

## NETWORK SECURITY ASSESSMENT REPORT

### 1. Executive Summary:

To know what is going on in our network traffic, tools like Nmap and Wireshark assist us by giving information on hosts that are up, unauthorized devices, etc. In this assessment we used Nmap to scan our network for devices and tried to scan some hosts to see if any ports are opened. We then used Wireshark to analyse the packets sent over the network and see if we have any unauthorized devices sending any traffic over the network.

### 2. Introduction:

- **Objective:** To secure our own Wireless Fidelity network.
- **Testing Approach:**
  - Discovery and Enumeration
  - Traffic Analysis
  - Report

### 3. Scope:

This test covered scanning wireless fidelity networks and capturing packets for traffic analysis.

### 4. Methodology:

- **Discovery and Enumeration:**

In order to know what devices are connected to your network, you'll need to perform a scan to know the hosts that are up, services running that can be exploited to perform further attacks, the operating system of the host etc. Nmap is a great tool that I used to perform my scans on the network.

From the screenshot below the code `sudo nmap -sT (Ip address)` provided me with hosts that are up and the open, closed and filtered TCP and UDP ports, the services running on those ports of targeted hosts on the network. We can see that the Simple Mail Transfer Protocol service is open on host 192.168.1.1 and unfortunately, we could not get the targeted host's operating system. The traceroute gives us the map of how data travels from the source host to its destination.

The `sudo nmap -script vuln (Ip address)` command is used to check for any vulnerabilities in the Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures.

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kali@kali: ~  
File Actions Edit View Help Analysis Statistics Telephony Wireless Tools Help  
[kali@kali]~  
$ sudo nmap -sT 192.168.1.1  
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-06-07 05:24 EDT  
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.1  
Host is up (0.031s latency).  
Not shown: 993 filtered tcp ports (no-response), 6 filtered tcp ports (host-unreach)  
PORT      STATE SERVICE  
25/tcp    open  smtp  
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 49.50 seconds  
[kali@kali]~  
$ sudo nmap -A 192.168.1.1  
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-06-07 05:26 EDT  
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.1  
Host is up (0.0025s latency).  
Not shown: 999 filtered tcp ports (no-response)  
PORT      STATE SERVICE  
25/tcp    open  smtp?  
|_ smtp-commands: SMTP EHLO nmap.scanme.org: failed to receive data: connection closed  
|_ fingerprint-strings: 192.168.1.1 192.168.1.1  
|_ NULL: 192.168.1.1  
|_ 421 4.7.0 Too many connections.  
1 service unrecognized despite returning data. If you know the service/version, please submit the following fingerprint at https://nmap.org/cgi-bin/submit.cgi?new-service :  
SF-Port25-TCP:V=7.94SVN%I=7%O=6/7%Time=684405FF%P=x86_64-pc-linux-gnu%r(NU  
SF:LL,21,"421\x204\7\0\x20Too\x20many\x20connections\,\r\n");  
Warning: OSScan results may be unreliable because we could not find at least 1 open and 1 closed port  
Aggressive OS guesses: Actiontec MI424WR-GEN3I WAP (97%), Microsoft Windows XP SP3 or Windows 7 or Windows Server 2012 (97%), DD-WRT v24-sp2 (Linux 2.4.3 (96%), VMware Player virtual NAT device (96%), Linux 4.4 (93%), Microsoft Windows XP SP3 (93%), Linux 3.2 (92%), BlueArc Titan 2100 NAS device (90%)  
No exact OS matches for host (test conditions non-ideal).  
Network Distance: 2 hops  
TRACEROUTE (using port 80/tcp)  
HOP RTT ADDRESS  
1 0.22 ms 192.168.118.2  
2 0.28 ms 192.168.1.1  
OS and Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .  
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 207.49 seconds  
[kali@kali]~  
$  
[kali@kali]~  
$ sudo nmap --script vuln 192.168.1.1  
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-06-07 05:33 EDT  
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.1  
Host is up (0.0021s latency).  
Not shown: 999 filtered tcp ports (no-response)  
PORT      STATE SERVICE  
25/tcp    open  smtp  
|_ smtp-vuln-cve2010-4344:  
|_ The SMTP server is not Exim: NOT VULNERABLE  
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 63.10 seconds  
[kali@kali]~  
$
```

- **Traffic Analysis:**

I then analyzed the packets on the network, I looked into some Transmission Control protocol logs picked by Wireshark, some Simple Mail Transfer protocol logs picked from our target host connection too and searched through the lists of packets to check if and suspicious packets are being transferred over my network by unauthorized devices.

Wireshark interface showing a packet capture from eth0. The top menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Go, Capture, Analyze, Statistics, Telephony, Wireless, Tools, and Help. The packet list pane shows a series of TCP SYN packets from 192.168.118.128 to 192.168.118.1. The packet details pane shows the selected packet (No. 1637) with details for Ethernet II, Internet Protocol Version 4, and Transmission Control Protocol. The packet bytes pane shows the raw data in hexadecimal and ASCII. The status bar at the bottom indicates 'eth0: <live capture in progress>' and 'Packets: 2027 - Displayed: 2027 (100.0%)'.

Wireshark interface showing a packet capture from eth0. The top menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Go, Capture, Analyze, Statistics, Telephony, Wireless, Tools, and Help. The packet list pane shows a series of SMTP and TCP packets. The packet details pane shows the selected packet (No. 14026) with details for Ethernet II, Internet Protocol Version 4, and Simple Mail Transfer Protocol. The packet bytes pane shows the raw data in hexadecimal and ASCII. The status bar at the bottom indicates 'eth0: <live capture in progress>' and 'Packets: 14044 - Displayed: 14044 (100.0%)'.

#### **5. Identified Vulnerabilities:**

- Open ports and services
- Service/ Operating System version detection
- Cleartext data exposure

#### **6. Mitigation Strategies:**

- Ensure all protocols are encrypted and avoid plaintext protocols.
- Disable unused services/ports.
- Isolate critical workstations or network devices using firewalls etc.
- Monitor network traffic using Wireshark, Nmap and Intrusion Detection System and Intrusion Prevention System.

#### **7. Conclusion:**

After the assessment I can say that the overall security posture is Low risk since No critical vulnerability and exposure was found and no unauthorized devices were detected too. Hence this targeted host is safe from data theft and operational disruption.