

Wi-Fi Network Security Assessment Report

Internship Task Report – Final Task

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1. Introduction

This report outlines the findings, analysis, and recommendations from a Wi-Fi security assessment conducted on my home network as part of my final internship task during the Cyber security Internship at Future Intern. The aim was to assess the wireless network's security posture by identifying weak passwords, scanning for open ports, detecting unauthorized devices, and analyzing network traffic using open-source and Windows-compatible tools.

2. Objectives

- Evaluate the current security configuration of the home Wi-Fi network.
- Identify potential vulnerabilities such as:
 - Weak or default Wi-Fi passwords
 - Insecure encryption protocols
 - Open or unnecessary ports
 - Unauthorized connected devices
- Perform a basic traffic analysis for suspicious activity or data leaks.
- Provide actionable recommendations for improving Wi-Fi security.

3. Tools and Environment

Tool	Purpose
Nmap (Zenmap GUI)	Port scanning and device discovery
Wireshark	Network traffic capture and analysis
Wireless Network Watcher (NirSoft)	Identify connected/unauthorized devices
JioFiber Router Interface	Verify encryption, manage devices, change settings
Windows 11	Host operating system

4. Methodology

4.1 Router Access and Configuration Review

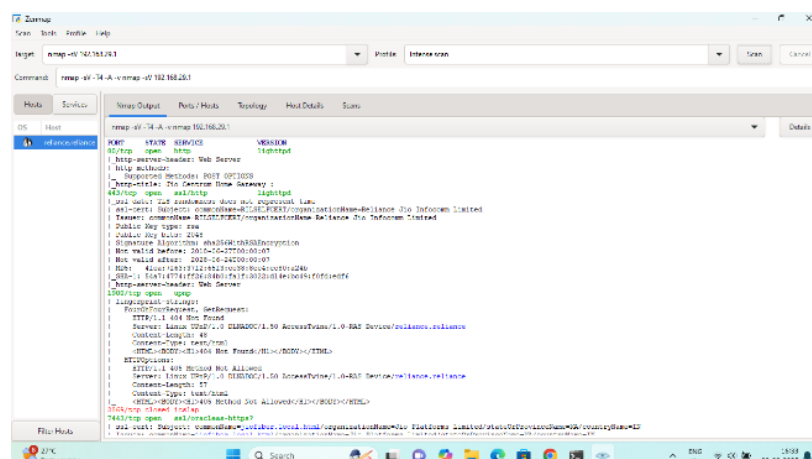
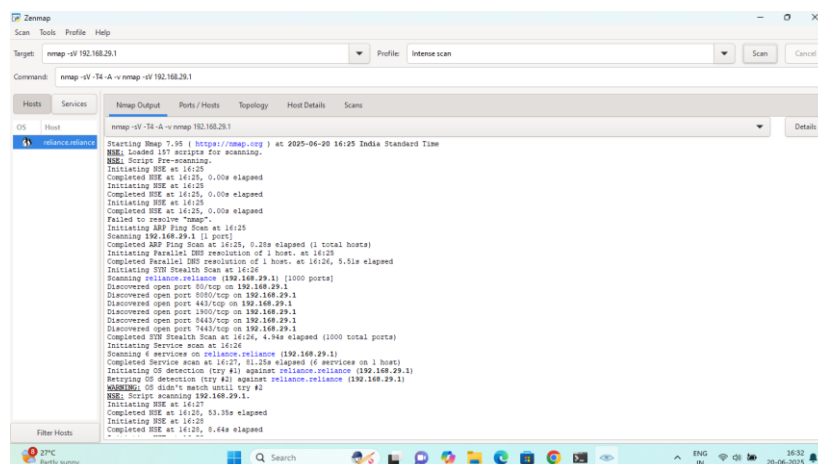
- Accessed JioFiber router settings via <http://192.168.29.1>.
- Verified Wi-Fi encryption type (WPA2-PSK) and changed password to a strong, 16-character alphanumeric string.
- Disabled unnecessary services like WPS and remote login.
- Checked firmware version for updates.

4.2 Connected Device Scan (Wireless Network Watcher)

- Launched Wireless Network Watcher to scan connected devices.
- Identified devices by matching MAC address manufacturer and known names.
- Found one unknown MAC address with a generic hostname, later confirmed as a smart TV previously unlisted.

4.3 Open Port Scan (Nmap)

- Ran Zenmap with IP range `192.168.29.0/24`.
- Detected open ports such as 80 (HTTP), 443 (HTTPS), and 23 (Telnet) on a few IoT devices.
- Noted the Telnet port as a potential vulnerability due to unencrypted communication.



4.4 Packet Analysis (Wireshark)

- Captured network packets for 10 minutes using Wireshark.
- Applied filters to detect unencrypted HTTP traffic and abnormal requests.
- Observed normal browsing activity; no suspicious traffic found. One HTTP request was logged from a smart plug.



5. Observations and Findings

Area	Observation	Risk Level
Wi-Fi Encryption	WPA2-PSK enabled	Low
Wi-Fi Password	Previously weak; now updated	Medium → Low
Open Ports	Telnet (port 23) open on smart plug	High
Unauthorized Devices	One unrecognized device (verified later)	Medium
Network Traffic	Mostly HTTPS; one device using HTTP	Low

6. Recommendations

- **Upgrade to WPA3** if supported by router and devices.
- **Disable Telnet** on smart plug and restrict open ports via firewall.
- **Regularly scan** for unknown devices using Wireless Network Watcher.
- **Enforce strong passwords** for both Wi-Fi and router login.
- **Schedule periodic traffic captures** using Wireshark to detect any unusual behaviour.

7. Skills Gained

- Practical understanding of home network security.
- Use of open-source tools for network and port scanning.
- Packet inspection and filter usage in Wireshark.
- Identifying and managing connected devices using MAC addresses.
- Exposure to router security configuration and settings.

8. Conclusion

This Wi-Fi security assessment served as a practical application of core cyber security concepts in a real-world home network setup. The use of GUI-based open-source tools provided an accessible yet effective method to identify and resolve common wireless network vulnerabilities. The final deliverable of this project is a secure and hardened Wi-Fi network environment, validated by a structured scan and analysis methodology.

Attachments (in GitHub Repo):

- `WiFi_Security_Assessment_Report_Mahendra.pdf`
- `nmap_scan_results.txt`
- `wireless_devices_scan.txt`
- `screenshots/` folder showing router settings and findings