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11/3/21 Tool Exploration - Wireshark

Wireshark is an open source packet analyzer which is used for education, analysis, software development, communication protocol development and network troubleshooting. It is used to track packets so that each one is filtered to meet our specific needs. It is commonly called as a sniffer, network protocol analyzer, network analyzer. It is also used by network security engineers to examine security problems.

Wireshark is a free application used to apprehend data flow and path. It is also called as free packet sniffer computer application, ports network card into a promiscuous mode i.e. to accept all packets which it receives.

Uses-

- 1) It is used by network security engineer to examine security problems.
- 2) It is used by network engineer to troubleshoot network issues.
- 3) It is also used to analyze dropped packets.
- 4) It helps to troubleshoot latency issues, measure latencies on the network.
- 5) It helps us to know all those devices like laptop, mobile phones, desktop switch,

man, communicate in a lan. network
in the rest of the world

Functionality of Wireshark

It is used as similar to a TCP
dump in networking. It has a graph
and non-graph and filtering functions.
It also monitors the incoming traffic
which is not sent to network is not.
network interface. The port mirroring is
a method to monitor network traffic. When
it is enabled switch sends copies of
all network packets present at one port to
another.

Features of Wireshark

- It is a multi platform application i.e. it can be
run on Linux, Windows, OS X, FreeBSD,
Net BSD, etc.
- It is a standard where you can capture
data.
- It performs deep inspection of packets of
protocols.
- It even has sort and filter option
which makes easy to view the data
you want.
- It can capture raw - (OS) traffic.
Useful in IP analysis.
- Also includes data analysis - e.g. from
different types of network like ethernet, GPRS
etc. through which we can find the data.

