5. Vulnerability Testing for TechSecure Solutions

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Objective

The primary goal of this vulnerability testing report is to assess the security posture of the network in the 192.168.1.0/24 subnet. The assessment aims to identify potential vulnerabilities, analyze their potential risks, and propose corrective actions to enhance the network's security. This process is critical for ensuring that systems within the network are safeguarded against potential exploitation and other malicious activities.

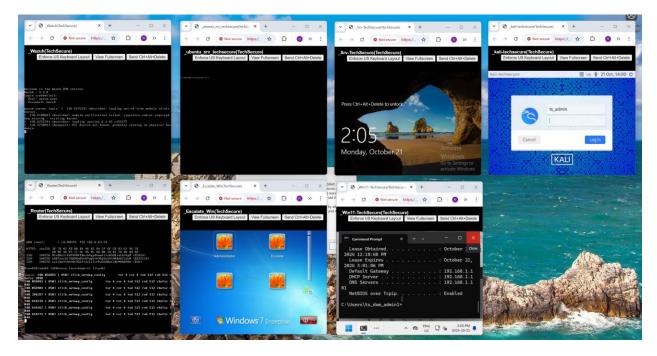
Methodology

The vulnerability assessment was conducted by scanning the network using **Nmap** and analyzing the results with a focus on identifying security weaknesses. The key tasks involved:

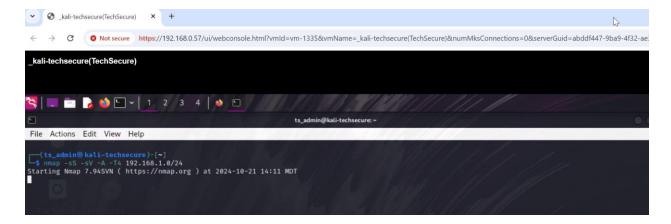
- Identifying Active Devices: Scanning the subnet to detect all live hosts and their corresponding IP addresses.
- Port Scanning: Detecting open ports and services running on each host to assess exposure to potential attacks.
- **Service Identification**: Analyzing the detected services, such as DNS, HTTP, SSH, and SMB, and reviewing their configuration for security risks.
- Risk Analysis: Identifying vulnerabilities in the detected services, including outdated software, misconfigurations, or weak security practices.
- **Corrective Actions**: Proposing specific remediation steps for each vulnerability to mitigate risks and strengthen network security.

Scope of the Assessment

The network scan focused on hosts within the **192.168.1.0/24** subnet, where seven active devices were identified and examined. The report outlines findings for each host, including open ports, running services, and potential risks. Each vulnerability identified has been analyzed, and detailed recommendations have been provided to address these risks. By implementing these recommendations, the network's resilience against attacks can be significantly improved.

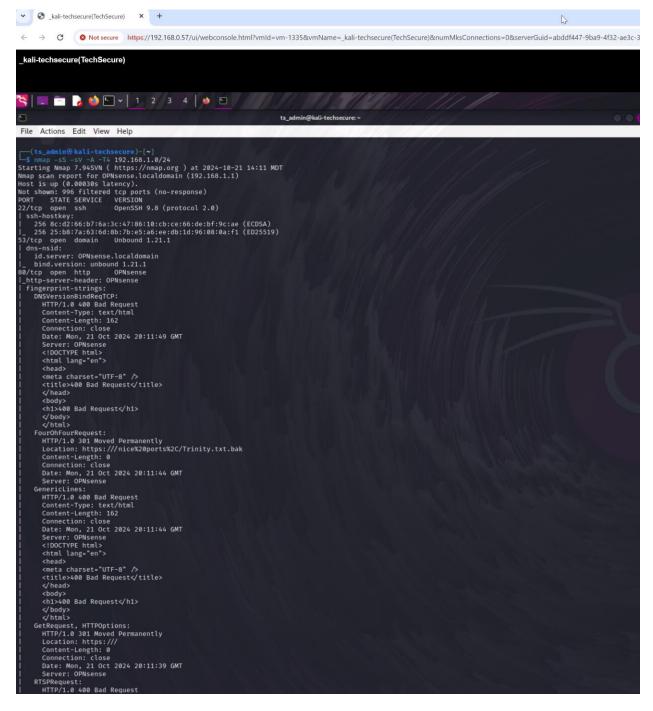


- **1.Screenshot of Virtual Machine Environment for Network Testing:** This screenshot captures multiple virtual machines (VMs) used in a network vulnerability testing environment. The VMs are shown in a variety of states, displaying their login screens, command prompts, and desktop environments. Each VM is part of the TechSecure network, identified by their hostnames or login interfaces, and they are running different operating systems (Windows, Linux, etc.).
 - The top row showcases terminal and login screens for systems like Wazuh
 (TechSecure), Ubuntu Server (TechSecure), Srv-TechSecure (Windows Server),
 and Kali (TechSecure), used for penetration testing.
 - The bottom row includes systems like **Router (TechSecure)** and a Windows machine labeled **Escalate (TechSecure)**, running **Windows 7 Enterprise**, alongside other command-line environments.

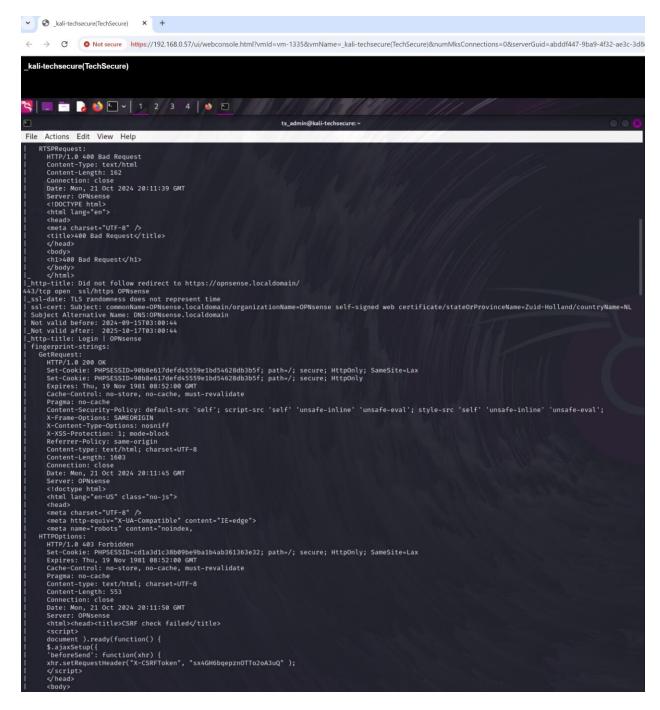


2. Kali Linux VM Running Nmap Network Scan: This screenshot shows a Kali Linux virtual machine named kali-techsecure (TechSecure) running an Nmap network scan command in the terminal. The user ts_admin is executing the command nmap -sS -sV -A -T4 192.168.1.0/24, which performs a stealth scan (-sS), version detection (-sV), and aggressive scan (-A) on the 192.168.1.0/24 subnet. The scan aims to identify open ports, running services, and other system information for hosts within the subnet. This scan is part of the TechSecure network security assessment to detect vulnerabilities.

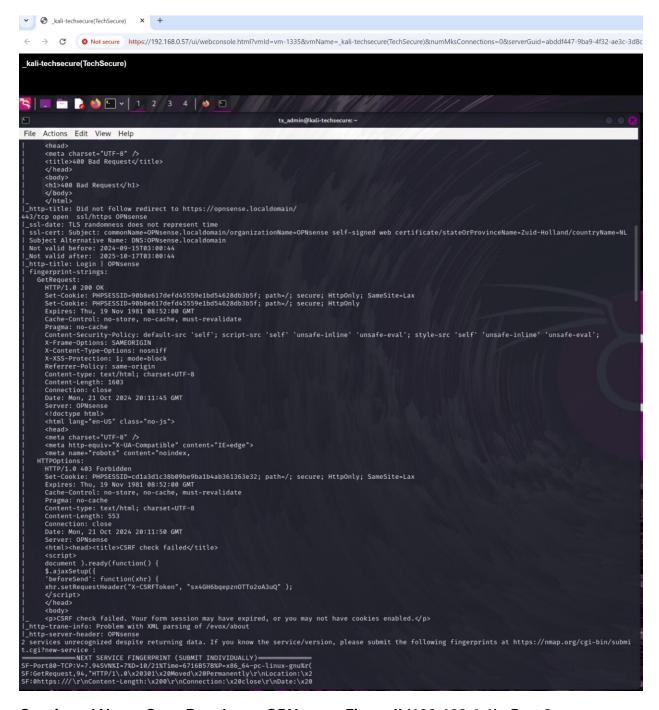
The Nmap version running is 7.94SVN, and the scan was initiated at **14:11 MDT** on **October 21, 2024**. This is a typical use case of Kali Linux in a penetration testing and network security context.



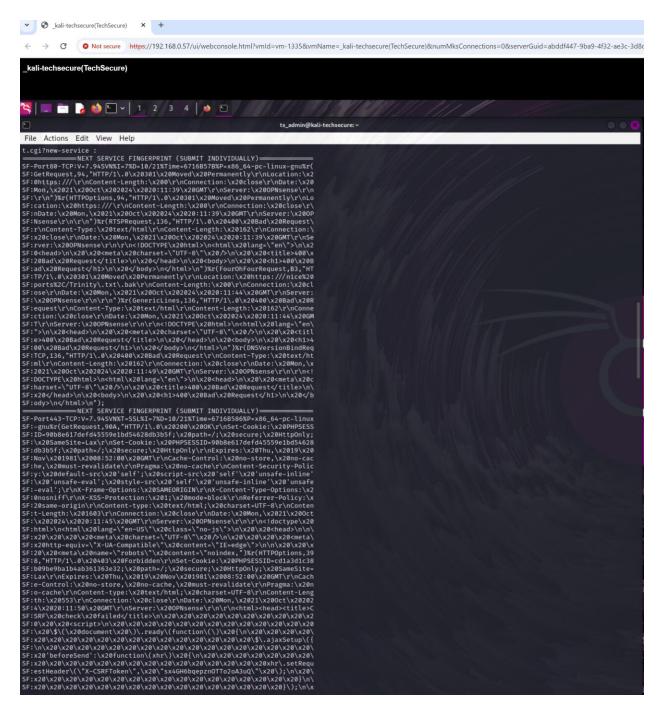
3.Nmap Scan Results Using Kali Linux: This screenshot shows a **Kali Linux virtual machine** named **kali-techsecure (TechSecure)** displaying the output of an **Nmap scan** targeting **192.168.1.0** network. The scan was performed by the user ts_admin and executed with the command nmap -sS -sV -A -T4 192.168.1.0/24.



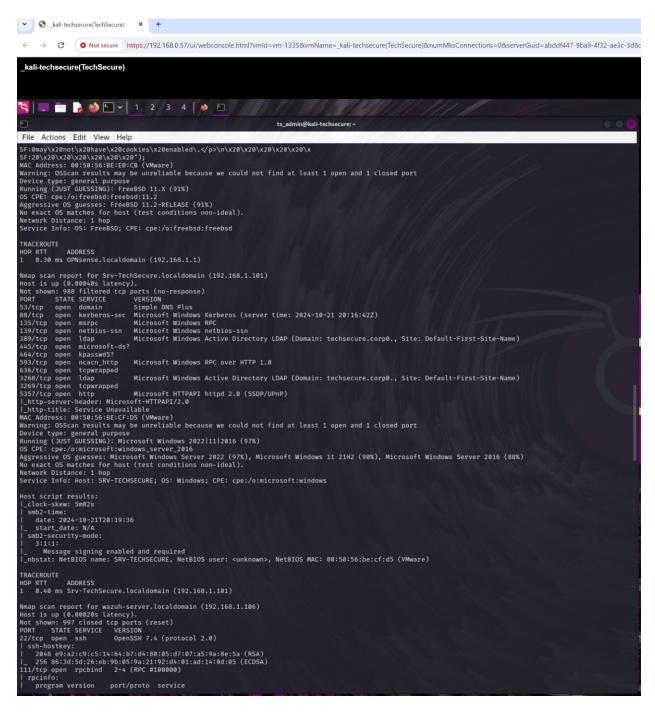
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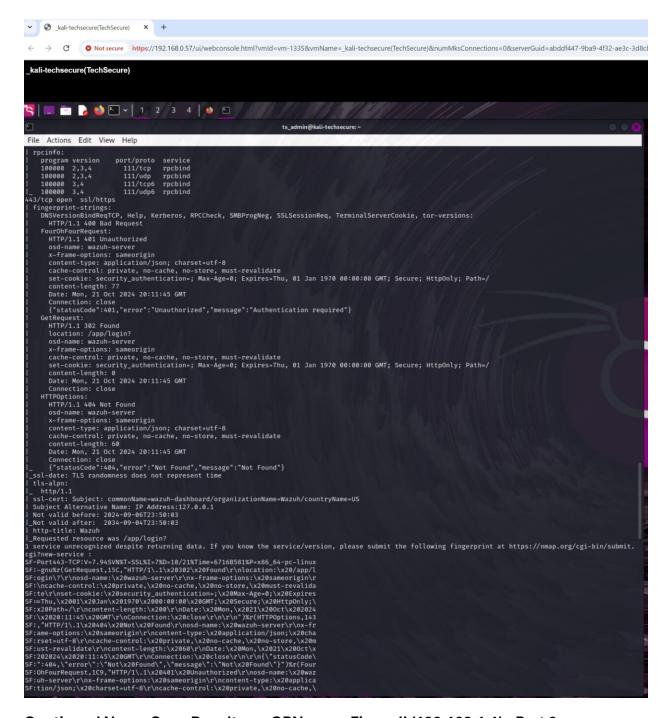
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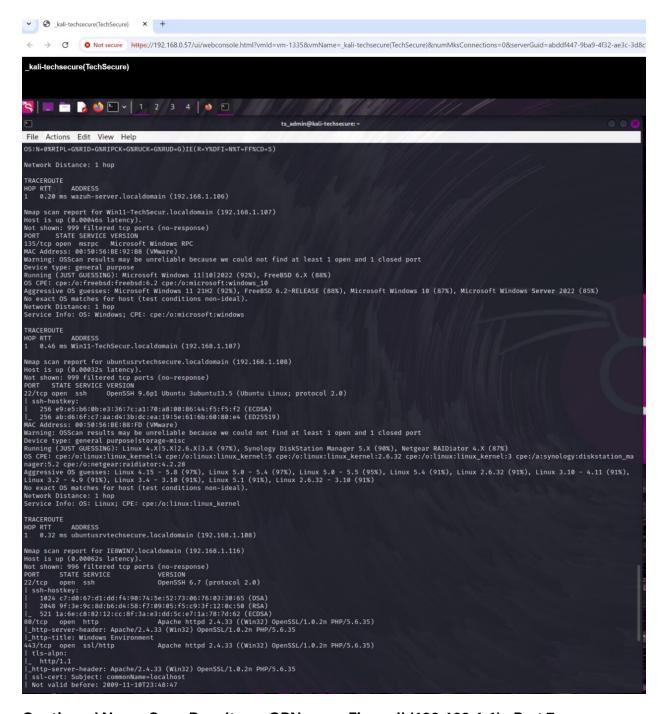
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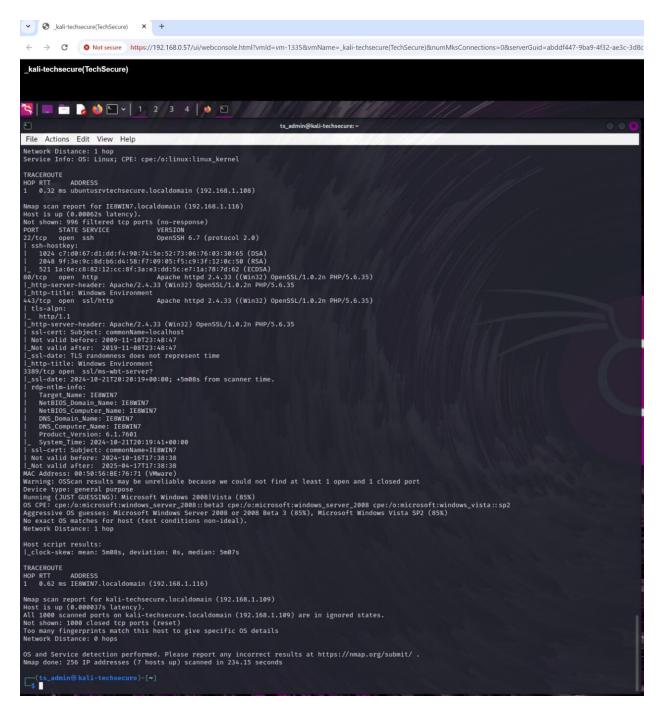
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Continued Nmap Scan Results on OPNsense Firewall (192.168.1.1) - Part 7



Continued Nmap Scan Results on OPNsense Firewall (192.168.1.1) - Part 8

Copy of the output from Kali's Terminal (reformatted):

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—(ts_admin&kali-techsecure)-[~]
$ nmap -sS -sV -A -T4 192.168.1.0/24
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN (https://nmap.org) at 2024-10-21 14:11 MDT
# 1. OPNsense.localdomain (192.168.1.1)
Host is up (0.00030s latency).
Not shown: 996 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION
22/tcp open ssh OpenSSH 9.8 (protocol 2.0)
| ssh-hostkey:
256 8c:d2:66:b7:6a:3c:47:86:10:cb:ce:66:de:bf:9c:ae (ECDSA)
_ 256 25:b8:7a:63:6d:8b:7b:e5:a6:ee:db:1d:96:08:0a:f1 (ED25519)
53/tcp open domain Unbound 1.21.1
| dns-nsid:
| id.server: OPNsense.localdomain
|_ bind.version: unbound 1.21.1
80/tcp open http OPNsense
|_http-server-header: OPNsense
| fingerprint-strings:
| HTTP/1.0 400 Bad Request
| Content-Type: text/html
<!DOCTYPE html><html lang="en"><head><meta charset="UTF-8" />
<title>400 Bad Request</title></head><body><h1>400 Bad
Request</h1></body></html>
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443/tcp open ssl/https OPNsense

 $|\ ssl\text{-cert: Subject: commonName=OPNsense.} local domain/organization Name=OPN sense$

self-signed web certificate

| Subject Alternative Name: DNS:OPNsense.localdomain

| Not valid before: 2024-09-15T03:00:44, Not valid after: 2025-10-17T03:00:44

|_http-title: Login | OPNsense

MAC Address: 00:50:56:BE:E0:CB (VMware)

Device type: general purpose

Running (JUST GUESSING): FreeBSD 11.X (91%)

Aggressive OS guesses: FreeBSD 11.2-RELEASE (91%)

Network Distance: 1 hop

TRACEROUTE:

HOP RTT ADDRESS

1 0.30 ms OPNsense.localdomain (192.168.1.1)

2. Srv-TechSecure.localdomain (192.168.1.101)

Host is up (0.00040s latency).

Not shown: 988 filtered tcp ports (no-response)

PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION

53/tcp open domain Simple DNS Plus

88/tcp open kerberos-sec Microsoft Windows Kerberos (server time: 2024-10-21

20:16:42Z)

135/tcp open msrpc Microsoft Windows RPC

139/tcp open netbios-ssn Microsoft Windows netbios-ssn

389/tcp open Idap Microsoft Windows Active Directory LDAP

445/tcp open microsoft-ds?

593/tcp open ncacn_http Microsoft Windows RPC over HTTP 1.0

5357/tcp open http Microsoft HTTPAPI httpd 2.0 (SSDP/UPnP)

http-server-header: Microsoft-HTTPAPI/2.0

|_http-title: Service Unavailable

MAC Address: 00:50:56:BE:CF:D5 (VMware)

Running (JUST GUESSING): Microsoft Windows 2022|11|2016 (97%)

Aggressive OS guesses: Microsoft Windows Server 2022 (97%)

Network Distance: 1 hop

TRACEROUTE:

HOP RTT ADDRESS

1 0.40 ms Srv-TechSecure.localdomain (192.168.1.101)

3. wazuh-server.localdomain (192.168.1.106)

Host is up (0.00020s latency).

Not shown: 997 closed top ports (reset)

PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION

22/tcp open ssh OpenSSH 7.4 (protocol 2.0)

443/tcp open ssl/https Wazuh Server

| ssl-cert: Subject: commonName=wazuh-

dashboard/organizationName=Wazuh/countryName=US

| Not valid before: 2024-09-06T23:50:03, Not valid after: 2034-09-04T23:50:03

|_http-title: Wazuh

MAC Address: 00:0C:29:60:89:37 (VMware)

Network Distance: 1 hop

TRACEROUTE:

HOP RTT ADDRESS

1 0.20 ms wazuh-server.localdomain (192.168.1.106)

4. Win11-TechSecur.localdomain (192.168.1.107)

Host is up (0.00046s latency).

Not shown: 999 filtered tcp ports (no-response)

PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION

135/tcp open msrpc Microsoft Windows RPC

MAC Address: 00:50:56:BE:92:B8 (VMware)

Running (JUST GUESSING): Microsoft Windows 11|10|2022 (92%)

Network Distance: 1 hop

TRACEROUTE:

HOP RTT ADDRESS

1 0.46 ms Win11-TechSecur.localdomain (192.168.1.107)

#5. ubuntusrvtechsecure.localdomain (192.168.1.108)

Host is up (0.00032s latency).

Not shown: 999 filtered tcp ports (no-response)

PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION

22/tcp open ssh OpenSSH 9.6p1 Ubuntu 3ubuntu13.5 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)

MAC Address: 00:50:56:BE:88:FD (VMware)

Running (JUST GUESSING): Linux 4.X|5.X (97%)

Network Distance: 1 hop

TRACEROUTE:

HOP RTT ADDRESS

1 0.32 ms ubuntusrvtechsecure.localdomain (192.168.1.108)

6. IE8WIN7.localdomain (192.168.1.116)

Host is up (0.00062s latency).

Not shown: 996 filtered tcp ports (no-response)

PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION

22/tcp open ssh OpenSSH 6.7 (protocol 2.0)

80/tcp open http Apache httpd 2.4.33 ((Win32) OpenSSL/1.0.2n PHP/5.6.35)

443/tcp open ssl/http Apache httpd 2.4.33 ((Win32) OpenSSL/1.0.2n PHP/5.6.35)

3389/tcp open ssl/ms-wbt-server?

MAC Address: 00:50:56:BE:76:71 (VMware)

Running (JUST GUESSING): Microsoft Windows 2008 Vista (85%)

Network Distance: 1 hop

TRACEROUTE:

HOP RTT ADDRESS

1 0.62 ms IE8WIN7.localdomain (192.168.1.116)

#7. kali-techsecure.localdomain (192.168.1.109)

Host is up (0.000037s latency).

All 1000 scanned ports on kali-techsecure.localdomain (192.168.1.109) are in ignored states.

Not shown: 1000 closed top ports (reset)

Network Distance: 0 hops

Nmap done: 256 IP addresses (7 hosts up) scanned in 234.15 seconds

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Detailed Analysis of Nmap Scan Results

The scan covers a range of IP addresses from the subnet 192.168.1.0/24, revealing seven active hosts. Each host has specific open ports and services, which are analyzed for potential security risks and misconfigurations. Below is a breakdown and analysis of the findings.

1. OPNsense.localdomain (192.168.1.1)

General Information:

Operating System: FreeBSD (OPNsense-based)

• **Host is up**: 0.00030s latency

• MAC Address: 00:50:56:BE:E0

(VMware)

Open Ports:

• **22/tcp (SSH)**: OpenSSH 9.8 (protocol 2.0)

• 53/tcp (DNS): Unbound 1.21.1

80/tcp (HTTP): OPNsense Web GUI

• 443/tcp (HTTPS): OPNsense Web GUI (with self-signed SSL certificate)

Analysis:

1. SSH (22/tcp):

- The SSH service allows remote management of the firewall. This service is crucial for administrative access, but it is exposed to the network. It is highly recommended to limit SSH access via IP-based access control and ensure that only key-based authentication is allowed.
- Potential Risks: SSH brute-force attacks if weak passwords are used, or if the firewall lacks proper rate-limiting.
- Recommendations: Enforce SSH hardening policies, including the use of non-standard ports, strong passwords, disabling root access, and enabling two-factor authentication (2FA).

2. DNS (53/tcp):

- o OPNsense runs an internal DNS resolver (Unbound). Although it's essential for network services, exposing this port could be a potential security risk, especially if it is incorrectly configured to handle external queries.
- o **Potential Risks**: DNS amplification attacks if improperly configured.
- Recommendations: Restrict DNS queries to the internal network. Ensure that DNS recursion is not allowed for external users.

3. HTTP/HTTPS (80/443):

- OPNsense's web GUI for management is available over both HTTP and HTTPS. HTTP is used for redirection, while HTTPS is secured with a selfsigned certificate.
- Potential Risks: Self-signed certificates can lead to man-in-the-middle (MITM) attacks if users bypass security warnings. The web interface could also be a target for brute-force or other attacks.
- Recommendations: Disable the HTTP port if it is used only for redirection, or enforce HTTPS-only access. Replace the self-signed certificate with one signed by a trusted Certificate Authority (CA). Additionally, implement access control for the web interface and consider using 2FA for administrative access.

2. Srv-TechSecure.localdomain (192.168.1.101)

General Information:

Operating System: Microsoft Windows Server (2016/2022)

• **Host is up**: 0.00040s latency

• MAC Address: 00:50:56:BE:CF

(VMware)

Open Ports:

• 53/tcp (DNS): Simple DNS Plus

• 88/tcp (Kerberos): Microsoft Windows Kerberos

- 135/tcp (RPC): Microsoft Windows RPC
- 139/tcp (NetBIOS-SSN): NetBIOS for file sharing
- 389/tcp (LDAP): Microsoft Active Directory LDAP
- 445/tcp (Microsoft-DS): Microsoft Directory Services (SMB)
- 593/tcp (RPC over HTTP): Microsoft Windows RPC over HTTP
- 5357/tcp (HTTP): Microsoft HTTPAPI httpd 2.0

Analysis:

1. DNS (53/tcp):

- Simple DNS Plus is exposed, which could allow DNS queries from unauthorized users.
- Potential Risks: If the DNS server is configured to resolve external requests, it could be abused in DNS amplification attacks.
- o **Recommendations**: Restrict access to the DNS server to internal hosts only.

2. Kerberos (88/tcp):

- Kerberos is used for secure authentication, often part of an Active Directory
 (AD) environment.
- Potential Risks: Exposure of the Kerberos service can be a target for bruteforce attacks or credential harvesting attempts if not properly secured.
- Recommendations: Ensure that only trusted machines have access to the Kerberos service. Verify strong password policies and account lockout mechanisms are in place.

3. NetBIOS/SMB (139/tcp, 445/tcp):

- The exposure of SMB-related ports can be extremely risky due to vulnerabilities such as EternalBlue, which was exploited in the WannaCry ransomware attacks.
- Potential Risks: Exploitable vulnerabilities if the SMB version is outdated (such as SMBv1) or misconfigured.

 Recommendations: Disable SMBv1 if enabled, and use SMBv2 or SMBv3 with encryption. Restrict SMB access to trusted IPs or network segments. Ensure that patching is up to date.

4. LDAP (389/tcp):

- The LDAP service is part of the Active Directory infrastructure.
- Potential Risks: Exposure of this port may lead to unauthorized access to the directory if not properly secured.
- Recommendations: Ensure strong authentication is required for LDAP queries, and consider using LDAPS (LDAP over SSL) to encrypt the traffic.

5. RPC and HTTP API (135/tcp, 593/tcp, 5357/tcp):

- Exposing RPC and HTTP services can present several security risks.
- Potential Risks: RPC services are a frequent target for attacks, especially when they are misconfigured.
- Recommendations: Restrict RPC and HTTP API services to the local network only, and ensure all security patches are applied.

3. wazuh-server.localdomain (192.168.1.106)

General Information:

• Operating System: Likely a Linux distribution running Wazuh

• **Host is up**: 0.00020s latency

• MAC Address: 00:0C:29:60:89:37 (VMware)

Open Ports:

• **22/tcp (SSH)**: OpenSSH 7.4

• 443/tcp (HTTPS): Wazuh Dashboard

Analysis:

1. SSH (22/tcp):

 The Wazuh server is using SSH for remote management. It's crucial to ensure this service is well-protected. Potential Risks: SSH brute-force attacks.

 Recommendations: Use key-based authentication, disable root login, and consider IP-based access restrictions for SSH.

2. HTTPS (443/tcp):

- The Wazuh dashboard is served over HTTPS, and the server is using a certificate that is valid for 10 years (from 2024 to 2034).
- Potential Risks: The long certificate duration could be risky in case of certificate compromise.
- Recommendations: Consider shortening the certificate validity to enforce regular renewal and audits. Ensure strong password policies and 2FA for the dashboard login.

4. Win11-TechSecur.localdomain (192.168.1.107)

General Information:

Operating System: Microsoft Windows 11 or Windows Server 2022

Host is up: 0.00046s latency

• MAC Address: 00:50:56:BE:92

(VMware)

Open Ports:

135/tcp (RPC): Microsoft Windows RPC

Analysis:

1. RPC (135/tcp):

- The RPC service is used for remote procedure calls, a core part of Windows networking.
- Potential Risks: RPC services can be vulnerable to various exploits if not properly secured.
- Recommendations: Limit exposure of the RPC service and ensure firewall rules restrict access to trusted hosts.

5. ubuntusrvtechsecure.localdomain (192.168.1.108)

General Information:

Operating System: Linux (Ubuntu Server)

Host is up: 0.00032s latency

• MAC Address: 00:50:56:BE:88

(VMware)

Open Ports:

22/tcp (SSH): OpenSSH 9.6p1

Analysis:

1. SSH (22/tcp):

- As with other SSH-exposed hosts, ensure that access is restricted to trusted sources.
- Potential Risks: SSH brute-force attacks.
- Recommendations: Implement key-based authentication and disable password-based logins. Use IP-based restrictions for remote access.

Apologies for the interruption! I'll continue from where the analysis was left off and complete the evaluation.

6. IE8WIN7.localdomain (192.168.1.116)

General Information:

• Operating System: Microsoft Windows Server 2008 / Vista

Host is up: 0.00062s latency

• MAC Address: 00:50:56:BE:76:71 (VMware)

Open Ports:

• 22/tcp (SSH): OpenSSH 6.7

• **80/tcp (HTTP)**: Apache httpd 2.4.33

- 443/tcp (HTTPS): Apache httpd 2.4.33
- 3389/tcp (RDP): Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP) service

Analysis:

1. SSH (22/tcp):

- o Running OpenSSH 6.7, which is an older version.
- Potential Risks: Older versions of OpenSSH can have security vulnerabilities. Since this is a Windows machine, running SSH might be unnecessary, which raises concerns about potential misconfigurations.
- Recommendations: If SSH is not needed, consider disabling it. If it is necessary, upgrade OpenSSH to a more recent and secure version, and apply standard hardening procedures like key-based authentication.

2. HTTP/HTTPS (80/tcp, 443/tcp):

- o The Apache server is running version 2.4.33 with OpenSSL 1.0.2n.
- Potential Risks: Both Apache and OpenSSL versions are outdated. Apache 2.4.33 was released in 2018, and OpenSSL 1.0.2n is also out of support. These versions may contain several known vulnerabilities that could be exploited.
- Recommendations: Upgrade Apache to the latest version to mitigate any vulnerabilities. Also, ensure that SSL configurations follow current security best practices (e.g., disabling weak ciphers, ensuring strong key exchange mechanisms).

3. **RDP (3389/tcp)**:

- The Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP) service is exposed, potentially allowing remote access to the server.
- Potential Risks: RDP is frequently targeted by attackers using brute-force login attempts or exploiting vulnerabilities like BlueKeep (CVE-2019-0708).
- Recommendations: RDP should be restricted to trusted IPs. Consider using a VPN for access, enable Network Level Authentication (NLA), and enforce strong password policies. Use 2FA if possible for enhanced security.

4. SSL Certificate (HTTPS):

- The SSL certificate on port 443 is self-signed and expired in 2019.
- Potential Risks: The expired certificate weakens HTTPS encryption, as modern browsers and clients will likely throw security warnings, which could lead to users bypassing encryption warnings. This could result in man-in-themiddle (MITM) attacks.
- Recommendations: Replace the expired certificate with one from a trusted
 Certificate Authority (CA) to ensure secure communication.

7. kali-techsecure.localdomain (192.168.1.109)

General Information:

• Operating System: Likely a Kali Linux machine

• **Host is up**: 0.000037s latency

Open Ports:

All 1000 scanned ports are in ignored states (no open ports detected).

Analysis:

1. All Ports Closed/Filtered:

- This machine appears to have strict firewall rules in place, effectively blocking or filtering all port scans.
- Potential Risks: Since no services are exposed, there are no immediate attack vectors. However, the absence of open ports doesn't necessarily imply full security; potential vulnerabilities could still exist in outbound connections or in the configuration of hidden services.
- Recommendations: Regular internal audits of this machine should still be conducted to ensure no backdoors or unnecessary services are active. If any ports are to be opened for services, they should be restricted and properly secured.

Summarized version of the scan results:

1. OPNsense.localdomain (192.168.1.1)

- **OS**: FreeBSD (OPNsense-based)
- Open Ports:
 - o 22/tcp (SSH): OpenSSH 9.8
 - o **53/tcp (DNS)**: Unbound 1.21.1
 - o 80/tcp (HTTP): OPNsense Web GUI
 - o 443/tcp (HTTPS): OPNsense Web GUI with self-signed certificate
- Key Risk: Self-signed certificate, potential exposure to brute-force SSH attacks.
- **Recommendations**: Use key-based authentication for SSH, restrict access, and replace the self-signed certificate.

2. Srv-TechSecure.localdomain (192.168.1.101)

- **OS**: Windows Server 2016/2022
- Open Ports:
 - 53/tcp (DNS), 88/tcp (Kerberos), 135/tcp (RPC), 139/tcp (NetBIOS),
 389/tcp (LDAP), 445/tcp (SMB), 5357/tcp (HTTPAPI)
- **Key Risk**: Exposure of SMB (445) and LDAP (389) increases risks of exploitation (e.g., EternalBlue).
- Recommendations: Restrict access to Kerberos, LDAP, SMB, and patch regularly.

3. wazuh-server.localdomain (192.168.1.106)

- **OS**: Linux (running Wazuh)
- Open Ports:
 - o 22/tcp (SSH), 443/tcp (HTTPS Wazuh Dashboard)
- Key Risk: Long-lived SSL certificate (10 years), potential SSH brute-force risks.

Recommendations: Shorten SSL certificate validity, use key-based SSH authentication.

4. Win11-TechSecur.localdomain (192.168.1.107)

- **OS**: Windows 11 or Windows Server 2022
- Open Ports:
 - 135/tcp (RPC)
- **Key Risk**: RPC services can be targeted for exploitation.
- **Recommendations**: Restrict RPC to internal networks only, and ensure firewall rules are applied.

5. ubuntusrvtechsecure.localdomain (192.168.1.108)

- **OS**: Ubuntu Linux
- Open Ports:
 - 22/tcp (SSH)
- Key Risk: SSH exposed to the network can be a target for brute-force attacks.
- Recommendations: Use key-based SSH authentication and restrict access by IP.

6. IE8WIN7.localdomain (192.168.1.116)

- OS: Windows Server 2008/Vista
- Open Ports:
 - 22/tcp (SSH), 80/tcp (HTTP), 443/tcp (HTTPS), 3389/tcp (RDP)
- **Key Risk**: Outdated Apache (2.4.33) and OpenSSL (1.0.2n), expired SSL certificate (2019), and exposed RDP.
- **Recommendations**: Update Apache and OpenSSL, replace the expired SSL certificate, and secure RDP with strong authentication and restricted access.

7. kali-techsecure.localdomain (192.168.1.109)

- **OS**: Likely Kali Linux
- Open Ports: None detected (all filtered).
- Key Risk: No immediate risk detected, but security audits should still be conducted.
- Recommendations: Keep services closed unless necessary, continue monitoring.

The IP addresses and computer names of the detected VMs:

IP Address	VM Name
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192.168.1.1	OPNsense.localdomain
192.168.1.101	Srv-TechSecure.localdomain
192.168.1.106	wazuh-server.localdomain
192.168.1.107	Win11-TechSecur.localdomain
192.168.1.108	ubuntusrvtechsecure.localdomain
192.168.1.109	kali-techsecure.localdomain
192.168.1.116	IE8WIN7.localdomain



4."TechSecure Virtual Lab Environment" This virtual environment contains the following seven virtual machines (VMs) deployed for the **TechSecure Solutions** project. All seven virtual machines have been detected in Nmap scan:

- 1. _**Escalate_Win (TechSecure)** A Windows VM configured to demonstrate privilege escalation.
- 2. _kali-techsecure (TechSecure) Kali Linux VM used for penetration testing and network scanning.
- 3. _Router (TechSecure) Simulates network routing, potentially configured as an OPNsense firewall for network protection.
- 4. _Srv-TechSecure (TechSecure) A Windows Server VM, likely used for Active Directory and network services.
- 5. _ubuntu_srv_techsecure (TechSecure) Ubuntu Server VM for hosting services or applications.
- 6. _**Wazuh (TechSecure)** A Wazuh instance used for continuous monitoring and log management.
- 7. _Win11-TechSecure (TechSecure) A Windows 11 VM configured for hardening and security testing.

Proposed corrective actions for the vulnerabilities and risks discovered during the Nmap scan analysis:

1. OPNsense.localdomain (192.168.1.1)

Vulnerabilities:

- SSH (22/tcp): SSH service exposed, potential for brute-force attacks.
- **Self-signed SSL certificate**: Used on HTTPS (443/tcp), leading to potential MITM attacks.
- Unrestricted DNS service: Exposing DNS (53/tcp) can lead to amplification attacks.

Corrective Actions:

1. SSH Hardening:

- Enforce key-based authentication only.
- o Disable password-based authentication.
- Limit SSH access by allowing connections only from trusted IP addresses (use firewall rules).
- Disable root login via SSH.

2. SSL Certificate Replacement:

- Replace the self-signed certificate with one issued by a trusted Certificate Authority (CA).
- o Enforce HTTPS-only access by disabling HTTP (80/tcp) if not required.

3. DNS Access Control:

 Restrict DNS service to internal hosts only. Block DNS requests from external networks.

2. Srv-TechSecure.localdomain (192.168.1.101)

Vulnerabilities:

• Exposed SMB (445/tcp): Known to be vulnerable to exploits like EternalBlue.

- Exposed LDAP (389/tcp): Potential for unauthorized directory access.
- RPC (135/tcp): Exposed, which could be exploited for remote code execution.

Corrective Actions:

1. Restrict SMB and LDAP Access:

- Disable SMBv1, if active, and upgrade to SMBv2/3.
- Limit access to SMB (445/tcp) and LDAP (389/tcp) to internal or trusted IP addresses.
- Enable encryption on SMB and LDAP traffic.

2. Patch Management:

Ensure all Windows Server updates are applied, particularly for services like
 SMB, RPC, and LDAP, which are often targeted for attacks.

3. RPC Hardening:

- Restrict access to RPC services (135/tcp, 593/tcp) to internal or trusted networks using firewall rules.
- Disable unused RPC services.

3. wazuh-server.localdomain (192.168.1.106)

Vulnerabilities:

- Long-lived SSL certificate: The SSL certificate is valid for 10 years, which poses risks in case of compromise.
- **SSH service exposed**: Potential brute-force attack vector.

Corrective Actions:

1. SSL Certificate Rotation:

- Shorten the certificate validity to 1-3 years and implement regular renewal cycles.
- o Enable alerts for certificate expiration to ensure timely replacement.

2. SSH Hardening:

 As with the other systems, restrict SSH access to key-based authentication and trusted IP addresses.

4. Win11-TechSecur.localdomain (192.168.1.107)

Vulnerabilities:

• **RPC (135/tcp)**: Exposed, and a frequent target for remote code execution attacks.

Corrective Actions:

1. RPC Service Restriction:

- Restrict access to the RPC service (135/tcp) using firewall rules to allow connections only from trusted networks.
- Regularly update the system to ensure that any RPC-related vulnerabilities are patched.

2. General Hardening:

 Consider disabling unused services to reduce the attack surface. If RPC is not required externally, it should be disabled or restricted further.

5. ubuntusrvtechsecure.localdomain (192.168.1.108)

Vulnerabilities:

• SSH (22/tcp): Exposed to the network, making it susceptible to brute-force attacks.

Corrective Actions:

1. SSH Hardening:

- Enforce key-based authentication.
- Disable password-based SSH logins.
- o Restrict SSH access to specific trusted IP addresses via firewall rules.

6. IE8WIN7.localdomain (192.168.1.116)

Vulnerabilities:

- Outdated Apache and OpenSSL versions: Apache 2.4.33 and OpenSSL 1.0.2n are outdated and could be vulnerable to known exploits.
- Expired SSL certificate: The SSL certificate expired in 2019, posing a risk of MITM attacks.
- **Exposed RDP (3389/tcp):** RDP is a high-risk service that is often targeted by brute-force or BlueKeep-like exploits.

Corrective Actions:

1. Update Apache and OpenSSL:

 Upgrade Apache and OpenSSL to the latest stable versions to mitigate any known vulnerabilities.

2. SSL Certificate Replacement:

 Replace the expired certificate with one issued by a trusted CA and configure it for strong encryption.

3. RDP Hardening:

- o Restrict RDP access to trusted IP addresses only.
- Enable Network Level Authentication (NLA) to reduce the risk of brute-force attacks.
- Use 2FA for RDP logins to add an extra layer of security.

7. kali-techsecure.localdomain (192.168.1.109)

Vulnerabilities:

No vulnerabilities detected: All ports are filtered or closed, indicating a well-secured system.

Corrective Actions:

1. Regular Security Audits:

 Perform regular internal security audits to ensure no unnecessary services are active or exposed in the future.

Summary of Key Corrective Actions:

1. SSH Hardening:

 Enforce key-based authentication, disable password logins, and restrict access to trusted IPs.

2. Patch Management:

 Ensure that all services, particularly critical ones like SMB, LDAP, and RPC, are patched with the latest security updates.

3. SSL/TLS Security:

 Replace self-signed and expired certificates with trusted CA-signed certificates. Shorten certificate lifetimes for better security practices.

4. Service Restriction:

 Limit access to critical services like SMB, LDAP, Kerberos, RPC, and RDP to trusted internal networks or specific IP addresses using firewall rules.

5. RDP Security:

 Restrict RDP access, enforce NLA, and enable 2FA to prevent unauthorized access.

These corrective actions aim to address the vulnerabilities discovered during the scan and improve the overall security of the network. Implementing these measures will significantly reduce the potential for exploitation.