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0x01 aims at providing the basic introduction to get started with Wireshark. **0x01** is the first in the series of Wireshark!



[Task 1] Introduction to Wireshark



Wireshark is one of the greatest tools of the time and is currently being used everywhere wherever there are networks (Live/Offline).

It is used in wide range of fields ranging from Information Technology to Information Security. Wireshark is a network sniffing tool that is capable of capturing all the network traffic going from and coming towards a particular network device/system.

Wireshark allows us to capture all those packets (Wired/Wireless) which can then be analyzed. This is what, known as "Packet Capturing" and the process that is followed to analyze the packets is called "Packet Analysis".

In other words, Wireshark is a "Network Analyzer". With Wireshark, we can look for the most common to the most sensitive information like PII (usernames and passwords, credit card details etc) which is being sent from client's browser to a web server.

Also Wireshark is used to analyze the network traffic for malicious activities. Different type of malware are controlled by C&C servers. Wireshark plays a vital role here in capturing all those packets in which a particular malware tries to communicate with their server or with other machine's.

Wireshark also allows us to analyze packet captured files offline. We can simply load these files in Wireshark and can analyze them.

Wireshark is a great tool to learn and it is widely used in performing "Network Forensics".

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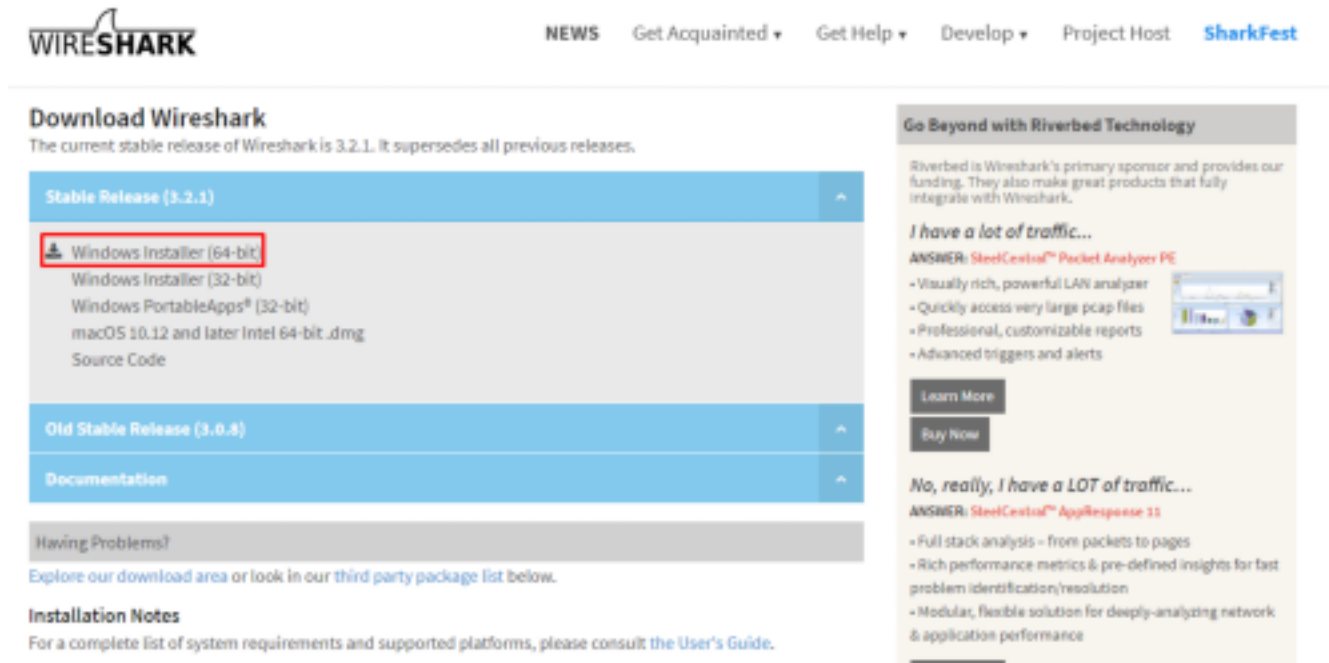
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[Task 2] Downloading & Installing Wireshark - Windows

In order to utilize the Wireshark and its functionality. We first need to download the Wireshark from their official website. Wireshark is available for Windows, Mac and Linux distributions.

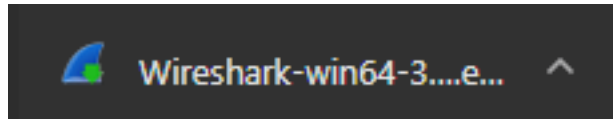
1. Downloading Wireshark

Go to the above link and download the Wireshark for Windows. In my case its Windows 10 - x64.
<https://www.wireshark.org/download.html>

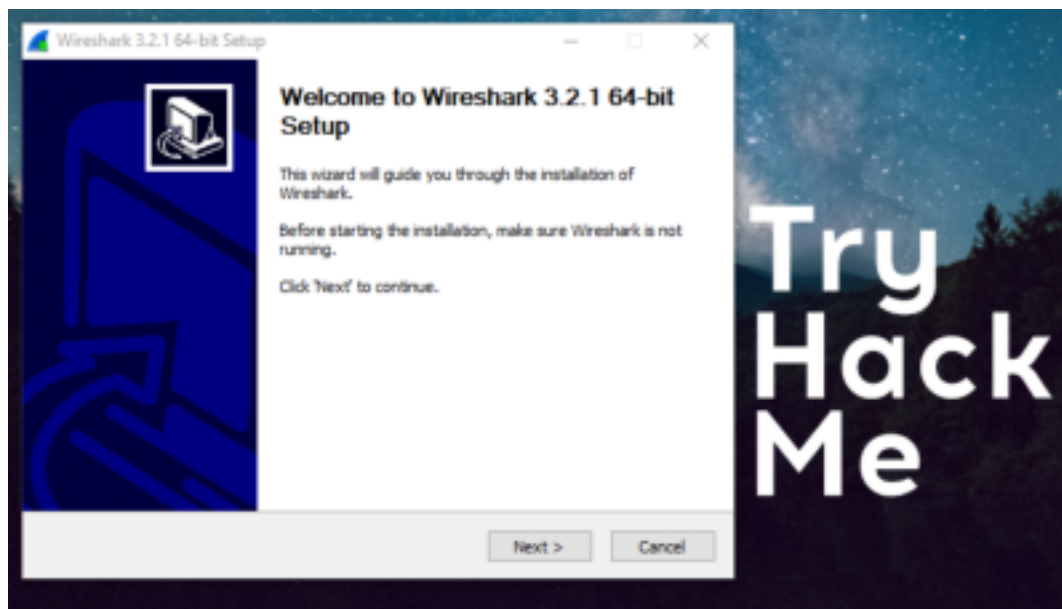
The screenshot shows the Wireshark website's download page. At the top, the Wireshark logo is on the left, and navigation links (NEWS, Get Acquainted, Get Help, Develop, Project Host, SharkFest) are on the right. The main heading is "Download Wireshark" with a subtext stating the current stable release is 3.2.1. Below this, a list of download options is shown under the "Stable Release (3.2.1)" section. The "Windows Installer (64-bit)" option is highlighted with a red box. Other options include "Windows Installer (32-bit)", "Windows PortableApps® (32-bit)", "macOS 10.12 and later Intel 64-bit .dmg", and "Source Code". To the right of the download list, there is a promotional banner for Riverbed Technology, which includes text about their sponsorship and a list of features for their products. At the bottom of the page, there are sections for "Having Problems?" and "Installation Notes".

2. Installing Wireshark

Once the installer has been downloaded. Click on it to install the Wireshark on your system.



Once opened. Install it with the default settings.



[#1] Download and install Wireshark.

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[Task 3] Downloading and Installing Wireshark - Linux

In order to install the Wireshark on Linux we have the two possibilities.

1. We can install it by using the source.
2. We can install it by using the apt-get utility.

Wireshark comes pre-installed with Kali Linux and can directly be run. Meanwhile,

1. Installing it via apt-get utility.

Open up your terminal and issue the following command.

apt-get install wireshark

```
root@kali:~# apt-get install wireshark
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
The following additional packages will be installed:
  libqt5core5a libqt5dbus5 libqt5designer5 libqt5gui5 libqt5multimedia5
  libqt5multimedia5-plugins libqt5multimediagsttools5 libqt5multimediawidgets5
  libqt5network5 libqt5opengl5 libqt5positioning5 libqt5sprintsupport5 libqt5qml5
  libqt5quick5 libqt5sensors5 libqt5sql5 libqt5sql5-sqlite libqt5svg5
  libqt5test5 libqt5webchannel5 libqt5webkit5 libqt5widgets5 libqt5xml5
  libqt5xmlpatterns5 libwireshark-data libwireshark12 libwiretap9 libwscodec2
  libwsutil10 libxcb-xinput0 python-pyqt5 python-sip qt5-gtk-platformtheme
  tshark wireshark-common wireshark-qt
Suggested packages:
  qt5-image-formats-plugins qtwayland5 qt5-qmltooling-plugins
  geopip-database-extra libjs-leaflet libjs-leaflet.markercluster
  snmp-mibs-downloader wireshark-doc python-pyqt5-dbg
The following NEW packages will be installed:
  libxcb-xinput0
The following packages will be upgraded:
  libqt5core5a libqt5dbus5 libqt5designer5 libqt5gui5 libqt5multimedia5
  libqt5multimedia5-plugins libqt5multimediagsttools5 libqt5multimediawidgets5
  libqt5network5 libqt5opengl5 libqt5positioning5 libqt5sprintsupport5 libqt5qml5
  libqt5quick5 libqt5sensors5 libqt5sql5 libqt5sql5-sqlite libqt5svg5
```

2. Installing it via source.

At first we need to download the source from the official website and download the "Source Code".

Download Wireshark

The current stable release of Wireshark is 3.2.1. It supersedes all previous releases.



Meanwhile we can also use the **wget** utility to download the source code.

```
wget "https://2.na.dl.wireshark.org/src/wireshark-3.2.1.tar.xz"
```

After that we need to unpack the tar file which can be done by utilizing the following command.

```
tar -xvf wireshark-3.2.1.tar.xz
```

Once done we need to create a directory to build the Wireshark in.

```
mkdir build
```

```
cd build
```

Once done, we need to build the files and for this purpose we utilize the **cmake** command. If it is not installed, you can install it by using the following command.

```
apt-get install cmake
```

Once done, issue the following command to build the Wireshark.

```
cmake ../wireshark-3.2.1
```

In the end run the **make** command and finally run **wireshark**.

```
make
```

```
wireshark
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Finally, we have installed the Wireshark and you will have your Wireshark running.

[# 1] Download and install Wireshark.

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[Task 4] Wireshark GUI - Basics

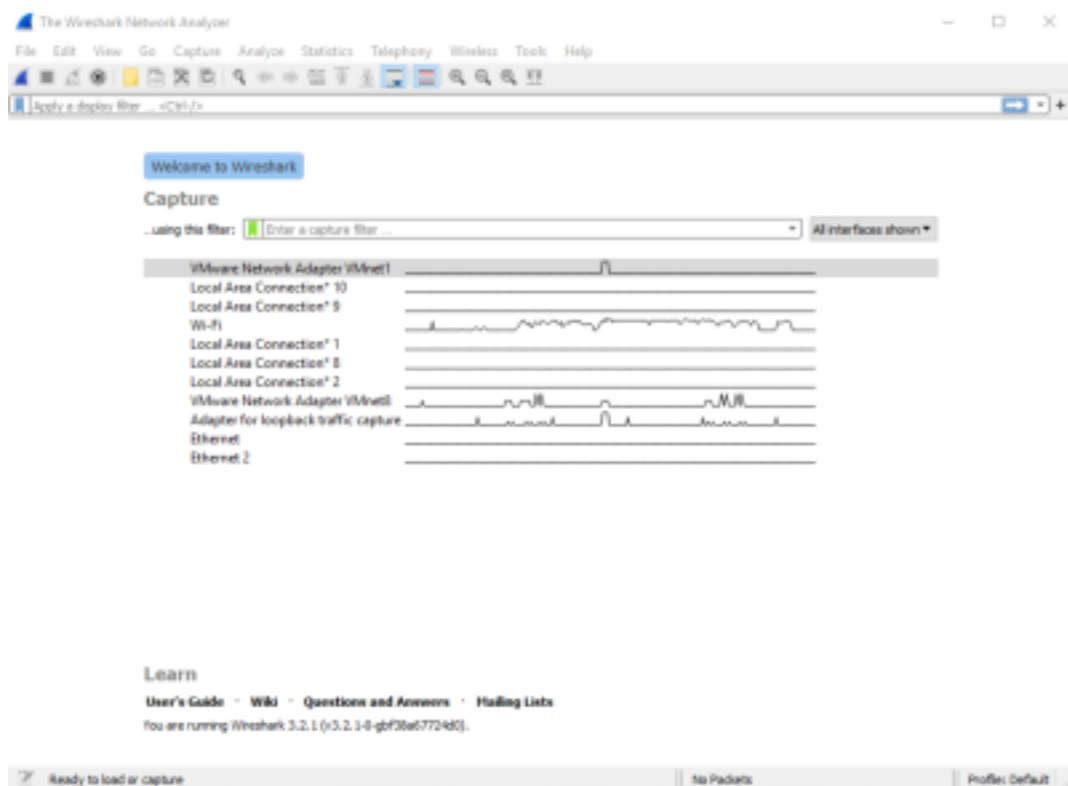
In this section we will look onto the basics of the Wireshark GUI. It is required that we shall know the different sections of the

Wireshark as we will be utilizing all those sections when we will be interacting with the Wireshark.

At first, we need to open up Wireshark. On Linux OS, open up your terminal, add "wireshark" and hit enter. The Wireshark will

be opened. Meanwhile on Windows, locate the executable, double click on it and Wireshark will be opened. The GUI is same for

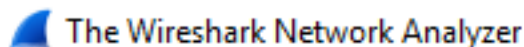
Windows, Mac and Linux distributions and it looks like as above.



Now, we will look onto the section one by one!

1. Menu

On the top we have the menu bar. It hosts all the features of the Wireshark which are categorized under their suitable titles.



File Edit View Go Capture Analyze Statistics Telephony Wireless Tools Help

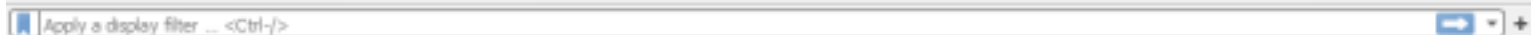
2. Main Toolbar

After that we have the "Main Toolbar" which contains all the actual functionalities which are thoroughly used when working with Wireshark. Meanwhile you can see that few of the options available are grayed out. It is because they are not available within this context as we are not capturing any sort of packets at the moment. We will see these options available when we will move further.



3. Filter Bar

This is the most important functionality in Wireshark. This allows us to filter/narrow down our results. It is because when we capturing the packets there are hundreds and even thousands of packets coming in and going out from the system/device. So in order to narrow down our search i.e. suppose we want to look for only HTTP packets we can filter HTTP packets from all other packets and by so we can narrow down our search.



3. Capture Frame

This frame allows us to see which interfaces are available for Wireshark and also available on the system. We can then select a particular interface to make the Wireshark particularly sniff on that interface. We will be utilizing this functionality in our next rooms more thoroughly and extensively. Meanwhile you can see that we have bunch on interfaces available i.e. Virtual, eth0, WiFi etc.



4. Wireshark Version

In the bottom we can find the current version of the Wireshark which is currently being used. We can also find the User's Guide there.

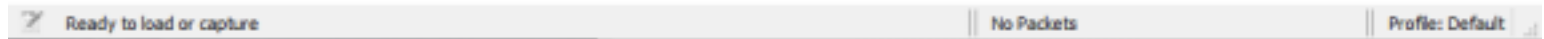
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You are running Wireshark 3.2.1 (v3.2.1-0-gbf38a67724d0).

5. Status Bar

In the end, we have the status bar where we can see the mode of the Wireshark. At this moment we are not capturing any packets so it states that it is ready to load or capture. Alongside on the right we can see the profile. We at the moment are using the default profile of Wireshark that comes pre-installed with it.



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[Task 5] Conclusion

So far, we have discussed about Wireshark, what it actually is and what does the different sections have to do on the GUI.

After all this you all will have a basic introduction to this tool and also you now know what those sections mean and have to do with the Wireshark.

The "Basic Introduction" has been covered in this room i.e. the first room of the Wireshark 0x0F series. In the upcoming rooms we will be looking onto using Wireshark in more details and you all will be able to get hands-on experience with this tool.

You can drop your feedback about this room/series on Discord.

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