

Wi-Fi Network Analysis Tools



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Wi-Fi Security Concerns

- Wireless networks are easy to set up and inexpensive.
- You can access the network from anywhere within the coverage area.

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- But other side of the advantages, there are some security concerns as well.

Sensitive Data Confidentiality

Unauthorized Access

Cyberattacks

Illegal Activities

IoT Device Vulnerabilities

Personal Privacy Disclosure

Disrupt Business Continuity



Wi-Fi Network security is important? Yes.....Yes.....Yes

Addressing threats like unauthorized access, data theft, and cyberattacks **DoT** envisages to implement the mandatory testing and certification in respect of Security Requirements through a Scheme titled '**Communication Security Certification Scheme**' (**ComSec**) that every telecom equipment must undergo mandatory testing and certification prior to sale, import or use in India. The Testing and Certification framework requires that the telecom equipment meets the essential requirements called **Indian Telecom Security Assurance Requirements (ITSAR)** for every Telecom equipment.

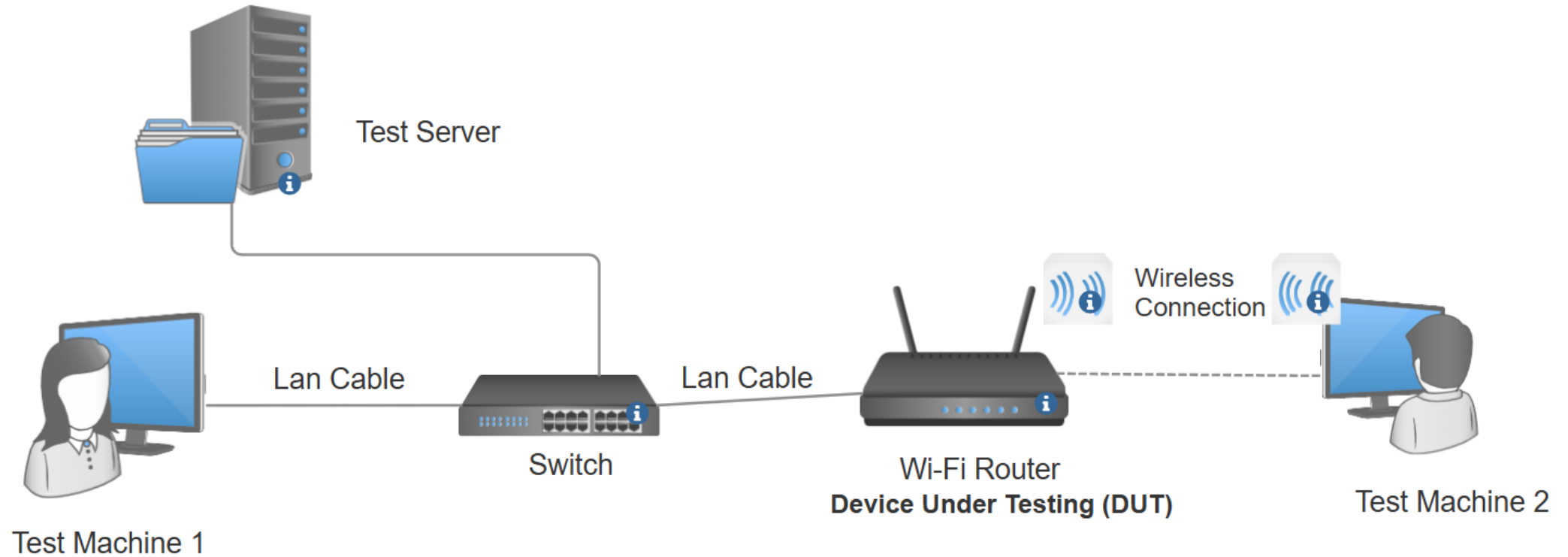
The types of devices for which Wi-Fi ITSAR is applicable:

- Wi-Fi Routers,
- Wi-Fi Modems,
- Broadband Modems with Wi-Fi facility,
- Cable Modems with Wi-Fi facility,
- FTTH ONTs with Wi-Fi facility, and
- Wi-Fi Data cards which provide Wi-Fi facility with backend 2G / 3G / 4G connectivity.
- Cloud hosted, external controller-based APs





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Wi-Fi Network Test Bed

Pre-Conditions :

- High Privilege Credentials
- Software Hash Verification
- CLI Mode Access to DUT (Recommended SSH)
- Test Machine with Wi-Fi feature or Wi-Fi Adapter
- Configuration Documents
- Necessary Undertakings / Declarations

For Traffic Analysis & Secure Communication Validation



Wireshark -Wireshark is a powerful tool for capturing and analyzing network packets. It can be used for testing the integrity and encryption of management traffic (e.g., HTTPS, SSHv2) as well as ensuring cryptographic-based secure communication.

Installation: Available for Windows, macOS, and Linux. Download from [Wireshark.org](https://www.wireshark.org).

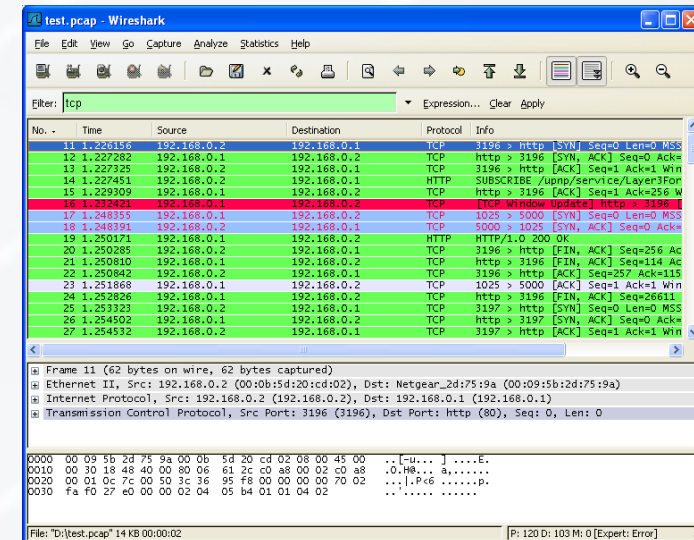
Usage:

1. Open Wireshark and select the network interface (Wi-Fi or Ethernet) to capture traffic.
2. Set filters to capture specific traffic:
 - For HTTPS traffic: `tcp.port == 443`
 - For SSH traffic: `tcp.port == 22`
 - For IPsec traffic: `esp`
3. Start capturing and interact with your CPE's web interface or other management interfaces.
4. Analyze packets to ensure encryption:
 - Look for encryption indicators (e.g., TLS handshake, IPsec ESP encryption).
 - Ensure that sensitive data (passwords, keys) are not transmitted in plaintext.

ITSAR Sections:

- 1.1.2: Management Traffic Protection.
- 1.6.1: Cryptographic-based Secure Communication.
- 1.7.1: Traffic Filtering – Network Level.

Wireshark User's Guide: https://www.wireshark.org/docs/wsug_html/



For Traffic Analysis & Secure Communication Validation



Acrylic Wi-Fi Analyzer - helps monitor the Wi-Fi network to ensure that the default encryption standards (e.g., WPA2-PSK with AES) are being used. It also allows the user to verify whether the network is vulnerable to common Wi-Fi attacks, such as capture-decrypting, key reinstallation, and PIN detection.

Installation: Available for Windows. Download from [Acrylicwifi](https://www.acrylicwifi.com/)

Use Cases:

- 1. Wi-Fi Security Assessment (Section 1.6.2: Cryptographic Based Secure Communication on Wi-Fi Access)** - Acrylic Wi-Fi Analyzer helps monitor the Wi-Fi network to ensure that the default encryption standards (e.g., WPA2-PSK with AES) are being used.
- 2. SSID Scanning and Hiding (Section 1.9.3: SSID Scanning)** - Acrylic Wi-Fi Analyzer can scan the network for available SSIDs and display associated details such as signal strength, encryption type, and more. This is important for verifying the CPE's ability to hide SSIDs as per ITSAR recommendations. The tool helps ensure that sensitive information is not disclosed and that the SSID can be hidden on user selection
- 3. Traffic Analysis (Section 1.6.1: Cryptographic Based Secure Communication)** - Acrylic Wi-Fi Analyzer allows monitoring of Wi-Fi channel utilization and traffic analysis. This helps verify that secure communication protocols such as IPsec or TLS are implemented properly, and that unauthorized traffic is minimized.
- 4. Traffic Filtering and Network Security (Section 1.7.1: Traffic Filtering – Network Level)** -Acrylic Wi-Fi Analyzer assists in assessing whether the CPE has implemented adequate traffic filtering. By monitoring incoming and outgoing traffic on the network, the tool helps verify if the access control list (ACL) is properly filtering packets as per the ITSAR specifications.

Acrylic Source site : <https://www.acrylicwifi.com/en/wifi-analyzer/>

Acrylic Wi-Fi Analyzer

1. Acrylic Wi-Fi Analyzer

Start capturing to discover WiFi devices

Start capture

Sections

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- Troubleshooting

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2. Acrylic Wi-Fi Analyzer

Stop capture

SSID [Search] 2.4GHz 5GHz 6GHz Add filter

SSID	#	MAC Address	RSSI	SNR	Channel	Band	Width	802.11	Max
[Hidden]	7	EE:A2:A0:CE:9A:C9	-92	N/A	11	2.4GHz	20	b, g, n	14
DP_C049EF4...	2	C0:49:EF:48:15:99	-58	N/A	9 [7 to 11]	2.4GHz	40	b, g, n	1
TT_BangOffic...	16	BC:22:28:43:E1:98	-91	N/A	6 [4 to 8]	2.4GHz	40	b, g, n	3
Reddy1	9	B4:3D:08:39:9D:C1	-78	N/A	8 [6 to 10]	2.4GHz	40	b, g, n	3
Swalpa adjus...	14	98:25:4A:D9:40:E6	-88	N/A	6 [4 to 8]	2.4GHz	40	b, g, n	3
Third floor	6	90:8D:78:CD:42:ED	-79	N/A	1	2.4GHz	20	b, g, n	1
AirFiber-Mie5...	15	7E:BD:DE:D0:AE:1E	-90	N/A	42 [36 to 48]	5GHz	80	a, n, ac, ax	2

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Width	802.11	Max. Rate	Retries	WEP	WPA	WPA2	WPA3	WPS
40	b, g, n	300	0			PSK-CCMP		1.0
20	b, g, n	150	0		PSK-CCMP	PSK-CCMP		
80	a, n, ac, ax	2268	0			PSK-CCMP		1.0
40	b, g, n, ax	1084	0			PSK-CCMP		1.0
20	b, g, n	300	0			PSK-CCMP		
20	b, g, n	144.4	0		PSK-(TKIP CCMP)	PSK-(TKIP CCMP)		
20	b, g, n	144.4	0			PSK-CCMP		
40	b, g, n	300	0		PSK-CCMP	PSK-CCMP		
40	b, g, n	300	0	Open				
80	a, n, ac	866.7	0		PSK-(TKIP CCMP)	PSK-(TKIP CCMP)		
40	b, g, n	300	0		PSK-(TKIP CCMP)	PSK-(TKIP CCMP)		1.0
40	b, g, n	300	0		PSK-(TKIP CCMP)	PSK-(TKIP CCMP)		1.0
80	a, n, ac	866.7	0		PSK-CCMP	PSK-CCMP		1.0
80	a, n, ac	866.7	0		PSK-CCMP	PSK-CCMP		1.0
80	a, n, ac	866.7	0		PSK-(TKIP CCMP)	PSK-(TKIP CCMP)		1.0

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SSID	#	MAC Address	RSSI	SNR	Channel	Band	Width	802.11	Max
ACT1026849B...	3	48:22:54:64:BE:8A	-75	N/A	2	2.4GHz	20	b, g, n	14
D-Link_DIR-615	23	28:3B:82:73:A5:74	-82	N/A	6 [4 to 8]	2.4GHz	40	b, g, n	3
D-Link_DIR-615	22	28:3B:82:73:56:48	-86	N/A	3 [1 to 5]	2.4GHz	40	b, g, n	3
Airtel_House L...	12	20:0C:86:50:D1:59	-48	N/A	155 [149 to 1...	5GHz	80	a, n, ac	86
Airtel_House L...	8	20:0C:86:50:D1:58	-47	N/A	6 [4 to 8]	2.4GHz	40	b, g, n	3
GNXSB3303E...	13	20:0C:86:1B:3F:41	-37	N/A	9 [7 to 11]	2.4GHz	40	b, g, n	3
SSVSL5	10	20:0C:86:1B:3F:40	-32	N/A	42 [36 to 48]	5GHz	80	a, n, ac	7

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Recommended Network Securities

WPA1-PSK-(TKIP|CCMP)
WPA2-PSK-(TKIP|CCMP)
WPS-enabled-1.0

WPA3-MGT, WPA3-PSK-CCMP, WPA2-PSK-CCMP

For Password Cracking & Brute-force Protection Testing



Hydra - helps monitor used for testing the strength of authentication mechanisms by attempting brute-force attacks, as required for testing protection against brute-force and dictionary attacks.

Installation: Hydra: Hydra comes pre-installed with Kali Linux And available via package managers on Linux (apt install hydra) or from Hydra's GitHub.

Usage (Hydra):

Hydra can perform rapid dictionary attacks against more than 50 protocols. This includes telnet, FTP, HTTP, HTTPS, SMB, databases, and several other services.

Perform a brute-force attack on the CPE's login interface (ensure permission for testing!):

```
hydra -l admin -P /path/to/password_list.txt <CPE_IP> http-post-form "/login_page:username=^USER^&password=^PASS^:Invalid login"
```

This command will attempt to log into the CPE using the credentials from the password list.

Monitor how the CPE responds to multiple failed login attempts. The system should block the account after a number of failed attempts or introduce delays (as required in 1.2.3).

ITSAR Sections:

1.2.3: Protection against brute-force and dictionary attacks.

How to Perform a Dictionary Attack with Hydra

A dictionary attack is where we have single/multiple usernames, and we provide a password wordlist to Hydra. Hydra then tests all these passwords against every user in the list.

1. I am going to use the [Rockyou wordlist](#) for this example along with the users.txt file we created in the previous attack. If you are using Kali Linux, you can find the RockYou wordlist under /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt.
2. Here is the command for a dictionary attack:

```
$ hydra -L users.txt -P /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt 1010.137.76 ssh
```

3. We will get a similar result to the following output if any of the users match with the given password. You should also notice that we have used the flag -L instead of -l. -l is for a single username and -L is for a list of usernames.

```
[DATA] attacking ssh://10.10.137.76:22/  
[22][ssh] host: 10.10.137.76  login: molly  password: butterfly  
1 of 1 target successfully completed, 1 valid password found  
Hydra (http://www.thc.org/thc-hydra) finished at 2022-11-18 09:00:57
```

users.txt

```
root  
admin  
user  
molly  
steve  
richard
```

For Vulnerability Scanning



Nessus- Nessus is a comprehensive vulnerability scanning tool used to identify security vulnerabilities, misconfigurations, and compliance issues in Wi-Fi Customer Premises Equipment (CPE). It can scan for weak configurations, outdated software, and other security flaws, ensuring that the CPE adheres to required security standards.

Installation: Available for Windows, macOS, and Linux. Download from Tenable Nessus.

Usage:

1. Install Nessus on a compatible system and configure it to scan the network where the CPE is connected.
2. Start a scan by adding the IP address of the CPE. Nessus will automatically analyze the device for vulnerabilities such as outdated software, insecure configurations, open ports, weak encryption protocols, and more.
3. Review the scan results to identify any vulnerabilities, default credentials, missing security patches, or unnecessary services running on the device.
4. Ensure that all identified vulnerabilities are resolved by updating software, disabling unnecessary services, and implementing proper security controls.

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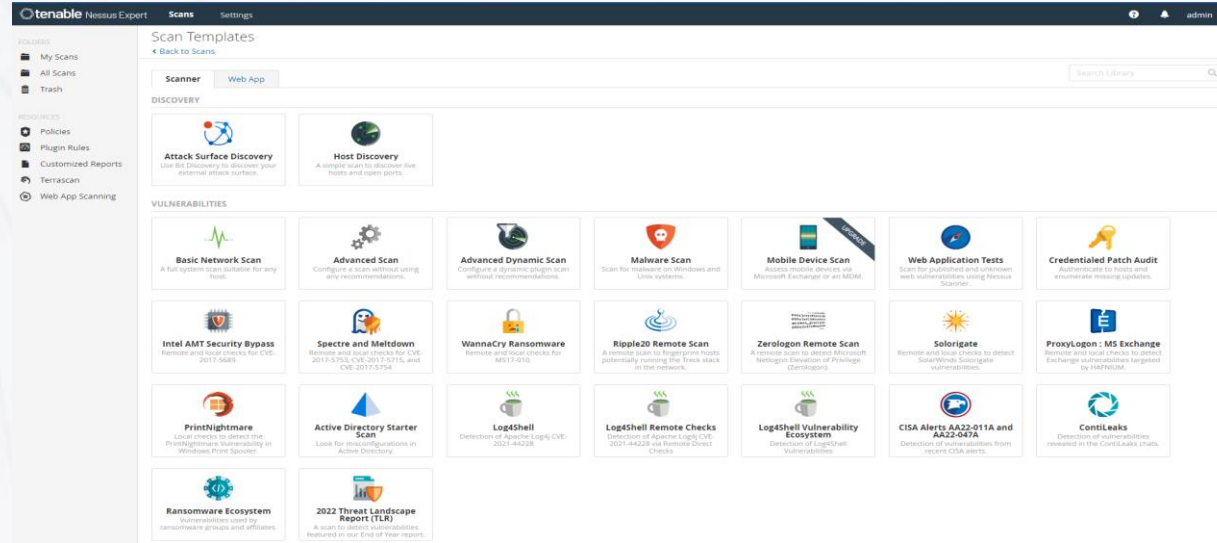
1.9.4: Vulnerability Scanning: Nessus helps identify known security vulnerabilities in CPE software and configurations.

1.3.4: Known Malware Check: It ensures that the CPE is free from malware and other security threats by scanning for malicious software and vulnerable components.

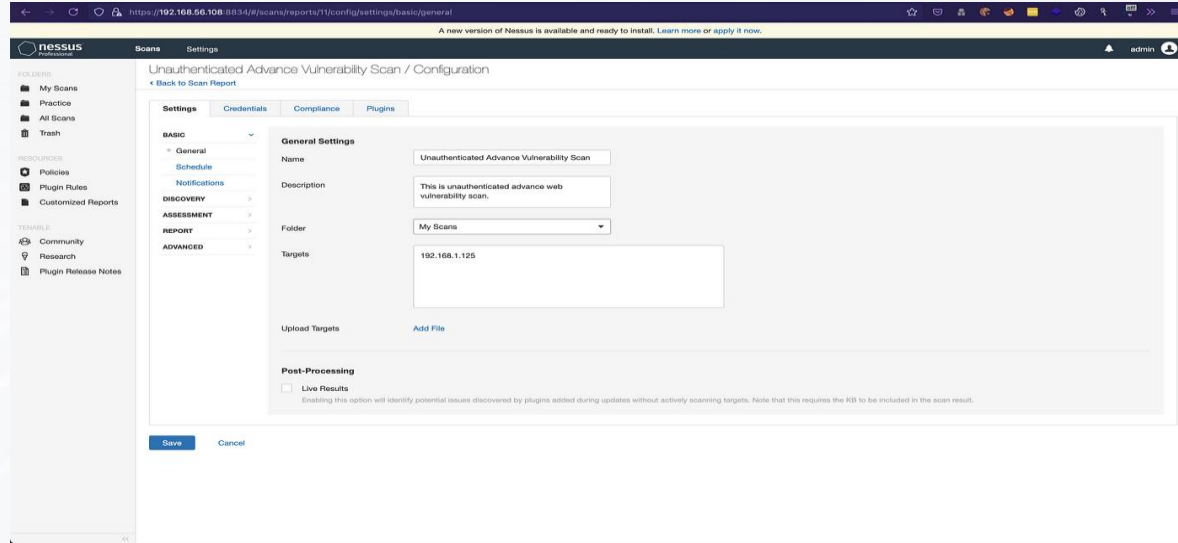
1.3.6: Unnecessary Service Removal: Nessus flags any unnecessary services running on the device that could be potential attack vectors.

VA Scanning using Nessus

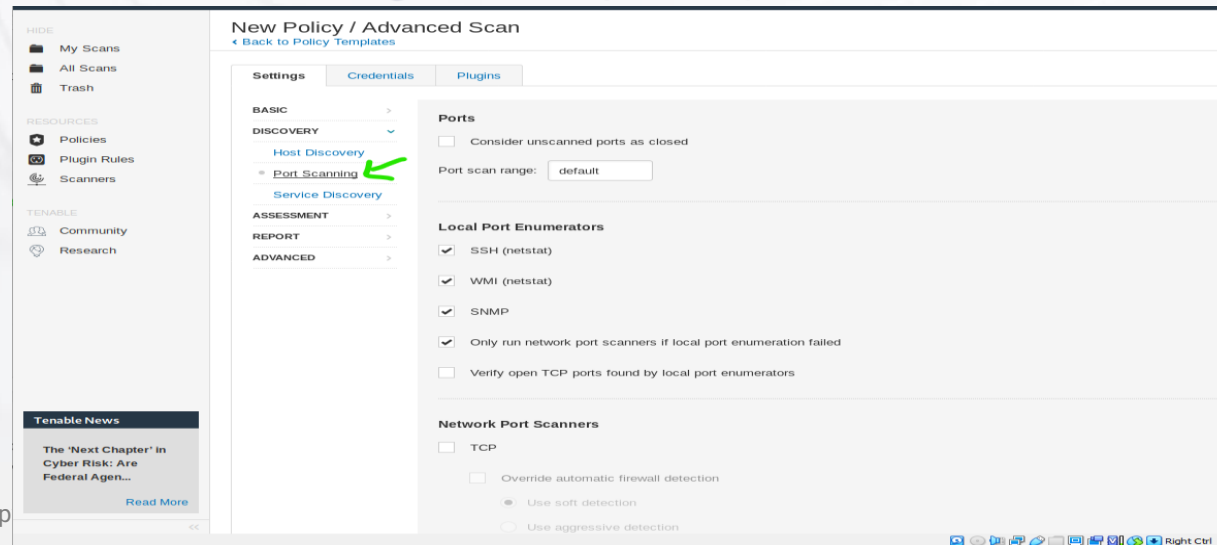
1. Choose the right template



2. Fill the Target Details



3. Do Port Scanning to identify the Open Ports



4. Run Scan, and find the Results



For Wi-Fi network security



Aircrack-ng- Aircrack-ng is a suite of tools for auditing Wi-Fi network security. It can be used to test the encryption standards used for Wi-Fi access (WPA2-PSK, AES, etc.).

Installation: Available for Linux, macOS, and Windows. Download from Aircrack-ng.

Usage:

1. Enable monitor mode on your Wi-Fi adapter.
2. Capture WPA2-PSK handshakes using.
3. Once you capture the handshake, use Aircrack-ng to test the strength of the encryption.
4. Ensure that WPA2-PSK with AES-128 is being used as required by ITSAR and verify that weaker encryption (like WEP or TKIP) is not available for selection.

ITSAR Sections:

- 1.6.2: Cryptographic-Based Secure Communication on Wi-Fi Access.
- 1.6.3: Cryptographic Algorithm Selection for Wi-Fi Access.

Working with aircrack-ng

1. To list all network interfaces.

```
kali@kali: ~  
File Actions Edit View Help  
root@kali:/home/kali# airmon-ng  
  
PHY      Interface  Driver      Chipset  
phy0     wlan0     iwlmwifi    Intel Corporation Wireless-AC 9560 [Jefferson Peak] (rev 10)  
  
root@kali:/home/kali#
```

2. Enable monitor mode on your Wi-Fi adapter

```
~# airmon-ng start wlan0  
Found 5 processes that could cause trouble.  
If airodump-ng, aireplay-ng or airtun-ng stops working after  
a short period of time, you may want to kill (some of) them!  
  
PID Name  
718 NetworkManager  
870 dhclient  
1104 avahi-daemon  
1105 avahi-daemon  
1115 wpa_supplicant  
  
PHY      Interface  Driver      Chipset  
phy0     wlan0     ath9k_htc   Atheros Communications, Inc. AR9271 802.11n  
          (mac80211 monitor mode vif enabled for [phy0]wlan0 on [phy0]wlan0mon)  
          (mac80211 station mode vif disabled for [phy0]wlan0)
```

3. Start airodump-ng to collect authentication handshake

```
airodump-ng -c 9 --bssid 00:14:6C:7E:40:80 -w psk atho
```

Where:

- c 9 is the channel for the wireless network
- bssid 00:14:6C:7E:40:80 is the access point MAC address. This eliminates extraneous traffic.
- w psk is the file name prefix for the file which will contain the IVs.
- atho is the interface name.

```
CH 9 ][ Elapsed: 4 s ][ 2007-03-24 16:58 ][ WPA handshake: 00:14:6C:7E:40:80  
  
BSSID          PWR RXQ Beacons  #Data, #/s CH MB ENC CIPHER AUTH ESSID  
00:14:6C:7E:40:80 39 100    51    116  14  9 54 WPA2 CCMP PSK teddy  
  
BSSID          STATION          PWR  Lost  Packets  Probes  
00:14:6C:7E:40:80 00:0F:B5:FD:FB:C2 35    0    116
```

For Web Interface Testing



Burp Suite- Burp Suite is a powerful web application security testing tool used for identifying vulnerabilities such as authentication weaknesses, session management issues, and encryption problems in the web interfaces of Wi-Fi CPEs.

Installation: Available for Windows, macOS, and Linux. Download from [PortSwigger](#).

Usage:

- 1: Install Burp Suite and launch it.
- 2: Configure Burp Suite as a proxy in your browser to intercept traffic between the browser and the CPE's web interface.
- 3: Visit the web interface of the Wi-Fi CPE through your browser.
- 4: Use Burp's automated scanning feature to identify vulnerabilities such as:
 - Missing or weak HTTPS implementation.
 - Insecure session management (e.g., session IDs not being regenerated).
 - Issues with authentication mechanisms like password strength, authentication feedback, or lack of multi-factor authentication.
- 5: Analyze the results and review the identified vulnerabilities. Burp Suite will highlight potential security issues and offer suggestions for remediating those vulnerabilities.

ITSAR Sections:

- 1.11.1: HTTPS Support – Ensures that the CPE's web interface supports HTTPS and encrypts sensitive data.
- 1.2.9: Storage of Passwords in Encrypted Form – Verifies that the CPE securely stores passwords and protects them from exposure.
- 1.11.4: HTTP Input Validation – Tests whether user inputs are properly validated to prevent cross-site scripting (XSS), SQL injection, and other attacks.

Many more tools can help for Wi-Fi Network Analysis

NetSpot (For SSID Scanning and Wi-Fi Network Analysis)

NetSpot is a versatile Wi-Fi analysis tool that allows you to scan for SSIDs and analyze Wi-Fi network coverage. It helps assess signal strength, network channels, and security settings to ensure compliance with Wi-Fi security standards for CPEs.

Installation: Available for Windows and macOS. Download from [NetSpot](#).

ITSAR Sections:

- 1.9.3: SSID Scanning – Verifies that the CPE prevents the disclosure of sensitive information and offers the option to hide SSIDs.
- 1.6.2: Cryptographic Based Secure Communication on Wi-Fi Access – Ensures the scanned SSIDs are using secure encryption standards (e.g., WPA2-PSK).

Hping3 (For DDoS Testing)

Hping3 is a powerful packet crafting tool that can be used for Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) testing. It allows users to create custom network packets and simulate various types of DDoS attacks, including SYN floods, UDP floods, and ICMP floods, making it highly useful in assessing the resilience of a Wi-Fi CPE or network under simulated attack conditions.

Installation: Available on Linux and can be installed using the following command: *sudo apt-get install hping3*

Usages: Hping3 can overwhelm a device by sending a flood of packets, exhausting the target's resources. Can simulate SYN Flood Attack, UDP Flood Attack, CMP Flood (Ping Flood) Attack, TCP ACK Flood and many more.

ITSAR Sections:

- 1.8.1: Excessive Overload Protection

Many more tools can help for Wi-Fi Network Analysis

Nmap 7.95 (For Port Scanning & Service Discovery)

Nmap is a network scanning tool that can be used to identify open ports and services on the CPE, ensuring that only documented and necessary services are active.

Installation: Available for Windows, macOS, and Linux. Download from [Nmap.org](https://nmap.org).

Synopsis:

```
nmap [ <Scan Type> ... ] [ <Options> ] [ <target specification> ]
```

Use different switches as per requirement -sS (TCP SYN scan), -sU (UDP scans), -sY (SCTP INIT scan), -sA (TCP ACK scan)

ITSAR Sections:

- 1.9.2: Port Scanning.
- 1.3.6: Unnecessary Service Removal.

Ensuring Secure Wi-Fi

- 1** Comprehensive Testing
Using a suite of tools to thoroughly get it test the device from accredited TSTL.
- 2** Compliance
Meeting ITSAR requirements for Wi-Fi CPE security.
- 3** Secure by Design
Implementing robust security measures from the ground up.



Thank You!



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