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Laboratory Exercise 3.1 – Masscan

1. Overview

For this lesson, students will use the Cyber Range: Kali Linux with Metasploitable3 Environment to complete a subnet scan using Masscan. During the scan, Wireshark will be used for packet analysis and Htop will be used to monitor PC performance.

2. Resources required

This exercise requires the latest Kali Linux Metasploitable3 Environment running in the Cyber Range.

3. Initial Setup

For this exercise, you will log in to the Cyber Range account and select the Kali Linux with Metasploitable3 Environment, then click "start" to start your environment and "join" to get to your Linux desktop login. Log in using these credentials:

Username: student Password: student

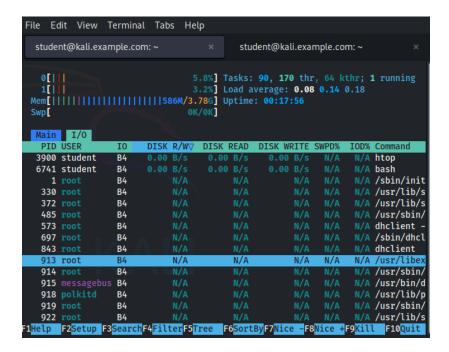
4. Tasks

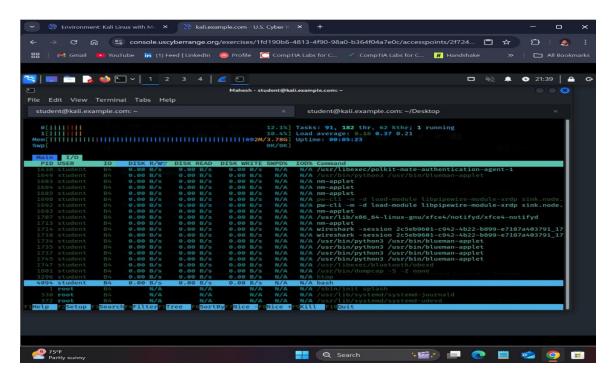
Task 1: Start and Run Htop

- Open Gedit by typing gedit &
- Return to the terminal
- Type **htop** to run it and open a new tab under file to run your commands

Htop will show you all the processes running and the user who is running the process. To kill a process, type kill <PID> (where PID is the process ID number) and then hit enter. For this example, we will choose the gedit PID. Locate the gedit PID and kill it. There will be multiple gedit PIDs. Any of them will work.







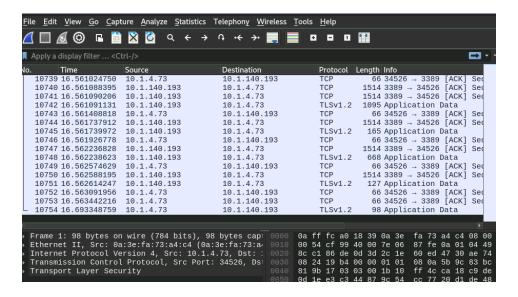
Task 2: Setup Wireshark to analyze packets

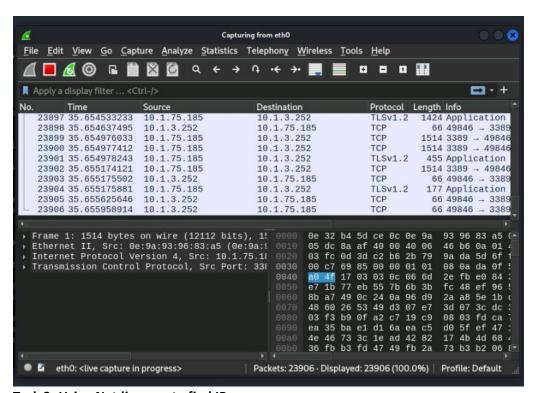
Open a new terminal window, become root, and type wireshark &.

Choose eth0 (double click on it) and let Wireshark capture packets for about 15 seconds then stop the scan by clicking the red square. Notice the subnets that were found from sniffing the network. One of the first things a pentester will do once on the internal network is scan the entire network. If a PC has



been successfully exploited, a scan can be completed in a shell using a program like TCPdump (more on this later). Here we see that there are several 10.1.x.x IPs.





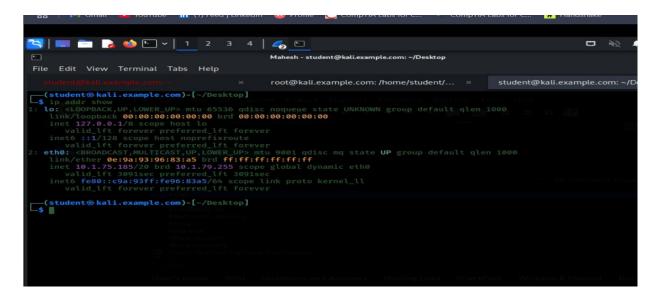
Task 3: Using Netdiscover to find IP ranges

First, let's find the subnet we are on by opening a new terminal window and typing ip addr show. Here I have 10.1.140.193/20 on eth0.



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```
(student kali.example.com)-[~]
$ ip addr show
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group defat
t qlen 1000
    link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00 brd 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 9001 qdisc mq state UP group defink/ether 0a:ff:fc:a0:18:39 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:
    inet 10.1.140.193/20 brd 10.1.143.255 scope global dynamic eth0
        valid_lft 3275sec preferred_lft 3275sec
    inet6 fe80::8ff:fcff:fea0:1839/64 scope link proto kernel_ll
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
```



Netdiscover is used to find live hosts by ARP scanning. This tool can be used for switched and wireless networks. Netdiscover will not work on a /20 so we need to use a /16 this will show a greater range of IP's. This may take a few minutes to pick up the IPs.

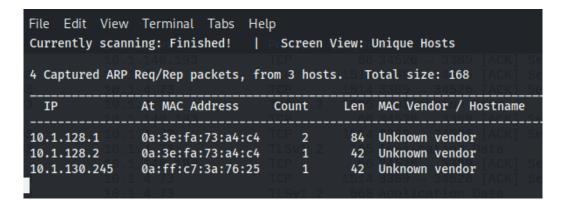
Type the following command, where IP is the IP address we just found on eth0, and then hit enter:

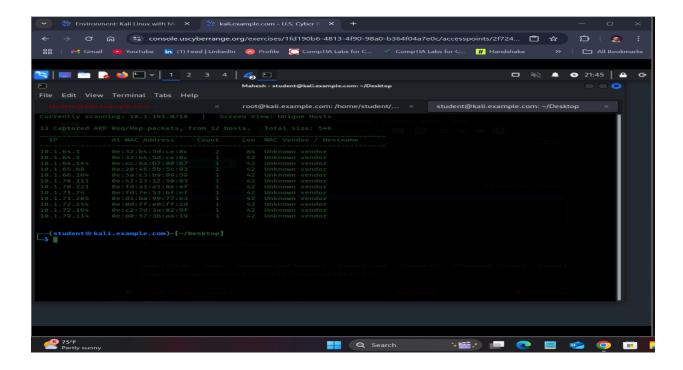
sudo netdiscover -r <IP>/16

You will see the prompt in the terminal window titled "currently scanning" as shown in the screenshot. The IP next to it will be counting up as it scans. When the scan is finished press CTRL+C to return to the terminal.



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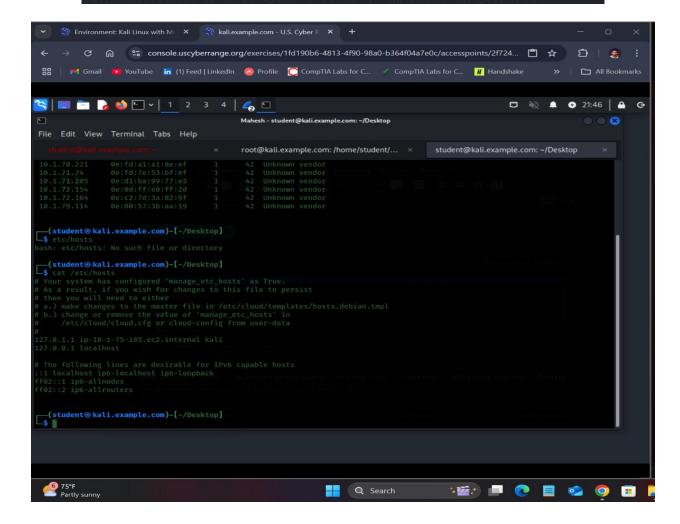


Task 4: Checking the Host File

Sometimes you can find IP information in the /etc/hosts file if you have compromised a machine and have a shell. A quick look is worth the time. Open a new terminal tab type cat /etc/hosts and then hit enter.



```
Terminal - student@kali.example.com: ~
File Edit View Terminal Tabs Help
 —(student⊛ kali.example.com)-[~]
_$ cat /etc/hosts
# Your system has configured 'manage_etc_hosts' as True.
# As a result, if you wish for changes to this file to persist
# then you will need to either
# a.) make changes to the master file in /etc/cloud/templates/hosts.debian.tmpl
# b.) change or remove the value of 'manage_etc_hosts' in
      /etc/cloud/cloud.cfg or cloud-config from user-data
127.0.1.1 ip-10-1-140-193.ec2.internal kali
127.0.0.1 localhost
# The following lines are desirable for IPv6 capable hosts
::1 localhost ip6-localhost ip6-loopback
ff02::1 ip6-allnodes
ff02::2 ip6-allrouters
  -(student⊗kali.example.com)-[~]
```





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An attacker can also change the hosts' file to redirect internet traffic.

Task 5: Scan using Masscan

Masscan is an excellent tool for finding subnet ranges, open ports, and IPs. It is extremely fast because it uses asynchronous stateless TCP scanning. There are many ways to use the tool. First, you want to check with the client to clear the use of this tool. Masscan can burn up the recipient resources quickly so it will need to be used during low traffic hours. Be sure that your IP starts with 10.1. If this is not the case, you will need to change these octets to match. The syntax is simple, type the following:

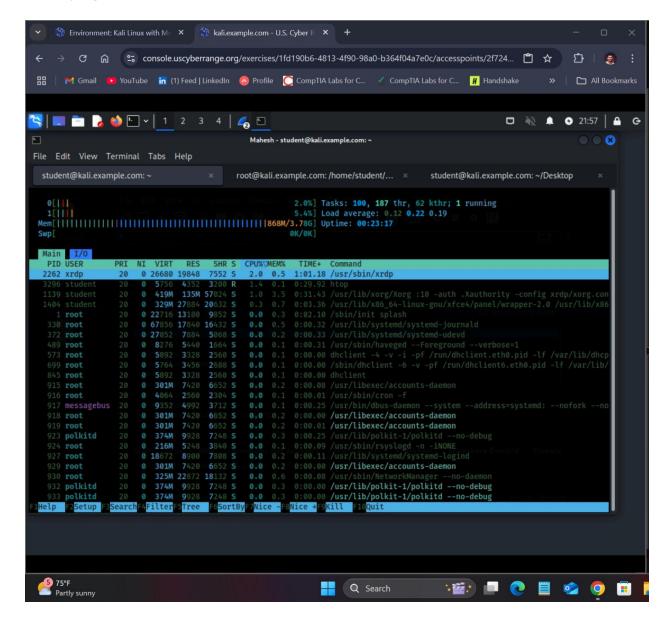
sudo masscan -p80,22,445,21 --rate=1000000 10.1.0.0/16 -oG
/home/student/Desktop/masscan.txt

```
(student® kali.example.com)-[~]
$ sudo masscan -p80,22,445,21 --rate=1000000 10.1.0.0/16 -oG /home/student/Des ktop/masscan.txt
Starting masscan 1.3.2 (http://bit.ly/14GZzcT) at 2024-06-28 21:16:51 GMT
Initiating SYN Stealth Scan
Scanning 65536 hosts [4 ports/host]
```

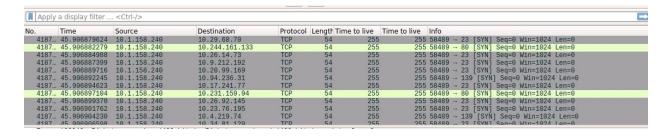
Return to htop. You will have to do this while Masscan is running. Generally, it uses very little CPU for the scan compared to Nmap. Your results may vary depending on your setup (graphics card). Keep in mind though, that the receiving end is being sent many packets and may detect this as a DoS attack. This can burn up resources as the recipient is trying to resolve the packets.

```
0.21 0.14 0.04
                                             Uptime: 07:34:40
                        0 35812 23580 6504 R 6.7 0.6
                                                               0:02.16 masscan -p80,445
                                  37704
                                          4392 S
                                         4392 S
                                                        0.9 0:02.12
3639
3134 student
                                                        2.4
1.8
                                                  0.7 1.8 0:06.32 xfce4-terminal --
0.7 0.1 0:10.62 htop
0.0 1.1 0:01.32 xfdesktop --displ
3222 student
                           5500 3644
579M 43856
3345 student
                  20
                                        25712 S
3211 student
                  20
                           410M 15984
                                                  0.0 0.4 0:00.28 /usr/sbin/Netwo
0.0 0.5 0:01.19 xfwm4 --display
3640
                                         4392 S
                                                  0.0
                                                              0:00.03 /usr/lib/at-spi2
3245 student
                                  6980
                                         6264 S
                                         3332
                                                   0.0 0.1 0:00.07 bash
                                         22432
                                                              0:00.30 xfce4-panel
3205 student
                  20
                           410M 15984 13516 S
                                                  0.0 0.4 0:00.36 /usr/sbin/Network
                                                        0.4 0:00.09 xfsettingsd --di
3206 student
                           357M 16792 14060 S
                                                  0.0
                                        13496
                                  17108
                                                   0.0
                                                              0:00.08 x-session-manage
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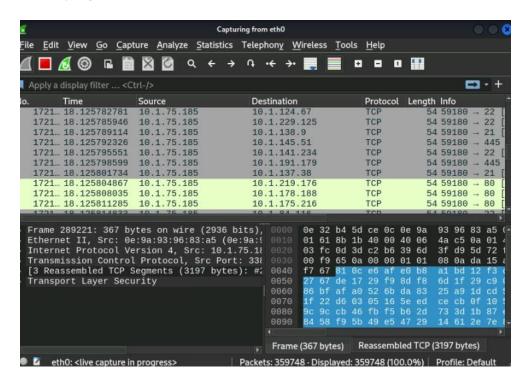


Return to Wireshark and start another scan. Notice how the IPs are randomized when observing Masscan through Wireshark. This is what asynchronous stateless TCP scanning looks like. Though it is not hard to detect, it does seem like a massive amount of traffic from many machines, setting different flags all at one time. This can be confusing to Admins who have not seen this type of scan before. If the organization has any choke points (Intrusion Prevention System (IPS)?), this scan could slow or stop traffic.





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Masscan can be paused and restarted. To pause masscan, press CTRL+C (you may have to do this several times). This will create a config file called paused.conf. To resume, type sudo masscan -- resume paused.conf and then hit enter.

The results should look similar to the below screenshot. You can open the results in Gedit or type **sudo** cat /home/student/Desktop/masscan.txt to see them in the terminal.

```
-(student⊗kali.example.com)-[~]
└$ sudo cat /home/student/Desktop/masscan.txt
# Masscan 1.3.2 scan initiated Fri Jun 28 21:23:00 2024
# Ports scanned: TCP(4;21-22,80-80,445-445) UDP(0;) SCTP(0;) PROTOCOLS(0;)
Timestamp: 1719609780 Host: 10.1.97.49 ()
                                               Ports: 80/open/tcp//http//
Timestamp: 1719609780 Host: 10.1.130.245 ()
                                               Ports: 80/open/tcp//http//
Timestamp: 1719609780 Host: 10.1.99.10 ()
                                               Ports: 80/open/tcp//http//
Timestamp: 1719609780 Host: 10.1.130.245 ()
                                               Ports: 21/open/tcp//ftp//
                                               Ports: 445/open/tcp//microsoft-d
Timestamp: 1719609781
                       Host: 10.1.130.245 ()
s//
Timestamp: 1719609781
                       Host: 10.1.130.245 ()
                                               Ports: 22/open/tcp//ssh//
# Masscan done at Fri Jun 28 21:23:12 2024
```

```
** (Wireshark:5325) 22:02:12.877899 [Capture MESSAGE] -- Capture stopped.

** (wireshark:5325) 22:02:12.877899 [Capture WARNING] ./ui/capture.c:722 -- capture_input_closed():

"C

(root@ kali.example.com)-[/home/student/Desktop]

# sudo cat /home/student/Desktop/masscan.txt

# Masscan 1.3.2 scan initiated Sun Mar 2 22:01:13 2025

# Ports scanned: TCP(4;21-22,80-80,445-445) UDP(0;) SCTP(0;) PROTOCOLS(0;)

Timestamp: 1740952873 Host: 10.1.70.221 () Ports: 22/open/tcp//ssh//

Timestamp: 1740952874 Host: 10.1.70.221 () Ports: 445/open/tcp//microsoft-ds//

Timestamp: 1740952874 Host: 10.1.70.221 () Ports: 21/open/tcp//ftp//

Timestamp: 1740952874 Host: 10.1.70.221 () Ports: 80/open/tcp//http//

# Masscan done at Sun Mar 2 22:01:25 2025

[root@ kali.example.com)-[/home/student/Desktop]
```



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There you have it! Scanning for subnets on the 10.1.x.x network. This is a quick way to start when pentesting. Note that adding other common ports to mascan such as 139, and 9200 can be rewarding but will slow the scan down.



Laboratory Exercise 3.2 – Overview of Pen Testing

1. Overview

For this lesson, students will review Nmap scanning techniques with an emphasis on a penetration methodology.

2. Resources required

This exercise requires the latest **Kali Linux with Metasploitable3** environment running in the Cyber Range.

3. Initial Setup

For this exercise, you will log in to your Cyber Range account and select the latest **Kali Linux with Metasploitable3** environment, then click "start" to start your environment and "join" to get to your Linux desktop.

4. Tasks

Task 1: Nmap Scanning Review

For this course, you should already be familiar with Nmap and the switches. This lesson will cover a quick review of the Nmap scanning methodology.

Complete the following:

The first step to an internal penetration test is to find live systems. We do not need to perform a
port scan to find the host, but we do need to scan the entire subnet. Remember that your IP
address will be different than mine. Open a terminal and at the command prompt, complete the
following:

View the subnet

• ip addr show

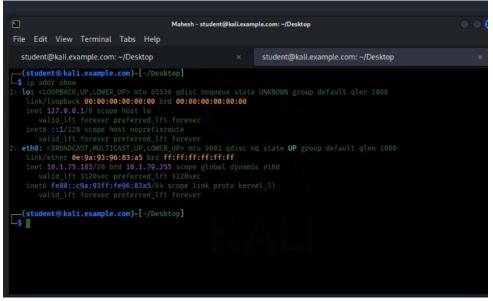
Scan for live systems

• nmap -sn <IP/20>



```
(student⊕kali.example.com)-[~]
└$ ip addr show
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group defaul
t 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 9001 qdisc mq state UP group defa
ult glen 1000
   link/ether 0a:ff:f0:97:14:fb brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
   inet 10.1.143.227/20 brd 10.1.143.255 scope global dynamic eth0
      valid_lft 2817sec preferred_lft 2817sec
   inet6 fe80::8ff:f0ff:fe97:14fb/64 scope link proto kernel_ll
      valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
   -(student⊛kali.example.com)-[~]
 s nmap -sn 10.1.143.227/20
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-06-26 11:25 UTC
Nmap scan report for ip-10-1-128-1.ec2.internal (10.1.128.1)
Host is up (0.000064s latency).
MAC Address: 0A:3E:FA:73:A4:C4 (Unknown)
Nmap scan report for ip-10-1-128-2.ec2.internal (10.1.128.2)
Host is up (0.000061s latency).
MAC Address: 0A:3E:FA:73:A4:C4 (Unknown)
Nmap scan report for ip-10-1-141-166.ec2.internal (10.1.141.166)
Host is up (0.00018s latency).
MAC Address: 0A:FF:EE:E6:C8:2D (Unknown)
Nmap scan report for ip-10-1-143-227.ec2.internal (10.1.143.227)
Host is up.
Nmap done: 4096 IP addresses (4 hosts up) scanned in 9.57 seconds
```

nmapnmacxd



In my case, four hosts were found. You may have found more or fewer hosts than I did. For now, I want you to understand that finding live systems is the first step to an internal penetration test.



2. The second step is to see what doors are open on these hosts. This will greatly narrow the amount of systems we enumerate, as many hosts will be filtered. Let's scan for open ports. Either -sS or -sT will work. Using -sS is a half-open scan and will prevent the scan from getting logged. Whereas sT is a full connect and will be logged. To execute the Nmap command with these options, you must be root. You can sudo <command> or you can sudo su to switch the user to root in that terminal. On the blue team (defense side) it is recommended to not switch to the root user. However, we are the red team and live on the edge.

So, at the command prompt, type **sudo su** to become root. Next, type the following:

• nmap -T4 -sS <IP/20>

In my case:

• nmap -T4 -sS 10.1.143.227/20

There will be a lot of information printed on the screen. Scroll down until you find results that look like the screenshot below. There should only be one machine with several ports open (excluding your IP address).

```
Nmap scan report for ip-10-1-141-166.ec2.internal (10.1.141.166)
Host is up (0.00025s latency).
Not shown: 991 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
        STATE SERVICE
PORT
21/tcp open ftp
22/tcp open
               ssh
80/tcp
        open http
445/tcp open microsoft-ds
631/tcp open
3000/tcp closed ppp
3306/tcp open mysql
8080/tcp open http-proxy
8181/tcp open intermapper
MAC Address: 0A:FF:EE:E6:C8:2D (Unknown)
```

3. Now we need to find the service versions. At the command prompt, type the following:



• nmap -T4 -sV <IP Address of Host>

In my case:

• nmap -T4 -sV 10.1.141.166

Your results should be similar to the screenshot below.

```
\hfill \square nmap -T4 -sV 10.1.141.166 Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-06-26 11:36 UTC
Nmap scan report for ip-10-1-141-166.ec2.internal (10.1.141.166)
Host is up (0.00028s latency).
Not shown: 991 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION
21/tcp open ftp ProFTPD 1.3.5
22/tcp open ssh
                                 OpenSSH 6.6.1p1 Ubuntu 2ubuntu2 (Ubuntu Linux; proto
col 2.0)
80/tcp open http
                                Apache httpd 2.4.7
445/tcp open netbios-ssn Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
631/tcp open ipp
                                CUPS 1.7
3000/tcp closed ppp
3306/tcp open mysql MySQL (unauthorized)
8080/tcp open http Jetty 8.1.7.v20120910
8181/tcp open http WEBrick httpd 1.3.1 (R
                                 WEBrick httpd 1.3.1 (Ruby 2.3.8 (2018-10-18))
MAC Address: 0A:FF:EE:E6:C8:2D (Unknown)
Service Info: Hosts: target.example.com, TARGET; OSs: Unix, Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:l
inux:linux_kernel
Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap
.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 11.58 seconds
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student@kali.example.com: ~/Desktop ×

student@kali.examp
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Nmap scan report for ip-10-1-77-34.ec2.internal (10.1.77.34)

Host is up (0.0000453 latency).

All 1000 scanned ports on ip-10-1-77-34.ec2.internal (10.1.77.34) are in ignored states.

Not shown: 1000 filtered tcp ports (no-response)

MAC Address: 01:4F:D01:97:31:C1 (Unknown)

Nmap scan report for ip-10-1-75-185.ec2.internal (10.1.75.185)

Host is up (0.0000040s latency).

Not shown: 990 closed tcp ports (reset)

PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION

22/tcp open ssh Open5si4 0.7p1 Debian 5 (protocol 2.0)

3389/tcp open us-wbt-server xrdp

Service Info: 05: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel

Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .

Nnap done: 4090 IP addresses (11 hosts up) scanned in 31.23 seconds

[student@ kali.example.com)-[~/Desktop]
```

- 4. Now we complete OS detection (enumeration). At the command prompt, type the following:
 - nmap -T4 -A <IP Address of Host>

In my case:

• nmap -T4 -A 10.1.141.166

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)-[/home/student]
    map -T4 -A 10.1.141.166
mmap -14 -A 10.1.141.100

Starting Nmap 7.945VN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-06-26 11:45 UTC Nmap scan report for ip-10-1-141-166.ecz.internal (10.1.141.166) Host is up (0.00031s latency).

Not shown: 991 filtered tcp ports (no-response)

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PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION
21/tcp open ftp ProFTPD 1.3.5
22/tcp open ssh OpenSSH 6.6.1p1 Ubuntu 2ubuntu2 (Ubuntu Linux; proto col 2.0)
 col 2.0)
 | ssh-hostkey:
     1024 5f:d3:30:32:d0:c8:ff:b9:3f:28:bb:3d:01:d0:a7:b1 (DSA)
       2048 48:cf:6b:2a:b4:8d:cd:9a:f0:f5:16:f7:7a:5a:e5:af (RSA)
256 00:c5:b4:57:f9:60:05:0c:ce:00:e2:40:f6:af:b7:e2 (ECDSA)
 80/tcp open http
                                            Apache httpd 2.4.7
  | http-ls: Volume /
    SIZE TIME
                                            FILENAME
    - 2022-12-21 18:40 chat/

- 2011-07-27 20:17 drupal/

1.7K 2022-12-21 18:40 payroll_app.php

- 2013-04-08 12:06 phpmyadmin/
  _http-server-header: Apache/2.4.7 (Ubuntu)
  |_http-title: Index of /
445/tcp open netbios-ssn Samba smbd 4.3.11-Ubuntu (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
631/tcp open ipp CUPS 1.7
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### Student@kali.example.com: "/Desktop

** student@kali.example.com: ** (Desktop)

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Now we will look at Nmap reports. Briefly, the Nmap output formats are as follows:

- -oN Normal Nmap output
- -oX XML format
- -oS Script kiddie output
- -oG Grepable format
- -oA All 3 formats

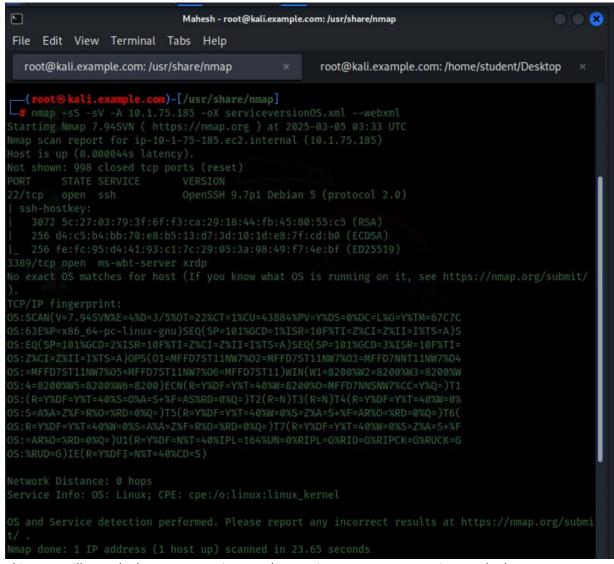
For more information on these types of Nmap outputs, please read about them here.

- a. First, we need to navigate to the Nmap directory; this way the script will work properly. In the root terminal, type the following:
 - cd /usr/share/nmap/
- b. We will complete an XML format output. At the command prompt, type the following:

In my case:

 nmap -sS -sV -A 10.1.141.166 -oX serviceversionOS.xml --webxml





- c. This scan will reveal what ports, services, and operating systems are running on the host that we discovered. Once the Nmap scan is complete, do the following:
 - Click on the **File** menu in the *terminal window* and click **Open Tab**.
 - Navigate to the Nmap folder by typing cd /usr/share/nmap and then ENTER.
 - To open the xml file, type xdg-open . and press ENTER.
 - Double-click on the file "serviceversionOS.xml" to view the output.



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| http-server-header Jetty(8.1.7.v26120910) | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------|--|------|---------|---------------|-------|-------------------------|--|
| 8181 | tcp | open | http | syn-ack | WEBrick httpd | 1.3.1 | Ruby 2.3.8 (2018-10-18) | |
| | http-server-header | WEBrick/1.3.1 (Ruby/2.3.8/2018-10-18) | | | | | | |
| | http-title | Site doesn't have a title (text/html;charset=utf-8). | | | | | | |

Remote Operating System Detection

- Used port: 21/tcp (open)
- Used port: 3000/tcp (closed)
 OS match: Linux 3.10 3.13 (98%)
- . OS match: Linux 5.4 (93%)
- OS match: Crestron XPanel control system (91%)
 OS match: ASUS RT-N56U WAP (Linux 3.4) (91%)
- OS match: Linux 3.16 (91%) • OS match: Linux 3.8 (90%)
- OS match: Sony Android TV (Android 5.0) (89%)
 OS match: Android 5.0 6.0.1 (Linux 3.4) (89%)
- OS match: Android 5.1 (89%)
 OS match: Android 7.1.1 7.1.2 (89%)

Host Script Output

| Script Name | Output |
|-------------|--------|
| | |

Remember, in a real penetration test you would scan all 65535 ports. We only scanned the top 1000 ports due to the time it takes to complete a full scan of all the ports. This is also only the scanning phase of a penetration test. We will discuss more penetration steps and how to speed up the scanning process in later modules.

5. References:

https://nmap.org/book/man-output.html

[This portion of the lab exercise is provided for instructors who will be using this lab in a class they are teaching.]

