

Wireshark Lab #2, HTTP

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Problem 1. The Basic HTTP GET/response interaction

Question 1:

Is your browser running HTTP version 1.0 or 1.1? What version of HTTP is the server running?

Solutions:

The http version of my browser can be found in the HTTP GET request. The version of the server can be found in the HTTP OK reply. The details are shown in the Fig. 1 and Fig. 2. **It shows that the browser is running HTTP version 1.1, and the server is running HTTP version 1.1.**

Question 2:

What language (if any) does your browser indicate that it can accept to the server?

Also, inspect the GET request, and the Accept-Language field in HTTP Headers is shown in Fig. 1. **The browser indicates that it can accept en-US, en language to the server.**

Question 3:

What is the IP address of your computer? Of the gaia.cs.umass.edu server?

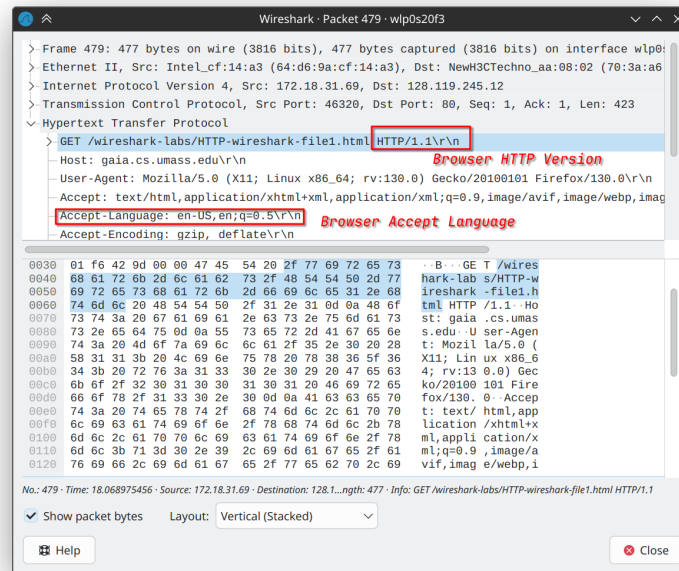


Figure 1: The HTTP version of the browser

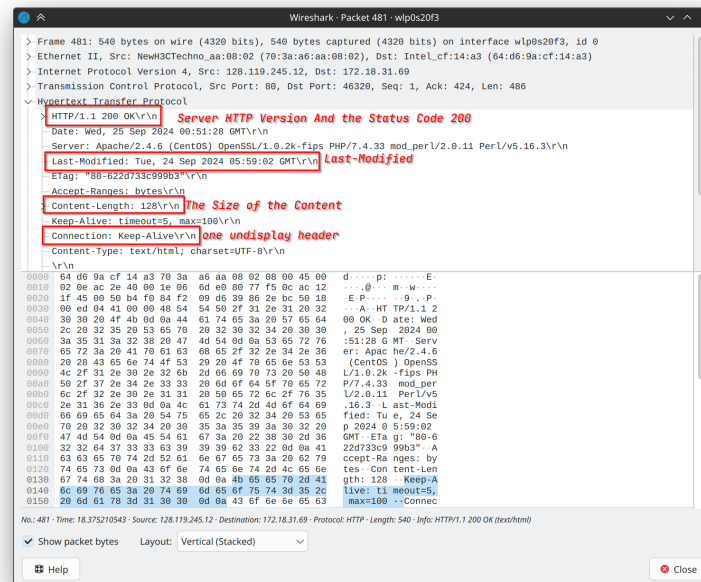


Figure 2: The HTTP version of the server

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
252	18.179089601	2403:ac00:23a1:0:66...	2606:2800:247:57cb:...	OCSP	517	[TCP Previous segment not captured] Requ...
253	18.179238426	2403:ac00:23a1:0:66...	2606:2800:247:57cb:...	OCSP	517	[TCP Previous segment not captured] Requ...
272	18.274927618	2606:2800:247:57cb:...	2403:ac00:23a1:0:66...	OCSP	823	Response
274	18.276029049	2606:2800:247:57cb:...	2403:ac00:23a1:0:66...	OCSP	823	Response
479	18.368975456	172.18.31.69	128.119.245.12	HTTP	477	GET /wreshark-labs/HTTP-wireshark-file1...
481	18.375310543	128.119.245.12	172.18.31.69	HTTP	546	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
492	18.720308994	172.18.31.69	128.119.245.12	HTTP	451	GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1
495	18.892220683	128.119.245.12	172.18.31.69	HTTP	539	HTTP/1.1 404 Not Found (text/html)
519	19.76637309	2403:ac00:23a1:0:66...	2401:3800:4001:807:...	OCSP	520	[TCP Previous segment not captured] Requ...
520	19.766398774	2403:ac00:23a1:0:66...	2401:3800:4001:807:...	OCSP	520	[TCP Previous segment not captured] Requ...
525	20.219001696	2401:3800:4001:807:...	2403:ac00:23a1:0:66...	OCSP	609	Response
526	20.219016833	2401:3800:4001:807:...	2403:ac00:23a1:0:66...	OCSP	609	Response
1887	40.860858444	2403:ac00:23a1:0:66...	2606:1901:0:38d7:...	HTTP	379	[TCP Previous segment not captured] GET
1812	40.183559176	2606:1901:0:38d7:...	2403:ac00:23a1:0:66...	HTTP	384	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
1819	40.185919990	172.18.31.69	34.107.221.82	HTTP	376	[TCP Previous segment not captured] GET
1829	40.186250164	2403:ac00:23a1:0:66...	2606:1901:0:38d7:...	HTTP	396	[TCP Previous segment not captured] GET
1828	40.146538086	34.107.221.82	172.18.31.69	HTTP	282	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/plain)
1830	40.149898779	2606:1901:0:38d7:...	2403:ac00:23a1:0:66...	HTTP	302	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/plain)
8035	268.747751227	172.18.31.69	95.216.195.133	HTTP	154	GET /nm-check.txt HTTP/1.1
8042	269.052472891	95.216.195.133	172.18.31.69	HTTP	270	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/plain)
8067	271.715670565	2403:ac00:23a1:0:66...	2a01:4f9:c010:2636:...	HTTP	174	GET /nm-check.txt HTTP/1.1

Figure 3: The IP address of the computer and the server

Inspect the GET request, and looking for the **source** and the **destination** IP address. The details are shown in the Fig. 3. **The IP address of my computer is 172.18.31.69 and the IP address of the server is 128.119.245.12.**

Question 4:

What is the status code returned from the server to your browser?

Inspect the HTTP OK reply, and the Status Code field in HTTP is shown in Fig. 2. **The status code returned from the server to the browser is 200 OK.**

Question 5:

When was the HTML file that you are retrieving last modified at the server?

Inspect the HTTP OK reply, and the Last-Modified field in HTTP is shown in Fig. 2. **The HTML file was last modified on the server on Tue, 24 Sep 2024 05:59:02 GMT.**

Question 6:

How many bytes of content are being returned to your browser?

Inspect the HTTP OK reply, and the Content-Length field in HTTP is shown in Fig. 2. **The number of bytes of content being returned to the browser is 128.**

Question 7:

By inspecting the raw data in the packet content window, do you see any headers within the data that are not displayed in the packet-listing window?

Inspect the HTTP OK reply, and the Raw field in HTTP is shown in Fig. 2. **Yes, there are headers within the data that are not displayed in the packet-listing window.** For example: Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8, Connection: keep-alive, etc.

Problem 2. The HTTP CONDITIONAL GET/response

Follow the instructions, open the target URL in the browser, and inspect the HTTP GET request and the HTTP OK reply. The results are shown in Fig. 4.

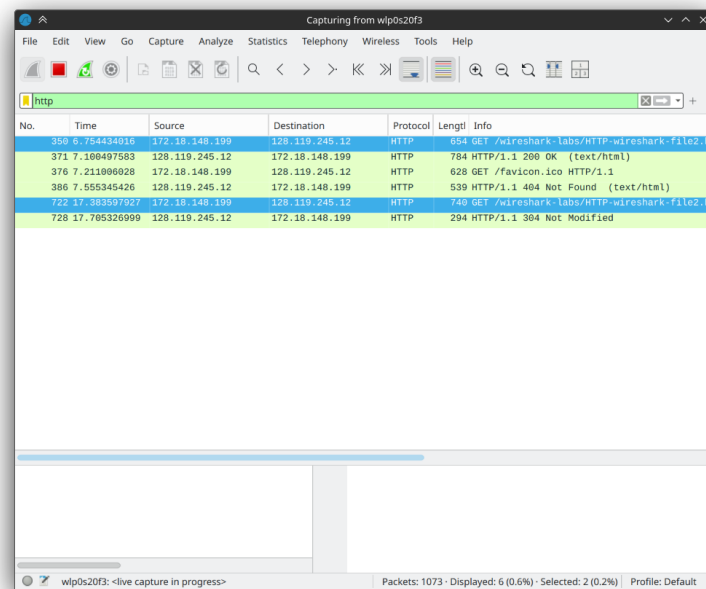


Figure 4: The HTTP CONDITIONAL GET/response

Question 8:

Inspect the contents of the first HTTP GET request from your browser to the server. Do you see an “IF-MODIFIED-SINCE” line in the HTTP

GET?

The details of the first HTTP GET request are shown in Fig. 5. **No, there is no IF-MODIFIED-SINCE line in the HTTP GET.**

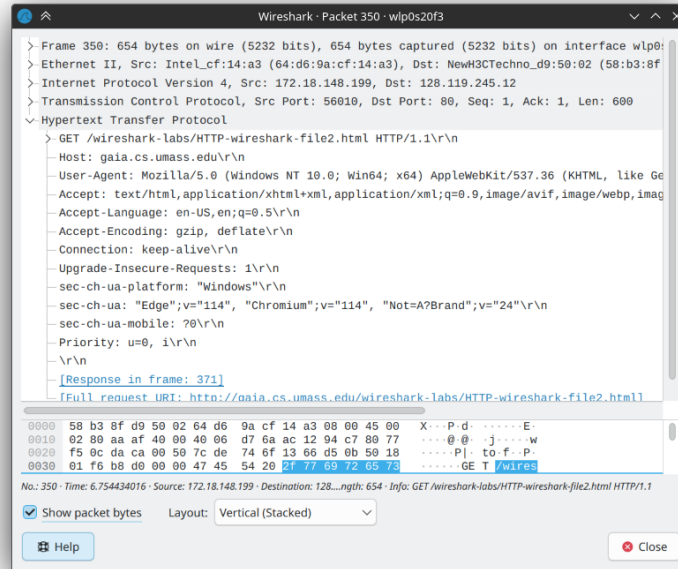


Figure 5: The first HTTP GET request

Question 9:

Inspect the contents of the server response. Did the server explicitly return the contents of the file?

The details of the server response are shown in Fig. 6. From the text-based response message, we can see that the server explicitly returns the contents of the file. **Therefore, yes, the server explicitly returns the contents of the file.**

Question 10:

Now inspect the contents of the second HTTP GET request from your browser to the server. Do you see an “IF-MODIFIED-SINCE:” line in the HTTP GET? If so, what information follows the “IF-MODIFIED-SINCE:” header?

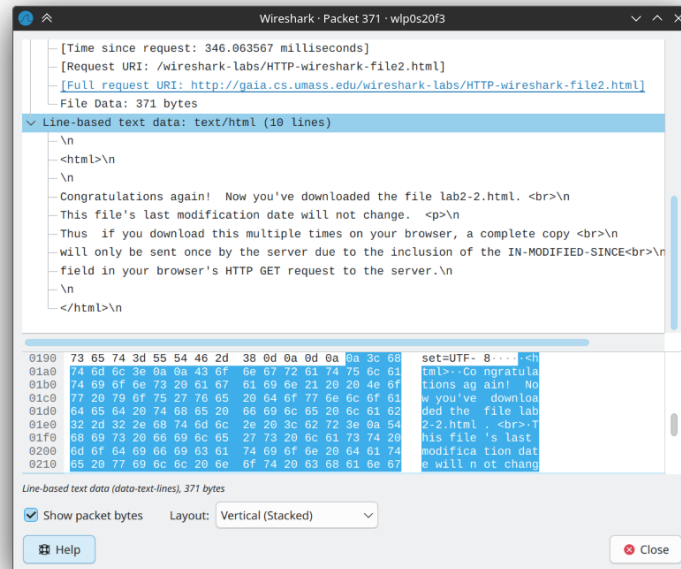


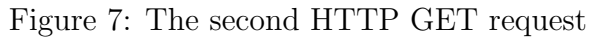
Figure 6: The first HTTP GET response

The details of the second HTTP GET request are shown in Fig. 7. The IF-MODIFIED-SINCE line is visible in the selected field. **There is an IF-MODIFIED-SINCE line in the HTTP GET request. The information following the IF-MODIFIED-SINCE header is Sat, 28 Sep 2024 05:59:02 GMT, which is the time the file was last modified, as indicated in the first response.**

Question 11:

What is the HTTP status code and phrase returned from the server in response to this second HTTP GET? Did the server explicitly return the contents of the file? Explain.

The details of the second server response are shown in Fig. 8. From the selected field, we can see that the server returns the status code 304 Not Modified. **The server did not explicitly return the file's contents.** This status code indicates that the file has not been modified since it was last retrieved by the browser, so the server does not resend the file's contents. **This is the purpose of a conditional GET, which leverages the browser's cache to reduce network traffic.**



Problem 3. Retrieving Long Documents

Following the instructions, open the target URL in the browser, and inspect the HTTP GET request and the HTTP OK reply. The results are shown in Fig. 9.

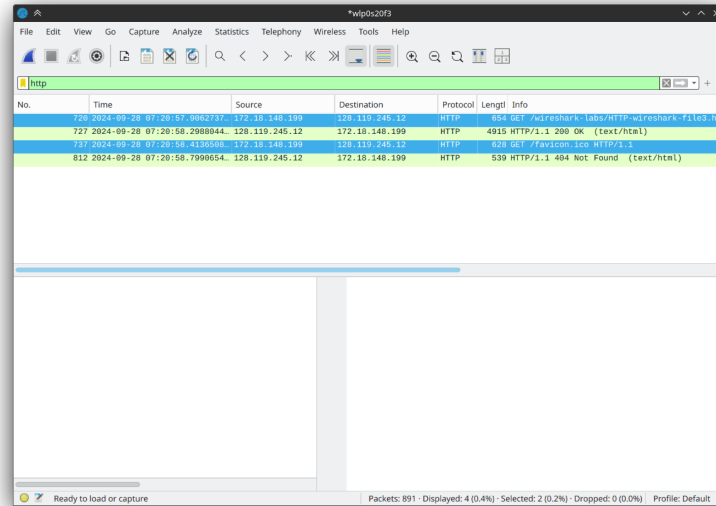


Figure 9: The HTTP GET/response for long documents

Question 12:

How many HTTP GET request messages did your browser send? Which packet number in the trace contains the GET message for the Bill or Rights?

Inspect the HTTP GET request, as shown in Fig. 9. There are 2 HTTP GET request messages. The packet number in the trace that contains the GET message for the Bill of Rights is the first HTTP GET request, which is packet No. 720.

Question 13:

Which packet number in the trace contains the status code and phrase associated with the response to the HTTP GET request?

Inspect the corresponding 'HTTP OK' reply for packet No. 720, as shown in Fig. 9. It indicates a response code of 200 OK. The packet number in the trace that contains the status code and phrase associated with the response to the HTTP GET request is packet No. 727.

Question 14:

What is the status code and phrase in the response?

Inspect the HTTP OK reply, focusing on the Status Code field in HTTP, as shown in Fig. 10. The status code and phrase in the response is 200 OK, which is highlighted as the selected field.

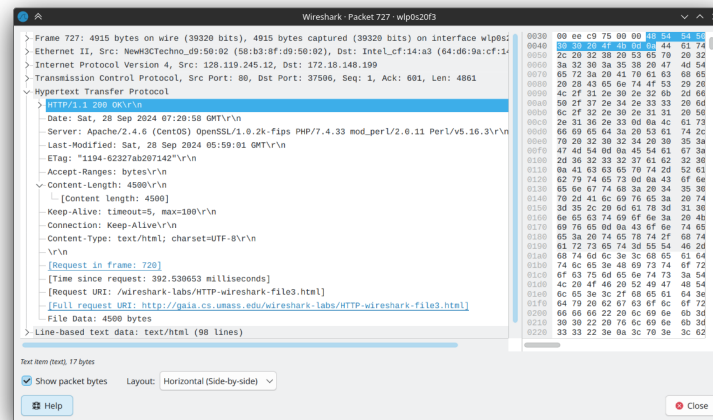


Figure 10: The HTTP OK reply for long documents

Question 15:

How many data-containing TCP segments were needed to carry the single HTTP response and the text of the Bill of Rights?

Inspect the HTTP OK response, and observe the TCP field in HTTP as shown in Fig. 11. Only one TCP segment contains data, sufficient to carry both the single HTTP response and the text of the Bill of Rights, with a packet length of 4861 bytes.

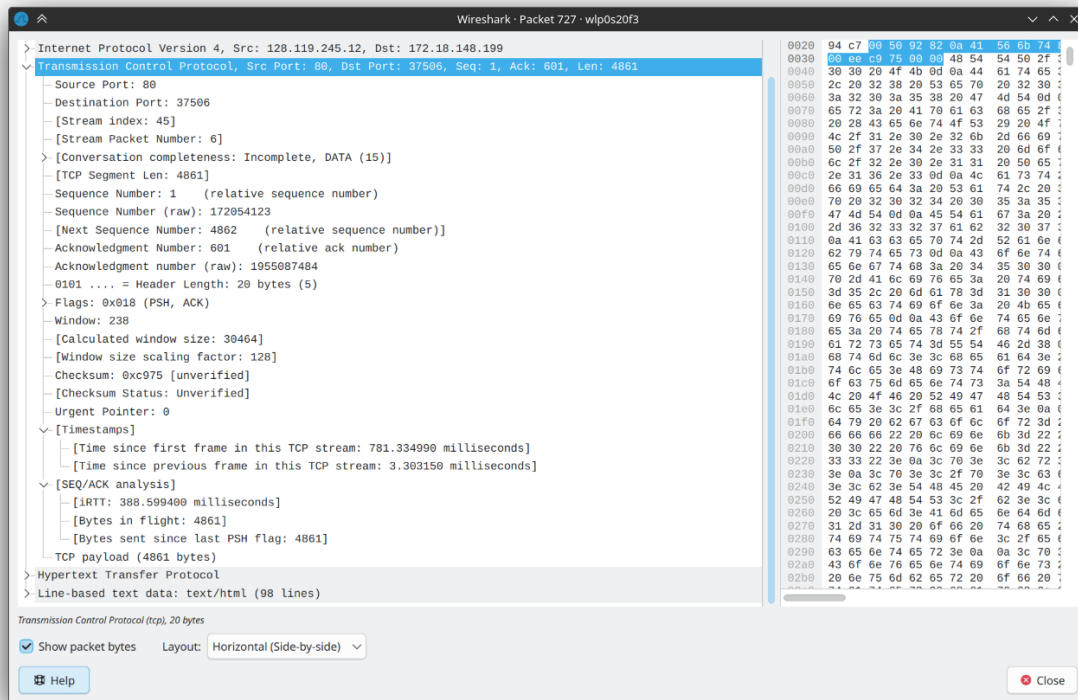


Figure 11: The TCP segment for long documents