

SAT1: 002: LINUX File Manipulation

Overview

This lab will teach the basics of the vi command line text editor and the foundations for scripting.

Time: 45 Minutes

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this lab, you should be able to:

Use the Vi text editor to move around and edit a text file.

Resources

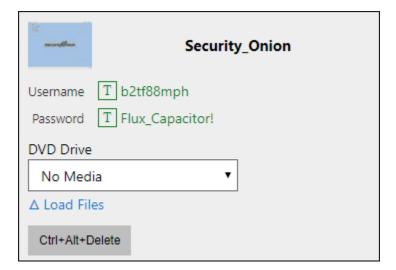
The following documents have been provided to assist you in this lab.

LINUX BIN/BASH Cheat Sheet

VI/VIM Cheat Sheet

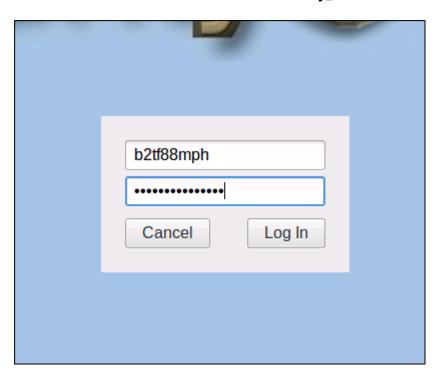
Log in to the Lab Machine

Select the **Security_Onion** machine on the Machines Tab.





Enter the Username and Password on the **Security_Onion** machine, and click Log In.



1.0 Introduction to the Vi Text Editor

1. Right click on the **Security_Onion** desktop and select Open Terminal to open a command line terminal.



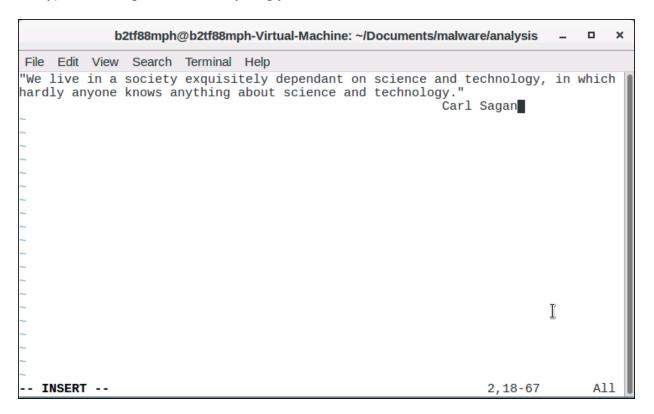
1.0 Using the Vi Text Editor



- 1.1 Navigate to Documents/malware/analysis
- 1.2 Type vi filehash and press Enter. This will open the blank file we created in the last lab.

Note: Vi always opens in edit mode. In this mode you can use Vi commands to perform file modifications.

- 1.3 Press i to enter insert mode. This will allow us to insert data into the file.
- 1.4 Here you can add information into the file, and you can remove and change existing information.
- 1.5 Type something into the file, anything you would like.



- 1.6 Press Esc to take you out of the edit mode.
- 1.7 To save the file, we have several options:
 - a. ZZ (Note: capitals) Save and exit.
 - b. :q! discard all changes
 - c. :w save file but don```t exit
 - d. :wq save and exit
- e. Type ```:q!``` and press enter. We have now exited without saving our changes.

1.8 Use the previous commands to enter the following hashes into the hash file:

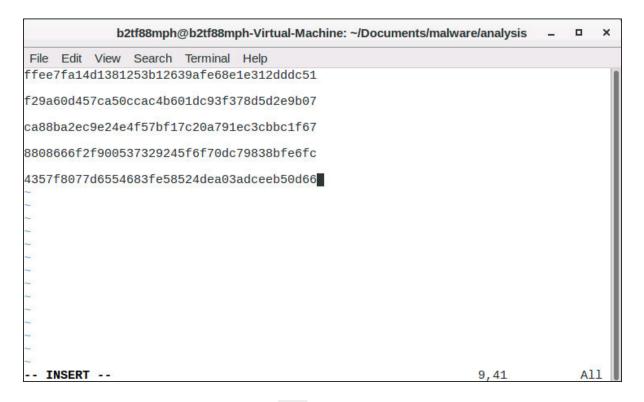
ffee7fa14d1381253b12639afe68e1e312dddc51

f29a60d457ca50ccac4b601dc93f378d5d2e9b07

ca88ba2ec9e24e4f57bf17c20a791ec3cbbc1f67

8808666f2f900537329245f6f70dc79838bfe6fc

4357f8077d6554683fe58524dea03adceeb50d66



- 1.9 Press Esc to leave the edit mode, and :wq! to save the file. Press Enter.
- 1.10 Type cat filehash. This will display the contents of the file on the screen.

```
b2tf88mph@b2tf88mph-Virtual-Machine: ~/Documents/malware/analysis

File Edit View Search Terminal Help
b2tf88mph@b2tf88mph-Virtual-Machine: ~$ cd Documents/malware/analysis
b2tf88mph@b2tf88mph-Virtual-Machine: ~/Documents/malware/analysis$ ls
filehash
b2tf88mph@b2tf88mph-Virtual-Machine: ~/Documents/malware/analysis$ cat filehash
ffee7fa14d1381253b12639afe68e1e312dddc51

f29a60d457ca50ccac4b601dc93f378d5d2e9b07
ca88ba2ec9e24e4f57bf17c20a791ec3cbbc1f67

8808666f2f900537329245f6f70dc79838bfe6fc
```



NOTE: Cat is useful if the file is small but often is not the best for large files.

Navigate back to to Desktop/Files.

1.11 Type less Desktop/Files/bigfile.txt and press Enter. The less command allows you to move up and down within a file using the arrow keys.

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b2tf88mph@b2tf88mph-Virtual-Machine: ~ _ _ _ X

File Edit View Search Terminal Help
b2tf88mph@b2tf88mph-Virtual-Machine: ~$ less Desktop/Files/bigfile.txt
b2tf88mph@b2tf88mph-Virtual-Machine: ~$ |
```

- a. Look through this log file using the arrow keys.
- b. When you are done, press q for quit.
- 1.12 Type vi Desktop/Files/bigfile.txt. We can use vi to navigate files as well. Type :q! then Enter to exit the file without saving.

```
b2tf88mph@b2tf88mph-Virtual-Machine: ~ _ _ _ X

File Edit View Search Terminal Help
b2tf88mph@b2tf88mph-Virtual-Machine: ~$ vi Desktop/Files/bigfile.txt
b2tf88mph@b2tf88mph-Virtual-Machine: ~$ |
```

2.0 Wildcards

Wildcards are a set of building blocks that allow you to create a pattern.

2.1 Type cd Documents/Science_Fiction and press Enter. This is a list of science fiction movies.

Note: Each file contains interesting facts about the movie, use your skills with cat to move around inside the files and read some of them!

2.2 Type 1s F* and press Enter. This will list all of the files beginning with the letter F.



```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
b2tf88mph@b2tf88mph-Virtual-Machine:~$ cd Documents/Science_Fiction
b2tf88mph@b2tf88mph-Virtual-Machine:~/Documents/Science Fiction$ ls
                                    Flatliners.txt
Alien 3.txt
Aliens.txt
                                    Gremelins.txt
Alien.txt
                                    Planet of the Apes.txt
Back to the Future.txt
                                    Predator.txt
Battle Star Galactica.txt
                                    Robo Cop.txt
Beneath the Plante of the Apes.txt Terminator.txt
Crimes of the Future.txt
                                    The Andromeda Strain.txt
Critters.txt
                                    The Lost World.txt
Firefly.txt
                                    Total Recall.txt
                                    Tracers.txt
Firestarter.txt
b2tf88mph@b2tf88mph-Virtual-Machine:~/Documents/Science Fiction$ ls F*
Firefly.txt Firestarter.txt Flatliners.txt
b2tf88mph@b2tf88mph-Virtual-Machine:~/Documents/Science_Fiction$
```

2.3 Type 1s ?r* and press Enter. This will give us a listing of all files whose second letter is r.

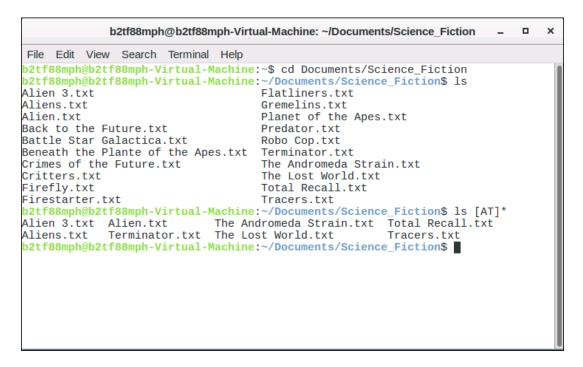
```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
 2tf88mph@b2tf88mph-Virtual-Machine:~$ cd Documents/Science_Fiction
o2tf88mph@b2tf88mph-Virtual-Machine:~/Documents/Science_Fiction$ ls
                                          Flatliners.txt
Alien 3.txt
Aliens.txt
                                          Gremelins.txt
Planet of the Apes.txt
Alien.txt
Back to the Future.txt
Battle Star Galactica.txt
Beneath the Plante of the Apes.txt
                                          Predator.txt
                                          Robo Cop.txt
                                          Terminator.txt
                                          The Andromeda Strain.txt
The Lost World.txt
Crimes of the Future.txt
Critters.txt
Firefly.txt
                                          Total Recall.txt
Firestarter.txt
                                          Tracers.txt
  2tf88mph@b2tf88mph-Virtual-Machine:~/Documents/Science_Fiction$ ls ?r*
Crimes of the Future.txt Gremelins.txt Tracers.txt
Critters.txt Predator.txt
b2tf88mph@b2tf88mph-Virtual-Machine:~/Documents/Science_Fiction$
```

2.4 Type 1s *.??? and press Enter. This will give us a listing of every file with a three letter extension.

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
b2tf88mph@b2tf88mph-Virtual-Machine:~$ cd Documents/Science_Fiction
b2tf88mph@b2tf88mph-Virtual-Machine:~/Documents/Science_Fiction$ ls
                                    Flatliners.txt
Alien 3.txt
Aliens.txt
                                    Gremelins.txt
                                    Planet of the Apes.txt
Alien.txt
Back to the Future.txt
                                    Predator.txt
Battle Star Galactica.txt
                                    Robo Cop.txt
Beneath the Plante of the Apes.txt Terminator.txt
Crimes of the Future.txt
                                    The Andromeda Strain.txt
Critters.txt
                                    The Lost World.txt
Firefly.txt
                                    Total Recall.txt
Firestarter.txt
                                    Tracers.txt
  tf88mph@b2tf88mph-Virtual-Machine:~/Documents/Science_Fiction$ ls *???
Alien 3.txt
                                    Flatliners.txt
Aliens.txt
                                    Gremelins.txt
                                    Planet of the Apes.txt
Alien.txt
Back to the Future.txt
                                    Predator.txt
Battle Star Galactica.txt
                                    Robo Cop.txt
Beneath the Plante of the Apes.txt Terminator.txt
Crimes of the Future.txt
                                    The Andromeda Strain.txt
Critters.txt
                                    The Lost World.txt
Firefly.txt
                                    Total Recall.txt
Firestarter.txt
                                    Tracers.txt
```



2.5 Type 1s [AT]* and press Enter. This will allow us to search a range of characters, in this case any files that begin with either A or T.



3.0 File Permissions

Let's take a little deep look into the file permissions and meanings.

3.1 Navigate back to the Documents folder and type 1s -1 and press Enter.

The first character identifies the file type. If it is a dash (-) then it is a normal file. If it is a d, then it is a directory.

The next three sets of characters identify permissions for the owner, group and others. If a dash exists, the permissions are absent. Otherwise either an r, w, or x will exist for read, write or execute.



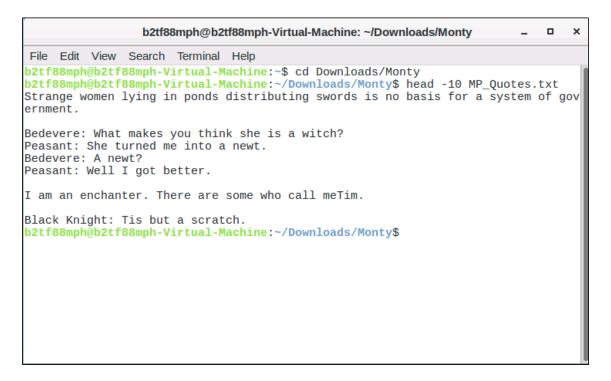
- 3.2 Type chmod g+x three_laws.txt and press Enter.
- 3.3 Now let's look at the file permissions for this file, Type 1s -1 and press Enter. As you can see, the file now has executable privileges for the group.



4.0 Filters

Navigate to Downloads/Monty.

4.1 Type head -10 MP Quotes.txt and press Enter. This will print the first 10 lines of data in the file.



4.2 Type tail -10 MP Quotes.txt and press Enter. This will print the last 10 lines of data in the file.

```
b2tf88mph@b2tf88mph-Virtual-Machine: ~/Downloads/Monty
b2tf88mph@b2tf88mph-Virtual-Machine: ~$ cd Downloads/Monty
b2tf88mph@b2tf88mph-Virtual-Machine: ~\Downloads/Monty$ tail -10 MP_Quotes.txt

Bridgekeeper: What is your name?
King Arthur: It is Arthur King of the Britons.
Bridgekeeper: What is your quest?
King Arthur: To seek the Holy Grail.
Bridgekeeper: What is the air-speed velocity of an unladen swallow?
King Arthur: What do you mean? An African or a European swallow?
Bridgekeeper: I dont know that. Aaaaaaaaaagh!

On second thoughts, let us not go to Camelot. It is a silly place.
b2tf88mph@b2tf88mph-Virtual-Machine:~/Downloads/Monty$ ■
```



4.3 Type sort MP_Quotes.txt and press Enter. This will sort the data alphabetically but there are more options available. Use the man pages to view some other options and explore the file.

```
Bedevere: A newt?
Bedevere: A newt?
Bedevere: What makes you think she is a witch?
Black Knight: Come here!
Black Knight: Its just a flesh wound
Black Knight: Tis but a scratch.
Black Knight: Tis bu
```

Note: Blank spaces are alphabetized before the data.

Navigate to Downloads/NBC

4.4 Type nl Nightmare_Facts.txt and press Enter. This will number the line of the data.

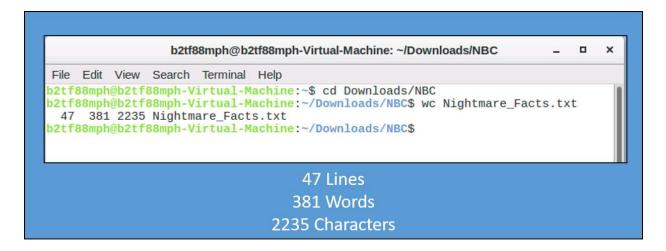


```
b2tf88mph@b2tf88mph-Virtual-Machine: ~/Downloads/NBC
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
p2tf88mph@b2tf88mph-Virtual-Machine:~$ cd Downloads/NBC
b2tf88mph@b2tf88mph-Virtual-Machine:-/Downloads/NBC$ nl Nightmare_Facts.txt
1 1. The stop-motion musical had 24 frames to a second, meaning they had to pose characters 24 times for each
the completed film.
         They had to move a character, take a picture, move the character, take a picture, and so on.
     4 2. That consisted of roughly 110,000 frames.
     6 3. One minute of the movie required an entire week of filming.
     8 4. And the movie therefore took more than three years to complete.
    10 5. There are as many as 60 individual characters, with three or four duplicates each.
    11
12 6. Each puppet had an armature inside it, enabling flexible movement.
    13
    7. The sculpture department consisted of only four people.
And they did all those characters.
    16
17
       8. More than 400 distinctly different Jack Skellington heads were used.
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    9 . And Sally had a mask for every expression change.
    They couldnt give her different heads because of her long red hair, which is why they created the masks.

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21
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       They couldn't give her different heads because of her long red hair, which is why they created the masks.
        10. To make Jack blink, replacement series were wedged into his eyes, which took up three frames per blink.
```

4.5 Type wc Nightmare_Facts.txt and press Enter. This gives the word count as well as characters and lines.



Navigate to Downloads/Heroes

4.6 Type cut -f 1 -d ', 'Secret_Identity.csv and press Enter. Cut is useful if the data is seperated into fields. Use the man pages to fully explore cut.



```
b2tf88mph@b2tf88mph-Virtual-Machine: ~/Downloads/Heroes _ _ _ _ _ X

File Edit View Search Terminal Help
b2tf88mph@b2tf88mph-Virtual-Machine: ~/Downloads/Heroes$ cut -f 1 -d ',' Secret_Identity.csv
Name
Superman
Batman
Martian Man Hunter
The Flash
Aquaman
Ironman
Ironman
b2tf88mph@b2tf88mph-Virtual-Machine: ~/Downloads/Heroes$
```

As you can see, this shows us the first column of the .csv file. Change the 1 to a 2, what happens then?



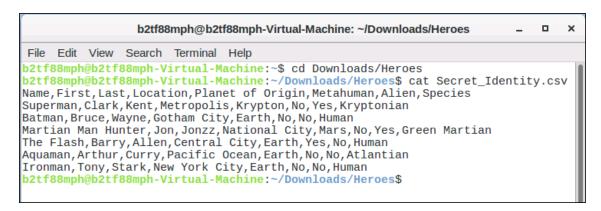
4.7 Type sed s/Bruce/*****/g Secret_Identity.csv and press Enter. SED stands for stream editor and will allow us to do a find and replace on the data.



```
b2tf88mph@b2tf88mph-Virtual-Machine: ~/Downloads/Heroes
 File Edit View Search Terminal Help
b2tf88mph@b2tf88mph-Virtual-Machine:~$ cd Downloads/Heroes
b2tf88mph@b2tf88mph-Virtual-Machine:~/Downloads/Heroes$ sed s/Bruce/******/g Se
cret_Identity.csv
Name, First, Last, Location, Planet of Origin, Metahuman, Alien, Species
Superman, Clark, Kent, Metropolis, Krypton, No, Yes, Kryptonian
Batman, ******, Wayne, Gotham City, Earth, No, No, Human
Martian Man Hunter, Jon, Jonzz, National City, Mars, No, Yes, Green Martian
The Flash,Barry,Allen,Central City,Earth,Yes,No,Human
Aquaman,Arthur,Curry,Pacific Ocean,Earth,No,No,Atlantian
Ironman, Tony, Stark, New York City, Earth, No, No, Human
Superman, Clárk, Kent, Metropolis, Krypton, No, Yeś, Kryptonian
Batman, ******, Wayne, Gotham City, Earth, No, No, Human
Martian Man Hunter, Jon, Jonzz, National City, Mars, No, Yes, Green Martian
The Flash, Barry, Allen, Central City, Earth, Yes, No, Human
Aquaman, Arthur, Curry, Pacific Ocean, Earth, No, No, Atlantian
Ironman, Tony, Stark, New York City, Earth, No, No, Human Superman, Clark, Kent, Metropoli
s,Krypton,No,Yes,Kryptonian
Batman,******,Wayne,Gotham City,Earth,No,No,Human
Martian Man Hunter,Jon,Jonzz,National City,Mars,No,Yes,Green Martian
The Flash, Barry, Allen, Central City, Earth, Yes, No, Human
Aquaman, Arthur, Curry, Pacific Ocean, Earth, No, No, Atlantian
Ironman, Tony, Stark, New York City, Earth, No, No, Human
b2tf88mph@b2tf88mph-Virtual-Machine:~/Downloads/Heroes$
```

You can see that all the instances of Bruce have been redacted.

4.8 Type cat Secret_Identity.csv and press Enter. The file contains duplicate items.

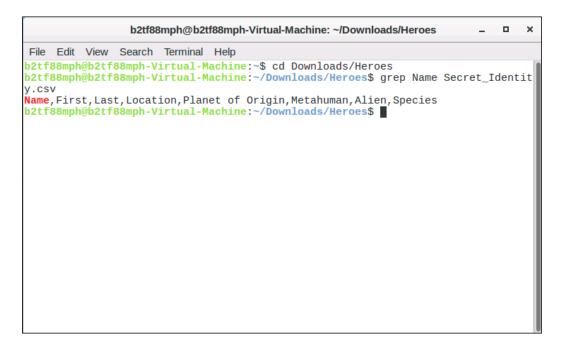


4.9 Type uniq Secret_Identity.csv and press Enter. Now see that the duplicate items are not printed.





4.10 Type grep Name Secret_Identity.csv and press Enter. Grep will output all the data that matches your search, try searching for some other things, try it on the other files we worked with.



Great job, you have completed LAB002!

Thank You, you may now close this module.