

TCP Ports - Interactions and Scanning

Recall the function of the TCP flags:

SYN	Synchronize. Initiates a connection between hosts.
ACK	Acknowledge. Established connection between hosts.
PSH	Push. System is forwarding buffered data.
URG	Urgent. Data in packets must be processed quickly.
FIN	Finish. No more transmissions.
RST	Reset. Resets the connection.

Inverse TCP Flag scanning sends TCP probe packets with various TCP flags (or no flags) enabled. When the port is open, the attacker doesn't get any response from the host, whereas when the port is closed, a RST/ACK is received from the target host. It is called inverted because the closed ports send the response back (open ports typically drop the incoming probe packet with non-SYN TCP flags). According to RFC 793, An RST/ACK packet must be sent for connection reset, when the port is closed on host side. RFC 793 is completely ignored in Windows, so you cannot see the RST/ACK response when connected to the closed port. This technique is effective when used with UNIX-based operation

Inverse TCP scans are named for the flags they use, with XMAS using all flags and Null using none. NMap has -sF (FIN scan), -sN (Null scan), and -sX (or --flag UPF for an XMAS scan); URG and PSH don't have a similar shortcut (--flag URG). Inverse TCP scans avoid legacy IDS detection and the TCP three-way handshake, and a Null scan may be able to pass through firewalls undetected or modified. A maimon scan sends packets with both the FIN and ACK flags set, mimicking the sequence used to tear down a connection, which can be more effective against hosts using cloaking techniques. Generally, results for these scans is the same: **if port is closed, RST is sent back. If port open, no response.**

TCP Connect and SYN stealth/half-open scans are not considered inverse scans - both send a SYN packet, the difference being that when SYN stealth receives an ACK response it will shoot back a RST to slam the connection shut. TCP connect (nmap -sT) is the most reliable scan type but also the noisiest and most detectable; half-open/stealth SYN scan (nmap -sS) is more likely to bypass firewall rules, logging mechanisms.

Since several intrusions detection systems employ signature-based methods to indicate scanning attempts based on IP and/or the TCP headers, fragmentation is often able to evade this type of packet filtering and detection. A stealth SYN can be used in a way that splits the TCP header over several IP packets to mess with packet filters
nmap -sS -T4(time delay) -A -f -v 192.168.0.2

As seen before, a RST is sent back if the port is closed. Some firewalls may have rule sets that block IP fragmentation queues although this is not widely implemented due to the adverse effect on performance

An ACK scan is also not considered an inverse scan, and is used to map out firewall rules. The port is considered filtered by firewall rules if an ICMP destination unreachable message is received as a result of the ACK scan. More effective is information that can be obtained by analyzing the header information of the RST packets sent by remote host. RST responses can mean a stateful firewall is not present

TTL-Base ACK Scan: (nmap -sA)

- If TTL value of RST on port less than boundary value of 64 then port is open

1: host 10.2.2.11 port 21: F:RST TTL:80 WIN:0

2: host 10.2.2.11 port 22: F:RST **TTL:50** WIN:0

Window-Based ACK Scan: (nmap -sW)

- If window has non-zero then port is open

1: host 10.2.2.11 port 21: F:RST TTL:64 WIN:0

2: host 10.2.2.11 port 22: F:RST TTL:64 **WIN:511**

ACK probe to check for packet filter:

Send ACK with a random seq. number

- No response means port is filtered (stateful firewall)

- A RST means port not filtered

Often, either the TTL-based or Window-based option will fail but the other will yield results. When scanning unfiltered systems, open and closed ports will both return a RST packet. Nmap then labels them as unfiltered, meaning that they are reachable by the ACK packet, but whether they are open or closed is undetermined. Ports that don't respond, or send certain ICMP error messages back (type 3, code 0, 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, or 13), are labeled filtered.

IDLE scan/ IP ID header scan - IP ID (IP fragment ID number)

Sends a spoofed source address to a computer to find out what services are available for complete blind scanning of a remote host. This is accomplished by spoofing another computer's IP address. No packet is sent from your own IP address; instead, another host is used to scan the remote host and determine the open ports. This is done by expecting the sequence number of the zombie host and if the remote host checks the IP of the scanning party, the IP of the zombie machine will show up. You don't need access to the zombie machine to do any of this.

As noted, to determine if port is open, SYN scan full or stealth, get back an RST if closed, SYNACK if open.

Consider:

- An unsolicited SYNACK is responded to with a RST
- An unsolicited RST will be ignored
- Each IP packet has fragment ID number (IP ID)
- The IP ID is incremented for each packet sent, so you can check it to get number of packets sent since last probe

Step 1) Send an unsolicited SYNACK to the target to get a RST containing IP ID (say it's 31337)

Step 2) Spoof the IP address of your zombie machine, and send a SYN packet to the target (port 80)

- If the port is open, the target will send a SYNACK to the zombie and it will shoot a RST back to the target. (IP ID predicted is 31338)

- If the port is closed, the target will send a RST to the zombie host, and it won't respond

Step 3) Probe the target again with another SYNACK. The IP ID should have incremented by 2 from the last RST obtained in step 1 if the tested port on the target is open.

```
nmap -Pn -p- -sl www.host123.com www.host345.com
```

Idlescan using zombie www.host123.com (192.130.18.124:80); Class: Incremental

Nmap scan report for 198.182.30.30.110

(the 40321 ports scanned but not shown below are in the state: closed)

Port	State	Service
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21/tcp	open	ftp
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25/tcp	open	smtp
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80/tcp	open	http
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Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 1931.23 seconds

ICMP Echo scanning/List scan

ICMP echo scanning is used to discover live machines by pinging all the machines in the target network. ICMP probes sent to the broadcast or network address which is relayed to all the host addresses in the subnet. The live systems will send ICMP echo reply message to the source of ICMP echo probe.

```
nmap -P 192.168.0.0/24 --OR-- nmap -sn 192.168.0.2 --OR-- nmap -sL -v 192.168.2.5
```

UDP Scanning -sU

Sends 0-byte UDP packets to each target port

- If a UDP packet is sent to a closed port, the system responds with "ICMP port unreachable"
- When a firewall blocks outgoing ICMP Port Unreachable messages, the port will appear open.
- Not efficient so not usually included in recon unless a TCP scan or other sources aren't producing.
- Some OSs limit ICMP Port Unreachable frequency (slow it). Nmap adjusts accordingly. Microsoft-based operating systems do not usually implement any type of ICMP rate limiting, so this scan operates very efficiently on Windows-based devices. Not usually useful for most types of attack, but it can reveal information about some services (trojans, SNMP, NFS, and other exploitable services. Malware often uses UDP

```
nmap -sU -v 192.168.0.2
```

Some flags available in Nmap (see <https://nmap.org/book/man-briefoptions.html>)

-sT	TCP connect scan	-sR	RPC scan	-oN	Normal output
-sS	SYN scan	-sL	List/DNS scan	-oX	XML output
-sF	FIN scan	-sl	Idle scan	-oG	Greppable output
-sX	XMAS tree scan	-Po	Don't ping	-oA	All output
-sN	Null scan	-PT	TCP ping	-T Paranoid	Serial scan; 300 sec between scans
-sP	Ping scan	-PS	SYN ping	-T Sneaky	Serial scan; 15 sec between scans
-sU	UDP scan	-PI	ICMP ping	-T Polite	Serial scan; .4 sec between scans
-sO	Protocol scan	-PB	TCP and ICMP ping	-T Normal	Parallel scan
-sA	ACK scan	-PB	ICMP timestamp	-T Aggressive	Parallel, 300 sec timeout, 1.25 sec/probe
-sW	Windows scan	-PM	ICMP netmask	-T Insane	Parallel, 75 sec timeout, 0.3 sec/probe

SCTP

Stream Control Transmission Protocol (SCTP) is a transport protocol that sits alongside TCP and UDP. Intended to provide transport of telephony data over IP, the protocol duplicates many of the reliability features of SS7, and underpins a larger family of protocols known as SIGTRAN. SCTP is supported by operating systems including IBM AIX, Oracle Solaris, HP-UX, Linux, Cisco IOS, and VxWorks.

SCTP chunk types

<i>ID</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Description</i>
0	DATA	Payload data
1	INIT	Initiation
2	INIT ACK	Initiation acknowledgement
3	SACK	Selective acknowledgement
4	HEARTBEAT	Heartbeat request
5	HEARTBEAT ACK	Heartbeat acknowledgement
6	ABORT	Abort
7	SHUTDOWN	Shutdown
8	SHUTDOWN ACK	Shutdown acknowledgement
9	ERROR	Operation error
10	COOKIE ECHO	State cookie
11	COOKIE ACK	Cookie acknowledgement
12	ECNE	Explicit congestion notification echo
13	CWR	Congestion window reduced
14	SHUTDOWN COMPLETE	Shutdown complete

Tools such as Nmap and SING don't identify these responses from private addresses (behind NAT), as low-level stateful analysis of the traffic flowing into and out of a network is required. A quick and simple example of this behavior can be seen in the ISS BlackICE personal firewall event log in Figure 4-1 as a simple ICMP ping sweep is performed.

It is beneficial to run a network sniffer such as Ethereal or tcpdump during testing to pick up on unsolicited ICMP responses, including "ICMP TTL exceeded" (type 11 code 0) messages, indicating a routing loop, and "ICMP administratively prohibited" (type 3 code 13) messages, indicating an ACL in use on a router or firewall.

OS Fingerprinting Using ICMP

Ofir Arkin's Xprobe2 utility performs OS fingerprinting by primarily analyzing responses to ICMP probes. See the Sys-Security Group web site (<http://www.sys-security.com>) for further details, including white papers and presentations that describe the Xprobe2 fingerprinting technology and approach.

Another SYN port scanner worth mentioning is Scanrand, a component of the Paketto Keiretsu suite. Paketto Keiretsu contains a number of useful networking utilities that are available at <http://www.doxpara.com/read.php/code/paketto.html>. For Windows, Foundstone's SuperScan is an excellent port scanning utility with good functionality, including banner grabbing. SuperScan is available from <http://examples.oreilly.com/networksa/tools/superscan4.zip>

Scanrand is well designed, with distinct SYN probing and background listening components that allow for very fast scanning. Inverse SYN cookies (using SHA1) tag outgoing probe packets, so that false positive results become nonexistent, as the listening component only registers responses with the correct SYN cookies. Scanrand is much faster than bulkier scanners, such as Nmap.

Unicrnscan (<http://www.unicrnscan.org>) is another tool that performs fast half- open scanning. It has some unique and very useful features, and it is recommended for advanced users.

(UDP payload scan) against the 10.3.0.1 candidate within my environment, results are as follows:

```
root@kali:~# unicrnscan -mU 10.3.0.1
UDP open domain[ 53] from 10.3.0.1 ttl 128
UDP open netbios-ns[ 137] from 10.3.0.1 ttl 128
```

UDP scanning results across tools may vary. Nmap provides a comprehensive option with -sV, but testing of a single host using the -F option (scanning 100 ports) takes around 10 minutes to complete.

Using malformed TCP flags to probe a target is known as an inverted technique because responses are sent back only by closed ports. RFC 793 states that if a port is closed on a host, an RST/ACK packet should be sent to reset the connection. To take advantage of this feature, attackers send TCP probe packets with various TCP flags set.

Vscan is another Windows tool you can use to perform inverse TCP flag scanning. The utility doesn't require installation of WinPcap network drivers; instead it uses raw sockets within Winsock 2 (present in Windows itself). Vscan is available from <http://examples.oreilly.com/networksa/tools/vscan.zip>.

(ACK probes)

Uriel Maimon in Phrack Magazine, issue 49, is that of identifying open TCP ports by sending ACK probe packets and analyzing the header information of the RST packets received from the target host. This technique exploits vulnerabilities within the BSD-derived TCP/IP stack and is therefore only effective against certain operating systems and platforms. There are two main ACK scanning techniques:

- Analysis of the time-to-live (TTL) field of received packets
- Analysis of the WINDOW field of received packets

These techniques can also check filtering systems and complicated networks to understand the processes packets go through on the target network. For example,

theTTLvaluecanbeusedasamarkerofhowmanysystemsthepackethashopped through. The Firewall filter assessment tool works in a similar fashion, available from <http://www.packetfactory.net/projects/firewalk>.

Analysis of the TTL field of received packets. To analyze the TTL field data of received RST packets, an attacker first sends thousands of crafted ACK packets to different TCP ports

Here is a log of the first four RST packets received using Hping2:

- 1: host 192.168.0.12 port 20: F:RST -> ttl: 70 win: 0
- 2: host 192.168.0.12 port 21: F:RST -> ttl: 70 win: 0
- 3: host 192.168.0.12 port 22: F:RST -> ttl: 40 win: 0
- 4: host 192.168.0.12 port 23: F:RST -> ttl: 70 win: 0

By analyzing the TTL value of each packet, an attacker can easily see that the value returned by port 22 is 40, whereas the other ports return a value of 70. This suggests that port 22 is open on the target host because the TTL value returned is smaller than the TTL boundary value of 64.

Analysis of the WINDOW field of received packets. To analyze the WINDOW field data of received RST packets, an attacker sends thousands of the same crafted ACK packets to different TCP ports (as shown in Figure 4-8). Here is a log of the first four RST packets received, again using Hping2:

- 1: host 192.168.0.20 port 20: F:RST -> ttl: 64 win: 0
- 2: host 192.168.0.20 port 21: F:RST -> ttl: 64 win: 0
- 3: host 192.168.0.20 port 22: F:RST -> ttl: 64 win: 512
- 4: host 192.168.0.20 port 23: F:RST -> ttl: 64 win: 0

Notice that the TTL value for each packet is 64, meaning that TTL analysis of the packets isn't effective in identifying open ports on this host. However, by analyzing the WINDOW values, the attacker finds that the third packet has a nonzero value, indicating an open port.

The advantage of using ACK flag probe scanning is that detection is difficult (for both IDS and host-based systems, such as personal firewalls). The disadvantage is that this scanning type relies on TCP/IP stack implementation bugs, which are prominent in BSD-derived systems but not in many other modern platforms.

Nmap supports ACK flag probe scanning, with the `-sA` and `-sW` flags to analyze the TTL and WINDOW values, respectively. See the Nmap manual page for more detailed information.

Hping2 can also sample TTL and WINDOW values, but this can prove highly time-consuming in most cases. The tool is more useful for analyzing low-level responses, as opposed to port scanning in this fashion. Hping2 is available from <http://www.hping.org>.

UDP

The connectionless nature of UDP means that accessible services are identified via either negative scanning (inferring which ports are open based on the ICMP destination port unreachable responses of ports that are closed) or through use of correctly formatted datagrams to elicit a response from a service (e.g. DNS, DHCP, TFTP, SNMP, IKE, and others, as listed in the `nmap-payloads8` configuration file), known as payload scanning.

ICMP is a particularly unreliable indicator, as security-conscious organizations filter messages to and from their networks, and operating systems, including Linux and Solaris, rate limit ICMP responses by default.

Unfortunately, Nmap supports only the combination of both negative and UDP payload scanning using the `-sU` flag (versus just a single mode). This can cloud the output, as demonstrated in Example 6-3, showing both open and open|filtered results.

```
root@kali:~# nmap -Pn -sU --open -F -vvv -n 10.3.0.1
```

The verbose output shows that UDP 123 (NTP) and 137 (NetBIOS name service) were found to be open based on responses to crafted payloads. The other ports are listed based on unreliable ICMP feedback from the network. Using the `-sV` flag, you can query the open ports and see which respond. The practical problem is that Nmap run in this fashion against ambiguous open|filtered ports is extremely slow, and impractical to use during testing of large networks.

Example 6-4 shows Nmap used to scan five UDP ports of a single host, taking 114 seconds to complete. The deeper testing reveals that port 53 is indeed listening.

Example 6-4. Further probing of five UDP ports

```
root@kali:~# nmap -Pn -sU -sV --open -p53,123,135,137,161 -vvv -n 10.3.0.1
```

FTP bounce scanning

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Hosts running outdated FTP services can relay numerous TCP attacks, including port scanning. There is a flaw in the way many FTP servers handle connections using the PORT command (see RFC 959 or technical description) that allows data to be sent to user-specified hosts and ports. In their default configurations, the FTP services running on the following older Unix-based platforms are affected

The FTP bounce attack can have a far more devastating effect if a writable directory exists because a series of commands or other data can be entered into a file and then relayed via the PORT command to a specified port of a target host. For example, someone can upload a spam email message to a vulnerable FTP server and then send this email message to the SMTP port of a target mail server. Figure 4-9 shows the parties involved in FTP bounce scanning.

1. The attacker connects to the FTP control port (TCP port 21) of the vulnerable FTP server that she is going to bounce her attack through and enters passive mode, forcing the FTP server to send data to a specific port of a specific host:

```
QUOTE PASV
```

```
227 Entering Passive Mode (64,12,168,246,56,185).
```

2. A PORT command is issued, with an argument passed to the FTP service telling it to attempt a connection to a specific TCP port on the target server; for example, TCP port 23 of 144.51.17.230:

```
PORT 144,51,17,230,0,23
```

```
200 PORT command successful.
```

3. After issuing the PORT command, a LIST command is sent. The FTP server then attempts to create a connection with the target host defined in the PORT command issued previously:

```
LIST
```

150 Opening ASCII mode data connection for file list

226 Transfer complete.

If a 226 response is seen, then the port on the target host is open. If, however, a 425 response is seen, the connection has been refused:

LIST

425 Can't build data connection: Connection refused

Nmap supports FTP bounce port scanning with the `-P0` and `-b` flags used in the following manner:

`nmap -P0 -b username:password@ftp-server:port <target host>`

The `-P0` flag must be used to suppress pinging of the target host, as it may not be accessible from your location (e.g., if you are bouncing through a multihomed FTP server). Also, you may not want your source IP address to appear in logs at the target site.

Proxy bounce scanning

Attackers bounce TCP attacks through open proxy servers. Depending on the level of poor configuration, the server will sometimes allow a full-blown TCP port scan to be relayed. Using proxy servers to perform bounce port scanning in this fashion is often time-consuming, so many attackers prefer to abuse open proxy servers more efficiently by bouncing actual attacks through to target networks.

ppscan.c, a publicly available Unix-based tool to bounce port scans, can be found in source form at:

<http://examples.oreilly.com/networksa/tools/ppscan.c> <http://www.phreak.org/archives/exploits/unix/network-scanners/ppscan.c>

(NMAP) When scanning hardened environments, you should use the `-Pn` flag to force scanning of each address within scope. A slower timing policy (such as `-T2`) is also useful, as an aggressive policy will trigger SYN flood protection by firewalls

SYN probes - four response variants: a packet with SYN/ACK flags indicating an open port, RST/ACK denoting closed, no response or an ICMP type 3 message implying a filter

This runs three Nmap scans to identify accessible hosts across TCP, SCTP, and UDP. Optionally, load a list of targets into Nmap from a file using the `-iL` flag.

`nmap -T4 -Pn -v -n -sS -F -oG /tmp/tcp.gnmap 192.168.0.0/24`

`nmap -T4 -Pn -v -n -sY -F -oG /tmp/sctp.gnmap 192.168.0.0/24`

`nmap -T4 -Pn -v -n -sU -p53,111,123,137,161,500 -oG /tmp/udp.gnmap 192.168.0.0/24`

These scans generate output in /tmp with gnmap file extensions. UDP results may contain false positives. If the UDP dataset looks noisy (i.e. all the hosts are reporting to have open ports), then simply disregard it. Once you're happy with the contents of these files, use grep and awk to generate a refined list of targets, as follows:

`grep open /tmp/*.gnmap | awk '{print $2}' | sort | uniq > /tmp/targets.txt`

This list should then be fed into four subsequent scans: A fast TCP scan of common services

`nmap -T4 -Pn -v --open -sS -A -oA tcp_fast -iL /tmp/targets.txt`

A TCP scan of all ports:

`nmap -T4 -Pn -v --open -sS -A -p0-65535 -oA tcp_full -iL /tmp/targets.txt`

An SCTP scan of all ports:

`nmap -T4 -Pn -v --open -sY -p0-65535 -oA sctp -iL /tmp/targets.txt`

A UDP scan of common services:

`nmap -T3 -Pn -v --open -sU -oA udp -iL /tmp/targets.txt`

The `-oA` flag will generate multiple output files for each scan type, including a gnmap file that you can easily parse, and a full text file (i.e. `tcp_fast.nmap`) that is human-readable. These scanning modes do not perform service fingerprinting or deep analysis of the exposed network services

Same procedure for IPv6 - first sweeping IPv6 address space for hosts running common network services, and then perform full scanning of that subset). When TCP sweeping large IPv6 networks, I recommend reducing the port list to increase speed, from `-F` (100 common ports) to `-p22,25,53,80,111,139,443`.

Upon preparing a list of targets (e.g. `/tmp/targets.txt`) from host discovery and sweeping, run the same four scans as before, using the `-6` flag to perform the scanning over IPv6:

```
nmap -6 -T4 -Pn -v --open -sS -A -oA ipv6_tcp_fast -iL /tmp/targets.txt
nmap -6 -T4 -Pn -v --open -sS -A -p0-65535 -oA ipv6_tcp_full -iL /tmp/targets.txt
nmap -6 -T4 -Pn -v --open -sY -p0-65535 -oA ipv6_sctp -iL /tmp/targets.txt
nmap -6 -T3 -Pn -v --open -sU -oA ipv6_udp -iL /tmp/targets.txt
```

SING (Send ICMP Nasty Garbage) - <http://sourceforge.net/projects/sing>

Ability to transmit and receive spoofed packets, send MAC-spoofed packets, and support the transmission of many other message types, including ICMP address mask, timestamp, and information requests, as well as router solicitation and router advertisement messages

ICMPScan - <http://www.bindshell.net/tools/icmpscan>

Bulk scanner derived from Nmap that sends type 8, 13, 15, and 17 ICMP; can process inbound responses by placing the network interface into promiscuous mode, thereby identifying internal IP addresses and machines that respond from probes sent to subnet network and broadcast addresses. Because ICMP is a connectionless protocol, it is best practice to resend each probe (using `-r 1`) and set the timeout to 500 milliseconds (using `-t 500`). We also set the tool to listen in promiscuous mode for unsolicited responses (using the `-c` flag).

Nmap 7.01SVN (<https://nmap.org>)

Usage: nmap [Scan Type(s)] [Options] {target specification}

TARGET SPECIFICATION:

Can pass hostnames, IP addresses, networks, etc.

Ex: scanme.nmap.org, microsoft.com/24, 192.168.0.1; 10.0.0-255.1-254

-iL <inputfilename>: Input from list of hosts/networks

-iR <num hosts>: Choose random targets

--exclude <host1[,host2][,host3],...>: Exclude hosts/networks

--excludefile <exclude_file>: Exclude list from file

HOST DISCOVERY:

-sL: List Scan - simply list targets to scan

-sn: Ping Scan - disable port scan

-Pn: Treat all hosts as online -- skip host discovery

-PS/PA/PU/PY[portlist]: TCP SYN/ACK, UDP or SCTP discovery to given ports

-PE/PP/PM: ICMP echo, timestamp, and netmask request discovery probes

-PO[protocol list]: IP Protocol Ping

-n/-R: Never do DNS resolution/Always resolve [default: sometimes]

--dns-servers <serv1[,serv2],...>: Specify custom DNS servers

--system-dns: Use OS's DNS resolver

--traceroute: Trace hop path to each host

SCAN TECHNIQUES:

-sS/sT/sA/sW/sM: TCP SYN/Connect()/ACK/Window/Maimon scans

-sU: UDP Scan

-sN/sF/sX: TCP Null, FIN, and Xmas scans

--scanflags <flags>: Customize TCP scan flags

-sl <zombie host[:probeport]>: Idle scan

-sY/sZ: SCTP INIT/COOKIE-ECHO scans

-sO: IP protocol scan

-b <FTP relay host>: FTP bounce scan

PORT SPECIFICATION AND SCAN ORDER:

-p <port ranges>: Only scan specified ports
Ex: -p22; -p1-65535; -p U:53,111,137,T:21-25,80,139,8080,S:9
--exclude-ports <port ranges>: Exclude the specified ports from scanning
-F: Fast mode - Scan fewer ports than the default scan
-r: Scan ports consecutively - don't randomize
--top-ports <number>: Scan <number> most common ports
--port-ratio <ratio>: Scan ports more common than <ratio>

SERVICE/VERSION DETECTION:

-sV: Probe open ports to determine service/version info
--version-intensity <level>: Set from 0 (light) to 9 (try all probes)
--version-light: Limit to most likely probes (intensity 2)
--version-all: Try every single probe (intensity 9)
--version-trace: Show detailed version scan activity (for debugging)

SCRIPT SCAN:

-sC: equivalent to --script=default
--script=<Lua scripts>: <Lua scripts> is a comma separated list of directories, script-files or script-categories
--script-args=<n1=v1,[n2=v2,...]>: provide arguments to scripts
--script-args-file=filename: provide NSE script args in a file
--script-trace: Show all data sent and received
--script-updatedb: Update the script database.
--script-help=<Lua scripts>: Show help about scripts.
<Lua scripts> is a comma-separated list of script-files or script-categories.

OS DETECTION:

-O: Enable OS detection
--osscan-limit: Limit OS detection to promising targets
--osscan-guess: Guess OS more aggressively

TIMING AND PERFORMANCE:

Options which take <time> are in seconds, or append 'ms' (milliseconds), 's' (seconds), 'm' (minutes), or 'h' (hours) to the value (e.g. 30m).
-T<0-5>: Set timing template (higher is faster)
--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

FIREWALL/IDS EVASION AND SPOOFING:

-f; --mtu <val>: fragment packets (optionally w/given MTU)
-D <decoy1,decoy2[,ME],...>: Cloak a scan with decoys
-S <IP_Address>: Spoof source address
-e <iface>: Use specified interface
-g/--source-port <portnum>: Use given port number
--proxies <url1,[url2],...>: Relay connections through HTTP/SOCKS4 proxies
--data <hex string>: Append a custom payload to sent packets
--data-string <string>: Append a custom ASCII string to sent packets
--data-length <num>: Append random data to sent packets
--ip-options <options>: Send packets with specified ip options
--ttl <val>: Set IP time-to-live field
--spoof-mac <mac address/prefix/vendor name>: Spoof your MAC address
--badsum: Send packets with a bogus TCP/UDP/SCTP checksum

OUTPUT:

-oN/-oX/-oS/-oG <file>: Output scan in normal, XML, s|<rlpt klddi3, and Grepable format, respectively, to the given filename.
-oA <basename>: Output in the three major formats at once
-v: Increase verbosity level (use -vv or more for greater effect)
-d: Increase debugging level (use -dd or more for greater effect)

- reason: Display the reason a port is in a particular state
- open: Only show open (or possibly open) ports
- packet-trace: Show all packets sent and received
- iflist: Print host interfaces and routes (for debugging)
- append-output: Append to rather than clobber specified output files
- resume <filename>: Resume an aborted scan
- stylesheet <path/URL>: XSL stylesheet to transform XML output to HTML
- webxml: Reference stylesheet from Nmap.Org for more portable XML
- no-stylesheet: Prevent associating of XSL stylesheet w/XML output

MISC:

- 6: Enable IPv6 scanning
- A: Enable OS detection, version detection, script scanning, and traceroute
- datadir <dirname>: Specify custom Nmap data file location
- send-eth/--send-ip: Send using raw ethernet frames or IP packets
- privileged: Assume that the user is fully privileged
- unprivileged: Assume the user lacks raw socket privileges
- V: Print version number
- h: Print this help summary page.

EXAMPLES:

```
nmap -v -A scanme.nmap.org
nmap -v -sn 192.168.0.0/16 10.0.0.0/8
nmap -v -iR 10000 -Pn -p 80
```

SEE THE MAN PAGE (<https://nmap.org/book/man.html>)