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Practical 4

Practical: Network Discovery and Vulnerability Scanning with Nmap

Definition: Nmap (Network Mapper) is a free and open-source tool used for network discovery and security auditing. It is used to discover hosts and services on a computer network by sending packets and analyzing the responses. Nmap provides a wide range

of features for probing computer networks, including host discovery, port scanning, version detection, and operating system fingerprinting.

Outcomes/Learning: By the end of this practical, students will be able to:

Understand the fundamental concepts of network scanning and its importance in cybersecurity.

Use Nmap to perform basic host discovery on a network.

Conduct port scanning to identify open ports and running services.

Perform OS detection and service version detection.

Required Tools:

Laptop/PC with Windows/Linux OS

Nmap software (latest version)

A network connection (e.g., your local home network or a dedicated lab environment)

Target IP address(es) (e.g., your router, another VM, or a designated test server)

Working:

In this practical, you will:

Install Nmap on your system.

Perform a basic ping scan to discover live hosts on your network.

Conduct a TCP SYN scan to find open ports on a target host. Use Nmap to detect the operating system and service versions of the target.

Interpret the scan results to understand the network's security posture.

Step 1: Install Nmap

Visit the official Nmap website (https://nmap.org/download.html) and download the installer for your operating system.

Run the installer and follow the setup instructions.

Alternatively, on Linux, you can often install it via the terminal using your package manager (e.g., sudo apt-get install nmap).

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C:\Users\oldja>nmap --version
Nmap version 7.98 ( https://nmap.org )
Platform: i686-pc-windows-windows
Compiled with: nmap-liblua-5.4.8 openssl-3.0.17 nmap-libssh2-1.11.1 nmap-libz-1.3.1 nmap-libpcre2-10.45 Npcap-1.83 nmap-libdnet-1.18.
0 ipv6
Compiled without:
Available nsock engines: iocp poll select
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Step 2: Identify an IP Range / Target

Determine your machine's IP address and subnet.

On Windows, use the ipconfig command.

On Linux/macOS, use the ip addr or ifconfig command.

Note your IP address and subnet mask.

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Ethernet adapter VMware Network Adapter VMnet1:

Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
Link-local IPv6 Address . . . : fe80::47f9:2486:d2d9:cc73%3
IPv4 Address . . . . : 192.168.197.1
Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
Default Gateway . . . . . :

Ethernet adapter VMware Network Adapter VMnet8:

Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
Link-local IPv6 Address . . . : fe80::8c98:47ab:b402:7e5%25
IPv4 Address . . . . : 192.168.226.1
Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
Default Gateway . . . . . :
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Step 3: Host Discovery (Find Live Hosts)

1. Perform a ping scan for fast host discovery

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C:\Users\oldja>nmap -sn 192.168.226.1/24
Starting Nmap 7.98 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-10-12 17:24 +0530
Nmap scan report for 192.168.226.254
Host is up (0.00023s latency).
MAC Address: 00:50:56:EF:3A:91 (VMware)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.226.1
Host is up.
Nmap done: 256 IP addresses (2 hosts up) scanned in 11.95 seconds
```

Step 4: Basic TCP Port Scan

- 1. Choose a target IP address from the list found in Step 3 (e.g., 192.168.1.1).
- 2. Perform a scan of the top 1000 TCP ports on that target:

```
C:\Users\oldja>nmap 192.168.226.1
Starting Nmap 7.98 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-10-12 17:28 +0530
Nmap scan report for 192.168.226.1
Host is up (0.00016s latency).
Not shown: 994 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT STATE SERVICE
135/tcp open msrpc
139/tcp open netbios-ssn
445/tcp open microsoft-ds
902/tcp open iss-realsecure
912/tcp open apex-mesh
16992/tcp open amt-soap-http

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 1.41 seconds
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Results: The scan revealed 6 onen norts:

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135/tcp - msrpc (Microsoft RPC)

139/tcp - netbios-ssn (NetBIOS Session Service)

445/tcp - microsoft-ds (Microsoft Directory Services)

902/tcp - iss-realsecure

912/tcp - apex-mesh

16992/tcp - amt-soap-http (Intel AMT)
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Step 5: Service/Version Detection

1. To get detailed information about the services, run: nmap -sV 192.168.226.1

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C:\Users\oldja>nmap -sV 192.168.226.1
C:\Osers\Otdga-Mmap -sv 192.168.226.1
Starting Nmap 7.98 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-10-12 17:29 +0530
Nmap scan report for 192.168.226.1
Host is up (0.00080s latency).
Not shown: 994 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION
135/tcp
                                          Microsoft Windows RPC
             open msrpc
139/tcp
445/tcp
            open netbios-ssn
                                          Microsoft Windows netbios-ssn
             open microsoft-ds?
902/tcp
             open ssl/vmware-auth VMware Authentication Daemon 1.10 (Uses VNC, SOAP)
                                          VMware Authentication Daemon 1.0 (Uses VNC, SOAP)
Intel Active Management Technology User Notification Service httpd 11.8.95.4551
912/tcp
            open vmware-auth
16992/tcp open http
Service Info: OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows, cpe:/h:intel:active_management_technology:11.8.95.4551
Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 18.57 seconds
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Results: The service version detection revealed:

- 135/tcp Microsoft Windows RPC
- 139/tcp Microsoft Windows netbios-ssn
- 445/tcp Microsoft Directory Services (specific version undetermined)
- 902/tcp VMware Authentication Daemon 1.10 (Uses VNC, SOAP) with SSL
- 912/tcp VMware Authentication Daemon 1.0 (Uses VNC, SOAP)
- 16992/tcp Intel Active Management Technology User Notification Service
 httpd 11.8.95.455

Step 6: OS Detection

Attempt to identify the target host's operating system

Result: No exact OS matches for host

Observation: TCP/IP fingerprint suggests Windows-based system but cannot determine exact version