

## **# Task 01 — Scan Local Network for Open Ports**

### **\*Objective\***

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

### **# Tools**

Nmap (required)  
tcpdump (optional, for packet capture)  
Wireshark (optional, for packet analysis)

### **## Quick setup / install**

```
`bash
sudo apt update
sudo apt install -y nmap tcpdump wireshark xsltproc
````
```

### **# Steps (copy-paste commands)**

#### **1. Find your subnet**

```
`bash
ip -4 addr show
```

#### **2. Discover live hosts (fast ARP/ping scan)**

```
`bash
sudo nmap -sn 192.168.1.0/24 -oN nmap_hosts_up.txt
```

#### **3. Scan common ports (top 1000)**

```
`bash
sudo nmap -sS --top-ports 1000 -T4 192.168.1.0/24
```

#### **4. Full TCP port scan for a specific host**

```
`bash
sudo nmap -sS -p- -T4 -v 192.168.1.50 -oA 192.168.1.50_full
```

#### **5. Service/version & OS detection (deeper)**

```
`bash
sudo nmap -sS -sV -O -p 22,80,443 192.168.1.50 -oN nmap_service_192.168.1.50.txt
```

#### **6. UDP scan (optional)**

```
`bash
sudo nmap -sU --top-ports 200 -T3 192.168.1.0/24 -oN nmap_udp.txt
```

## 7. Skip discovery if pings are blocked

```
`bash
sudo nmap -Pn -sS --top-ports 1000 192.168.1.50 -oN scan_no_ping.txt
```

## # Packet capture with tcpdump (optional)

### 1. Identify interface:

```
`bash
ip -o -4 route show to default | awk '{print $5}'
```

### 2. Start capture:

```
`bash
sudo tcpdump -i <iface> -w ~/pcap/scan_capture.pcap
```
```

### 3. Run your Nmap scan in another terminal, then stop tcpdump

### 4. Open capture in Wireshark:

```
`bash
wireshark ~/pcap/scan_capture.pcap
```

## #Analyze in Wireshark — useful display filters

- Show traffic to/from a host: `ip.addr == 192.168.1.50`
- Show only TCP: `tcp`
- SYN packets (scan attempts): `tcp.flags.syn == 1 && tcp.flags.ack == 0`
- SYN/ACK (open port replies): `tcp.flags.syn == 1 && tcp.flags.ack == 1`

## # Research services & map ports → services

### Common ports to check (examples):

- `22` — SSH
- `21` — FTP
- `23` — Telnet
- `80` / `443` — HTTP / HTTPS
- `139`, `445` — SMB
- `3306` — MySQL
- `3389` — RDP
- `5900` — VNC

Use ``-sV`` output to look up exact versions and search for CVEs: e.g. ``OpenSSH 7.2p2 CVE``.

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## Identify potential security risks (what to document)

For each open port / service include:

- IP address
- Open ports
- Service name & version (from ``-sV``)
- Is the service expected/required? (Yes / No)
- Risk rating: Critical / High / Medium / Low (brief justification)
- Recommended remediation (close, patch, firewall rule, change creds, segmentation)

Example entry:

- 192.168.1.50
- ports: 22/tcp (OpenSSH 7.2p2)
- expected: Yes (admin server)
- risk: Medium — check for weak passwords; ensure key-based auth
- remediation: disable password auth, enforce keys and 2FA, restrict IPs

# Notes & Ethics

- Only scan networks you own or have explicit permission to test. Scanning without permission can be illegal and disruptive.
- Remove or redact any sensitive information (passwords, private keys, personal data) before publishing.