

17 Tool Exploration - Wireshark

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

Key Features:

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

Use Cases of Wireshark

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

Common Filters:

- http: show only HTTP traffic
- tcp.port == 80: show traffic on TCP port 80
- ip.addr == 192.168.1.1: show packets to or from a specific IP address
- udp: show only UDP traffic