As what the hint stated, you have to know what symlinks (Symbolic Links) are first.

Symlinks are similar to a shortcut in Windows.

So in /home/daedalus, you’ll see these files:

flag.txt, hint.cow, secret1.cow, secret2.cow, supercow, supercow.c

As you’ll notice, you don’t have read/write access to flag.txt but the supercow program does.

The problem is, supercow can only read .cow files such as hint/secret1/secret2.

I’m not entirely sure what those .cow files are for but I believe they’re just to prove the program can read .cow files; nothing too useful.

What you’ll have to do is create your own .cow file inside your own directory and symlink it to flag.txt.

To do so, you type:

**ln -s /home/daedalus/flag.txt WhateverNameYouWant.cow**

and if you type ls, you’ll see that there’s the .cow file that you created.

Then all you have to do is run supercow and make it read your cow file which is symlinked to flag.txt; which means it’s reading flag.txt!

To do that, type :

**/home/daedalus/supercow YourCowFile.cow**