

# Before You Begin

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This release of Wireshark requires macOS 10.12 or later. If you are running an earlier version of macOS you can install using another packaging system such as Homebrew or MacPorts.

## Quick Setup

To install Wireshark, drag the *Wireshark* application bundle to the *Applications* folder.

In order to be able to capture packets, install the [Install ChmodBPF](#) package.

If you would like to add the path to [Wireshark](https://www.wireshark.org/docs/man-pages/wireshark.html) (<https://www.wireshark.org/docs/man-pages/wireshark.html>), [TShark](https://www.wireshark.org/docs/man-pages/tshark.html) (<https://www.wireshark.org/docs/man-pages/tshark.html>), [capinfos](https://www.wireshark.org/docs/man-pages/capinfos.html) (<https://www.wireshark.org/docs/man-pages/capinfos.html>), [editcap](https://www.wireshark.org/docs/man-pages/editcap.html) (<https://www.wireshark.org/docs/man-pages/editcap.html>), and [other command line utilities](https://www.wireshark.org/docs/man-pages/) (<https://www.wireshark.org/docs/man-pages/>) to the system PATH, install the [Add Wireshark to the system path](#) package.

## Package Installation Details

The ChmodBPF installer writes to the following locations:

- */Library/LaunchDaemons/org.wireshark.ChmodBPF.plist*. A launch daemon that adjusts permissions on the system's packet capture devices (*/dev/bpf\**) when the system starts up.
- */Library/Application Support/Wireshark/ChmodBPF*. A copy of the launch daemon property list, and the script that the launch daemon runs.

The installer group named “access\_bpf” is created. The user who opened the package is added to the group.

The system path installer writes to the following locations:

- */etc/paths.d/Wireshark*. The folder name in this file is automatically added to PATH
- */etc/manpaths.d/Wireshark*. The folder name in this file is used by the man command.

It assumes that Wireshark is installed in */Applications*.

## Uninstalling

To uninstall Wireshark, do the following:

1. Remove */Applications/Wireshark.app*
2. Remove */Library/Application Support/Wireshark*

You can uninstall ChmodBPF via the [Uninstall ChmodBPF](#) package, which is available on this disk or via **Wireshark > About Wireshark > Folders > macOS Extras**. You can also uninstall it manually by doing the following:

1. Unload the “org.wireshark.ChmodBPF.plist” launchd job
2. Remove */Library/LaunchDaemons/org.wireshark.ChmodBPF.plist*
3. Remove the “access\_bpf” group.

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