Task 5: Capture and Analyze Network Traffic Using Wireshark

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Objective

To capture live network traffic using Wireshark and identify different network protocols and traffic types.

Tools Used

Wireshark

· Operating System: Kali Linux

Procedure

- 1. Launched Wireshark.
- 2. Selected active network interface (eth0).
- 3. Started live capture and browsed websites + pinged a server.
- 4. Captured data for ~1 minute.
- 5. Applied protocol filters (HTTP, DNS, ICMP, etc.).
- 6. Stopped capture and saved as Task5_TrafficAnalysis.pcap.

Analysis Summary

• Total Packets Captured: 1219

• Top 3 Protocols by Count: ARP, TCP, TLSv1.2

• Key Insights:

- o ARP used for local network address resolution.
- TLSv1.2 for encryption of data over network.

Conclusion

Wireshark successfully captured and displayed live network packets. Multiple protocols were identified, enhancing understanding of how devices communicate across layers of the network. This task improved my practical knowledge of packet analysis and protocol structures.