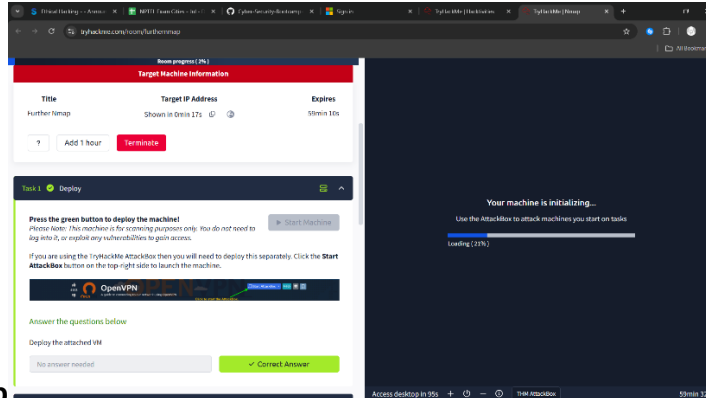


Nmap CTF Walkthrough (with Original Screenshots)

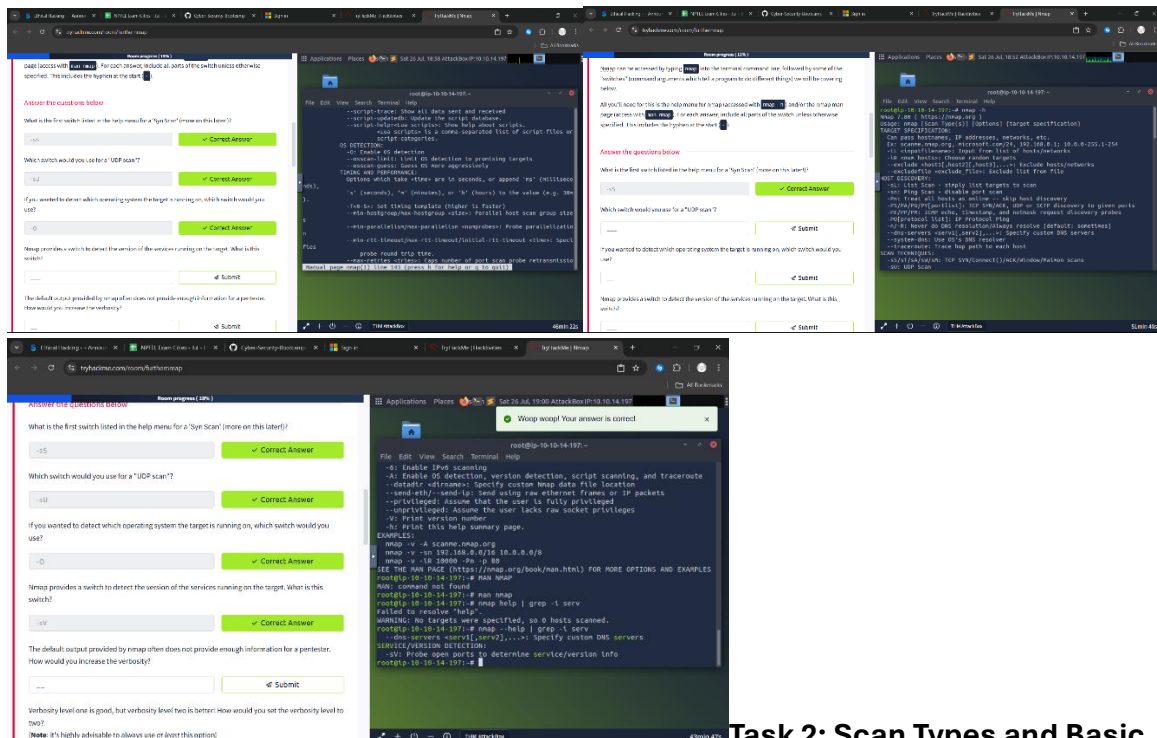
This document provides a detailed walkthrough of the "Further Nmap" room on TryHackMe. This creates a complete, step-by-step procedure of how you solved the challenges.



Initial Setup

The first step in any TryHackMe room involving a target machine is to deploy the virtual machine.

- **Action:** You clicked the "Start Machine" button.
- **Result:** A target machine with a specific IP address was deployed for you to scan. This is a prerequisite for all subsequent tasks.

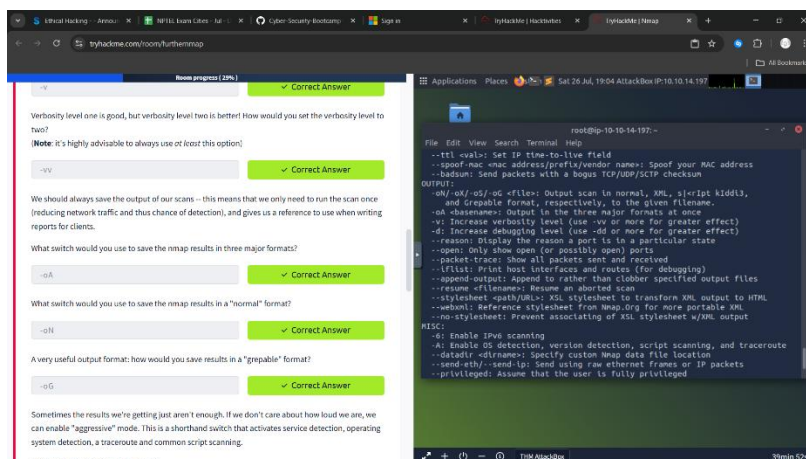


Task 2: Scan Types and Basic

Enumeration

This section focused on the fundamental scan types and how to gather initial information about the target system.

- **SYN Scan (-sS):** This is Nmap's default and most popular scan option. It's a "stealth" scan, also known as a half-open scan, because it never completes the full TCP three-way handshake. It's fast and less likely to be logged by the target system.
- **UDP Scan (-sU):** This switch is used to identify open UDP ports. UDP scanning is generally slower and more difficult than TCP scanning.
- **OS Detection (-O):** This option enables Nmap's operating system detection feature. It sends a series of TCP and UDP packets to the target and analyzes the responses to determine the OS fingerprint.
- **Service/Version Detection (-sV):** This is one of the most useful features. It probes open ports to determine the specific service and version of the software running on them (e.g., Apache httpd 2.4.41, OpenSSH 8.2p1). This is crucial for finding potential vulnerabilities

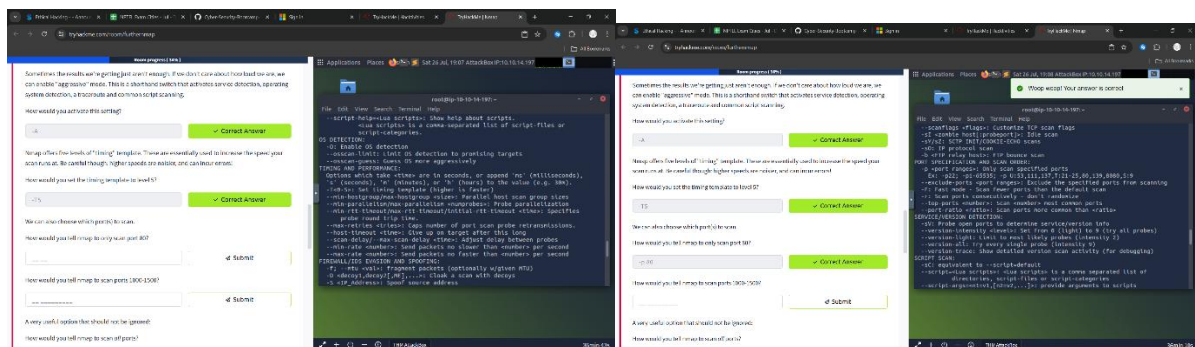
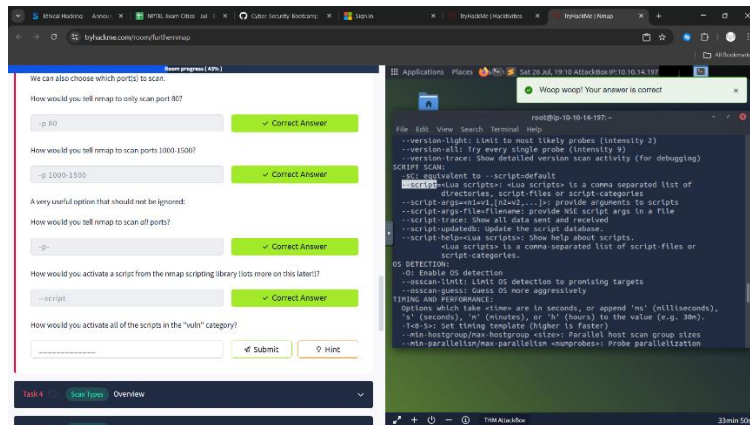


Controlling Output

Effective penetration testing requires proper documentation. This section covered how to control the verbosity and format of Nmap's output.

- **Verbosity (-v and -vv):** By default, Nmap's output can be sparse. The verbosity switches provide more detailed information during the scan.
 - **-v:** Sets the verbosity to level one.
 - **-vv:** Sets the verbosity to level two, providing even more detail. It's highly recommended to use at least -v to get real-time feedback.
- **Output Formats:** Saving scan results is essential for reporting. Nmap offers several output formats.

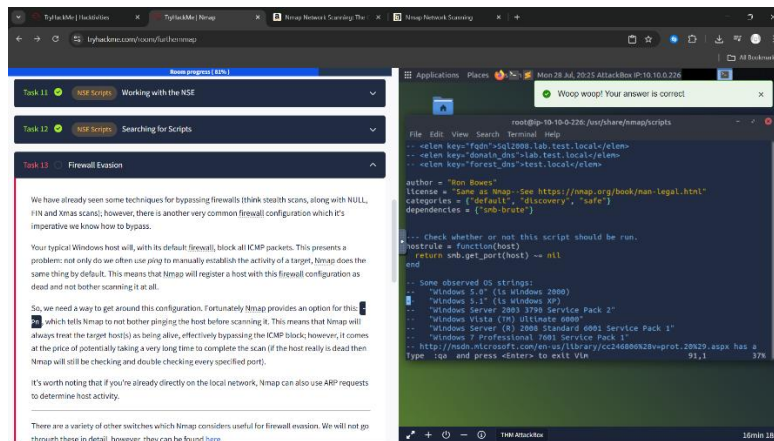
- **Save in All Formats (-oA):** This is a convenient switch that saves the output in Nmap's three main formats at once: Normal (.nmap), Grepable (.gnmap), and XML (.xml).
- **Normal Output (-oN):** Saves the output in a standard, human-readable format.
- **Grepable Output (-oG):** Saves the output in a format that is easy to parse with command-line tools like grep, awk, and cut.



Scan Timing, Port Specification, and NSE

This section explores how to fine-tune scans for speed, target specific ports, and leverage the Nmap Scripting Engine (NSE).

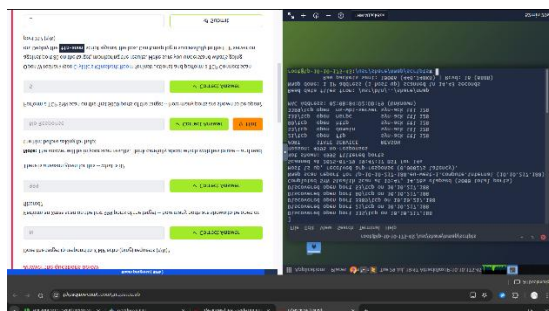
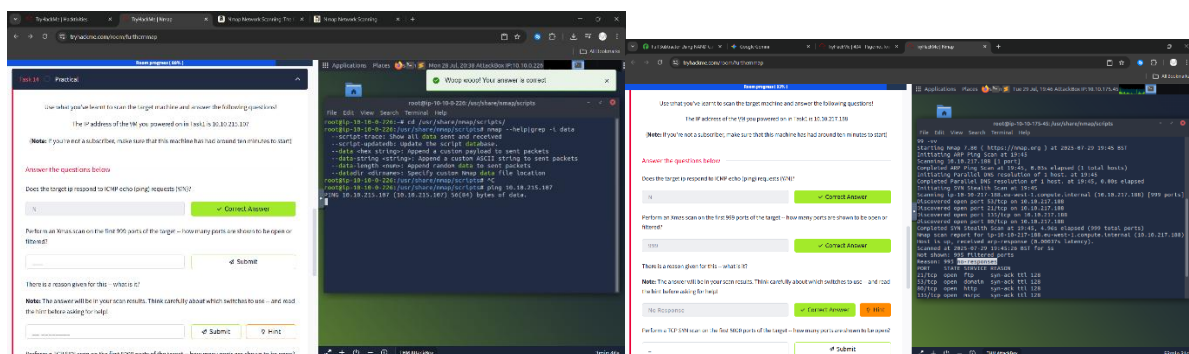
- **Aggressive Mode (-A):** A powerful, "loud" option that enables OS detection (-O), version detection (-sV), default script scanning (-sC), and traceroute (--traceroute).
- **Timing Template (-T5):** Controls the speed of the scan. -T5 (insane) is the fastest setting, trading stealth and some accuracy for speed.
- **Port Specification (-p):** Allows you to define which ports to scan.
 - -p 80: Scans a single port.
 - -p 1000-1500: Scans a range of ports.



Firewall Evasion - Bypassing Ping

Sometimes, a target will not respond to ICMP echo requests (pings), often due to a firewall rule. By default, Nmap will assume the host is offline if it doesn't get a ping response and will not proceed with a port scan.

To get around this, you can use the **-Pn** switch. This tells Nmap to **skip the host discovery (ping) phase** and scan every specified port as if the host were confirmed to be online.



Practical Application

This final task requires you to apply the learned techniques to a target machine to answer a series of questions. The target IP for this task was **10.10.217.188**.

With that nmap ctf is solved.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `tryhackme.com/room/furthernmap`. The page is the 'Nmap' room in the TryHackMe platform. The header includes the TryHackMe logo, navigation links (Dashboard, Learn, Compete, Other), and user options (Access Machines, Go Premium, 0 coins, profile). The main content area features the Nmap logo, a description 'An in depth look at scanning with Nmap, a powerful network scanning tool.', and a difficulty rating of 'Easy' with a 50-minute estimate. A green bar at the top of the task list indicates 'Room completed (100%)'. Below this, five tasks are listed, each with a green checkmark indicating completion:

- Task 1 ✓ Deploy
- Task 2 ✓ Introduction
- Task 3 ✓ Nmap Switches
- Task 4 ✓ Scan Types Overview
- Task 5 ✓ Scan Types TCP Connect Scans