

Wireshark

- Uses a GUI(Graphical User Interface)
- More user friendly due to GUI, however this it is not as robust as tcpdump due to customization
- Used for packet analysis & decode data payloads(If encryption key is known)
- In depth packet analysis and advanced filtering
- Tends to require more system resources to run

Similarities

- Captures Network packets
- Use same pcap libraries
- Colour coded
- Open source
- Support the same protocols
- Both have CLI options

tcpdump

- Uses a CLI(Command Line Interface)
- Requires less system resources
- Not as user friendly as wireshark, however the CLI allows for much more customization then the GUI bases softwares
- Only provides simple analysis of the different types of traffic
- Shallow analysis and basic filtering