



Cybersecurity

Module 4 Challenge Submission File

Linux Systems Administration

Make a copy of this document to work in, and then for each step, add the solution commands below the prompt. Save and submit this completed file as your Challenge deliverable.

Step 1: Ensure/Double Check Permissions on Sensitive Files

1. Permissions on `/etc/shadow` should allow only `root` read and write access.
 - a. Command to inspect permissions:

```
ls -l /etc/shadow
```

- b. Command to set permissions (if needed):

```
sudo chmod u=<?>,g=<?>,o=<?> /etc/shadow
```

2. Permissions on `/etc/gshadow` should allow only `root` read and write access.
 - a. Command to inspect permissions:

```
ls -l /etc/gshadow
```

- b. Command to set permissions (if needed):

```
sudo chmod u=rw-,g=,o= /etc/gshadow
```

3. Permissions on `/etc/group` should allow `root` read and write access, and allow everyone else read access only.

- a. Command to inspect permissions:

```
ls -l /etc/group
```

- b. Command to set permissions (if needed):

```
sudo chmod u=rw-,g=r--,o=r-- /etc/group
```

4. Permissions on `/etc/passwd` should allow `root` read and write access, and allow everyone else read access only.

- a. Command to inspect permissions:

```
ls -l /etc/passwd
```

- b. Command to set permissions (if needed):

```
sudo chmod u=rw-,g=r--,o=r-- /etc/passwd
```

Step 2: Create User Accounts

1. Add user accounts for `sam`, `joe`, `amy`, `sara`, and `admin` with the `useradd` command.

- a. Command to add each user account (include all five users):

```
sudo adduser sam  
sudo adduser joe  
sudo adduser amy  
sudo adduser sara  
sudo adduser admin
```

2. Ensure that only the `admin` has general sudo access.

- a. Command to add `admin` to the sudo group:

```
sudo usermod -aG sudo admin
```

Step 3: Create User Group and Collaborative Folder

1. Add an `engineers` group to the system.

- a. Command to add group:

```
sudo addgroup engineers
```

2. Add users `sam`, `joe`, `amy`, and `sara` to the managed group.

- a. Command to add users to `engineers` group (include all four users):

```
sudo usermod -aG engineers sam
sudo usermod -aG engineers joe
sudo usermod -aG engineers amy
sudo usermod -aG engineers sara
```

3. Create a shared folder for this group at `/home/engineers`.

- a. Command to create the shared folder:

```
sudo mkdir /home/engineers
```

4. Change ownership on the new engineers' shared folder to the `engineers` group.

- a. Command to change ownership of engineers' shared folder to `engineers` group:

```
sudo chown :engineers /home/engineers
```

Step 4: Lynis Auditing

1. Command to install Lynis:

```
sudo apt install lynis
```

2. Command to view documentation and instructions:

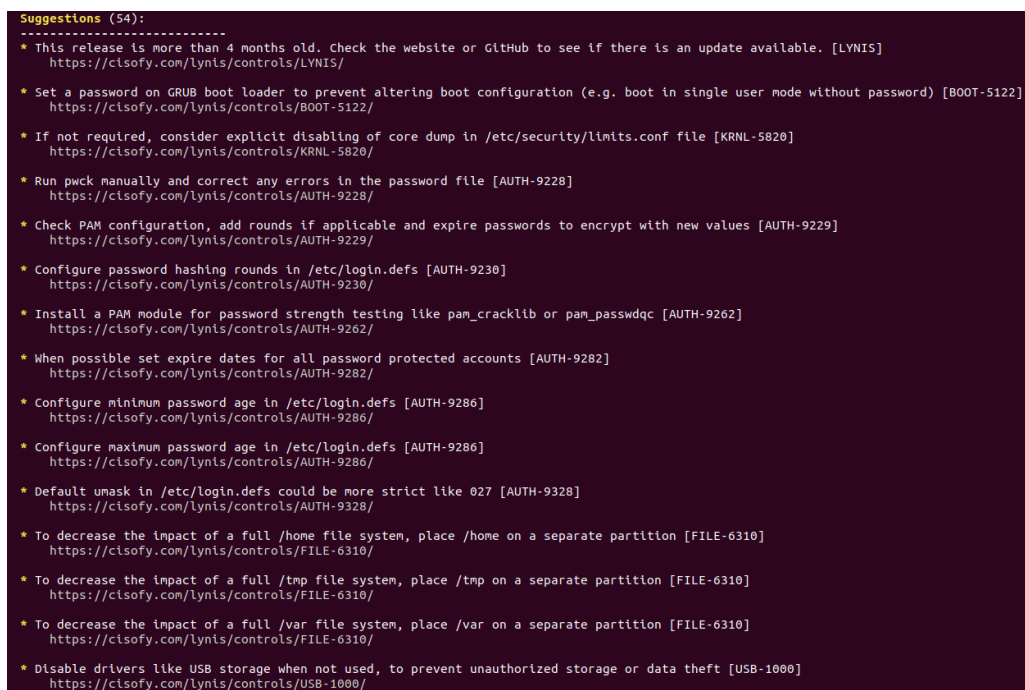
```
man lynis
```

3. Command to run an audit:

```
sudo lynis audit system
```

4. Provide a report from the Lynis output with recommendations for hardening the system.

a. Screenshot of report output:



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Suggestions (54):
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* This release is more than 4 months old. Check the website or GitHub to see if there is an update available. [LYNIS]
  https://cisofy.com/lynis/controls/LYNIS/

* Set a password on GRUB boot loader to prevent altering boot configuration (e.g. boot in single user mode without password) [BOOT-5122]
  https://cisofy.com/lynis/controls/BOOT-5122/

* If not required, consider explicit disabling of core dump in /etc/security/limits.conf file [KRNL-5820]
  https://cisofy.com/lynis/controls/KRNL-5820/

* Run pwck manually and correct any errors in the password file [AUTH-9228]
  https://cisofy.com/lynis/controls/AUTH-9228/

* Check PAM configuration, add rounds if applicable and expire passwords to encrypt with new values [AUTH-9229]
  https://cisofy.com/lynis/controls/AUTH-9229/

* Configure password hashing rounds in /etc/login.defs [AUTH-9230]
  https://cisofy.com/lynis/controls/AUTH-9230/

* Install a PAM module for password strength testing like pam_cracklib or pam_passwdqc [AUTH-9262]
  https://cisofy.com/lynis/controls/AUTH-9262/

* When possible set expire dates for all password protected accounts [AUTH-9282]
  https://cisofy.com/lynis/controls/AUTH-9282/

* Configure minimum password age in /etc/login.defs [AUTH-9286]
  https://cisofy.com/lynis/controls/AUTH-9286/

* Configure maximum password age in /etc/login.defs [AUTH-9286]
  https://cisofy.com/lynis/controls/AUTH-9286/

* Default umask in /etc/login.defs could be more strict like 027 [AUTH-9328]
  https://cisofy.com/lynis/controls/AUTH-9328/

* To decrease the impact of a full /home file system, place /home on a separate partition [FILE-6310]
  https://cisofy.com/lynis/controls/FILE-6310/

* To decrease the impact of a full /tmp file system, place /tmp on a separate partition [FILE-6310]
  https://cisofy.com/lynis/controls/FILE-6310/

* To decrease the impact of a full /var file system, place /var on a separate partition [FILE-6310]
  https://cisofy.com/lynis/controls/FILE-6310/

* Disable drivers like USB storage when not used, to prevent unauthorized storage or data theft [USB-1000]
  https://cisofy.com/lynis/controls/USB-1000/
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* Check DNS configuration for the dns domain name [NAME-4028]
https://cisofof.com/lynis/controls/NAME-4028/

* Purge old/removed packages (3 found) with aptitude purge or dpkg --purge command. This will cleanup old configuration files, cron jobs and startup scripts. [PKGS-7346]
https://cisofof.com/lynis/controls/PKGS-7346/

* Install debsums utility for the verification of packages with known good database. [PKGS-7370]
https://cisofof.com/lynis/controls/PKGS-7370/

* Update your system with apt-get update, apt-get upgrade, apt-get dist-upgrade and/or unattended-upgrades [PKGS-7392]
https://cisofof.com/lynis/controls/PKGS-7392/

Terminal: package apt-show-versions for patch management purposes [PKGS-7394]
https://cisofof.com/lynis/controls/PKGS-7394/

* Determine if protocol 'dcbp' is really needed on this system [NETW-3200]
https://cisofof.com/lynis/controls/NETW-3200/

* Determine if protocol 'sctp' is really needed on this system [NETW-3200]
https://cisofof.com/lynis/controls/NETW-3200/

* Determine if protocol 'rds' is really needed on this system [NETW-3200]
https://cisofof.com/lynis/controls/NETW-3200/

* Determine if protocol 'tipc' is really needed on this system [NETW-3200]
https://cisofof.com/lynis/controls/NETW-3200/

* Access to CUPS configuration could be more strict. [PRINT-2307]
https://cisofof.com/lynis/controls/PRINT-2307/

* You are advised to hide the mail_name (option: smtp_banner) from your postfix configuration. Use postconf -e or change your main.cf file (/etc/postfix/main.cf) [MAIL-8818]
https://cisofof.com/lynis/controls/MAIL-8818/

* Disable the 'VRFY' command [MAIL-8820:disable_vrfy_command]
- Details : disable_vrfy_command=no
- Solution : run postconf -e disable_vrfy_command=yes to change the value
https://cisofof.com/lynis/controls/MAIL-8820/

* Check iptables rules to see which rules are currently not used [FIRE-4513]
https://cisofof.com/lynis/controls/FIRE-4513/

* Install Apache mod_evasive to guard webserver against DoS/brute force attempts [HTTP-6640]
https://cisofof.com/lynis/controls/HTTP-6640/

* Install Apache mod_security to guard webserver against web application attacks [HTTP-6643]
https://cisofof.com/lynis/controls/HTTP-6643/
```

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* Add HTTPS to nginx virtual hosts for enhanced protection of sensitive data and privacy [HTTP-6710]
https://cisofof.com/lynis/controls/HTTP-6710/

* Consider hardening SSH configuration [SSH-7408]
- Details : AllowTcpForwarding (set YES to NO)
https://cisofof.com/lynis/controls/SSH-7408/

* Consider hardening SSH configuration [SSH-7408]
- Details : ClientAliveCountMax (set 3 to 2)
https://cisofof.com/lynis/controls/SSH-7408/

* Consider hardening SSH configuration [SSH-7408]
- Details : Compression (set YES to NO)
https://cisofof.com/lynis/controls/SSH-7408/

* Consider hardening SSH configuration [SSH-7408]
- Details : LogLevel (set INFO to VERBOSE)
https://cisofof.com/lynis/controls/SSH-7408/

* Consider hardening SSH configuration [SSH-7408]
- Details : MaxAuthTries (set 6 to 3)
https://cisofof.com/lynis/controls/SSH-7408/

* Consider hardening SSH configuration [SSH-7408]
- Details : MaxSessions (set 10 to 2)
https://cisofof.com/lynis/controls/SSH-7408/

* Consider hardening SSH configuration [SSH-7408]
- Details : Port (set 22 to )
https://cisofof.com/lynis/controls/SSH-7408/

* Consider hardening SSH configuration [SSH-7408]
- Details : TCPKeepAlive (set YES to NO)
https://cisofof.com/lynis/controls/SSH-7408/

* Consider hardening SSH configuration [SSH-7408]
- Details : X11Forwarding (set YES to NO)
https://cisofof.com/lynis/controls/SSH-7408/

* Consider hardening SSH configuration [SSH-7408]
- Details : AllowAgentForwarding (set YES to NO)
https://cisofof.com/lynis/controls/SSH-7408/

* Enable logging to an external logging host for archiving purposes and additional protection [LOGG-2154]
https://cisofof.com/lynis/controls/LOGG-2154/

* Check what deleted files are still in use and why. [LOGG-2190]
https://cisofof.com/lynis/controls/LOGG-2190/
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* If there are no xinetd services required, it is recommended that the daemon be removed [INSE-8100]
  https://cisofy.com/lynis/controls/INSE-8100/

* Add a legal banner to /etc/issue, to warn unauthorized users [BANN-7126]
  https://cisofy.com/lynis/controls/BANN-7126/

* Add legal banner to /etc/issue.net, to warn unauthorized users [BANN-7130]
  https://cisofy.com/lynis/controls/BANN-7130/

* Enable process accounting [ACCT-9622]
  https://cisofy.com/lynis/controls/ACCT-9622/

* Enable sysstat to collect accounting (no results) [ACCT-9626]
  https://cisofy.com/lynis/controls/ACCT-9626/

* Enable auditd to collect audit information [ACCT-9628]
  https://cisofy.com/lynis/controls/ACCT-9628/

* Run 'docker info' to see warnings applicable to Docker daemon [CONT-8104]
  https://cisofy.com/lynis/controls/CONT-8104/

* Consider restricting file permissions [FILE-7524]
  - Details : See screen output or log file
  - Solution : Use chmod to change file permissions
  https://cisofy.com/lynis/controls/FILE-7524/

* Double check the permissions of home directories as some might be not strict enough. [HOME-9304]
  https://cisofy.com/lynis/controls/HOME-9304/

* One or more sysctl values differ from the scan profile and could be tweaked [KRNL-6000]
  - Solution : Change sysctl value or disable test (skip-test=KRNL-6000:<sysctl-key>)
  https://cisofy.com/lynis/controls/KRNL-6000/

* Harden compilers like restricting access to root user only [HRDN-7222]
  https://cisofy.com/lynis/controls/HRDN-7222/
```

Bonus

1. Command to install chkrootkit:

```
sudo apt install chkrootkit
```

2. Command to view documentation and instructions:

```
man chkrootkit
```

3. Command to run expert mode:

```
sudo chkrootkit -x
```

4. Provide a report from the chrootkit output with recommendations for hardening the system.

- a. Screenshot of end of sample output:

```

! sysadmin 4731 tty2 /usr/lib/firefox/firefox -contentproc -childID 4 -lsForBrowser -prefsLen 7747 -prefMapSize 181049 -parentBulldID 20190718161435 -greonni /usr/lib/firefox/omni.ja -apponni /usr/l
! lib/firefox/browser/omni.ja -appdtr /usr/lib/firefox/browser 4561 true tab
! sysadmin 4757 tty2 /usr/lib/firefox/firefox -contentproc -childID 5 -lsForBrowser -prefsLen 8697 -prefMapSize 181049 -parentBulldID 20190718161435 -greonni /usr/lib/firefox/omni.ja -apponni /usr/l
! lib/firefox/browser/omni.ja -appdtr /usr/lib/firefox/browser 4561 true tab
! sysadmin 4792 tty2 /usr/lib/firefox/firefox -contentproc -childID 6 -lsForBrowser -prefsLen 8697 -prefMapSize 181049 -parentBulldID 20190718161435 -greonni /usr/lib/firefox/omni.ja -apponni /usr/l
! lib/firefox/browser/omni.ja -appdtr /usr/lib/firefox/browser 4561 true tab
! sysadmin 4688 tty2 /usr/lib/firefox/firefox -contentproc -childID 3 -lsForBrowser -prefsLen 6719 -prefMapSize 181049 -parentBulldID 20190718161435 -greonni /usr/lib/firefox/omni.ja -apponni /usr/l
! lib/firefox/browser/omni.ja -appdtr /usr/lib/firefox/browser 4561 true tab
! sysadmin 2352 tty2 /usr/lib/xorg/Xorg vt2 -displayfd 3 -auth /run/user/1000/gdm/Xauthority -background none -noreset -keeptty -verbose 3
! sysadmin 4561 tty2 /usr/lib/firefox/firefox -new-window
! sysadmin 2350 tty2 /usr/lib/gdm3/gdm-x-session --run-script env GNOME_SHELL_SESSION_MODE=ubuntu gnome-session --session=ubuntu
! sysadmin 2386 tty2 /usr/lib/gnome-session/gnome-session-binary --session=ubuntu
! sysadmin 2570 tty2 /usr/bin/gnome-shell
! sysadmin 3016 tty2 /usr/bin/gnome-software --gapplication-service
! sysadmin 2720 tty2 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daemon/gsd-a11y-settings
! sysadmin 2721 tty2 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daemon/gsd-clipboard
! sysadmin 2716 tty2 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daemon/gsd-color
! sysadmin 2728 tty2 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daemon/gsd-datetime
! sysadmin 2792 tty2 /usr/lib/gnome-disk-utility/gsd-disk-utility-notify
! sysadmin 2729 tty2 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daemon/gsd-housekeeping
! sysadmin 2730 tty2 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daemon/gsd-keyboard
! sysadmin 2735 tty2 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daemon/gsd-media-keys
! sysadmin 2679 tty2 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daemon/gsd-mouse
! sysadmin 2680 tty2 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daemon/gsd-power
! sysadmin 2686 tty2 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daemon/gsd-print-notifications
! sysadmin 2759 tty2 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daemon/gsd-printer
! sysadmin 2687 tty2 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daemon/gsd-rfkill
! sysadmin 2688 tty2 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daemon/gsd-screensaver-proxy
! sysadmin 2691 tty2 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daemon/gsd-sharing
! sysadmin 2780 tty2 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daemon/gsd-smartcard
! sysadmin 2782 tty2 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daemon/gsd-sound
! sysadmin 2785 tty2 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daemon/gsd-wacom
! sysadmin 2786 tty2 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daemon/gsd-xsettings
! sysadmin 2591 tty2 /ibus-daemon -xim --panel disable
! sysadmin 2595 tty2 /usr/lib/ibus/ibus-dconf
! sysadmin 2852 tty2 /usr/lib/ibus/ibus-engine-simple
! sysadmin 2599 tty2 /usr/lib/ibus/ibus-x11 --kill-daemon
! sysadmin 2786 tty2 nautilus-desktop
! sysadmin 3868 pts/0 bash
! sysadmin 4915 pts/1 bash
! root 21035 pts/2 /bin/sh /usr/sbin/chkrootkit -x
! root 21477 pts/2 ./chkutmp
! root 21479 pts/2 ps axk tty,ruser,args -o tty,pid,ruser,args
! root 21478 pts/2 sh -c ps axk "tty,ruser,args" -o "tty,pid,ruser,args"
! root 21034 pts/2 sudo chkrootkit -x
! sysadmin 27534 pts/2 bash
not tested
sysadmin@ubuntuDesktop:~$

```