

Labs / Matsudo

Medium

Welcome Matsudo! This CTF challenge will test your skills in network exploration, vulnerability exploitation, password cracking, and privilege escalation. Here are your steps to success:

1. **Start the Machine:** Begin by running the provided virtual machine.
2. **Network Scanning:** Use tools like Nmap to scan the network and identify open ports and services.
3. **Password Cracking:** Look for weak passwords that could be exploited. Remember that in unix, usernames are more than often lowercase.
4. **Privilege Escalation:** Once you have initial access, escalate your privileges to gain root access.
5. **Exploit Outdated Services:** Identify services that are not up to date and exploit their vulnerabilities.

Completing [this course on scanning](#) may also be beneficial for this challenge.

Use your skills and creativity to uncover both flags (in `/home` and `/root` directories). Good luck and have fun!

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if you try to connect to the ssh server

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ssh $ip
```

you will get the username

```
*****
*               Welcome to Charlie's Server               *
* Please note that all activities may be monitored *
*               Use your privileges responsibly             *
*****
ip-10-0-2-25:~$
```

and for link usernames should be lowercase so "charlie"

well nice we found the username we need the password now

running a brute force attack gave us the password and got flag-user.txt

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ip-10-0-2-25:~$ ls
flag-user.txt
ip-10-0-2-25:~$
```

then we need to do privilege escalate

doing `sudo -l` will give us the permissions that we have as charlie user

```
File Actions Edit View Help
ip-10-0-8-213:~$ sudo -l

We trust you have received the usual lecture from the local System
Administrator. It usually boils down to these three things:

    #1) Respect the privacy of others.
    #2) Think before you type.
    #3) With great power comes great responsibility.

Password:
User charlie may run the following commands on ip-10-0-8-213:
    (ALL) sudoedit
ip-10-0-8-213:~$
```

amazing we got access to `sudoedit` which is dangerous to have a non-root user  
so now we can do `sudo sudoedit /root/flag-root.txt` and you will get the root flag :)