

Hands-On Ethical Hacking & Network Defense

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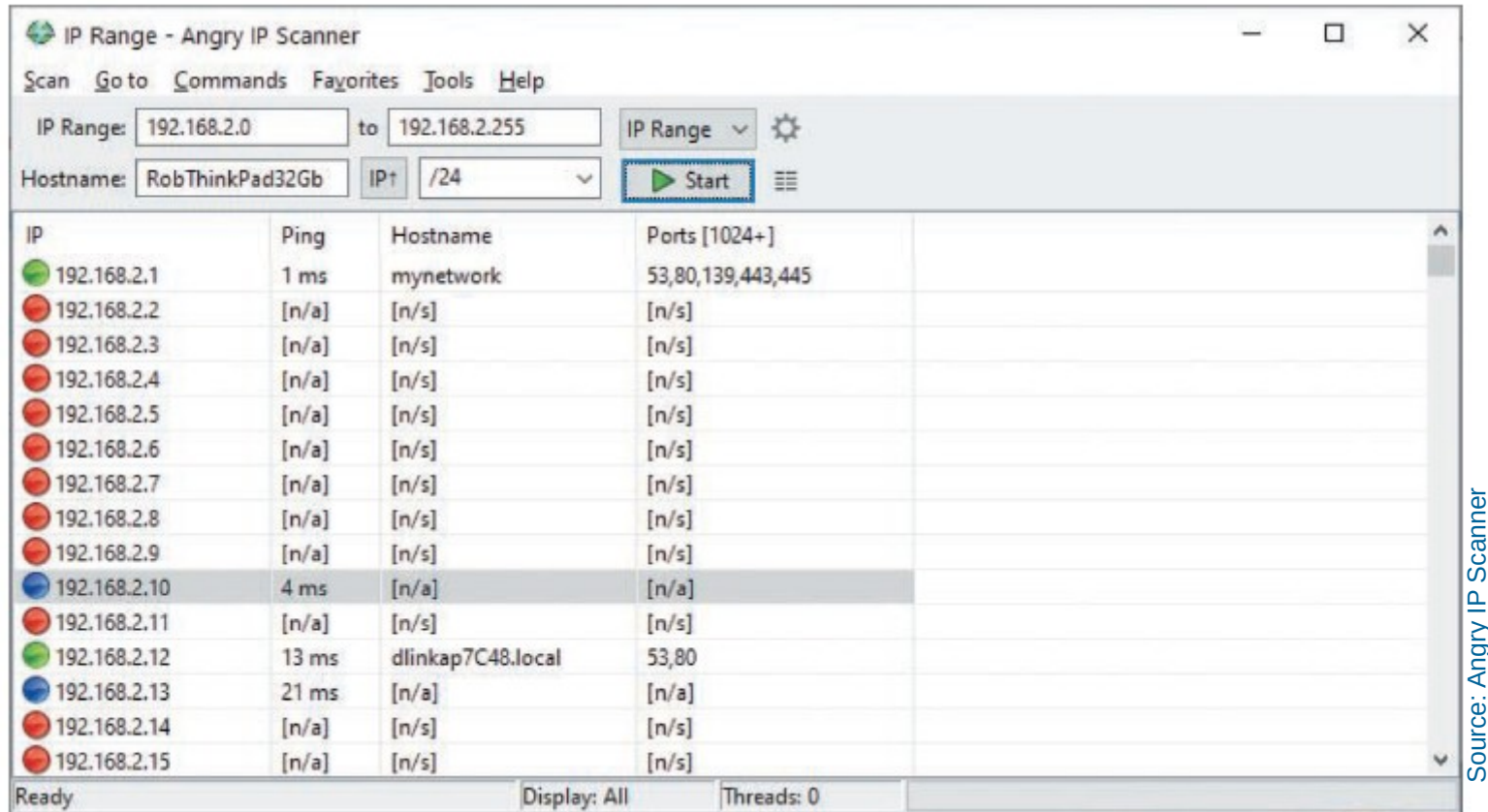
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Module 5: Port Scanning

Introduction to Port Scanning (1 of 3)

- **Port scanning**
 - Method of finding which services are offered by a host computer
 - Identifies vulnerabilities
- Port-scanning tools
 - Identify vulnerable open ports and launch an exploit to attack the system
- Security testers must scan all ports when testing
 - Not just well-known ports

Introduction to Port Scanning (2 of 3)



Source: Angry IP Scanner

Figure 5-1 Angry IP port scanner interface

Introduction to Port Scanning (3 of 3)

- Port-scanning programs report:
 - **Open ports**
 - Allow access to applications and can be vulnerable to an attack
 - **Closed ports**
 - Don't allow entry or access to a service
 - **Filtered ports**
 - Might indicate that a firewall is being used to allow specified traffic into or out of the network

Types of Port Scans (1 of 2)

- SYN scan
 - Stealthy scan
- Connect scan
 - Completes the three-way handshake
- NULL scan
 - All packet flags are turned off
- XMAS scan
 - FIN, PSH, and URG flags are set

Types of Port Scans (2 of 2)

- ACK scan
 - Used to get past a firewall or other filtering device
- FIN scan
 - Closed port responds with an RST packet when the FIN packet is sent to the target computer
- UDP scan
 - UDP packet is sent to the target computer
 - If port sends back an ICMP “Port Unreachable” message
 - Implies that the port is closed

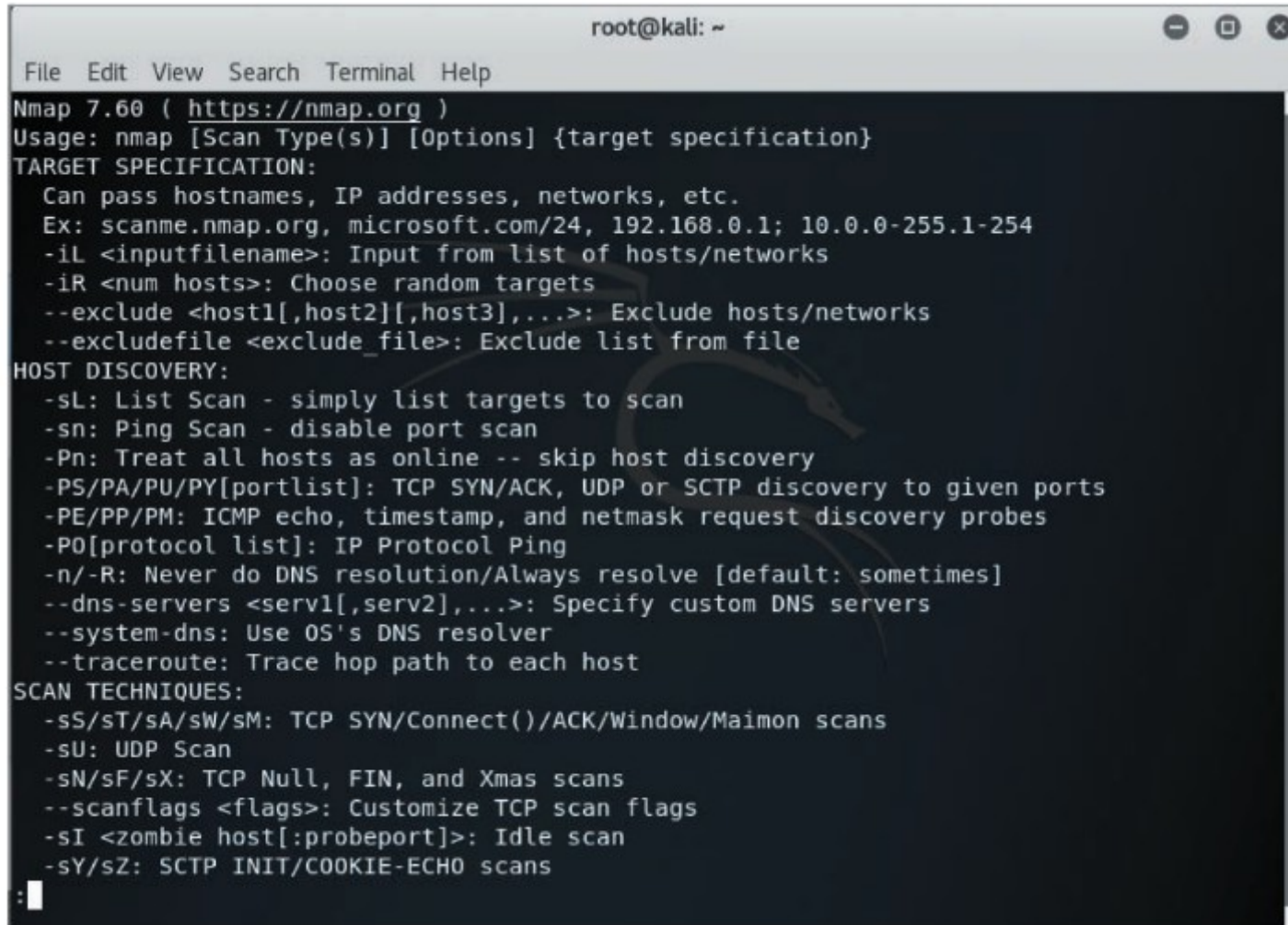
Using Port-Scanning Tools

- Port-scanning tools
 - Hundreds are available
 - Not all are accurate
 - Be familiar with a variety of tools
 - Practice often to gain proficiency
 - Do not use one tool exclusively
- Some tools include:
 - **Nmap**
 - Nessus and OpenVAS

Nmap (1 of 2)

- Originally written for *Phrack* magazine
 - One of the most popular port-scanning tools
 - New features are frequently added
- GUI front end
 - Known as Zenmap
 - Makes working with complex options easier
- Standard port-scanning tool for security professionals
 - Command: `nmap 193.145.85.201`
 - Scans every port on the computer with this IP address

Nmap (2 of 2)

A screenshot of a terminal window titled 'root@kali: ~'. The window displays the Nmap 7.60 help text. The text is organized into sections: 'Usage', 'TARGET SPECIFICATION', 'HOST DISCOVERY', and 'SCAN TECHNIQUES'. The 'Usage' section shows the command format: 'nmap [Scan Type(s)] [Options] {target specification}'. The 'TARGET SPECIFICATION' section lists options for specifying targets, including hostnames, IP addresses, networks, and various exclusion options. The 'HOST DISCOVERY' section lists options for controlling the discovery process, such as disabling port scans or using specific protocols. The 'SCAN TECHNIQUES' section lists various scan types, including SYN, UDP, NULL, FIN, Xmas, and Sctp scans. The terminal window has a menu bar with 'File', 'Edit', 'View', 'Search', 'Terminal', and 'Help'. The background of the terminal is dark with light-colored text. A faint watermark of a dragon is visible in the background of the terminal output.

```
root@kali: ~
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
Nmap 7.60 ( https://nmap.org )
Usage: nmap [Scan Type(s)] [Options] {target specification}
TARGET SPECIFICATION:
  Can pass hostnames, IP addresses, networks, etc.
  Ex: scanme.nmap.org, microsoft.com/24, 192.168.0.1; 10.0.0-255.1-254
  -iL <inputfilename>: Input from list of hosts/networks
  -iR <num hosts>: Choose random targets
  --exclude <host1[,host2][,host3],...>: Exclude hosts/networks
  --excludefile <exclude_file>: Exclude list from file
HOST DISCOVERY:
  -sL: List Scan - simply list targets to scan
  -sn: Ping Scan - disable port scan
  -Pn: Treat all hosts as online -- skip host discovery
  -PS/PA/PU/PY[portlist]: TCP SYN/ACK, UDP or SCTP discovery to given ports
  -PE/PP/PM: ICMP echo, timestamp, and netmask request discovery probes
  -PO[protocol list]: IP Protocol Ping
  -n/-R: Never do DNS resolution/Always resolve [default: sometimes]
  --dns-servers <serv1[,serv2],...>: Specify custom DNS servers
  --system-dns: Use OS's DNS resolver
  --traceroute: Trace hop path to each host
SCAN TECHNIQUES:
  -sS/sT/sA/sW/sM: TCP SYN/Connect()/ACK/Window/Maimon scans
  -sU: UDP Scan
  -sN/sF/sX: TCP Null, FIN, and Xmas scans
  --scanflags <flags>: Customize TCP scan flags
  -sI <zombie host[:probeport]>: Idle scan
  -sY/sZ: SCTP INIT/COOKIE-ECHO scans
:
```

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Figure 5-2 Nmap help screen

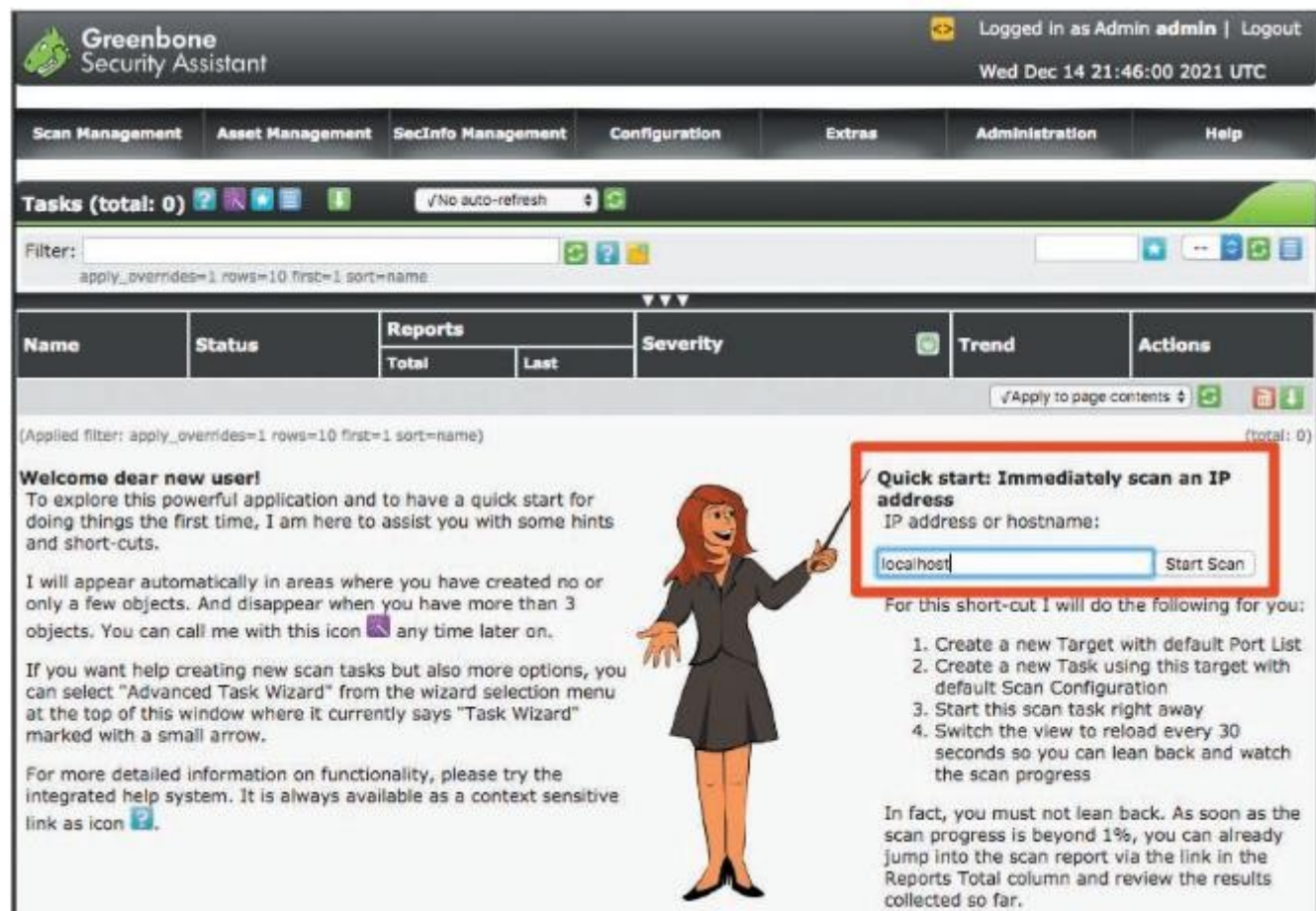
Nessus and OpenVAS (or Greenbone Security Assistant) (1 of 4)

- **Nessus**
 - Vulnerable assessment tool from Tenable
 - Extends NMAP capabilities by analyzing open ports for specific version information
 - Provides detailed vulnerability information on the corresponding service
 - Nessus Professional
 - Product you purchase
 - Nessus Essentials
 - Provides a free version

Nessus and OpenVAS (or Greenbone Security Assistant) (2 of 4)

- **OpenVAS**
 - Open-source fork of Nessus
 - Now branded as Greenbone Security Assistant
 - Capable of updating security check plug-ins when they become available
 - Security test program that can be selected from the client interface
 - Leaving the Safe checks enabled in the policy is advisable
 - Can also determine what vulnerabilities are associated with services

Nessus and OpenVAS (or Greenbone Security Assistant) (3 of 4)



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Figure 5-4 OpenVAS (Greenbone Security Assistant) home screen

Nessus and OpenVAS (or Greenbone Security Assistant) (4 of 4)



Results 1 - 10 of 33 (total: 35) Refresh every 30 Sec.

Filter: severity>Error and task_id=9da59605-d528-4fb6-9e78-b922
sort-reverse=qod first=1 rows=10

Vulnerability	Severity	QoD	Host	Location	Created
GSA Default Admin Credentials	10.0 (High)	100%	127.0.0.1	443/tcp	Wed Dec 14 22:02:47 2021
SSL/TLS: Report Perfect Forward Secrecy (PFS) Cipher Suites	0.0 (Log)	98%	127.0.0.1	9390/tcp	Wed Dec 14 21:49:15 2021
SSL/TLS: Report Perfect Forward Secrecy (PFS) Cipher Suites	0.0 (Log)	98%	127.0.0.1	443/tcp	Wed Dec 14 21:49:15 2021
SSL/TLS: Report Supported Cipher Suites	0.0 (Log)	98%	127.0.0.1	9390/tcp	Wed Dec 14 21:49:15 2021
SSL/TLS: Report Supported Cipher Suites	0.0 (Log)	98%	127.0.0.1	443/tcp	Wed Dec 14 21:49:15 2021
SSL/TLS: Report Medium Cipher Suites	0.0 (Log)	98%	127.0.0.1	9390/tcp	Wed Dec 14 21:50:48 2021
SSL/TLS: Report Medium Cipher Suites	0.0 (Log)	98%	127.0.0.1	443/tcp	Wed Dec 14 21:50:48 2021
SSL/TLS: Report Non Weak Cipher Suites	0.0 (Log)	98%	127.0.0.1	9390/tcp	Wed Dec 14 21:50:48 2021
SSL/TLS: Report Weak Cipher Suites	5.0 (Medium)	98%	127.0.0.1	9390/tcp	Wed Dec 14 21:50:49 2021
SSL/TLS: Report Non Weak Cipher Suites	0.0 (Log)	98%	127.0.0.1	443/tcp	Wed Dec 14 21:50:49 2021

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(Applied filter: sort-reverse=qod first=1 rows=10 severity>Error and task_id=9da59605-d528-4fb6-9e78-b922b72d66fc)

1 - 10 of 33 (total: 35)

Figure 5-5 Vulnerabilities listed in OpenVAS

Conducting Ping Sweeps

- **Ping sweeps**
 - Identify which IP addresses belong to active hosts
 - Ping a range of IP addresses to see what type of response is returned
- **Problems**
 - Might shut down computers at the time of the sweep
 - Indicates that the IP address does not belong to a live host
 - Many network administrators configure nodes to not respond to an ICMP Echo Request (type 8) with an ICMP Echo Reply (type 0)
 - Firewalls may filter out ICMP traffic

Fping (1 of 4)

- With the **Fping** tool, you can ping multiple IP addresses simultaneously
 - Included with Kali Linux
- Accepts a range of IP addresses
 - Entered at a command prompt
 - You can create a file containing multiple IP addresses
 - Use it as input for the `Fping` command
- Input file
 - Usually created with a shell-scripting language so that you don't need to type thousands of IP addresses needed for a ping sweep

Fping (2 of 4)

```
root@kali: ~  
File Edit View Search Terminal Help  
root@kali:~# fping -h  
Usage: fping [options] [targets...]  
  
Probing options:  
-4, --ipv4          only ping IPv4 addresses  
-6, --ipv6          only ping IPv6 addresses  
-b, --size=BYTES    amount of ping data to send, in bytes (default: 56)  
-B, --backoff=N      set exponential backoff factor to N (default: 1.5)  
-c, --count=N        count mode: send N pings to each target  
-f, --file=FILE      read list of targets from a file ( - means stdin)  
-g, --generate        generate target list (only if no -f specified)  
                     (give start and end IP in the target list, or a CIDR address)  
                     (ex. fping -g 192.168.1.0 192.168.1.255 or fping -g 192.168.1.0/24)  
-H, --ttl=N          set the IP TTL value (Time To Live hops)  
-I, --iface=IFACE    bind to a particular interface  
-l, --loop           loop mode: send pings forever  
-m, --all            use all IPs of provided hostnames (e.g. IPv4 and IPv6), use with -A  
-M, --dontfrag       set the Don't Fragment flag  
-O, --tos=N          set the type of service (tos) flag on the ICMP packets  
-p, --period=MSEC    interval between ping packets to one target (in ms)  
                     (in loop and count modes, default: 1000 ms)  
-r, --retry=N        number of retries (default: 3)  
-R, --random          random packet data (to foil link data compression)  
-S, --src=IP          set source address  
-t, --timeout=MSEC   individual target initial timeout (default: 500 ms,  
                     except with -l/-c/-C, where it's the -p period up to 2000 ms)  
  
Output options:  
-a, --alive          show targets that are alive  
-A, --addr           show targets by address  
-C, --vcount=N       same as -c, report results in verbose format  
-D, --timestamp      print timestamp before each output line  
-e, --elapsed        show elapsed time on return packets  
-i, --interval=MSEC  interval between sending ping packets (default: 10 ms)
```

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Figure 5-6 Fping parameters

Fping (3 of 4)

- To ping sweep a range of IP addresses without using an input file, use the command:
 - `fping -g BeginningIPAddress EndingIPAddress`
 - The `-g` parameter is used when no input file is available
 - Example:
 - `fping -g 192.168.185.1 192.168.185.5` command returns the results shown on Figure 5-6

Fping (4 of 4)

```
root@kali: ~  
File Edit View Search Terminal Help  
root@kali:~# fping 192.168.2.1 192.168.2.5  
192.168.2.1 is alive  
ICMP Host Unreachable from 192.168.2.203 for ICMP Echo sent to 192.168.2.5  
ICMP Host Unreachable from 192.168.2.203 for ICMP Echo sent to 192.168.2.5  
ICMP Host Unreachable from 192.168.2.203 for ICMP Echo sent to 192.168.2.5  
ICMP Host Unreachable from 192.168.2.203 for ICMP Echo sent to 192.168.2.5  
192.168.2.5 is unreachable  
root@kali:~# fping -g 192.168.2.1 192.168.2.5  
192.168.2.1 is alive  
ICMP Host Unreachable from 192.168.2.203 for ICMP Echo sent to 192.168.2.2  
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192.168.2.2 is unreachable  
192.168.2.3 is unreachable  
192.168.2.4 is unreachable  
192.168.2.5 is unreachable  
root@kali:~#
```

Figure 5-7 Results of fping commands

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Hping3 (1 of 4)

- Used to:
 - Perform ping sweeps
 - Bypass filtering devices
 - Allows users to inject modified IP packets
- Advanced port-scanning tool
 - All security testers must be familiar with this tool
 - Offers a variety of features

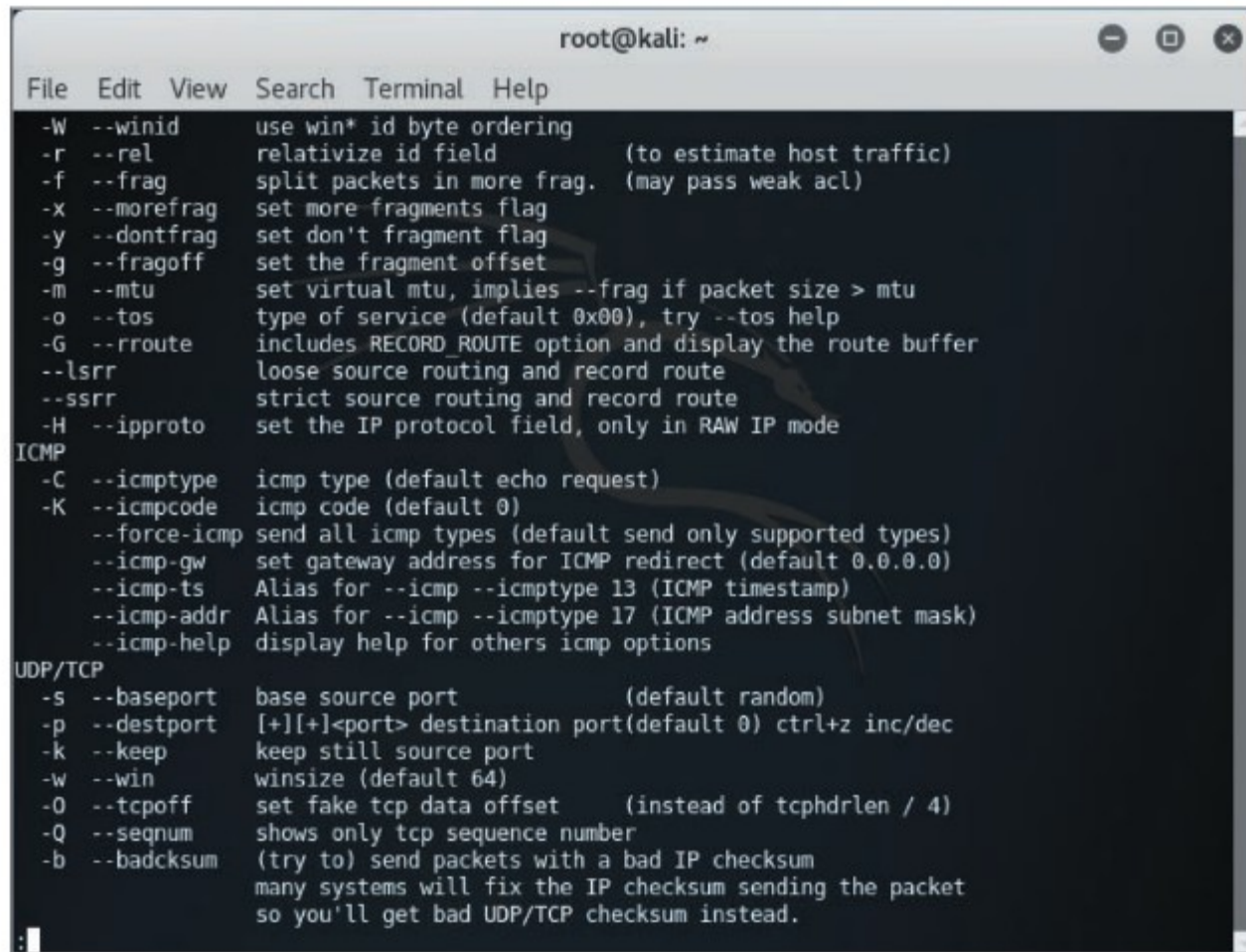
Hping3 (2 of 4)

```
root@kali: ~  
File Edit View Search Terminal Help  
usage: hping3 host [options]  
-h --help      show this help  
-v --version   show version  
-c --count     packet count  
-i --interval  wait (uX for X microseconds, for example -i u1000)  
--fast        alias for -i u10000 (10 packets for second)  
--faster      alias for -i u1000 (100 packets for second)  
--flood       sent packets as fast as possible. Don't show replies.  
-n --numeric   numeric output  
-q --quiet     quiet  
-I --interface interface name (otherwise default routing interface)  
-V --verbose   verbose mode  
-D --debug     debugging info  
-z --bind      bind ctrl+z to ttl (default to dst port)  
-Z --unbind    unbind ctrl+z  
--beep        beep for every matching packet received  
Mode  
default mode  TCP  
-0 --rawip    RAW IP mode  
-1 --icmp     ICMP mode  
-2 --udp      UDP mode  
-8 --scan     SCAN mode.  
Example: hping --scan 1-30,70-90 -S www.target.host  
-9 --listen   listen mode  
IP  
-a --spooft   spoof source address  
--rand-dest   random destination address mode. see the man.  
--rand-source random source address mode. see the man.  
-t --ttl      ttl (default 64)  
-N --id       id (default random)  
:
```

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Figure 5-8 Hping3 help page 1

Hping3 (3 of 4)



```
root@kali: ~
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
-W --winid      use win* id byte ordering
-r --rel       relativize id field          (to estimate host traffic)
-f --frag      split packets in more frag. (may pass weak acl)
-x --morefrag  set more fragments flag
-y --dontfrag  set don't fragment flag
-g --fragoff   set the fragment offset
-m --mtu       set virtual mtu, implies --frag if packet size > mtu
-o --tos       type of service (default 0x00), try --tos help
-G --rroute    includes RECORD_ROUTE option and display the route buffer
--lsrr        loose source routing and record route
--ssrr        strict source routing and record route
-H --ipproto   set the IP protocol field, only in RAW IP mode
ICMP
-C --icmptype  icmp type (default echo request)
-K --icmpcode  icmp code (default 0)
--force-icmp  send all icmp types (default send only supported types)
--icmp-gw     set gateway address for ICMP redirect (default 0.0.0.0)
--icmp-ts     Alias for --icmp --icmptype 13 (ICMP timestamp)
--icmp-addr   Alias for --icmp --icmptype 17 (ICMP address subnet mask)
--icmp-help   display help for others icmp options
UDP/TCP
-s --baseport  base source port              (default random)
-p --destport  [+] [+]<port> destination port (default 0) ctrl+z inc/dec
-k --keep      keep still source port
-w --win       winsize (default 64)
-O --tcpoff    set fake tcp data offset      (instead of tcphdrln / 4)
-Q --seqnum    shows only tcp sequence number
-b --badcksum  (try to) send packets with a bad IP checksum
               many systems will fix the IP checksum sending the packet
               so you'll get bad UDP/TCP checksum instead.
```

Figure 5-9 Hping3 help page 2

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Hping3 (4 of 4)

```
root@kali: ~  
File Edit View Search Terminal Help  
-b --badcksum (try to) send packets with a bad IP checksum  
many systems will fix the IP checksum sending the packet  
so you'll get bad UDP/TCP checksum instead.  
-M --setseq set TCP sequence number  
-L --setack set TCP ack  
-F --fin set FIN flag  
-S --syn set SYN flag  
-R --rst set RST flag  
-P --push set PUSH flag  
-A --ack set ACK flag  
-U --urg set URG flag  
-X --xmas set X unused flag (0x40)  
-Y --ymas set Y unused flag (0x80)  
--tcpexitcode use last tcp->th_flags as exit code  
--tcp-mss enable the TCP MSS option with the given value  
--tcp-timestamp enable the TCP timestamp option to guess the HZ/uptime  
Common  
-d --data data size (default is 0)  
-E --file data from file  
-e --sign add 'signature'  
-j --dump dump packets in hex  
-J --print dump printable characters  
-B --safe enable 'safe' protocol  
-u --end tell you when --file reached EOF and prevent rewind  
-T --traceroute traceroute mode (implies --bind and --ttl 1)  
--tr-stop Exit when receive the first not ICMP in traceroute mode  
--tr-keep-ttl Keep the source TTL fixed, useful to monitor just one hop  
--tr-no-rtt Don't calculate/show RTT information in traceroute mode  
ARS packet description (new, unstable)  
--apd-send Send the packet described with APD (see docs/APD.txt)  
(END)
```

Figure 5-10 Hping3 help page 3

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Crafting IP Packets

- Packets contain:
 - Source IP addresses
 - Destination IP addresses
 - Information about flags
- Helpful tools for crafting IP packets
 - Hping3
 - Fping

Understanding Scripting

- Some tools might need to be modified to better suit your needs as a security tester
- Customized scripts
 - Automates tasks
 - Time-saving
 - Requires basic programming skills

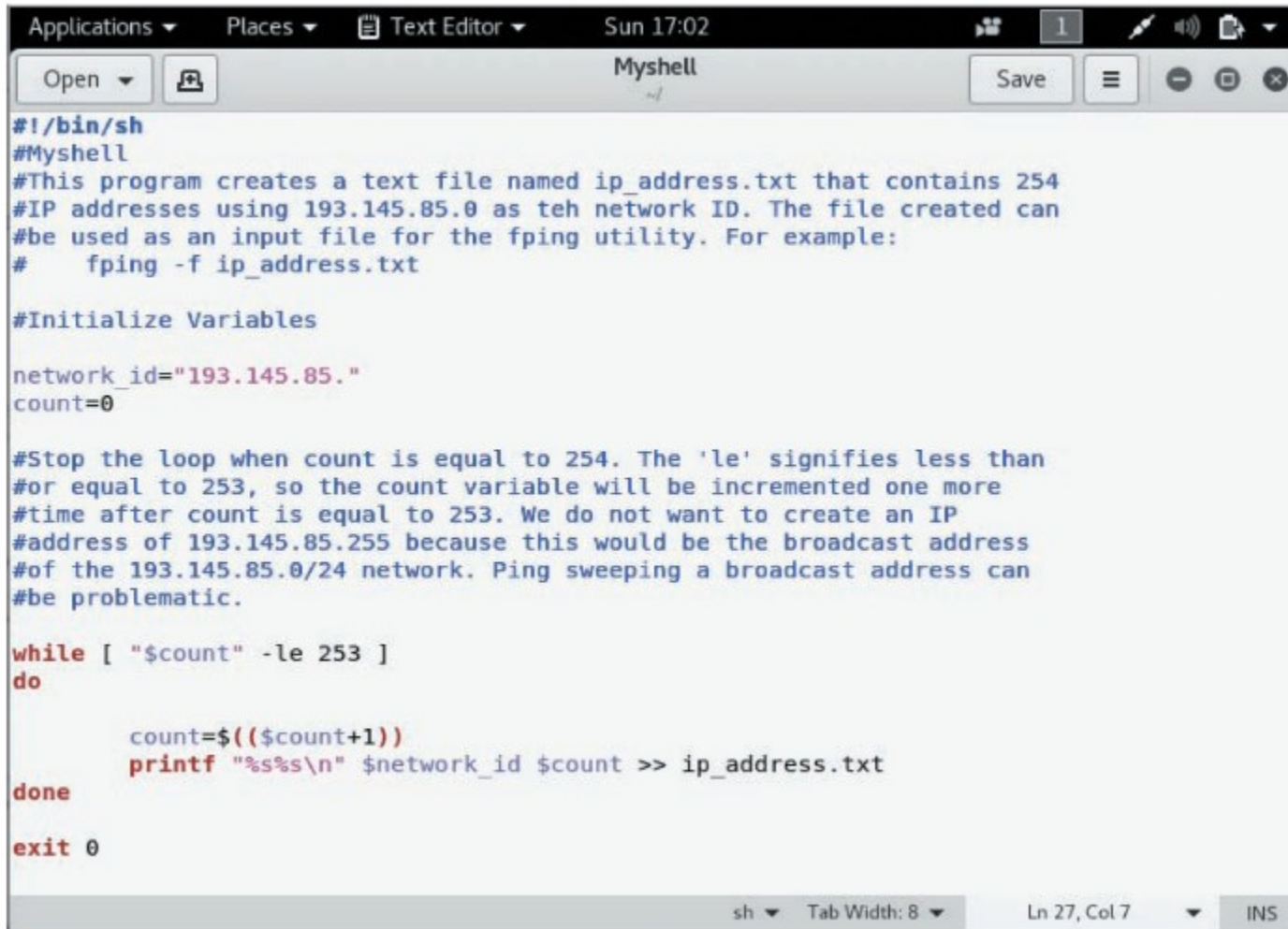
Scripting Basics (1 of 2)

- Similar to DOS batch programming
- A script or batch file
 - Text file that contains multiple commands that are usually entered manually at the command prompt
- If you find that you are using repetitive commands to perform the same task, that task is a good candidate for scripting
- Best way to learn how to create a script
 - Create a script by doing it

Summary of Vim Commands

vim command	Description
A	Appends text after the insertion point
I	Inserts text before the insertion point
Delete key	Overwrites the last character when in Insert mode
X	Deletes the current character
Dd	Deletes the current line
Dw	Deletes the current word
P	Replaces the previously deleted text
Wq	Writes changes and quits the edit session
ZZ	Exits vi and saves all changes

Scripting Basics (2 of 2)



```
#!/bin/sh
#Myshell
#This program creates a text file named ip_address.txt that contains 254
#IP addresses using 193.145.85.0 as the network ID. The file created can
#be used as an input file for the fping utility. For example:
#   fping -f ip_address.txt

#Initialize Variables

network_id="193.145.85."
count=0

#Stop the loop when count is equal to 254. The 'le' signifies less than
#or equal to 253, so the count variable will be incremented one more
#time after count is equal to 253. We do not want to create an IP
#address of 193.145.85.255 because this would be the broadcast address
#of the 193.145.85.0/24 network. Ping sweeping a broadcast address can
#be problematic.

while [ "$count" -le 253 ]
do
    count=$((count+1))
    printf "%s%s\n" $network_id $count >> ip_address.txt
done

exit 0
```

Figure 5-11 Shell script with comments

Source: Kali Linux gedit

Summary

- Now that the lesson has ended, you should be able to:
 - Describe port scanning and types of port scans
 - Describe port-scanning tools
 - Explain what ping sweeps are used for
 - Explain how shell scripting is used to automate security tasks