



System Setup and Lab Configuration

GETTING STARTED

Enoncé:

- <https://gist.github.com/Bahlaouane-Hamza/94eef1209856dc7ee7a2c168b4537327#file-system-setup-and-lab-configuration-md>

Quelques ressources à voir:

- <https://serversforhackers.com/s/start-here>
- <https://linuxjourney.com/>
- <https://www.youtube.com/@ServersforHackers/videos>
- <https://sourabhbjaj.com/mac-setup/>
- <https://learngitbranching.js.org/>
- [https://sad servers.com/](https://sadservers.com/)

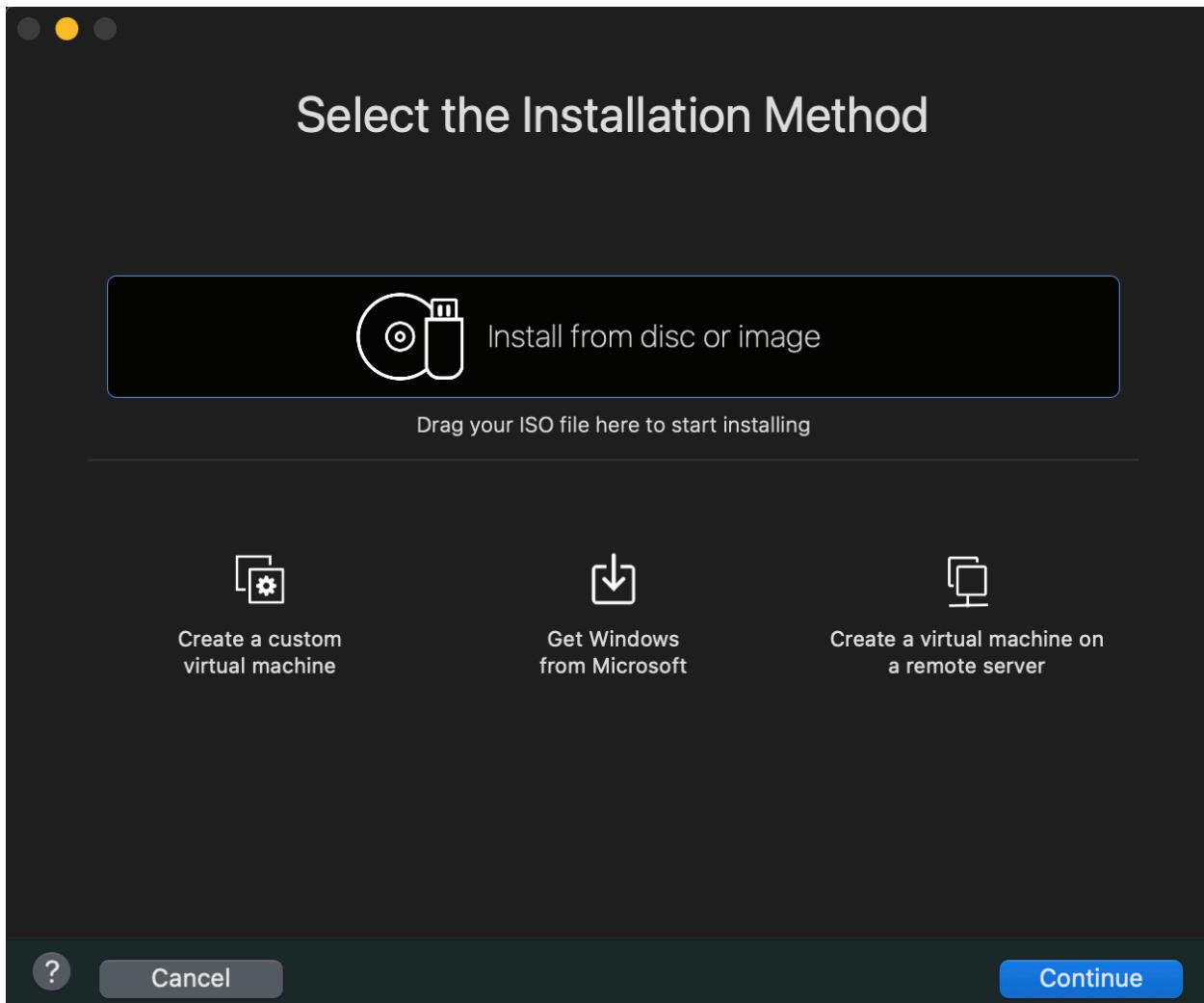
Objectif :

- Environnement de développement entièrement fonctionnel.
- Compréhension des bases de Linux et de Git.
- Familiarité avec les concepts fondamentaux du web.

REPORT

Chapter 1: Setup

- First I had to download the VMware Fusion (created on [Broadcom](#) an account to do that)



- Downloaded `vagrant-vmware-utility` and `vagrant` using brew

```
==> Installing Cask vagrant
==> Running installer for vagrant with sudo; the password may be necessary.
```

Password:

```
installer: Package name is Vagrant
installer: Upgrading at base path /
installer: The upgrade was successful.
🍺 vagrant was successfully installed!
```

◀ ✓ < 59s < 11:15:15 ▶

```
==> Downloading https://releases.hashicorp.com/vagrant-vmware-utility/1.0.23/vag
#####
100.0%
```

```
==> Installing Cask vagrant-vmware-utility
```

```
==> Running installer for vagrant-vmware-utility with sudo; the password may be
```

Password:

```
installer: Package name is Vagrant VMware Utility
installer: Installing at base path /
installer: The install was successful.
🍺 vagrant-vmware-utility was successfully installed!
```

- Download the plugin `vagrant-vmware-dekstop`

```
◀ ~ ▶ vagrant plugin install vagrant-vmware-desktop ◀ ✓ < 11:31:58 ▶
```

Installing the 'vagrant-vmware-desktop' plugin. This can take a few minutes...

Fetching vagrant-vmware-desktop-3.0.4.gem

Installed the plugin 'vagrant-vmware-desktop (3.0.4)'!

◀ ✓ < 25s < 11:32:43 ▶

- Then create a directory where you'll put you'll pull the vagrant file that has the config of the vm to provision then use the command: `vagrant-up` to create a virtual machine, using the VMware Fusion/Workstation provider to manage the VM.

```

[ ~ /Doc/PI/Stag/V/L/S/VM ] vagrant up --provider vmware_fusion
Bringing machine 'default' up with 'vmware_fusion' provider...
==> default: Box 'bento/debian-11' could not be found. Attempting to find and install...
    default: Box Provider: vmware_desktop, vmware_fusion, vmware_workstation
    default: Box Version: 202407.22.0
==> default: Loading metadata for box 'bento/debian-11'
    default: URL: https://vagrantcloud.com/api/v2/vagrant/bento/debian-11
==> default: Adding box 'bento/debian-11' (v202407.22.0) for provider: vmware_desktop (arm64)
    default: Downloading: https://vagrantcloud.com/bento/boxes/debian-11/versions/202407.22.0/providers/vmware_desktop/arm64/vagrant.box
Progress: 9% (Rate: 18.5M/s, Estimated time remaining: 0:00:38)

```

For me I created directory as follows '[/VOID/Labs/System Setup and Lab Configuration/VM](#)'

- After doing that I had some problems that I fixed by toggling from share my mac to bridged and I did rerun the command

```

[ ~ /Doc/PI/Stag/V/L/S/VM ] vagrant up --provider vmware_fusion
Bringing machine 'default' up with 'vmware_fusion' provider...
==> default: Verifying vmnet devices are healthy...
==> default: Preparing network adapters...
==> default: Starting the VMware VM...
==> default: Waiting for the VM to receive an address...
==> default: Forwarding ports...
    default: -- 22 => 2222
==> default: Waiting for machine to boot. This may take a few minutes...
    default: SSH address: 127.0.0.1:2222
    default: SSH username: vagrant
    default: SSH auth method: private key
    default:
    default: Vagrant insecure key detected. Vagrant will automatically replace
    default: this with a newly generated keypair for better security.
    default:
    default: Inserting generated public key within guest...
    default: Removing insecure key from the guest if it's present...
    default: Key inserted! Disconnecting and reconnecting using new SSH key...

```

Chapter 2: SSH

- Then first thing to do is to ssh into the vm we created

```
◀ ~/Doc/PI/Stag/V/L/S/VM ▶ vagrant ssh           ◀ INT x < 1m 28s < 12:02:51 ▶
Linux debian-11 5.10.0-31-arm64 #1 SMP Debian 5.10.221-1 (2024-07-14) aarch64

This system is built by the Bento project by Chef Software
More information can be found at https://github.com/chef/bento

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individual files in /usr/share/doc/*copyright.

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permitted by applicable law.

[vagrant@debian-11:~$ whoami
vagrant
[vagrant@debian-11:~$
```

- In this example I used vagrant ssh but didn't specify the vm name as it's the only one I have but I believe if you have multiple vm you have to specify the machine name like this: `vagrant ssh <machine_name>`

Note: I believe the username Alpha/123456 are incorrect

```
◀ ~/Doc/PI/Stag/V/L/S/VM ▶ ssh alpha@127.0.0.1 -p 2222           ◀ 0|1 x < 12:00:39 ▶
The authenticity of host '[127.0.0.1]:2222 ([127.0.0.1]:2222)' can't be established.
ED25519 key fingerprint is SHA256:h0iyYPhwTPVy4UDx+Nlc5oaoeW04CHxy4S4Y6xv0Nig.
This key is not known by any other names.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added '[127.0.0.1]:2222' (ED25519) to the list of known hosts.
alpha@127.0.0.1's password:
Permission denied, please try again.
alpha@127.0.0.1's password:
Permission denied, please try again.
alpha@127.0.0.1's password:
```

- Side Note you can use `vagrant ssh-config` to generate a valid OpenSSH configuration file for accessing Vagrant virtual machines.

```
◀ ~/Doc/PI/Stag/V/L/S/VM ▶ vagrant ssh-config           ◀ 255 ✘ < 11:47:46 ▶
Host default
  HostName 127.0.0.1
  User vagrant
  Port 2222
  UserKnownHostsFile /dev/null
  StrictHostKeyChecking no
  PasswordAuthentication no
  IdentityFile "/Users/joewebster/Downloads/vagrant/keys/vagrant_id_rsa"
  IdentitiesOnly yes
  LogLevel FATAL
  PubkeyAcceptedKeyTypes +ssh-rsa
  HostKeyAlgorithms +ssh-rsa
```

- Id to return user identity then exit

```
vagrant@debian-11:~$ whoami
vagrant
[vagrant@debian-11:~$ id
uid=1000(vagrant) gid=1000(vagrant) groups=1000(vagrant),24(cdrom),25(floppy),27(sudo),
29(audio),30(dip),44(video),46(plugdev),108(netdev)
[vagrant@debian-11:~$ exit
logout
◀ ~/Doc/PI/Stag/V/L/S/VM ▶ ] ◀ ✓ < 14m 22s < 12:17:16 ▶
```

- Since I wasn't provided with the correct username/password, I'll got ahead and create another user to log in as let's name it **joe**

```
vagrant@debian-11:~$ sudo adduser joe
perl: warning: Setting locale failed.
perl: warning: Please check that your locale settings:
        LANGUAGE = (unset),
        LC_ALL = (unset),
        LC_CTYPE = "UTF-8",
        LANG = "en_US.UTF-8"
        are supported and installed on your system.
perl: warning: Falling back to a fallback locale ("en_US.UTF-8").
Adding user `joe' ...
Adding new group `joe' (1001) ...
Adding new user `joe' (1001) with group `joe' ...
Creating home directory `/home/joe' ...
Copying files from `/etc/skel' ...
New password:
Retype new password:
passwd: password updated successfully
Changing the user information for joe
Enter the new value, or press ENTER for the default
      Full Name []:
      Room Number []:
      Work Phone []:
      Home Phone []:
      Other []
Is the information correct? [Y/n]
vagrant@debian-11:~$ ls
vagrant@debian-11:~$ pwd
/home/vagrant
vagrant@debian-11:~$ cd ..
vagrant@debian-11:/home$ ls
joe  vagrant
vagrant@debian-11:/home$ cd joe/
vagrant@debian-11:/home/joe$ []
```

- Then test it and try to log in as joe

```
~/Doc/PI/Stag/V/L/S/VM ➤ ssh joe@127.0.0.1 -p 2222          ↵ ✓ < 2m 6s < 12:28:20 ➤
joe@127.0.0.1's password:
Linux debian-11 5.10.0-31-arm64 #1 SMP Debian 5.10.221-1 (2024-07-14) aarch64

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joe@debian-11:~$
```

- And add the user joe to the group `vagrant` & `root` and give access to the directory and the file `authorized_keys` so he can access the `.ssh` directory and add the public key, remember this is just for learning and having fun but it's against best practices to do that!
- Now let's generate our keys (in the below command I added a comment that will help me recognize the keys)

```
~/ssh ➤ ssh-keygen -t rsa -b 4096 -C "Void Lab" -f keys_server_void          ↵ 1 ✘ < 13:07:16 ➤
Generating public/private rsa key pair.
Enter passphrase (empty for no passphrase):
Enter same passphrase again:
Your identification has been saved in keys_server_void
Your public key has been saved in keys_server_void.pub
The key fingerprint is:
SHA256:QAqR73IpJUxiYdJiz2oQ6XMoKEZfghSrzdHDM68mWkg Void Lab
The key's randomart image is:
+---[RSA 4096]---+
|oB*o .
|B== + |
|*B*.X .
|*0o*o= .
|B B+ .. S
|.=o +.
|E .+o
| o
|
+---[SHA256]---+
~/ssh ➤
```

```
◀ ~/ssh ▶ ls
keys_server_void      keys_server_void.pub known_hosts
known_hosts.old
◀ ~/ssh ▶
```

```
◀ ~/ssh ▶ cat keys_server_void.pub
ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAQABAAQACQK6e6gawt09wQuF/cN6ySKU7fN44MwiTE9/J60xwugpPM6K0U00rr+xRarmX
8aB4FykJ0D9nUVpDkjB0FAeDiFrZAGbgsLUTUkk752WDX+uIHuFeJJa2fXR+eLUW1tpEcZACYutEVuG7cJUfGW87oUQzxBY7f
knn456NfmXFJLjxUCLIDk6g1f5FcJXFKzdgDQKZH4PlvwTblrjmGqDVY/Ic70pX0HmbhUGraBLomaI2HrJLN7YkJW9CTY3BMAVmo
EkCqnwASr/30PsaQ0t+8UfcJluB7FQBVA5zJI7Zq6iucmpmtfPPYg7VLaTUW6560rAom1um/r6oV8+mwTHftql59wA3nNiRRWIn
ZVm3tEs9rLl+MlqEGJtpGqFQwaKaHYnQ01IAypVUNByXwcWbmxzM7yTA4A2Uvml8FMuTgQwjaTqkbghsdyrVEwKtbEqLFjHDLz
JDp+/iaqqwg6jJJEQV0JTyQa0ka1tshE6oKYzoaHtHz7oK0xkyylcn0FqK+8nKWi4rNRwEqXKNUuRbw+FgLL0b4QQ+YjQ7t8la
7RsVSZYfZuxorXia3ZIYDI+69VYipHH/ja01radbmMq/Ko4CUkTAIRv4r7yvGC50600te/3v/Zmoqlonyi+8VFQqtHiRyyLoKvf
I02V0q2TL0D4NpzyvPt3p4LPtx03w== Void Lab ← Comment
```

- Now it's time to use scp to send the public key in authorized_key in our server which is our vm in this case!

```
◀ ~/ssh ▶ scp -P 2222 keys_server_void.pub joe@127.0.0.1:/home/vagrant/.ssh/
joe@127.0.0.1's password:
keys_server_void.pub
100% 734 955.7KB/s 00:00
◀ ~/ssh ▶
```

- Now it's time to go and check if we have our public key uploaded to the server, then I copied and pasted the key into the file `authorized_keys` files

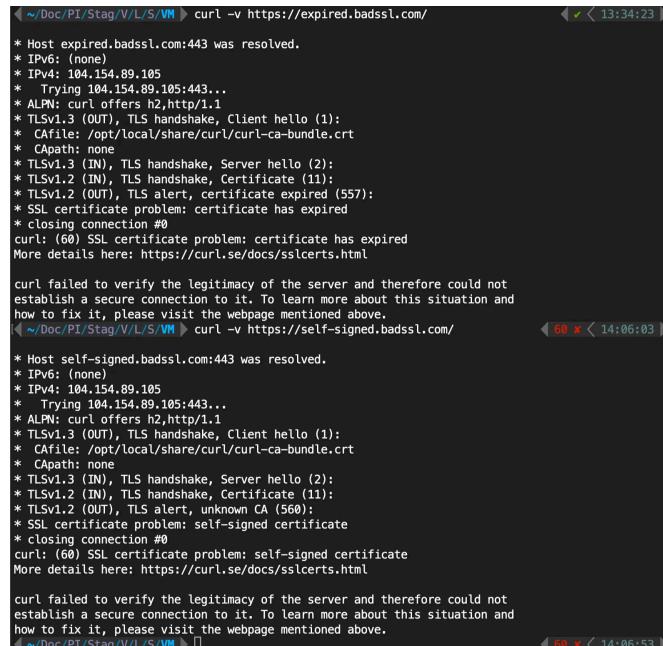
```
joe@debian-11:/home/vagrant/.ssh$ ls
authorized_keys  keys_server_void.pub
joe@debian-11:/home/vagrant/.ssh$ cat authorized_keys
ssh-ed25519 AAAAC3NzaC1lZDI1NTE5AAAAIBtC6H8evaiRjDHvhI6jlaStJGqMlruo6EeEpfjI3btK vagrant
joe@debian-11:/home/vagrant/.ssh$ cat keys_server_void.pub >> authorized_keys
joe@debian-11:/home/vagrant/.ssh$ cat authorized_keys
ssh-ed25519 AAAAC3NzaC1lZDI1NTE5AAAAIBtC6H8evaiRjDHvhI6jlaStJGqMlruo6EeEpfjI3btK vagrant
ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAQABAAQACQK6e6gawt09wQuF/cN6ySKU7fN44MwiTE9/J60xwugpPM6K0U00rr+xRarmX
8aB4FykJ0D9nUVpDkjB0FAeDiFrZAGbgsLUTUkk752WDX+uIHuFeJJa2fXR+eLUW1tpEcZACYutEVuG7cJUfGW87oUQzxBY7f
knn456NfmXFJLjxUCLIDk6g1f5FcJXFKzdgDQKZH4PlvwTblrjmGqDVY/Ic70pX0HmbhUGraBLomaI2HrJLN7YkJW9CTY3BMAVmo
EkCqnwASr/30PsaQ0t+8UfcJluB7FQBVA5zJI7Zq6iucmpmtfPPYg7VLaTUW6560rAom1um/r6oV8+mwTHftql59wA3nNiRRWIn
ZVm3tEs9rLl+MlqEGJtpGqFQwaKaHYnQ01IAypVUNByXwcWbmxzM7yTA4A2Uvml8FMuTgQwjaTqkbghsdyrVEwKtbEqLFjHDLz
JDp+/iaqqwg6jJJEQV0JTyQa0ka1tshE6oKYzoaHtHz7oK0xkyylcn0FqK+8nKWi4rNRwEqXKNUuRbw+FgLL0b4QQ+YjQ7t8la
7RsVSZYfZuxorXia3ZIYDI+69VYipHH/ja01radbmMq/Ko4CUkTAIRv4r7yvGC50600te/3v/Zmoqlonyi+8VFQqtHiRyyLoKvf
I02V0q2TL0D4NpzyvPt3p4LPtx03w== Void Lab
joe@debian-11:/home/vagrant/.ssh$
```

- Last thing to do is to connect to our server using the private key in our local machine, and yeah!

Chapter 3: SSL

- badssl.com** is a website designed for testing SSL/TLS configurations in browsers, applications, and systems. It provides a variety of intentionally

misconfigured SSL/TLS scenarios to help developers, testers, and security professionals verify how their software handles different SSL/TLS setups and edge cases.



```
[ ~/Doc/PI/Stag/V/L/S VM ] curl -v https://expired.badssl.com/
* Host expired.badssl.com:443 was resolved.
* IPv6: (none)
* IPv4: 104.154.89.105
*   Trying 104.154.89.105:443...
* ALPN: curl offers h2,http/1.1
* TLSv1.3 (OUT), TLS handshake, Client hello (1):
*   [CAfile: /opt/local/share/curl/curl-ca-bundle.crt]
*   [Capath: none]
* TLSv1.3 (IN), TLS handshake, Server hello (2):
* TLSv1.2 (IN), TLS handshake, Certificate (11):
* TLSv1.2 (OUT), TLS alert, certificate expired (557):
*   SSL certificate problem: certificate has expired
* closing connection #0
curl: (60) SSL certificate problem: certificate has expired
More details here: https://curl.se/docs/sslcerts.html

curl failed to verify the legitimacy of the server and therefore could not
establish a secure connection to it. To learn more about this situation and
how to fix it, please visit the webpage mentioned above.

[ ~/Doc/PI/Stag/V/L/S VM ] curl -v https://self-signed.badssl.com/
* Host self-signed.badssl.com:443 was resolved.
* IPv6: (none)
* IPv4: 104.154.89.105
*   Trying 104.154.89.105:443...
* ALPN: curl offers h2,http/1.1
* TLSv1.3 (OUT), TLS handshake, Client hello (1):
*   [CAfile: /opt/local/share/curl/curl-ca-bundle.crt]
*   [Capath: none]
* TLSv1.3 (IN), TLS handshake, Server hello (2):
* TLSv1.2 (IN), TLS handshake, Certificate (11):
* TLSv1.2 (OUT), TLS alert, unknown CA (560):
*   SSL certificate problem: self-signed certificate
* closing connection #0
curl: (60) SSL certificate problem: self-signed certificate
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establish a secure connection to it. To learn more about this situation and
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```

- For the first example: The website's SSL certificate has expired, so curl refuses to connect because it can't trust that the server is who it claims to be.
- For the second example The website is using a self-signed certificate, which means your computer can't automatically verify that the server is legitimate, hence curl refuses to connect.
- Then we will use openssl to inspect certificated using the following command: `openssl s_client -connect expired.badssl.com:443`. Basically this command attempts to establish an SSL/TLS connection to the server at `expired.badssl.com` on port 443. By doing the following:
 - **Initiate a TLS Handshake:**
 - **Receive Server Certificate:**
 - **Perform Certificate Validation:**

```

~/Doc/PI/Stag/V/L/S/VM ➤ openssl s_client -connect expired.badssl.com:443 ➤ 60 x < 14:06:53 ➤
Connecting to 104.154.89.105
CONNECTED(00000005)
depth=2 C=GB, ST=Greater Manchester, L=Salford, O=COMODO CA Limited, CN=COMODO RSA Certification Authority
verify return:1
depth=1 C=GB, ST=Greater Manchester, L=Salford, O=COMODO CA Limited, CN=COMODO RSA Domain Validation Secure Server CA
verify return:1
depth=0 OU=Domain Control Validated, OU=PositiveSSL Wildcard, CN=*.badssl.com
verify error:num=10:certificate has expired
notAfter=Apr 12 23:59:59 2015 GMT
verify return:1
depth=0 OU=Domain Control Validated, OU=PositiveSSL Wildcard, CN=*.badssl.com
notAfter=Apr 12 23:59:59 2015 GMT
verify return:1
---
Certificate chain
  0 s:OU=Domain Control Validated, OU=PositiveSSL Wildcard, CN=*.badssl.com
    i:C=GB, ST=Greater Manchester, L=Salford, O=COMODO CA Limited, CN=COMODO RSA Domain Validation Secure Server CA
      a:PKEY: rsaEncryption, 2048 (bit); sigalg: RSA-SHA256

```

→ So the problem in here is:

The website's security certificate is too old – it's like using an expired ID card. Your computer doesn't trust the website because it can't prove it's really who it says it is.

How to Resolve (If You Owned the Website):

- Renew the Certificate:** Pay a Certificate Authority (like Let's Encrypt) to issue a new, valid SSL certificate for your website.
- Install the New Certificate:** Follow the instructions from your web hosting provider or server administrator to install the new certificate on your web server.

Chapter 4: Cronjob

▼ What is a cronjob?

A cron job is like a little computer alarm clock that you can set to run these tasks automatically, based on a schedule you define. It's a way to tell your computer, "Hey, run this command at this specific time, every day/week/month."

Now let's go ahead and create some dummy files on `/tmp` for example (I used bash to automate the process)

```
joe@debian-11:~$ nano script.sh
joe@debian-11:~$ ./script.sh
Created files: /tmp/file1 through /tmp/file10
joe@debian-11:~$ cd /tmp/
joe@debian-11:/tmp$ ls
file1  file5  systemd-private-b1d10d57d8ec4b6eb3ccd268125c2a04-systemd-logind.service-hREFtg
file10  file6  systemd-private-b1d10d57d8ec4b6eb3ccd268125c2a04-systemd-timesyncd.service-gcSEWg
file2  file7  vagrant-shell
file3  file8  vmware-root_525-4281712298
file4  file9
joe@debian-11:/tmp$
```

We used the following script:

```
#!/bin/bash

# Loop from 1 to 10
for i in $(seq 1 10); do
    # Create the file
    touch /tmp/file$i
done

echo "Created files: /tmp/file1 through /tmp/file10"
exit 0
```

- Now let's write the script `clean_temp.sh`

This script finds all regular files inside your `~/temp` directory that haven't been modified in more than 7 days and then *permanently deletes* them.

```
joe@debian-11:~$ nano clean_temp.sh
joe@debian-11:~$ chmod +x clean_temp.sh
joe@debian-11:~$ ls
clean_temp.sh  script.sh
joe@debian-11:~$ cat clean_temp.sh
#!/bin/bash
find ~/temp -type f -mtime +7 -delete
joe@debian-11:~$
```

→ To understand how this cronjob work and it's gonna get triggered let me create a file with a modification date more than 7 days, as you can see below:

```
joe@debian-11:~$ touch -t 2402070000 /tmp/testfile.txt
joe@debian-11:~$ cd /tmp/
joe@debian-11:/tmp$ ls
crontab.Uyk104  file7
file1           file8
file10          file9
file2           systemd-private-b1d10d57d8ec4b6eb3ccd268125c2a04-systemd-logind.service-hREFtg
file3           systemd-private-b1d10d57d8ec4b6eb3ccd268125c2a04-systemd-timesyncd.service-gcSEWg
file4           testfile.txt
file5           vagrant-shell
file6           vmware-root_525-4281712298
```

Set the modif date to Feb 7, 2024

This is basically the format: [[CC]YY]MMDDhhmm[.ss]

- Now when we type `cronjob -e` then you add the path to your cronjob script and the specify the cron schedule (explained below)
 - 0 0 * * * : This is the cron schedule expression.
 - 0: Minute (0 means the top of the hour, or minute 0)
 - 0: Hour (0 means midnight)
 - : Day of the month (all days)
 - : Month (all months)
 - : Day of the week (all days of the week)

```
joe@debian-11:~$ crontab -e
no crontab for joe - using an empty one

Select an editor. To change later, run 'select-editor'.
 1. /bin/nano      <---- easiest
 2. /usr/bin/vim.tiny

Choose 1-2 [1]: 1
crontab: installing new crontab
```

Here the cronjob:

```

GNU nano 5.4          /tmp/crontab.RsgbVT/crontab *
# To define the time you can provide concrete values for
# minute (m), hour (h), day of month (dom), month (mon),
# and day of week (dow) or use '*' in these fields (for 'any').
#
# Notice that tasks will be started based on the cron's system
# daemon's notion of time and timezones.
#
# Output of the crontab jobs (including errors) is sent through
# email to the user the crontab file belongs to (unless redirected).
#
# For example, you can run a backup of all your user accounts
# at 5 a.m every week with:
# 0 5 * * 1 tar -zcf /var/backups/home.tgz /home/
#
# For more information see the manual pages of crontab(5) and cron(8)
#
# m h  dom mon dow   command
6 10 * * * /home/vagrant/clean_temp.sh

```

Note: You could see the path has changed since I switched back to the work machine so I had to redo all the previous steps in the work machine, hence why I path changed as for the expression of the cronjob I changed the triggered time to be triggered as soon as I save the file.

After the script is run we can see the file `testfile` has been deleted

```

[vagrant@debian-11:/tmp$ ls
file1
file10
file2
file3
file4
file5
file6
file7
file8
file9
systemd-private-1d461b56bb8b4045a3f77a5256066f02-apache2.service-fGDZMf
systemd-private-1d461b56bb8b4045a3f77a5256066f02-systemd-logind.service-kjG1Mg
systemd-private-1d461b56bb8b4045a3f77a5256066f02-systemd-timesyncd.service-pzeHm
f
vmware-root_507-2083928996
vagrant@debian-11:/tmp$ ]

```

tmp directory after running the script!

As if you want to Schedule the script to run daily at midnight.

- Basically you use: `0 0 * * *`

→ What happens if the script is not executable?

Basically if the script is not executable **the Cron Job Fails Silently (Usually)**: By default, cron is designed to run in the background without direct user interaction. This means you typically *won't* see an error message pop up on your screen when the cron job fails due to a permission problem. Cron *might* send an email to the user who owns the cron job, but that depends on how cron is configured on your system.

- To check if the cronjob is running (I did run it twice changed the time the script will be run 2 times and it's reflected in the logs)

```
vagrant@debian-11:/var/log$ sudo grep CRON /var/log/syslog
Mar  4 16:15:30 debian-11 cron[502]: (CRON) INFO (pidfile fd = 3)
Mar  4 16:15:30 debian-11 cron[502]: (CRON) INFO (Running @reboot jobs)
Mar  4 16:17:01 debian-11 CRON[12101]: (root) CMD ( cd / && run-parts --report
/etc/cron.hourly)
Mar  5 09:49:27 debian-11 cron[514]: (CRON) INFO (pidfile fd = 3)
Mar  5 09:49:27 debian-11 cron[514]: (CRON) INFO (Running @reboot jobs)
Mar  5 10:08:01 debian-11 CRON[1142]: (vagrant) CMD (/home/vagrant/clean_temp.sh
)
Mar  5 10:08:01 debian-11 CRON[1141]: (CRON) info (No MTA installed, discarding
output)
Mar  5 10:13:01 debian-11 CRON[1175]: (vagrant) CMD (/home/vagrant/clean_temp.sh
)
Mar  5 10:13:01 debian-11 CRON[1174]: (CRON) info (No MTA installed, discarding
output)
vagrant@debian-11:/var/log$
```

Or we use the command `journalctl` and what is that command?

→ `journalctl` is a command-line tool for querying and displaying logs collected by systemd, the system and service manager used by many Linux distributions. Unlike traditional log files (like `/var/log/syslog`), journalctl accesses a binary log format, offering more structured and powerful filtering capabilities.

How can you add logging to your script to capture errors ?

I added on the basic script to become something like this:

```
#!/bin/bash

# Script to delete files in ~/temp older than 7 days
```

```

# Configuration
LOG_FILE="$HOME/temp_cleanup.log" #Logfile will be in user's home
TEMP_DIR="/tmp"
DAYS=7
SCRIPT_NAME=$(basename "$0")
TIMESTAMP=$(date +%Y-%m-%d_%H-%M-%S)

# Function to log messages
log() {
    echo "$TIMESTAMP: $SCRIPT_NAME: $1" >> "$LOG_FILE"
}

# Function to log errors and exit
error_exit() {
    log "ERROR: $1"
    exit 1
}

# Check if the temp directory exists
if [ ! -d "$TEMP_DIR" ]; then
    error_message="Error: Temp directory '$TEMP_DIR' does not exist."
    error_exit "$error_message"
fi

log "Script started - Deleting files in '$TEMP_DIR' older than $DAYS days."

# Find and delete files
find "$TEMP_DIR" -type f -mtime +"$DAYS" -delete

# Check the exit code of the find command
if [ $? -ne 0 ]; then
    error_message="Error: find command failed with exit code $. Check permissions"
    error_exit "$error_message"
fi

```

```
log "Script completed successfully."
exit 0
```

→ Basically checking if the /tmp exists and if the files can be found and deleted otherwise we write in the home directory of our user in a file named `temp_cleanup.log`

- Now let's put our script to the test

```
vagrant@debian-11:~$ ./clean_temp.sh
find: '/tmp/systemd-private-1d461b56bb8b4045a3f77a5256066f02-systemd-logind.service-kjG1Mg': Permission denied
find: '/tmp/vmware-root_507-2083928996': Permission denied
find: '/tmp/systemd-private-1d461b56bb8b4045a3f77a5256066f02-apache2.service-fGDZMf': Permission denied
find: '/tmp/systemd-private-1d461b56bb8b4045a3f77a5256066f02-systemd-timesyncd.service-pzeHmf': Permission denied
vagrant@debian-11:~$ ls
clean_temp.sh  temp_cleanup.log
vagrant@debian-11:~$ cat temp_cleanup.log
2025-03-05_10-40-44: clean_temp.sh: Script started - Deleting files in '/tmp' older than 7 days.
2025-03-05_10-40-44: clean_temp.sh: ERROR: Error: find command failed with exit code 0. Check permissions in temp directory.
vagrant@debian-11:~$
```

Chapter 5: Permissions

Fist thing first let me check the existence of the user `alpha` by searching for the user in the `/etc/group`

```
vagrant@debian-11:~$ cat /etc/group | cut -d : -f 1 | grep alpha
dialout
systemd-journal
alpha
vagrant@debian-11:~$
```

Now we exit and connect with the user `alpha` then we try to run the command and see what happens.

```

alpha@debian-11:~$ ifconfig
eth0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
      inet 192.168.65.128 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.65.255
      inet6 fe80::20c:29ff:fe70:f1fd prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
        ether 00:0c:29:70:f1:fd txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
          RX packets 10570 bytes 2107752 (2.0 MiB)
          RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
          TX packets 5522 bytes 585241 (571.5 KiB)
          TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
        device interrupt 18 memory 0xfd4a0000-fd4c0000

lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
      inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
      inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x10<host>
        loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
          RX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
          RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
          TX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
          TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

alpha@debian-11:~$ 

```

We can play more and access the sudoers file using the command: `sudo visudo` on the vagrant user, but in my case it wasn't needed, if you needed access you can add this line to the sudoers file: `alpha ALL = NOPASSWD: /sbin/ifconfig` (basically granting to alpha the right to use sudo to run the command ifconfig)

→ Now it's time to take a look at file permissions for our user `alpha` here

```

alpha@debian-11:~$ curl -o /opt/bat.zip https://github.com/sharkdp/bat/archive/re
efs/tags/v0.24.0.zip
% Total    % Received % Xferd  Average Speed   Time     Time     Time  Current
          Dload  Upload   Total   Spent   Left  Speed
0       0      0      0      0      0      0 --:--:-- --:--:-- --:--:--      0
Warning: Failed to create the file /opt/bat.zip: Permission denied
alpha@debian-11:~$ 

```

As you noticed we don't have the permission to do that

!! What's considered a solution but it's dangerous for your protection and security please don't opt for this solution:

- **Do NOT Change Permissions on /opt/**: Resist the temptation to change the permissions on the /opt/ directory. It's a system directory and should be protected.

What I opted to do here is to curl the file and put it in the /tmp directory then connect to user vagrant and place the downloaded file in the `/opt` directory

```

[alpha@debian-11:~$ curl -o /tmp/bat.zip https://github.com/sharkdp/bat/archive/re
efs/tags/v0.24.0.zip
% Total    % Received % Xferd  Average Speed   Time     Time      Time  Current
          Dload  Upload Total   Spent   Left Speed
0       0     0       0       0       0       0 --:--:-- --:--:-- --:--:--     0
[alpha@debian-11:~$ cd /tmp/
[alpha@debian-11:/tmp$ ls
bat.zip
file1
file10
file2
file3
file4
file5
file6
file7
file8
file9
systemd-private-1d461b56bb8b4045a3f77a5256066f02-apache2.service-fGDZMf
systemd-private-1d461b56bb8b4045a3f77a5256066f02-systemd-logind.service-kjGlMg
systemd-private-1d461b56bb8b4045a3f77a5256066f02-systemd-timesyncd.service-pzeHm
f
vmware-root_507-2083928996
alpha@debian-11:/tmp$ █

```

```

vagrant@debian-11:/tmp$ mv bat.zip /opt/
mv: cannot move 'bat.zip' to '/opt/bat.zip': Operation not permitted
vagrant@debian-11:/tmp$ sudo mv bat.zip /opt/
vagrant@debian-11:/tmp$ cd /opt/
vagrant@debian-11:/opt$ ls | grep bat.zip
bat.zip
vagrant@debian-11:/opt$ █

```

The exercice probably wanted me to use the `chmod` to understand how to use it, but it's just dangerous and I'm familiar with the intricacies of the command so no need!

→ Now let's unzip the file (Before hand I had to download unzip)

```

vagrant@debian-11:/opt$ unzip -t bat.zip
Archive: bat.zip
End-of-central-directory signature not found. Either this file is not
a zipfile, or it constitutes one disk of a multi-part archive. In the
latter case the central directory and zipfile comment will be found on
the last disk(s) of this archive.
unzip: cannot find zipfile directory in one of bat.zip or
      bat.zip.zip, and cannot find bat.zip.ZIP, period.
vagrant@debian-11:/opt$ file bat.zip
bat.zip: empty

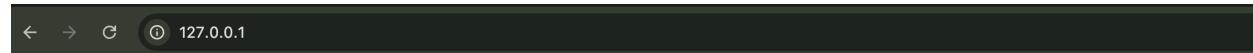
```

Chapter 5: Webserver

Here we'll be using a web server by installing an apache server on our VM

```
[vagrant@debian-11:/opt]$ sudo su -
[root@debian-11:~# sudo apt-get install -y apache2
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
apache2 is already the newest version (2.4.62-1~deb11u2).
0 upgraded, 0 newly installed, 0 to remove and 60 not upgraded.
[root@debian-11:~# sudo systemctl start apache2
[root@debian-11:~# ]
```

→ Then we head back to our browser and type in the ip of the machine in our case it's a local one just for testing so it's the local ip `127.0.0.1`



It works!

"Yep, that's all for this lab, hope to see you soon in another lab!" Youssef
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