



TASK -5

Capture and Analyze Network Traffic Using Wireshark



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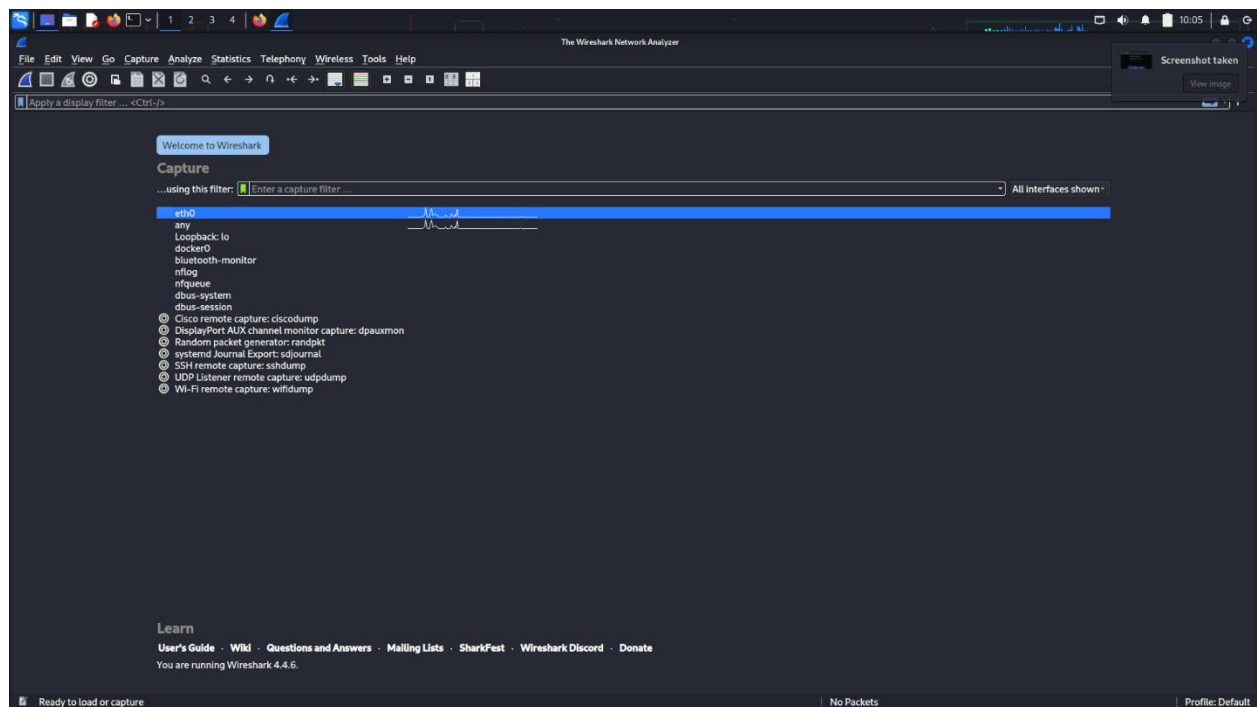
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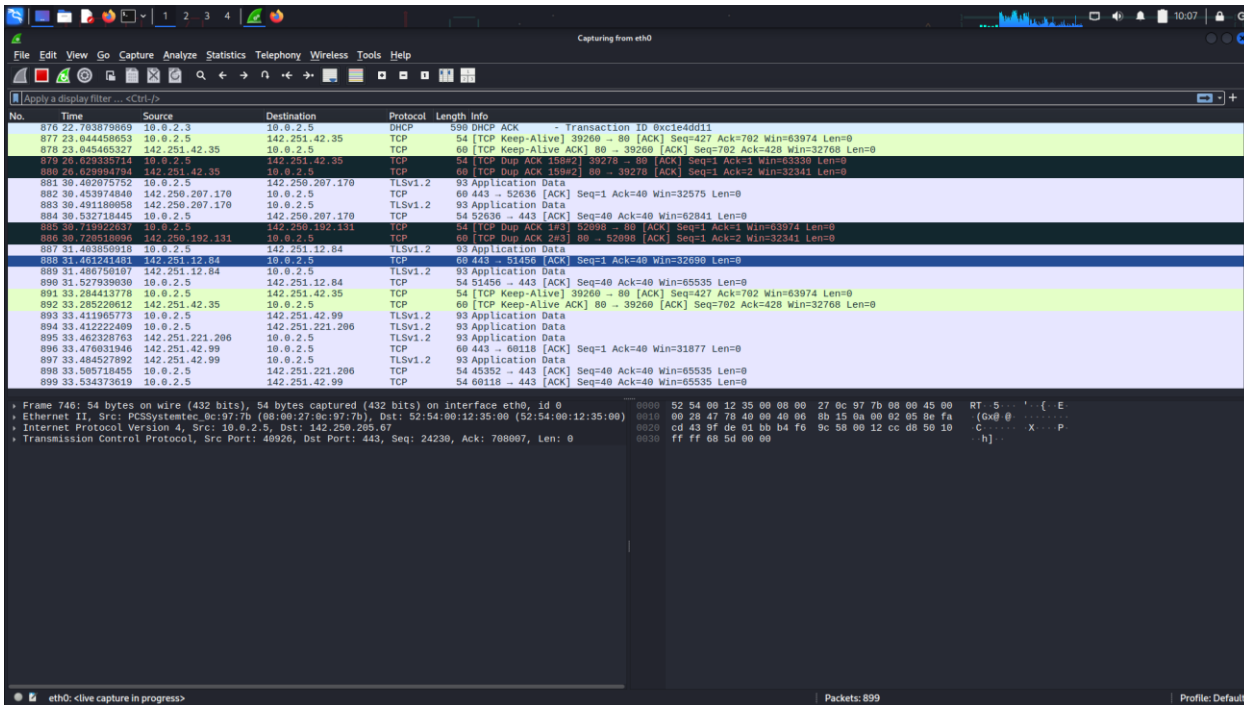
The goal of this task is to capture live network packets, identify basic protocols, and analyze traffic types using **Wireshark**.

Steps

- Installed and launched Wireshark.
- Selected the active network interface (**Wi-Fi/Ethernet**).
- Started packet capture while browsing websites and pinging a server



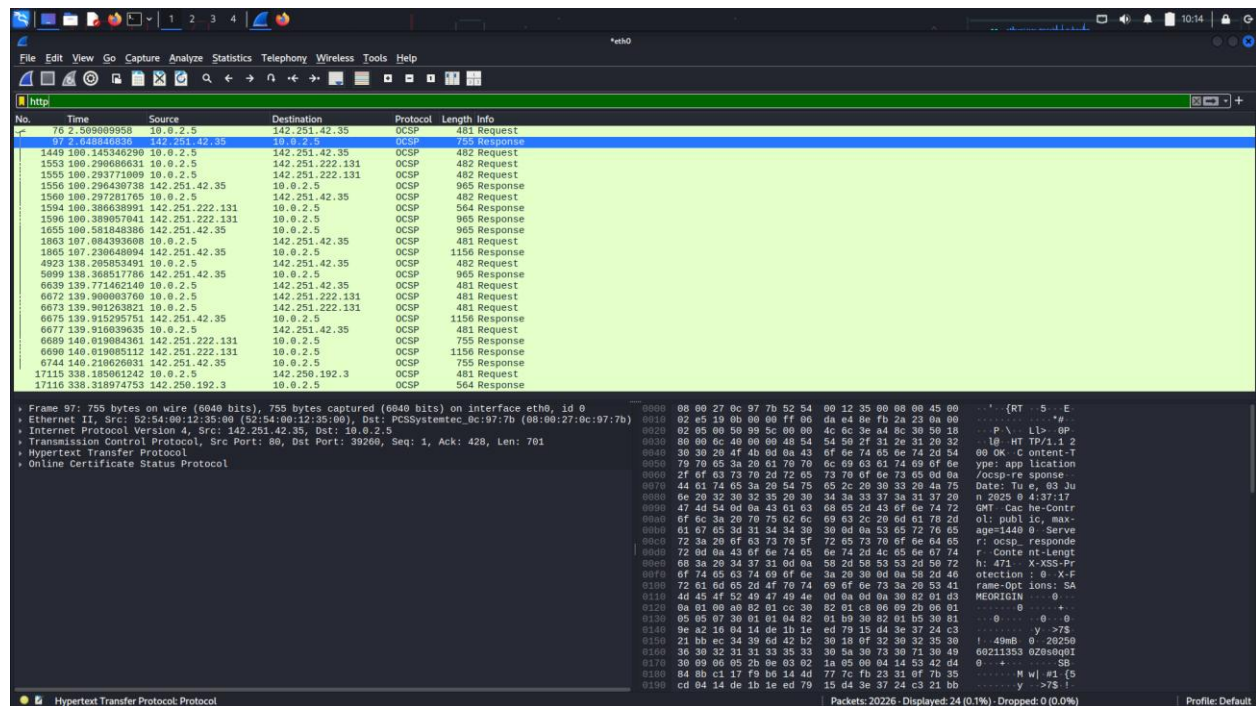
- I capture the traffic from eth0



After running the capture for about **1 minute**, packet analysis began by applying filters:

- **HTTP (http)** → Displayed web browsing traffic.
- **DNS (dns)** → Revealed domain name resolution queries.
- **TCP (tcp)** → Showed connection-based data exchanges

HTTP



TCP

The screenshot displays the Wireshark network protocol analyzer interface. The top menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Go, Capture, Analyze, Statistics, Telephony, Wireless, Tools, and Help. The top toolbar contains various icons for file operations, capture control, and analysis. The main window is divided into three panes: Packet List, Packet Details, and Packet Bytes.

Packet List Pane: Shows a list of captured packets. The first packet (No. 73) is an ICMP Echo (ping) request from 10.0.2.5 to 10.0.2.5. The second packet (No. 74) is the corresponding ICMP Echo (ping) response from 10.0.2.5 to 10.0.2.5. The third packet (No. 75) is an ICMP Echo (ping) request from 10.0.2.5 to 10.0.2.5.

Packet Details Pane: Shows the details of the selected packet (No. 73). The structure is as follows:

- Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.0.2.5, Dst: 10.0.2.5
 - Length: 60, TOS: 0, DSCP: 0, ECN: 0, Flags: 0x00, Window: 0, Length: 60, TTL: 64, Protocol: 1, Src: 10.0.2.5, Dst: 10.0.2.5
- ICMP Echo (ping) request
 - Type: 8, Code: 0, Unreachable Port: 0, Unreachable Offset: 0, Unreachable Pointer: 0, Unreachable Length: 0, Unreachable Offset: 0, Unreachable Pointer: 0, Unreachable Length: 0
- Application Data
 - Length: 54, Unreachable Port: 0, Unreachable Offset: 0, Unreachable Pointer: 0, Unreachable Length: 0, Unreachable Offset: 0, Unreachable Pointer: 0, Unreachable Length: 0

Packet Bytes Pane: Shows the raw data of the selected packet. The data is displayed in hexadecimal and ASCII. The first 54 bytes are the application data, which is the payload of the ping request.

Observations & Insights

- **Web traffic behavior:** HTTP requests indicated website interaction.
- **DNS resolution:** Queries showed hostname-to-IP translations.
- **TCP handshake & communication:** Tracked reliable data exchange.

Conclusion

By performing this **packet capture and protocol analysis**, insights into real-world network communication were gained. This exercise enhanced practical networking skills and improved understanding of data flow across the internet.