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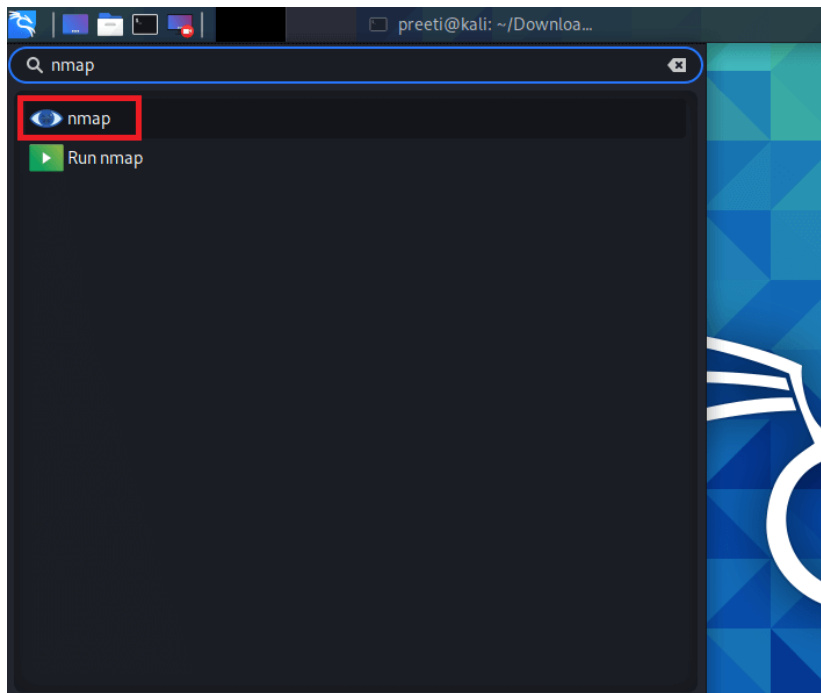
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**Write-up:**

- **NMAP**
- **Features of NMAP**
- **Nmap commands**
  
- **Using Nmap scanner to perform port scanning of various forms**

## Nmap Commands in Kali Linux

Nmap stands for "**Network Mapper**". In Kali Linux, Nmap means a utility that is widely used by **penetration testers** for **network discovery** and **system security audits**. Users find Nmap useful for various activities, including **network inventory, service uptime tracking, managing schedules, host monitoring**, etc. Nmap uses new methods to determine the number of hosts on a network, services provided by the **hosts, operating systems** they are running on, **types of packets** or **firewalls** they use, and several other features. It's also worth noting that Nmap has been named a security product of the year by **Linux Journal, Info World**, and other organizations.



## How to Use Nmap in Kali Linux?

- Nmap can be used for specific utilities, and specific tasks can be accomplished using the various options available in Nmap. Nmap's main goal is to protect the network by sniffing traffic and performing extensive network analysis. Detailed network analysis enables the administrator who has built the system for security on the network to get complete information about the packet traffic. Being alert and prepared allows the administrator to speedily respond to attacks.
- The command to scan a single IP address is the initial way to use Nmap. With the help of this, a "**threat sniffer**" who notices some unusual activity from a single IP can scan to distinguish between false positives and false negatives and hit the target if the IP is notorious. False positives trigger warnings unnecessarily, which can hide any attack. Using utility to differentiate false positives from false negatives will allow false positives to be exposed, keeping the network analyst on their toes to respond to any true positive attack without worrying about false positives.
- Nmap can also be used to scan a host for information that could make it a high-value target on a network that hacking is looking for. For example, attackers target a specific host that comprises financial information.
- In a more advanced situation of scanning an IP address, a user can also use Nmap to scan a range of IP addresses for instances or vulnerabilities via which an attack could be launched. Nmap might also be utilized extensively in a more

complex port selection situation. Nmap permits users to scan ports along with the utility, like scanning IP address and range of IP address. With the help of the scanning port, anyone can immediately determine if malware is attacking as malware usually targets a specific port in the host. Now, if we are unsure which ports are malfunctioning, we can scan a range of ports, just like one we had for scanning the range of IP addresses.

Nmap also has the ability to scan the top 100 most commonly used ports, as well as all **65535 ports** (this scan will take a lot of time).

## What Does Nmap Do?

Nmap is used to offer detailed, real-time information on our networks and the devices connected to them. Nmap's primary uses can be divided into three categories. First, the program provides detailed information about each **IP** active on our networks, after which each IP can be scanned. This helps administrators determine whether an IP address is being used by a legitimate service or by a malicious outsider.

Second, Nmap gives us information about the entire network. It can be used to display a list of **active hosts** and **open ports**, as well as **identify the operating system** of all connected devices. This makes it an important aspect of penetration as well as a handy tool for ongoing system monitoring. Nmap can be used with the **Metasploit** framework to probe and then patch network vulnerabilities.

Third, Nmap is also a useful tool for users who want to secure their personal and corporate websites. Scanning our **web server** with **Nmap**, especially if we are hosting our website from home, is effectively replicating how a hacker would attack our site. This method of "**attacking**" our own site is a very effective means of finding security vulnerabilities.

Nmap is easy to use, and majority of its tools are familiar to system admins from other programs. Nmap has the advantages of combining a variety of these capabilities into a single package, rather than forcing us to switch between other network monitoring tools. You must be familiar with the **command-line** interface in order to use Nmap.

Although most sophisticated users can write scripts to automate common operations, but basic network monitoring does not require this.

## Syntax of Kali Linux Nmap

In Kali Linux, in the context of **network analysis** or **hacking**, we call it "**sniffing network**" a crucial skill and tool for **network analysis** and **hacking undoubtedly** the

absolute necessity so that we can uncover potential attacks in vulnerable points. Fix them to protect the network and our systems.

The following are some syntaxes which help in "**network sniffing**".

## 1. Syntax for Scanning a Single IP

The following syntax is used to scan a single IP:

1. `nmap <ip address> ss` -

Here, <ip address> should be changed with the **actual IP address** for which the sniff is required.

## 2. Syntax for Scanning a Single Port

The following syntax is used to scan a single port:

1. `nmap -p <port number> <IP address>`

## 3. Syntax for Scanning Range of Ports

The following syntax is used to scan range of ports:

1. `nmap -p <range of port number> <IP address>`

## 4. Syntax for Scanning 100 Most Common Ports

The following syntax is used to scan 100 most common ports:

1. `nmap -f <IP address>`

## 5. Syntax for Scanning a Host

The following syntax is used to scan a host:

1. `Nmap <host name> nma`

Here, <host name> should be changed with the actual host address, which one would need to sniff:

## 6. Syntax to Scan Using TCP SYN Scan

The following syntax is used to Scan Using TCP SYN Scan:

1. `nmap -sS<IP address>`

## 7. Syntax for Scanning a Range of Ip s

The following syntax is used to scan a range of IPs:

1. `nmap <ip address range>`

## Nmap Commands in Kali Linux

### Nmap Command 1: nmap -T4 for Timing

In the scanning process, nmap transmits packets to the target machine in a specific time period (interval). We can use the **namp -T** switch to increase or decrease the time period. However, the **-T** option requires an attribute, we should use **1,2,3,4** as needed. **T4** has fast speed tsudhan **T1**, **T2**, and **T3**.

#### Syntax:

1. `$ sudo nmap -T4 192.168.56.102`

```
(preeti@ kali)-[~]  
$ sudo nmap -T4 192.168.56.102  
Starting Nmap 7.91 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-12-10 18:46 IST  
Nmap scan report for 192.168.56.102  
Host is up (0.0023s latency).  
Not shown: 999 filtered ports  
PORT      STATE SERVICE  
53/tcp    open  domain  
  
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 4.04 seconds
```

### Nmap Command 2: nmap -sS for TCP SYN Scan

It is required privilege access and identifies **TCP** ports. TCP SYN Scan is a standard method for **detecting open ports** without going through the **Three-way Handshake** process. When an open port is spotted, the **TCP handshake** is reset before accomplishment. Hence this scanning is also called **Half Open** scanning.

## Syntax

1. `sudo nmap -sS 192.168.56.102`

```
(preeti@kali)-[~]
$ sudo nmap -sS 192.168.56.102
[sudo] password for preeti:
Starting Nmap 7.91 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-12-10 18:35 IST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.56.102
Host is up (0.0016s latency).
Not shown: 999 filtered ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE
53/tcp    open  domain

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 5.22 seconds
```

## Nmap Command 3: nmap -sF for FIN Scan

**FIN** scan transmits packets with a **FIN flag** to the target machine; therefore, these frames are abnormal as they are sent to the destination before the **Three-way handshaking** process can be completed. If there is no active TCP session, then the port is formally closed. If the destination machine's port is closed then the RST packet in the FIN Scan response is **reversed**.

## Syntax

1. `sudo nmap -sF 192.168.56.102`

```
(preeti@kali)-[~]
$ sudo nmap -sF 192.168.56.102
Starting Nmap 7.91 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-12-10 18:37 IST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.56.102
Host is up (0.000038s latency).
All 1000 scanned ports on 192.168.56.102 are closed

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.09 seconds
```

Compared to other nmap scans, an **IP Protocol** scan has a major difference. It's looking for other **IP protocols** utilized by the Target system, such as **ICMP**, **TCP**, and **UDP**. The additional IP protocol, such as **EGP**, or **IGP**.

1. `sudo nmap -sO 192.168.56.102`

```
(preeti@ kali)-[~]
$ sudo nmap -s0 192.168.56.102
Starting Nmap 7.91 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-12-10 18:38 IST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.56.102
Host is up (0.0012s latency).
Not shown: 255 open|filtered protocols
PROTOCOL STATE SERVICE
6          open  tcp

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 5.28 seconds
```

## Nmap Command 4: nmap-PE for ICMP Echo Request Ping

The **ICMP** echo request ping sends an ICMP echo request to the IP address of the destination machine. In the normal type of ICMP echo request, a combination of **TCP** and **ACK pings** is sent. Using option **-PE**, the **ICMP** echo request can be specified as the nmap ping method without coupling **TCP ACK ping**.

### Syntax

1. nmap -PE 192.168.56.102

```
(preeti@ kali)-[~]
$ sudo nmap -PE 192.168.56.102
Starting Nmap 7.91 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-12-10 18:39 IST
Note: Host seems down. If it is really up, but blocking our ping probes, try -Pn
Nmap done: 1 IP address (0 hosts up) scanned in 2.07 seconds
```

## Nmap Command 5: nmap -PA for TCP ACP Ping

Instead of using the default option of both an **ICMP** echo request and a **TCP ACK**, the **-PA** option sends a **TCP ACK** and discards any **ICMP** echo requests. This is a decent option when **ICMP** is not an option due to packet filtering or firewalls.

### Syntax

1. nmap -PA 192.168.56.102

```
(preeti@ kali)-[~]
$ sudo nmap -PA 192.168.56.102
Starting Nmap 7.91 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-12-10 18:41 IST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.56.102
Host is up (0.0029s latency).
Not shown: 999 filtered ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE
53/tcp    open  domain

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 4.10 seconds
```

## Nmap Command 6: nmap -p for Port Scan

Nmap is mostly used to scan ports; it scans all ports by default, but we can scan single, multiple, or within range protocols.

### Single port scan:

#### Syntax

1. Sudo nmap -p21 192.168.56.102

```
(preeti@kali)-[~]
$ sudo nmap -p21 192.168.56.102
Starting Nmap 7.91 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-12-10 18:42 IST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.56.102
Host is up (0.0016s latency).

PORT      STATE      SERVICE
21/tcp    filtered  ftp

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.28 seconds
```

### Multiple scan ports:

#### Syntax

1. Sudo nmap -p21, 80, 443 192.168.56.102

```
(preeti@kali)-[~]
$ sudo nmap -p21,80,443 192.168.56.102
Starting Nmap 7.91 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-12-10 18:43 IST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.56.102
Host is up (0.0015s latency).

PORT      STATE      SERVICE
21/tcp    filtered  ftp
80/tcp    filtered  http
443/tcp   filtered  https

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 1.28 seconds
```

## Nmap Command 7: nmap -v for Verbose Mode

The verbose mode of **nmap** allows us to get more information from the scan output. The verbose option does not affect on what happens during the scan; it only modifies the amount of information that **nmap** shows on its output.

1. Sudo nmap -sF -v 192.168.56.102



```


```
(preeti@ kali)~$ sudo nmap -sf -v 192.168.56.102
Starting Nmap 7.91 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-12-10 18:46 IST
Initiating Ping Scan at 18:46
Scanning 192.168.56.102 [4 ports]
Completed Ping Scan at 18:46, 0.00s elapsed (1 total hosts)
Initiating Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 18:46
Completed Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 18:46, 0.01s elapsed
Initiating FIN Scan at 18:46
Scanning 192.168.56.102 [1000 ports]
Completed FIN Scan at 18:46, 0.04s elapsed (1000 total ports)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.56.102
Host is up (0.0019s latency).
All 1000 scanned ports on 192.168.56.102 are closed

Read data files from: /usr/bin/./share/nmap
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.13 seconds
Raw packets sent: 1004 (40.152KB) | Rcvd: 1001 (40.040KB)
```


```

## Command 8: nmap for scanning a host

### Syntax

1. `sudo nmap www.yahoo.com`

```


```
(preeti@ kali)~$ sudo nmap www.yahoo.com
[sudo] password for preeti:
Starting Nmap 7.91 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-12-10 18:55 IST
Nmap scan report for www.yahoo.com (202.165.107.49)
Host is up (0.021s latency).
Other addresses for www.yahoo.com (not scanned): 202.165.107.50 2406:2000:e4:1605::9000 2406:2000:e4:1605::9001
rDNS record for 202.165.107.49: media-router-fp73.prod.media.vip.sg3.yahoo.com
Not shown: 997 filtered ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE
53/tcp    open  domain
80/tcp    open  http
443/tcp   open  https

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 13.37 seconds
```


```

## Some Other Nmap Commands

Most of the Nmap's function can be executed with just one command, and the program also uses many "**shortcut**" commands, which can be used to automate common tasks.

Here is a quick run-down:

### 1. Ping Scanning

A ping scan returns information on every active IP on our network. This command can be used to perform a ping scan:

1. `nmap #`

```



```

## 2. Scan the Most Popular Ports

This command is especially useful for running Nmap on a **home server**. It automatically scans various most popular ports for a host. We can use the following command to run this command:

1. `nmap -top-ports 20 192.168.1.106`

```
(preeti@ kali)-[~]
$ sudo nmap -top-ports 20 192.168.1.106
Starting Nmap 7.91 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-12-10 18:51 IST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.106
Host is up (0.0020s latency).

PORT      STATE      SERVICE
21/tcp    filtered  ftp
22/tcp    filtered  ssh
23/tcp    filtered  telnet
25/tcp    filtered  smtp
53/tcp    open      domain
80/tcp    filtered  http
110/tcp   filtered  pop3
111/tcp   filtered  rpcbind
135/tcp   filtered  msrpc
139/tcp   filtered  netbios-ssn
143/tcp   filtered  imap
443/tcp   filtered  https
445/tcp   filtered  microsoft-ds
993/tcp   filtered  imaps
995/tcp   filtered  pop3s
1723/tcp  filtered  pptp
3306/tcp  filtered  mysql
3389/tcp  filtered  ms-wbt-server
5900/tcp  filtered  vnc
8080/tcp  filtered  http-proxy

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 1.49 seconds
```

We can replace "20" with the number of ports to scan, and Nmap quickly scans that many ports. It provides a simple output that details the state of the most common ports, allowing us to rapidly determine whether any ports are open needlessly.

### 3. Disable DNS Name Resolution

We can also speed up our Nmap scans with the help of the **-n parameter** to disable reverse **DNS** resolution. This can be quite handy if we need to scan a huge network. For example, to **turn off DNS resolution** for the basic ping scan mentioned above, add -n:

1. Nmap -sp -n 192.100.1.1/24

```
(preeti@ kali)-[~]
$ sudo nmap -sp -n 192.100.1.1/24
Starting Nmap 7.91 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-12-10 18:59 IST
Spoofing MAC address 00:01:BA:8B:46:8B (IC-Net)
```