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Ubuntu 24 LTS command line with a completed update

```
admin@UBUNTU24:~$ sudo apt update
Hit:1 http://azure.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu oracular InRelease
Hit:2 http://azure.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu oracular-updates InRelease
Hit:3 http://azure.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu oracular-backports InRelease
Hit:4 http://azure.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu oracular-security InRelease
262 packages can be upgraded. Run 'apt list --upgradable' to see them.
admin@UBUNTU24:~$
```

The 50unattended-upgrades file showing the Allowed-Origins section

```
// pocket these get automatically pulled in.
Unattended-Upgrade::Allowed-Origins {
    "${distro_id}:${distro_codename}";
    "${distro_id}:${distro_codename}-security";
    // Extended Security Maintenance; doesn't necessarily exist for
    // every release and this system may not have it installed, but if
    // available, the policy for updates is such that unattended-upgrades
    // should also install from here by default.
    "${distro_id}ESMA:${distro_codename}-apps-security";
    "${distro_id}ESM:${distro_codename}-infra-security";
    // "${distro_id}:${distro_codename}-updates";
    // "${distro_id}:${distro_codename}-proposed";
    // "${distro_id}:${distro_codename}-backports";
};
```

the cron line you just entered in the crontab file

```
# minute (m), hour (h), day of month (dom), month (mon),
# and day of week (dow) or use '*' in these fields (for 'any').
#
# Notice that tasks will be started based on the cron's system
# daemon's notion of time and timezones.
#
# Output of the crontab jobs (including errors) is sent through
# email to the user the crontab file belongs to (unless redirected).
#
# For example, you can run a backup of all your user accounts
# at 5 a.m every week with:
# 0 5 * * 1 tar -zcf /var/backups/home.tgz /home/
#
# For more information see the manual pages of crontab(5) and cron(8)
#
# m h  dom mon dow   command
0 2 * * * /usr/bin/unattended-upgrades
```

End of the output of the unattended-upgrades dry-run

```
marking linux-headers-6.11.0-1004-azure for removal
marking linux-azure-tools-6.11.0-1004 for removal
marking linux-cloud-tools-6.11.0-1004-azure for removal
marking linux-azure-cloud-tools-6.11.0-1004 for removal
marking linux-tools-6.11.0-1004-azure for removal
marking linux-image-6.11.0-1004-azure for removal
Packages that were successfully auto-removed:
Packages that are kept back:
No packages found that can be upgraded unattended and no pending auto-removals
The list of kept packages can't be calculated in dry-run mode.
admin@UBUNTU24:~$
```

Terminal output showing the bash script execution and verification

```
[sudo] password for admin:
unattended-upgrades is already the newest version (2.9.1+nmu4ubuntu1).
Summary:
  Upgrading: 0, Installing: 0, Removing: 0, Not Upgrading: 262
admin@UBUNTU24:~$ sudo apt install unattended-upgrades -y
unattended-upgrades is already the newest version (2.9.1+nmu4ubuntu1).
Summary:
  Upgrading: 0, Installing: 0, Removing: 0, Not Upgrading: 262
admin@UBUNTU24:~$ sudo nano hardening.sh
admin@UBUNTU24:~$ sudo chmod +x hardening.sh
admin@UBUNTU24:~$ ./hardening.sh
Disabling root login via SSH...
Enforcing password authentication...
Disabling unnecessary service: CUPS (if installed)...
Synchronizing state of cups.service with SysV service script with /usr/lib/syste
md/systemd-sysv-install.
Executing: /usr/lib/systemd/systemd-sysv-install disable cups
Removed '/etc/systemd/system/sockets.target.wants/cups.socket'.
Removed '/etc/systemd/system/printer.target.wants/cups.service'.
Removed '/etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/cups.path'.
Removed '/etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/cups.service'.
Restarting SSH service to apply changes...
Bash hardening script complete.
admin@UBUNTU24:~$ █
```

Terminal output showing the bash script execution and verification.

```
admin@UBUNTU24:~$ grep -E 'PermitRootLogin|PasswordAuthentication' /etc/ssh/sshd
_config
PermitRootLogin no
PasswordAuthentication yes
# PasswordAuthentication. Depending on your PAM configuration,
# the setting of "PermitRootLogin prohibit-password".
# PAM authentication, then enable this but set PasswordAuthentication
admin@UBUNTU24:~$ systemctl status cups
○ cups.service - CUPS Scheduler
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/cups.service; disabled; preset: en>
   Active: inactive (dead) since Fri 2025-04-18 00:07:50 UTC; 3min 55s ago
   Duration: 14min 3.423s
   Invocation: 41f8fd17fc1d4cafbcb20215c23da6a
   TriggeredBy: ○ cups.socket
     Docs: man:cupsd(8)
    Main PID: 981 (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
      Status: "Scheduler is running..."
   Mem peak: 8.1M
      CPU: 25ms
```

Terminal output showing the hosts file

```
admin@UBUNTU24:~$ cd ~
admin@UBUNTU24:~$ sudo nano host
admin@UBUNTU24:~$ sudo nano hosts
admin@UBUNTU24:~$ cat hosts
[local]
localhost ansible_connection=local
admin@UBUNTU24:~$
```

Terminal showing complete Ansible Playbook run output

```
@UBUNTU24:~$ sudo nano hardening.yml
@UBUNTU24:~$ ansible-playbook -i hosts hardening.yml

[Harden Ubuntu 24 LTS with Ansible] *****

[Gathering Facts] *****
localhost

[Disable root login via SSH] *****
localhost

[Enforce password authentication in SSH config] *****
localhost

[Disable unnecessary service: CUPS (if installed)] *****
localhost

[Restart SSH service to apply configuration] *****
ed: [localhost]

RECAP *****
host                : ok=5    changed=1    unreachable=0    failed=0    skipped=0    rescued=0    ignored=0

@UBUNTU24:~$ █
```