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**Introduction to Wireshark**

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# Outline

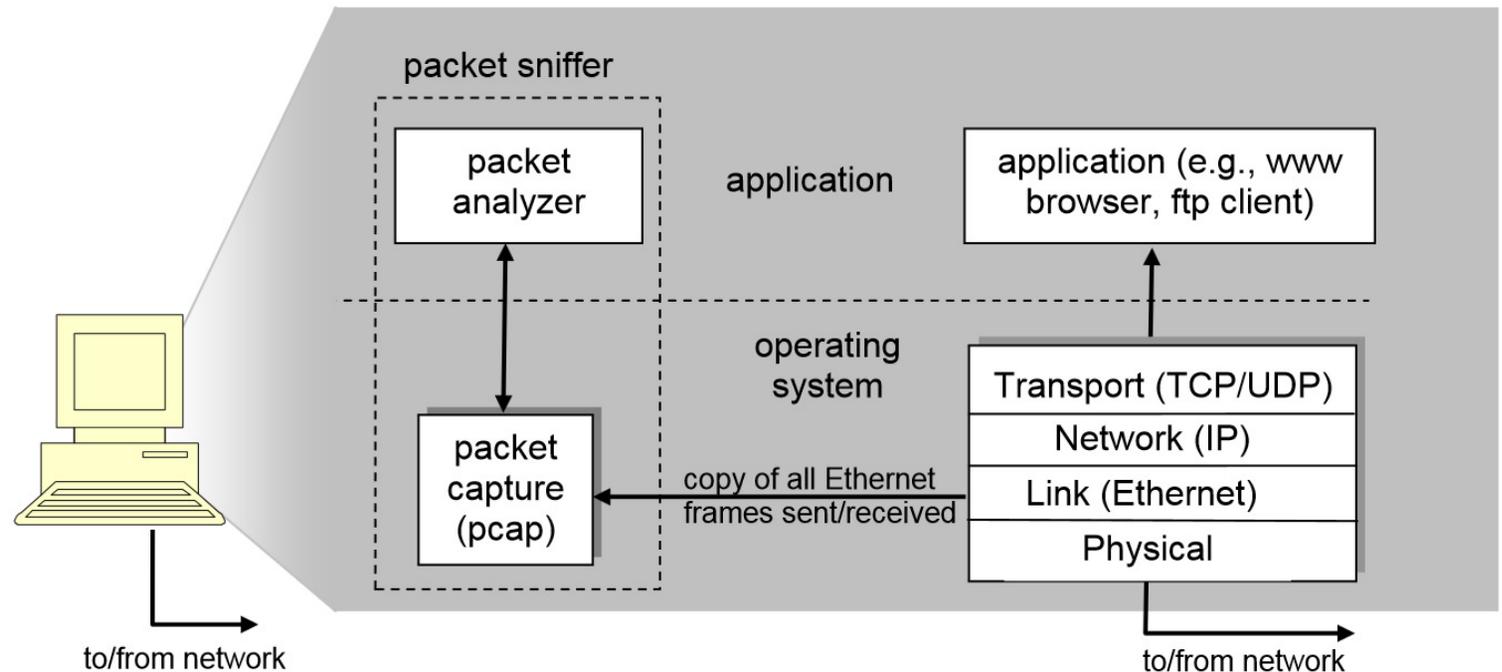
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# Introduction

The basic tool for observing the messages exchanged between executing protocol entities is called a **packet sniffer**.

The packet sniffer consists of 2 parts:

- The **packet capture** library receives a copy of every link layer frame that is sent from or received by your computer.
- The **packet analyzer** which displays the contents of all fields within a protocol message.

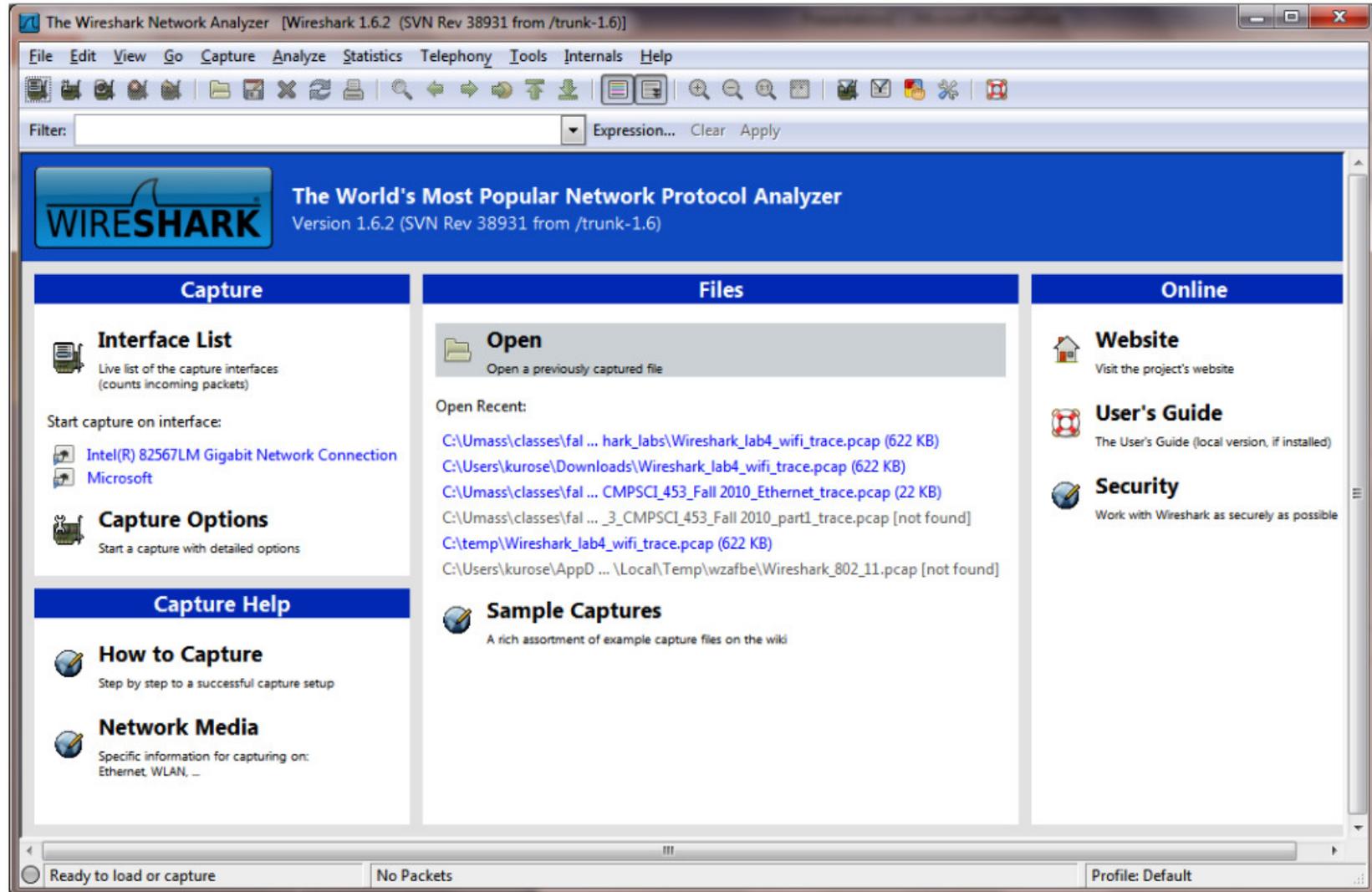


# Getting Wireshark

- Wireshark is one of the best packet sniffer tools.

See <http://www.wireshark.org/download.html>

# Running Wireshark



# Running Wireshark (cont.)

command menus

display filter specification

listing of captured packets

details of selected packet header

packet content in hexadecimal and ASCII

The screenshot shows the Wireshark interface with the following components:

- Command Menus:** File, Edit, View, Go, Capture, Analyze, Statistics, Help.
- Filter:** Expression... Clear Apply
- Packet List:**

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Info
1	0.000000	192.168.1.46	128.121.50.122	TCP	1163 > http [SYN] Seq=0 Len=0 MSS=1460
2	0.127987	128.121.50.122	192.168.1.46	TCP	http > 1163 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 win=57
3	0.128232	192.168.1.46	128.121.50.122	TCP	1163 > http [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 win=65535
4	0.153700	192.168.1.46	128.121.50.122	HTTP	GET /news/ HTTP/1.1
5	0.329641	128.121.50.122	192.168.1.46	TCP	[TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
6	0.330326	128.121.50.122	192.168.1.46	HTTP	[TCP Previous segment lost] Continuation
7	0.330467	192.168.1.46	128.121.50.122	TCP	1163 > http [ACK] Seq=657 Ack=1082 win=64
8	0.342042	128.121.50.122	192.168.1.46	TCP	[TCP Retransmission] [TCP segment of a re
- Packet Details:**
  - Frame 4 (710 bytes on wire, 710 bytes captured)
  - Ethernet II, Src: Netgear\_61:8e:6d (00:09:5b:61:8e:6d), Dst: westellt\_9f:92:b9 (00:0f:db:9f:92:b9)
  - Internet Protocol, Src: 192.168.1.46 (192.168.1.46), Dst: 128.121.50.122 (128.121.50.122)
  - Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 1163 (1163), Dst Port: http (80), Seq: 1, Ack: 1, Len: 656
  - Hypertext Transfer Protocol
    - GET /news/ HTTP/1.1\r\n
    - Host: www.wireshark.org\r\n
    - User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (windows; u; windows NT 5.1; en-US; rv:1.8.1.4) Gecko/20070515 Firefox/2.0.0.4\r\n
    - Accept: text/xml,application/xml,application/xhtml+xml,text/html;q=0.9,text/plain;q=0.8,image/png,\*/\*;q=0.5\r\n
    - Accept-Language: en-us,en;q=0.5\r\n
    - Accept-Encoding: gzip,deflate\r\n
    - Accept-Charset: ISO-8859-1,utf-8;q=0.7,\*;q=0.7\r\n
    - Keep-Alive: 300\r\n
    - Connection: keep-alive\r\n
    - Referer: http://www.wireshark.org/faq.html\r\n
    - Cookie: \_\_utma=87653150.62471437.1181007382.1181007382.1181169142.2; \_\_utmz=87653150.1181007382.1.1.utmz\r\n
- Packet Content:**

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0000 00 0f db 9f 92 b9 00 09 5b 61 8e 6d 08 00 45 00  .... [a.m..E.
0010 02 b8 0f 25 40 00 80 06 74 51 c0 a8 01 2e 80 79  ...%...tQ....y
0020 32 7a 04 8b 00 50 ed bc 8e 1b 4e c6 f1 18 50 18  2z...P...N...P.
0030 ff ff 77 74 00 00 47 45 54 20 2f 6e 65 77 73 2f  ..wt..GE T /news/
0040 20 48 54 54 50 2f 31 2e 31 0d 0a 48 6f 73 74 3a  HTTP/1.1..Host:
0050 20 77 77 77 2e 77 69 72 65 73 68 61 72 6b 2e 6f  www.wir  eshark.o
0060 72 67 0d 0a 55 73 65 72 2d 41 67 65 6e 74 3a 20  rg..User  -Agent:
0070 4d 6f 7a 69 6c 6c 61 2f 35 2e 30 20 28 57 69 6e  Mozilla/ 5.0 (win
0080 64 6f 77 73 3b 20 55 3b 20 57 69 6e 64 6f 77 73  dows; u; windows
0090 20 4e 54 20 35 2e 31 3b 20 65 6e 2d 55 53 3b 20  NT 5.1; en-US;
00a0 72 76 3a 31 2e 38 2e 31 2e 34 29 20 47 65 63 6b  rv:1.8.1 .4) Geck
00b0 6f 2f 32 30 30 37 30 35 31 35 20 46 69 72 65 66  o/200705 15 Firef

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# Running Wireshark (cont.)

## Filters

Table 6.4. Display Filter comparison operators

English	C-like	Description and example
eq	<code>==</code>	<b>Equal</b> <code>ip.src==10.0.0.5</code>
ne	<code>!=</code>	<b>Not equal</b> <code>ip.src!=10.0.0.5</code>
gt	<code>&gt;</code>	<b>Greater than</b> <code>frame.len &gt; 10</code>
lt	<code>&lt;</code>	<b>Less than</b> <code>frame.len &lt; 128</code>
ge	<code>&gt;=</code>	<b>Greater than or equal to</b> <code>frame.len ge 0x100</code>
le	<code>&lt;=</code>	<b>Less than or equal to</b> <code>frame.len &lt;= 0x20</code>

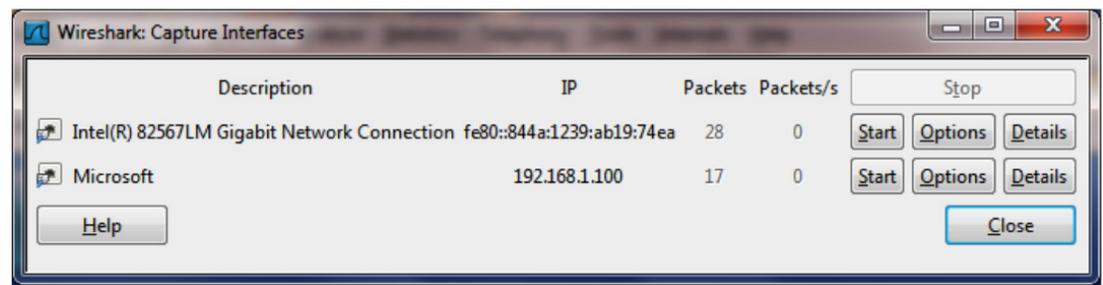
Table 6.6. Display Filter Logical Operations

English	C-like	Description and example
and	<code>&amp;&amp;</code>	<b>Logical AND</b> <code>ip.src==10.0.0.5 and tcp.flags.fin</code>
or	<code>  </code>	<b>Logical OR</b> <code>ip.src==10.0.0.5 or ip.src==192.1.1.1</code>
xor	<code>^^</code>	<b>Logical XOR</b> <code>tr.dst[0:3] == 0.6.29 xor tr.src[0:3] == 0.6.29</code>
not	<code>!</code>	<b>Logical NOT</b> <code>not llc</code>

Check reference 1

# Testing Wireshark

1. Start up your favorite web browser, which will display your selected homepage.
2. Start up the Wireshark software. You will initially see a window similar to that shown in slide 5. Wireshark has not yet begun capturing packets.
3. To begin packet capture, select the Capture pull down menu and select Interfaces. This will cause the “Wireshark: Capture Interfaces” window to be displayed, as shown in the figure below



# Testing Wireshark (cont.)

4. Click on Start for the interface on which you want to begin packet capture (in the case, the Gigabit network Connection). Packet capture will now begin - Wireshark is now capturing all packets being sent/received from/by your computer.
5. By selecting Capture pulldown menu and selecting Stop, you can stop packet capture. But don't stop packet capture yet. Let's capture some interesting packets first.
6. While Wireshark is running, enter the URL:  
<http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/wireshark-labs/INTRO-wireshark-file1.html> and have that page displayed in your browser. In order to display this page, your browser will contact the HTTP server at gaia.cs.umass.edu and exchange HTTP messages with the server in order to download this page

# Testing Wireshark (cont.)

7. Stop Wireshark packet capture by selecting stop in the Wireshark capture window. You now have live packet data that contains all protocol messages exchanged between your computer and other network entities! The HTTP message exchanges with the `gaia.cs.umass.edu` web server should appear somewhere in the listing of packets captured.

8. Type in “http” (without the quotes, and in lower case - all protocol names are in lower case in Wireshark) into the display filter specification window at the top of the main Wireshark window. Then select Apply (to the right of where you entered “http”). This will cause only HTTP message to be displayed in the packet-listing window.

9. Find the HTTP GET message that was sent from your computer to the `gaia.cs.umass.edu` HTTP server. (Look for an HTTP GET message in the “listing of captured packets” portion of the Wireshark window (see Figure 3) that shows “GET” followed by the `gaia.cs.umass.edu` URL that you entered. When you select the HTTP GET message, the Ethernet frame, IP datagram, TCP segment, and HTTP message header information will be displayed in the packet-header window. By clicking on ‘+’ and ‘-’ right-pointing and down-pointing arrowheads to the left side of the packet details window, minimize information displayed.

(you can refer to the picture in the next slide)

# Testing Wireshark (cont.)

The screenshot shows the Wireshark interface with a filter set to 'http'. The packet list pane displays several captured packets, with packet 835 selected. The packet details pane shows the structure of the selected packet, including Ethernet II, Internet Protocol Version 4, Transmission Control Protocol, and Hypertext Transfer Protocol. The Hypertext Transfer Protocol section shows a GET request for the file 'INTRO-wireshark-file1.html' from the host 'gaia.cs.umass.edu'. The packet bytes pane shows the raw data of the selected packet.

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
813	43.946687	192.168.1.101	66.103.80.47	HTTP	181	GET /cgi-bin/alive?0001088 HTTP/1.1
816	43.996668	66.103.80.47	192.168.1.101	HTTP	60	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/plain)
826	44.457577	192.168.1.101	204.9.163.166	HTTP	333	POST /api/v1.0/pnr?language=EN&plugin=F
828	44.507171	204.9.163.166	192.168.1.101	HTTP	271	HTTP/1.1 200 OK
835	45.629833	192.168.1.101	128.119.245.12	HTTP	489	GET /wireshark-labs/INTRO-wireshark-fil
837	45.646802	128.119.245.12	192.168.1.101	HTTP	434	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
838	45.670226	192.168.1.101	128.119.245.12	HTTP	429	GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1
839	45.687572	128.119.245.12	192.168.1.101	HTTP	564	HTTP/1.1 404 Not Found (text/html)
840	45.724273	192.168.1.101	128.119.245.12	HTTP	459	GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1
841	45.739188	128.119.245.12	192.168.1.101	HTTP	564	HTTP/1.1 404 Not Found (text/html)
847	48.670194	192.168.1.101	128.119.245.12	HTTP	459	GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1
848	48.689680	128.119.245.12	192.168.1.101	HTTP	564	HTTP/1.1 404 Not Found (text/html)

Frame 835: 489 bytes on wire (3912 bits), 489 bytes captured (3912 bits)

- Ethernet II, Src: HonHaiPr\_Od:ca:8f (00:22:68:0d:ca:8f), Dst: Cisco-Li\_45:1f:1b (00:22:6b:45:1f:1b)
- Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.1.101 (192.168.1.101), Dst: 128.119.245.12 (128.119.245.12)
- Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 57522 (57522), Dst Port: http (80), Seq: 1, Ack: 1, Len: 435
- Hypertext Transfer Protocol
  - GET /wireshark-labs/INTRO-wireshark-file1.html HTTP/1.1\r\n
  - Host: gaia.cs.umass.edu\r\n
  - User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (windows; u; windows NT 6.1; en-US; rv:1.9.2.22) Gecko/20110902 Firefox/3.6.22 (.NET CLR 3.5.30729)\r\n
  - Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,\*/\*;q=0.8\r\n
  - Accept-Language: en-us,en;q=0.5\r\n
  - Accept-Encoding: gzip,deflate\r\n
  - Accept-Charset: ISO-8859-1,utf-8;q=0.7,\*;q=0.7\r\n
  - Keep-Alive: 115\r\n
  - Connection: keep-alive\r\n
  - \r\n
  - [Full request URI: <http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/wireshark-labs/INTRO-wireshark-file1.html>]

0000 00 22 6b 45 1f 1b 00 22 68 0d ca 8f 08 00 45 00 . "kE..." h.....E.  
0010 01 db 29 13 40 00 80 06 00 00 c0 a8 01 65 80 77 ..).@... ..e.w  
0020 f5 0c e0 b2 00 50 ca 16 89 b3 d9 41 b1 83 50 18 .....P... ..A..P.  
0030 40 29 39 5f 00 00 47 45 54 20 2f 77 69 72 65 73 @)9...GE T /wires  
0040 68 61 72 6b 2d 6c 61 62 73 2f 49 4e 54 52 4f 2d hark-lab s/INTRO-  
0050 77 69 72 65 73 68 61 72 6b 2d 6c 61 62 73 2f 49 4e 54 52 4f 2d wireshark file1

Frame (frame), 489 bytes      Packets: 850 Displayed: 132 Marked: 0 Dropped: 0      Profile: Default

# Quiz

## (Based on the previous experiment)

1. List 3 different protocols that appear in the protocol column in the unfiltered packet-listing window in step 7 above.
2. How long did it take from when the HTTP GET message was sent until the HTTP OK reply was received? (By default, the value of the Time column in the packet-listing window is the amount of time, in seconds, since Wireshark tracing began. To display the Time field in time-of-day format, select the Wireshark View pull down menu, then select Time Display Format , then select Time-of-day.)
3. What is the Internet address of the `gaia.cs.umass.edu` (also known as `www-net.cs.umass.edu`)? What is the Internet address of your computer?
4. Print the two HTTP messages (GET and OK) referred to in question 2 above. To do so, select Print from the Wireshark File command menu, and select the “Selected Packet Only” and “Print as displayed” radial buttons, and then click OK

# References

## 1- Wireshark: Display Filter Reference

<http://www.wireshark.org/docs/dfref/>

## 2- Wireshark: Building display filter expressions

[http://www.wireshark.org/docs/wsug\\_html\\_chunked/ChWorkBuildDisplayFilterSection.html](http://www.wireshark.org/docs/wsug_html_chunked/ChWorkBuildDisplayFilterSection.html)



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