

Assignment - 2

Points Covered in this Assignment-2

1. User Administration

Authentication, Authorization, and Auditing

2. Commands to Learn

- o useradd, passwd, userdel, usermod
- o groupadd, groupdel, groupmod
- o su and su -with examples

3. User and Group Information

- User and group information files
- Password information files

4. Password Policies

o chage command and its options

5. User Monitoring and Auditing

o Commands: w, last, lastb

6. Sudo Power

wheel group

7. Default Configuration Files

- /etc/default/useradd
- /etc/login.defs
- /etc/security/limits.conf

1. Create some users:

- Named "alex" with its home directory at /home/user1 and give password "pass1".
- Named "brew" with its home directory at /mnt/user2 and give password "pass2".
- Named "nora" without its home directory
- Named "panny" with custom UID 2112, and assign password "pass-4"
- Named 'texas' without using the useradd or adduser commands.

*(Hint: Make changes in the 7 user configuration files)

- 2. Log in as user alex using the **su** and **su** commands, and explain their differences.
- 3. Set a password policy for all above users with the following requirements:
 - The maximum password age should be 30 days, and the minimum password age should be 10 days.
 - Set the password expiry date for all users to December 31, 2025.

4. Modify the user "alex":

- Add a comment: "I am alex"
- Change the UID to 2581
- Change the shell to "nologin"
- 5. Create group with following configuration:
 - Named "north" with secondary group member "alex" & "texas".
 - Named "south" with GID "2222".
- 6. Grant user **Alex** administrative privileges through the wheel group so that Alex can add Panny to the admin group without requiring root access.
- 7. Change the group name from "south" to "dakshin".
- 8. Create a system user named "ping" and check its UID.
- 9. Create a group named **goa** with GID 11000. Set this group as the supplementary group for "brew"
- 10. Create a group named "**prod**". Then, create two users, user2 and user1, and set both the user's primary group to **prod**.
- 11. Change the password policy for the USER3 and USER4 accounts to expire on 2026-01-15.
- **12. Configure administrative rights** for all members of the **Goa** group to execute any command as any user.
- 13. How would you check all failed login attempts on the system from the last 10 days? Write the command and display the output.
- 14. How would you determine how many users are currently logged into the system? Write the command to achieve this.
- 15. Add the user "sara" to the "wheel" group and create a collaborative directory /collaborative/infodir.

16. Configure login/logout messages:

- When you log in with a new user, display a message: "Hello, you are logged in as USER"
 (where USER is replaced with the logged-in username).
- When you log out, display: "You are logged out now".

17. Configure system parameters for newly created users:

Warning period for password expiry: 5 days

- o Minimum user UID: 2000
- o Maximum user UID: 70000
- **18. Create a directory /data** and configure the system so that all newly created users get /data as their home directory by default.
- 19. Name a file where we can set a file size limit upto 200 MB for a single file.
- 20. Check the last three users who logged into your system.
- 21. As a system administrator, how would you configure the system to ensure that:
 - Automatically create an instructions.txt file in the home directory of every new user upon account creation.
 - Ensure that the mail directory for every newly created user is set to /home/spool/mail/ by default?"

22. Delete some users

o Named 'alex' and 'brew' with its all data contents including mail data.