

DAY 1 - TASK 1

Objective: Learn to discover open ports on devices in your local network to understand network exposure.

Tools: Nmap (free), Wireshark (optional).

Network Scanning Report

1. Installation of NMAP

I downloaded and installed Nmap from the official nmap.org website, ensuring I had the latest version (7.94SVN).

2. Finding my local IP range

I identified my local IP address and determined that my network falls within the **192.168.56.0/24** range. This helped scope the Nmap scan properly.

3. Scanning using command

I ran a TCP SYN scan (**-sS**) on the local subnet to discover live hosts and open ports without making full TCP connections.

A) Command : **nmap -sS 192.168.56.0**

Purpose: Performs a basic scan on the target IP 192.168.56.1 to discover open ports and services.

Result:

- Host is **up** (reachable).
- **Port 3306/tcp** is **open**, running the **MySQL** service.
- All other 999 ports are filtered (no response).
- MAC Address is detected: 0A:00:27:00:00:03 (vendor unknown).
- Scan duration: ~17.69 seconds.

B) Command : **nmap -sV -p 3306 192.168.56.1**

Purpose:

- **-sV** enables **version detection** to identify the software and version running on an open port.
- **-p 3306** limits the scan to **port 3306** only.

Result:

- Host is again confirmed as **up**.
- Port **3306/tcp** is **open**, running **MySQL**.
- The service responded with version info: **MySQL (unauthorized)**, indicating access is restricted without credentials.
- Same MAC address is detected.
- Scan duration: ~13.47 seconds.

4. Noting down IP addresses and open ports found

Discovered Host: 192.168.56.1

Open Port: 3306/tcp

Service: MySQL (version detection showed "unauthorized" access status)

5. Optionally analyzing packet capture with Wireshark

While I did not include a full Wireshark packet capture for this submission due to an installation error, I understand that analyzing traffic to/from port 3306 could reveal plaintext SQL traffic or authentication attempts, which is useful in detecting security misconfigurations.

6. Research common services running on those ports

Port **3306** is used by **MySQL**, a widely used relational database system. By default, MySQL does not encrypt traffic, and if exposed to the network, it can be vulnerable to brute-force attacks, unauthorized access, and data leaks.

7. Identify potential security risks from open ports

Unauthorized access - if MySQL is not properly secured

Plaintext data transmission (no SSL/TLS)

Brute-force and dictionary attacks

SQL injection risks - if exposed via web apps

8. Save scan results as a text or HTML file

Nmap 7.94SVN scan initiated at 2025-08-04 15:54 IST

Nmap scan report for 192.168.56.1

Host is up (0.000060s latency).

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

PORT STATE SERVICE

3306/tcp open mysql

MAC Address: 0A:00:27:00:00:03 (Unknown)

Nmap done at 2025-08-04 15:54 IST -- 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 17.69 seconds

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Host is up (0.000052s latency).

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