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#### Introduction

Day 4 introduced scanning and enumeration: how to take reconnaissance data and cover active services, open ports, and software versions while remaining mindful of impacts and authorization.

#### Key Concepts Discussed

We covered the reasons for different scan types, the meaning of open/closed/filtered ports, and the value of service fingerprinting. The trainer discussed the correct scanning to avoid service disruption and the legal implications of scanning target systems without consent.

#### Lab Preparation in Theory

The class was guided through the conceptual setup for performing controlled scans in an isolated environment, including scanning rate throttle plans and logging approaches. We discussed how to record scan results and cross-reference service banners with known service databases to prioritize next steps.

#### Practical Understanding (Theory)

Students learned to design a scanning plan: scope, timing, scan types, report formats, and escalation pathways if critical issues are discovered. We also discussed how defenders detect scanning behavior and how that intelligence is used for response.

#### Key Takeaways

Scanning uncovers actionable intelligence but must be performed with caution.

Service identification accelerates vulnerability research and reduces noise.

#### Conclusion

The foundation for practical scanning is laid; the next session will cover vulnerability assessment and interpretation of scan results.

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