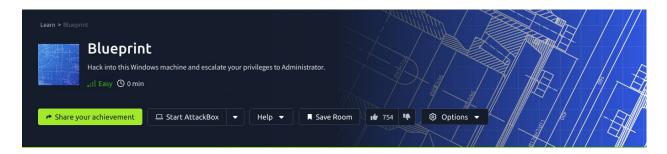
# **THM Blueprint Writeup**



This room is called **Blueprint**, a THM CTF room. It is based on Windows machine privilege escalation. Here, I explain my experience regarding the vulnerabilities I discovered, how I gained shell access, and retrieved flags.

## **Active Reconnaissance with Nmap**

I started with active reconnaissance using the **Nmap** tool. There were several open ports on this machine, but I focused on enumerating the HTTP/HTTPS and SMB services.

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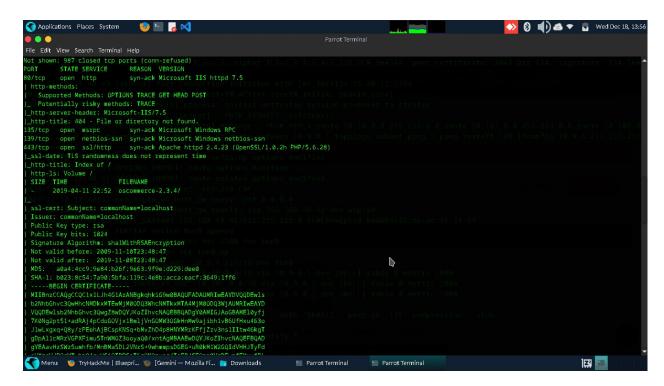
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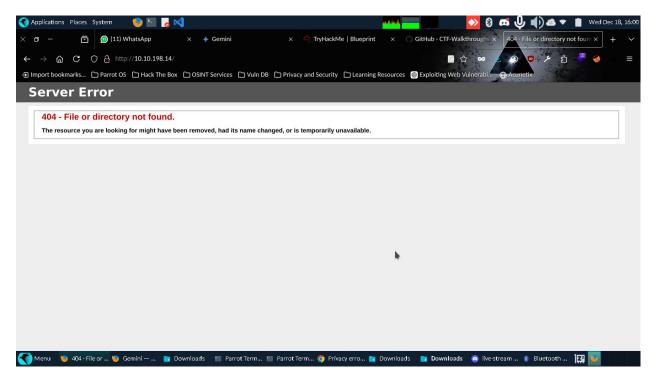
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## **Port Scanning**

- 1. Port 80 (HTTP):
- I attempted to access port 80 but received a 404 Http-Status.
- I also tried directory brute-forcing but didn't find any useful directories.

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#### 2. Port 139 (NetBIOS/SMB):

- Next, I enumerated port 139 using the **nbtscan** tool.
- Here, I obtained the Workgroup and Hostname.

#### 3. SMB Enumeration:

- I proceeded with SMB enumeration using Nmap's smb-enum script.
- I discovered the following users: Administrator, Guest, and Lab.

#### 4. Port 443 (HTTPS):

I checked port 443 but received a bad response from the server.

#### 5. Port 3306 (MySQL):

• When probing MySQL, I found that I didn't have permission for database access using default credentials.

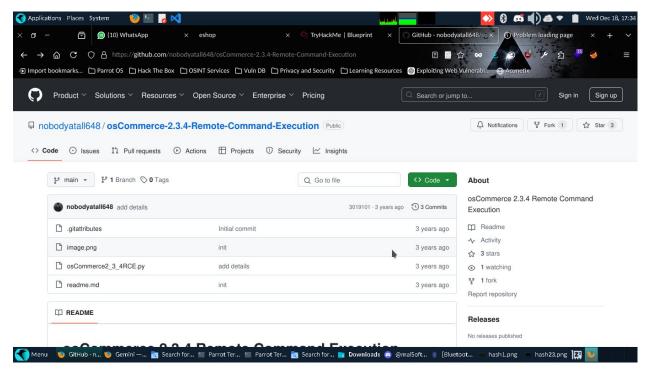
#### 6. Port 8080 (HTTP):

- The last port I explored was 8080, which was running an osCommerce service.
- Upon accessing this port, I found a directory page for osCommerce-2.3.4.



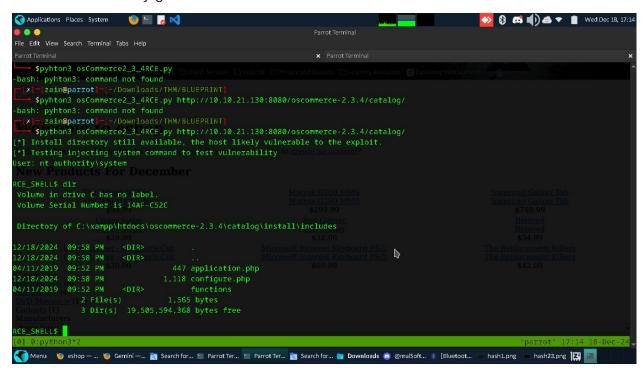
### osCommerce Exploration

- After navigating to the catalog/ directory, I observed an e-commerce site displaying products and their prices.
- I conducted research on osCommerce vulnerabilities form Github and found RCE (Remote Code Execution) scripts associated with this version.



### **Exploitation**

- I copied the latest Python exploit and executed it.
- I successfully gained shell access.



## **Privilege Escalation**

In Windows, the **authority\system** account represents root privileges. After obtaining the remote shell, I searched the Administrator directory for the root flag.

I retrieved the root flag.

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## **NTLM Hash Decoding**

Next, I needed to decode the NTLM hash for the Lab user.

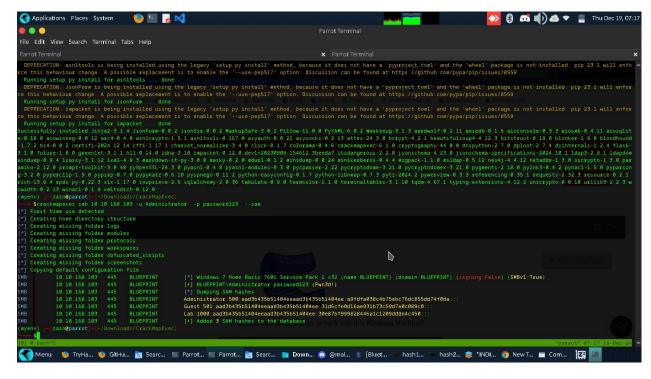
#### **Hash Extraction**

- The NTLM hashes are stored in a binary format in the Windows registry files located in System32/config/ with names SAM, SECURITY, SYSTEM, and Default.
- I used **CrackMapExec** to extract these files and copied them to my local machine.

## **Hash Dumping**

To extract the hash values, I used **CrackMapExec**, a reliable tool for hash dumping.

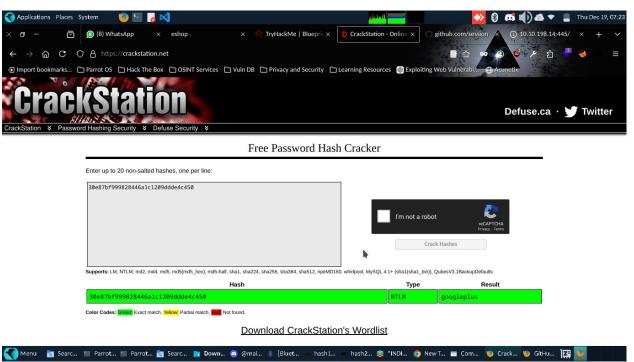
• I successfully dumped the hashes for all three users, where the first hash is the LM hash code, and the second (after the ":") is the NT hash code.



### **Hash Cracking**

I took the LM code for the Lab user and decoded it using **CrackStation**. You can also use offline tools like **JohnTheRipper** or **Hashcat** for this purpose.

After decoding, I obtained the Lab user's password.



### Conclusion

In this write-up, I detailed my journey through the **Blueprint** room on TryHackMe, focusing on the various stages of exploitation and privilege escalation within a Windows environment.