

# Week 5 Homework Submission File: Archiving and Logging Data

Please edit this file by adding the solution commands on the line below the prompt.

Save and submit the completed file for your homework submission.

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## Step 1: Create, Extract, Compress, and Manage tar Backup Archives

1. Command to **extract** the TarDocs.tar archive to the current directory:

```
sysadmin@UbuntuDesktop:~/projects$ tar -xvzf TarDocs.tar
```

```
sysadmin@UbuntuDesktop:~/projects$ ls
TarDocs  TarDocs.tar
```

2. Command to **create** the Javaless\_Doc.tar archive from the TarDocs/ directory, while excluding the TarDocs/Documents/Java directory:

```
sysadmin@UbuntuDesktop:~/projects$ tar -cvvzf javaless_doc.tar --exclude "TarDocs/Documents/Java" TarDocs
```

3. Command to ensure Java/ is not in the new Javaless\_Docs.tar archive:

```
sysadmin@UbuntuDesktop:~/projects$ tar -tvzf javaless_doc.tar | grep Java
sysadmin@UbuntuDesktop:~/projects$
```

## Bonus

- Command to create an incremental archive called logs\_backup\_tar.gz with only changed files to snapshot.file for the /var/log directory:

Not performed

## Critical Analysis Question

- Why wouldn't you use the options -x and -c at the same time with tar?

The option “-x” is to extract and “-c” is to create. They cannot be used together because a tar file cannot be extracted and then created or vice versa at the same time. Therefore they must be performed sequentially as for them to function simultaneously cannot be done.

## Step 2: Create, Manage, and Automate Cron Jobs

1. Cron job for backing up the /var/log/auth.log file:

```
sysadmin@UbuntuDesktop:~/projects$ crontab -e
```

```
# and what command to run for the task
#
# 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
0 6 * * 3 sudo tar -cvvf auth_backup.tgz var/log/auth.log

PATH=$PATH ~/projects/
```

So this process will only happen every Wednesday at 6am, and only if the system is active. If we check the directory right now, there will be nothing.

```
sysadmin@UbuntuDesktop:/var/log$ grep -f "auth_backup.tgz"
grep: auth_backup.tgz: No such file or directory
```

### Step 3: Write Basic Bash Scripts

1. Brace expansion command to create the four subdirectories:  
No directory is specified other than a general “backup” directory, so we will make one in our home directory including all four of the required directories.

```
sysadmin@UbuntuDesktop:~$ sudo mkdir -p backups/{freemem,diskuse,openlist,freedisk}
```

```
sysadmin@UbuntuDesktop:~$ ls backups/
diskuse  freedisk  freemem  openlist
```

Paste your system.sh script edits below:

```
#!/bin/bash
```

2. #For memory:
- 3.
4. free -m > backups/freemem/free\_mem.txt
- 5.
6. #For disk usage in human readable form:
- 7.
8. df -BM -h > backups/diskuse/disk\_usage.txt
- 9.
10. #For all open files:
- 11.
12. lsod > backups/openlist/open\_list.txt
- 13.
14. #For file system disk space and statistics:
- 15.
16. df -k -BM -h | awk '{print \$1,\$4}' > backups/freedisk/free\_disk.txt
- 17.
18. #End of script
- 19.

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#End of script
```

Command to make the system.sh script executable:

```
sysadmin@UbuntuDesktop:~$ chmod +x system.sh
```

## Optional

- Commands to test the script and confirm its execution:

```
sysadmin@UbuntuDesktop:~$ bash ./system.sh
```

## Bonus

- Command to copy system to system-wide cron directory:

Not performed

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## Step 4. Manage Log File Sizes

1. Run `sudo nano /etc/logrotate.conf` to edit the logrotate configuration file.

```
sysadmin@UbuntuDesktop:~$ sudo vim /etc/logrotate.conf
```

Configure a log rotation scheme that backs up authentication messages to the `/var/log/auth.log`.

- Add your config file edits below:

```
# see "man logrotate" for details
# rotate log files weekly
weekly

# use the syslog group by default, since this is the owning group
# of /var/log/syslog.
su root syslog

# keep 4 weeks worth of backlogs
rotate 4

# create new (empty) log files after rotating old ones
create
#If empty
notifempty

# uncomment this if you want your log files compressed
compress
delaycompress

# packages drop log rotation information into this directory
include /etc/logrotate.d
```

2.

```
# system-specific logs may be configured here
/var/log/auth.log {
    Weekly
    rotate 7
    Notifempty
    Delaycompress
    Missingok
    endsript
}
```

3.

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### Bonus: Check for Policy and File Violations

1. Command to verify auditd is active:
2. Command to set number of retained logs and maximum log file size:
  - Add the edits made to the configuration file below:
3. [Your solution edits here]
4. Command using auditd to set rules for /etc/shadow, /etc/passwd and /var/log/auth.log:
  - Add the edits made to the rules file below:
5. [Your solution edits here]
6. Command to restart auditd:
7. Command to list all auditd rules:
8. Command to produce an audit report:
9. Create a user with sudo useradd attacker and produce an audit report that lists account modifications:
10. Command to use auditd to watch /var/log/cron:
11. Command to verify auditd rules:

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### Bonus (Research Activity): Perform Various Log Filtering Techniques

1. Command to return journalctl messages with priorities from emergency to error:
2. Command to check the disk usage of the system journal unit since the most recent boot:
3. Command to remove all archived journal files except the most recent two:
4. Command to filter all log messages with priority levels between zero and two, and save output to /home/sysadmin/Priority\_High.txt:
5. Command to automate the last command in a daily cronjob. Add the edits made to the crontab file below:

[Your solution cron edits here]