Wireshark: Network analysis and interception

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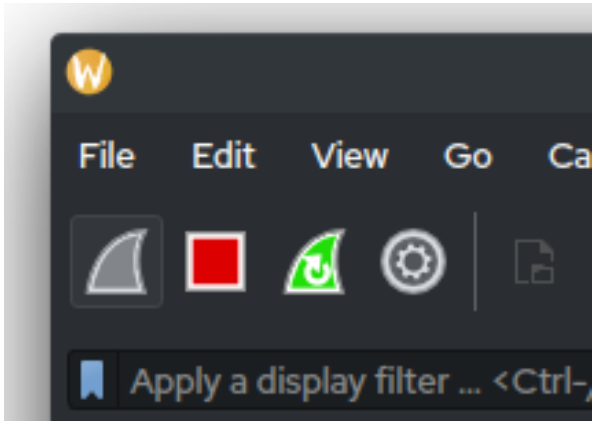
What is Wireshark?

- Free (GPLv2) network analysis software. Implementation of `libpcap`, which is also used by nmap.
- "Promiscuous mode" allows Wireshark to work on insecure routers, like most consumer routers.[1] An interface in this mode *asks* the router for all of the network's traffic.
- In more sophisticated man-in-the-middle attacks, a device running Wireshark can pretend to be the router.

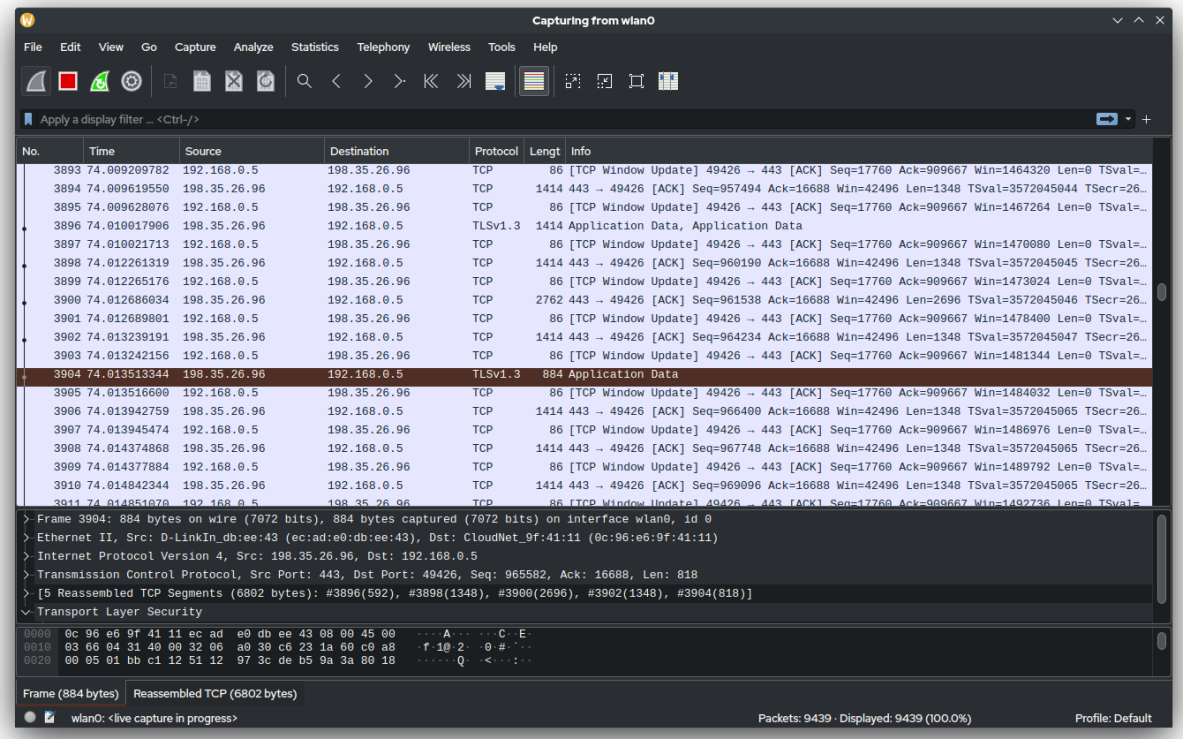
[1] like the one I bought for today

Wireshark setup

- In Kali Linux, Wireshark should be ready for use.
- In general, select the interface that has the most traffic, or the one that you know is connected to the network of interest.
- Control packet capture using these buttons:



Wireshark tour



- The middle table shows all captured packets and can be sorted and filtered. Click column titles to sort by ascending or descending
- Filters auto-fill with suggestions. Protocols like DHCP have filters.
- Below the table, information is shown about the current packet.
- Hover over protocol-specific info to see corresponding bytes.

Warm-up: which device is the router?

Can you use the protocols and destinations of the captured packets to discern which device is the router?

Warm-up: who is the programmer pinging?

You are in the offices of a technology company, and have caught word that one of their programmers is working on a new webserver. You know the programmer's ip address is `192.168.1.131`. The same programmer uses ssh to compile software on another machine. Can you tell which machine?

What is the password?

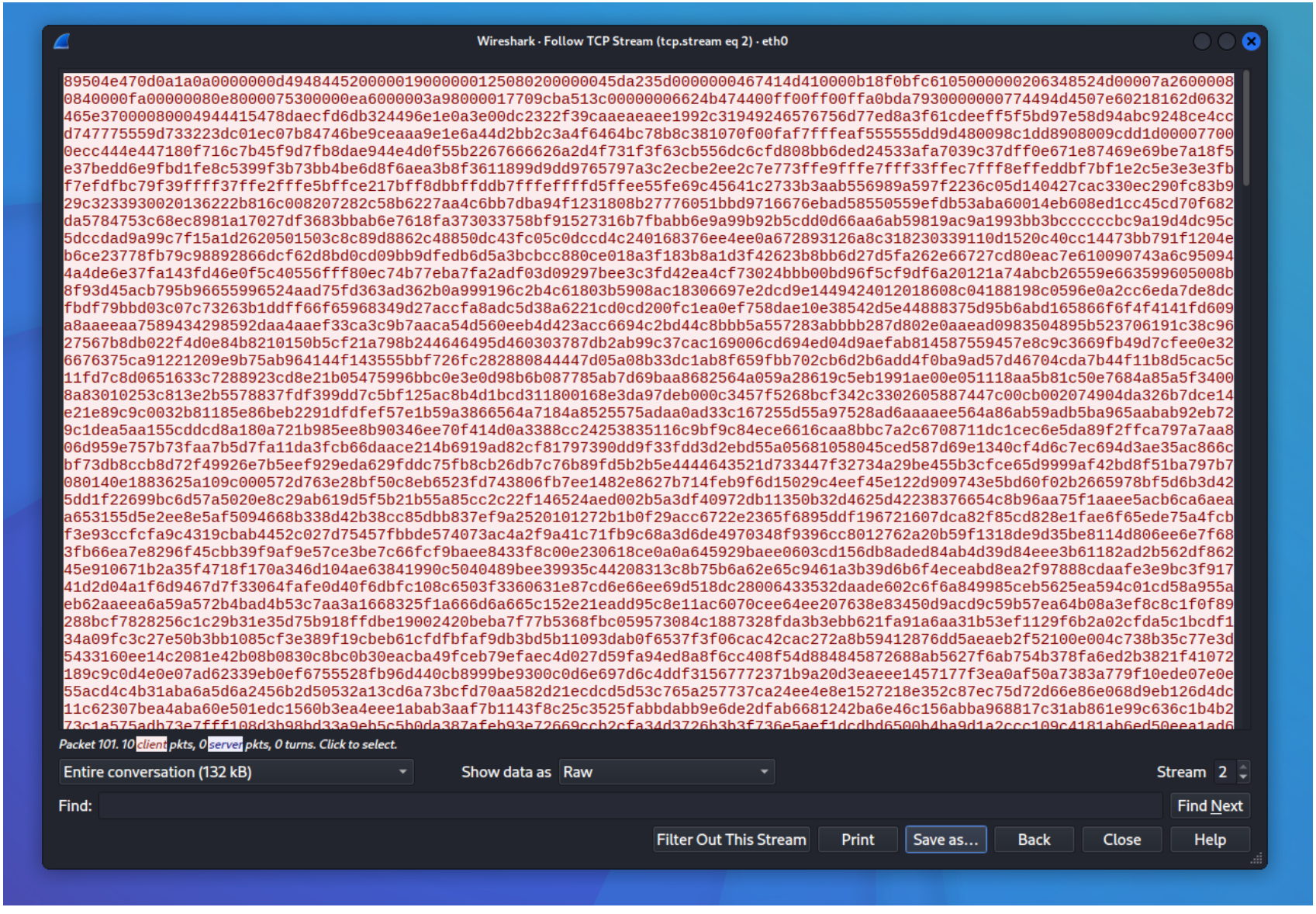
In another department, a team of programmers is devoloping a controversial new social media platform. It's password-protected, but you may be able to discern the password because SSL is not being used.

1. Can you intercept the HTML without the password?
2. What is the password? Now log in.

Steal files

An organization claims to have a proof of Poincare's Conjecture, a Millennium Prize Problem, on its **ftp** server. It could be worth one million dollars. Who is the author of the alleged proof?

Steal files (how to solve it)



Bonus: find the Tor user

Some students at your university are abusing Tor. If you can find that only one student was using Tor at the time of a crime, you may have evidence of against them.

- Can you tell that someone is using Tor?
- If so, does a bridge look different?