

# Ethereal Lab: HTTP

## 1. The Basic HTTP GET/response interaction

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No.      Time      Source      Destination
Protocol Info
  1190 131.859385 128.238.245.34 128.119.245.12  HTTP
GET /ethereal-labs/HTTP-ethereal-file1.html HTTP/1.1

Hypertext Transfer Protocol
  GET /ethereal-labs/HTTP-ethereal-file1.html HTTP/1.1\r\n
  Accept: image/gif, image/x-xbitmap, image/jpeg, image/pjpeg,
application/x-shockwave-flash, */*\r\n
  Accept-Language: en-us\r\n
  Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate\r\n
  User-Agent: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.0; Windows NT 5.1; SV1;
.NET CLR 1.1.4322)\r\n
  Host: gaia.cs.umass.edu\r\n
  Connection: Keep-Alive\r\n
\r\n
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No.      Time      Source      Destination
Protocol Info
  1192 131.875550 128.119.245.12 128.238.245.34  HTTP
HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
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Hypertext Transfer Protocol
  HTTP/1.1 200 OK\r\n
  Date: Fri, 15 Oct 2004 18:13:19 GMT\r\n
  Server: Apache/2.0.40 (Red Hat Linux)\r\n
  Last-Modified: Fri, 15 Oct 2004 18:13:01 GMT\r\n
  ETag: "1bbf0-7e-60996540"\r\n
  Accept-Ranges: bytes\r\n
  Content-Length: 126\r\n
  Keep-Alive: timeout=10, max=100\r\n
  Connection: Keep-Alive\r\n
  Content-Type: text/html; charset=ISO-8859-1\r\n
\r\n
Line-based text data: text/html
<html>
  Congratulations. You've downloaded the file
  http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/ethereal-labs/HTTP-ethereal-file1.html!
</html>
```

Answer the following questions:

1. Is your browser running HTTP version 1.0 or 1.1? What version of HTTP is the server running?

Answer: Both are running HTTP 1.1

2. What languages (if any) does your browser indicate that it can accept to the server?

Answer: Accept-Language: en-us

3. What is the IP address of your computer? Of the gaia.cs.umass.edu server?

Answer: My IP address is 128.238.245.34 and the server's is 128.119.245.12

4. What is the status code returned from the server to your browser?

Answer: HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)

5. When was the HTML file that you are retrieving last modified at the server?

Answer: Last-Modified: Fri, 15 Oct 2004 18:13:01 GMT

6. How many bytes of content are being returned to your browser?

Answer: Content-Length: 126

7. By inspecting the raw data in the packet content window, do you see any headers within the data that are not displayed in the packet-listing window? If so, name one.

Answer: No all of the headers can be found in the raw data.

## 2. The HTTP CONDITIONAL GET/response interaction

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No.      Time          Source          Destination
Protocol Info
  72 6.592603    128.238.245.34  128.119.245.12  HTTP
GET /ethereal-labs/HTTP-ethereal-file2.html HTTP/1.1

Frame 72 (403 bytes on wire, 403 bytes captured)
  Arrival Time: Oct 15, 2004 15:21:06.783195000
  Time delta from previous packet: 6.592603000 seconds
  Time since reference or first frame: 6.592603000 seconds
  Frame Number: 72
  Packet Length: 403 bytes
  Capture Length: 403 bytes
Hypertext Transfer Protocol
GET /ethereal-labs/HTTP-ethereal-file2.html HTTP/1.1\r\n
Accept: */*\r\n
Accept-Language: en-us\r\n
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate\r\n
User-Agent: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.0; Windows NT 5.1; SV1;
.NET CLR 1.1.4322)\r\n
Host: gaia.cs.umass.edu\r\n
Connection: Keep-Alive\r\n
\r\n
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```
No.      Time          Source          Destination
Protocol Info
  74 6.608674    128.119.245.12  128.238.245.34  HTTP
HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
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```
Frame 74 (739 bytes on wire, 739 bytes captured)
  Arrival Time: Oct 15, 2004 15:21:06.799266000
  Time delta from previous packet: 0.016071000 seconds
  Time since reference or first frame: 6.608674000 seconds
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Frame Number: 74  
Packet Length: 739 bytes  
Capture Length: 739 bytes  
Hypertext Transfer Protocol  
HTTP/1.1 200 OK\r\n  
Date: Fri, 15 Oct 2004 19:21:11 GMT\r\n  
Server: Apache/2.0.40 (Red Hat Linux)\r\n  
Last-Modified: Fri, 15 Oct 2004 19:21:01 GMT\r\n  
ETag: "1bfef-173-53c94140"\r\n  
Accept-Ranges: bytes\r\n  
Content-Length: 371\r\n  
Keep-Alive: timeout=10, max=100\r\n  
Connection: Keep-Alive\r\n  
Content-Type: text/html; charset=ISO-8859-1\r\n  
\r\n  
Line-based text data: text/html

```
<html>

  Congratulations again!  Now you've downloaded the file lab2-2.html.
<br>
  This file's last modification date will not change.  <p>
  Thus if you download this multiple times on your browser, a
complete copy <br>
  will only be sent once by the server due to the inclusion of the
IN-MODIFIED-SINCE<br>
  field in your browser's HTTP GET request to the server.

</html>
```

No.	Time	Source	Destination	
118	10.458581	128.238.245.34	128.119.245.12	HTTP
GET /ethereal-labs/HTTP-ethereal-file2.html HTTP/1.1				

Frame 118 (403 bytes on wire, 403 bytes captured)  
Arrival Time: Oct 15, 2004 15:21:10.649173000  
Time delta from previous packet: 3.849907000 seconds  
Time since reference or first frame: 10.458581000 seconds  
Frame Number: 118  
Packet Length: 403 bytes  
Capture Length: 403 bytes  
Hypertext Transfer Protocol  
GET /ethereal-labs/HTTP-ethereal-file2.html HTTP/1.1\r\n  
Accept: \*/\*\r\n  
Accept-Language: en-us\r\n  
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate\r\n  
If-Modified-Since: Fri, 15 Oct 2004 19:21:01 GMT\r\n  
If-None-Match: "1bfef-173-53c94140"\r\n  
User-Agent: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.0; Windows NT 5.1; SV1;  
.NET CLR 1.1.4322)\r\n  
Host: gaia.cs.umass.edu\r\n  
Connection: Keep-Alive\r\n  
\r\n

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Info
119	10.471105	128.119.245.12	128.238.245.34	HTTP	HTTP/1.1 304 Not Modified

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Frame 119 (243 bytes on wire, 243 bytes captured)
  Arrival Time: Oct 15, 2004 15:21:10.661697000
  Time delta from previous packet: 0.012524000 seconds
  Time since reference or first frame: 10.471105000 seconds
  Frame Number: 119
  Packet Length: 243 bytes
  Capture Length: 243 bytes
Hypertext Transfer Protocol
  HTTP/1.1 304 Not Modified\r\n
  Date: Fri, 15 Oct 2004 19:21:14 GMT\r\n
  Server: Apache/2.0.40 (Red Hat Linux)\r\n
  Connection: Keep-Alive\r\n
  Keep-Alive: timeout=10, max=99\r\n
  ETag: "1bfef-173-53c94140"\r\n
  \r\n

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Answer the following questions:

8. Inspect the contents of the first HTTP GET request from your browser to the server. Do you see an “IF-MODIFIED-SINCE” line in the HTTP GET?

Answer: No

9. Inspect the contents of the server response. Did the server explicitly return the contents of the file? How can you tell?

Answer: Yes because we can see the contents in the Line-based text data field.

10. Now inspect the contents of the second HTTP GET request from your browser to the server. Do you see an “IF-MODIFIED-SINCE:” line in the HTTP GET? If so, what information follows the “IF-MODIFIED-SINCE:” header?

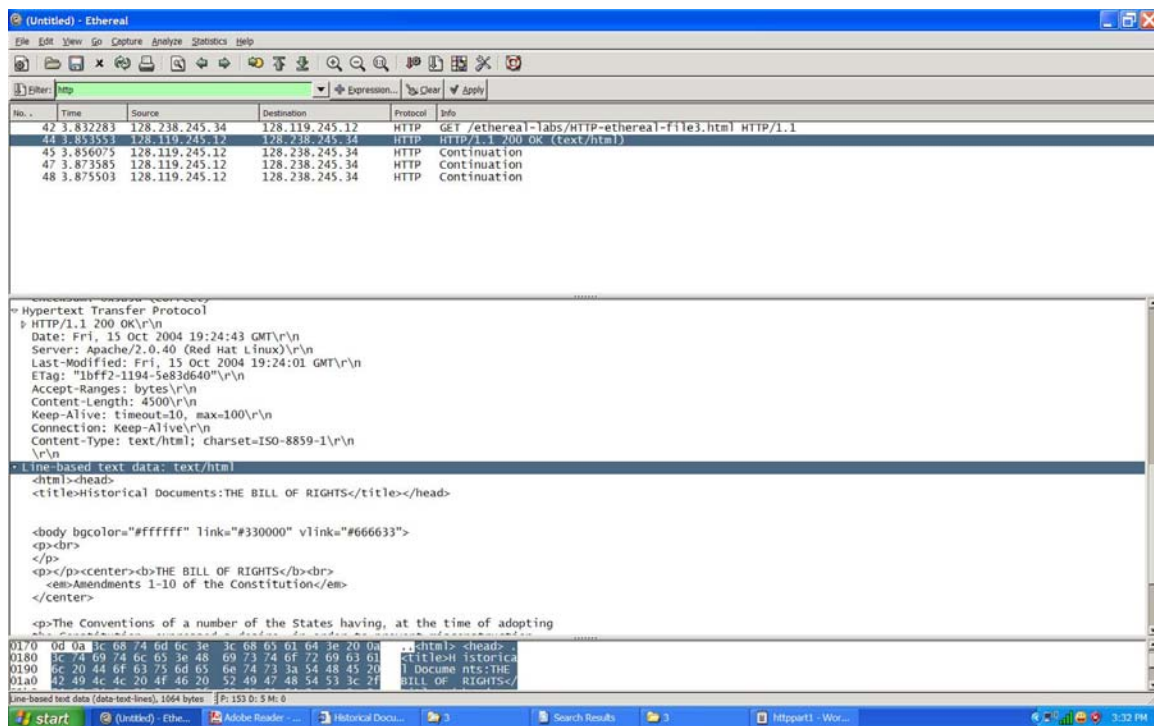
Answer: Yes. The information followed is: Fri, 15 Oct 2004 19:21:01 GMT\r\n which is the date of the last modification of the file from the previous get request.

11. What is the HTTP status code and phrase returned from the server in response to this second HTTP GET? Did the server explicitly return the contents of the file?

Explain.

Answer: The status code and phrase returned from the server is HTTP/1.1 304 Not Modified. The server didn't return the contents of the file since the browser loaded it from its cache.

### 3. Retrieving Long Documents



Answer the following questions:

12. How many HTTP GET request messages were sent by your browser?

Answer: There was 1 HTTP GET request message sent by my browser as seen in the screenshot.

13. How many data-containing TCP segments were needed to carry the single HTTP response?

Answer: There were 4 data containing TCP segments containing 1064 ,1380 ,1380 and 679 bytes respectively for a total of 4500 bytes.

14. What is the status code and phrase associated with the response to the HTTP GET request?

Answer: 200 OK

15. Are there any HTTP status lines in the transmitted data associated with a TCP induced "Continuation"?

Answer: No

## 4. HTML Documents with Embedded Objects

The screenshot shows the Wireshark interface with a list of captured packets. The top pane displays a list of HTTP GET requests. The bottom pane shows a detailed view of an IP packet (No. 44).

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Info
44	3.970004	128.238.245.34	128.119.245.12	HTTP	GET /ethereal-labs/HTTP-ethereal-11e4.html HTTP/1.1
46	3.991706	128.119.245.12	128.238.245.34	HTTP	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
65	4.115257	128.238.245.34	165.193.123.218	HTTP	GET /catalog/images/pearson-logo-footer.gif HTTP/1.1
68	4.137122	165.193.123.218	128.238.245.34	HTTP	HTTP/1.1 200 OK [GIF89a][unreassembled Packet]
69	4.140800	165.193.123.218	128.238.245.34	HTTP	Continuation
71	4.143595	165.193.123.218	128.238.245.34	HTTP	Continuation
74	4.307374	128.238.245.34	134.241.6.82	HTTP	GET /-course/cover.jpg HTTP/1.1
77	4.680388	134.241.6.82	128.238.245.34	HTTP	HTTP/1.0 200 Document follows
78	4.681472	134.241.6.82	128.238.245.34	HTTP	Continuation
80	4.682832	134.241.6.82	128.238.245.34	HTTP	Continuation
81	4.683923	134.241.6.82	128.238.245.34	HTTP	Continuation
83	4.684992	134.241.6.82	128.238.245.34	HTTP	Continuation
84	4.686427	134.241.6.82	128.238.245.34	HTTP	Continuation
86	4.687739	134.241.6.82	128.238.245.34	HTTP	Continuation
87	4.690200	134.241.6.82	128.238.245.34	HTTP	Continuation
89	4.891352	134.241.6.82	128.238.245.34	HTTP	Continuation
90	4.894202	134.241.6.82	128.238.245.34	HTTP	Continuation
92	4.898095	134.241.6.82	128.238.245.34	HTTP	Continuation
93	4.901302	134.241.6.82	128.238.245.34	HTTP	Continuation
95	4.904856	134.241.6.82	128.238.245.34	HTTP	Continuation
96	4.908695	134.241.6.82	128.238.245.34	HTTP	Continuation
107	5.139328	134.241.6.82	128.238.245.34	HTTP	Continuation
108	5.141891	134.241.6.82	128.238.245.34	HTTP	Continuation
110	5.144611	134.241.6.82	128.238.245.34	HTTP	Continuation
111	5.146154	134.241.6.82	128.238.245.34	HTTP	Continuation
113	5.148742	134.241.6.82	128.238.245.34	HTTP	Continuation
179	8.365103	165.193.123.218	128.238.245.34	HTTP	Continuation

Type: IP (0x0800)  
Internet Protocol, Src Addr: 128.238.245.34 (128.238.245.34), Dst Addr: 128.119.245.12 (128.119.245.12)  
Version: 4  
Header length: 20 bytes  
Differentiated Services Field: 0x00 (DSCP 0x00: Default; ECN: 0x00)  
Total Length: 386  
Identification: 0xb97e (47486)  
Flags: 0x04 (Don't Fragment)  
Fragment offset: 0  
Time to live: 128  
Protocol: TCP (0x06)  
Header checksum: 0x5462 (correct)  
Source: 128.238.245.34 (128.238.245.34)

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0000 00 b0 c2 f3 15 80 00 11 f5 05 4d b9 08 00 45 00 .....M...E.  
0010 01 82 b9 7e 40 00 80 06 54 62 80 ee f5 22 80 77 ...@...Tb...w  
0020 f5 0c 06 fc 00 50 d8 00 3c 41 63 bd 15 c3 50 18 ....P..<Ac...P.  
0030 40 b0 52 55 00 00 47 45 54 20 2f 65 74 68 65 72 @.RU..GE T/ether
```

Answer the following questions:

16. How many HTTP GET request messages were sent by your browser? To which Internet addresses were these GET requests sent?

Answer: As you can see from the above screenshot there were 3 HTTP GET requests sent to the following Internet addresses:

- 128.119.245.12
- 165.193.123.218
- 134.241.6.82

17. Can you tell whether your browser downloaded the two images serially, or whether they were downloaded from the two web sites in parallel? Explain.

Answer: By checking the TCP ports we can see if our files were downloaded serially or in parallel. In this case the 2 images were transmitted over 2 TCP connections therefore they were downloaded serially.

## 5. HTTP Authentication

The screenshot displays a Wireshark capture of an HTTP authentication process. The packet list pane shows the following sequence:

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Info
51	4.104028	128.238.241.70	239.255.255.250	SSDP	M-SEARCH * HTTP/1.1
74	5.204252	128.238.245.34	128.119.245.12	HTTP	GET /etherreal-labs/protected_pages/HTTP-etherreal-files.html HTTP/1.1
76	5.225815	128.119.245.12	128.238.245.34	HTTP	HTTP/1.1 401 Authorization Required[Unreassembled Packet]
77	5.227295	128.119.245.12	128.238.245.34	HTTP	Continuation
79	5.227669	128.238.245.34	128.119.245.12	HTTP	GET /etherreal-labs/protected_pages/HTTP-etherreal-files.html HTTP/1.1
80	5.247864	128.119.245.12	128.238.245.34	HTTP	HTTP/1.1 401 Authorization Required[Unreassembled Packet]
81	5.249669	128.119.245.12	128.238.245.34	HTTP	Continuation
150	12.905352	128.238.245.34	128.119.245.12	HTTP	GET /etherreal-labs/protected_pages/HTTP-etherreal-files.html HTTP/1.1
151	12.924957	128.119.245.12	128.238.245.34	HTTP	HTTP/1.1 401 Authorization Required[Unreassembled Packet]
152	12.927400	128.119.245.12	128.238.245.34	HTTP	Continuation
205	24.355992	128.119.245.12	128.119.245.34	HTTP	GET /etherreal-labs/protected_pages/HTTP-etherreal-files.html HTTP/1.1
207	24.371413	128.119.245.12	128.238.245.34	HTTP	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)

The packet details pane for the final packet (No. 207) shows the following headers:

```
Window size: 16560
Checksum: 0x7617 (correct)
Hypertext Transfer Protocol
  GET /etherreal-labs/protected_pages/HTTP-etherreal-files.html HTTP/1.1\r\n
  Accept: */*\r\n
  Accept-Language: en-us\r\n
  Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate\r\n
  User-Agent: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.0; Windows NT 5.1; SV1; .NET CLR 1.1.4322)\r\n
  Host: gaia.cs.umass.edu\r\n
  Connection: Keep-Alive\r\n
  Authorization: Basic ZXRoLXN0dWR1bnRzOm5ldHdvcmtz\r\n
  Credentials: eth-students:networks\r\n
\r\n
```

The packet bytes pane shows the raw data for the Authorization header:

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0140 65 70 2d 41 6c 69 76 65 0d 0a 41 75 74 68 6f 72  ep-Alive .JAuthor
0150 69 74 61 74 69 6f 60 3a 20 42 61 73 69 63 20 5a  ization: Basic z
0160 38 5f 6f 4c 38 4e 30 64 57 52 6c 62 6e 32 7a 4f  XRoLXN0dWR1bnRzO
0170 6d 35 6c 64 48 64 76 63 6d 74 7a 0d 0a 0d 0a  =5ldHdvcmtz\r\n
```

Answer the following questions:

18. What is the server's response (status code and phrase) in response to the initial HTTP GET message from your browser?

Answer: Status code: 401 , Phrase: Authorization Required

19. When your browser's sends the HTTP GET message for the second time, what new field is included in the HTTP GET message?

Answer: As seen in the screenshot the new field (highlighted) is Authorization.  
Authorization: Basic ZXRoLXN0dWR1bnRzOm5ldHdvcmtz\r\n