



# nmap Cheat Sheet

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This nmap cheat sheet is uniting a few other cheat sheets

## Basic Scanning Techniques

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| • Scan a single target           | <code>nmap [target]</code>                           |
| • Scan multiple targets          | <code>nmap [target1,target2,etc]</code>              |
| • Scan a list of targets         | <code>nmap -iL [list.txt]</code>                     |
| • Scan a range of hosts          | <code>nmap [range of IP addresses]</code>            |
| • Scan an entire subnet          | <code>nmap [IP address/cdir]</code>                  |
| • Scan random hosts              | <code>nmap -iR [number]</code>                       |
| • Excluding targets from a scan  | <code>nmap [targets] --exclude [targets]</code>      |
| • Excluding targets using a list | <code>nmap [targets] --excludefile [list.txt]</code> |
| • Perform an aggressive scan     | <code>nmap -A [target]</code>                        |
| • Scan an IPv6 target            | <code>nmap -6 [target]</code>                        |

## Discovery Options

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| • Perform a ping scan only       | <code>nmap -sP [target]</code>                     |
| • Don't ping                     | <code>nmap -PN [target]</code>                     |
| • TCP SYN Ping                   | <code>nmap -PS [target]</code>                     |
| • TCP ACK ping                   | <code>nmap -PA [target]</code>                     |
| • UDP ping                       | <code>nmap -PU [target]</code>                     |
| • SCTP Init Ping                 | <code>nmap -PY [target]</code>                     |
| • ICMP echo ping                 | <code>nmap -PE [target]</code>                     |
| • ICMP Timestamp ping            | <code>nmap -PP [target]</code>                     |
| • ICMP address mask ping         | <code>nmap -PM [target]</code>                     |
| • IP protocol ping               | <code>nmap -PO [target]</code>                     |
| • ARP ping                       | <code>nmap -PR [target]</code>                     |
| • Traceroute                     | <code>nmap --traceroute [target]</code>            |
| • Force reverse DNS resolution   | <code>nmap -R [target]</code>                      |
| • Disable reverse DNS resolution | <code>nmap -n [target]</code>                      |
| • Alternative DNS lookup         | <code>nmap --system-dns [target]</code>            |
| • Manually specify DNS servers   | <code>nmap --dns-servers [servers] [target]</code> |
| • Create a host list             | <code>nmap -sL [targets]</code>                    |



## Firewall Evasion Techniques

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| • Fragment packets               | <code>nmap -f [target]</code>                        |
| • Specify a specific MTU         | <code>nmap -mtu [MTU] [target]</code>                |
| • Use a decoy                    | <code>nmap -D RND: [number] [target]</code>          |
| • Idle zombie scan               | <code>nmap -sI [zombie] [target]</code>              |
| • Manually specify a source port | <code>nmap -source-port [port] [target]</code>       |
| • Append random data             | <code>nmap -data-length [size] [target]</code>       |
| • Randomize target scan order    | <code>nmap -randomize-hosts [target]</code>          |
| • Spoof MAC Address              | <code>nmap -spoof-mac [MAC 0 vendor] [target]</code> |
| • Send bad checksums             | <code>nmap -badsum [target]</code>                   |

## Version Detection

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| • Operating system detection    | <code>nmap -O [target]</code>                 |
| • Attempt to guess an unknown   | <code>nmap -O -osscan-guess [target]</code>   |
| • Service version detection     | <code>nmap -sV [target]</code>                |
| • Troubleshooting version scans | <code>nmap -sV -version-trace [target]</code> |
| • Perform a RPC scan            | <code>nmap -sR [target]</code>                |

## Output Options

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| • Save output to a text file      | <code>nmap -oN [scan.txt] [target]</code>      |
| • Save output to a xml file       | <code>nmap -oX [scan.xml] [target]</code>      |
| • Grepable output                 | <code>nmap -oG [scan.txt] [target]</code>      |
| • Output all supported file types | <code>nmap -oA [path/filename] [target]</code> |
| • Periodically display statistics | <code>nmap -stats-every [time] [target]</code> |
| • 133t output                     | <code>nmap -oS [scan.txt] [target]</code>      |

## Ndiff

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| • Comparison using Ndiff | <code>ndiff [scan1.xml] [scan2.xml]</code>      |
| • Ndiff verbose mode     | <code>ndiff -v [scan1.xml] [scan2.xml]</code>   |
| • XML output mode        | <code>ndiff -xml [scan1.xml] [scan2.xml]</code> |



## Nmap Scripting Engine

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| • Execute individual scripts          | <code>nmap -script [script.nse] [target]</code>           |
| • Execute multiple scripts            | <code>nmap -script [expression] [target]</code>           |
| • Execute scripts by category         | <code>nmap -script [cat] [target]</code>                  |
| • Execute multiple scripts categories | <code>nmap -script [cat1,cat2, etc]</code>                |
| • Troubleshoot scripts                | <code>nmap -script [script] -script-trace [target]</code> |
| • Update the script database          | <code>nmap -script-updatedb</code>                        |
| • Script categories                   |   |
| ◦ all                                 |   |
| ◦ auth                                |   |
| ◦ default                             |   |
| ◦ discovery                           |   |
| ◦ external                            |   |
| ◦ intrusive                           |   |
| ◦ malware                             |   |
| ◦ safe                                |   |
| ◦ vuln                                |   |

## References

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- [See-Security's main page](#)
- [Hacking Defined.org](#)
- [See-Security's Facebook Page](#)
- [nmap Professional Discovery Guide](#)
- [nmap's Official Web Page](#)