



30+ Wireshark Filters for Threat Detection

No	Threat Type	How It Works	Display Filter	Detection Method
1	HTTP GET Flooding	High volume of HTTP GET requests to overload server	<code>http.request.method == "GET"</code>	Check for abnormal number of requests from same source IP; investigate suspicious patterns in user-agent strings
2	Suspicious HTTP User-Agent	Irregular User-Agent strings used to mask identity	<code>http.user_agent</code>	Examine HTTP headers for unusual or malformed User-Agent strings; correlate requests with known malicious IP addresses
3	Malicious HTTP User-Agent	Specific malicious user-agent strings used by attackers	<code>http.user_agent contains "malicious_string"</code>	Check for known malicious user-agent strings; correlate with other suspicious activities
4	SQL Injection via HTTP	Malicious SQL commands inserted into application queries via HTTP	<code>http.request.full_uri contains "SELECT" or http.request.full_uri contains "UNION" or http.request.full_uri contains "INSERT" or http.request.full_uri contains "DELETE" or http.request.full_uri contains "OR" or http.request.full_uri contains "AND" or http.request.full_uri contains "" or http.request.full_uri contains "--" or http.request.full_uri contains "/" or http.request.full_uri contains "xp_cmdshell"</code>	Inspect HTTP GET and POST requests for SQL keywords in unexpected places; analyze request parameters for special characters
5	Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)	Malicious scripts injected into web pages viewed by other users	<code>http.request.uri contains "<script>" or http.request.uri contains "%3Cscript%3E" or http.request.url</code>	Examine HTTP request URIs and POST data for script tags or encoded JavaScript

			contains "javascript:" or http.request.uri contains "onload=" or http.request.uri contains "onerror="	
6	HTTP Directory Traversal	Attempts to access restricted directories via manipulated URLs	http.request.uri contains ".." or http.request.uri contains "%2e%2e%2f" or http.request.uri contains "%2e%2e%5c"	Analyze HTTP request URIs for directory traversal patterns like "../"; look for encoded versions
7	Suspicious HTTP POST Requests	HTTP POST requests used for data exfiltration or malicious uploads	http.request.method == "POST"	Review HTTP headers for POST requests with large payloads or to unknown IP addresses; inspect content for encoded data
8	DNS Tunneling	DNS queries manipulated to transmit data, bypassing firewalls	dns	Inspect DNS query field for abnormal payload sizes or repeated requests; analyze DNS response time for unusual delays
9	DNS Tunneling (Advanced)	Long DNS query names used for data exfiltration	dns.qry.name.len > 50	Look for unusually long DNS query names; analyze frequency and patterns of queries
10	DNS Amplification	Small request triggers large DNS responses, overwhelming target	dns.flags.response == 1 and dns.resp.len > 500	Check DNS response section for large-sized responses and unexpected source addresses; look at TTL field for unusually low values
11	DNS Poisoning	DNS responses altered to redirect users to malicious websites	dns.flags.rcode != 0 or dns.resp.ttl < 60	Analyze DNS response headers for mismatched IP addresses or altered TTL values; check response time field for unexpected delays

12	SMB Brute Force	Multiple login attempts via SMB protocol to guess valid credentials	smb.cmd == (=0x73)	Check SMB headers for failed login attempts; monitor SMB command response times
13	SMB Brute Force (Specific)	Failed SMB login attempts	smb.cmd == 0x73 and smb.nt.status == 0xc000006d	Monitor for repeated failed SMB authentication attempts from the same source
14	SMB Null Session Exploitation	Attempts to access SMB shares without authentication	smb.sesssetup and smb.account == ""	Monitor SMB setup requests for null session attempts; check for empty native OS fields in SMB negotiation
15	SYN Flood Attack	Flood target server with SYN packets without completing TCP handshake	tcp.flags.syn == 1 and tcp.flags.ack == 0	Review TCP headers for high volume of SYN packets without corresponding ACKs; look for delayed ACKs or connection resets
16	ICMP Flooding (Ping of Death)	Numerous ICMP requests to overload device	icmp.type == 8 and ip.len > 65535	Review ICMP headers for high frequency of Echo Request packets from single source; inspect for ICMP packets larger than standard 64 bytes
17	ICMP Tunneling	Data exfiltration or covert channel using ICMP packets	icmp.type == 8 and ip.payload_len > 64	Detect ICMP echo requests with unusually large payloads
18	ARP Spoofing	Falsified ARP messages link wrong MAC addresses with IP addresses	arp.duplicate-address-frame	Inspect ARP header for mismatches between IP and MAC addresses; check for ARP requests with identical source IPs but different MAC addresses
19	ARP Spoofing (Duplicate Address)	Conflicting ARP messages to manipulate network traffic	arp.duplicate-address-detected	Identify instances of duplicate IP addresses in ARP traffic

20	FTP Plaintext Authentication	FTP transmits login credentials in plaintext	<code>ftp.request.command == "USER" or ftp.request.command == "PASS"</code>	Review FTP request headers for visible usernames and passwords; inspect packet payloads for plaintext data in FTP stream
21	FTP Command Injection	Attacker attempts to inject malicious commands into FTP sessions	<code>ftp.request.command contains ";" or ftp.request.command contains "</code>	Look for FTP commands containing semicolons or other potential command separators
22	SSL/TLS Heartbleed Vulnerability	Exploit in OpenSSL library allowing memory content theft	<code>ssl.heartbeat.payload_length > 16384</code>	Check SSL/TLS heartbeat messages for abnormally large payload lengths; analyze response data for potential memory leaks
23	SSL Downgrade Attack	Force use of weaker SSL/TLS encryption protocols	<code>ssl.record.version < 0x0303</code>	Check SSL/TLS handshake headers for negotiation with older protocol versions; inspect certificate chains for self-signed or expired certificates
24	Suspicious TLS Certificate	Invalid or self-signed TLS certificates used to compromise encrypted communications	<code>ssl.handshake.type == 11 and (x509sat.OID == 2.5.4.3 and x509ce.keyIdentifier.id == x509ce.subjectKeyIdentifier.id)</code>	Review SSL handshake header for certificates signed by unknown authorities; verify encryption protocol for downgrade attempts
25	DHCP Starvation	Attacker floods network with DHCP requests to exhaust IP pool	<code>dhcp.option.dhcp == 1</code>	Monitor for high volume of DHCP Discover messages from multiple MAC addresses; check for rapid succession of requests from single source
26	Rogue DHCP Server	Unauthorized DHCP server assigns IP addresses to redirect traffic	<code>dhcp.option.dhcp == 2</code>	Review DHCP Offer packets and compare server IP address to authorized DHCP servers; check for abnormal lease durations or renewals

27	SNMP Community String Bruteforce	Attempts to guess SNMP community strings for unauthorized access	<code>snmp.community</code>	Monitor for multiple SNMP requests with different community strings from same source; check for high rate of SNMP authentication failures
28	RDP Bruteforce	Repeated login attempts to RDP services	<code>tcp.port == 3389</code>	Analyze TCP traffic on RDP port for multiple failed connection attempts; look for patterns in timing and source of connection requests
29	SSH Bruteforce	Multiple SSH login attempts to guess valid credentials	<code>tcp.port == 22</code>	Monitor SSH traffic for repeated failed authentication attempts; analyze timing and source of connection requests
30	VOIP Call Hijacking	Unauthorized interception or manipulation of VOIP calls	<code>sip</code>	Examine SIP traffic for unexpected INVITE or BYE messages; look for discrepancies in call IDs or sudden changes in RTP endpoints