Task 1: System Monitoring Setup

Install monitoring tools (htop, nmon, sysstat)

sudo yum install -y epel-release sudo yum install -y htop nmon sysstat

```
[root@localhost ~] # sudo yum install -y epel-release
CentOS Stream 10 - BaseOS
                                                           9.3 kB/s | 5.2 kB
                                                                                     00:00
CentOS Stream 10 - BaseOS
                                                                                     00:02
                                                           2.4 MB/s | 6.7 MB
CentOS Stream 10 - AppStream
CentOS Stream 10 - AppStream
CentOS Stream 10 - Extras packages
                                                           7.8 kB/s | 5.2 kB
                                                                                     00:00
                                                          261 kB/s | 3.4 MB
                                                                                     00:13
CentOS Stream 10 - Extras packages 14 kB/s | 5.9 kB
Extra Packages for Enterprise Linux 10 - x86_64 28 kB/s | 11 kB
                                                                                     00:00
                                                                                     00:00
Extra Packages for Enterprise Linux 10 - x86 64 1.6 MB/s | 5.3 MB
                                                                                     00:03
                                                                                     00:00
Jenkins-stable
                                                           11 kB/s | 2.9 kB
Package epel-release-10-6.el10 0.noarch is already installed.
Dependencies resolved.
Nothing to do.
Complete!
[root@localhost ~]#
```

Package	Architecture	Version	Repository	Size
Installing:				
htop	x86_64 x86_64	3.3.0-5.el10_0	epel	
	x86_64	16q-3.el10_1	epel	
	x86_64	12.7.6-2.el10	appstream	526 1
installing dependencies:				
hwloc-libs	x86_64	2.11.1-3.el10	baseos	2.1 1
lm_sensors-libs ocl-icd	x86_64 x86_64	3.6.0-20.el10	appstream	42 1
	x86_64 x86_64	2.3.2-8.el10 6.3.7-5.el10	baseos	67 I 30 I
pcp-conf pcp-libs	x86 64	6.3.7-5.e110	appstream appstream	654 1
pcp-11bs	X00_04	0.3.7-3.e110	appscream	654
Transaction Summary				
Install 8 Packages				

Enable sysstat for continuous metric collection

sudo systemctl enable --now sysstat

Check disk usage

df -hT # filesystem usage du -sh /var/www/html /usr/share/nginx/html # web roots usage

```
root@localhost ~] # sudo systemctl enable --now sysstat
root@localhost ~] # df -hT
ilesystem
                                  Size Used Avail Use% Mounted on
                        Type
dev/mapper/cs_vbox-root xfs
                                  17G 1.6G 16G 9% /
                                        0 4.0M
0 853M
                                                    0% /dev
levtmpfs
                        devtmpfs 4.0M
mpfs
                        tmpfs
                                  853M
                                                    0% /dev/shm
                                  342M 4.9M 337M 2% /run
mpfs
                        tmpfs
mpfs
                        tmpfs
                                         0 1.0M 0% /run/credentials/systemd-journald.service
                                 960M 227M 734M 24% /boot
1.0M 0 1.0M 0% /run/o
dev/sda2
                        xfs
                        tmpfs
                                                   0% /run/credentials/getty@ttyl.service
mpfs
                                 171M 4.0K 171M 1% /run/user/0
                        tmpfs
mpfs
root@localhost ~] # du -sh
84K
root@localhost ~]#
```

Check resource-intensive processes

```
[root@localhost ~] # ps -eo pid,ppid,cmd,%mem,%cpu --sort=-%mem | head
   PID
          PPID CMD
                                            %MEM %CPU
   758
             1 /usr/bin/python3 -sP /usr/s 2.4
                                                 0.2
             0 /usr/lib/systemd/systemd -- 2.3
   774
             1 /usr/sbin/NetworkManager -- 0.9
                                                 0.0
  1327
             1 /usr/lib/systemd/systemd -- 0.7
                                                 0.1
   644
             1 /usr/lib/systemd/systemd-ud 0.6 0.0
  1398
           794 sshd-session: root [priv]
                                            0.6
                                                 0.0
   759
             1 /usr/lib/systemd/systemd-lo 0.5
                                                 0.0
   787
             1 /usr/lib/systemd/systemd-ho 0.5
                                                 0.0
   598
             1 /usr/lib/systemd/systemd-jo 0.4
                                                 0.0
[root@localhost ~] # ps -eo pid,ppid,cmd,%mem,%cpu --sort=-%cpu | head
          PPID CMD
   PID
                                           %MEM %CPU
  1752
          1403 ps -eo pid, ppid, cmd, %mem, %c 0.2 100
  1590
             2 [kworker/0:14-events]
                                            0.0 2.0
             0 /usr/lib/systemd/systemd -- 2.3
                                                 1.7
  1585
             2 [kworker/0:9-events]
                                            0.0
                                                 1.7
             2 [kworker/0:0-xfs-conv/dm-0] 0.0
                                                 1.4
   211
             2 [kworker/0:3-ata sff]
                                            0.0
                                                 0.4
   758
             1 /usr/bin/python3 -sP /usr/s 2.4
                                                 0.2
  1327
             1 /usr/lib/systemd/systemd -- 0.7
                                                 0.1
             2 [kworker/u4:0-events unboun 0.0
                                                 0.1
[root@localhost ~]#
```

Automated logging (create script)

sudo vi /usr/local/bin/collect_metrics.sh

sudo chmod +x /usr/local/bin/collect_metrics.sh

Task 2 – User Management & Access Control

```
[root@localhost ~] # sudo useradd sarah
useradd: warning: the home directory /home/sarah already exists.
useradd: Not copying any file from skel directory into it.
Creating mailbox file: File exists
[root@localhost ~] # sudo passwd sarah
New password:
BAD PASSWORD: The password is shorter than 8 characters
Retype new password:
passwd: password updated successfully
[root@localhost ~] # sudo useradd mike
useradd: warning: the home directory /home/mike already exists.
useradd: Not copying any file from skel directory into it.
Creating mailbox file: File exists
[root@localhost ~] # sudo passwd mike
New password:
BAD PASSWORD: The password is shorter than 8 characters
Retype new password:
passwd: password updated successfully
[root@localhost ~]#
[root@localhost ~]#
```

```
sudo useradd sarah
sudo passwd sarah # set strong password (e.g., Strong#Passw0rd!)
sudo useradd mike
sudo passwd mike # set strong password (e.g., Stronger#Passw0rd2)
```

Create isolated directories

```
[root@localhost ~] # mkdir -p /home/Sarah/workspace

[root@localhost ~] # chown -R sarah:sarah /home/Sarah

[root@localhost ~] # chmod 700 /home/Sarah/workspace

[root@localhost ~] # mkdir -p /home/mike/workspace

[root@localhost ~] # chown -R mike:mike /home/mike

[root@localhost ~] # chmod 700 /home/mike/workspace

[root@localhost ~] # []
```

mkdir -p /home/Sarah/workspace chown -R sarah:sarah /home/Sarah chmod 700 /home/Sarah/workspace

mkdir -p /home/mike/workspace chown -R mike:mike /home/mike chmod 700 /home/mike/workspace

Set password policy (expire in 30 days)

```
[root@localhost ~]# sudo chage -M 30 sarah
[root@localhost ~]# sudo chage -M 30 mike
[root@localhost ~]# []
```

sudo chage -M 30 sarah sudo chage -M 30 mike

Enforce complexity policy (edit PAM config)

sudo vi /etc/security/pwquality.conf

```
Configuration for systemwide password quality limits
Defaults:
Number of characters in the new password that must not be present in the
old password.
difok = 1
Minimum acceptable size for the new password (plus one if
credits are not disabled which is the default). (See pam cracklib manual.)
Cannot be set to lower value than 6.
minlen = 12
The maximum credit for having digits in the new password. If less than 0
it is the minimum number of digits in the new password.
dcredit = -1
The maximum credit for having uppercase characters in the new password.
If less than 0 it is the minimum number of uppercase characters in the new
password.
ucredit = -1
The maximum credit for having lowercase characters in the new password.
If less than 0 it is the minimum number of lowercase characters in the new
password.
lcredit = -1
The maximum credit for having other characters in the new password.
If less than 0 it is the minimum number of other characters in the new
password.
ocredit = -1
```

minlen = 12

ucredit = -1

Icredit = -1

dcredit = -1

ocredit = -1

```
[root@localhost ~] # ls -ld /home/Sarah/workspace
drwx----. 2 sarah sarah 6 Aug 30 12:44 /home/Sarah/workspace
[root@localhost ~] # ls -ld /home/mike/workspace
drwx----. 2 mike mike 6 Aug 30 12:46 /home/mike/workspace
[root@localhost ~] # sudo chage -1 sarah
Last password change
                                                        : Aug 30, 2025
Password expires
                                                        : Sep 29, 2025
Password inactive
                                                        : never
Account expires
                                                        : never
Minimum number of days between password change
                                                       : 30
Maximum number of days between password change
Number of days of warning before password expires
[root@localhost ~] # sudo chage -1 mike
Last password change
                                                        : Aug 30, 2025
                                                        : Sep 29, 2025
Password expires
Password inactive
                                                        : never
Account expires
                                                        : never
Minimum number of days between password change
                                                       : 0
Maximum number of days between password change
                                                       : 30
Number of days of warning before password expires
[root@localhost ~]#
```

Is -Id /home/Sarah/workspace Is -Id /home/mike/workspace sudo chage -I sarah sudo chage -I mike

```
[root@localhost ~] # ls -ld
dr-xr-x---. 5 root root 4096 Aug 30 11:05 .
[root@localhost ~] # chage -1
Usage: chage [options] LOGIN
Options:
  -d, --lastday LAST_DAY set date of last password change to LAST_DAY
  -E, --expiredate EXPIRE DATE set account expiration date to EXPIRE DATE
  -h, --help
                                display this help message and exit
  -i, --iso8601
                                use YYYY-MM-DD when printing dates
  -I, --inactive INACTIVE
                                set password inactive after expiration
                                to INACTIVE
  -1, --list
                                 show account aging information
                                 set minimum number of days before password
  -m, --mindays MIN DAYS
                                change to MIN DAYS
                              set maximum number of days before password
  -M, --maxdays MAX DAYS
                                change to MAX DAYS
  -R, --root CHROOT DIR
                                 directory to chroot into
  -P, --prefix PREFIX_DIR directory prefix
-W, --warndays WARN_DAYS set expiration warning days to WARN_DAYS
[root@localhost ~]#
```

Task 3 – Backup Configuration for Web Servers

Create backup directory

```
[root@localhost ~] # sudo mkdir -p /backups
[root@localhost ~] # sudo chmod 755 /backups
[root@localhost ~] # []
```

sudo mkdir -p /backups sudo chmod 755 /backups

Create backup scripts

sudo vi /usr/local/bin/backup_apache.sh

```
#!/bin/bash
# Backup Script for Apache (Sarah)
# Backs up Apache config and document root
BACKUP DIR="/backups"
DATE=$ (date +%F)
BACKUP FILE="$BACKUP DIR/apache backup $DATE.tar.gz"
LOG FILE="/var/log/backup/apache backup.log"
# Create compressed backup
tar -czf $BACKUP FILE /etc/httpd/ /var/www/html/ 2>> $LOG FILE
# Verify backup integrity
echo "[$(date)] Backup created: $BACKUP FILE" >> $LOG FILE
echo "[$(date)] Verifying backup contents..." >> $LOG FILE
tar -tzf $BACKUP FILE >> $LOG FILE 2>&1
# Generate checksum
sha256sum $BACKUP FILE > $BACKUP FILE.sha256
echo "[$(date)] SHA256 checksum generated: $BACKUP FILE.sha256" >> $LOG FILE
```

```
#!/bin/bash
# Backup Script for Apache (Sarah)
# Backs up Apache config and document root

BACKUP_DIR="/backups"

DATE=$(date +%F)
```

```
BACKUP_FILE="$BACKUP_DIR/apache_backup_$DATE.tar.gz"
LOG_FILE="/var/log/backup/apache_backup.log"

# Create compressed backup
tar -czf $BACKUP_FILE /etc/httpd/ /var/www/html/ 2>> $LOG_FILE

# Verify backup integrity
echo "[$(date)] Backup created: $BACKUP_FILE" >> $LOG_FILE
echo "[$(date)] Verifying backup contents..." >> $LOG_FILE
tar -tzf $BACKUP_FILE >> $LOG_FILE 2>&1

# Generate checksum
sha256sum $BACKUP_FILE > $BACKUP_FILE.sha256
echo "[$(date)] SHA256 checksum generated: $BACKUP_FILE.sha256" >> $LOG_FILE
```

```
[root@localhost ~]# sudo vi /usr/local/bin/backup_apache.sh
[root@localhost ~]# sudo chmod +x /usr/local/bin/backup_apache.sh
[root@localhost ~]# []
```

sudo chmod +x /usr/local/bin/backup apache.sh

Nginx (Mike)

sudo vi /usr/local/bin/backup nginx.sh

```
#!/bin/bash
 # Backup Script for Nginx (Mike)
# Backs up Nginx config and document root
BACKUP DIR="/backups"
DATE=$ (date +%F)
BACKUP FILE="$BACKUP DIR/nginx backup $DATE.tar.gz"
LOG FILE="/var/log/backup/nginx backup.log"
# Create compressed backup
tar -czf $BACKUP FILE /etc/nginx/ /usr/share/nginx/html/ 2>> $LOG FILE
# Verify backup integrity
echo "[$(date)] Backup created: $BACKUP FILE" >> $LOG FILE
echo "[$(date)] Verifying backup contents..." >> $LOG FILE
tar -tzf $BACKUP FILE >> $LOG FILE 2>&1
# Generate checksum
sha256sum $BACKUP FILE > $BACKUP FILE.sha256
echo "[$(date)] SHA256 checksum generated: $BACKUP FILE.sha256" >> $LOG FILE
#!/bin/bash
# Backup Script for Nginx (Mike)
# Backs up Nginx config and document root
BACKUP DIR="/backups"
DATE=$(date +%F)
BACKUP FILE="$BACKUP DIR/nginx backup $DATE.tar.gz"
LOG FILE="/var/log/backup/nginx backup.log"
# Create compressed backup
tar -czf $BACKUP FILE /etc/nginx/ /usr/share/nginx/html/ 2>> $LOG FILE
# Verify backup integrity
echo "[$(date)] Backup created: $BACKUP FILE" >> $LOG FILE
echo "[$(date)] Verifying backup contents..." >> $LOG FILE
tar -tzf $BACKUP_FILE >> $LOG_FILE 2>&1
# Generate checksum
sha256sum $BACKUP FILE > $BACKUP FILE.sha256
echo "[$(date)] SHA256 checksum generated: $BACKUP FILE.sha256" >> $LOG FILE
```

```
[root@localhost ~] # sudo vi /usr/local/bin/backup_apache.sh
[root@localhost ~] # sudo chmod +x /usr/local/bin/backup_apache.sh
[root@localhost ~] # sudo vi /usr/local/bin/backup_nginx.sh
[root@localhost ~] # sudo chmod +x /usr/local/bin/backup_nginx.sh
[root@localhost ~] # []
```

sudo chmod +x /usr/local/bin/backup_nginx.sh

sudo crontab -e

Schedule cron jobs (every Tuesday at 12 AM)

0 0 * * 2 /usr/local/bin/backup_apache.sh 0 0 * * 2 /usr/local/bin/backup_nginx.sh

Apache (Sarah's Web Server)

sudo yum install -y httpd

```
[sarah8localhost root]$ sudo yum install -y httpd
Last metadata expiration check: 1:54:00 ago on Sat 30 Aug 2025 11:38:22 AM IST.
Package httpd:/-1.4.63-4.e10.x86_64 is already installed.
Dependencies resolved.
Nothing to do.
Complete!
[Sarah8localhost root]$ sudo systemctl start httpd
[Sarah8localhost root]$ sudo systemctl enable httpd
[Sarah8localhost root]$ sudo systemctl enable httpd
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* Sarah8localhost root)$ sudo systemctl start start httpd:

* Sarah8localhost root)$ sudo systemctl sta
```

sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --add-service=http sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --add-service=https sudo firewall-cmd --reload

```
[sarah@localhost root]$ sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --add-service=http success
[sarah@localhost root]$ sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --add-service=https success
[sarah@localhost root]$ sudo firewall-cmd --reload success
[sarah@localhost root]$ sudo vi /etc/httpd/conf.d/sarah_site.conf
[sarah@localhost root]$
```

```
[sarah@localhost root]$ sudo mkdir -p /var/www/html/sarah
[sarah@localhost root]$ echo "<hl>Welcome to Sarah's Apache site</hl>" | sudo tee /var/www/html/sarah/index.html
<hl>Welcome to Sarah's Apache site</hl>
[sarah@localhost root]$ sudo chown -R apache:apache /var/www/html/sarah
[sarah@localhost root]$ sudo chmod -R 755 /var/www/html/sarah
[sarah@localhost root]$ sudo systemctl restart httpd
[sarah@localhost root]$ [
]
```

sudo mkdir -p /var/www/html/sarah echo "<h1>Welcome to Sarah's Apache site</h1>" | sudo tee /var/www/html/sarah/index.html sudo chown -R apache:apache /var/www/html/sarah sudo chmod -R 755 /var/www/html/sarah

sudo systemctl restart httpd

```
[sarah@localhost root]$ curl http://localhost
<hl>Welcome to Sarah's Apache site</hl>
[sarah@localhost root]$ curl http://localhost/sarah
<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//IETF//DTD HTML 2.0//EN">
<html><head>
<title>404 Not Found</title>
</head><body>
<hl>Not Found</hl>
The requested URL was not found on this server.
</body></html>
[sarah@localhost root]$ []
```

Verify

curl http://localhost
curl http://localhost/sarah



Welcome to Sarah's Apache site

Nginx (Mike's Web Server)

```
[root@localhost ~] # sudo usermod -aG wheel mike
[root@localhost ~] # # give the full permition for mike user
[root@localhost ~] # su mike
[mike@localhost root] $ sudo yum install -y epel-release
[sudo] password for mike:
Last metadata expiration check: 2:04:25 ago on Sat 30 Aug 2025 11:38:22 AM IST.
Package epel-release-10-6.el10_0.noarch is already installed.
Dependencies resolved.
Nothing to do.
Complete!
[mike@localhost root] $ [
```

```
sudo usermod -aG wheel mike
sudo yum install -y epel-release
sudo yum install -y nginx
```

[mike@localhost root]\$ sudo yum ir	stall -y nginx 07:19 ago on Sat 30 Aug 2025 11:38:	22 AM TST		
Dependencies resolved.				
Package	Architecture	Version	Repository	Size
Installing: nginx Installing dependencies:	x86_64	2:1.26.3-1.e110	appstream	33 k
nginx-core nginx-filesystem	x86_64 noarch	2:1.26.3-1.e110 2:1.26.3-1.e110	appstream appstream	662 k 12 k
Transaction Summary				
Install 3 Packages				
Total download size: 707 k Installed size: 1.9 M Downloading Fackages: (1/3): nginx-filesystem-1.26.3-1.c (2/3): nginx-1.26.3-1.e110.x86_64. (3/3): nginx-core-1.26.3-1.e110.x6	rpm		2.7 kB/s 12 kt 5.1 kB/s 33 kt 37 kB/s 662 kt	
Total Running transaction check Transaction check succeeded. Running transaction test Transaction test succeeded. Running transaction			33 kB/s 707 kE	
	tem-2:1.26.3-1.el10.noarch 1.26.3-1.el10.x86_64 3-1.el10.x86_64			1/1 1/3 1/3 2/3 3/3 3/3
Installed: nginx-2:1.26.3-1.el10.x86_64 Complete! [mike@localhost root]\$	nginx-core-2:1.26	.3-1.el10.x86_64	nginx-filesystem-2:1.26.3-1.el10.noarch	

```
[mike@localhost root]$ sudo systemctl stop httpd
[mike@localhost root]$ sudo systemctl disable httpd
Removed '/etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/httpd.service'.
mike@localhost root]$ sudo systemctl start nginx
mike@localhost root]$ sudo systemctl enable nginx
reated symlink '/etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/nginx.service' → '/usr/lib/systemd/system/nginx.service'.
mike@localhost root]$ sudo systemctl status nginx
 nginx.service - The nginx HTTP and reverse proxy server
    Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/nginx.service; enabled; preset: disabled)
    Active: active (running) since Sat 2025-08-30 13:50:50 IST; 24s ago
Invocation: aa592b50c640413b9ffe2c60d514f7b1
     Tasks: 2 (limit: 10696)
    Memory: 2.3M (peak: 2.8M)
       CPU: 94ms
             -23794 "nginx: master process /usr/sbin/nginx" -23795 "nginx: worker process"
Aug 30 13:50:50 localhost.localdomain systemd[1]: Starting nginx.service - The nginx HTTP and reverse proxy server...
ug 30 13:50:50 localhost.localdomain nginx[23791]: nginx: configuration file /etc/nginx/nginx.conf test is successful
ug 30 13:50:50 localhost.localdomain systemd[1]: Started nginx.service - The nginx HTTP and reverse proxy server.
[mike@localhost root]$
```

Start and Enable the Service

```
# Stop Apache if running
sudo systemctl stop httpd
sudo systemctl disable httpd
```

Then start nginx
sudo systemctl start nginx
sudo systemctl enable nginx
sudo systemctl status nginx

Configure Firewall for Nginx

```
sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --add-service=http
sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --add-service=https
sudo firewall-cmd --reload
```

```
[mike@localhost root]$ sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --add-service=http
Warning: ALREADY_ENABLED: http
success
[mike@localhost root]$ sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --add-service=https
Warning: ALREADY_ENABLED: https
success
[mike@localhost root]$ sudo firewall-cmd --reload
success
[mike@localhost root]$ [
```

Create a Server Block for Mike

sudo vi /etc/nginx/conf.d/mike site.conf

```
server {
    listen 80;
    server_name mike.local;

    root /usr/share/nginx/html/mike;
    index index.html;

    access_log /var/log/nginx/mike_access.log;
    error_log /var/log/nginx/mike_error.log;
}
```

Setup Document Root sudo mkdir -p /usr/share/nginx/html/mike echo "<h1>Welcome to Mike's Nginx site</h1>" | sudo tee /usr/share/nginx/html/mike/index.html sudo chown -R nginx:nginx /usr/share/nginx/html/mike

sudo chmod -R 755 /usr/share/nginx/html/mike

```
[mike@localhost root]$ sudo vi /etc/nginx/conf.d/mike_site.conf
[mike@localhost root]$ sudo mkdir -p /usr/share/nginx/html/mike
[mike@localhost root]$ echo "<hl>Welcome to Mike's Nginx site</hl>" | sudo tee /
usr/share/nginx/html/mike/index.html
<hl>Welcome to Mike's Nginx site</hl>
[mike@localhost root]$ sudo chown -R nginx:nginx /usr/share/nginx/html/mike
[mike@localhost root]$ sudo chmod -R 755 /usr/share/nginx/html/mike
[mike@localhost root]$ [
```

Test Config and Restart

Welcome to Mike's Nginx site

```
[mike@localhost root]$ sudo nginx -t
nginx: the configuration file /etc/nginx/nginx.conf syntax is ok
nginx: configuration file /etc/nginx/nginx.conf test is successful
[mike@localhost root]$ sudo systemctl restart nginx
[mike@localhost root]$ curl http://localhost/mike
<html>
<head><title>301 Moved Permanently</title></head>
<body>
<center><hl>>301 Moved Permanently</hl></center>
<hr><center>ohr><center>nginx/1.26.3</center>
</body>
</html>
[mike@localhost root]$ [
```