

Download session keys with packet captures

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You can download a keylog file that includes all captured SSL session keys for SSL packet captures. Then, you can download and open the associated packet capture file with a packet analysis tool like Wireshark that can display the decrypted payload.

Before you begin

- You must have a configured ExtraHop Trace appliance before you can download packets and session keys from a Discover or Command appliance. See our deployment guides

 to get started.
- The Discover appliance must be licensed for SSL Shared Secrets.

- 1. Log into the Web UI on the Discover or Command appliance.
- 2. From the top menu, click **Packets**.
- 3. Optional: Apply filters to refine the packet query.
- 4. When the query completes, click **Download PCAP**.
- 5. Click Download Session Keys.

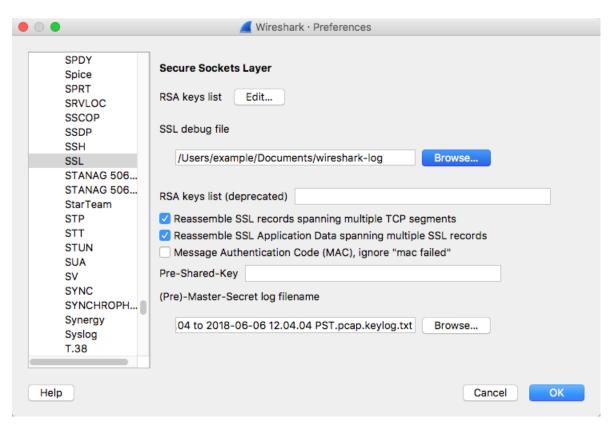
The keylog file is automatically downloaded to your computer and the session key download operation is recorded in the audit log .

If there are no session keys available for the downloaded packet capture, the **Download Session Keys** button does not appear.

Configure Wireshark to view the decrypted payload

- 1. Start the Wireshark application.
- 2. Open the Wireshark Preferences pane, expand the **Protocols** section, and then click **SSL**.
- 3. Optional: Click the **Browse...** button next to the SSL debug file field to create a log file.
- 4. Click the **Browse...** button next to the (Pre)-Master-Secret log filename field, select the *.pcap.keylog.txt file you downloaded above, and then click **Open**.





- Click **OK** to close the Preferences window.
- Open the downloaded packet capture file in Wireshark.

When an SSL-encrypted frame is selected, the **Decrypted SSL** tab appears at the bottom of the Wireshark window. Click the tab to see the decrypted information in the packet capture as plain text.

