

Elevate Labs- Cyber security - Task 3

Network Traffic Analysis Using Wireshark

Objective:

To capture and analyze live network traffic to understand protocols and security aspects.

Basics of Computer networks learnt:

- **IP Address** → Identifies a device (like home address)
- **MAC Address** → Hardware identity of network card
- **DNS** → Converts website name → IP address
- **TCP** → Reliable connection (websites, login)
- **UDP** → Fast but no guarantee (DNS, video)

Downloaded Wireshark from internet and learned about its uses and key notes:

Observations:

- **Captured live network traffic using Wireshark**
- **Packet Capture Process**

Wireshark was installed and launched on the system. The Wi-Fi network interface was selected, and live packet capture was started. During the capture, websites were accessed to generate

- **Protocol Filtering**

The following filters were used in Wireshark:

- **TCP:** `tcp`
- **UDP:** `udp`
- **DNS:** `dns`
- **HTTP:** `http`
- **TLS (HTTPS):** `tls`

- Observed TCP three-way handshake (SYN, SYN-ACK, ACK)
 - DNS queries resolved domain names to IP addresses
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- **DNS Traffic Analysis**

DNS packets were captured while accessing websites.

The following observations were made:

- DNS queries request the IP address of a domain name
- DNS responses contain the resolved IP address
- DNS traffic mainly uses the UDP protocol

- **Packet Capture File**

The captured network traffic was saved using Wireshark in the .pcapng format for further analysis.

File Name:analysis.pcapng

