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# Wireshark

Wireshark, a powerful open-source network protocol analyzer, empowers network professionals to explore & understand the intricacies of data transmission across networks. This tool plays a pivotal role in diagnosing network issues, optimizing performance, and ensuring robust security measures. In this write-up, we delve into the core functionalities of Wireshark and highlight its significance in network analysis.

## Functionality overview:

### i) Packet capture & Filtering.

Wireshark's primary function lies in capturing network packets from various interfaces. Its flexible filtering options enable users to capture specific types of traffic based on protocols, source/destination addresses, and even keywords within packet payloads.

### ii) Real-time Analysis:

Wireshark's real-time monitoring capability is invaluable for observing ongoing network activities. This feature aids in detecting sudden traffic spikes, unusual protocol behavior, and unauthorized network usage.

### iii) Protocol Analysis:

It decrypts encrypted protocols offering insights into secure communication methods.

- iv) Packet Reconstruction: Allows reassembly of fragmented packets.
  - v) Statistical Information: Presents statistical analysis of captured data
  - vi) color-coded visualization: Employs color-coded packets to indicate various aspects such as errors
  - vii) customizable Display: This tool offers a customizable interface where users can choose which fields to display & how to arrange them.
- Procedure

- i) In the 1<sup>st</sup> window, select ethernet.
- ii) Filter TCP or any require protocol
- iii) Click on it, new window opens.
- iv) Drop down : Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port : 62148, Dst Port : 443, seq : 2, Ack : 65, Len : 0
- v) This is available available in the prev window in the left split of screen
- vi) Clicking on dropdown of it, clicking on any of them highlights its counterpart in right split side of screen
- vii) In cmd, type `ipconfig`  
→ RESULT:

Windows IP configuration  
Ethernet adapter Ethernet:

connection-specific DNS suffix. :

Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::be78:f6a9

IPv4 Address . . . . . : 10.124.2.83 ed25:c329%1

Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.0.0

Default Gateway . . . . . : 10.127.0.11

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