

INCS-615: Advanced Network and Internet Security

Lab – Nessus Vulnerability Scanning Platform

Overview:

This lab is focused on letting you gain hands-on experience of a vulnerability scanning platform that is used in the real-world by many of the enterprises. Also, you will need to research about 5 vulnerabilities that are related to Network Scanning and provide information about them.

Download Nessus here:

<https://www.tenable.com/downloads/nessus?loginAttempted=true>

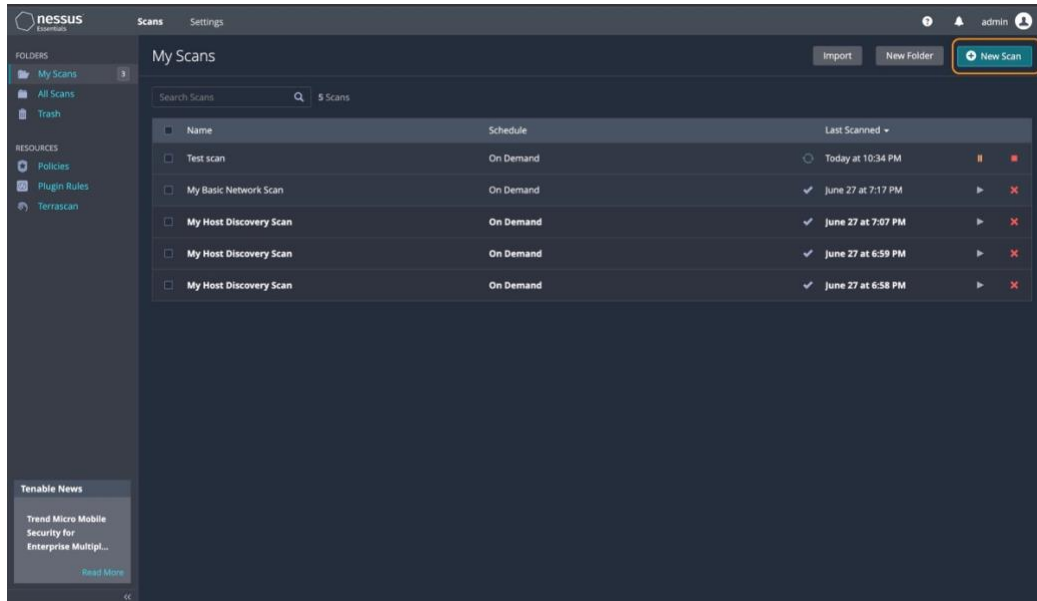
Tool Tutorial: <https://youtu.be/IT6Px9zJM3s>

1. Start from 2:50 for the downloading and installation of Nessus. VMWare is not required.
2. Start from 12:00 for knowing about the scanning by the tool.

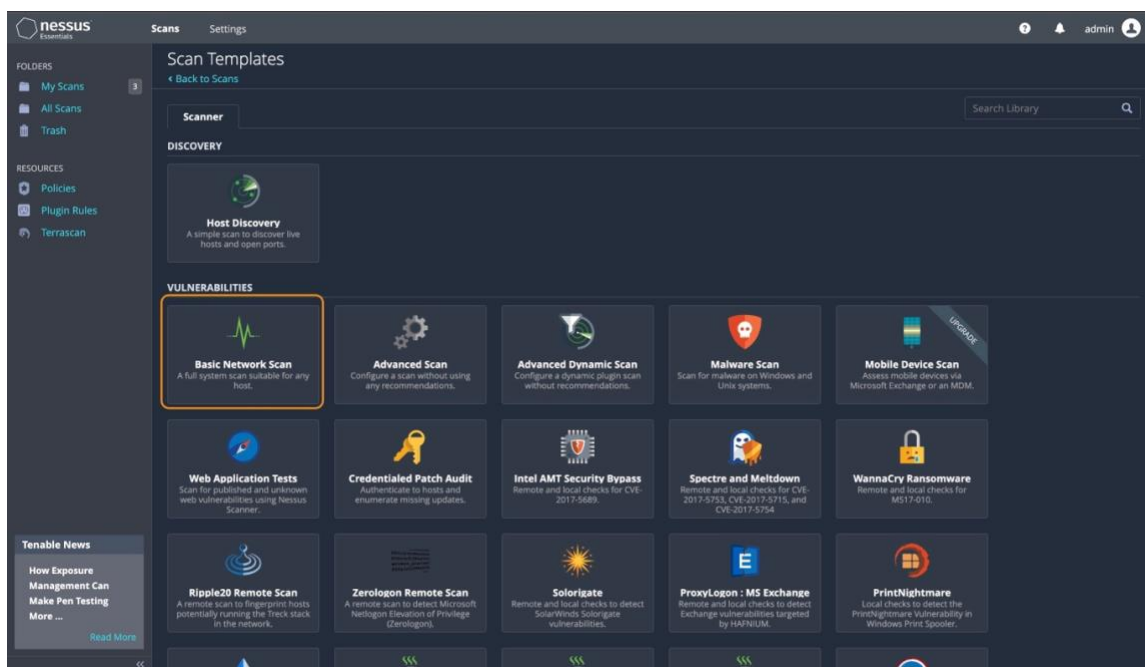
Default Nessus port is 8834: <https://localhost:8834/>

Steps after downloading and running the Nessus:

Step 1: Select New Scan



Step 2: Select Basic Network Scan



Step 3: Fill the details. Ensure you enter your IP Address

The screenshot shows the Nessus interface for creating a new scan. The left sidebar contains navigation links for FOLDERS (My Scans, All Scans, Trash) and RESOURCES (Policies, Plugin Rules, Terrascan). The main panel is titled 'New Scan / Basic Network Scan' and has tabs for Settings, Credentials, and Plugins. The 'Settings' tab is active, showing a 'BASIC' section with sub-sections: General, Schedule, Notifications, DISCOVERY, ASSESSMENT, REPORT, and ADVANCED. The 'General' sub-section is expanded, showing fields for Name (REQUIRED), Description, Folder (My Scans), and Targets (REQUIRED). The 'Targets' field contains the example text: '192.168.1.1-192.168.1.5, 192.168.2.0/24, test.com'. Below the 'Targets' field are 'Upload Targets' and 'Add File' buttons. At the bottom of the main panel are 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons.

Step 4: Launch Scan from the dropdown

The screenshot shows the same Nessus interface as the previous step, but with the 'Targets' field updated to '192.168.1.71'. The 'Save' button at the bottom left is highlighted with an orange box, and its dropdown menu is open, showing the 'Launch' option. The 'Name' field now contains the text 'Test'. The 'Description' field is empty. The 'Folder' dropdown is set to 'My Scans'. The 'Upload Targets' and 'Add File' buttons are still present. The 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons are at the bottom of the main panel.

Task 1: Network Scanning and finding vulnerabilities.

Find out vulnerabilities in the report on your IP address. Provide information about any of the 2 vulnerabilities from the report and ways to mitigate them. Screenshots of the results required.

Task 2: Generic Network Scanning Vulnerability Research.

1. Research about Network Scanning Vulnerabilities and provide description.
2. Find out 5 network scanning vulnerabilities in general and provide description about those and the mitigation techniques.

Note: If the Network Scanning did not generate at least 2 vulnerabilities other than 'Info' category, research about 2 vulnerabilities and provide description and mitigation techniques. A report screenshot is required showing the results do not contain at least 2 vulnerabilities other than Info category.