Security Auditing with NMAP

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Preface

Cyber Security is a major concern today. Integration of IT and digitization of all sectors mainly depend on critical IT infrastructure. A review of such infrastructures is mandatory to maintain safety and security. Security Auditing provides a comprehensive analysis and review of the IT infrastructures established in an organization. The audit detects vulnerabilities and threats, displaying weak links, and high-risk practices. It is a primary method for examining compliance and to evaluate something (a company, system, product, etc.) against a specific standard to validate that the exact needs are met. An audit ensures a 360-degree in-depth analysis of an organization's security postures.

This book titled "Security Auditing with NMAP" is primarily intends to provide a comprehensive view about the process of security auditing, importance, need, types, auditing standards and procedures for auditing. The main objective of this book is to analyse various security risks in a network and perform auditing methods that help to protect critical data, identify security loopholes, create new security policies and track the effectiveness of security strategies. This book further focuses on an open-source utility tool for network discovery and security auditing, called NMAP. NMAP is one of the important tools in Kali Linux platform for information security tasks. It uses IP packets to determine the hosts available on a network and their services, operating systems and versions, types of packet filters, firewalls and so on. This book facilitates the user to audit the network with various commands and allows a large number of scanning techniques, such as UDP, TCP connect (), TCP SYN (half-open), and FTP. It also offers a wide variety of scan types, including Proxy (bounce attack), ICMP (ping sweep), FIN, ACK sweep, SYN sweep, IP Protocol, and Null scan. It is a useful learning material for students and working professionals who would like to start their career in cyber security audit domain.

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