## **Further Nmap Room Write up**

The FurtherNmap room on TryHackMe is designed to deepen understanding of the Nmap tool beyond basic scans.

It covers scanning types (TCP SYN, UDP, connect scans), timing templates, verbosity levels, output options, and basic NSE (Nmap Scripting Engine) usage.

In a real-world scenario, these techniques allow penetration testers to discover open ports, identify running services, detect the operating system, and automate vulnerability checks.

For this write-up, I applied the commands on a Metasploitable2 virtual machine to illustrate realistic results.

### Introduction:

1. What networking constructs are used to direct traffic to the right application on a server?

### **Answer:**

**Ports** 

Ports are numerical identifiers used in networking to direct traffic to specific applications or services running on a server

2. How many of these are available on any network-enabled computer?
Answer:
65535
This is the total number of ports available, ranging from 0 to 65535
3- How many of these are considered "well-known"?
Answer:
1024
Ports 0 to 1023 are considered "well-known" ports and are typically assigned to widely used services and application
Note: this is metasploitable ip address which we woll be doing several nmap
command on so if you see the ip changes don't worry we still on metasploitable.
Nmap Switches
1. What is the first switch listed in the help menu for a 'Syn Scan'?
Answer:
-sS
The -sS switch initiates a SYN scan, which is a stealthy scan method that sends SYN packets and analyzes the responses to determine open ports.

```
—(musleh⊛musleh)-[~]
nmap -sS 192.168.1.46
Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-08-27 16:17 EDT
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.46
Host is up (0.00019s latency).
Not shown: 977 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT STATE SERVICE
21/tcp open ftp
22/tcp open ssh
23/tcp open telnet
25/tcp open smtp
53/tcp open domain
80/tcp open http
111/tcp open rpcbind
139/tcp open netbios-ssn
445/tcp open microsoft-ds
512/tcp open exec
513/tcp open login
514/tcp open shell
1099/tcp open rmiregistry
1524/tcp open ingreslock
2049/tcp open nfs
2121/tcp open ccproxy-ftp
3306/tcp open mysql
5432/tcp open postgresql
5900/tcp open vnc
6000/tcp open X11
6667/tcp open irc
8009/tcp open ajp13
8180/tcp open unknown
```

2. Which switch would you use for a "UDP scan"?

#### **Answer:**

-sU

The -sU switch is used to perform a UDP scan, which checks for open UDP ports on the target system.

```
-(musleh⊛musleh)-[~]
<u>sudo</u> nmap -sU -T3 192.168.1.46
Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-08-27 17:23 EDT
Stats: 0:00:10 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (1 up), 1 undergoing UDP Scan
UDP Scan Timing: About 1.65% done; ETC: 17:27 (0:03:58 remaining)
Stats: 0:01:21 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (1 up), 1 undergoing UDP Scan
UDP Scan Timing: About 10.13% done; ETC: 17:35 (0:11:05 remaining)
Stats: 0:05:58 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (1 up), 1 undergoing UDP Scan
UDP Scan Timing: About 37.27% done; ETC: 17:38 (0:09:53 remaining)
Stats: 0:11:38 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (1 up), 1 undergoing UDP Scan
UDP Scan Timing: About 69.60% done; ETC: 17:39 (0:05:02 remaining)
Stats: 0:14:38 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (1 up), 1 undergoing UDP Scan
UDP Scan Timing: About 85.61% done; ETC: 17:40 (0:02:27 remaining)
Stats: 0:17:07 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (1 up), 1 undergoing UDP Scan
UDP Scan Timing: About 99.99% done; ETC: 17:40 (0:00:00 remaining)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.46
Host is up (0.00039s latency).
Not shown: 993 closed udp ports (port-unreach)
PORT
       STATE
                      SERVICE
53/udp open
                      domain
68/udp open|filtered dhcpc
69/udp
        open|filtered tftp
111/udp open rpcbind
137/udp open netbios-ns
138/udp open|filtered netbios-dgm
2049/udp open
                      nfs
MAC Address: 08:00:27:9B:DF:95 (PCS Systemtechnik/Oracle VirtualBox virtual NIC)
```

3. If you wanted to detect which operating system the target is running on, which switch would you use?

#### **Answer:**

-0

The -O switch enables OS detection, allowing Nmap to attempt to determine the operating system of the target host.

```
OS CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:2.6
OS details: Linux 2.6.9 - 2.6.33
Network Distance: 1 hop

OS detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 7.05 seconds
```

4. Nmap provides a switch to detect the version of the services running on the target. What is this switch?

### **Answer:**

-sV

The -sV switch enables version detection, which attempts to determine the versions of services running on open ports.

5. The default output provided by nmap often does not provide enough information for a pentester. How would you increase the verbosity?

### **Answer:**

-V

The -v switch increases the verbosity level, providing more detailed information during the scan process.

```
-(musleh⊛musleh)-[~]
Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-08-28 04:35 EDT
Initiating ARP Ping Scan at 04:35
Scanning 192.168.1.14 [1 port]
Completed ARP Ping Scan at 04:35, 0.05s elapsed (1 total hosts)
Initiating Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host, at 04:35
Completed Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 04:35, 5.51s elapsed
Initiating SYN Stealth Scan at 04:35
Scanning 192.168.1.14 (192.168.1.14) [1000 ports]
Discovered open port 445/tcp on 192.168.1.14
Discovered open port 22/tcp on 192.168.1.14
Discovered open port 25/tcp on 192.168.1.14
Discovered open port 111/tcp on 192.168.1.14
Discovered open port 5900/tcp on 192.168.1.14
Discovered open port 53/tcp on 192.168.1.14
Discovered open port 3306/tcp on 192.168.1.14
Discovered open port 23/tcp on 192.168.1.14
Discovered open port 21/tcp on 192.168.1.14
Discovered open port 80/tcp on 192.168.1.14
Discovered open port 139/tcp on 192.168.1.14
Discovered open port 1524/tcp on 192.168.1.14
Discovered open port 6000/tcp on 192.168.1.14
Discovered open port 8180/tcp on 192,168,1,14
```

6. Verbosity level one is good, but verbosity level two is better! How would you set the verbosity level to two?

#### **Answer:**

-vv

The -vv switch sets the verbosity level to two, offering even more detailed output than the -v switch.

7. What switch would you use to save the nmap results in three major formats?

**Answer:** 

<sup>\*</sup>same as above but with more scanning details.

### -oA

The -oA switch saves the scan results in all three major formats: normal, XML, and greppable

```
musleh⊕ musleh)-[~]

$\frac{(\text{musleh} \circ \text{musleh})-[~]}{\text{5}} \text{1} \text{1} \text{2} \text{2} \text{3} \text{2} \text{3} \text{2} \text{2} \text{3} \text{3} \text{2} \text{3} \text{3} \text{2} \text{3} \text{4} \text{5} \tex
```

As you see the out put is the scanning result in three diffrenet file format based on the file I chose which was pk.txt3

8. What switch would you use to save the nmap results in a "normal" format?

### **Answer:**

-oN

The -oN switch saves the scan results in a human-readable "normal" format.

```
(musleh⊛ musleh)-[~]

$ nmap -oN nmap.txt 192.168.1.14
```

```
s ls

abdmusleh.ovpn Documents eicar.com hash.txt iftar.jpg.out Music nmap.txt pk1.txt pk.txt.xml realiftar.txt task musleh- Video

Downloads go iftar.jpg meal.zip myenv Pictures pk.txt Public repo Templates
```

```
GNU nano 8.4
                                                                                  nmap.txt
map scan report for 192.168.1.14 (192.168.1.14)
Host is up (0.00020s latency).
Not shown: 977 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT
       STATE SERVICE
21/tcp open ftp
22/tcp open ssh
23/tcp
       open telnet
25/tcp
       open
3/tcp
       open domain
0/tcp
       open http
11/tcp open rpcbind
39/tcp open netbios-ssn
45/tcp open microsoft-ds
512/tcp open exec
513/tcp open login
514/tcp open shell
1099/tcp open rmiregistry
1524/tcp open ingreslock
2049/tcp open nfs
2121/tcp open ccproxy-ftp
3306/tcp open mysql
5432/tcp open postgresql
5900/tcp open vnc
5000/tcp open X11
5667/tcp open irc
3009/tcp open ajp13
3180/tcp open unknown
MAC Address: 08:00:27:9B:DF:95 (PCS Systemtechnik/Oracle VirtualBox virtual NIC)
```

9. A very useful output format: how would you save results in a "grepable" format?

### **Answer:**

-oG

The -oG switch saves the scan results in a format that is easy to parse with tools like grep.

<sup>\*</sup>this is how the file look like inside.

10. Sometimes the results we're getting just aren't enough. If we don't care about how loud we are, we can enable "aggressive" mode. This is a shorthand switch that activates service detection, operating system detection, a traceroute and common script scanning. How would you activate this setting?

#### **Answer:**

### -A

The -A switch enables aggressive scanning, which includes OS detection, version detection, script scanning, and traceroute

```
└$ nmap -A 192.168.1.14
Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-08-28 05:30 EDT
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.14 (192.168.1.14)
Host is up (0.00029s latency).
Not shown: 977 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION
21/tcp open ftp
                          vsftpd 2.3.4
|_ftp-anon: Anonymous FTP login allowed (FTP code 230)
   STAT:
 FTP server status:
      Connected to 192.168.1.40
      Logged in as ftp
      TYPE: ASCII
      No session bandwidth limit
      Session timeout in seconds is 300
      Control connection is plain text
      Data connections will be plain text
      vsFTPd 2.3.4 - secure, fast, stable
_End of status
                          OpenSSH 4.7p1 Debian 8ubuntu1 (protocol 2.0)
22/tcp open ssh
ssh-hostkey:
   1024 60:0f:cf:e1:c0:5f:6a:74:d6:90:24:fa:c4:d5:6c:cd (DSA)
   2048 56:56:24:0f:21:1d:de:a7:2b:ae:61:b1:24:3d:e8:f3 (RSA)
23/tcp open telnet Linux telnetd
       open smtp
25/tcp
                         Postfix smtpd
 sslv2:
   SSLv2 supported
   ciphers:
     SSL2_RC4_128_EXPORT40_WITH_MD5
     SSL2_DES_192_EDE3_CBC_WITH_MD5
     SSL2_RC2_128_CBC_WITH_MD5
     SSL2_RC2_128_CBC_EXPORT40_WITH_MD5
```

```
_ssl-date: 2025-08-28T09:31:14+00:00; +2s from scanner time.
 _smtp-commands: metasploitable.localdomain, PIPELINING, SIZE 10240000, VRFY, ETRN, STARTTLS, ENHANCEDSTATUSCODES,
  ssl-cert: Subject: commonName=ubuntu804-base.localdomain/organizationName=OCOSA/stateOrProvinceName=There is no
  Not valid before: 2010-03-17T14:07:45
 _Not valid after: 2010-04-16T14:07:45
53/tcp open domain
                             ISC BIND 9.4.2
| dns-nsid:
   bind.version: 9.4.2
80/tcp open http
                              Apache httpd 2.2.8 ((Ubuntu) DAV/2)
|_http-server-header: Apache/2.2.8 (Ubuntu) DAV/2
|_http-title: Metasploitable2 - Linux
111/tcp open rpcbind 2 (RPC #100000)
  rpcinfo:
    program version
                         port/proto service
                         111/tcp rpcbind
111/udp rpcbind
    100000 2
    100000 2
    100000 2 111/udp

100003 2,3,4 2049/tcp

100003 2,3,4 2049/udp

100005 1,2,3 40431/tcp

100005 1,2,3 50037/udp

100021 1,3,4 39110/udp

100021 1,3,4 57435/tcp

100024 1 46704/tcp

100024 1 46704/tcp
                                       nfs
                                       nfs
                                       mountd
                                       mountd
                                       nlockmgr
                                       nlockmgr
                          46704/tcp status
139/tcp open netbios-ssn Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
445/tcp open netbios-ssn Samba smbd 3.0.20-Debian (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
                           netkit-rsh rexecd
512/tcp open exec
513/tcp open login
                              OpenBSD or Solaris rlogind
514/tcp open tcpwrapped
1099/tcp open java-rmi GNU Classpath grmiregistry
1524/tcp open bindshell Metasploitable root shell
                        2-4 (RPC #100003)
2049/tcp open nfs
                              ProFTPD 1.3.1
2121/tcp open ftp
3306/tcp open mysql
                             MySQL 5.0.51a-3ubuntu5
```

```
AC Address: 08:00:2/:9B:DF:95 (PCS Systemtechnik/Oracle VirtualBox virtual NIC)
Device type: general purpose
Running: Linux 2.6.X
OS CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:2.6
OS details: Linux 2.6.9 - 2.6.33
Network Distance: 1 hop
Service Info: Hosts: metasploitable.localdomain, irc.Metasploitable.LAN; OSs: Unix, Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel
Host script results:
 smb-os-discovery:
    OS: Unix (Samba 3.0.20-Debian)
    Computer name: metasploitable
    NetBIOS computer name:
    Domain name: localdomain
    FQDN: metasploitable.localdomain
    System time: 2025-08-28T05:30:54-04:00
  smb-security-mode:
    account_used: <blank>
    authentication_level: user
    challenge_response: supported
_ message_signing: disabled (dangerous, but default)
|_clock-skew: mean: 1h00m01s, deviation: 2h00m00s, median: 0s
|_smb2-time: Protocol negotiation failed (SMB2)
|_nbstat: NetBIOS name: METASPLOITABLE, NetBIOS user: <unknown>, NetBIOS MAC: <unknown> (unknown)
TRACEROUTE
            ADDRESS
HOP RTT
   0.29 ms 192.168.1.14 (192.168.1.14)
OS and Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 58.59 seconds
```

- -A gets you a lot of stuff right? Well be carefull it is very loud and noisy (aggressive)
- 11. How would you set the timing template to level 5?

**Answer:** 

-T5

The -T5 switch sets the timing template to level 5, which is the fastest and most aggressive scan timing.

12. How would you tell nmap to only scan port 80?

**Answer:** 

-p 80

The -p 80 switch tells Nmap to scan only port 80, commonly used for HTTP services.

13. How would you tell nmap to scan ports 1000-1500?

Answer:

-p 1000-1500

The -p 1000-1500 switch specifies a range of ports to scan, in this case, ports 1000 through 1500.

### 14. How would you tell nmap to scan all ports?

### **Answer:**

-p-

### The -p- switch tells Nmap to scan all 65535 ports

```
Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-08-28 06:34 EDT
Stats: 0:00:01 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (1 up), 1 undergoing SYN Stealth Scan
SYN Stealth Scan Timing: About 86.02% done; ETC: 06:34 (0:00:00 remaining)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.14 (192.168.1.14)
Host is up (0.00011s latency).
Not shown: 65505 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT STATE SERVICE
        open ftp
22/tcp
         open
               ssh
23/tcp
         open telnet
25/tcp
         open smtp
53/tcp
         open domain
80/tcp
         open http
111/tcp
        open rpcbind
139/tcp
        open netbios-ssn
445/tcp open microsoft-ds
512/tcp open exec
513/tcp open login
514/tcp open shell
1099/tcp open
               rmiregistry
1524/tcp open ingreslock
2049/tcp open nfs
2121/tcp open ccproxy-ftp
3306/tcp open mysql
3632/tcp open distccd
5432/tcp open
               postgresql
5900/tcp open vnc
6000/tcp open
6667/tcp open
               irc
6697/tcp open ircs-u
8009/tcp open ajp13
```

15. How would you activate a script from the nmap scripting library (lots more on this later!)?

### **Answer:**

--script

The --script switch allows you to specify a particular Nmap Scripting Engine (NSE) script to run during the scan.

16. How would you activate all of the scripts in the "vuln" category?

### **Answer:**

--script=vuln

The --script=vuln switch tells Nmap to run all scripts in the "vuln" category, which are designed to detect vulnerabilities.

\*now vuln scanning on metasploitable are very intresting lets take a look on there:

```
L$ nmap —script=vuln 192.168.1.14

L$ nmap -script=vuln 192.168.1.14 (192.168.1.14)

Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.14 (192.168.1.14)

Host is up (0.0001/s latency).

Not shown: 977 closed tcp ports (reset)

PORT STATE SERVICE

21/tcp open ftp

| tp-vsftpd-backdoor:
| VULNERABLE:
| vsFTPd version 2.3.4 backdoor
| State: VULNERABLE (Exploitable)
| IDs: RD1-6859 (VcE-VCE-2011-252)
| up is closure date: 2011-07-083

Exploit results:
| Shell command: id
| Results: uid-0/croot) gid-0/croot)

References:
| http://scarybeastsecurity.blogspot.com/2011/07/alert-vsftpd-download-backdoored.html
| https://www.securityfocus.com/bid/48539 |
| https://www.securityfocus.com/bid/48539 |
| https://github.com/rapid/fyndeasploit-framework/blob/master/modules/exploits/unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor.rb |
| https://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2011-2523

23/tcp open tellent
| Schell-canable: |
| Anonymous Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange MitM Vulnerability |
| State: VULNERABLE: |
| Anonymous Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange MitM Vulnerability |
| State: VULNERABLE: |
| Transport Layer Security (TLS) services that use anonymous |
| Diffie-Hellman key exchange only provide protection against passive |
| eavesdropping, and are vulnerable to active man-in-the-middle attacks |
| which could completely compromise the confidentiality and integrity |
| of any data exchanged over the resulting session.
```

```
80/tcp open http
|_http-stored-xss: Couldn't find any stored XSS vulnerabilities.
| http-sql-injection:
| Possible sqli for queries:
| http://192.168.1.14:80/mutillidae/index.php?page=view-someones-blog.php%27%200R%20sqlspider
| http://192.168.1.14:80/mutillidae/index.php?page=user-info.php%27%200R%20sqlspider
| http://192.168.1.14:80/mutillidae/index.php?page=usage-instructions.php%27%200R%20sqlspider
| http://192.168.1.14:80/mutillidae/index.php?page=source-viewer.php%27%200R%20sqlspider
| http://192.168.1.14:80/mutillidae/index.php?page=dns-lookup.php%27%200R%20sqlspider
```

```
http-slowloris-check:
  VULNERABLE:
  Slowloris DOS attack
    State: LIKELY VULNERABLE
    IDs: CVE:CVE-2007-6750
      Slowloris tries to keep many connections to the target web server open and hold
      them open as long as possible. It accomplishes this by opening connections to
      the target web server and sending a partial request. By doing so, it starves
      the http server's resources causing Denial Of Service.
    Disclosure date: 2009-09-17
    References:
      http://ha.ckers.org/slowloris/
      https://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2007-6750
  /admin/: Possible admin folder
  /admin/index.html: Possible admin folder
  /admin/login.html: Possible admin folder
  /admin/admin.html: Possible admin folder
  /admin/account.html: Possible admin folder
  /admin/admin_login.html: Possible admin folder
  /admin/home.html: Possible admin folder
  /admin/admin-login.html: Possible admin folder
  /admin/adminLogin.html: Possible admin folder
  /admin/controlpanel.html: Possible admin folder
  /admin/cp.html: Possible admin folder
```

# **Task 4: Scan Types Overview**

Read the Scan Types Introduction.

**Answer:** 

No answer needed.

# **Task 5: Scan Types TCP Connect Scans**

rask 3. Scall Types for Confident Scalls
1. Which RFC defines the appropriate behaviour for the TCP protocol?
Answer:
RFC 793
RFC 793 defines the Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) and its behavior, including how connections are established and terminated.
2. If a port is closed, which flag should the server send back to indicate this?
Answer:
RST
If a port is closed, the server should respond with a TCP packet containing the RST (Reset) flag to indicate that the connection is not allowed.

# **Task 6: SYN Scans**

1. There are two other names for a SYN scan, what are they?

Answer:
Half-open, Stealth
SYN scans are sometimes referred to as "Half-open" scans or "Stealth" scans because they don't complete the full TCP handshake, making them less detectable.
2. Can Nmap use a SYN scan without Sudo permissions (Y/N)?
Answer:
N
Nmap requires root (sudo) privileges to send raw packets necessary for SYN scans. Without these privileges, Nmap defaults to a TCP connect scan.
Task 7: UDP Scans:
1. If a UDP port doesn't respond to an Nmap scan, what will it be marked as?
Answer:
open filtered
If a UDP port doesn't respond, Nmap marks it as "open filtered" because it's unclear whether the port is open or the response was filtered by a firewall
2. When a UDP port is closed, by convention the target should send back a "port

unreachable" message. Which protocol would it use to do so?

### **Answer:**

### **ICMP**

When a UDP port is closed, the target should respond with an ICMP "port unreachable" message to indicate that the port is not available.

## Task 8: NULL, FIN, Xmas Scans

## 1- Which scan uses the URG flag?

**Answer: Xmas scan** 

Xmas scans set FIN, PSH, and URG flags, making packets appear "decorated" like a Christmas tree.

## 2- Why use NULL, FIN, Xmas scans?

Answer: To evade firewall/IDS detection

Some firewalls/IDS ignore these unusual packets, making them useful for stealth scanning.

## 3- Which OS responds with RST for these scans?

**Answer: Microsoft Windows** 

Explanation: Windows responds with RST on closed ports for these unusual packets, limiting the scan's effectiveness.

# **Task 9: ICMP Network Scanning**

1. How would you perform a ping sweep on the 172.16.x.x network (Netmask: 255.255.0.0) using Nmap? (CIDR notation)

### **Answer:**

nmap -sn 172.16.0.0/16

The -sn switch tells Nmap to perform a ping sweep (host discovery) without port scanning. The /16 CIDR notation specifies the 172.16.x.x network with a netmask of 255.255.0.0

# **Task 10: NSE Scripts Overview**

1- What language are NSE scripts written in?

**Answer: Lua** 

2- Which categories are considered safe?

**Answer: safe** 

3- Which categories may be intrusive or dangerous?

Answer: intrusive, exploit, dos

## 4- How to run default scripts?

Answer: -sC or --script=default

```
└S nmap -sC 192.168.1.14
Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-08-28 07:39 EDT
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.14 (192.168.1.14)
Host is up (0.00017s latency).
Not shown: 977 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT
       STATE SERVICE
21/tcp open ftp
ftp-anon: Anonymous FTP login allowed (FTP code 230)
 ftp-syst:
   STAT:
  FTP server status:
      Connected to 192.168.1.40
      Logged in as ftp
      TYPE: ASCII
      No session bandwidth limit
      Session timeout in seconds is 300
      Control connection is plain text
      Data connections will be plain text
      vsFTPd 2.3.4 - secure, fast, stable
 End of status
22/tcp open ssh
 ssh-hostkey:
   1024 60:0f:cf:e1:c0:5f:6a:74:d6:90:24:fa:c4:d5:6c:cd (DSA)
   2048 56:56:24:0f:21:1d:de:a7:2b:ae:61:b1:24:3d:e8:f3 (RSA)
23/tcp open telnet
25/tcp open smtp
 sslv2:
   SSLv2 supported
   ciphers:
      SSL2_RC2_128_CBC_EXPORT40_WITH_MD5
     SSL2_DES_64_CBC_WITH_MD5
     SSL2_RC4_128_EXPORT40_WITH_MD5
     SSL2_RC2_128_CBC_WITH_MD5
     SSL2_RC4_128_WITH_MD5
```

```
6667/tcp open irc
  irc-info:
    users: 1
    servers: 1
    lusers: 1
   √lservers: 0
    server: irc.Metasploitable.LAN
    version: Unreal3.2.8.1. irc.Metasploitable.LAN
   uptime: 0 days, 1:08:57
    source ident: nmap
    source host: 9F2DD856.78DED367.FFFA6D49.IP
    error: Closing Link: lzopftzvg[192.168.1.40] (Quit: lzopftzvg)
8009/tcp open ajp13
|_ajp-methods: Failed to get a valid response for the OPTION request
8180/tcp open unknown
|_http-favicon: Apache Tomcat
|_http-title: Apache Tomcat/5.5
MAC Address: 08:00:27:9B:DF:95 (PCS Systemtechnik/Oracle VirtualBox virtual NIC)
Host script results:
_nbstat: NetBIOS name: METASPLOITABLE, NetBIOS user: <unknown>, NetBIOS MAC: <unknown> (unknown)
|_clock-skew: mean: 59m59s, deviation: 2h00m00s, median: -1s
|_smb2-time: Protocol negotiation failed (SMB2)
| smb-security-mode:
   Vaccount_used: guest
    authentication_level: user
    challenge_response: supported
   message_signing: disabled (dangerous, but default)
 smb-os-discovery:
    OS: Unix (Samba 3.0.20-Debian)
    Computer name: metasploitable
    NetBIOS computer name:
    Domain name: localdomain
    FQDN: metasploitable.localdomain
```

## 5- How to run a specific category, like vuln?

### Answer: --script=vuln

```
(musleh@ musleh)-[~]
$ nmap --script=vuln 192.168.1.14
Starting Nmap 7.95 (https://nmap.org ) at 2025-08-28 03:55 EDT
Nmmap scan report for 192.168.1.14 (192.168.1.14)
Host is up (0.00015s latency).
Not shown: 977 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT STATE SERVICE
21/tcp open ftp
| ftp-vsftpd-backdoor:
| VULNERABLE:
| vsFTPd version 2.3.4 backdoor
| State: VULNERABLE (Exploitable)
| IDs: BID:48539 (VE:VCV-2011-2523
| vsFTPd version 2.3.4 backdoor, this was reported on 2011-07-04.
| Disclosure date: 2011-07-03
| Exploit results:
| Shell command: id
| Results: uid=0(root) gid=0(root)
| References:
| https://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2011-2523
| https://www.securityfocus.com/bid/48539
| https://scarybeastsecurity.blogspot.com/2011/07/alert-vsftpd-download-backdoored.html
22/tcp open ssh
23/tcp open sht
23/tcp open shtp:
| ssl-dh-params:
| VULNERABLE:
| Anonymous Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange MitM Vulnerability
| State: VULNERABLE
| Transport Layer Security (TLS) services that use anonymous
| Diffie-Hellman key exchange only provide protection against passive eavesdropping, and are vulnerable to active man-in-the-middle attacks
```

# **Task 11: Working With NSE:**

Question: what optional argument can the ftp-anon.nse script take?

**Answer: maxlist** 

The ftp-anon.nse script in Nmap checks if an FTP server allows anonymous logins and retrieves a directory listing of the root directory. It highlights writable files if anonymous access is permitted.

maxlist: Specifies the maximum number of files to return in the directory listing

\*here is an example for ftp-anon:

## And here if we want to use the optional argument:

# Task 12: Searching for a Script:

Question: Search for "smb" scripts in the /usr/share/nmap/scripts/ directory using either of the demonstrated methods.

What is the filename of the script which determines the underlying OS of the SMB server?

**Answer:** 

smb-os-discovery.nse

```
(musleh⊕ musleh)-[/usr/share/nmap/scripts]

sprep "smb" script.db

Entry { filename = "smb-brute.nse", categories = { "brute", "intrusive", } }

Entry { filename = "smb-double-pulsar-backdoor.nse", categories = { "malware", "safe", "vuln", } }

Entry { filename = "smb-enum-domains.nse", categories = { "discovery", "intrusive", } }

Entry { filename = "smb-enum-groups.nse", categories = { "discovery", "intrusive", } }

Entry { filename = "smb-enum-services.nse", categories = { "discovery", "intrusive", } }

Entry { filename = "smb-enum-sessions.nse", categories = { "discovery", "intrusive", } }

Entry { filename = "smb-enum-shares.nse", categories = { "discovery", "intrusive", } }

Entry { filename = "smb-enum-users.nse", categories = { "discovery", "intrusive", } }

Entry { filename = "smb-enum-users.nse", categories = { "dos", "intrusive", } }

Entry { filename = "smb-flood.nse", categories = { "dos", "intrusive", } }

Entry { filename = "smb-flood.nse", categories = { "dos", "intrusive", } }

Entry { filename = "smb-benum.nse", categories = { "discovery", "safe", } }

Entry { filename = "smb-mbenum.nse", categories = { "discovery", "safe", } }

Entry { filename = "smb-os-discovery.nse", categories = { "discovery", "safe", } }

Entry { filename = "smb-os-discovery.nse", categories = { "discovery", "safe", } }

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Entry { filename = "smb-os-discovery.nse", categories = { "discovery", "safe", } }

Entry { filename = "smb-os-discover
```

### **Question:**

Read through this script. What does it depend on?

**Answer:** 

**Smb-Brute** 

## Task 13: Firewall evasion

Which simple (and frequently relied upon) protocol is often blocked, requiring the use of the -Pn switch?

**Answer: ICMP** 

Which Nmap switch allows you to append an arbitrary length of random data to the end of packets?

**Answer: --data-length** 

Nmap has a feature that lets you pad out packets with random data. This is achieved with the --data-length switch. By default, Nmap probes are relatively

small, which makes them easy to fingerprint by intrusion detection systems (IDS) or firewalls. When you add random padding, the packets become larger and more irregular, making it harder for security devices to distinguish them from normal network traffic

\*now lets do a little experiment to actually showcase the difference between -f, mtu <number> , -badsum.

The most practical why is by analyzing packets using wireshark

## 1- (-f)

```
(musleh⊛ musleh)-[/usr/share/nmap/scripts]
$\frac{\sudo}{\sudo} \text{ nmap } -f \text{ 192.168.1.14}
```

Apply a display filter <ctrl-></ctrl->					<b>=</b> 3 •
o. Time	Source	Destination	Protocol Lengt	th Info	
2746 2025-08-28 13:34:	07.890635174 192.168.1.40	192.168.1.14	IPv4	42 Fragmented IP protocol	(proto=TCP 6, off=0, ID=e
3949 2025-08-28 13:34:0	07.919108470 192.168.1.40	192.168.1.14	IPv4	42 Fragmented IP protocol	(proto=TCP 6, off=0, ID=e
4055 2025-08-28 13:34:	13.766067361 192.168.1.40	192.168.1.14	IPv4	42 Fragmented IP protocol	
2703 2025-08-28 13:34:	07.888869464 192.168.1.40	192.168.1.14	IPv4	42 Fragmented IP protocol	
43 2025-08-28 13:34:0	07.816870259 192.168.1.40	192.168.1.14	IPv4	42 Fragmented IP protocol	
4134 2025-08-28 13:34::	13.767055307 192.168.1.40	192.168.1.14	IPv4	42 Fragmented IP protocol	(proto=TCP 6, off=0, ID=e
7274 2025-08-28 13:34::	13.819662866 192.168.1.40	192.168.1.14	IPv4	42 Fragmented IP protocol	
583 2025-08-28 13:34:0	07.837582404 192.168.1.40	192.168.1.14	IPv4	42 Fragmented IP protocol	(proto=TCP 6, off=0, ID=e
2227 2025-08-28 13:34:0	07.872580964 192.168.1.40	192.168.1.14	IPv4	42 Fragmented IP protocol	(proto=TCP 6, off=0, ID=e
68 2025-08-28 13:34:	07.818494972 192.168.1.40	192.168.1.14	IPv4	42 Fragmented IP protocol	(proto=TCP 6, off=0, ID=e
6314 2025-08-28 13:34::	13.798963834 192.168.1.40	192.168.1.14	IPv4	42 Fragmented IP protocol	(proto=TCP 6, off=0, ID=e
[Frame is ignored: Fal	lcol				
[Protocols in frame: e					

### 2- mtu + number

```
(musleh⊕ musleh)-[~]

$\frac{\sudo}{\sudo} \text{ nmap } --mtu \ 8 \ 192.168.1.46

[sudo] password for musleh:

Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-08-28 11:03 EDT
```

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol Length	Info
3744	2025-08-28 15:03:48.934904792	192.168.1.40	192.168.1.46	IPv4	42 Fragmented IP proto
3745	2025-08-28 15:03:48.934925916	192.168.1.40	192.168.1.46	IPv4	42 Fragmented IP proto
3746	2025-08-28 15:03:48.934938888	192.168.1.40	192.168.1.46	TCP	42 49226 → 2004 [SYN]
3747	2025-08-28 15:03:48.934963481	192.168.1.46	192.168.1.40	TCP	60 2041 → 49226 [RST,
3748	2025-08-28 15:03:48.934963562	192.168.1.46	192.168.1.40	TCP	60 1296 → 49226 [RST,
3749	2025-08-28 15:03:48.934963602	192.168.1.46	192.168.1.40	TCP	60 144 → 49226 [RST, A
3750	2025-08-28 15:03:48.934972391	192.168.1.40	192.168.1.46	IPv4	42 Fragmented IP proto
3751	2025-08-28 15:03:48.934982871	192.168.1.40	192.168.1.46	IPv4	42 Fragmented IP proto
3752	2025-08-28 15:03:48.934999969	192.168.1.40	192.168.1.46	TCP	42 49226 → 9944 [SYN]
3753	2025-08-28 15:03:48.935022780	192.168.1.40	192.168.1.46	IPv4	42 Fragmented IP proto
3754	2025-08-28 15:03:48.935025714	192.168.1.46	192.168.1.40	TCP	60 2004 → 49226 [RST,
. Franc	2000: 40 hut /220 h	(t-) 40 buttur-	-d (226 bit-) i-t	.6	٥
	3690: 42 bytes on wire (336 b				
	et II, Src: PCSSystemtec_04:42			_9b:ar:95 (08:	00:27:9b:dT:95)
	et Protocol Version 4, Src: 19	92.168.1.40, DSt: 192.	.168.1.46		
	8/bytes)				
	1: 00000000060020400				
[Ler	ngth: 8]				

### 3- badsum:

```
Source
                                                                 Destination
                                                                                         Protoco
     973 2025-08-28 15:08:41.727269423 192.168.1.40
                                                                 192.168.1.46
                                                                                         TCP
                                                                                         TCP
     974 2025-08-28 15:08:41.727336623 192.168.1.40
                                                                 192.168.1.46
     975 2025-08-28 15:08:41.727354035 192.168.1.40
                                                                 192.168.1.46
                                                                                         TCP
     976 2025-08-28 15:08:41.727375447 192.168.1.40
                                                                 192.168.1.46
                                                                                         TCP
     977 2025-08-28 15:08:41.727391812 192.168.1.40
                                                                 192.168.1.46
                                                                                         TCP
                                                                                         TCP
     978 2025-08-28 15:08:41.727411023 192.168.1.40
                                                                 192.168.1.46
     979 2025-08-28 15:08:41.727433989 192.168.1.40
                                                                                         TCP
                                                                 192.168.1.46
     980 2025-08-28 15:08:41.727454773 192.168.1.40
                                                                                         TCP
                                                                 192.168.1.46
     981 2025-08-28 15:08:41.727594840 192.168.1.40
                                                                                         TCP
                                                                 192.168.1.46
     982 2025-08-28 15:08:41.727624846 192.168.1.40
                                                                 192.168.1.46
                                                                                         TCP
▶ Frame 973: 58 bytes on wire (464 bits), 58 bytes captured (464 bits) on interface et
▶ Ethernet II, Src: PCSSystemtec_04:42:0f (08:00:27:04:42:0f), Dst: PCSSystemtec_9b:df

    Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.1.40, Dst: 192.168.1.46

    0100 .... = Version: 4
    .... 0101 = Header Length: 20 bytes (5)
  Differentiated Services Field: 0x00 (DSCP: CS0, ECN: Not-ECT)
    Total Length: 44
    Identification: 0x690f (26895)
  ▶ 000. .... = Flags: 0x0
    ...0 0000 0000 0000 = Fragment Offset: 0
    Time to Live: 49
    Protocol: TCP (6)
    Header Checksum: 0x9d16 [validation disabled]
    [Header checksum status: Unverified]
    Source Address: 192.168.1.40
   Transmission Control Protocol (tcp), 24 bytes
```

## Task 14: Practical:

Question: Does the target ip respond to ICMP echo (ping) requests (Y/N)?

Answer: N

Perform an Xmas scan on the first 999 ports of the target -- how many ports are shown to be open or filtered?

Answer: 999

There is a reason given for this -- what is it?

Note: The answer will be in your scan results. Think carefully about which switches to use -- and read the hint before asking for help!

```
root@ip-10-10-105-50:~# nmap -sX -vv -p 0-999 10.10.201.131

Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-08-28 16:27 BST

Initiating ARP Ping Scan at 16:27

Scanning 10.10.201.131 [1 port]

Completed ARP Ping Scan at 16:27, 0.03s elapsed (1 total hosts)

Initiating Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 16:27

Completed Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 16:27, 0.00s elapsed

Initiating XMAS Scan at 16:27

Scanning ip-10-10-201-131.eu-west-1.compute.internal (10.10.201.131) [1000 porl]

Completed XMAS Scan at 16:28, 21.10s elapsed (1000 total ports)

Nmap scan report for ip-10-201-131.eu-west-1.compute.internal (10.10.201.131)

Host is up, received arp-response (0.000049s latency).

All 1000 scanned ports on ip-10-10-201-131.eu-west-1.compute.internal (10.10.201.131) are open|filtered because of 1000 no-responses

MAC Address: 02:A1:E0:14:BB:B1 (Unknown)

Read data files from: /usr/bin/../share/nmap

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 21.27 seconds

Raw packets sent: 2001 (80.028KB) | Rcvd: 1 (28B)
```

Question: Perform a TCP SYN scan on the first 5000 ports of the target -- how many ports are shown to be open?

**Answer: 5** 

```
root@ip-10-10-105-50:~# nmap -sS -p 0-5000 10.10.201.131
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-08-28 16:31 BST
Nmap scan report for ip-10-10-201-131.eu-west-1.compute.internal (10.10.201.131)
Host is up (0.00028s latency).
Not shown: 4996 filtered ports
PORT STATE SERVICE
21/tcp open ftp
53/tcp open domain
80/tcp open http
135/tcp open msrpc
3389/tcp open ms-wbt-server
MAC Address: 02:A1:E0:14:BB:B1 (Unknown)
```

Question :Open Wireshark (see Cryillic's Wireshark Room for instructions) and perform a TCP Connect scan against port 80 on the target, monitoring the results. Make sure you understand what's going on. Deploy the ftp-anon script against the box. Can Nmap login successfully to the FTP server on port 21? (Y/N)

**Answer: Y** 

**Thank You**