

Lab – CTF Walkthrough for HA: Forensics Flag #2

Overview

In this second lab, you will be tasked with capturing flag #2 for this CTF.

Lab Requirements

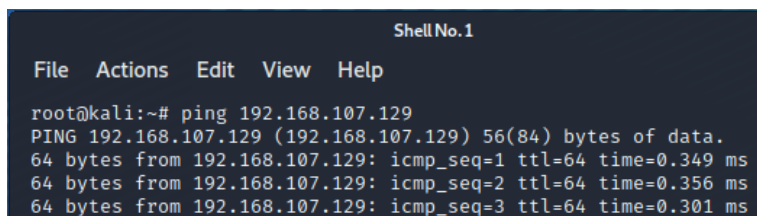
This lab requires the use of VMware Workstation Player. The forensic target was built using VMware, and though it is an OVA file, it will not acquire an IP address using DHCP when imported into VirtualBox.

- Install of [VMware Workstation Player](#)
- Once virtual install of [Kali Linux for VMWare](#).
- The OVA image file for HA: Forensics Target downloaded from [Vulnhub](#)

Begin the Lab!

Let us begin by ensuring we still have network connectivity with our target. I opened a terminal, and at the prompt, I type ping followed by my target machine's IP address.

ping 192.168.107.129



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File Actions Edit View Help
root@kali:~# ping 192.168.107.129
PING 192.168.107.129 (192.168.107.129) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 192.168.107.129: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.349 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.107.129: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.356 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.107.129: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.301 ms
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To stop the ping request, press the Ctrl+C key combination on your keyboard.

Clear your terminal.

We will use **dirb** to search for any text files that might help point us in the right direction.

At the terminal, I have typed the following command. The -X is the extension filter, followed by what extension to look for.

dirb http://192.168.107.129 -X .txt

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Shell No.1
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root@kali:~# dirb http://192.168.107.129 -X .txt

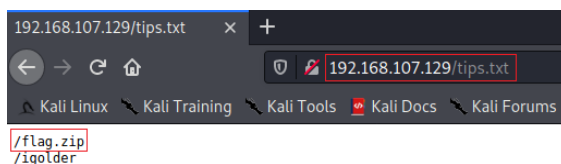
DIRB v2.22
By The Dark Raver

START_TIME: Fri Nov 6 00:20:04 2020
URL_BASE: http://192.168.107.129/
WORDLIST_FILES: /usr/share/dirb/wordlists/common.txt
EXTENSIONS_LIST: (.txt) | (.txt) [NUM = 1]

GENERATED WORDS: 4612

Scanning URL: http://192.168.107.129/
+ http://192.168.107.129/tips.txt (CODE:200|SIZE:19)
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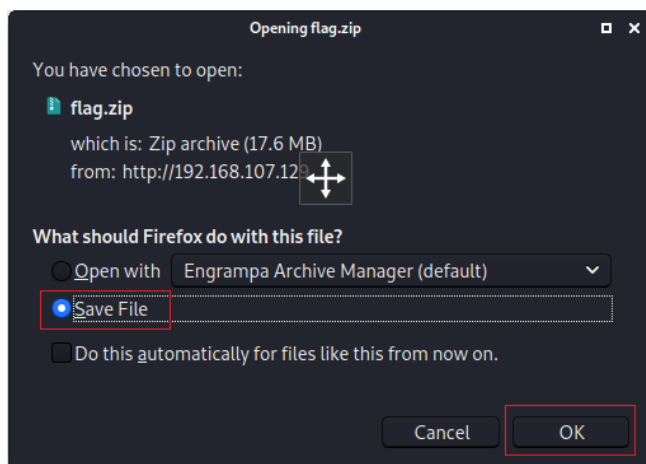
From where the file is located, it appears to be something like a robots.txt file. Let open a browser and browse to the file location. We have a flag.zip file.



We need first to download the zip file. In the address bar, at the prompt, type in the IP address of your target, followed by the name of the file we want to download.

<http://192.168.107.129/flag.zip>

You are given the option to save the file. The file will be saved to your Download directory.



From your browser, open the download location, find the zip file, and attempt to extract the contents. We are prompted for a password.

To decrypt the message, we need the passphrase. To do this, we visit the igolder.com PGP decryption page. <https://www.igolder.com/pgp/decryption/>

In the first box, we copy and paste the key. In the second box, we copy and paste the encrypted message. To view the decrypted message, we tell the program to decrypt the message.

PGP Decryption Tool - iG x +

https://www.igolder.com/pgp/decryption/ 90%

Kali Tools Kali Docs Kali Forums NetHunter Offensive Security Exploit-DB GHDB MSFU

iGolder respects your privacy and does not log nor monitors any activity (decryption) done on this web page.

PGP Private Key (paste your private key - you also need to supply your PGP passphrase to unlock your private key)

PGP-Key Password / Passphrase:

PGP-Encrypted Message (paste the PGP-encrypted message you received)

Decrypt Message

Decrypted Message

In case the forensic investigator forgets his password, this hint can help him, where the password is of 6 characters long, starting 3 characters is the word "for" and the ending 3 characters are numeric

We are given a password hint. The first three characters of the password are the word 'for,' and the three remaining characters are numeric.

We next need to generate a dictionary file that will allow us to crack the password-protected zip file we downloaded earlier.

Open a terminal, and at the prompt, change location over to your Downloads directory.

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cd Downloads
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File Actions Edit View Help
root@kali:~# cd Downloads
root@kali:~/Downloads#
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We can use crunch to create our dictionary file based on the information we learned from the password hint.

At the prompt, type the following command. **crunch 6 6 -t for%%% -o dict.txt**

Press enter.

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File Actions Edit View Help
root@kali:~# cd Downloads
root@kali:~/Downloads# crunch 6 6 -t for%% -o dict.txt
Crunch will now generate the following amount of data: 7000 bytes
0 MB
0 GB
0 TB
0 PB
Crunch will now generate the following number of lines: 1000
crunch: 100% completed generating output
root@kali:~/Downloads#
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The dictionary.txt file was saved to the Downloads folder. We next need to use a zip file password cracking utility called fcrackzip.

If your install of Kali does not have fcrackzip, you can download it using the following command.

apt-get install fcrackzip

If you get a download error stating the package could not be found, ensure you have Internet access, and if that is not the issue, you will need to update your source.list with the correct address for the right repository.

Follow the directions using this information posted on this site.

<https://www.cyberpratikbha.com/blog/add-kali-linux-repository/>

Once you have updated your source.list, you need to perform a kali update and kali upgrade. Once both have been completed, you should now be able to download and install fcrackzip using the following command.

apt-get install fcrackzip

Welcome to open source!

Once we have fcrackzip installed, we can type in fcrackzip -h to view the help menu. This will help you decipher the command options used to crack the password for our glag.zip file.

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Shell No.1
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crunch: 100% completed generating output
root@kali:~/Downloads# fcrackzip -h

fcrackzip version 1.0, a fast/free zip password cracker
written by Marc Lehmann <pcg@goof.com> You can find more info on
http://www.goof.com/pcg/marc/

USAGE: fcrackzip
    [-b|--brute-force]      use brute force algorithm
    [-D|--dictionary]      use a dictionary
    [-B|--benchmark]       execute a small benchmark
    [-c|--charset charset] use characters from charset
    [-h|--help]            show this message
    [--version]            show the version of this program
    [-V|--validate]        sanity-check the algorithms
    [-v|--verbose]         be more verbose
    [-p|--init-password string] use string as initial password/file
    [-l|--length min-max]  check password with length min to n

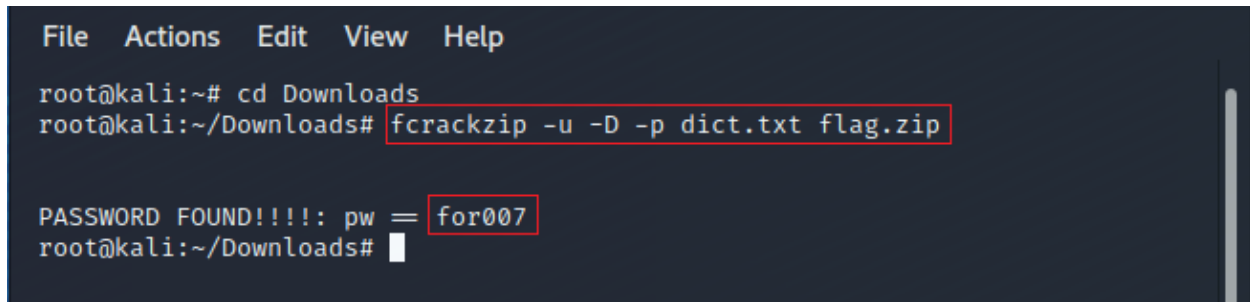
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ds
    [-u|--use-unzip]        use unzip to weed out wrong password
    [-m|--method num]       use method number "num" (see below)
    [-2|--modulo r/n]       only calculate 1/n of the password
    file ...               the zipfiles to crack

methods compiled in (* = default):
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From our terminal prompt, type in the following command.

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fcrackzip -u -D -p dict.txt flag.zip
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We hit enter, and it immediately finds the password, which is for007.

A terminal window with a dark background and light text. The menu bar at the top shows 'File', 'Actions', 'Edit', 'View', and 'Help'. The terminal shows the user 'root' at 'kali' in the '~' directory, navigating to 'Downloads'. The command 'fcrackzip -u -D -p dict.txt flag.zip' is entered and highlighted with a red box. The output shows 'PASSWORD FOUND!!!!: pw = for007', with 'for007' highlighted by a red box. The prompt returns to 'root@kali:~/Downloads#'.

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File  Actions  Edit  View  Help

root@kali:~# cd Downloads
root@kali:~/Downloads# fcrackzip -u -D -p dict.txt flag.zip

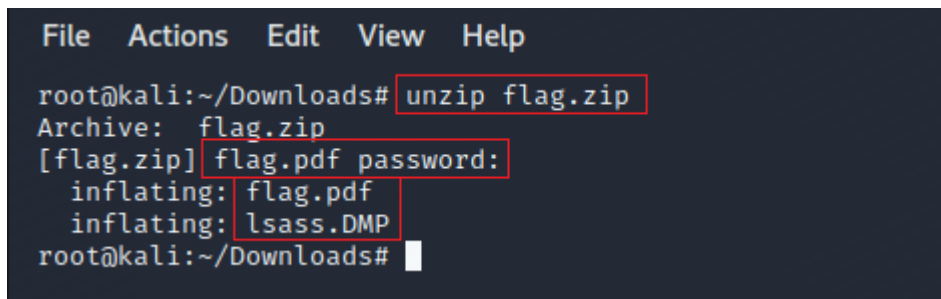
PASSWORD FOUND!!!!: pw = for007
root@kali:~/Downloads#
```

Next, we need to extract the contents of the zip file. To do this at the prompt, type the following command.

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unzip flag.zip
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We are prompted for the password.

We are shown two files. One is the flag.pdf file, and the other is a DMP (dump) file we will come back to later.

A terminal window with a dark background and light text. The menu bar at the top shows 'File', 'Actions', 'Edit', 'View', and 'Help'. The terminal shows the user 'root' at 'kali' in the '~' directory, navigating to 'Downloads'. The command 'unzip flag.zip' is entered and highlighted with a red box. The output shows 'Archive: flag.zip', '[flag.zip] flag.pdf password:', 'inflating: flag.pdf', and 'inflating: lsass.DMP'. The last two lines are highlighted with red boxes. The prompt returns to 'root@kali:~/Downloads#'.

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File  Actions  Edit  View  Help

root@kali:~/Downloads# unzip flag.zip
Archive:  flag.zip
[flag.zip] flag.pdf password:
  inflating: flag.pdf
  inflating: lsass.DMP
root@kali:~/Downloads#
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Use the shortcut on your desktop to visit the Downloads directory. Find the flag.pdf file, and x2 click it. This is your second flag for this CTF challenge.

End of the lab!

You are now ready to move on with capturing flag #3.

