

CLOUD SEK

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Capture The Flag Report

Start Date: Feb 14th, 2022 End Date: Feb 15th, 2022

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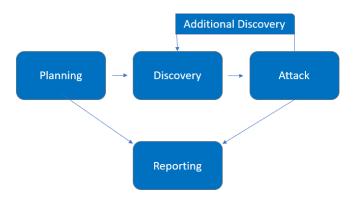
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Assessment Overview

From Feb 14th, 2022 to Feb 15th, 2022, I was engaged to find CTF flags and other vulnerabilities that included an external penetration test. All testing performed is based on the NIST *SP* 800-115 Technical Guide to Information Security Testing and Assessment, *OWASP Testing Guide* (v4).

Phases of penetration testing activities include the following:

- Planning Customer goals are gathered and rules of engagement obtained.
- Discovery Perform scanning and enumeration to identify potential vulnerabilities, weak areas, and exploits.
- Attack Confirm potential vulnerabilities through exploitation and perform additional discovery upon new access.
- Reporting Document all found vulnerabilities and exploits, failed attempts, and company strengths and weaknesses.



Scope

Assessment	Details
Penetration Test	13.235.95.179/24

Per client request, I did not perform any Denial of Service, brute force attacks on the CTF server.

Executive Summary

I was assigned to evaluate security posture and find flags on the given scope by CloudSEK by engaging in a 1-day penetration test that was conducted on 5pm Feb 14th, 2022 - 6pm Feb 15th, 2022. The goal of the "pentest" is to act as a threat-actor by performing cyber-attacks against CTF server. This will serve to discover any present vulnerabilities that could result in a breach and be leveraged to access sensitive data by a real-world attacker. All issues discovered are achieved and verified through network evaluation, system vulnerability scanning and assessment, and both automated and manual exploitation (where applicable) of found vulnerabilities.

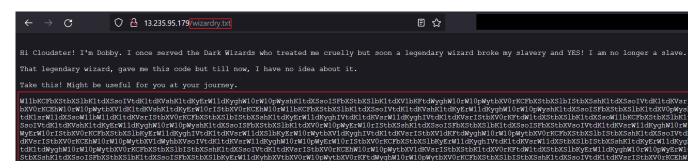
Attack Summary

Step	Action
1	After reaching the gateway, a path to wizardry.txt is found and a cryptic message is shown.
2	After decoding it with base64, an esoteric programming language text was the result which was JSFuck. After executing esoteric text, an alert popped up with a page name "id3nt1ty_card.php"
3	After reaching http://13.235.95.179/id3nt1ty_card.php there was a lot of emphasis on ID. After trying with the ID parameter till "4", a clue was given to go to 212.
4	Meanwhile started a simple nmap enumeration scan revealed an open port: 5000 http://13.235.95.179:5000
5	Upon visiting http://13.235.95.179/id3nt1ty card.php?id=212 two peculiar variables are found (x,y) one of them is hex value and the other is a link to password protected ControlC pate bin. When the source is viewed of the same page, we also find a hidden php code card image explaining about the possible password combinations for controlC.

Findings

1. Wizardry.txt

Url: http://13.235.95.179/wizardry.txt



- "cloudster" maybe the username for the getaway to Realm of Magic
- After decoding the above text with base64, we get:

- Which is a JSFuck text, after executing it with https://isfuck.com
- An alert with an identity card page is shown:



2. Nmap Enumeration

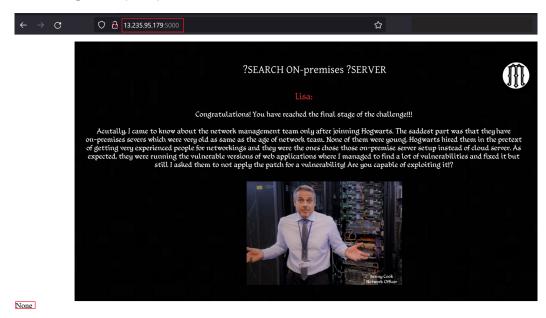
Url: http://13.235.95.179:5000

After doing a simple nmap scan, we find an interesting open port: 5000

nmap 13.235.95.179 -T4 -A -v -oA nmap

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PORT
        STATE SERVICE VERSION
                       OpenSSH 7.4 (protocol 2.0)
22/tcp
        open ssh
 ssh-hostkey:
    2048 9c:03:63:af:46:f9:d6:4c:a5:77:66:00:3c:8f:be:34 (RSA)
   256 2f:55:13:0e:bc:07:8e:d2:bd:a0:33:a2:d7:fd:f0:74 (ECDSA)
    256 54:f0:01:7b:98:04:9f:2b:e5:e1:89:81:a9:51:13:96 (ED25519)
                       Apache httpd 2.4.52 (() PHP/7.2.34)
80/tcp
        open http
 http-methods:
   Supported Methods: OPTIONS HEAD GET POST TRACE
    Potentially risky methods: TRACE
 http-title: Hogwarts Staff Recruitment - Cyber
 http-server-header: Apache/2.4.52 () PHP/7.2.34
5000/tcp open http Werkzeug httpd 2.0.3 (Python 3.7.10)
 http-title: ?SEARCH ON-premises ?SERVER
 http-methods:
    Supported Methods: GET OPTIONS HEAD
 http-server-header: Werkzeug/2.0.3 Python/3.7.10
```

- The scan also gives it's running Werkzeug 2.0.3
- After visiting the open port:



And some peculiar text "None". Not sure if it has any significance.

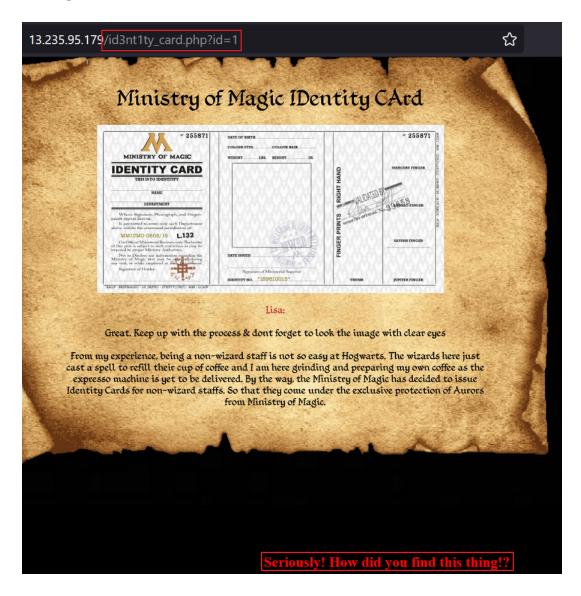
3. Fuzzing with ID parameter in id3nt1ty_card.php

Url: http://13.235.95.179/id3nt1ty_card.php?id=*

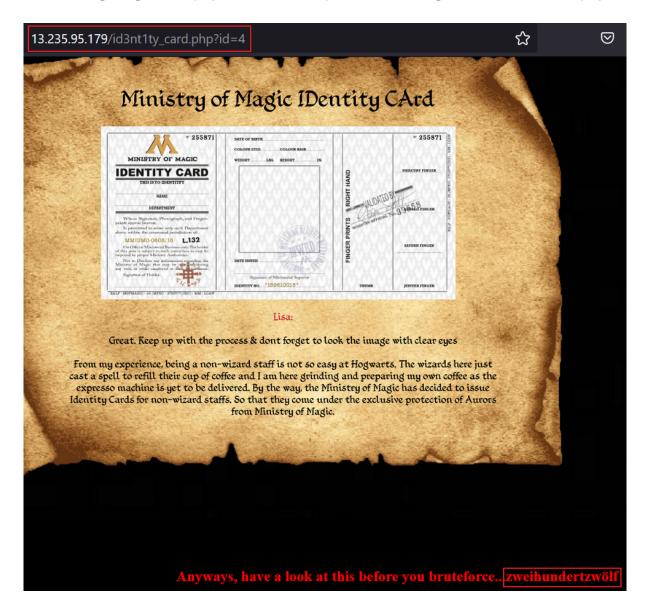
Affected Parameters: id [GET]

Payload: id=1

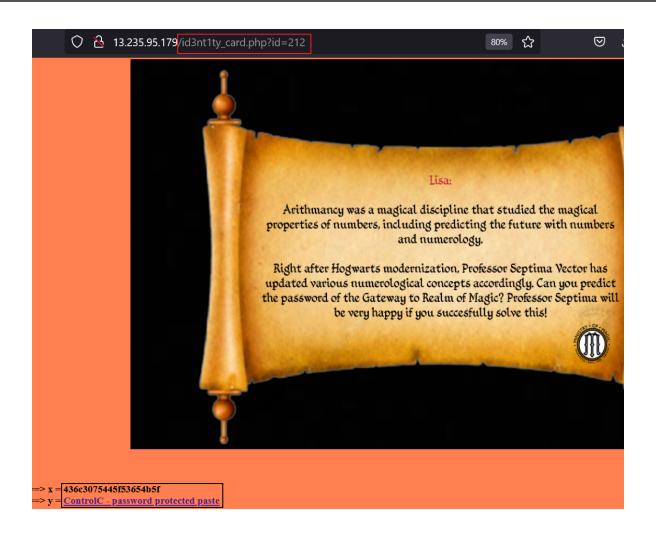
• When the payload "id=1" inserted, we get something interesting, hinting that we're on the right track.



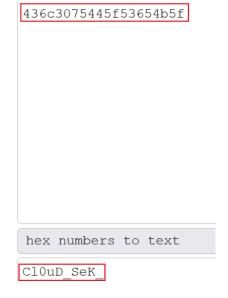
After giving 2,3 as payloads in the id parameter, we get a clue on "id=4" payload.



- After translating the text "zweihundertzwölf" from German to English, we get: two hundred twelve
- After putting the value "212" in the id parameter, we see a scroll and two variables: x and y, assigned with a hex and a link to controlC paste bin respectively.



Converting the hex to text gives us a half password to gateway: ClOuD_SeK_



• When looked at source code, we see a hidden image tag with this image:

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/*Analyze the code & predict the passsword to ControlC Paste within the range of numbers at condition*/
</php

if(array_key_exists("passphrase", $_REQUEST)){

if(strstr($_REQUEST["passphrase"], "carbonblack") & ($_REQUEST["passphrase"] > 22) & ($_REQUEST["passphrase"] < 55)){

alert("The password to pastebin: <HIDDEN>");

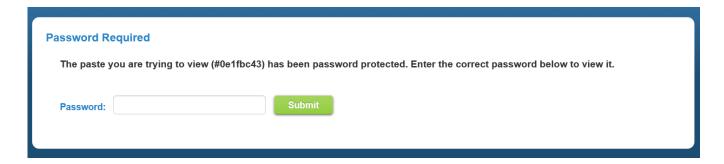
}

else{

echo "<br/>br>Try again!<br/>;
}

?>
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 Hinting that the password of ContolC can be predicted when this piece of php code is understood.



 When the php code is analysed, we can understand that password is submitted with "passphrase" parameter through either GET or POST request and must contain the word "carbonblack" and the password length should be greater than 22 but less than 55.



Thank You!

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