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Hack The Box



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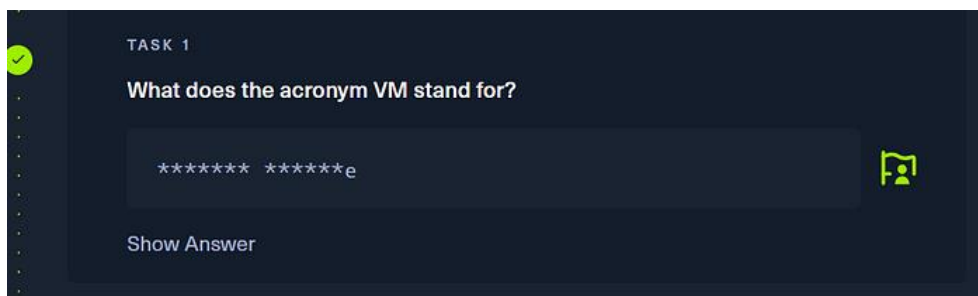
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Task 1:

What does the acronym VM stand for?

Flag: Virtual Machine

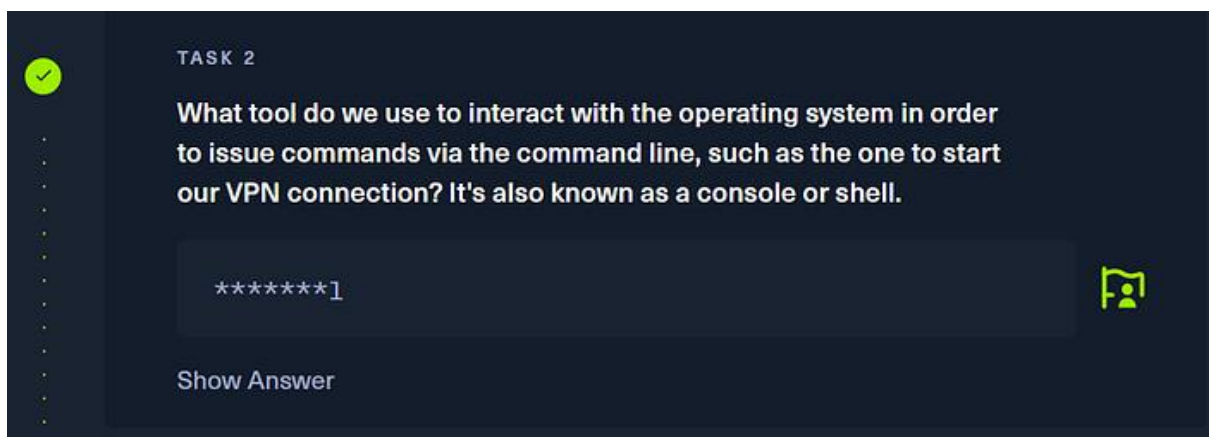


A screenshot of a task interface with a dark blue background. On the left, there is a vertical sidebar with a green checkmark icon at the top and a series of dots below it. The main area contains the text "TASK 1" in white, followed by the question "What does the acronym VM stand for?". Below the question is a text input field with the placeholder text "*****e". To the right of the input field is a green flag icon. At the bottom of the main area is a button labeled "Show Answer".

Task 2:

What tool do we use to interact with the operating system in order to issue commands via the command line, such as the one to start our VPN connection? It's also known as a console or shell.

Flag: terminal

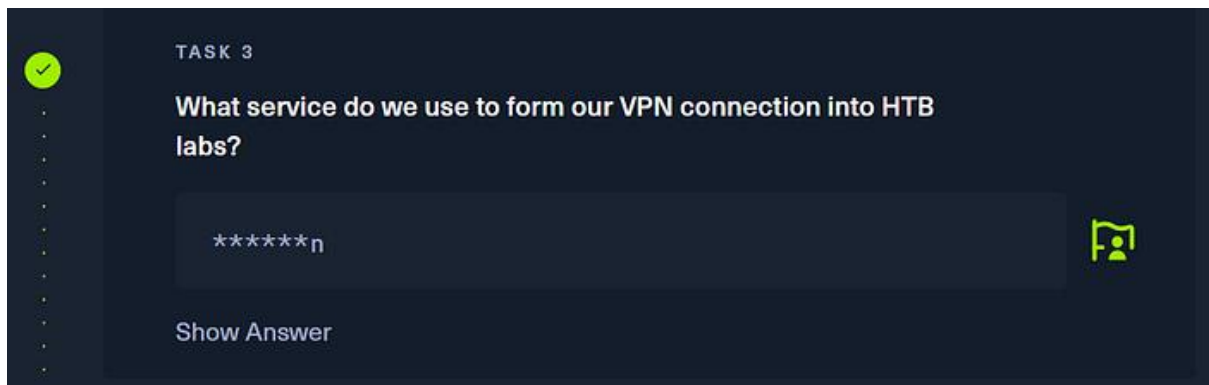


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Task 3:

What service do we use to form our VPN connection into HTB labs?

Flag: openvpn

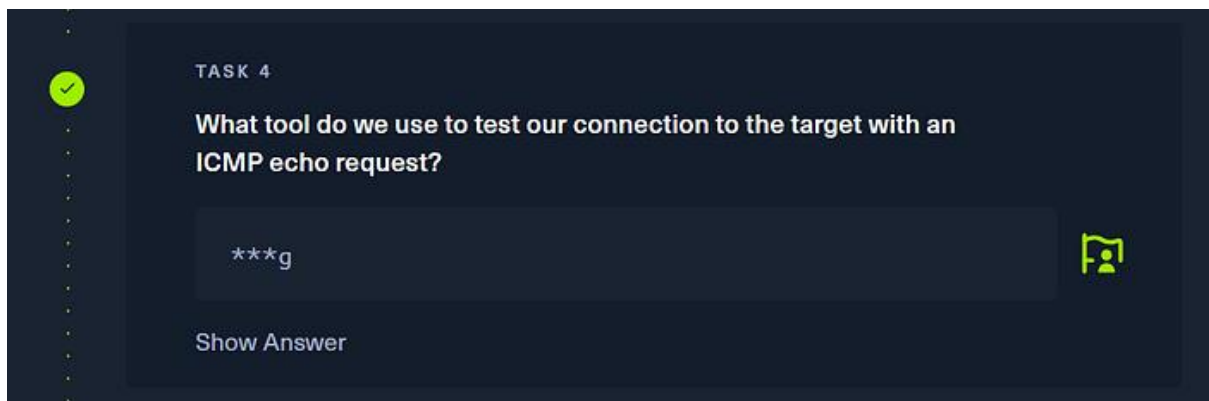


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Task 4:

What tool do we use to test our connection to the target with an ICMP echo request?

Flag: ping

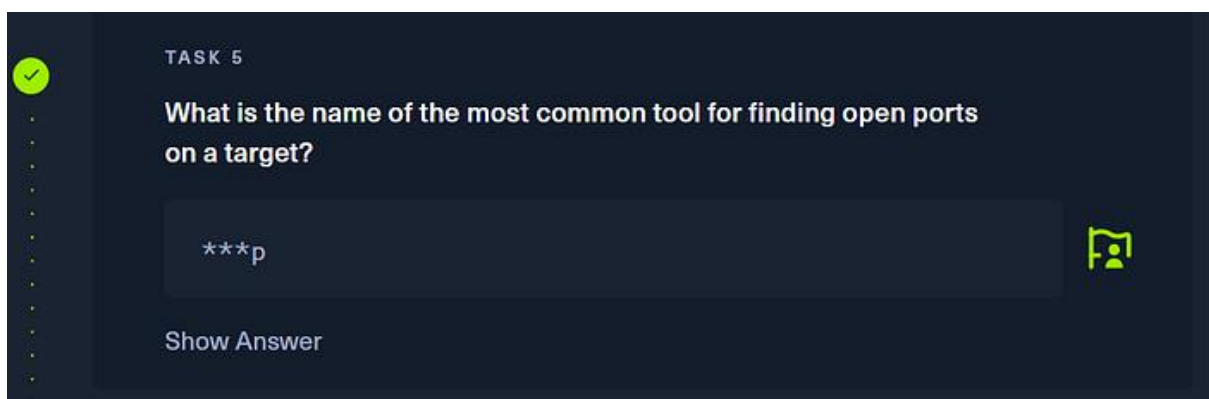


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Task 5:

What is the name of the most common tool for finding open ports on a target?

Flag: nmap

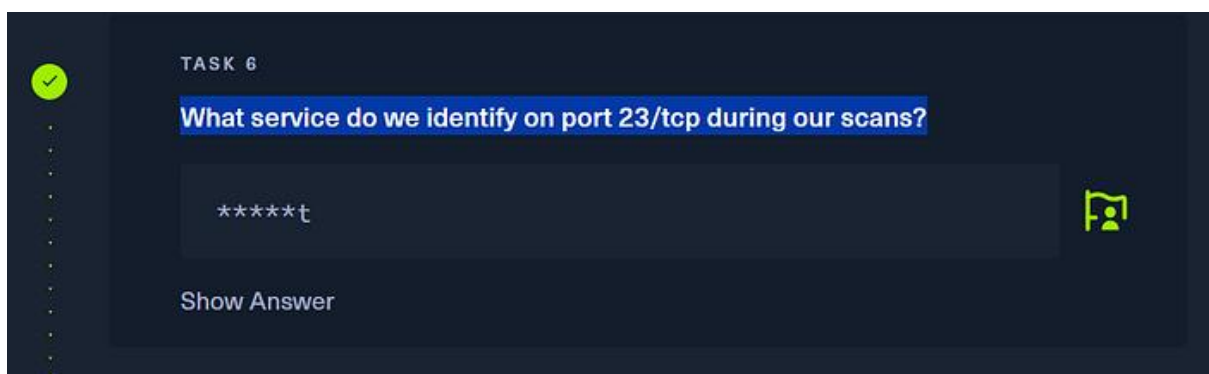


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Task 6:

What service do we identify on port 23/tcp during our scans?

Flag: telnet

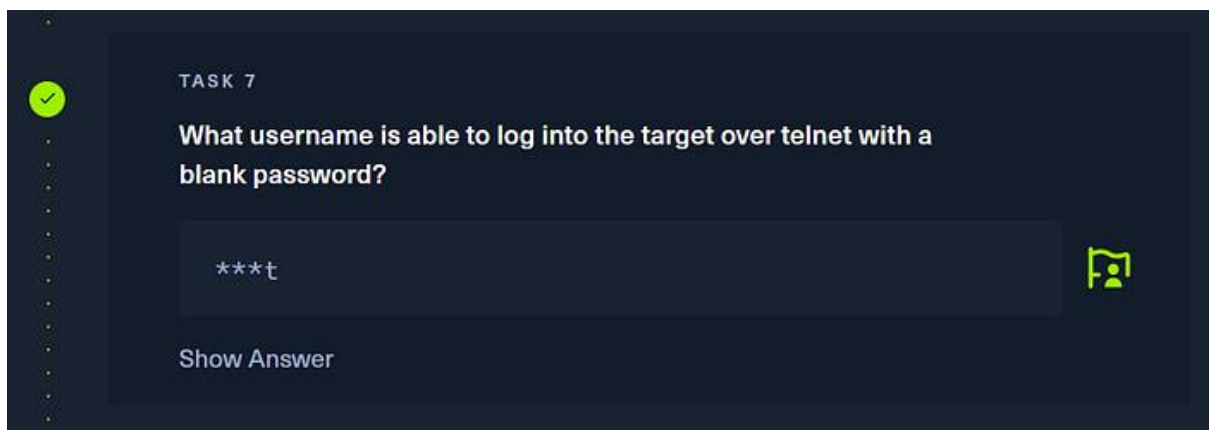


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Task 7:

What username is able to log into the target over telnet with a blank password?

Flag: root



The screenshot shows a dark-themed interface for a task. On the left, there is a vertical sidebar with a green checkmark icon at the top and a series of small dots below it. The main area contains the text "TASK 7" followed by the question "What username is able to log into the target over telnet with a blank password?". Below the question is a text input field containing the text "****t". To the right of the input field is a green flag icon. At the bottom of the main area is a button labeled "Show Answer".

TASK 7

What username is able to log into the target over telnet with a blank password?

****t

Show Answer

Task 8:

Submit root flag

Steps:

1. Run nmap to scan ports

nmap -sC -sV (IP Target)

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(kkarinzzz@kkarinzzz)-[~]
$ nmap -sC -sV 10.129.76.202
Starting Nmap 7.98 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2026-01-12 20:55 +0700
Nmap scan report for 10.129.76.202
Host is up (0.38s latency).
Not shown: 999 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
23/tcp    open  telnet  Linux telnetd
Service Info: OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel

Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 746.94 seconds

(kkarinzzz@kkarinzzz)-[~]
$
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There is an open port 23 (telnet)

2. Connect to telnet
telnet (IP Target)
Log in using root

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(kkarinzzz@kkarinzzz)-[~]
$ telnet 10.129.76.202
Trying 10.129.76.202 ...
Connected to 10.129.76.202.
Escape character is '^]'.
ls

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Meow login: ls
Password:

Login incorrect
Meow login: root
Welcome to Ubuntu 20.04.2 LTS (GNU/Linux 5.4.0-77-generic x86_64)

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

System information as of Mon 12 Jan 2026 02:19:07 PM UTC
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After logging in, just search for the flag

3. Obtain the flag
ls
cat flag.txt

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Last login: Mon Jan 12 13:11:42 UTC 2026 on pts/0
root@Meow:~# ls
flag.txt  snap
root@Meow:~# cat flag.txt
b40abdfе23665f766f9c61ecba8a4c19
root@Meow:~#
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Flag: b40abdfе23665f766f9c61ecba8a4c19