

## Week 5 Homework Submission File: Archiving and Logging Data

Please edit this file by adding the solution commands on the line below the prompt. Save and submit the completed file for your homework submission.

### Step 1: Create, Extract, Compress, and Manage tar Backup Archives

1. Command to extract the TarDocs.tar archive to the current directory: **tar xvf TarDocs.tar**
2. Command to create the Javaless\_Docs.tar archive from the TarDocs/ directory, while excluding the TarDocs/Documents/Java directory: **tar --exclude='./Java' -zcvf Javaless\_Docs.tar ~/Documents**
3. Command to ensure Java/ is not in the new Javaless\_Docs.tar archive: **tar -tvf Javaless\_Docs.tar 'Java'**

Bonus - Command to create an incremental archive called logs\_backup.tar.gz with only changed files to snapshot.file for the /var/log directory: **tar --listed-incremental=snapshot.file -cvzf logs\_backup.tar.gz /var/log**

### Critical Analysis Question

Why wouldn't you use the options -x and -c at the same with tar ?

**We can't use both option on a single command at the same. -x is for extracts files and -c for create.**

### Step 2: Create, Manage, and Automate Cron Jobs

1. Cron job for backing up the /var/log/auth.log file: **0 6 \* \* 3 tar -zcf auth\_backup.tgz ~/var/log/auth.log.**

### Step 3: Write Basic Bash Scripts

1. Brace expansion command to create the four subdirectories: **mkdir -p ~/backup/{freemem,diskuse,openlist,freedisk}**
2. Paste your system.sh script edits below:

```
#!/bin/bash
free -h > ~/backups/freemem/free_mem.txt
df -h > ~/backups/diskuse/disk_usage.txt
ls -l | wc -l > ~/backups/openlist/open_list.txt
df -H > ~/backups/freedisk/free_disk.txt
```

3. Command to make the system.sh script executable: **sudo chmod +x ~/system.sh**

Optional - Commands to test the script and confirm its execution: **sudo ./system.sh** or **bash system.sh** and by using **cat** any of these files.

Bonus - Command to copy system to system-wide cron directory: **sudo cp system.sh /etc/cron.weekly/**

#### Step 4. Manage Log File Sizes

1. Run **sudo nano /etc/logrotate.conf** to edit the logrotate configuration file. Configure a log rotation scheme that backs up authentication messages to the **/var/log/auth.log**.

Add your config file edits below:

```bash [Your logrotate scheme edits here]

```
/var/log/auth.log {  
    rotate 7  
    weekly  
    missingok  
    notifempty  
    delaycompress  
}
```

Bonus: Check for Policy and File Violations

1. Command to verify auditd is active: **sudo systemctl status auditd**
2. Command to set number of retained logs and maximum log file size: **sudo nano /etc/audit/auditd.conf**

Add the edits made to the configuration file below:

[Your solution edits here]

**num\_logs = 7**

**max\_log\_file = 35**

3. Command using auditd to set rules for **/etc/shadow**, **/etc/passwd** and **/var/log/auth.log**: **sudo nano /etc/audit/rules.d/audit.rules**

Add the edits made to the rules file below:

[Your solution edits here]

**-w /etc/shadow -p wra -k hashpass\_audit**

**-w /etc/passwd -p wra -k userpass\_audit**

**-w /var/log/auth.log -p wra -k authlog\_audit**

4. Command to restart auditd: **sudo systemctl restart auditd**

5. Command to list all auditd rules: **sudo auditctl -l**
6. Command to produce an audit report: **sudo aureport -au**
7. Create a user with sudo useradd attacker and produce an audit report that lists account modifications: **sudo aureport -m**
8. Command to use auditd to watch /var/log/cron : **sudo auditctl -w /var/log/cron -p wra -k cron**
9. Command to verify auditd rules: **sudo auditctl -l**

Bonus (Research Activity): Perform Various Log Filtering Techniques

1. Command to return journalctl messages with priorities from emergency to error: **sudo journalctl -b -p 0..3**
2. Command to check the disk usage of the system journal unit since the most recent boot: **sudo journalctl --disk-usage --boot**

The unit you want is systemd-journald

1. Command to remove all archived journal files except the most recent two: **sudo journalctl --vacuum-files=2**
2. Command to filter all log messages with priority levels between zero and two, and save output to /home/sysadmin/Priority\_High.txt : **sudo journalctl -p 0..2 > /home/sysadmin/Priority\_High.txt**
3. Command to automate the last command in a daily cronjob. Add the edits made to the crontab file below: **crontab -e**  
[Your solution cron edits here]  
**@daily journalctl -p 0..2 > /home/sysadmin/Priority\_High.txt**