TASK 1: SCAN YOUR LOCAL NETWORK FOR OPEN PORTS USING NMAP

Objective:

Learn to discover open ports on devices in your local network to understand potential exposure and assess risks.

Tools Used:

- Nmap (required)
- Wireshark (optional)

Procedure:

Step 1: Install Nmap

- 1. Visit https://nmap.org/download.html.
- 2. Download the Windows self-installer.
- 3. Run the installer and ensure **Npcap** is selected during setup.
- 4. Check wheather nmap has been installed in your PC. In command prompt type the following command:
 - nmap --version

Step 2: Find Your Local IP Range

- 1. Open Command Prompt and type:
 - ipconfig
- 2. Note your **IPv4 Address** (e.g., 192.168.149.230) and **Subnet Mask** (255.255.255.0).
- 3. From this, deduce your local network:
 - → **IP range**: 192.168.149.0/24

Step 3: Run Nmap Scan

Start a TCP SYN scan on the entire subnet:

- nmap -sS -Pn 192.168.149.0/24
 - -sS: TCP SYN scan (stealthy and fast)

• -Pn: Skip ping; scan all devices

This will list all live hosts and their open ports.

Step 4: Note Down IP Addresses and Open Ports

Example result:

IP Address	Open Ports		
192.168.149.230	80, 135, 139, 1024		

Step 5 (Optional): Analyze Traffic with Wireshark

- 1. Open Wireshark (install Wireshark if not done in your PC).
- 2. Select your active network interface (Wi-Fi or Ethernet).
- 3. Start a capture.
- 4. While capturing, run your Nmap scan.
- 5. Stop the capture and apply filters like:
 - tcp.flags.syn $== 1 \rightarrow$ Show SYN packets
 - tcp.port $== 445 \rightarrow \text{Show SMB traffic}$
 - ip.addr == $192.168.149.230 \rightarrow Filter$ your device traffic

Step 6: Research Common Services on Open Ports

Port	Service	Use			
80	НТТР	Unsecured web traffic			
135	MSRPC	RPC Windows remote procedure call			
139	NetBIOS	Legacy Windows file/printer sharing			
445	SMB	File sharing (commonly exploited)			
1024	Dynamic Port	Often app-specific or temporary			

Resources:

- <u>nmap.org/services.html</u>
- speedguide.net/ports.php

Step 7: Identify Security Risks

A risk analysis is performed under some basic criteria.

Risk Table:

Port	Service	Needed?	Exposed?	Encrypted?	Updated?	Risk Level	Action
80	HTTP	No	No	No	Yes	Medium	Use HTTPS or disable
135	MSRPC	Yes	No	No	Yes	Medium	Internal only
139	NetBIOS	No	No	No	Yes	High	Disable NetBIOS
445	SMB	No	Yes	No	Unknown	High	Block on firewall
1024	Dynamic	Unknown	No	No	Unknown	Medium	Investigate

Step 8: Save Scan Results

To save the results as a text file use the following command:

nmap -sS -Pn 192.168.149.0/24 -oN scan_result.txt

Screenshots:

Fig. 1

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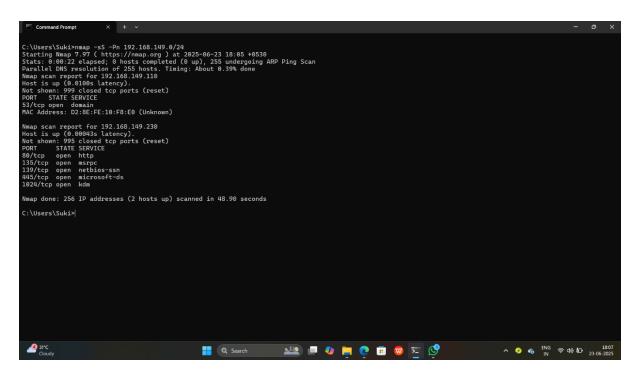


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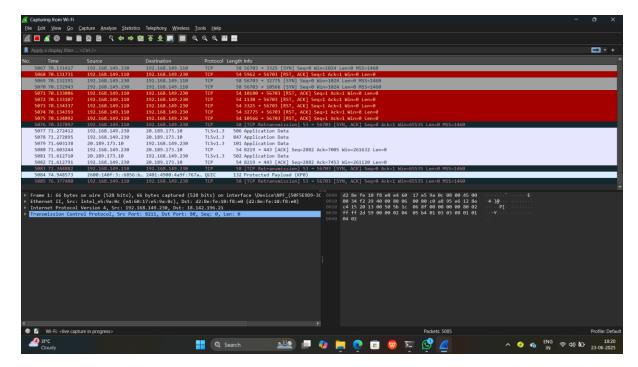


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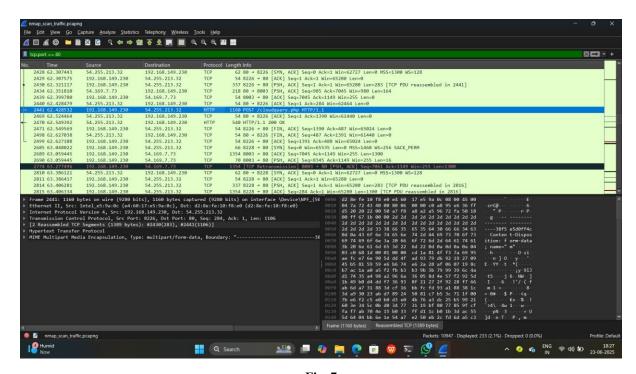


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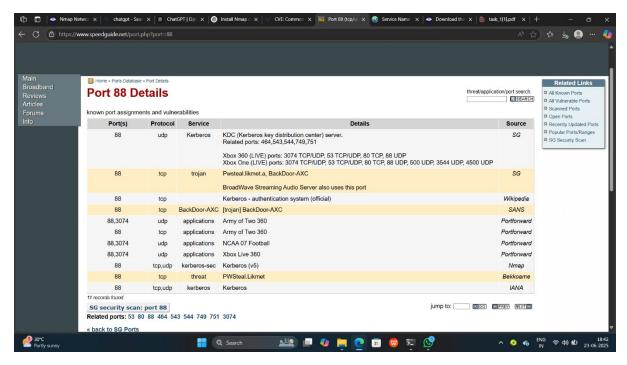


Fig. 8

Key Points to remember:

- Always run Nmap as Administrator for accurate results.
- Never scan networks you don't own or have permission to scan.
- Keep Nmap, Wireshark, and system software updated.

Conclusion:

The task provided hands-on experience in scanning of Local Network for Open Ports using Nmap. Additionally, traffic analysis using Wireshark was done and the results were obtained. The key concepts are Port scanning, TCP SYN scan, IP ranges, network reconnaissance, open ports, network security basics.

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