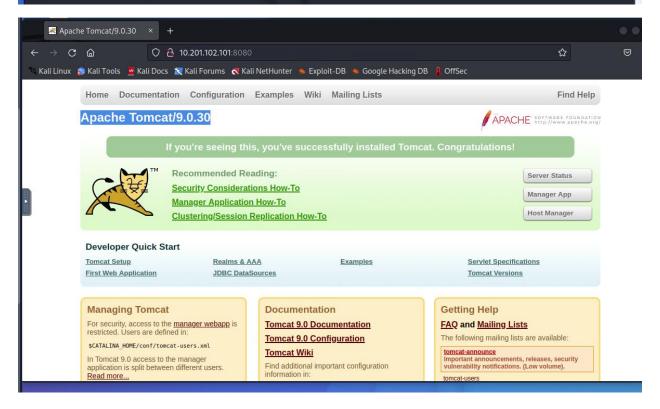
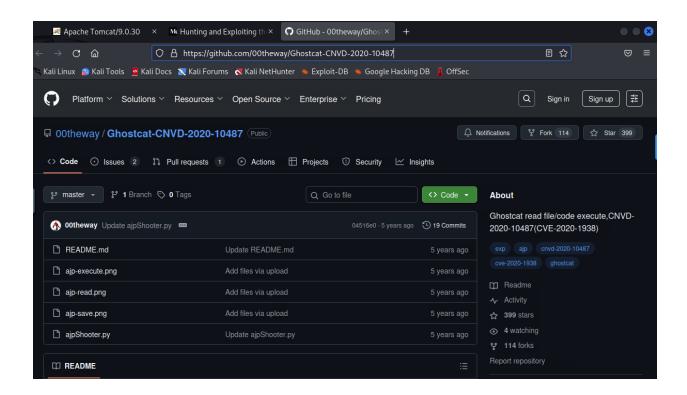
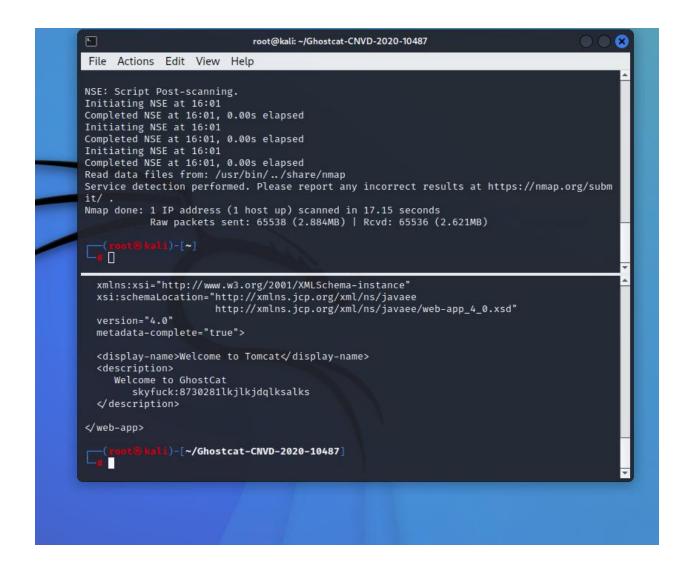
Ghost Cat How to try hack me

```
root@kali: ~
File Actions Edit View Help
   export target=10.201.102.101
nmap -sC -sV -T4 -p- -open $target -v
Starting Nmap 7.93 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-09-17 16:01 UTC
NSE: Loaded 155 scripts for scanning.
NSE: Script Pre-scanning.
Initiating NSE at 16:01
Completed NSE at 16:01, 0.00s elapsed
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Initiating ARP Ping Scan at 16:01
Scanning 10.201.102.101 [1 port]
Completed ARP Ping Scan at 16:01, 0.11s elapsed (1 total hosts)
Initiating Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 16:01
Completed Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 16:01, 0.00s elapsed
Initiating SYN Stealth Scan at 16:01
Scanning ip-10-201-102-101.ec2.internal (10.201.102.101) [65535 ports]
Discovered open port 53/tcp on 10.201.102.101
Discovered open port 22/tcp on 10.201.102.101
Discovered open port 8080/tcp on 10.201.102.101
Discovered open port 8009/tcp on 10.201.102.101
Completed SYN Stealth Scan at 16:01, 4.50s elapsed (65535 total ports)
Initiating Service scan at 16:01
Scanning 4 services on ip-10-201-102-101.ec2.internal (10.201.102.101)
Completed Service scan at 16:01, 6.23s elapsed (4 services on 1 host)
NSE: Script scanning 10.201.102.101.
Initiating NSE at 16:01
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```
PORT
        STATE SERVICE
                         VERSTON
                         OpenSSH 7.2p2 Ubuntu 4ubuntu2.8 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
22/tcp open ssh
 ssh-hostkev:
   2048 f3c89f0b6ac5fe95540be9e3ba93db7c (RSA)
   256 dd1a09f59963a3430d2d90d8e3e11fb9 (ECDSA)
   256 48d1301b386cc653ea3081805d0cf105 (ED25519)
53/tcp open tcpwrapped
8009/tcp open ajp13
                        Apache Jserv (Protocol v1.3)
ajp-methods:
   Supported methods: GET HEAD POST OPTIONS
8080/tcp open http
                      Apache Tomcat 9.0.30
|_http-favicon: Apache Tomcat
http-methods:
   Supported Methods: GET HEAD POST OPTIONS
|_http-title: Apache Tomcat/9.0.30
|_http-open-proxy: Proxy might be redirecting requests
MAC Address: 16:FF:C8:F0:7D:29 (Unknown)
Service Info: OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel
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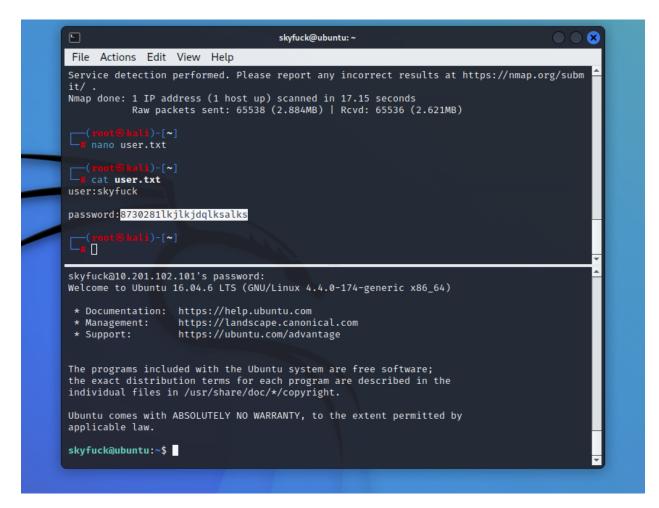




Found user

Skyfuck

And password



Accessed server

```
skyfuck@ubuntu: ~
File Actions Edit View Help
Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/subm
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 17.15 seconds
            Raw packets sent: 65538 (2.884MB) | Rcvd: 65536 (2.621MB)
    (root@kali)-[~]
nano user.txt
    cat user.txt
user:skyfuck
password:<mark>8730281lkjlkjdqlksalks</mark>
The programs included with the Ubuntu system are free software;
the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the
individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright.
Ubuntu comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by
applicable law.
skyfuck@ubuntu:~$ ls
credential.pgp tryhackme.asc
skyfuck@ubuntu:~$ find / -type f -name user.txt 2>/dev/null -find flag
skyfuck@ubuntu:~$ find / -type f -name user.txt 2>/dev/null
/home/merlin/user.txt
skyfuck@ubuntu:~$ cat /home/merlin/user.txt
THM{GhostCat_1s_so_cr4sy}
skyfuck@ubuntu:~$
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Got the first flag

Grabbed both PGP and ASC files, cracked them, got the pass code Alexandru, used the passcode and cracked Merlin's password, and signed into the account.

```
merlin@ubuntu:~$ sudo -l
Matching Defaults entries for merlin on ubuntu:
    env_reset, mail_badpass,
    secure_path=/usr/local/sbin\:/usr/local/bin\:/usr/sbin\:/usr/bin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:/sbin\:
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Got last flag and compromised machine.