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-zone-transfer.nse --script-args dns-zone-transfer.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 guessing.

```
$ 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>
```

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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

-sU 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-rtt-timeout/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

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

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

Aggregate Timing Options

-T0 *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