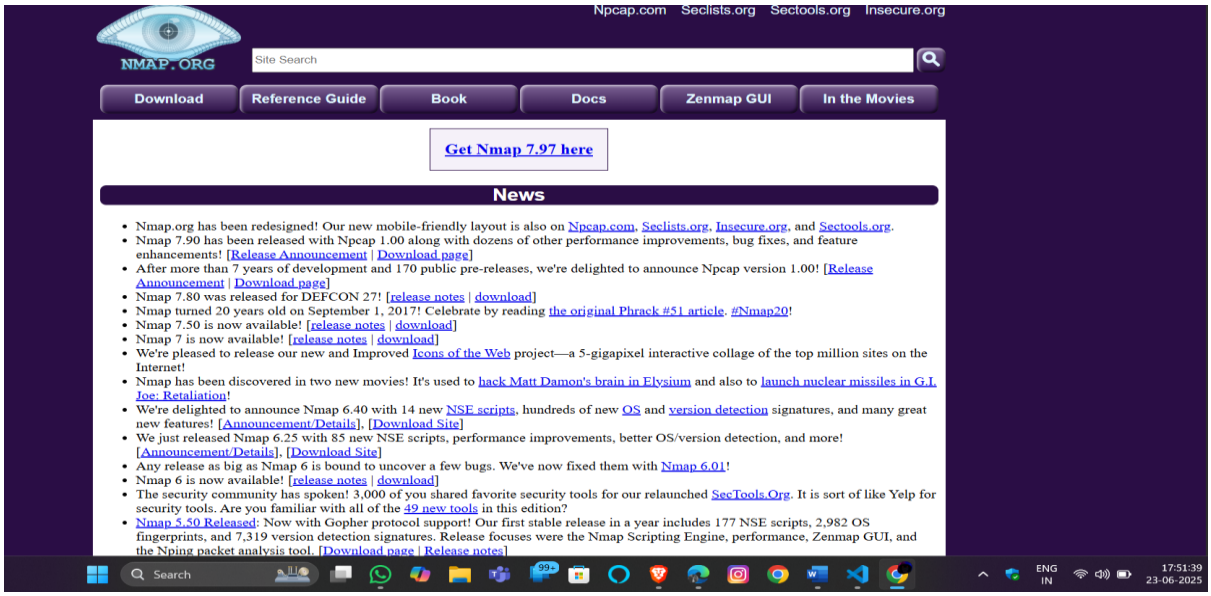
CYBER SECURITY INTERNSHIP

Task 1: Scan Your Local Network for Open Ports

Objective: Learn to discover open ports on devices in your local network to understand network exposure.

Tools: Nmap (free), Wireshark (optional)

1.Install Nmap from official website.



2.Find your local IP range.

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C:\Users\neeti>ipconfig

Windows IP Configuration


Wireless LAN adapter Local Area Connection* 1:

   Media State . . . . . . . . . . . : Media disconnected
   Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . :

Wireless LAN adapter Local Area Connection* 2:

   Media State . . . . . . . . . . . : Media disconnected
   Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . :

Ethernet adapter VMware Network Adapter VMnet1:

   Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . :
   Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::a37c:efcc:38fe:5587%21
   IPv4 Address. . . . . . . . . . . : 192.168.14.1
   Subnet Mask . . . . . . . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
   Default Gateway . . . . . . . . . :

Ethernet adapter VMware Network Adapter VMnet8:

   Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . :
   Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::1dbf:72f:6ffd:6026%11
   IPv4 Address. . . . . . . . . . . : 192.168.77.1
   Subnet Mask . . . . . . . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
   Default Gateway . . . . . . . . . :

Wireless LAN adapter Wi-Fi:

   Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . :
   IPv6 Address. . . . . . . . . . . : 2409:40c1:4022:471b:41c9:26b6:877a:e1f4
   Temporary IPv6 Address. . . . . . : 2409:40c1:4022:471b:74d0:8a0f:a33f:ddfb
   Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::ad17:7ddf:ab06:a726%13
   IPv4 Address. . . . . . . . . . . : 192.168.109.25
   Subnet Mask . . . . . . . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
   Default Gateway . . . . . . . . . : fe80::c046:dbff:fe2c:7485%13
                                       192.168.109.228

Ethernet adapter vEthernet (WSLCore):

   Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . :
   Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::4567:f275:74a8:7cc5%43
   IPv4 Address. . . . . . . . . . . : 172.24.176.1
   Subnet Mask . . . . . . . . . . . : 255.255.240.0
   Default Gateway . . . . . . . . . :
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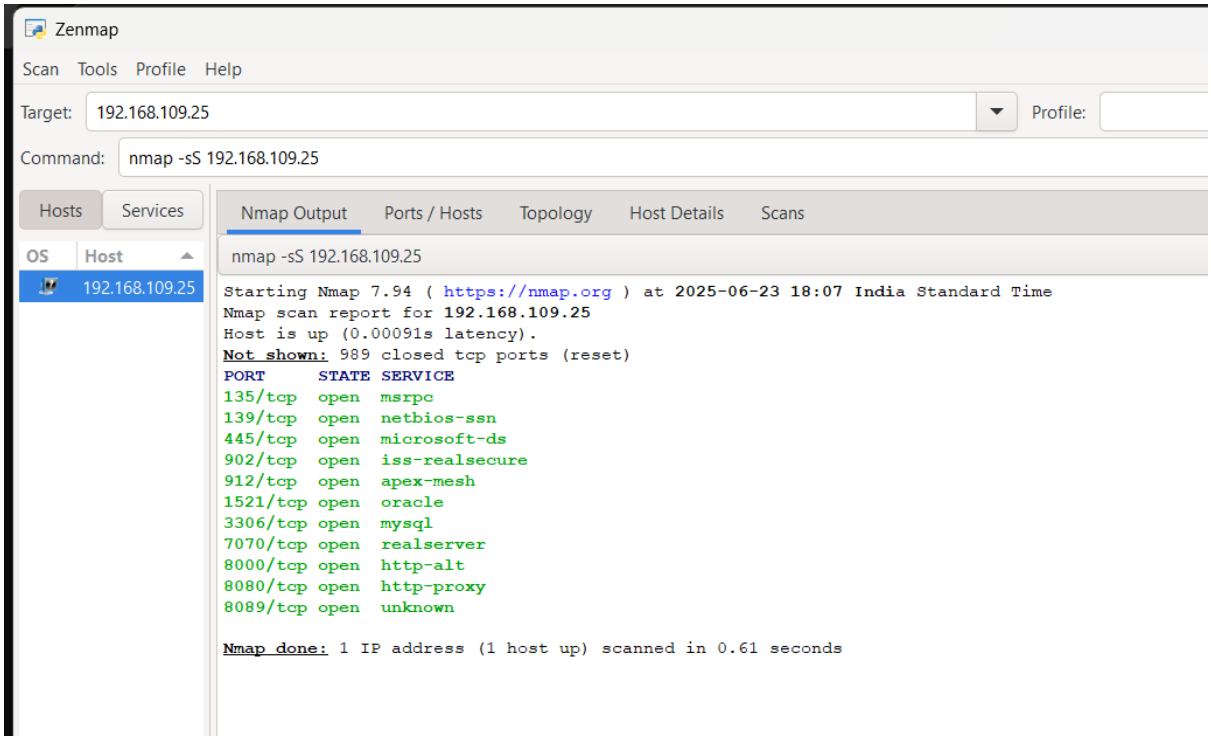
3.Run: nmap -sS 192.168.109.25 to perform TCP SYN scan.

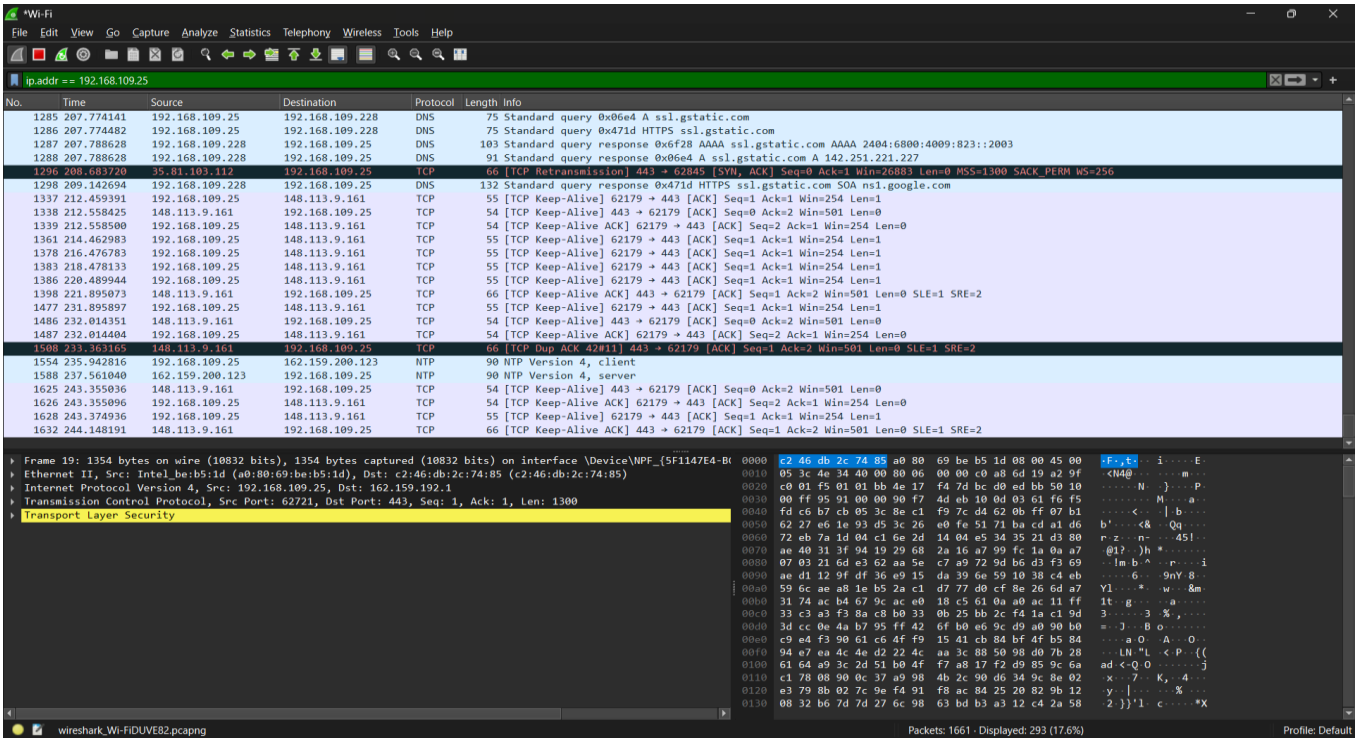


4.IP addresses and open ports found.

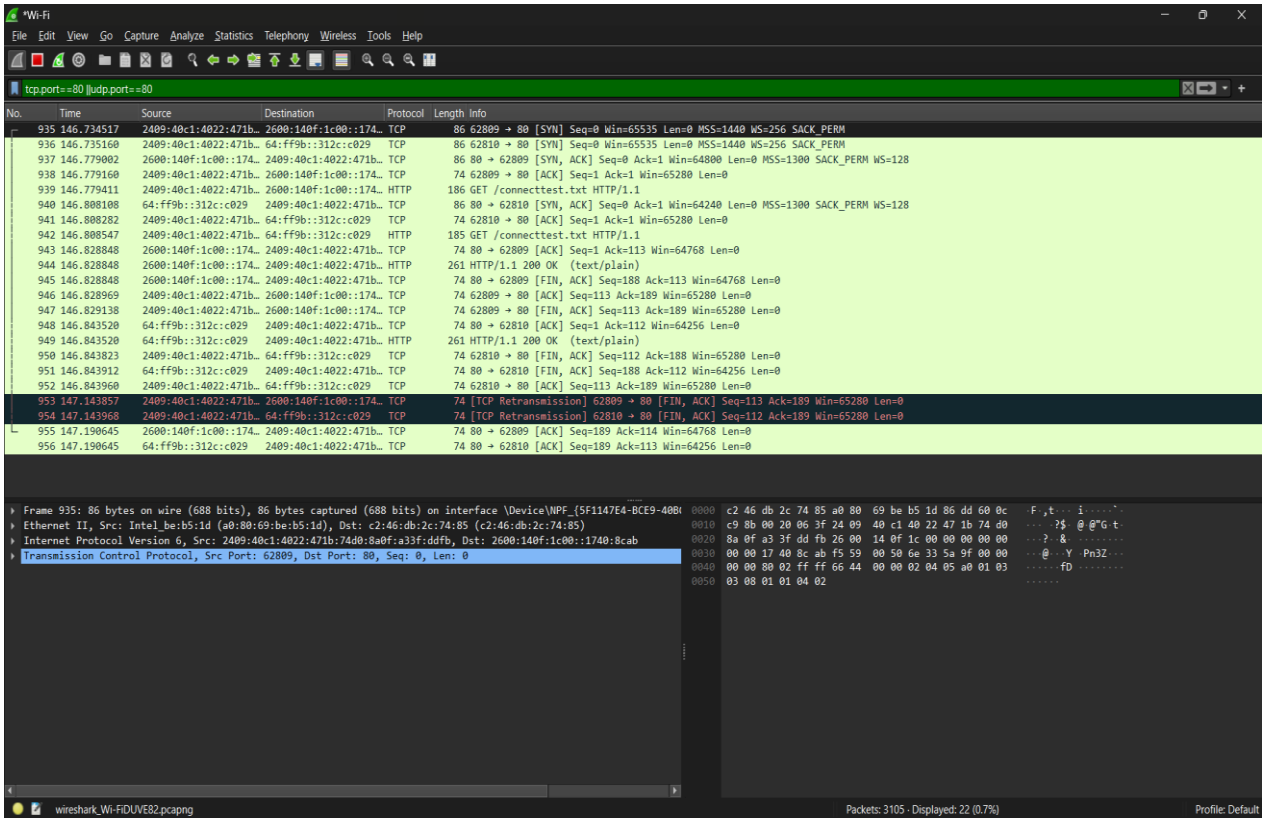
Open ports are 135,139,445,902,912,1521,3306,7070,8000,8080,8089

5.Analyze packet capture with Wireshark. (Optionally)

- Use the filter ip.addr==<ip address>



- Use the filter tcp.port==<port> ||udp.port==<port>



6.Research common services running on those ports.

Port	State	Service	Description
135	open	msrpc	Microsoft RPC services, common in Windows networks.
139	open	netbios-ssn	NetBIOS Session Service; used in Windows file sharing.
445	open	microsoft-ds	SMB over TCP, also used for Windows file sharing.
902	open	iss-realsecure	Often VMware-related (used by VMware Server Console).
912	open	apex-mesh	Often related to VMware (VM communication interface).
1521	open	oracle	Oracle database default listener port.
3306	open	mysql	MySQL database service.
7070	open	realserver	RealNetworks streaming media server.
8000	open	http-alt	Alternate HTTP service port; could be a web service.
8080	open	http-proxy	Commonly used for web servers or proxies.
8089	open	unknown	Unknown service — needs further investigation.

7.Identify potential security risks from open ports.

Open ports can introduce a range of security risks, especially if the services listening on them are misconfigured, outdated, or unnecessary.

General Risks of Open Ports

1. **Unauthorized Access**
    - Open ports expose services to anyone on the network (or the internet), increasing the attack surface.
    - Attackers may attempt brute-force logins or exploit weak authentication.
2. **Exploitation of Vulnerabilities**
    - Services listening on open ports might have known vulnerabilities that attackers can exploit (e.g., buffer overflows, remote code execution).
3. **Information Leakage**
    - Some services may disclose version info or system details, aiding attackers in reconnaissance.
4. **Lateral Movement**
    - Once inside a network, attackers can use open ports to move laterally to other systems.
5. **Malware Communication (C2)**
    - Open ports can be used by malware to establish **Command & Control (C2)** channels, allowing remote control of the compromised system.

The specific security risks associated with the open ports found in Nmap scan

Ports 135, 139, and 445 are commonly used in Windows networking for services like Microsoft RPC, NetBIOS, and SMB. These ports are frequent targets for malware and attackers due to historical vulnerabilities like EternalBlue, which enabled widespread attacks such as WannaCry. If exposed, they can be used for remote code execution, credential theft, or lateral movement within a network.

Ports 902 and 912 are typically associated with VMware services, and if left exposed, they could potentially allow unauthorized access to virtual machine controls or facilitate data leakage between host and guest systems

Port 1521, used by Oracle databases, and 3306, used by MySQL, pose a significant risk when accessible from untrusted networks, as attackers could exploit vulnerabilities or weak credentials to perform SQL injection, data extraction, or even take control of the database server.

Web-related ports like 8000, 8080, and 8089 often host development or alternative HTTP services, which may be less hardened, exposing them to common web application attacks such as cross-site scripting (XSS), remote code execution (RCE), or misconfigured admin panels. Notably, port 8089 is unclassified in the scan and should be investigated further, as unknown services can pose stealthy or custom threats that are harder to detect and defend against.

8.Save scan results as a text or HTML file.