

Third-party open source software and libraries used by Nmap

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This document covers **Nmap 7.50**. Licensees or potential licensees who want this information for a different Nmap release should contact sales@nmap.com.

LibPcap Raw Packet Capture Library

Description: LibPcap is used by Nmap on UNIX for raw packet reading during host discovery, port scanning, and OS detection. It is bundled with the Nmap Security Scanner in the libpcap subdirectory. LibPcap is also used on Windows as part of the Npcap library (which has its own section in this document).

Software URL: <http://www.tcpdump.org/>

Version used: 1.73 (source and UNIX) or 1.81 (Npcap on Windows)

License Summary: Modified BSD license (3-clause)

License Text Location: [BSD-modified.txt](#)

Npcap Windows Packet Library

Description: Npcap is used by Nmap on Windows for raw packet reading during host discovery, port scanning, and OS detection. It is a derivative of LibPcap, so that license (see LibPcap section) must be followed as well. It is only needed and used on Windows.

Software URL: <https://npcap.org>

Version used: 0.92

License Summary:

License Text Location:

Libdnet Raw Networking Library

Description: Libdnet is bundled with Nmap and is required on all platforms for low-level tasks such as sending raw Ethernet frames. We have made many changes and so it is important that our version (distributed with Nmap) be used.

Software URL: <http://libdnet.sourceforge.net/>

Version used: 1.12

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License Summary: Modified BSD license (3-clause)

License Text Location: [Libdnet-license.txt](#)

LibPCRE Perl Compatible Regular Expressions Library

Description: LibPCRE is used for regular expression matching as part of Nmap version detection. It is bundled with Nmap in the libpcr subdirectory.

Software URL: <http://www.pcre.org/>

Version used: 7.6

License Summary: Modified BSD license (3-clause)

License Text Location: [PCRE-license.txt](#)

Lua Programming Language

Description: The LUA programming language may optionally be embedded into Nmap as part of the Nmap Scripting Engine functionality. LUA will not be included if the `--without-liblua` configuration option is given. If Lua is included, Nmap also includes some LUA libraries which also fall under the free LUA license (they have their own section in this document).

Software URL: <https://www.lua.org/>

Version used: 5.3.3

License Summary: MIT license

License Text Location: [Lua-license.txt](#)

Lua libraries

Description: If Lua is included in an Nmap build, four 3rd party Lua libraries are included as well. They are SLAXML (an XML parsing library), LuaFileSystem (for filesystem operations), LPeg (Lua Parsing Expression Grammars), lzlib for accessing Zlib compression library functions, and Base3264 for base 32 and 64 encoding and decoding. They are all under the Lua license (which is the MIT license) although the copyright statement referred to by the license is different because they were created by different authors. All four of those libraries are included in this section

SLAXML URL: <https://github.com/Phrogz/SLAXML>

SLAXML Version: 0.7

SLAXML Copyright Statement: Copyright (c) 2013 Gavin Kistner

LuaFileSystem URL: <https://keplerproject.github.io/luafilesystem/>

LuaFileSystem Version: 1.2

LuaFileSystem Copyright Statement: Copyright © 2003 Kepler Project.

LPeg URL: <http://www.inf.puc-rio.br/~roberto/lpeg/lpeg.html>

LPeg Version: 0.12

LPeg Copyright Statement: Copyright © 2007-2015 Lua.org, PUC-Rio.

lzlib URL: <http://luaforge.net/projects/lzlib/>

lzlib Version: 0.4-work3

lzlib Copyright Statement: Copyright Tiago Dionizio (tiago.dionizio@gmail.com)

Base3264 URL: <https://nmap.org/nosedoc/lib/base32.html> <https://nmap.org/nosedoc/lib/base64.html>

Base3264 Version: Unversioned

Base3264 Copyright Statement: Copyright (c) 2016 Patrick Joseph Donnelly (batrick@batbytes.com)

License Summary: All packages use the Lua license (MIT license) with the copyright statements listed above

License Text Location: [Lua-license.txt](#)

OpenSSL SSL encryption library

Description: OpenSSL can optionally be used by Nmap Service Detection to communicate with SSL-enabled protocols such as https, pop3-s, imaps, etc. It is not included in the Nmap source tree, but you can choose to link to it when compiling Nmap (and we do so for the binaries we distribute).

Software URL: <https://www.openssl.org/>

Version used: 1.0.2l in the binaries we distribute. If you build Nmap yourself and include OpenSSL, you supply your own preferred version.

License Summary: 4-clause BSD style

License Text Location: [OpenSSL-license.txt](#)

LIBLINEAR Linear Classification Library

Description: LIBLINEAR is used as part of Nmap's machine-learning based IPv6 OS detection system. It's included in the "liblinear" directory in the Nmap source tree.

Software URL: <https://www.csie.ntu.edu.tw/~cjlin/liblinear/>

Version used: 1.7

License Summary: Modified BSD license (3-clause)

License Text Location: [LIBLINEAR-license.txt](#)

Ike-scan Fingerprinting Data

Description: This is a small data file used by an obscure Nmap NSE script named ike-version. The contents were provided to us under a BSD license by the author of a tool named Ike-scan.

Software URL: http://www.nta-monitor.com/wiki/index.php/Ike-scan_program_notes

Version used: Unversioned

License Summary: Simplified (2-clause) BSD license

License Text Location: [BSD-simplified](#)

LibSSH2

Description: This library is used to provide Secure Shell (SSH) communication capability to NSE.

Software URL: <https://www.libssh2.org/>

Version used: 1.8.0

License Summary: Modified BSD license (3-clause)

License Text Location: [libssh2-license.txt](#)

Zlib

Description: Zlib is a data compression library linked by LibSSH2, and may also be linked directly by NSE.

Software URL: <https://zlib.net/>

Version used: 1.2.8

License Summary: Zlib license (allows free commercial use and redistribution)

License Text Location: [zlib-license.txt](#)