

Packet analysis using Wireshark

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ping command

- *ping* sends four **ICMP** Echo-requests (encapsulated in an IP datagram) to the destination address
- If the specified address is a URL, *ping* will need to do a DNS lookup to get the IP address
 - If the DNS entry does not exist in the local DNS cache, then the host will send a DNS request to the local DNS server (hosted by the IPS)
- The command *nslookup* checks the local DNS cache first.
- If no proper entry, then the host will send a DNS request to the local DNS server and get mappings from domain names (URL) to IP addresses

ping output example

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C:\Users\sigurde>ping uia.no

Pinging uia.no [2001:700:100:118::130] with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 2001:700:100:118::130: time=7ms
Reply from 2001:700:100:118::130: time=9ms
Reply from 2001:700:100:118::130: time=9ms
Reply from 2001:700:100:118::130: time=9ms

Ping statistics for 2001:700:100:118::130:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
    Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
        Minimum = 7ms, Maximum = 9ms, Average = 8ms
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Checking DNS server IP addresses

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C:\Users\sigurde>ipconfig /all
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Connection-specific DNS Suffix . : home
Description . . . . . : Intel(R) Wi-Fi 6E AX211 160MHz
Physical Address. . . . . : E8-C8-29-85-A3-3B
DHCP Enabled. . . . . : Yes
Autoconfiguration Enabled . . . . : Yes
IPv6 Address. . . . . : 2001:464d:9098:0:20ff:d76b:c97c:cb26(Preferred)
IPv6 Address. . . . . : 2001:464d:9098:0:c9d8:cd01:e4df:3442(Preferred)
Lease Obtained. . . . . : Tuesday, 11 March, 2025 10:44:39
Lease Expires . . . . . : Tuesday, 11 March, 2025 13:04:39
Temporary IPv6 Address. . . . . : 2001:464d:9098:0:28c7:bac9:e4b7:f48f(Preferred)
Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::a214:30ce:213f:5b4b%19(Preferred)

IPv4 Address. . . . . : 10.0.0.9(Preferred)
Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
Lease Obtained. . . . . : Tuesday, 11 March, 2025 03:01:39
Lease Expires . . . . . : Tuesday, 11 March, 2025 13:31:18
Default Gateway . . . . . : fe80::1633:75ff:fece:6040%19
                             10.0.0.138
DHCP Server . . . . . : 10.0.0.138
DHCPv6 IAID . . . . . : 183027753
DHCPv6 Client DUID. . . . . : 00-01-00-01-2D-67-19-A3-2C-58-B9-B5-8F-42
DNS Servers . . . . . : 2001:4600:4:1fff::253
                             2001:4600:4:fff::253
                             148.122.164.253
                             148.122.164.253
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No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1	0.000000	2001:464d:9098:0:28c7:bac9:e4b7:f48f	2603:1026:2402:1::7	TLSv1.2	102	Application Data
2	0.061562	2603:1026:2402:1::7	2001:464d:9098:0:28c7:bac9...	TCP	74	443 → 52678 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=29 Win=49151 Len=0
3	0.911287	2001:464d:9098:0:28c7:bac9:e4b7:f48f	2001:4600:4:1fff::253	DNS	86	Standard query 0xad84 A uia.no
4	0.911388	2001:464d:9098:0:28c7:bac9:e4b7:f48f	2001:4600:4:1fff::253	DNS	86	Standard query 0x3129 AAAA uia.no
5	0.929604	2001:4600:4:1fff::253	2001:464d:9098:0:28c7:bac9...	DNS	114	Standard query response 0x3129 AAAA uia.no AAAA 2001:700:100:118:130
6	0.929604	2001:4600:4:1fff::253	2001:464d:9098:0:28c7:bac9...	DNS	102	Standard query response 0xad84 A uia.no A 129.240.118.130
7	0.946011	2001:464d:9098:0:28c7:bac9:e4b7:f48f	2001:700:100:118::130	ICMPv6	94	Echo (ping) request id=0x0001, seq=1, hop limit=128 (reply
8	0.953676	2001:700:100:118::130	2001:464d:9098:0:28c7:bac9...	ICMPv6	94	Echo (ping) reply id=0x0001, seq=1, hop limit=55 (request i
9	1.446175	2603:1026:c0f:15::2	2001:464d:9098:0:28c7:bac9...	TLSv1.2	113	Application Data
10	1.446175	2603:1026:c0f:15::2	2001:464d:9098:0:28c7:bac9...	TLSv1.2	937	Application Data
11	1.446175	2603:1026:c0f:15::2	2001:464d:9098:0:28c7:bac9...	TLSv1.2	334	Application Data
12	1.446175	2603:1026:c0f:15::2	2001:464d:9098:0:28c7:bac9...	TLSv1.2	113	Application Data
13	1.446657	2001:464d:9098:0:28c7:bac9:e4b7:f48f	2603:1026:c0f:15::2	TCP	74	52286 → 443 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=903 Win=1025 Len=0
14	1.446834	2001:464d:9098:0:28c7:bac9:e4b7:f48f	2603:1026:c0f:15::2	TCP	74	52286 → 443 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1202 Win=1024 Len=0
15	1.602851	2001:464d:9098:0:28c7:bac9:e4b7:f48f	2603:1020:705:8::402	TLSv1.2	118	Application Data

> Frame 3: 86 bytes on wire (688 bits), 86 bytes captured (688 bits) on interface \Device\NPF{...}
> Ethernet II, Src: Intel_85:a3:3b (e8:c8:29:85:a3:3b), Dst: ZyxelCommuni_ce:60:40 (14:00:00:00:00:00)
> Internet Protocol Version 6, Src: 2001:464d:9098:0:28c7:bac9:e4b7:f48f, Dst: 2001:4600:4:1fff::253
> User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 63926, Dst Port: 53

Domain Name System (query)

Transaction ID: 0xad84

> Flags: 0x0100 Standard query

Questions: 1

Answer RRs: 0

Authority RRs: 0

Additional RRs: 0

Queries

> uia.no: type A, class IN

[\[Response In: 6\]](#)

Source Port	Destination Port
Length	Checksum
Payload	

Domain Name System

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Next Header: ICMPv6 (58)

Hop Limit: 128

> Source Address: 2001:464d:9098:0:28c7:bac9:e4b7:f48f

> Destination Address: 2001:700:100:118::130

[Stream index: 2]

▼ Internet Control Message Protocol v6

Type: Echo (ping) request (128)

Code: 0

Checksum: 0xf6ee [correct]

[Checksum Status: Good]

Identifier: 0x0001

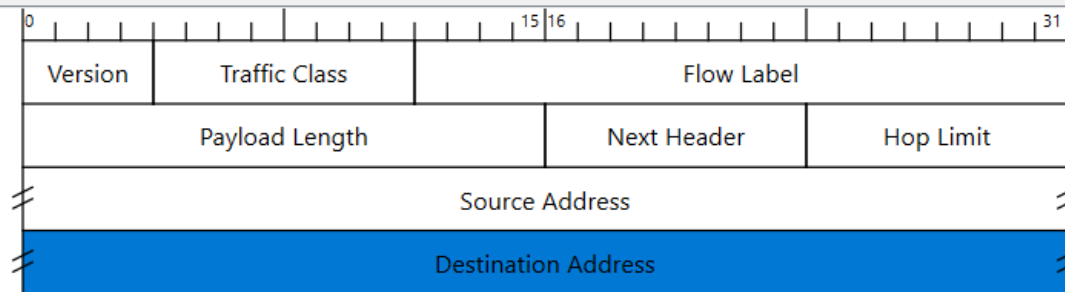
Sequence: 1

[\[Response In: 8\]](#)

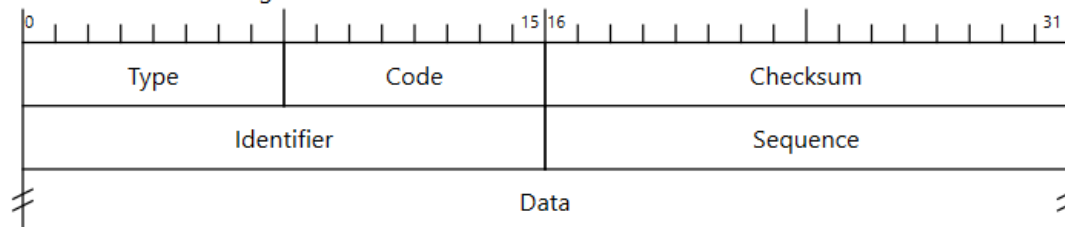
▼ Data (32 bytes)

Data: 6162636465666768696a6b6c6d6e6f7071727374757677616263646566676869

[Length: 32]



Internet Control Message Protocol v6



Show devices connected to the local network

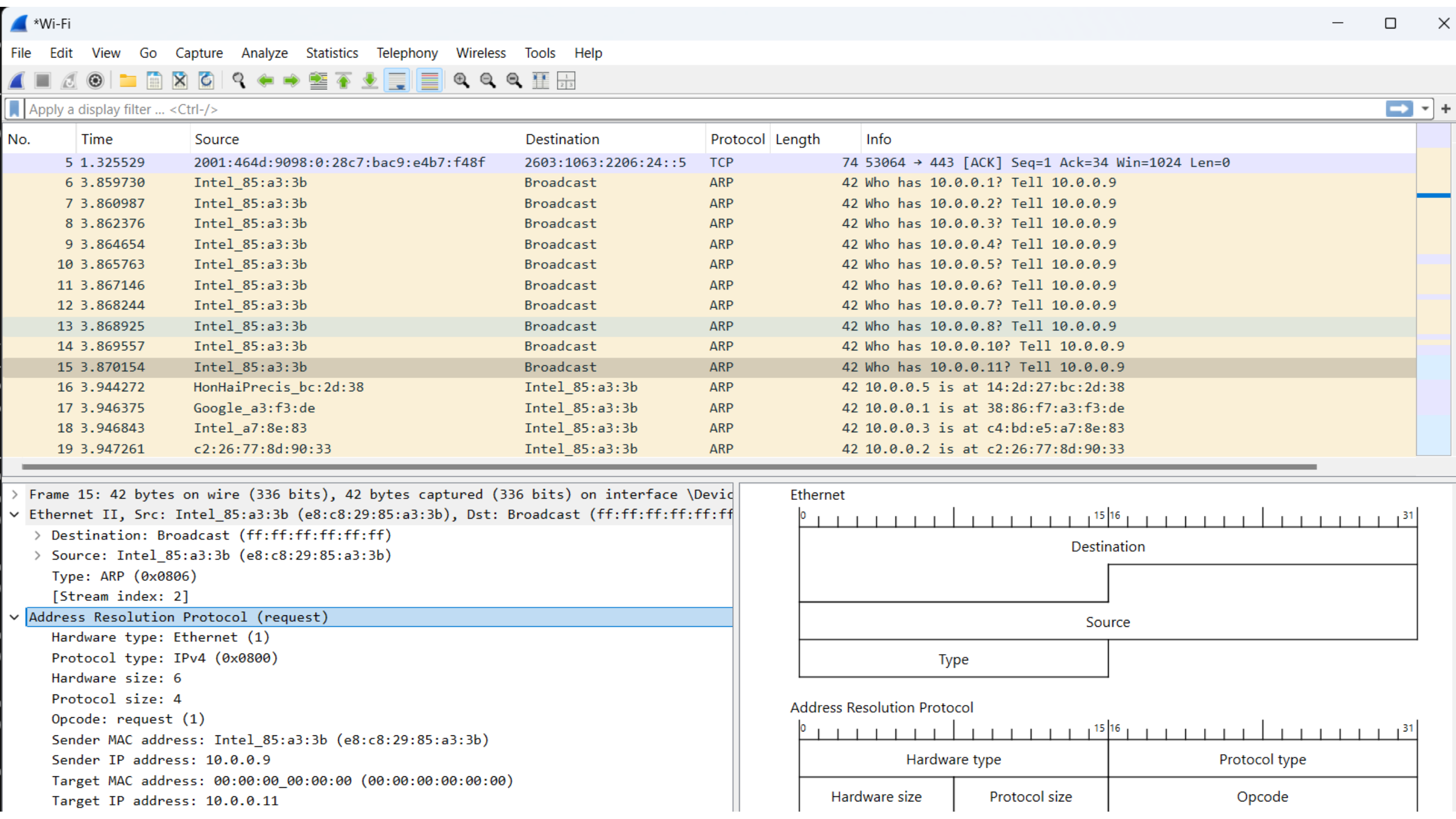
- `nmap -sn 192.168.0.0/24`
- `nmap -sn 10.0.0.0/28`

(replacing the subnet with the appropriate one for your LAN)

- nmap broadcast an **ARP request** on the local subset for each IP address in the specified subnet address

nmap output example

```
C:\Users\sigurde>nmap -sn 10.0.0.0/28
Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-03-18 09:37 W. Europe Standard Time
Nmap scan report for 10.0.0.1
Host is up (0.065s latency).
MAC Address: 38:86:F7:A3:F3:DE (Google)
Nmap scan report for 10.0.0.2
Host is up (0.053s latency).
MAC Address: C2:26:77:8D:90:33 (Unknown)
Nmap scan report for 10.0.0.5
Host is up (0.083s latency).
MAC Address: 14:2D:27:BC:2D:38 (Hon Hai Precision Ind.)
Nmap scan report for 10.0.0.9
Host is up.
Nmap done: 16 IP addresses (4 hosts up) scanned in 1.79 seconds
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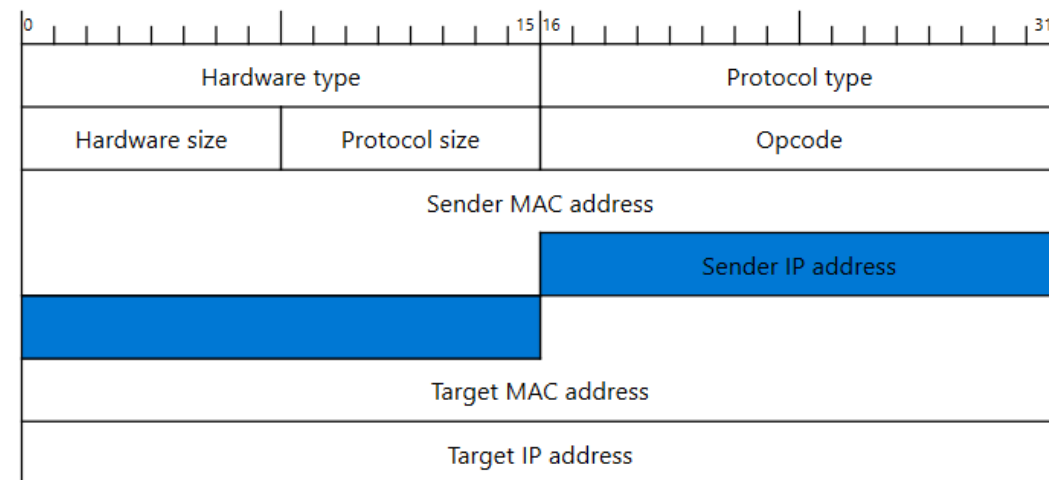


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5	1.325529	2001:464d:9098:0:28c7:bac9:e4b7:f48f	2603:1063:2206:24::5	TCP	74	53064 → 443 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=34 Win=1024 Len=0
6	3.859730	Intel_85:a3:3b	Broadcast	ARP	42	Who has 10.0.0.1? Tell 10.0.0.9
7	3.860987	Intel_85:a3:3b	Broadcast	ARP	42	Who has 10.0.0.2? Tell 10.0.0.9
8	3.862376	Intel_85:a3:3b	Broadcast	ARP	42	Who has 10.0.0.3? Tell 10.0.0.9
9	3.864654	Intel_85:a3:3b	Broadcast	ARP	42	Who has 10.0.0.4? Tell 10.0.0.9
10	3.865763	Intel_85:a3:3b	Broadcast	ARP	42	Who has 10.0.0.5? Tell 10.0.0.9
11	3.867146	Intel_85:a3:3b	Broadcast	ARP	42	Who has 10.0.0.6? Tell 10.0.0.9
12	3.868244	Intel_85:a3:3b	Broadcast	ARP	42	Who has 10.0.0.7? Tell 10.0.0.9
13	3.868925	Intel_85:a3:3b	Broadcast	ARP	42	Who has 10.0.0.8? Tell 10.0.0.9
14	3.869557	Intel_85:a3:3b	Broadcast	ARP	42	Who has 10.0.0.10? Tell 10.0.0.9
15	3.870154	Intel_85:a3:3b	Broadcast	ARP	42	Who has 10.0.0.11? Tell 10.0.0.9
16	3.944272	HonHaiPrecis_bc:2d:38	Intel_85:a3:3b	ARP	42	10.0.0.5 is at 14:2d:27:bc:2d:38
17	3.946375	Google_a3:f3:de	Intel_85:a3:3b	ARP	42	10.0.0.1 is at 38:86:f7:a3:f3:de
18	3.946843	Intel_a7:8e:83	Intel_85:a3:3b	ARP	42	10.0.0.3 is at c4:bd:e5:a7:8e:83
19	3.947261	c2:26:77:8d:90:33	Intel_85:a3:3b	ARP	42	10.0.0.2 is at c2:26:77:8d:90:33

- > Frame 16: 42 bytes on wire (336 bits), 42 bytes captured (336 bits) on interface \Device\NPF{...}
- ▼ Ethernet II, Src: HonHaiPrecis_bc:2d:38 (14:2d:27:bc:2d:38), Dst: Intel_85:a3:3b (e8:c8:29:85:a3:3b)
 - > Destination: Intel_85:a3:3b (e8:c8:29:85:a3:3b)
 - > Source: HonHaiPrecis_bc:2d:38 (14:2d:27:bc:2d:38)
 - Type: ARP (0x0806)
 - [Stream index: 3]
- ▼ Address Resolution Protocol (reply)
 - Hardware type: Ethernet (1)
 - Protocol type: IPv4 (0x0800)
 - Hardware size: 6
 - Protocol size: 4
 - Opcode: reply (2)
 - Sender MAC address: HonHaiPrecis_bc:2d:38 (14:2d:27:bc:2d:38)
 - Sender IP address: 10.0.0.5
 - Target MAC address: Intel_85:a3:3b (e8:c8:29:85:a3:3b)
 - Target IP address: 10.0.0.9

Address Resolution Protocol



Another nmap example

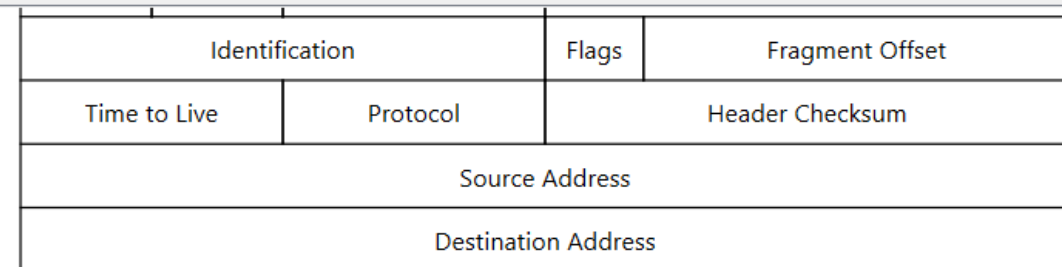
- When looking up an *external* server, nmap sends an ICMP request

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C:\Users\sigurde>nmap -sn uia.no
Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-03-11 14:12 W. Europe Standard Time
Nmap scan report for uia.no (129.240.118.130)
Host is up (0.013s latency).
Other addresses for uia.no (not scanned): 2001:700:100:118::130
rDNS record for 129.240.118.130: lb-w3d-prod-vip-vortex-www.uio.no
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.21 seconds
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Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
973992	2001:464d:9098:0:28c7:bac9:e4b7:f48f	2001:2030:0:4e::d59b...	TCP	75	53801 → 443 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=1025 Len=1
990278	2001:2030:0:4e::d59b:9d58	2001:464d:9098:0:28c...	TCP	86	443 → 53801 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=2 Win=501 Len=0 SLE=1 SRE=2
807233	10.0.0.9	10.0.0.1	TCP	164	51436 → 8009 [PSH, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=1023 Len=110
916541	10.0.0.1	10.0.0.9	TCP	164	8009 → 51436 [PSH, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=111 Win=400 Len=110
964947	10.0.0.9	10.0.0.1	TCP	54	51436 → 8009 [ACK] Seq=111 Ack=111 Win=1022 Len=0
022915	Zyxe1Communi_ce:60:40	Broadcast	HomePl...	21	MAC Management
615379	10.0.0.9	129.240.118.130	ICMP	42	Echo (ping) request id=0xd6ce, seq=0/0, ttl=59 (reply in 19)
624506	129.240.118.130	10.0.0.9	ICMP	42	Echo (ping) reply id=0xd6ce, seq=0/0, ttl=55 (request in 18)
626011	10.0.0.9	129.240.118.130	TCP	58	51115 → 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
626652	10.0.0.9	129.240.118.130	TCP	54	51115 → 80 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=1024 Len=0
627252	10.0.0.9	129.240.118.130	ICMP	54	Timestamp request id=0x9deb, seq=0/0, ttl=41
637030	129.240.118.130	10.0.0.9	TCP	58	443 → 51115 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=32120 Len=0 MSS=1460
637030	129.240.118.130	10.0.0.9	TCP	54	80 → 51115 [RST] Seq=1 Win=0 Len=0
637030	129.240.118.130	10.0.0.9	ICMP	54	Timestamp reply id=0x9deb, seq=0/0, ttl=55
639561	10.0.0.9	148.122.16.253	DNS	88	Standard query 0x5ecd PTR 130.118.240.129.in-addr.arpa

[Response frame: 19]



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