

NETWORK SCANNING REPORT:

- Objective:

- The purpose of this task was to perform a TCP SYN scan on a local network using Nmap to
 1. Discover active hosts with subnet
 2. Identify open TCP ports and services running on them
 3. Evaluate potential risks

- NOTE:

- IP addresses will not be shown completely for security reasons

- Tools & Environment:

TOOLS	PURPOSE
NMAP	Network discovery and port scanning
Wireshark	Packet capture& Traffic analysis
OS	Windows

- Methodology:

- Install Nmap from the official website
- Identify the local IP range using ipconfig/ifconfig (e.g., 192.168.1.0/24)
- Execute the following command: `nmap -sS 192.168.1.0/24` to perform a TCP SYN scan
- Capture packets with Wireshark using the display filter: `tcp.flags.syn == 1 && tcp.flags.ack == 0` to observe SYN packets

- Results:

HOST IP ADDR	STATUS	OPEN PORTS	COMMON SERVICES
10.106.x.x	open	445	Microsoft-ds
10.106.x.x	open	8080	Http-proxy
10.106.x.x	open	1521	oracle

- Nmap Scan:

- Wireshark analysis:

Frame 164: 58 bytes on wire (464 bits), 58 bytes captured (464 bits) on interface \Device\NPF_{24F781C7-Ethernet II, Src: AzureWaveTec_fd:96:e5 (2c:3b:70:fd:96:e5), Dst: da:e2:8e:0e:cb:7a (da:e2:8e:0e:cb:7a) Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: [REDACTED], Dst: [REDACTED] Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 39387, Dst Port: 443, Seq: 0, Len: 0

- Analysis of Common services:

1. **HTTP Proxy (Port 8080)**

An HTTP proxy forwards client requests to external servers for caching or filtering

2. **Oracle Database Listener (Port 1521)**

This service accepts client connections to Oracle databases

3. **Microsoft-DS / SMB (Port 445)**

Used for file sharing and Active Directory communication in Windows environments.

- **Risks & vulnerabilities:**

1. **HTTP Proxy**

If left open or unauthenticated, attackers can relay traffic through the proxy for malicious activity such as spam or phishing, creating legal and reputational risks.

2. **Oracle Database Listener**

Default configurations or weak database credentials can allow unauthorized database access, while outdated Oracle versions may contain critical vulnerabilities.

3. **Microsoft-DS / SMB**

This service has been exploited by ransomware campaigns such as WannaCry (EternalBlue/MS17-010) and can expose sensitive files if shares are misconfigured.

- **Recommendation:**

1. **HTTP Proxy**

Recommendation: require authentication, restrict usage to trusted internal networks, and monitor logs for abnormal traffic.

2. **Oracle Database Listener**

Recommendation: disable default/sample accounts, enable listener password authentication, restrict access by IP, and apply Oracle Critical Patch Updates regularly.

3. **Microsoft-DS / SMB**

Recommendation: disable SMBv1, apply the latest Windows security patches, enforce strong authentication (Kerberos/NTLMv2), and limit share permissions.

4. Close or disable unused ports/services.

5. Enforce strong passwords and enable multi-factor authentication. •
Keep firmware and software up to date.
6. Use a firewall to restrict unnecessary inbound/outbound traffic.

- **conclusion:**

1. The TCP SYN scan successfully identified active hosts and open services within the local subnet. Implementing the recommended security measures will help reduce the attack surface and protect network resources.