Exercise Lab Manual: Network scanning using Nmap

Nmap (Network Mapper) is a free and open-source network scanner. It is used to discover hosts and services running on them in a computer network by sending packets and analyzing the responses. Nmap provides a number of features for probing computer networks, including host discovery and service and operating system detection, etc. These features are extensible using scripts that provide more advanced service detection. In this exercise, you will learn, how to use Nmap for various scanning activities and use Nmap scripts for important activities.

1. Basic Nmap Scan against IP or host

nmap 192.168.45.130

Now, if you want to scan a hostname, simply replace the IP for the host

For example, nmap cdac.in

```
root@kali:/# nmap 192.168.45.130
Starting Nmap 7.80SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-01-20 06:21 EST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.45.130
Host is up (0.00050s latency).
Not shown: 990 closed ports
PORT STATE SERVICE
22/tcp open msrpc
135/tcp open metbios-ssn
445/tcp open microsoft-ds
3389/tcp open ms-wbt-server
5357/tcp open wsdapi
49152/tcp open unknown
49154/tcp open unknown
49155/tcp open unknown
49155/tcp open unknown
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:E2:82:1F (VMware)

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 1.82 seconds
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2. Scan specific ports or scan entire port ranges on a local or remote server.

nmap -p 1-65535 localhost

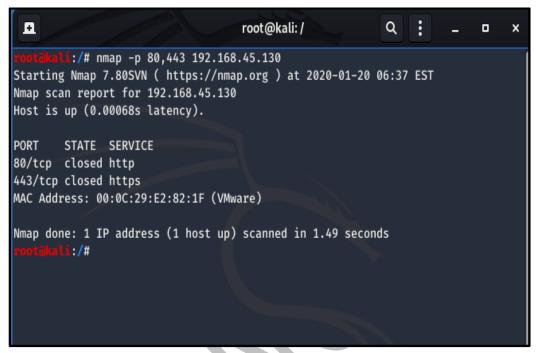
In this example, we scanned all 65535 ports for our local host computer. Nmap is able to scan all possible ports.

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           :/# nmap -p 1-65535 192.168.45.130
Starting Nmap 7.80SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-01-20 06:28 EST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.45.130
Host is up (0.0070s latency).
Not shown: 65522 closed ports
          STATE SERVICE
PORT
22/tcp open ssh
135/tcp open msrpc
139/tcp open netbios-ssn
445/tcp open microsoft-ds
3389/tcp open ms-wbt-server
5357/tcp open wsdapi
49152/tcp open unknown
49153/tcp open unknown
49154/tcp open unknown
49155/tcp open unknown
49224/tcp open
                    unknown
49225/tcp open unknown
57084/tcp open unknown
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:E2:82:1F (VMware)
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 32.81 seconds
          1:/#
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3. Nmap is able to scan all possible ports, but it can also scan specific ports

nmap -p 80,443 192.168.45.130

You can also scan specific ports, which will report faster results.



4. Scan multiple IP addresses

Nmap -p 192.168.45.130,138

You can also scan consecutive IP addresses.

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         :/# nmap 192.168.45.130,138
Starting Nmap 7.80SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-01-20 06:49 EST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.45.130
Host is up (0.0019s latency).
Not shown: 991 closed ports
PORT
        STATE SERVICE
22/tcp
         open ssh
135/tcp open msrpc
139/tcp
        open netbios-ssn
445/tcp
         open microsoft-ds
5357/tcp open wsdapi
49152/tcp open unknown
49153/tcp open
               unknown
49154/tcp open unknown
49155/tcp open unknown
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:E2:82:1F (VMware)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.45.138
Host is up (0.0024s latency).
All 1000 scanned ports on 192.168.45.138 are closed
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:63:D2:F6 (VMware)
Nmap done: 2 IP addresses (2 hosts up) scanned in 0.94 seconds
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5. Scan IP ranges

Use Nmap to scan entire CIDR IP ranges, for example: nmap 192.168.45.0/24

You can also use Nmap to scan entire CIDR IP ranges.

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Starting Nmap 7.80SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-01-20 06:58 EST

Nmap scan report for 192.168.45.1

Host is up (0.000/28 tatency).

Not shown: 994 closed ports

PORT STATE SERVICE

139/tcp open microsoft-ds

902/tcp open iss-realsecure

912/tcp open apex-mesh

MAC Address: 00:50:56:60:00:00 (VMware)

Nmap scan report for 192.168.45.2

Host is up (0.000/28 latency).

Not shown: 999 closed ports

PORT STATE SERVICE

53/tcp open domain

MAC Address: 00:50:56:ED:6A:52 (VMware)

Nmap scan report for 192.168.45.30

Host is up (0.000/28 latency).

Not shown: 990 closed ports

PORT STATE SERVICE

22/tcp open ssh

135/tcp open msrpc

139/tcp open msrbios-sn

445/tcp open microsoft-ds

3389/tcp open ms-wbt-server

5357/tcp open wsdapi

49155/tcp open uknown

49154/tcp open uknown

MAC Address: 00:0C:29:E2:82:1F (VMware)
```

Use wildcards to scan the entire C class IP range, for example: nmap 192.168.45.*

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:~# nmap 192.168.45.*
Starting Nmap 7.80SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-01-20 07:04 EST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.45.1
Host is up (0.00071s latency).
Not shown: 994 closed ports
       STATE SERVICE
PORT
135/tcp open msrpc
139/tcp open netbios-ssn
443/tcp open https
445/tcp open microsoft-ds
902/tcp open iss-realsecure
912/tcp open apex-mesh
MAC Address: 00:50:56:C0:00:00 (VMware)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.45.2
Host is up (0.00029s latency).
Not shown: 999 closed ports
      STATE SERVICE
53/tcp open domain
MAC Address: 00:50:56:ED:6A:52 (VMware)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.45.130
Host is up (0.00093s latency).
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If you ever need to exclude certain IPs from the IP range scan, you can use the "-exclude" option.

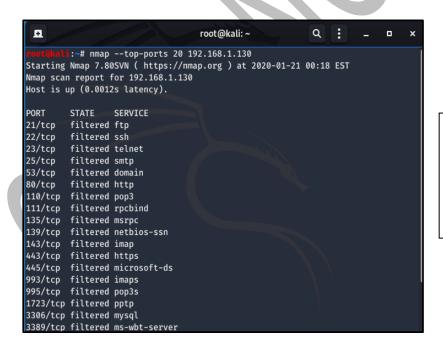
nmap 192.168.45.* -- exclude 192.168.45.138

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root@kali: ~
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           :~# nmap 192.168.45.* --exclude 192.168.45.138
Starting Nmap 7.80SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-01-20 23:48 EST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.45.1
Host is up (0.00023s latency).
Not shown: 994 closed ports
         STATE SERVICE
PORT
135/tcp open msrpc
139/tcp open netbios-ssn
443/tcp open https
445/tcp open microsoft-ds
902/tcp open iss-realsecure
912/tcp open apex-mesh
MAC Address: 00:50:56:C0:00:00 (VMware)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.45.2
Host is up (0.00025s latency).
Not shown: 999 closed ports
PORT STATE SERVICE
53/tcp open domain
MAC Address: 00:50:56:ED:6A:52 (VMware)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.45.130
Host is up (0.0019s latency).
Not shown: 990 closed ports
```

6. Scan the most popular ports

nmap --top-ports 20 192.168.45.1.130

Using "-top-ports" parameter along with a specific number lets you scan the top X most common ports for that host.



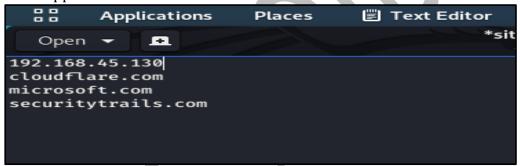
Nmap maintains a database of the ports which are *usually* open on Internet machines, known as top ports.

nmap --top-ports 20 localhost

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:~# nmap --top-ports 20 localhost
Starting Nmap 7.80SVN (https://nmap.org)
Nmap scan report for localhost (127.0.0.1)
Host is up (0.000036s latency).
                                                           at 2020-01-21 00:21 EST
Other addresses for localhost (not scanned): ::1
PORT
            STATE
                     SERVICE
            closed ftp
21/tcp
           closed ssh
22/tcp
23/tcp
           closed telnet
           closed smtp
25/tcp
53/tcp
           closed domain
80/tcp
            closed http
110/tcp closed nctp
111/tcp open rpcb
                     rpcbind
135/tcp closed msrpc
139/tcp closed netbios-ssn
143/tcp closed imap
143/tcp closed https
443/tcp closed https
445/tcp closed microsoft-ds
993/tcp closed imaps
995/tcp closed pop3s
1723/tcp closed pptp
3306/tcp closed mysql
3389/tcp closed ms-wbt-server
5900/tcp closed vnc
8080/tcp closed http-proxy
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.22 seconds
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7. Scan hosts and IP addresses reading from a text file

Let's suppose user creates a list.txt file that contains these lines inside:



nmap -iL site.txt

The "-iL" parameter lets user read from that file, and scan all those hosts listed in it.



8. Save your Nmap scan results to a file

exporting/saving user results into a text file: nmap -oN output.txt google.com

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Notable: "# nmap -oN output.txt scanme.nmap.org
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-02-18 11:36 EST
Nmap scan report for scanme.nmap.org (45.33.32.156)
Host is up (0.25s latency).
Other addresses for scanme.nmap.org (not scanned): 2600:3c01::f03c:91ff:fe18:bb2f
Not shown: 995 filtered ports
PORT STATE SERVICE
53/tcp closed domain
80/tcp open http
113/tcp closed ident
443/tcp closed ident
443/tcp closed https
8008/tcp open http

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 17.80 seconds
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9. Scan + OS and service detection with fast execution

Using the "-A" parameter enables you to perform OS and service detection, and at the same time combining this with "-T4" for faster execution. See the example below: nmap -A -T4 scanme.nmap.org

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                                    root@kali: ~
                                                                          —(<mark>root⊙kali)-[~]</mark>
—# nmap -A -T4 172.31.101.127
Starting Nmap 7.92 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-02-15 10:05 PST
Nmap scan report for 172.31.101.127
Host is up (0.00042s latency).
Not shown: 997 closed tcp ports (reset)
       STATE SERVICE
                           VERSION
135/tcp open msrpc
                           Microsoft Windows RPC
139/tcp open netbios-ssn Microsoft Windows netbios-ssn
445/tcp open microsoft-ds Windows 10 Pro 10240 microsoft-ds (workgroup: WORKGRO
UP)
MAC Address: 50:6B:8D:B3:13:65 (Nutanix)
Device type: general purpose
Running: Microsoft Windows 10
OS CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows_10
OS details: Microsoft Windows 10 1507 - 1607
Network Distance: 1 hop
Service Info: Host: DESKTOP-K0E0N56; OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows
Host script results:
 _clock-skew: mean: 10h40m46s, deviation: 4h37m07s, median: 8h00m46s
  smb2-time:
    date: 2023-02-16T02:06:59
```

nmap may control the speed of scanning also (very slow (-T0) to extremely aggressive (-T5))

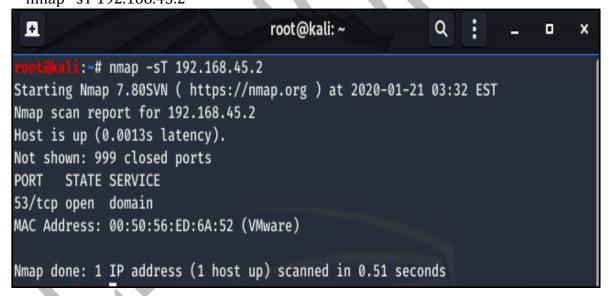
10. Detect service/daemon versions

This can be done by using -sV parameters

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                                    root@kali: ~
         :~# nmap -sV localhost
Starting Nmap 7.80SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-01-21 02:03 EST
Nmap scan report for localhost (127.0.0.1)
Host is up (0.000031s latency).
Other addresses for localhost (not scanned): ::1
Not shown: 998 closed ports
        STATE SERVICE
                          VERSION
111/tcp open rpcbind 2-4 (RPC #100000)
5432/tcp open postgresql PostgreSQL DB 9.6.0 or later
1 service unrecognized despite returning data. If you know the service/version,
please submit the following fingerprint at https://nmap.org/cgi-bin/submit.cgi
?new-service :
SF-Port5432-TCP:V=7.80SVN%I=7%D=1/21%Time=5E26A252%P=x86_64-unknown-linux-
SF:gnu%r(SMBProgNeg,8C,"E\0\0\0\x8bSFATAL\0VFATAL\0C0A000\0Munsupported\x2
SF:0frontend\x20protocol\x2065363\.19778:\x20server\x20supports\x202\.0\x2
SF:0to\x203\.0\0Fpostmaster\.c\0L2010\0RProcessStartupPacket\0\0");
Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nma
p.org/submit/
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 7.47 seconds
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11. Scan using TCP or UDP protocols

Standard TCP scanning output: nmap -sT 192.168.45.2



UDP scanning results using "-sU" parameter:

```
Starting Nmap -sU 192.168.45.2
Starting Nmap 7.80SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-01-21 03:37 EST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.45.2
Host is up (0.0024s latency).
Not shown: 999 open|filtered ports
PORT STATE SERVICE
53/udp open domain
MAC Address: 00:50:56:ED:6A:52 (VMware)

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 14.53 seconds
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12. Finding multiple live hosts in the network

Start a ping scan for live hosts using the following command.

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**Potable 1:-# nmap -sP 172.31.101.0/24

Starting Nmap 7.80 (https://nmap.org) at 2020-07-27 10:05 EDT

Nmap scan report for 172.31.101.1

Host is up (0.046s latency).

MAC Address: 00:24:F9:E8:43:49 (Cisco Systems)

Nmap scan report for 172.31.101.11

Host is up (0.00066s latency).

MAC Address: 18:66:DA:05:DE:71 (Dell)

Nmap scan report for 172.31.101.12

Host is up (0.0013s latency).

MAC Address: 50:6B:8D:63:85:8C (Nutanix)

Nmap scan report for 172.31.101.16

Host is up (0.0012s latency).

MAC Address: 50:6B:8D:C6:DB:8F (Nutanix)

Nmap scan report for 172.31.101.17

Host is up (0.0017s latency).

MAC Address: 50:6B:8D:3E:3E:A1 (Nutanix)

Nmap scan report for 172.31.101.18

Host is up (0.0016s latency).

MAC Address: 50:6B:8D:C7:4B:ED (Nutanix)

Nmap scan report for 172.31.101.19

Host is up (0.0018s latency).

MAC Address: 50:6B:8D:77:87:F9 (Nutanix)

Nmap scan report for 172.31.101.21

Host is up (0.0025s latency).

MAC Address: 50:6B:8D:40:6C:C8 (Nutanix)

Nmap scan report for 172.31.101.24

Host is up (0.0025s latency).

MAC Address: 50:6B:8D:C0:8E:72 (Nutanix)

Nmap scan report for 172.31.101.24

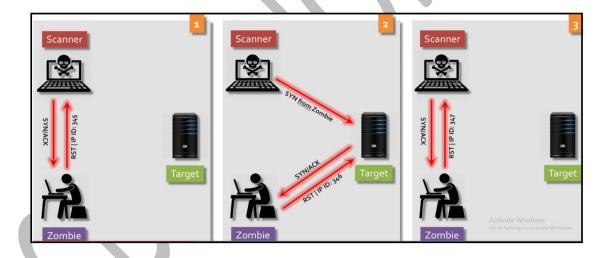
Host is up (0.0025s latency).

MAC Address: 50:6B:8D:C0:8E:72 (Nutanix)

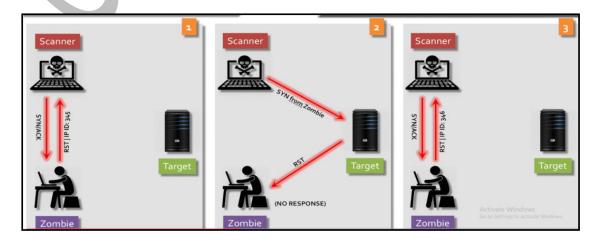
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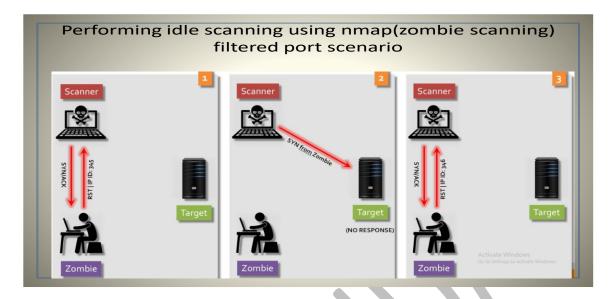
13. using **Performing** idle scanning nmap(zombie scanning) Open port scenario



Closed port scenario



filtered port scenario



14. Finding the system with incremental ip-id

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_ipidseq: All zeros
Nmap scan report for 172.31.103.109
Host is up (0.0024s latency).
PORT STATE SERVICE
23/tcp closed telnet
80/tcp closed http
MAC Address: 50:6B:8D:BE:15:CE (Nutanix)
Host script results:
_ipidseq: Incremental!
Nmap scan report for 172.31.103.112
Host is up (0.0020s latency).
PORT STATE SERVICE
23/tcp closed telnet
80/tcp closed http
MAC Address: 50:6B:8D:E2:BF:E2 (Nutanix)
Host script results:
_ipidseq: Incremental!
Nmap scan report for 172.31.103.128
Host is up (0.0033s latency).
PORT STATE SERVICE
23/tcp closed telnet
80/tcp closed http
MAC Address: 50:6B:8D:9A:E4:79 (Nutanix)
Host script results:
_ipidseq: Incremental!
Nmap scan report for 172.31.103.130
Host is up (0.0017s latency).
PORT STATE SERVICE
```

15. Performing idle scanning using nmap(zombie scanning)

Idle scan is the ultimate stealth scan. An attacker to send some packets to the target from his real IP address in order to get scan results back. One upshot of idle scan is that intrusion detection systems will generally send alerts claiming that the zombie machine has launched a scan against them. So it can be used to frame some other party for a scan. A unique advantage of idle scan is that it can be used to defeat certain packet

filtering firewalls and routers. IP source address filtering is a common (though weak) security mechanism for limiting machines that may connect to a sensitive host or network. Simply specify the zombie hostname to the -sI option and Nmap does the rest.

```
:~# nmap -Pn -p- -sI 172.31.101.89 172.31.101.206
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-07-27 09:52 EDT
Idle scan using zombie 172.31.101.89 (172.31.101.89:80); Class: Incremental
Nmap scan report for 172.31.101.206
Host is up (0.025s latency).
Not shown: 65529 closed filtered ports
PORT
        STATE SERVICE
135/tcp open msrpc
139/tcp open netbios-ssn
445/tcp open microsoft-ds
1539/tcp open intellistor-lm
3389/tcp open ms-wbt-server
5357/tcp open wsdapi
MAC Address: 50:6B:8D:00:7A:39 (Nutanix)
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 188.63 seconds
```

16. Bypassing firewall using fragmentation

Nmap gives the option to the user to set a specific MTU (Maximum Transmission Unit) to the packet. This is similar to the packet fragmentation technique.

During the scan, Nmap will create packets with a size based on the number that we will give. In this example, we gave the number 24, so the Nmap will create 24-byte packets, causing confusion to the firewall.

Keep in mind that the MTU number must be a multiple of 8 (8, 16, 24, 32, etc.).

```
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-02-18 11:12 EST
Nmap scan report for scanme.nmap.org (45.33.32.156)
Host is up (0.24s latency).
Other addresses for scanme.nmap.org (not scanned): 2600:3c01::f03c:91ff:fe18:bb2f
Not shown: 995 filtered ports
PORT STATE SERVICE
53/tcp closed domain
80/tcp open http
113/tcp closed ident
443/tcp closed ident
443/tcp closed https
8008/tcp open http

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 18.64 seconds
```

17. Stealthy scan to avoid firewall detection

Nmap has an option that simplifies and streamlines the process of performing TCP stealth scans. You can easily use the -sS command to perform TCP stealth scans with Nmap

```
:~# nmap -sS scanme.nmap.org
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-02-18 11:14 EST
Nmap scan report for scanme.nmap.org (45.33.32.156)
Host is up (0.23s latency).
Other addresses for scanme.nmap.org (not scanned): 2600:3c01::f03c:91ff:fe18:bb2f
Not shown: 995 filtered ports
        STATE SERVICE
53/tcp
        closed domain
        open
80/tcp
               http
113/tcp closed ident
443/tcp closed https
8008/tcp open
               http
```

18. Using Nmap Script engine

One of Nmap's greatest features is "Nmap Scripting Engine" (known as NSE). Using NSE we can do sophisticated version detection, vulnerability detection, backdoor detection etc.

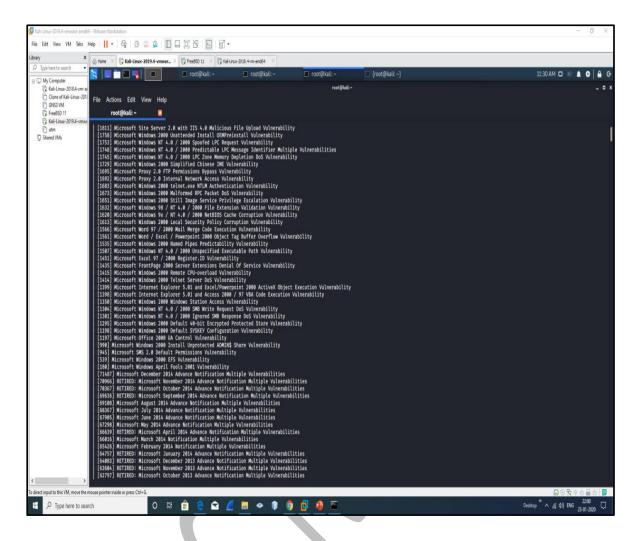
CVE detection using Nmap

- ➤ One of Nmap's greatest features "Nmap Scripting Engine" (known as NSE). Using NSE is crucial in order to automate system and vulnerability scans. For example, if user want to run a full vulnerability test against his target, user can use these parameters:
- Where vuln is a script with known vulnerability databases included. Nmap --script vuln 192.168.45.130

Downloading vulnerability script

The following commands will install the vulscan script along with all the databases mentioned:

- git clone https://github.com/scipag/vulscan scipag_vulscan
- ln -s `pwd`/scipag_vulscan /usr/share/nmap/scripts/vulscan
- Run
- Nmap -sV -Pn -T5 -script vulscan<target ip>



19. **DNS Enumeration**

The following command will try to discover hosts' services using the DNS Service Discovery protocol. It sends a multicast DNS-SD query and collects all the responses.

nmap --script=broadcast-dns-service-discovery scanme.nmap.org

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li:~# nmap --script=broadcast-dns-service-discovery scanme.nmap.org
Starting Nmap 7.80 (https://nmap.org) at 2021-02-18 11:18 EST
Pre-scan script results:
 broadcast-dns-service-discovery:
    224.0.0.251
      5555/tcp adb
       Address=172.31.100.10 fe80::526b:8dff:feba:da13
Nmap scan report for scanme.nmap.org (45.33.32.156)
Host is up (0.25s latency).
Other addresses for scanme.nmap.org (not scanned): 2600:3c01::f03c:91ff:fe18:bb2f
Not shown: 995 filtered ports
PORT
       STATE SERVICE
53/tcp closed domain
80/tcp open http
113/tcp closed ident
443/tcp closed https
8008/tcp open http
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 28.19 seconds
```

➤ Following command will try to enumerate DNS hostnames by brute force guessing of common subdomains. With the dns-brute.srv argument, dns-brute will also try to enumerate common DNS SRV records nmap -T4 -p 53 --script dns-brute scanme.nmap.org

```
#:~# nmap --script=dns-brute scanme.nmap.org
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-02-18 08:34 EST
Nmap scan report for scanme.nmap.org (45.33.32.156)
Host is up (0.23s latency).
Other addresses for scanme.nmap.org (not scanned): 2600:3c01::f03c:91ff:fe18:bb2f
Not shown: 995 filtered ports
         STATE SERVICE
53/tcp closed domain
80/tcp open http
113/tcp closed ident
443/tcp closed https
8008/tcp open http
Host script results:
  dns-brute:
    DNS Brute-force hostnames:
      chat.nmap.org - 45.33.32.156
      chat.nmap.org - 2600:3c01::f03c:91ff:fe18:bb2f
      *AAAA: 2600:3c01:e000:3e6::6d4e:7061
      *A: 45.33.49.119
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 60.35 seconds
```

