# File permissions in Linux

Check file and directory details

ls -la

• gives a long listing of all files

ls -a

• lists all files including hidden files (files with names beginning with a dot)

### Describe the permissions string

drw-rw-r- is permission string for *project\_t.txt* 

- d= directory
- User has read write privileges with R and W (2-4)
- Group has read write privileges (5-7)
- Other has read privileges only (8-10)
- A represents n/a privileges in each 3 character sequence after directory "d"

#### Change file permissions

chmod o-r project\_k.txt OR chmod o=r project\_k.txt

#### Change file permissions on a hidden file

chmod g=r .project\_x.txt

## Change directory permissions

chmod g-x drafts

#### Summary

The goal of applying least privilege by modifying current permissions were met by a series of linux commands, as noted above. This adjusted access to the FHS within the company network to maintain proper security.