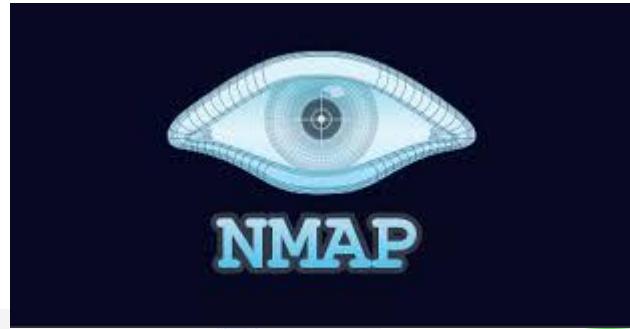




Network Security Analysis From Reconnaissance to Intrusion Detection



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1. Introduction

This lab focused on practicing **network scanning**, **service enumeration**, and **packet sniffing** using **Nmap** and **Scapy**. We worked in a controlled internal network .

These exercises are foundational for ethical hacking, reconnaissance, and understanding how attackers map and analyze networks.

2. Lab Environment

- **Machine:**
 - Attacker : kali linux -> **192.168.121.128**
 - Target : Windows 10 -> **192.168.121.133**
- **Tools Used:**
 - Nmap
 - Scapy
 - Wireshark
- **Network: 192.168.121.0/24**

3. Nmap Practical Work

Nmap is a tool that scans networks to discover devices, open ports, services, and vulnerabilities.

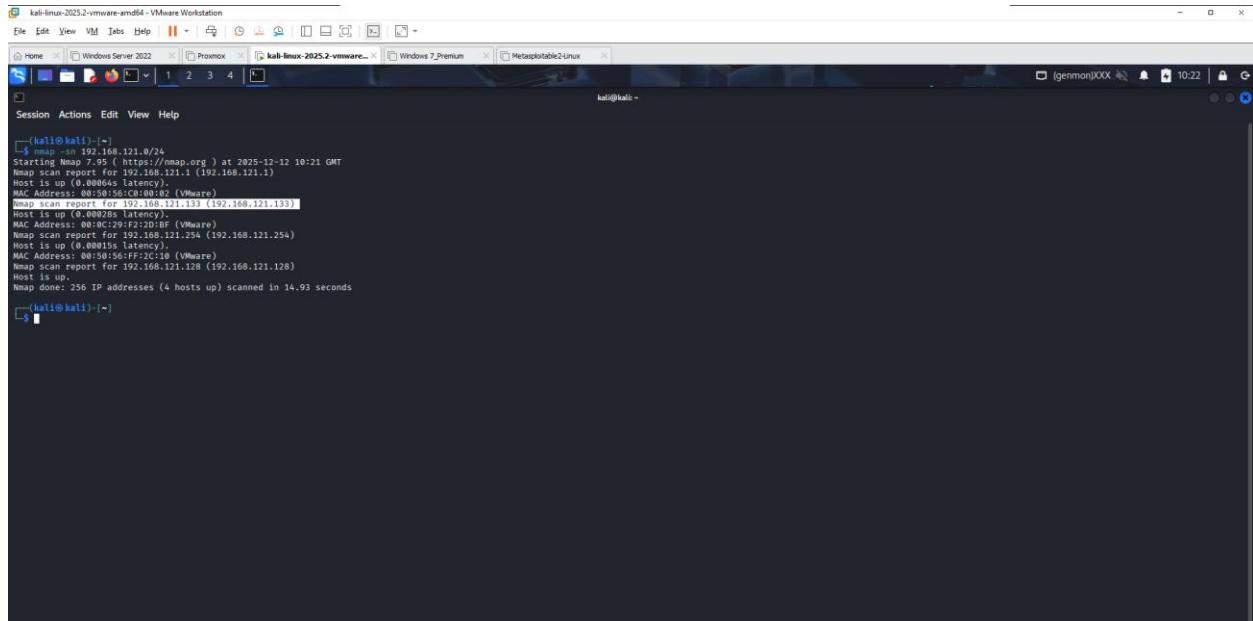
3.1 Host Discovery (Ping Sweep)

Command:

```
nmap -sn 192.168.121.0/24
```

Purpose: Check which hosts are alive on the network.

Result: 192.168.121.133 responded — host is UP.



```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ nmap -O 192.168.121.133
Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-12-12 10:21 GMT
Nmap scan report for 192.168.121.1 (192.168.121.1)
Host is up (0.00064s latency).
MAC Address: 08:00:2B:02:0D:0F (VMware)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.121.133 (192.168.121.133)
Host is up (0.00028s latency).
MAC Address: 08:0C:29:F2:D0:BF (VMware)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.121.254 (192.168.121.254)
Host is up (0.00028s latency).
MAC Address: 00:50:56:FF:C2:C8 (VMware)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.121.128 (192.168.121.128)
Host is up.
Nmap done: 256 IP addresses (4 hosts up) scanned in 14.93 seconds
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
```

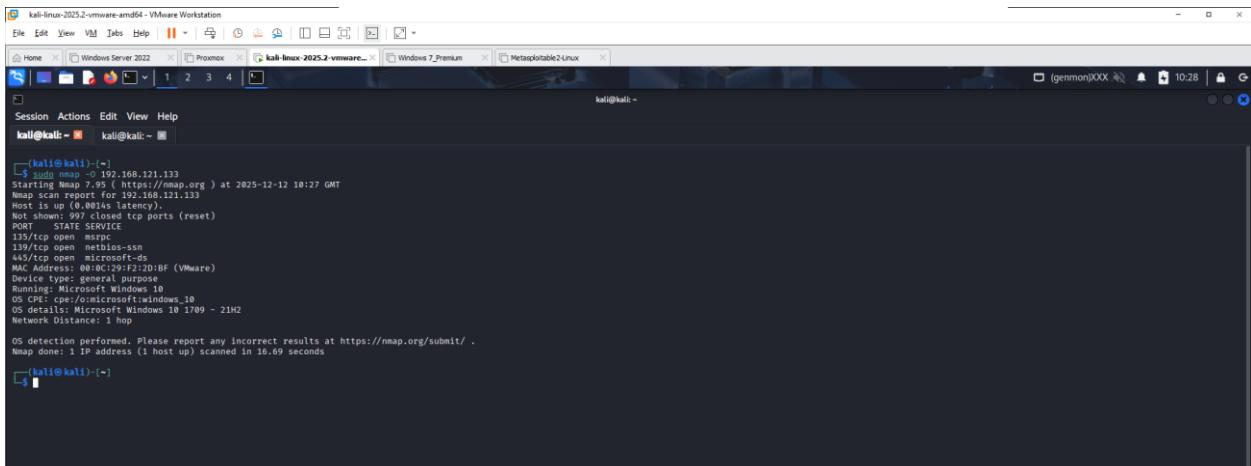
3.2 OS Detection

Command:

```
sudo nmap -O 192.168.121.133
```

Purpose: Identify the operating system by analyzing network responses.

Result: Nmap returned an OS guess based on TCP/IP fingerprints.



```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ sudo nmap -O 192.168.121.133
Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-12-12 10:27 GMT
Nmap scan report for 192.168.121.133
Host is up (0.0014s latency).
Not shown: 997 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT      STATE SERVICE
139/tcp    open  netbios-ssn
139/udp   open  netbios-ssn
445/tcp    open  microsoft-ds
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:F2:D0:BF (VMware)
Device type: Microsoft Windows 10
OS CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows_10
OS details: Microsoft Windows 10 1709 - 21H2
Network Distance: 1 hop
OS detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 16.69 seconds
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
```

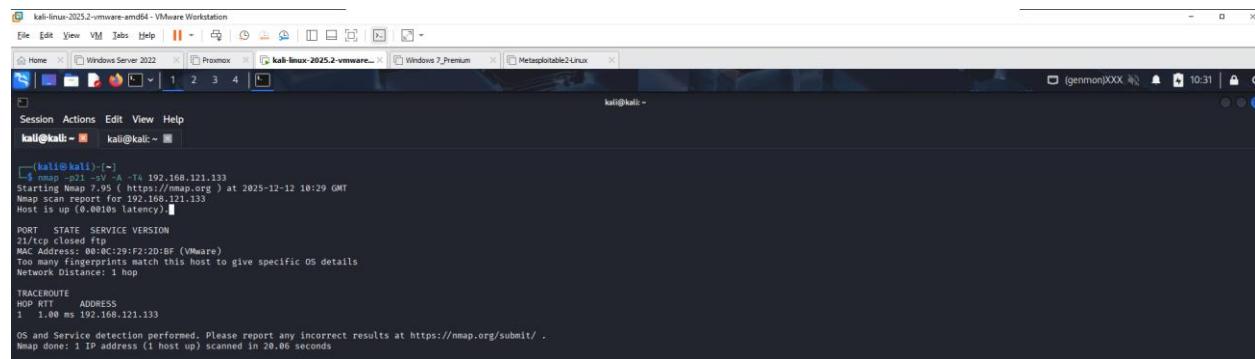
3.3 Service & Version Detection for FTP

Command:

```
nmap -p21 -sV -A -T4 192.168.121.133
```

Purpose: Enumerate services, detect versions, and gather extra details.

Result: Nmap detected the FTP service and additional information useful for penetration testing.



```
[kali㉿kali]:~$ nmap -p21 -sV -A -T4 192.168.121.133
Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-12-12 10:29 GMT
Nmap scan report for 192.168.121.133
Host is up (0.0010s latency).|_
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
21/tcp    closed  ftp
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:F2:D0:BF (VMware)
Tried Many Fingerprint斯 match this host to give specific OS details
Network Distance: 1 hop

TRACEROUTE
HOP RTT     ADDRESS
1  1.00 ms  192.168.121.133

OS and Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 20.06 seconds
```

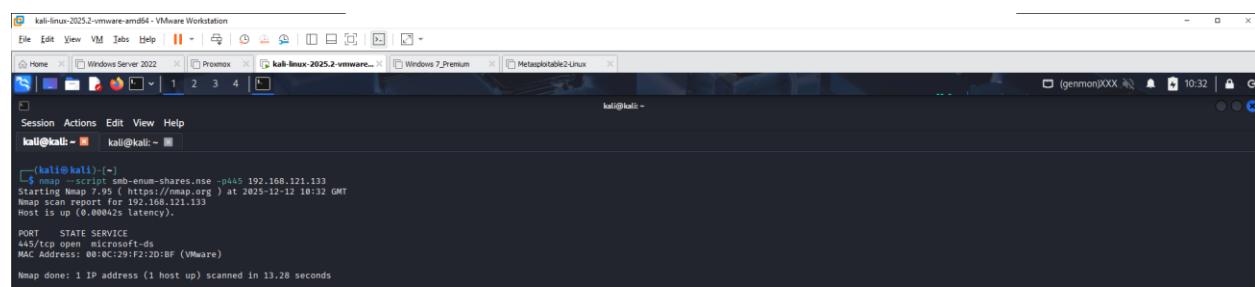
3.4 SMB Enumeration (Port 445)

Command:

```
nmap --script smb-enum-shares.nse -p445 10.6.6.23
```

Purpose: Identify accessible SMB shares.

Result: Showed available shares and potential misconfigurations.



```
[kali㉿kali]:~$ nmap --script smb-enum-shares.nse -p445 10.6.6.23
Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-12-12 10:32 GMT
Nmap scan report for 10.6.6.23
Host is up (0.0042s latency).|_
PORT      STATE SERVICE
445/tcp    open  microsoft-fds
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:F2:D0:BF (VMware)

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 13.28 seconds
```

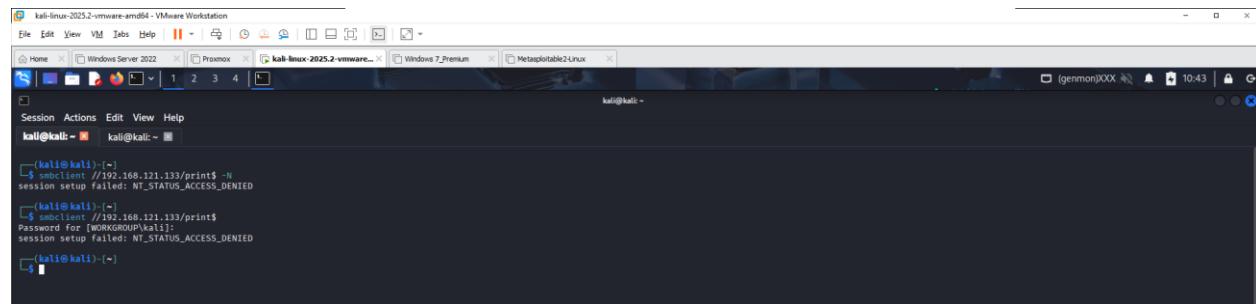
3.5 Manual SMB Access Test

Command:

```
smbclient //192.168.121.133 /print$ -N
```

Purpose: Check if anonymous SMB login is allowed.

Outcome: Access denied on the target which is windows 10, for a password is required



The screenshot shows a terminal window titled 'kali-linux-2025.2-vmware-amd64 - VMware Workstation'. It displays two consecutive commands run as 'smbclient //192.168.121.133 /print\$ -N'. Both attempts fail with the error 'NT_STATUS_ACCESS_DENIED'. The terminal is running on a Kali Linux host, with a Windows Server 2022 target visible in the background.

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ smbclient //192.168.121.133/print$ -N
session setup failed: NT_STATUS_ACCESS_DENIED

(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ smbclient //192.168.121.133/print$ -N
Password for [WORKGROUP\kali]:
session setup failed: NT_STATUS_ACCESS_DENIED
```

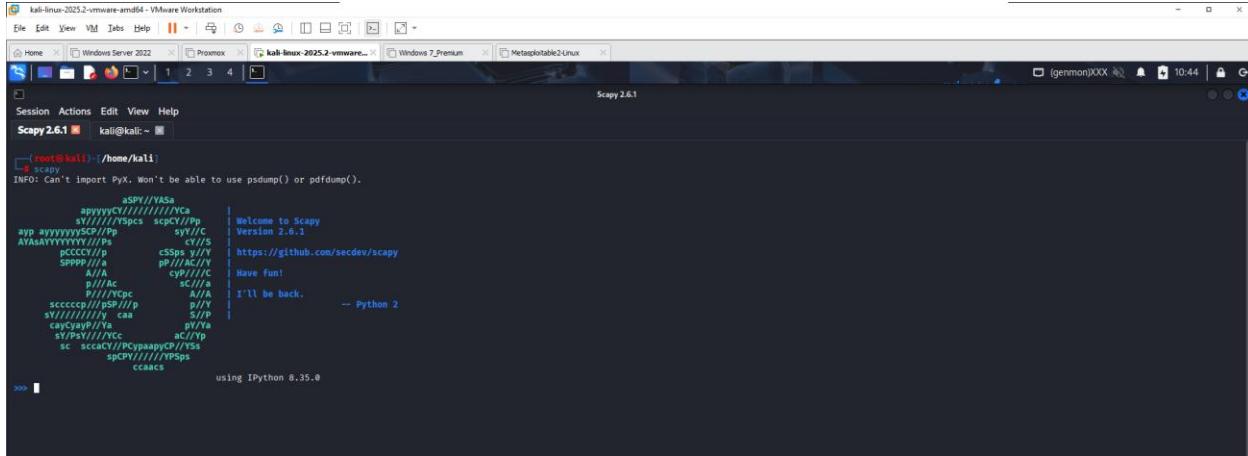
4. Scapy Practical Work

Scapy is a **powerful Python-based interactive packet manipulation tool** used for **network security, penetration testing, and protocol analysis**.

It can **craft, send, sniff, analyze**, and **manipulate** network packets at **ANY layer**, making it far more flexible than tools like ping, netcat, or even Wireshark.

4.1 Start Scapy

```
sudo su
scapy
```



The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "Scapy 2.6.1" running on a Kali Linux system. The terminal displays the Scapy logo, which is a complex ASCII art representation of a cat's face. Below the logo, it says "Welcome to Scapy Version 2.6.1 https://github.com/secdev/scapy". The message "Have Fun!" is also present. At the bottom of the terminal, it says "I'll be back. -- Python 2" and "using IPython 8.35.0". The terminal prompt is "root@kali: /home/kali\$".

4.2 Sniffing All Traffic

Command:

```
sniff()
```

Purpose: Capture live packets on the default interface.

Action: Opened a second terminal and ran:

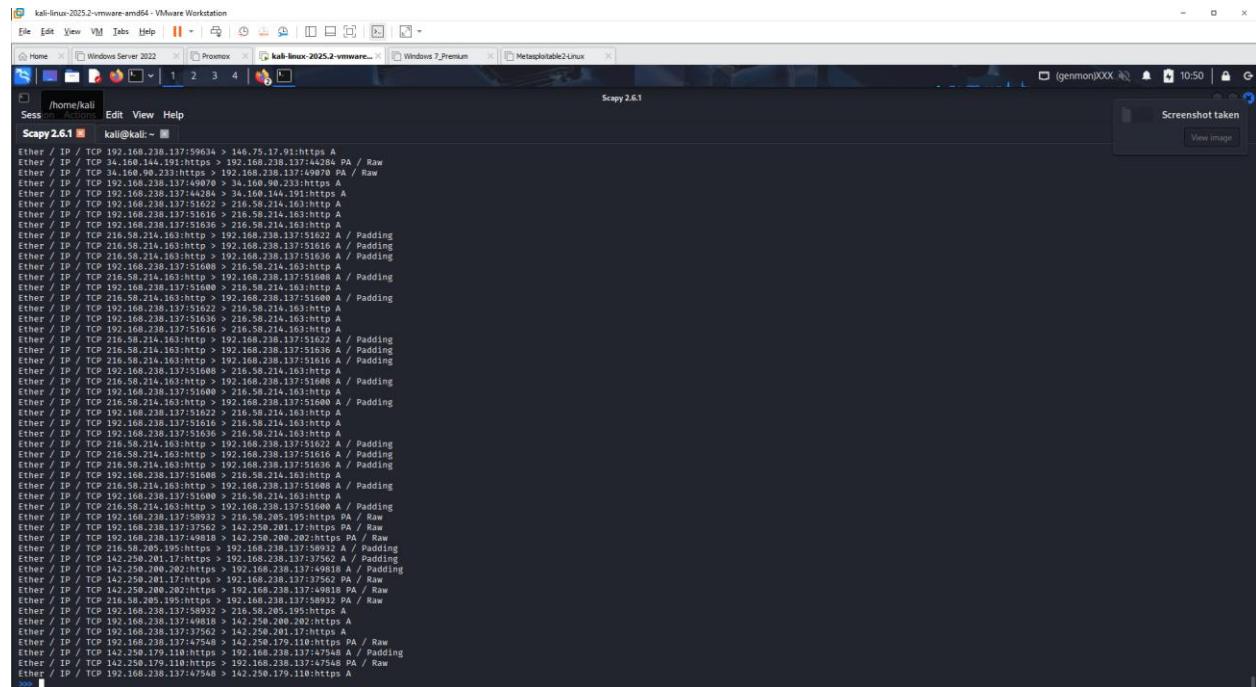
```
ping google.com
```

Result: Scapy captured ICMP, DNS, and other packets.

To stop sniffing: **Ctrl + C**.

You can store results:

```
paro = _  
paro.summary()
```



The screenshot shows the Scapy 2.6.1 interface running on a Kali Linux VM. The window title is "Scapy 2.6.1". The main pane displays a large amount of captured network traffic in ASCII and hex dump formats. The traffic includes various TCP and HTTP requests and responses between different IP addresses, primarily 192.168.238.0/24. The interface bar at the top shows tabs for Home, Windows Server 2022, Proxmox, Kali-Linux-2025.2-vmware..., Windows 7.Premium, and Metasploitable2Linux. The status bar at the bottom right shows "Screenshot taken" and the time "10:50".

4.3 Sniffing on a Specific Interface

Command:

```
sniff(iface="eth1")
```

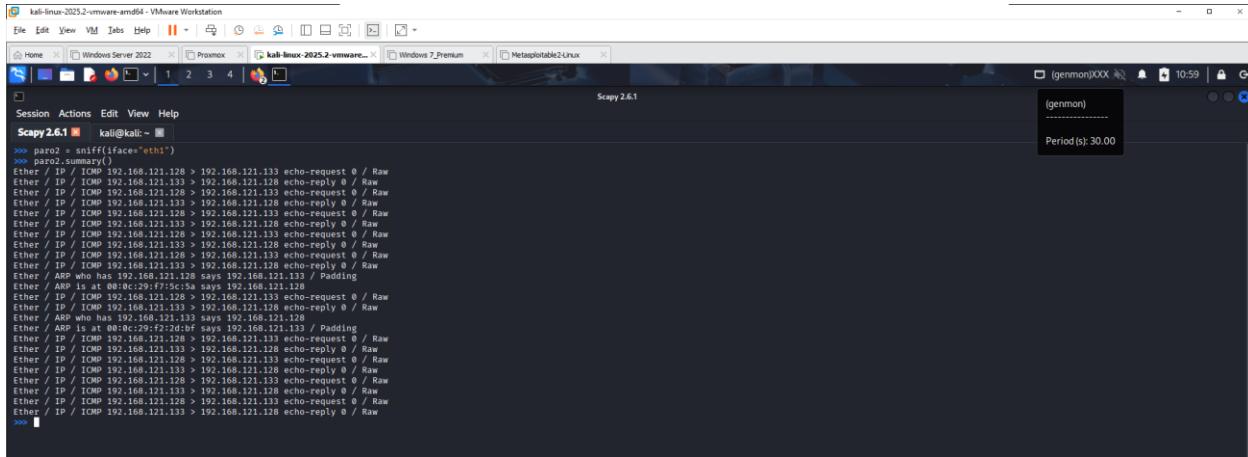
Purpose: Capture traffic on the network that contains our machines.

Triggered traffic by:

- Doing network pings

Saved results:

```
paro2 = sniff(face="eth1")
paro2.summary()
```



A screenshot of the Scapy 2.6.1 interface. The terminal window shows a session named 'paro2' with the command `sniff(iface="eth1")`. The captured traffic includes several ICMP echo-request and echo-reply packets between 192.168.121.128 and 192.168.121.133. There are also ARP requests and replies. The Scapy interface has tabs for Session, Actions, Edit, View, Help, and a summary tab. The status bar at the bottom right shows '(genmon)XXX' and the time '10:59'.

4.4 Filtering Only ICMP

Command:

```
sniff(iface="eth1", filter="icmp", count=5)
```

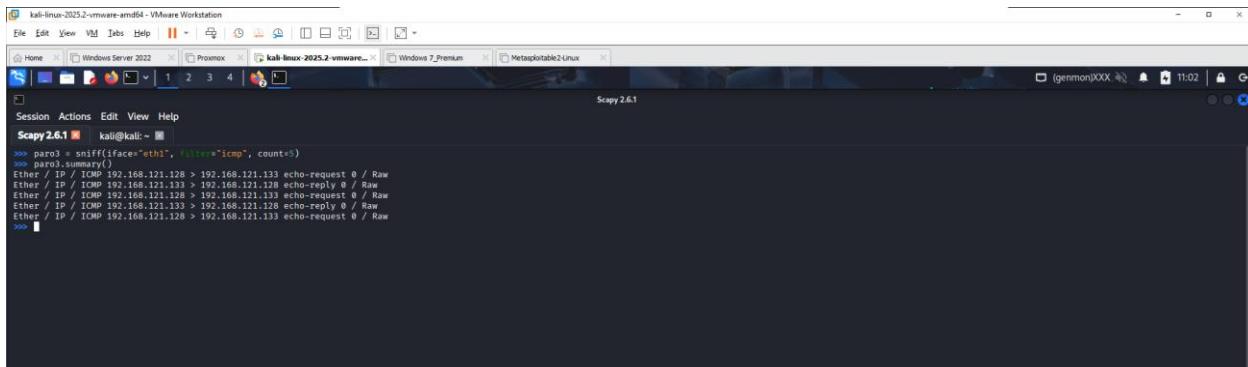
Test traffic:

```
ping 192.168.121.133
```

Captured exactly 5 ICMP packets.

Stored and inspected:

```
paro3 = sniff(iface="eth1", filter="icmp", count=5)
paro3.summary()
```

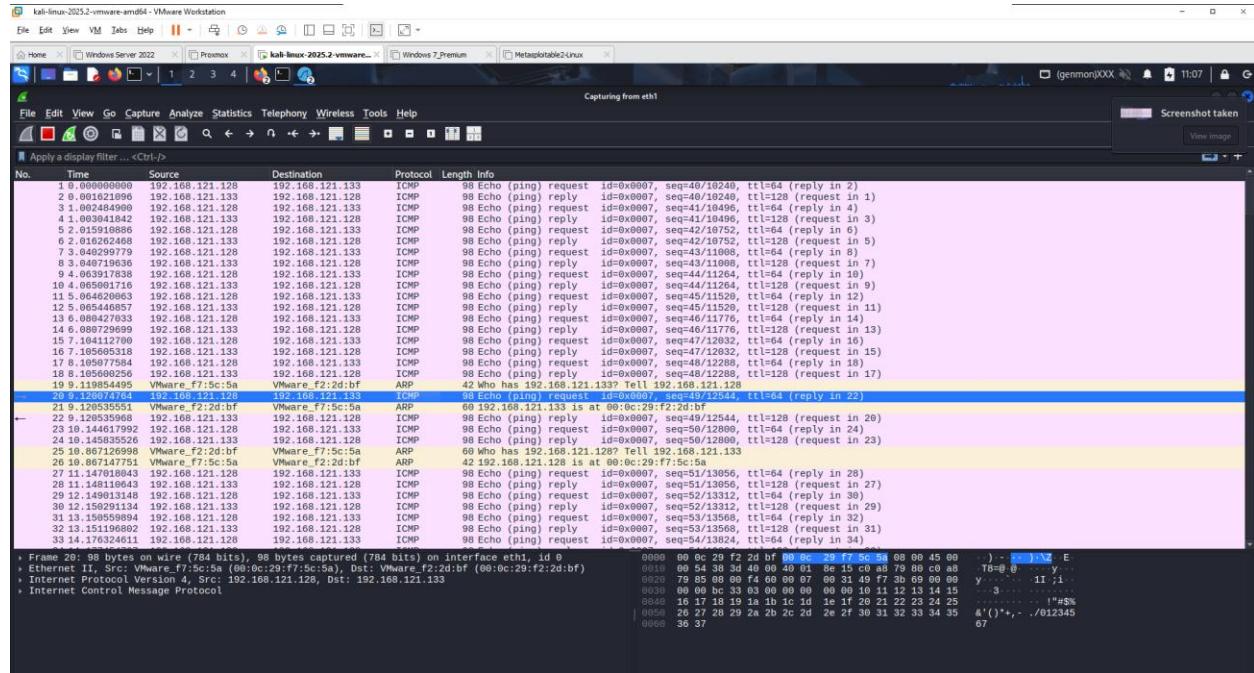


A screenshot of the Scapy 2.6.1 interface. The terminal window shows a session named 'paro3' with the command `sniff(iface="eth1", filter="icmp", count=5)`. The captured traffic consists of five ICMP echo-request and echo-reply packets between 192.168.121.128 and 192.168.121.133. The Scapy interface has tabs for Session, Actions, Edit, View, Help, and a summary tab. The status bar at the bottom right shows '(genmon)XXX' and the time '11:02'.

5. Wireshark

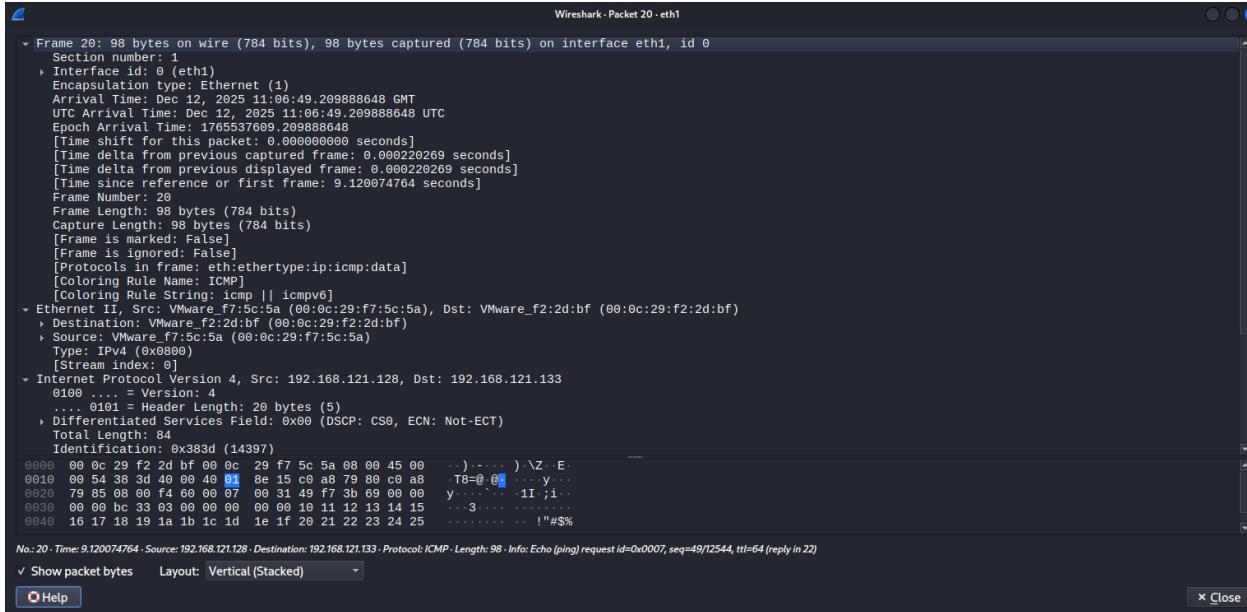
5.1 Live packets sniffing

Capturing packets *as they travel* on a network interface eth0.



5.2 Packets analyzing

Analyzing the packets immediately (real-time). We can see more information according to the TCP/IP model.



6. Key Learnings

- Nmap can detect live hosts, services, versions, and OS fingerprints.
 - SMB enumeration revealed possible anonymous access weaknesses.
 - Scapy allows live packet sniffing and analyzing ICMP, DNS, ARP, and more.
 - Using filters makes packet capture more targeted and efficient.
 - Hands-on testing shows how attackers gather information early in a penetration test.

7. Conclusion

This lab successfully demonstrated the practical application of three essential network security tools: Nmap for reconnaissance and service enumeration, Scapy for packet crafting and analysis, and Wireshark for traffic inspection. Through hands-on exercises, we explored the complete lifecycle of network security assessment—from initial host discovery to detailed packet-level analysis. These tools form the foundation of both offensive security assessments and defensive network monitoring, highlighting the importance of understanding network protocols and traffic patterns in cybersecurity operations.

8. Annexes

- <https://nmap.org/docs.html>
- <https://scapy.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>
- <https://www.wireshark.org/docs/>