



Cybersecurity

Module 4 Challenge Submission File

Linux Systems Administration

Make a copy of this document to work in, and then for each step, add the solution commands below the prompt. Save and submit this completed file as your Challenge deliverable.

Step 1: Ensure/Double Check Permissions on Sensitive Files

1. Permissions on `/etc/shadow` should allow only `root` read and write access.
 - a. Command to inspect permissions:

```
[sudo ls -l /etc/shadow]
```

- b. Command to set permissions (if needed):

```
[sudo chmod /etc/gshadow xxx]
```

2. Permissions on `/etc/gshadow` should allow only `root` read and write access.
 - a. Command to inspect permissions:

```
[sudo ls -l /etc/gshadow]
```

- b. Command to set permissions (if needed):

```
[sudo chmod /etc/gshadow xxx]
```

3. Permissions on `/etc/group` should allow `root` read and write access, and allow everyone else read access only.

- a. Command to inspect permissions:

```
[sudo ls -l /etc/group]
```

- b. Command to set permissions (if needed):

```
[sudo chmod /etc/group xxx]
```

4. Permissions on `/etc/passwd` should allow `root` read and write access, and allow everyone else read access only.

- a. Command to inspect permissions:

```
[sudo ls -l /etc/passwd]
```

- b. Command to set permissions (if needed):

```
[sudo chmod ls -l /etc/passwd]
```

Step 2: Create User Accounts

1. Add user accounts for `sam`, `joe`, `amy`, `sara`, and `admin` with the `useradd` command.

- a. Command to add each user account (include all five users):

```
[adduser --system sam]
[adduser --system joe]
[adduser --system amy]
[adduser --system sara]
[adduser --system admin]
```

2. Ensure that only the `admin` has general sudo access.

- a. Command to add `admin` to the sudo group:

```
[sudo usermod -aG sudo admin]
```

Step 3: Create User Group and Collaborative Folder

1. Add an `engineers` group to the system.

- a. Command to add group:

```
[sudo addgroup engineers]
```

2. Add users `sam`, `joe`, `amy`, and `sara` to the managed group.

- a. Command to add users to `engineers` group (include all four users):

```
[sudo usermod -aG engineers sam]
[sudo usermod -aG engineers joe]
[sudo usermod -aG engineers amy]
[sudo usermod -aG engineers sara]
```

3. Create a shared folder for this group at `/home/engineers`.

- a. Command to create the shared folder:

```
[sudo mkdir /home/engineers]
```

4. Change ownership on the new engineers' shared folder to the `engineers` group.

- a. Command to change ownership of engineers' shared folder to `engineers` group:

```
[sudo -R admin engineers]
```

Step 4: Lynis Auditing

1. Command to install Lynis:

```
[sudo apt install lynis]
```

2. Command to view documentation and instructions:

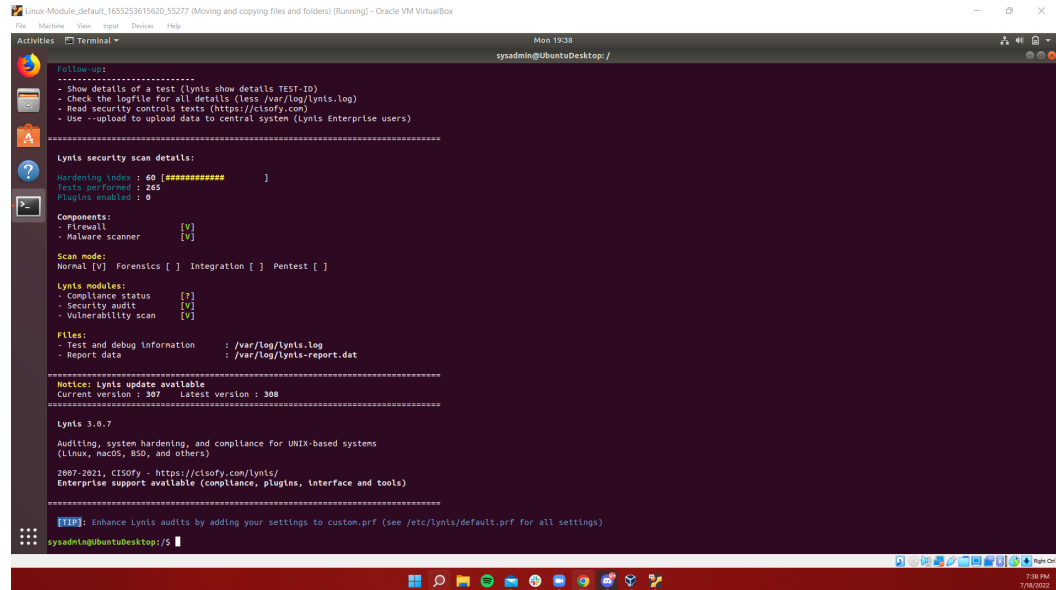
```
[man lynis]
```

3. Command to run an audit:

```
[sudo lynis audit system]
```

4. Provide a report from the Lynis output with recommendations for hardening the system.

- a. Screenshot of report output:



```
Linux-Module_default_165253615620_55277 (Moving and copying files and folders) [Running] - Oracle VM VirtualBox
File Machine View Input Devices Help
Activities Terminal sysadmin@UbuntuDesktop: /
Follow-up:
- Show details of a test (lynis show details TEST-ID)
- Check the logfile for all details (less /var/log/lynis.log)
- Read security controls texts (https://cisofy.com)
- Use --upload to upload data to central system (Lynis Enterprise users)

Lynis security scan details:
Hardening index : 60 [#####]
Tests performed : 265
Plugins enabled : 0

Components:
- Firewall [Y]
- Malware scanner [Y]

Scan mode:
Normal [Y] Forensics [ ] Integration [ ] Pentest [ ]

Lynis modules:
- Compliance status [Y]
- Security audit [Y]
- Vulnerability scan [Y]

Files:
- Test and debug information : /var/log/lynis.log
- Report data : /var/log/lynis-report.dat

Notice: lynis update available
Current version : 307 Latest version : 308

Lynis 3.0.7
Auditing, system hardening, and compliance for UNIX-based systems
(Linux, macOS, BSD, and others)
2007-2021, CISofy - https://cisofy.com/lynis/
Enterprise support available (compliance, plugins, interface and tools)

[TIP]: Enhance lynis audits by adding your settings to custom.prfl (see /etc/lynis/default.prfl for all settings)
sysadmin@UbuntuDesktop: /
```

Bonus

1. Command to install chkrootkit:

```
[sudo apt install chkrootkit]
```

2. Command to view documentation and instructions:

```
[man chkrootkit]
```

3. Command to run expert mode:

```
[sudo chkrootkit -x]
```

4. Provide a report from the chrootkit output with recommendations for hardening the system.

- a. Screenshot of end of sample output:

```
Linux-Module_default_1655253615620_55277 (Moving and copying files and folders) [Running] - Oracle VM VirtualBox
File Machine View Input Devices Help
Activities Terminal Mon 19:48 sysadmin@UbuntuDesktop: /

! gdm 2178 tty1 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daemon/gsd-rfkill
! gdm 2179 tty1 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daemon/gsd-screensaver-proxy
! gdm 2183 tty1 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daemon/gsd-sharing
! gdm 2187 tty1 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daemon/gsd-smartcard
! gdm 2191 tty1 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daemon/gsd-sound
! gdm 2194 tty1 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daemon/gsd-wacom
! gdm 2141 tty1 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daemon/gsd-xsettings
! gdm 2098 tty1 ibus-daemon --xim --panel disable
! gdm 2101 tty1 /usr/lib/ibus/ibus-dconf
! gdm 2272 tty1 /usr/lib/ibus/ibus-engine-simple
! gdm 2104 tty1 /usr/lib/ibus/ibus-x11 --kill-daemon
! sysadmin 2139 tty2 /usr/lib/xorg/Xorg vt2 -displayfd 3 -auth /run/user/1000/gdm/Xauthority -background none -noreset-keptyty -verbose 3
! sysadmin 2137 tty2 /usr/lib/gdm/gdm-x-session --run-script env GNOME_SHELL_SESSION_MODE=ubuntu gnome-session --session=ubuntu
! sysadmin 2161 tty2 /usr/lib/gnome-session/gnome-session-binary --session=ubuntu
! sysadmin 2544 tty2 /usr/bin/gnome-shell
! sysadmin 2937 tty2 /usr/bin/gnome-software --application-service
! sysadmin 2692 tty2 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daemon/gsd-ailt-settings
! sysadmin 2693 tty2 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daemon/gsd-clipboard
! sysadmin 2690 tty2 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daemon/gsd-color
! sysadmin 2690 tty2 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daemon/gsd-datetime
! sysadmin 2754 tty2 /usr/lib/gnome-disk-utility/gsd-disk-utility-notify
! sysadmin 2699 tty2 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daemon/gsd-housekeeping
! sysadmin 2700 tty2 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daemon/gsd-keyboard
! sysadmin 2702 tty2 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daemon/gsd-media-keys
! sysadmin 2649 tty2 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daemon/gsd-mouse
! sysadmin 2651 tty2 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daemon/gsd-power
! sysadmin 2654 tty2 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daemon/gsd-print-notifications
! sysadmin 2716 tty2 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daemon/gsd-printer
! sysadmin 2657 tty2 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daemon/gsd-rfkill
! sysadmin 2658 tty2 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daemon/gsd-screensaver-proxy
! sysadmin 2662 tty2 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daemon/gsd-sharing
! sysadmin 2667 tty2 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daemon/gsd-smartcard
! sysadmin 2668 tty2 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daemon/gsd-sound
! sysadmin 2673 tty2 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daemon/gsd-wacom
! sysadmin 2675 tty2 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daemon/gsd-xsettings
! sysadmin 2565 tty2 ibus-daemon --xim --panel disable
! sysadmin 2569 tty2 /usr/lib/ibus/ibus-dconf
! sysadmin 2824 tty2 /usr/lib/ibus/ibus-engine-simple
! sysadmin 2571 tty2 /usr/lib/ibus/ibus-x11 --kill-daemon
! sysadmin 2749 tty2 nautilus-desktop
! root 5297 pts/0 /bin/sh /usr/sbin/chrootkit -x
! root 5733 pts/0 /chrootkit
! root 5735 pts/0 ps axk tty,ruser,args -o tty,pid,ruser,args
! root 5734 pts/0 sh -c ps axk "tty,ruser,args" -o "tty,pid,ruser,args"
! root 5296 pts/0 sudo chrootkit -x
! sysadmin 3119 pts/0 bash
chrootkit: nothing deleted
...
not tested
sysadmin@UbuntuDesktop:/s
```