username 'cs338' and password 'password in the browser.

Packet 34: The user gives their username and password, and the client sends the HTTP GET request with the Authorization header which holds the Base64-encoded credentials and in this same packet is analyzes the Base64-encoded information which can be which is decoded into what we typed in.

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25 0.152026778	192.168.64.2	172.233.221.124	TCP	54 35374 → 80 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=32128 Len=0
26 0.152235909	192.168.64.2	172.233.221.124	HTTP	417 GET /basicauth/ HTTP/1.1
27 0.156292593	172.233.221.124	192.168.64.2	TCP	54 443 → 33472 [FIN, ACK] Seq=2393 Ack=543 Win=64128 Len=0
28 0.156314010	192.168.64.2	172.233.221.124	TCP	54 33472 → 443 [ACK] Seq=543 Ack=2394 Win=31872 Len=0
29 0.175232063	172.233.221.124	192.168.64.2	TCP	54 80 → 35374 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=364 Win=64128 Len=0
30 0.175232230	172.233.221.124	192.168.64.2	HTTP	457 HTTP/1.1 401 Unauthorized (text/html)
31 0.175278856	192.168.64.2	172.233.221.124	TCP	54 35374 → 80 [ACK] Seq=364 Ack=404 Win=31872 Len=0
32 10.400241444	192.168.64.2	172.233.221.124	TCP	54 [TCP Keep-Alive] 35374 → 80 [ACK] Seq=363 Ack=404 Win=318
33 10.423461907	172.233.221.124	192.168.64.2	TCP	54 [TCP Keep-Alive ACK] 80 → 35374 [ACK] Seq=404 Ack=364 Wir
34 10.561780202	192.168.64.2	172.233.221.124	HTTP	460 GET /basicauth/ HTTP/1.1
35 10.587292556	172.233.221.124	192.168.64.2	HTTP	458 HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
36 10.587316432	192.168.64.2	172.233.221.124	TCP	54 35374 → 80 [ACK] Seq=770 Ack=808 Win=31872 Len=0
37 10.649827640	192.168.64.2	172.233.221.124	HTTP	377 GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1
38 10.674246925	172.233.221.124	192.168.64.2	HTTP	383 HTTP/1.1 404 Not Found (text/html)
39 10.674271717	192.168.64.2	172.233.221.124	TCP	54 35374 → 80 [ACK] Seq=1093 Ack=1137 Win=31872 Len=0

6. Successful Server Response

After the user inputs the correct username and password and the server receives them, the server sends an HTTP 200 OK response and gives the user access to /basicauth/.

Packet 35: 'HTTP 200 OK' confirms that the authentication process was successful and the user now has access to /basicauth/.

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25 0.152026778	192.168.64.2	172.233.221.124	TCP	54 35374 → 80 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=32128 Len=0
26 0.152235909	192.168.64.2	172.233.221.124	HTTP	417 GET /basicauth/ HTTP/1.1
27 0.156292593	172.233.221.124	192.168.64.2	TCP	54 443 → 33472 [FIN, ACK] Seq=2393 Ack=543 Win=64128 Len=0
28 0.156314010	192.168.64.2	172.233.221.124	TCP	54 33472 → 443 [ACK] Seq=543 Ack=2394 Win=31872 Len=0
29 0.175232063	172.233.221.124	192.168.64.2	TCP	54 80 → 35374 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=364 Win=64128 Len=0
30 0.175232230	172.233.221.124	192.168.64.2	HTTP	457 HTTP/1.1 401 Unauthorized (text/html)
31 0.175278856	192.168.64.2	172.233.221.124	TCP	54 35374 → 80 [ACK] Seq=364 Ack=404 Win=31872 Len=0
32 10.400241444	192.168.64.2	172.233.221.124	TCP	54 [TCP Keep-Alive] 35374 → 80 [ACK] Seq=363 Ack=404 Win=318
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39 10.674271717	192.168.64.2	172.233.221.124	TCP	54 35374 → 80 [ACK] Seq=1093 Ack=1137 Win=31872 Len=0