Computer Networks Fall 2016 Problem Sheet #6

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A web browser has been used to fetch the web page http://cnds.eecs.jacobs-university.de/. The browser was started, the web page was fetched, and afterwards the browser was closed. The network traffic was recorded on the host running the web browser and the trace is provided in pcap format on the course web page. Analyze the trace and answer the following questions.

1 Problem 6a)

What are the two TCP endpoints involved in the main HTTP GET request to fetch the http://cnds.eecs.jacobs-university.de/resource?

1.1 Solution

Source: 192.168.1.131, port 52135
Destination: 212.201.49.26, port 80

2 Problem 6b)

Which web browser was used on which operating system? When was the web page fetched? What was the preferred language?

2.1 Solution

• Browser: Firefox 50.0 on Mac OS X 10.12

• Time: Sat, 26 Nov 2016 08:49:41 GMT

• Language: English (United States)

3 Problem 6c)

What are the different resources that were fetched from cnds.eecs.jacobs-university.de in order to render the web page?

3.1 Solution

- /wp-content/themes/inove/js/base.js
- /wp-content/themes/inove/js/menu.js
- /wp-content/themes/inove/style.css

- \bullet /Gruppenbilder/16012.0.B.JPG
- /Gruppenbilder/13472.0.B.jpg
- /wp-content/themes/inove/img/light.gif
- /wp-content/themes/inove/img/header.jpg
- /wp-content/themes/inove/img/menu.gif
- /wp-content/themes/inove/img/searchbox.gif
- /wp-content/themes/inove/img/sidesep.gif
- /wp-content/themes/inove/img/main_shadow.gif
- /wp-content/themes/inove/img/icons.gif
- /wp-content/themes/inove/img/sidebar_shadow.gif
- /wp-content/themes/inove/img/widgetsep.png
- /wp-content/themes/inove/img/feeds.gif
- /wp-content/themes/inove/img/footer.jpg
- /wp-content/themes/inove/img/wp-logo.png

4 Problem 6d)

Does the HTTP interaction with the cnds.eecs.jacobs-university.de server use persistent connections? Does the server use chunked encoding? Explain why or why not.

4.1 Solution

The HTTP interation uses a persistent connection. The server does not use a chunked encoding because the files are small enough to be sent inside one chunk.

5 Problem 6e)

What are the HTTP protocol versions used on top of the first two TCP connections? Which services are being accessed on the TCP endpoints?

5.1 Solution

HTTP 1.1 is used in the first two connections. They are accessing a webserver service and an oscp service.

6 Problem 6f)

To which service names does the X.509 certificate apply that is presented by the server in the second TCP connection?

6.1 Solution

The certificate has subject secure.informaction.com. It applies to an HTTPS Service.

7 Problem 6g)

What is the purpose of the 3rd and 4th TCP connection?

7.1 Solution

Allows to send multiple requests to the server at the same time (likely to speed up the loading process of the website).