

NMAP: Nmap is a **network scanner**, not a magical bypass tool. It can help **detect firewalls/IDS/IPS/AV**, but bypassing them is illegal unless done in your own lab or with explicit authorization (VAPT/Red Team).

1. How can bypass all types of firewalls?

👉 Real-world: You **cannot bypass ALL firewalls** with Nmap. You can attempt to **evade detection** by using timing, fragmentation, decoys, spoofing.

nmap -Pn -f -T2 -D RND:10 <target>

- -Pn → Skip host discovery (firewalls may block ICMP ping).
 - -f → Fragment packets (bypass packet filters).
 - -T2 → Slow timing (avoid detection by IDS/IPS).
 - -D RND:10 → Use 10 decoy IPs (hide your real IP).
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2. How can identify which type of firewall is detected?

Use **firewalk**-like scanning (--traceroute) + TTL analysis.

Command:

nmap -Pn -p 80,443 --traceroute <target>

- Check where packets drop → indicates firewall hop.

Or test with different scan types:

nmap -sS -p 80 <target> # SYN Scan

nmap -sA -p 80 <target> # ACK Scan (firewall stateful?)

nmap -sN -p 80 <target> # Null Scan

- SYN works but ACK drops? → Stateful firewall.
 - All blocked? → Stateless packet filter.
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3. How can scan a network so firewall does not detect Nmap?

Stealth + evasion techniques:

nmap -sS -T0 -f -D RND:5 --data-length 50 <target>

- -sS → Stealth SYN scan.
 - -T0 → Very slow (harder to detect).
 - --data-length 50 → Add junk data (evade IDS signatures).
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4. How to scan all services?

nmap -sV <target>

- -sV → Service version detection.
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5. How to scan all ports?

nmap -p- <target>

- -p- → Scan all 65,535 TCP ports.
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6. How to scan all open IP/hosts in a network?

nmap -sn 192.168.1.0/24

- -sn → Ping scan (discover live hosts).
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7. How to scan only open ports?

nmap --open -p- <target>

- --open → Show only open ports.
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8. How to scan only closed ports?

nmap -p- --reason <target> | grep "closed"

- Nmap normally doesn't show closed-only → use --reason & filter.
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9. How to identify if firewall is active or not?

nmap -sA -p 80 <target>

- -sA (ACK scan) → If "filtered" → firewall present.
 - If "unfiltered" → no firewall.
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10. How to identify if firewall is configured or not?

Compare -sS vs -sA results:

- If -sS blocked but -sA works → firewall configured.

- If both work → no firewall.
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11. How to scan/detect that endpoint has antivirus?

👉 Nmap alone cannot directly detect AV.

But some NSE scripts try:

nmap --script av* <target>

(rarely reliable, mostly SNMP/WMI dependent).

12. How to detect which type of antivirus endpoint has?

👉 Nmap **cannot fingerprint specific AV products**. You need **EDR/Endpoint agent logs** or **privilege access**.

Bypass: Use evasion **scans (-f, -D, --data-length)**.

13. How to scan which type of OS is running?

nmap -O <target>

- -O → OS fingerprinting.
 - --osscan-guess → Aggressive guess.
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14. How to detect if IDS/IPS configured or not?

Test normal scan vs stealth scan:

nmap -sS <target>

nmap -sN <target>

- If normal blocked but null/fragment works → IDS/IPS present.

Bypass:

nmap -f -sS -T1 <target>

15. How to scan running services versions?

nmap -sV <target>

- Gets software + version (e.g., Apache 2.4.41).
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16. Can we scan closed/stopped services versions?

✗ No.

- If service is **closed/stopped**, it doesn't respond → version cannot be fingerprinted.
- You only see closed or filtered.

✓ Summary Table

Task	Command
Bypass FW	<code>nmap -Pn -f -D RND:10 <target></code>
Detect FW type	<code>nmap -sA -p 80 <target></code>
Evade detection	<code>nmap -sS -T0 -f --data-length 50 <target></code>
All services	<code>nmap -sV <target></code>
All ports	<code>nmap -p- <target></code>
Live hosts	<code>nmap -sn 192.168.1.0/24</code>
Only open ports	<code>nmap --open -p- <target></code>
Only closed ports	<code>` nmap -p- --reason <target></code>
Firewall active?	<code>nmap -sA -p 80 <target></code>
Firewall configured?	Compare -sS vs -sA
Detect AV	<code>nmap --script av* <target></code> (limited)
Detect AV type	✗ Not reliable with Nmap
OS detection	<code>nmap -O <target></code>
IDS/IPS detection	Compare scans (-sS vs -sN)
Running services versions	<code>nmap -sV <target></code>
Closed service versions	✗ Not possible