

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?

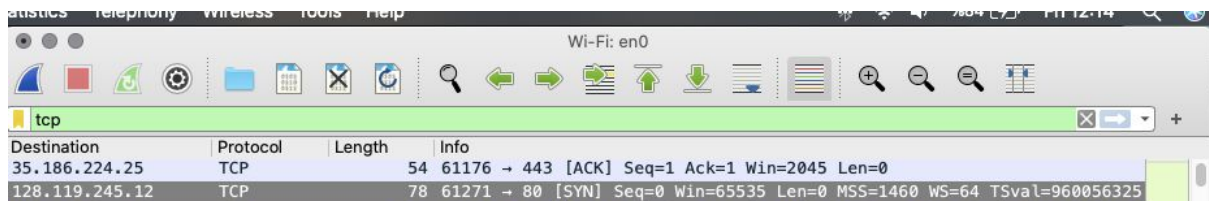
Destination computer: gaia.cs.umass.edu IP address: 128.119.245.12
TCP port number: 80

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?

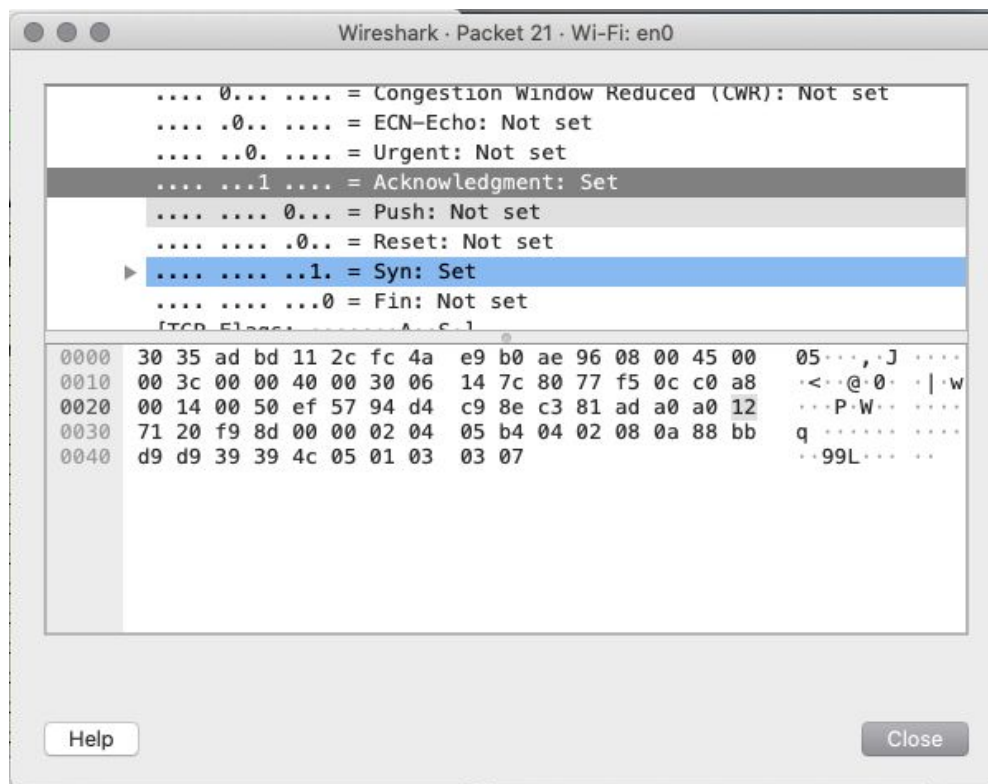
Sequence number of the TCP SYN segment is used to initiate the TCP connection between the client computer and gaia.cs.umass.edu. The value is 0 in this trace.



Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
35.186.224.25	TCP	54	61176 → 443 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=2045 Len=0
128.119.245.12	TCP	78	61271 → 80 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=65535 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=64 TSval=960056325

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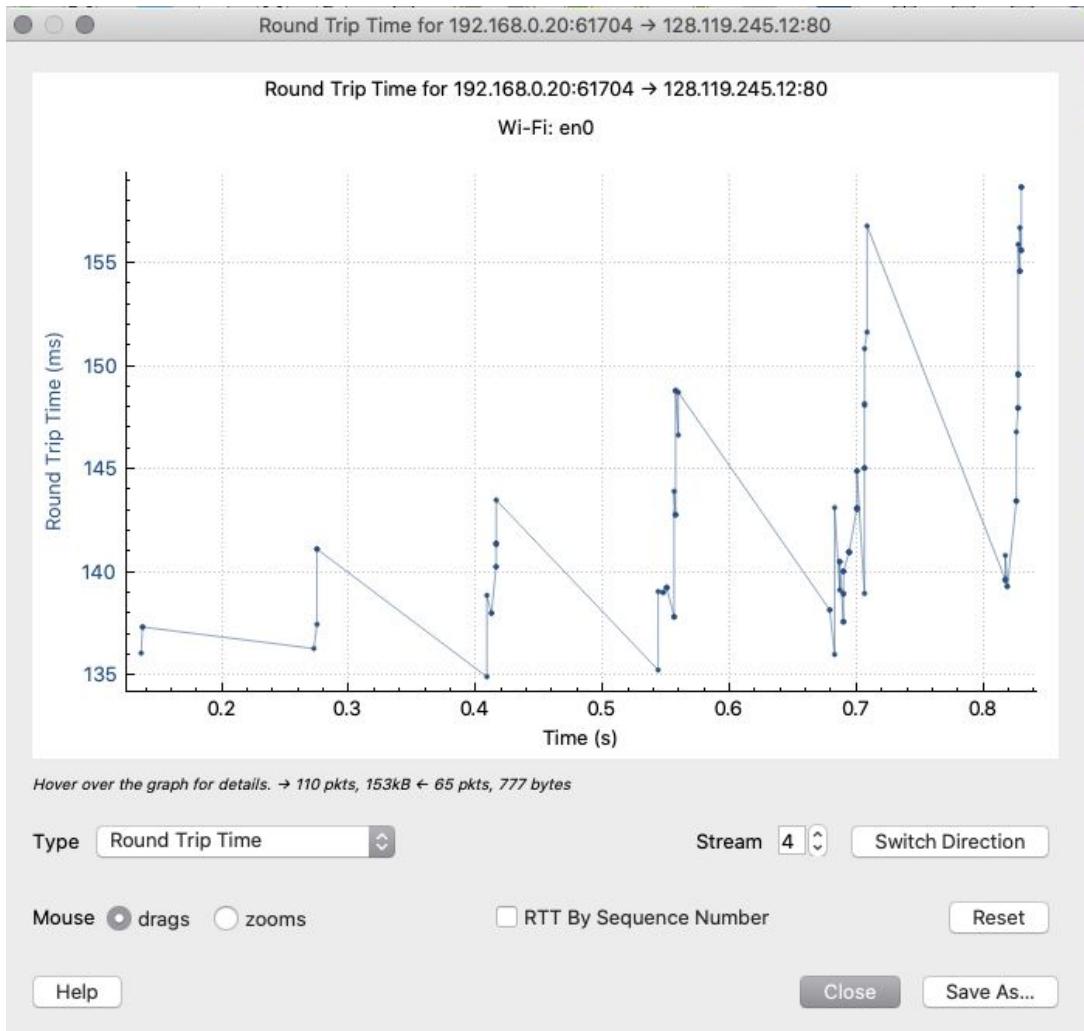
[TCP Segment Len: 491]
Sequence Number: 181726      (relative sequence number)
Sequence Number (raw): 4224639314
[Next Sequence Number: 182217      (relative sequence number)]
Acknowledgment Number: 1      (relative ack number)
Acknowledgment number (raw): 693095322
1000 .... = Header Length: 32 bytes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

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No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
145	2.704138	192.168.0.20	128.119.245.12	TCP	1514	61267 → 80 [ACK] Seq=151318 Ack=1 Win=2058 Len=1448 TSval=96005
146	2.704139	192.168.0.20	128.119.245.12	HTTP	347	POST /wireshark-labs/lab3-1-reply.htm HTTP/1.1 (text/plain)
147	2.708854	128.119.245.12	192.168.0.20	TCP	66	80 → 61267 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=96294 Win=1567 Len=0 TSval=229401295
148	2.708858	128.119.245.12	192.168.0.20	TCP	66	80 → 61267 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=100638 Win=1635 Len=0 TSval=229401295
149	2.711419	128.119.245.12	192.168.0.20	TCP	66	80 → 61267 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=103534 Win=1680 Len=0 TSval=229401295
150	2.814409	128.119.245.12	192.168.0.20	TCP	66	80 → 61267 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=104982 Win=1703 Len=0 TSval=22940130
151	2.815003	128.119.245.12	192.168.0.20	TCP	66	80 → 61267 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=106430 Win=1726 Len=0 TSval=22940130
152	2.825404	128.119.245.12	192.168.0.20	TCP	66	80 → 61267 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=109326 Win=1771 Len=0 TSval=22940130
153	2.827254	128.119.245.12	192.168.0.20	TCP	66	80 → 61267 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=113670 Win=1839 Len=0 TSval=22940130
154	2.832380	128.119.245.12	192.168.0.20	TCP	66	80 → 61267 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=116566 Win=1884 Len=0 TSval=22940130
155	2.833217	128.119.245.12	192.168.0.20	TCP	66	80 → 61267 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=120910 Win=1952 Len=0 TSval=22940130
156	2.836362	128.119.245.12	192.168.0.20	TCP	66	80 → 61267 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=122358 Win=1975 Len=0 TSval=22940130
157	2.838090	128.119.245.12	192.168.0.20	TCP	66	80 → 61267 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=125254 Win=2020 Len=0 TSval=22940130
158	2.843981	128.119.245.12	192.168.0.20	TCP	66	80 → 61267 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=128150 Win=2065 Len=0 TSval=22940130
159	2.843986	128.119.245.12	192.168.0.20	TCP	66	80 → 61267 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=132494 Win=2127 Len=0 TSval=22940130
160	2.845345	128.119.245.12	192.168.0.20	TCP	66	80 → 61267 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=136838 Win=2127 Len=0 TSval=22940130
161	2.845599	128.119.245.12	192.168.0.20	TCP	66	80 → 61267 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=139734 Win=2127 Len=0 TSval=22940130
162	2.846390	128.119.245.12	192.168.0.20	TCP	66	80 → 61267 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=142630 Win=2127 Len=0 TSval=22940130
163	2.846392	128.119.245.12	192.168.0.20	TCP	66	80 → 61267 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=144878 Win=2127 Len=0 TSval=22940130

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 receiver 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 sender is never throttled because we never reach full capacity of the window.

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No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
53	7.248727	192.168.0.20	128.119.245.12	TCP	78	61886 → 80 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=65535 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=64 TSval=9663417

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 acknowledging 432 bits. There are cases where the receiver acknowledges 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 the 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.

