

### 3.14. Turn Your Key Display Filters into Buttons

You want your analysis processes to be as efficient as possible. In order to do this, make your most popular display filters into buttons in the display filter area. This way you can quickly open a trace file and click a button to filter on key packet characteristics.

#### Create a Filter Expression Button

It is very easy to turn a display filter into a button. Simply type your display filter in the display filter area and click the **Save** button. Name your filter as shown in Figure 79 and click the **OK** button.

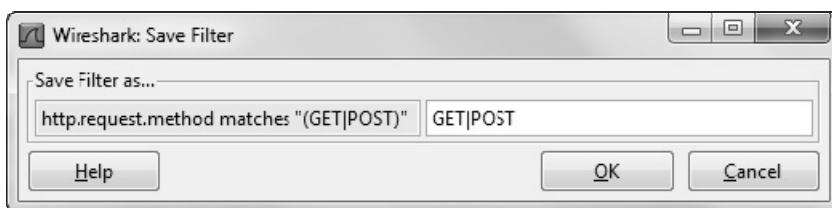


Figure 79. Click the *Save* button and name your Filter Expression button.

There are no limits to the number of Filter Expression buttons you can create. If you run out of room for your buttons, Wireshark displays ">>", which you can click on to see more buttons.

In Figure 80, we created six Filter Expression buttons to use when analyzing HTTP traffic. Not all of the Filter Expression buttons can fit in the display filter area because we reduced the size of our Wireshark window. Wireshark places one Filter Expression button (GET|POST) in the display filter area, but we must click >> to view and select one of the remaining five Filter Expression buttons.

If we keep adding to the Filter Expression buttons list, eventually, Wireshark will place a down arrow at the bottom of the list so we can scroll further in the list.

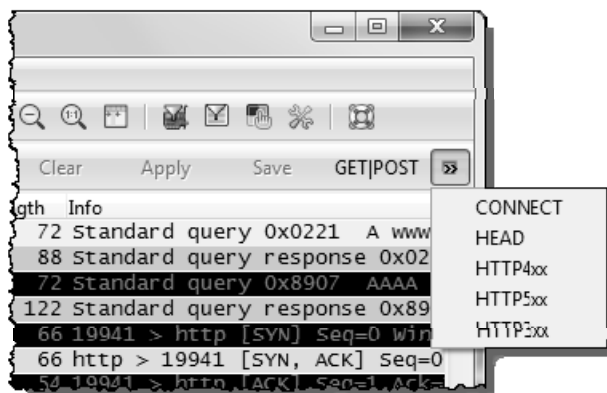


Figure 80. Click >> to view Filter Expression buttons that won't fit in the display filter area.