



Nmap: Scanning the Internet

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Scan Goals

- Collect empirical data and use it to enhance Nmap functionality.
- Use the data to help knowledgeable people make your scans more effective.
- Detect and resolve Nmap bugs and performance issues through the large-scale scanning.
- Demonstrate techniques useful for routine scans as well as wide-scale Internet scanning.



Scan Challenges:

Determining the IP addresses to Scan

- Dozens of large but targeted scans rather than one giant scan.
- Many options: BGP routing tables, DNS zone files, registry allocation, etc.
- Nmap's own random IP generation:
 - `nmap -iR 25200000 -sL -n | grep "not scanned" | awk '{print $2}' | sort -n | uniq >! tp; head -25000000 tp >! 25M-IPs; rm tp`



Scan Challenges: Scan Source

- P2P scanning?
- Legal issues
- ISP response
- US Department of Defense response
 - DoD JTF-GNO: Joint Task Force for Global Network Operations



Scan Challenges: Firewalls

- Network conditions often differ significantly behind firewalls vs. Internet scanning
- Contributed data



Scan Challenges: Performance and Accuracy

- Internet scanning is long, hard work. Can be disheartening:
 - Stats: 93:57:40 elapsed; 254868 hosts completed (2048 up), 2048 undergoing UDP Scan
UDP Scan Timing: About 11.34% done; ETC: 03:21 (-688:-41:-48 remaining)
- Finding and resolving performance and accuracy problems is a key goal.



Optimizing Host Discovery

- Goals
- Big challenge: Deciding on discovery methods
- Echo requests and even Nmap default discovery (TCP ACK to port 80 & echo request) are often insufficient for Internet scanning.



TCP Host Discovery Methods (-PS, -PA)

- SYN packet discovery (-PS)
 - Best against stateful firewalls
- ACK packet discovery (-PA)
 - Best against stateless firewalls



TCP Host Discovery Example

```
# nmap -n -sP -PS80 sun.com
```

```
Starting Nmap ( http://nmap.org )
```

```
Host 72.5.124.61 appears to be up.
```

```
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.05 seconds
```

```
# nmap -n -sP -PA80 sun.com
```

```
Starting Nmap ( http://nmap.org )
```

```
Note: Host seems down. If it is really up, but blocking our ping probes, try -PN
```

```
Nmap done: 1 IP address (0 hosts up) scanned in 2.07 seconds
```



TCP Host Discovery Methods: Top Ports

- Adding more TCP SYN and ACK probes can help, but which ports work the best?



Top 10 TCP Host Discovery Ports

- 80/http
- 25/smtp
- 22/ssh
- 443/https
- 21/ftp
- 113/auth
- 23/telnet
- 53/domain
- 554/rtsp
- 3389/ms-term-server



UDP Host Discovery (-PU)

- Closed ports better than open one because they are more likely to respond.
- Port 53 often worthwhile due to firewall exceptions for DNS.



ICMP Host Discovery Methods (-PE, -PM, -PP)

- Some systems intentionally allow echo requests, but block the others.
- Others block echo requests explicitly, but forget about netmask/timestamp requests.
- Solution: Use both – echo request and one of the other two.



Protocol Ping (-PO)

- Default is to send 3 probes, for protocols 1 (ICMP), 2 (IGMP), and 4 (IP-in-IP)



Default Host Discovery Effectiveness

```
# nmap -n -sL -iR 50000 -oN - | grep "not scanned" |  
awk '{print $2}' | sort -n > 50K_IPs  
  
# nmap -sP -T4 -iL 50K_IPs  
Starting Nmap ( http://nmap.org )  
Host dialup-4.177.9.75.Dial1.SanDiego1.Level3.net  
(4.177.9.75) appears to be up.  
Host dialup-4.181.100.97.Dial1.SanJose1.Level3.net  
(4.181.100.97) appears to be up.  
Host firewall2.baymountain.com (8.7.97.2) appears to  
be up.  
[thousands of lines cut]  
Host 222.91.121.22 appears to be up.  
Host  
105.237.91.222.broad.ak.sn.dynamic.163data.com.cn  
(222.91.237.105) appears to be up.  
Nmap done: 50000 IP addresses (3348 hosts up)  
scanned in 1598.067 seconds
```



Enhanced Host Discovery Effectiveness

```
# nmap -sP -PE -PP -PS21,22,23,25,80,113,31339  
-PA80,113,443,10042 --source-port 53 -T4 -iL 50K_IPs  
Starting Nmap 4.65 ( http://nmap.org ) at 2008-06-22  
19:07 PDT  
Host sim7124.agni.lindenlab.com (8.10.144.126)  
appears to be up.  
Host firewall2.baymountain.com (8.7.97.2) appears to  
be up.  
Host 12.1.6.201 appears to be up.  
Host psor.inshealth.com (12.130.143.43) appears to  
be up.  
[thousands of hosts cut]  
Host ZM088019.ppp.dion.ne.jp (222.8.88.19) appears  
to be up.  
Host  
105.237.91.222.broad.ak.sn.dynamic.163data.com.cn  
(222.91.237.105) appears to be up.  
Host 222.92.136.102 appears to be up.  
Nmap done: 50000 IP addresses (4473 hosts up)  
scanned in 4259.281 seconds
```




Enhanced Discovery Results

- Enhanced discovery:
 - took 71 minutes vs. 27 (up 167%)
 - Found 1,125 more live hosts (up 34%)



Upgrade your Nmap

- Many bug fixes and performance improvements in version 4.68. See <http://nmap.org/changelog.html>
- For even newer, try the svn release. See <http://nmap.org/book/install.html#inst-svn>
- For all the goods in this presentation:
`svn co --username guest --password ""
svn://svn.insecure.org/nmap-exp/bhdc08`



Top Ports Project

- A massive scan of millions of Internet IPs to determine most commonly open TCP and UDP ports.
- Some large organizations also contributed scan data to give a behind-the-firewall perspective.
- nmap-services file augmented with frequency data for each port.



Default Scan Ports

- In Nmap 4.68: 1715 ports for TCP scans, plus 1488 for UDP scans. Ports 1-1024, plus all named ports above that.
- With augmented nmap-services: Top 1000 ports for each protocol. Finishes faster, and often finds more open ports.



Fast Scan (-F) Ports

- In Nmap 4.68: 1276 ports for TCP scans, plus 1017 for UDP scans. Includes all named ports.
- With augmented nmap-services: Top 100 ports for each protocol.



Fast Scan Example Times

- `Nmap -sUV -F -T4 scanme.nmap.org`
 - With 4.68: 1 hour, 2 minutes, 62 seconds
 - With bhdc08: 6 minutes, 29 seconds
 - With bhdc08 & “`--version-intensity 0`”: 13 sec
 - All three found the same open port (53)



New `--top-ports` and `--port-ratio` features

- `--top-ports <n>` scans the most commonly open `<n>` ports for each protocol requested.
- `--port-ratio <n>` (where `<n>` is between 0 and 1) scans all ports with a frequency of at least the given level.



Top 10 TCP ports

- 80 (http)
- 23 (telnet)
- 22 (ssh)
- 443 (https)
- 3389 (ms-term-serv)
- 445 (microsoft-ds)
- 139 (netbios-ssn)
- 21 (ftp)
- 135 (msrpc)
- 25 (smtp)



TCP effectiveness of `--top-port` values

- `--top-ports 10`: 48%
- `--top-ports 50`: 65%
- `--top-ports 100`: 73%
- `--top-ports 250`: 83%
- `--top-ports 500`: 89%
- `--top-ports 1000`: 93%
- `--top-ports 2000`: 96%
- `--top-ports 3674`: 100%



Top 10 UDP ports

- 137 (netbios-ns)
- 161 (snmp)
- 1434 (ms-sql-m)
- 123 (ntp)
- 138 (netbios-dgm)
- 445 (microsoft-ds)
- 135 (msrpc)
- 67 (dhcps)
- 139 (netbios-ssn)
- 53 (domain)



UDP effectiveness of `--top-port` values

- `--top-ports 10`: 50%
- `--top-ports 50`: 86%
- `--top-ports 100`: 90%
- `--top-ports 250`: 94%
- `--top-ports 500`: 97%
- `--top-ports 1017`: 100%
- Note: `-p-` UDP data not yet available



Packet Rate Control

- --min-rate <packets per second>
- --max-rate <packets per second>

```
nmap --min-rate 500 scanme.nmap.org
```



Putting it all Together

```
nmap -S [srcip] -d --max-scan-delay 10  
-oA logs/tcp-allports-%T-%D -iL tcp-  
allports-1M-IPs --max-retries 1  
--randomize-hosts -p-  
-PS21,22,23,25,53,80,443 -T4 --min-  
hostgroup 256 --min-rate 175 --max-rate  
300
```



Nmap News!



Nmap Scripting Engine (NSE)

```
# nmap -A -T4 scanme.nmap.org
Starting Nmap ( http://nmap.org )
Interesting ports on scanme.nmap.org (64.13.134.52):
Not shown: 1709 filtered ports
PORT      STATE  SERVICE VERSION
22/tcp    open   ssh      OpenSSH 4.3 (protocol 2.0)
25/tcp    closed smtp
53/tcp    open   domain   ISC BIND 9.3.4
70/tcp    closed gopher
80/tcp    open   http     Apache httpd 2.2.2 ((Fedora))
|_ HTML title: Site doesn't have a title.
113/tcp   closed auth
Device type: general purpose
Running: Linux 2.6.X
OS details: Linux 2.6.20-1 (Fedora Core 5)
Uptime: 40.425 days (since Tue May 13 12:46:59 2008)
Nmap done: 1 IP address scanned in 30.567 seconds
Raw packets sent: 3464 (154KB) | Rcvd: 60 (3KB)
```



NSE Demo

```
# ./nmap -PN -v -sU -p53 -T4 --script=dns-test-open-  
recursion,dns-safe-recursion-port.nse,dns-safe-recursion-  
txid.nse dns-1.blackhat.com archimedes.shmoo.com
```

Interesting ports on dns-1.blackhat.com (216.231.63.55):

PORT	STATE	SERVICE
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53/udp	open	domain
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|_ DNS source port randomness: ERROR: Server refused
recursion

|_ DNS TXID randomness: ERROR: Server refused recursion

Interesting ports on archimedes.shmoo.com (12.21.210.234):

PORT	STATE	SERVICE
------	-------	---------

53/udp	open	domain
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|_ Nameserver open recursive queries (CVE-1999-0024) (BID
136, 678): Recursion seems enabled

|_ DNS source port randomness: 12.21.210.234 is GREAT: 51
queries in 3.2 seconds from 51 ports with std dev 16099

|_ DNS TXID randomness: 12.21.210.234 is GREAT: 52 queries
in 3.3 seconds from 52 txids with std dev 20996



Zenmap GUI

Zenmap

Scan Tools Profile Help

New Scan Command Wizard Save Scan Open Scan Report a bug Help

Intense Scan on scanme.nmap.org 171.67.22.3 10.0.0.10 wap.yuma.net zardoz.yuma.net X

Target: .10 wap.yuma.net zardoz.yuma.net Profile: Intense Scan Scan

Command: nmap -T Aggressive -A -v scanme.nmap.org 171.67.22.3 10.0.0.10 wap.yuma.net zardoz.yuma.net

Hosts Services Ports / Hosts Nmap Output Host Details Scan Details

OS	Host
	scanme.nmap.org
	171.67.22.3
	10.0.0.10
	wap.yuma.net 192
	zardoz.yuma.net 1

Host Status

State: up

Open ports: 3

Filtered ports: 0

Closed ports: 2

Scanned ports: 5

Up time: 3916956

Last boot: Sat Oct 27 10:38:07 2007

Addresses

IPv4: 205.217.153.62

IPv6:

MAC:

Hostnames

Name - Type: scanme.nmap.org - PTR

Operating System

Name: Linux 2.6.20-1 (Fedora Core 5)

Accuracy: 100%

Profile Editor

Command: nmap -sF -sV -T Sneaky -6 -O <target>

Profile Scan Ping Target Source Other Advanced

Scan options

TCP scan: FIN scan

Special scans: None

Timing: Sneaky

FTP bounce attack

Idle Scan (Zombie)

Services version detection

Operating system detection

Disable reverse DNS resolution

IPv6 support

Maximum Retries: 1

Help Cancel OK



2nd Generation OS Detection

```
# nmap -A -T4 scanme.nmap.org  
[...]  
Device type: general purpose  
Running: Linux 2.6.X  
OS details: Linux 2.6.20-1 (Fedora Core 5)
```

More info:

<http://nmap.org/book/osdetect.html>



Version Detection

```
# nmap -A -T4 scanme.nmap.org
Starting Nmap ( http://nmap.org )
Interesting ports on scanme.nmap.org (64.13.134.52):
Not shown: 1709 filtered ports
PORT      STATE  SERVICE  VERSION
22/tcp    open   ssh      OpenSSH 4.3 (protocol 2.0)
25/tcp    closed smtp
53/tcp    open   domain   ISC BIND 9.3.4
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```



--reason

```
# nmap --reason -T4 scanme.nmap.org
[...]  
Interesting ports on scanme.nmap.org  
(205.217.153.62):  
Not shown: 1709 filtered ports  
Reason: 1709 no-responses  
PORT      STATE    SERVICE  REASON  
22/tcp    open    ssh      syn-ack  
25/tcp    closed  smtp     reset  
53/tcp    open    domain   syn-ack  
70/tcp    closed  gopher   reset  
80/tcp    open    http     syn-ack  
113/tcp   closed  auth     reset
```



--packet-trace

```
# nmap --packet-trace -p 25,113
scanme.nmap.org

Starting Nmap ( http://nmap.org )
[...]
RCVD (0.1430s) TCP 64.13.134.52:25 >
192.168.0.8:46736 RA ttl=55 id=0
iplen=40 seq=0 win=0 ack=2914477947
RCVD (0.1440s) TCP 64.13.134.52:113 >
192.168.0.8:46736 RA ttl=55 id=0
iplen=40 seq=0 win=0 ack=2914477947
[...]

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up)
scanned in 0.15 seconds
```



Advanced Traceroute

```
# nmap -traceroute scanme.nmap.org
[...]
```

TRACEROUTE (using port 22/tcp)		
HOP	RTT	ADDRESS
1	0.60	wap.nmap-int.org (192.168.0.6)
[...]		
6	9.74	151.164.251.42
7	10.89	so-1-0-0.mpr1.sjc2.us.above.net (64.125.30.174)
8	10.52	so-4-2-0.mpr3.pao1.us.above.net (64.125.28.142)
9	14.25	metro0.sv.svcolo.com (208.185.168.173)
10	12.80	scanme.nmap.org (64.13.134.52)



Performance and Accuracy

```
# nmap -T4 --max_rtt_timeout 200
--initial_rtt_timeout 150
--min_hostgroup 512 --max_retries
0 -n -P0 -p80 -oG pb3.gnmap
216.163.128.0/20
Starting Nmap
[...]
Nmap run completed -- 4096 IP
addresses (4096 hosts up) scanned
in 46.052 seconds
```



TCP and IP Header Options

```
# nmap -vv -n -sS -P0 -p 445  
--ip-options "L 10.4.2.1"  
10.5.2.1
```




Ncat

- A modern interpretation of Hobbit's venerable Netcat
- Supports virtually all of the Netcat 1.10 features, except the basic portscanner.
- Also supports SSL, IPv6, multiple platforms, connection brokering, port redirection, proxies (client, server, chaining), shell execution, access control, and more.
- In development since 2005, nearly ready for release. Current dev lead is Kris Katterjohn.
- Available from `svn://svn.insecure.org/ncat` (login: `guest/guest`)



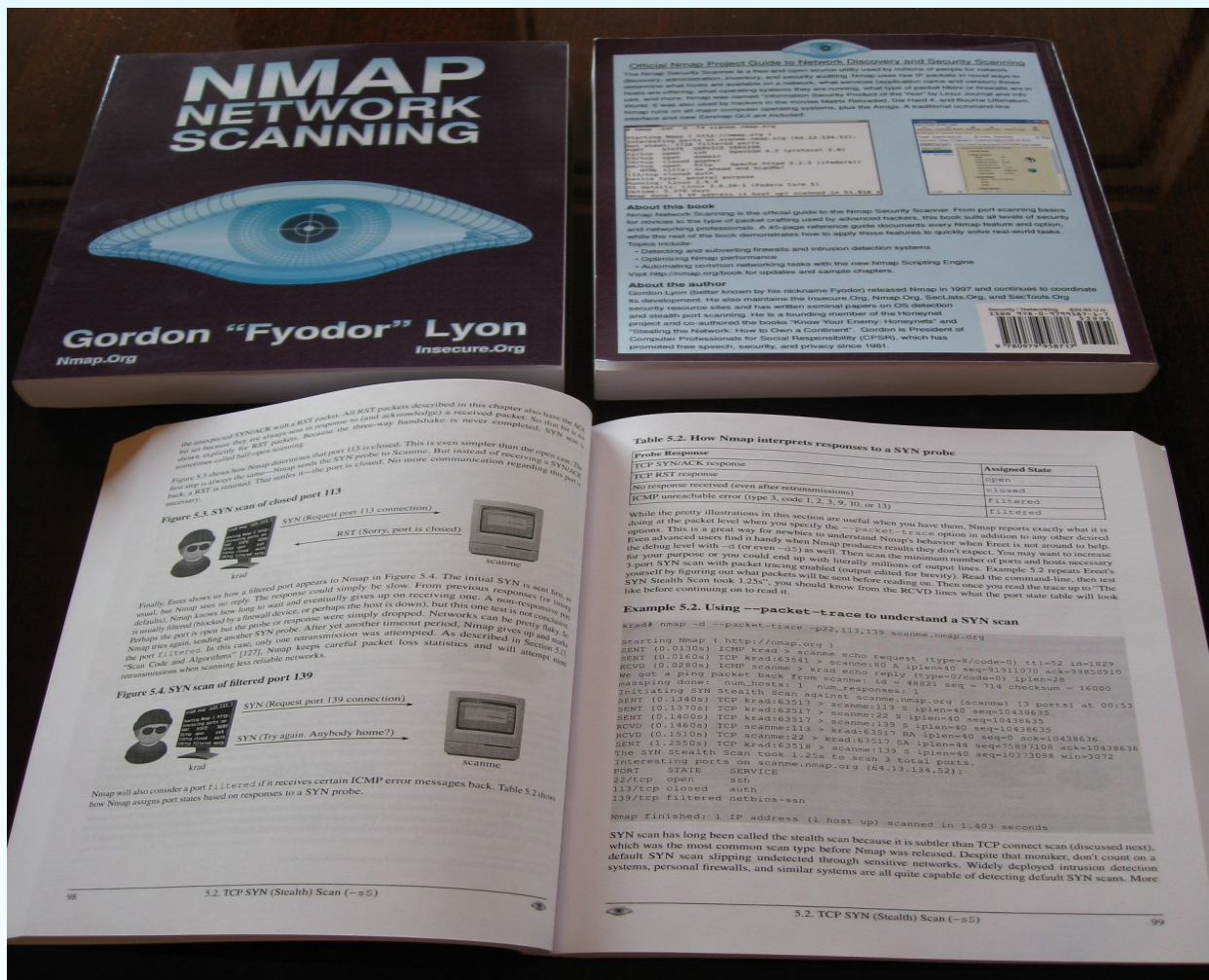
Ndiff

- Compares two (or more) scans, displays changes (new/removed hosts, ports, changed services, etc.)
- Great for quick change detection with recurring scans.
- Perl version available from:
`svn://svn.insecure.org/nmap-exp/ndiff`



Nmap Network Scanning

<http://nmap.org/book/>





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Questions and Resources

- Download Nmap from <http://nmap.org>
- Download these slides from:
<http://insecure.org/presentations/BHDC08/>
- Nmap Network Scanning pre-release is available at:
 - Black Hat Bookstore – Sold out!
 - No Starch booth at Defcon starting at 10AM Friday.
- Newest Nmap:
<svn://svn.insecure.org/nmap-exp/bhdc08>