

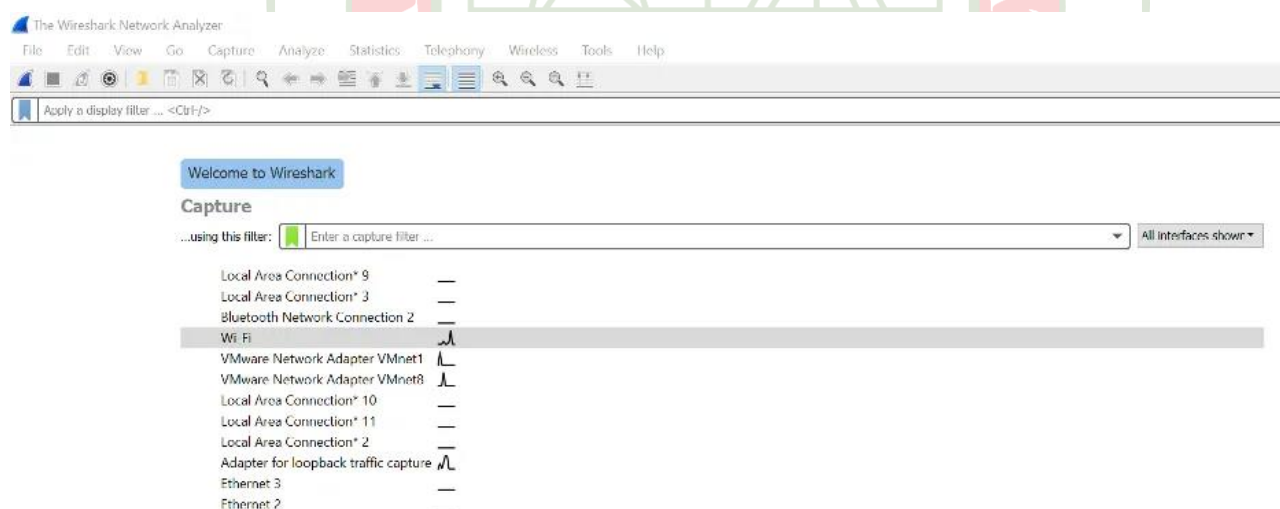
AIM: To demonstrate the use of Wireshark Packet Sniffer Software and capture the packets.

DESCRIPTION:

Originally known as Ethereal, Wireshark displays data from hundreds of different [protocols](#) on all major network types. Data packets can be viewed in real-time or analyzed offline. Wireshark supports dozens of capture/trace file formats, including [CAP](#) and [ERF](#). Integrated decryption tools display the encrypted packets for several common protocols, including [WEP](#) and [WPA/WPA2](#). Wireshark can be downloaded at no cost from the [Wireshark Foundation website](#) for both macOS and Windows. You'll see the latest stable release and the current developmental release. Unless you're an advanced user, download the stable version.

Installation setup:

During the Windows setup process, choose to install **WinPcap** or **Npcap** if prompted as these include libraries required for live data capture. You must be logged in to the device as an administrator to use Wireshark. In Windows 10, search for Wireshark and select **Run as administrator**. In macOS, right-click the app icon and select **Get Info**. In the **Sharing & Permissions** settings, give the admin **Read & Write** privileges.



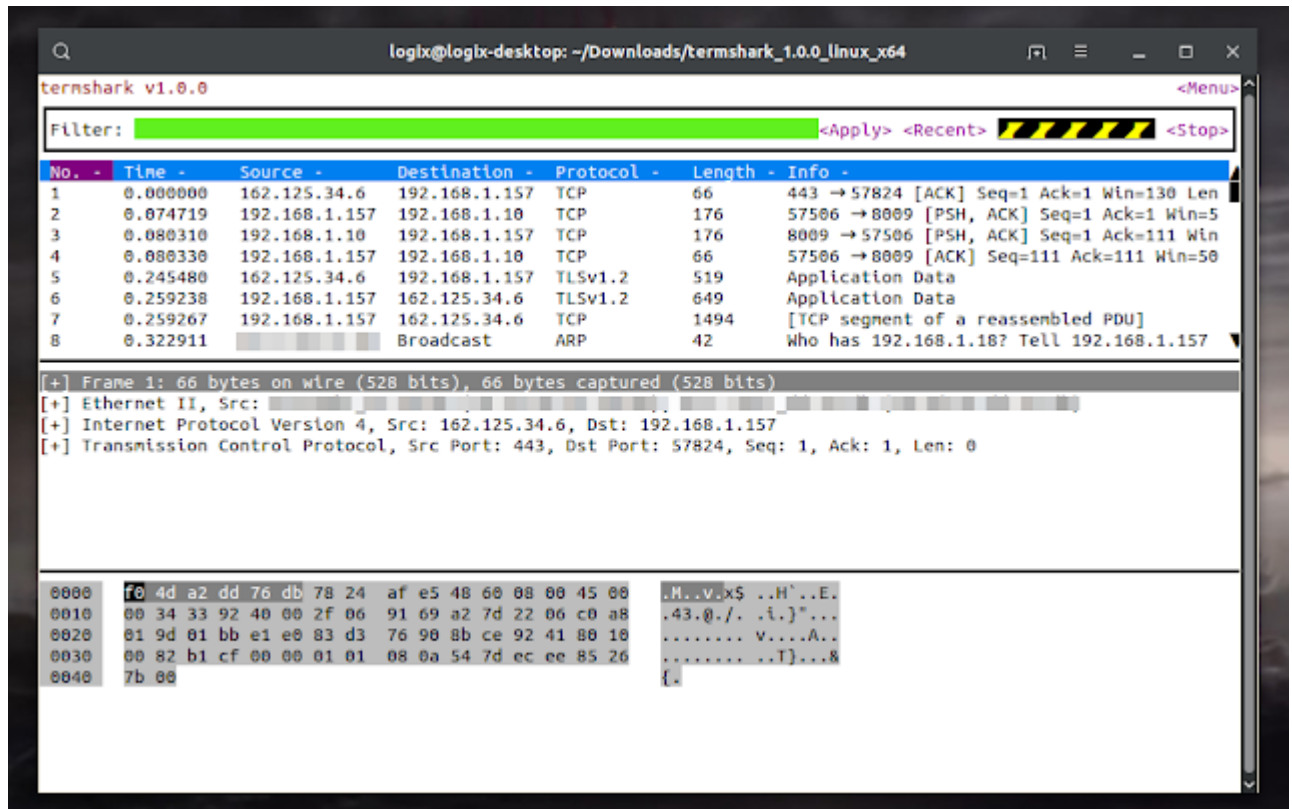
How to Capture Data Packets With Wireshark

When you launch Wireshark, a welcome screen lists the available network connections on your current device. Displayed to the right of each is an EKG-style line graph that represents live traffic on that network.

To begin capturing packets with Wireshark:

1. Select one or more of networks, go to the menu bar, then select **Capture**.
2. In the **Wireshark Capture Interfaces** window, select **Start**.
3. Select **File > Save As** or choose an **Export** option to record the capture.

4. To stop capturing, press **Ctrl+E**. Or, go to the Wireshark toolbar and select the red **Stop** button that's located next to the shark fin.



How to View and Analyze Packet Contents

The captured data interface contains three main sections:

- The packet list pane (the top section)
- The packet details pane (the middle section)
- The packet bytes pane (the bottom section)

Packet Details

- The details pane, found in the middle, presents the protocols and protocol fields of the selected packet in a collapsible format. In addition to expanding each selection, you can apply individual Wireshark filters based on specific details and follow streams of data based on protocol type by right-clicking the desired item.