CS3009D: NETWORKS LABORATORY
(EXPERIMENT 2)

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1. Use Wireshark to capture the packets for 5 seconds and answer the following:

INTRODUCTION about ARP:

ARP stands for Address Resolution Protocol. In order for someone to ping an IP address to their local network, the system will need to convert an IP address into a MAC address i.e. ARP maps a network layer protocol (IP address) to a data link layer (MAC address or Ethernet Address).

It means, we have	Source IP address,
	Source MAC address,
	Destination IP address
and we need to find	Destination MAC address.

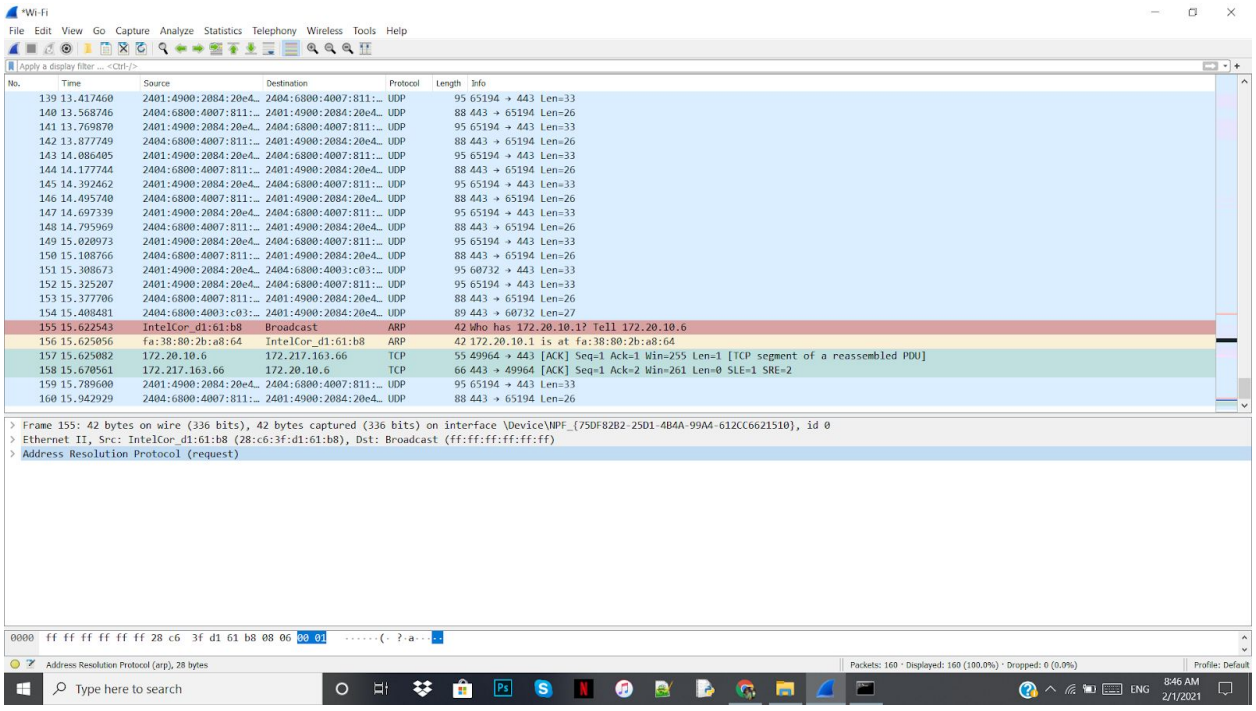
Source and destination are two addresses in the LAN.
In order to do this, the user will need to use ARP to resolve the address. The system stores information about what IP addresses are associated with MAC addresses in an ARP look-up table/ cache table.

Working of ARP:

When a host has to find the MAC address of the destination (using destination's IP address) ARP program checks its ARP lookup table to see if IP to MAC address translation is already done.

1. If it is done, the ARP packet is displayed in the form of an **ARP REPLY** (which has the MAC address of destination) using the ARP lookup table.
2. If not, it'll send **ARP REQUEST** in the form of a broadcast packet in the network to all the all the devices in the LAN inorder to ask who has the destination IP address and then the destination will send back **ARP REPLY** (by giving the MAC address of the destination) and after giving this reply, it'll store the new MAC address in the ARP lookup table

MAC address: MAC Addresses are unique 48-bit hardware number of a computer, which is embedded into a network card NIC (known as Network Interface Card) during the time of manufacturing. MAC Address is also known as Physical Address of a network device.

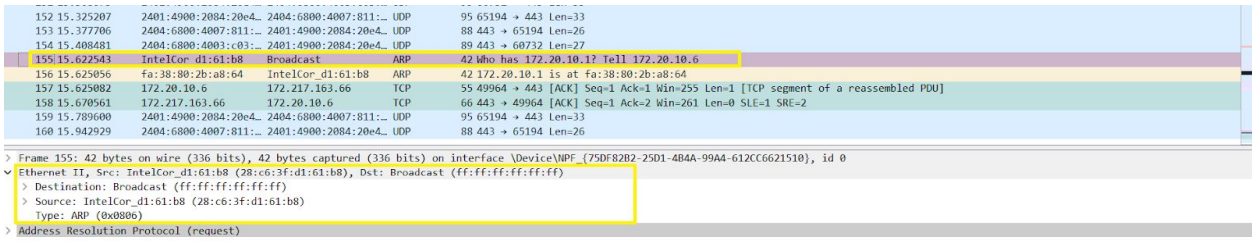


WireShark capture for 5 seconds to capture IP and ARP packets

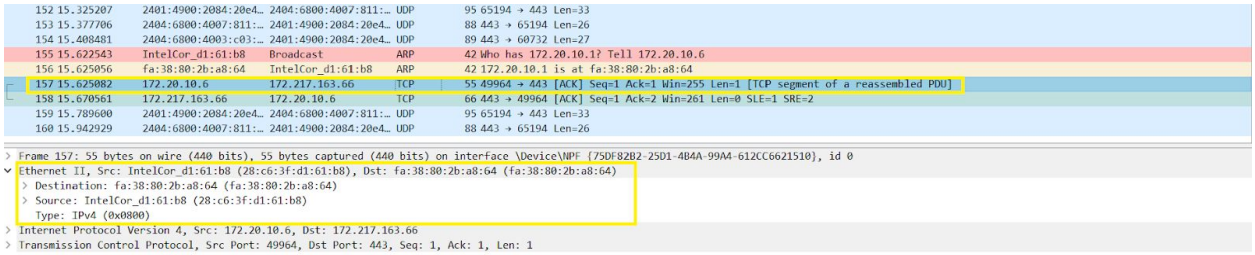
Note: use arp -d to clear cache in command prompt (run as administrator) and use arp -a to broadcast the ARP packets in the same command prompt.

a. For an IP and ARP packet, compare the MAC header of these two packets and find the protocol ID for ARP and IP, if exists.

1. ARP Packet



2. IP Packet



The MAC header will include three fields:

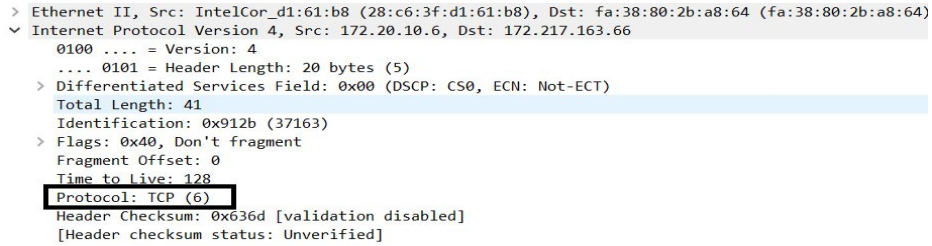
1. Destination MAC address
2. Source MAC address
3. EtherType

For IP Packet

Source address is (28:c6:3f:d1:61:b8) and destination address is (fa:38:80:2b:a4:64) and the EtherType is IPv4 (0x0800) with Protocol ID 6.

For ARP Packet

Source address is (28:c6:3f:d1:61:b8) and destination address is (ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff) and the EtherType is ARP (0x0806) and it has no Protocol ID.



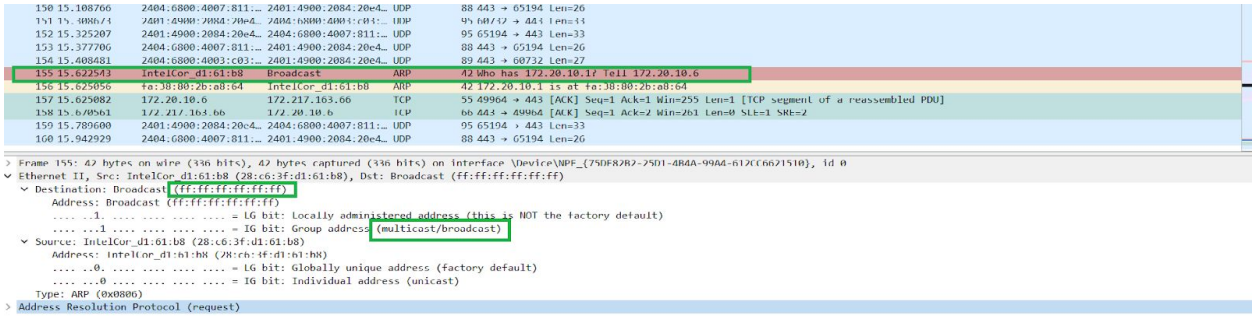
The only change is the EtherType ,the Protocol ID and Destination.

b. Is the destination address of the ARP packet a broadcast address or a unicast address?

The destination address of the ARP packet is of two types

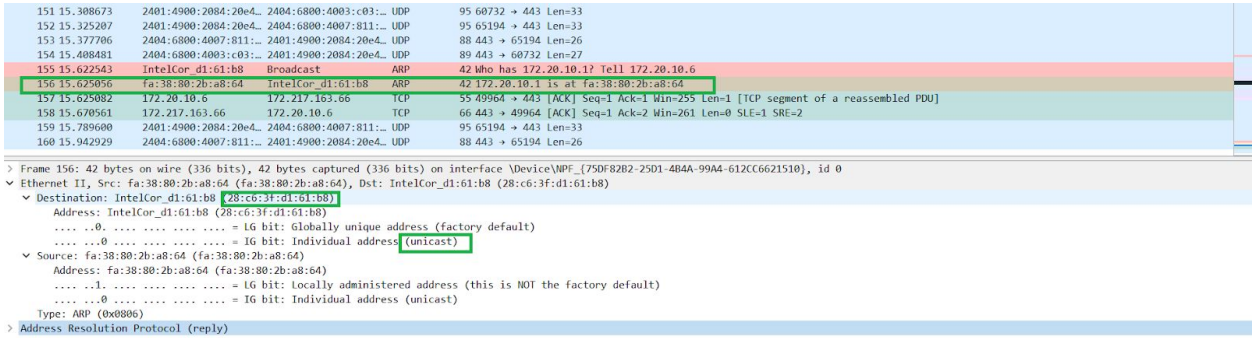
REQUEST PACKET : BROADCAST

Since, the destination's MAC address is not known, an ARP Request of Destination's IP address is sent in the form of broadcast to all the devices in the LAN.



REPLY PACKET: UNICAST

Since, here the MAC address is sent to Router and we know its IP address and MAC address, and the source is the device, the destination address is unicast.



c. Is the ARP packet a request or reply packet? Justify.

An ARP packet is either a request packet or reply packet.

An ARP request packet can be differentiated from an ARP reply packet using the OPERATION field i.e. opcode in the ARP packet.

For ARP Request, it is 1.
For ARP Reply, it is 2.

d. Examine the payload of the packet

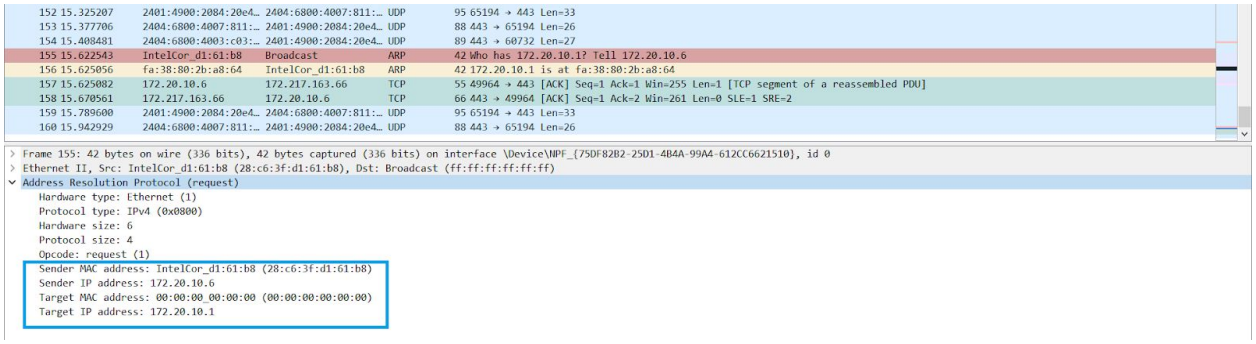
The payload of the packet contains the following:

1. *Sender Hardware Address:* Specifies the physical address of the sender.
2. *Sender Protocol Address:* specifies logical address of the sender i.e. IPv4 address.
3. *Receiver Hardware Address*: Specifies physical address of the target. For ARP REQUEST PACKET, this field contains all zeros, because the sender doesn't know MAC or physical address.
4. *Receiver Protocol address:* Specifies logical address of the target.

It also has the other following attributes :

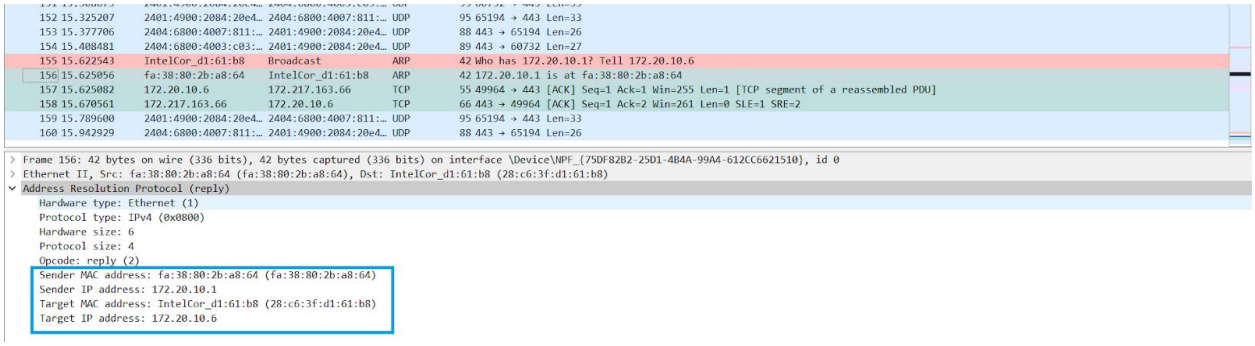
1. *Hardware Type and Hardware size*
2. *Protocol Type and Protocol size*
3. *Opcode:* Specifies if the packet is ARP request or ARP reply.

ARP REQUEST - PAYLOAD



Hardware (MAC) Source Address: 28:c6:3f:d1:61:b8
Hardware (MAC) Destination Address: 00:00:00:00:00:00 (Since We don't know the MAC address of destination)
Protocol (IP) Source Address: 172.20.10.6
Protocol (IP) Destination Address: 172.20.10.1 (This is the default gateway IP address of the router)
Opcode: 1
Hardware type: Ethernet
Hardware Size: 4
Protocol type: IPv4
Protocol Size: 6

ARP REPLY - PAYLOAD



Hardware (MAC) Source Address: fa:38:80:2b:a4:64
Hardware (MAC) Destination Address: 28:c6:3f:d1:61:b8
Protocol (IP) Source Address: 172.20.10.1
Protocol (IP) Destination Address: 172.20.10.6 (This is the default gateway IP address of the router)
Opcode: 2
Hardware type: Ethernet
Hardware Size: 4
Protocol type: IPv4
Protocol Size: 6

e. What transport layer protocols are used in Skype and Zoom.

Skype and uses both transport layer protocols, UDP and TCP.

Ex: It sends audio/video over UDP and then uses TCP to send text messages and also to initiate connections or to bypass some firewalls which would block UDP packets.

Basically, any client-server communication will usually happen over HTTP/HTTPS channels. In case, if the communication is bidirectional, we will be using WEB SOCKET PROTOCOLS. Here, the connection is made after a THREE-WAY TCP HANDSHAKE i.e. client sends a connection request to server, the server responds with some sort of acknowledgment and the client responds back with an acknowledgement and now a connection is formed. This 3 step process is called a THREE-WAY TCP HANDSHAKE.

So, *TCP is a lossless protocol* i.e. data packets can never go missing. TCP ensures this by receiving an acknowledgement from the receiver for every data packet it receives. Until the sender receives the acknowledgment for a data packet it will keep sending the data packet again and again. Also, TCP does confession control i.e. every time the network gets choked due to high traffic, it will delay sending some data packets so as to not affect the network. Thus, kind of delay and lots of overhead is involved in TCP.

UDP is a lossy protocol, i.e. it doesn't need a connection to send data packets. If the devices know each other's IP address, with P2P (Peer to Peer) connection, the sender can send packets, but only once. If the packets don't reach the receiver, the sender won't send it again. UDP is faster and can avoid overhead, traffic but data reaching will not be perfect.

Therefore, Skype and Zoom will be using the combination of both TCP and UDP. All API calls, communication will happen over TCP but video transfer will be over UDP.