

**Nmap Scanning - Getting Started**  
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**Nmap** is the most popular scanning tool used on the Internet, created by Gordon Lyon(Fyodar) (<http://www.insecure.org>) , it was featured in the Matrix Reloaded movie.

**Nmap** Free Security Scanner, Port Scanner, & Network Exploration Tool is an open source software for Linux, Windows, UNIX, FreeBSD, etc.

**Zenmap** is GUI version for nmap.

Written in: C, C++, Python, Lua

Refer to help or manual in unix/linux for reading more.

# man nmap

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Standard **TCP communications** are controlled by flags in the TCP packet header.

The flags are as follows:

Synchronize - also called "SYN"

Used to initiate a connection between hosts.

Acknowledgement - also called "ACK"

Used in establishing a connection between hosts

Push - "PSH"

Instructs receiving system to send all buffered data immediately

Urgent - "URG"

States that the data contained in the packet should be processed immediately

Finish - also called "FIN"

Tells remote system that there will be no more transmissions

Reset - also called "RST"

Also used to reset a connection.

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### **SYN Scanning:**

Syn scanning, a technique that is widely across the Internet today.

The syn scan, also called the "half open" scan, is the ability to determine a ports state without making a full connection to the host.

Many systems do not log the attempt, and discard it as a communications error. You must first learn 3-way handshake to understand the Syn scan.

How **3-way handshake** works?

192.168.1.2:2342 -----syn-----> 192.168.1.3:80

192.168.1.2:2342 <-----syn/ack----- 192.168.1.3:80

192.168.1.2:2342 -----ack-----> 192.168.1.3:80

Connection Established

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### Stealth Scan

Computer A

Computer B

192.168.1.2:2342 -----syn-----> 192.168.1.3:80

192.168.1.2:2342 <-----syn/ack----- 192.168.1.3:80

192.168.1.2:2342 -----RST-----> 192.168.1.3:80

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### Xmas Scan

Xmas scan directed at open port:

Computer A

Computer B

192.5.5.92:4031 -----FIN/URG/PSH----->192.5.5.110:23

192.5.5.92:4031 <-----NO RESPONSE-----192.5.5.110:23

Xmas scan directed at closed port:

192.5.5.92:4031 -----FIN/URG/PSH----->192.5.5.110:23

192.5.5.92:4031<-----RST/ACK-----192.5.5.110:23

XMAS scan only works OS system's TCP/IP implementation is developed according to **RFC 793**.

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### **FIN Scan**

Computer A

Computer B

FIN scan directed at open port:

192.5.5.92:4031 -----FIN----->192.5.5.110:23

192.5.5.92:4031 <-----NO RESPONSE-----192.5.5.110:23

FIN scan directed at closed port:

192.5.5.92:4031 -----FIN-----192.5.5.110:23

192.5.5.92:4031<-----RST/ACK-----192.5.5.110:23

FIN scan only works OS system's TCP/IP implementation is developed according to RFC 793.

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### **NULL Scan**

Computer A

Computer B

NULL scan directed at open port:

192.5.5.92:4031 -----NO FLAGS SET----->192.5.5.110:23

192.5.5.92:4031 <-----NO RESPONSE-----192.5.5.110:23

NULL scan directed at closed port:

192.5.5.92:4031 -----NO FLAGS SET-----192.5.5.110:23

192.5.5.92:4031<-----RST/ACK-----192.5.5.110:23

NULL scan only works OS system's TCP/IP implementation is developed according to RFC 793.

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## ICMP echo scanning

This isn't really port scanning, since ICMP doesn't have a port abstraction.

But it is sometimes useful to determine what hosts in a network are up by pinging them all.

```
nmap -P cert.org/24 152.148.0.0/16
```

```
C:\Program Files (x86)\Nmap>nmap.exe -P cert.org/24 152.148.0.0/16  
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-02-07 00:30 India Standard Time
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## Scan Options

-sT (TcpConnect)

-sS (SYN scan)

-sF (Fin Scan)

-sX (Xmas Scan)

-sN (Null Scan)

-sP (Ping Scan)

-sU (UDP scans)

-sO (Protocol Scan)

-sI (Idle Scan)

-sA (Ack Scan)

-sW (Window Scan)

-sR (RPC scan)

-sL (List/Dns Scan)

## Nmap Port Scan types

Scan using TCP connect

```
nmap -sT 192.168.1.1
```

```
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 17.88 seconds
C:\Program Files (x86)\Nmap>nmap.exe -sT 192.168.43.50
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-02-07 00:07 India Standard Time
Nmap scan report for 192.168.43.50
Host is up (0.00075s latency).
Not shown: 992 filtered ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE
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
5357/tcp  open  wsdapi
49160/tcp open  unknown
```

Scan using TCP SYN scan (default)

```
nmap -sS 192.168.1.1
```

```
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 47.43 seconds
C:\Program Files (x86)\Nmap>nmap.exe -sS 192.168.43.50
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-02-07 00:08 India Standard Time
Nmap scan report for 192.168.43.50
Host is up (0.0015s latency).
Not shown: 992 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE
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
5357/tcp  open  wsdapi
49160/tcp open  unknown
```

Scan UDP ports

```
nmap -sU -p 123,161,162 192.168.1.1
```

```
C:\Program Files (x86)\Nmap>nmap.exe -sU -p 123,161,162 192.168.43.50
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-02-07 00:09 India Standard Time
Nmap scan report for 192.168.43.50
Host is up (0.0050s latency).

PORT      STATE SERVICE
123/udp   closed ntp
161/udp   closed snmp
162/udp   closed snmptrap

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 5.51 seconds
```

Scan selected ports - ignore discovery

nmap -Pn -F 192.168.1.1

```
C:\Program Files (x86)\Nmap>nmap.exe -Pn -F 192.168.43.50
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-02-07 00:09 India Standard Time
Nmap scan report for 192.168.43.50
Host is up (0.00067s latency).
Not shown: 95 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE
135/tcp   open  msrpc
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn
443/tcp   open  https
445/tcp   open  microsoft-ds
5357/tcp  open  wsapi

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 5.74 seconds
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## Ping Detection

-P0 (don't ping)

-PT (TCP ping)

-PS (SYN ping)

-PI (ICMP ping)

-PB (= PT + PI)

-PP (ICMP timestamp)

-PM (ICMP netmask)

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A quick simple scan on google.com reveals a little about our target:

Scan a host

nmap www.testhostname.com

```
C:\Program Files (x86)\Nmap>nmap.exe google.com
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-02-06 23:34 India Standard Time
Nmap scan report for google.com (216.58.200.174)
Host is up (0.027s latency).
rDNS record for 216.58.200.174: dell1s06-in-f14.1e100.net
Not shown: 995 filtered ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE
21/tcp    open  ftp
80/tcp    open  http
443/tcp   open  https
554/tcp   open  rtsp
1723/tcp  open  pptp
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 25.66 seconds
```

Scan a single IP

nmap 192.168.1.1

```
C:\Program Files (x86)\Nmap>nmap 10.10.10.1
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-02-06 23:39 India Standard Time
Nmap scan report for 10.10.10.1
Host is up (0.019s latency).
Not shown: 997 filtered ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE
21/tcp    open  ftp
554/tcp   open  rtsp
1723/tcp  open  pptp
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 20.53 seconds
```

Scan a range of IPs

nmap 192.168.1.100-120

It scans the whole range of given 20 hosts on the network.



```
Nmap scan report for 100.115.23.119
Host is up (0.035s latency).
All 1000 scanned ports on 100.115.23.119 are filtered
MAC Address: FE:FF:0A:46:96:60 (Unknown)

Nmap scan report for 100.115.23.120
Host is up (0.035s latency).
All 1000 scanned ports on 100.115.23.120 are filtered
MAC Address: FE:FF:0A:46:96:60 (Unknown)

Nmap scan report for 100.115.23.103
Host is up (0.00013s latency).
Not shown: 992 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE
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
5357/tcp  open  wsdapi
49160/tcp open  unknown

Nmap done: 21 IP addresses (21 hosts up) scanned in 647.66 seconds
```

Scan a subnet

nmap 192.168.1.0/24

```
C:\Program Files (x86)\Nmap>nmap.exe 192.168.43.0/24
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-02-07 00:31 India Standard Time
Nmap scan report for 192.168.43.1
Host is up (0.0051s latency).
Not shown: 999 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE
53/tcp    open  domain
MAC Address: 70:BB:E9:32: (Xiaomi Communications)

Nmap scan report for 192.168.43.221
Host is up (0.012s latency).
All 1000 scanned ports on 192.168.43.221 are closed
MAC Address: F0:18:98:9B: (Apple)

Nmap scan report for 192.168.43.50
Host is up (0.000070s latency).
Not shown: 992 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE
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
5357/tcp  open  wsdapi
49160/tcp open  unknown
```

Scan targets from a text file

`nmap -iL list-of-ips.txt`

```
C:\Program Files (x86)\Nmap>nmap.exe -iL C:\Users\FR13WD\Desktop\list-of-ips.txt
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-02-07 00:36 India Standard Time
Nmap scan report for localhost (127.0.0.1)
Host is up (0.00043s latency).
Not shown: 992 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE
135/tcp   open  msrpc
443/tcp   open  https
445/tcp   open  microsoft-ds
902/tcp   open  iss-realsecure
912/tcp   open  apex-mesh
4001/tcp  open  newoak
5357/tcp  open  wsddapi
49160/tcp open  unknown

Nmap scan report for google.com (216.239.34.117)
Host is up (0.11s latency).
Other addresses for google.com (not scanned): 2001:4860:4802:32::75 216.239.38.117 216.239.36.117 216.239.32.117
Not shown: 998 filtered ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE
80/tcp    open  http
443/tcp   open  https

Nmap scan report for 192.168.43.1
Host is up (0.0048s latency).
Not shown: 999 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE
53/tcp    open  domain
MAC Address: 70:BB:E9:32: (Xiaomi Communications)

Nmap scan report for 192.168.43.50
Host is up (0.000051s latency).
Not shown: 992 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE
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
5357/tcp  open  wsddapi
49160/tcp open  unknown

Nmap done: 5 IP addresses (4 hosts up) scanned in 17.74 seconds
```

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## Nmap Port Selection

Scan a single Port

`nmap -p 22 192.168.1.1`

```
C:\Program Files (x86)\Nmap>nmap.exe -p 445 100.115.23.103
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-02-07 00:00 India Standard Time
Nmap scan report for 100.115.23.103
Host is up (0.0050s latency).
PORT      STATE SERVICE
445/tcp   open  microsoft-ds

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 5.60 seconds
```

Scan a range of ports

nmap -p 1-100 192.168.1.1

```
C:\Program Files (x86)\Nmap>nmap.exe -p 1-1000 192.168.43.50
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-02-07 00:04 India Standard Time
Nmap scan report for 192.168.43.50
Host is up (0.0011s latency).
Not shown: 993 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE
135/tcp   open  msrpc
137/tcp   filtered netbios-ns
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn
443/tcp   open  https
445/tcp   open  microsoft-ds
902/tcp   open  iss-realsecure
912/tcp   open  apex-mesh

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 6.61 seconds
```

Scan 100 most common ports (Fast)

nmap -F 192.168.1.1

```
C:\Program Files (x86)\Nmap>nmap.exe -F 192.168.43.50
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-02-07 00:05 India Standard Time
Nmap scan report for 192.168.43.50
Host is up (0.0011s latency).
Not shown: 95 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE
135/tcp   open  msrpc
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn
443/tcp   open  https
445/tcp   open  microsoft-ds
5357/tcp  open  wsdapi
```

Scan all 65535 ports

nmap -p- 192.168.1.1

```

C:\Program Files (x86)\Nmap>nmap.exe -p- 192.168.43.50
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-02-07 00:06 India Standard Time
Nmap scan report for 192.168.43.50
Host is up (0.000077s latency)
Not shown: 65518 closed ports
PORT      STATE      SERVICE
135/tcp   open      msrpc
137/tcp   filtered  netbios-ns
139/tcp   open      netbios-ssn
443/tcp   open      https
445/tcp   open      microsoft-ds
902/tcp   open      iss-realsecure
912/tcp   open      apex-mesh
5040/tcp  open      unknown
5357/tcp  open      wsdapi
7680/tcp  open      pando-pub
49160/tcp open      unknown
49664/tcp open      unknown
49665/tcp open      unknown
49666/tcp open      unknown
49667/tcp open      unknown
49668/tcp open      unknown
49669/tcp open      unknown
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 17.88 seconds

```

## Service and OS Detection

Detect OS and Services

nmap -A 192.168.1.1

```

C:\Program Files (x86)\Nmap>nmap.exe -A 192.168.43.221
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-02-07 00:22 India Standard Time
Nmap scan report for 192.168.43.221
Host is up (0.039s latency).
All 1000 scanned ports on 192.168.43.221 are closed
MAC Address: F0:18:98:9B: (Apple)
Too many fingerprints match this host to give specific OS details
Network Distance: 1 hop

TRACEROUTE
HOP RTT ADDRESS
1 39.42 ms 192.168.43.221

OS and Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 25.10 seconds

```

Standard service detection

nmap -sV 192.168.1.1

```

C:\Program Files (x86)\Nmap>nmap.exe -sV 192.168.43.221
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-02-07 00:22 India Standard Time
Nmap scan report for 192.168.43.221
Host is up (0.0072s latency).
All 1000 scanned ports on 192.168.43.221 are closed
MAC Address: F0:18:98:9B: (Apple)

```

## More aggressive Service Detection

```
nmap -sV --version-intensity 5 192.168.1.1
```

```
C:\Program Files (x86)\Nmap>nmap.exe -sV --version-intensity 5 192.168.43.221
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-02-07 00:23 India Standard Time
Nmap scan report for 192.168.43.221
Host is up (0.018s latency).
All 1000 scanned ports on 192.168.43.221 are closed
MAC Address: F0:18:98:9B: (Apple)

Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 15.26 seconds
```

## Lighter banner grabbing detection

```
nmap -sV --version-intensity 0 192.168.1.1
```

```
C:\Program Files (x86)\Nmap>nmap.exe -sV --version-intensity 0 192.168.43.221
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-02-07 00:23 India Standard Time
Nmap scan report for 192.168.43.221
Host is up (0.0044s latency).
All 1000 scanned ports on 192.168.43.221 are closed
MAC Address: F0:18:98:9B:5F:20 (Apple)

Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 16.15 seconds
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## Nmap Output Formats

### Save default output to file

```
nmap -oN outputfile.txt 192.168.1.1
```

```
C:\Program Files (x86)\Nmap>nmap.exe -oN C:\Users\FR13ND\Desktop\on_out.txt 192.168.43.221
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-02-07 00:40 India Standard Time
Nmap scan report for 192.168.43.221
Host is up (0.0050s latency).
All 1000 scanned ports on 192.168.43.221 are closed
MAC Address: F0:18:98:9B: (Apple)

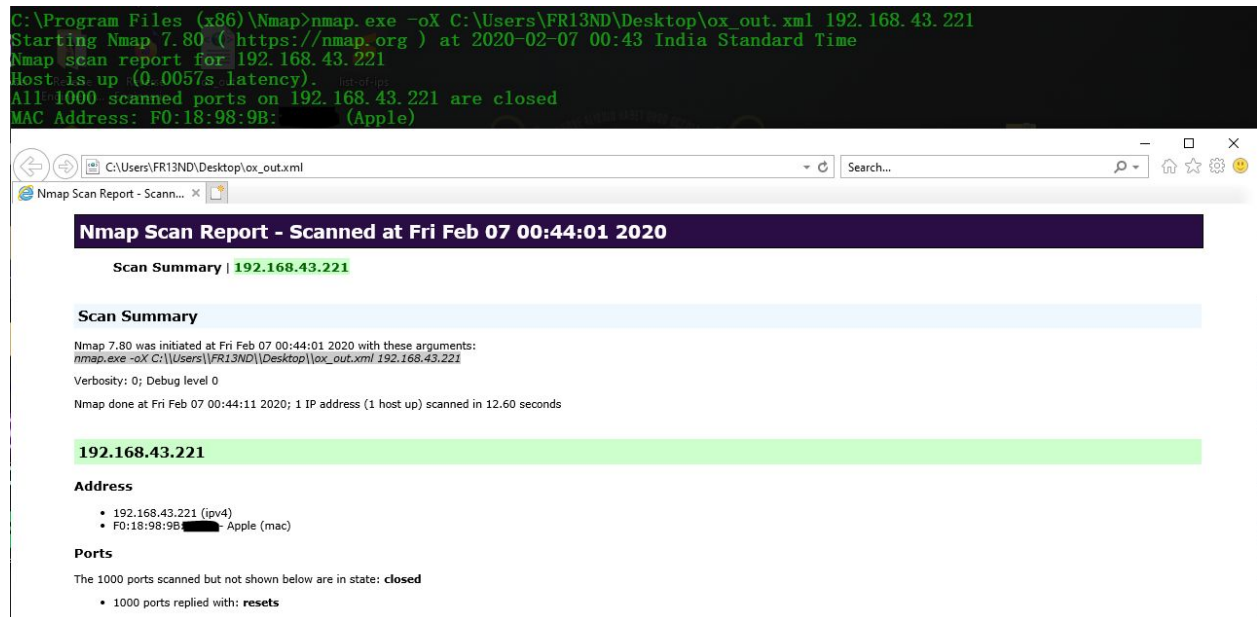
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 16.56 seconds

C:\Program Files (x86)\Nmap>type C:\Users\FR13ND\Desktop\on_out.txt
# Nmap 7.80 scan initiated Fri Feb 07 00:40:38 2020 as: nmap.exe -oN C:\Users\FR13ND\Desktop\on_out.txt 192.168.43.221
Nmap scan report for 192.168.43.221
Host is up (0.0050s latency).
All 1000 scanned ports on 192.168.43.221 are closed
MAC Address: F0:18:98:9B: (Apple)

# Nmap done at Fri Feb 07 00:40:50 2020 -- 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 16.56 seconds
```

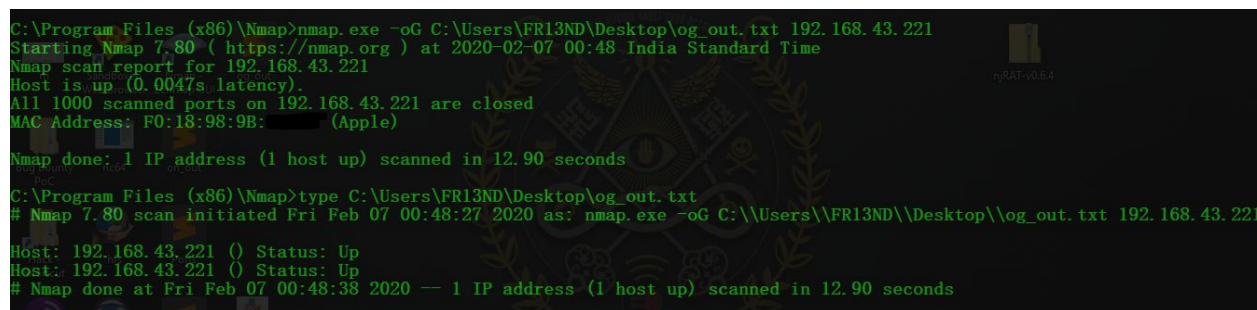
### Save results as XML

```
nmap -oX outputfile.xml 192.168.1.1
```



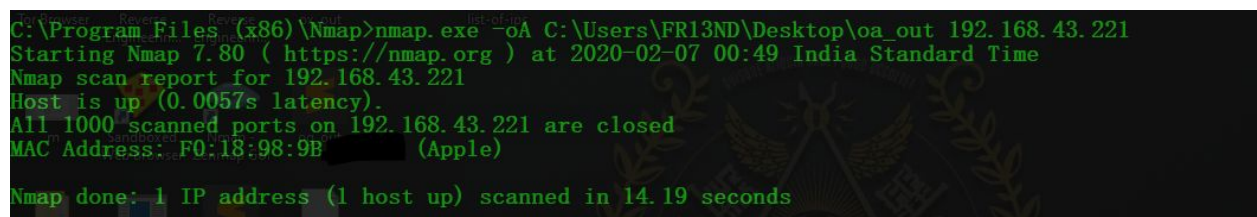
Save results in a format for grep

`nmap -oG outputfile.txt 192.168.1.1`



Save in all formats

`nmap -oA outputfile 192.168.1.1`



## IP Address information

Find Information about IP address

`nmap --script=asn-query,whois,ip-geolocation-maxmind 192.168.1.0/24`

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## Detect Heartbleed SSL Vulnerability (CVE-2014-0160)

Heartbleed is a security bug in the OpenSSL cryptography library, which is a widely used implementation of the Transport Layer Security protocol. It was introduced into the software in 2012 and publicly disclosed in April 2014. Heartbleed may be exploited regardless of whether the vulnerable OpenSSL instance is running as a TLS server or client.

Reference: [heartbleed.com](http://heartbleed.com)

```
nmap.exe -sV -p 443 --script=ssl-heartbleed lpu.in
```

```
C:\Program Files (x86)\Nmap>nmap.exe -sV -p 443 --script=ssl-heartbleed lpu.in
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-02-07 00:57 India Standard Time
Nmap scan report for lpu.in (49.50.65.62)
Host is up (0.17s latency).
Other addresses for lpu.in (not scanned): 2402:3a80:1fff:3f::3132:413e

PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
443/tcp   open  ssl/http Microsoft HTTPAPI httpd 2.0 (SSDP/UPnP)
|_ http-server-header:
|_   Microsoft-HTTPAPI/2.0
|_   Microsoft-IIS/10.0
Service Info: OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows

Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 25.72 seconds
```

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**Zenmap** is the official Nmap Security Scanner GUI.

It is a multi-platform (Linux, Windows, Mac OS X, BSD, etc.) free and open source application which aims to make Nmap easy for beginners to use while providing advanced features for experienced Nmap users.

Source: [nmap.org/zenmap/](http://nmap.org/zenmap/)

