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News...

From the Editor...

May was a month of privacy and website changes. Not too many other things were done. But a minor Switch Port Mapper release was done to add more privacy options to the software in the form of being able to erase the application databases. Back to programming!

-Kirk

Managed Switch Port Mapping Tool 2.80.3 Released May 21, 2018

This is a minor release that has some fixes to command line options and one small addition. The fixes are making certain command line options exit the software once they have executed.

Privacy related - The new small addition is a way to cleanup all 4 of the databases used by the software. By cleanup we mean erase all the data in whichever database you select – for your privacy if necessary. History is probably the most likely one, but you can selectively erase history under left control panel button Review History. If you erase the 'main' database be aware that your switch access credentials will go away as will the switch IPs and anything you entered. Switch Lists will go away too. It's kind of a nuclear option if you choose to erase that database. Get to this new feature through Database Maintenance or the Help menu.

One more thing: Windows XP/2003 support is gone. It will not run on those operating systems. You have had 4 years to move to a newer Windows OS.

Changes in 2.80.3

- Changed command line options 'delhistory', 'compact', and 'historydb' so that they all exit once complete. 'delhistory' now accepts zero (0) as an option to delete all history.
- Added new option to delete/erase all data from each of the operating databases (including history and the main database). Accessible through Database Maintenance or the Help menu.
- Dropped Windows XP/Windows 2003 and earlier support.
- Updated SQLite to version 3.23.1
- Updated MAC address/Manufacturer database.

Click on Help menu/Check for Update to get the latest version. USB version users will be downloading a patch – follow the directions carefully. Installed version users will be installing over the top of their current installed version.

Privacy Policy and Website Changes

The Privacy Policy on each of our websites has been updated. A new cookie policy has been added. Anyone visiting our websites must accept or decline the cookie policy. We backed off on the use of cookies to primarily Google Analytics (GA) in 'anonymous' IP address mode, but with your permission only. If you decline cookies, then GA is not activated. These changes have effectively rendered GA useless. For now, the Facebook Like button and Twitter Tweet buttons have also been removed. They may come back later. <https://www.netscantools.com/privacy-policy.html>

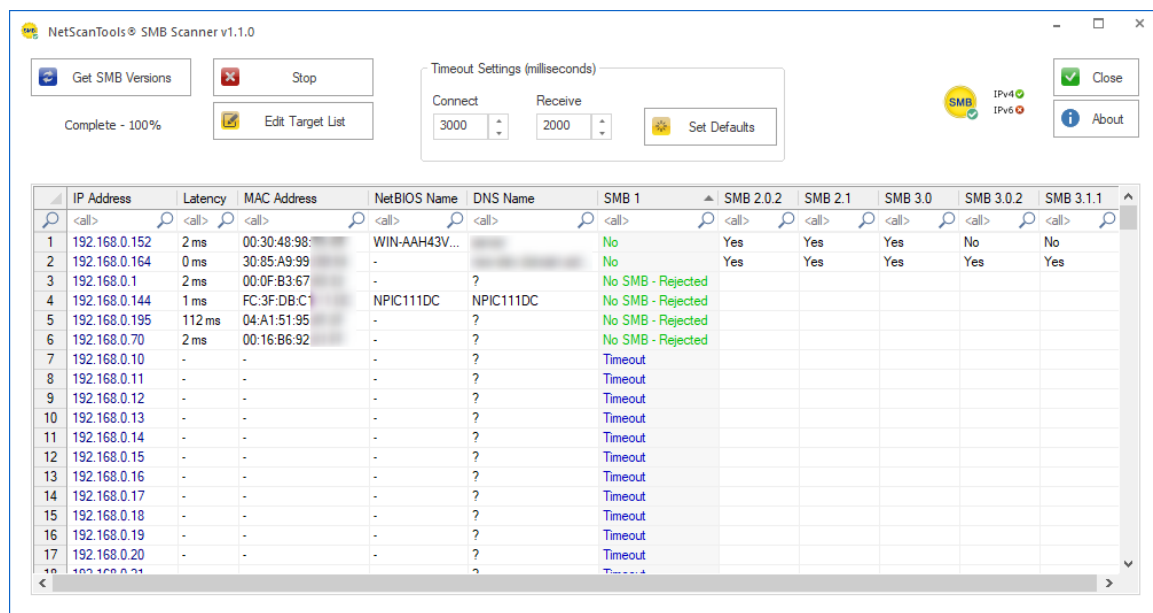
NetScanTools Pro 11.85 released April 18, 2018

This release enhances both the new SMB Scanner and the SSL Certificate Scanner.

Changes in 11.85: The SMB Scanner has a new 'DNS Name' column added and the progress control was changed – the underlying method of target list storage was changed from a simple text file to an SQLite database table.

What does the SMB Scanner tool do? It attempts to connect to the SMB port on the target. If it connects, it asks the target which versions of SMB are supported. IPv4 targets and hostnames are currently supported. IPv6 will be added later.

Back when Wannacry came around we had many requests for this type of tool. And this is what it looks like:



What else does it do? It shows connection latency and the MAC address and NetBIOS machine name if the target also supports NetBT. Of course you have a right click menu for exporting, printing and copying results.

The SSL Certificate Scanner tool was enhanced both visibly and internally.

Visible changes include replacement of the progress control with the new circular progress control. There was also a problem maximizing then restoring the window to previous size – that was fixed. Another visible change is the export to text (CSV or tabbed) now includes the header.

The final most important change is both visible and internal: you can now specify the target port, so if your web servers are not using port 443, no problem. In order to do this we had to change the target list storage from a simple text file to a database table.

About the ARP Scanner changes. We (and some customers) have noticed that the ARP Scanner does not always get responses from the targets even though they are

active, so we worked on some changes that will hopefully elicit responses and show them.

Packet Generator and other tools have changes where a TCP packet is being defined and sent using WinPcap driver. While we were unable to reproduce this issue here because it may be somewhat hardware dependent, a user pointed out that the sequence and acknowledgement packet header values were not always what was entered. We isolated the problem and corrected it in the Packet Generator and other tools that use the WinPcap driver to send a TCP packet.

There are other changes and fixes listed below. If you have an active maintenance plan you can download 11.85 through the Help menu/Check for New Version.

*Speaking of the full installer – save it in a safe place and replace any old versions. We constantly run across users who have reinstalled or moved their software to a new computer and they do so by using an old installer. Sometimes the installer is many, many versions older - so **SAVE the latest one and discard the old ones!***

11.85 Release Notes

- All tools that 'import lists from a text file' now have a check for non-ANSI text files. We can only accept ANSI (plain ASCII) text files. UNICODE format is not allowed.
- ARP Scanner now has improvements for gathering ARP reply packets.
- Corrected problem defining TCP header components Sequence and Acknowledgement in Packet Generator, Ping Enhanced, Port Scanner and Traceroute.
- Traceroute Settings Ack Number edit box now grays out as required.
- SMB Scanner: Activity indicator pointer graph was changed to a circular progress indicator.
- SMB Scanner: changed target list to a database table and now includes a new DNS hostname column. Speed improvements.
- SMB Scanner: Right click Export to Tabbed or CSV now includes the column header in the export file.
- SSL Certificate Scanner: Activity indicator pointer graph was changed to a circular progress indicator.
- SSL Certificate Scanner: Fixed problem where a maximized window did not return to original size.
- SSL Certificate Scanner: Now allows specifying a target SSL port other than 443.
- SSL Certificate Scanner: Skip on timeout checkbox now correctly grays out during scanning.
- SSL Certificate Scanner: Right click Export to Tabbed or CSV now includes the column header in the export file.
- Updated SQLite to version 3.23.1
- Updated MAC address/Manufacturer database.
- Updated IP to Country database.

SSL Certificate Scanner 2.61 Released April 17, 2018

This a minor update. As with NetScanTools Pro, the Target List Import Tool has been changed so that it warns if you try to import a text file save in UNICODE format. We can only import plain ANSI (ASCII) text files. The Skip on Timeout checkbox now properly grays out and we added column headers to the right click Export to Tabbed or CSV test. SQLite was updated.

Visit this page to download the newest Standalone version:

<https://netscantools.com/ssl-certificate-scanner-standalone.html>

SSL Certificate Scanner 2.60 Released April 10, 2018

This a more than minor update. The method of storing the list of targets was changed from a flat text file to an SQLite database table so that we could also allow you to change the SSL target port number from the standard 443 to whatever you need. The progress control was changed, and we fix a problem where the maximized window did not return to the original size.

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New NetScanTools Pro Demo based on 11.84 is available now (updated)

This demo is based on version 11.84 meaning it has the new SMB Scanner in it. Update: It has been changed to require Windows 7 or newer.

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