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WireShark TCP Lab

1. What is the IP address and TCP port number used by the client computer (source) that is transferring the file to gaia.cs.umass.edu? To answer this question, it's probably easiest to select an HTTP message and explore the details of the TCP packet used to carry this HTTP message, using the "details of the selected packet header window" (refer to Figure 2 in the "Getting Started with Wireshark" Lab if you're uncertain about the Wireshark windows.

Client computer (source) IP address: 192.168.1.102
TCP port number:1161

2. What is the IP address of gaia.cs.umass.edu? On what port number is it sending and receiving TCP segments for this connection?

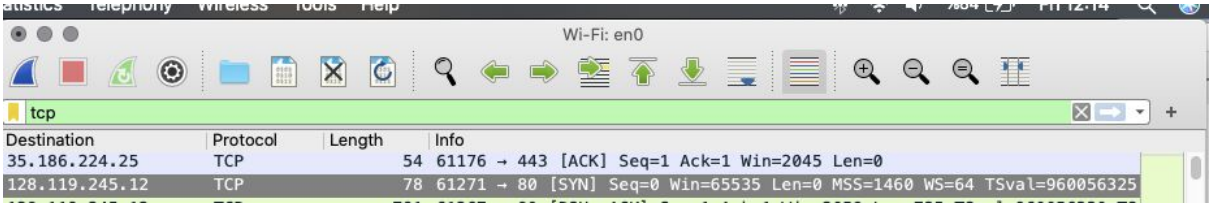
Destination computer: gaia.cs.umass.edu IP address:128.119.245.12
TCP port number:80

3. What is the IP address and TCP port number used by your client computer (source) to transfer the file to gaia.cs.umass.edu?

Client computer (source) IP address:192.168.0.20
TCP port number:61271

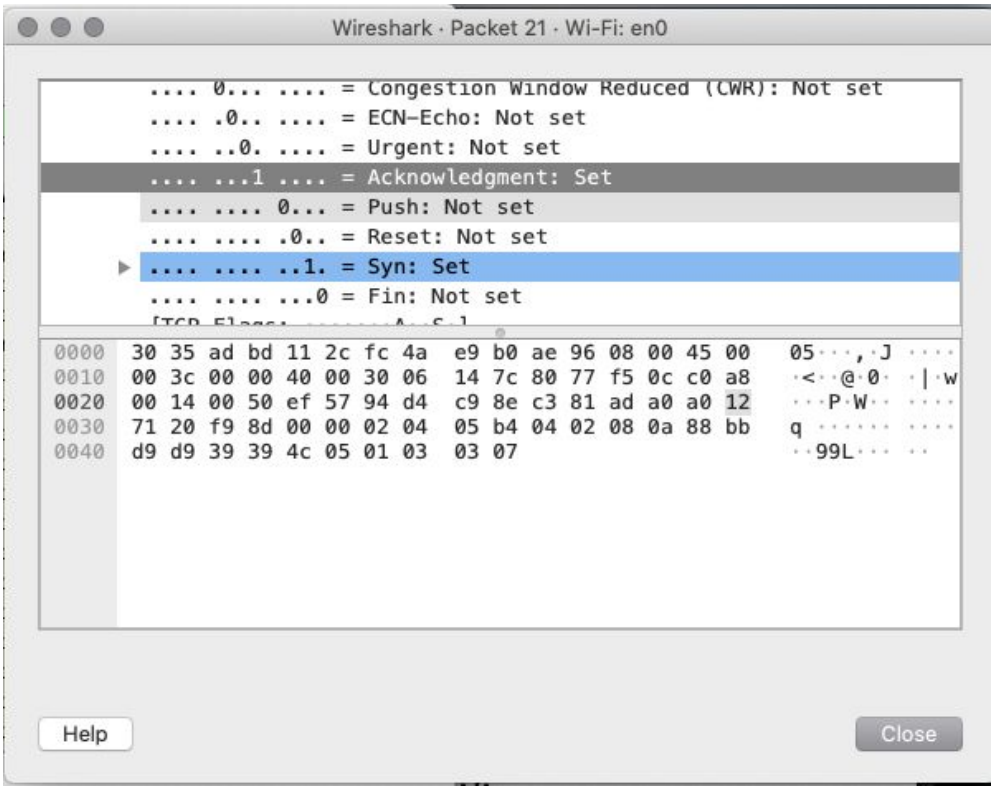
4. What is the sequence number of the TCP SYN segment that is used to initiate the TCP connection between the client computer and gaia.cs.umass.edu? What is it in the segment that identifies the segment as a SYN segment?

Sequence number of the TCP SYN segment is used to initiate the TCP connection between the client computer and gaia.cs.umass.edu. The value is 0 in this trace.



5. What is the sequence number of the SYNACK segment sent by gaia.cs.umass.edu to the client computer in reply to the SYN? What is the value of the Acknowledgement field in the SYNACK segment? How did gaia.cs.umass.edu determine that value? What is it in the segment that identifies the segment as a SYNACK segment?

Sequence number of the SYNACK segment from gaia.cs.umass.edu to the client computer in reply to the SYN has the value of 0 in this trace. The value of the ACKnowledgement field is 1.The value is determined by initial sequence number +1.The message carries flags that show it to be a SYNACK message.



6. What is the sequence number of the TCP segment containing the HTTP POST command? Note that in order to find the POST command, you'll need to dig into the packet content field at the bottom of the Wireshark window, looking for a segment with a "POST" within its DATA field.

No. 146 segment is the TCP segment containing the HTTP POST command. The sequence number of this segment has the value of 181726.

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[TCP Segment Len: 491]
Sequence Number: 181726    (relative sequence number)
Sequence Number (raw): 4224639314
[Next Sequence Number: 182217    (relative sequence number)]
Acknowledgment Number: 1    (relative ack number)
Acknowledgment number (raw): 693095322
1000 .... = Header Length: 32 bytes (8)
▶ Flags: 0x018 (PSH, ACK)
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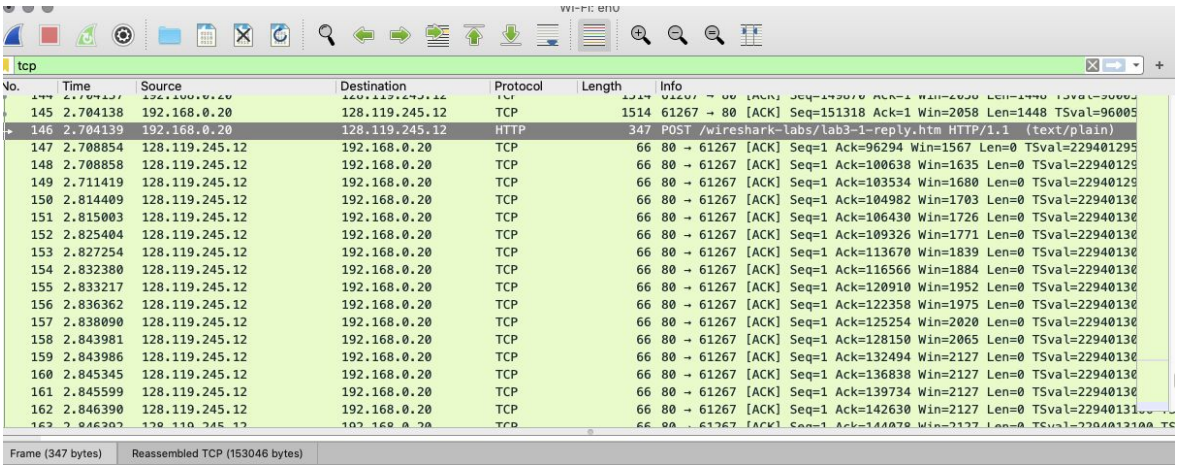
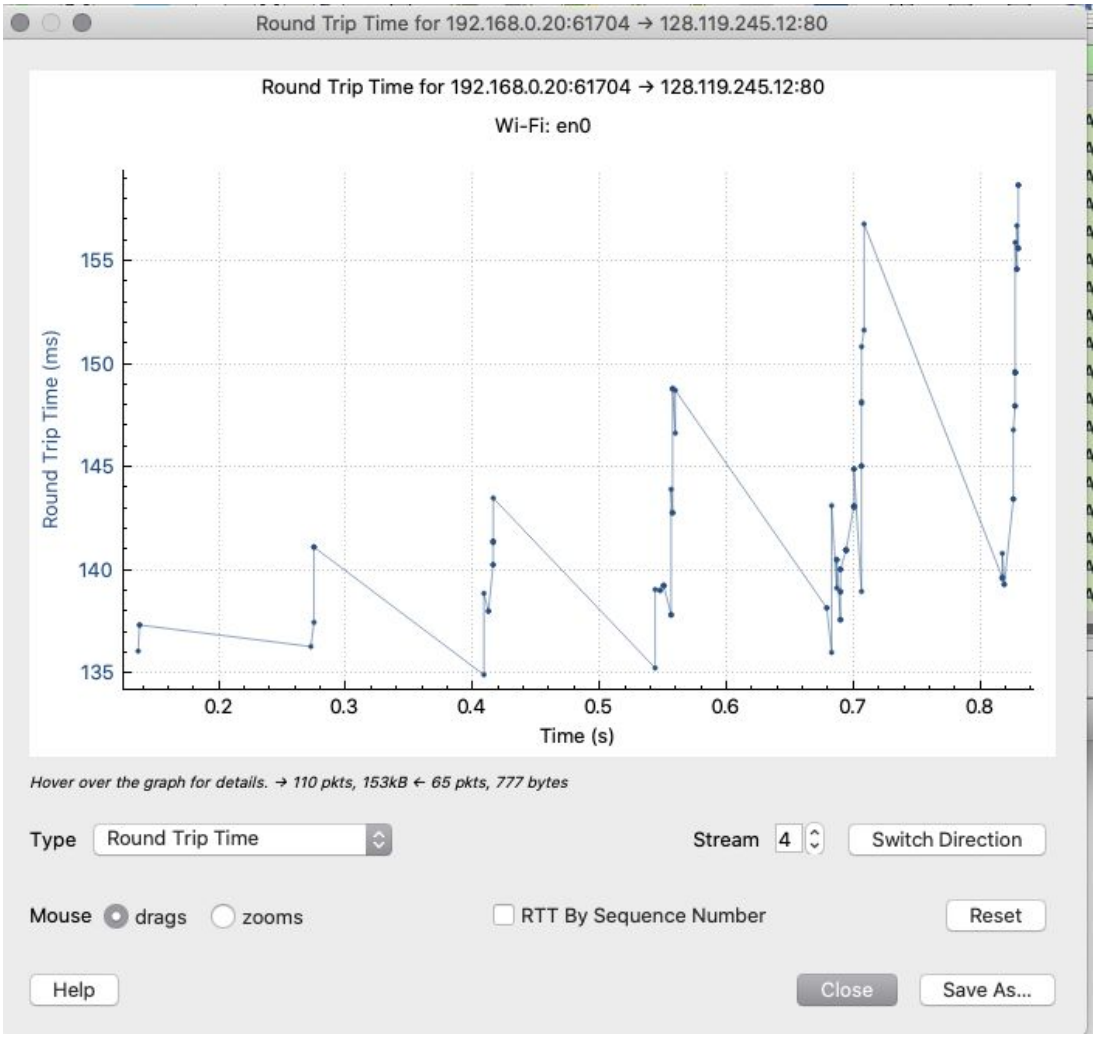


7. Consider the TCP segment containing the HTTP POST as the first segment in the TCP connection. What are the sequence numbers of the first six segments in the TCP connection (including the segment containing the HTTP POST)? At what time was each segment sent? When was the ACK for each segment received? Given the difference between when each TCP segment was sent, and when its acknowledgement was received, what is the RTT value for each of the six segments? What is the `EstimatedRTT` value (see Section 3.5.3, page 242 in text) after the receipt of each ACK? Assume that the value of the `EstimatedRTT` is equal to the measured RTT for the first segment, and then is computed using the `EstimatedRTT` equation on page 242 for all subsequent segments.

   Note: Wireshark has a nice feature that allows you to plot the RTT for each of the TCP segments sent. Select a TCP segment in the "listing of captured packets" window that is being sent from the client to the gaia.cs.umass.edu server. Then select: *Statistics->TCP Stream Graph->Round Trip Time Graph.*

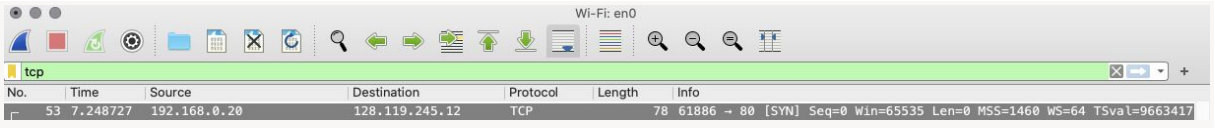


8. What is the length of each of the first six TCP segments?[4]

The length of each of the first TCP segment is 152766.The following segments are all 1.

9. What is the minimum amount of available buffer space advertised at the received for the entire trace? Does the lack of receiver buffer space ever throttle the sender?

The minimum amount of available buffer space is listed 65535.The sende is never throttled because we never reach full capacity of the window.



10. Are there any retransmitted segments in the trace file? What did you check for (in the trace) in order to answer this question?

No,no segments were ever retransmitted.This is shown by the fact that an old ACK number was never re sent in order to re request former packets.

11. How much data does the receiver typically acknowledge in an ACK? Can you identify cases where the receiver is ACKing every other received segment (see Table 3.2 on page 250 in the text).

The receiver is typically acking 432 bits. There are cases where the receiver acks every other segment.This is shown when more than one ack occurs in a row.

12. What is the throughput (bytes transferred per unit time) for the TCP connection? Explain how you calculated this value.

The throughput can be calculated by using the value of the last ack(149,629)-the first sequence number(1) divided by the time since first frame(1.6)=93517.6 bps.

4. TCP congestion control in action

13. Use the *Time-Sequence-Graph(Stevens)* plotting tool to view the sequence number versus time plot of segments being sent from the client to the gaia.cs.umass.edu server. Can you identify where TCP's slowstart phase begins and ends, and where congestion avoidance takes over? Comment on ways in which the measured data differs from the idealized behavior of TCP that we've studied in the text.

The TCP slow start phase begins at sequence number 0, and ends just before sequence number 40.Congestion avoidance takes over at 40.