

Nmap Network Scanning Report

Lab Objective

To perform a network scan using **Nmap** against a vulnerable machine (Metasploitable) and identify open ports, running services, and potential vulnerabilities.

Lab Setup

- **Attacker Machine:** Kali Linux (Nmap pre-installed)
- **Target Machine:** Metasploitable 2
- **Network:** Host-Only / NAT (both VMs on the same network)

Step 1: Identify IP Addresses

Run on both machines:

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ifconfig
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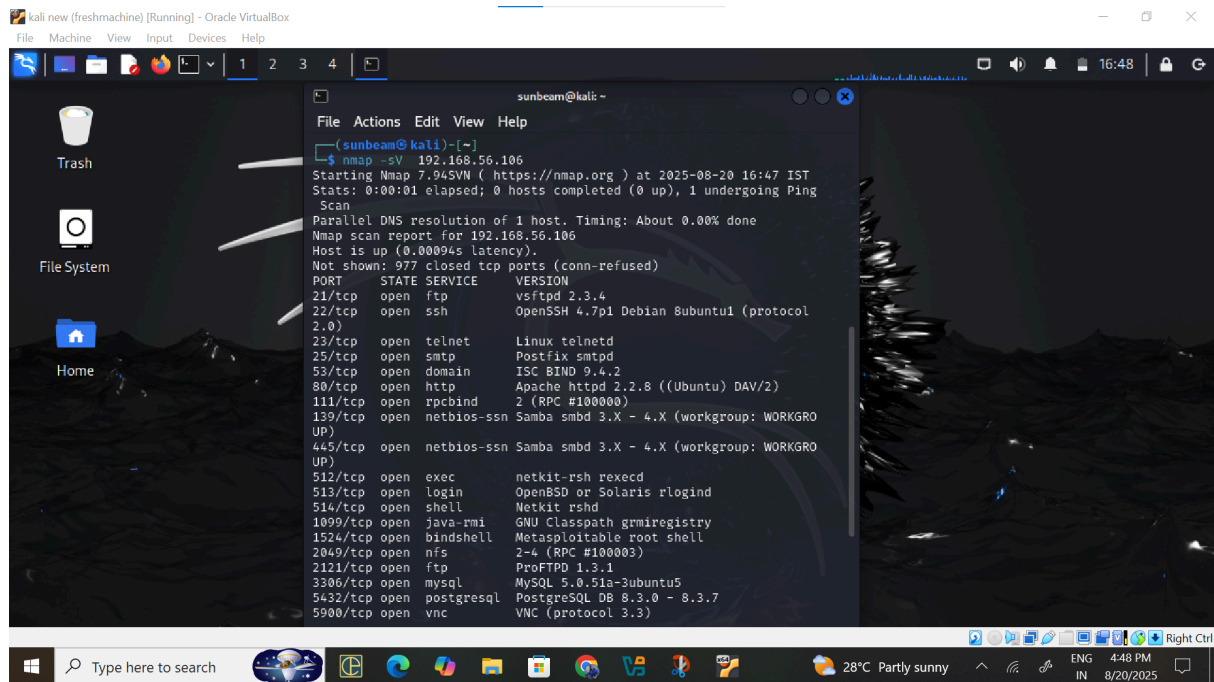
Example:

- Kali: `192.168.56.107`
- Metasploitable: `192.168.56.106`

Step 2: Service & Version Detection

Check if target is live:

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nmap -sV 192.168.56.106
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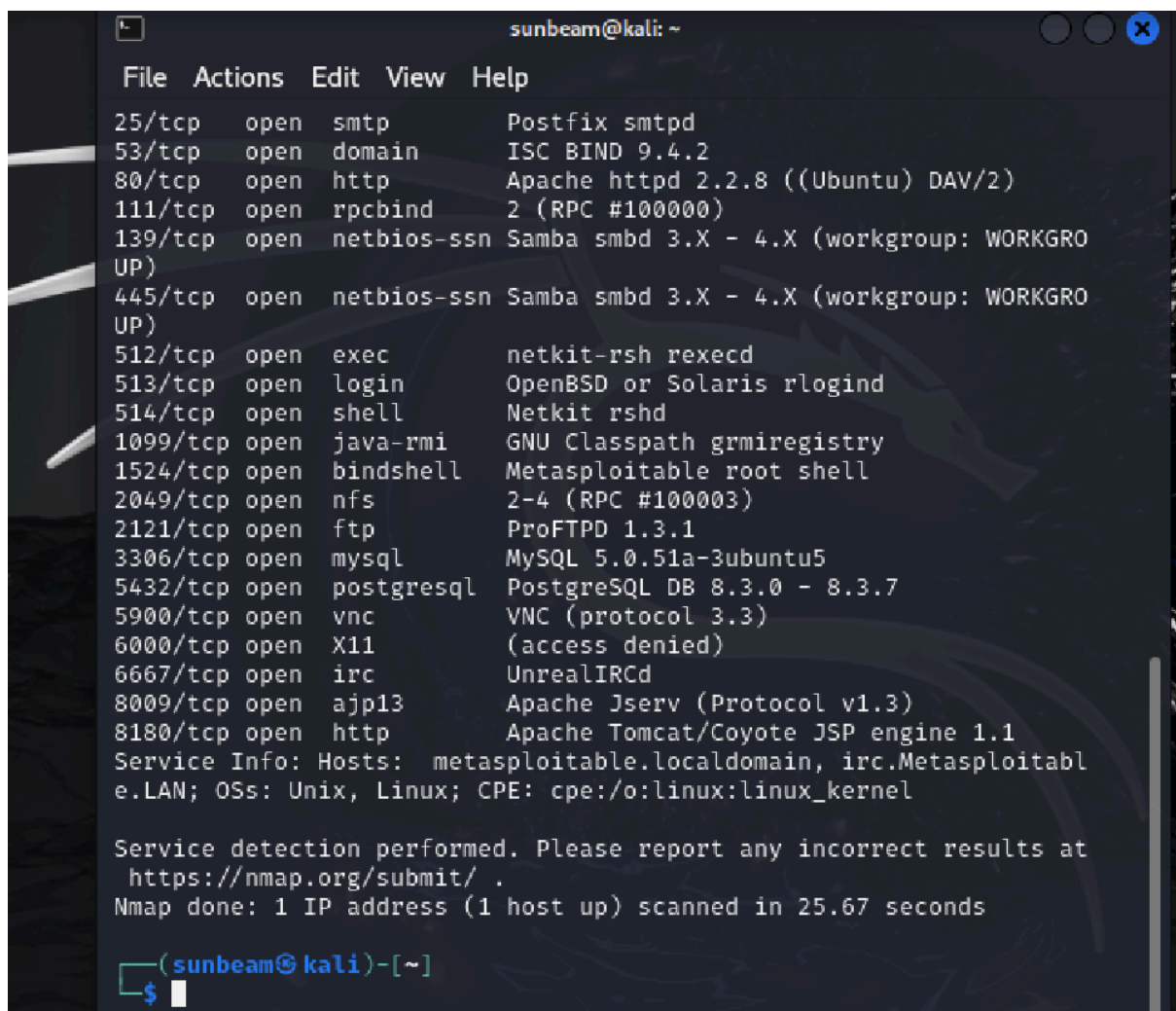
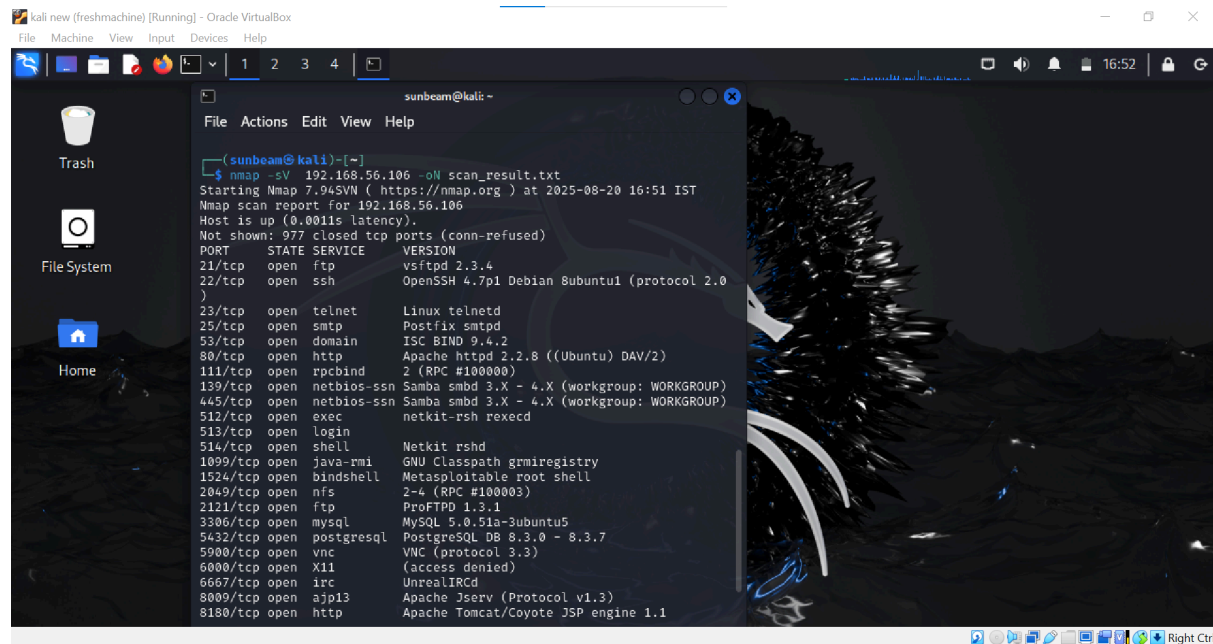
Step 3: Port Scanning

- **Basic Port Scan**

`nmap 192.168.56.106`

- **Save Report**

`nmap -A 192.168.56.102 -oN nmap_report.txt`



Step 4: Analyze Results

Nmap output may show:

- Open ports (e.g., 21/FTP, 22/SSH, 80/HTTP, 3306/MySQL)
- Running services (e.g., Apache, MySQL, SSH)
- Service versions (useful for finding vulnerabilities)
- OS guess (e.g., Linux 2.6.X)

Step 5: Reporting

Include in your report:

- 📸 **Screenshots** of Nmap scan results
- 🔍 **List of open ports and services**
- 🛠️ **Potential security issues:**
 - FTP/SSH weak authentication
 - Outdated Apache/MySQL versions
 - Unnecessary services running
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Conclusion

Nmap is a powerful tool for **network reconnaissance and vulnerability assessment**.

It helps identify open ports, services, and OS details, which are crucial for penetration testing and securing systems.

