

Lab – Installing Wireshark

Objectives

Download and Install Wireshark

Background / Scenario

Wireshark is a software protocol analyzer, or "packet sniffer" application, used for network troubleshooting, analysis, software and protocol development, and education. As data streams travel back and forth over the network, the sniffer "captures" each protocol data unit (PDU) and can decode and analyze its content according to the appropriate RFC or other specifications.

Wireshark is a useful tool for anyone working with networks and can be used with most labs in the CCNA courses for data analysis and troubleshooting. This lab provides instructions for downloading and installing Wireshark.

Required Resources

- 1 PC (Windows 7 or 8 with Internet access)

Download and Install Wireshark

Wireshark has become the industry standard packet-sniffer program used by network engineers. This open source software is available for many different operating systems, including Windows, Mac, and Linux. In this lab, you will download and install the Wireshark software program on your PC.

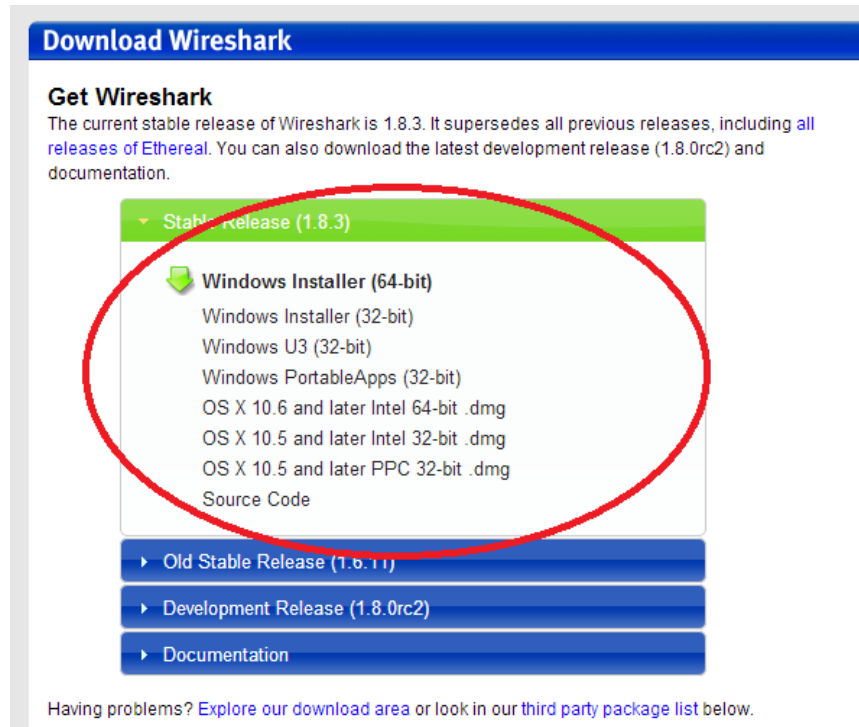
Note: Before downloading Wireshark, check with your instructor about your academy's software download policy.

Step 1: Download Wireshark.

- Wireshark can be downloaded from www.wireshark.org.
- Click **Download Wireshark**.



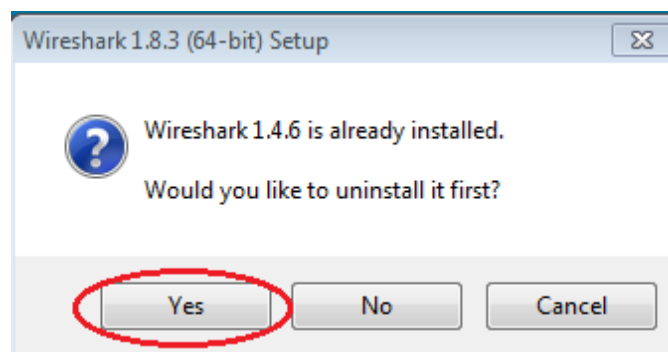
- c. Choose the software version you need based on your PC's architecture and operating system. For instance, if you have a 64-bit PC running Windows, choose **Windows Installer (64-bit)**.



After making a selection, the download should start. The location of the downloaded file depends on the browser and operating system that you use. For Windows users, the default location is the **Downloads** folder.

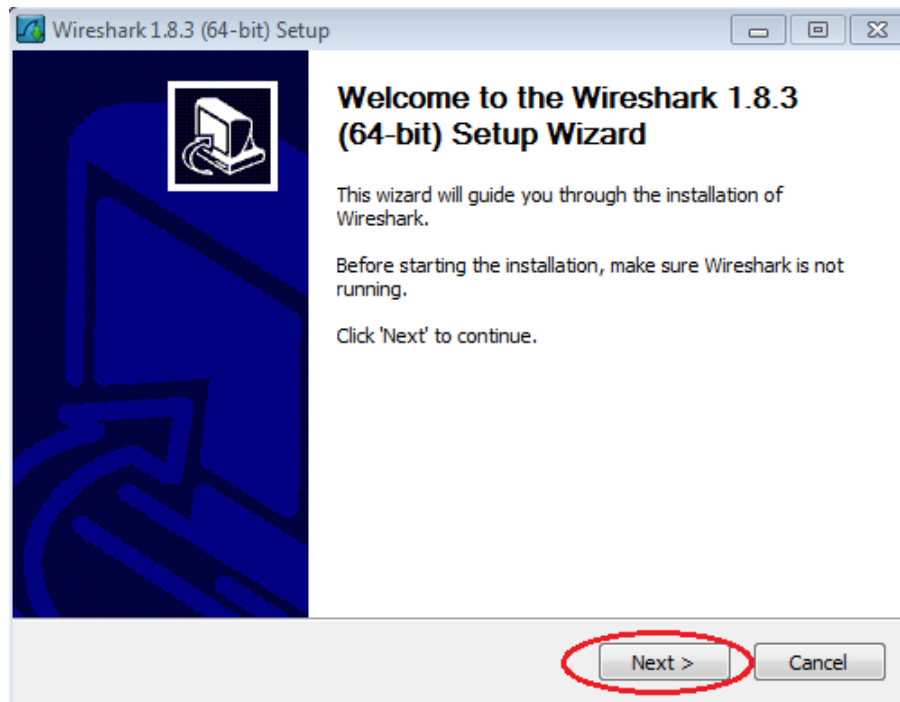
Step 2: Install Wireshark.

- a. The downloaded file is named **Wireshark-win64-x.x.x.exe**, where **x** represents the version number. Double-click the file to start the installation process.
- b. Respond to any security messages that may display on your screen. If you already have a copy of Wireshark on your PC, you will be prompted to uninstall the old version before installing the new version. It is recommended that you remove the old version of Wireshark prior to installing another version. Click **Yes** to uninstall the previous version of Wireshark.

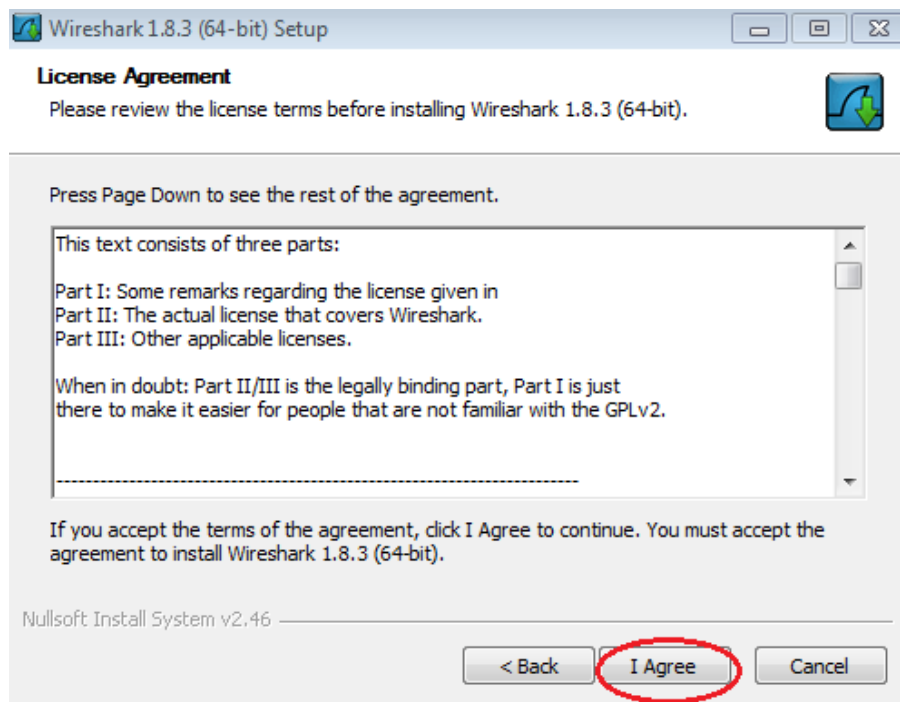


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- c. If this is the first time to install Wireshark, or after you have completed the uninstall process, you will navigate to the Wireshark Setup wizard. Click **Next**.

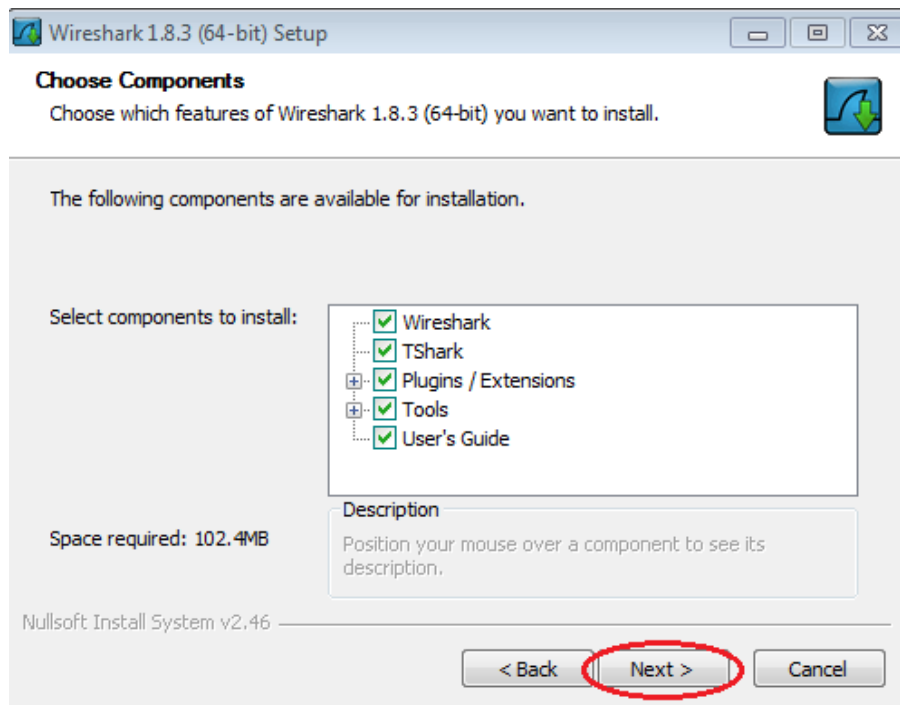


- d. Continue advancing through the installation process. Click **I Agree** when the License Agreement window displays.

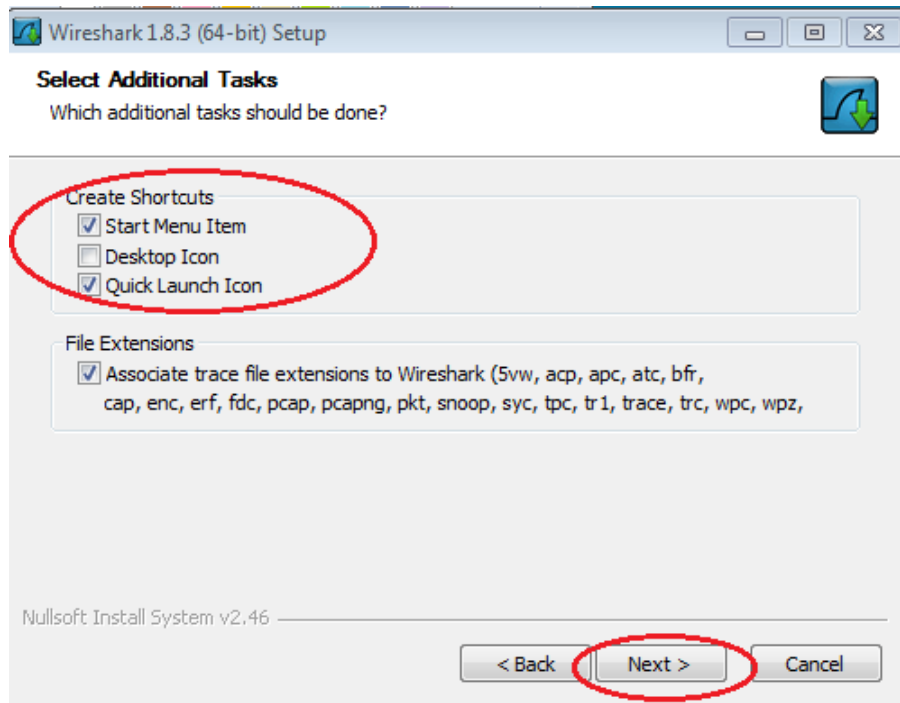


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- e. Keep the default settings on the Choose Components window and click **Next**.

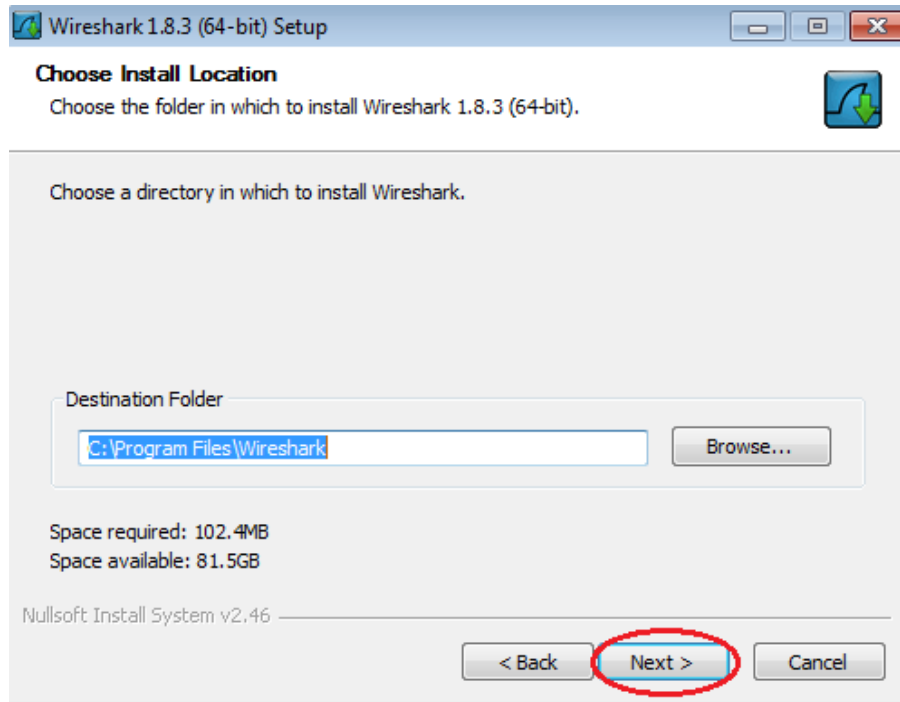


- f. Choose your desired shortcut options and click **Next**.

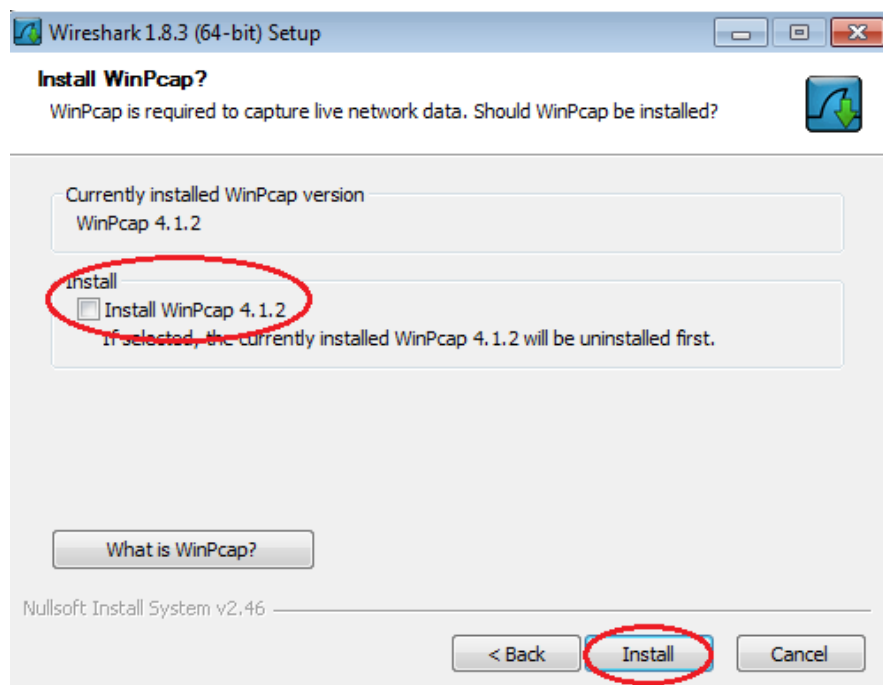


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- g. You can change the installation location of Wireshark, but unless you have limited disk space, it is recommended that you keep the default location.

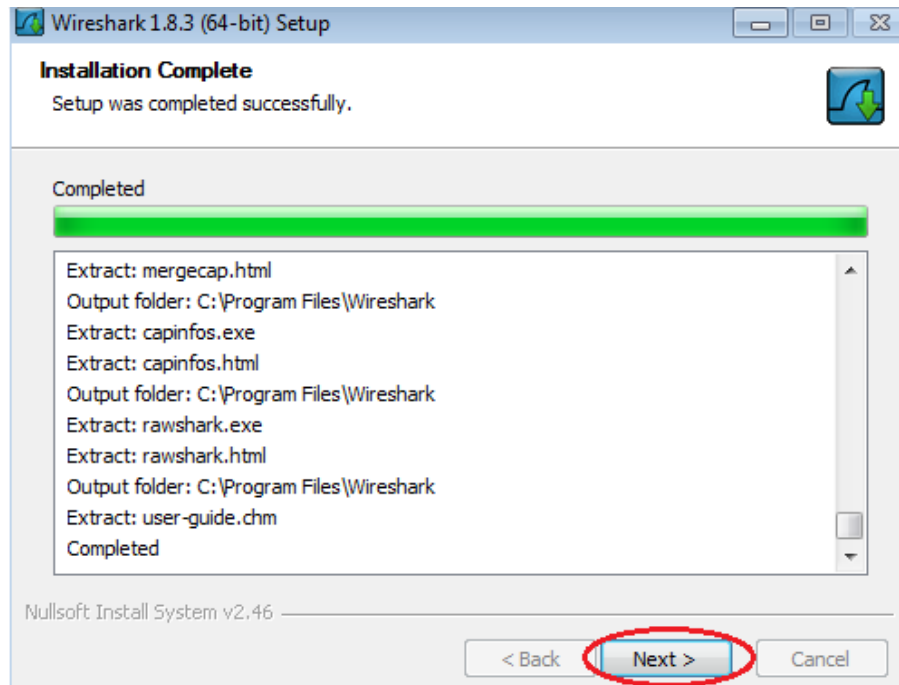


- h. To capture live network data, WinPcap must be installed on your PC. If WinPcap is already installed on your PC, the Install check box will be unchecked. If your installed version of WinPcap is older than the version that comes with Wireshark, it is recommended that you allow the newer version to be installed by clicking the **Install WinPcap x.x.x** (version number) check box.
- i. Finish the WinPcap Setup Wizard if installing WinPcap.



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- j. Wireshark starts installing its files and a separate window displays with the status of the installation. Click **Next** when the installation is complete.



- k. Click **Finish** to complete the Wireshark install process.

