

EXPERIMENT-17 - WIRESHARK

Wireshark is a powerful and widely used network protocol analyzer. It allows you to capture and inspect data packets travelling over a network in real-time making it a crucial tool for studying computer networks, troubleshooting network issues and understanding protocols.

Key features :

- 1) Packet capture : Captures live network traffic from various interfaces (ex: ethernet, wi-fi)
- 2) Protocol Analyzer : Support hundreds of protocols (Ex: TCP, UDP, HTTP, FTP)
- 3) Filtering : Offers powerful filters to isolate specific packets or traffic types.
- 4) Visualisation : Displays packet details with hierarchical layers (ethernet, IP, TCP/UDP)

Use cases of Wireshark

- 1) Network Troubleshooting :
 - * Diagnosing slow network speeds
 - * Identifying bottlenecks and misconfigurations
- 2) Security analysis :
 - * Detecting malicious traffic or intrusions
- 3) Protocol Study :
 - * Understanding packet structures and flow.

Common filters :

- * http : show only http traffic
- * udp : show only UDP traffic
- * tcp.port == 80 : show traffic on TCP port 80