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**Experiment No. 2**

**Title:** Perform reconnaissance using network information gathering tool

**Objective:**

Perform reconnaissance using network information gathering tool

CO	Outcome
CO1	Understand penetration testing with scope of its ethical implications, documentation and reporting

**Books/ Journals/ Websites referred:**

- <https://www.blumira.com/glossary/reconnaissance/#:~:text=In%20the%20context%20of%20cybersecurity,ethical%20hacking%20or%20penetration%20testing>
- <https://www.firecompass.com/blog/top-10-tools-for-reconnaissance/>
- <https://resources.infosecinstitute.com/topic/top-10-network-recon-tools/>



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**Introduction:**

**Reconnaissance:** Reconnaissance, as utilized in cybersecurity, refers to the clandestine process of gathering data and insights into a system. Commonly employed in penetration testing or ethical hacking, this technique originates from military operations designed to gather intelligence from hostile territories. Reconnaissance typically involves seven sequential steps:

1. **Collect initial information**
2. **Determine the network range**
3. **Identify active machines**
4. **Find access points and open ports**
5. **Fingerprint the operating system**
6. **Discover services on ports**
7. **Map the network**

By following these steps, an attacker seeks to gather crucial information about a network, including file permissions, running network services, OS platform, trust relationships, and user account information. Port scanning, a common technique within reconnaissance, entails sending data to various TCP and UDP ports on a device to evaluate responses. Active and passive reconnaissance are the primary categories of reconnaissance techniques.

- **Active reconnaissance** involves direct interaction with the computer system, utilizing methods such as manual testing, automated scanning, and tools like ping and netcat. While active recon is faster and more precise, it's riskier due to increased system noise and visibility.
- **Passive reconnaissance** collects data without interacting with systems directly, using tools like Wireshark and Shodan, as well as techniques like OS fingerprinting.

Organizations can employ various strategies to prevent reconnaissance:

- **Penetration testing** allows businesses to assess potential vulnerabilities through simulated attacks. Employing security testing experts for penetration testing, vulnerability assessments, and compliance testing can help organizations outsource this task.
- Utilizing **vulnerability scanners** and port scanning software during testing can identify active hosts and known vulnerabilities within the network.
- **SIEM solutions** can help detect source IPs running port scanners on the network.
- The **MITRE ATT&CK Framework** offers further insights into reconnaissance prevention methods.



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**Implementation details:**

Performing reconnaissance using network information gathering tools typically involves using a variety of tools to gather information about a target network, such as its IP addresses, open ports, services running on those ports, and potentially even vulnerabilities present. Here's a basic outline of how you might perform reconnaissance using some common tools:

**1. Ping Sweep (ICMP):**

- Use a tool like **ping** or **fping** to perform a ping sweep across a range of IP addresses to identify which hosts are online.

```
pargatsinghdhanjal — pargatsinghdhanjal@Router — zsh — 100x24

Last login: Thu Apr 25 12:37:45 on ttys001
> fping -A
^C
> fping -c 4 google.com

google.com : [0], 64 bytes, 4.99 ms (4.99 avg, 0% loss)
google.com : [1], 64 bytes, 6.57 ms (5.78 avg, 0% loss)
google.com : [2], 64 bytes, 8.46 ms (6.67 avg, 0% loss)
google.com : [3], 64 bytes, 6.59 ms (6.65 avg, 0% loss)

google.com : xmt/rcv/%loss = 4/4/0%, min/avg/max = 4.99/6.65/8.46
```

**2. Port Scanning:**

- Utilize a port scanning tool like **Nmap** to scan the target network for open ports and the services running on those ports.
- Example command: **nmap -O <target>** (Scan OS)
- Example command: **nmap -sV <target>** (Service version detection)



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```
pargat@kali:~$ sudo nmap -O 192.168.1.5
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-02-20 01:17 IST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.5
Host is up (0.00081s latency).
Not shown: 997 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT      STATE SERVICE
631/tcp   open  lpp
5000/tcp  open  upnp
7000/tcp  open  afs3-fileserver
MAC Address: IC:57:DC:2C:05:8E (Apple)
Device type: general purpose
Running: Apple macOS 11.X
OS details: Apple macOS 11 (Big Sur) (Darwin 20.6.0)
Network Distance: 1 hop

OS detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit
/..
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 12.52 seconds

pargat@kali:~$
```

### 3. Service Enumeration:

- Once open ports are identified, use **Nmap** or other tools like **Netcat** or **Telnet** to connect to open ports and gather more information about the services running on them.
- Example command: **nmap --script=default <target>** (Run default Nmap scripts for service enumeration)

```
pargat@kali:~$ sudo nmap --script=default 192.168.1.20
[sudo] password for pargat:
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-02-20 01:15 IST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.20
Host is up (0.0019s latency).
Not shown: 977 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT      STATE SERVICE
21/tcp    open  ftp
22/tcp    open  ssh
23/tcp    open  telnet
25/tcp    open  smtp
53/tcp    open  domain
80/tcp    open  http
111/tcp   open  rpcbind
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn
445/tcp   open  microsoft-ds
512/tcp   open  exec
513/tcp   open  login
514/tcp   open  shell
1099/tcp  open  rmiregistry
1524/tcp  open  ingreslock
2049/tcp  open  nfs
2121/tcp  open  ccproxy-ftp
3306/tcp  open  mysql
5432/tcp  open  postgresql
5900/tcp  open  vnc
6000/tcp  open  X11
6667/tcp  open  irc
```



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#### 4. Web Application Analysis:

- If web services are discovered, use tools like **nikto**, **dirb**, or **gobuster** to identify directories, files, and potentially vulnerabilities on web servers.
- Example command: **nikto -h <target>** (Web server vulnerability scanner)

```
pargat@kali: ~  
$ nikto -h 10.0.65.215:8000  
- Nikto v2.5.0  
  
+ Target IP: 10.0.65.215  
+ Target Hostname: 10.0.65.215  
+ Target Port: 8000  
+ Start Time: 2024-04-25 12:49:03 (GMT5.5)  
  
+ Server: gunicorn  
+ /: The anti-clickjacking X-Frame-Options header is not present. See: https://develop  
er.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/Headers/X-Frame-Options  
+ /: The X-Content-Type-Options header is not set. This could allow the user agent to  
render the content of the site in a different fashion to the MIME type. See: https://w  
ww.netsparker.com/web-vulnerability-scanner/vulnerabilities/missing-content-type-heade  
r/  
+ No CGI Directories found (use '-C all' to force check all possible dirs)  
+ /robots.txt: contains 1 entry which should be manually viewed. See: https://develo  
per.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Glossary/Robots.txt  
+ /files/f3bcb0d4e7b57ba3613e788cc4ec242/CodeCell_Logo_Black_1.png: Server may leak i  
nodes via ETags, header found with file /files/f3bcb0d4e7b57ba3613e788cc4ec242/CodeCe  
ll_Logo_Black_1.png, inode: 1705898643.6685975, size: 121179, mtime: 1349785507. See:   
http://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2003-1418  
+ /files/f3bcb0d4e7b57ba3613e788cc4ec242/CodeCell_Logo_Black_1.png: Uncommon header '  
content-disposition' found, with contents: attachment; filename=CodeCell_Logo_Black_1.  
png.  
  
^C  
pargat@kali: ~  
$
```

#### 5. Network Mapping:

- Use tools like **Netdiscover** or **Arp-scan** to discover hosts on the local network or use **Traceroute** to map the network path between your system and the target.

```
pargat@kali: ~  
Currently scanning: Finished! | Screen View: Unique Hosts  
79 Captured ARP Req/Rep packets, from 77 hosts. Total size: 3352  


| IP          | At MAC Address    | Count | Len | MAC Vendor / Hostname                  |
|-------------|-------------------|-------|-----|----------------------------------------|
| 10.0.65.1   | e4:fd:45:ff:c6:f2 | 1     | 42  | Intel Corporate                        |
| 10.0.65.19  | f4:1a:9c:e5:be:44 | 1     | 42  | Xiaomi Communications Co Ltd           |
| 10.0.65.18  | 0a:9d:55:28:b0:03 | 1     | 42  | Unknown vendor                         |
| 10.0.65.59  | 38:7a:8c:6b:c6:dc | 1     | 42  | Intel Corporate                        |
| 10.0.65.2   | b0:68:6e:10:e9:93 | 1     | 42  | CHONGQING FUGUI ELECTRONICS CO.,LTD.   |
| 10.0.65.73  | ee:55:8d:31:97:45 | 1     | 42  | Unknown vendor                         |
| 10.0.65.51  | 62:f8:b5:80:ea:2c | 1     | 42  | Unknown vendor                         |
| 10.0.65.33  | 16:9c:79:b5:87:ad | 1     | 42  | Unknown vendor                         |
| 10.0.65.82  | be:95:a6:0d:83:5c | 1     | 42  | Unknown vendor                         |
| 10.0.65.6   | 90:78:b0:2c:39:ff | 1     | 42  | Xiaomi Communications Co Ltd           |
| 10.0.65.3   | 7a:76:00:e3:1b:15 | 1     | 42  | Unknown vendor                         |
| 10.0.65.74  | 8a:fc:5d:ff:f3:76 | 1     | 42  | Unknown vendor                         |
| 10.0.65.14  | 6a:6a:17:a5:d0:8f | 1     | 42  | Unknown vendor                         |
| 10.0.65.105 | 48:e7:da:bb:c2:6d | 1     | 42  | Azurewave Technology Inc.              |
| 10.0.65.50  | 78:a7:08:00:cc:5f | 1     | 42  | Intel Corporate                        |
| 10.0.65.112 | 10:bd:3a:81:81:7f | 1     | 42  | Apple, Inc.                            |
| 10.0.65.113 | 72:62:27:4f:43:52 | 1     | 42  | Unknown vendor                         |
| 10.0.65.99  | d2:e0:8f:3a:fa:3e | 1     | 42  | Unknown vendor                         |
| 10.0.65.100 | 5e:0e:2d:e5:02:37 | 1     | 42  | Unknown vendor                         |
| 10.0.65.136 | 3a:6f:24:e7:f8:cb | 1     | 42  | Azurewave Technology Inc.              |
| 10.0.65.121 | 5a:b8:11:b8:c9:9b | 1     | 42  | Unknown vendor                         |
| 10.0.65.152 | da:db:98:1c:f9:a7 | 1     | 42  | Unknown vendor                         |
| 10.0.65.46  | 8a:20:71:c9:50:68 | 1     | 42  | Unknown vendor                         |
| 10.0.65.66  | ac:d6:18:f8:5e:06 | 1     | 42  | OnePlus Technology (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd |
| 10.0.65.127 | 62:a3:86:1b:75:56 | 1     | 58  | Unknown vendor                         |
| 10.0.65.150 | 02:bd:8c:13:39:fe | 1     | 42  | Unknown vendor                         |
| 10.0.65.79  | 3a:70:1a:ce:88:d7 | 1     | 60  | Unknown vendor                         |
| 10.0.65.88  | 1a:eb:01:19:ef:51 | 1     | 42  | Unknown vendor                         |
| 10.0.65.215 | 1c:57:dc:2c:d5:8e | 3     | 126 | Apple, Inc.                            |
| 10.0.65.87  | 66:01:34:86:49:17 | 1     | 42  | Unknown vendor                         |
| 10.0.65.165 | 5a:ac:df:0c:44:4f | 1     | 42  | Unknown vendor                         |
| 10.0.65.15  | ac:74:b1:59:96:1a | 1     | 42  | Intel Corporate                        |
| 10.0.65.177 | 9a:40:d0:97:9d:fe | 1     | 42  | Unknown vendor                         |
| 10.0.65.106 | 80:65:7c:d9:f7:2a | 1     | 42  | Apple, Inc.                            |
| 10.0.65.114 | 68:2f:67:93:1f:11 | 1     | 42  | Apple, Inc.                            |
| 10.0.65.194 | b6:1c:64:41:a8:49 | 1     | 42  | Unknown vendor                         |


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**6. Exploitation:**

- If vulnerabilities are discovered, you may attempt to exploit them using appropriate tools or manual techniques. However, ensure you have proper authorization before attempting any exploitation.

**7. Documentation:**

- Throughout the reconnaissance process, document all findings, including IP addresses, open ports, services running, potential vulnerabilities, and any other relevant information.

**Conclusion:**

Hence we performed reconnaissance using network information gathering tool and listed some ways one may explore and attack on vulnerabilities.