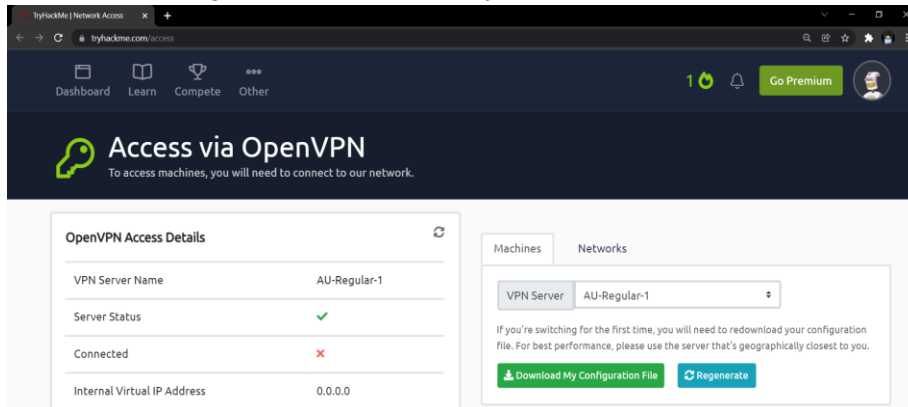


## Penetration of Headless

**Step 1 :** Connect to open vpn using configuration file

- Download configuration file."https://tryhackme.com/access"



- Fire up Kali Terminal.
- Move to the directory in which {filename}.ovpn is Downloaded.
- Use cmd ~ `sudo openvpn Filename.ovpn`

```
kali@kali: ~/Downloads
File Actions Edit View Help
(kali@kali)~-[~]
$ cd Downloads
(kali@kali)~-[~/Downloads]
$ ls
00hitmen3-mobileMasterAt3x.jpg
Anonymous-master
Anonymous-master.zip
app_backdoored.apk
Buguyau.ovpn
BuguyAU.ovpn
BuguyEU1.ovpn
BuguyEU3.ovpn
Buguy.ovpn
BuguyUSEast1.ovpn
BuguyUSwest.ovpn
cacert.der
'Google Camera_v6.2.031.259661660_apkpure.com.apk'
merlin_109918981_60366ed2-5947-495f-83da-eea5ec6817f0-articleLarge.webp
Nessus-0.15.1-dubious0_sandbox.deb
YouTube_Vanced.apk
(kali@kali)~-[~/Downloads]
$ sudo openvpn Buguyau.ovpn
[sudo] password for kali:
2022-01-13 02:57:33 WARNING: Compression for receiving enabled. Compression has been used in the
past to break encryption. Sent packets are not compressed unless "allow-compression yes" is
also set.
2022-01-13 02:57:33 DEPRECATED OPTION: --cipher set to 'AES-256-CBC' but missing in --data-cip
hers (AES-256-GCM:AES-128-GCM). Future OpenVPN version will ignore --cipher for cipher negotia
tions. Add 'AES-256-CBC' to --data-ciphers or change --cipher 'AES-256-CBC' to --data-ciphers-
fallback 'AES-256-CBC' to silence this warning.
```

- The Openvpn is connected successfully.

**Step 2 :** Start enumerating machines by simple nmap scan considering all Ports.

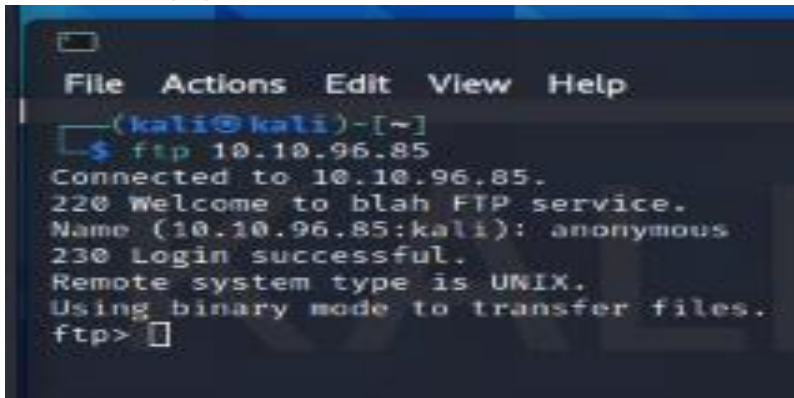
- Use cmd ~ `nmap{ip address}`

```
(kali@kali)~-[~]
$ nmap 10.10.96.85
Starting Nmap 7.91 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2022-01-13 03:01 EST
Nmap scan report for 10.10.96.85
Host is up (0.44s latency).
Not shown: 996 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE
21/tcp    open  ftp
80/tcp    open  http
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn
445/tcp   open  microsoft-ds

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 67.89 seconds
```

**Step 3 :** Since we can see from the nmap scan that the Ftp server allows anonymous login we can try to search for some files.

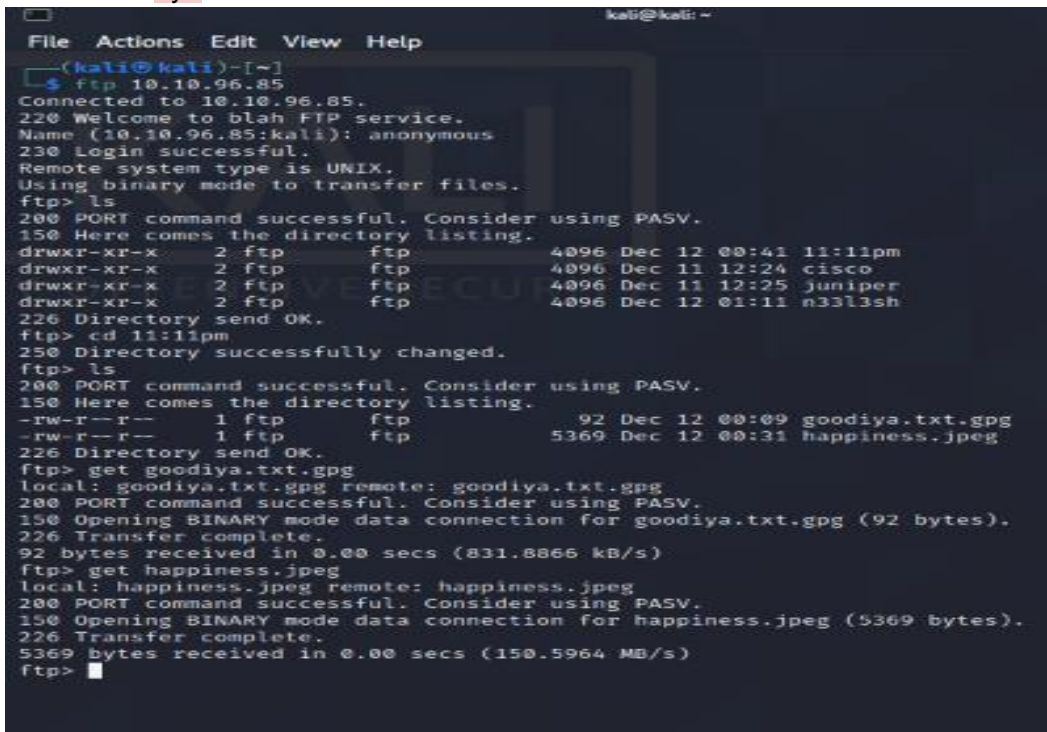
- Use cmd ~ `ftp{ipaddress}`



```
(kali@kali)-[~]
$ ftp 10.10.96.85
Connected to 10.10.96.85.
220 Welcome to blah FTP service.
Name (10.10.96.85:kali): anonymous
230 Login successful.
Remote system type is UNIX.
Using binary mode to transfer files.
ftp>
```

**Step 4 :** Remote login successful

- Use cmd ~ `ls` to print current working directory
- Use cmd ~ `ls -la` to print hidden directory
- Use cmd ~ `get{filename.extension}` to download files
- Use cmd ~ `bye` to end session



```
(kali@kali)-[~]
$ ftp 10.10.96.85
Connected to 10.10.96.85.
220 Welcome to blah FTP service.
Name (10.10.96.85:kali): anonymous
230 Login successful.
Remote system type is UNIX.
Using binary mode to transfer files.
ftp> ls
200 PORT command successful. Consider using PASV.
150 Here comes the directory listing.
drwxr-xr-x  2 ftp      ftp      4096 Dec 12 00:41 11:11pm
drwxr-xr-x  2 ftp      ftp      4096 Dec 11 12:24 cisco
drwxr-xr-x  2 ftp      ftp      4096 Dec 11 12:25 juniper
drwxr-xr-x  2 ftp      ftp      4096 Dec 12 01:11 n33l3sh
226 Directory send OK.
ftp> cd 11:11pm
250 Directory successfully changed.
ftp> ls
200 PORT command successful. Consider using PASV.
150 Here comes the directory listing.
-rw-r--r--  1 ftp      ftp      92 Dec 12 00:09 goodiya.txt.gpg
-rw-r--r--  1 ftp      ftp     5369 Dec 12 00:31 happiness.jpeg
226 Directory send OK.
ftp> get goodiya.txt.gpg
local: goodiya.txt.gpg remote: goodiya.txt.gpg
200 PORT command successful. Consider using PASV.
150 Opening BINARY mode data connection for goodiya.txt.gpg (92 bytes).
226 Transfer complete.
92 bytes received in 0.00 secs (831.8866 kB/s)
ftp> get happiness.jpeg
local: happiness.jpeg remote: happiness.jpeg
200 PORT command successful. Consider using PASV.
150 Opening BINARY mode data connection for happiness.jpeg (5369 bytes).
226 Transfer complete.
5369 bytes received in 0.00 secs (150.5964 MB/s)
ftp>
```

**Step 5 :** Exploring the hidden files.

- Readme.txt

```

kali@kali: ~
File Actions Edit View Help

(kali@kali)~$ ls
DbYgNlhb.html  goodiya.txt.gpg  project2  Templates
Desktop        happiness.jpeg   Public   TheFatRat
Documents      headless_nmap.txt  README.txt  tools
Downloads      Music            shell.txt  UPcylvX.jpeg
DplcxFKG.jpeg  Pictures         sources.list  Videos
Evil-Droid     project1         sources.list.save

(kali@kali)~$ cat README.txt
// h3atwav3s//
??? : I just wonder what you're dreaming of
When you sleep and smile so comfortable
I just wish that i could give you that
That look that's perfectly un-sad.

goodiya: wait.. i think I knew this song!, what you want to describe ...

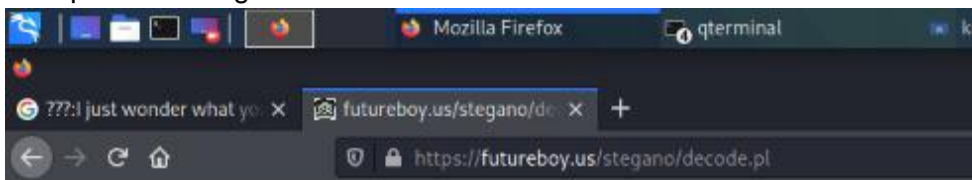
??? : I have a some hidden message in this.. for you,

```

- Searched for the text on Google



- Uploaded Happiness.jpeg steganography tool-<https://futureboy.us/stegano/decinput.html>
- Passphrase tried glass animals / heatwaves/ h3at wav3s = h3at wav3s



MEZTG6JTMZ2TU5TZMJUXE3DCNA=====

- Got the String

**Step 6 :** check it on cyberchef

- A function called "Magic" - "The Magic operation attempts to detect various properties of the input data and suggests which operations could help to make more sense of it."

The screenshot shows the CyberChef web application. The 'Recipe' panel on the left has the 'Magic' operation selected. The 'Input' field contains the string 'MEZTG6JTMZ2TU5TZNJUXE3DCNA====='. The 'Output' panel on the right displays a table with two rows of results.

Recipe (click to load)	Result snippet	Properties
From_Base32('A-Z2-7=',false)	a33y3fu:vybiribh	Matching ops: From Hexdump Valid UTF8 Entropy: 3.45
	MEZTG6JTMZ2TU5TZNJUXE3DCNA=====	Matching ops: Decode NetBIOS Name, From Base32, From Base64 Valid UTF8 Entropy: 3.78

- The Base32 string looked like a rot algorithm(Rotation cipher) because I had come across a directory called : "n33l3sh" - "a33y3fu"
- Rot13 Decoding - n33l3sh:{PASSWORD} .

The screenshot shows the CyberChef web application with the 'ROT13' operation selected in the 'Recipe' panel. The 'Input' field contains the string 'MEZTG6JTMZ2TU5TZNJUXE3DCNA====='. The 'Output' panel on the right shows the result 'n33l3sh:iloveyou'.

**Recipe Configuration:**

- From Base32
  - Alphabet: A-Z2-7=
  - ☒ Remove non-alphabet chars
- ROT13
  - ☒ Rotate lower case chars
  - ☒ Rotate upper case chars
  - ☐ Rotate numbers
  - Amount: 13

**Step 7 :** Trying to Login in via SSH using the port 5522.

- `ssh n33l3sh@[ipaddress] -p 5522`



```
n33l3sh@Centos:~  
File Actions Edit View Help  
(kali@kali)~  
$ nmap -sV -p 5522 10.10.77.147  
Starting Nmap 7.91 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2022-01-13 05:18 EST  
Nmap scan report for 10.10.77.147  
Host is up (0.48s latency).  
  
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION  
5522/tcp  open  ssh      OpenSSH 6.6.1p1 Ubuntu 2ubuntu2.13 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)  
Service Info: OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel  
  
Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .  
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 2.39 seconds  
  
(kali@kali)~  
$ ssh n33l3sh@10.10.77.147 -p 5522  
The authenticity of host '[10.10.77.147]:5522 ([10.10.77.147]:5522)' can't be established.  
ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:7RNS3pI8Plke3qtlZXtdsQBusXrvYg7V88eN7U4GJk.  
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes  
Warning: Permanently added '[10.10.77.147]:5522' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.  
The Quieter you are, the More you hear!!  
n33l3sh@10.10.77.147's password:  
Welcome to Ubuntu 14.04 LTS (GNU/Linux 3.13.0-24-generic x86_64)  
  
 * Documentation:  https://help.ubuntu.com/  
The Quieter you are, the More you can hear  
Last login: Sun Dec 12 02:46:03 2021  
n33l3sh@Centos:~$ ls  
n33l3sh@Centos:~$ ls -la  
total 36  
drwxr-xr-x 4 n33l3sh n33l3sh 4096 Dec 12 02:56 .  
drwxr-xr-x 4 root    root    4096 Dec 11 23:57 ..  
lrwxrwxrwx 1 n33l3sh n33l3sh   9 Dec 12 02:56 .bash_history -> /dev/null  
-rw-r--r-- 1 n33l3sh n33l3sh  220 Dec  8 05:07 .bash_logout  
-rw-r--r-- 1 n33l3sh n33l3sh 3637 Dec  8 05:07 .bashrc  
drwx----- 2 n33l3sh n33l3sh 4096 Dec  8 06:49 .cache  
-rw----- 1 root    root     46 Dec 11 23:56 .flag.txt  
drwx----- 2 n33l3sh n33l3sh 4096 Dec 12 00:06 .gnupg  
-rwxrwxrwx 1 root    root     64 Dec 12 02:51 .home.sh  
-rw-r--r-- 1 n33l3sh n33l3sh  675 Dec  8 05:07 .profile  
n33l3sh@Centos:~$
```

- Finally got the Flag file - '.flag.txt'
- After trying to cat.flag.txt

```
From Base32, ROT13 - C... qterminal  
File Actions Edit View Help  
-rw----- 1 root    root     46 Dec 11 23:56 .flag.txt  
drwx----- 2 n33l3sh n33l3sh 4096 Dec 12 00:06 .gnupg  
-rwxrwxrwx 1 root    root     64 Dec 12 02:51 .home.sh  
-rw-r--r-- 1 n33l3sh n33l3sh  675 Dec  8 05:07 .profile  
n33l3sh@Centos:~$ sudo whoami  
sudo: unable to resolve host Centos  
[sudo] password for n33l3sh:  
Sorry, try again.  
[sudo] password for n33l3sh:  
root  
n33l3sh@Centos:~$ ls -la  
total 36  
drwxr-xr-x 4 n33l3sh n33l3sh 4096 Dec 12 02:56 .  
drwxr-xr-x 4 root    root    4096 Dec 11 23:57 ..  
lrwxrwxrwx 1 n33l3sh n33l3sh   9 Dec 12 02:56 .bash_history -> /dev/null  
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-rwxrwxrwx 1 root    root     64 Dec 12 02:51 .home.sh  
-rw-r--r-- 1 n33l3sh n33l3sh  675 Dec  8 05:07 .profile  
n33l3sh@Centos:~$ sudo cat.flag.txt  
sudo: unable to resolve host Centos  
sudo: cat.flag.txt: command not found  
n33l3sh@Centos:~$ sudo cat .flag.txt  
sudo: unable to resolve host Centos  
RWB{s0_much_d3p3nds_up0n_th3-Red-WheelBarrow}  
n33l3sh@Centos:~$
```

- Got the flag.

Task 1 ○ Deploy the Machine

Heatwaves ▶ Start Machine

*Answer the questions below*

What is flag.txt?

Submit

- Submit the flag.

10.4.39.24 10:10 1110 0101\_01

**Headless!**  
This room is beginner friendly. Enumeration is the key!

Start AttackBox Help

bit Chart Scoreboard Discuss Writeups Info

Difficulty: Easy

**Congratulations**  
You've completed the room!

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