

Wireshark

graphical network protocol analyzer
(GUI)

User-friendly, visual analysis

Advanced packet filtering with color
coding

More resource-intensive

In-depth analysis, forensic
investigation, and debugging

Similarities

- Capture network traffic in real time from network interfaces
- Open-source and available for free
- Cross-Platform Compatibility

tcpdump

command-line packet analyzer
(CLI)

Requires knowledge of CLI commands

Uses BPF for filtering

Lightweight, faster for remote analysis

Quick troubleshooting and
network monitoring