

WEEK 17

Tool Exploration -Wireshark

OBSERVATION:

Wireshark

Wireshark is an open-source packet analyzer, which is used for education, analysis, software development, communication protocol development, and network troubleshooting.

It is used to track the packets so that each one is filtered to meet our specific needs. It is commonly called as a sniffer, network protocol analyzer, and network analyzer.

Uses of Wireshark:

- It is used by network security engineers to examine security problems.
- It allows the user to watch all the traffic being passed over the network.
- It is used by network engineers to troubleshoot network issues.
- It also helps to troubleshoot latency issues and malicious activities on your network.
- It can also analyze dropped packets.

A packet is a unit of data which is transmitted over a network. Both the origin and the destination network packets are small, i.e., maximum 1.5 kilobytes for Ethernet packet and 64 kilobytes for IP packet.

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The bottom window called the packet content window, which displays the content of the packet. The filter field which is at the top of the display. The capture packet on the screen can be filtered based on any component according to your requirements.

Packet List

No. This field indicates which packets are part of the same conversation.

Source: This column contains the address where the packet originated.

Destination: This column contains the address that the packet is being sent to.

Protocol

The packet protocol name, such as TCP, can be found in this column.

Length

The packet length in bytes is displayed in the column.

Info:

Additional details about packets are present in this column. The contents of this column are very greatly dependent on packet contents.