

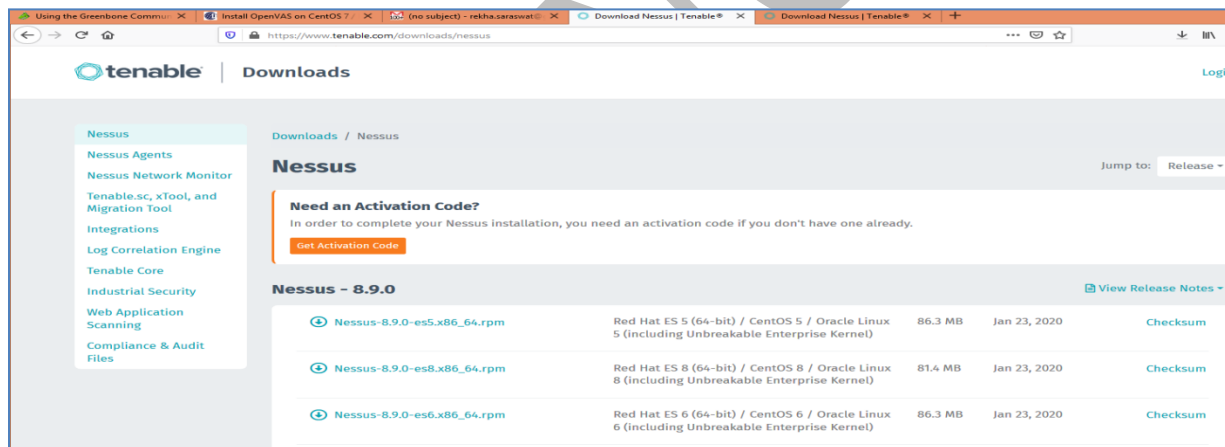
## Network vulnerability scanning using Nessus

Nessus is a proprietary vulnerability scanner developed by Tenable, Inc. It is a commercial tool. But a free version is available with a limited set of capabilities to scan a maximum of 20 machines per user. It is a remote security scanning tool which scans a system and raises an alert when it discovers any vulnerabilities which malicious hackers can use to gain access to any system connected to networks.

### Download and installation:

1. Download Nessus from <https://www.tenable.com/downloads/nessus>.
2. Download latest release available for Windows 64  
It supports Windows Server 2008, Server 2008 R2\*, Server 2012, Server 2012 R2, 7, 8, 10, Server 2016 (64-bit).
3. An activation code is also required to make Nessus work after installation. Get activation code by clicking on GET ACTIVATION CODE on the download page (or by browsing <https://www.tenable.com/products/nessus/activation-code>)

It requires registration. After registration the activation code is sent to the registered email id.



The screenshot displays the Tenable Nessus Downloads page. The browser's address bar shows the URL <https://www.tenable.com/downloads/nessus>. The page features a sidebar on the left with navigation links: Nessus, Nessus Agents, Nessus Network Monitor, Tenable.sc, xTool, and Migration Tool, Integrations, Log Correlation Engine, Tenable Core, Industrial Security, Web Application Scanning, and Compliance & Audit Files. The main content area is titled 'Downloads / Nessus' and includes a 'Jump to: Release' dropdown. A prominent banner asks 'Need an Activation Code?' with the text 'In order to complete your Nessus installation, you need an activation code if you don't have one already.' and a 'Get Activation Code' button. Below this, the 'Nessus - 8.9.0' section lists three download links for different operating systems, each with a file size, release date, and a 'Checksum' link.

Download Link	Operating System	File Size	Release Date	Checksum
<a href="#">Nessus-8.9.0-es5.x86_64.rpm</a>	Red Hat ES 5 (64-bit) / CentOS 5 / Oracle Linux 5 (including Unbreakable Enterprise Kernel)	86.3 MB	Jan 23, 2020	<a href="#">Checksum</a>
<a href="#">Nessus-8.9.0-es8.x86_64.rpm</a>	Red Hat ES 8 (64-bit) / CentOS 8 / Oracle Linux 8 (including Unbreakable Enterprise Kernel)	81.4 MB	Jan 23, 2020	<a href="#">Checksum</a>
<a href="#">Nessus-8.9.0-es6.x86_64.rpm</a>	Red Hat ES 6 (64-bit) / CentOS 6 / Oracle Linux 6 (including Unbreakable Enterprise Kernel)	86.3 MB	Jan 23, 2020	<a href="#">Checksum</a>

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Nessus

Nessus Agents

Nessus Network Monitor

Tenable.sc, xTool, and Migration Tool

Integrations

Log Correlation Engine

Tenable Core

Industrial Security

Web Application Scanning

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➕	Nessus-8.9.0-ubuntu1110_i386.deb	Ubuntu 11.10, 12.04, 12.10, 13.04, 13.10, 14.04, 16.04 and 17.10 i386(32-bit)	85.3 MB	Jan 23, 2020	Checksum
➕	Nessus-8.9.0-fbsd10-amd64.txz	FreeBSD 10 and 11 AMD64	74.2 MB	Jan 23, 2020	Checksum
➕	nessus-updates-8.9.0.tar.gz	Software updates for Nessus Scanners linked to Nessus Managers in 'offline' mode (all OSes/platforms).	1.74 GB	Jan 23, 2020	Checksum
➕	Nessus-8.9.0-amzn.x86_64.rpm	Amazon Linux 2015.03, 2015.09, 2017.09	86.5 MB	Jan 23, 2020	Checksum
➕	Nessus-8.9.0-debian6_amd64.deb	Debian 6, 7, 8, 9 / Kali Linux 1, 2017.3 AMD64	86.2 MB	Jan 23, 2020	Checksum
➕	Nessus-8.9.0-debian6_i386.deb	Debian 6, 7, 8, 9 / Kali Linux 1, 2017.3 i386(32-bit)	84.2 MB	Jan 23, 2020	Checksum
➕	Nessus-8.9.0-Win32.msi	Windows 7, 8, 10 (32-bit)	115 MB	Jan 23, 2020	Checksum

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Essentials

As part of the Nessus family, Nessus® Essentials (formerly Nessus Home) allows you to scan your environment (up to 16 IP addresses per scanner) with the same high-speed, in-depth assessments and agentless scanning convenience that Nessus subscribers enjoy. Nessus Essentials eliminates the previous restriction on only using Nessus Home for personal, non-commercial use.

Please note that Nessus Essentials does not allow you to perform compliance checks or content audits, Live Results or use the Nessus virtual appliance. If you require these additional features, please

**Register for an Activation Code**

First Name \* Last Name \*

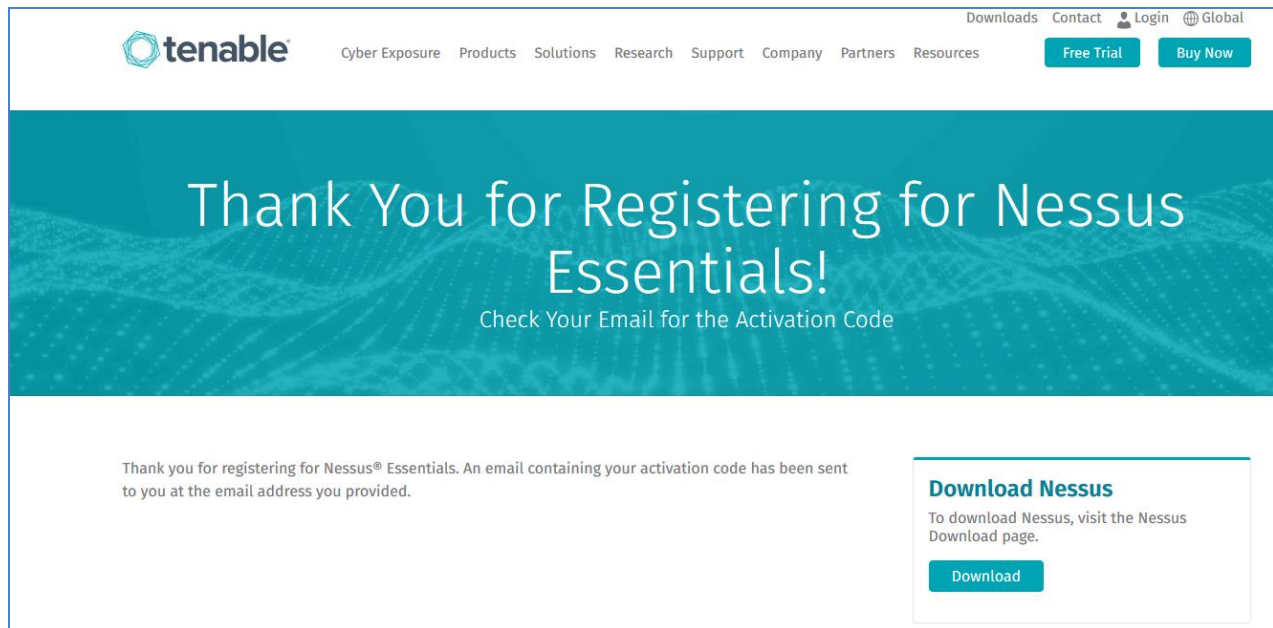
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Register



4. Windows executable file is downloaded, which can be installed in one click.
5. After installation, web client starts with url: <https://127.0.0.1:8834>
6. Provide userid and password for account creation.
7. Copy activation code, received on email.

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### Register your scanner

Enter an activation code below to run your scanner locally or choose one of the dropdown options to run it in managed mode.

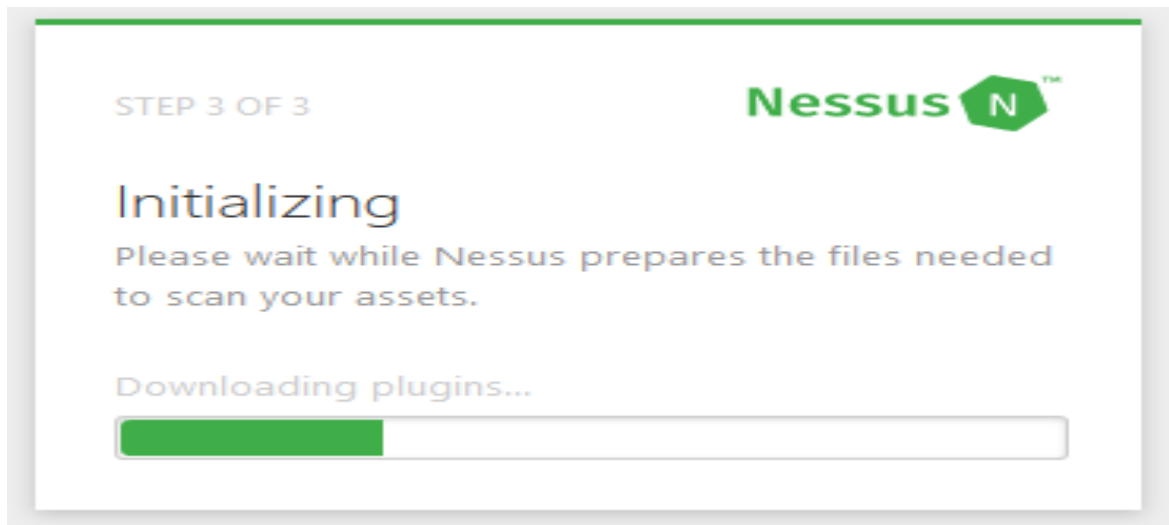
Scanner Type

Home, Professional or Manager

Activation Code \*

Settings Back Continue

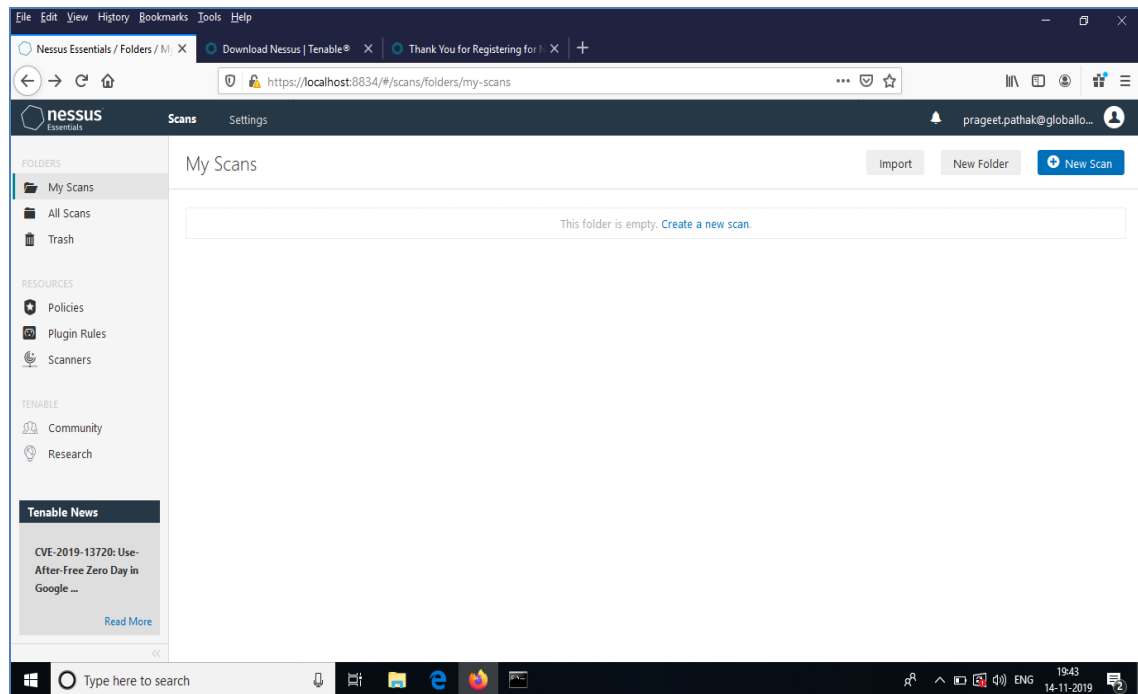
8. Nessus completes setup and starts downloading plug-ins and initializes. This may take some time.



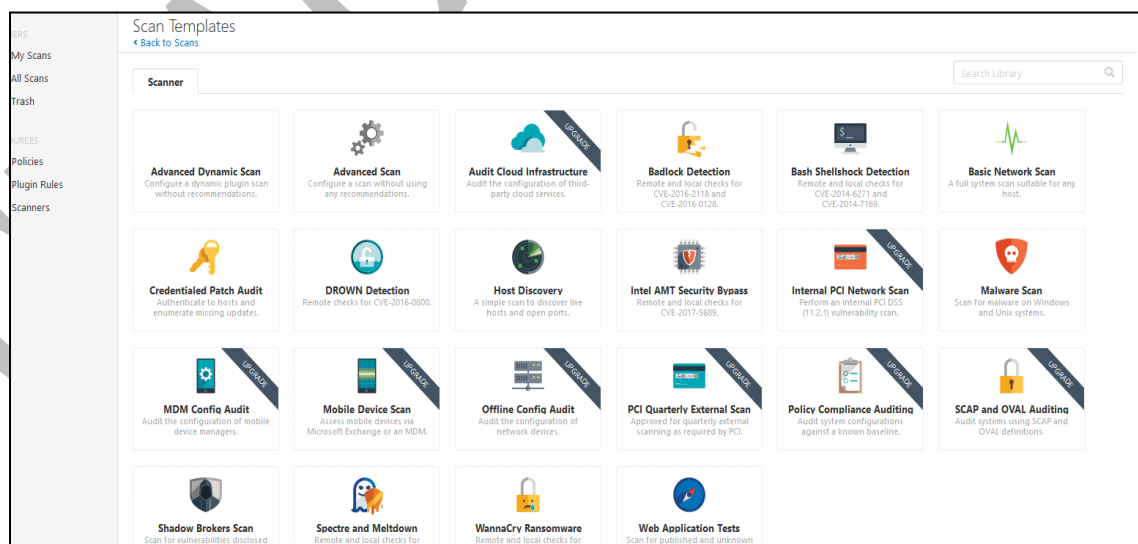
9. After initialization, the Nessus webclient must open in a web browser. Sometimes the “Secure Connection error” may come. To resolve this error, open Nessus in a private window of your browser.

### **Scanning hosts with NESSUS:**

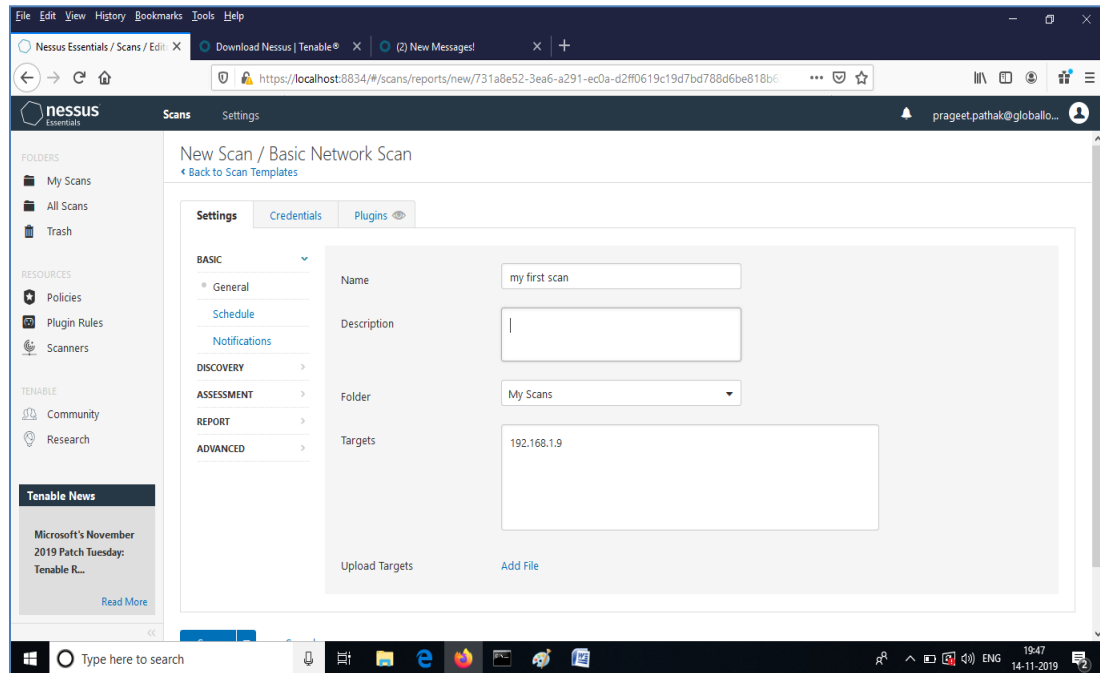
1. Once you have installed and launched Nessus, you're ready to start scanning. The home page, when Nessus starts.
2. First, you have to create a scan. To create your scan:
3. In the top navigation bar, click Scans.
4. In the upper-right corner of the My Scans page, click the New Scan button.



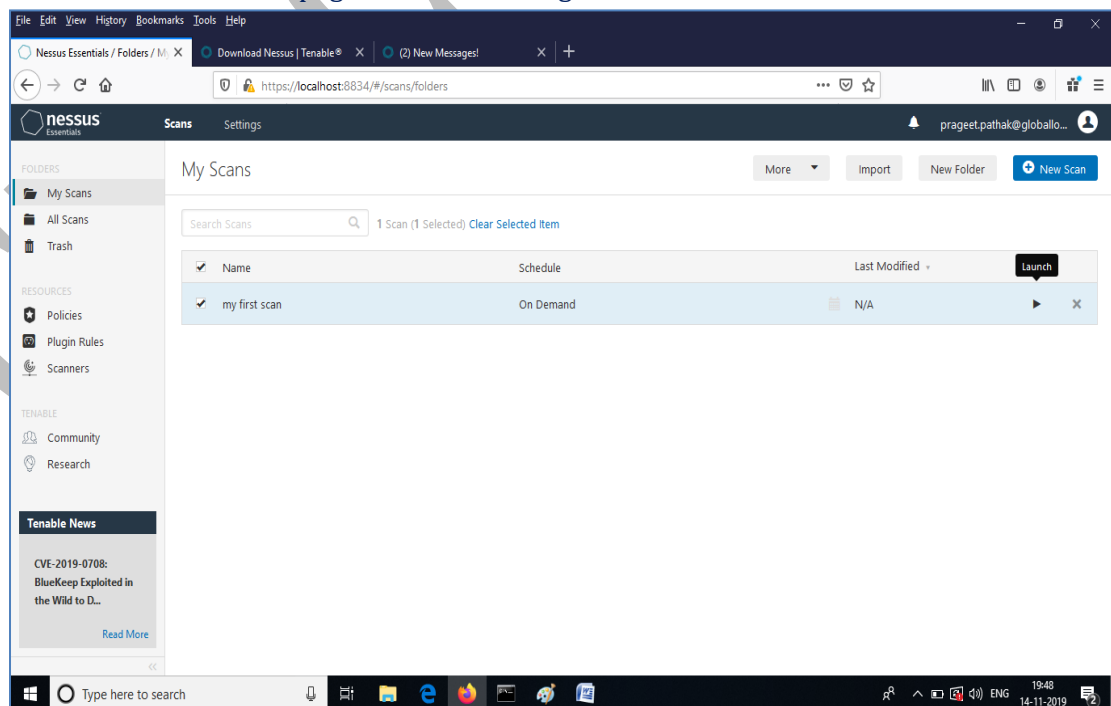
- Click on **new scan** to create a new scan task. Next, click the scan template you want to use. Here we use Basic Network Scan which performs a full system scan that is suitable for any host. Use this template to scan an asset, for example, you can perform an internal vulnerability scan on your systems.



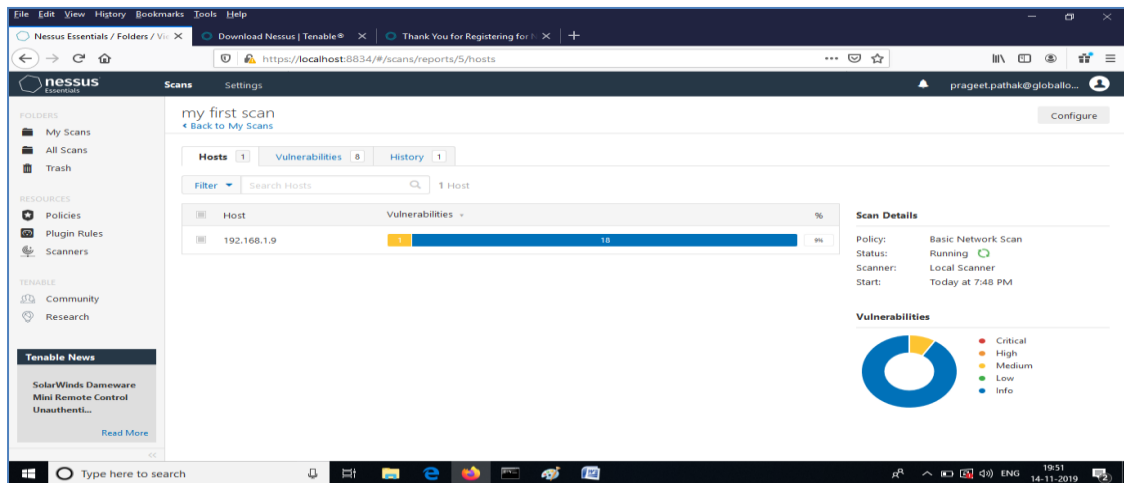
- Click on desired scan type. (The following screenshots are for Basic Network Scan). Prepare your scan by configuring the settings available for your chosen template. The Basic Network Scan template has several default settings preconfigured, which allows you to quickly perform your first scan and view results without a lot of effort. Specify the name of scan and the targets. There may be a single target or a range of targets in a CIDR notation. After Specifying the name of scan and the target IP.



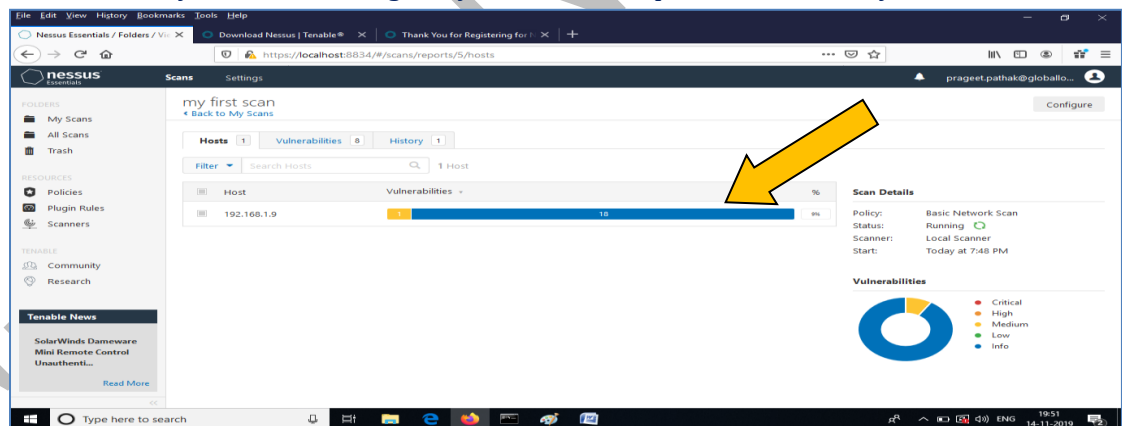
- Click on Save. The next page will be following.

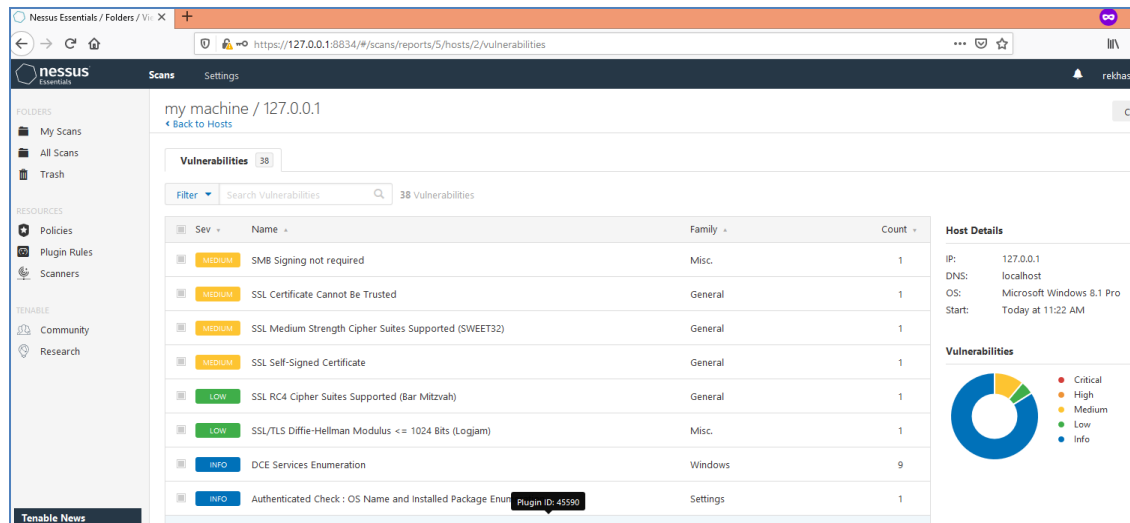


8. Click on blue arrow button to launch the scan.
9. Scan starts. The time it takes to complete a scan involves many factors, such as network speed and congestion, so the scan may take some time to run.



10. By clicking on Vulnerabilities (Bar), the details of vulnerabilities can be found. Viewing scan results by vulnerabilities gives you a view into potential risks on your assets.





11. By clicking on any vulnerability details can be obtained.
12. To view vulnerabilities:  
Do one of the following:
13. Click a specific host to view vulnerabilities found on that host.
14. Click the Vulnerabilities tab to view all vulnerabilities.
15. (Optional) To sort the vulnerabilities, click an attribute in the table header row to sort by that attribute.
16. Clicking on the vulnerability row will open the vulnerability details page, displaying plugin information and output for each instance on a host.

