

Nmap Basics - One Page Cheat Sheet

Nmap Command Format: nmap [Scan Type(s)] [Options] {target}

Nmap Script Scan Format: nmap --script [Script(s) Name] {target}

Help

All OS

nmap Help
nmap -h Same as above
nmap -V Version information
nmap --script-help <script name>

Linux/Unix

man nmap nmap Man Page
man zenmap Zenmap Man Page

Scan Techniques

nmap -sS TCP SYN port scan (Default)
nmap -sT TCP Full-connect port scan
nmap -sU UDP port scan
nmap -sO IP Protocol scan

Host Discovery

nmap -sL List scan. Reverse DNS lookup.
nmap -sn Ping scan/sweep. Doesn't scan ports.
nmap -Pn No ping scan. Only scans ports.

OS Discovery

nmap -O Basic operating system discovery
nmap -O --osscan-guess Will guess, Gives % certainty
nmap --script smb-host-discovery

NSE Script Scans (located in Nmap directory \scripts)

nmap -sC Scans with all scripts labeled default
nmap --script <category>
nmap --script <script name>

Timing and Performance (time in ms, s, h)

nmap -T0 Paranoid. IDS evasion, very slow.
nmap -T1 Sneaky. IDS evasion, slow.
nmap -T2 Polite. Use if machines or network slow
nmap -T3 Default. If using, just leave off.
nmap -T4 Aggressive. Fast, assumes fast network
nmap -T5 Insane. Very fast, less accurate results
nmap --host-timeout <time> Give up on target after this amount of time
nmap --scan-delay <time> Adjust delay between probes
nmap --min-rate <# packets> Send packets no slower than this per second

Target

nmap {target}

Host name - FILESERVER
FQDN - scanme.nmap.org
IP - 192.168.1.1
IPs - 192.168.1.1 192.168.1.2
Range - 192.168.1.1-50
CIDR - 192.168.1.1/24
DNS CIDR - nmap.org/24

Ports

nmap -p

nmap -p 80
nmap -p 21-3389
nmap -sU -p 1-1000
nmap -sS -sU -p T:21-25,80,U:53-389
nmap -F

Service/Version Detection

nmap -sV App & Service Versions
nmap -A Aggressive / Advanced
nmap --version-intensity <level>

Output (e.g. nmap -oN <filename>)

nmap -oN Normal output to file
nmap -oX XML output to file
nmap -oG Grepable output to file
nmap -oA Three output formats
nmap -v More detail
nmap -d Debugging information

Misc. Options & IDS/Firewall Evasion

-6 IPv6 scanning (put first)
-D <decoy> Decoy cloaking
-f <val> Fragment packets
-S <ip> Spoof source
-g <#> Use source port