



Technical Information:

Extracting a Print Capture From a Network Packet Capture Using Wireshark White Paper

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NOTE:

Throughout this document you may see references such as 04A (2004 Autumn) or 05S (2005 Spring). You will only see an A (Autumn) or S (Spring) attached to the last two digits of a year.

These two seasons reflect the time period the machines were manufactured.

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1. Introduction

This document describes how to extract a print capture from a network packet capture.

NOTE: *A print capture can be extracted from any unencrypted print data stream sent over the network. However, this document focuses on obtaining print captures of jobs sent using **DIPRINT (port 9100)** and **LPR**.*

2. Target Readers

This document is intended for the support staff of Ricoh family group companies and their subsidiaries.

3. Requirements

- The data should be unencrypted. If data is submitted to the printer using ssl, it will not be readable to the capturing PC.
- The data should be fully captured. In situations where session timeouts occur or the network is unstable, data might not be fully captured by the PC. Such a capture is not useful for extracting print data from.
- All packet capturing tools should have a way to assemble captured packets into data. In this document we will use Wireshark (formerly Ethereal). For details, please visit:
<http://www.wireshark.org/>

4. Procedure

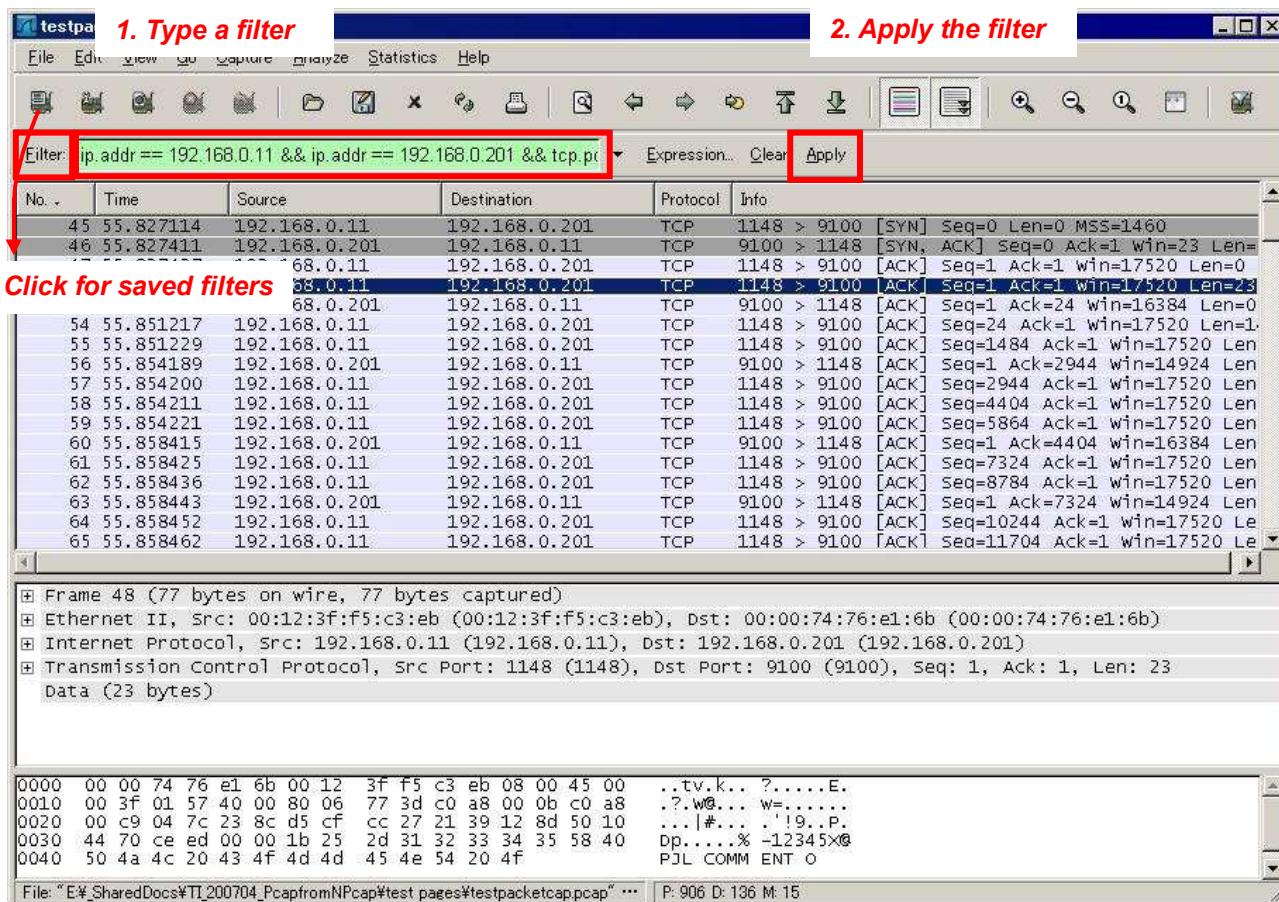
- Download and install Wireshark on a PC.
- Capture print job(s) as network packets and save them as a file:
The entire packet capture should be saved as a file before extracting print captures from it.
- Filter the Packets:
Filter the packets by the IP addresses of the sender, the destination and the port number.
(Figure 3a)

NOTE: These are 2 examples that are useful for our purposes in this document. You might want to experiment with your own filters.

- LPR printing:**
`ip.addr == xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx && ip.addr == xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx && tcp.port == 515`
- DIPRINT (port 9100 printing):**
`ip.addr == xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx && ip.addr == xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx && tcp.port == 9100`

In the below example, the sender has an IP address of 192.168.0.11 and the printer has an IP address of 192.168.0.201. Packets are filtered by both IP addresses and TCP port 9100.

Figure 3a - Filtering the Packets



Wireshark has a list of saved filters. Click the [Filter] button (See **Figure 3a** on previous page.) to view them or create a new one (**Figure 3b**).

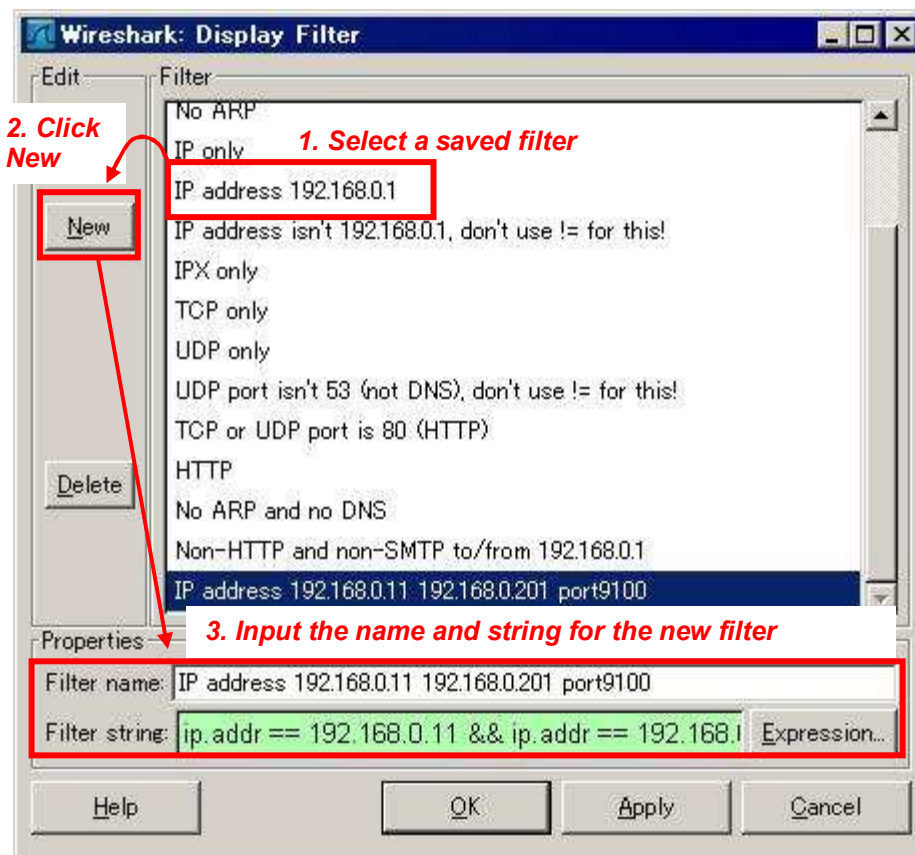


Figure 3b - Creating a New Filter

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d. Find a Particular TCP Session:

Sessions begin with a SYN flag and end with a FIN flag. **(Figure 4a)**

Individual sessions can be isolated by filtering the sender port. **(Figure 4b)**

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Info
516	422.293400	192.168.0.11	192.168.0.201	TCP	721 > 515 [SYN] Seq=0 Len=0 MSS=1460
517	422.293933	192.168.0.201	192.168.0.11	TCP	515 > 721 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 win=16384 Len=0
518	422.293958	192.168.0.11	192.168.0.201	TCP	721 > 515 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 win=17520 Len=0
519	422.294094	192.168.0.11	192.168.0.201	LPD	LPR: transfer a printer job / jobcmd: receive
520	422.294542	192.168.0.201	192.168.0.11	TCP	515 > 721 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=5 win=17516 Len=0
521	422.296127	192.168.0.201	192.168.0.11	LPD	LPD response
522	422.296187	192.168.0.11	192.168.0.201	LPD	LPR: transfer a printer job / jobcmd: receive
523	422.296654	192.168.0.201	192.168.0.11	TCP	515 > 721 [ACK] Seq=2 Ack=24 win=17501 Len=0

Figure 4a - Session SYN/ACK flags

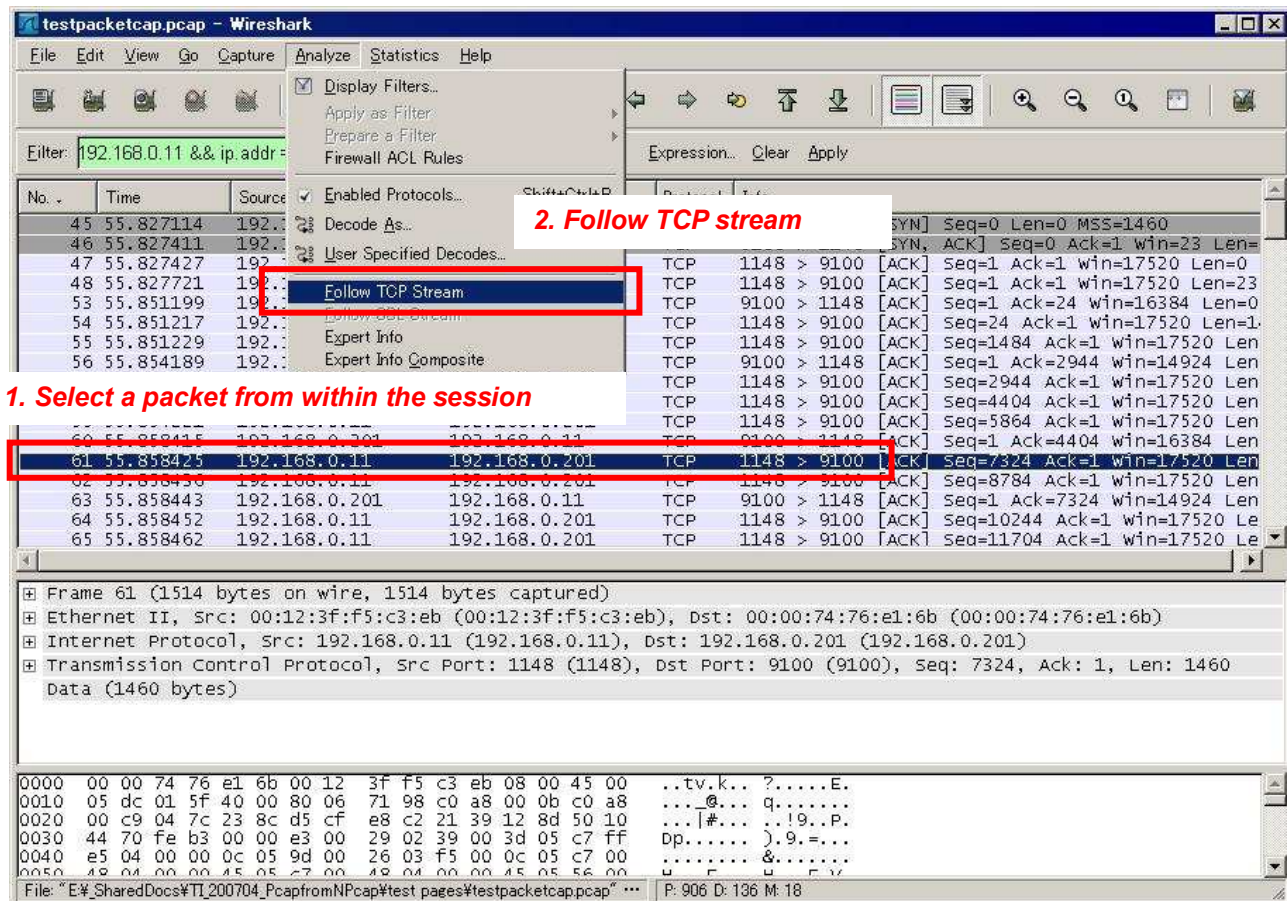
Protocol	Info
LPD	LPD continuation
TCP	515 > 721 [ACK] Seq=5 Ack=28038 win=17520 Len=0
TCP	515 > 721 [ACK] Seq=5 Ack=28038 win=17520 Len=0
LPD	LPD response
TCP	721 > 515 [FIN, ACK] Seq=28038 Ack=6 win=17515
TCP	515 > 721 [ACK] Seq=6 Ack=28039 win=17520 Len=0
TCP	515 > 721 [FIN, ACK] Seq=6 Ack=28039 win=17520
TCP	721 > 515 [ACK] Seq=28039 Ack=7 win=17515 Len=0
TCP	722 > 515 [SYN] Seq=0 Len=0 MSS=1460
TCP	515 > 722 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 win=16384 Len=0
TCP	722 > 515 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 win=17520 Len=0
LPD	LPR: transfer a printer
TCP	515 > 722 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=24 win=17501 Len=0
LPD	LPD response
LPD	LPR: transfer a printer job / jobcmd: receive
TCP	515 > 722 [ACK] Seq=2 Ack=24 win=17501 Len=0

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- e. Extract the Packets from the Session Using “Follow TCP Stream”:

Select one of the TCP packets in the session. Click [Analyze] and select [Follow TCP Stream].

(Figure 5)



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f. Save the Data as a Print Capture File:

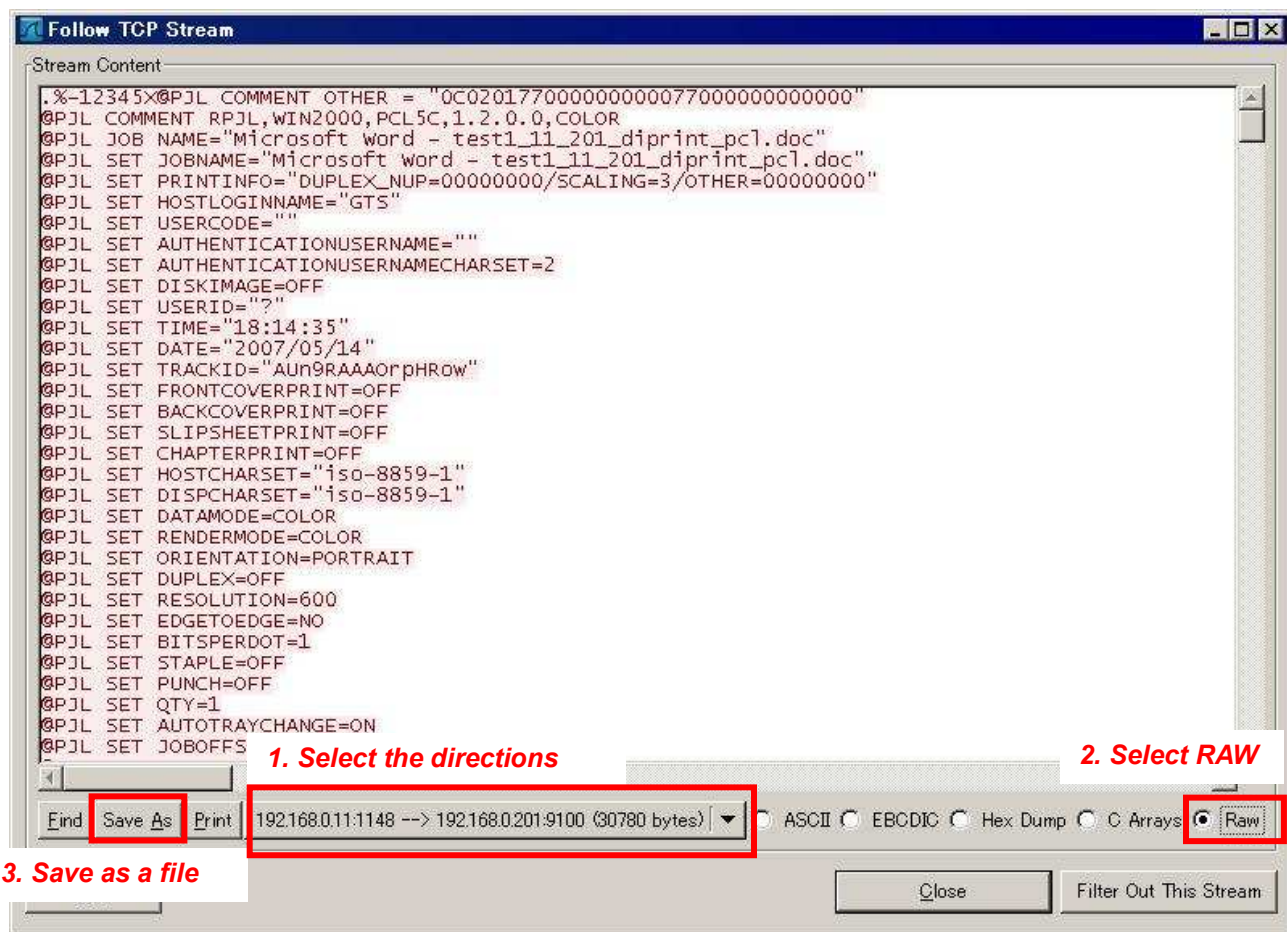
The following procedure will extract the captured data to a file (**Figure 6**):

1) Select the direction of the data stream (sender to destination).

(This is necessary in order to exclude back-channel data from a receiver, such as USTATUS)

2) Select **RAW** for data type.

3) Click [Save As] to save the data as a file.



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g. Remove LPR Data:

In the case of LPR, LPR data has to be removed from the file.

The LPR data can be sent before or after the print data:

- If the LPR data is sent before the print data, LPR data will appear at the beginning of the file. **(Figure 7a)**
- If the LPR data is sent after the data, LPR data will appear at the beginning and at the end of the file. **(Figure 7b)**

The following procedure will remove the LPR data:

1. Save the print capture file first.
2. Open the file with a binary editor and remove the LPR data. **(Figure 7c on next page)**

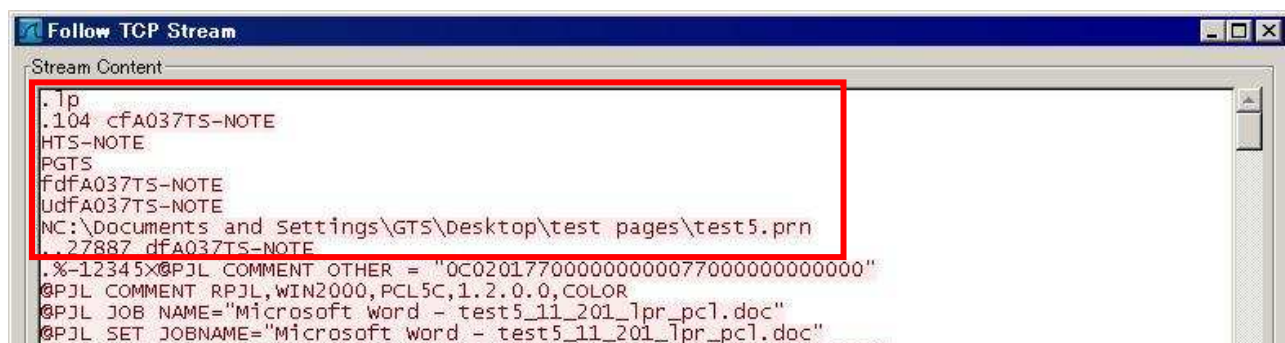


Figure 7a - LPR data at the beginning

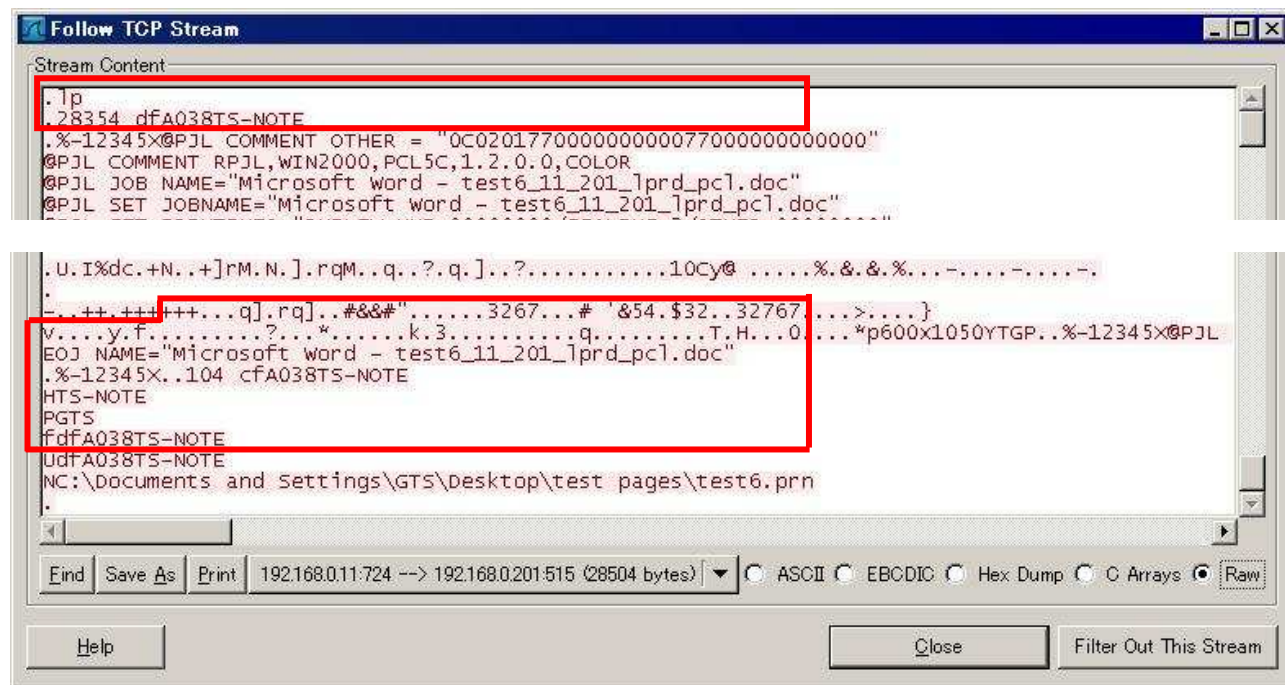


Figure 7b - LPR data at the beginning and the end

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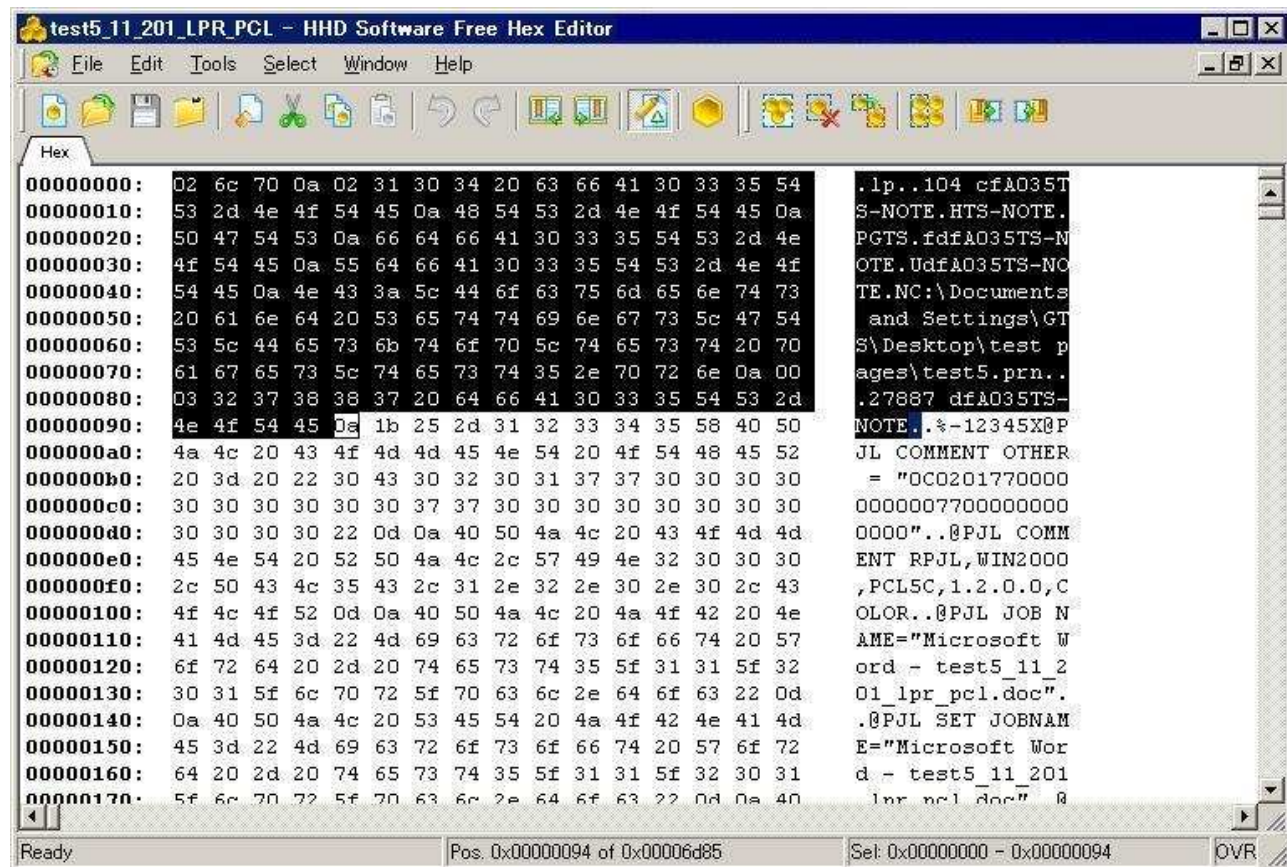


Figure 7c - Removing LPR data

5. Appendix

For readers with a further interest, we attached a network packet capture file ("testpcap.cap"). You can perform the operations demonstrated in this document by yourself.



Testpcap.cap

The capture contains packets sent by the following hosts:

PC1: 192.168.0.11
PC2: 192.168.0.12
printer1: 192.168.0.201
printer2: 192.168.0.202

During the capture, the following print jobs (1 page MS Word files) were submitted:

Job no.	PC>printer	Job type (port)	Lang.	Time
1.	11>201	DIPRINT(9100)	PCL5	x3
2.	12>201	DIPRINT(9100)	PS	x1
3.	11>202	DIPRINT(9100)	PCL5	x1
4.	12>202	DIPRINT(9100)	PS	x1
5.	11>201	LPR(515)	PCL5	x3
6.	12>201	LPR(515)	PS	x1
7.	11>202	LPR -d(515)	PCL5	x1
8.	12>202	LPR -d(515)	PS	x1

The packet capture is unfiltered and therefore also contains other network activity such as Pings.

NOTE: When you are looking at LPR packets, the port number of the printer might be displayed as "printer", not "515". To change this, disable [View] > [Name Resolution] > [Enable Transport layer], then click [View] > [Reload] to reload the file.