

# Taming the Shark Tips and Tricks on Using Wireshark Hands On Labs

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# Why use different profiles? A trace is a trace is a trace – isn't it?



No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1	0.000000000	10.9.1.17	170.225.15.117	TCP	74	13188 > ftp [SYN] Seq=0 Win=65535 Len=0 M
2	0.146856000	170.225.15.117	10.9.1.17	TCP	58	ftp > 13188 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=65
3	0.146869000	10.9.1.17	170.225.15.117	TCP	54	13188 > ftp [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=65535 L
4	0.296484000	170.225.15.117	10.9.1.17	FTP	121	Response: 220-IBM's internal systems must
5	0.296501000	10.9.1.17	170.225.15.117	TCP	54	13188 > ftp [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=68 Win=65535
6	0.443922000	170.225.15.117	10.9.1.17	FTP	226	Response: 220-business or for purposes au
7	0.443936000	10.9.1.17	170.225.15.117	TCP	54	13188 > ftp [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=240 Win=65535
8	0.646292000	10.9.1.17	170.225.15.117	FTP	64	Request: AUTH TLS
9	0.792889000	170.225.15.117	10.9.1.17	FTP	72	Response: 234 SSLv23/TLSv1
10	0.792911000	10.9.1.17	170.225.15.117	TCP	54	13188 > ftp [PSH, ACK] Seq=11 Ack=258 Win
11	0.793030000	10.9.1.17	170.225.15.117	FTP	114	Request: \026\003\001\0007\001\000\0003\0
12	0.939289000	170.225.15.117	10.9.1.17	FTP	61	Response: \025\003\001\000\002\002(
13	0.939299000	10.9.1.17	170.225.15.117	TCP	54	13188 > ftp [PSH, ACK] Seq=71 Ack=265 Win
14	0.939634000	170.225.15.117	10.9.1.17	TCP	54	ftp > 13188 [FIN, ACK] Seq=265 Ack=71 Win
15	0.939637000	10.9.1.17	170.225.15.117	TCP	54	13188 > ftp [PSH, ACK] Seq=71 Ack=266 Win
16	0.939885000	10.9.1.17	170.225.15.117	TCP	54	13188 > ftp [FIN, PSH, ACK] Seq=71 Ack=26
17	1.088457000	170.225.15.117	10.9.1.17	TCP	54	ftp > 13188 [ACK] Seq=266 Ack=72 Win=6553

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This is the standard layout that ships with Wireshark. You find 6 columns in the Packet List pane and the colors are not very exciting.

## Why use different profiles? Coloring Rules! Show what's in there!



No.	Time	Source	d_port	whazzin	ACKed	RTT	Info
1	0.000	z05-Client	21	p0f z05 Tstamp 65535:64:1:60:M*.N.W*.N,N,T			13188 > 21 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=6
2	0.146	shopz-FTP	13188	p0f AIX 65535:60:1:44:M*	1	0.146	21 > 13188 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0
3	0.000	z05-Client	21	z05 ACK	2	0.000	13188 > 21 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1
4	0.149	shopz-FTP	13188	FTP-220 Welcome			Response: 220-IBM's interna
5	0.000	z05-Client	21	z05 ACK	4	0.000	13188 > 21 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=6
6	0.147	shopz-FTP	13188	FTP-220 Welcome			Response: 220-business or fo
7	0.000	z05-Client	21	z05 ACK	6	0.000	13188 > 21 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=2
8	0.202	z05-Client	21	FTP-CMD: AUTH TLS			Request: AUTH TLS
9	0.146	shopz-FTP	13188	FTP-234 SSL OK			Response: 234 SSLV23/TLSv1
10	0.000	z05-Client	21	z05 ACK	8	0.000	13188 > 21 [PSH, ACK] Seq=11
11	0.000	z05-Client	21	Client Hello			Request: \026\003\001\0007\00
12	0.146	shopz-FTP	13188	TLS Alert			Response: \025\003\001\000\00
13	0.000	z05-Client	21	z05 ACK	12	0.000	13188 > 21 [PSH, ACK] Seq=71
14	0.000	shopz-FTP	13188	tcp_down			21 > 13188 [FIN, ACK] Seq=26
15	0.000	z05-Client	21	z05 ACK	14	0.000	13188 > 21 [PSH, ACK] Seq=71
16	0.000	z05-Client	21	tcp_down			13188 > 21 [FIN, PSH, ACK] S
17	0.148	shopz-FTP	13188				13188 > 21 [ACK] Seq=266 Ack

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This is the same trace looked at using a more sophisticated profile.

The packet list contains information from deep in the packet. This save us zooming into each packet individually.

You can see that the source now contains a host name. This is achieved by coding a hosts file in the profile TCP's folder that wireshark can use to resolve ip addresses. The most obvious difference are the different colors that are assigned via the coloring rules for certain packet content.

The coloring rule name, if chosen meaningful and added to the packet list, can help to guide the user through the trace.

The scenario here:

A z/OS client was trying to connect to shop-z to download some maintenance. While this was running before, all of a sudden the FTP failed.

In this hands-on lab we will inspect the SYSTCPDA packet trace using wireshark and learn how to create a profile that helps us identify this problem faster.

## Wireshark Labs

### 3 Problems to chose from



- Problem 1: SMTP Performance Problem
  - TCP connections over WAN don't perform well
    - <http://www.cloudshark.org/captures/2021a63878f51>
- Problem 2: FTP TLS to ShopZ fails
  - FTP download from z/OS to ShopZ fails
    - <http://www.cloudshark.org/captures/0b9861a0cf43>
- Problem 3: iSCSI Performance Problem
  - SQL Server getting timeouts writing on storage array
    - <http://www.cloudshark.org/captures/a38f5226e356>

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You have 3 Labs to chose from.

The intention is not to answer the questions as fast as possible but to figure out the best way to answer the questions by using various features and fucntions in wireshark to find your personal best fit in attacking network problems. Only when you know several options will you be able to chose theoptimal method.

All trace files are uploaded to [www.cloudshark.org](http://www.cloudshark.org) where the traces can be looked at using a browser based wireshark. So this would also work for iPad, Tablet, smartphones etc...

Problem number one is a SYSTCPDA packet Trace taken with TDSLINK, a trace tool for packet tracing on z/OS.

Problem number two is a SYSTCPDA Packet Trace converted using IPCS It shows a TLS negotiation error to ShopZ.

Problem number 3 is a tcpdump trace documenting a performance problem from an SQL Server to an iSCSI storage array.

## Lab1: SMTP Performance Problem

<http://www.cloudshark.org/captures/2021a63878f51>



- Questions
  - Where was the trace taken, client or server?
  - How far away is the remote host?
  - What is the RTT on the connection
  - What is the largest window size offered?
    - By the client
    - By the server
  - Are there any retransmissions?
    - If so, why?
  - Who closes the connection?
  - How many bytes were sent/received?

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### Hints:

Look at the ip.ttl field to identify who is the local and remote IP host.

Statistics → Flowgraph gives you a nice overview of the traffic

The window sizes advertised by the TCP stack are derived by the TCP receivebuffer size used on the socket. In z/OS, the advertised window size is  $2 * TCPRECVBUF$ .

Retransmissions occur when the third duplicated ACK is received or when the retransmission timer pops. Try the `tcp.analysis.flags` filter to find suspicious packets.

## Lab2: FTP TLS Problem

<http://www.cloudshark.org/captures/0b9861a0cf43>



- Questions
  - Where was the trace taken, client or server?
  - How far away is the remote host?
  - What is the RTT on the connection
  - What Ciphersuites does the client offer
    - By the client
    - By the server
  - How does the server react?
    - If so, why?
  - What can be done to fix this problem?

FTP can be using TLS when a AUTH TLS command is sent to the server.

For wireshark to be able to interpret those packets, you need to use the 'Decode as' function.

Many encryption algorithms are not considered secure anymore as they have been compromised by now. Some servers insist on having current CipherSuites in use.

## Lab3: SCSI Performance Problem

<http://www.cloudshark.org/captures/a38f5226e356>



- Questions
  - Where was the trace taken? Client or server
  - What is the operating system of the local host?
  - How far away is the remote host?
  - How many iSCSI requests are in the trace?
  - What are the iSCSI responsetimes?
  - How many retransmissions are in the trace?
  - How many delayed ACKs are in the trace?
  - What can be done to fix this problem?

In TCP segments are acknowledged on a regular basis. Normal behaviour is that the receiver acknowledges 'every other' packet, which means we wait until we receive 2 segments before we send an 'empty' ACK. If the second segment does not arrive as the sender has no more data to send, the delay\_ack timer pops and a so called 'delayed acknowledgment' is sent out.

The Nagle algorithm tries to reduce the number of packets by holding on to data in case the application has more to send.

In some scenarios, Nagle and delayed acknowledgements don't go well together. See the youtube video from Hansang Bae <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2CMueBcQNtk>

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No.	Time	ACKed	ColoringRuleName	Source	TTL	s_port	d_port	Seq	tcp.len	NxtSeq	ACK	Info
1	0.000000		p0f_ZDS_16k_Tstamp	10.62.42.244	64	58839	25	0	0			58839 > 25 [SYN] Seq=
2	0.007702	1	p0f_Linux_35:64:1:*:M*	10.64.4.19	61	25	58839	0	0			1 25 > 58839 [SYN, ACK]
3	0.000036	2	z05_outbound	10.62.42.244	64	58839	25	1	0			1 58839 > 25 [ACK] Seq=
4	0.019862		SMTP_220>Welcome	10.64.4.19	61	25	58839	1	32	33		1 S: 220 radiuslx.f
5	0.206178		Slow_Retransmit	10.64.4.19	61	25	58839	1	32	33		1 [TCP Retransmission]
6	0.000022	4	DelayACK	10.62.42.244	64	58839	25	1	0			33 58839 > 25 [ACK] Seq=
7	18.89031		z05_outbound	10.62.42.244	64	58839	25	1	15	16		33 C: [SMTP] 3T2
8	0.006324	7		10.64.4.19	61	25	58839	33	0			16 25 > 58839 [ACK] Seq=
9	0.000176			10.64.4.19	61	25	58839	33	87	120		16 S: 250-radiuslx.f
10	0.000090	9	z05_outbound	10.62.42.244	64	58839	25	16	28	44		120 C: MAIL FROM:<ver
11	0.013534	10		10.64.4.19	61	25	58839	120	8	128		44 S: 250 Ok
12	0.000038	11	z05_outbound	10.62.42.244	64	58839	25	44	28	72		128 C: RCPT TO:<cpps@r
13	0.014050	12		10.64.4.19	61	25	58839	128	8	136		72 S: 250 Ok
14	0.000044	13	z05_outbound	10.62.42.244	64	58839	25	72	6	78		136 C: DATA
15	0.006148	14		10.64.4.19	61	25	58839	136	37	173		78 S: 354 End data w
16	0.000164	15	z05_outbound	10.62.42.244	64	58839	25	78	1169	1247		173 C: DATA fragment, 14
17	0.013106	16		10.64.4.19	61	25	58839	173	30	203		1247 S: 250 Ok: queued
18	0.000032	17	z05_outbound	10.62.42.244	64	58839	25	1247	6	1253		203 C: DATA fragment, 6
19	0.006204	18		10.64.4.19	61	25	58839	203	9	212		1253 S: 221 Bye
20	0.000000		tcp_down	10.64.4.19	61	25	58839	212	0			1253 25 > 58839 [FIN, ACK]
21	0.000024	20	z05_outbound	10.62.42.244	64	58839	25	1253	0			213 58839 > 25 [PSH, ACK]
22	0.000010		tcp_down	10.62.42.244	64	58839	25	1253	0			213 58839 > 25 [FIN, PSH]
23	0.006312	22		10.64.4.19	61	25	58839	213	0			1254 25 > 58839 [ACK] Seq=

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Wireshark coloring rules can be used to highlight certain events.



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No.	Time	ACKed	ColoringRuleName	Source	TTL	s_port	d_port	Seq	tcp.len	NxtSeq	ACK	Info
1	0.000000		p0f z0S 16k Tstamp	10.62.42.244	64	58839	25	0	0			58839 > 25 [SYN] Seq
2	0.007702	1	p0f Linux 35:64:1:*:M*	10.64.4.19	61	25	58839	0	0			1 25 > 58839 [SYN, ACK]
3	0.000036	2	z0S outbound	10.62.42.244	64	58839	25	1	0			1 58839 > 25 [ACK] Seq
4	0.019862		SMTP 220 Welcome	10.64.4.19	61	25	58839	1	32	33		1 S: 220 radiuslx.f
5	0.206178		Slow Retransmit	10.64.4.19	61	25	58839	1	32	33		1 [TCP Retransmission]
6	0.000022	4	DelayACK	10.62.42.244	64	58839	25	1	0			33 58839 > 25 [ACK] Seq
7	18.89031		z0S outbound	10.62.42.244	64	58839	25	1	15	16		33 C: 32
8	0.006324	7		10.64.4.19	61	25	58839	33	0			16 25 > 58839 [ACK] Seq
9	0.000176			10.64.4.19	61	25	58839	33	87	120		16 S: 250-radiuslx.f
10	0.000090	9	z0S outbound	10.62.42.244	64	58839	25	16	28	44		120 C: MAIL FROM:<ver
11	0.013534	10		10.64.4.19	61	25	58839	120	8	128		44 S: 250 Ok
12	0.000038	11	z0S outbound	10.62.42.244	64	58839	25	44	28	72		128 C: RCPT TO:<cpps@r
13	0.014050	12		10.64.4.19	61	25	58839	128	8	136		72 S: 250 Ok
14	0.000044	13	z0S outbound	10.62.42.244	64	58839	25	72	6	78		136 C: DATA
15	0.006148	14		10.64.4.19	61	25	58839	136	37	173		78 S: 354 End data w
16	0.000164	15	z0S outbound	10.62.42.244	64	58839	25	78	1169	1247		173 C: DATA fragment, 14
17	0.013106	16		10.64.4.19	61	25	58839	173	30	203		1247 S: 250 Ok: queued
18	0.000032	17	z0S outbound	10.62.42.244	64	58839	25	1247	6	1253		203 C: DATA fragment, 6
19	0.006204	18		10.64.4.19	61	25	58839	203	9	212		1253 S: 221 Bye
20	0.000000		tcp down	10.64.4.19	61	25	58839	212	0			1253 25 > 58839 [FIN, ACK]
21	0.000024	20	z0S outbound	10.62.42.244	64	58839	25	1253	0			213 58839 > 25 [PSH, ACK]
22	0.000010		tcp down	10.62.42.244	64	58839	25	1253	0			213 58839 > 25 [FIN, PSH]
23	0.006312	22		10.64.4.19	61	25	58839	213	0			1254 25 > 58839 [ACK] Seq

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No.	Time	ACKed	tcp.len	ColoringRuleName	Source	TTL	s_port	d_port	Seq	NxtSeq	ACK	Info
1	0.000000	0	0	p0f zOS Tstamp 65535:64:1:60:M*,N,W*,N,N,T	10.9.1.17	64	13188	21	0			13188 > 21 [SYN]
2	0.146856	1	0	p0f AIX 65535:60:1:44:M*	170.225.15.117	45	21	13188	0			1 21 > 13188 [SYN]
3	0.000013	2	0	zOS ACK	10.9.1.17	64	13188	21	1			1 13188 > 21 [ACK]
4	0.149615	67	0	FTP-220 Welcome	170.225.15.117	45	21	13188	1	68		1 Ignored Unknown
5	0.000017	4	0	zOS ACK	10.9.1.17	64	13188	21	1			68 13188 > 21 [ACK]
6	0.147421	172	0	FTP-220 Welcome	170.225.15.117	45	21	13188	68	240		1 Ignored Unknown
7	0.000014	6	0	zOS ACK	10.9.1.17	64	13188	21	1			240 13188 > 21 [ACK]
8	0.202356	10	0	FTP-CMD: AUTH TLS	10.9.1.17	64	13188	21	1	11		240 Ignored Unknown
9	0.146597	8	18	FTP-234 SSL OK	170.225.15.117	45	21	13188	240	258		11 Ignored Unknown
10	0.000022	9	0	zOS ACK	10.9.1.17	64	13188	21	11			258 13188 > 21 [PSH]
11	0.000119	60	0	TLS Client Hello	10.9.1.17	64	13188	21	11	71		258 Client Hello
12	0.146259	11	7	TLS Alert	170.225.15.117	45	21	13188	258	265		71 Alert (Level: F)
13	0.000010	12	0	zOS ACK	10.9.1.17	64	13188	21	71			265 13188 > 21 [PSH]
14	0.000335	0	0	tcp_down	170.225.15.117	45	21	13188	265			71 21 > 13188 [FIN]
15	0.000003	14	0	zOS ACK	10.9.1.17	64	13188	21	71			266 13188 > 21 [PSH]
16	0.000248	0	0	tcp_down	10.9.1.17	64	13188	21	71			266 13188 > 21 [FIN]
17	0.148572	16	0		170.225.15.117	45	21	13188	266			72 21 > 13188 [ACK]

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Filter: **iscsi** Expression... Clear Apply Save 3way\_HS rxmit TLS TLS\_hi

No.	Time	ACKed	ColoringRuleName	Source	TTL	s_port	d_port	Seq	tcp.len	NxtSeq	ACK	iSCSI-rsp	Info
1	0.000000		Windows	10.111.88.247	128	63043	3260	1	1460	1461	1		SCSI: Write(10) LUN: 0x00
50	0.195209		Nagle	10.111.88.247	128	63043	3260	65585	48	65633	1		SCSI: Read(10) LUN: 0x00
53	0.003828			10.111.134.122	63	3260	63043	1	48	49	65585	0.199037	SCSI: Response LUN: 0x00
55	0.269271	50	Nagle	10.111.134.122	63	3260	63043	49	1460	1509	65633	0.273099	SCSI: Data In LUN: 0x00
59	0.000165		Windows	10.111.88.247	128	63043	3260	65633	1440	67073	49		SCSI: Read(10) LUN: 0x00
64	0.000153	63	Windows	10.111.88.247	128	63043	3260	67073	48	67121	8289		SCSI: Read(10) LUN: 0x00
77	0.265960	64	Nagle	10.111.134.122	63	3260	63043	8289	1460	9749	67121	0.266113	SCSI: Data In LUN: 0x00
142	0.892472	141	Windows	10.111.88.247	128	63043	3260	67121	48	67169	76909		SCSI: Read(10) LUN: 0x00
195	0.382652			10.111.134.122	63	3260	63043	36769	1460	138229	67169		Login Command
200	0.000070	198	Windows	10.111.88.247	128	63043	3260	67169	48	67217	141149		SCSI: Read(10) LUN: 0x00


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