01.What is Nmap? Install Nmap from Official Website?

Nmap is a powerful and flexible open-source tool used for scanning and mapping networks. It helps identify hosts, open ports, running services, operating systems, and even vulnerabilities. It's widely used in cybersecurity assessments and ethical hacking.

Here are The some Features and Purpose

- Host Discovery used for the Find online devices
- Port Scanning used for the Check open/closed/filtered ports
- Service Version Detection used for the Find software version (e.g., Apache 2.4.29)
- Operating System used for the Detection Guess OS type (Linux, Windows, etc.)
- NSE Scripting Engine used for the Run custom or built-in scripts to find issues
- Stealth Mode used for the Evade detection by firewalls or IDS (e.g., -sS)

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Install Nmap

Windows: Download from https://nmap.org/download.html → Choose the Windows installer.

Linux (e.g., Kali): Run

sudo apt update && sudo apt install Nmap

02.Find your Ip range?

Find Your Local IP Range
Open terminal and run:
ip a # (Linux/Kali)
ipconfig # (Windows CMD)
Look for your IP, e.g., 192.168.1.12
Your network range will typically be 192.168.1.0/24, where:
192.168.1.0 is the network address

03.RUN Nmap -sS IP address To perform TCP SYN Scan?

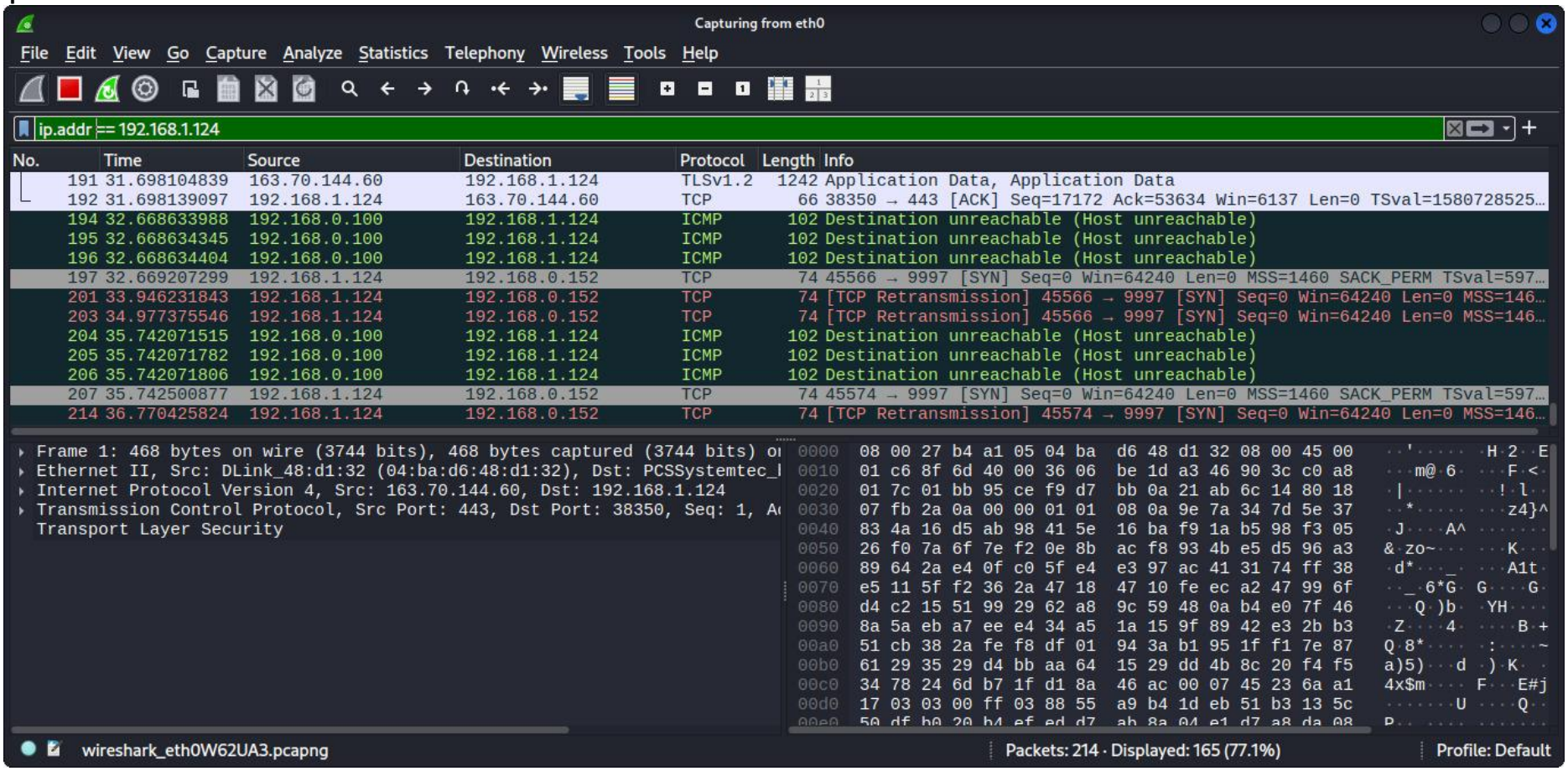
Command:- nmap -sS 192.168.1.124/24
sS = SYN scan (stealthy, faster)
This shows live devices and their open TCP ports


kali@kali: ~
File Actions Edit View Help
┌──(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ nmap -sS 192.168.1.124/24
Starting Nmap 7.95 (https://nmap.org) at 2025-08-04 10:48 EDT
Nmap scan report for dlinkrouter (192.168.1.1)
Host is up (0.046s latency).
Not shown: 993 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT STATE SERVICE
53/tcp open domain
80/tcp open http
81/tcp open hosts2-ns
443/tcp open https
4445/tcp open upnotifyp
8888/tcp open sun-answerbook
9999/tcp open abyss
MAC Address: 04:BA:D6:48:D1:32 (D-Link)
Nmap scan report for vivo-1920 (192.168.1.138)
Host is up (0.028s latency).
All 1000 scanned ports on vivo-1920 (192.168.1.138) are in ignored states.
Not shown: 1000 closed tcp ports (reset)
MAC Address: D2:27:F7:BE:16:9C (Unknown)
Nmap scan report for legion5 (192.168.1.141)
Host is up (0.054s latency).
Not shown: 992 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT STATE SERVICE
80/tcp open http
135/tcp open msrpc
1801/tcp open msmq
2103/tcp open zephyr-clt
2105/tcp open eklogin
2107/tcp open msmq-mgmt
2179/tcp open vmrdp
8443/tcp open https-alt
MAC Address: 20:C1:9B:4E:59:C6 (Intel Corporate)

04.Optionally analyze packet capture with Wireshark?

Wireshark is a network protocol analyzer — a powerful tool used to capture, inspect, and analyze network traffic in real time.It lets you see everything happening on a network — like who is communicating with whom, what data is being sent, and which protocols are being used.

Open Wireshark and select your active network adapter.
ip.addr == 192.168.1.X



You can see the live packets while Nmap is scanning.

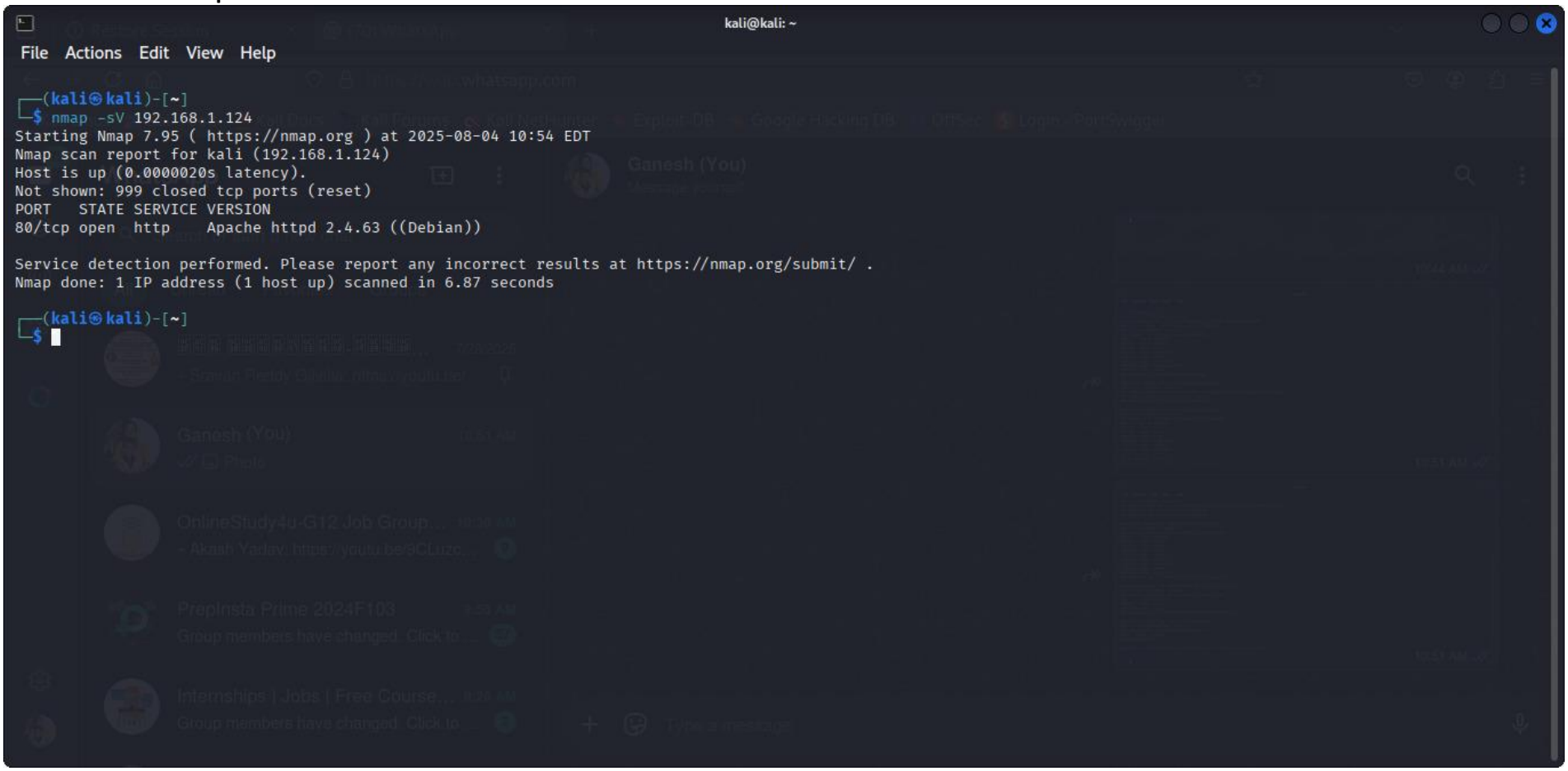
06. 6.Research common services running on those ports.

Look up ports and services:

- **Port 22 → SSH**

- **Port 80 → HTTP (Web)**
- **Port 443 → HTTPS**
- **Port 445 → SMB (Windows File Sharing)**
- **Port 3306 → MySQL**

Command:- nmap -sV 192.168.1.124

- 

07.Identifying potential security risks from open ports?

When you scan a system with tools like *Nmap, open ports can reveal **vulnerable services* or *entry points* for attackers.

Port	Port	Potential Risk
21	FTP	Unencrypted login; susceptible to brute-force or anonymous access
22	SSH	Brute-force attack, weak passwords, outdated SSH version
23	Telnet	Unencrypted communication; attacker can sniff login credentials
25	SMTP	Open relays used to send spam; vulnerable to spoofing
53	DNS	Can be used for DNS poisoning or amplification DDoS attacks
80	HTTP	If web server has vulnerabilities (e.g., outdated WordPress, Apache)
443	HTTPS	Misconfigured SSL/TLS can expose to MITM attacks
110	POP3	Credentials sent in plain text if not secured
139/445	SMB	Used in WannaCry ransomware attack; vulnerable to remote code execution
3306	MySQL	Can expose databases if misconfigured or default passwords used
3389	RDP	Targeted in brute-force and remote desktop attacks

How Open Ports Become a Risk:
Outdated Software– Unpatched services listening on open ports.
Default Credentials – Especially common in routers, FTP, or DB services.
No Access Control – Services like MySQL or MongoDB exposed to the internet.
Port Forwarding Misuse – From NAT/router misconfigurations.
No Firewall or IDS/IPS – System is directly exposed.