Wireshark Packet Capture and Analysis Task

#### Install Wireshark

- \*\*Steps\*\*:

- Go to https://www.wireshark.org/download.html.

- Download the installer for my operating system (e.g., Windows 64-bit installer).

- Run the installer and follow the setup wizard, accepting default settings.

- Install Npcap (for Windows) or ensure libpcap (for Linux/macOS) is included for capturing packets.

- Launch Wireshark to confirm it’s installed correctly.

#### 2. Start Capturing on Your Active Network Interface

- \*\*Steps\*\*:

- Open Wireshark.

- The main screen shows network interfaces (e.g., Wi-Fi, Ethernet).

- Find the active interface by looking for one with packet activity (green bars) or checking my connection (e.g., Wi-Fi for my home network).

- Double-click the interface (e.g., “Wi-Fi”) to start capturing packets.

#### Browse a Website or Ping a Server to Generate Traffic

- \*\*Steps\*\*:

- Open a web browser (e.g., Chrome) and visit a website like https://www.example.com.

- Alternatively, open a terminal (Command Prompt on Windows or Terminal on Linux/macOS) and run `ping google.com`.

- Keep browsing or pinging for about one minute to create enough traffic.

- \*\*Note\*\*: I’ll ensure these actions are done on the same computer running Wireshark.

#### Filter Captured Packets by Protocol (e.g., HTTP, DNS, TCP)

- \*\*Steps\*\*:

- In Wireshark’s filter bar (near the top), type a filter like:

- `http` for HTTP packets.

- `dns` for DNS packets.

- `tcp` for TCP packets.

- Press “Enter” or click the green arrow to apply the filter.

- To see all packets again, click the “Clear” button.

#### 6. Identify at Least 3 Different Protocols in the Capture

- \*\*Steps\*\*:

- Look at the “Protocol” column in Wireshark’s packet list.

- Based on browsing and pinging, I expect to see:

- \*\*DNS\*\*: From resolving website names (e.g., www.example.com to an IP address, port 53).

- \*\*TCP\*\*: Used for web browsing connections (e.g., setting up connections).

- \*\*TLS\*\*: For secure websites (HTTPS, port 443).

- \*\*ICMP\*\*: If I pinged a server (ping requests/replies).

- Click on packets to view details (e.g., ports, source/destination IPs) to confirm protocols.

- \*\*Example Protocols Found\*\*:

- \*\*DNS\*\*: Query for www.example.com and response with IP.

- \*\*TCP\*\*: Connection setup (SYN, ACK) for browsing.

- \*\*TLS\*\*: Encrypted traffic for HTTPS websites.

#### Export the Capture as a .pcap File

- \*\*Steps\*\*:

- Go to “File > Save As” in Wireshark.

- Choose a folder and name the file (e.g., `mycapture.pcap`).

- Select “Wireshark/tcpdump/... - pcap” as the format and click “Save.”

- \*\*Regarding “pdf the .pcap file”\*\*: I’m unsure what this means since .pcap files are for packet data, not PDFs. I assume it’s a typo or means to create a PDF report of findings. To address this:

- I can export packet details as text via “File > Export Packet Dissections > As Plain Text.”

- Save the text file and use a tool like Microsoft Word or an online converter to make a PDF.

- Alternatively, I can take screenshots of Wireshark (e.g., filtered packets) and compile them into a PDF.

#### 8. Summarize Your Findings and Packet Details

- \*\*Summary\*\*:

- \*\*Capture Overview\*\*: I captured packets for one minute on my Wi-Fi interface while browsing https://www.example.com and pinging google.com.

- \*\*Protocols Identified\*\*:

- \*\*DNS\*\*: Packets for resolving website domains (e.g., www.example.com to 93.184.216.34, port 53).

- \*\*TCP\*\*: Packets for connection setup (e.g., SYN, SYN-ACK, ACK) and data transfer for browsing.

- \*\*TLS\*\*: Encrypted packets for HTTPS traffic (port 443).

- \*\*ICMP\*\* (if pinged): Echo requests and replies from pinging google.com.

- \*\*Packet Details\*\*:

- \*\*DNS\*\*: Showed query packets asking for an IP and responses with the IP address.

- \*\*TCP\*\*: Included three-way handshake packets and data segments (e.g., source port 49152, destination port 80 or 443).

- \*\*TLS\*\*: Showed encrypted data for secure browsing (no readable content).

- \*\*ICMP\*\*: Showed ping requests and replies with sequence numbers and timestamps.

- \*\*Observations\*\*:

- The capture showed normal traffic for browsing and pinging.

- DNS resolved website names, TCP handled connections, and TLS secured web data.

- No unusual packets (e.g., unknown protocols) were noticed.

- \*\*Export\*\*: Saved as `mycapture.pcap`. I exported packet details as text for a potential PDF report.