

# **Integrated Network Reconnaissance and Traffic Analysis Toolkit**

A multi-phase cybersecurity project combining automated scanning, host enumeration, and packet-level monitoring using Metasploit, Nmap, Bash scripting, and Wireshark.

# **Part 1: Environment Preparation and Active Network Scanning**

This phase covers IP address validation, initializing the Metasploit environment, launching a full TCP SYN scan, and enumerating discovered hosts and services.

# Kali VM IP Address Configuration

```
parvaparikh17@24hours: ~  
File Actions Edit View Help  
(parvaparikh17@24hours)-[~]  
$ ip addr show  
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group default qlen 1000  
    link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00:00  
    inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo  
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever  
    inet6 ::1/128 scope host noprefixroute  
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever  
2: eth0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc fq_codel state UP group default ql  
en 1000  
    link/ether 00:0c:29:8c:3d:cd brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff  
    inet 172.16.221.128/24 brd 172.16.221.255 scope global dynamic noprefixroute eth0  
        valid_lft 1779sec preferred_lft 1779sec  
    inet6 fe80::20c:29ff:fe8c:3dcd/64 scope link noprefixroute  
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
```

Displays the Kali Linux VM's assigned IP address **172.16.221.128**, confirming its position in the **172.16.221.0/24** subnet used for internal scanning.

## Launching PostgreSQL and Metasploit Console

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PostgreSQL is started to support Metasploit's database-backed workspace. Metasploit is then launched to begin the reconnaissance workflow.



# Full TCP SYN Scan in Metasploit Workspace

```
parvaparikh17@24hours: ~  
File Actions Edit View Help  
msf6 > workspace --add reconlab  
[*] Workspace 'reconlab' already existed, switching to it.  
[*] Workspace: reconlab  
msf6 > workspace reconlab  
[*] workspace: reconlab  
msf6 > db_nmap -sS -T4 -p- -v --open --reason 172.16.221.0/24  
[*] Nmap: Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-06-12 16:54 EDT  
[*] Nmap: Initiating ARP Ping Scan at 16:54  
[*] Nmap: Scanning 255 hosts [1 port/host]  
[*] Nmap: Completed ARP Ping Scan at 16:54, 1.85s elapsed (255 total hosts)  
[*] Nmap: Initiating Parallel DNS resolution of 3 hosts. at 16:54  
[*] Nmap: Completed Parallel DNS resolution of 3 hosts. at 16:54, 0.03s elapsed  
[*] Nmap: Initiating Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 16:54  
[*] Nmap: Completed Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 16:54, 0.02s elapsed  
[*] Nmap: Initiating SYN Stealth Scan at 16:54  
[*] Nmap: Scanning 3 hosts [65535 ports/host]  
[*] Nmap: Completed SYN Stealth Scan against 172.16.221.2 in 4.47s (2 hosts left)  
[*] Nmap: Discovered open port 5000/tcp on 172.16.221.1  
[*] Nmap: Completed SYN Stealth Scan against 172.16.221.1 in 101.17s (1 host left)  
[*] Nmap: Completed SYN Stealth Scan at 16:56, 114.53s elapsed (196605 total ports)  
[*] Nmap: Nmap scan report for 172.16.221.1  
[*] Nmap: Host is up, received arp-response (0.00052s latency).  
[*] Nmap: Not shown: 36435 filtered tcp ports (no-response), 29099 closed tcp ports (reset)  
[*] Nmap: Some closed ports may be reported as filtered due to --defeat-rst-ratelimit  
[*] Nmap: PORT STATE SERVICE REASON  
[*] Nmap: 5000/tcp open upnp syn-ack ttl 64  
[*] Nmap: MAC Address: 2E:CA:16:E0:E7:65 (Unknown)  
[*] Nmap: Initiating SYN Stealth Scan at 16:56  
[*] Nmap: Scanning 172.16.221.128 [65535 ports]  
[*] Nmap: Completed SYN Stealth Scan at 16:56, 0.17s elapsed (65535 total ports)  
[*] Nmap: Read data files from: /usr/share/nmap  
[*] Nmap: Nmap done: 256 IP addresses (4 hosts up) scanned in 116.81 seconds  
[*] Nmap: Raw packets sent: 366139 (16.102MB) | Rcvd: 225724 (9.291MB)
```

Created a new reconlab workspace and ran a full TCP SYN scan on 172.16.221.0/24, capturing host, port, and service data for all devices in the subnet.

## Discovered Hosts and Open Services

```
msf6 > hosts
Hosts
=====
```

address	mac	name	os_name	os_flavor	os_sp	purpose	info	comments
172.16.221.1	2e:ca:16:e0:e7:65		Unknown			device		

```
msf6 > services
Services
=====
```

host	port	proto	name	state	info
172.16.221.1	5000	tcp	upnp	open	

```
msf6 > █
```

Used hosts and services commands in Metasploit to confirm that 172.16.221.1 is live and has port 5000/tcp open running a UPNP service.

## **Part 2: Recon Automation and Scripted Execution**

Conducted automation of Metasploit scan process and the integration of traffic capture through Wireshark

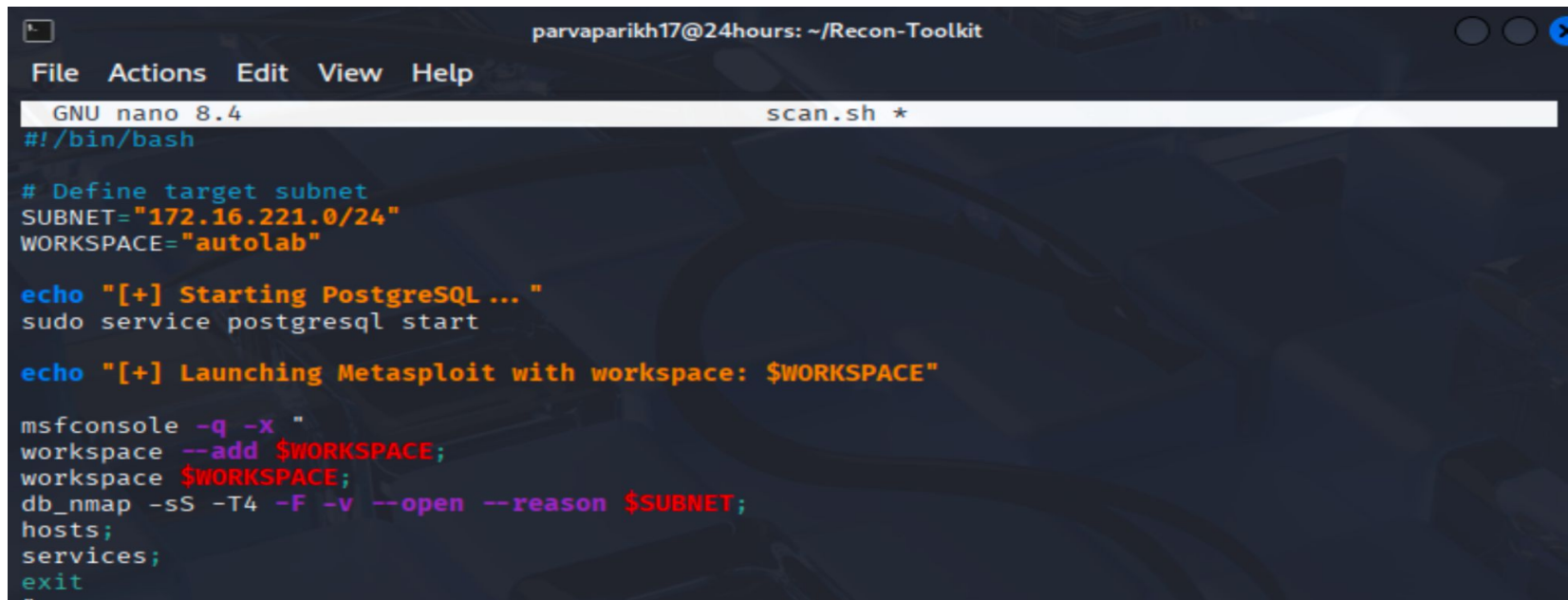
## Opening Recon Toolkit Directory

```
msf6 > nano scan.sh  
[*] exec: nano scan.sh
```

Navigated to the custom Recon Toolkit directory and prepared to edit the scan automation file.



# Writing scan.sh Script for Automation



```
parvaparikh17@24hours: ~/Recon-Toolkit
File Actions Edit View Help
GNU nano 8.4 scan.sh *
#!/bin/bash

# Define target subnet
SUBNET="172.16.221.0/24"
WORKSPACE="autolab"

echo "[+] Starting PostgreSQL ..."
sudo service postgresql start

echo "[+] Launching Metasploit with workspace: $WORKSPACE"

msfconsole -q -x "
workspace --add $WORKSPACE;
workspace $WORKSPACE;
db_nmap -sS -T4 -F -v --open --reason $SUBNET;
hosts;
services;
exit
"
```

Displays the full script used to automate PostgreSQL startup, workspace creation, and subnet scanning from within Metasploit.

# Launching Wireshark for Packet Capture

```
(parvaparikh17@24hours)-[~]  
$ sudo wireshark &  
[1] 48933  
  
(parvaparikh17@24hours)-[~]  
$ ** (wireshark:48942) 17:28:44.160816 [Capture MESSAGE] -- Capture Start ...  
** (wireshark:48942) 17:28:44.210360 [Capture MESSAGE] -- Capture started  
** (wireshark:48942) 17:28:44.210378 [Capture MESSAGE] -- File: "/tmp/wireshark_eth07NMZ72.pcap  
ng"  
** (wireshark:48942) 17:29:39.043247 [Capture MESSAGE] -- Capture Stop ...
```

Wireshark is started with elevated privileges to monitor live traffic during recon scans, saving the capture as a .pcap file.

# Executing scan.sh for Automated Recon

```
(parvaparikh17@24hours)-[~]
$ cd ~/Recon-Toolkit
(parvaparikh17@24hours)-[~/Recon-Toolkit]
$ ./scan.sh
[+] Starting PostgreSQL ...
[sudo] password for parvaparikh17:
[+] Launching Metasploit with workspace: autolab
[*] Workspace 'autolab' already existed, switching to it.
[*] Workspace: autolab
[*] Workspace: autolab
[*] Nmap: Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-06-12 17:29 EDT
[*] Nmap: Initiating ARP Ping Scan at 17:29
[*] Nmap: Scanning 255 hosts [1 port/host]
[*] Nmap: Completed ARP Ping Scan at 17:29, 1.84s elapsed (255 total hosts)
[*] Nmap: Initiating Parallel DNS resolution of 3 hosts. at 17:29
[*] Nmap: Completed Parallel DNS resolution of 3 hosts. at 17:29, 0.04s elapsed
[*] Nmap: Initiating Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 17:29
[*] Nmap: Completed Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 17:29, 0.03s elapsed
[*] Nmap: Initiating SYN Stealth Scan at 17:29
[*] Nmap: Scanning 3 hosts [100 ports/host]
[*] Nmap: Discovered open port 5000/tcp on 172.16.221.1
[*] Nmap: Completed SYN Stealth Scan against 172.16.221.1 in 0.04s (2 hosts left)
[*] Nmap: Completed SYN Stealth Scan against 172.16.221.2 in 0.04s (1 host left)
[*] Nmap: Completed SYN Stealth Scan at 17:29, 1.93s elapsed (300 total ports)
[*] Nmap: Nmap scan report for 172.16.221.1
[*] Nmap: Host is up, received arp-response (0.00021s latency).
[*] Nmap: Not shown: 99 closed tcp ports (reset)
[*] Nmap: PORT      STATE SERVICE REASON
[*] Nmap: 5000/tcp open  upnp    syn-ack ttl 64
[*] Nmap: MAC Address: 2E:CA:16:E0:E7:65 (Unknown)
[*] Nmap: Initiating SYN Stealth Scan at 17:29
[*] Nmap: Scanning 172.16.221.128 [100 ports]
[*] Nmap: Completed SYN Stealth Scan at 17:29, 0.03s elapsed (100 total ports)
[*] Nmap: Read data files from: /usr/share/nmap
[*] Nmap: Nmap done: 256 IP addresses (4 hosts up) scanned in 3.99 seconds
[*] Nmap: Raw packets sent: 1013 (36.380KB) | Rcvd: 409 (16.672KB)

Hosts
-----
address      mac          name  os_name  os_flavor  os_sp  purpose  info  comments
-----
172.16.221.1  2E:CA:16:E0:E7:65  Unknown

Services
-----
host      port  proto  name  state  info
-----
172.16.221.1  5000  tcp    upnp  open
```

The automation script is executed, launching a full scan and logging host/service output, enabling reproducible recon workflows.

## **Part 3: Packet-Level Network Visibility with Wireshark**

This phase captures and analyzes live network traffic generated by the Nmap scan. Using Wireshark, filters are applied to isolate SYN packets, host-specific communication, closed port responses, and traffic to an open port—providing full visibility into how network reconnaissance appears at the packet level.

# Filtered View of SYN Packets (Scan Initiation)

File Edit View Go Capture Analyze Statistics Telephony Wireless Tools Help									
tcp.flags.syn == 1 && tcp.flags.ack == 0									
Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info				
32.4.837743398	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.2	TCP	58	54939	→ 21	[SYN]	Seq=0	Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
35.4.838000160	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.2	TCP	58	54939	→ 22	[SYN]	Seq=0	Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
36.4.838020536	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.2	TCP	58	54939	→ 135	[SYN]	Seq=0	Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
37.4.838038078	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.2	TCP	58	54939	→ 5900	[SYN]	Seq=0	Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
39.4.838205420	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.1	TCP	58	54939	→ 21	[SYN]	Seq=0	Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
40.4.838249422	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.1	TCP	58	54939	→ 22	[SYN]	Seq=0	Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
41.4.838260880	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.1	TCP	58	54939	→ 135	[SYN]	Seq=0	Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
47.4.838323508	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.254	TCP	58	54939	→ 21	[SYN]	Seq=0	Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
48.4.838333509	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.254	TCP	58	54939	→ 22	[SYN]	Seq=0	Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
49.4.838344509	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.254	TCP	58	54939	→ 135	[SYN]	Seq=0	Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
53.4.841009052	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.2	TCP	58	54939	→ 587	[SYN]	Seq=0	Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
54.4.841074889	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.254	TCP	58	54939	→ 5900	[SYN]	Seq=0	Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
55.4.841089306	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.1	TCP	58	54939	→ 5900	[SYN]	Seq=0	Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
56.4.841104057	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.2	TCP	58	54939	→ 25	[SYN]	Seq=0	Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
57.4.841117182	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.254	TCP	58	54939	→ 587	[SYN]	Seq=0	Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
58.4.841149809	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.1	TCP	58	54939	→ 587	[SYN]	Seq=0	Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
59.4.841175810	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.2	TCP	58	54939	→ 443	[SYN]	Seq=0	Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
60.4.841187602	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.254	TCP	58	54939	→ 25	[SYN]	Seq=0	Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
61.4.841200686	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.1	TCP	58	54939	→ 25	[SYN]	Seq=0	Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
62.4.841215895	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.2	TCP	58	54939	→ 8080	[SYN]	Seq=0	Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
63.4.841248855	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.254	TCP	58	54939	→ 443	[SYN]	Seq=0	Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
64.4.841467032	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.1	TCP	58	54939	→ 443	[SYN]	Seq=0	Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
65.4.841488366	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.2	TCP	58	54939	→ 143	[SYN]	Seq=0	Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
66.4.841501659	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.254	TCP	58	54939	→ 8080	[SYN]	Seq=0	Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
76.4.843831310	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.254	TCP	58	54939	→ 143	[SYN]	Seq=0	Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
77.4.843876938	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.1	TCP	58	54939	→ 8080	[SYN]	Seq=0	Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
78.4.843893355	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.2	TCP	58	54939	→ 110	[SYN]	Seq=0	Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
79.4.843904481	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.254	TCP	58	54939	→ 110	[SYN]	Seq=0	Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
Frame 532: 58 bytes on wire (464 bits), 58 bytes captured (464 bits) on 0									
Ethernet II, Src: VMware_8c:3d:cd (00:0c:29:8c:3d:cd), Dst: VMware_1									
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 172.16.221.128, Dst: 172.16.221.2									
Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 54939, Dst Port: 21, Seq: 0									
0000 00 50 56 fd d5 8b 00 0c 29 8c 3d cd 08 00 45 00 .PV									
0010 00 2c 63 54 00 00 29 06 1b d4 ac 10 dd 80 ac 10 .CT									
0020 dd 02 d6 9b 00 15 83 62 79 e1 00 00 00 00 60 02 ....									
0030 04 00 ad 8d 00 00 02 04 05 b4 ....									

Applied the filter `tcp.flags.syn == 1 && tcp.flags.ack == 0` to isolate TCP SYN packets sent by Nmap, indicating attempted connections to various destination ports.



# Isolating Traffic to Target Host (172.16.221.1)

The image shows a Wireshark packet capture interface. The top filter bar is set to `ip.addr == 172.16.221.1`. The packet list shows several packets, with packet 541 highlighted in blue. The packet details pane is expanded for packet 541, showing the following structure:

- Frame 541: 58 bytes on wire (464 bits), 58 bytes captured (464 bits) on interface eth0, id 0
- Ethernet II, Src: VMware\_8c:3d:cd (00:0c:29:8c:3d:cd), Dst: 2e:ca:16:e0:e7:65 (2e:ca:16:e0:e7:65)
- Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 172.16.221.128, Dst: 172.16.221.1
- Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 54939, Dst Port: 135, Seq: 0, Len: 0

The packet bytes pane shows the raw data of the packet, including the Ethernet II header, IP header, and TCP header.

Used `ip.addr == 172.16.221.1` to view all traffic between the attacker and the discovered host.  
The expanded pane shows a SYN packet to port 135.

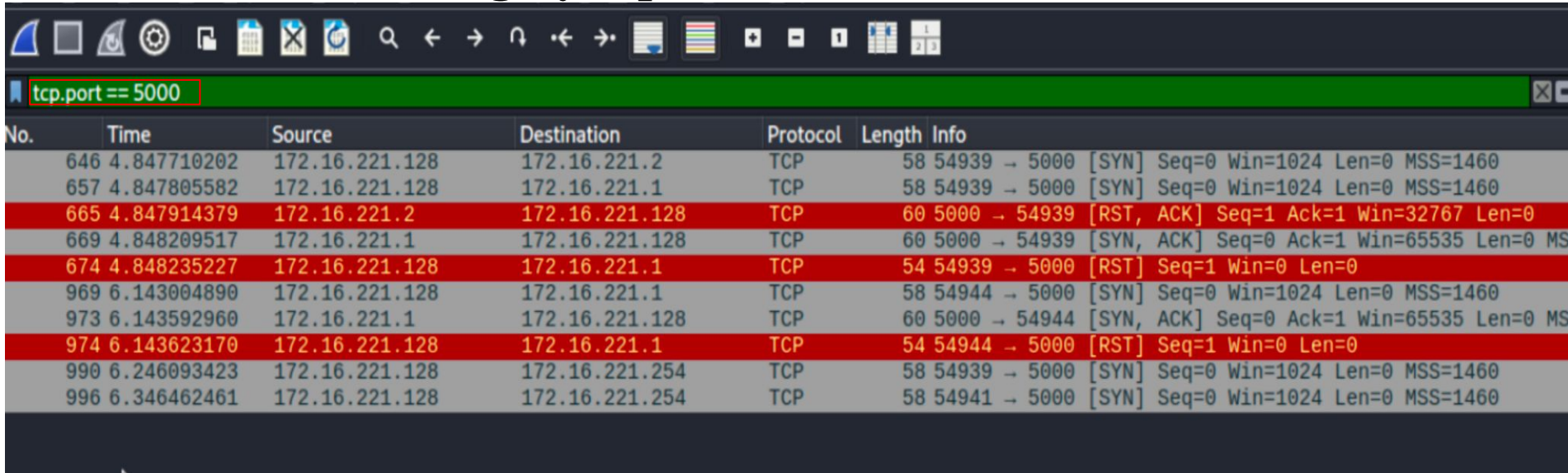


# Unfiltered View of Network Scan Traffic

Apply a display filter ... <Ctrl-/>							
No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info	
839	4.856425989	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.2	TCP	58	54939 → 4899	[SYN] Seq=0 Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
840	4.856438323	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.1	TCP	58	54939 → 1029	[SYN] Seq=0 Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
841	4.856440698	172.16.221.1	172.16.221.128	TCP	60	2049 → 54939	[RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=0 Len=0
842	4.856440740	172.16.221.2	172.16.221.128	TCP	60	1029 → 54939	[RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=32767 Len=0
843	4.856451365	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.2	TCP	58	54939 → 8008	[SYN] Seq=0 Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
844	4.856461116	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.1	TCP	58	54939 → 8000	[SYN] Seq=0 Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
845	4.856471908	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.2	TCP	58	54939 → 37	[SYN] Seq=0 Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
846	4.856506951	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.1	TCP	58	54939 → 4899	[SYN] Seq=0 Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
847	4.856507285	172.16.221.2	172.16.221.128	TCP	60	8000 → 54939	[RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=32767 Len=0
848	4.856507326	172.16.221.1	172.16.221.128	TCP	60	32768 → 54939	[RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=0 Len=0
849	4.856507368	172.16.221.1	172.16.221.128	TCP	60	1029 → 54939	[RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=0 Len=0
850	4.856507368	172.16.221.2	172.16.221.128	TCP	60	4899 → 54939	[RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=32767 Len=0
851	4.856523119	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.2	TCP	58	54939 → 2121	[SYN] Seq=0 Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
852	4.856533494	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.1	TCP	58	54939 → 8008	[SYN] Seq=0 Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
853	4.856544828	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.2	TCP	58	54939 → 179	[SYN] Seq=0 Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
854	4.856547662	172.16.221.1	172.16.221.128	TCP	60	8000 → 54939	[RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=0 Len=0
855	4.856547662	172.16.221.2	172.16.221.128	TCP	60	8008 → 54939	[RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=32767 Len=0
856	4.856547703	172.16.221.2	172.16.221.128	TCP	60	37 → 54939	[RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=32767 Len=0
857	4.856556870	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.1	TCP	58	54939 → 37	[SYN] Seq=0 Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
858	4.856564287	172.16.221.1	172.16.221.128	TCP	60	4899 → 54939	[RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=0 Len=0
859	4.856570829	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.2	TCP	58	54939 → 631	[SYN] Seq=0 Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
860	4.856629541	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.1	TCP	58	54939 → 2121	[SYN] Seq=0 Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
861	4.856644958	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.2	TCP	58	54939 → 5666	[SYN] Seq=0 Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
862	4.856654208	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.1	TCP	58	54939 → 179	[SYN] Seq=0 Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
863	4.856667084	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.2	TCP	58	54939 → 49154	[SYN] Seq=0 Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
864	4.856677668	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.1	TCP	58	54939 → 631	[SYN] Seq=0 Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
865	4.856672668	172.16.221.1	172.16.221.128	TCP	60	8008 → 54939	[RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=0 Len=0
866	4.856672709	172.16.221.2	172.16.221.128	TCP	60	2121 → 54939	[RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=32767 Len=0

Displays raw, unfiltered TCP traffic during the Nmap scan, capturing SYN, SYN-ACK, and RST-ACK packets to provide a complete timeline of scanning behavior.

# Filtering by Open Port 5000 Traffic



The image shows a Wireshark network traffic capture interface. At the top, a green filter bar contains the text 'tcp.port == 5000'. Below this, a table of network packets is displayed. The table has columns for No., Time, Source, Destination, Protocol, Length, and Info. Several packets are highlighted in red, indicating they match the filter. The highlighted packets are numbered 665, 674, 974, and 996. These packets are all TCP connections to port 5000 from 172.16.221.128 to 172.16.221.2, 172.16.221.1, and 172.16.221.254. The info column for these packets shows '[RST, ACK]' or '[RST]' and 'Seq=1 Win=0 Len=0', indicating a reset of the connection.

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
646	4.847710202	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.2	TCP	58	54939 → 5000 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
657	4.847805582	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.1	TCP	58	54939 → 5000 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
665	4.847914379	172.16.221.2	172.16.221.128	TCP	60	5000 → 54939 [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=32767 Len=0
669	4.848209517	172.16.221.1	172.16.221.128	TCP	60	5000 → 54939 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=65535 Len=0 MS
674	4.848235227	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.1	TCP	54	54939 → 5000 [RST] Seq=1 Win=0 Len=0
969	6.143004890	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.1	TCP	58	54944 → 5000 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
973	6.143592960	172.16.221.1	172.16.221.128	TCP	60	5000 → 54944 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=65535 Len=0 MS
974	6.143623170	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.1	TCP	54	54944 → 5000 [RST] Seq=1 Win=0 Len=0
990	6.246093423	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.254	TCP	58	54939 → 5000 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460
996	6.346462461	172.16.221.128	172.16.221.254	TCP	58	54941 → 5000 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1460

Applied the filter `tcp.port == 5000` to focus on communication involving the open UPNP service discovered earlier, helping verify valid responses.

This project demonstrates a full-spectrum approach to internal network reconnaissance, combining attacker-side scanning with defender-side traffic analysis. By leveraging Metasploit, Nmap, and Wireshark in a controlled environment, I was able to identify active hosts, enumerate services, and observe scan behavior at the packet level. The addition of automation through scripting further streamlined the process, making it efficient and repeatable. Altogether, this work reflects both a practical understanding of offensive recon techniques and an analytical ability to interpret how those actions appear from a defensive perspective.

