TRYHACKMF - MR ROBOT ROOM

Successfully completed the Mr. Robot CTF on TryHackMe! Here's a step-by-step breakdown of how I did it:

- 1. Enumeration is Key: Started with a comprehensive Nmap scan ("nmap -sC -sV -oA nmap IP") to identify open ports and services running on the target machine. Discovered port 80 for HTTP and port 443 for SSL open, with port 22 for SSH closed.
- 2. Exploring Web Services: Visited the IP address on port 80 and stumbled upon the "robots.txt" file, revealing hidden directories like "fsocity.dic".
- 3. Brute Forcing Directories: Employed Gobuster to brute force directories, uncovering additional hidden paths. Explored "/wp-login" URL, knowing it's a WordPress site.
- 4. WordPress Brute Force: Utilised "fsocity.dic" as a wordlist to brute force the WordPress login, leveraging Elliot's username. Successfully gained access to the WordPress admin panel.
- 5. Exploiting Web Shell: Modified the 404 template in the Appearance/Editor section of WordPress to inject a reverse shell code.
- 6. Establishing a Reverse Shell: Set up an neat listener ("nc -nvlp port") and accessed the modified URL ("IP/404.php") to trigger the reverse shell, gaining initial access to the system.
- 7. Privilege Escalation: Explored the home directory to find the second key but faced permission issues. Cracked hashed passwords, escalating privileges to access restricted files.
- 8. Root Access: Investigated SUID files and GTFOBins, eventually navigating to the root directory to find the final key.

Completing the Mr. Robot CTF was not just about solving challenges but also a journey of learning and applying various techniques in cybersecurity. Thanks to TryHackMe for providing such an immersive experience!

