

Wireshark

- **GUI:** user-friendly packet display and detailed protocol decoding.
- **Colorization:** making it easier to spot.
- **Statistics:** It generates statistics and graphs.
- **Export options:** including CSV, XML, and plaintext.
- **Powerful filters:** specific protocols, source/destination addresses, ports, etc.
- **Ease of use:** more user-friendly.
- **Live analysis:** real-time analysis.
- **Protocol decoding:** suitable for in-depth analysis.

Similarities

- Packet capture
- Packet display
- Filtering
- Network Troubleshooting
- Protocol support
- Open Source

tcpdump

- **CLI:** displaying packet data in a more raw format.
- **Text-based:** no color highlights.
- **Output to File:** captured packets can be saved to a file for later analysis.
- **Filtering:** you can apply BPF (Berkeley Packet Filter) filters to capture specific types of packets or traffic patterns.
- **Lightweight:** focused on capturing packets.