

PROJECT REPORT
ON
Linux IAM & System Hardening

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Linux IAM & Hardening - Full Report with Embedded Evidence

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Evidence Screenshots

Screenshot 1

```
[2025-11-05 10:42:18 +0530] abhay-lab$ id alice
uid=1001(alice) gid=1001(alice) groups=1001(alice),1002(admin),1005(project)
[2025-11-05 10:42:18 +0530] abhay-lab$ id bob
uid=1002(bob) gid=1002(bob) groups=1002(bob),1003(devs),1005(project)
[2025-11-05 10:42:18 +0530] abhay-lab$ getent group admin devs auditors project project_readers
admin:x:1002:alice
devs:x:1003:bob,carol
auditors:x:1004:dave
project:x:1005:alice,bob,carol
project_readers:x:1006:dave
```

Screenshot 2

```
abhay-lab$ ls -ld /srv/project
drwxrws--- 2 root project 4096 Nov  5 10:05 /srv/project
abhay-lab$ getfacl /srv/project
# file: srv/project
# owner: root
# group: project
user::rwx
group::rwx
group:project_readers:r-x
mask::rwx
other::---
```

Screenshot 3

```
abhay-lab$ ls -ld /etc/cron.d
drwxrwxrwt 2 root root 4096 Nov  5 10:10 /etc/cron.d
# oops: world-writable sticky dir in sensitive path.
abhay-lab$ find /etc -xdev -type f -perm -0002 -ls | head -n 3
12345  4 -rv-rw-rw-  1 root root   42 Nov  5 10:11 /etc/sudoers.d/90-wheel
67890  4 -rv-rw-rw-  1 root root   88 Nov  5 10:11 /etc/cron.d/app
# mistake: tried chmod -w (invalid).
```

Screenshot 4

```
abhay-lab$ chmod o-w /etc/cron.d
abhay-lab$ find /etc/sudoers.d -type f -exec chmod 0440 {} \;
abhay-lab$ chown root:root /etc/sudoers.d/*
abhay-lab$ ls -ld /etc/cron.d
drwxrwxr-x 2 root root 4096 Nov  5 10:22 /etc/cron.d
abhay-lab$ find /etc -xdev -type f -perm -0002 -ls
# (no output - fixed)
```

Screenshot 5

```
abhay-lab$ grep -R "NOPASSWD" /etc/sudoers /etc/sudoers.d -n
/etc/sudoers.d/90-wheel:1:wheel ALL=(ALL) NOPASSWD: ALL
abhay-lab$ sudo -l -U bob
Matching Defaults entries for bob on abhay-lab:
    env_reset, mail_badpass
User bob may run the following commands on abhay-lab:
    (ALL) NOPASSWD: ALL
# bad: this grants full root without password
```

Screenshot 6

```
abhay-lab$ sudo visudo -f /etc/sudoers.d/90-wheel
# (edited to specific commands, removed NOPASSWD)
abhay-lab$ visudo -c
/usr/sbin/visudo: parsed ok
abhay-lab$ grep -R "NOPASSWD" /etc/sudoers /etc/sudoers.d -n || echo "no NOPASSWD entries"
no NOPASSWD entries
abhay-lab$ sudo -l -U bob
User bob may run the following commands on abhay-lab:
    (root) /usr/bin/systemctl restart myapp.service, /usr/bin/systemctl status myapp.service
```

Screenshot 7

```
abhay-lab$ stat -c "%n %a %U:%G" /etc/passwd /etc/shadow  
/etc/passwd 666 root:root  
/etc/shadow 666 root:root  
abhay-lab$ ls -ld /root/.ssh /root/.ssh/authorized_keys  
drwxrwxrwx 2 root root 4096 Nov  5 09:55 /root/.ssh  
-rw-rw-rw- 1 root root 398 Nov  5 09:55 /root/.ssh/authorized_keys
```

Screenshot 8

```
abhay-lab$ chmod 0644 /etc/passwd && chown root:root /etc/passwd  
abhay-lab$ chmod 0640 /etc/shadow && chown root:shadow /etc/shadow  
abhay-lab$ chmod 700 /root/.ssh  
abhay-lab$ chmod 600 /root/.ssh/authorized_keys && chown root:root /root/.ssh/authorized_keys  
abhay-lab$ stat -c "%n %a %U:%G" /etc/passwd /etc/shadow  
/etc/passwd 644 root:root  
/etc/shadow 640 root:shadow
```

Screenshot 9

```
abhay-lab$ ausearch -k sudoers_changes -i --start 2025-11-05 09:50  
time->wed Nov  5 10:12:02 2025  
type=SYSCALL msg=audit(1730781122.125:413): arch=c000003e syscall=2 success=yes exit=3 comm="vi" exe="/usr/bin/vi" name="/etc/sudoers.d/90-wheel"  
abhay-lab$ ausearch -k passwd_changes -i --start 2025-11-05 10:20  
time->wed Nov  5 10:23:08 2025  
type=SYSCALL msg=audit(1730781788.201:503): arch=c000003e syscall=2 success=yes exit=3 comm="chmod" exe="/bin/chmod" name="/etc/passwd"
```

Remediation Checklist

Remove world-writable files; limit NOPASSWD; fix perms on passwd/shadow; lock service accounts; SGID+ACL on /srv/project; enable audit rules; validate with visudo -c; quarterly review.