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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 trace packets to that each one is filtered to meet our specific needs.

It is commonly called as a sniffer network protocol analyzer, network analyzer.

It is also used by network security engineers to examine security problem.

Wireshark is a free application used to capture data from a host. It is also called as a free packet sniffer, computer app. It captures network card like a device made the to capture all packets when it receives.

- It is used by network security engineers to troubleshoot network issue.

- It is also used to analyze dropped packets.

- It helps to troubleshoot latency problems occurs on the network.

- It helps us to know how all device like laptop, mobile phone, desktop, sniffer, server, communicating in a local network or over internet or the world.

Functionalities of Wireshark:

- It is similar to a TCP Dump in networking
- It is a graphic and GUI and filtering functions
- It also monitors the network traffic
- It is not sent to network's MAC address interface.
- The Port mirroring is a method to monitor the network traffic. When it is enabled switch sends copies of all network packets sent at one Port to another Port.

Features of Wireshark:

- It is a multi platform software i.e. it can run on the Linux, windows, OSX, FreeBSD, NetBSD etc.
- It is a standard three pane packet browser.
- It performs deep inspection of many protocols.
- It even has standard filtering option which makes easy to user to view the data.
- It can capture data via USB cable
- It is useful in IP analysis