

Wireshark

- GUI Based packet analyzer with graphical protocol tree view, colorization, and live traffic visualization.
- Allows deep inspection of hundreds of protocols with detailed reassembly, useful for in-depth analysis and troubleshooting network issues visually.

Similarities

- Open-Source network packet capture tools
- Utilize libpcap for capturing packets

tcpdump

- CLI Based packet capture tool ideal for light weight, Scriptable, quick analysis on remote systems.
- Uses filters for real-time capture without requiring heavy system resources, suitable for headless environments and automation.