Laboratory 1

Software on your laptop

Assuming that you are running Red Hat Linux or Windows, you should install Ethereal (a packet analyzer). It is available on the website:
http://www.ethereal.com
More specifically
http://www.ethereal.com/download.html

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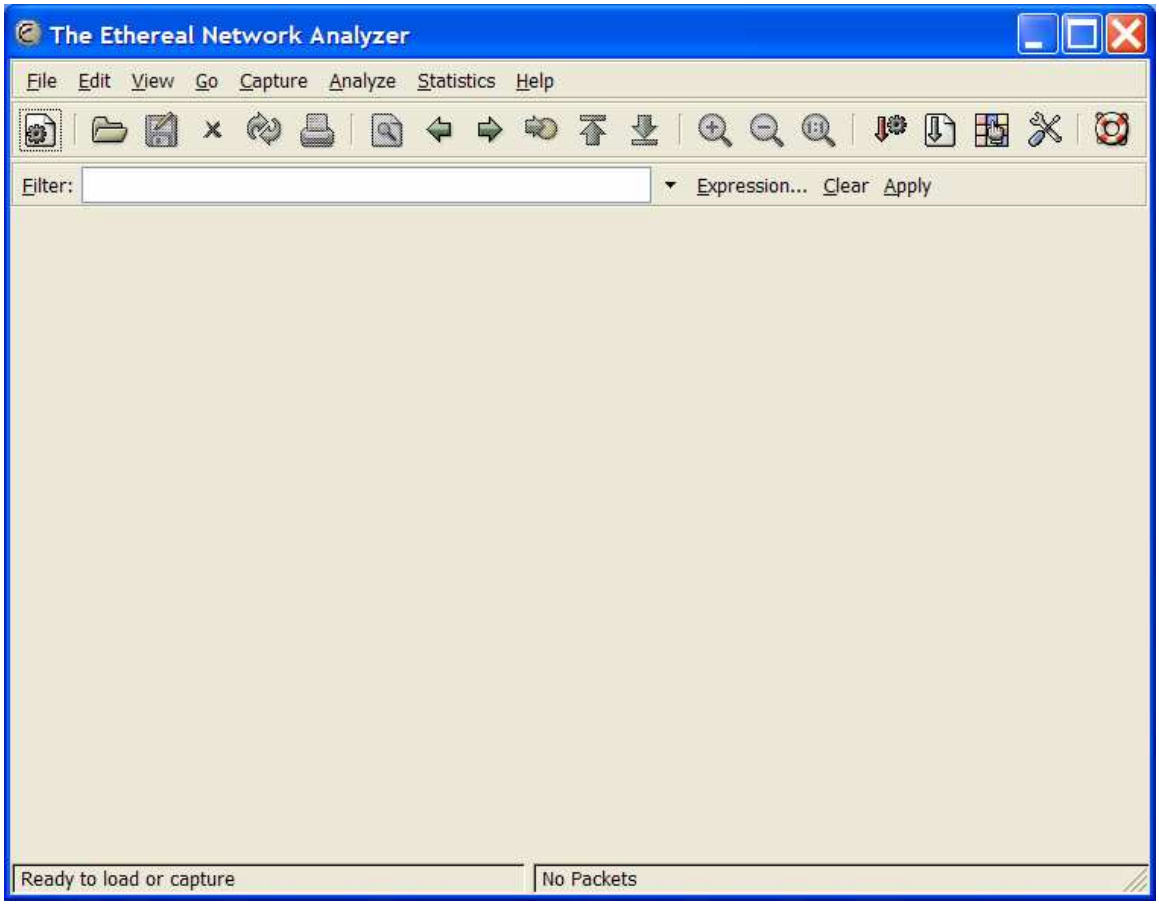
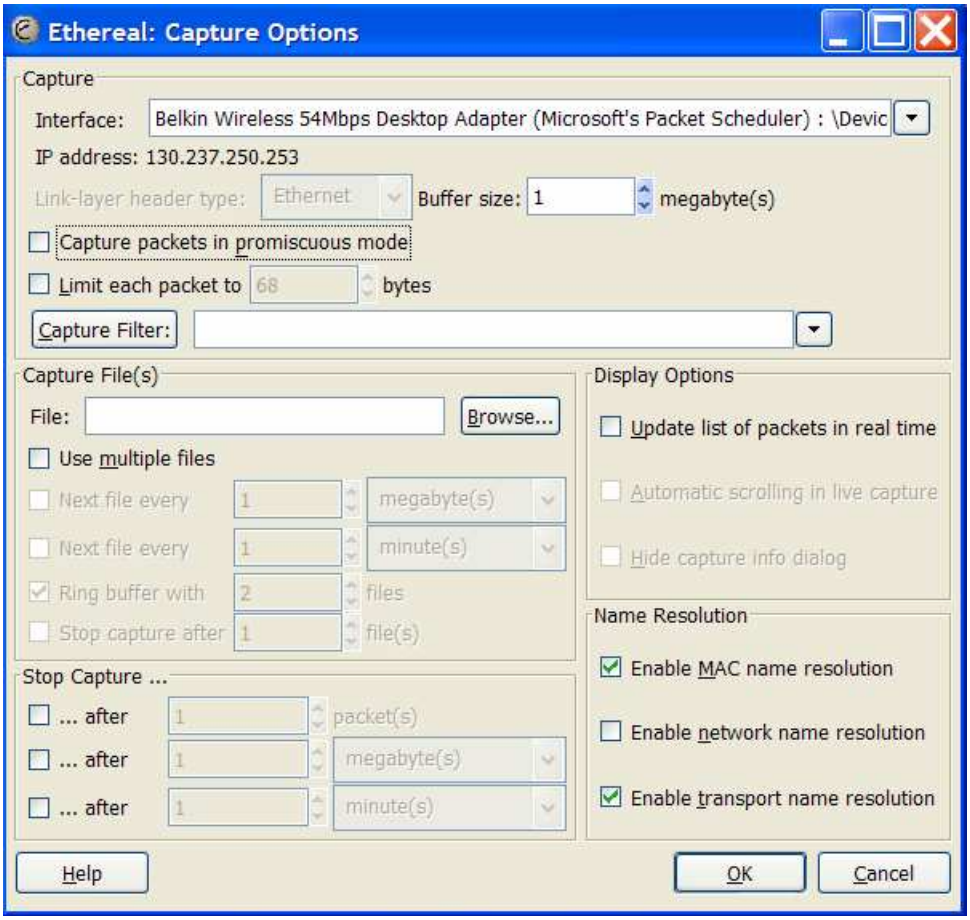
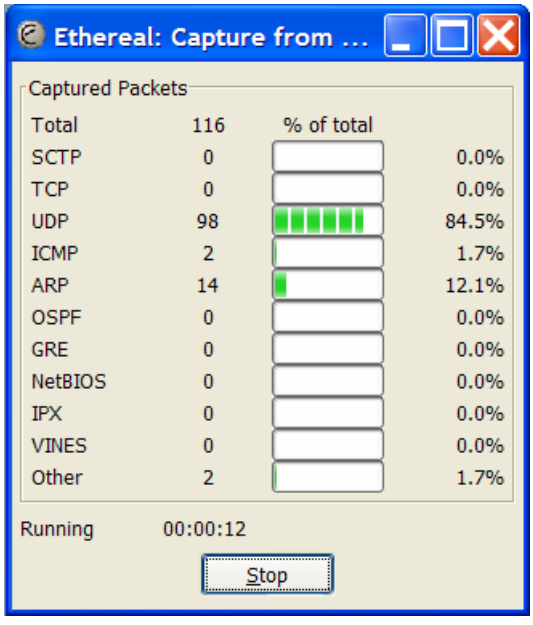
1. Start Ethereal. The following window will appear on the on the screen.



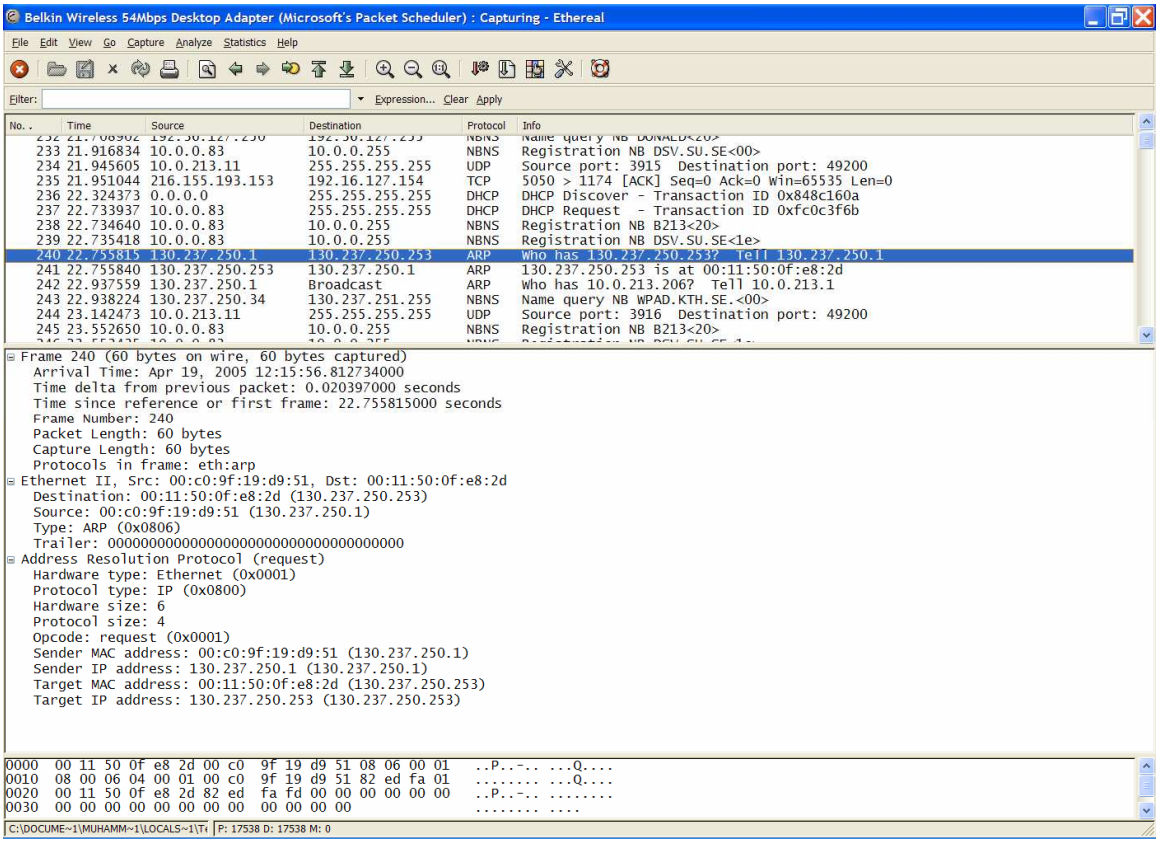
2. The top pane of this window is the **packet list pane** will give a list of packets captured. Any packet selected in this pane will be shown in detail in the other two panes. The middle pane is the **tree view pane**. This shows the contents of packets in a hierarchical (i.e. tree-like) way. The bottom pane is the **data view pane**. This gives a hexadecimal dump of the contents of a packet.
3. You can start up ethereal by clicking on **capture>start** on top of the ethereal window. This will cause the following sub window to appear. Click on OK.



4. Ethereal will now start capturing packets. The following window will show a record of packets captured.



5. Try to capture ARP request and reply packets as shown.



6. Enter the contents of the request and reply in the following format for ARP header.

Hardware Type		Protocol Type
Hardware length	Protocol length	Operation Request 1, Reply 2
Sender hardware address		
Sender protocol address		
Target hardware address		
Target protocol address		

7. Now highlight a UDP packet and fill in the following IP and UDP header.

IP Header

VER 4 bits	HLEN 4bits	DS 8 bits	Total length 16 bits
Identification 16 bits		Flags 3 bits	Fragmentation offset 13 bits
Time to live 8 bits	Protocol 8 bits	Header checksum 16 bits	
Source IP address			
Destination IP address			
Option			

UDP Header

Source port number 16 bits	Destination port number 16 bits
Total length 16 bits	Checksum 16 bits

8. Now find DHCP messages (DISCOVER, OFFER, REQUEST and ACK) to offer an IP address.
9. Which ports have been used by DHCP?
10. Fill in the DHCP header for all the four DHCP messages. Try to observe the differences among them.

Operation code	Hardware type	Hardware length	Hop count
Transaction ID			
Number of seconds		F	Unused
Client IP address			
Your IP address			
Server IP address			
Gateway IP address			
Client hardware address			
Server name			
Boot file name			
Options			

11. Stop ethereal and start capturing the packets again for the next steps.
12. Lets ping YAHOO, using the command:

ping www.yahoo.com

13. Record the ICMP header for request and reply.

Type	Code	Checksum
Identifier		Sequence number
Optional data		

14. What type of changes you note in ICMP packets?
15. Now lets find the hops to YAHOO. Use the command:

traceroute www.yahoo.com (Linux)
tracert www.yahoo.com (Windows)

16. Capture the ICMP packets and note the changes.
17. Now we will try to send one packet to YAHOO.

ping –c 1 –s 2000 www.yahoo.com (Linux)
ping –n 1 –l 2000 www.yahoo.com (Windows)

18. Do you expect fragmentation? If so, capture the IP fragments and record the IP headers to see the differences in fragments.
19. Now try to get more fragments.

ping –c 1 –s 4000 www.yahoo.com (Linux)
ping –n 1 –l 4000 www.yahoo.com (Windows)

20. Again capture the fragments and note IP header fields.
21. Start capture and go to YAHOO.
22. Select DNS query and response packets and record the fields in following format:

DNS Header

Identification	Flags
Number of question records	Number of answer records
Number of authoritative records	Number of additional records

Question Record

Query name	
Query type	Query class

Resource Record

Domain name	
Domain type	Domain class
Time to live	
Resource data length	Resource data
Resource data	

23. Try to find out all the name servers involved in resolving www.yahoo.com.
24. Now browse www.it.kth.se, capture the packets and look for the keep alives that the network send to tell that you are still there (if you are not, you have to relogin to have network connectivity). How often do these packets come? How they look like?