TASK – 5 ELEVATE LABS: Capture and Analyze Network Traffic Using Wireshark.

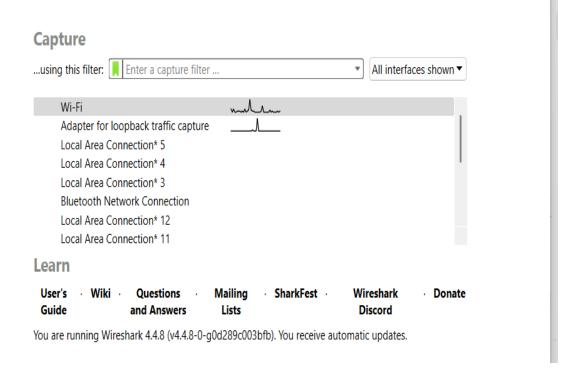
OBJECTIVE: Capture live network packets and identify basic protocols and traffic types

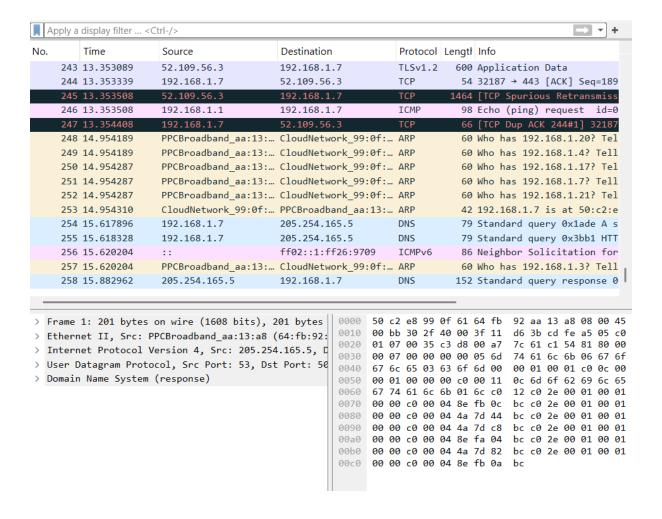
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1) Start Wireshark and choose an interface

- 1. Open Wireshark.
- 2. In the start page you'll see a list of interfaces (Ethernet, Wi-Fi, Npcap Loopback).
- 3. Pick the active interface (the one with the moving packet graph).
- 4. Double-click it to start capturing immediately, or click the interface once and press the blue shark-fin icon to start.





2) Generate traffic (do this while capture runs)

- Open a web page in your browser (HTTP or HTTPS).
- From Command Prompt run: ping -n 5 8.8.8.8 (sends 5 pings).
- Optionally: nslookup example.com or curl http://example.com (if installed).
 These produce ICMP, DNS, TCP and HTTP/TLS packets.

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C:\Users\hp>ping -n 5 8.8.8.8

Pinging 8.8.8.8 with 32 bytes of data:
Request timed out.
Reply from 8.8.8.8: bytes=32 time=11ms TTL=119
Reply from 8.8.8.8: bytes=32 time=340ms TTL=119
Reply from 8.8.8.8: bytes=32 time=8ms TTL=119
Reply from 8.8.8.8: bytes=32 time=9ms TTL=119

Ping statistics for 8.8.8.8:
    Packets: Sent = 5, Received = 4, Lost = 1 (20% loss),
Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
    Minimum = 8ms, Maximum = 340ms, Average = 92ms

C:\Users\hp>
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C:\Users\hp>nslookup example.com
Server: del-pp-bngs-02
Address: 205.254.165.5

DNS request timed out.
    timeout was 2 seconds.
DNS request timed out.
    timeout was 2 seconds.
*** Request to del-pp-bngs-02 timed-out
C:\Users\hp>
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3) Stop capture

• After ~60 seconds click the red square (stop) in Wireshark's toolbar.

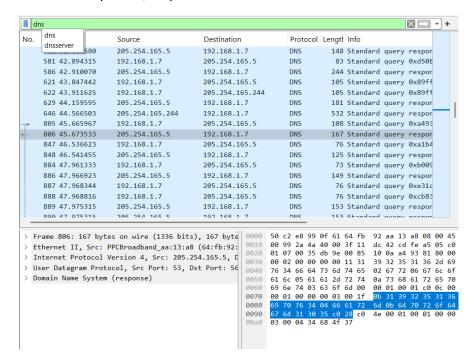
4) Inspect captured packets (basic)

- Look at the **Packet List** pane (top): columns Time, Source, Destination, Protocol, Length, Info.
- Click a packet to see **Packet Details** (middle pane) and **Packet Bytes** (bottom pane).
- Expand layers (Ethernet \rightarrow IP \rightarrow TCP/UDP \rightarrow application protocol) to view fields.

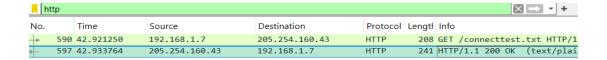
5) Find these protocols

Use these display filters (type into the display-filter bar and press Enter):

• dns → DNS queries/responses

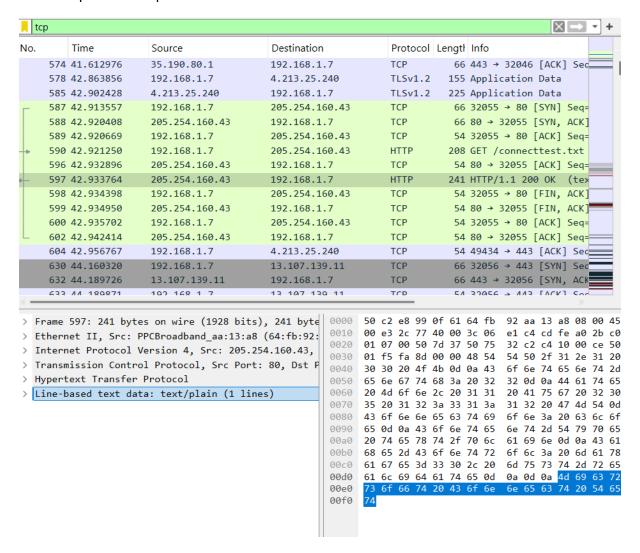


http → unencrypted HTTP traffic

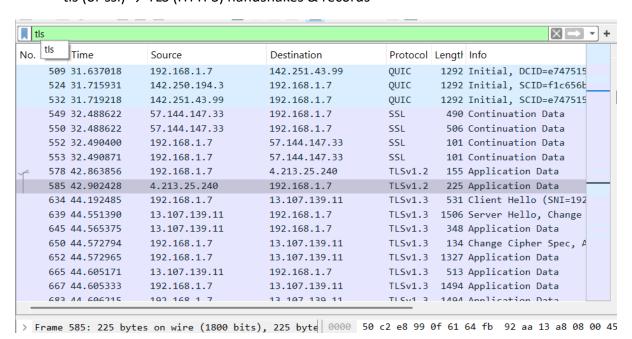


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Frame 597: 241 bytes on wire (1928 bits), 241 byte
                                                              0010
                                                                     00 e3 2c 77 40 00 3c 06
01 07 00 50 7d 37 50 75
                                                                                                  e1 c4 cd fe a0 2b c0
32 c2 c4 10 00 ce 50
 Ethernet II, Src: PPCBroadband aa:13:a8 (64:fb:92:
  Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 205.254.160.43,
                                                                        f5 fa 8d 00 00 48 54
                                                                                                  54 50 2f 31 2e 31 20
 Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 80, Dst F
                                                                     30 30 20 4f 4b 0d 0a 43
                                                                                                  6f 6e 74 65 6e 74 2d
  Hypertext Transfer Protocol
                                                                        6e 67 74 68 3a 20 32
> Line-based text data: text/plain (1 lines)
                                                                     20 4d 6f 6e 2c 20 31 31
                                                                                                  20 41 75 67 20
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                                                                                                     32 20 47 4d
                                                                        20 31 32 3a 33 31 3a
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                                                                     43 6f 6e 6e 65 63 74 69
65 0d 0a 43 6f 6e 74 65
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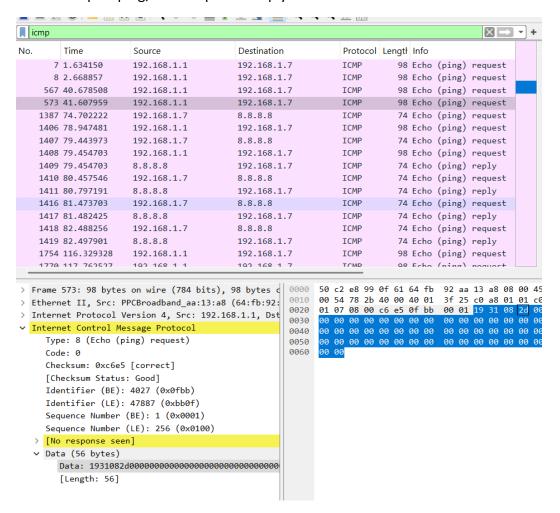
tcp → all TCP packets



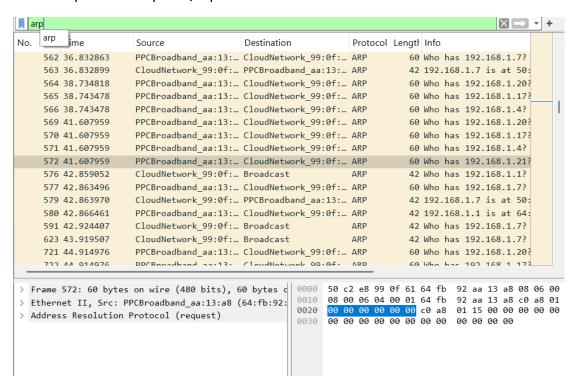
tls (or ssl) → TLS (HTTPS) handshakes & records



icmp → ping/Echo request & reply

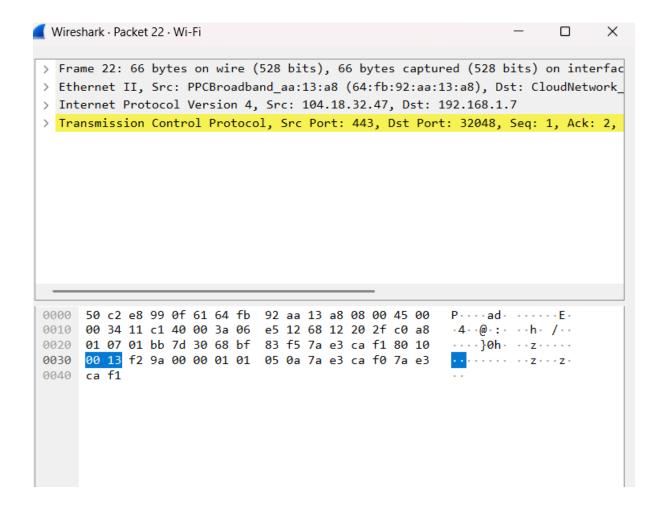


arp → ARP requests/replies



6) Useful analysis actions

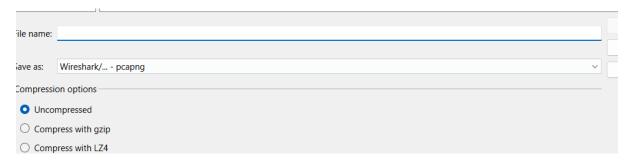
- Follow a TCP stream: Right-click a TCP packet → Follow → TCP Stream (shows full conversation).
- **DNS details:** Click DNS packet, expand DNS section to see query name and answers.



7) Save/export as .pcap

- 1. To save entire capture: File → Save As...
- 2. In the Save dialog: choose location and filename.
- 3. Save as type: choose "libpcap (tcpdump) pcap" if you specifically need .pcap (default is usually .pcapng).

If you only want the currently displayed packets exported: File → Export Specified
 Packets... → choose Displayed or Selected → choose file type .pcap.



Analysis

The Wireshark capture contained a mix of protocols typical for normal browsing and network activity:

- **DNS (Domain Name System)** traffic was observed, resolving domain names such as openai.com and example.com into IP addresses. All queries were sent to the local DNS server (192.168.1.1), which returned valid responses.
- ICMP (Internet Control Message Protocol) packets showed echo requests and replies (ping) to Google's public DNS server (8.8.8.8), confirming that the host had connectivity to the internet.
- TCP (Transmission Control Protocol) was present as the transport layer for most application traffic.
- TLS (Transport Layer Security) traffic indicated secure HTTPS communication with remote web servers. The packet details showed Client Hello and Server Hello messages, with the Server Name Indication (SNI) revealing the target domains. Payload content was encrypted, as expected.
- ARP (Address Resolution Protocol) packets were seen for resolving MAC addresses
 of devices on the local network.

No suspicious packets, malformed traffic, or signs of scanning/attacks were detected during the observation period. Traffic patterns and endpoint IP addresses matched the intentional actions performed during the test (web browsing, DNS lookups, pings).

Summary Conclusion

The capture demonstrated normal and expected network behavior during the 1-minute observation window. At least three distinct protocols—**DNS**, **ICMP**, and **TCP/TLS**—were successfully identified and analyzed. DNS queries resolved hostnames correctly, ICMP

verified network reachability, and TLS confirmed the use of secure encrypted communication for web browsing. The traffic volume and patterns aligned with the controlled actions taken during the test, and no anomalies or malicious activity were present.