

# Diving into the Abyss: Analyzing Vulnerability Scans

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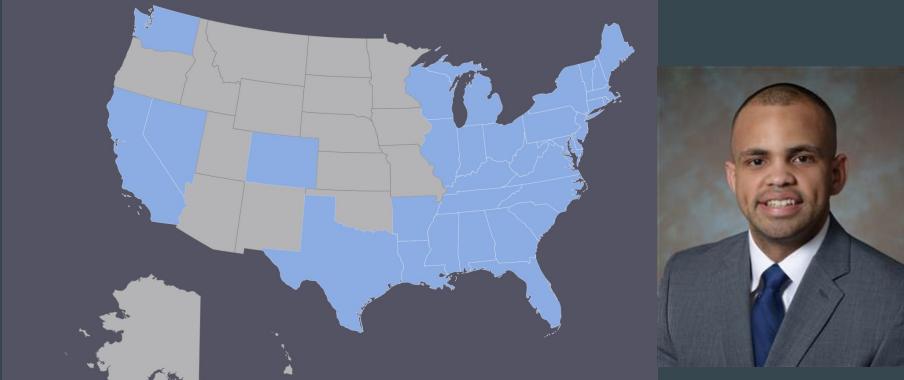
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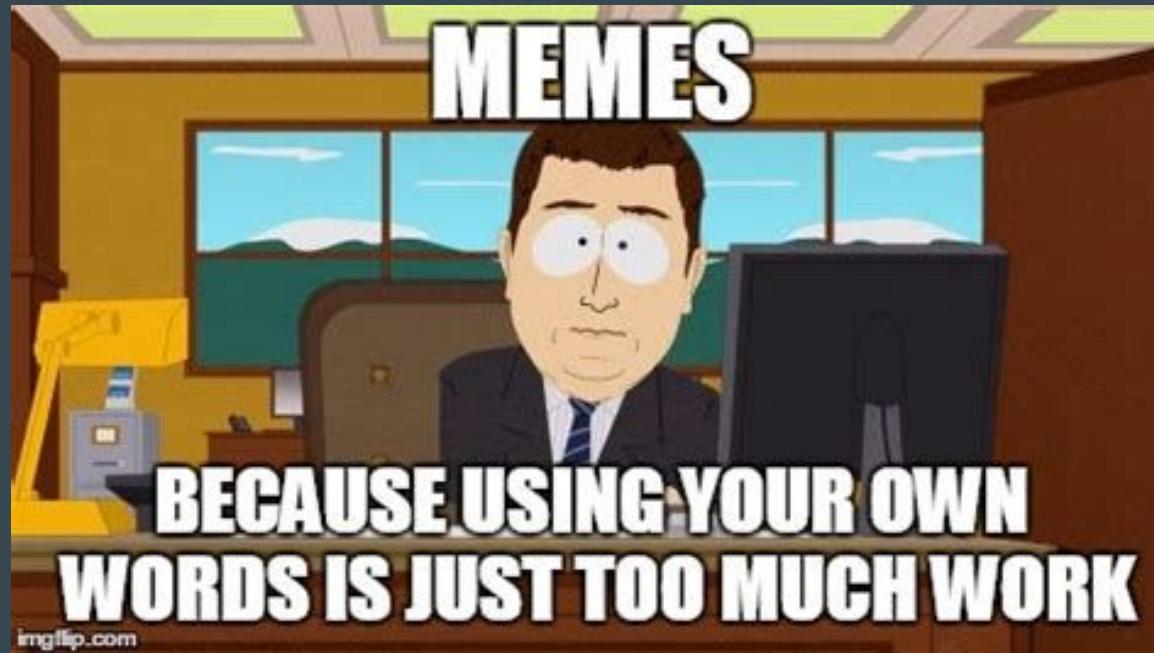


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# Agenda

01	Gear Up		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What is an infrastructure vulnerability scanner?</li><li>• Examples - Common Tools</li><li>• General Architecture</li></ul>
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03	Dive! Dive! Dive!		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Verbose Scan Logs - Descend on the line</li><li>• Vulnerability Checks - Switch to your deep mix</li><li>• Custom Vulnerability Checks - Hit the wreck, swim around and return</li></ul>
04	Decompress and Surface		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Infrastructure VM Best Practices - Slow Ascent</li><li>• Informational Matter Too - Safety Stop</li><li>• Questions - Surface and flag the boat</li></ul>

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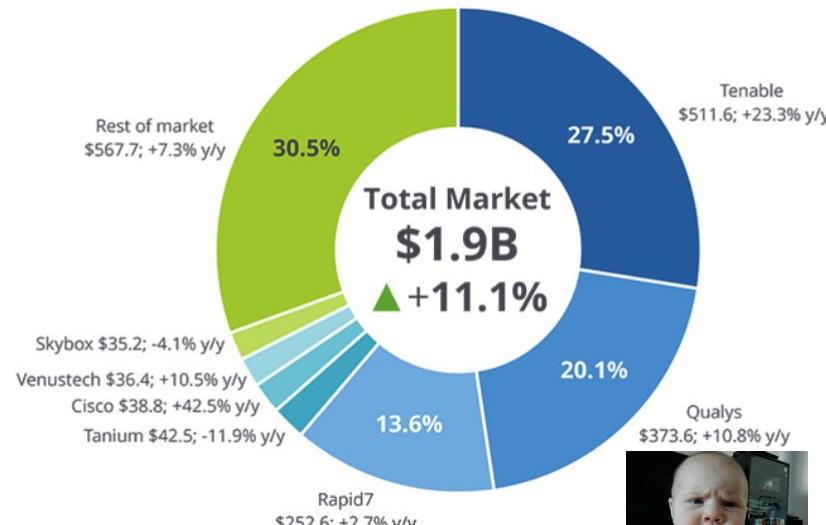
# What is an Infrastructure Vulnerability Scanner?

NIST: (NISTIR 8011 Vol. 4)

“A network tool (hardware and/or software) that scans network devices to identify generally known and organization specific CVEs. It may do this based on a wide range of signature strategies.”

# Vulnerability Scanners

Figure 1: Worldwide Device Vulnerability Management 2021 Share Snapshot



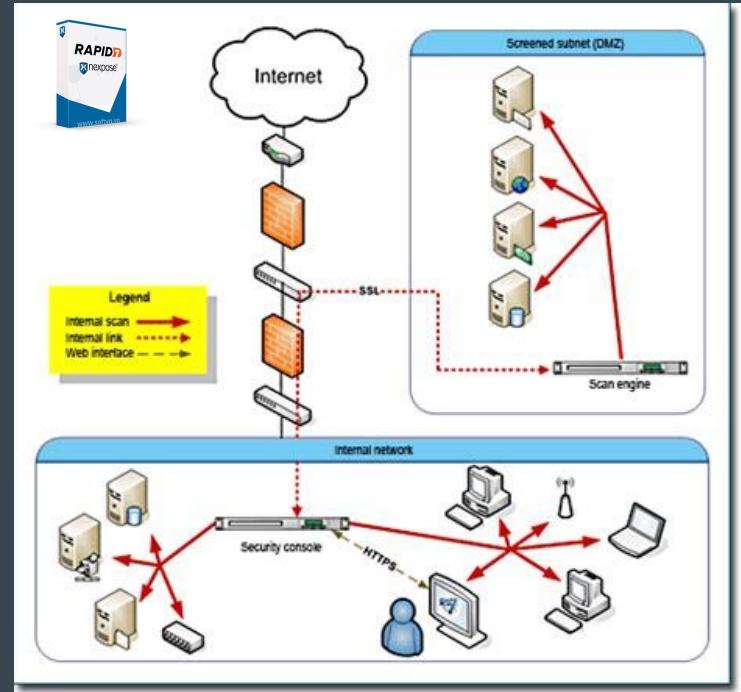
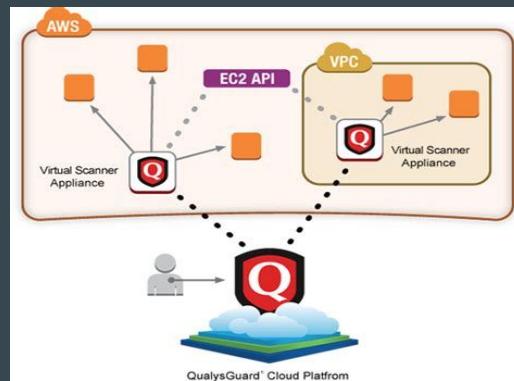
Note: 2021 Share (%), Revenue (\$M), and Growth (%)  
Source: IDC, 2022



Traditional Scanning:  
OpenVAS  
Reskins  
NMAP

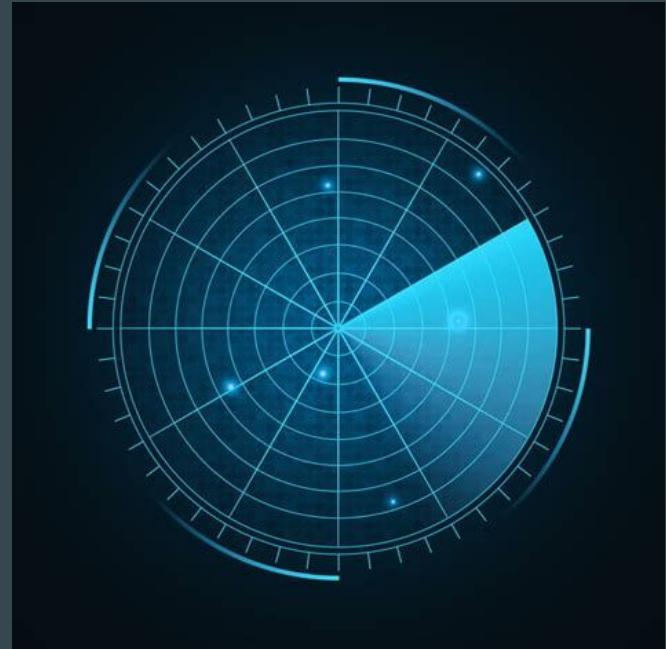
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# General Architecture



# Why Infrastructure Scans?

- Network Enumeration
- Asset Identification
- Vulnerability Exposure Identification
- Compliance Verification (PCI, Baselines, etc)
- Attackers do.



# Vulnerability Scanners - Just NMAP With a Wetsuit?



# Vulnerability Scan Process Review

1. Target Identification - (NMAP)
2. Port Identification - (NMAP)
3. Service Identification - (NMAP)
4. Target Fingerprinting - (NMAP, Scanning Tool)
5. Service Fingerprinting - (NMAP, Scanning Tool)
6. Vulnerability Check Selection - (Scanning Tool)
7. Vulnerability Check Analysis - (Scanning Tool)
8. Collect / Store - (Scanning Tool)

# Target Identification (Vulnerability Scanners)

- A combination of connection requests:
  - ARP
  - ICMP echo requests (pings)
  - TCP packets
  - UDP packets

# Target Identification (NMAP)

- Going beyond just PING
- Identifying targets varies greatly depending on purpose (system admin, auditor, etc)
  - NMAP is extremely flexible and allows for multiple ways of scanning
- By default, if no host discovery options are given, nmap sends:
  - an ICMP echo request
  - a TCP SYN packet to port 443
  - a TCP ACK packet to port 80
  - an ICMP timestamp request
  - For IPv6, the ICMP timestamp request is omitted
- The flags -sn (no port scan, just host discovery) and -Pn (no ping, assume host is up) can also be used

# Target Identification - Tenable Default Settings

- The four types of ping methods that Tenable uses are ARP, ICMP, TCP, and UDP
- These are ran in the following descending order
  - ARP (only when a scanner is on the same subnet as the target)
  - ICMP
  - TCP
  - UDP (if enabled in the scan)
- Scans only use the highest enabled ping method in the hierarchy
  - If the ARP scan is enabled, the ICMP and TCP scan will not run even if selected
- As a default, if a host does not respond to a ping, it will not be scanned and the scan will end

# LOG REVIEW FOR TARGET IDENTIFICATION

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163 2023-07-22T16:28:57 [INFO] [Thread: Scan 5] [Site: Test] NMAP: IPV4 ARGUMENTS: /opt/rapid7/nexpose/nse/nmap/nmap --privileged -n -PE -PS21-23,25,53,80,110-111,135,139,143,443,445,993,995,1723,3306,3389,5900,8080 -PU53,67-69,123,135,137-139,161-162,445,500,514,520,631,1434,1900,4500,5353,49152 -sS -SU -O --osscan-guess --max-os-tries 1 -p T:1-1040,1080,1098-1099,1125,1194,1214,1220,1352,1433,1500,1503,1521,1524,1526,1720,1723,1731,1812-1813,1818-1819,1895,1953,1959,1981,2000,2002,2030,2049,2100,2200,2222,2301,2375,2379,2381,2401,2433,2456,2500,2556,2745,3000-3001,3121,3127-3128,3230-3235,3268-3269,3306,3339,3389,3460,3527,4000,4045,4100,4242,4430,4443-4444,4505-4506,4661-4662,4711,4786,4848,5000,5010,5059-5061,5101,5180,5190-5193,5250,5432,5554-5555,5560,5566,5631,5678,5800-5803,5900-6009,6101,6106,6112,6346,6379,6565,6588,6777,7001-7002,7070,7100,7272,7510,7777-7778,7990,8000-8001,8004-8005,8008,8080-8083,8095,8098-8100,8153-8154,8180-8181,8282,8383-8384,8443-8444,8470-8480,8500,8787,8866,8888,9090,9100-9102,9292,9343,9443,9470-9476,9480,9495,9996,9999-10000,10025,10168,11211,12345-12346,13659,16080,18181-18185,18207-18208,18231-18232,18983,19190-19191,20034,21047,22226,27000-27010,27017,27374,27665,31337,32764,32771,33333,49152,49400,50000,51080,51443,54320,60000,60148,63148,U:7,9,11,13,17,19,37,53,67-69,88,111,123,135,137-139,161-162,177,213,259-260,445,464,500,514,520,523,631,749-751,1194,1434,1701,1812-1813,1900,2049,2746,3230-3235,3401,4045,4500,4665-4666,4672,5059-5061,5351,5353,5632,6429,7777,9100-9102,11211,17185,18233,23945,26000-26004,26198,27015-27030,27444,27960-27964,30720-30724,31337,31400,32771,34555,44400,47545,49152,54321 --max-retries 2 --min-rtt-timeout 500ms --max-rtt-timeout 1485ms --initial-rtt-timeout 500ms --defeat-rst-ratelimit --min-rate 3003 --max-rate 15000 --script-args=vulns.showall --script=mobileiron-sentry-detection.nse,ssh-hostkey.nse,ssh2-enum-algos.nse,codemeter-detection.nse,microsoft-exchange-server-detection.nse,pulse-connect-secure-detection.nse,kaseya-vs-a-detection.nse,mobileiron-core-mult-vuln.nse,mobileiron-core-detection.nse,open-management-infrastructure-rce-vuln.nse,acelion-fta-detection.nse,kaseya-vs-auth-bypass-vuln.nse,microsoft-exchange-server-mult-vuln.nse --script-timeout 180 --datadir /opt/rapid7/nexpose/plugins/nmap-config -oX - -v -6  
164 2023-07-22T16:28:57 [INFO] [Thread: Scan 5] [Site: Test] NMAP: IPV6 ARGUMENTS: /opt/rapid7/nexpose/nse/nmap/nmap --privileged -n -PE -PS21-23,25,53,80,110-111,135,139,143,443,445,993,995,1723,3306,3389,5900,8080 -PU53,67-69,123,135,137-139,161-162,445,500,514,520,631,1434,1900,4500,5353,49152 -sS -SU -O --osscan-guess --max-os-tries 1 -p T:1-1040,1080,1098-1099,1125,1194,1214,1220,1352,1433,1500,1503,1521,1524,1526,1720,1723,1731,1812-1813,1818-1819,1895,1953,1959,1981,2000,2002,2030,2049,2100,2200,2222,2301,2375,2379,2381,2401,2433,2456,2500,2556,2745,3000-3001,3121,3127-3128,3230-3235,3268-3269,3306,3339,3389,3460,3527,4000,4045,4100,4242,4430,4443-4444,4505-4506,4661-4662,4711,4786,4848,5000,5010,5059-5061,5101,5180,5190-5193,5250,5432,5554-5555,5560,5566,5631,5678,5800-5803,5900-6009,6101,6106,6112,6346,6379,6565,6588,6777,7001-7002,7070,7100,7272,7510,7777-7778,7990,8000-8001,8004-8005,8008,8080-8083,8095,8098-8100,8153-8154,8180-8181,8282,8383-8384,8443-8444,8470-8480,8500,8787,8866,8888,9090,9100-9102,9292,9343,9443,9470-9476,9480,9495,9996,9999-10000,10025,10168,11211,12345-12346,13659,16080,18181-18185,18207-18208,18231-18232,18983,19190-19191,20034,21047,22226,27000-27010,27017,27374,27665,31337,32764,32771,33333,49152,49400,50000,51080,51443,54320,60000,60148,63148,U:7,9,11,13,17,19,37,53,67-69,88,111,123,135,137-139,161-162,177,213,259-260,445,464,500,514,520,523,631,749-751,1194,1434,1701,1812-1813,1900,2049,2746,3230-3235,3401,4045,4500,4665-4666,4672,5059-5061,5351,5353,5632,6429,7777,9100-9102,11211,17185,18233,23945,26000-26004,26198,27015-27030,27444,27960-27964,30720-30724,31337,31400,32771,34555,44400,47545,49152,54321 --max-retries 2 --min-rtt-timeout 500ms --max-rtt-timeout 1485ms --initial-rtt-timeout 500ms --defeat-rst-ratelimit --min-rate 3003 --max-rate 15000 --script-args=vulns.showall --script=mobileiron-sentry-detection.nse,ssh-hostkey.nse,ssh2-enum-algos.nse,codemeter-detection.nse,microsoft-exchange-server-detection.nse,pulse-connect-secure-detection.nse,kaseya-vs-a-detection.nse,mobileiron-core-mult-vuln.nse,mobileiron-core-detection.nse,open-management-infrastructure-rce-vuln.nse,acelion-fta-detection.nse,kaseya-vs-auth-bypass-vuln.nse,microsoft-exchange-server-mult-vuln.nse --script-timeout 180 --datadir /opt/rapid7/nexpose/plugins/nmap-config -oX - -v -6
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161 2023-07-21T20:49:26 [INFO] [Thread: Scan 2] [Site: Test] Nmap phase started.  
162 2023-07-21T20:49:26 [INFO] [Thread: Scan 2] [Site: Test] Nmap will scan 65536 IP addresses at a time.  
163 2023-07-21T20:49:26 [INFO] [Thread: Scan 2] [Site: Test] Nmap scan of 100 IP addresses starting.  
164 2023-07-21T20:49:26 [INFO] [Thread: Scan 2:nmap:stdin] [Site: Test] Nmap task NSE started.  
165 2023-07-21T20:49:26 [INFO] [Thread: Scan 2:nmap:stdin] [Site: Test] Nmap task NSE completed.  
166 2023-07-21T20:49:26 [INFO] [Thread: Scan 2:nmap:stdin] [Site: Test] Nmap task NSE started.  
167 2023-07-21T20:49:26 [INFO] [Thread: Scan 2:nmap:stdin] [Site: Test] Nmap task NSE completed.  
168 2023-07-21T20:49:26 [INFO] [Thread: Scan 2:nmap:stdin] [Site: Test] Nmap task ARP Ping Scan started.  
169 2023-07-21T20:49:28 [INFO] [Thread: Scan 2:nmap:stdin] [Site: Test] Nmap task ARP Ping Scan completed.  
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# Port Identification (NMAP)

- At its simplest form, nmap will scan for 1,000 TCP ports  
`nmap [TARGET]`
- Nmap divides ports into six states
  - open
  - closed
  - filtered
  - unfiltered
  - open | filtered
  - closed | filtered
- Even though nmap can be ran with general user privileges, most of the scan types are only available to privileged users.

# LOG REVIEW FOR PORT IDENTIFICATION

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1473 2023-07-22T16:09:37 [DEBUG] [Thread: Scan 4:nmap:stdin] [Site: Test] [192.168.0.200:789/TCP] CLOSED (reason=reset:TTL=64)
1474 2023-07-22T16:09:37 [DEBUG] [Thread: Scan 4:nmap:stdin] [Site: Test] [192.168.0.200:2456/TCP] CLOSED (reason=reset:TTL=64)
1475 2023-07-22T16:09:37 [DEBUG] [Thread: Scan 4:nmap:stdin] [Site: Test] [192.168.0.200:8098/TCP] CLOSED (reason=reset:TTL=64)
1476 2023-07-22T16:09:37 [DEBUG] [Thread: Scan 4:nmap:stdin] [Site: Test] [192.168.0.200:218/TCP] CLOSED (reason=reset:TTL=64)
1477 2023-07-22T16:09:37 [DEBUG] [Thread: Scan 4:nmap:stdin] [Site: Test] [192.168.0.200:494/TCP] CLOSED (reason=reset:TTL=64)
1478 2023-07-22T16:09:37 [DEBUG] [Thread: Scan 4:nmap:stdin] [Site: Test] [192.168.0.200:727/TCP] CLOSED (reason=reset:TTL=64)
1479 2023-07-22T16:09:37 [DEBUG] [Thread: Scan 4:nmap:stdin] [Site: Test] [192.168.0.200:71/TCP] CLOSED (reason=reset:TTL=64)
1480 2023-07-22T16:09:37 [DEBUG] [Thread: Scan 4:nmap:stdin] [Site: Test] [192.168.0.200:197/TCP] CLOSED (reason=reset:TTL=64)
1481 2023-07-22T16:09:37 [DEBUG] [Thread: Scan 4:nmap:stdin] [Site: Test] [192.168.0.200:248/TCP] CLOSED (reason=reset:TTL=64)
1482 2023-07-22T16:09:37 [DEBUG] [Thread: Scan 4:nmap:stdin] [Site: Test] [192.168.0.200:259/UDP] FILTERED (reason=no-response:TTL=0)
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1484 2023-07-22T16:09:37 [DEBUG] [Thread: Scan 4:nmap:stdin] [Site: Test] [192.168.0.200:5250/TCP] CLOSED (reason=reset:TTL=64)
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1489 2023-07-22T16:09:37 [INFO] [Thread: Scan 4:nmap:stdin] [Site: Test] [192.168.0.200:111/UDP] OPEN (reason=udp-response:TTL=64)
1490 2023-07-22T16:09:37 [DEBUG] [Thread: Scan 4:nmap:stdin] [Site: Test] [192.168.0.200:426/TCP] CLOSED (reason=reset:TTL=64)
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# Service Identification (NMAP)

- Nmap uses its nmap-services database, has about 2,200 well-known services
- Nmap also sends service-specific probes
- Miscellaneous information discovered about a service is collected in the “info” field. This is displayed in the VERSION column inside parentheses following the product name and version number.

# LOG REVIEW FOR SERVICE IDENTIFICATION

# Target Fingerprinting - Is it a Mermaid or Manatee?



# Target Fingerprinting (NMAP)

- Examining TCP/UDP/IP packets responses
- TCP ISN sampling
  - find patterns in the initial sequence numbers chosen by TCP implementations when responding to a connection request
- TCP options support and ordering
- IP ID sampling
  - Most operating systems increment a system-wide IPID value for each packet they send.
  - OpenBSD - uses a random IPID
  - Linux uses an IPID of 0 in many cases where the "Don't Fragment" bit is not set
  - Windows increments the IPID by 256 for each packet
- Window Size Check
  - window size on returned packets

# Target Fingerprinting (NMAP)

- OS detection is more effective if at least one open and one closed TCP port are found.
- With the --osscan-limit option and Nmap will not even try OS detection against hosts which do not meet this criteria.
- This can save substantial time, particularly on -Pn scans against many hosts. You still need to enable OS detection with -O (or -A) for the --osscan-limit option to have any effect.
- If you specify the --osscan-guess option or the equivalent --fuzzy option, Nmap will guess more aggressively. Nmap still tells you when an imperfect match is found and display its confidence level percentage for each guess.
- When Nmap performs OS detection against a target and fails to find a perfect match, it usually repeats the attempt.
- By default, Nmap tries five times if conditions are favorable for OS fingerprint submission, and twice when conditions are not so good.
- The --max-os-tries option lets you change this maximum number of OS detection tries. Lowering it (usually to 1) speeds Nmap up, though you miss out on retries which could potentially identify the OS.

# Target Fingerprinting (Scanning Tool)

- TCP/IP checks - not as reliable
  - OS guesses might be wrong and less of a chance of guessing the OS version correctly
- Other checks include: Banner grabs, Script injection, Analysis of SSL certificates, Queries of the protocols implemented on the host (Telnet, SinFP, etc), Structured ICMP pings, HTTP requests, Registry queries, Responses from authentication techniques (SMB, SSH, etc)

# Target Fingerprinting (Scanning Tool)

- Tenable Plugin 11936
  - Various fingerprinting plugins give data back to this plugin and an overall score is compiled
  - Some of the fingerprint methods include: FTP, HTTP, LDAP, RDP, SMTP, SNMP, SSH and more
- It relies more on credential scans
  - OS fingerprints with higher confidence level percentages are based on querying the system after authentication

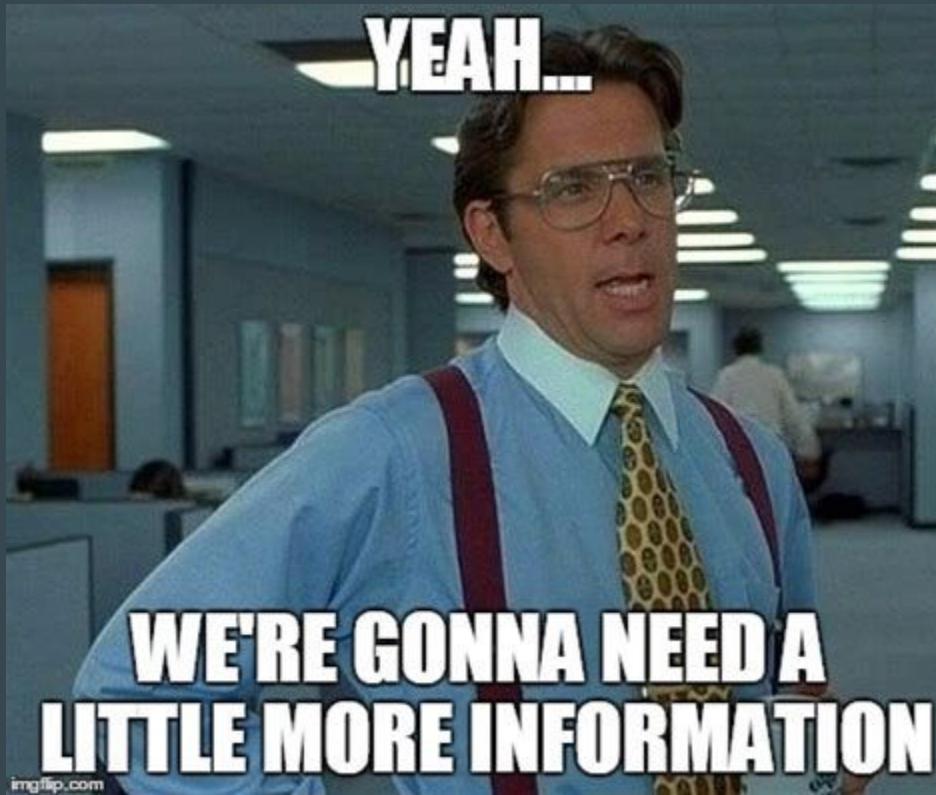
# LOG REVIEW SYSTEM FINGERPRINT

```
870 2023-07-21T20:50:35 [INFO] [Thread: resolve-additional-dns-names@192.168.0.87] [Site: Test] [192.168.0.87] Finished resolving DNS records
871 2023-07-21T20:50:35 [INFO] [Thread: merge-system-fingerprints-thread@192.168.0.87] [Site: Test] [192.168.0.87] Promoting SystemFingerprint [[architecture=null][certainty=0.7][description=Linux 2.6.32 - 3.10]
[deviceClass=General][family=Linux][product=LINUX 2.6.32 - 3.10][vendor=Linux][version=2.6.32]] source: IP stack analysis
872 2023-07-21T20:50:35 [INFO] [Thread: convert-open-tcp-ports-to-services@192.168.0.87] [Site: Test] Starting fingerprinting (is verbose)...
873 2023-07-21T20:50:35 [INFO] [Thread: 192.168.0.87:22/TCP] [Site: Test] Starting fingerprinting thread...
874 2023-07-21T20:50:35 [INFO] [Thread: 192.168.0.87:22/TCP] [Site: Test] [Preference: 1.0] Attempting handshake via SSH
875 2023-07-21T20:50:35 [INFO] [Thread: 192.168.0.87:22/TCP] [Site: Test] [ssh.banner] Matching against banner: dropbear_2020.81
876 2023-07-21T20:50:35 [INFO] [Thread: 192.168.0.87:22/TCP] [Site: Test] Creating ServiceFingerprint [[certainty=0.9][description=Dropbear SSH Project Dropbear SSH 2020.81][family=Dropbear][product=Dropbear SSH]
[protocol=SSH][vendor=Dropbear SSH Project][version=2020.81]]
877 2023-07-21T20:50:35 [INFO] [Thread: 192.168.0.87:22/TCP] [Site: Test] Fingerprinting ran for 0 seconds.
878 2023-07-21T20:50:35 [INFO] [Thread: 192.168.0.87:22/TCP] [Site: Test] Fingerprinting: SSH
879 2023-07-21T20:50:35 [INFO] [Thread: 192.168.0.87:22/TCP] [Site: Test] Fingerprinting thread complete...
880 2023-07-21T20:50:35 [INFO] [Thread: convert-open-tcp-ports-to-services@192.168.0.87] [Site: Test] Protocol fingerprinting ran for 0 seconds.
881 2023-07-21T20:50:35 [INFO] [Thread: convert-open-tcp-ports-to-services@192.168.0.87] [Site: Test] [192.168.0.87:22/tcp] Running TCP service SSH
882 2023-07-21T20:50:35 [INFO] [Thread: convert-open-tcp-ports-to-services@192.168.0.87] [Site: Test] [192.168.0.87:22/tcp] Service running: ServiceFingerprint [[certainty=0.9][description=Dropbear SSH Project
Dropbear SSH 2020.81][family=Dropbear][product=Dropbear SSH][protocol=SSH][vendor=Dropbear SSH Project][version=2020.81]]
883 2023-07-21T20:50:35 [INFO] [Thread: 192.168.0.11:161/UDP] [Site: Test] [snmp.sys_description] Matching against banner: HP ETHERNET MULTI-ENVIRONMENT,ROM none,JETDIRECT,JD137,EEPROM V.37.12,CIDATE 07/12/2010
884 2023-07-21T20:50:35 [INFO] [Thread: 192.168.0.11:161/UDP] [Site: Test] Creating SystemFingerprint [[architecture=null][certainty=0.8][description=HP JD137 none][deviceClass=Print Server][family=JetDirect]
[product=JD137][vendor=HP][version=none]]
885 2023-07-21T20:50:35 [INFO] [Thread: 192.168.0.11:161/UDP] [Site: Test] [snmp.sys_object_id] Matching against banner: 1.3.6.1.4.1.11.2.3.9.1 HP ETHERNET MULTI-ENVIRONMENT,ROM none,JETDIRECT,JD137,EEPROM V.37.
12,CIDATE 07/12/2010
886 2023-07-21T20:50:35 [INFO] [Thread: 192.168.0.11:161/UDP] [Site: Test] [snmp.sys_object_id] No matching fingerprint found for banner: 1.3.6.1.4.1.11.2.3.9.1 HP ETHERNET MULTI-ENVIRONMENT,ROM none,JETDIRECT,
JD137,EEPROM V.37.12,CIDATE 07/12/2010
887 2023-07-21T20:50:35 [INFO] [Thread: 192.168.0.11:161/UDP] [Site: Test] No match found for SNMP banner: [sysObjectID: 1.3.6.1.4.1.11.2.3.9.1]
```

BREAK



# Verbose Logging



# Enabling Verbose Logging Overall

- Easiest way to understand what checks are being ran in a particular scan
- It is pretty verbose (in the magnitude of a few 100k lines per scan for a basic scan)
- Recommended to only use **as needed**

# Where do logs live? - Nessus

The nessusd.messages file can be found in these directories

Windows

C:\ProgramData\Tenable\Nessus\nessus\logs\nessusd.messages

Linux

/opt/nessus/var/nessus/logs/nessusd.messages

MacOS

/Library/Nessus/run/var/nessus/logs/nessusd.messages

# Where do logs live? - Nmap

	Console	Scan Engine
Linux	/opt/rapid7/nmap/nse/logs/	/opt/rapid7/nmap/nse/logs/
Windows	C:\Program Files\rapid7\nmap\nse\logs	C:\Program Files\rapid7\nmap\nse\logs

# Where do logs live? - Qualys

Windows Agent

C:\Program Data\Qualys\QualysAgent

Linux/BSD/Mac OS Agent

/var/log/qualys/

# Enabling Verbose Logging for Nessus Part 1

- For all options ensure that you restart the service after changes are made
- Nessus GUI
  - Log into Nessus
  - In the top navigation, click Settings
  - In the left navigation, click Advanced
  - Click the Logging tab
  - Change the value for log\_details to Yes
  - Change the value for log\_whole\_attack to Yes

## Command Line Options per OS

### Windows

```
"C:\Program Files\Tenable\Nessus\nessuscli.exe" fix --set log_details=true  
"C:\Program Files\Tenable\Nessus\nessuscli.exe" fix --set log_whole_attack=true
```

# Enabling Verbose Logging for Nessus Part 2

## Linux

```
/opt/nessus/sbin/nessuscli fix --set log_details=true  
/opt/nessus/sbin/nessuscli fix --set log_whole_attack=true
```

## MacOS

```
/Library/NessusAgent/run/sbin/nessuscli fix --set log_details=true  
/Library/NessusAgent/run/sbin/nessuscli fix --set log_whole_attack=true
```

# Enabling Verbose Logging for Nmap

Enable Enhanced logging in a custom scan template

1. On the Administration page, click Scans > Templates.
2. In the configuration of the new template, click the Logging tab.
3. Select the Enhanced logging check box to enable Enhanced logging.
4. Configure the rest of the template as desired and save it.

# Enabling Verbose Logging for Qualys



TomS  
a year ago

I am currently listening to the hold music for 3rd hour trying to get through to Customer Service just to turn on the Debug...

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As of April 2023, Qualys introduced Debug Scan for VM Internal Scanner, though it needs to be enabled for the subscription first.

Launch the Debug Scan feature from the Setup UI  
Select the "Enable Debug Scan" & click "Save"

# Enabling Verbose Logging for Qualys

## Launching a Debug Scan

- 1) Go to VM/VMDR > Scans > Scans > New > Debug Scan
- 2) Provide General Information (Name of scan, Scanner Debug Mode, Scanner Appliance)
- 3) Provide Launch Debug Information (IP Address/FQDN)
- 4) Launch

After completing the Debug Scans, the Scanner Appliance will automatically revert to normal. Still has a component where the Qualys Support Team may need to be involved

# The pain of log verbosity (mainly comes from Qualys)



# Vulnerability Checks

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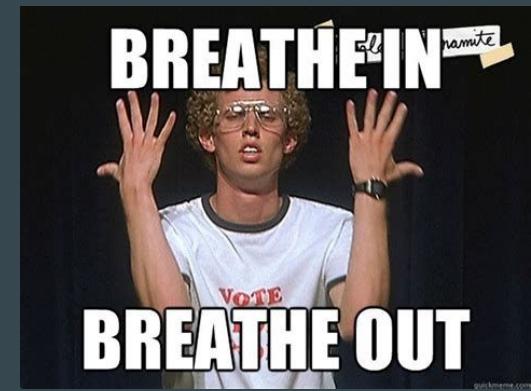
Qualys

<https://www.qualys.com/docs/qualys-custom-vulnerability-checks-user-guide.pdf>

# Vulnerability Checks Deep Dive

[root@officeparrot] - [/opt/rapid7/nexpose/plugins/java/1]	
#ls	
AdobeAIRScanner	CvsScanner
AdobeColdFusionRemoteScanner	CyberarkScanner
AdobeColdFusionScanner	Db2Scanner
AdobeDigitalEditionsScanner	DceRpcRemoteScanner
AdobeFlashScanner	DceRpcScanner
AdobeReaderScanner	DebianDEBScanner
AdobeShockwaveScanner	DhcpScanner
AdoptOpenJDKScanner	DiagnosticScanner
AIXFilesetScanner	DnsScanner
AIXScanner	DockerScanner
AlmaRPMScanner	DrupalRemoteScanner
AlpineLinuxScanner	DrupalScanner
AmazonLinux2RPMScanner	F5BIGIPRemoteScanner
AmazonLinuxRPMScanner	F5BIGIPScanner
ApacheHTTPDScanner	FFmpegScanner
ApacheLog4jRemoteScanner	FingerScanner
ApacheLog4jScanner	FortinetScanner
ApacheStrutsRemoteScanner	FoxitReaderScanner
ApacheStrutsScanner	FreeBSDScanner
ApacheTomcatRemoteScanner	FtpScanner
ApacheTomcatScanner	GameScanner
AppleIosScanner	GentooLinuxScanner
AppleiTunesScanner	GhostscriptScanner
AppleJavaScanner	GoogleAndroidScanner
AppleSafariScanner	GoogleChromeScanner
AppSpiderScanner	HpDataProtectorScanner
AristaOSScanner	HpiLORemoteScanner
AS400RemoteScanner	HpiLScanner
AS400Scanner	HpSIMScanner
AtlassianConfluenceRemoteScanner	HpSMHScanner
AtlassianJIRScanner	HpUXScanner
AzulZuluScanner	HttpRemoteScanner
BackdoorRemoteScanner	HttpScanner
BackdoorScanner	HuaweiEulerOSScanner
Select an object to view its details.	
	MicrosoftEdgeScanner
	MicrosoftExchangeRemoteScanner
	MicrosoftExchangeScanner
	MicrosoftOfficeScanner
	MicrosoftSharePointScanner
	MicrosoftSQLServerScanner
	MiscRemoteScanner
	MiscScanner
	MongoDBScanner
	MoodleRemoteScanner
	MoodleScanner
	MozillaFirefoxScanner
	MozillaSeaMonkeyScanner
	MozillaThunderbirdScanner
	MySQLScanner
	NDMPScanner
	NetwareScanner
	NetworkRemoteScanners
	NetworkScanners
	NfsRemoteScanner
	NfsScanner
	NginxScanner
	NotepadPlusPlusScanner
	NotesPolicyScanner
	NotesScanner
	NTPScanner
	OfficeForMacScanner
	OpenSSHScanner
	OracleEBSScanner
	OracleJavaScanner
	OracleLinuxRPMScanner
	OraclePolicyScanner
	OracleRemoteScanner
	OracleScanner
	RsyncScanner
	SambaScanner
	SAPScanner
	SevenZipScanner
	SilverlightForMacScanner
	SmtpScanner
	SnmpScanner
	SolarisRemoteScanner
	SolarisScanner
	SolarwindsRemoteScanner
	SolarwindsScanner
	SonicwallSmal00Scanner
	SpywareScanner
	SshScanner
	SuserRPMScanner
	SymantecEPSscanner
	SymantecScanner
	SymantecpcAnywhereScanner
	TdsScanner
	TelerikRemoteScanner
	TelerikScanner
	TelnetScanner
	TftpScanner
	TorScanner
	TreckScanner
	UnixRemoteScanner
	UnixScanner
	VideoLANVLCScanner
	VMwareFusionScanner
	VMwareHorizonScanner
	VMwarePatchScanner
	VMwarePlayerScanner
	VMwareToolsScanner
	VMwareCenterRemoteScanner

Come up slowly...



# Infrastructure Vulnerability Management - Best Practices

Asset Inventory

Patch Management

Risk Management

Compliance

Automation

Continuous Monitoring

# When does Vulnerability Management End?



# The Often Forgotten Informationals



# The Often Forgotten Informationals

**INFO** Enumerate Users via WMI

**Description**

Nessus was able to connect to a host via SMB to retrieve a list of users using WMI. Only identities that the authenticated SMB user has permissions to view will be retrieved by this plugin.

**Output**

```
Name      : Administrator
SID       : S-1-5-21-1970061193-1000622032-3046350235-500
Disabled  : True
Lockout   : False
Change password : True
Source    : Local

Name      : DefaultAccount
SID       : S-1-5-21-1970061193-1000622032-3046350235-503
Disabled  : True
Lockout   : False
Change password : True
Source    : Local

Name      : Frank Castle
SID       : S-1-5-21-1970061193-1000622032-3046350235-1001
Disabled  : False
Lockout   : False
Change password : True
Source    : Local

Name      : Guest
SID       : S-1-5-21-1970061193-1000622032-3046350235-501
Disabled  : True
Lockout   : False
Change password : False
Source    : Local

Name      : WDAGUtilityAccount
SID       : S-1-5-21-1970061193-1000622032-3046350235-504
Disabled  : True
Lockout   : False
```

**INFO** Microsoft Windows Logged On Users

**Description**

Using the HKU registry, Nessus was able to enumerate the SIDs of logged on users

**Output**

```
Logged on users :
- S-1-5-21-3572243253-2691401273-598319837-1103
  Domain : MARVEL
  Username : fcastle
```

# Surface



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**NOT SURE IF THEY'RE CLAPPING FOR MY  
PRESENTATION**



**OR BECAUSE ITS FINISHED**

# Appendix

After this slide, there are a bunch of info slides in no specific order