

Goal: Identify the tools and techniques to be used to perform host discovery and enumeration.

Deliverables should cover at least 5 tools/resources.

❖ Tool: **Nmap**. Purpose: Obtain information on hosts and the services and operating systems they are running.

➤ Commands:

■ Base scan (no flags)

- nmap <ip address or range of ip addresses>
- For example: nmap 196.168.1.1 or nmap 196.168.1.0/24
 - ◆ This scan will provide the port # that is open, with the state, and service of that port
 - ◆ For example:

➤ 80/tcp open http

■ Quick host discovery scan (host discovery only)

- nmap -sn <ip address or range of ip addresses:>
- For example: nmap -sn 196.168.1.1 or nmap 196.168.1.0/24
 - ◆ This scan will provide whether the host/s are up (meaning that they are responding to icmp requests)
 - ◆ For example:

➤ Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.1

➤ Host is up (0.0032s latency)

- The two above scans will generally bring up the host discovery and base needs requested for Phase 2. However, I've included the flags below just in case.

- -A Enables OS detection, version detection, script scanning, and traceroute
- -T0-T5 Changes the speed and intensity of the scan
- -O Remote OS detection using TCP/IP stack fingerprinting
- -sV --version-all Enable intensity level 9. Higher possibility of correctness. Slower
- -f Requested scan (including ping scans) use tiny fragmented IP packets. Harder for packet filters
- -D Send scans from spoofed IPs
- -oG Grepable output to the file grep.file
- Combined example:
 - nmap -p80 -sV -oG --open 192.168.1.1/24 | grep open
 - Scan for web servers and grep to show which IPs are running web servers

➤ Drawbacks:

- These scans can take a significant amount of time
- Aggressive scans can overwhelm the network and take down a service
- If the client is not made aware ahead of time how the scans will affect their network, scans can throw false positives and other disruptions that could cause a negative experience for them during the penetration test. Always look to avoid this.

❖ Tool: **Dig**. Purpose: Enumerate and obtain information about the DNS servers.

➤ Commands:

- dig <global server> OR <host (ip address) local server>
 - Look up the "A" record for the domain/server

- Output example:
 - ◆ ;;QUESTION SECTION:
 - ◆ ;<server> IN A
 - ◆ ;; ANSWER SECTION:
 - ◆ <server> 300 IN A 103.15.32.5 (MADE UP IP)
 - ◆ ;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
 - ◆ <server> 53058 IN NS dde.ns.cloudflare.com
 - ◆ ;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:
 - ◆ Dde.ns.cloudflare.com 65838 IN A 173.245.43.12
(MADE UP IP)

■ dig <global server> OR <host (ip address) local server> -t mx

- Look up the “MX” (mail server record) for the domain/server

- Output example:

- ◆ ;;QUESTION SECTION:
- ◆ ;<server> IN MX
- ◆ ;; ANSWER SECTION:
- ◆ <server> 300 IN MX 10 mx.stackmail.com (MADE UP IP)
- ◆ ;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
- ◆ <server> 53058 IN NS dde.ns.cloudflare.com
- ◆ ;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:
- ◆ Dde.ns.cloudflare.com 65838 IN A 173.245.43.12
(MADE UP IP)

■ dig <global server> OR <host (ip address) local server> -t ns

- Look up the “NS” (name server record) for the domain/server

- Output example:

- ◆ ;;QUESTION SECTION:
- ◆ ;<server> IN NS
- ◆ ;; ANSWER SECTION:
- ◆ <server> 300 IN NS 10 dde.ns.cloudflare.com (MADE UP IP)
- ◆ ;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
- ◆ <server> 53058 IN NS dde.ns.cloudflare.com
- ◆ ;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:
- ◆ Dde.ns.cloudflare.com 65838 IN A 173.245.43.12 (MADE UP IP)

➤ Drawbacks:

- This tool can be blocked or misled to a point by the servers in question.
- This tool brings up very simple and general lookups

❖ Tool: **DirBuster**. Purpose: Enumerate and obtain information about files and directories of a server.

➤ Commands within application:

- Place URL of the target in the Target URL input
- Example: Target URL
 - http://192.168.1.11/wordpress/
- Select Work Method
 - Use Get requests only: will be faster but less accurate
 - Auto Switch (HEAD and GET): will be slower and more thorough
- Number of Threads
 - The resource allocation of the computer to the scan

- Be careful to not set this too high as it may crash or dramatically slow down your computer or worse; the server being tested
 - ◆ Best practice would be to check the Go Faster box if you want the optimal/highest speed, but work with the client to make sure the server isn't pushed into failure during the scan.
- Select List based brute force and use the tried and tested lists you have or use the provided lists that come with the tool/platform being used (i.e. Kali)
- Select the options:
 - Brute Force Dirs
 - Brute Force Files
 - Be Recursive << VERY IMPORTANT TO BE ABLE TO SEE DIRECTORIES WITHIN DIRECTORIES.
 - Dir to start with: /wordpress/ << with the example sever given above
 - File Extension: php << change as needed
- The directories and files will be mapped out from the starting/root folder chosen.
- From here you'll be able to place these URLs in the browser and be able to see folders and files you normally wouldn't know existed.
 - However, some of these files and directories may need escalated privileges to view/access.
- Drawbacks:
 - Scans can disrupt or take down servers if the servers are not well configured or are running on low resources.

- Even if you find files and folders you didn't know existed, they can be restricted and could require admin privileges to access them.

❖ Tool: **Bloodhound** Purpose: Enumerate and obtain information about an active directory.

➤ Commands:

- Bloodhound-python -u <username> -p <password> -ns <domain controller ip> -d <domain name> -c <collection request>
- Example:
 - Bloodhound-python -u testUser -p red&7IPsec@21cU - 192.168.1.34 -d conda.local -c All (get everything you can)
- 4 json files should appear
 - Computers.json
 - Domain.json
 - Groups.json
 - Users.json
- Take these 4 files and place them within the bloodhound UI
- From here, you can map out the other groups and users that branch off of the domain in question (strictly relating to the user chosen).

➤ Drawbacks:

- This tool is not even remotely stealthy and will raise a lot of alerts.
- Any changes or updates to the active directory will require bloodhound to be run again
- The data received is limited to what the user chosen is attached to
 - Different users will show different information based on privileges and inclusion of groups

- ❖ Tool: **nbtstat** Purpose: Enumerate and obtain information about protocol statistics and current TCP/IP connections using NetBIOS over TCP/IP.

- Commands:

- `nbtstat -A 192.168.1.24`
 - This will output the Name Type & Status of the machine and groups attached to it, along with the machine's MAC address
- `nbtstat -S 192.168.1.24`
 - This will output the sessions table with the destination IP addresses

- Drawbacks:

- Very simple tool for NetBIOS enumeration
- Limited information, but works as defined.

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