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# Deep Dive Packet Analysis with Wireshark®

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- Established 2002
- Network analysis and training focused company
- Dedicated to providing accurate and useful information to network troubleshooters
- Everyone is a trainer and an analyst
- Perform onsite analysis nationwide, as well as remote trace file analysis

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- Owner of NPS
- Troubleshooting networks for the last 25 years
- Interop instructor for 23 years
- InteropNet Lead Network Engineer NYC 2007
- Previously a LAN administrator and application developer
- Focused on helping others improve their network troubleshooting skills



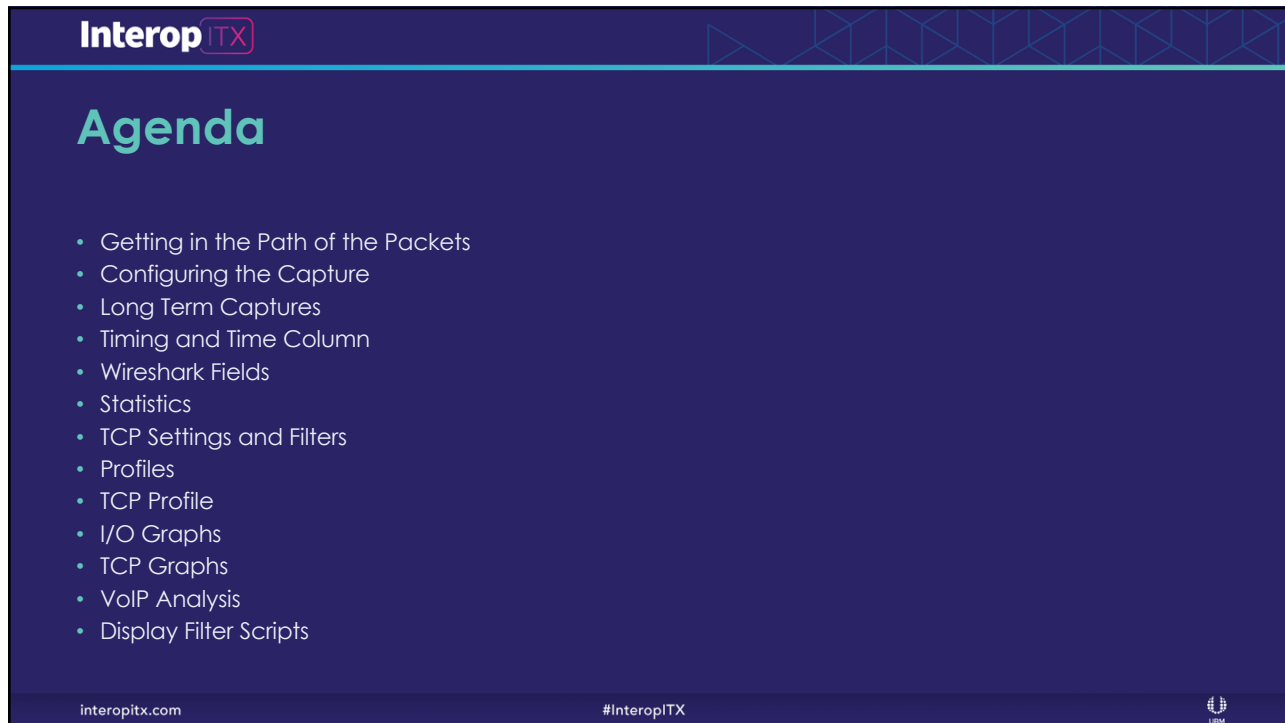
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## Before we start

- We have the whole day, ask questions!
- We will look at as many trace files as possible. If you have your own, feel free to use them
- If there is something I am doing and you know a better way, let us all know
- We are here to have fun!!

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## Agenda

- Getting in the Path of the Packets
- Configuring the Capture
- Long Term Captures
- Timing and Time Column
- Wireshark Fields
- Statistics
- TCP Settings and Filters
- Profiles
- TCP Profile
- I/O Graphs
- TCP Graphs
- VoIP Analysis
- Display Filter Scripts

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# Getting in the Path of the Packets

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## Getting the Packets

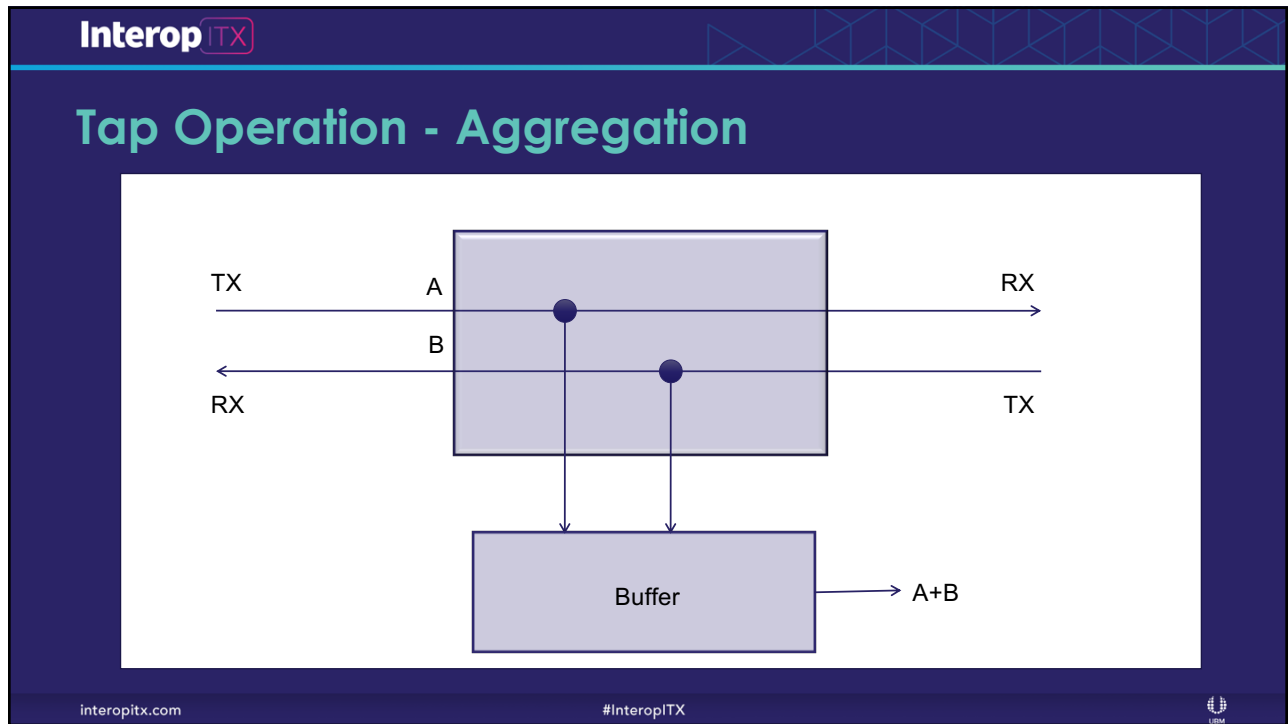
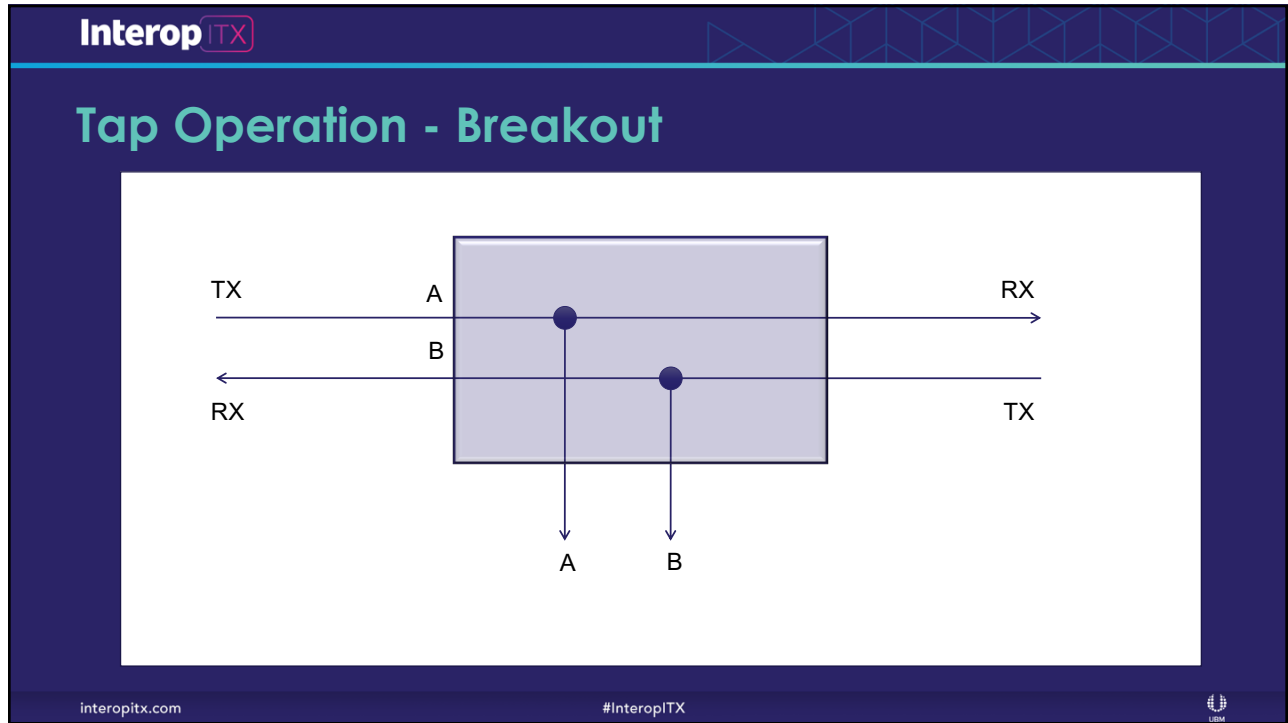
- If we don't get the problem packets, we can't solve the problem
- The first step in performing packet capture and analysis is to get in the path of the packets, so we can get the right packets in the capture buffer
- There are several methods to get in the path

## Taps

- Pros
  - Truly monitors full-duplex traffic
  - If power is lost link stays active
  - Can monitor gigabit links without packet loss
  - Once installed, can stay
- Cons
  - Most expensive option
  - Have to break the link to install
  - Can over-provision the monitor port and drop packets








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## Span/Mirror Ports

- Pros
  - Free
  - Available
  - Does not require link to be dropped
  - Great for one-time link monitoring
- Cons
  - Requires switch access
  - Configuration
  - Can quickly become over provisioned
  - Requires a free switch port



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## Cheap Tap/Mirror Configuration

- NetGear GS105E
  - 5 Port Gigabit Ethernet Switch
  - About \$32 on Amazon
  - Use NetGear Software to Configure Mirror Port
  - Mirror port 1 to port 4
  - Connect Monitored device to port 1
  - Connect switch to port 5

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## NetGear GS105E



## TP-Link PoE Splitter (TP-POE10R)



## Capture to Disk Appliance

- Build Linux device to capture packets over very long periods of time
- In this case, I connected the computer to a in-line tap on my Internet connection
- Packets may be processed on the Linux box or downloaded to your PC



## Generic Receive Offload (GRO) is Evil

- When it comes to packet capture, we don't want the NIC to reassemble packets for us
- I found that Ubuntu (the OS on my capture to disk appliance) automatically reassembled the packets
- After much research, I discovered that disabling GRO solved this problem


```
# This file describes the network interfaces
# available on your system
# and how to activate them. For more information,
# see interfaces(5).

source /etc/network/interfaces.d/*

# The loopback network interface
auto lo
iface lo inet loopback

# The primary network interface
auto enp1s0
iface enp1s0 inet dhcp
# This is an autoconfigured IPv6 interface
iface enp1s0 inet6 auto

#Bring up capture interface
auto enp2s0
iface enp2s0 inet manual
    post-up /sbin/ethtool -K enp2s0 gro off
up ifconfig enp2s0 up
```




## Accessing the Files


- I setup the web server on the Ubuntu box to access the trace file directory
- This allows me to easily access the trace files from any computer
- It is a good idea to secure the web server, so only you can access the files

```

raw_73652_2018042514331.ncap 2018-04-25 14:39 48K
raw_73653_2018042514340.ncap 2018-04-25 14:44 48K
raw_73654_2018042514444.ncap 2018-04-25 14:47 48K
raw_73655_2018042514474.ncap 2018-04-25 14:51 48K
raw_73656_20180425145117.ncap 2018-04-25 14:51 48K
raw_73657_20180425145136.ncap 2018-04-25 14:51 48K
raw_73658_20180425145150.ncap 2018-04-25 14:52 48K
raw_73659_20180425145209.ncap 2018-04-25 14:52 48K
raw_73660_20180425145225.ncap 2018-04-25 14:52 48K
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raw_73668_20180425145740.ncap 2018-04-25 15:00 48K
raw_73669_20180425150043.ncap 2018-04-25 15:07 48K
raw_73670_20180425150746.ncap 2018-04-25 15:11 48K
raw_73671_20180425151107.ncap 2018-04-25 15:14 48K
raw_73672_20180425151415.ncap 2018-04-25 15:17 48K
raw_73673_20180425151749.ncap 2018-04-25 15:19 48K
raw_73674_20180425151908.ncap 2018-04-25 15:22 48K
raw_73675_20180425152211.ncap 2018-04-25 15:26 48K
raw_73676_20180425152608.ncap 2018-04-25 15:30 48K
raw_73677_20180425153045.ncap 2018-04-25 15:33 48K
raw_73678_20180425153309.ncap 2018-04-25 15:37 48K
raw_73679_20180425153701.ncap 2018-04-25 15:40 48K
raw_73680_20180425154050.ncap 2018-04-25 15:46 48K
raw_73681_20180425154606.ncap 2018-04-25 15:52 48K
raw_73682_20180425155248.ncap 2018-04-25 15:55 48K
raw_73683_20180425155503.ncap 2018-04-25 16:03 48K
raw_73684_20180425160343.ncap 2018-04-25 16:11 48K
raw_73685_20180425161117.ncap 2018-04-25 16:17 48K

```


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## Permissions are a Problem

- I found that on Ubuntu, when using tshark or dumptcap, the files can only be downloaded by the root user
- To overcome this, I added a cron job that updates the permissions on the files in the directory
- May not be the best method, but it works

```
*/1 * * * * /usr/bin/changetracepermissions.sh >/dev/null 2>&1
```

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## changetracepermissions.sh

- Here is the simple script that I use to change the permissions on the files
- This allows them to be accessed through the web server

```
#!/bin/bash

cd /var/www/tracefiles
chmod +r *.pcap
```

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## Running Dumpcap at Startup

- In the zip file, you will find a file called tsharkd
- This is the startup script for running dumpcap on the Ubuntu box
- It is on the DAEMON\_OPTIONS line we specify the interface and capture information

```
DAEMON_OPTIONS="-i enp2s0 -b files:1000 -b filesize:50000 -w raw.pcap"
```

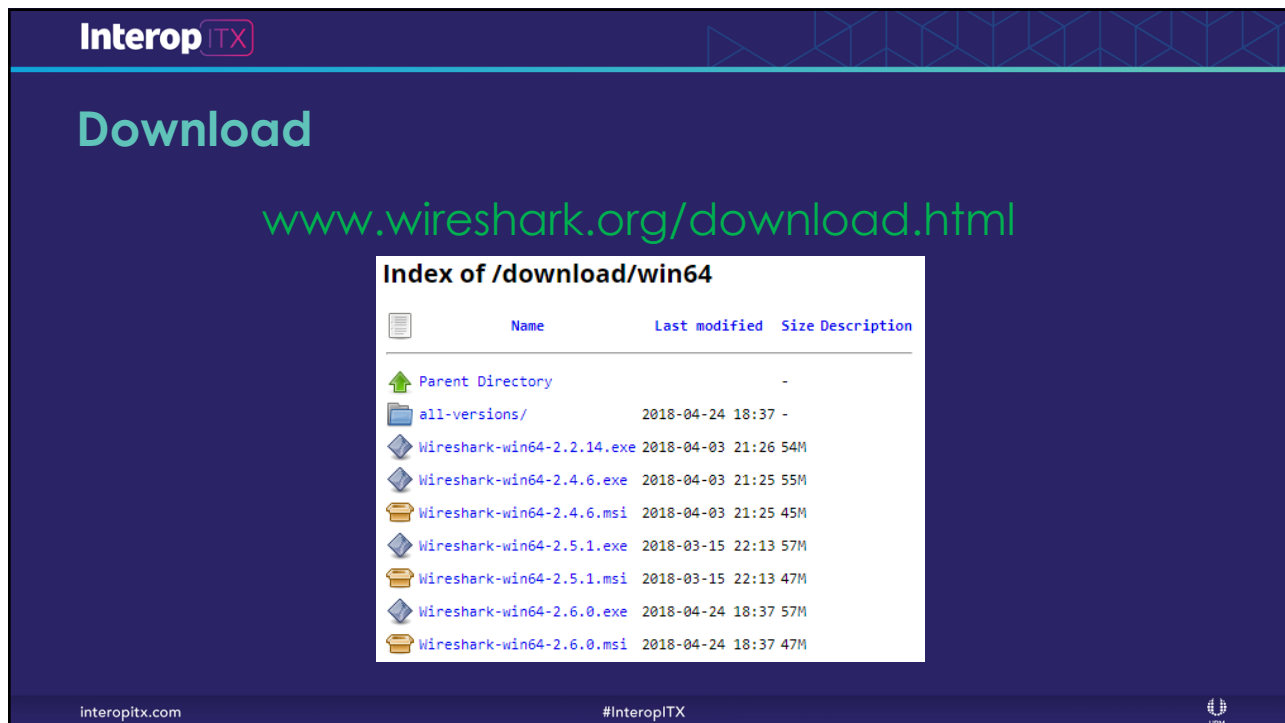
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## Download

[www.wireshark.org/download.html](http://www.wireshark.org/download.html)

**Index of /download/win64**

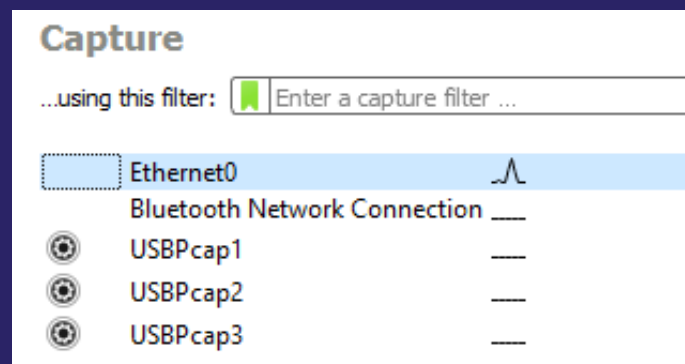
Name	Last modified	Size	Description
Parent Directory	-	-	-
all-versions/	2018-04-24 18:37	-	-
Wireshark-win64-2.2.14.exe	2018-04-03 21:26	54M	-
Wireshark-win64-2.4.6.exe	2018-04-03 21:25	55M	-
Wireshark-win64-2.4.6.msi	2018-04-03 21:25	45M	-
Wireshark-win64-2.5.1.exe	2018-03-15 22:13	57M	-
Wireshark-win64-2.5.1.msi	2018-03-15 22:13	47M	-
Wireshark-win64-2.6.0.exe	2018-04-24 18:37	57M	-
Wireshark-win64-2.6.0.msi	2018-04-24 18:37	47M	-

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## Install

- During the Wireshark installation, two components are installed
  - Wireshark – Application for configuring the capture filters, setting capture parameters, displaying frames, decoding frames, producing graphs, tables, and statistics
  - Winpcap – Drivers used to capture packets off the NDIS interface

## Setup – Select Interface Card





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## Capture Options

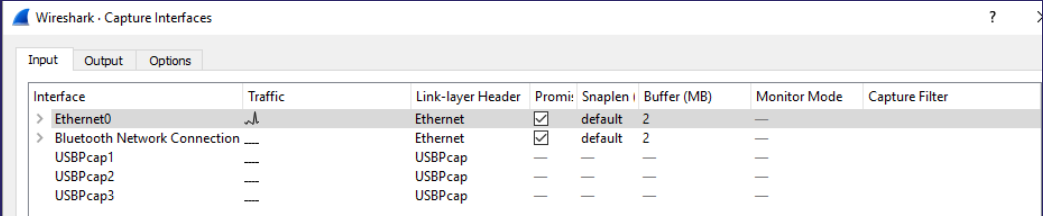
- Select Interface
- Packet Slicing
- Buffer Size
- Capture Filters
- Ring Buffer

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## Capture Options

- Capture Options allows you to
  - Improve the performance of the analyzer
  - Configure Capture Filters
  - Slice Packets
  - Divide the captured packets over multiple trace files

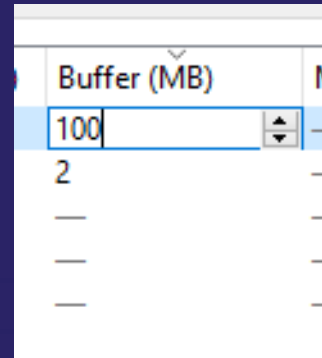


Interface	Traffic	Link-layer Header	Promi:	Snaptlen	Buffer (MB)	Monitor Mode	Capture Filter
> Ethernet0	↕	Ethernet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	default	2	—	
> Bluetooth Network Connection	—	Ethernet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	default	2	—	
USBPcap1	—	USBPcap	<input type="checkbox"/>	—	—	—	
USBPcap2	—	USBPcap	<input type="checkbox"/>	—	—	—	
USBPcap3	—	USBPcap	<input type="checkbox"/>	—	—	—	

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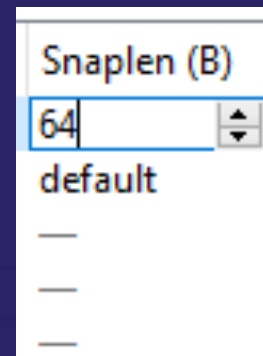
## Buffer Size

- Not the capture buffer size
- Used to control the Kernel Memory allocated to the Wireshark process
- Increasing will significantly reduce packet loss during high speed captures
- I like using 100 megabytes



## Packet Slicing

- Maximize the number of packets in the capture buffer by capturing fewer bytes per packet
- Slice of confidential data, such as VoIP



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## Capture Filter

- Helps to reduce the number of packets in the capture buffer
- Uses tcpdump filter format
- Not the same as the Display Filter format

**Capture Filter**

Enter a capture filter ...

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Filter Type	Filter
TCP Port	tcp port [port number]
IP Address	host [ip address]
Ethernet Address Both Directions	ether host [0020af123456]
Ethernet Address Source	ether src host [0020af123456]
Ethernet Address Destination	ether dst host [0020af123456]
Address Resolution Protocol	arp
Internet Protocol (IP)	ip
IP Subnet	net 192.168.0.0/24
From IP Subnet	src net 192.168.0.0/24
To IP Subnet	dst net 192.168.0.0/24
Ethernet Broadcasts	ether broadcast
Ethernet Multicasts	ether multicast
IP Broadcasts	ip broadcast
TCP SYN and FIN Packets	tcp[tcpflags] & (tcp-syn tcp-fin) != 0

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## Ring Buffer

- Yes, we can setup a ring buffer capture using the GUI
- I much prefer using the command line
- This is a great way to capture packets over a very long period of time
- Very useful when troubleshooting intermittent problems
- Can be saved in a batch file and started from the desktop

## tshark

- Run from the command-line
- Can be used to capture packets or extract packets from capture files
- There are many parameters, however, you will find there are a few you use over and over again
- Works equally well on both Windows and Linux platforms
- When combined with a small form factor computer such as the Raspberry Pi, it is easy to create an inexpensive capture device

## Key tshark Commands

- `tshark -D`
  - Will display all of the available capture interfaces
- `tshark -i eth0`
  - Captures packets on interface eth0
- `tshark -f "tcp port 80"`
  - Capture filter to only capture port 80 traffic
  -
- `tshark -i 1 -w c:\tracefiles\test.pcap`
  - Capture all packets on interface 1 and write them to a file in the c:\tracefiles directory called test.pcap

## Ring Buffer Capture

- `tshark -i 1 -b filesize:50000 -b files:100 -w c:\tracefiles\ring.pcap`
  - Capture on interface 1
  - Each file will be 50 megabytes in size. The file size is in kilobytes
  - Keep 100 files. Once 100 files are created, the oldest ones are deleted and replaced by newer files
  - All the files will be stored in the c:\tracefiles directory
  - Each file will start with ring and contain a file number and date stamp
  - Each file will have the .pcap extension

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## Getting those Intermittent Problems

- When using the ring buffer, you can get the packets that are going across the wire when those “grey” problems occur
- What is a “grey” problem?
  - It is a problem that does not occur on a regular basis
  - It damages your creditability, since it impacts the customer and you can't seem to fix it
  - It is the kind of problem we hope will just go away, but never does

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## The Three Panes

The screenshot shows the Wireshark interface with three panes highlighted in green:

- Packet List:** A table showing captured packets with columns for No., Time, Source, Destination, Protocol, Length, Time, and Info. The first row shows a TCP packet from 10.0.10.117 to 35.171.1.22.
- Packet Details:** A hierarchical tree view showing the structure of the selected packet, including Ethernet II, Internet Protocol Version 4, and Transmission Control Protocol.
- Packet Bytes:** A hex and ASCII dump of the packet data, showing the raw bytes of the packet.

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# The Filter Bar

The diagram shows the Wireshark Filter Bar with several annotations:

- Managed Saved Bookmarks:** Points to the left side of the filter bar.
- Display Filter:** Points to the main filter bar.
- Apply Filter:** Points to the 'Apply' button on the right side.
- Use Guided Interface to build filter:** Points to the 'Expression...' button on the right side.
- Recent Filters:** Points to the 'Recent Filters' dropdown menu on the right side.
- Add Filter Button:** Points to the '+' button on the right side.

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# Customizing Wireshark

- Now that we have the packets, it is time to customize Wireshark to meet our needs
- Out of the box, it is a good analyzer
- Through the use of profiles, columns, and filters, we will make it a great analyzer
- The extent of customization will depend on your environment and applications
- Profiles can be moved from one machine to another, thereby allowing the work of one person to be used by others

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## Setting the Time Column

- One of the first things I customize is the time column
  1. Seconds Since Previous Displayed Packet (Ctl+Alt+6)
  2. Time of Day (Ctl+Alt+2)
  3. Set Time Reference (toggle)

Time Display Format	Date and Time of Day (1970-01-01 01:02:03.123456)	Ctrl+Alt+1
Name Resolution	Year, Day of Year, and Time of Day (1970/001 01:02:03.123456)	
Zoom	Time of Day (01:02:03.123456)	Ctrl+Alt+2
Expand Subtrees	Seconds Since 1970-01-01	Ctrl+Alt+3
Collapse Subtrees	Seconds Since Beginning of Capture	Ctrl+Alt+4
Expand All	Seconds Since Previous Captured Packet	Ctrl+Alt+5
Collapse All	<b>Seconds Since Previous Displayed Packet</b>	Ctrl+Alt+6
Colorize Packet List	UTC Date and Time of Day (1970-01-01 01:02:03.123456)	Ctrl+Alt+7
Coloring Rules...	UTC Year, Day of Year, and Time of Day (1970/001 01:02:03.123456)	Ctrl+Alt+8
	UTC Time of Day (01:02:03.123456)	Ctrl+Alt+8

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## Analyze – Reading the Time

### TCP Three-way Handshake

5	1.374060154	192.168.0.145	66.151.158.177	TCP	2099 > 8200	[SYN]	seq=0
6	0.070454836	66.151.158.177	192.168.0.145	TCP	8200 > 2099	[SYN, ACK]	seq=1
7	0.001919985	192.168.0.145	66.151.158.177	TCP	2099 > 8200	[ACK]	seq=1

1.374060154

- Seconds: 1
- Milliseconds: .374
- Microseconds: 060
- Nanoseconds: 154

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## Analyze – It's all about timing

- “The Network is Slow!” – This is usually why we are capturing packets and analyzing them
- Trace files of slow applications will contain one of two things:
  - Few frames with long times between each frame
  - Many frames with short times between each frame

## Analyze – Sum of the parts

- Summing the delta times will yield the total transaction time
- When packing for a hiking trip, we count ounces, not pounds
- When analyzing trace files, we count milliseconds, not seconds
- Find the delays and you will find the cause of the slowdown

## Analyze – TCP Three Way Handshake

5	1.374060154	192.168.0.
6	0.070454836	66.151.158
7	0.001919985	192.168.0.

- Frame 5 – TCP SYN – Start of handshake, we don't care about the delta time
- Frame 6 – TCP SYN/ACK – Response from server. Represents round trip time between client and server. This took 70.454 milliseconds
- Frame 7 – TCP ACK – Sent by client. This took 1.919 milliseconds

## Every Field has a Name

- We can
  - Filter on those names
  - Create columns on those names
  - Export the content of those fields

## Field Names

- Click on a field
- Look at the status bar at the bottom of the window
- You will see the description and field name displayed
- We will use these later when creating profiles

```

Frame 10: 93 bytes on wire (744 bits), 93 bytes captured
Encapsulation type: Ethernet (1)
Arrival Time: Mar 27, 2018 22:05:18.837494000 Pacific
[Time shift for this packet: 0.000000000 seconds]
Epoch Time: 1522213518.837494000 seconds
[Time delta from previous captured frame: 0.039105000
[Time delta from previous displayed frame: 0.039105000
[Time since reference or first frame: 0.085019000 sec
Frame Number: 10
Frame Length: 93 bytes (744 bits)
Capture Length: 93 bytes (744 bits)
[Frame is marked: False]
Time delta from previous displayed frame (frame.time_delta_displayed)
    
```

## Statistics – Capture File Properties

- Gives us a great overview of the trace file
- Shows stats on both captured and displayed packets
- Great for throughput measurements

Details				
File				
Name:	C:\Data\Tracefiles\test3.pcap			
Length:	103 kB			
Format:	Wireshark/tcpdump/... - pcap			
Encapsulation:	Ethernet			
Snapshot length:	65535			
Time				
First packet:	2018-03-27 22:05:18			
Last packet:	2018-03-27 22:05:24			
Elapsed:	00:00:05			
Capture				
Hardware:	Unknown			
OS:	Unknown			
Application:	Unknown			
Interfaces				
Interface	Dropped packets	Capture filter	Link type	Packet size limit
Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Ethernet	65535 bytes
Statistics				
Measurement	Captured	Displayed	Marked	
Packets	211	211 (100.0%)	—	
Time span, s	5.294	5.294	—	
Average pps	39.9	39.9	—	
Average packet size, B	477	477	—	
Bytes	100581	100581 (100.0%)	0	
Average bytes/s	18 k	18 k	—	
Average bits/s	151 k	151 k	—	



## Statistics – Protocol Hierarchy

- Provides a breakdown of the protocols found in the trace file
- Good way to find unexpected protocols

Protocol	Percent Packets	Packets	Percent Bytes	Bytes	Bits/s	End Packets	End Bytes	End Bits/s
▼ Frame	100.0	211	100.0	100581	151 k	0	0	0
▼ Ethernet	100.0	211	2.9	2954	4463	0	0	0
Logical-Link Control	3.3	7	0.2	225	340	0	0	0
Spanning Tree Protocol	1.4	3	0.1	108	163	3	108	163
Malformed Packet	0.5	1	0.0	0	0	1	0	0
Data	0.9	2	0.0	46	69	2	46	69
▼ Internet Protocol Version 4	99.1	209	4.1	4161	6287	1	1	1
▼ User Datagram Protocol	6.6	14	0.1	112	169	0	0	0
Domain Name System	2.8	6	0.7	725	1095	6	725	1095
Data	1.9	4	0.1	56	84	4	56	84
▼ Transmission Control Protocol	91.9	194	91.4	91952	138 k	124	58344	88 k
Secure Sockets Layer	27.5	58	82.7	83222	125 k	58	83222	125 k
Data	5.7	12	4.4	4406	6658	12	4406	6658



## Statistics - Conversations

- Details each of the conversations in the trace file
- Very useful for documenting application dependencies
- Can be used to drill down into the trace

Wireshark - Conversations - test3.pcap											
Ethernet - 4		IPv4 - 10		IPv6	TCP - 12		UDP - 7				
Address A	Port A	Address B	Port B	Packets	Bytes	Packets A → B	Bytes A → B	Packets B → A	Bytes B → A	Rel Start	Duration
10.0.10.107	57285	64.4.54.36	443	23	11 k	12	4819	11	7036	3.316892	0.2978
10.0.10.107	57281	64.4.54.36	443	22	11 k	12	4819	10	6964	1.012605	0.2961
10.0.10.107	57282	64.4.54.36	443	22	11 k	12	4819	10	6964	1.530659	0.3340
10.0.10.107	57283	64.4.54.36	443	22	11 k	12	4819	10	6964	2.009144	0.3340
10.0.10.107	57284	64.4.54.36	443	22	11 k	12	4819	10	6964	2.893622	0.3091
10.0.10.107	57286	64.4.54.36	443	22	11 k	12	4819	10	6964	4.549309	0.3341
10.0.10.107	57287	64.4.54.36	443	16	10 k	10	4699	6	6101	5.092182	0.1721
10.0.10.115	52873	64.4.54.254	443	18	9793	10	5122	8	4671	0.102738	0.5246
10.0.0.207	60739	10.0.10.149	8291	19	5660	11	1033	8	4627	0.000000	5.2941
10.0.10.107	57280	64.4.54.36	443	4	863	2	120	2	743	0.030805	0.0573
10.0.10.107	54245	40.90.10.180	443	2	823	1	60	1	763	0.964272	0.0019
10.0.10.107	52733	40.90.10.180	443	2	199	1	60	1	139	0.640225	0.0018



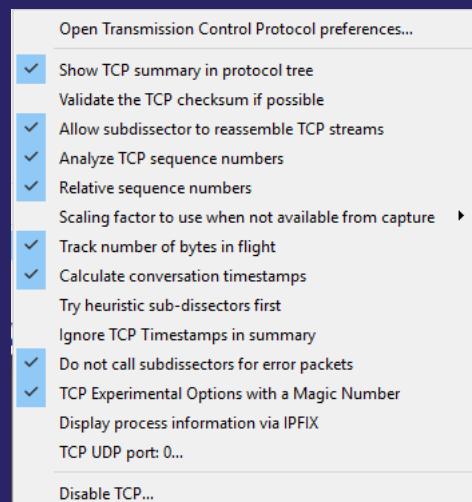
## Statistics – Service Response Time

- Calculates the Minimum, Maximum, and Average response times for each of the SMB calls
- Capturing on both ends of the WAN allows you to determine the impact of the WAN on response time

Index	Procedure	Calls	Min SRT (s)	Max SRT (s)	Avg SRT (s)	Sum SRT (s)
SMB Commands						
4	Close	6	0.040057	0.050072	0.045065	0.270389
114	Negotiate Protocol	1	0.070101	0.070101	0.070101	0.070101
162	NT Create AndX	82	0.040057	0.120173	0.055201	4.526509
46	Read AndX	140	0.050072	1.291858	0.371248	51.974736
115	Session Setup AndX	4	0.040058	0.070100	0.055079	0.220317
117	Tree Connect AndX	2	0.050072	0.050072	0.050072	0.100144
Transaction2 Sub-Commands						
1	FIND_FIRST2	6	0.040057	0.200288	0.071770	0.430619
16	GET_DFS_REFERRAL	1	0.060086	0.060086	0.060086	0.060086
7	QUERY_FILE_INFO	35	0.040057	0.070101	0.049786	1.742506
3	QUERY_FS_INFO	10	0.040058	0.150216	0.066095	0.660951
5	QUERY_PATH_INFO	38	0.040057	0.120172	0.052444	1.992868
8	SET_FILE_INFO	2	0.050072	0.080115	0.065094	0.130187
NT Transaction Sub-Commands						
SMB Commands						
Transaction2 Sub-Commands						
NT Transaction Sub-Commands						

## TCP Settings

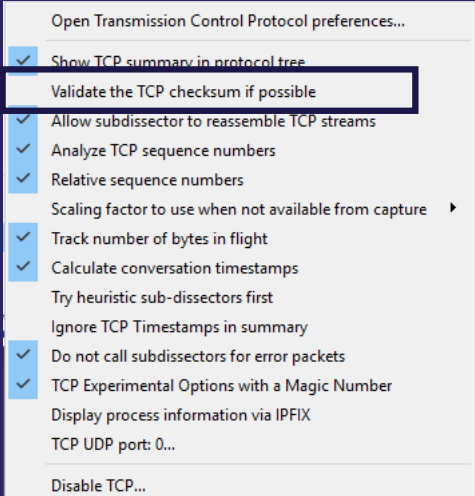
- There are a number of changes we can make to the TCP settings in Wireshark to give us greater visibility into what is going on
- While the default settings are good, there are some better settings



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## TCP Settings – TCP Checksum

- This is disabled by default
- Enable if you are not capturing on one of the endpoints
- Leave disabled if you are capturing on one of the endpoints
- Why? TCP Checksum offloading will cause every packet transmitted by the device to show up with a bad TCP Checksum



Open Transmission Control Protocol preferences...

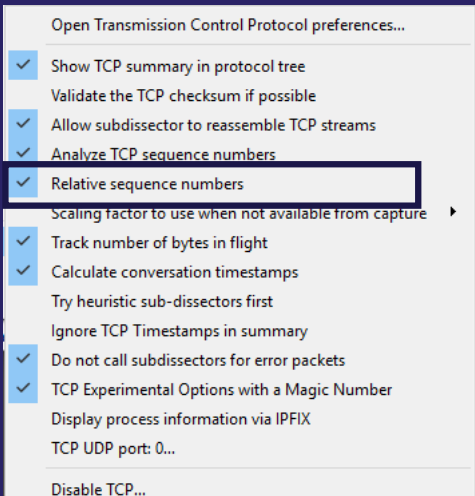
- Show TCP summary in protocol tree
- Validate the TCP checksum if possible
- Allow subdissector to reassemble TCP streams
- Analyze TCP sequence numbers
- Relative sequence numbers
- Scaling factor to use when not available from capture ▶
- Track number of bytes in flight
- Calculate conversation timestamps
- Try heuristic sub-dissectors first
- Ignore TCP Timestamps in summary
- Do not call subdissectors for error packets
- TCP Experimental Options with a Magic Number
- Display process information via IPFIX
- TCP UDP port: 0...
- Disable TCP...

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## TCP Settings – Relative Sequence Numbers

- This is enabled by default
- TCP sequence numbers do not start at 1, contrary to what you might see in Wireshark
- Relative sequence numbers make life easier
- If you are trying to find the same sequence number in two traces captured in different locations, disable this setting



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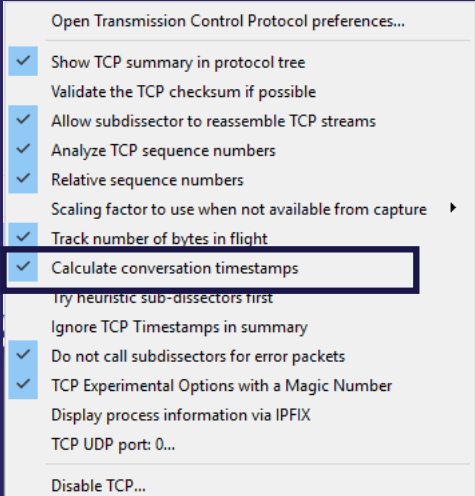
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- TCP Experimental Options with a Magic Number
- Display process information via IPFIX
- TCP UDP port: 0...
- Disable TCP...

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## TCP Settings – Calculate conversation timestamps

- This is disabled by default
- When enabled, we can use the field `tcp.time` to measure the time between two TCP frames
- Very useful when trying to find slow response times



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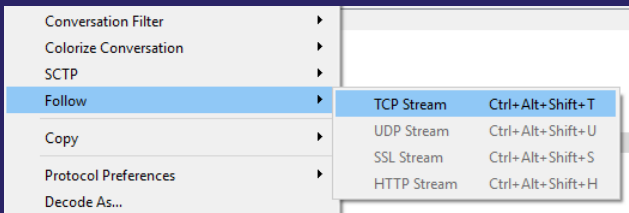
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## Follow TCP Stream

- Select any frame that is part of a conversation of interest
- Right click on the frame
- Select Follow TCP Stream
- Wireshark creates a filter on the IP address pair and port numbers
- The data portion of the conversation will be assembled into a text window



Conversation Filter ▶

Colorize Conversation ▶

SCTP ▶

**Follow** ▶

Copy ▶

Protocol Preferences ▶

Decode As...


TCP Stream Ctrl+Alt+Shift+T

UDP Stream Ctrl+Alt+Shift+U

SSL Stream Ctrl+Alt+Shift+S

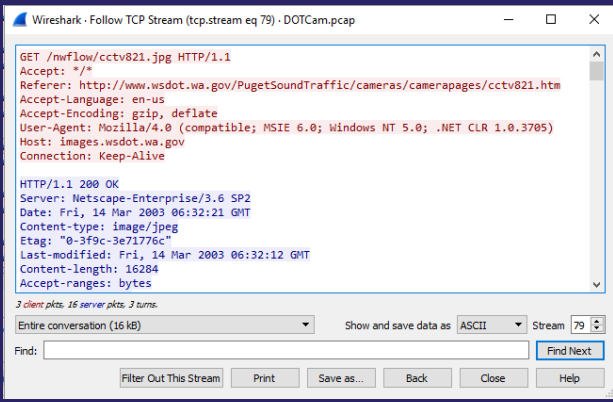
HTTP Stream Ctrl+Alt+Shift+H


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## Follow TCP Stream

- In addition to creating a filter on the TCP socket, the data in the TCP portion of the packet is reassembled
- Great way to focus on a specific conversation and see the data that is transferred between the devices

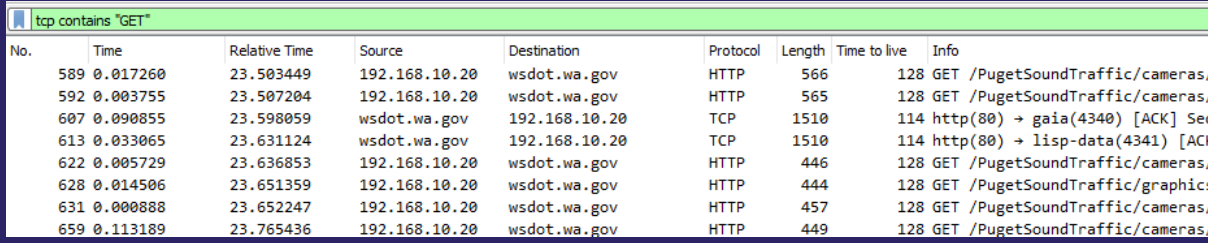



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## TCP Contains

- This filter is very useful in application environments
- If a certain call or file is having problems in the application, you can search for the call or file name using the TCP contains filter



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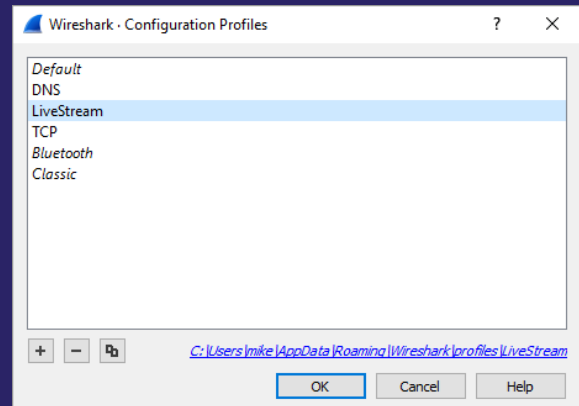


## Profiles

- Profiles are the key to customizing Wireshark
- Separate profiles can be created for protocol and applications
- Profiles can be copied to create subsets of existing profiles
- Profiles can be copied from one computer to another

## Creating a Profile

- Edit – Configuration Profiles
- Click the + button
- Enter a name for the Profile
- Press Enter
- Wireshark will reload the trace using the default settings
- Any changes to colorization, filters, and columns will be applied to the new profile



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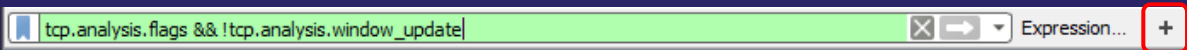
## The Most Powerful TCP Filter

- I've got to give credit to Laura Chappell for this one
  - `tcp.analysis.flags && !tcp.analysis.window_update`
- This will display all TCP frames that have been flagged as having an issue

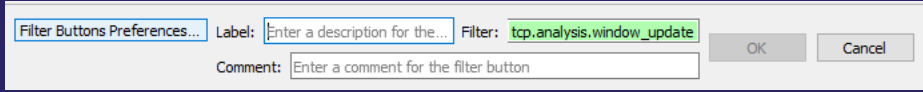
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## The Most Powerful Button on the Screen



- Now that you have created the most powerful filter, it is time to make it really easy to use
- Clicking the Plus button on the filter line will create a new button that is assigned to that filter
- This filter button is specific to this profile



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## Add TCP Time Column

- Edit → Preferences → User Interface → Columns
- Click + button
- Field Type: Custom
- Field Name: tcp.time\_delta
- Click on Title and change to TCP Time

Displayed	Title	Type	Fields
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No.	Number	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Time	Time (format as specified)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TCP Time	Custom	tcp.time_delta

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## Finding TCP Delays

tcp.time\_delta > 1

- We must configure the TCP protocol to calculate TCP conversation timestamps
- This will show all frames where it took TCP longer than 1 second to respond
- Great for finding slow response times

No.	Time	TCP Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Time to live	Info
3	0.000000	4.851946...	67.187.3.153	192.168.0.3	TCP	249	241	80 → 1728

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## Finding Established Connections

- When determining our dependencies, we need to know which TCP connections have been established and with which servers
- `tcp.flags.syn==1 && tcp.flags.ack==1`

No.	Time	TCP Time	Bytes in Flight	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Identification	Info
15	3.459307	0.032208000		wsdot.wa.gov	192.168.10.20	TCP	66	0x8f31 (36657)	80-4286 [SYN, ACK]
37	3.558614	0.041099000		wsdot.wa.gov	192.168.10.20	TCP	66	0x8f3e (36670)	80-4287 [SYN, ACK]
40	3.561964	0.040062000		wsdot.wa.gov	192.168.10.20	TCP	66	0x8f42 (36674)	80-4288 [SYN, ACK]
43	3.566048	0.039862000		wsdot.wa.gov	192.168.10.20	TCP	66	0x8f43 (36675)	80-4289 [SYN, ACK]
48	3.587436	0.060500000		wsdot.wa.gov	192.168.10.20	TCP	66	0x8f44 (36676)	80-4290 [SYN, ACK]
54	3.601057	0.073083000		wsdot.wa.gov	192.168.10.20	TCP	66	0x8f45 (36677)	80-4291 [SYN, ACK]
58	3.607341	0.076298000		wsdot.wa.gov	192.168.10.20	TCP	66	0x8f46 (36678)	80-4292 [SYN, ACK]
61	3.610320	0.078408000		wsdot.wa.gov	192.168.10.20	TCP	66	0x8f49 (36681)	80-4293 [SYN, ACK]
64	3.616386	0.082025000		wsdot.wa.gov	192.168.10.20	TCP	66	0x8f4a (36682)	80-4294 [SYN, ACK]
67	3.619401	0.082515000		wsdot.wa.gov	192.168.10.20	TCP	66	0x8f4c (36684)	80-4295 [SYN, ACK]
70	3.625931	0.085249000		wsdot.wa.gov	192.168.10.20	TCP	66	0x8f4e (36686)	80-4296 [SYN, ACK]
73	3.628939	0.085556000		wsdot.wa.gov	192.168.10.20	TCP	66	0x8f51 (36689)	80-4297 [SYN, ACK]
76	3.632304	0.085943000		wsdot.wa.gov	192.168.10.20	TCP	66	0x8f53 (36691)	80-4298 [SYN, ACK]
79	3.641016	0.089377000		wsdot.wa.gov	192.168.10.20	TCP	66	0x8f59 (36697)	80-4299 [SYN, ACK]

## Finding Established Connections

- Once this filter has been applied, we can go to Statistics → Conversations
- Check the Limit to display filter box
- You will now see a listing of all established connections, the server and the TCP ports

Wireshark · Conversations · test3.pcap						
Ethernet · 2		IPv4 · 2		IPv6	TCP · 8	UDP
Address A	Port A	Address B	Port B	Packets	Bytes	
10.0.10.107	57281	64.4.54.36	443	1	66	
10.0.10.107	57282	64.4.54.36	443	1	66	
10.0.10.107	57283	64.4.54.36	443	1	66	
10.0.10.107	57284	64.4.54.36	443	1	66	
10.0.10.107	57285	64.4.54.36	443	1	66	
10.0.10.107	57286	64.4.54.36	443	1	66	
10.0.10.107	57287	64.4.54.36	443	1	66	
10.0.10.115	52873	64.4.54.254	443	1	66	

Name resolution  Limit to display filter

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## TCP Bytes in Flight

- When troubleshooting TCP performance problems, it is helpful to know the number of unacknowledged bytes that are hanging out on the wire
- This can be accomplished by adding a column for TCP Bytes in Flight

Displayed	Title	Type	Fields
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No.	Number	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Time	Time (format as specified)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TCP Time	Custom	tcp.time_delta
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bytes in Flight	Custom	tcp.analysis.bytes_in_flight

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## TCP Bytes in Flight

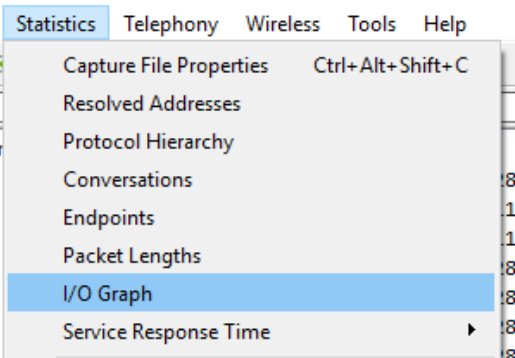
16	0.000052	0.000052...	1460	10.0.0.111	10.0.0.128	TCP	1514	128 37887 → 5001
17	0.000027	0.000027...	2920	10.0.0.111	10.0.0.128	TCP	1514	128 37887 → 5001
18	0.000015	0.000015...	4380	10.0.0.111	10.0.0.128	TCP	1514	128 37887 → 5001
19	0.000015	0.000015...	5840	10.0.0.111	10.0.0.128	TCP	1514	128 37887 → 5001
20	0.000016	0.000016...	7300	10.0.0.111	10.0.0.128	TCP	1514	128 37887 → 5001
21	0.000016	0.000016...	8760	10.0.0.111	10.0.0.128	TCP	1514	128 37887 → 5001
22	0.046494	0.046494...		10.0.0.128	10.0.0.111	TCP	60	128 5001 → 37887
23	0.000022	0.000022...		10.0.0.128	10.0.0.111	TCP	60	128 5001 → 37887
24	0.000004	0.000004...		10.0.0.128	10.0.0.111	TCP	60	128 5001 → 37887
25	0.000051	0.000051...	1460	10.0.0.111	10.0.0.128	TCP	1514	128 37887 → 5001
26	0.000028	0.000028...	2920	10.0.0.111	10.0.0.128	TCP	1514	128 37887 → 5001
27	0.000015	0.000015...	4380	10.0.0.111	10.0.0.128	TCP	1514	128 37887 → 5001
28	0.000016	0.000016...	5840	10.0.0.111	10.0.0.128	TCP	1514	128 37887 → 5001
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30	0.000015	0.000015...	8760	10.0.0.111	10.0.0.128	TCP	1514	128 37887 → 5001
31	0.000018	0.000018...	10220	10.0.0.111	10.0.0.128	TCP	1514	128 37887 → 5001
32	0.000018	0.000018...	11680	10.0.0.111	10.0.0.128	TCP	1514	128 37887 → 5001
33	0.000020	0.000020...	13140	10.0.0.111	10.0.0.128	TCP	1514	128 37887 → 5001

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## I/O Graphs

- Wireshark can also assist in measuring how much bandwidth was being used by a particular application or client
- These graphs can be accessed from the Statistics dropdown menu



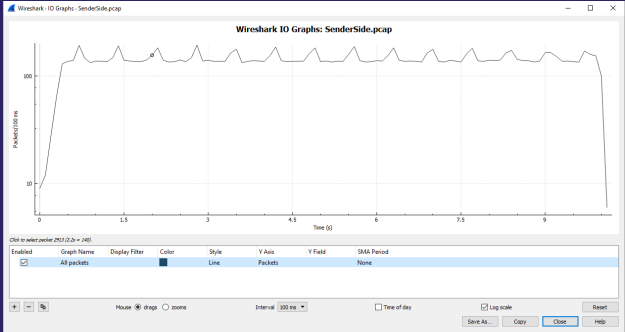
The screenshot shows the 'Statistics' menu in Wireshark. The menu items are: Statistics (selected), Telephony, Wireless, Tools, and Help. Under the Statistics menu, the following options are listed: Capture File Properties (with keyboard shortcut Ctrl+Alt+Shift+C), Resolved Addresses, Protocol Hierarchy, Conversations, Endpoints, Packet Lengths, I/O Graph (highlighted in blue), and Service Response Time (with a right-pointing arrow).

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## I/O Graphs

- This graph measures the bandwidth in the trace file over time. The X and Y axis can be modified to display packets per second or bits per second



The screenshot shows the 'Wireshark I/O Graphs: SenderSide.pcap' window. The graph displays a line representing bandwidth over time. The Y-axis is labeled 'Packets/Time' and ranges from 0 to 100. The X-axis is labeled 'Time (s)' and ranges from 0 to 9. The graph shows a sharp initial rise to approximately 100 packets per second, followed by a period of fluctuation between 80 and 100 packets per second, and a final sharp drop to 0 at the end of the trace. Below the graph is a table with columns: Enabled, Graph Name, Display Filter, Color, Style, Y Axis, Y Field, and SMSS Period. The table contains one row: All packets, All packets, Line, Packets, None. At the bottom of the window, there are controls for zooming (Home, drag, zoom), interval (30 ms), time of day, log scale, and buttons for Save As, Copy, Close, and Help.

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## IO Graph and TCP Bytes in Flight

The screenshot shows the Wireshark IO Graphs window for 'SenderSide.pcap'. The graph plots 'Bytes in Flight' (line) and 'Packets' (line) against time. The Y-axis is logarithmic, ranging from 10,000 to 100,000. The X-axis shows time from 0 to 9 seconds. A legend indicates '100 ms Intervals' and 'All packets'. Below the graph is a configuration table:

Enabled	Graph Name	Display Filter	Color	Style	Y Axis	Y Field	SMA Period
<input type="checkbox"/>	All packets		█	Line	Packets	None	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	All packets		█	Line	AVG(Y Field)	tcp.analysis.by...	None
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	All packets		█	Line	Bits	None	None

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## IO Graph and TCP Dup Ack and Retransmissions

The screenshot shows the Wireshark IO Graphs window for 'ComcastUploadTest.pcapng'. The graph plots 'Bytes in Flight' (line), 'Dup Acks' (square), and 'Retransmissions' (dot) against time. The Y-axis is linear, ranging from 0 to 360. The X-axis shows time from 0 to 9 seconds. A legend indicates '1 sec Intervals'. Below the graph is a configuration table:

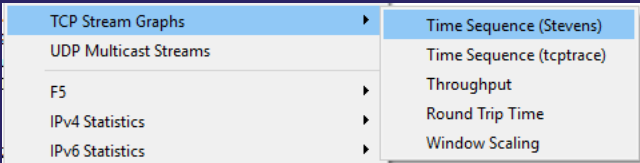
Enabled	Graph Name	Display Filter	Color	Style	Y Axis	Y Field	SMA Period
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bytes in Flight		█	Line	COUNT FRAME...	tcp.analysis.by...	None
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dup Acks		█	Square	COUNT FIELDS...	tcp.analysis.du...	None
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Retransmissions		█	Dot	COUNT FRAME...	tcp.analysis.retr...	None

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## Stevens Graph

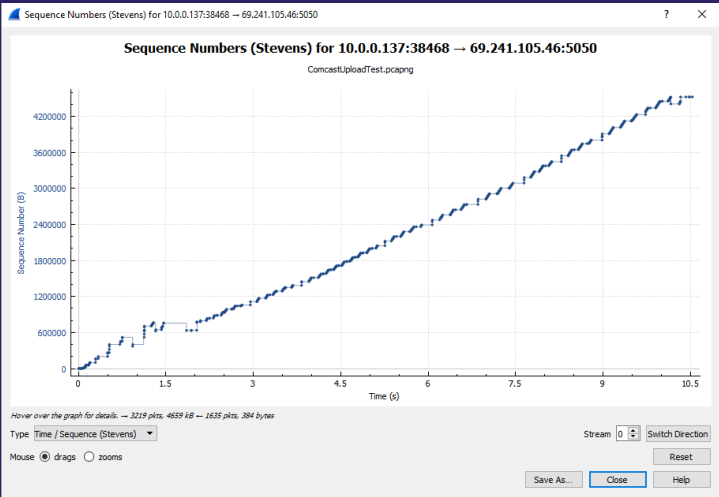
- Another good graph to use when troubleshooting in Wireshark is the Stevens Graph
- It simply graphs the sequence numbers in a TCP connection over time. If large gaps of time are experienced in the trace they will be easier to see



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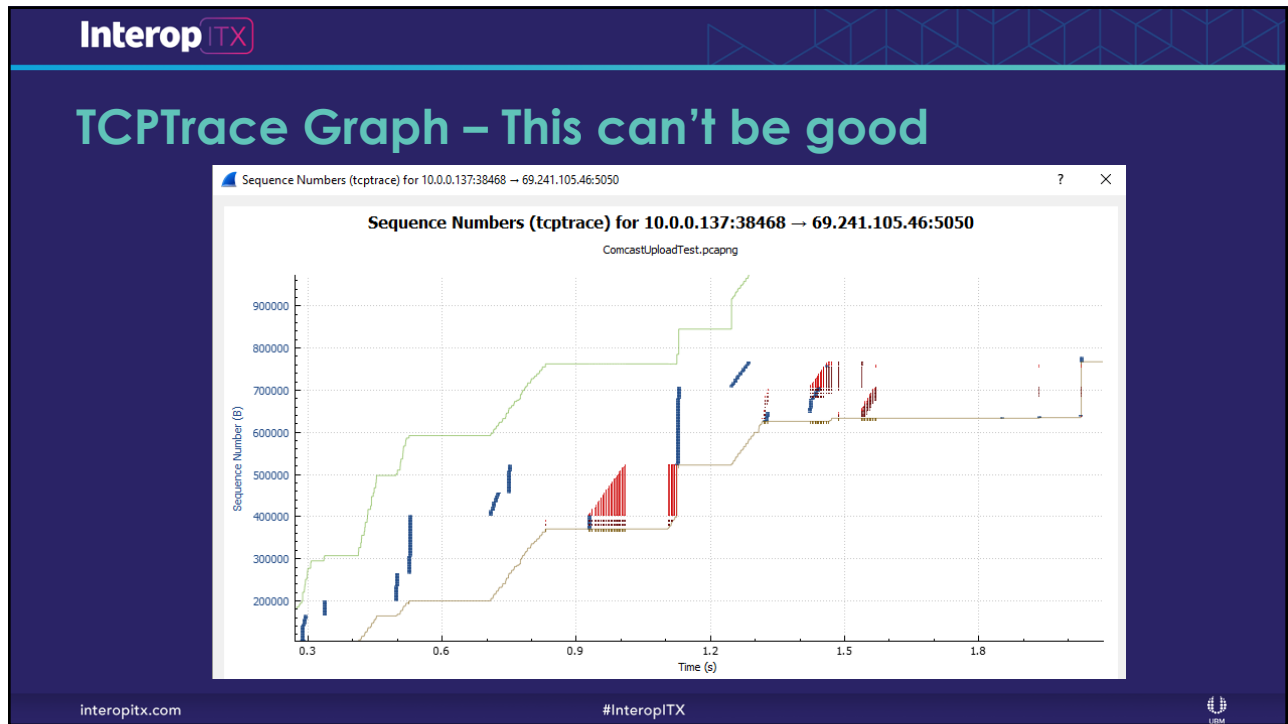
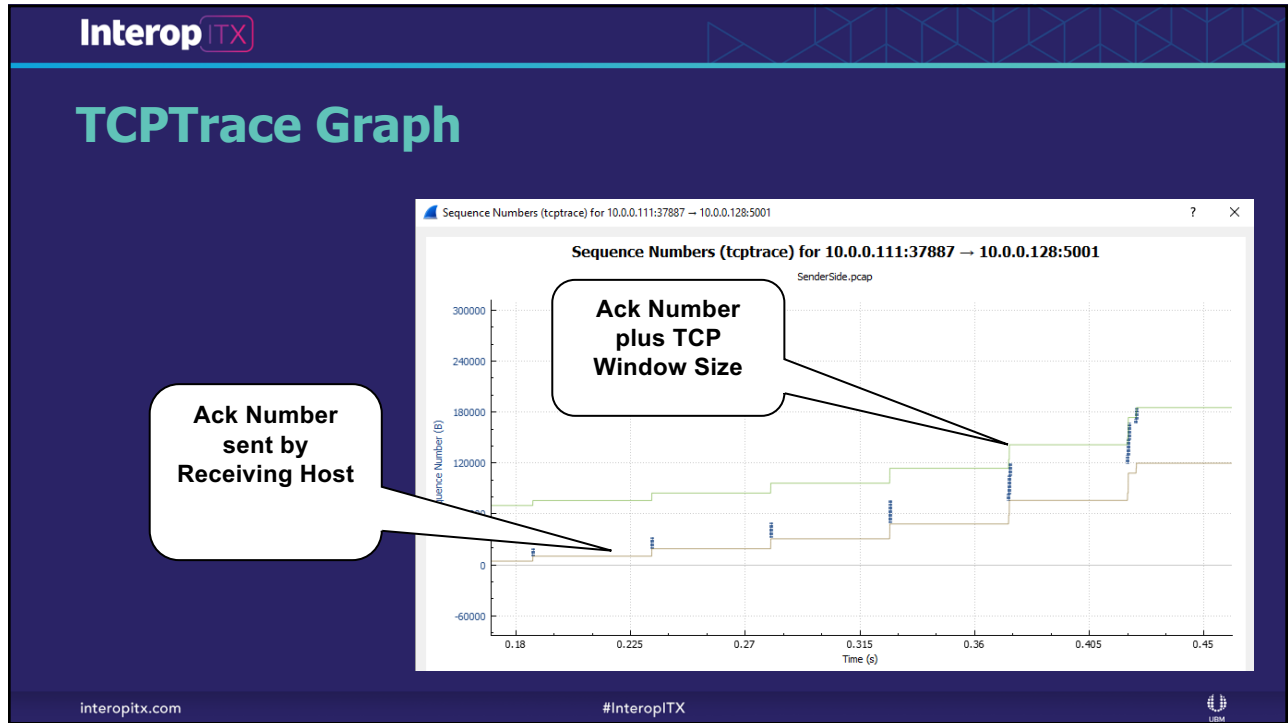
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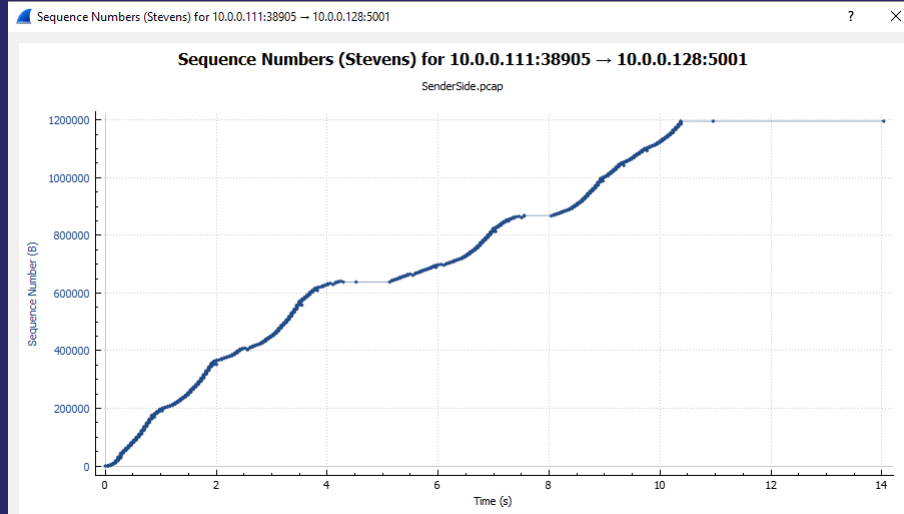


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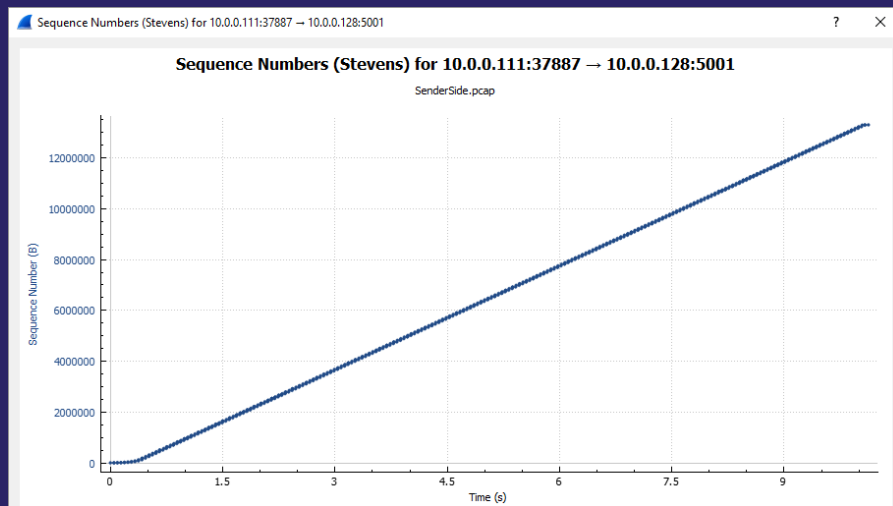




# Stevens Graph – Bad Throughput



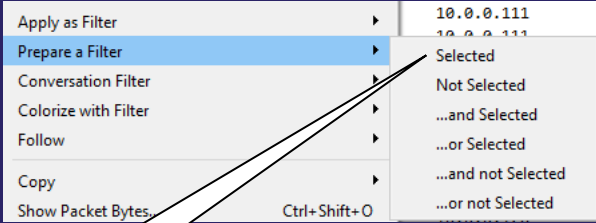
# Stevens Graph – Good Throughput



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## Right Clicking on a Field

- Allows us to quickly create a filter without typing
- Find field names quickly
- Can be used to combine multiple filters together to create complex filter expressions



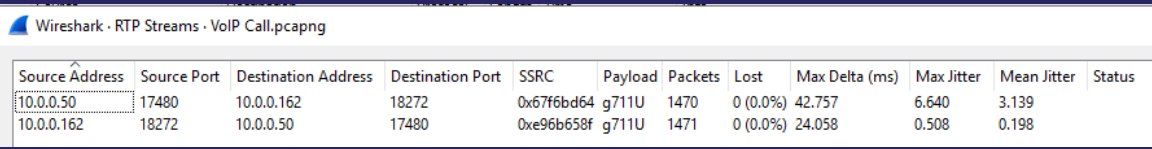
Click to create the filter

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## Analyzing VoIP Traffic

- Wireshark has a number of tools for analyzing and decoding VoIP traffic
- This can assist us in determining why VoIP calls are failing or are poor quality



Source Address	Source Port	Destination Address	Destination Port	SSRC	Payload	Packets	Lost	Max Delta (ms)	Max Jitter	Mean Jitter	Status
10.0.0.50	17480	10.0.0.162	18272	0x67f6bd64	g711U	1470	0 (0.0%)	42.757	6.640	3.139	
10.0.0.162	18272	10.0.0.50	17480	0xe96b658f	g711U	1471	0 (0.0%)	24.058	0.508	0.198	

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## View the VoIP Calls

The screenshot shows the Wireshark interface with the 'Telephony' menu open. The 'VoIP Calls' option is selected, which has opened a window titled 'Wireshark - VoIP Calls - VoIP Call.pcapng'. This window displays a table of VoIP call records.

Start Time	Stop Time	Initial Speaker	From	To	Protocol	Duration	Packets	State	Comments
0.052697	36.927971	10.0.0.162	"Mike" <sip:100@10.0.0.50>	<sip:101@10.0.0.50>	SIP	00:00:36	11	COMPLETED	INVITE 401 200

At the bottom of the window, there are buttons for 'OK', 'Cancel', 'Prepare Filter', 'Flow Sequence', 'Play Streams', 'Copy', and 'Help'. A 'Time of Day' checkbox is also present.

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## View RTP Streams

The screenshot shows the Wireshark interface with the 'Telephony' menu open. The 'RTP' option is selected, which has opened a window titled 'Wireshark - RTP Streams - VoIP Call.pcapng'. This window displays a table of RTP stream statistics.

Source Address	Source Port	Destination Address	Destination Port	SSRC	Payload	Packets	Lost	Max Delta (ms)	Max Jitter	Mean Jitter	Status
10.0.0.50	17480	10.0.0.162	18272	06f79b464	g711u	1470	0 (0.0%)	42.757	6.640	3.139	
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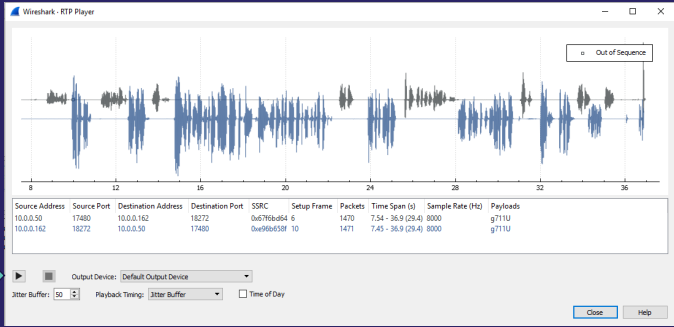
At the bottom of the window, there are buttons for 'Close', 'Find Reverse', 'Prepare Filter', 'Export', 'Copy', 'Analyze', and 'Help'. A small note at the bottom left says '2 means: Rightclick for more options.'

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## Play Back Stream

- From VoIP Calls, click Play Streams
- Click the Play Button



Source Address	Source Port	Destination Address	Destination Port	SSRC	Setup Frame	Packets	Time Span (s)	Sample Rate (Hz)	Payloads
10.0.0.50	17480	10.0.0.162	18272	0x67f86d64	6	1470	7.54 - 36.9 (29.4)	8000	g711U
10.0.0.162	18272	10.0.0.50	17480	0xe9f6a038	10	1471	7.49 - 35.9 (28.4)	8000	g711U

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# Display Filter Scripts

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## Why use scripts for filters?

- On the capture to disk box, you will capture so much traffic that it can take a huge amount of time to open and filter these traces using Wireshark
- A script can be created that will run against all traces in a directory and filter out all traffic from a certain station, or for a protocol.

## Creating a script - Exercise

- Start Notepad.
- Enter the following into notepad:

```
for %%f in (*.pcap) do c:\progra~1\wireshark\tshark -r %%f -Y "ip.addr == x.x.x.x" -w  
./filtered/filtered%%f
```

- This will run a filter against all files in the folder, saving a separate trace file containing only traffic to or from x.x.x.x
- Save this file as extractbyip.bat
- Save it in your trace file directory

## Filtering for a protocol

- At times you may want to filter on a protocol instead of an address

```
for %%f in (*.pcap) do c:\progra~1\wireshark\tshark -r %%f -Y "arp" -w  
./filtered/arp%%f
```

## Advanced Filtering in Wireshark

- Display filters can be set for just about anything. A protocol, a conversation, a TCP Flag, even a clear text word
- tcp contains "GET"
- tcp.flags.syn == 1 && tcp.flags.ack == 1

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