



PSP0201

Week 5

Writeup

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Day 16: Help! Where is Santa?

Tool used: Firefox web browser, Kali Linux, Nmap, Python
Solution/walkthrough:

Step 1:

-First, we run a nmap -A scan to see what port to use, in this case the port is 80, using this we were able to access the website.

```
(1211102270@kali)-[~]  
$ nmap -A 10.10.148.37  
Starting Nmap 7.92 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2022-07-12 01:23 EDT  
Nmap scan report for 10.10.148.37  
Host is up (0.20s latency).  
Not shown: 998 closed tcp ports (conn-refused)  
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION  
22/tcp    open  ssh      OpenSSH 7.6p1 Ubuntu 4ubuntu0.3 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)  
| ssh-hostkey:  
|   2048 31:4e:6f:1b:9b:4d:a6:9f:34:f0:ca:3e:96:31:a6:9e (RSA)  
|   256  60:5d:1b:59:24:8b:b8:7a:5f:1c:75:55:5f:bf:e0:83 (ECDSA)  
|_  256  05:08:d8:66:d1:04:cf:91:8c:6a:56:55:df:07:a4:d6 (ED25519)  
80/tcp    open  http      uvicorn  
|_ http-server-header: uvicorn  
|_ http-title: Santa's Tracker  
|_ fingerprint-strings:
```

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Santa's Tracking System

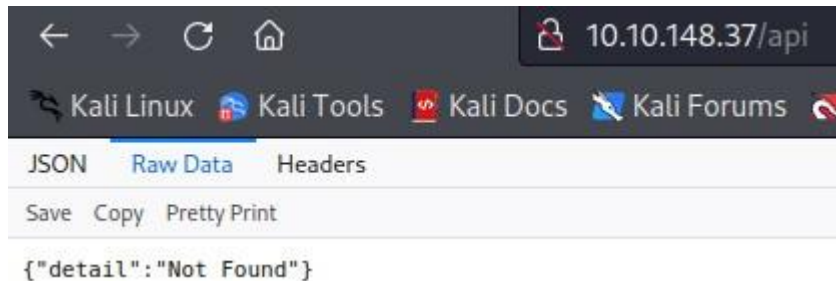
Are you an Elf that Santa has forgotten? Use this system to track Santa! Note: due to how many humans try to find where Santa is, the link is hidden on this webpage. You're going to have to manually click every single link. Or perhaps there is a way to find all the links as fast as a Python?

Step 2:

-We wrote a python script with the reference from day 15, to get it's api directory, which is /api/.

Step 3:

-With the directory of it's api we insert it into the search bar as such 10.10.148.37/api/. Then we goes to the raw data section to the {"detail": "Not Found"}



Step 4:

-We wrote another python script to get the api key, after running the script, we got the api key which 57 and also santa's location.

```
1 import requests
2
3 for api_key in range(1,100,2):
4     print(f'api_key {api_key}')
5     html = requests.get(f'http://10.10.148.37:80/api/{api_key}')
6     print(html.text)
7
```



```
api_key 55
{"item_id":55,"q":"Error. Key not valid!"}
api_key 57
{"item_id":57,"q":"Winter Wonderland, Hyde Park, London."}
api_key 59
```

Thought process/methodology:

Using nmap we were able to get the port, which enable us to enter into the website, with this we were able to view api that we got from our python script that we wrote and run. We then run another script we wrote to get it's api key and also santa's location.

Day 17: ReverseELFneering:

Tool used: Kali Linux, radare2

Solution/walkthrough:

Step 1:

-First we save the ip address to a text file, then we login into the server as elfmceager.

```
(1211102270@kali)-[~]  
$ echo '10.10.4.32' > tg.txt
```

```
(1211102270@kali)-[~]  
$ ssh elfmceager@10.10.4.32  
The authenticity of host '10.10.4.32 (10.10.4.32)' can't be established.  
ED25519 key fingerprint is SHA256:+Yl8Ef3BjQ7HNTMf6qew50LnmiqEXXSzLqgX82k/RSg.  
This key is not known by any other names  
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes  
Warning: Permanently added '10.10.4.32' (ED25519) to the list of known hosts.  
elfmceager@10.10.4.32's password:  
Permission denied, please try again.  
elfmceager@10.10.4.32's password:  
Welcome to Ubuntu 18.04.5 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.15.0-128-generic x86_64)  
  
* Documentation:  https://help.ubuntu.com  
* Management:    https://landscape.canonical.com  
* Support:        https://ubuntu.com/advantage  
  
System information as of Fri Jul 15 03:57:42 UTC 2022  
  
System load:  0.1               Processes:            100  
Usage of /:   39.4% of 11.75GB   Users logged in:     0  
Memory usage: 8%               IP address for ens5: 10.10.4.32  
Swap usage:   0%  
  
0 packages can be updated.  
0 updates are security updates.  
  
Last login: Wed Dec 16 18:25:51 2020 from 192.168.190.1  
elfmceager@tbfc-day-17:~$  
::1          ff02::2      ip6-localnet      tbfc-day-17  
fe00::0      ip6-allnodes ip6-loopback  
ff00::0      ip6-allrouters ip6-mcastprefix  
ff02::1      ip6-localhost localhost  
elfmceager@tbfc-day-17:~$
```

Step 2:

-After that we open the challenge1 file in debug mode.


```
elfmceager@tbfc-day-17:~$ r2 -d ./challenge1
Process with PID 1620 started...
= attach 1620 1620
bin.baddr 0x00400000
Using 0x400000
Warning: Cannot initialize dynamic strings
asm.bits 64
[0x00400a30]>
```

Step 3:

-Then we ran the aa command to analyse the file, after that we use the pdf command see it's main.

```
[0x00400a30]> aa
[ WARNING : block size exceeding max block size at 0x006ba220
[+] Try changing it with e anal.bb.maxsize
WARNING : block size exceeding max block size at 0x006bc860
[+] Try changing it with e anal.bb.maxsize
[x] Analyze all flags starting with sym. and entry0 (aa)
[0x00400a30]>
```

```
[0x00400a30]> pdf @main
;-- main:
/ (fcn) sym.main 35
  sym.main ();
    ; var int local_ch @ rbp-0xc
    ; var int local_8h @ rbp-0x8
    ; var int local_4h @ rbp-0x4
    ; DATA XREF from 0x00400a4d (entry0)
0x00400b4d      55          push rbp
0x00400b4e      4889e5      mov rbp, rsp
0x00400b51      c745f4010000. mov dword [local_ch], 1
0x00400b58      c745f8060000. mov dword [local_8h], 6
0x00400b5f      8b45f4      mov eax, dword [local_ch]
0x00400b62      0faf45f8    imul eax, dword [local_8h]
0x00400b66      8945fc      mov dword [local_4h], eax
0x00400b69      b800000000  mov eax, 0
0x00400b6e      5d          pop rbp
0x00400b6f      c3          ret
[0x00400a30]>
```

Step 4:

-After that we analyse the main find the value of the local_ch when its corresponding movl instruction is called, which is 1, then we find the value of eax when the imull instruction is called and local_4h before eax is set to 0, which both of them is 6.

```
[0x00400a30]> pdf @main
;-- main:
/ (fcn) sym.main 35
  sym.main ();
    ; var int local_ch @ rbp-0xc
    ; var int local_8h @ rbp-0x8
    ; var int local_4h @ rbp-0x4
    ; DATA XREF from 0x00400a4d (entry0)
0x00400b4d      55          push rbp
0x00400b4e      4889e5      mov rbp, rsp
0x00400b51      c745f4010000. mov dword [local_ch], 1
0x00400b58      c745f8060000. mov dword [local_8h], 6
0x00400b5f      8b45f4      mov eax, dword [local_ch]
0x00400b62      0faf45f8    imul eax, dword [local_8h]
0x00400b66      8945fc      mov dword [local_4h], eax
0x00400b69      b800000000   mov eax, 0
0x00400b6e      5d          pop rbp
0x00400b6f      c3          ret
```

Thought process/methodology:

After logging into the server we use radare2 to find the information the server, we enter into the challenge1 in debug mode, and analyse the file with aa command then run pdf @main to see the information then get the value for local_ch when its corresponding movl instruction is called, which is 1. Then, eax when the imull instruction is called and local_4h before eax is set to 0, which both of them is 6.

Day 18: The Bits of Christmas

Tool used: Kali Linux, Remmina, ILSpy

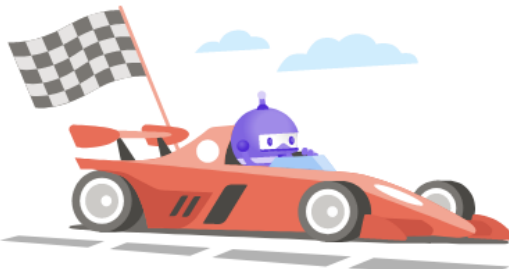
Solution/walkthrough:

Step 1: Start the machine on the day 18 task

Title	IP Address	Expires	
aoccmnre2	10.10.45.17	1h 27m 00s	? Add 1 hour Terminate

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[Start Machine](#)

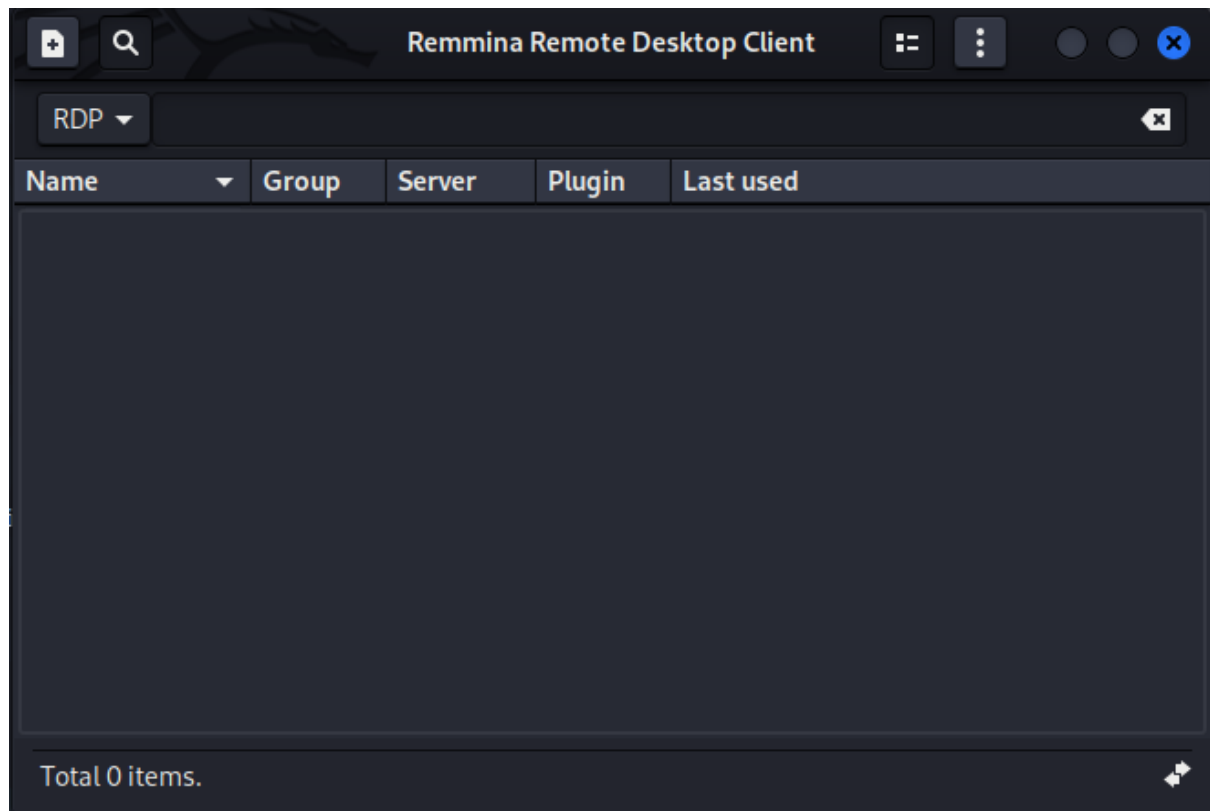


(DOTNET Microsoft., 2020)

Day 18: The Bits of Christmas - Story:

Step 2: Install and open Remmina by using the command `sudo apt-get -y install remmina`.

```
(kali@kali)-[~]
└─$ sudo apt-get -y install remmina
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
The following additional packages will be installed:
  avahi-daemon libavahi-client3 libavahi-common-data libavahi-common3 libavahi-core7 libavahi-glib1
  libavahi-ui-gtk3-0 libvncclient1 remmina-common remmina-plugin-rdp remmina-plugin-secret remmina-plugin-vnc
Suggested packages:
  avahi-autoipd remmina-plugin-exec remmina-plugin-kwallet remmina-plugin-python remmina-plugin-spice
  remmina-plugin-www remmina-plugin-x2go
Recommended packages:
  libnss-mdns
The following NEW packages will be installed:
  libavahi-ui-gtk3-0 libvncclient1 remmina remmina-common remmina-plugin-rdp remmina-plugin-secret
  remmina-plugin-vnc
The following packages will be upgraded:
  avahi-daemon libavahi-client3 libavahi-common-data libavahi-common3 libavahi-core7 libavahi-glib1
6 upgraded, 7 newly installed, 0 to remove and 810 not upgraded.
```

Step 3: Establish and RDP connection using Remmina and the login details provided by THM

Remote Connection Profile

Name: Quick Connect

Group:

Protocol: RDP - Remote Desktop Protocol

Basic | Advanced | Behavior | SSH Tunnel | Notes

Server: 10.10.45.17

Username: cmnatic

Password:

Domain:

Share folder:

☐ Restricted admin mode

Password hash:

☐ Left-handed mouse support ☐ Disable smooth scrolling

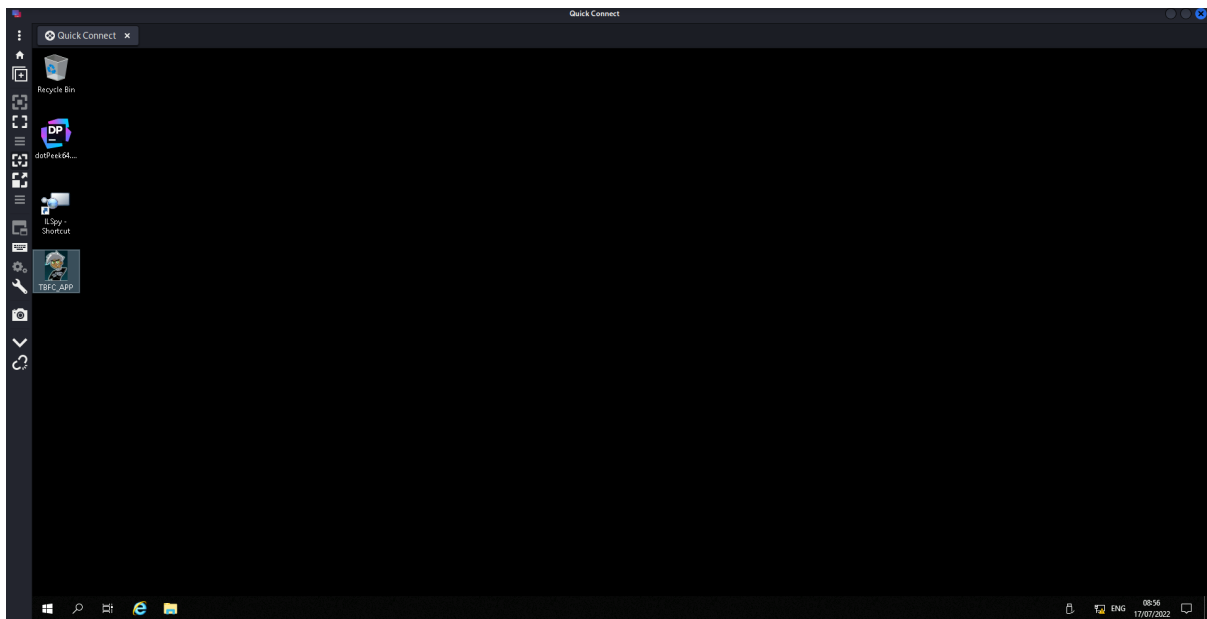
☐ Enable multi monitor ☐ Span screen over multiple monitors

List monitor IDs:

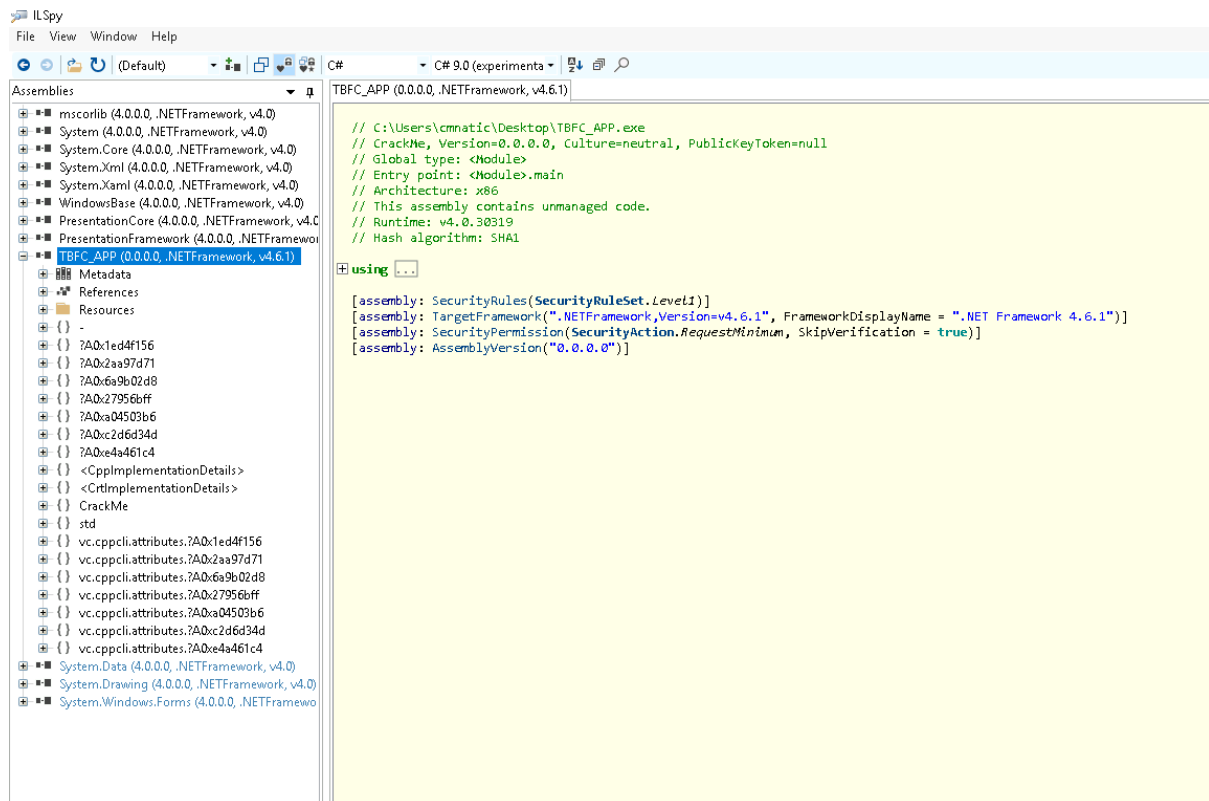
Resolution: ☒ Use initial window size ☐ Use client resolution

Cancel Save as Default Save Connect Save and Connect

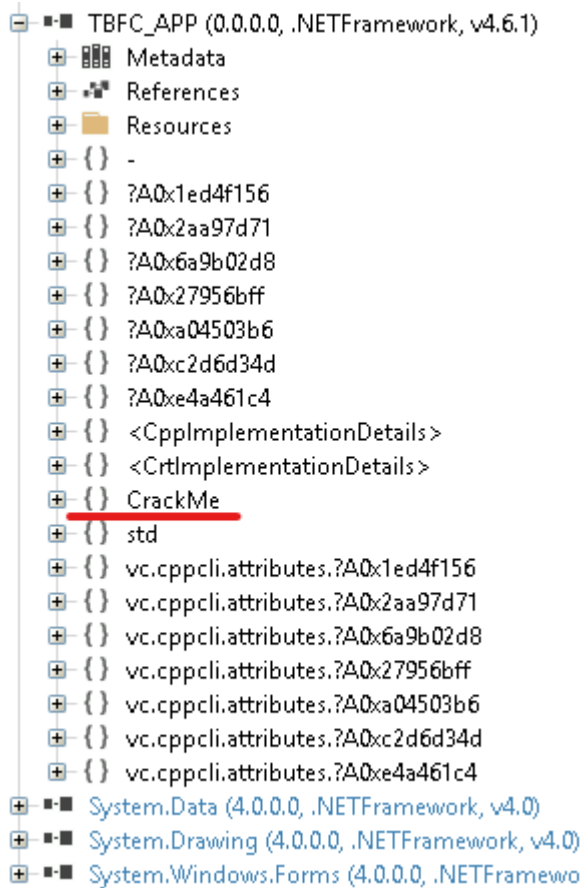
Step 4: Once connected, a Windows Desktop should appear.



Step 5: Open ILSpy and open the TBFC_APP on said software. We can see that it runs on a .NET framework from here.



Step 6: One file should catch our attention, the “CrackMe” file. Parse through it to find source codes that are used in the login form. It should be located specifically at “CrackMe.MainForm.buttonActivate_Click” since it is the source code that is used to activate the login button.



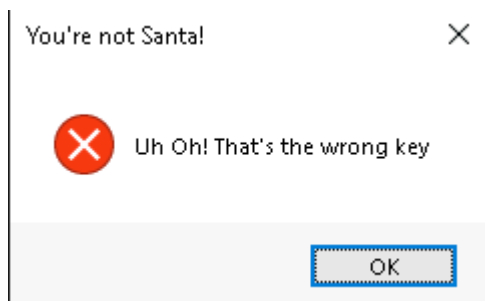
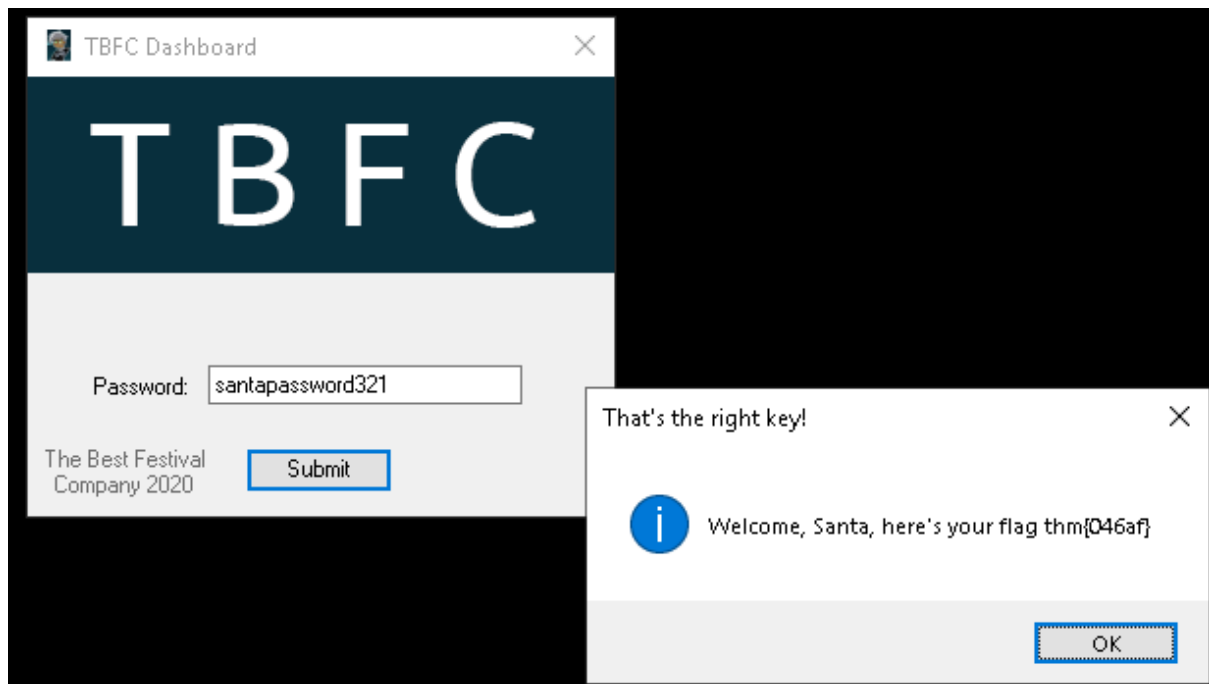
Step 7: From here we can find both a probable password as well as the flag that would show if we get the password correct. The TBFC app can be run and we can see that TBFC itself means “The Best Festival Company”, answering Q2. We can then test the probable password out by inputting it into the TBFC App’s login form to find that it is indeed the password. We can also test a different password to check the error message for Q1.

```

buttonActivate_Click(object, EventArgs) : void
// CrackMe.MainForm
using System;
using System.Runtime.CompilerServices;
using System.Runtime.InteropServices;
using System.Windows.Forms;

private unsafe void buttonActivate_Click(object sender, EventArgs e)
{
    IntPtr value = Marshal.StringToGlobalAnsi(textBoxKey.Text);
    sbyte* ptr = (sbyte*)System.Runtime.CompilerServices.Unsafe.AsPointer(ref <Module>._C@_0BB@IKKDFEPG@santapassword321@);
    void* ptr2 = (void*)value;
    byte b = *(byte*)ptr2;
    byte b2 = 115;
    if ((uint)b >= 115u)
    {
        while ((uint)b <= (uint)b2)
        {
            if (b != 0)
            {
                ptr2 = (byte*)ptr2 + 1;
                ptr++;
                b = *(byte*)ptr2;
                b2 = (byte)(*ptr);
                if ((uint)b < (uint)b2)
                {
                    break;
                }
                continue;
            }
            MessageBox.Show("Welcome, Santa, here's your flag thm{046af}", "That's the right key!", MessageBoxButtons.OK, MessageBoxIcon.Asterisk);
            return;
        }
    }
    MessageBox.Show("Uh Oh! That's the wrong key", "You're not Santa!", MessageBoxButtons.OK, MessageBoxIcon.Hand);
}

```



Thinking Process/Methodology :

By using Remmina, we can connect to the machine via Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP). From there we are tasked to find Santa's password that he had forgotten. Using ILSpy, we can disassemble the TBFC App as it uses a commonly used software development framework called .NET Framework. From there, all the application's source code can be compiled and reviewed. We then check each code until we find a relevant one in this case located at "CrackMe.MainForm.buttonActivate_Click". We found a probable password as well as the flag that will be shown once we successfully logged in to the app. Testing it out in the app itself, we find that it is the correct password as it shows the flag popup.

Day 19:The Naughty or Nice List

Tool used: Kali Linux

Solution/walkthrough:

Step 1: Connect through the web app using the link
[http://\(MACHINE IP\)](http://(MACHINE IP))

Title	IP Address	Expires	
Naughty or Nice	10.10.85.121	1h 33m 31s	<div><div>?</div><div>Add 1 hour</div><div>Terminate</div></div>

The List



Welcome children!

To find out if you are currently on the naughty list or the nice list, please enter your name below!

Have a Merry Christmas! Ho ho ho!

- Santa

Name:

Step 2: Attempt to check the naughty or nice list by typing in a random name and observe the output.

The List



Welcome children!

To find out if you are currently on the naughty list or the nice list, please enter your name below!

Have a Merry Christmas! Ho ho ho!

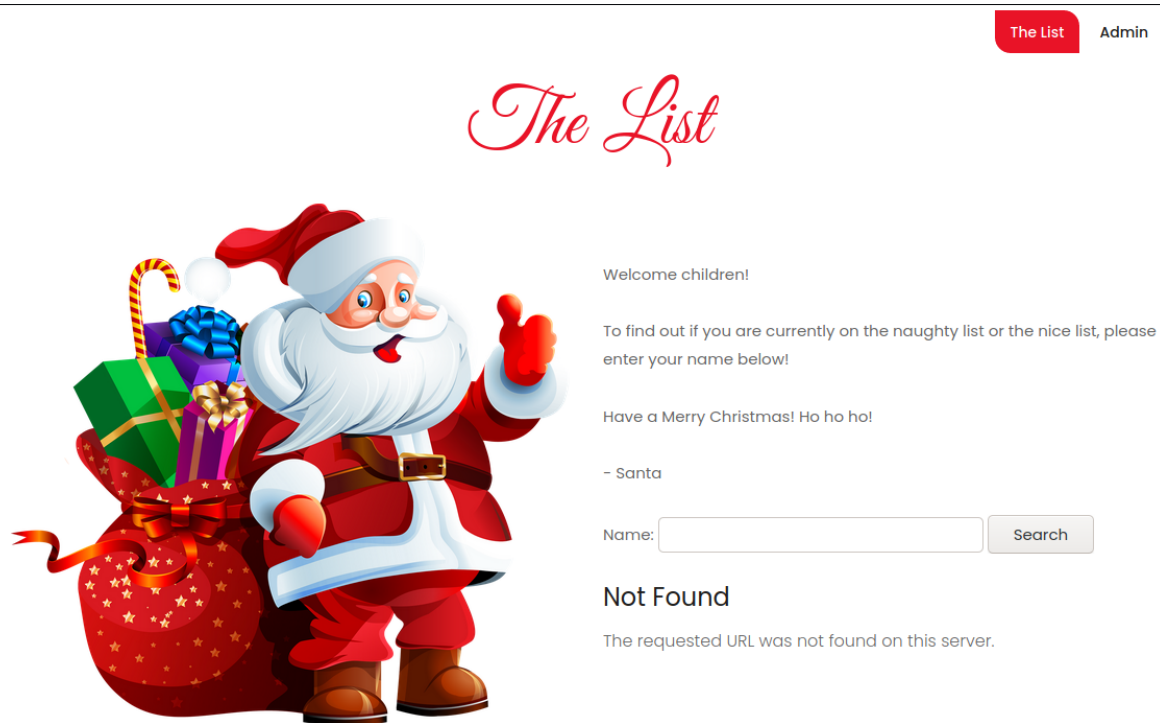
- Santa

Name:

Atif is on the Naughty List.

Step 3: Attempt to connect to the root of the same site by typing in the address, consisting of the ip as well as the proxy link up to the text before “search.php...”

10.10.85.121/?proxy=http%3A%2F%2Flist.hohoho%3A8080%2F



(Instead of the usual response, we receive a “not found”.)

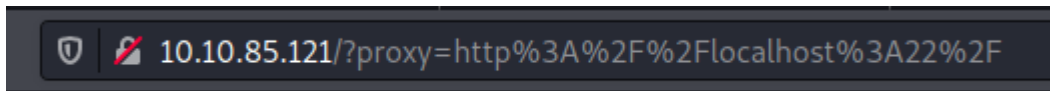
Step 4: Change the 8080 in the link(a port number) to different ports to see if there are any other open ports. Attempt this by using common ports such as 80 or 22.

10.10.85.121/?proxy=http%3A%2F%2Flist.hohoho%3A22%2F

Name: Search

Recv failure: Connection reset by peer

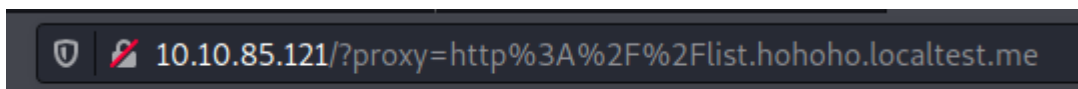
Step 5: Attempt to connect to a localhost to try and gain access to the Naughty/Nice list by replacing the “flist.hohoho” target with localhost in the link in the search bar.



Name:

Your search has been blocked by our security team.

Step 6: To attempt to bypass this, replace localhost with “flist.hohoho” and add “localtest.me” and remove the rest of the text in front.



Name:

Santa,

If you need to make any changes to the Naughty or Nice list, you need to login.

I know you have trouble remembering your password so here it is: Be good for goodness sake!

– Elf McSkidy

Step 7: Use the given password and guess santa’s username(in this case his username is simply Santa) to gain access and delete the naughty list and get the flag.

Admin

Username:

Password:

List Administration

This page is currently under construction.

Only press this button when emergency levels of Christmas cheer are needed!

THIM{EVERYONE_GETS_PRESENTS}

OK

Thinking process/Methodology:

Our goal this time is to ensure every child gets a present from Santa, no matter how naughty or nice they have been. In order to achieve this, we will work to delete the naughty list and ensure that everyone has been “nice” this year. We start by first typing in a random name, and thanks to a vulnerability, we manage to see the proxy server inside the search bar. We then attempt to connect to the localhost server by switching out the back-end machine target “flist.hohoho” with “localhost”. After being denied by the enemy security’s check, we bypass it by adding “localtest.me” after the flist to ensure flist.hohoho is still

in the url while still accessing localhost. By doing this, we manage to obtain the password to Santa's account, allowing us to delete the naughty list and obtain a flag.

Day 20:PowersElf to the rescue

Tool used: Kali Linux

Solution/Walkthrough:

Step 1: Start and connect to the remote machine using SSH.

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]  
$ ssh -l mceager 10.10.161.224  
The authenticity of host '10.10.161.224 (10.10.161.224)' can't be established.  
ED25519 key fingerprint is SHA256:X2ViBklLQoHmAsXFoem36jkl9faKH+Fr2lt2dd/kIWY.  
This key is not known by any other names  
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes  
Warning: Permanently added '10.10.161.224' (ED25519) to the list of known hosts.  
mceager@10.10.161.224's password:
```

Step 2: Use the password provided(rOckStar!) to log in.

```
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.17763.737]  
(c) 2018 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.  
  
mceager@ELFSTATION1 C:\Users\mceager>
```

Step 3: Change the directory to become the Document directory.

```

mceager@ELFSTATION1 C:\Users\mceager>dir
Volume in drive C has no label.
Volume Serial Number is E82E-8322

Directory of C:\Users\mceager

12/07/2020  11:29 AM    <DIR>          .
12/07/2020  11:29 AM    <DIR>          ..
12/07/2020  11:29 AM    <DIR>          3D Objects
12/07/2020  11:29 AM    <DIR>          Contacts
12/07/2020  12:26 PM    <DIR>          Desktop
12/07/2020  12:26 PM    <DIR>          Documents
12/07/2020  11:29 AM    <DIR>          Downloads
12/07/2020  11:29 AM    <DIR>          Favorites
12/07/2020  11:29 AM    <DIR>          Links
12/07/2020  11:29 AM    <DIR>          Music
12/07/2020  11:29 AM    <DIR>          Pictures
12/07/2020  11:29 AM    <DIR>          Saved Games
12/07/2020  11:29 AM    <DIR>          Searches
12/07/2020  11:29 AM    <DIR>          Videos
               0 File(s)              0 bytes
              14 Dir(s)  5,122,736,128 bytes free

mceager@ELFSTATION1 C:\Users\mceager>cd Documents
mceager@ELFSTATION1 C:\Users\mceager\Documents>

```

Step 4: Activate Powershell by typing in “powershell” then use a command in powershell to find hidden files in Documents. Use the “TYPE” command to read the text file found in Documents.

```

PS C:\Users\mceager\Documents> Get-ChildItem -File -Hidden -ErrorAction SilentlyContinue

Directory: C:\Users\mceager\Documents

Mode                LastWriteTime         Length Name
----                -
-a-hs-            12/7/2020  10:29 AM           402 desktop.ini
-arh--            11/18/2020   5:05 PM           35 elfone.txt

PS C:\Users\mceager\Documents> TYPE elfone.txt
All I want is my '2 front teeth'!!!
PS C:\Users\mceager\Documents>

```

Step 5: Return to the main directory of mceager and then change directory again to desktop. Use the command from earlier(with slight modifications from -File to -Directory) to find more hidden files left behind by other elves.

```

Mode                LastWriteTime         Length Name
----                -
d-r---            12/7/2020   10:29 AM           3D Objects
d-r---            12/7/2020   10:29 AM           Contacts
d-r---            12/7/2020   11:26 AM           Desktop
d-r---            12/7/2020   11:26 AM           Documents
d-r---            12/7/2020   10:29 AM           Downloads
d-r---            12/7/2020   10:29 AM           Favorites
d-r---            12/7/2020   10:29 AM           Links
d-r---            12/7/2020   10:29 AM           Music
d-r---            12/7/2020   10:29 AM           Pictures
d-r---            12/7/2020   10:29 AM           Saved Games
d-r---            12/7/2020   10:29 AM           Searches
d-r---            12/7/2020   10:29 AM           Videos

PS C:\Users\mceager> cd Desktop

```

```

PS C:\Users\mceager\Desktop> Get-ChildItem -Directory -Hidden -ErrorAction SilentlyContinue

Directory: C:\Users\mceager\Desktop

Mode                LastWriteTime         Length Name
----                -
d--h--            12/7/2020   11:26 AM           elf2wo

PS C:\Users\mceager\Desktop> cd elf2wo
PS C:\Users\mceager\Desktop\elf2wo> ls

Directory: C:\Users\mceager\Desktop\elf2wo

Mode                LastWriteTime         Length Name
----                -
-a--             11/17/2020   10:26 AM           64 e70smsW10Y4k.txt

PS C:\Users\mceager\Desktop\elf2wo> TYPE e70smsW10Y4k.txt
I want the movie Scrooged <3!

PS C:\Users\mceager\Desktop\elf2wo>

```

Step 6: Change directories until you find the windows directory, then navigate further into the System32 directory, then find the hidden file located inside the directory left behind by the third elf.

```

PS C:\Users\mceager\Desktop\elf2wo> cd ..
PS C:\Users\mceager\Desktop> cd ..

```

```
PS C:\Users\mceager> cd ..
PS C:\Users> cd ..
```

```
Directory: C:\Windows

Mode                LastWriteTime         Length Name
----                -
d-----          7/16/2022  10:50 PM          System32
d-----          9/15/2018  12:19 AM          twain_32

PS C:\Windows> cd System32
PS C:\Windows\System32> dir

Directory: C:\Windows\System32
```

```
PS C:\Windows\System32> Get-ChildItem -Directory -Hidden -ErrorAction SilentlyContinue -Filter '*3*'

Directory: C:\Windows\System32

Mode                LastWriteTime         Length Name
----                -
d--h--          11/23/2020   3:26 PM          3lfthr3e

PS C:\Windows\System32> cd 3lfthr3e
PS C:\Windows\System32\3lfthr3e> dir
PS C:\Windows\System32\3lfthr3e> Get-ChildItem -File -Hidden

Directory: C:\Windows\System32\3lfthr3e

Mode                LastWriteTime         Length Name
----                -
-arh--          11/17/2020  10:58 AM          85887 1.txt
-arh--          11/23/2020   3:26 PM       12061168 2.txt
```

Step 7: Use commands to find out how many words are there inside the file "1.txt"

```
PS C:\Windows\System32\3lfthr3e> Get-Content -Path 1.txt | Measure-Object -Word

Lines Words Characters Property
-----
9999
```

Step 8: Get the words located specifically at index 551 and 6991 using more commands.

```
PS C:\Windows\System32\3lfthr3e> (Get-Content -Path 1.txt)[551]  
Red
```

```
PS C:\Windows\System32\3lfthr3e> (Get-Content -Path 1.txt)[6991]  
Ryder  
PS C:\Windows\System32\3lfthr3e> █
```

Step 9: Use the phrase obtained by combining the 2 words from step 8 as well as some other commands to find what Elf 3 wants in 2.txt.

```
PS C:\Windows\System32\3lfthr3e> Select-String -Path 2.txt -Pattern "redryder"  
2.txt:558704:redryderbbgun
```

Thought process/methodology:

To find the traces left behind by the misbehaving elves we first begin by looking into some directories and what hidden files they may contain. First, we connect to the remote Machine using SSH and then activate powershell. We then first use commands to find any hidden files inside of the Documents directory. Afterwards, we navigate to the Desktop directory and then search for hidden files there. And finally, we navigate all the way to the windows directory(or more specifically, the System32 directory) and search inside to find the hidden file left by Elf 3. Inside, we use commands to find specific keywords and phrases to find out what the elf wants and obtain the information we need.