

Use Case:

- Onboarding to new networks
- Network/Inventory auditing
- Vulnerability scanning

Deliverables:

- Up-to-date network diagrams (Layer 2/3; logical)
- Asset inventory
- Identification of unknown/rogue devices
- Security Findings summary
- Onboarding summary report with recommendations

Ongoing Scanning Cadence Recommendations:

Running scans on a regular cadence can be automated with scripting or completed manually, but is encouraged to ensure inventories stay accurate and rogue devices are identified quickly.

I recommend a quarterly scan to identify network/inventory changes and keep documentation up to date. Scanning is not very efficient for identifying rogue endpoints, this identification is just a possible incidental outcome of scanning. For rogue endpoint monitoring, instead traffic logging / netflow information should be utilized to generate security alerts for provisioned IPs in such networks.

- Regardless of cadence/tool chosen, run periodic Network or Asset scans.
- Keep version control diagrams current with change history
- Integrate vulnerability scanners and ticketing systems for best practices

Toolbox

Suggested	Use	Alternatives
nmap	Network scanning	Masscan; Angry IP Scanner
Open-AudIT	Asset Discovery	NetBox, Lansweeper
draw.io	Diagram software	Visio
OneNote	Note Taking	Evernote, Joplin, Trillium, OpenNote
>> [layer 2 standard] show lldp (neighbors)	Link layer discovery protocol;	>> [cisco proprietary] show cdp (neighbors)
Nessus	Vuln Scanning	Wazuh (ELK stack), OpenSCAP, OpenVAS
Wireshark	Packet Capture	tcpdump

Play by
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Step 1: Secure initial network access, credentials, and perms

1. Begin a running document to record all steps taken as well as findings
 - a. OneNote, Evernote, Atom.io, etc.
 - b. DO NOT record credentials in the notes
2. Ensure you are appropriately credentialed for network access
 - a. Firewalls, routers, switches, controllers
3. Confirm IPs of infrastructure management devices
 - a. Firewalls, routers, switches, controllers that will be used to initialize mapping
4. Secure permission from directors and network owners to perform a network scan/probe
5. Review and note existing documentation/diagrams

Step 2: Define Scope and segments permitted for scanning

1. Note known VLANs, subnets, DMZ, VPN, and cloud connections
2. Define and note core segments/zones (considerations below, not a checklist; logic for notation is dependant on the enterprise network structure)
 - a. Trust v. Untrust
 - b. Production v. Development / QA
 - c. Operations and/or Userspace
 - d. Corporate v. remote offices / VPN
 - e. DMZ / IoT / Guest
 - f. Management Interfaces
 - g. Egress/Ingress points/ranges
3. Build out and populate a table, noting the following columns:
IP/mask | Type | VLAN ID | Firewall Zone | Notes

Step 3: Scanning & Discovery

1. Use **nmap** on each CIDR range permitted in Step 1 for Active Scanning
 - a. Ex: >> nmap -sS -sV -O -T4 -p- 10.10.10.0/24
 - i. **-sS**: TCP SYN packet scan
 - ii. **-sV**: Probe open ports to determine service/version info
 - iii. **-O**: Enable OS detection
 - iv. **-T4**: Second highest timing template (0-5)
 - v. **-p-**:Scan all ports
2. Mirror/Tap via Wireshark for Passive Scanning (if permitted;beware data privacy laws)
 - a. SPAN Port (Switched Port Analyzer) [aka Port Mirroring]
 - i. Connect wireshark device to SPAN port to watch feed
 - ii. Note: SPAN can drop packets at high load - not good for heavy networks
 - b. TAP device between router and firewall to run wireshark and copy packets.
 - i. Preferred for lossless or low latency monitoring permitted environments.

Step 4: SNMP Enumeration

1. Attempt SNMP polling on network devices:
2. Extract:
 - a. Interface indexes and descriptions
 - b. APR / MAC tables
 - c. Device model numbers and serial numbers
3. Map Layer 2 connections from neighbors:
(cisco) >> show cdp neighbors
(agnostic) >> show lldp neighbors

Step 5: Diagram Creation

1. Layered Diagrams:
 - a. Layer 2: Switches, VLANs, Trunks/Uplinks
 - b. Layer 3: Subnets, Routers, network edges
 - c. Security Zones: Firewalls, ACLs, NATs
 - d. Logical Application Maps: Servers to DB, API Flows, etc.

Step 6: Validate Findings with Shareholders

1. Common Shareholders to reach out to
 - a. Immediate PoC (if consulting)
 - b. Network Engineering
 - c. Security
 - d. Application Owners
 - e. IT Support
 - f. IT/Infrastructure Director
2. Collect Feedback, redraft, and seek validation again

Additional Followup Steps Recommended

1. Centralize network diagram/documentation for relevant teams to access
2. Update asset inventories to ensure documentation is complete, and identify anomalous connections
 - a. Notify security / investigate anomalies
3. **Security Controls Mapping**
 - a. Document ACLs, firewall zones, routes, and RBAC
 - b. Identify:
 - i. Any-any-allow rules
 - ii. Overlapping subnets
 - iii. Public exposure and routing leaks
 - c. Note baseline communication norms via Netflow or firewall logs, and deliver suggestions for hardening if bad practices are found.