

PSP0201

Week 5

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Day 16 (Scripting): Where's Santa?

Tools used: Terminal, AttackBox, Nmap, nano, FireFox, Python3

Solution/walkthrough:

Question 1

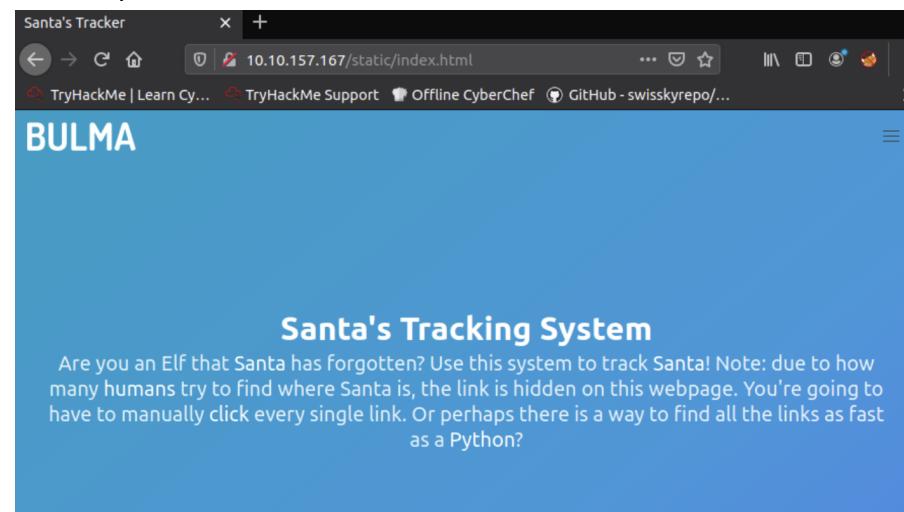
Scan the machine IP address using `nmap MACHINE_IP` and we will see the web is running on port 80.

```
root@ip-10-10-13-118:~# nmap 10.10.49.145

Starting Nmap 7.60 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2022-07-08 09:40 BST
Nmap scan report for ip-10-10-49-145.eu-west-1.compute.internal (10.10.49.145)
Host is up (0.0014s latency).
Not shown: 998 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE
22/tcp    open  ssh
80/tcp    open  http
MAC Address: 02:9A:3D:A2:88:9B (Unknown)
```

Question 2

The template used is 'BULMA'



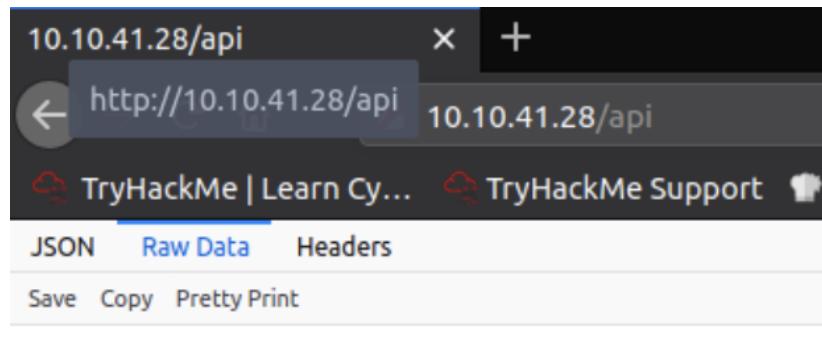
Question 3

Through the webpage given, view the page source and we will find the api directory.

```
<li><a href="#">Labore et dolore magna aliqua</a></li>
<li><a href="#">Kanban airis sum eschelor</a></li>
<li><a href="http://machine_ip/api/api_key">Modular modern free</a></li>
<li><a href="#">The king of clubs</a></li>
<li><a href="#">The Discovery Dissipation</a></li>
<li><a href="#">Course Correction</a></li>
<li><a href="#">Better Angels</a></li>
```

Question 4

Below is the raw data from the API endpoint without any parameter.



The screenshot shows a browser window with the URL `http://10.10.41.28/api`. The page content is a JSON object: `{"detail": "Not Found"}`.

JSON	Raw Data	Headers
Save	Copy	Pretty Print

Question 5

From here, we could also see that the Santa is at Winter Wonderland, Hyde Park, London.

```
["item_id":51,"q":"Error. Key not valid!"]
API Key:53
["item_id":53,"q":"Error. Key not valid!"]
API Key:55
["item_id":55,"q":"Error. Key not valid!"]
API Key:57
["item_id":57,"q":"Winter Wonderland, Hyde Park, London."]
API Key:59
["item_id":59,"q":"Error. Key not valid!"]
API Key:61
["item_id":61,"q":"Error. Key not valid!"]
```

Question 6

Create a python script using the command below.

```
root@ip-10-10-13-118:~# nano key.py
```

Follow the code below to obtain the correct api key. Then, save it.

```
GNU nano 2.9.3                               key.py                                Modified
import requests
target_ip = '10.10.49.145' #machine_ip
for api_key in range(1,100,2):
    print(f'API Key:{api_key}')
    response = requests.get(f'http://[{target_ip}]/api/{api_key}')
    print(response.text)
```

Run the script.

```
root@ip-10-10-13-118:~# python3 key.py
API Key:1
{"item_id":1,"q":"Error. Key not valid!"}
API Key:3
{"item_id":3,"q":"Error. Key not valid!"}
API Key:5
{"item_id":5,"q":"Error. Key not valid!"}
API Key:7
```

Scroll down and we will see the correct api key (57).

```
{"item_id":51,"q":"Error. Key not valid!"}
API Key:53
{"item_id":53,"q":"Error. Key not valid!"}
API Key:55
{"item_id":55,"q":"Error. Key not valid!"}
API Key:57
{"item_id":57,"q":"Winter Wonderland, Hyde Park, London."}
API Key:59
{"item_id":59,"q":"Error. Key not valid!"}
API Key:61
{"item_id":61,"q":"Error. Key not valid!"}
```

Thought process / methodology :

Firstly, we did a port scan to see which port the web is running on, (it is running on port 80). Secondly, from the web, we could see that the template used is 'BULMA'. To find the API directory, we will need to view the page source of the web. From there we will see the directory is /api/. Next, we went to the API endpoint to see the raw data returned if no parameters were entered ({"detail": "Not Found"}). Lastly, to find the correct API key, we created a Python script with the code given above. Then, run the Python script and we will find the API key (57) and Santa's location (Winter Wonderland, Hyde Park, London).

Day 17: Reverse Engineering - ReverseELFneering

Tools Used: THM Attackbox, Terminal, Nmap, Radare2

Solution/Walkthrough:

Question 1

Based on THM notes, we can match the data type with the size in bytes.

Initial Data Type	Suffix	Size (bytes)
Byte	b	1
Word	w	2
Double Word	l	4
Quad	q	8
Single Precision	s	4
Double Precision	l	8

Question 2

Based on THM notes, the command to analyze the program in radare2 is “aa”.

This will open the binary in debugging mode. Once the binary is open, one of the first things to do is ask r2 to analyze the program, and this can be done by typing in: aa

Question 3

Based on THM notes, the command to set a breakpoint in radare2 is “db”.

A **breakpoint** specifies where the program should stop executing. This is useful as it allows us to look at the state of the program at that particular point. So let's set a breakpoint using the command db in this case, it would be db 0x00400b55 To ensure the breakpoint is set, we

Question 4

Based on THM notes, the command to execute the program until we hit a breakpoint is “dc”.

Running dc will execute the program until we hit the breakpoint. Once we hit the breakpoint and print out the main function, the rip which is the current instruction shows where

Question 5, 6, 7

Deploy the attack box and using the terminal, type out the command “ssh elfmceager@10.10.237.67” and key in the password given, “adventofcyber”.

```
root@ip-10-10-46-89:~# ssh elfmceager@10.10.237.67
The authenticity of host '10.10.237.67 (10.10.237.67)' can't be established.
ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:XrBuXSQs0wRKhvVRDrSfE/0F5ccAZQiXAhMhzB1dV7U.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? yes
Warning: Permanently added '10.10.237.67' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.
elfmceager@10.10.237.67's password:
```

Next, using radare2 to analyze the “challenge1” file, type out the command “r2 -d ./challenge1”. Then, type out “aa”.

```
elfmceager@tbfc-day-17:~$ r2 -d ./challenge1
Process with PID 1642 started...
= attach 1642 1642
bin.baddr 0x00400000
Using 0x400000
Warning: Cannot initialize dynamic strings
asm.bits 64
[0x00400a30]> aa
```

After the command is finished analyzing, type out the command “pdf @main” to examine the assembly code at main. There we can see three variables that are used to answer Question 5, 6 and 7.

For Question 5, we can see that the value of local_ch is “1”. Next, for Question 6, the value of eax when the imull is called is received by multiplying 1 with 6 to get the value “6”. Lastly, for Question 7, the value of local_4h before eax is set to 0 is “6”.

```
[0x00400a30]> pdf @main
    ;-- main:
// (Fcn) sym.main 35
sym.main () {
    ; var int local_ch @ rbp-0xc
    ; var int local_8h @ rbp-0x8
    ; var int local_4h @ rbp-0x4
        ; DATA XREF from 0x00400a4d (entry0)
0x00400b4d    55          push rbp
0x00400b4e    4889e5      mov rbp, rsp
0x00400b51    c745f4010000. mov dword [local_ch], 1
0x00400b58    c745f8060000. mov dword [local_8h], 6
0x00400b5f    b845f4      mov eax, dword [local_ch]
0x00400b62    0faf45f8    imul eax, dword [local_8h]
0x00400b66    8945fc      mov dword [local_4h], eax
0x00400b69    b800000000    mov eax, 0
0x00400b6e    5d          pop rbp
0x00400b6f    c3          ret
```

Thought Process/Methodology:

For Question 1, 2, 3 and 4, we refer to THM notes given to answer the question. Next for Question 5, 6 and 7, we first deploy THM Attackbox and use the information given to log on to our Instance. Then, we use the radare2 command by typing out “r2 -d ./challenge1” and then, “aa” to start analyzing the file. Then, to examine the assembly code at main, we type out the command “pdf @main” and received three variables that can be used to answer Question 5, 6 and 7. In the assembly code, line 3, we get the value of local_ch, which is “1”. Then, we get the value of eax where we multiply 1 with 6 by referring to line 6 in the assembly code. Lastly, the value of local_4h can be received by referring to line 7.

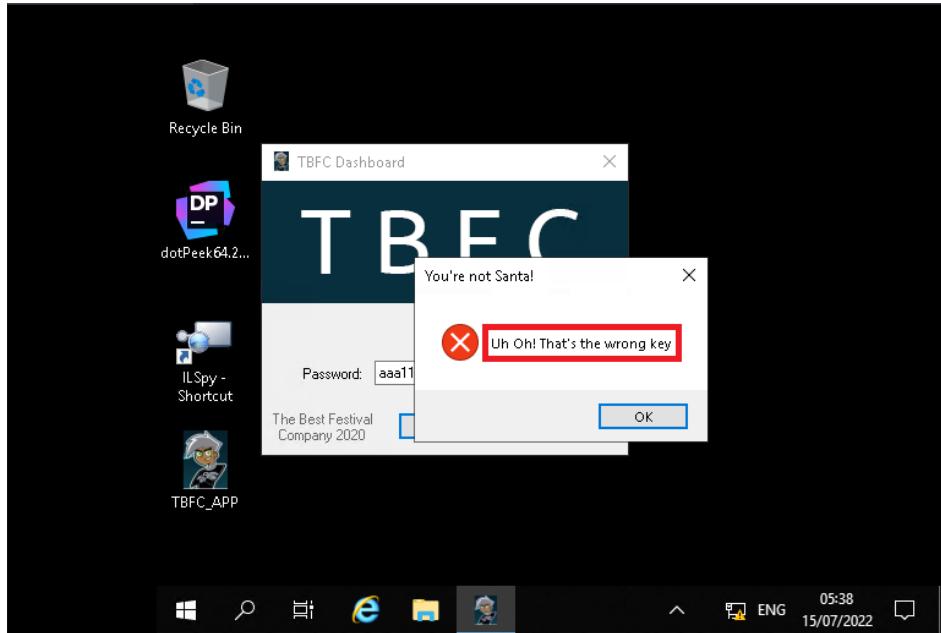
Day 18 (Reverse Engineering): The Bits of Christmas

Tools used: AttackBox, ILSpy, Remmina, CyberChef, TBFC

Solution/walkthrough:

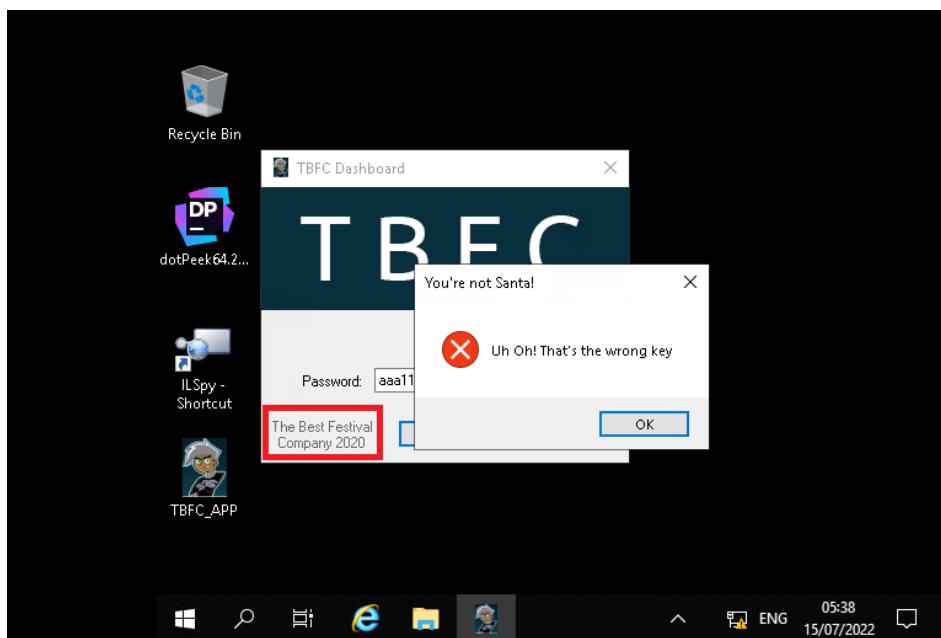
Question 1

Enter a random incorrect password. Then, we got Uh Oh! That's the wrong key



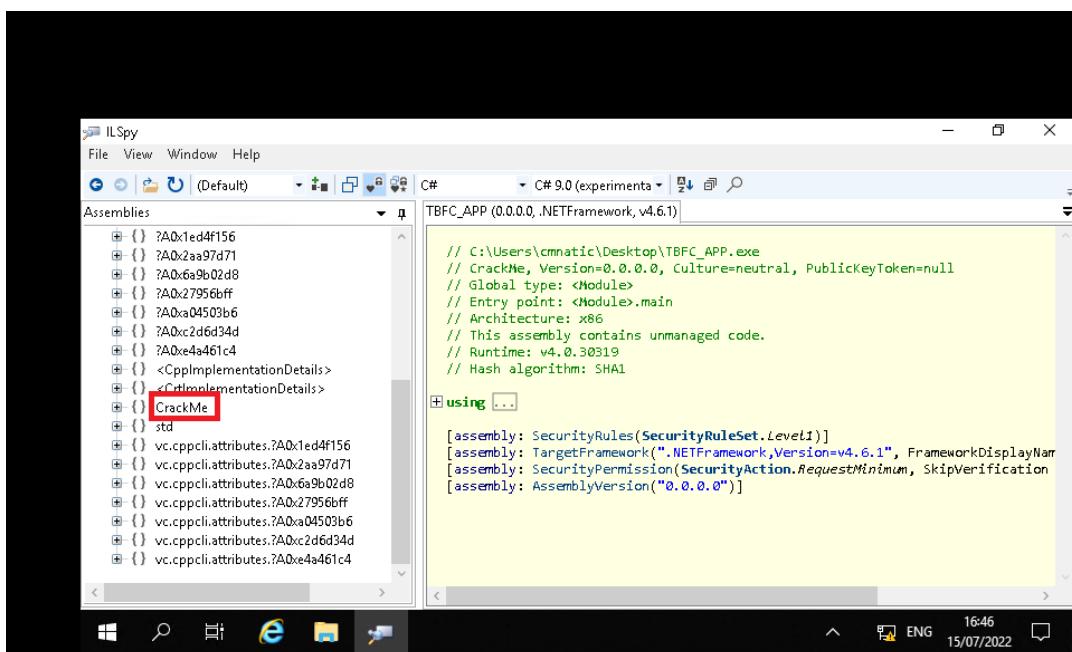
Question 2

From TBFC Dashboard, it shows that TBFC stand for The Best Festival Company 2020.



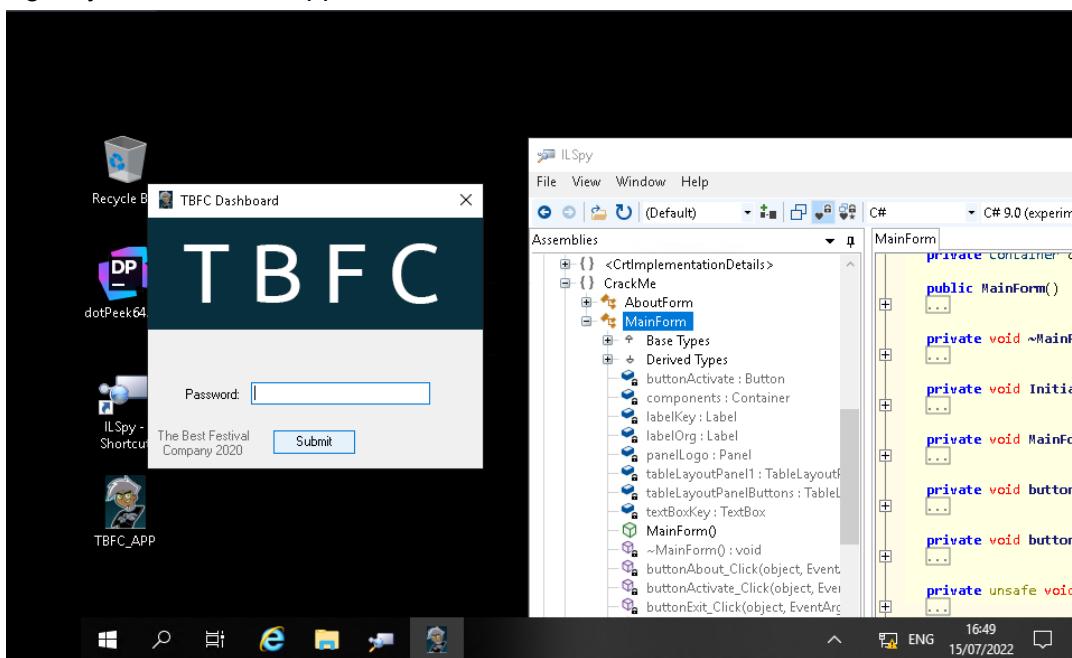
Question 3

The module that catches our attention is ‘CrackMe’.



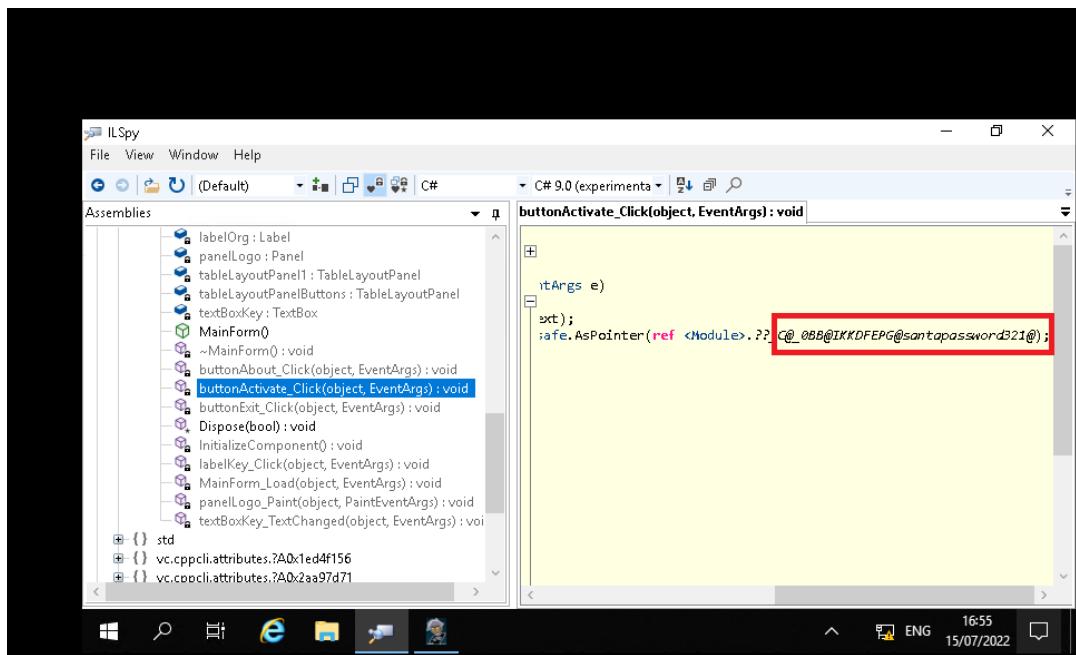
Question 4

Mainform is the form that has the information we are looking for, since it contains code for login system of TBFC app.



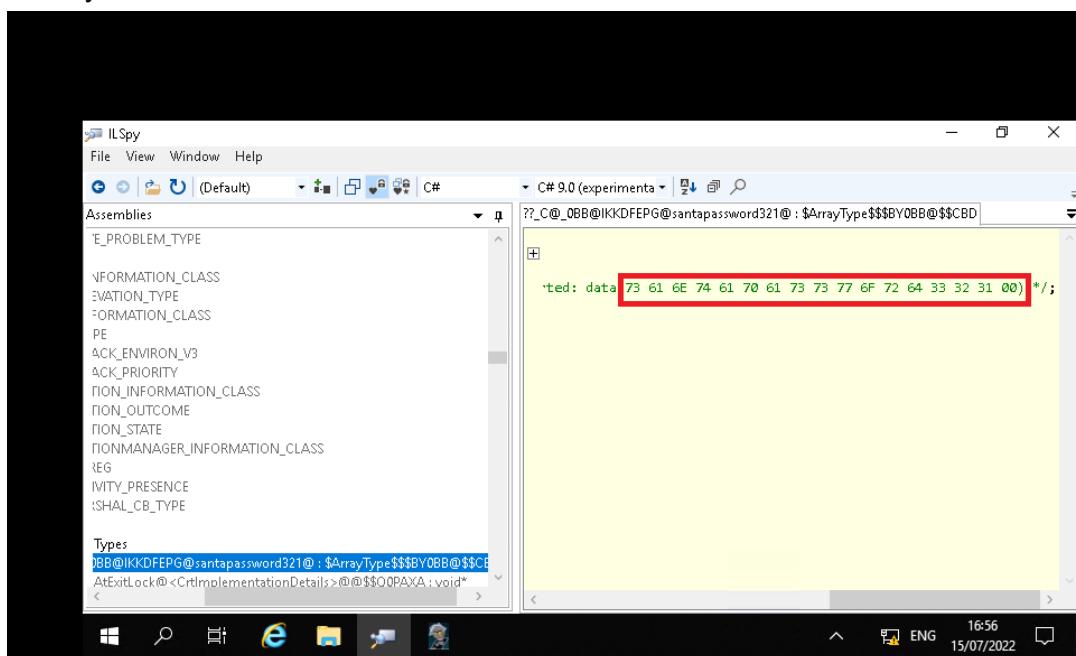
Question 5

The information that we need is in ‘buttonActivate_Click’ method. Click the code in the redbox



Question 6

Use CyberChef to decode hexadecimal code

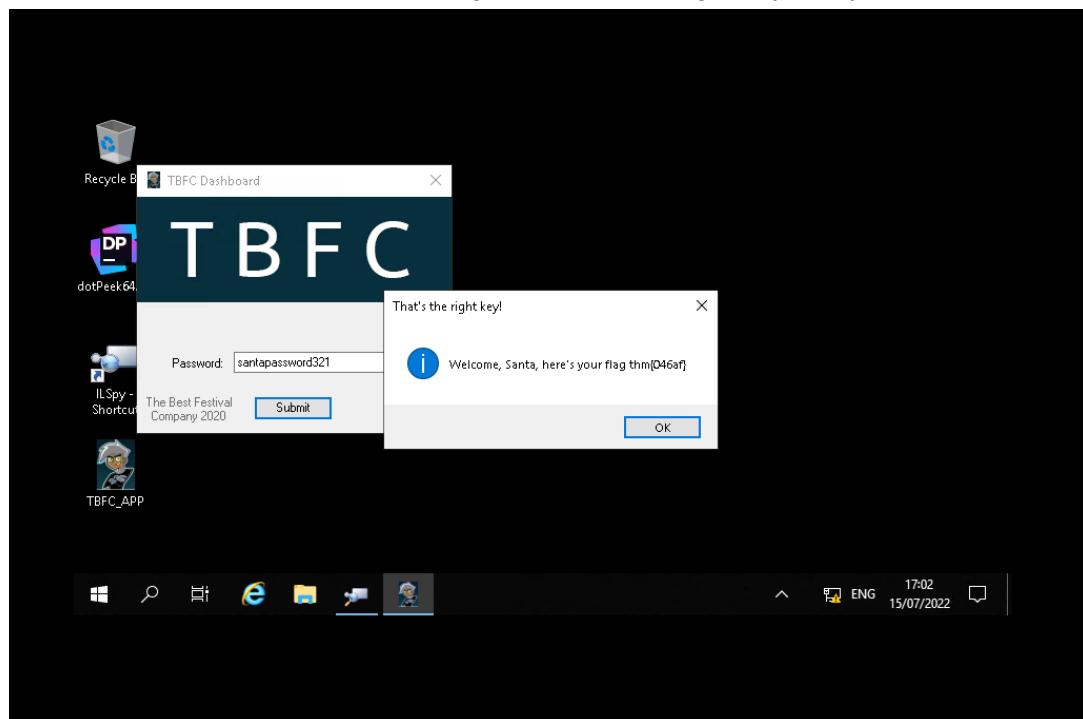


We will obtain the password from the decode. That the password is santapassword321.

The screenshot shows the CyberChef interface. In the 'Operations' sidebar, under 'Favourites', the 'To Base64' option is selected. In the 'Recipe' section, 'From Hex' is chosen. The 'Input' field contains the hex string: 73616E746170617373776F726433323100. The 'Output' field shows the resulting base64 encoded string: santapassword321..

Question 7

Enter the santa's password that we got and obtain flag thm{046af}.



Thought process / methodology :

Firstly, open the “Remmina” software. After logging in, the Remmina will run virtual Microsoft Windows. Run the “TBFC_APP” and enter a random word for the password thus the error message will appear. The meaning of “TBFC” can also be found at the bottom left of the TBFC Dashboard. Next, decompile the “TBFC_APP” by using ILSpy. Inside the assemblies of the ILSpy, there are many objects that make up the app and among them, “Crack Me” seems eye-catching. There are two modules inside which are “AboutForm” and “MainForm”. Since the button “Submit” will process the password, we need to search for objects related to button. “buttonActivate_Click” module stores the code of the process if we enter the correct password or wrong password. We can click the code as in the red box shown and we will be directed to the module that contains hexadecimal number. Decode the hexadecimal number using CyberChef thus we will obtain santa’s password. Enter the password in the “TBFC_APP” and the flag will appear !

Day 19 (Web Exploitation): The Naughty or Nice List

Tools used: AttackBox, Mozilla Firefox

Solution/walkthrough:

Question 1

Enter a name from the name list (Tib3rius, Kanes, Ian Chai, YP, Timothy, JJ) in the name box to see who is in naughty/nice list.

The List



Welcome children!

To find out if you are currently on the
naughty list or the nice list, please enter
your name below!

Have a Merry Christmas! Ho ho ho!

- Santa

Name:

Tib3rius is on the Nice List.

Name:

Kanes is on the Naughty List.

Name:

Ian Chai is on the Nice List.

Name:

Search

YP is on the Nice List.

Name:

Search

Timothy is on the Naughty List.

Name:

Search

JJ is on the Naughty List.

Question 2

Visit the root of the website

(<http://10.10.254.47/?proxy=http%3A%2F%2Flist.hohoho%3A8080%2F>).

The message below pops up.

Name:

Search

Not Found

The requested URL was not found on this server.

Question 3

With the same URL, change the port to 80.

(`http://10.10.254.47/?proxy=http%3A%2F%2Flist.hohoho%3A80`). The message says "Failed to connect to list.hohoho port 80: Connection refused"

Name:

Search

Failed to connect to list.hohoho port 80:
Connection refused

Question 4

Change to port 22.

(`http://10.10.254.47/?proxy=http%3A%2F%2Flist.hohoho%3A22`). The message now changes to "Recv failure: Connection reset by peer"

Name:

Search

Recv failure: Connection reset by peer

Question 5

Change the domain to localhost.
(<http://10.10.254.47/?proxy=http%3A%2F%2Flocalhost>). The web then says that "Your search has been blocked by our security team".

Name:

Your search has been blocked by our security team.

Question 6

Since the hostname should start with "list.hohoho", and will block any hostnames that don't. Hence, set the hostname in the URL to "list.hohoho.localtest.me", and use "<http://10.10.249.22/?proxy=http%3A%2F%2Flist.hohoho.localtest.me>". Then, we received the message left by Elf McSkidy that santa's password is "Be good for goodness sake!" and it is successful login with that password.

Name:

Santa,

If you need to make any changes to the Naughty or Nice list, you need to login.

I know you have trouble remembering your password so here it is: Be good for goodness sake!

- Elf McSkidy

Admin

Username:

Password:

Question 7

Delete the naughty list and we will get the flag as below.

List Administration

This page is currently under construction.

Only press this button when emergency levels of Christmas cheer are needed!

THM{EVERYONE_GETS_PRESENTS}

Thought process / methodology :

Open the URL <<http://10.10.64.117/>> since the target IP address is 10.10.64.117. Inside the webpage, try to enter any name such as “Tib3rius” to see whether the name belongs to the “Nice List” or the “Naughty List”. Once we entered the name, URL will change to <<http://10.10.64.117/?proxy=http%3A%2F%2Flist.hohoho%3A8080%2Fsearch.php%3Fname%3DTib3rius>>. We can try to visit the root of the website which is <<http://10.10.64.117/?proxy=http%3A%2F%2Flist.hohoho%3A8080%2F>> but we will get “The requested URL was not found on this server.” message instead. Next, try to change the port number to 80 <<http://10.10.64.117/?proxy=http%3A%2F%2Flist.hohoho%3A80>> and 22 <<http://10.10.64.117/?proxy=http%3A%2F%2Flist.hohoho%3A22>>. The results are “Failed to connect to list.hohoho port 80: Connection refused” and “Recv failure: Connection reset by peer” respectively. This time replace “list.hohoho” with “localhost” <<http://10.10.64.117/?proxy=http%3A%2F%2Flocalhost>> we will get “Your search has been blocked by our security team.” Lastly, edit the URL to <<http://10.10.64.117/?proxy=http%3A%2F%2Flist.hohoho.localtest.me>> and now it works! The password is obtained and log in as Santa thus we will get the flag.

Day 20 (Blue Teaming): Powershell to the rescue?

Tools used: attackbox, terminal, PowerShell, SSH

Solution/walkthrough:

Question 1

After checking the ssh manual, parameter -l is for login_name.

```
The Edit View Search Terminal Help
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.17763.737]
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mceager@ELFSTATION1 C:\Users\mceager>ssh -l
option requires an argument -- l
usage: ssh [-46AaCfGgKkMNqsTtVvXxYy] [-B bind_interface]
           [-b bind_address] [-c cipher_spec] [-D [bind_address:]port]
           [-E log_file] [-e escape_char] [-F configfile] [-I pkcs11]
           [-i identity_file] [-J [user@]host[:port]] [-L address]
           [-l login_name] [-m mac_spec] [-O ctl_cmd] [-o option] [-p port]
           [-Q query_option] [-R address] [-S ctl_path] [-W host:port]
           [-w local_tun[:remote_tun]] destination [command]

mceager@ELFSTATION1 C:\Users\mceager>
```

Question 2

Launch PowerShell and navigate to the Documents folder by using command **Set-Location**

```
mceager@ELFSTATION1 C:\Users\mceager>powershell
Windows PowerShell
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PS C:\Users\mceager> Set-Location .\Documents\
```

Use the **Get-ChildItem** cmdlet to list the contents of the current directory and command **-File -Hidden** to get a list of files including the hidden one. Then, use the command cat to see the contents of e1fone.txt. The content is “All I want is my ‘2 front teeth’!!!”.

```
PS C:\Users\mceager\Documents> Get-ChildItem -File -Hidden

Directory: C:\Users\mceager\Documents

Mode                LastWriteTime        Length Name
----                -              -          -
-a-hs-      12/7/2020 10:29 AM         402 desktop.ini
-ahr--     11/18/2020 5:05 PM          35 e1fone.txt

PS C:\Users\mceager\Documents> cat e1fone.txt
All I want is my '2 front teeth'!!!
PS C:\Users\mceager\Documents>
```

Question 3

Set-Location .\Desktop. Use **Get-ChildItem -Directory -Hidden** to get list of directories including the hidden one from the desktop.

```
C:\Users\mceager\Desktop> cd..  
PS C:\Users\mceager> Set-Location .\Desktop\  
PS C:\Users\mceager\Desktop> Get-ChildItem -Directory -Hidden  
  
Directory: C:\Users\mceager\Desktop  
  
Mode LastWriteTime Length Name  
---- ----- - - - -  
d--h-- 12/7/2020 11:26 AM - - - - elf2wo  
  
PS C:\Users\mceager\Desktop> █
```

Navigate to the `.\elf2wo\` directory then use `Get-ChildItem` to see the file name. Use command `Get-content e70smsW10Y4k.txt` to read the content. So, the name of that movie that Elf 2 wants is Scrooged.

```
Directory: C:\Users\mceager\Desktop  
  
Mode LastWriteTime Length Name  
---- ----- - - - -  
d--h-- 12/7/2020 11:26 AM - - - - elf2wo  
  
PS C:\Users\mceager\Desktop> cd .\elf2wo\  
PS C:\Users\mceager\Desktop\elf2wo> Get-ChildItem  
  
Directory: C:\Users\mceager\Desktop\elf2wo  
  
Mode LastWriteTime Length Name  
---- ----- - - - -  
-a--- 11/17/2020 10:26 AM - - - - 64 e70smsW10Y4k.txt  
  
PS C:\Users\mceager\Desktop\elf2wo> Get-content e70smsW10Y4k.txt  
I want the movie Scrooged <3!  
PS C:\Users\mceager\Desktop\elf2wo> █
```

Question 4

Navigate to the Windows directory by using the command `cd C:/Windows` then to `System32`. Then, use `Get-ChildItem -Hidden -Directory -Filter "*3"` to get a hidden folder that contains files for Elf 3. We used `-Filter "*3"` to get the only list of directory that has 3.

```
PS C:\Users\mceagers> cd C:/Windows
PS C:\Windows> cd System32
PS C:\Windows\System32> Get-ChildItem -Hidden -Directory -Filter "*3"

Directory: C:\Windows\System32

Mode                LastWriteTime     Length Name
----                -----          ---- 
d--h--       11/23/2020   3:26 PM           3lfthr3e
```

Question 5

After we get a list of file names from `3lfthr3e` directory, run the command `Get-Content 1.txt | Measure-Object -Word` to measure how many words the first file contains. `1.txt` file contains 9999 words.

```
Directory: C:\Windows\System32\3lfthr3e

Mode                LastWriteTime     Length Name
----                -----          ---- 
-darh--      11/17/2020 10:58 AM        85887 1.txt
-darh--      11/23/2020  3:26 PM      12061168 2.txt

PS C:\Windows\System32\3lfthr3e> Get-Content 1.txt | Measure-Object -Word

Lines Words Characters Property
----- ----- ----- -----
      9999
```

Question 6

Run command `(Get-Content 1.txt)[551,6991]` to get the contents from those 2 indexes from `1.txt` file. The words that we get are Red and Ryder.

```
PS C:\Windows\System32\3lfthr3e> (Get-Content 1.txt)[551,6991]
Red
Ryder
PS C:\Windows\System32\3lfthr3e>
```

Question 7

Run command `Get-Content 2.txt | Select-String -Pattern "redryder"` to get content that has redryder from 2.txt file.

```
PS C:\Windows\System32\3lfthr3e> Get-Content 2.txt | Select-String -Pattern "redryder"  
redryderbbgun
```

Thought process / methodology :

Firstly, we run command `ssh -l mceager MACHINE IP` to connect to the remote machine. After, we logged in successfully, launch powershell and navigate to the Documents folder. Use the `Get-ChildItem -File -Hidden` cmdlet to get a list of files including the hidden one. Next, change to desktop directory and get list of directories including the hidden one from desktop by using `Get-ChildItem -Directory -Hidden`. Then, navigate to the directory that we got so that we can get the file name. Use command `Get-content e70smsW10Y4k.txt` to read the content. Next, navigate to the Windows and System32 directories. Then, use `Get-ChildItem -Hidden -Directory -Filter "*3"` to get the hidden list of directory that has 3 only. After that, run the command `Get-Content 1.txt | Measure-Object -Word` to measure how many words the first file contains. Then, we can run command `(Get-Content 1.txt)[551,6991]` to get the words from those index in 1.txt file. Lastly, we can also run command `Get-Content 2.txt | Select-String -Pattern "redryder"` to get only content that has 'redryder' word from 2.txt file.