Scripting Engine

-sc Run default scripts
--script=<ScriptName>|
<ScriptCategory>|<ScriptDir>...
Run individual or groups of scripts
--script-args=<Name1=Value1,...>
Use the list of script arguments
--script-updatedb
Update script database

Script Categories

Nmap's script categories include, but are not limited to, the following:

auth: Utilize credentials or bypass authentication on target hosts.

broadcast: Discover hosts not included on command line by broadcasting on local network.

brute: Attempt to guess passwords on target systems, for a variety of protocols, including http, SNMP, IAX, MySQL, VNC, etc.

default: Scripts run automatically when -sC or -A are used. **discovery:** Try to learn more information about target hosts through public sources of information, SNMP, directory services, and more.

dos: May cause denial of service conditions in target hosts.

exploit: Attempt to exploit target systems.

external: Interact with third-party systems not included in target list.

fuzzer: Send unexpected input in network protocol fields. **intrusive:** May crash target, consume excessive resources, or otherwise impact target machines in a malicious fashion. **malware:** Look for signs of malware infection on the target hosts.

safe: Designed not to impact target in a negative fashion. **version:** Measure the version of software or protocol spoken by target hosts.

vul: Measure whether target systems have a known vulnerability.

Notable Scripts

A full list of Nmap Scripting Engine scripts is available at http://nmap.org/nsedoc/

Some particularly useful scripts include:

dns-zone-transfer: Attempts to pull a zone file (AXFR) from a DNS server.

\$ nmap --script dns-zonetransfer.nse --script-args dns-zonetransfer.domain=<domain> -p53
<hosts>

http-robots.txt: Harvests robots.txt files from discovered web servers.

\$ nmap --script http-robots.txt
<hosts>

smb-brute: Attempts to determine valid username and password combinations via automated quessing.

\$ nmap --script smb-brute.nse -p445
<hosts>

smb-psexec: Attempts to run a series of programs on the target machine, using credentials provided as scriptargs.

\$ nmap --script smb-psexec.nse script-args=smbuser=<username>,
smbpass=<password>[,config=<config>]
-p445 <hosts>



Nmap Cheat Sheet

POCKET REFERENCE GUIDE SANS Institute

http://www.sans.org

Base Syntax

nmap [ScanType] [Options] {targets}

Target Specification

IPv4 address: 192.168.1.1

IPv6 address: AABB:CCDD::FF%eth0

Host name: www.target.tgt

IP address range: 192.168.0-255.0-255

CIDR block: 192.168.0.0/16

Use file with lists of targets: -iL <filename>

Target Ports

No port range specified scans 1,000 most popular ports

-**F** Scan 100 most popular ports

-p<port1>-<port2> Port range

-p<port1>,<port2>,... Port List

-pu:53,u:110,T20-445 Mix TCP and UDP

-r Scan linearly (do not randomize ports)

--top-ports <n> Scan n most popular ports

-p-65535 Leaving off initial port in range makes

Nmap scan start at port 1

-p0- Leaving off end port in range makes

Nmap scan through port 65535

-p- Scan ports 1-65535

Probing Options

- -Pn Don't probe (assume all hosts are up)
- -PB Default probe (TCP 80, 445 & ICMP)
- -PS<portlist>

Check whether targets are up by probing TCP ports

- -PE Use ICMP Echo Request
- -PP Use ICMP Timestamp Request
- -PM Use ICMP Netmask Request

Scan Types

- -sn Probe only (host discovery, not port scan)
- -ss SYN Scan
- -st TCP Connect Scan
- -st UDP Scan
- -sv Version Scan
- o OS Detection
- --scanflags Set custom list of TCP using URGACKPSHRSTSYNFIN in any order

Fine-Grained Timing Options

- --min-hostgroup/max-hostgroup <size>
 Parallel host scan group sizes
- --min-parallelism/max-parallelism
 <numprobes>

Probe parallelization

- --min-rtt-timeout/max-rtttimeout/initial-rtt-timeout <time> Specifies probe round trip time.
- --max-retries <tries>
 Caps number of port scan probe retransmissions.
- --host-timeout <time>
 Give up on target after this long
- --scan-delay/--max-scan-delay <time>
 Adjust delay between probes

<number> per second

- --min-rate <number>
 Send packets no slower than
- --max-rate <number>
 Send packets no faster than
 <number> per second

Aggregate Timing Options

- -то Paranoid: Very slow, used for IDS evasion
- -T1 Sneaky: Quite slow, used for IDS evasion
- -T2 Polite: Slows down to consume less bandwidth, runs ~10 times slower than default
- -T3 Normal: Default, a dynamic timing model based on target responsiveness
- -**T4** Aggressive: Assumes a fast and reliable network and may overwhelm targets
- -**T5** *Insane:* Very aggressive; will likely overwhelm targets or miss open ports

Output Formats

- -on Standard Nmap output
- -og Greppable format
- -ox XML format
- -oA <basename>

Generate Nmap, Greppable, and XML output files using basename for files

Misc Options

- -n Disable reverse IP address lookups
- -6 Use IPv6 only
- -A Use several features, including OS Detection, Version Detection, Script Scanning (default), and traceroute
- --reason Display reason Nmap thinks port is open, closed, or filtered