BruteMe CTF Machine Walkthrough

Just completed the Brute Me machine — a great challenge focusing on brute-force attacks and initial access via SSH.

🛠️ Tools & Techniques Used:

🔍 Nmap – Scanned open ports and discovered an SSH service (port 22).
🎥 Dirb/Dirbuster – Explored hidden directories and web content for clues.
🔐 Hydra – Used to brute-force SSH login credentials.
🔑 SSH Access – Gained shell access after successful brute-force attack.
📁 Explored the system post-access to locate user and root flags.

💡 Key Takeaway:

Brute-force isn't always the most elegant approach, but knowing when and how to use it can make all the difference in CTFs and real-world pentesting scenarios.