

Understanding Nmap Packet Trace

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Hello everyone. In this article, we'll see how to capture network packet using nmap. And we'll use Wireshark for comparing its result with nmap. In this article, we mainly focus on what types of network traffic is captured by nmap while we use various nmap ping scan.

Ping scan in nmap is done to check if the target host is alive or not. As we know that ping by default sends the ICMP echo request and gets an ICMP echo reply if the system is alive. Ping scan by default send an ARP packet and gets a response to check if the host is up.

NOTE: Nmap scans change their behavior according to the network they are scanning.

- Scanning local network with nmap where nmap sends an ARP packet with every scan.
- If an external network is to be scanned; nmap sends the following request packets:

ICMP echo request

ICMP timestamp request

TCP SYN to port 443

TCP ACK to port 80

Technique Involves in packet-tracing via nmap

The nmap module is an interface with nmap's internal functions and data structures. The API offers target host information such as port states and version detection results. It also provides an interface to the Nsock library for effective network I/O.

Nsock is a parallel sockets library used by NSE, service detection (service_scan.cc) and DNS (nmap_dns.cc). **It acts as an abstraction layer above socket operations and is optimized for handling multiple sockets.** "msocket" is defined at "nsock_internal.h" and contains among other things a struct event_lists which is a structure that keeps information on all pending events.

Event creation

Events are represented with the msocket struct (nsock_internal.h) which contains (among other things)

- The callback handler -> nsock_ev_handler (nsock_pool, nsock_event, void *)
- A pointer to a msiod struct -> msiod *iod, which holds all the I/O descriptor (**IOD**) related information.
- Struct file_space iobuf (a buffer usually 1024 bytes which holds the **write/read** bytes)
- The nse_type (nsock.h)
- The nse_status (nsock.h)

- A unique id -> nsock_event_id (**EID**)

Events are created with the the following special functions:

nsock_connect.c

- nsock_connect_tcp
- nsock_connect_udp
- nsock_connect_ssl
- nsock_reconnect_ssl

nsock_read.c

- nsock_readlines
- nsock_readbytes
- nsock_read

nsock_write.c

- nsock_write
- nsock_printf

nsock_timer_create.c

- nsock_timer_create

source: <https://sock-raw.org/nmap-ncrack/nsock.html>

Let's Start!!

Nmap Sweep Ping Analysis

Attribute **-sn/ -sP** are used for sweep ping and they try to identify the live host in the network. Using **-packet-trace** along nmap scan we can observe the network packet.

```
nmap -sn 192.168.1.103 --packet-trace
```

Here you can observe first two packets SENT/RECD (received) showing ARP request packet from 192.168.1.105 to 192.168.1.103 and then used NSOCK libraries to state actual request and response packets travel between the source and destination router.

- NSOCK INFO that denotes a new nsock_event_id (**EID**) **8** is generated to represents I/O descriptor (**IOD**) **#1** for NSOCK UDP connection request to the router on **port 53**.
- NSOCK INFO that denotes another (EID) **18** is generated to represents read request from (IOD) **#1**.

- NSOCK INFO that denotes another (EID) 27 is generated to represents write request for 44 bytes to (IOD) #1.
- NSOCK INFO that denotes SUCCESSFUL operation when nsock used callback_handler to connect for EID 8.
- NSOCK INFO that denotes SUCCESSFUL operation when nsock used callback_handler to write for EID 27.
- NSOCK INFO that denotes SUCCESSFUL operation when nsock used callback_handler to read for EID 18.
- NSOCK info that IOD #1 is deleted.
- NSOCK info that nevent_delete is deleting on event 34.
- At last Nmap scan report Host is up.

```

root@kali:~# nmap -sn 192.168.1.103 --packet-trace
Starting Nmap 7.70 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2018-06-27 16:38 IST
SENT (0.0391s) ARP who-has 192.168.1.103 tell 192.168.1.105
RCVD (0.0393s) ARP reply 192.168.1.103 is-at 00:0C:29:37:8D:D6
NSOCK INFO [0.0900s] nsock_iod_new2(): nsock_iod_new (IOD #1)
NSOCK INFO [0.0910s] nsock_connect_udp(): UDP connection requested to 192.168.1.1:53 (IOD #1 EID 8)
NSOCK INFO [0.0910s] nsock_read(): Read request from IOD #1 [192.168.1.1:53] (timeout: -1ms) EID 18
NSOCK INFO [0.0910s] nsock_write(): Write request for 44 bytes to IOD #1 EID 27 [192.168.1.1:53]
NSOCK INFO [0.0910s] nsock_trace_handler_callback(): Callback: CONNECT SUCCESS for EID 8 [192.168.1.1:53]
NSOCK INFO [0.0910s] nsock_trace_handler_callback(): Callback: WRITE SUCCESS for EID 27 [192.168.1.1:53]
NSOCK INFO [0.1050s] nsock_trace_handler_callback(): Callback: READ SUCCESS for EID 18 [192.168.1.1:53] (121 bytes)
NSOCK INFO [0.1050s] nsock_read(): Read request from IOD #1 [192.168.1.1:53] (timeout: -1ms) EID 34
NSOCK INFO [0.1050s] nsock_iod_delete(): nsock_iod_delete (IOD #1)
NSOCK INFO [0.1050s] nevent_delete(): nevent_delete on event #34 (type READ)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.103
Host is up (0.00020s latency).
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:37:8D:D6 (VMware)
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.14 seconds
root@kali:~#

```

You can observe the same traffic we have captured from Wireshark

- Arp request packet for 192.168.1.105 to 192.168.1.103
- Arp reply packet from 192.168.1.103 to 192.168.1.105

ip.addr == 192.168.1.103 arp						
No.	Tin	Source	Destination	Protocol	Len	Info
6...		Vmware_74:9c...	Broadcast	ARP	42	Who has 192.168.1.103? Tell 192.168.1.105
7...		Vmware_37:8d...	Vmware_74:9c...	ARP	60	192.168.1.103 is at 00:0c:29:37:8d:d6

Similar you can also choose **-reason** option with nmap command to enumerate response from host network.

```
nmap -sn 192.168.1.103 --reason
```

As you can observe it has clearly shown Host is up when received arp-response.

```
root@kali:~# nmap -sn 192.168.1.103 --reason ↩
Starting Nmap 7.70 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2018-06-27 19:20 IST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.103
Host is up, received arp-response (0.00027s latency).
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:37:8D:D6 (VMware)
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.14 seconds
root@kali:~#
```

As we have seen, by default Nmap sent ARP packet to identify host status therefore now we will trace nmap packet when `--disable-arp-ping` is activated.

```
nmap -sn 192.168.1.103 --packet-trace --disable-arp-ping
```

Here you can notice the following SENT packets from source 192.168.1.105 to destination 192.168.1.103.

- ICMP echo request
- ICMP timestamp request
- TCP SYN to port 443
- TCP ACK to port 80

Then RCVD packet ICMP Echo-reply from destination **192.168.1.103** and then used NSOCK libraries to state actual request and response packets travel between source to the destination router.

```

root@kali:~# nmap -sn 192.168.1.103 --packet-trace --disable-arp-ping
Starting Nmap 7.70 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2018-06-27 16:40 IST
SENT (0.0462s) ICMP [192.168.1.105 > 192.168.1.103 Echo request (type=8/code=0) id=5450 seq=0] IP [ttl=46 id=50272 iplen=28 ]
SENT (0.0463s) TCP 192.168.1.105:47639 > 192.168.1.103:443 [S] ttl=43 id=44313 iplen=44 seq=3811746296 win=1024 <mss=1460>
SENT (0.0463s) TCP 192.168.1.105:47639 > 192.168.1.103:80 [A] ttl=44 id=58556 iplen=40 eq=0 win=1024
SENT (0.0464s) ICMP [192.168.1.105 > 192.168.1.103 Timestamp request (type=13/code=0) id=64712 seq=0 orig=0 recv=0 trans=0] IP [ttl=56 id=3924 iplen=40 ]
RCVD (0.0463s) ICMP [192.168.1.103 > 192.168.1.105 Echo reply (type=0/code=0) id=54520 seq=0] IP [ttl=64 id=33592 iplen=28 ]
NSOCK INFO [0.0860s] nsock_iod_new2(): nsock_iod_new (IOD #1)
NSOCK INFO [0.0860s] nsock_connect_udp(): UDP connection requested to 192.168.1.1:53 (IOD #1) EID 8
NSOCK INFO [0.0860s] nsock_read(): Read request from IOD #1 [192.168.1.1:53] (timeout: -1ms) EID 18
NSOCK INFO [0.0860s] nsock_write(): Write request for 44 bytes to IOD #1 EID 27 [192.168.1.1:53]
NSOCK INFO [0.0860s] nsock_trace_handler_callback(): Callback: CONNECT SUCCESS for EID 8 [192.168.1.1:53]
NSOCK INFO [0.0860s] nsock_trace_handler_callback(): Callback: WRITE SUCCESS for EID 2 [192.168.1.1:53]
NSOCK INFO [0.1010s] nsock_trace_handler_callback(): Callback: READ SUCCESS for EID 18 [192.168.1.1:53] (121 bytes)
NSOCK INFO [0.1010s] nsock_read(): Read request from IOD #1 [192.168.1.1:53] (timeout: -1ms) EID 34
NSOCK INFO [0.1010s] nsock_iod_delete(): nsock_iod_delete (IOD #1)
NSOCK INFO [0.1010s] nevent_delete(): nevent_delete on event #34 (type READ)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.103
Host is up (0.00021s latency).
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:37:8D:D6 (VMware)
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.13 seconds
root@kali:~#

```

Demonstrating working of Ping Sweep using Wireshark

From given below image you can observe the following packet of request and reply between both network IP.

1. ICMP echo request
2. TCP SYN to port 443
3. TCP ACK to port 80
4. ICMP timestamp request
5. ICMP echo reply
6. TCP RST, ACK to port 443
7. TCP RST to port 80
8. ICMP Timestamp Reply

ip.addr == 192.168.1.103						
lo.	Tin	Source	Destination	Protocol	Len	Info
→	...	192.168.1.105	192.168.1.103	ICMP	42	Echo (ping) request id=0xd4f8, seq=0/0, ttl=46
...	...	192.168.1.105	192.168.1.103	TCP	58	47639 → 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
...	...	192.168.1.105	192.168.1.103	TCP	54	47639 → 80 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=1024 Len=0
←	...	192.168.1.103	192.168.1.105	ICMP	60	Echo (ping) reply id=0xd4f8, seq=0/0, ttl=64
...	...	192.168.1.105	192.168.1.103	ICMP	54	Timestamp request id=0xfcc8, seq=0/0, ttl=56
...	...	192.168.1.103	192.168.1.105	TCP	60	443 → 47639 [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=0 Len=0
...	...	192.168.1.103	192.168.1.105	TCP	60	80 → 47639 [RST] Seq=1 Win=0 Len=0
...	...	192.168.1.103	192.168.1.105	ICMP	60	Timestamp reply id=0xfcc8, seq=0/0, ttl=64

```
nmap -sn 192.168.1.103 --disable-arp-ping --reason
```

Similar you can also choose `--reason` option with `nmap` command to enumerate response from host network.

```
nmap -sn 192.168.1.103 --disable-arp-ping --reason
```

As you can observe it has clearly shown Host is up when received ICMP echo-response.

```
root@kali:~# nmap -sn 192.168.1.103 --disable-arp-ping --reason
Starting Nmap 7.70 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2018-06-27 19:21 IST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.103
Host is up, received echo-reply ttl 64 (0.00049s latency).
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:37:8D:D6 (VMware)
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.15 seconds
root@kali:~#
```

Nmap TCP-SYN Ping Analysis

Attribute `-PS` sends TCP SYN packet on port 80 by default; we can change it by specifying the ports with it, like `-P22`.

```
nmap -PS -p22 192.168.1.103 --packet-trace
```

Here you can observe this scan is the addition of `nmap ping scan` and `nmap stealth scan` because, in the beginning, it sends arp packet then uses `nsock` libraries and at the end again implicates TCP half communication.

So you can observe the following information we fetched from `nmap`:

- SENT/RECD ARP request and reply respectively.
- Nsock libraries details
- TCP-SYN packet from 192.168.1.105:36088 to 192.168.1.103:22.
- TCP-SYN/ACK packet from 192.168.1.103:22 to 192.168.1.105:36088.


```

root@kali:~# nmap -PS -p22 192.168.1.103 --packet-trace
Starting Nmap 7.70 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2018-06-27 16:58 IST
SENT (0.0670s) ARP who-has 192.168.1.103 tell 192.168.1.105
RCVD (0.0672s) ARP reply 192.168.1.103 is-at 00:0C:29:37:8D:D6
NSOCK INFO [0.1200s] nsock_iod_new2(): nsock_iod_new (IOD #1)
NSOCK INFO [0.1200s] nsock_connect_udp(): UDP connection requested to 192.168.1.1:53 (IOD #1) EID 8
NSOCK INFO [0.1200s] nsock_read(): Read request from IOD #1 [192.168.1.1:53] (timeout: -1ms) EID 18
NSOCK INFO [0.1210s] nsock_write(): Write request for 44 bytes to IOD #1 EID 27 [192.168.1.1:53]
NSOCK INFO [0.1210s] nsock_trace_handler_callback(): Callback: CONNECT SUCCESS for EID 8 [192.168.1.1:53]
NSOCK INFO [0.1210s] nsock_trace_handler_callback(): Callback: WRITE SUCCESS for EID 27 [192.168.1.1:53]
NSOCK INFO [0.1360s] nsock_trace_handler_callback(): Callback: READ SUCCESS for EID 18 [192.168.1.1:53] (121 bytes)
NSOCK INFO [0.1360s] nsock_read(): Read request from IOD #1 [192.168.1.1:53] (timeout: -1ms) EID 34
NSOCK INFO [0.1360s] nsock_iod_delete(): nsock_iod_delete (IOD #1)
NSOCK INFO [0.1360s] nevent_delete(): nevent_delete on event #34 (type READ)
SENT (0.1847s) TCP 192.168.1.105:36088 > 192.168.1.103:22 [S]ttl=42 id=19516 iplen=44 seq=683521233 win=1024 <mss 1460>
RCVD (0.1850s) TCP 192.168.1.103:22 > 192.168.1.105:36088 [SA]ttl=64 id=0 iplen=44 seq=642256733 win=29200 <mss 1460>
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.103
Host is up (0.00022s latency).

PORT      STATE SERVICE
22/tcp    open  ssh
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:37:8D:D6 (VMware)

```

Similarly, we saw the same pattern of network traffic in Wireshark.

ip.addr == 192.168.1.103					
No.	Tin	Source	Destination	Protocol	Len Info
...	...	Vmware_74:9c...	Broadcast	ARP	42 Who has 192.168.1.103? Tell 192.168.1.105
...	...	Vmware_37:8d...	Vmware_74:9c...	ARP	60 192.168.1.103 is at 00:0c:29:37:8d:d6
...	...	192.168.1.105	192.168.1.103	TCP	58 36088 → 22 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=
...	...	192.168.1.103	192.168.1.105	TCP	60 22 → 36088 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=29200
...	...	192.168.1.105	192.168.1.103	TCP	54 36088 → 22 [RST] Seq=1 Win=0 Len=0

Similar you can also choose `--reason` option with `nmap` command to enumerate response from host network.

```
nmap -PS -p22 192.168.1.103 --reason
```

Here you can observe port 22 is open and when received SYN/ACK packet from the host.

```
root@kali:~# nmap -PS -p22 192.168.1.103 --reason ↩
Starting Nmap 7.70 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2018-06-27 19:24 IST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.103
Host is up, received arp-response (0.00044s latency).

PORT      STATE SERVICE REASON
22/tcp    open  ssh     syn-ack ttl 64
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:37:8D:D6 (VMware)

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.26 seconds
root@kali:~#
```

Now let figure out network traffic when `--disable-arp-ping` activated.

```
nmap -PS -p22 192.168.1.103 --packet-trace --disable-arp-ping
```

So you can observe the following information we fetched from nmap:

- SENT TCP-SYN packet on port 80
- RCVD TCP-RST/ACK from port 80.
- Nsock libraries details
- TCP-SYN packet from 192.168.1.105:63581 to 192.168.1.103:22.
- TCP-SYN/ACK packet from 192.168.1.103:22 to 192.168.1.105:63851.


```

root@kali:~# nmap -PS -p22 192.168.1.103 --packet-trace --disable-arp-ping
Starting Nmap 7.70 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2018-06-27 17:02 IST
SENT (0.0687s) TCP 192.168.1.105:63595 > 192.168.1.103:80 [S] ttl=58 id=43386 iplen=44 seq=3631585945 win=1024 <mss 1460>
RCVD (0.0689s) TCP 192.168.1.103:80 > 192.168.1.105:63595 [RA] ttl=64 id=35594 iplen=40 seq=0 win=0
NSOCK INFO [0.1280s] nsock_iod_new2(): nsock_iod_new (IOD #1)
NSOCK INFO [0.1280s] nsock_connect_udp(): UDP connection requested to 192.168.1.1:53 (IOD #1) EID 8
NSOCK INFO [0.1280s] nsock_read(): Read request from IOD #1 [192.168.1.1:53] (timeout: -1ms) EID 18
NSOCK INFO [0.1280s] nsock_write(): Write request for 44 bytes to IOD #1 EID 27 [192.168.1.1:53]
NSOCK INFO [0.1280s] nsock_trace_handler_callback(): Callback: CONNECT SUCCESS for EID 8 [192.168.1.1:53]
NSOCK INFO [0.1280s] nsock_trace_handler_callback(): Callback: WRITE SUCCESS for EID 27 [192.168.1.1:53]
NSOCK INFO [0.1430s] nsock_trace_handler_callback(): Callback: READ SUCCESS for EID 18 [192.168.1.1:53] (121 bytes)
NSOCK INFO [0.1430s] nsock_read(): Read request from IOD #1 [192.168.1.1:53] (timeout: -1ms) EID 34
NSOCK INFO [0.1430s] nsock_iod_delete(): nsock_iod_delete (IOD #1)
NSOCK INFO [0.1430s] nevent_delete(): nevent_delete on event #34 (type READ)
SENT (0.1948s) TCP 192.168.1.105:63851 > 192.168.1.103:22 [S] ttl=52 id=8113 iplen=44 seq=3751894127 win=1024 <mss 1460>
RCVD (0.1952s) TCP 192.168.1.103:22 > 192.168.1.105:63851 [SA] ttl=64 id=0 iplen=44 seq=1223132932 win=29200 <mss 1460>
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.103
Host is up (0.00026s latency).

PORT      STATE SERVICE
22/tcp    open  ssh
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:37:8D:D6 (VMware)

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.28 seconds

```

Similarly, we saw the same pattern of network traffic in Wireshark also.

ip.addr == 192.168.1.103						
No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
...	...	192.168.1.105	192.168.1.103	TCP	58	63595 → 80 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
{...	...	192.168.1.103	192.168.1.105	TCP	60	80 → 63595 [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=0 Len=0
...	...	192.168.1.105	192.168.1.103	TCP	58	63851 → 22 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
...	...	192.168.1.103	192.168.1.105	TCP	60	22 → 63851 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=29200 Len=0
...	...	192.168.1.105	192.168.1.103	TCP	54	63851 → 22 [RST] Seq=1 Win=0 Len=0

Nmap ICMP Ping Analysis

Attribute `-PE` sends ICMP echo request packet [ICMP type 8] and received ICMP echo reply packet

```
nmap -sP -PE 192.168.1.103 --packet-trace --disable-arp-ping
```

Here you can notice ICMP Echo-request packets SENT from source 192.168.1.105 to destination 192.168.1.103

Then RCVD packet ICMP Echo-reply from destination 192.168.1.103 and then used NSOCK libraries to state actual request and response packets travel between source to the destination router.

```
root@kali:~# nmap -sP -PE 192.168.1.103 --packet-trace --disable-arp-ping
Starting Nmap 7.70 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2018-06-27 17:12 IST
SENT (0.0346s) ICMP [192.168.1.105 > 192.168.1.103 Echo request (type=8/code=0) id=15512 seq=0] IP [ttl=42 id=10543 iplen=28 ]
RCVD (0.0348s) ICMP [192.168.1.103 > 192.168.1.105 Echo reply (type=0/code=0) id=15512 seq=0] IP [ttl=64 id=36594 iplen=28 ]
NSOCK INFO [0.0860s] nsock_iod_new2(): nsock_iod_new (IOD #1)
NSOCK INFO [0.0860s] nsock_connect_udp(): UDP connection requested to 192.168.1.1:53 (IOD #1) EID 8
NSOCK INFO [0.0860s] nsock_read(): Read request from IOD #1 [192.168.1.1:53] (timeout: -1ms) EID 18
NSOCK INFO [0.0860s] nsock_write(): Write request for 44 bytes to IOD #1 EID 27 [192.168.1.1:53]
NSOCK INFO [0.0860s] nsock_trace_handler_callback(): Callback: CONNECT SUCCESS for EID 8 [192.168.1.1:53]
NSOCK INFO [0.0860s] nsock_trace_handler_callback(): Callback: WRITE SUCCESS for EID 27 [192.168.1.1:53]
NSOCK INFO [0.1010s] nsock_trace_handler_callback(): Callback: READ SUCCESS for EID 18 [192.168.1.1:53] (121 bytes)
NSOCK INFO [0.1010s] nsock_read(): Read request from IOD #1 [192.168.1.1:53] (timeout: -1ms) EID 34
NSOCK INFO [0.1010s] nsock_iod_delete(): nsock_iod_delete (IOD #1)
NSOCK INFO [0.1010s] nevent_delete(): nevent_delete on event #34 (type READ)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.103
Host is up (0.00023s latency).
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:37:8D:D6 (VMware)
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.13 seconds
```

Similarly, we saw the same pattern of network traffic in Wireshark also.

ip.addr == 192.168.1.103						
No.	Tin	Source	Destination	Protocol	Len	Info
→	...	192.168.1.105	192.168.1.103	ICMP	42	Echo (ping) request id=0x3c98, seq=0/0, ttl=42 (
←	...	192.168.1.103	192.168.1.105	ICMP	60	Echo (ping) reply id=0x3c98, seq=0/0, ttl=64 (

Nmap Stealth Scan Analysis

Let's capture the network packet for default nmap scan also called stealth scan which follows TCP half communication

```
nmap -p22 192.168.1.103
```

```
root@kali:~# nmap -p22 192.168.1.103
Starting Nmap 7.70 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2018-06-27 16:25 IST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.103
Host is up (0.00069s latency).

PORT      STATE SERVICE
22/tcp    open  ssh
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:37:8D:D6 (VMware)

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.22 seconds
root@kali:~#
```

Here you can observe TCP-half communication:

- TCP-SYN packet sent from source 192.168.1.105 to 192.168.1.103 on port 22.
- TCP-SYN, ACK packet received from source 192.168.1.103 to 192.168.1.105.
- TCP-RST packet sent from source 192.168.1.105 to 192.168.1.103.

ip.addr == 192.168.1.103						
No.	Tin	Source	Destination	Protocol	Len	Info
-	...	192.168.1.105	192.168.1.103	TCP	58	55598 → 22 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=1024 Len=0
-	...	192.168.1.103	192.168.1.105	TCP	60	22 → 55598 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=
-	...	192.168.1.105	192.168.1.103	TCP	54	55598 → 22 [RST] Seq=1 Win=0 Len=0

Now let’s verify it with parameter –packet-trace and compare the result.

```
nmap -p22 192.168.1.103 --packet-trace
```

So you can observe the following information we fetched from nmap which is similar to TCP-SYN Ping.

- SENT/RECD ARP request and reply respectively.
- Nsock libraries details
- TCP-SYN packet from 192.168.1.105:48236 to 192.168.1.103:22.
- TCP-SYN/ACK packet from 192.168.1.103:22 to 192.168.1.105:48236.

```

root@kali:~# nmap -p22 192.168.1.103 --packet-trace
Starting Nmap 7.70 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2018-06-27 16:28 IST
SENT (0.1717s) ARP who-has 192.168.1.103 tell 192.168.1.105
RCVD (0.1722s) ARP reply 192.168.1.103 is-at 00:0C:29:37:8D:D6
NSOCK INFO [0.2290s] nsock_iod_new2(): nsock_iod_new (IOD #1)
NSOCK INFO [0.2290s] nsock_connect_udp(): UDP connection requested to 192.168.1.1:53 (IOD #1) EID 8
NSOCK INFO [0.2300s] nsock_read(): Read request from IOD #1 [192.168.1.1:53] (timeout: -1ms) EID 18
NSOCK INFO [0.2300s] nsock_write(): Write request for 44 bytes to IOD #1 EID 27 [192.168.1.1:53]
NSOCK INFO [0.2300s] nsock_trace_handler_callback(): Callback: CONNECT SUCCESS for EID 8 [192.168.1.1:53]
NSOCK INFO [0.2300s] nsock_trace_handler_callback(): Callback: WRITE SUCCESS for EID 27 [192.168.1.1:53]
NSOCK INFO [0.2450s] nsock_trace_handler_callback(): Callback: READ SUCCESS for EID 18 [192.168.1.1:53] (121 bytes)
NSOCK INFO [0.2450s] nsock_read(): Read request from IOD #1 [192.168.1.1:53] (timeout: -1ms) EID 34
NSOCK INFO [0.2450s] nsock_iod_delete(): nsock_iod_delete (IOD #1)
NSOCK INFO [0.2450s] nevent_delete(): nevent_delete on event #34 (type READ)
SENT (0.2865s) TCP 192.168.1.105:48236 > 192.168.1.103:22 [S] ttl=38 id=41206 iplen=44 seq=2585637670 win=1024 <mss 1460>
RCVD (0.2870s) TCP 192.168.1.103:22 > 192.168.1.105:48236 [SA] ttl=64 id=0 iplen=44 seq=2604218680 win=29200 <mss 1460>
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.103
Host is up (0.00048s latency).

PORT      STATE SERVICE
22/tcp    open  ssh
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:37:8D:D6 (VMware)

```

Similarly, you can also choose the “--reason” option with nmap command to enumerate response from the host network.

```
nmap -p22 192.168.1.103 --reason
```

Here you can observe port 22 is open and when received SYN/ACK packet from the host.

```

root@kali:~# nmap -p22 192.168.1.103 --reason
Starting Nmap 7.70 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2018-06-27 16:27 IST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.103
Host is up, received arp-response (0.00053s latency).

PORT      STATE SERVICE REASON
22/tcp    open  ssh     syn-ack ttl 64
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:37:8D:D6 (VMware)

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.25 seconds
root@kali:~#

```

Now let's figure out the behavior of network traffic when --disable-arp-ping activated.

```
nmap -p22 192.168.1.103 --packet-trace --disable-arp-ping
```

Here you can notice the following SENT packets from source 192.168.1.105 to destination 192.168.1.103.

- SENT ICMP echo request
- SENT TCP SYN to port 443
- SENT TCP ACK to port 80
- SENT ICMP timestamp request
- Then RCVD packet ICMP Echo-reply from destination 192.168.1.103
- Then used NSOCK libraries to state actual request and response packets travel between sources to the destination router.
- SENT TCP-SYN request on port 22
- RECV TCP-SYN, ACK reply from port 22.


```

root@kali:~# nmap -p22 192.168.1.103 --packet-trace --disable-arp-ping
Starting Nmap 7.70 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2018-06-27 16:33 IST
SENT (0.0744s) ICMP [192.168.1.105 > 192.168.1.103] Echo request (type=8/code=0) id=58786 seq=0] IP [ttl=53 id=2137 iplen=28 ]
SENT (0.0744s) TCP 192.168.1.105:37388 > 192.168.1.103:443 [S] ttl=51 id=15499 iplen=44 seq=3691325058 win=1024 <mss 1460>
SENT (0.0745s) TCP 192.168.1.105:37388 > 192.168.1.103:80 [A] ttl=51 id=61797 iplen=40 seq=0 win=1024
SENT (0.0746s) ICMP [192.168.1.105 > 192.168.1.103] Timestamp request (type=13/code=0) id=55380 seq=0 orig=0 recv=0 trans=0] IP [ttl=50 id=24463 iplen=40 ]
RCVD (0.0746s) ICMP [192.168.1.103 > 192.168.1.105] Echo reply (type=0/code=0) id=58786 seq=0] IP [ttl=64 id=33588 iplen=28 ]
NSOCK INFO [0.1230s] nsock_iod_new2(): nsock_iod_new (IOD #1)
NSOCK INFO [0.1230s] nsock_connect_udp(): UDP connection requested to 192.168.1.1:53 (IOD #1) EID 8
NSOCK INFO [0.1230s] nsock_read(): Read request from IOD #1 [192.168.1.1:53] (timeout: -1ms) EID 18
NSOCK INFO [0.1230s] nsock_write(): Write request for 44 bytes to IOD #1 EID 27 [192.168.1.1:53]
NSOCK INFO [0.1230s] nsock_trace_handler_callback(): Callback: CONNECT SUCCESS for EID 8 [192.168.1.1:53]
NSOCK INFO [0.1230s] nsock_trace_handler_callback(): Callback: WRITE SUCCESS for EID 27 [192.168.1.1:53]
NSOCK INFO [0.1370s] nsock_trace_handler_callback(): Callback: READ SUCCESS for EID 18 [192.168.1.1:53] (121 bytes)
NSOCK INFO [0.1370s] nsock_read(): Read request from IOD #1 [192.168.1.1:53] (timeout: -1ms) EID 34
NSOCK INFO [0.1370s] nsock_iod_delete(): nsock_iod_delete (IOD #1)
NSOCK INFO [0.1370s] nevent_delete(): nevent_delete on event #34 (type READ)
SENT (0.1770s) TCP 192.168.1.105:37644 > 192.168.1.103:22 [S] ttl=45 id=45820 iplen=44 seq=259118263 win=1024 <mss 1460>
RCVD (0.1774s) TCP 192.168.1.103:22 > 192.168.1.105:37644 [SA] ttl=64 id=0 iplen=44 seq=3066528596 win=29200 <mss 1460>
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.103
Host is up (0.00030s latency).

PORT      STATE SERVICE
22/tcp    open  ssh
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:37:8D:D6 (VMware)

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.25 seconds

```

On the other hand, we saw the same pattern of network traffic in Wireshark too.

ip.addr == 192.168.1.103					
o.	Tin	Source	Destination	Protocol	Len Info
1...	...	192.168.1.105	192.168.1.103	ICMP	42 Echo (ping) request id=0xe5a2, seq=0/0, ttl=53 (reply in 11)
...	...	192.168.1.105	192.168.1.103	TCP	58 37388 → 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
...	...	192.168.1.105	192.168.1.103	TCP	54 37388 → 80 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=1024 Len=0
...	...	192.168.1.105	192.168.1.103	ICMP	54 Timestamp request id=0xd854, seq=0/0, ttl=50
...	...	192.168.1.103	192.168.1.105	ICMP	60 Echo (ping) reply id=0xe5a2, seq=0/0, ttl=64 (request in 7)
...	...	192.168.1.103	192.168.1.105	TCP	60 443 → 37388 [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=0 Len=0
...	...	192.168.1.103	192.168.1.105	TCP	60 80 → 37388 [RST] Seq=1 Win=0 Len=0
...	...	192.168.1.103	192.168.1.105	ICMP	60 Timestamp reply id=0xd854, seq=0/0, ttl=64
...	...	192.168.1.105	192.168.1.103	TCP	58 37644 → 22 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
...	...	192.168.1.103	192.168.1.105	TCP	60 22 → 37644 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=29200 Len=0 MSS=1460
...	...	192.168.1.105	192.168.1.103	TCP	54 37644 → 22 [RST] Seq=1 Win=0 Len=0

Nmap TCP Scan Analysis

We know from our basic network communication knowledge that a TCP scan performs a three-way-handshake. A nmap TCP scan is done here:

```
nmap -sT -p22 192.168.1.103 --packet-trace
```

So you can observe the following information we fetched from nmap which is similar to TCP-SYN Ping.

SENT/RECD ARP request and reply respectively.

Nsock libraries details

Connecting TCP Localhost from destination host 192.168.1.103:22 is in progress.

Connected TCP Localhost from destination host 192.168.1.103:22 successfully.

```
root@kali:~# nmap -sT -p22 192.168.1.103 --packet-trace
Starting Nmap 7.70 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2018-06-27 19:30 IST
SENT (0.0661s) ARP who-has 192.168.1.103 tell 192.168.1.105
RCVD (0.0663s) ARP reply 192.168.1.103 is-at 00:0C:29:37:8D:D6
NSOCK INFO [0.1140s] nsock_ioc_new2(): nsock_ioc_new (IOD #1)
NSOCK INFO [0.1140s] nsock_connect_udp(): UDP connection requested to 192.168.1.1:53 (IOD #1) EID 8
NSOCK INFO [0.1140s] nsock_read(): Read request from IOD #1 [192.168.1.1:53] (timeout: -1ms) EID 18
NSOCK INFO [0.1140s] nsock_write(): Write request for 44 bytes to IOD #1 EID 27 [192.168.1.1:53]
NSOCK INFO [0.1140s] nsock_trace_handler_callback(): Callback: CONNECT SUCCESS for EID 8 [192.168.1.1:53]
NSOCK INFO [0.1140s] nsock_trace_handler_callback(): Callback: WRITE SUCCESS for EID 27 [192.168.1.1:53]
NSOCK INFO [0.1290s] nsock_trace_handler_callback(): Callback: READ SUCCESS for EID 18 [192.168.1.1:53] (121 bytes)
NSOCK INFO [0.1290s] nsock_read(): Read request from IOD #1 [192.168.1.1:53] (timeout: -1ms) EID 34
NSOCK INFO [0.1290s] nsock_ioc_delete(): nsock_ioc_delete (IOD #1)
NSOCK INFO [0.1290s] nevent_delete(): nevent_delete on event #34 (type READ)
CONN (0.1300s) TCP localhost > 192.168.1.103:22 => Operation now in progress
CONN (0.1306s) TCP localhost > 192.168.1.103:22 => Connected
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.103
Host is up (0.00032s latency).

PORT      STATE SERVICE
22/tcp    open  ssh
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:37:8D:D6 (VMware)

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.17 seconds
```

Similarly, we saw the same pattern of network traffic in Wireshark too.

ip.addr == 192.168.1.103					
www.hackingarticles.in					
No.	Tin	Source	Destination	Protocol	Len Info
0.	...	Vmware_74:9c...	Broadcast	ARP	42 Who has 192.168.1.103? Tell 192.168.1.105
1.	...	Vmware_37:8d...	Vmware_74:9c...	ARP	60 192.168.1.103 is at 00:0c:29:37:8d:d6
5.	...	192.168.1.105	192.168.1.103	TCP	74 59100 → 22 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=29200 Len=0 MSS=1
6.	...	192.168.1.103	192.168.1.105	TCP	74 22 → 59100 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=28960
7.	...	192.168.1.105	192.168.1.103	TCP	66 59100 → 22 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=29312 Len=0
8.	...	192.168.1.105	192.168.1.103	TCP	66 59100 → 22 [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=29312

Similarly, you can also choose the “--reason” option with nmap command to enumerate response from the host network.

```
nmap -sT -p22 192.168.1.103 --reason
```

Here you can observe port 22 is open and when received SYN/ACK packet from the host.

```
root@kali:~# nmap -sT -p22 192.168.1.103 --reason
Starting Nmap 7.70 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2018-06-27 19:33 IST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.103
Host is up, received arp-response (0.00026s latency).

PORT      STATE SERVICE REASON
22/tcp    open  ssh    syn-ack
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:37:8D:D6 (VMware)

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.17 seconds
root@kali:~#
```