



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.

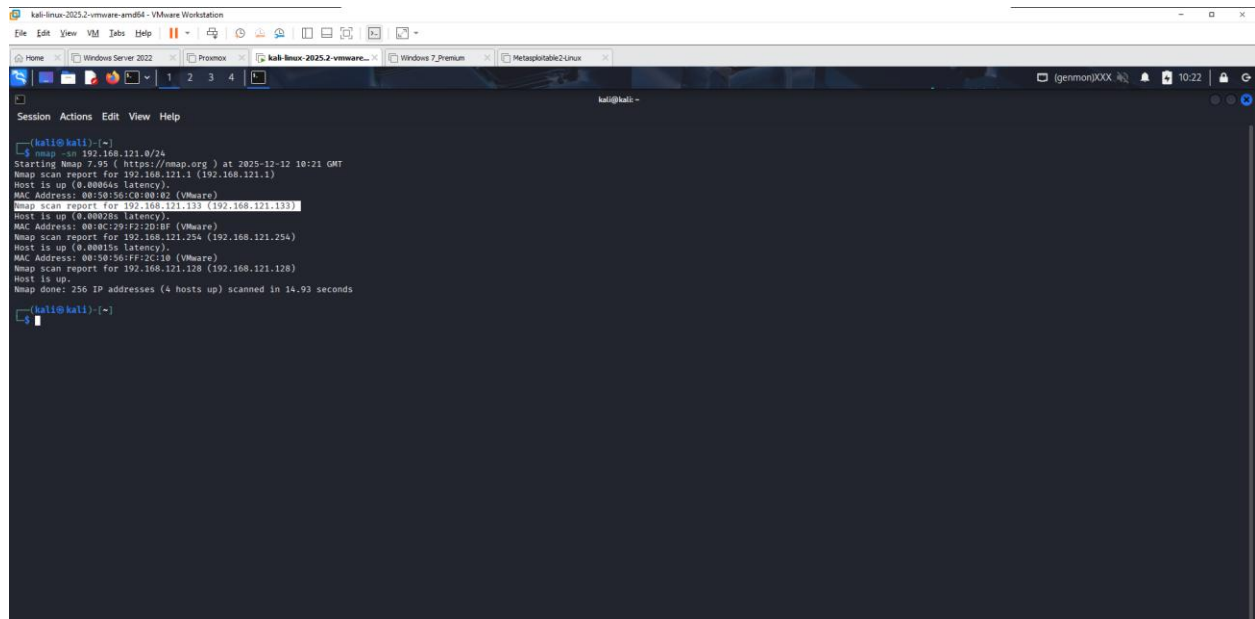
3.1 Host Discovery (Ping Sweep)

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 -sn 192.168.121.0/24
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: 08:50:56:C0:00:02 (VMware)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.121.133 (192.168.121.133)
Host is up (0.00028s latency).
MAC Address: 08:0C:29:F2:2D:8F (VMware)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.121.234 (192.168.121.234)
Host is up (0.00015s latency).
MAC Address: 08:50:56:FF:2C:10 (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:~$
```

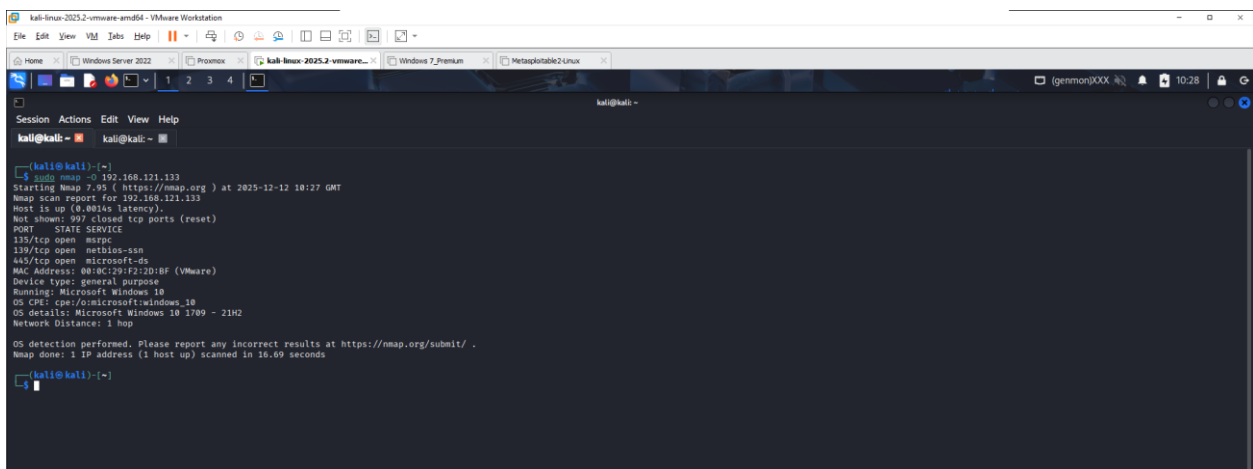
3.2 OS Detection

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: 597 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT      STATE SERVICE
135/tcp   open  mspc
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn
445/tcp   open  microsoft-ds
MAC Address: 08:0C:29:F2:2D:8F (VMware)
Device type: general purpose
Running: 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:~$
```

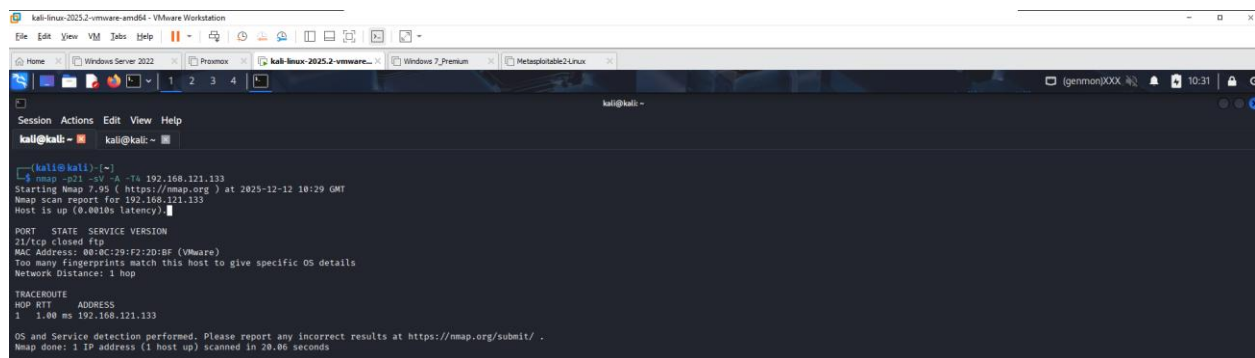
3.3 Service & Version Detection for FTP

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
21/tcp    closed ftp
MAC Address: 08:0C:29:F2:D0:BF (VMware)
Too many fingerprints 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 20.86 seconds
```

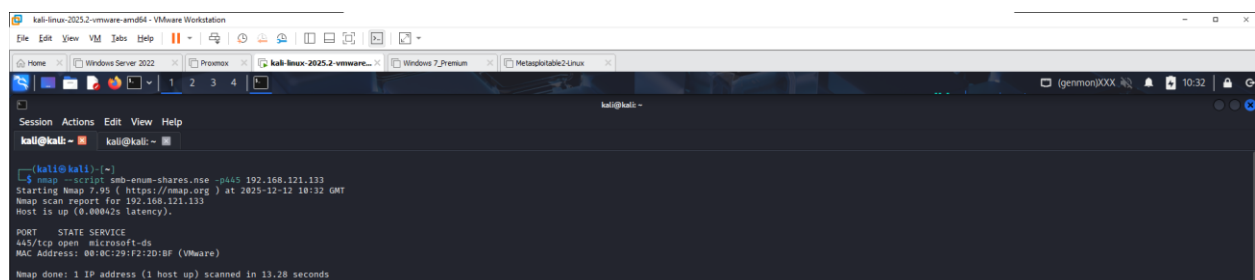
3.4 SMB Enumeration (Port 445)

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 (0.00042s latency).

PORT      STATE SERVICE
445/tcp    open  microsoft-ds
MAC address: 08:0C:29:F2:D0:BF (VMware)

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

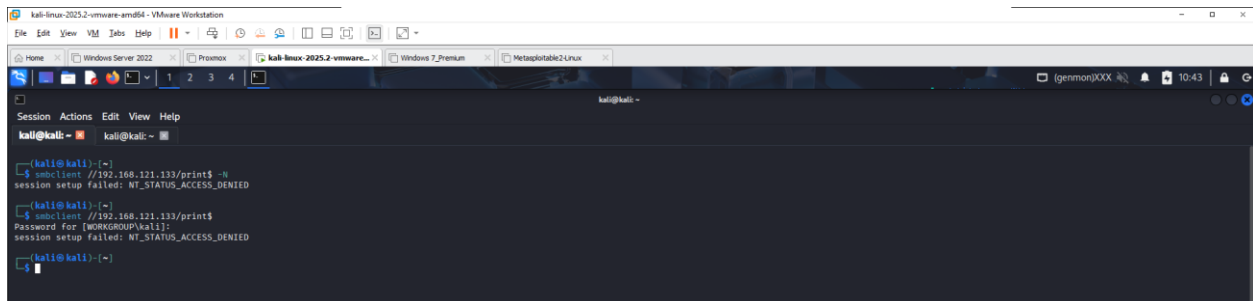
3.5 Manual SMB Access Test

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

A screenshot of a Kali Linux terminal window. The terminal shows the execution of the command 'smbclient //192.168.121.133 /print\$ -N'. The output indicates 'session setup failed: NT_STATUS_ACCESS_DENIED'. A second attempt is shown where a password is prompted, but it also fails with the same error message. The terminal window is titled 'kali@kali' and has a menu bar with 'Session', 'Actions', 'Edit', 'View', and 'Help'. The background of the terminal shows a desktop environment with various icons and a taskbar.

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 Kali Linux virtual machine environment. The terminal window displays the following output:

```

root@kali:~/home/kali# python3 -c "import pypcap"
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
ImportError: Can't import PyX. Won't be able to use pscmd() or pofcmd().

aSPK//YASa
aPPPPYCI/////////PcA
sY/////////Pcsp scCV//Pp Welcome to Scapy
aYP aYYYYYYYSCP//Pp sY//C Version 2.6.1
AYAsAHTTTTTTTTT//Pp cY//C
aYAsAHTTTTTTTTT//Pp cSSps y//Y https://github.com/secdev/scapy
SPPPP//a pP//AC//Y Have Fun!
A/A cYp//C
p//Ac sc//a
p//Pcsc A//A I'll be back.
scccccp//pca//p -- Python 2
sY/////////Y caa S//P
caycay//PcA dC//P
sYp/sY//YTCc AC//Yp
sc sccaCV//PCypaayCP//YSs
sPCP//Y//YTPSps
ccaaCS
using IPython 0.35.0

```

4.2 Sniffing All Traffic

Command:

```
sniff()
```

Purpose: Capture live packets on the default interface.

Action: Opened a second terminal and ran:

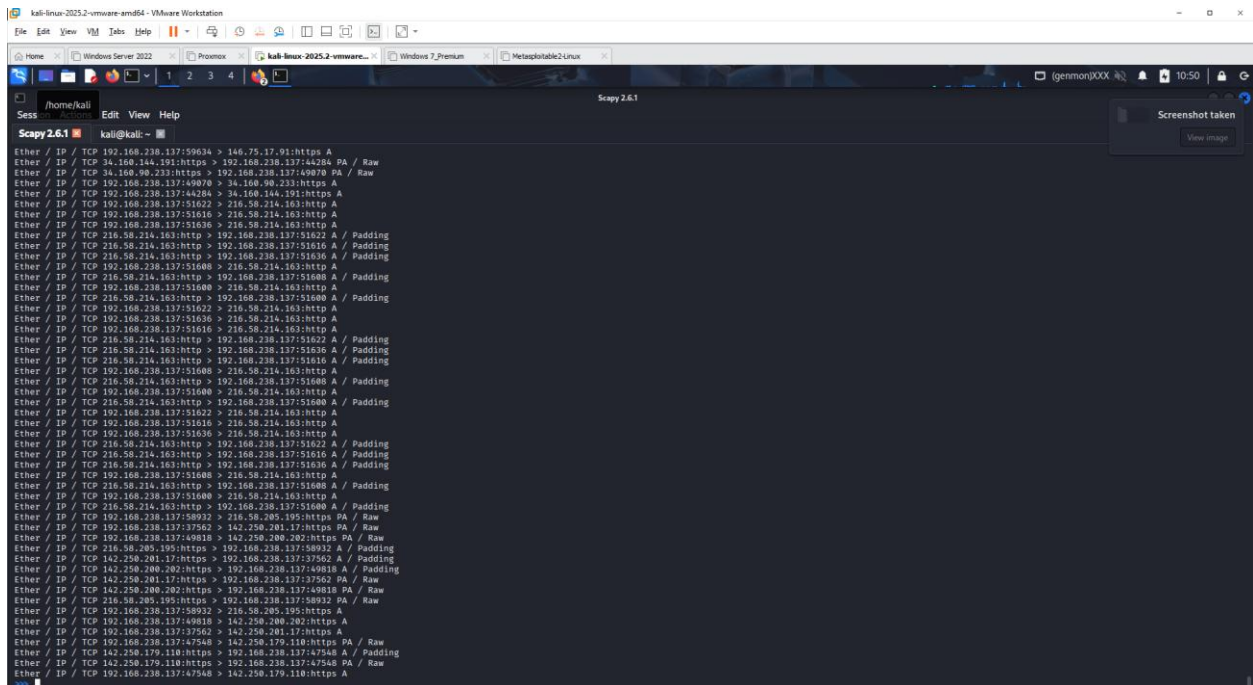
```
ping google.com
```

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

To stop sniffing: `Ctrl + C`.

You can store results:

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

4.3 Sniffing on a Specific Interface

Command:

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

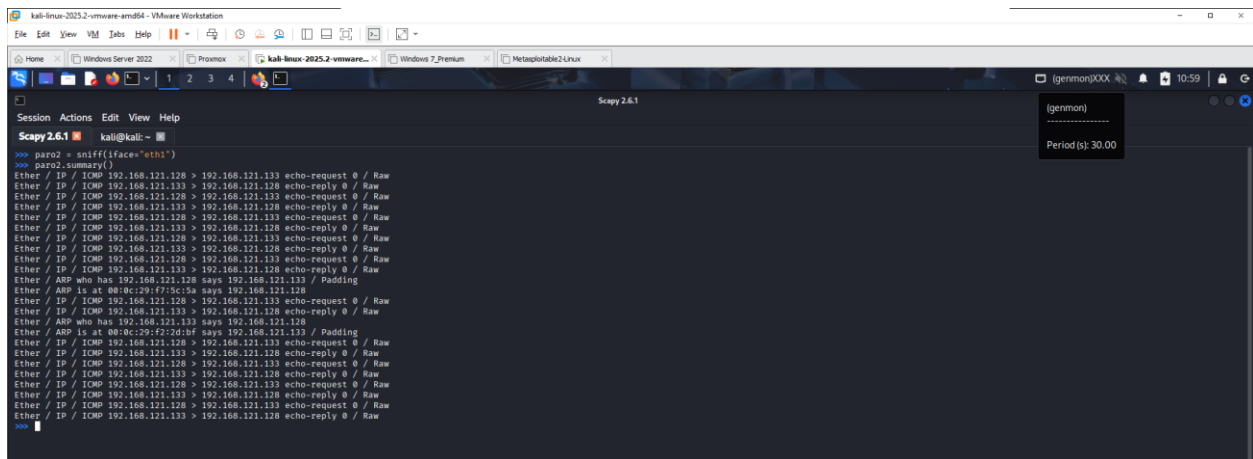
Purpose: Capture traffic on the network that contains our machines.

Triggered traffic by:

- Doing network pings

Saved results:

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



4.4 Filtering Only ICMP

Command:

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

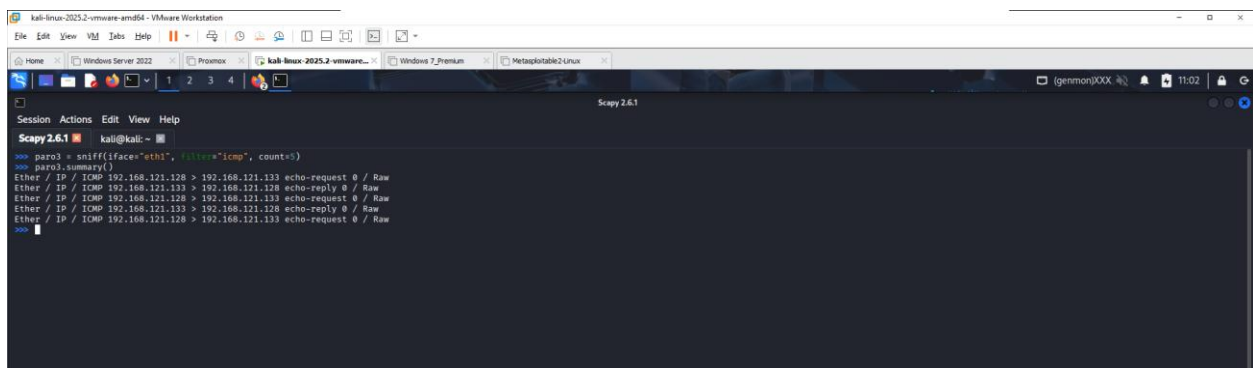
Test traffic:

```
ping 192.168.121.133
```

Captured exactly 5 ICMP packets.

Stored and inspected:

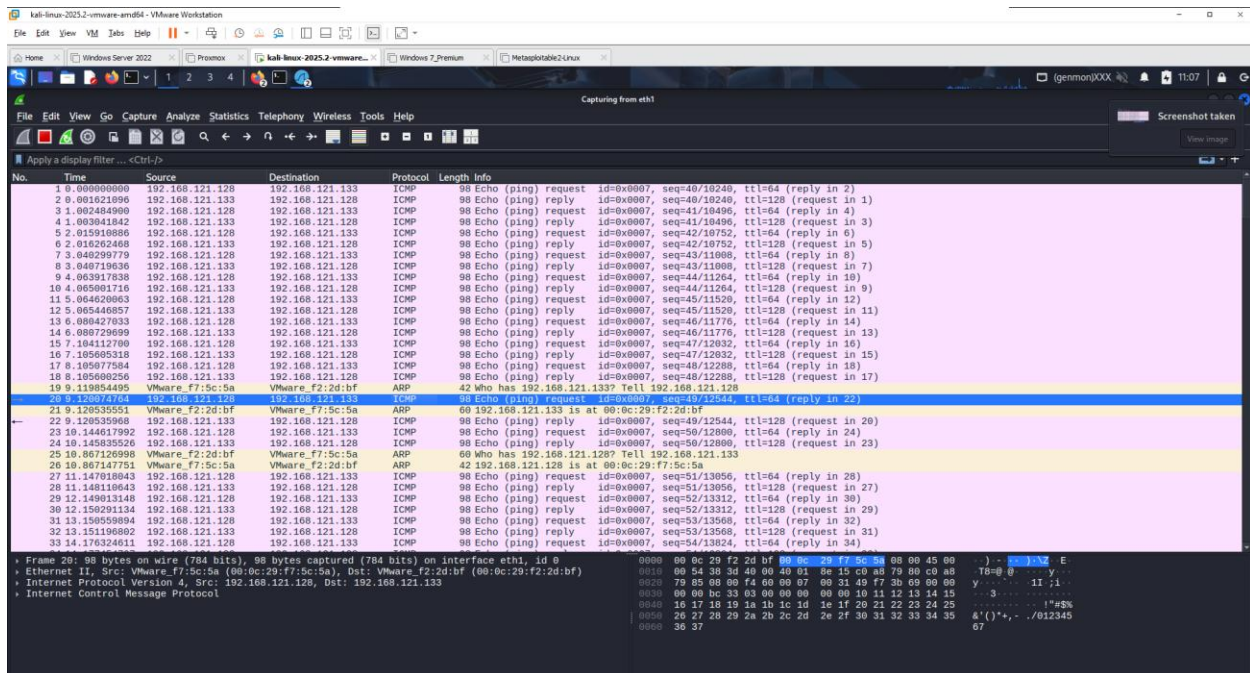
```
paro3 = sniff(iface="eth1", filter="icmp", count=5)
paro3.summary()
```



5. Wireshark

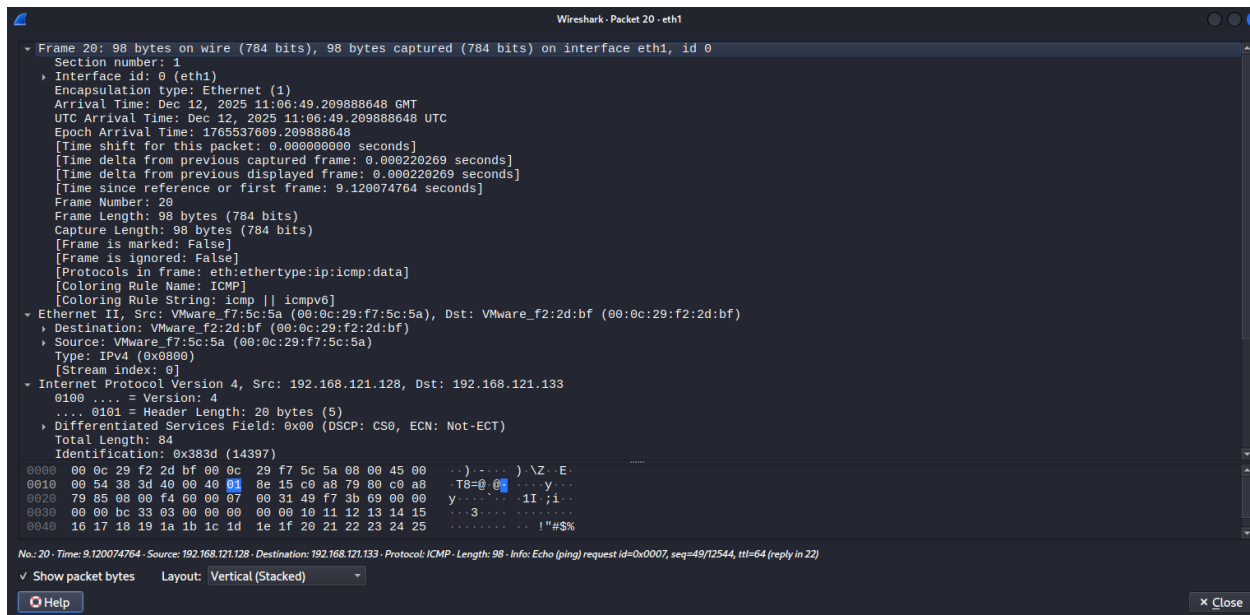
5.1 Live packets sniffing

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/>