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Lab assignment #2: DHCP

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Command Prompt window showing sequence of ipconfig commands entered:

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Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.17763.437]
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C:\Users\1swet>ipconfig /release
Windows IP Configuration
No operation can be performed on Ethernet while it has its media disconnected.
No operation can be performed on Ethernet 2 while it has its media disconnected.
An error occurred while releasing interface Wi-Fi : An address has not yet been associated with the network endpoint.
No operation can be performed on Bluetooth Network Connection while it has its media disconnected.
Ethernet adapter Ethernet:
   Media State . . . . . . . . . : Media disconnected Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :
Ethernet adapter Ethernet 2:
   Media State . . . . . . . . . . : Media disconnected Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :
Ethernet adapter VirtualBox Host-Only Network:
   Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
   Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . : fe80::5c9a:78a8:444c:f6af%8
   IPv4 Address. . . . . . . . . : 192.168.56.1
   Ethernet adapter Npcap Loopback Adapter:
   Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
   Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . : fe80::50c8:8f9e:9442:b155%3
   Autoconfiguration IPv4 Address. . : 169.254.177.85
   Wireless LAN adapter Wi-Fi:
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Figure 1. ipconfig /release command to display the current IP address (Host's IP address becomes 0.0.0.0.)

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Temporary IPv6 Address. . . . . : 2601:647:5380:2be1:b025:5b8:3ff8:64d6
  Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . : fe80::85d5:649e:f2da:fea2%11
  Autoconfiguration IPv4 Address. . : 169.254.254.162
  Subnet Mask . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 255.255.0.0
  Default Gateway . . . . . . . : fe80::fe51:a4ff:fe1d:5033%11
Ethernet adapter Bluetooth Network Connection:
  Media State . . . . . . . . . : Media disconnected
  Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
C:\Users\1swet>ipconfig
Windows IP Configuration
Ethernet adapter Ethernet:
  Media State . . . . . . . . . . . . . Media disconnected
  Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
Ethernet adapter Ethernet 2:
  Media State . . . . . . . . . . . . . Media disconnected
  Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
Ethernet adapter VirtualBox Host-Only Network:
  Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
  Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . : fe80::5c9a:78a8:444c:f6af%8
  IPv4 Address. . . . . . . . . : 192.168.56.1
  Subnet Mask . . . . . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
  Default Gateway . . . . . . . :
Ethernet adapter Npcap Loopback Adapter:
  Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
  Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . : fe80::50c8:8f9e:9442:b155%3
  Autoconfiguration IPv4 Address. . : 169.254.177.85
  Subnet Mask . . . . . . . . . : 255.255.0.0
  Default Gateway . . . . . . . :
Wireless LAN adapter Wi-Fi:
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Figure 2. ipconfig command to check the interface name

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Connection-specific DNS Suffix
    Autoconfiguration IPv4 Address. : 169.254.254.162
Subnet Mask . . . . . . : 255.255.0.0
Default Gateway . . . . : fe80::fe51:a4ff:fe1d:5033%11
Ethernet adapter Bluetooth Network Connection:
    Media State . . . . . . . . . . . . Media disconnected Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :
 ::\Users\1swet>ipconfig /renew
Windows IP Configuration
No operation can be performed on Ethernet while it has its media disconnected.
No operation can be performed on Ethernet 2 while it has its media disconnected.
An error occurred while renewing interface Npcap Loopback Adapter : unable to contact your DHCP server. Request has timed out.
No operation can be performed on Bluetooth Network Connection while it has its media disconnected.
Ethernet adapter Ethernet:
    Media State . . . . . . . . . : Media disconnected Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :
Ethernet adapter Ethernet 2:
    Media State . . . . . . . . . : Media disconnected Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :
Ethernet adapter VirtualBox Host-Only Network:
    Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
    Link-local IPv6 Address . . . : fe80::5c9a:78a8:444c:f6af%8
IPv4 Address . . . : 192.168.56.1
Subnet Mask . . . . : 255.255.255.0
Default Gateway . . . . :
Ethernet adapter Npcap Loopback Adapter:
    Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
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Figure 3. ipconfig /renew command to obtain network configuration, including a new IP address

Figure 4. ipconfig /renew command executed again

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Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
   Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . : fe80::5c9a:78a8:444c:f6af%8
   IPv4 Address. . . . . . . . . . : 192.168.56.1
   Subnet Mask . . . . . . . . . : 255.255.255.0 Default Gateway . . . . . . :
Ethernet adapter Npcap Loopback Adapter:
   Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
   Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . : fe80::50c8:8f9e:9442:b155%3
   Autoconfiguration IPv4 Address. . : 169.254.177.85
   Default Gateway . . . . . . . :
Wireless LAN adapter Wi-Fi:
   Connection-specific DNS Suffix . : hsd1.ca.comcast.net
   IPv6 Address. . . . . . . . . : 2601:647:5380:2be1::86cd
   IPv6 Address. . . . . . : 2601:647:5380:2be1:85d5:649e:f2da:fea2
Temporary IPv6 Address. . . . : 2601:647:5380:2be1:b025:5b8:3ff8:64d6
   Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . : fe80::85d5:649e:f2da:fea2%11
   IPv4 Address. . . . . . . . : 10.0.0.131
Subnet Mask . . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
   Default Gateway . . . . . . . : fe80::fe51:a4ff:fe1d:5033%11
                                         10.0.0.1
Ethernet adapter Bluetooth Network Connection:
   Media State . . . . . . . . . : Media disconnected Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :
C:\Users\1swet>ipconfig /release
Windows IP Configuration
No operation can be performed on Ethernet while it has its media disconnected.
No operation can be performed on Ethernet 2 while it has its media disconnected.
No operation can be performed on Bluetooth Network Connection while it has its media disconnected.
Ethernet adapter Ethernet:
   Media State . . . . . . . . : Media disconnected Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :
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Figure 5. ipconfig /release command to release the previously-allocated IP address

Figure 6. ipconfig /renew command to again be allocated an IP address

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Ethernet adapter Ethernet:
  Media State . . . . . . . . . . . . . Media disconnected
  Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
Ethernet adapter Ethernet 2:
  Media State . . . . . . . . . : Media disconnected
  Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
Ethernet adapter VirtualBox Host-Only Network:
  Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
  Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . : fe80::5c9a:78a8:444c:f6af%8
  IPv4 Address. . . . . . . . . : 192.168.56.1
  Subnet Mask . . . . . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
  Default Gateway . . . . . . . :
Ethernet adapter Npcap Loopback Adapter:
  Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
  Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . : fe80::50c8:8f9e:9442:b155%3
  Autoconfiguration IPv4 Address. . : 169.254.177.85
  Default Gateway . . . . . . . . :
Wireless LAN adapter Wi-Fi:
  Connection-specific DNS Suffix . : hsd1.ca.comcast.net
  IPv6 Address. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2601:647:5380:2be1::86cd
  IPv6 Address. . . . . . . . . : 2601:647:5380:2be1:85d5:649e:f2da:fea2
  Temporary IPv6 Address. . . . . : 2601:647:5380:2be1:b025:5b8:3ff8:64d6
  Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . : fe80::85d5:649e:f2da:fea2%11
  IPv4 Address. . . . . . . . . : 10.0.0.131
  Default Gateway . . . . . . . : fe80::fe51:a4ff:fe1d:5033%11
                                   10.0.0.1
Ethernet adapter Bluetooth Network Connection:
  Media State . . . . . . . . . : Media disconnected
  Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
C:\Users\1swet>
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Figure 7. Continuation of renewed IP address information

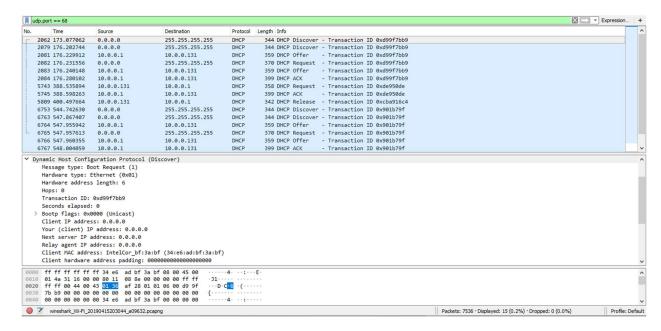


Figure 8. Wireshark window with first DHCP packet - the DHCP Discover packet expanded

Answers to the questions:

1. First, the host broadcasts "DHCP discover" message. Next, DHCP server responds with "DHCP offer" message. Then, the host requests IP address: "DHCP request" message. Finally, the DHCP server sends the address: "DHCP ack" message. The protocol field in the IP header contains assigned protocol numbers. In this case, since DHCP messages are sent over UDP, the value in the protocol field would be 17.

Protocol	Length	Info					
DHCP	344	DHCP	Discover	-	Transaction	ID	0xd99f7bb9
DHCP	344	DHCP	Discover	-	Transaction	ID	0xd99f7bb9
DHCP	359	DHCP	Offer	-	Transaction	ID	0xd99f7bb9
DHCP	370	DHCP	Request	-	Transaction	ID	0xd99f7bb9
DHCP	359	DHCP	Offer	-	Transaction	ID	0xd99f7bb9
DHCP	399	DHCP	ACK	-	Transaction	ID	0xd99f7bb9
DHCP	358	DHCP	Request	-	Transaction	ID	0xde950de
DHCP	399	DHCP	ACK	-	Transaction	ID	0xde950de
DHCP	342	DHCP	Release	-	Transaction	ID	0xcba916c4
DHCP	344	DHCP	Discover	-	Transaction	ID	0x901b79f
DHCP	344	DHCP	Discover	-	Transaction	ID	0x901b79f
DHCP	359	DHCP	Offer	-	Transaction	ID	0x901b79f
DHCP	370	DHCP	Request	-	Transaction	ID	0x901b79f
DHCP	359	DHCP	Offer	-	Transaction	ID	0x901b79f
DHCP	399	DHCP	ACK	-	Transaction	ID	0x901b79f

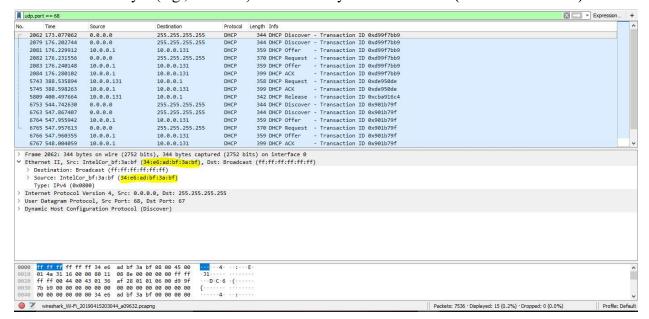
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✓ User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 68, Dst Port: 67
    Source Port: 68
    Destination Port: 67
    Length: 310
    Checksum: 0xaf28 [unverified]
    [Checksum Status: Unverified]
    [Stream index: 235]
    ✓ [Timestamps]
     [Time since first frame: 0.0000000000 seconds]
     [Time since previous frame: 0.0000000000 seconds]

> Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (Discover)
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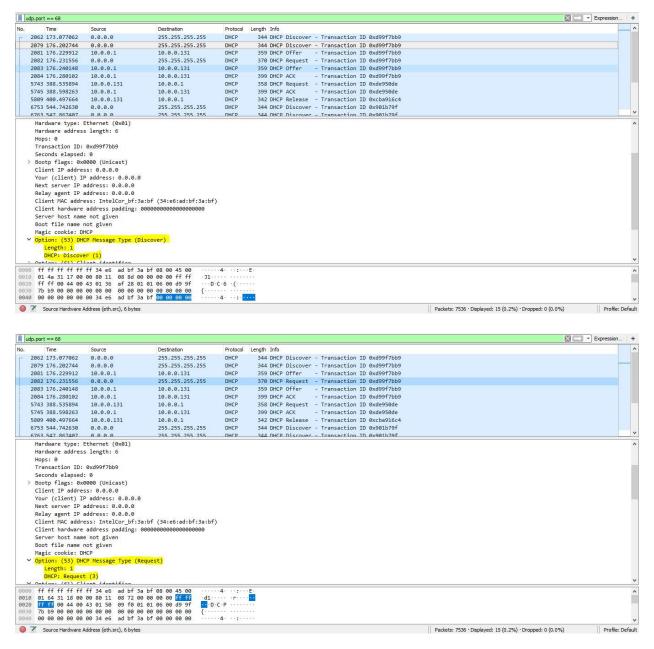
2. Timing datagram illustrating the sequence of the first four-packet Discover/Offer/Request/ACK DHCP exchange between the client and the server:



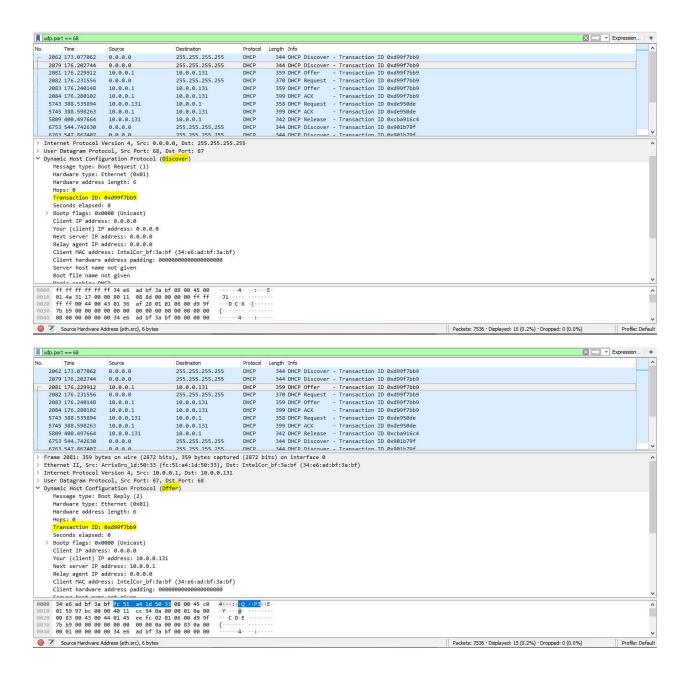
3. The link layer (e.g., Ethernet) address of my DHCP server is (34:e6:ad:bf:3a:bf).

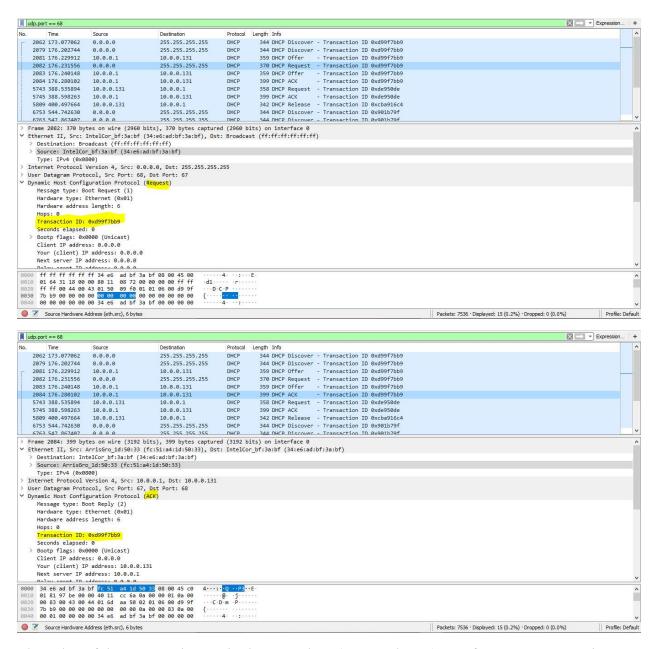


4. As shown in the figures below, the value in the DHCP discover message that differentiates this message from the DHCP request message is **option 53**, more specifically, in the DHCP discover message, it's **DHCP: discover (1)** and in the DHCP request message, it's **DHCP: request (3)**.

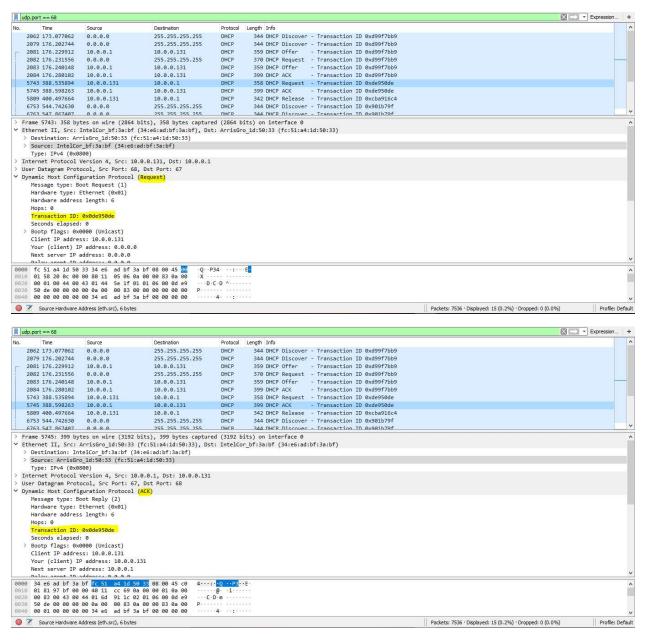


5. As shown and highlighted in the figures below, the value of the Transaction-ID in each of the first four (Discover/Offer/Request/ACK) DHCP messages is **0xd99f7bb9**.





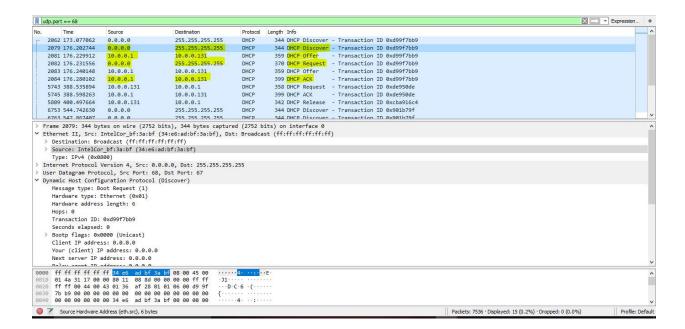
The value of the Transaction-ID in the second set (Request/ACK) set of DHCP messages is **0x0de950de**.



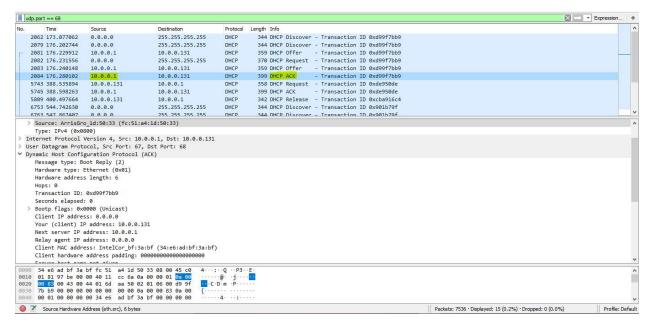
The Transaction-ID is primarily used by the DHCP server to **distinguish between the client requests** during the DHCP Request message process.

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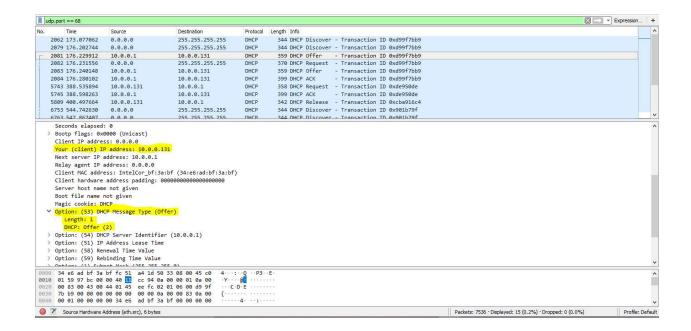
DHCP messages	IP address				
	Source	Destination			
Discover	0.0.0.0	255.255.255.255			
Offer	10.0.0.1	10.0.0.131			
Request	0.0.0.0	255.255.255.255			
ACK	10.0.0.1	10.0.0.131			



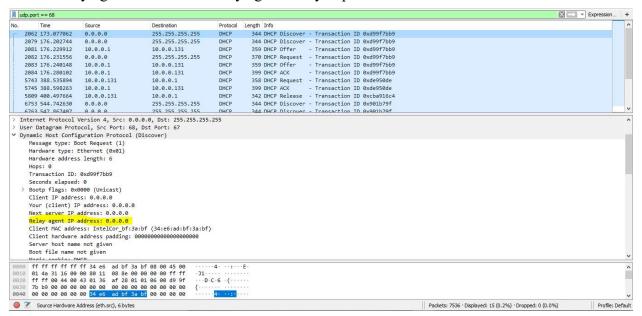
7. The IP address of my DHCP server is **10.0.0.1**. It sends **DHCP ACK messages**.



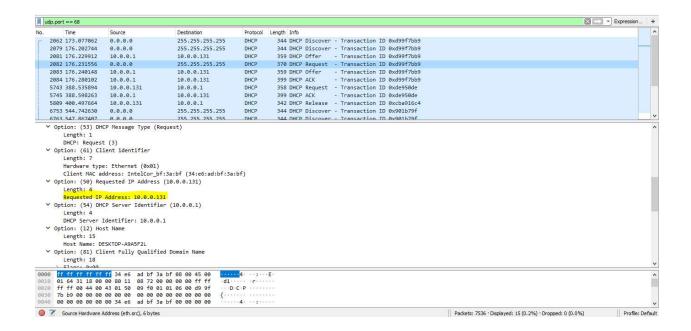
8. The IP address that the DHCP server is offering to my host in the DHCP Offer message is 10.0.0.131. In option 53, the DHCP Message Type (Offer) is given along with Length (1) and DHCP: Offer (2).



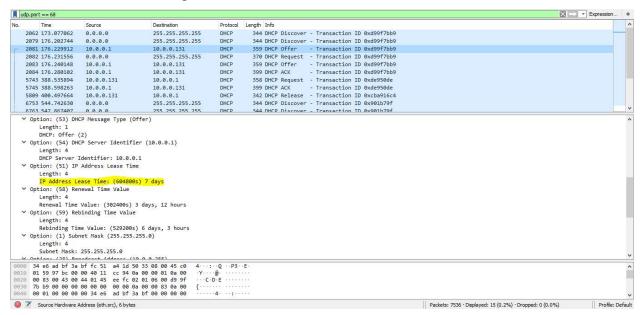
9. The value "0.0.0.0" for the Relay agent IP address in the trace indicate the absence of a relay agent. There is no relay agent in my experiment.



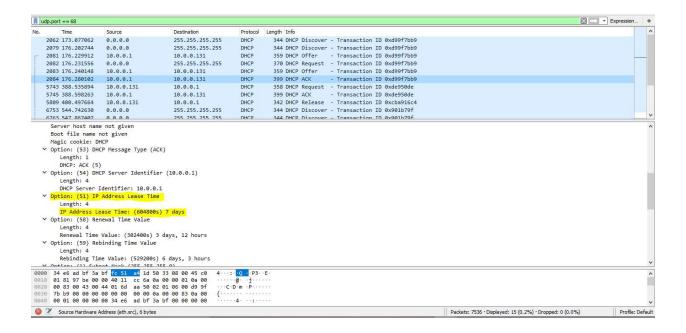
10. Yes, the client accepts the IP address offered by the DHCP server – 10.0.0.131. In the client's response to the first server OFFER message, the client sends back a DHCP Request message requesting the specific IP address. The client's requested address is in option (50) in the trace.



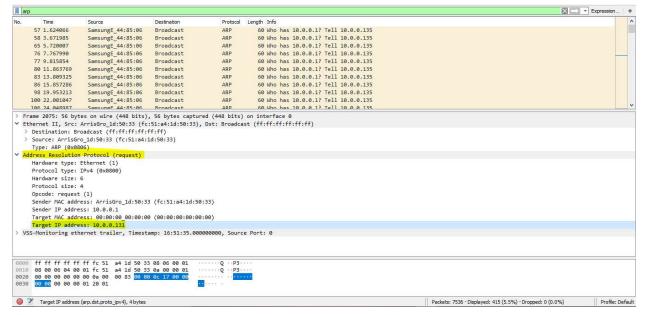
11. The offer message also includes the **IP Address Lease Time:** (604800s) 7 days although this is not the main information that the client requires apart from the client IP address to start communicating.



12. The lease time is mentioned in **option (51) IP Address Lease Time** in the trace. The lease time in my experiment is 604800s (7 days).



- 13. The purpose of the DHCP release message is to **cancel the lease given to an IP address** by the DHCP server. The DHCP release message is sent by the client. The DHCP server **does not** issue an acknowledgement of receipt of the client's DHCP request. If the client's DHCP release message is lost, the DHCP server must **wait** until the end of the IP address' lease period so it can be reused for another client.
- 14. ARP requests were made by the DHCP server during the DHCP packet-exchange period. The purpose of the ARP packets is to ensure that the IP address is not used by another client. This request process is done before an IP address is offered to a client.



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