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Thread: [What is the difference between port scanners?](#)

N00b_n00b - August 24, 2020, 12:57 am

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Thank you.

Argonaut.exe - August 24, 2020, 1:35 am

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Some scanners are used to be massive scanning, other ones are like small chisel to get more data as possible from a single target.

There is almost always more softwares doing the same stuff in different ways.

Anyway Netcat has a lot of uses which aren't even close to Nmap. I wouldn't consider them similar.

I don't use the other 2 you mentioned cause I built my own multithreading scanner software trough python Nmap and dirbuster

bandors - August 24, 2020, 6:16 am

Just use nmap, you don't need to fuss around with other people's attempts at making one. If someone has a tool, people are going to make different versions. Doesn't mean you should ever use them.