Wireshark: Inspecting UDP Packets

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Using Wireshark observe data transferred in client server communication using UDP and identify the UDP datagram.

Theory

Wireshark is a network packet analyzer. A network packet analyzer will try to capture network packets and tries to display that packet data as detailed as possi- ble. Some of the main uses include:

- Network administrators use it to troubleshoot network problems
- Developers use it to debug protocol implementations
- QA engineers use it to verify network applications
- Network security engineers use it to examine security problems
- People use it to learn network protocol internals

Output

In the above image, the highlighted part in the hexdump represents the UDP datagram:

Source port: d2 98 rarrow 53912
Destination port: 00 35 rarrow 53
UDP Length: 00 28 rarrow 40

• UDP Checksum: f2 24

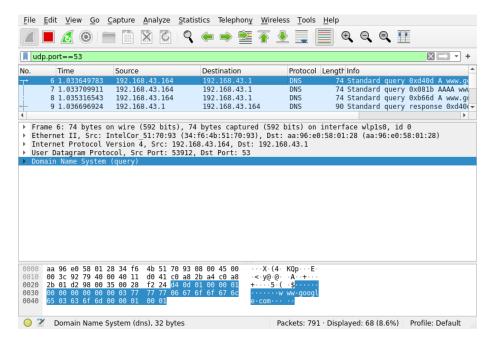


Figure 1: UDP packet used for DNS query

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       Type: IPv4 (0x0800)
▶ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.43.164, Dst: 192.168.43.1
User Datagram Protocol,
Source Port: 53912
Destination Port: 53
       Length: 40
       Checksum: 0xf224 [unverified]
[Checksum Status: Unverified]
        [Stream index: 0]
    ▶ [Timestamps]
▶ Domain Name System (query)
0000 aa 96 e0 58 01 28 34 f6 4b 51 70 93 08 00 45 00 0010 00 3c 92 79 40 00 40 11 d0 41 c0 a8 2b a4 c0 a8 0020 2b 01 d2 98 00 35 00 28 f2 24 d4 0d 01 00 00 01 0030 00 00 00 00 00 00 03 77 77 77 06 67 6f 6f 67 6c 0040 65 03 63 6f 6d 00 00 01 00 01
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Figure 2: Details of the Packet