

LAB-6 QUESTIONS:

Steps to be followed:

- Open fedora
- Open wireshark
- Start capturing
- Run following commands in terminal
 - `tracert gaia.cs.umass.edu 2000`
 - `tracert gaia.cs.umass.edu 3500`
 - `tracert gaia.cs.umass.edu 56`
- Filter ICMP packets in wireshark
- Select the first ICMP Echo Request message sent by your computer, and expand the Internet Protocol part of the packet in the packet details window.
- Answer the following questions based on that.

1. What is the IP address of your computer?
2. Within the IP packet header, what is the value in the upper layer protocol field?
3. How many bytes are in the IP header? How many bytes are in the payload *of the IP datagram*? Explain how you determined the number of payload bytes.
4. Has this IP datagram been fragmented? Explain how you determined whether or not the datagram has been fragmented.

Next, sort the traced packets according to IP source address by clicking on the *Source* column header; a small downward pointing arrow should appear next to the word *Source*. If the arrow points up, click on the *Source* column header again. Select the first ICMP Echo Request message sent by your computer, and expand the Internet Protocol portion in the “details of selected packet header” window. In the “listing of captured packets” window, you should see all of the subsequent ICMP messages (perhaps with additional interspersed packets sent by other protocols running on your computer) below this first ICMP. Use the down arrow to move through the ICMP messages sent by your computer.

5. Which fields in the IP datagram *always* change from one datagram to the next within this series of ICMP messages sent by your computer?
6. Which fields stay constant? Which of the fields *must* stay constant? Which fields must change? Why?
7. Describe the pattern you see in the values in the Identification field of the IP datagram.

Next (with the packets still sorted by source address) find the series of ICMP TTL exceeded replies sent to your computer by the nearest (first hop) router.

8. What is the value in the Identification field and the TTL field?

9. Do these values remain unchanged for all of the ICMP TTL-exceeded replies sent to your computer by the nearest (first hop) router? Why?

Fragmentation

Sort the packet listing according to time again by clicking on the *Time* column

10. Find the first ICMP Echo Request message that was sent by your computer after you changed the *Packet Size* to be 2000. Has that message been fragmented across more than one IP datagram?

11. Print out the first fragment of the fragmented IP datagram. What information in the IP header indicates that the datagram been fragmented? What information in the IP header indicates whether this is the first fragment versus a latter fragment? How long is this IP datagram?

12. Print out the second fragment of the fragmented IP datagram. What information in the IP header indicates that this is not the first datagram fragment? Are there more fragments? How can you tell?

13. What fields change in the IP header between the first and second fragment?

Now find the first ICMP Echo Request message that was sent by your computer after you changed *Packet Size* to be 3500.

14. How many fragments were created from the original datagram?

15. What fields change in the IP header among the fragments?