

Exercise 12-Logs

1. Change your user to another (for example from regular user to root) and input a wrong password. How and from what log file in /var/log path you can retrieve the information from this failed login attempt?

```
Jean@ubuntu:~$ cat /var/log/auth.log | tail -n 3
Jul 12 15:18:20 ubuntu su: pam_unix(su:auth): Couldn't open /etc/securetty: No such file or directory
Jul 12 15:18:20 ubuntu su: pam_unix(su:auth): authentication failure; logname=jean uid=1000 euid=0 tty=ttty1 ruser=jean rhost= user=root
Jul 12 15:18:23 ubuntu su: FAILED SU (to root) jean on ttty1
Jean@ubuntu:~$
```

2. How do you retrieve the logged information from journald from last 24 hours so that newest entries are displayed first (at the top)?

With the command **journalctl --reverse**

```
ip
-- Logs begin at Tue 2021-06-29 06:14:55 UTC, end at Mon 2021-07-12 15:22:07 UTC. --
Jul 12 15:22:07 ubuntu systemd[1]: Finished Daily apt upgrade and clean activities.
Jul 12 15:22:07 ubuntu systemd[1]: apt-daily-upgrade.service: Succeeded.
Jul 12 15:22:06 ubuntu systemd[1]: Starting Daily apt upgrade and clean activities...
Jul 12 15:18:23 ubuntu su[1031]: FAILED SU (to root) jean on ttty1
Jul 12 15:18:20 ubuntu su[1031]: pam_unix(su:auth): authentication failure; logname=jean uid=1000 euid=0 tty=ttty1 ruser=jean rhost= user=root
Jul 12 15:18:20 ubuntu su[1031]: pam_unix(su:auth): Couldn't open /etc/securetty: No such file or directory
Jul 12 15:18:16 ubuntu su[1031]: pam_unix(su:auth): Couldn't open /etc/securetty: No such file or directory
Jul 12 15:17:02 ubuntu CRON[1022]: pam_unix(cron:session): session closed for user root
Jul 12 15:17:02 ubuntu CRON[1029]: (root) CMD ( cd / && run-parts --report /etc/cron.hourly)
Jul 12 15:17:02 ubuntu CRON[1022]: pam_unix(cron:session): session opened for user root by (uid=0)
Jul 12 14:54:13 ubuntu systemd[1]: Finished Ubuntu Advantage APT and MOTO Messages.
Jul 12 14:54:13 ubuntu systemd[1]: ua-messaging.service: Succeeded.
Jul 12 14:54:13 ubuntu systemd[1]: Finished Cleanup of Temporary Directories.
Jul 12 14:54:13 ubuntu systemd[1]: systemd-tmpfiles-clean.service: Succeeded.
Jul 12 14:54:13 ubuntu systemd[1]: Starting Ubuntu Advantage APT and MOTO Messages...
Jul 12 14:54:13 ubuntu systemd[1]: Starting Cleanup of Temporary Directories...
Jul 12 14:42:28 ubuntu systemd[957]: Startup finished in 151ms.
Jul 12 14:42:28 ubuntu systemd[957]: Reached target Main User Target.
Jul 12 14:42:28 ubuntu systemd[1]: Started Session 1 of user Jean.
Jul 12 14:42:28 ubuntu systemd[1]: Started User Manager for UID 1000.
Jul 12 14:42:28 ubuntu systemd[957]: Reached target Basic System.
```

3. How much do stored journal files take up disk space?

```
jean@ubuntu:~$ journalctl --disk-usage
Archived and active journals take up 32.0M in the file system.
jean@ubuntu:~$
```

4. Open journald for real-time logging. Now open SSH connection to your Ubuntu (refer to Putty guide in [here](#)). Try to login by typing first the invalid and then the correct password. How are these entries logged?

Failed Login

CA Command Prompt - ssh jean@127.0.0.1

```
C:\Users\jeand>ssh jean@127.0.0.1
jean@127.0.0.1's password:
Permission denied, please try again.
jean@127.0.0.1's password:
```

```
jean@ubuntu:~$ journalctl -f
-- Logs begin at Tue 2021-06-29 06:14:55 UTC. --
Jul 12 15:40:30 ubuntu 50-motd-news[1257]: * Super-optimized for small spaces - read how we shrank the memory
Jul 12 15:40:30 ubuntu 50-motd-news[1257]: footprint of MicroK8s to make it the smallest full K8s around.
Jul 12 15:40:30 ubuntu 50-motd-news[1257]: https://ubuntu.com/blog/microk8s-memory-optimisation
Jul 12 15:40:30 ubuntu systemd[1]: motd-news.service: Succeeded.
Jul 12 15:40:30 ubuntu systemd[1]: Finished Message of the Day.
Jul 12 15:46:25 ubuntu systemd[1]: Starting Ubuntu Advantage APT and MOTD Messages...
Jul 12 15:46:25 ubuntu systemd[1]: ua-messaging.service: Succeeded.
Jul 12 15:46:25 ubuntu systemd[1]: Finished Ubuntu Advantage APT and MOTD Messages.
Jul 12 16:07:04 ubuntu sshd[1294]: pam_unix(sshd:auth): authentication failure; logname= uid=0 euid=0 tty=ssh ruser= rhost=10.0.2.2 user=jean
Jul 12 16:07:06 ubuntu sshd[1294]: Failed password for jean from 10.0.2.2 port 56484 ssh2
Jul 12 16:10:13 ubuntu sshd[1306]: pam_unix(sshd:auth): authentication failure; logname= uid=0 euid=0 tty=ssh ruser= rhost=10.0.2.2 user=jean
Jul 12 16:10:14 ubuntu sshd[1306]: Failed password for jean from 10.0.2.2 port 61977 ssh2
```

Success Login

```
C:\Users\jeand>ssh jean@127.0.0.1
jean@127.0.0.1's password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 20.04.2 LTS (GNU/Linux 5.4.0-77-generic x86_64)
```

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* Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com
* Management:   https://landscape.canonical.com
* Support:       https://ubuntu.com/advantage
```

System information as of Mon 12 Jul 2021 04:13:18 PM UTC

```
System load:  0.0      Processes:            112
Usage of /:   54.0% of 8.79GB   Users logged in:     1
Memory usage: 10%      IPv4 address for enp0s3: 10.0.2.15
Swap usage:   0%
```

```
* Super-optimized for small spaces - read how we shrank the memory
  footprint of MicroK8s to make it the smallest full K8s around.
```

<https://ubuntu.com/blog/microk8s-memory-optimisation>

0 updates can be applied immediately.

The list of available updates is more than a week old.
To check for new updates run: `sudo apt update`

Last login: Mon Jul 12 14:42:27 2021

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Jul 12 16:10:14 ubuntu sshd[1306]: Failed password for jean from 10.0.2.2 port 61977 ssh2
Jul 12 16:13:18 ubuntu sshd[1309]: Accepted password for Jean from 10.0.2.2 port 54422 ssh2
Jul 12 16:13:18 ubuntu sshd[1309]: pam_unix(sshd:session): session opened for user jean by (uid=0)
Jul 12 16:13:18 ubuntu systemd[1]: Started Session 4 of user Jean.
Jul 12 16:13:18 ubuntu systemd-logind[641]: New session 4 of user jean.
```

5. Open authentication log file (auth.log) and check the content. How can you print only lines from this log file to the CLI containing new sessions from your user (tip: use grep)?

```
jean@ubuntu:~$ cat /var/log/auth.log | grep "user jean"
Jul 12 14:42:27 ubuntu login[658]: pam_unix(login:session): session opened for user jean by LOGIN(uid=0)
Jul 12 14:42:28 ubuntu systemd-logind[641]: New session 1 of user jean.
Jul 12 14:42:28 ubuntu systemd: pam_unix(systemd-user:session): session opened for user jean by (uid=0)
Jul 12 16:13:18 ubuntu sshd[1309]: pam_unix(sshd:session): session opened for user jean by (uid=0)
Jul 12 16:13:18 ubuntu systemd-logind[641]: New session 4 of user jean.
Jul 12 16:20:45 ubuntu sshd[1439]: Disconnected from user jean 10.0.2.2 port 54422
Jul 12 16:20:45 ubuntu sshd[1309]: pam_unix(sshd:session): session closed for user jean
jean@ubuntu:~$
```

6. In previous exercise (EX-11) you installed Apache2 web server (if you haven't, install it with `sudo apt install apache2`). What log files does this service have (see /var/log directory)?

```
jean@ubuntu:~$ cd /var/log/apache2
jean@ubuntu:/var/log/apache2$ ls
access.log  error.log  other_vhosts_access.log
jean@ubuntu:/var/log/apache2$
```