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COMMAND	DESCRIPTION
<code>netstat -tulpn</code>	Show Linux network ports with process ID's (PIDs)
<code>watch ss -stplu</code>	Watch TCP, UDP open ports in real time with socket summary.
<code>lsof -i</code>	Show established connections.
<code>macchanger -m MACADDR INTR</code>	Change MAC address on KALI Linux.
<code>ifconfig eth0 192.168.2.1/24</code>	Set IP address in Linux.
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COMMAND	DESCRIPTION
<code>ifconfig eth0 hw ether MACADDR</code>	Change MAC address in Linux using ifconfig.
<code>ifconfig eth0 mtu 1500</code>	Change MTU size Linux using ifconfig, change 1500 to your desired MTU.
<code>dig -x 192.168.1.1</code>	Dig reverse lookup on an IP address.
<code>host 192.168.1.1</code>	Reverse lookup on an IP address, in case dig is not installed.
<code>dig @192.168.2.2 domain.com - t AXFR</code>	Perform a DNS zone transfer using dig.
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COMMAND	DESCRIPTION
<code>nbtstat -A x.x.x.x</code>	Get hostname for IP address.
<code>ip addr add 192.168.2.22/24 dev eth0</code>	Adds a hidden IP address to Linux, does not show up when performing an ifconfig.
<code>tcpkill -9 host google.com</code>	Blocks access to google.com from the host machine.
<code>echo "1" &gt; /proc/sys/net/ipv4/ip_forward</code>	Enables IP forwarding, turns Linux box into a router - handy for routing traffic through a box.
<code>echo "8.8.8.8" &gt; /etc/resolv.conf</code>	Use Google DNS.

## System Information Commands

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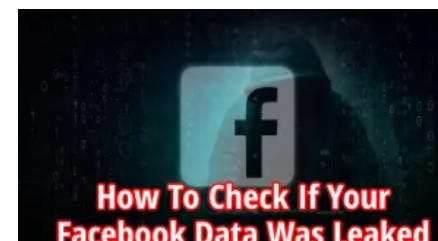


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## Useful for local enumeration.

COMMAND	DESCRIPTION
<code>whoami</code>	Shows currently logged in user on Linux.
<code>id</code>	Shows currently logged in user and groups for the user.
<code>last</code>	Shows last logged in users.
<code>mount</code>	Show mounted drives.
<code>df -h</code>	Shows disk usage in human readable output.
<code>echo "user:passwd"   chpasswd</code>	Reset password in one line.
<code>getent passwd</code>	List users on Linux.
<code>strings /usr/local/bin/blah</code>	Shows contents of none text files, e.g. whats in a binary.
<code>uname -ar</code>	Shows running kernel version.
<code>PATH=\$PATH: /my/new-path</code>	Add a new PATH, handy for local FS manipulation.

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COMMAND	DESCRIPTION
<code>history</code>	Show bash history, commands the user has entered previously.

## Redhat / CentOS / RPM Based Distro's

COMMAND	DESCRIPTION
<code>cat /etc/redhat-release</code>	Shows Redhat / CentOS version number.
<code>rpm -qa</code>	List all installed RPM's on an RPM based Linux distro.
<code>rpm -q --changelog openvpn</code>	Check installed RPM is patched against CVE, grep the output for CVE.

## YUM Commands

Package manager used by RPM-based systems, you can pull some useful information about installed packages and or install additional tools.

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COMMAND	DESCRIPTION
<code>yum update</code>	Update all RPM packages with YUM, also shows whats out of date.
<code>yum update httpd</code>	Update individual packages, in this example HTTPD (Apache).
<code>yum install package</code>	Install a package using YUM.
<code>yum --exclude=package kernel* update</code>	Exclude a package from being updates with YUM.
<code>yum remove package</code>	Remove package with YUM.
<code>yum erase package</code>	Remove package with YUM.
<code>yum list package</code>	Lists info about yum package.
<code>yum provides httpd</code>	What a packages does, e.g Apache HTTPD Server.
<code>yum info httpd</code>	Shows package info, architecture, version etc.



COMMAND	DESCRIPTION
<code>yum localinstall blah.rpm</code>	Use YUM to install local RPM, settles deps from repo.
<code>yum deplist package</code>	Shows deps for a package.
<code>yum list installed   more</code>	List all installed packages.
<code>yum grouplist   more</code>	Show all YUM groups.
<code>yum groupinstall 'Development Tools'</code>	Install YUM group.

## Debian / Ubuntu / .deb Based Distros

COMMAND	DESCRIPTION
<code>cat /etc/debian_version</code>	Shows Debian version number.
<code>cat /etc/*-release</code>	Shows Ubuntu version number.

COMMAND	DESCRIPTION
<code>dpkg -l</code>	List all installed packages on Debian / .deb based Linux distro.

## Linux User Management

COMMAND	DESCRIPTION
<code>useradd new-user</code>	Creates a new Linux user.
<code>passwd username</code>	Reset Linux user password, enter just <code>passwd</code> if you are root.
<code>deluser username</code>	Remove a Linux user.

## Linux Decompression Commands

How to extract various archives (tar, zip, gzip, bzip2 etc) on Linux and some other tricks for searching inside of archives etc.

COMMAND	DESCRIPTION
<code>unzip archive.zip</code>	Extracts zip file on Linux.

COMMAND	DESCRIPTION
<code>zipgrep *.txt archive.zip</code>	Search inside a .zip archive.
<code>tar xf archive.tar</code>	Extract tar file Linux.
<code>tar xvzf archive.tar.gz</code>	Extract a tar.gz file Linux.
<code>tar xjf archive.tar.bz2</code>	Extract a tar.bz2 file Linux.
<code>tar ztvf file.tar.gz   grep blah</code>	Search inside a tar.gz file.
<code>gzip -d archive.gz</code>	Extract a gzip file Linux.
<code>zcat archive.gz</code>	Read a gz file Linux without decompressing.
<code>zless archive.gz</code>	Same function as the <code>less</code> command for .gz archives.
<code>zgrep 'blah' /var/log/maillog*.gz</code>	Search inside .gz archives on Linux, search inside of compressed log files.
<code>vim file.txt.gz</code>	Use vim to read .txt.gz files (my personal favorite).

COMMAND	DESCRIPTION
<code>upx -9 -o output.exe input.exe</code>	UPX compress .exe file Linux.

## Linux Compression Commands

COMMAND	DESCRIPTION
<code>zip -r file.zip /dir/*</code>	Creates a .zip file on Linux.
<code>tar cf archive.tar files</code>	Creates a tar file on Linux.
<code>tar czf archive.tar.gz files</code>	Creates a tar.gz file on Linux.
<code>tar cjf archive.tar.bz2 files</code>	Creates a tar.bz2 file on Linux.
<code>gzip file</code>	Creates a file.gz file on Linux.

## Linux File Commands

COMMAND	DESCRIPTION
<code>df -h blah</code>	Display size of file / dir Linux.

COMMAND	DESCRIPTION
<code>diff file1 file2</code>	Compare / Show differences between two files on Linux.
<code>md5sum file</code>	Generate MD5SUM Linux.
<code>md5sum -c blah.iso.md5</code>	Check file against MD5SUM on Linux, assuming both file and .md5 are in the same dir.
<code>file blah</code>	Find out the type of file on Linux, also displays if file is 32 or 64 bit.
<code>dos2unix</code>	Convert Windows line endings to Unix / Linux.
<code>base64 &lt; input-file &gt; output-file</code>	Base64 encodes input file and outputs a Base64 encoded file called output-file.
<code>base64 -d &lt; input-file &gt; output-file</code>	Base64 decodes input file and outputs a Base64 decoded file called output-file.
<code>touch -r ref-file new-file</code>	Creates a new file using the timestamp data from the reference file, drop the -r to simply create a file.

COMMAND	DESCRIPTION
<code>rm -rf</code>	Remove files and directories without prompting for confirmation.

## Samba Commands

Connect to a Samba share from Linux.

```
$ smbmount //server/share /mnt/win -o user=user  
$ smbclient -U user \\\server\share  
$ mount -t cifs -o username=user,password=password
```

## Breaking Out of Limited Shells

Credit to G0tmi1k for these (or wherever he stole them from!).

The Python trick:

```
python -c 'import pty;pty.spawn("/bin/bash")'
```

```
echo os.system('/bin/bash')
```

```
/bin/sh -i
```

## Misc Commands

COMMAND	DESCRIPTION
<code>init 6</code>	Reboot Linux from the command line.
<code>gcc -o output.c input.c</code>	Compile C code.
<code>gcc -m32 -o output.c input.c</code>	Cross compile C code, compile 32 bit binary on 64 bit Linux.
<code>unset HISTORYFILE</code>	Disable bash history logging.
<code>rdesktop X.X.X.X</code>	Connect to RDP server from Linux.
<code>kill -9 \$\$</code>	Kill current session.
<code>chown user:group blah</code>	Change owner of file or dir.

COMMAND	DESCRIPTION
<code>chown -R user:group blah</code>	Change owner of file or dir and all underlying files / dirs – recursive chown.
<code>chmod 600 file</code>	Change file / dir permissions, see [Linux File System Permissions](#linux-file-system-permissions) for details.

Clear bash history:

```
$ ssh user@X.X.X.X | cat /dev/null > ~/.bash_history
```

## Linux File System Permissions

VALUE	MEANING
<code>777</code>	<code>rwxrwxrwx</code> No restriction, global WRX any user can do anything.
<code>755</code>	<code>rwxr-xr-x</code> Owner has full access, others can read and execute the file.
<code>700</code>	<code>rwx-----</code> Owner has full access, no one else has access.



VALUE	MEANING
666	<code>rw-rw-rw-</code> All users can read and write but not execute.
644	<code>rw-r--r--</code> Owner can read and write, everyone else can read.
600	<code>rw-----</code> Owner can read and write, everyone else has no access.

## Penetration Testing Cheat Sheet for Linux File System

DIRECTORY	DESCRIPTION
<code>/</code>	<code>/</code> also know as "slash" or the root.
<code>/bin</code>	Common programs, shared by the system, the system administrator and the users.
<code>/boot</code>	Boot files, boot loader (grub), kernels, vmlinuz
<code>/dev</code>	Contains references to system devices, files with special properties.
<code>/etc</code>	Important system config files.

DIRECTORY	DESCRIPTION
<code>/home</code>	Home directories for system users.
<code>/lib</code>	Library files, includes files for all kinds of programs needed by the system and the users.
<code>/lost+found</code>	Files that were saved during failures are here.
<code>/mnt</code>	Standard mount point for external file systems.
<code>/media</code>	Mount point for external file systems (on some distros).
<code>/net</code>	Standard mount point for entire remote file systems – nfs.
<code>/opt</code>	Typically contains extra and third party software.
<code>/proc</code>	A virtual file system containing information about system resources.
<code>/root</code>	root users home dir.
<code>/sbin</code>	Programs for use by the system and the system administrator.

DIRECTORY	DESCRIPTION
<code>/tmp</code>	Temporary space for use by the system, cleaned upon reboot.
<code>/usr</code>	Programs, libraries, documentation etc. for all user-related programs.
<code>/var</code>	Storage for all variable files and temporary files created by users, such as log files, mail queue, print spooler. Web servers, Databases etc.

## Linux Interesting Files / Dir's

Places that are worth a look if you are attempting to privilege escalate / perform post exploitation.

DIRECTORY	DESCRIPTION
<code>/etc/passwd</code>	Contains local Linux users.
<code>/etc/shadow</code>	Contains local account password hashes.

DIRECTORY	DESCRIPTION
<code>/etc/group</code>	Contains local account groups.
<code>/etc/init.d/</code>	Contains service init script – worth a look to see whats installed.
<code>/etc/hostname</code>	System hostname.
<code>/etc/network/interfaces</code>	Network interfaces.
<code>/etc/resolv.conf</code>	System DNS servers.
<code>/etc/profile</code>	System environment variables.
<code>~/.ssh/</code>	SSH keys.
<code>~/.bash_history</code>	Users bash history log.
<code>/var/log/</code>	Linux system log files are typically stored here.

DIRECTORY	DESCRIPTION
<code>/var/adm/</code>	UNIX system log files are typically stored here.
<code>/var/log/apache2/access.log</code> <code>/var/log/httpd/access.log</code>	Apache access log file typical path.
<code>/etc/fstab</code>	File system mounts.

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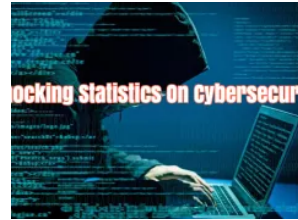
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