

eJPT Lab Series 01 : Network Discovery with Nmap, ARP-Scan and Netdiscover

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Objective

The goal of this lab is to demonstrate the ability to locate active endpoints on a local network using tools such as *arp-scan*, *netdiscover*, and *nmap*. This is aligned with eJPT's *Assessment Methodologies* domain: 'Locate endpoints on a network' and *Host and Networking Auditing*: 'Transfer files to and from target' & 'Compile information from files on target'

Domains Demonstrated

Assessment Methodologies - Locate endpoints on a network

Assessment Methodologies - Identify open ports and services on a target

Assessment Methodologies - Identify operating system of a target

Host and Networking Auditing - Compile information from files on target

Host and Networking Auditing - Enumerate network information from files on target

Host and Networking Auditing - Enumerate system information on target

Host and Networking Auditing - Gather user account information on target

Host and Networking Auditing - Transfer files to and from target

Host and Networking Auditing - Gather hash/password information from target

Tools

OS & Platforms

Win11 Desktop - Host

Proxmox Virtual Environment - via GUI @192.168.4.15

Kali Linux - Attacker VM @192.168.4.25

Network Discovery Tools

arp-scan

nmap

netdiscover

File Transfer / Remote Access

ssh

scp

Environment/Setup

The lab was executed in a Proxmox virtualized environment. The Kali Linux machine (192.168.4.25) acted as the attacker system. Multiple other devices—including routers, smart devices, and other endpoints—were present on the 192.168.4.0/24 subnet, simulating a real-world internal network.

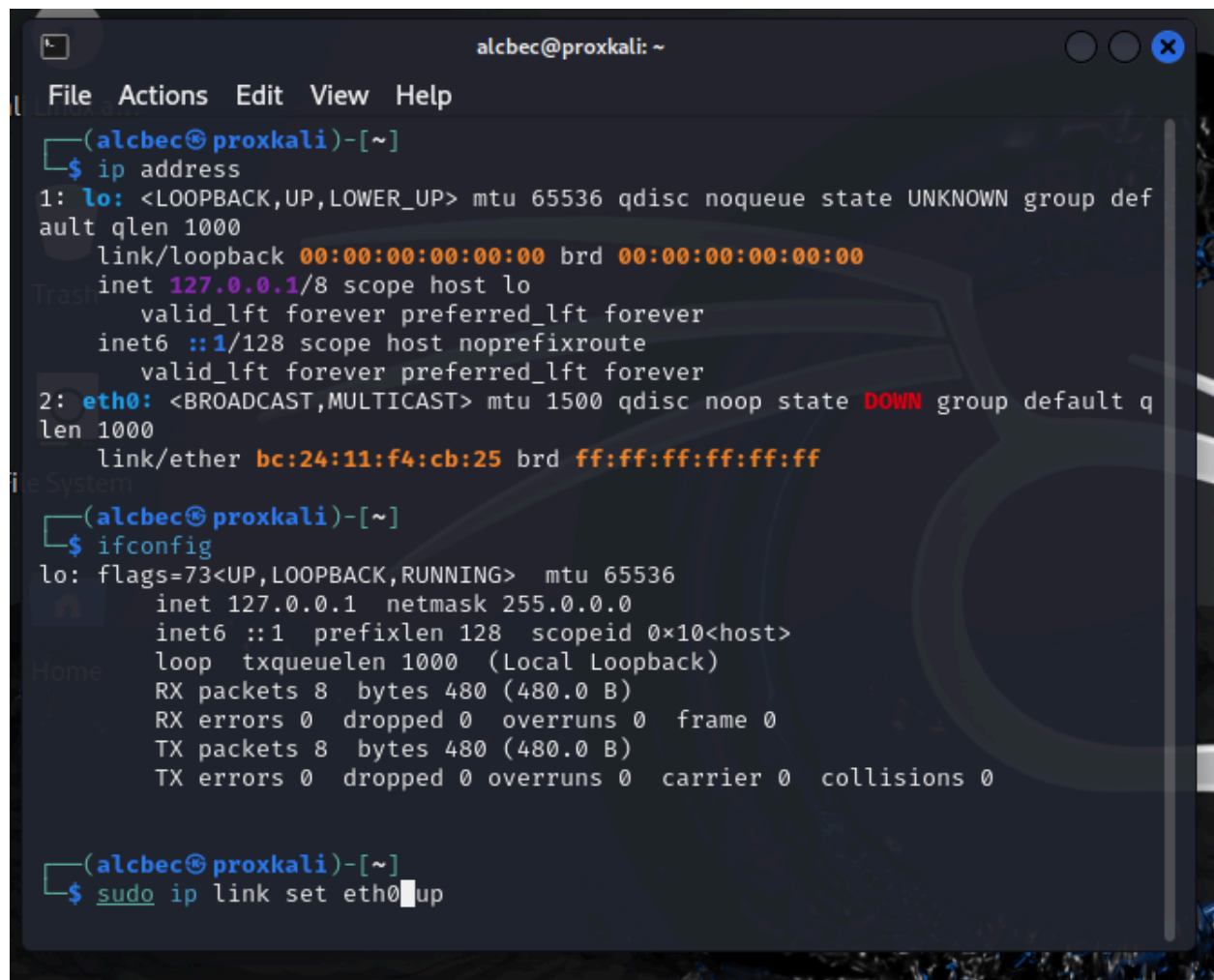
Methodology/Steps

Planning & Scope / PreEngagement Interactions

Define lab goal, set up environment

Networking Issue on boot with KaliBox in Proxmox environment

Firstly on 7/5 I ran into a networking issue, below are the remediations



```
alcbec@proxkali: ~  
File Actions Edit View Help  
(alcbec@proxkali)-[~]  
$ ip address  
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group def  
ault 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> mtu 1500 qdisc noop state DOWN group default q  
len 1000  
    link/ether bc:24:11:f4:cb:25 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff  
(alcbec@proxkali)-[~]  
$ ifconfig  
lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536  
    inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0  
    inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0<host>  
    loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)  
    RX packets 8 bytes 480 (480.0 B)  
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0  
    TX packets 8 bytes 480 (480.0 B)  
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0  
(alcbec@proxkali)-[~]  
$ sudo ip link set eth0 up
```

^not receiving ipv4 on eth0

```

(alcbec@proxkali)-[~]
$ ifconfig
eth0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet6 fe80::be24:11ff:fef4:cb25 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    ether bc:24:11:f4:cb:25 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 1101 bytes 159248 (155.5 KiB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 151 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 6 bytes 516 (516.0 B)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
    inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
    inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x10<host>
    loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
    RX packets 8 bytes 480 (480.0 B)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 8 bytes 480 (480.0 B)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

```

The angle I took was then going to /etc/network/interfaces and I found that I was missing the auto lo within my network config (below is the corrected version)

```

GNU nano 8.2 /etc/network/interfaces
# This file describes the network interfaces available on your system
# and how to activate them. For more information, see interfaces(5).

source /etc/network/interfaces.d/*

# The loopback network interface
auto lo
iface lo inet loopback

auto eth0
iface eth0 inet static
    address 192.168.4.25
    netmask 255.255.255.0
    gateway 192.168.4.1
    dns-nameservers 192.168.4.1

```

I then ran the following commands in a sudo terminal

```

(root@proxkali)-[~]
# sudo systemctl restart networking

(root@proxkali)-[~]
# ifdown eth0 && ifup eth0

(root@proxkali)-[~]
# ip a show
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group de
ault 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
roup default qlen 1000
    link/ether bc:24:11:f4:cb:25 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 192.168.4.25/24 brd 192.168.4.255 scope global eth0
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 fe80::be24:11ff:fef4:cb25/64 scope link proto kernel_ll
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever

File: /etc/network/interfaces

```

^Networking issue resolved, good to go with the lab

Vulnerable Config Steps

Creating the user

bring self to super user

```

paris@paris-VirtualBox:~$ sudo su
[sudo] password for paris:
root@paris-VirtualBox:/home/paris#

```

I then ran `cat /etc/passwd` but my eyes hurt and I thought “what am i looking for” which led to this

```

root@paris-VirtualBox:/home/paris# cat /etc/passwd | grep paris
paris:x:1000:1000:paris:/home/paris:/bin/bash
root@paris-VirtualBox:/home/paris#

```

So, i at least know that account is real and active...but need to figure out what the whole output means

I then ran into a small issue:

Ran the 'adduser test' but I interrupted with CTRL+Z which output to the CLI "Stopped" then I ran a CTRL+C to kill it entirely. I felt like I messed up the process. Thus, I had to investigate to confirm. Below is the screenshot of me investigating

****i changed some visual aspects of my CLI in this box****

```
paris@paris-VirtualBox:~$ sudo su
[sudo] password for paris:
root@paris-VirtualBox:/home/paris# adduser test
info: Adding user `test' ...
info: Selecting UID/GID from range 1000 to 59999 ...
info: Adding new group `test' (1001) ...
info: Adding new user `test' (1001) with group `test (1001)' ...
info: Creating home directory `/home/test' ...
info: Copying files from `/etc/skel' ...
New password:
[1]+  Stopped                  adduser test
root@paris-VirtualBox:/home/paris#
BAD PASSWORD: The password is shorter than 8 characters
Retype new password: ^C
```

^the CLI when I ran CTRL+C and CTRL+Z

Ran the following commands

```
root@paris-VirtualBox:/home/paris# cat /etc/passwd | grep paris
paris:x:1000:1000:paris:/home/paris:/bin/bash
root@paris-VirtualBox:/home/paris# cat /etc/passwd | grep test
test:x:1001:1001:./home/test:/bin/bash
```

cat

/etc/passwd - super noisy

cat /etc/passwd | grep paris - confirmed my original was discoverable

cat /etc/passwd | grep test - confirmed my 'test' account was created

I ran into a constant error when attempting to confirm I can still add users

```
root@paris-VirtualBox:/home/paris# adduser test1
warn: Waiting for lock to become available...
warn: Waiting for lock to become available...
warn: Waiting for lock to become available...
warn: Waiting for lock to become available...
```

```
^Cerr: Caught a SIG%s.
root@paris-VirtualBox:/home/paris# adduser test
warn: Waiting for lock to become available...
warn: Waiting for lock to become available...
^Cerr: Caught a SIG%s.
root@paris-VirtualBox:/home/paris# adduser ohno
warn: Waiting for lock to become available...
warn: Waiting for lock to become available...
```

I then did some research and came to the decision of killing any processes related to adduser that were active, assuming I broke it earlier. Remediation steps are below

```
root@paris-VirtualBox:/home/paris# ps aux | grep adduser
root      2988  0.0  0.2 19212 11632 pts/1    T   16:40   0:00 adduser
root      3050  0.0  0.2 18612 11060 pts/1    T   16:45   0:00 adduser
root      3061  0.0  0.0  9144  2248 pts/1    S+  16:47   0:00 grep --color=
auto adduser
```

```
root@paris-VirtualBox:/home/paris# sudo kill -9 3050
[2]+  Killed                  adduser ohno
root@paris-VirtualBox:/home/paris# sudo kill -9 2988

Password change has been aborted.
[1]+  Killed                  adduser test
root@paris-VirtualBox:/home/paris# passwd: Authentication token manipulation error
passwd: password unchanged
```

```
root@paris-VirtualBox:/home/paris# ps aux | grep adduser
root      3092  0.0  0.0  9144  2248 pts/1    S+  16:49   0:00 grep --color=
auto adduser
```

Following those remediations we can verify that no other 'adduser' processes are running that would interfere with our desired operations.

So! We've confirmed vulnerable users and configurations are complete, we can move onto attempting to exploit and satisfy the following exam objectives thoroughly.

```
root@paris-VirtualBox:/home/paris# adduser ohno
info: Adding user `ohno' ...
info: Selecting UID/GID from range 1000 to 59999 ...
info: Adding new group `ohno' (1002) ...
info: Adding new user `ohno' (1002) with group `ohno (1002)' ...
info: Creating home directory `/home/ohno' ...
info: Copying files from `/etc/skel' ...
New password:
BAD PASSWORD: The password is shorter than 8 characters
Retype new password:
passwd: password updated successfully
Changing the user information for ohno
Enter the new value, or press ENTER for the default
    Full Name []:
    Room Number []:
    Work Phone []:
    Home Phone []:
    Other []:
Is the information correct? [Y/n] y
info: Adding new user `ohno' to supplemental / extra groups `users' ...
info: Adding user `ohno' to group `users' ...
root@paris-VirtualBox:/home/paris# adduser testuser
info: Adding user `testuser' ...
info: Selecting UID/GID from range 1000 to 59999 ...
info: Adding new group `testuser' (1003) ...
info: Adding new user `testuser' (1003) with group `testuser (1003)' ...
info: Creating home directory `/home/testuser' ...
info: Copying files from `/etc/skel' ...
New password:
BAD PASSWORD: The password contains the user name in some form
Retype new password:
passwd: password updated successfully
Changing the user information for testuser
Enter the new value, or press ENTER for the default
    Full Name []:
    Room Number []:
    Work Phone []:
    Home Phone []:
    Other []:
Is the information correct? [Y/n] y
info: Adding new user `testuser' to supplemental / extra groups `users' ...
info: Adding user `testuser' to group `users' ...
```

Unexpected Network Issue on Debian Desktop

However, after I changed my adapter from NAT to bridged on my Debian desktop, I had to make some networking changes as it was getting an IP in the wrong network and subnet. *turning on and off the firewall inside of proxmox was the necessary remediation after ensuring correct ip assigned

The /etc/network/interfaces was empty so I ran nmcli and remediated the networking issue via static addressing.

```
root@paris-VirtualBox:/home/paris# nmcli
enp0s3: connected to netplan-enp0s3
    "Intel 82540EM"
    ethernet (e1000), 08:00:27:B1:40:EA, hw, mtu 1500
    ip4 default
    inet4 192.168.7.134/22
    route4 192.168.4.0/22 metric 100
    route4 default via 192.168.4.1 metric 100
    inet6 fda8:28f5:e3a3:1:8223:8126:98d7:511a/64
    inet6 fda8:28f5:e3a3:1:a00:27ff:feb1:40ea/64
    inet6 2603:9000:c200:168:a00:27ff:feb1:40ea/64
    inet6 2603:9000:c200:168:8dc2:6682:ae18:4629/64
    inet6 fe80::a00:27ff:feb1:40ea/64
    route6 fe80::/64 metric 256
    route6 default via fe80::3257:8eff:fe5d:ff12 metric 1024
    route6 fda8:28f5:e3a3:1::/64 metric 256
    route6 2603:9000:c200:168::/64 metric 256

lo: connected (externally) to lo
    "lo"
    loopback (unknown), 00:00:00:00:00:00, sw, mtu 65536
    inet4 127.0.0.1/8
    inet6 ::1/128

DNS configuration:
    servers: 192.168.4.1
    interface: enp0s3
```

```
root@paris-VirtualBox:/home/paris# nmcli connection modify "ensp0s3"
Error: unknown connection 'ensp0s3'.
root@paris-VirtualBox:/home/paris# nmcli connection modify "enp0s3"
Error: unknown connection 'enp0s3'.
root@paris-VirtualBox:/home/paris# nmcli connection modify "netplan-enp0s3"
Error: <setting>.<property> argument is missing.
root@paris-VirtualBox:/home/paris# nmcli connection modify "netplan-enp0s3" \ ipv4.address 192.168.4.71/24 \ ipv4.gateway 192.168.4.1 \ ipv4.dns "8.8.8.8 1.1.1.1 192.168.4.1" \ ipv4.method manual
Error: invalid or not allowed setting 'ipv4': 'ipv4' not among [connection, 802-3-ethernet (ethernet), 802-1x, dcb, sr iov, ethtool, match, ipv4, ipv6, hostname, link, tc, proxy].
root@paris-VirtualBox:/home/paris# nmcli connection modify "netplan-enp0s3" \ ipv4.address 192.168.4.71/24 \ ipv4.gateway 192.168.4.1 \ ipv4.dns "8.8.8.8 1.1.1.1 192.168.4.1" \ ipv4.method manual
```

```

root@paris-VirtualBox:/home/paris# nmcli connection up "netplan-enp0s3"

Connection successfully activated (D-Bus active path: /org/freedesktop/NetworkManager/ActiveConnection/3)
root@paris-VirtualBox:/home/paris# ip a
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: enp0s3: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc pfifo_fast state UP group default qlen 1000
    link/ether 08:00:27:b1:40:ea brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 192.168.4.71/24 brd 192.168.4.255 scope global noprefixroute enp0s3
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 2603:9000:c200:168:305e:7b37:918c:4eb4/64 scope global temporary dynamic
        valid_lft 565261sec preferred_lft 86136sec
    inet6 2603:9000:c200:168:a00:27ff:feb1:40ea/64 scope global dynamic mngtmpaddr
        valid_lft 565261sec preferred_lft 565261sec
    inet6 fda8:28f5:e3a3:1:e34d:658b:f26c:d2c4/64 scope global temporary dynamic
        valid_lft 604798sec preferred_lft 86136sec
    inet6 fda8:28f5:e3a3:1:a00:27ff:feb1:40ea/64 scope global dynamic mngtmpaddr
        valid_lft 2591998sec preferred_lft 604798sec
    inet6 fe80::a00:27ff:feb1:40ea/64 scope link
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
root@paris-VirtualBox:/home/paris# _

```

From here we have a kalibox on 4.x/24 subnet and a vulnerable debiandesktop on the 4.x/24 subnet. They can communicate with one another.

SSH enabled for attack simulation on Debian Desktop

```

paris@paris-VirtualBox:~$ sudo systemctl start ssh
Failed to start ssh.service: Unit ssh.service not found.
paris@paris-VirtualBox:~$ sudo apt install openssh-server
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
The following package was automatically installed and is no longer required:
  libllvm17t64
Use 'sudo apt autoremove' to remove it.
The following additional packages will be installed:
  ncurses-term openssh-client openssh-sftp-server ssh-import-id
Suggested packages:
  keychain libpam-ssh monkeysphere ssh-askpass molly-guard
The following NEW packages will be installed:
  ncurses-term openssh-server openssh-sftp-server ssh-import-id
The following packages will be upgraded:
  openssh-client
1 upgraded, 4 newly installed, 0 to remove and 211 not upgraded.
Need to get 1,737 kB of archives.
After this operation, 6,743 kB of additional disk space will be used.
Do you want to continue? [Y/n] _

```

```

paris@paris-VirtualBox:~$ sudo systemctl enable ssh
Synchronizing state of ssh.service with SysV service script with /usr/lib/systemd/systemd-sysv-install.
Executing: /usr/lib/systemd/systemd-sysv-install enable ssh
Created symlink /etc/systemd/system/ssh.service → /usr/lib/systemd/system/ssh.service.
Created symlink /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/ssh.service → /usr/lib/systemd/system/ssh.service.
paris@paris-VirtualBox:~$

paris@paris-VirtualBox:~$ sudo systemctl start ssh
paris@paris-VirtualBox:~$ sudo systemctl status ssh
● ssh.service - OpenBSD Secure Shell server
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/ssh.service; enabled; preset: enabled)
   Active: active (running) since Sat 2025-07-05 19:19:30 EDT; 7s ago
     TriggeredBy: ● ssh.socket
       Docs: man:sshd(8)
            man:sshd_config(5)
    Process: 4871 ExecStartPre=/usr/sbin/sshd -t (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
   Main PID: 4872 (sshd)
      Tasks: 1 (limit: 4605)
     Memory: 1.2M (peak: 1.5M)
        CPU: 17ms
    CGroup: /system.slice/ssh.service
            └─4872 "sshd: /usr/sbin/sshd -D [listener] 0 of 10-100 startups"

Jul 05 19:19:30 paris-VirtualBox systemd[1]: Starting ssh.service - OpenBSD Secure Shell server:
Jul 05 19:19:30 paris-VirtualBox sshd[4872]: Server listening on :: port 22.
Jul 05 19:19:30 paris-VirtualBox systemd[1]: Started ssh.service - OpenBSD Secure Shell server:
lines 1-17/17 (END)

```

Verified changes via nmap on attack machine

```

(alcbec@proxkali)-[~]
└─$ nmap -Pn 192.168.4.71
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-07-05 19:20 EDT
Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.71
Host is up (0.00090s latency).
Not shown: 999 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT      STATE SERVICE
22/tcp    open  ssh
MAC Address: 08:00:27:B1:40:EA (Oracle VirtualBox virtual NIC)

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 1.29 seconds

```

The meat and potatoes is upnext.

Reconnaissance/Intelligence Gathering (Pre Access)

Locate endpoints on a network

arp.txt - arp scan

```
(root@proxkali)-[~alcbec/Documents]
# arp-scan --interface=eth0 --localnet > arp.txt
```

scan.txt & scan2.txt - nmap ping sweep

```
(root@proxkali)-[~alcbec/Documents]
# nmap -sn 192.168.4.0/24 > scan2.txt
```

```
(root@proxkali)-[~alcbec/Documents]
# nmap -sn 192.168.4.1/24 > scan.txt
```

netdiscover.txt - netdiscover passive listening

```
(root@proxkali)-[~alcbec/Documents]
# netdiscover -r 192.168.4.0/24 > netdiscover.txt
```

Scanning/Vulnerability Analysis(Pre Access)

Identify open ports and services on a target

```
(alcbec@proxkali)-[~]
$ nmap -sS -sV -T4 -Pn 192.168.4.71
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-07-05 19:10 EDT
Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.71
Host is up (0.00089s latency).
All 1000 scanned ports on 192.168.4.71 are in ignored states.
Not shown: 1000 closed tcp ports (reset)
MAC Address: 08:00:27:B1:40:EA (Oracle VirtualBox virtual NIC)

Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://
/nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 5.64 seconds
```

^prior to ssh being setup

```

(alcbec@proxkali)-[~]
$ nmap -sS -sV -T4 -Pn 192.168.4.71
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-07-05 19:22 EDT
Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.71
Host is up (0.0010s latency).
Not shown: 999 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh      OpenSSH 9.6p1 Ubuntu 3ubuntu13.12 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
MAC Address: 08:00:27:B1:40:EA (Oracle VirtualBox virtual NIC)
Service Info: OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux: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 5.65 seconds

```

^following the [set up of ssh](#)

Identify operating system of target

```

(alcbec@proxkali)-[~]
$ nmap -O 192.168.4.71
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-07-05 19:12 EDT
Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.71
Host is up (0.0015s latency).
All 1000 scanned ports on 192.168.4.71 are in ignored states.
Not shown: 1000 closed tcp ports (reset)
MAC Address: 08:00:27:B1:40:EA (Oracle VirtualBox virtual NIC)
Too many fingerprints match this host to give specific OS details
Network Distance: 1 hop

OS detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap
.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 5.02 seconds

```

```

(alcbec@proxkali)-[~]
$ nmap -O --osscan-guess 192.168.4.71
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-07-05 19:32 EDT
Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.71
Host is up (0.0017s latency).
Not shown: 999 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT      STATE SERVICE
22/tcp    open  ssh
MAC Address: 08:00:27:B1:40:EA (Oracle VirtualBox virtual NIC)
Device type: general purpose
Running: Linux 4.X|5.X
OS CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:4 cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:5
OS details: Linux 4.15 - 5.8
Network Distance: 1 hop

```

Exploitation

Exploit poor credential management to gain SSH access

Create vulnerable user accounts with common passwords for brute forcing

Post Exploitation

Enumeration(Post Access)

Enumerate network information from files on target

Networking Files

```
testuser@paris-VirtualBox:~$ cat /etc/hosts
127.0.0.1 localhost
127.0.1.1 paris-VirtualBox

# The following lines are desirable for IPv6 capable hosts
::1      ip6-localhost ip6-loopback
fe00::0  ip6-localnet
ff00::0  ip6-mcastprefix
ff02::1  ip6-allnodes
ff02::2  ip6-allrouters
```

```
testuser@paris-VirtualBox:/etc/NetworkManager$ cat /etc/NetworkManager/NetworkManager.conf
[main]
plugins=ifupdown,keyfile

[ifupdown]
managed=false

[device]
wifi.scan-rand-mac-address=no
```



```

testuser@paris-VirtualBox:~$ cat /etc/resolv.conf
# This is /run/systemd/resolve/stub-resolv.conf managed by man:systemd-resolved(8).
# Do not edit.
#
# This file might be symlinked as /etc/resolv.conf. If you're looking at
# /etc/resolv.conf and seeing this text, you have followed the symlink.
#
# This is a dynamic resolv.conf file for connecting local clients to the
# internal DNS stub resolver of systemd-resolved. This file lists all
# configured search domains.
#
# Run "resolvectl status" to see details about the uplink DNS servers
# currently in use.
#
# Third party programs should typically not access this file directly, but
# only
# through the symlink at /etc/resolv.conf. To manage man:resolv.conf(5) in
# a
# different way, replace this symlink by a static file or a different symlink.
#
# See man:systemd-resolved.service(8) for details about the supported modes
# of
# operation for /etc/resolv.conf.

nameserver 127.0.0.53
options edns0 trust-ad
search .

```

Enumerate system information on target

OS & Kernel version

```

testuser@paris-VirtualBox:~$ cat /etc/os-release
PRETTY_NAME="Ubuntu 24.04.1 LTS"
NAME="Ubuntu"
VERSION_ID="24.04"
VERSION="24.04.1 LTS (Noble Numbat)"
VERSION_CODENAME=noble
ID=ubuntu
ID_LIKE=debian
HOME_URL="https://www.ubuntu.com/"
SUPPORT_URL="https://help.ubuntu.com/"
BUG_REPORT_URL="https://bugs.launchpad.net/ubuntu/"
PRIVACY_POLICY_URL="https://www.ubuntu.com/legal/terms-and-policies/privacy-policy"
UBUNTU_CODENAME=noble
LOGO=ubuntu-logo

testuser@paris-VirtualBox:~$ cat /etc/issue
Ubuntu 24.04.1 LTS \n \l

```


Gather user account information on target

```
testuser@paris-VirtualBox:~$ cat /etc/passwd | grep /bin/bash
root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
paris:x:1000:1000:paris:/home/paris:/bin/bash
test:x:1001:1001::/home/test:/bin/bash
ohno:x:1002:1002:,,,:/home/ohno:/bin/bash
testuser:x:1003:1003:,,,:/home/testuser:/bin/bash
```

Data Exfiltration

Extract password hashes or sensitive files for offline cracking

Compile information from files on target & Transfer files to and from target

Attacker was able to exploit poor credential management on the victim machine to establish an ssh connection.

```
(albec@proxkali)-[~]
$ ssh testuser@192.168.4.71
testuser@192.168.4.71's password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 24.04.1 LTS (GNU/Linux 6.11.0-29-generic x86_64)
```

Below is a comparison of “ls” output in the ssh connection prior to first sign in. I want to later investigate what is inside of ‘/home/testuser/snap’ on a new profile.

```
testuser@paris-VirtualBox:~$ pwd
/home/testuser
testuser@paris-VirtualBox:~$ ls
snap
testuser@paris-VirtualBox:~$ ls
Desktop  Downloads  Pictures  snap      Videos
Documents Music      Public   Templates
```

Compiling/Outputting a file in a stealthy location to simulate real world data exfiltration

```
testuser@paris-VirtualBox:/tmp$ cp /var/log/dpkg.log /tmp/vulndebian_dpkg-output.txt
testuser@paris-VirtualBox:/tmp$
```

Exfiltrating file to Kali via scp

```
testuser@paris-VirtualBox:~$ scp testuser@192.168.4.71:/home/testuser/tmp/vuln
debian_dpkg-output.txt ~/Desktop
The authenticity of host '192.168.4.71 (192.168.4.71)' can't be established.
ED25519 key fingerprint is SHA256:nwO5z+mcIrKTmDNKSJIcHO3fnCKuAWW+1uPx8vyC4O
U.
This key is not known by any other names.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added '192.168.4.71' (ED25519) to the list of known hos
ts.
testuser@192.168.4.71's password:
scp: /home/testuser/tmp/vulndebian_dpkg-output.txt: No such file or director
y
```

```
testuser@paris-VirtualBox:/tmp$ scp testuser@192.168.4.71:/tmp/vulndebian_dp
kg-output.txt ~/Desktop
testuser@192.168.4.71's password:
vulndebian_dpkg-output.txt                               100% 1078KB 182.9MB/s   00:00
testuser@paris-VirtualBox:/tmp$
```

Setting up Secure Copy over SSH - Secure File Transfer to Host

Within Kali: `sudo systemctl start ssh`

Within requesting machine: `scp alcbec@192.168.4.25:~/Documents/'targetfile'.txt C:\Users\yourprofile\Downloads\`

```
PowerShell 7.5.2
PS C:\Users\ithin> scp alcbec@192.168.4.25:~/Documents/arp.txt
usage: scp [-346ABCOpqRrsTv] [-c cipher] [-D sftp_server_path] [-F ssh_config]
          [-i identity_file] [-J destination] [-l limit] [-o ssh_option]
          [-P port] [-S program] [-X sftp_option] source ... target
PS C:\Users\ithin> scp alcbec@192.168.4.25:~/Documents/arp.txt C:\Users\ithin\Downloads
The authenticity of host '192.168.4.25 (192.168.4.25)' can't be established.
ED25519 key fingerprint is SHA256:NpCuK3rnqPtt0B8BxoDsD5UQU/hpAbc+GLFmN+QMOSI.
This key is not known by any other names.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])?
Please type 'yes', 'no' or the fingerprint:
Warning: Permanently added '192.168.4.25' (ED25519) to the list of known hosts.
alcbec@192.168.4.25's password:
arp.txt                                                    100% 1656    161.7KB/s   00:00
PS C:\Users\ithin> scp alcbec@192.168.4.25:~/Documents/scan.txt C:\Users\ithin\Downloads
alcbec@192.168.4.25's password:
scan.txt                                                    100% 2952    240.2KB/s   00:00
PS C:\Users\ithin> scp alcbec@192.168.4.25:~/Documents/scan2.txt C:\Users\ithin\Downloads
alcbec@192.168.4.25's password:
scan2.txt                                                    100% 3089    430.9KB/s   00:00
PS C:\Users\ithin> scp alcbec@192.168.4.25:~/Documents/netdiscover.txt C:\Users\ithin\Downloads
alcbec@192.168.4.25's password:
netdiscover.txt                                             100% 5069KB   12.6MB/s   00:00
PS C:\Users\ithin> |
```

Lessons Learned/Reflection

- Installing VMs takes forever (talking to you kali & parrotOS)
- Netdiscover proved effective to list/discover devices by listening for arp requests on the LAN passively. Enabled with ability to have insights in volume, mac address ip and vendor.
- Arp-scan can send actively requests and record their responses with ip/mac info to enumerate active devices for ip address, mac address and vendor
- Nmap -sn performed host discovery using an ARP request determining who has IPs within the subnet, logging up IPs and their MAC addresses & vendor
- More to be added

Appendix

Raw Output arp.txt

Interface: eth0, type: EN10MB, MAC: bc:24:11:f4:cb:25, IPv4: 192.168.4.25

Starting arp-scan 1.10.0 with 256 hosts (<https://github.com/royhills/arp-scan>)

192.168.4.1 30:57:8e:5d:ff:12 eero inc.

192.168.4.15 04:d4:c4:6f:53:2d ASUSTek COMPUTER INC.

192.168.4.20 04:d4:c4:8f:4c:22 ASUSTek COMPUTER INC.

192.168.4.57 c8:34:8e:53:ca:5d Intel Corporate

192.168.4.40 40:a9:cf:d7:6c:d8 Amazon Technologies Inc.

192.168.4.66 ec:8a:c4:01:16:a4 Amazon Technologies Inc.

192.168.4.53 08:7c:39:02:e5:2e Amazon Technologies Inc.

192.168.4.52 c8:3a:6b:e5:62:f4 Roku, Inc

192.168.4.22 88:57:1d:7d:57:aa Seongji Industry Company

192.168.4.36 c8:47:8c:10:37:76 Beken Corporation

192.168.4.35 c8:47:8c:01:31:43 Beken Corporation

192.168.4.37 c8:47:8c:01:31:86 Beken Corporation

192.168.4.54 10:59:32:eb:1f:1b Roku, Inc

192.168.4.57 c8:34:8e:53:ca:5d Intel Corporate (DUP: 2)

192.168.4.41 cc:6a:10:28:2a:67 The Chamberlain Group, Inc

192.168.4.50 40:ca:63:c3:3b:7a Seongji Industry Company

192.168.4.51 40:ca:63:bf:f8:5e Seongji Industry Company

192.168.4.64 70:89:76:c7:c8:cb Tuya Smart Inc.

192.168.4.67 c8:47:8c:40:2b:2c Beken Corporation

192.168.4.84 6c:29:90:f9:b6:3c WiZ Connected Lighting Company Limited

192.168.4.91 2c:aa:8e:58:41:87 Wyze Labs Inc

192.168.4.73 2c:aa:8e:3c:c7:b9 Wyze Labs Inc

192.168.4.57 c8:34:8e:53:ca:5d Intel Corporate (DUP: 3)

192.168.4.57 c8:34:8e:53:ca:5d Intel Corporate (DUP: 4)

192.168.4.57 c8:34:8e:53:ca:5d Intel Corporate (DUP: 5)

192.168.4.57 c8:34:8e:53:ca:5d Intel Corporate (DUP: 6)

26 packets received by filter, 0 packets dropped by kernel

Ending arp-scan 1.10.0: 256 hosts scanned in 4.331 seconds (59.11 hosts/sec). 21 responded

Raw Output scan2.txt

Starting Nmap 7.94SVN (<https://nmap.org>) at 2025-07-02 01:49 EDT

Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.1

Host is up (0.023s latency).

MAC Address: 30:57:8E:5D:FF:12 (eero)

Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.15

Host is up (0.00022s latency).

MAC Address: 04:D4:C4:6F:53:2D (ASUSTek Computer)

Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.20

Host is up (0.0022s latency).

MAC Address: 04:D4:C4:8F:4C:22 (ASUSTek Computer)

Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.22

Host is up (0.12s latency).

MAC Address: 88:57:1D:7D:57:AA (Seongji Industry Company)

Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.35

Host is up (0.023s latency).

MAC Address: C8:47:8C:01:31:43 (Beken)

Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.36

Host is up (0.066s latency).

MAC Address: C8:47:8C:10:37:76 (Beken)

Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.37

Host is up (0.090s latency).

MAC Address: C8:47:8C:01:31:86 (Beken)

Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.40

Host is up (1.4s latency).

MAC Address: 40:A9:CF:D7:6C:D8 (Amazon Technologies)

Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.41

Host is up (0.10s latency).

MAC Address: CC:6A:10:28:2A:67 (The Chamberlain Group)

Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.50

Host is up (0.11s latency).

MAC Address: 40:CA:63:C3:3B:7A (Seongji Industry Company)

Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.51

Host is up (0.098s latency).

MAC Address: 40:CA:63:BF:F8:5E (Seongji Industry Company)

Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.53

Host is up (0.14s latency).

MAC Address: 08:7C:39:02:E5:2E (Amazon Technologies)

Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.54

Host is up (0.047s latency).

MAC Address: 10:59:32:EB:1F:1B (Roku)

Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.57

Host is up.

MAC Address: C8:34:8E:53:CA:5D (Intel Corporate)

Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.64

Host is up (0.060s latency).

MAC Address: 70:89:76:C7:C8:CB (Tuya Smart)

Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.66

Host is up (0.0084s latency).

MAC Address: EC:8A:C4:01:16:A4 (Amazon Technologies)

Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.67

Host is up (0.056s latency).

MAC Address: C8:47:8C:40:2B:2C (Beken)

Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.73

Host is up (0.12s latency).

MAC Address: 2C:AA:8E:3C:C7:B9 (Wyze Labs)

Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.82

Host is up (0.035s latency).

MAC Address: D8:EB:46:B1:61:1E (Google)

Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.84

Host is up (0.19s latency).

MAC Address: 6C:29:90:F9:B6:3C (WiZ Connected Lighting Company Limited)

Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.85

Host is up (0.038s latency).

MAC Address: A8:BB:50:83:1B:11 (WiZ IoT Company Limited)

Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.86

Host is up (0.19s latency).
MAC Address: A8:BB:50:C3:D7:82 (WiZ IoT Company Limited)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.88
Host is up (0.097s latency).
MAC Address: A8:BB:50:C3:AC:49 (WiZ IoT Company Limited)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.89
Host is up (0.18s latency).
MAC Address: A8:BB:50:E5:D6:A8 (WiZ IoT Company Limited)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.90
Host is up (0.19s latency).
MAC Address: A8:BB:50:C3:AC:A6 (WiZ IoT Company Limited)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.91
Host is up (0.033s latency).
MAC Address: 2C:AA:8E:58:41:87 (Wyze Labs)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.25
Host is up.
Nmap done: 256 IP addresses (27 hosts up) scanned in 10.57 seconds

Raw Output scan.txt

Starting Nmap 7.94SVN (<https://nmap.org>) at 2025-07-02 01:43 EDT
Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.1
Host is up (0.0052s latency).
MAC Address: 30:57:8E:5D:FF:12 (eero)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.15
Host is up (0.00028s latency).
MAC Address: 04:D4:C4:6F:53:2D (ASUSTek Computer)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.20
Host is up (0.0015s latency).
MAC Address: 04:D4:C4:8F:4C:22 (ASUSTek Computer)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.35
Host is up (0.078s latency).
MAC Address: C8:47:8C:01:31:43 (Beken)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.36
Host is up (0.098s latency).

MAC Address: C8:47:8C:10:37:76 (Beken)

Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.37

Host is up (0.084s latency).

MAC Address: C8:47:8C:01:31:86 (Beken)

Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.40

Host is up (0.0023s latency).

MAC Address: 40:A9:CF:D7:6C:D8 (Amazon Technologies)

Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.41

Host is up (0.099s latency).

MAC Address: CC:6A:10:28:2A:67 (The Chamberlain Group)

Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.50

Host is up (0.088s latency).

MAC Address: 40:CA:63:C3:3B:7A (Seongji Industry Company)

Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.51

Host is up (0.092s latency).

MAC Address: 40:CA:63:BF:F8:5E (Seongji Industry Company)

Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.52

Host is up (0.14s latency).

MAC Address: C8:3A:6B:E5:62:F4 (Roku)

Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.53

Host is up (0.14s latency).

MAC Address: 08:7C:39:02:E5:2E (Amazon Technologies)

Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.54

Host is up (0.19s latency).

MAC Address: 10:59:32:EB:1F:1B (Roku)

Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.57

Host is up.

MAC Address: C8:34:8E:53:CA:5D (Intel Corporate)

Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.64

Host is up (0.15s latency).

MAC Address: 70:89:76:C7:C8:CB (Tuya Smart)

Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.66

Host is up (0.0056s latency).

MAC Address: EC:8A:C4:01:16:A4 (Amazon Technologies)

Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.67

Host is up (0.099s latency).
MAC Address: C8:47:8C:40:2B:2C (Beken)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.73
Host is up (0.16s latency).
MAC Address: 2C:AA:8E:3C:C7:B9 (Wyze Labs)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.82
Host is up (0.056s latency).
MAC Address: D8:EB:46:B1:61:1E (Google)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.84
Host is up (0.19s latency).
MAC Address: 6C:29:90:F9:B6:3C (WiZ Connected Lighting Company Limited)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.85
Host is up (0.029s latency).
MAC Address: A8:BB:50:83:1B:11 (WiZ IoT Company Limited)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.86
Host is up (0.19s latency).
MAC Address: A8:BB:50:C3:D7:82 (WiZ IoT Company Limited)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.88
Host is up (0.071s latency).
MAC Address: A8:BB:50:C3:AC:49 (WiZ IoT Company Limited)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.90
Host is up (0.18s latency).
MAC Address: A8:BB:50:C3:AC:A6 (WiZ IoT Company Limited)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.91
Host is up (0.19s latency).
MAC Address: 2C:AA:8E:58:41:87 (Wyze Labs)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.4.25
Host is up.
Nmap done: 256 IP addresses (26 hosts up) scanned in 4.04 seconds

Raw Output netdiscover.txt

1245 Captured ARP Req/Rep packets, from 35 hosts. Total size: 90614

<i>IP</i>	<i>At MAC Address</i>	<i>Count</i>	<i>Len</i>	<i>MAC Vendor / Hostname</i>
<hr/>				
192.168.4.15	04:d4:c4:6f:53:2d	1	42	ASUSTek COMPUTER INC.
192.168.4.20	04:d4:c4:8f:4c:22	5	300	ASUSTek COMPUTER INC.
192.168.4.40	40:a9:cf:d7:6c:d8	23	1646	Amazon Technologies Inc.
192.168.4.66	ec:8a:c4:01:16:a4	17	1202	Amazon Technologies Inc.
192.168.4.41	cc:6a:10:28:2a:67	1	60	The Chamberlain Group, Inc
192.168.4.52	c8:3a:6b:e5:62:f4	1	60	Roku, Inc
192.168.4.53	08:7c:39:02:e5:2e	1	60	Amazon Technologies Inc.
192.168.4.82	d8:eb:46:b1:61:1e	1	60	Google, Inc.
192.168.4.51	40:ca:63:bf:f8:5e	1	60	Seongji Industry Company
192.168.4.50	40:ca:63:c3:3b:7a	2	120	Seongji Industry Company
192.168.4.22	88:57:1d:7d:57:aa	75	5536	Seongji Industry Company
192.168.4.36	c8:47:8c:10:37:76	3	208	Beken Corporation
192.168.4.35	c8:47:8c:01:31:43	12	874	Beken Corporation
192.168.4.37	c8:47:8c:01:31:86	8	578	Beken Corporation
192.168.4.54	10:59:32:eb:1f:1b	2	134	Roku, Inc
192.168.4.57	c8:34:8e:53:ca:5d	1	60	Intel Corporate
192.168.4.64	70:89:76:c7:c8:cb	4	282	Tuya Smart Inc.
192.168.4.67	c8:47:8c:40:2b:2c	7	504	Beken Corporation
192.168.4.73	2c:aa:8e:3c:c7:b9	1	60	Wyze Labs Inc
192.168.4.34	38:1f:8d:ab:0f:d6	12	888	Tuya Smart Inc.
192.168.6.147	c4:82:e1:4d:df:99	9	666	Unknown vendor
192.168.6.103	7c:78:b2:ca:04:a7	24	1776	Wyze Labs Inc
192.168.4.84	6c:29:90:f9:b6:3c	26	1924	WiZ Connected Lighting Company Limited
192.168.4.33	c8:47:8c:30:29:6c	13	962	Beken Corporation
192.168.4.68	c8:47:8c:40:2a:02	16	1184	Beken Corporation
192.168.6.70	fc:d7:49:2d:3f:6b	22	1586	Amazon Technologies Inc.

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