



NEST Kali Linux Tutorial: OpenVAS

**“The world's most advanced Open Source
vulnerability scanner and manager”**

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<http://openvas.org/>

Introduction

- OpenVAS is a framework of several services and tools offering a comprehensive and powerful vulnerability scanning and vulnerability management solution.
- If you are a Sysadmin, IT Manager or Security Manager, you need to protect your network. You need to know where your weaknesses are, so that you can put together a plan to fix them.

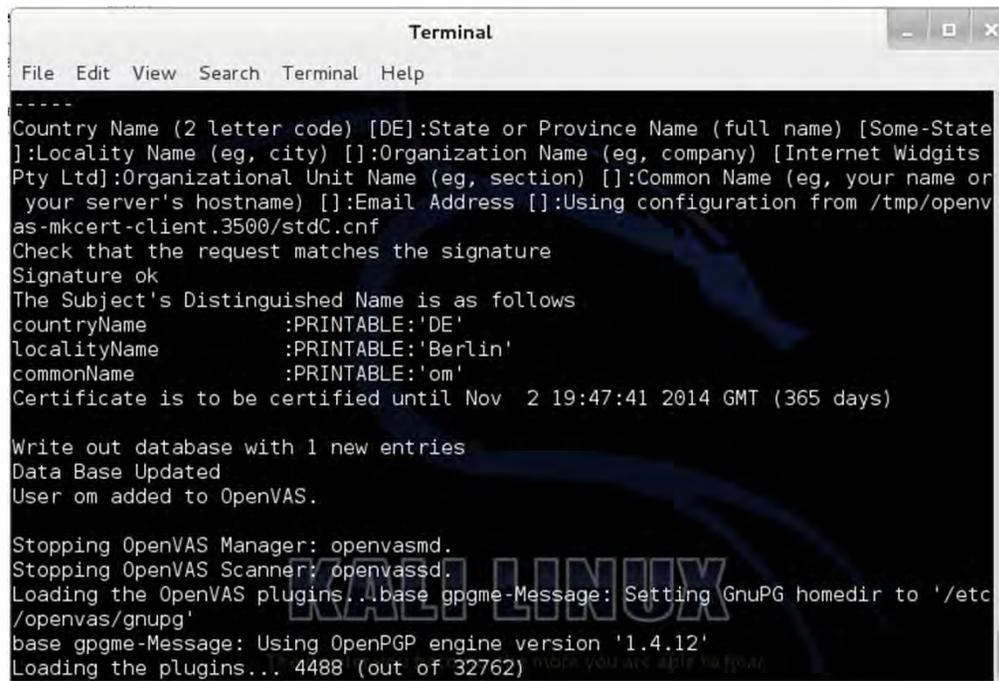
OpenVas Setup

- Applications > Kali Linux > Vulnerability Analysis > OpenVAS > openvas-setup



Download Plugins

- OpenVAS will now download all the required plugins (this will take a few minutes)



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Terminal
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
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Country Name (2 letter code) [DE]:State or Province Name (full name) [Some-State
]:Locality Name (eg, city) []:Organization Name (eg, company) [Internet Widgits
Pty Ltd]:Organizational Unit Name (eg, section) []:Common Name (eg, your name or
your server's hostname) []:Email Address []:Using configuration from /tmp/openv
as-mkcert-client.3500/stdC.cnf
Check that the request matches the signature
Signature ok
The Subject's Distinguished Name is as follows
countryName       :PRINTABLE:'DE'
localityName      :PRINTABLE:'Berlin'
commonName        :PRINTABLE:'om'
Certificate is to be certified until Nov  2 19:47:41 2014 GMT (365 days)

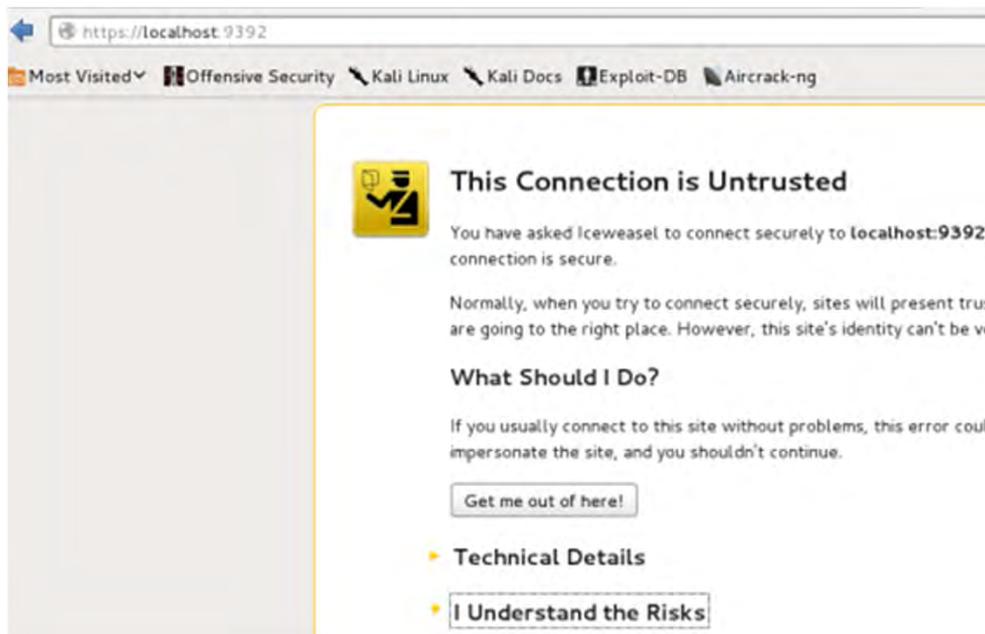
Write out database with 1 new entries
Data Base Updated
User om added to OpenVAS.

Stopping OpenVAS Manager: openvasmd.
Stopping OpenVAS Scanner: openvassd.
Loading the OpenVAS plugins...base gpgme-Message: Setting GnuPG homedir to '/etc
/openvas/gnupg'
base gpgme-Message: Using OpenPGP engine version '1.4.12'
Loading the plugins... 4488 (out of 32762)
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- The default user id is “admin”.
- Enter a password that you can remember.

Iceweasel Browser

- Applications > Internet > Iceweasel Web Browser
- Navigate to: <https://localhost:9392>
- Click “I Understand the Risks” and “Confirm Security Exception”



Login

- Log into the OpenVAS web console.



- Default username = admin
- Password (whatever you entered during setup)

Web Console

- OpenVAS Security Assistant screen (Hermione Granger wizard appears)

The screenshot displays the OpenVAS Security Assistant web interface. At the top, the header shows the Greenbone Security Assistant logo and the user is logged in as Admin admin. The main navigation bar includes Scan Management, Asset Management, SecInfo Management, Configuration, Extras, Administration, and Help. Below this, there's a section for Tasks (total: 0) with a filter bar and a table header. The table header has columns for Name, Status, Total, Reports (sub-columns: First, Last, Threat), Trend, and Actions. The main content area features a 'Welcome dear new user!' message from a character named Hermione Granger, who is pointing towards a 'Quick start: Immediately scan an IP address' section. This section includes a text input field for an IP address or hostname, a 'Start Scan' button, and a list of four steps: 1. Create a new Target with default Port List, 2. Create a new Task using this target with default Scan Configuration, 3. Start this scan task right away, and 4. Switch the view to reload every 30 seconds so you can lean back and watch the scan progress. A final note states that once the scan progress is beyond 1%, users can jump into the scan report via the details icon.

Greenbone Security Assistant

Logged in as Admin admin | Logout
Sat Nov 2 19:57:00 2013 UTC

Scan Management Asset Management SecInfo Management Configuration Extras Administration Help

Tasks (total: 0) [?] [x] [+] [list] [refresh] [No auto-refresh] [Apply overrides] [refresh]

Filter: apply_overrides=1 first=1 rows=10 sort=name [refresh] [?] [list] [refresh] [list]

Name	Status	Total	Reports			Trend	Actions
			First	Last	Threat		

(Applied filter: apply_overrides=1 first=1 rows=10 sort=name)

Welcome dear new user!

To explore this powerful application and to have a quick start for doing things the first time, I am here to assist you with some hints and short-cuts.

I will appear automatically in areas where you have created no or only a few objects. And disappear when you have more than 3 objects. You can call me with this icon [x] any time later on.

For more detailed information on functionality, please try the integrated help system. It is always available as a context sensitive link as icon [?].

Quick start: Immediately scan an IP address

IP address or hostname:

For this short-cut I will do the following for you:

1. Create a new Target with default Port List
2. Create a new Task using this target with default Scan Configuration
3. Start this scan task right away
4. Switch the view to reload every 30 seconds so you can lean back and watch the scan progress

In fact, you must not lean back. As soon as the scan progress is beyond 1%, you can already jump into the scan report via the details icon [details] and review the results collected so far.

Update Database Feeds

- Within the OpenVAS web console, go to:
 - Administration > NVT Feed > Synchronize with Feed now



- This step is critical. If you do not update the vulnerability database feeds, it will generate errors later on.

Update Database Feeds

- Repeat for the other database feeds:
 - Administration > SCAP Feed (these are xml files for the reports)
 - Administration > Cert Feed

Update Database Feeds

- Within the OpenVAS web console, go to:
 - Configuration > Targets



Set Targets

- Localhost will be there by default.
- Scan your XP VM as well (192.168.0.101)



Greenbone Security Assistant

Logged in as Admin **admin** | Logout
Sat Nov 2 20:03:38 2013 UTC

Scan Management | Asset Management | SecInfo Management | Configuration | Extras | Administration | Help

Targets 1 - 1 of 1 (total: 1) ? * [down arrow] vNo auto-refresh [refresh]

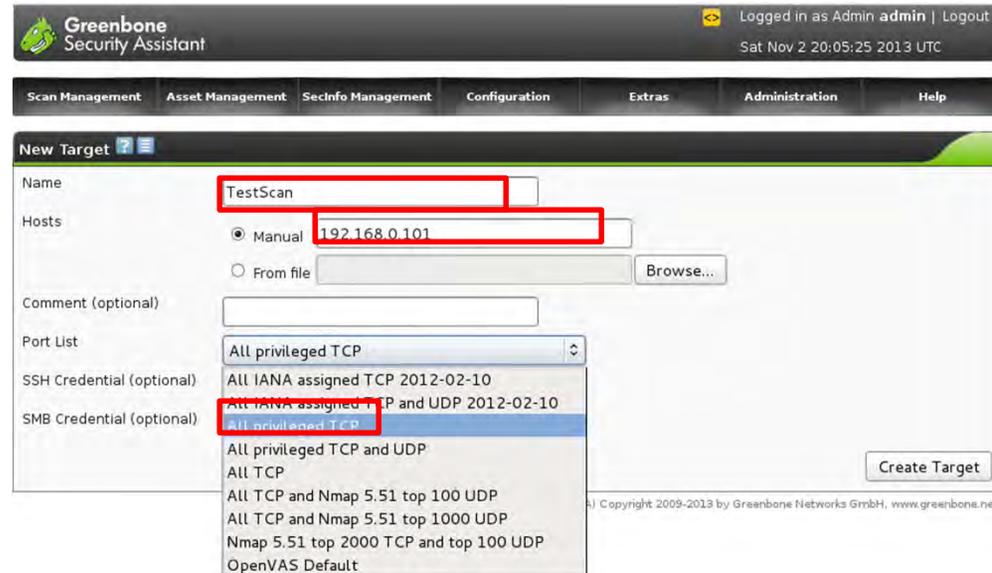
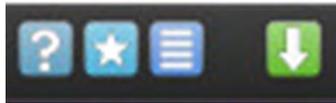
Filter: rows=10 first=1 sort=name [refresh] [?] [star] [dropdown] [refresh] [list]

Name	Hosts	IPs	Port List	SSH Credential	SMB Credential	Actions
Localhost	localhost	1	OpenVAS Default			[refresh] [search] [edit] [delete] [down arrow]

(Applied filter: rows=10 first=1 sort=name)

Add Target

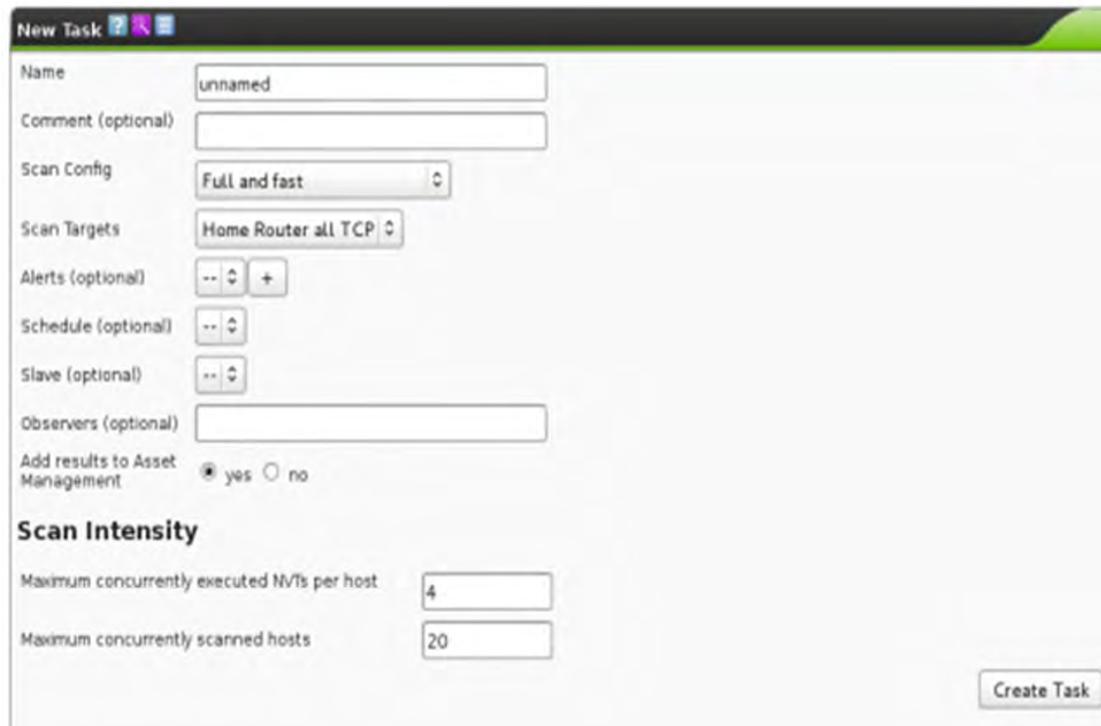
- Click on the blue box with a white star to add a new target.



- Enter name, IP address (192.168.0.101), and port options (all privileged TCP)
- Click “Create Target”

Create Task

- Go to Scan Management > New Task

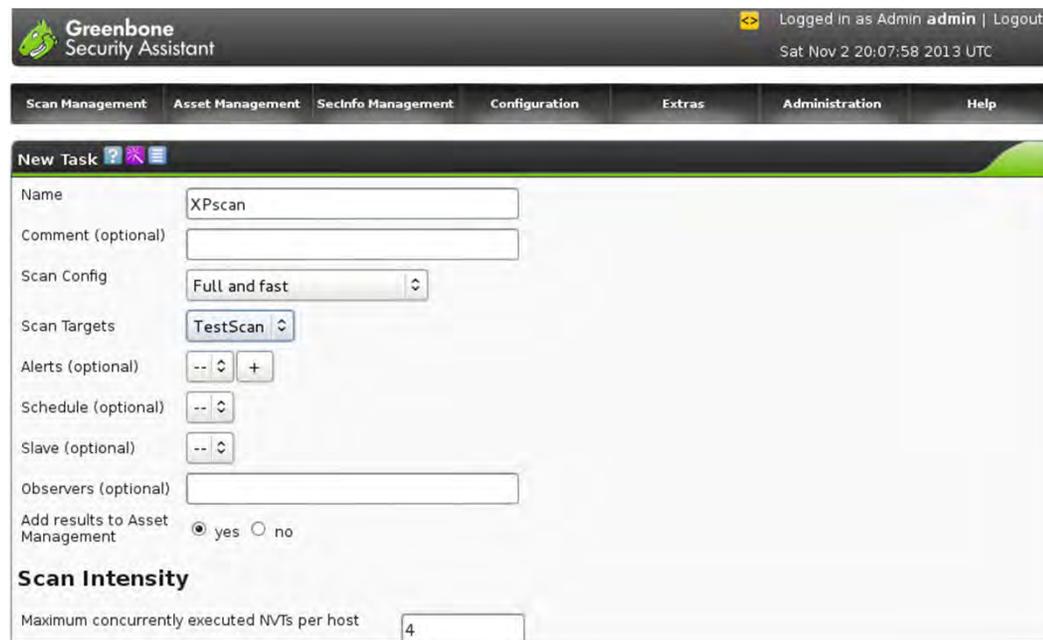


The screenshot shows a 'New Task' configuration window with the following fields and options:

- Name:** Input field containing 'unnamed'.
- Comment (optional):** Empty input field.
- Scan Config:** Dropdown menu set to 'Full and fast'.
- Scan Targets:** Dropdown menu set to 'Home Router all TCP'.
- Alerts (optional):** Control with '--' and '+' buttons.
- Schedule (optional):** Control with '--' and 'v' buttons.
- Slave (optional):** Control with '--' and 'v' buttons.
- Observers (optional):** Empty input field.
- Add results to Asset Management:** Radio buttons for 'yes' (selected) and 'no'.
- Scan Intensity:**
 - Maximum concurrently executed NVTs per host: Input field with '4'.
 - Maximum concurrently scanned hosts: Input field with '20'.
- Create Task:** Button at the bottom right.

Task Settings

- Name the task whatever you want - eg. XPscan
- Scan Config should default to “Full and Fast”
- Select your XP machine as your scan target
- Click “Create Task”

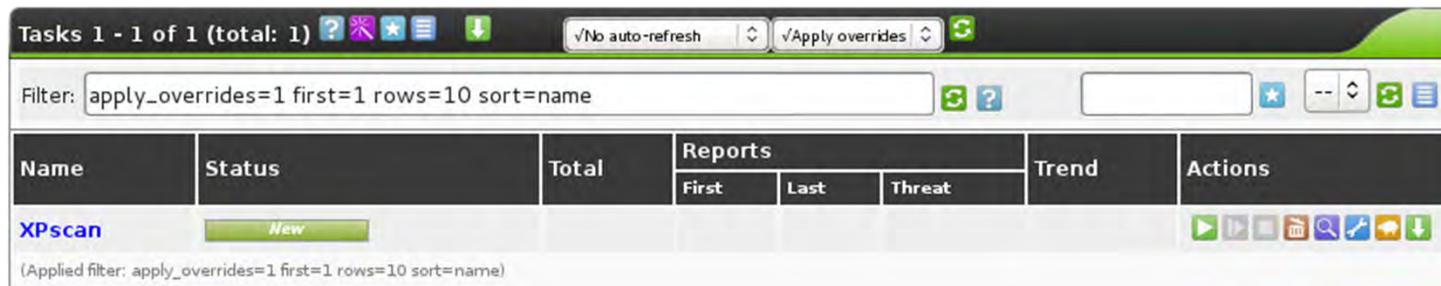


The screenshot shows the 'New Task' configuration page in the Greenbone Security Assistant. The page is titled 'New Task' and includes a navigation bar with the following tabs: Scan Management, Asset Management, Secinfo Management, Configuration, Extras, Administration, and Help. The user is logged in as 'Admin admin' on 'Sat Nov 2 20:07:58 2013 UTC'. The configuration fields are as follows:

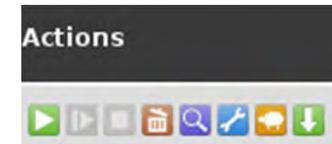
- Name: XPscan
- Comment (optional):
- Scan Config: Full and fast
- Scan Targets: TestScan
- Alerts (optional): -- +
- Schedule (optional): --
- Slave (optional): --
- Observers (optional):
- Add results to Asset Management: yes no
- Scan Intensity: Maximum concurrently executed NVTs per host: 4

Run Task

- The new task should show up with a green bar that says “New”



- Click the green arrow to run this new task.



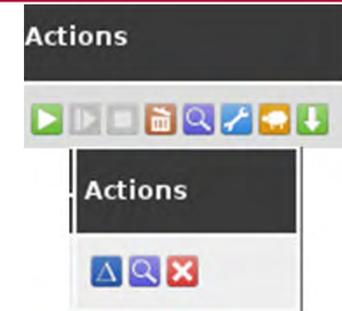
- To watch the scan live, Set the “No auto-refresh” dropdown box to “Refresh every 30 Sec.”



- The scan should take a few minutes to complete.

Report

- Click on the purple magnifying glass
- Scroll down and click on it again.
- On “Full Report”, select “HTML” under “Download”
- Click the green arrow and open with Iceweasel
- Threats will be categorized as High, Medium, or Low.
- You can scroll down and review each vulnerability and the proposed solutions (if available).



References

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