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**AIM:** To study packet sniffer tools Wireshark and TCPDUMP.

### THEORY:

# 1. Introduction to Packet Sniffing

- **Define Packet Sniffing**: Explain what packet sniffing is and why it is used in network analysis and troubleshooting.
- **Purpose**: Describe the scenarios where packet sniffing tools like Wireshark and TCPDUMP are helpful (e.g., diagnosing network issues, security analysis, protocol debugging).

#### 2. Overview of Wireshark

- What is Wireshark?: Provide a brief overview of Wireshark as a graphical network protocol analyzer.
- **Installation**: Explain how to install Wireshark on your system (Windows, Linux, or macOS).
- **Capturing Packets**: Describe how to start a capture session, select network interfaces, and begin capturing traffic.

#### Basic Features:

- Filtering Packets: How to apply display filters to narrow down captured packets.
- Packet Analysis: How to inspect individual packets, view details about protocols, and follow TCP streams.
- **Exporting and Saving Captures**: Explain how to save captured data for later analysis and how to export it to different formats.

### 3. Overview of TCPDUMP

- What is TCPDUMP?: Introduce TCPDUMP as a command-line packet analyzer that provides similar functionality to Wireshark but in a terminal environment.
- **Installation**: Explain how to install TCPDUMP on your system (typically pre-installed on Unix-like systems).
- Capturing Packets: Describe how to use basic TCPDUMP commands to capture traffic.
  - o Example: tcpdump -i eth0 (where eth0 is the network interface).
- **Filters in TCPDUMP**: Explain how to use filters to capture specific traffic types (e.g., tcpdump port 80 for HTTP traffic).
- **Output Options**: Describe how to save captured traffic to a file (-w option) and how to read from a file (-r option).

# 4. Comparison Between Wireshark and TCPDUMP

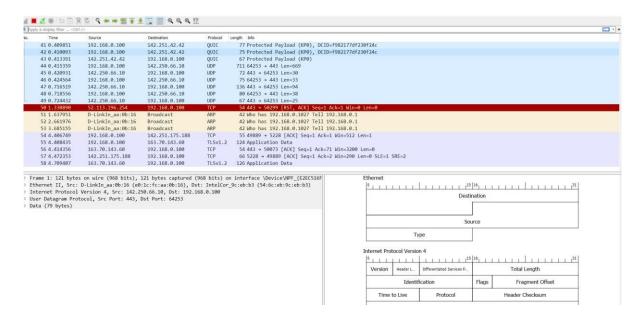
- **Interface**: Compare the graphical interface of Wireshark with the command-line interface of TCPDUMP.
- **Usability**: Discuss the ease of use for beginners versus experienced users.
- **Functionality**: Compare the advanced features available in Wireshark (e.g., protocol analysis, color coding) with the simpler, lightweight nature of TCPDUMP.
- **Performance**: Discuss situations where TCPDUMP might be preferred over Wireshark due to its lower resource usage.

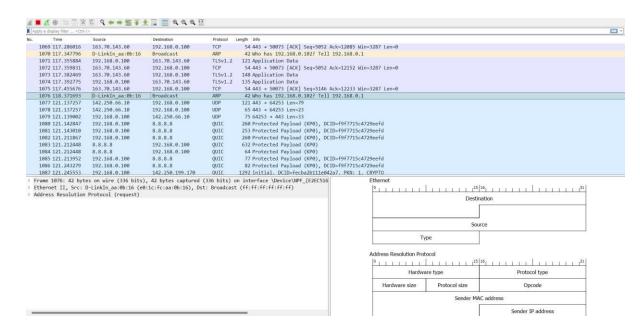
## 5. Practical Tasks

- **Capture Traffic**: Use both Wireshark and TCPDUMP to capture network traffic on your system. Try capturing traffic while browsing the web or using network services.
- Analyze Traffic: Identify specific protocols (e.g., HTTP, DNS) and analyze the captured packets. Compare the output and ease of analysis in both tools.
- **Save and Export**: Save captured packets in both tools and practice reading them in Wireshark or TCPDUMP.

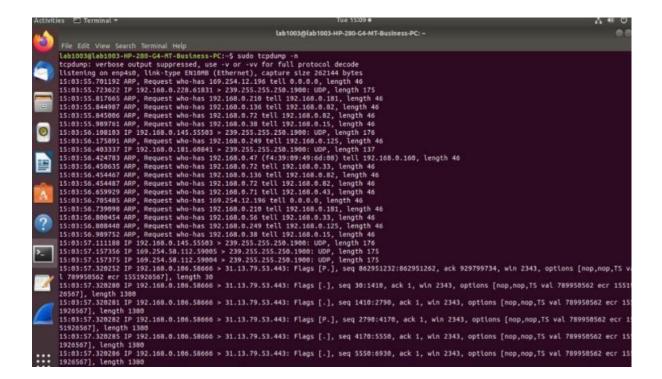
### **IMPLEMENTATION:**

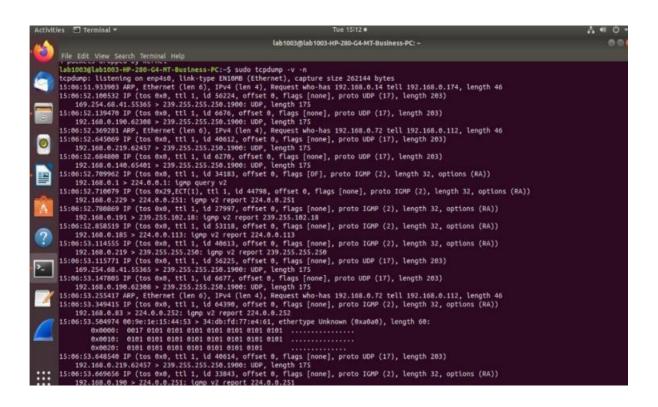
## Wireshark:





# **TCPDUMP**





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### **CONCLUSION:**

- **Summary**: Recap the key differences between Wireshark and TCPDUMP and their respective strengths.
- **Use Cases**: Suggest scenarios where one tool might be more appropriate than the other.
- **Reflection**: Share any insights or challenges you encountered during your study of these tool.