



Protocols

Understanding Protocols

» What are Protocols?

» How protocols work:

- Encapsulation of data
- Traffic flow concepts from source to destination

» Dissecting an ICMP transmission

- Ping is used to troubleshoot network connectivity

Wireshark & Protocols

The screenshot displays the Wireshark 1.10.7 interface with the 'Local Area Connection' capture selected. The filter is set to 'icmp'. The packet list pane shows a series of ICMP Echo (ping) requests and Destination Unreachable (Host unreachable) responses. The packet details pane for packet 302 shows the following structure:

- Frame 302: 83 bytes on wire (664 bits), 83 bytes captured (664 bits) on interface 0
- Ethernet II, Src: Cisco_56:dd:c7 (f0:f7:55:56:dd:c7), Dst: wistron1_8f:d5:1c (3c:97:0e:8f:d5:1c)
- Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.140.24.50 (10.140.24.50), Dst: 10.121.90.106 (10.121.90.106)
- Internet Control Message Protocol

The packet bytes pane shows the raw data in hexadecimal and ASCII:

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0000 3c 97 0e 8f d5 1c f0 f7 55 56 dd c7 08 00 45 00 <.....UV...E.
0010 00 45 d4 a3 00 00 3b 01 23 74 0a 8c 18 32 0a 79 .E...:.#t...2.y
0020 5a 6a 0b 00 87 36 00 00 00 00 45 00 00 29 5f 39 Zj...6...E...)_
0030 40 00 01 0e 88 7b 0a 79 5a 6a 4a 7d e2 ba eb 6a @...{.y Zj}...j
0040 00 50 fc 04 18 73 a6 2c 34 75 50 10 00 fe 41 e6 .P...S..4uP...A.
0050 00 00 00
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Network Lab

» Capture a ping (ICMP) from source to destination

- Use Wireshark to capture traffic

» Troubleshooting problems

- Use Wireshark to analyze traffic
- Review traffic to analyze network, protocols, and traffic flow
- Time to Live (TTL)

Dissecting the ICMP Packet

779 35.450724000 10.90.204.75 10.121.90.231 ICMP 74 Echo (ping) request id=0x0200, seq=38041/39316, ttl=27

- Frame 779: 74 bytes on wire (592 bits), 74 bytes captured (592 bits) on interface 0
- Ethernet II, Src: Cisco_56:dd:c7 (f0:f7:55:56:dd:c7), Dst: Ibm_08:33:92 (40:f2:e9:08:33:92)
- Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.90.204.75 (10.90.204.75), Dst: 10.121.90.231 (10.121.90.231)
 - Version: 4
 - Header length: 20 bytes
 - Differentiated Services Field: 0x00 (DSCP 0x00: Default; ECN: 0x00: Not-ECT (Not ECN-Capable Transport))
 - Total Length: 60
 - Identification: 0x2707 (9991)
 - Flags: 0x00
 - Fragment offset: 0
 - Time to live: 27
 - Protocol: ICMP (1)
 - Header checksum: 0x3cb5 [validation disabled]
 - Source: 10.90.204.75 (10.90.204.75)
 - Destination: 10.121.90.231 (10.121.90.231)
 - [Source GeoIP: Unknown]
 - [Destination GeoIP: Unknown]
- Internet Control Message Protocol
 - Type: 8 (Echo (ping) request)
 - Code: 0
 - Checksum: 0xb8c4 [correct]
 - Identifier (BE): 512 (0x0200)
 - Identifier (LE): 2 (0x0002)
 - Sequence number (BE): 38041 (0x9499)
 - Sequence number (LE): 39316 (0x9994)
 - Data (32 bytes)

0000	40 f2 e9 08 33 92 f0 f7 55 56 dd c7 08 00 45 00	@...3... UV...E.
0010	00 3c 27 07 00 00 1b 01 3c b5 0a 5a cc 4b 0a 79	<.....<..Z.K.y
0020	5a e7 08 00 b8 c4 02 00 94 99 41 42 43 44 45 46	Z..... ..ABCDEF
0030	47 48 49 4a 4b 4c 4d 4e 4f 50 51 52 53 54 55 56	GHIJKLMN OPQRSTU
0040	57 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49	WABCDEF GHI

Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP)

» ICMP used to troubleshoot problems

- Commonly used with ping and traceroute
- Part of the TCP/IP protocol suite (Layer 3)
- Relays query messages
- Uses control messages

IP Header Information

Version	IHL	TOS = 0x00	Total Length
Identification		Flags	Fragment Offset
TTL	Protocol – 0x01	Header Checksum	
Source Address			
Destination Address			
Options		Padding	
Type	Code	Checksum	
ICMP Data			

Traffic Flow Analysis

» Data captured for analysis can reveal many issues

- Dropped packets
- Incorrect gateway assignment
- Incorrect path
- Latency
- Many others...

» Source to destination

- Ping will show you via ICMP connectivity from source to destination